



**murray river  
council**

# **AGENDA**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday, 24 March 2020**

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

**Date: Tuesday, 24 March 2020**

**Time: 6:00PM**

**Location: Council Chambers  
Moama Administration Office  
52 Perricoota Road, Moama**

**DES BILSKE  
GENERAL MANAGER**



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**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY MEETING OF MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2020**

**File Number:** -

**Author:** Kerri Keogh, Manager Office of the General Manager

**Authoriser:** Des Bilske, General Manager

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council held on 25 February 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**DISCUSSION**

Murray River Council held its Ordinary Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 25 February 2020, commencing at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers (Lower Level), Moama Administration Office, 52 Perricoota Road, Moama.

A copy of the draft minutes are attached for ratification by the Council at this meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. **MINUTES Ordinary 250220\_DRAFT** [↓](#) 

**MINUTES OF MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MOAMA ADMINISTRATION OFFICE,  
52 PERRICOOTA ROAD, MOAMA  
ON TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 6:00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Chris Bilkey (Mayor), Cr Gen Campbell (Councillor), Cr Nikki Cohen (Councillor), Cr Ann Crowe (Councillor), Cr Neil Gorey (Councillor), Cr Alan Mathers (Deputy Mayor), Cr Thomas Weyrich (Councillor), Cr Geoff Wise (Councillor)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Des Bilske (General Manager), Ross Mallett (Director Corporate Services), Scott Barber (Director Engineering), David Wilkinson (Director Planning, Waste & Regulatory Services), John Harvie (Manager Economic Development & Tourism), Kerri Keogh (Manager Office of the General Manager), Courtney Dean (Coordinator Communications)

## **1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Mayor opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.

## **2 OPENING PRAYER**

The Mayor held a short appropriate prayer.

## **3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES**

### **3.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES**

#### **RESOLUTION 010220**

Moved: Cr Nikki Cohen  
Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers

That the apology tendered on behalf of Cr Tony Aquino be received and accepted; and that leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

**CARRIED**

## **4 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARATIONS**

**Cr Alan Mathers** declared a conflict of interests in Item 9.1, Notice of Rescission on Proposed Barham Micro-Abattoir.

**Cr Gen Campbell** declared a conflict of interests in Item 10.3 of the General Manager's Report on Expressions of Interest – Meninya Street Office.

**Cr Gen Campbell** declared a conflict of interests in Item 10.5 of the General Manager's Report on Moama Anglican Grammar School – Annual Scholarship Program.

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**Scott Barber** declared a conflict of interests in Item 10.5 of the General Manager's Report on Moama Anglican Grammar School – Annual Scholarship Program.

**Cr Ann Crowe** declared a conflict of interests in Item 17.2 of the Confidential Reports on Offer to Purchase Lots 52 & 54, Gove Drive, Moama Business Park.

**Cr Thomas Weyrich** declared a conflict of interests in Item 17.2 of the Confidential Reports on Offer to Purchase Lots 52 & 54, Gove Drive, Moama Business Park.

**Cr Ann Crowe** declared a conflict of interests in Item 17.3 of the Confidential Reports on Murray Downs Land – Compulsory Acquisition.

**Cr Neil Gorey** declared a conflict of interests in Item 17.6 of the Confidential Reports on Request for Quotation C1916 – Construction of Barham Community Hub, Stage 2.

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ORDINARY MEETING OF MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2020

**RESOLUTION 020220**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey  
Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council held on 28 January 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 6 DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations to be heard on any matter within the meeting.

## 7 MAYORAL MINUTE

There was not a Mayoral Minute submitted by the Mayor to the meeting.

## 8 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports submitted to the meeting.

**9 NOTICES OF MOTION/NOTICES OF RESCISSION****9.1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION – PROPOSED BARHAM MICRO-ABATTOIR**

*Cr Alan Mathers declared a pecuniary conflict of interests in this matter, as he is the property owner of the land for the Micro-Abattoir, took no part in discussion, tabled a written notice to the General Manager and left the meeting at 6:02pm.*

**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich

Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell

That:

1. The resolution 230120 titled Notice of Urgent Business – Rescission Motion – Proposed Barham Micro-Abattoir that was passed at the meeting of 28 January 2020 be rescinded.
2. The resolution 230120 be moved into Open Council.
3. Council not be the lead applicant for funding for the proposed Barham Micro-Abattoir project.
4. Council not be project manager for the proposed Barham Micro-Abattoir project.
5. Council not agree to ownership of Barham Micro-Abattoir project upon completion.
6. Council does not receive any further report in relation to the Barham Micro-Abattoir project.

**The MOTION was LOST 2-5**

*At this stage of the meeting, being 6:27pm, Cr Alan Mathers returned to the meeting.*

**10 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT & SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS****10.1 RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL – RESOLUTION TRACKER & INFOCOUNCIL ACTION REPORTS****RESOLUTION 030220**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That the Council receives and notes the status of previous resolutions of the Council (in open and closed Council) contained in both the manual Resolution Tracker and InfoCouncil Action Reports.

**CARRIED**

**10.2 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION – 2020 NSW  
BRANCH ANNUAL CONFERENCE****RESOLUTION 040220**

Moved: Cr Alan Mathers

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That the Council approves of the attendance of interested Councillors at the 2020 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) NSW Branch Annual Conference, to be held 26-28 March at the Shellharbour Civic Centre, Shellharbour, and that reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

**CARRIED****10.3 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – MENINYA STREET OFFICE**

*Cr Gen Campbell declared a pecuniary conflict of interests in this matter, as she is a neighbour of the property, took no part in discussion, tabled a written notice to the General Manager and left the meeting at 6:28pm.*

**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Alan Mathers

Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That the Council:

1. Determine that the Meninya Street Office is surplus to Council's requirements.
2. Resolve to reclassify the land on which the Meninya Street Office is located as "Operational Land" in accordance with Section 31 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993.
3. Resolve to advertise for expressions of interest from parties interested in purchasing or leasing the property.
4. Resolve to inform the Murray Darling Association that its expression of interest will be considered in association with further responses to Council's call for expressions of interest.
5. Request the General Manager to provide a further report on the matter following receipt of the valuation report and further expressions of interest.

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**AMENDMENT**

Moved: Cr Alan Mathers

Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That the Council:

1. Determine that the Meninya Street Office is surplus to Council's requirements.
2. Resolve to reclassify the land on which the Meninya Street Office is located as "Operational Land" in accordance with Section 31 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993.
3. Resolve to advertise for expressions of interest from parties interested in purchasing or leasing the property.
4. Resolve to inform the Murray Darling Association that its expression of interest will be considered in association with further responses to Council's call for expressions of interest.
5. Request the General Manager to provide a further report on the matter, including alternative uses for the property, following receipt of the valuation report and further expressions of interest.

*The AMENDMENT became the RESOLUTION.***RESOLUTION 050220**

Moved: Cr Alan Mathers

Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That the Council:

1. Determine that the Meninya Street Office is surplus to Council's requirements.
2. Resolve to reclassify the land on which the Meninya Street Office is located as "Operational Land" in accordance with Section 31 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993.
3. Resolve to advertise for expressions of interest from parties interested in purchasing or leasing the property.
4. Resolve to inform the Murray Darling Association that its expression of interest will be considered in association with further responses to Council's call for expressions of interest.
5. Request the General Manager to provide a further report on the matter, including alternative uses for the property, following receipt of the valuation report and further expressions of interest.

**CARRIED***At this stage of the meeting, being 6:35pm, Cr Gen Campbell returned to the meeting.*

**10.4 MOULAMEIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INC – REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES****RESOLUTION 060220**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich

Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe

That the Council agrees to waive the Development Application fees in the name of Moulamein Community Development Inc. for the proposed Moulamein Heritage Village in the amount of \$2,447.10, as outlined in the fee quote attached to the report.

**CARRIED**

**10.5 MOAMA ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL – ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

*Cr Gen Campbell declared a pecuniary conflict of interests in this matter, as a relative attends Moama Anglican Grammar School, took no part in discussion, tabled a written notice to the General Manager and left the meeting at 6:37pm.*

*Scott Barber declared a pecuniary conflict of interests in this matter, as he is a Non-Executive Director at Moama Anglican Grammar School, took no part in discussion, tabled a written notice to the General Manager and left the meeting at 6:37pm.*

**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That:

1. Council agree to participate in the Moama Anglican Grammar School Scholarship Program.
2. Council provide an annual contribution of \$3,000 in 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 through the Murray River Council Community Grants – Annual Grant Program.
3. Moama Anglican Grammar School be invited to provide an update on the success of the scholarship at the end of 2022 and 2024 school years.

**AMENDMENT**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That:

1. Council agree to participate in the Moama Anglican Grammar School Scholarship Program.
2. Council provide an annual contribution of \$3,000 in 2020/21 through the Murray River Council Community Grants – Annual Grant Program for a student in financial need.
3. Moama Anglican Grammar School be invited to provide an update to the Council on the success of the scholarship at the end of the 2020/21 school year.

*The AMENDMENT became the RESOLUTION.*



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**RESOLUTION 070220**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise  
Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That:

1. Council agree to participate in the Moama Anglican Grammar School Scholarship Program.
2. Council provide an annual contribution of \$3,000 in 2020/21 through the Murray River Council Community Grants – Annual Grant Program for a student in financial need.
3. Moama Anglican Grammar School be invited to provide an update to the Council on the success of the scholarship at the end of the 2020/21 school year.

**CARRIED**

*At this stage of the meeting, being 6:46pm, Cr Gen Campbell returned to the meeting.*

*At this stage of the meeting, being 6:46pm, Scott Barber returned to the meeting.*

**11 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT & SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS****11.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 JANUARY 2020****RESOLUTION 080220**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey  
Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That:

1. The officer's report on Council's Financial Statements, Bank Reconciliations and Investments as at 31 January 2020 be received and noted by the Council.
2. The report detailing Council's position of \$50,613,925.98 as at 31 January 2020 is received by the Council.
3. The report detailing Council's investment balance of \$48,265,983.14 as at 31 January 2020 is received by the Council.

**CARRIED****11.2 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW – DECEMBER 2019****RESOLUTION 090220**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise  
Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That:

1. The Officer's report on the Quarterly Budget Review to 31 December 2019 be received and noted by the Council.
2. That the budget variations, as detailed within the report, and any subsequent changes made to those votes be included in Council's estimates of income and expenditure for 2019/2020.

**CARRIED**

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**11.3 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT STATISTICS****RESOLUTION 100220**

Moved: Cr Nikki Cohen

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That the Officer's report on Code of Conduct Complaint Statistics be received and the information noted by the Council.

**CARRIED****12 DIRECTOR ENGINEERING REPORT & SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS****12.1 MAJOR PROJECTS PROGRESS UPDATE****RESOLUTION 110220**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers

That the Council receives and notes the Officer's report on the Major Projects Progress Update as at 13 February 2020.

**CARRIED****12.2 PERRICOOTA AND MEROOL ROADS (MOAMA) – UPDATE****MOTION**

Moved: Cr Alan Mathers

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Council prepare a master plan for the management of traffic on Perricoota Road, Moama, from 24 Lane to the Cobb Highway.

**AMENDMENT**

Moved: Cr Alan Mathers

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Council prepare a master plan for the management of traffic on Perricoota Road, Moama, from Thyra Road to the Cobb Highway.

*The AMENDMENT became the RESOLUTION.*

**RESOLUTION 120220**

Moved: Cr Alan Mathers

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Council prepare a master plan for the management of traffic on Perricoota Road, Moama, from Thyra Road to the Cobb Highway.

**CARRIED**

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**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich  
Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe

That the Council consider a reduction in the speed limit on Perricoota Road, Moama, from 80kph to 60kph, between the start of the current 80kph zone and 24 Lane.

**AMENDMENT**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise  
Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell

That the Council consider a reduction in the speed limit on Perricoota Road, Moama, from 80kph to 60kph, between the start of the current 80kph zone and 200m beyond (North/West) Merool Lane.

**The AMENDMENT was LOST**

**FURTHER AMENDMENT**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich  
Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That the Council reduce the speed limit on Perricoota Road, Moama, from 80kph to 60kph, between the start of the current 80kph zone to the roundabout at Winbi Lane.

*The AMENDMENT became the RESOLUTION.*

**RESOLUTION 130220**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich  
Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That the Council reduce the speed limit on Perricoota Road, Moama, from 80kph to 60kph, between the start of the current 80kph zone to the roundabout at Winbi Lane.

**CARRIED**

**13 DIRECTOR PLANNING, WASTE & REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT & SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**

There was not a report by the Director Planning, Waste & Regulatory Services submitted to the meeting.

**14 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

There were no questions on notice submitted to the meeting.

**15 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT****15.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT****RESOLUTION 140220**

Moved: Cr Nikki Cohen

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That the Correspondence Report be received and the information noted by the Council.

**CARRIED**

**16 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT****16.1 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT****RESOLUTION 150220**

Moved: Cr Nikki Cohen

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That the Sundry Delegates Reports of the Mayor and Councillors for the period 28 January to 24 February 2020 be received by the Council and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

**CARRIED**

**Cr Ann Crowe** advised the Council that, in addition to her report, she also attended:

- **17 Feb:** Murray Downs Advancement Group Meeting with CEO of Murray Downs Golf & Country Club – Murray Downs
- **23 Feb:** Murray Downs Advancement Group Clean up Australia Day event – Murray Downs

**Cr Neil Gorey** advised the Council that, in addition to his report, he also attended:

- **10 Feb:** Barham Recreation Reserve Management Committee Meeting – Barham
- **25 Feb:** Murray River Council Audit Committee Meeting – Moama

**Cr Geoff Wise** advised the Council that, in addition to his report, he also attended:

- **14 Feb:** Meeting with Landholder RE: tanks for bushfires on Thyra Road – Moama

**17 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS****RESOLUTION 160220**

Moved: Cr Ann Crowe  
Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers

That as provided in the Local Government Act 1993, Section 10A(2), and the public interest in protecting confidential information outweighs the public interest in ensuring accountability through open meetings, the Council move into Closed Council at 7:22pm to consider the confidential report(s) listed below:

**17.1 Manager Economic Development & Tourism – Monthly Report**

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

**17.2 Offer to Purchase Lots 52 & 54, Gove Drive, Moama Business Park**

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

**17.3 Murray Downs Land – Compulsory Acquisition**

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

**17.4 Moama Aerodrome Proposal**

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

**17.5 Request for Quotation C1911 – Construction of the Moama Pavilion, Stage 2**

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

**17.6 Request for Quotation C1916 – Construction of Barham Community Hub, Stage 2**

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

**17.7 Request for Tender C1948 Bridge Replacement Program – Design Contract**

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

**CARRIED****ADOPTION****RESOLUTION 170220**

Moved: Cr Nikki Cohen

Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 8:25pm.

**CARRIED****RESOLUTION 180220**

Moved: Cr Nikki Cohen

Seconded: Cr Thomas Weyrich

That the Council brings forward the resolutions from Closed Council into Open Council and these be read aloud.

**CARRIED****17.1 Manager Economic Development & Tourism – Monthly Report**

Moved: Cr Alan Mathers

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

**RESOLVED** That the Manager Economic Development & Tourism – Monthly Report for the month of February 2020 be received and the information noted by the Council.

**17.2 Offer to Purchase Lots 52 & 54, Gove Drive, Moama Business Park**

*Cr Ann Crowe declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interests in this matter, as her husband is a friend of the potential purchaser of one of the lots, took no part in discussion, tabled a written notice to the General Manager and left the meeting at 7:31pm.*

*Cr Thomas Weyrich declared a pecuniary conflict of interests in this matter, as he owns a block in the Moama Business Park, took no part in discussion, tabled a written notice to the General Manager and left the meeting at 7:34pm.*

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Moved: Cr Alan Mathers

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

**RESOLVED** That the Council:

1. Agrees to sell Lot 52, Gove Drive, Moama Business Park, Moama NSW 2731, to the purchaser at the listed price on the following terms and conditions:
  - (a) 30% down payment on signing of contract
  - (b) A settlement period of 40 days
  - (c) If not developed within two (2) years, Murray River Council retains the right to purchase the block back at original price.
2. Approves the execution of legal documents for the sale of Lot 52, Gove Drive, Moama Business Park, Moama NSW 2731, under the Common Seal of Council.
3. Agrees to sell Lot 54, Gove Drive, Moama Business Park, Moama NSW 2731, to the purchaser at the listed price on the following terms and conditions:
  - (a) 30% down payment on signing of contract
  - (b) A settlement period of 40 days
  - (c) If not developed within two (2) years, Murray River Council retains the right to purchase the block back at original price.
4. Approves the execution of legal documents for the sale of Lot 54, Gove Drive, Moama Business Park, Moama NSW 2731, under the Common Seal of Council.

*At this stage of the meeting, being 7:39pm, Cr Ann Crowe did not return to the meeting as she declared a conflict of interests in the next item (17.3).*

*At this stage of the meeting, being 7:39pm, Cr Thomas Weyrich returned to the meeting.*

**17.3 Murray Downs Land – Compulsory Acquisition**

*Cr Ann Crowe declared a pecuniary conflict of interests in this matter, as she lives next door to the identified land to be acquired and is a Council delegate and the Chair of the Murray Downs Advancement Group Inc, took no part in discussion, tabled a written notice to the General Manager and left the meeting at 7:39pm.*

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

**RESOLVED** That the Council:

1. Agree to proceed with the compulsory acquisition of the 20Ha site located on the Swan Hill to Moulamein Road at Murray Downs for the purpose of future development of a business/industrial park or other appropriate use.
2. Agree to offer the Local Aboriginal Land Council two lots, totalling no more than 5000sqm, free of charge within the completed development for the purposes of conducting retail or wholesale trade or manufacturing.
3. Upon finalisation of the acquisition of the land, the land be classified as 'operational' land in accordance with Section 31(2) of the NSW Local Government Act 1993.
4. Delegate authority to the Mayor and General Manager to sign and apply the Common Seal of Council to all documentation relating to the purchase of the land.

*At this stage of the meeting, being 7:56pm, Cr Ann Crowe returned to the meeting.*

**17.4 Moama Aerodrome Proposal**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers

**RESOLVED** That the Council:

1. Supports the future development of an airport at Moama, subject to the development being proven to be feasible.
2. Allocate up to \$75,000 in the 2020/21 budget to undertake a feasibility study into development of an airport at Moama.

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3. Hold confidential discussions with the Shire of Campaspe to gauge its interest in partnering with Murray River Council in this project.

**17.5 Request for Quotation C1911 – Construction of the Moama Pavilion, Stage 2**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

**RESOLVED** That Council approve the General Manager to undertake a Request for Quotation (RFQ) for the Stage 2 construction of the Moama Pavilion to build a grandstand from the contractor for Stage 1, Joss Constructions, and conduct a due diligence review of the quotation of Stage 2 prior to awarding of the contract.

**17.6 Request for Quotation C1916 – Construction of Barham Community Hub, Stage 2**

*Cr Neil Gorey declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interests in this matter, as he has had previous issues with the contractor for Stage 1, took no part in discussion, tabled a written notice to the General Manager and left the meeting at 8:14pm.*

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers

**RESOLVED** That Council approve the General Manager to undertake a Request for Quotation (RFQ) for the Stage 2 construction of the Barham Community Hub from the contractor for Stage 1, Membrey Master Builders, and conduct a due diligence review of the quotation of Stage 2 prior to awarding of the contract.

*At this stage of the meeting, being 8:16pm, Cr Neil Gorey returned to the meeting.*

**17.7 Request for Tender C1948 – Bridge Replacement Program – Design Contract**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers

**RESOLVED** That Council awards Contract Number C1948 for the design of bridges scheduled for replacement under Council's Bridge Replacement Program to Aussie Bridges Pty Ltd for the sum of \$180,200 excluding GST.

**18 NOTICE OF URGENT BUSINESS****18.1 GENERAL MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT – PROVISION OF LAND FOR MOAMA POLICE STATION****RESOLUTION 190220**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich

Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

1. That the Council approve commencement of procedures to subdivide and convert the portion of land between the Rural Fire Service shed and Francis Street intersection, which is part of the 5.981Ha of land being Lot 2 DP537724, currently designated as Lawry Park, Cobb Highway, Moama, from community land to operational land.
2. That the Council approve donating the portion of land between the Rural Fire Service shed and Francis Street as a suitable portion of the land currently designated as Lawry Park, Moama, to the State Government of NSW for the purpose of construction of the replacement Police Station at Moama to assist in expediting the building and provision of adequate Police facilities in Moama.

**CARRIED**

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## 19 CLOSE OF MEETING

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:40PM.**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council will be held on Tuesday 24 March 2020, commencing at 6:00pm, in the Council Chambers, Moama Administration Office, 52 Perricoota Road, Moama.

**THESE MINUTES ARE SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2020, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL ON 24 MARCH 2020.**

  
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**MAYOR**

DRAFT

**5 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

**6 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)**

Nil

**7 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Nil

## 8 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 8.1 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT & SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

#### 8.1.1 RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL - RESOLUTION TRACKER & INFOCOUNCIL ACTION REPORTS

**File Number:** -

**Author:** Kerri Keogh, Manager Office of the General Manager

**Authoriser:** Des Bilske, General Manager

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Council receives and notes the status of previous resolutions of the Council (in open and closed Council) contained in both the manual Resolution Tracker and InfoCouncil Action Reports.

#### BACKGROUND

As Councillors are aware, in September 2018 a manual Resolution Tracker (pertaining to the resolutions of the previous Council meetings) was introduced as part of the General Manager's report to each Council meeting to allow Councillors to review the current status (actions by Council's officers) of their decisions (resolutions).

In November 2018, Council introduced a report and minute software called InfoCouncil. Resolutions of the Council that require action after each Council Meeting are automatically generated in InfoCouncil to the relevant Council officer for their action and comment.

Subsequently, the manual Resolution Tracker is now superseded by the InfoCouncil Action Report. Once all resolutions in the manual Resolution Tracker have been completed by Council's officers, the document will be archived.

#### DISCUSSION

The manual **Resolution Tracker** (Attachment 1) comprises 'active' resolutions from meetings of the Council held in August to October 2018 (prior to the implementation of InfoCouncil) that require action by Council's officers. Resolutions that are reported by Council's officers as complete will drop off the 'active' list.

The **InfoCouncil Action Report** (Attachment 2) comprises 'active' resolutions from meetings of the Council held since the introduction of InfoCouncil in November 2018 that require action by Council's officers. Comments provided on the action are shown below each active resolution of the Council. Resolutions that are reported by Council's officers as complete will drop off the 'active' list.

The **InfoCouncil Confidential Action Report** (Attachment 3) comprises 'active' confidential resolutions from meetings of the Council held since the introduction of InfoCouncil that require action by Council's officers. Comments provided on the action are shown below each active resolution of the Council. Resolutions that are reported by Council's officers as complete will drop off the 'active' list.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

5 - Strategic Theme 5: Leadership and Governance

5.1 - An effective, efficient and progressive Council that provides leadership to the community

5.1.1 - Council decision making takes into account the needs and priorities of our local communities and the longer term social, cultural, economic and environmental viability and sustainability of our region

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

- **What can happen?**

Council's officers do not action the resolutions of the Council.

- **How can it happen?**

Resolutions from Council Meetings not being recorded in a systematic fashion.

- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**

Actions, as a result of the resolutions of the Council, not being completed in a timely manner or at all.

- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**

Low.

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Use of the report and minute system, InfoCouncil, which automatically forwards actions (as a result of the resolutions of the Council) from Council Meeting to the relevant Council officer (report writer) after the completion of the minutes of a Council Meeting. A report can then be generated on the status of incomplete/outstanding actions.





- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

Due diligence undertaken by Council's officers (administration and report writers).

**CONCLUSION**

In September 2018, a manual Resolution Tracker (pertaining to the resolutions of the previous Council meetings) was introduced as part of the General Manager's report to each Council meeting to allow Councillors to review the current status (actions by Council's officers) of their decisions (resolutions). It was superseded by the introduction of Council's report and minute software, InfoCouncil, in November 2018, whereby action reports (of Council Meeting resolutions that require action by a Council office) are automatically generated from it after every Council meeting. The Resolution Tracker and Action Report are presented to Councillors for information.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. **MRC Resolution Tracker - March2020**  
2. **MRC InfoCouncil Action Report\_Open - March2020**  
3. **MRC InfoCouncil Action Report\_Closed - March2020 - Confidential**

Murray River Council Resolution Tracking - ACTIVE RESOLUTIONS					
Item	Resolution No.	Action	Comments	Status	Responsible Officer
<b>Extraordinary Meeting - 24 October 2018</b>					
<b>GM Report - CL2</b> Murray Valley Regional Strategy Group - Update on Progress	331018	<b>THAT</b> Council: (b) Consider what governance arrangements should be stipulated as requirements of the preferred organisational arrangements for the continuation of the Murray Valley Regional Strategy Group; (c ) Consider what level of funding is to be provided by Council towards the continued operation of the Murray Valley Regional Strategy Group; and (d) Delegate to the Mayor and General Manager to negotiate the continued involvement by Council within the Murray Valley Regional Strategy.	<i>Councillor Mathers has been appointed as the Chair of the Group. Council has not provided any funding to the Group at this stage. Council has offered to fund Cr Mathers' travel &amp; accommodation expenses to attend Group meetings, appointments, etc, but at this date, Cr Mathers has not claimed any expenses.</i>	Ongoing	General Manager - Des Bilske
<b>Ordinary Meeting - 16 October 2018</b>					
<b>GM Report - CL10</b> Murray River Council Public Art Strategy	111018	<b>THAT</b> Council: 1. Seeks Expressions of Interest (EOI) from suitably qualified consultants to develop a Public Art Strategy for the Murray River Council local government area. 2. Fund the development of a Public Art Strategy for the Murray River Council local government area through the exploration of grant opportunities.	<i>Continually seeking funding opportunities as they arise.</i>	Ongoing	Manager Economic Development & Tourism - John Harvie
<b>Ordinary Meeting - 21 August 2018</b>					
<b>DPE CONF Report - CL1</b> Rich River Golf Club - Request to Refund Development Contributions	N/A	<b>THAT</b> Council: 2. Defers consideration of this matter, pending consideration of a future policy.	<i>Economic Development Assistance Policy adopted by Council at Ordinary Meeting of Council 27/11/18. Planning Department are currently reviewing developer contributions. Once this review is finalised (proposed by June 2020) a report will be resubmitted to Council for consideration.</i>	In Progress	Director Planning, Waste & Statutory Services - David Wilkinson
<b>DPE CONF Report - CL2</b> Development Application 332/17 - Murchison Transport - Request to Refund Development Contributions	N/A	<b>THAT</b> Council: 2. Defers consideration of this matter, pending consideration of a future policy.	<i>Economic Development Assistance Policy adopted by Council at Ordinary Meeting of Council 27/11/18. Planning Department are currently reviewing developer contributions. Once this review is finalised (proposed by June 2020) a report will be resubmitted to Council for consideration.</i>	In Progress	Director Planning, Waste & Statutory Services - David Wilkinson
<b>DPE CONF Report - CL3</b> Development Applications 051/18 & 052/18 - Ray Perry - Request to Refund Development Contributions	N/A	<b>THAT</b> Council: 2. Defers consideration of this matter, pending consideration of a future policy.	<i>Economic Development Assistance Policy adopted by Council at Ordinary Meeting of Council 27/11/18. Planning Department are currently reviewing developer contributions. Once this review is finalised (proposed by June 2020) a report will be resubmitted to Council for consideration.</i>	In Progress	Director Planning, Waste & Statutory Services - David Wilkinson

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Action Sheets Report			
Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 27/11/2018	Brooks, Teresa Barber, Scott	Director Engineering Report & Supplementary Matter	Proposed Road Closures - Wendouree Lane, Nap Nap Road & Tala Road
<b>RESOLUTION 341118</b>			
Moved: Cr Alan Mathers			
Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council approve the closure of Wendouree Lane, Nap Nap Road and Tala Road.</li> <li>2. That the proposed closures be notified in accordance with Section 38b of the Roads Act 1993.</li> <li>3. That all costs associated with the closure be the responsibility of the applicant.</li> <li>4. That the General Manager be given delegated authority to negotiate the subsequent sale of the road upon closure.</li> <li>5. That the Mayor and General Manager sign all relevant documents relating to the transfer and that Councils seal be affixed to all relevant documentation.</li> </ol>			
<b>CARRIED</b>			
<p>10 May 2019 - 2:14 PM - Kerri Keogh            Action reassigned to Brooks, Teresa by: Keogh, Kerri for the reason: Report written by TB.            20 May 2019 - 11:30 AM - Teresa Brooks            Currently confirming the status of Nap Nap road with the Department of Industry - Lands. Need to confirm that the road is a public road which will vest in Council prior to continuing with closure            30 Aug 2019 - 1:45 PM - Teresa Brooks            Waiting on plan of subdivision to be received from Rich River Irrigation for lodging at Land Titles Office            11 Oct 2019 - 4:20 PM - Teresa Brooks            Plans required updating. Waiting on updated plans from Rich River Irrigation prior to lodging at Land Titles            19 Nov 2019 - 12:23 PM - Kerri Keogh            No further comment received on the matter as at 19/11/19.            10 Dec 2019 - 11:54 AM - Kerri Keogh            No further comment received on this matter as at 10/12/19.            29 Jan 2020 - 9:16 AM - Teresa Brooks            Plans with Councils Solicitor for registration at Land Titles Office            17 Mar 2020 - 11:43 AM - Kerri Keogh            No further comment received on this matter as at 17/03/20.</p>			

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Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 27/11/2018	Barber, Scott Barber, Scott	Director Engineering Report & Supplementary Matter	Barham Water Supply Fluoridation
<b>RESOLUTION 331118</b>			
Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich			
Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers			
That Council:			
1. Notes the request from the Local Health Medical Trust to consider fluoridation of water in Barham.			
2. Undertakes community consultation regarding fluoridation of the water supply in Barham.			
3. Following community consultation refer the results to NSW Health seeking approval for water supply at Barham to be fluoridated.			
<u>In Favour:</u> Crs Chris Bilkey, Nikki Cohen, Alan Mathers and Thomas Weyrich			
<u>Against:</u> Crs Gen Campbell, Neil Gorey, Ann Crowe and Geoff Wise			
The Mayor used his casting vote to pass the resolution.			
<b>CARRIED</b>			
16 May 2019 - 12:11 PM - Malcolm France			
Meeting to be had with Josh Tickle and James Allwood of NSW Health on the 23rd of May 2019 to plan a community consultation strategy			
20 Aug 2019 - 2:30 PM - Malcolm France			
Received email from DPI Health on 16th August 2019 suggestions for consultation			
15 Oct 2019 - 11:40 AM - Malcolm France			
I have been waiting on information from the NSW Health Dept but have had no response. I have now contacted our communications officer to work out what is the best approach by MRC to implement a communications plan with the community			
19 Nov 2019 - 12:23 PM - Kerri Keogh			
No further comment received on the matter as at 19/11/19.			
10 Dec 2019 - 11:54 AM - Kerri Keogh			
No further comment received on this matter as at 10/12/19.			
14 Jan 2020 - 1:30 PM - Kerri Keogh			
Action reassigned to Barber, Scott by: Keogh, Kerri for the reason: Direct report to Manager.			
17 Mar 2020 - 11:45 AM - Kerri Keogh			
No further comment received on this matter as at 17/03/20.			

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Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 22/01/2019	Keogh, Kerri Bilske, Des	General Manager's Report & Supplementary Matters	Country Mayors Association of NSW - Waste to Energy Study
<b>RESOLUTION 130119</b>			
Moved: Cr Gen Campbell			
Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe			
That Council:			
1. Make a financial contribution of \$15,000 to Tenterfield Shire Council to enable the completion of a comprehensive Waste to Energy (W2E) feasibility study.			
2. That the funding of \$15,000 be provided from the Waste Services Reserve.			
3. A further report be provided to Council when the Waste to Energy feasibility study results and report are completed and made available.			
<b>CARRIED</b>			
6 Feb 2019 - 6:08 PM - Kerri Keogh			
Correspondence forwarded to Country Mayors Association of NSW on 01/02/19 as per Council resolution. Copy of letter also forwarded to Tenterfield Shire Council as advice for payment of financial contribution towards Waste to Energy Feasibility Study.			
13 Mar 2019 - 2:35 PM - Kerri Keogh			
Council's contribution noted in Country Mayors Association of NSW Minutes of 08/03/19. Matter ongoing.			
8 Apr 2019 - 3:05 PM - Kerri Keogh			
No further update received by Council on the matter.			
10 May 2019 - 2:07 PM - Kerri Keogh			
No further update received by Council on the matter.			
17 Jun 2019 - 2:11 PM - Kerri Keogh			
No further update received by Council on the matter.			
29 Jul 2019 - 2:57 PM - Kerri Keogh			
No further update received by Council on the matter.			
13 Sep 2019 - 10:13 AM - Kerri Keogh			
No further update received by Council on the matter. Still working on the matter.			
11 Oct 2019 - 11:28 AM - Kerri Keogh			
No further updated received by Council on the matter.			
19 Nov 2019 - 12:13 PM - Kerri Keogh			
No further updated received by Council on the matter.			
10 Dec 2019 - 11:34 AM - Kerri Keogh			
No further updated received by Council on the matter.			
17 Feb 2020 - 8:49 AM - Kerri Keogh			
No further update received by Council on the matter as at 17/02/20.			
17 Mar 2020 - 11:45 AM - Kerri Keogh			
No further update received by Council on the matter as at 17/03/20.			



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Council 16/04/2019	Harvie, John Bilske, Des	General Manager's Report & Supplementary Matters	Sale of Lot 11, Gove Drive, Moama Business Park
<b>RESOLUTION 230419</b>			
Moved: Cr Alan Mathers Seconded: Cr Tony Aquino			
That council resolves to:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sell Lot 11 Gove Drive, Moama Business Park, Moama NSW 2731, to the purchaser at the list price of \$136,000 including GST on the following terms and conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30% down payment on signing of Contract.</li> <li>Balance to be repaid over a maximum period of three (3) years.</li> <li>Maximum instalment repayment period of each six (6) months.</li> <li>Interest rate to be as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Payment in excess of 18 months and under three (3) years - 2% above Council's current investment rate.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Interest rate to be reviewed each 12 months and above criteria applied.</li> <li>Murray River Council to retain first Mortgage over the property as collateral.</li> <li>Purchaser to pay all costs associated with the Mortgage.</li> <li>Murray River Council authorise Mortgage documents relating to such purchaser to be completed under the Common Seal of Council.</li> <li>Late payment of instalments attracts an additional 2% penalty interest on total outstanding amounts.</li> <li>If purchase is on terms and not developed within two (2) years, Murray River Council retains the right to purchase the block back at original price.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Approve the execution of legal documents under the common seal of council.</li> </ol>			
<b>CARRIED</b>			
<p>14 May 2019 - 11:55 AM - Rosemarie Lewandowski Dawes &amp; Vary Riordon have been informed of council's resolution. Contract of sale is being prepared accordingly.</p> <p>4 Jun 2019 - 3:34 PM - John Harvie Contract is with the purchasers solicitor for signing.</p> <p>4 Sep 2019 - 8:32 AM - John Harvie Minor amendment to contract being effected.</p> <p>1 Oct 2019 - 8:03 AM - John Harvie Purchaser has requested a 120 day settlement. Have agreed to requested settlement period.</p> <p>10 Dec 2019 - 11:56 AM - Kerri Keogh No further comment received on this matter as at 10/12/19.</p> <p>17 Feb 2020 - 8:48 AM - Kerri Keogh No further comment received on this matter as at 17/02/19.</p> <p>17 Mar 2020 - 11:46 AM - Kerri Keogh No further comment received on this matter as at 17/03/20.</p>			

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Council 27/08/2019	Harvie, John Bilske, Des	General Manager's Report & Supplementary Matters	Identification of Land for Future Moama Preschool Development
<b>RESOLUTION 130819</b>			
Moved: Cr Gen Campbell			
Seconded: Cr Tony Aquino			
That council seek approval from NSW Crown Lands for 2.0Ha of land, located on the Moama Recreation Reserve near the corner of Lignum Lane and Boyes Street, to be provided for the future development of the new Moama Preschool.			
<b>CARRIED</b>			
<p>4 Sep 2019 - 8:39 AM - John Harvie Will contact Crown Lands when site plan complete.</p> <p>1 Oct 2019 - 8:30 AM - John Harvie On-site meeting organised with Moama Preschool on 4/10/19</p> <p>31 Oct 2019 - 10:25 AM - John Harvie Further on-site meeting scheduled for 7/11/19</p> <p>19 Nov 2019 - 12:25 PM - Kerri Keogh No further comment received on the matter as at 19/11/19.</p> <p>10 Dec 2019 - 11:57 AM - Kerri Keogh No further comment received on this matter as at 10/12/19.</p> <p>11 Dec 2019 - 9:08 AM - John Harvie 2Ha parcel of land has been identified and agreed by Assets Manager, Parks and Open Space Manager and Preschool committee. Funding application lodged through Building Better Regions Fund and feasibility &amp; Business Plan being completed together with detailed plans.</p> <p>14 Jan 2020 - 10:28 AM - John Harvie A Development Application has been lodged and it is expected that an application to rezone the 2.0Ha of land will be required.</p> <p>17 Mar 2020 - 11:47 AM - Kerri Keogh No further comment received on this matter as at 17/03/20.</p>			

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Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 24/09/2019	Carlisle, Gavin Wilkinson, David	Director Planning, Waste & Regulatory Services Rep	Murray River Council Waste Management Strategy
<p><b>RESOLUTION 210919</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr Alan Mathers Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise</p> <p>That the Council adopts the Murray River Council Waste Management Strategy – Towards a Sustainable Waste Management System – July 2019, in order to change current operational methodologies as Council aims to achieve best practice in Waste services, subject to the Council receiving a further report on the long-term budget requirements for implementation of the Strategy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p><i>11 Oct 2019 - 2:17 PM - Gavin Carlisle</i> To supply draft strategy budget in November council meeting <i>19 Nov 2019 - 12:26 PM - Kerri Keogh</i> No further comment received on the matter as at 19/11/19. <i>10 Dec 2019 - 11:57 AM - Kerri Keogh</i> No further comment received on this matter as at 10/12/19. <i>17 Jan 2020 - 10:02 AM - David Wilkinson</i> Revised Target Date changed by: Wilkinson, David From: 8 Oct 2019 To: 31 Mar 2020 Reason: To enable officers to provide alternative budget scenarios for the implementation of the strategy <i>17 Mar 2020 - 11:47 AM - Kerri Keogh</i> No further comment received on this matter as at 17/03/20.</p>			

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Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 17/12/2019	Mallett, Ross Mallett, Ross	Director Corporate Services Report & Supplementary	Review of Moama Lions and Mathoura Community Villages
<b>RESOLUTION 091219</b>			
Moved: Cr Nikki Cohen			
Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers			
That the Council defer consideration of the item on the Review of Moama Lions and Mathoura Community Villages.			
<b>CARRIED</b>			
14 Jan 2020 - 2:01 PM - Ross Mallett			
Revised Target Date changed by: Mallett, Ross From: 31 Dec 2019 To: 25 Feb 2020			
Reason: Matter deferred to February Meeting			
17 Mar 2020 - 11:48 AM - Kerri Keogh			
No further comment received on this matter as at 17/03/20.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 28/01/2020	Harvie, John Bilske, Des	General Manager's Report & Supplementary Matters	Request to Connect Water Supply to East Barham Road Properties
<b>RESOLUTION 090120</b>			
Moved: Cr Gen Campbell			
Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise			
That Council:			
1. Receive and notes the correspondence and petition from the residents of East Barham Road, Barham in relation to the extension of the town water supply to East Barham Road properties.			
2. Request the General Manager to consider the matter and provide a further report as soon as practical.			
<b>CARRIED</b>			
17 Feb 2020 - 8:57 AM - Kerri Keogh			
No update received on the matter as at 17/02/20.			
17 Mar 2020 - 11:48 AM - Kerri Keogh			
No further comment received on this matter as at 17/03/20.			

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Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 28/01/2020	Harvie, John Bilske, Des	General Manager's Report & Supplementary Matters	Drought Communities Program - Expressions of Interest
<b>RESOLUTION 100120</b>			
Moved: Cr Ann Crowe			
Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen			
That Council:			
1. Consider the 21 expressions of interest received for funding through the Drought Communities Program.			
2. Prioritise and recommend successful projects to the value of \$2 million to the Drought Communities Program program manager at the Federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities & Regional Development.			
<b>CARRIED</b>			
17 Feb 2020 - 8:58 AM - Kerri Keogh			
No update received on the matter as at 17/02/20.			
17 Mar 2020 - 11:48 AM - Kerri Keogh			
No further comment received on this matter as at 17/03/20.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 28/01/2020	Harvie, John Bilske, Des	General Manager's Report & Supplementary Matters	Echuca Moama & District Tourism Development Association Inc - Annual Report
<b>RESOLUTION 110120</b>			
Moved: Cr Gen Campbell			
Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers			
That Council:			
1. Receive and notes the Echuca Moama & District Tourism Development Association Inc 2018/2019 Annual Report.			
2. Congratulate Echuca Moama & District Tourism Development Association Inc in achieving continued growth in visitor numbers, average length of stay and daily expenditure.			
<b>CARRIED</b>			
17 Feb 2020 - 8:59 AM - Kerri Keogh			
No update received on the matter as at 17/02/20.			
17 Mar 2020 - 11:49 AM - Kerri Keogh			
No further comment received on this matter as at 17/03/20.			

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Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 28/01/2020	Carlisle, Gavin Wilkinson, David	Director Planning, Waste & Regulatory Services Rep	Organics Kerbside Waste Bin Discounts
<b>RESOLUTION 150120</b> Moved: Cr Alan Mathers Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That Council accept the amended Green Waste Subsidy Policy (POL405), as attached to this report, which will be extended to the end of the current financial year 2019/2020.</li> <li>That Council considers all written evidence-based applications requesting a discount to the organics waste bin annual fee on a case-by-case basis that they do not require green waste organics waste bins.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>17 Feb 2020 - 8:59 AM - Kerri Keogh  No update received on the matter as at 17/02/20.  17 Mar 2020 - 11:49 AM - Kerri Keogh  No further comment received on this matter as at 17/03/20.</p>			
Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 25/02/2020	Harvie, John Bilske, Des	General Manager's Report & Supplementary Matters	Moulamein Community Development Inc - Request to Waive Fees
<b>RESOLUTION 060220</b> Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe <p>That the Council agrees to waive the Development Application fees in the name of Moulamein Community Development Inc. for the proposed Moulamein Heritage Village in the amount of \$2,447.10, as outlined in the fee quote attached to the report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>17 Mar 2020 - 11:51 AM - Kerri Keogh  No comment received on the matter as at 17/03/20.</p>			

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Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 25/02/2020	Harvie, John Bilske, Des	General Manager's Report & Supplementary Matters	Moama Anglican Grammar School - Annual Scholarship Program
<b>RESOLUTION 070220</b>			
Moved: Cr Geoff Wise			
Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen			
That:			
1. Council agree to participate in the Moama Anglican Grammar School Scholarship Program.			
2. Council provide an annual contribution of \$3,000 in 2020/21 through the Murray River Council Community Grants – Annual Grant Program for a student in financial need.			
3. Moama Anglican Grammar School be invited to provide an update to the Council on the success of the scholarship at the end of the 2020/21 school year.			
<b>CARRIED</b>			
17 Mar 2020 - 11:51 AM - Kerri Keogh			
No comment received on the matter as at 17/03/20.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 25/02/2020	Arthur, Peter Mallett, Ross	Director Corporate Services Report & Supplementary	Quarterly Budget Review - December 2019
<b>RESOLUTION 090220</b>			
Moved: Cr Geoff Wise			
Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey			
That:			
1. The Officer's report on the Quarterly Budget Review to 31 December 2019 be received and noted by the Council.			
2. That the budget variations, as detailed within the report, and any subsequent changes made to those votes be included in Council's estimates of income and expenditure for 2019/2020.			
<b>CARRIED</b>			
17 Mar 2020 - 11:51 AM - Kerri Keogh			
No comment received on the matter as at 17/03/20.			

Outstanding	Division: Committee: Officer:	Council	Date From: Date To:
Action Sheets Report			Printed: 17 March 2020 12:00 PM

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 25/02/2020	Groenewald, Frederik Barber, Scott	Director Engineering Report & Supplementary Matter	Perricoota and Merool Roads (Moama) - Update
<b>RESOLUTION 130220</b>			
Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen			
That the Council reduce the speed limit on Perricoota Road, Moama, from 80kph to 60kph, between the start of the current 80kph zone to the roundabout at Winbi Lane.			
<b>CARRIED</b>			
17 Mar 2020 - 11:52 AM - Kerri Keogh No comment received on the matter as at 17/03/20.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 25/02/2020	Wilkinson, David Wilkinson, David	New Item	General Manager's Report & Supplementary Matters - Provision of Land for Moama Police Station
<b>RESOLUTION 190220</b>			
Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Council approve commencement of procedures to subdivide and convert the portion of land between the Rural Fire Service shed and Francis Street intersection, which is part of the 5.981Ha of land being Lot 2 DP537724, currently designated as Lawry Park, Cobb Highway, Moama, from community land to operational land.</li> <li>2. That the Council approve donating the portion of land between the Rural Fire Service shed and Francis Street as a suitable portion of the land currently designated as Lawry Park, Moama, to the State Government of NSW for the purpose of construction of the replacement Police Station at Moama to assist in expediting the building and provision of adequate Police facilities in Moama.</li> </ol>			
<b>CARRIED</b>			
17 Mar 2020 - 11:53 AM - Kerri Keogh General Manager forwarded correspondence on 26/02/20 to Inspector Paul Huggett, Officer in Charge – Western Sectors, Murray River Police District advising of Council's resolution of 25/02/20 regarding provision of land for Moama Police Station. 17 Mar 2020 - 11:59 AM - Kerri Keogh Action reassigned to Wilkinson, David by: Keogh, Kerri for the reason: To action No. 1 of Resolution of Council of 25/02/20 - to commence procedures to subdivide and convert the portion of land between the RFS shed and Francis Street intersection, which is part of the 5.981Ha of land being Lot 2 DP537724, currently designated as Lawry Park, Moama, from community land to operational land.			



**8.1.2 SALE OF LOT 51, GOVE DRIVE, MOAMA BUSINESS PARK**

**File Number:** -

**Author:** John Harvie, Manager Economic Development & Tourism

**Authoriser:** Des Bilske, General Manager

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council:

1. Approves the sale of Lot 51, Gove Drive, Moama Business Park, Moama NSW 2731, to the purchaser at the list price of \$132,000 including GST on the following terms and conditions:
  - (a) 30% down payment on signing of contract.
  - (b) A settlement period of 60 days.
  - (c) If not developed within two (2) years, Murray River Council retains the right to purchase the block back at original price.
2. Approves the execution of legal documents for the sale of Lot 51, Gove Drive, Moama Business Park, Moama NSW 2731 under the Common Seal of Council.

**BACKGROUND**

Council has land available for purchase and development at the Moama Business Park, Cobb Highway, Moama NSW 2731.

**DISCUSSION**

The purchaser is agreeable to pay the list price of \$132,000 including GST for Lot 51, Gove Drive, Moama Business Park, Moama NSW 2731.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

4 - Strategic Theme 4: Economic Growth

4.1 - Encourage and support economic development across a range of sectors

4.1.3 - Identify new opportunities and actively encourage investment in agriculture, agribusiness, value added manufacturing, alternate and renewable energy, health, wellbeing, aged care, and education

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

- **What can happen?**

Nil

- **How can it happen?**  
Nil
- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**  
Nil
- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**  
Nil
- **Adequacy of existing controls?**  
Nil
- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**  
Nil

## **CONCLUSION**

Murray River Council encourages industry development as a means to maintain population growth and stimulate local and regional economies through jobs growth. Making suitable industrial land available for development was a request made by members of our communities.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. **Plan of Moama Business Park** [↓](#) 
2. **Moama Industrial Land - Pricelist** [↓](#) 







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**MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL  
 MOAMA BUSINESS PARK  
 STAGE 4  
 Cobb Highway, Moama**

Lot/s	Area (m2)	Price (\$)
1 and 2	1,563	88,000
3	1,513	88,000
4 to 10	3,870	136,000
11	3,874	136,000
12	3,883	136,000
13	3,893	136,000
14	4,682	163,000
15	4,696	163,000
16	6,075	194,000
18	2,010	113,000
19 to 21	1,300	73,000
22	1,250	73,000
23	1,250	70,000
24 and 25	1,300	69,000
26	1,192	64,000
28	2,965	119,000
29	3,058	120,000
30	3,220	125,000
31	2,470	110,000
32	2,920	118,000
33	3,106	120,000

Lot/s	Area (m2)	Price (\$)
34	1,825	102,000
35	1,877	100,000
36	1,880	100,000
37	1,882	100,000
38	1,834	102,000
39	1,835	102,000
40	1,882	100,000
41	1,879	100,000
42	1,876	100,000
43	1,824	102,000
44	7,818	200,000
45	5,282	133,000
46	5,387	149,000
47	6,089	170,000
48	6,040	152,000
49	7,943	202,000
50	6,917	180,000
51	5,123	132,000
52	6,623	185,000
53	7,207	203,000
54	4,532	168,000

P: 1300 087 004

**8.1.3 COUNTRY MAYOR'S ASSOCIATION OF NSW - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 6 MARCH 2020****File Number:** -**Author:** Kerri Keogh, Manager Office of the General Manager**Authoriser:** Des Bilske, General Manager**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Officer's report on the Country Mayor's Association of NSW - General Meeting Minutes, 6 March 2020 be received and the information noted by the Council.

**DISCUSSION**

The Country Mayor's Association of NSW General Meeting was held on 6 March 2020, commencing at 9:03am in the Theatre, Parliament House, Sydney. A copy of the minutes are attached for Councillors information (Attachment 1).

The Mayor, Councillor Chris Bilkey; and General Manager, Des Bilske, attended the abovementioned meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. **MINUTES Country Mayors Association NSW 060320**  



## Country Mayors Association of NEW SOUTH WALES

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### MINUTES

#### GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY, 6 MARCH 2020 THEATRETTE, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, SYDNEY

The meeting opened at 9.03 a.m.

#### 1. ATTENDANCE:

Armidale Regional Council, Cr Diane Gray  
Bega Valley Shire Council, Cr Kristy McBain, Mayor  
Bellingen Shire Council, Cr Dominic King, Mayor  
Bellingen Shire Council, Ms Liz Jeremy, General Manager  
Bland Shire Council, Cr Brian Monaghan, Mayor  
Blayney Shire Council, Cr Scott Ferguson, Mayor  
Blayney Shire Council, Ms Rebecca Ryan, General Manager  
Cabonne Shire Council, Cr Kevin Beatty, Mayor  
Cabonne Shire Council, Cr Jamie Jones Deputy Mayor  
Clarence Valley Shire Council, Cr Jim Simmons, Mayor  
Coffs Harbour City Council, Mr Stephen McGrath, General Manager  
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, Cr Abb McAlister  
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, Mr Phil McMurray, General Manager  
Cowra Shire Council, Cr Bill West, Mayor  
Cowra Shire Council, Mr Paul Devery, General Manager  
Dubbo Regional Council, Cr Ben Shields, Mayor  
Edward River Council, Cr Norm Brennan, Mayor  
Edward River Council, Mr Adam McSwain, General Manager  
Forbes Shire Council, Cr Phyllis Miller, Mayor  
Forbes Shire Council, Cr Jenny Webb, Deputy Mayor  
Forbes Shire Council, Mr Steve Loane, General Manager  
Gilgandra Shire Council, Cr Doug Batten, Mayor  
Glen Innes Shire Council, Cr Carol Sparkes, Mayor  
Glen Innes Shire Council, Mr Craig Bennett, General Manager  
Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Mr Warrick Bennett, General Manager  
Griffith City Council, Mr Brett Stonestreet, General Manager  
Gunnedah Shire Council, Cr Jamie Chaffey, Mayor  
Gunnedah Shire Council, Mr Eric Growth, General Manager  
Gwydir Shire Council, Cr John Coulton, Mayor

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Gwydir Shire Council, Mr Max Eastcott, General Manager  
Hay Shire Council, Cr David Townsend, Deputy Mayor  
Hay Shire Council, Mr David Webb, General Manager  
Hilltops Council, Cr Brian Ingram, Mayor  
Kempsey Shire Council, Cr Liz Campbell, Mayor  
Kyogle Council, Cr Danielle Mulholland, Mayor  
Kyogle Council, Mr Graham Kennett, General Manager  
Leeton Shire Council, Cr Paul Maytom, Mayor  
Leeton Shire Council, Ms Jackie Kruger, General Manager  
Lithgow City Council, Cr Ray Thompson, Mayor  
Lithgow City Council, Cr Steve Ring, Deputy Mayor  
Moree Plains Shire Council, Cr Katrina Humphries, Mayor  
Murray River Council, Cr Christopher Bilkey, Mayor  
Murray River Council, Mr Des Bilske, General Manager  
Narrabri Shire Council, Cr Catherine Redding, Mayor  
Narrabri Shire Council, Mr Stewart Todd, General Manager  
Narrandera Shire Council, Mr George Cowan, General Manager  
Narromine Shire Council, Cr Craig Davies, Mayor  
Narromine Shire Council, Ms Jane Redden, General Manager  
Oberon Council, Cr Kathy Sajowitz, Mayor  
Oberon Council, Mr Gary Wallace, General Manager  
Orange City Council, Cr Reg Kidd, Mayor  
Parkes Shire Council, Cr Ken Keith, Mayor  
Port Stephens Council, Cr Ryan Palmer, Mayor  
Port Stephens Council, Mr Wayne Wallis, General Manager  
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, Mr Tim Overall, Mayor  
Singleton Council, Cr Sue Moore, Mayor  
Singleton Council, Mr Jason Linnane, General Manager  
Snowy Monaro Regional Council, Cr Peter Beer, Mayor  
Snowy Monaro Regional Council, Mr Peter Bascombe, General Manager  
Snowy Valleys Council, Cr James Hayes, Mayor  
Temora Shire Council, Mr Gary Lavelle, General Manager  
Tenterfield Shire Council, Cr Peter Petty, Mayor  
Uralla Shire Council, Cr Michael Pearce, Mayor  
Wagga Wagga City Council, Cr Greg Conkey, Mayor  
Walcha Council, Cr Eric Noakes, Mayor  
Walcha Council, Ms Anne Moddermo, General Manager  
Warren Shire Council, Cr Milton Quigley, Mayor  
Warren Shire Council, Mr Glen Wilcox, General Manager  
Warrumbungle Shire Council, Cr Denis Todd, Mayor  
Warrumbungle Shire Council, Mr Roger Bailey, General Manager  
Wentworth Shire Council, Cr Melisa Hendricks, Mayor  
Wentworth Shire Council, Mr Ken Ross, General manager  
Yass Valley Council, Cr Rowena Abbey, Mayor  
LGNSW, Cr Linda Scott, President  
LGNSW Ms Kylie Yates, Acting CEO

**APOLOGIES:**

As submitted

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**SPECIAL GUESTS:**

Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Water, Property and Housing

Ms Teresa Corbin, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Communications Consumer Action Network

Mr Rob Rogers, AFSM, Deputy Commissioner, NSW Rural Fire Service and Rebel Talbert, Assistant Commissioner, NSW Rural Fire Service

Hon Jennifer Gardiner, Chairperson, NSW Local Government Grants Commission

Dr Lindsay White, Director, Northern Basin, Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and Mr Hilary Johnson, Director, Southern Basin, Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder

Ms Susan Madden, Board Member, Murray Darling Basin Authority

Mr David Harris, CEO Water NSW

**2. Condolences and Welcome**

Cr Humphries expressed condolences on behalf of the Country Mayors Association to those Councils that were affected by the bush fires and welcomed to the meeting Mary O'Kane and Dave Cowen from the NSW Independent Bushfire Enquiry

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the General Meeting held on 1 November 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record it being noted that Cr Reg Kidd, Mayor of Orange was in attendance (Kyogle Council / Uralla Shire Council).

**4. Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Water, Property and Housing**

Catchments are not filling up yet which will be a challenge. 180 litres per person are being used in Sydney versus 118 litres in Orange. There are restrictions on flood plain harvesting and there are embargos on rivers but some are being lifted with recent rain. 150 regulators are auditing. 244,000 mega litres have passed Walgett. There are concerns by communities regarding the Murray Darling Basin Plan because there has been a lack of communication but the government is trying to connect. Along with the Victorian Government, New South Wales commissioned a review of the constraints of the Murray Darling Basin Authority which found that if the plan continues there is a big chance of failure. Stakeholder consultations are to take place in March and April. However the basin is in a better condition due to the plan. New metres are being rolled out throughout the State to ensure fair allocations

**5. Ms Teresa Corbin, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Communications Consumer Action Network**

The Network is working for communication services and takes issues to communication companies. There are 200 members across Australia. Fires have damaged infrastructure which has created challenges. The network has been fighting hard to keep pay phones which proved their worth during the fires. Regional concerns include higher costs, greater dependency on services, unreliable services, and limited mobile coverage. Goals of the network are guaranteed access, equitable voice, expansion of mobile coverage and digital capacity. A Regional Connectivity Program is being introduced and funding is available similar

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to the Black Spots Program. The next round of the Black Spots Program is coming up. 5G next generation for mobile phones needs more base stations so will not go everywhere but will deliver data to the areas where it is providing a service. The 4G footprint needs to be the same as 3G before 3G is switched off. Reliability of services in regional areas means NBN and a land line are required in many areas. Digital literacy solving technical problems in regional areas is more difficult.

**6. Membership**

Resolved That Hay Shire Council be admitted as a member of the Association (Forbes Shire Council/ Kyogle Council)

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Inward**

- (a)Mr John Cleland, Chief Executive Officer, Essential Energy, regarding Disaster Hardship provisions provided to those that have suffered a loss as a result of a natural disaster
- (b)Hon Matt Kean MP, Minister for Energy and Environment, regarding Disaster Hardship provisions provided to those that have suffered a loss as a result of a natural disaster
- (c)Mr Gary White, Chief Planner, Planning, Industry and Development, thanking him for his presentation to the 1 November meeting
- (d)Mr Matt Fuller, Acting Deputy Secretary, Regional and Outer Metropolitan, Transport for NSW, thanking him and Peter Ryan for their presentation to the 1 November meeting
- (e)Mr Rob Rogers AFSM, Deputy Commissioner, NSW Rural Fire Service, thanking him and Cory Shalkleton for their presentation to the 1 November meeting
- (f)Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, requesting information on progress of the Land Negotiation Program concluded in 2017
- (g)Hon Matt Kean MP, Minister for Energy and Environment, following up the reply from Andrew Lewis, Executive Director, Energy, Strategy, Planning, Industry and Environment regarding prioritization of electricity grid connections at substations
- (h)To all members from CR Humphries, Chairperson, CMA, regarding the recent bushfires, requesting information on what assistance CMA may be able to give to affected Council's

**Outward**

- (a)Hon Rob Stokes, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, advising that Regional Crown Lands falls under the responsibility of the Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Water, Property and Housing and the Associations correspondence has been forwarded to her for attention
- (b)James Griffin MP, Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment and Veterans regarding hazard reduction and water infrastructure for bush fire management (Copy Attached)
- (c)Cr Linda Scott, President, Local Government NSW, regarding per capita grants Local Government Financial Assistance Grants Act 1995 (Copy Attached)
- (d)John Cleland, Chief Executive Officer, Essential Energy, regarding assets located beyond the customer connection point (Copy Attached)

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**8. FINANCIAL REPORT**

RESOLVED That the financial reports for the last quarter were tabled and accepted (Tenterfield Shire Council / Singleton Council)

**9. Mr Rob Rogers AFSM, deputy Commissioner, NSW Rural Fire Service and Ms Rebel Talbert, Assistant Commissioner, NSW Rural Fire Service**

In the 2019/20 fire season 21 councils commenced bushfire danger period early. September 2019 more than 1300 bush and grass fires. October 2019 significant impact on towns in northern NSW. November 2019 catastrophic fire danger in many areas with fires in Port Macquarie, Taree and Foster. December 2019 three firefighters killed. January 2020 fire activity intensifies in southern NSW and C130 crashes killing three American crew. February 2020 widespread heavy rain begins. During these periods there were more than 200 days of continuous major operations, over 11500 bush and grass fires, 5.5 million hectares burnt, and more than 2400 homes destroyed. Challenges of the RFS are paying invoices, communication risk, NSW RFS website, Fires Near Me NSW, interagency efforts, interstate and international assistance and aviation support.

**10. Hon Jennifer Gardiner, Chairperson, NSW Local Government Grants Commission**

The Grants Commissions recommendations go to the NSW Minister for Local Government and to the Federal Minister for Regional Services, Decentralisation and Local Government. The Commission operates under the Local Government Financial Assistance Act 1995 and the NSW Local Government Act 1993. The Commonwealth Act provides for two funding pools the General Purpose Component and the Local Roads Component. The National Principles require an assessment of Revenue Capacity and Expenditure Needs. They also contain the key elements of Horizontal Equalisation and Effort Neutrality. The minimum grant is based on 30% of the General Purpose component pool. All 17 minimum grants are for metropolitan councils. The Local Roads Component looks at population, local road length, and bridge length on local roads. 73.9% of NSW FAGS distribution is to non metropolitan councils. The NSW Grants Commission does not determine the size of the bucket of money but divides up the bucket in an equitable and objective manner. The total grant is untied. The isolation allowance applies to non metropolitan councils and recognizes additional costs for fuel. The main disability factors are population, no of aboriginals, road length, environment, rainfall, topography and drainage. The length of funding for future years are unknown

**11. Bush Fire Impact**

RESOLVED 1. That the Country Mayors Association acknowledges the financial impact that the 2019/20 bush fires had on a number of councils, but in particular those regional and rural councils impacted in NSW and writes to both the Federal

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and State Governments to ask them to immediately review financial assistance grants criteria for the benefit of regional and rural councils

2. That the Country Mayors Association provides its support as a lobbying organisation to any of its member councils initiatives during this recovery phase (Bega Valley Shire Council/Yass valley Council)

**12. Waste to Energy**

RESOLVED that The Country Mayors Association follow up its letter dated 3 June 2019 to the Minister for Local Government on Waste to Energy (Bellingen Shire Council/Tenterfield Shire Council)

**13. Additional Contributions Local Government Superannuation**

RESOLVED That Country Mayors write to the Chief Executive and the Board Chair of Local Government Superannuation and appeal to humanitarian and sensitive attitude of this organisation and seek that two year moratorium be placed on these "additional contributions" for the defined benefit plan totalling \$40 million to allow NSW Councils to focus on the devastating natural disasters that need to be managed and funded. It needs to be acknowledged that the payment of over 1% of our annual rate income (\$40,000,000) to Local Government Superannuation would be better spent on essential recovery focus in our destroyed and homeless communities (Goulburn Mulwaree Council/Yass Valley Council)

**14. Letter from GP Synergy Re Contact Persons in Towns for Rural Doctors**

RESOLVED That member councils be encouraged to respond to GP Synergy and nominate a suitable staff member to liaise with them (Kyogle Council/Kempsey Shire Council)

**15. Inland Rail – Level Crossings and Grade Separation of Highway and regional Roads**

RESOLVED 1. That Country Mayors lobby both the Hon John Barrilaro MP, Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade and the Hon Michael McCormack MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, to ensure grade separation to all State Highway crossings intersecting with the Inland Rail is achieved, and

2. A working party be developed with representatives from impacted Councils, in conjunction with Transport NSW Staff, to progress a standardised approach on all rail crossings on private property, local, regional and state roads for Inland Rail route. (Gilgandra Shire Council/Forbes Shire Council)

**16. Coronial Inquests**

RESOLVED That the Association follow up the Minister for Health and Medical Research on the matter of Coronial Inquests (Leeton Shire Council/Tenterfield Shire Council)

**17. General Business**

(a) an invitation be extended to Minister for Regional Transport and Roads to present to the 29 May meeting regarding returning regional roads to State care

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(b) The Mayor of Yass Cr Rowena Abbey to be given time at the 29 May meeting to up date Country Mayors on Joint Organisation Chairs meeting

The meeting adjourned at 12.50pm for lunch

The meeting resumed at 1.10pm

#### **18. Panel Session Murray Darling Basin**

##### **Ms Susan Madden, Board Member, Murray Darling Basin Authority**

The Murray Darling Basin is home to 2.6million, produces \$24billion worth of agriculture and \$8billion in tourism. It is the most complex river system in Australia. Inflows to the basin in 1895 was 28,000GL per year fluctuating over the years due to drought and flood. In 2010/11 it was 20,000GL and in 2013/15 it was 10,000GL. The Basin Plan has limits on use, targets for water quality, rules for water trading, water resource planning, environmental water plan, monitoring and evaluation, sustainable diversion limit and water resource plan implementation. Before the Basin Plan 136,236GL was the average amount of water extracted from the basins rivers annually. The new SDL is 10,873GL. Water to be recovered for the environment is 2,700GL. Current issues are water sharing investigation including inflows and supply into the basin, delivery of water, water sharing and potential opportunities for enhancement. Report card water recovery - on track, SDL adjustment mechanism - at risk of delay, water resource plans - good progress, water resource plans NSW - at risk of delay, northern basin initiatives - some progress, planning and delivery of e water - good progress, compliance - good progress

##### **Dr Lindsay White, Director, Northern Basin, Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and Mr Hilary Johnson, Director, Southern Basin, Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder**

The Environmental Water Office are looking to engage more with local Councils. Healthy rivers mean healthy communities and healthy industries. With water for the environment the Department of Agriculture and Water buys the water requirement. The State Governments decides how much it gets each year. Critical human needs include the need for the environment and what is needed for production. Environmental water worth \$3.77billion. Water management options include use it, hold it, or trade it. There six local engagement offices. There are environmental success stories such as introducing fish at the local level and reinvigoration of forests at the catchment level. The recent rainfall is very welcome and is highest north of the basin. Runoff from the fire affected areas are impacting Murray headwaters water quality. Basin watering priorities are Narran Lakes including maintaining habitat because it is a critical waterbird habitat

##### **Mr David Harris, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Water**

Water NSW is the States river system manager and looks after source water protection, bulk water supply, system operation, bulk water infrastructure and customer water transactions. Storage levels are generally low enough for coastal drought response. Water NSW controls regulated rivers, and provides infrastructure solutions to optimize water releases. The 20 year infrastructure

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options study ,Rural Valleys, identifies infrastructure options and is customer focused and developed. In drought they change the way they do things eg Peel pipeline reduced from two and half years to nine months to complete. Water projects include Nyngan and Cobar Water Security, Lachlan Valley Wyangala dam raising, Macquarie Water security, Macquarie water grid a strategic business case to connect towns and major users to build drought resilience, Bunerong drought resilience, Wilcannia weir raising, Lake Rowlands to Carcoar business case, and Glennies to Lstock water security project. The cost of Wyangala dam is \$650million providing 650GL additional storage, Moll river dam \$355million to provide 100GL storage capacity and Dungowan dam \$480million to provide 22.5GL storage capacity.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.00pm.

Cr Katrina Humphries  
Chair – Country Mayor's Association of NSW

**8.1.4 2020 ANZAC DAY SERVICES****File Number:** -**Author:** Kerri Keogh, Manager Office of the General Manager**Authoriser:** Des Bilske, General Manager**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council note the advice from the NSW State Government that ANZAC Day Services in NSW have been cancelled, therefore, attendance by the Mayor, or his representative, is no longer required at the ANZAC Day Services in each of the towns of Barham/Koondrook, Mathoura, Moama, Moulamein, Piangil/Tooleybuc, Wakool and Echuca on Saturday 25 April 2020.

**BACKGROUND**

Anzac Day, 25 April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. Australians recognise 25 April as a day of national remembrance, which takes two forms. Commemorative services are held across the nation at dawn – the time of the original landing, while later in the day, former servicemen and servicewomen meet to take part in marches through the country's major cities and in many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are more formal, and are held at war memorials around the country. In these ways, Anzac Day is a time at which Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.

It has been common practice for a Council representative, namely the Mayor and Councillors, to attend each of the local ANZAC Day Services within the Council area and lay a wreath on behalf of the Murray River Council community in memory of returned and fallen servicemen and servicewomen.

**DISCUSSION**

ANZAC Day falls on Saturday 25 April this year. At the time of writing this report, Council has been advised of the following services within the Murray River Council area and surrounds:

**MATHOURA (organised by Mathoura RSL Sub-Branch):**

- Dawn Service (6AM) at the Mathoura Cenotaph, Soldier's Memorial Gardens, followed by breakfast at the Soldier's Memorial Hall
- 11AM Commemorative Service\* at Murray Shire Hall (Conargo St) and afterwards a march to the Soldiers Memorial Gardens for a further short wreath laying ceremony, followed by a luncheon at the Mathoura Bowling Club

**MOAMA (organised by Moama RSL Sub-Branch):**

- Dawn Service\* (5:55AM) at Moama Cenotaph, Kerrabee Soundshell, immediately followed by a Gunfire Breakfast (6:20AM) at Moama RSL
- 9AM Commemorative Service\* at Moama Cenotaph, Kerrabee Soundshell

**ECHUCA (organised by Echuca RSL Sub-Branch):**

- 11AM Commemorative Service\* at Echuca War Memorial, Civic Centre Gardens, Hare Street

\*An invitation has been extended to the Mayor, or a representative, to attend this service and lay a wreath on behalf of the citizens of Murray River Council.

Although the organisers of commemorative services such as ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day held in the Greater Wakool Ward have been continually advised by Council that notification of such events requiring Councillor representation at same needs to be received by Council (in writing) six (6) weeks prior to the event taking place, advice is yet to be received on details of the ANZAC Day

services to be held in Barham, Moulamein, Piangil/Tooleybuc and Wakool. These details will need to be provided to Councillors at a later date, if and when they are provided, but generally are as follows:

**BARHAM (organised by Barham RSL Sub Branch):**

- Dawn Service (6AM) at Barham Cenotaph (Cnr Murray & Noorong Sts), followed by a Breakfast at cluBarham
- Commemorative Service – TBA

**MOULAMEIN:**

- Dawn Service (6:15AM) at The Triangle Park (Brougham St)
- 10:45AM March (assemble at Business Centre by 10.30am)
- 11AM Commemorative Service at The Triangle Park (Brougham St)

**PIANGIL & TOOLEYBUC (organised by Piangil RSL Sub Branch):**

- 9:30AM Commemorative Service at Piangil Community Hall

**WAKOOL:**

- 3:00PM Commemorative Service at Wakool Memorial Hall, followed by a march to the Wakool Cenotaph for a short wreath laying ceremony

In addition to Councillor representation at the above services, Council will also be donating books relating to the war/ANZAC Day to all school libraries in the Council area.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

3 - Strategic Theme 3: Social Wellbeing

3.2 - Actively create opportunities to encourage and support community connectedness

3.2.2 - Encourage community events and celebrations

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

- Cost of wreaths x 7 (maximum) @ approx. \$60 per wreath.
- The Moama RSL Sub-Branch has requested Council to supply access to power and seating for 200 for the ANZAC Day services at the Moama Cenotaph.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

- **What can happen?**

No Council representation at ANZAC Day services in the Council area.

- **How can it happen?**

No invitations are received by Council from the organisers of an ANZAC Day service OR Councillors are unable to attend the ANZAC Day services in the Council area.

- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**

No Council representation at an ANZAC Day service due to Council not formally being advised by the organisers of an ANZAC Day service.

- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**

Medium.

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

High.

- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

Advise organisers of ANZAC Day services in the Council area that Council requires formal advice (through letter or email) of an ANZAC Day service to enable appropriate representation at same.

## **CONCLUSION**

ANZAC Day falls on Saturday 25 April this year. There are a number of Dawn and Commemorative Services being held throughout the Murray River Council area. The Mayor, or a representative, have been invited to attend Commemoration Services and lay a wreath on behalf of the citizens of Murray River Council.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

**Nil**



**8.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT & SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS****8.2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & INVESTMENTS AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2020****File Number:** -**Author:** Peter Arthur, Contract Accountant**Authoriser:** Ross Mallett, Director Corporate Services**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Officer's report on Council's Financial Statements, Bank Reconciliations and Investments as at 29 February 2020 be received and noted by the Council.
2. The report detailing Council's position of \$48,338,152.81 as at 29 February 2020 is received by the Council.
3. The report detailing Council's investment balance of \$45,765,983.14 as at 29 February 2020 is received by the Council.

**BACKGROUND****DISCUSSION****Bank Reconciliation**

Shown below are the Financial Statements, Bank Reconciliations and Investments for the period ending 29 February 2020.

**Statement of Bank Balances of Council's Combined Accounts as at 29 February 2020**

DETAILS	DECEMBER 2019	JANUARY 2020	FEBRUARY 2020
Cash Book Balance B/Fwd	\$7,580,311.17	\$4,458,664.37	\$2,347,942.84
Add income for month	\$4,019,521.93	\$2,836,588.55	\$4,466,510.44
Deduct expenditure for month	\$7,625,401.47	\$6,023,832.86	\$6,742,283.61
<b>CASH AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$3,974,431.63</b>	<b>\$1,271,420.06</b>	<b>\$72,169.67</b>
Redeem/(Purchase) Investments	\$484,232.74	\$1,076,522.78	\$2,500,000.00
<b>CASH BOOK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4,458,664.37</b>	<b>\$2,347,942.84</b>	<b>\$2,572,169.67</b>
Add investments	\$49,342,505.92	\$48,265,983.14	\$45,765,983.14
<b>CASH POSITION</b>	<b>\$53,801,170.29</b>	<b>\$50,613,925.98</b>	<b>\$48,338,152.81</b>
As per Bank Statements	\$5,237,896.59	\$2,606,330.54	\$2,946,870.15

Internal Cashbook Balances

FUNDS	DEC 2019	JAN 2020	FEB 2020
General Fund	\$33,860,798.37	\$30,841,970.85	\$28,715,578.54
Water Supply Fund	\$9,080,643.62	\$8,935,692.55	\$8,537,186.38
Sewerage Fund	\$10,859,728.30	\$10,836,262.58	\$11,085,387.89
	<b>\$53,801,170.29</b>	<b>\$50,613,925.98</b>	<b>\$48,338,152.81</b>

**OVERDRAFT LIMITS:** Bank Overdraft - \$650,000.00.

*I hereby certify that the cashbook of the various funds of Council has been reconciled, with the appropriate Pass Sheets as at 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020.*

*Ross Mallett*  
Responsible Accounting Officer

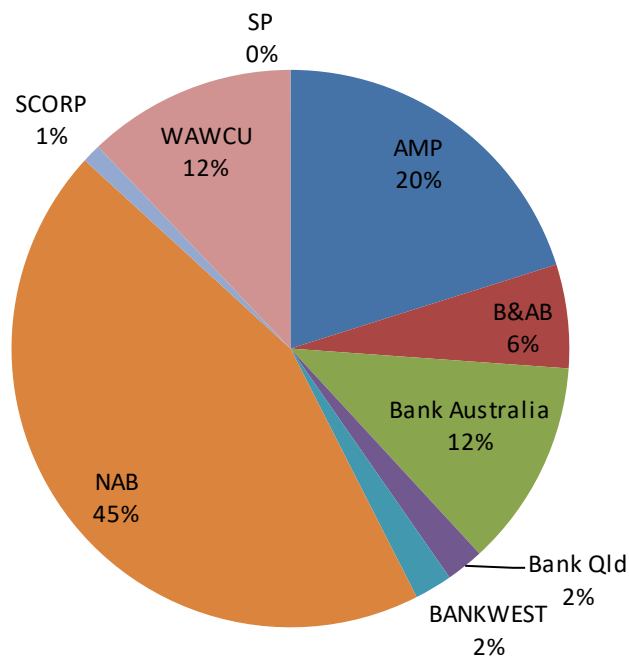
**INVESTMENTS AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2020**

As required by Section 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, the details of Council's surplus funds invested, totalling \$45,765,983.14 are listed below:

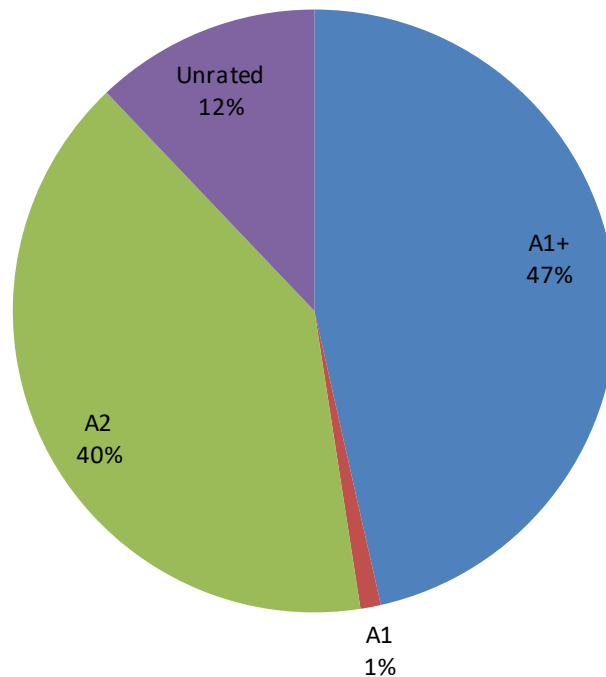
DATE START	DATE MATURE	BANK	TYPE	AMOUNT INVESTED	INTEREST RATE	TERM DAYS	INTEREST DUE	TOTAL DUE BY DATE
09-Sep-19	09-Mar-20	B&AB	TD	\$500,000.00	1.60%	182	\$3,989.04	\$503,989.04
02-Dec-19	09-Mar-20	NAB	TD	\$500,000.00	1.53%	98	\$2,053.97	\$502,053.97
02-Dec-19	09-Mar-20	NAB	TD	\$500,000.00	1.53%	98	\$2,053.97	\$502,053.97
10-Dec-19	09-Mar-20	NAB	TD	\$2,000,000.00	1.60%	90	\$7,890.41	\$2,007,890.41
06-May-19	09-Mar-20	NAB	TD	\$1,500,000.00	2.37%	308	\$29,998.36	\$1,529,998.36
08-Apr-19	12-Mar-20	NAB	TD	\$750,000.00	2.51%	339	\$17,484.04	\$767,484.04
03-Jun-19	13-Mar-20	AMP	TD	\$510,931.51	2.30%	284	\$9,143.57	\$520,075.08
23-Apr-19	23-Mar-20	NAB	TD	\$750,000.00	2.46%	335	\$16,933.56	\$766,933.56
28-Jun-19	23-Mar-20	NAB	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.97%	269	\$14,518.63	\$1,014,518.63
28-Aug-19	23-Mar-20	NAB	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.63%	208	\$9,288.77	\$1,009,288.77
03-Jun-19	30-Mar-20	SCORP	TD	\$500,000.00	2.10%	301	\$8,658.90	\$508,658.90
28-Jun-19	06-Apr-20	NAB	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.97%	283	\$15,274.25	\$1,015,274.25
28-Aug-19	06-Apr-20	NAB	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.62%	222	\$9,853.15	\$1,009,853.15
02-Dec-19	06-Apr-20	WAWCU	TD	\$513,904.11	1.95%	126	\$3,459.35	\$517,363.46
23-Apr-19	06-Apr-20	NAB	TD	\$500,000.00	2.46%	349	\$11,760.82	\$511,760.82
28-Jun-19	20-Apr-20	NAB	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.95%	297	\$15,867.12	\$1,015,867.12
28-Aug-19	20-Apr-20	NAB	TD	\$2,000,000.00	1.61%	236	\$20,819.73	\$2,020,819.73
28-Jan-20	27-Apr-20	NAB	TD	\$500,000.00	1.60%	90	\$1,972.60	\$501,972.60
27-Jan-20	27-Apr-20	NAB	TD	\$500,000.00	2.19%	91	\$2,730.00	\$502,730.00
03-Jun-19	28-Apr-20	WAWCU	TD	\$1,000,000.00	2.55%	330	\$23,054.79	\$1,023,054.79
26-Aug-19	04-May-20	Bank Australia	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.95%	252	\$13,463.01	\$1,013,463.01
10-Feb-20	10-May-20	NAB	TD	\$500,000.00	1.58%	90	\$1,947.95	\$501,947.95
26-Aug-19	04-May-20	BANKWEST	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.60%	252	\$11,046.58	\$1,011,046.58
26-Aug-19	18-May-20	NAB	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.60%	266	\$11,660.27	\$1,011,660.27
12-Aug-19	18-May-20	WAWCU	TD	\$515,379.68	2.15%	280	\$8,500.23	\$523,879.91

PAGE	DATE	DATE	BANK	TYPE	AMOUNT	INTEREST	TERM	INTEREST	TOTAL DUE
No	START	MATURE			INVESTED	RATE	DAYS	DUE	BY DATE
P3	28-Aug-19	18-May-20	NAB	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.60%	264	\$11,572.60	\$1,011,572.60
P2	02-Dec-19	01-Jun-20	AMP	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.90%	182	\$9,473.97	\$1,009,473.97
P6	03-Jun-19	02-Jun-20	WAWCU	TD	\$307,990.58	2.50%	365	\$7,699.76	\$315,690.34
P4	04-Jun-19	03-Jun-20	Bank Australia	TD	\$1,500,000.00	2.40%	365	\$36,000.00	\$1,536,000.00
P4	23-Sep-19	15-Jun-20	Bank Australia	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.80%	266	\$13,117.81	\$1,013,117.81
P2	12-Dec-19	15-Jun-20	AMP	TD	\$2,000,000.00	1.80%	186	\$18,345.21	\$2,018,345.21
P6	10-Feb-20	15-Jun-20	WAWCU	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.85%	126	\$6,386.30	\$1,006,386.30
P3	23-Sep-19	15-Jun-20	NAB	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.65%	266	\$12,024.66	\$1,012,024.66
P6	25-Feb-20	24-Jun-20	WAWCU	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.85%	120	\$6,082.19	\$1,006,082.19
P6	28-Feb-20	24-Jun-20	WAWCU	TD	\$1,200,000.00	1.85%	117	\$7,116.16	\$1,207,116.16
P3	30-Dec-19	29-Jun-20	NAB	TD	\$765,767.26	1.60%	182	\$6,109.35	\$771,876.61
P8	30-Jan-20	29-Jun-20	B&AB	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.55%	151	\$6,412.33	\$1,006,412.33
P10	08-Oct-19	29-Jun-20	Bank Qld	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.55%	265	\$11,253.42	\$1,011,253.42
P8	21-Oct-19	29-Jun-20	B&AB	TD	\$750,000.00	1.45%	252	\$7,508.22	\$757,508.22
P8	21-Oct-19	13-Jul-20	B&AB	TD	\$500,000.00	1.45%	266	\$5,283.56	\$505,283.56
P3	13-Jan-20	13-Jul-20	NAB	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.60%	182	\$7,978.08	\$1,007,978.08
P4	09-Sep-19	13-Jul-20	Bank Australia	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.80%	308	\$15,189.04	\$1,015,189.04
P2	29-Jan-20	27-Jul-20	AMP	TD	\$2,000,000.00	1.80%	180	\$17,753.42	\$2,017,753.42
P2	04-Nov-19	05-Aug-20	AMP	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.65%	275	\$12,431.51	\$1,012,431.51
P2	31-Jan-20	07-Aug-20	AMP	TD	\$500,000.00	1.80%	189	\$4,660.27	\$504,660.27
P3	27-Feb-20	10-Aug-20	NAB	TD	\$500,000.00	1.60%	165	\$3,616.44	\$503,616.44
P4	12-Aug-19	12-Aug-20	Bank Australia	TD	\$1,000,000.00	2.00%	366	\$20,054.79	\$1,020,054.79
P2	09-Sep-19	07-Sep-20	AMP	TD	\$1,200,000.00	1.80%	364	\$21,540.82	\$1,221,540.82
P2	18-Nov-19	24-Aug-20	AMP	TD	\$1,000,000.00	1.65%	280	\$12,657.53	\$1,012,657.53
Shares			SP	Shares	\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00
Shares			WAWCU	Shares	\$10.00				\$10.00
			<b>Total</b>		<b>\$45,765,983.14</b>	<b>1.85%</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>\$553,690.56</b>	<b>\$46,319,673.70</b>

Breakup by Institution



## Investment by Short Term Credit Rating



### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

5 - Strategic Theme 5: Leadership and Governance

5.1 - An effective, efficient and progressive Council that provides leadership to the community

5.1.2 - Council acts in a financially responsible manner to ensure delivery of safe and sustainable services to the community

### BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Current low interest rates may reduce the expected interest revenue.

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Investment Policy (POL203).

### LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993

Regulation 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005

Trustees Act 1925 Section 14

### RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**  
Imprudent use of Council's financial resources.
- **How can it happen?**  
Not following investment rules, policies or mandates.
- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**  
Potential loss of financial resources.

- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**

Low.

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Good.

- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

Responsible management of financial resources invested in accordance with Council's investment policies and mandate.

## **CONCLUSION**

Murray River Council's liquidity is in a satisfactory position as at 29 February 2020.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**8.2.2 MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES****File Number:** -**Author:** Ross Mallett, Director Corporate Services**Authoriser:** Des Bilske, General Manager**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Murray River Council Audit & Risk Committee Meeting Minutes for meetings held on 25 November 2019 and 24 February 2020 be received and the information noted by the Council.

**DISCUSSION**

The Murray River Council Audit & Risk Committee met on 25 November 2019 and 24 February 2020. Council is requested to note the minutes of those meetings.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Murray River Council Audit & Risk Committee Meeting Minutes 25.11.19  
2. Murray River Council Audit & Risk Committee Meeting Minutes 24.2.20  



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<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Murray River Council Audit Committee Meeting</b>		
<b>Date:</b>	Monday 25 November 2019	<b>Time:</b>	5:30pm
<b>Location:</b>	General Manager's Office, Moama Sporties Moama		
<b>Chair:</b>	Richard Ham	<b>Minute taker:</b>	Ross Mallett
<b>Committee members:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richard Ham, Chair</li> <li>Frank Crawley, Independent Member</li> <li>Jodie Morgan, Independent Member</li> <li>Councillor Nikki Cohen</li> </ul>		
<b>Apology:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillor Neil Gorey</li> </ul>		
<b>Other attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Des Bilske, General Manager</li> <li>Ross Mallett, Director Corporate Services</li> <li>Anwarul Abedin, Manager Finance</li> <li>Dannielle MacKenzie, Partner Crowe Horwath (External Auditor) (Nathan KathyTeasdale (RSD Audit) (by telephone for part of meeting))</li> </ul>		

### 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held 21st October 2019

**Moved** Nikki Cohen      **Seconded** Jodie Morgan

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Murray River Council Audit Committee Meeting held on 21 October 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### 4. ACTION LIST

#### 4.1 Action List

The Committee noted the action list of matters arising from prior Committee meetings.



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## 5. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL**

### 5.1 **Committee Recommendations**

The Committee noted the Audit Committee issues that were submitted to Council for approval at the July 2019 and October 2019 meetings.

## 6. **2018/19 FINANCIAL AUDIT**

### 6.1 **Update Report on 2018/19 Financial Audit**

The Director Corporate Services (DCS) reported on the status of the 2018/19 financial audit. He reported that the external audit had progressed but there was still some way to go before signoff.

The Committee expressed concern and questioned the significant variation due to the transport asset revaluation that had led to an increase in depreciation at the same time a revaluation decrement had ultimately impacted on the forecast surplus. The DCS explained the effect of the Council's revaluation exercise combining with the merging of accounts from the two previous councils and the Local Government accounting requirements, with the outcome evidencing a trading loss (compared with a budget surplus) but a significant increase in Council's asset base. The Committee also noted the differences between the budget line items and actuals and advised their expectations towards process improvement of a 'no surprises' outcome in future whereby budgets are revised as circumstances change through the year so as to signal likely changes in upcoming year end actuals.

The Committee recommended that management include in the financial statements and or the media announcement associated with the release of the statements a comment explaining the relationship between the revaluation decrement and the operating loss. The Committee also suggested that Council consider mentioning in the release accompanying the financial statements that Council was not likely to implement a special rates variation to compensate for the technical loss.

Following discussion the Committee resolved to endorse the draft financial statements for adoption by council subject to any further adjustments identified as part of the financial audit.

*Members of management left the meeting during an in-camera session of the Committee.*

The external auditor commented on the status of the audit.

*Members of management re-joined the meeting.*

The Chairman advised that the Committee noted that a shortage of qualified accountants on staff during the year had impacted on finalization of the audit and advised that they supported action by way of process improvement to ensure that management had appropriate resources to complete the 2019/20 financial audit before the 31 October 2020 deadline. The external auditors referred to the critical importance of the Finance





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Manager's knowledge and skillset and that if he was unavailable their audit work was delayed.

## **6.2 Final Interim Audit Management Letter**

The DCS reported that the final audit management letter had been signed off by the Council and the Audit office.

*Ms MacKenzie and Abedin left the meeting*

## **6.3 Quarterly Budget Review**

The DCS presented the September quarterly budget review, the significant change in the classification of costs was noted by the Committee. The Committee advised in favour of process improvement which would avoid the need for such re-classification in future.

*Ms K Teasdale from RSD Audit joined the meeting by telephone for agenda item 7*

## **7. REVIEW OF PROGRESS ON INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN (IAP)**

### **7.1 Internal Audit Plan Progress Report**

Ms K Teasdale presented the update on the Internal Audit Plan which was noted by the Committee.

The Committee referred Ms Teasdale to the minutes of the previous (October) meeting of the Audit Committee in reference to information it required on the scoping of the upcoming Project Management internal audit investigation.

### **7.2 IAP Recommendation Action Plans**

The Committee noted the Progress Report on the IAP Recommendation Action Plans.

*Ms Teasdale left the meeting*

## **8. RISK MANAGEMENT**

### **8.1 Risk Register Update**

In the absence of the Risk Manager it was resolved to hold over the Risk Management Update until the next Committee meeting.

## **9. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE**

### **9.1 Draft 2018/19 Annual Report**

The Committee noted the draft 2018/19 Annual Report.

### **9.2 Review of Internal Audit Charter**



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The DCS presented a paper responding to a motion moved at the meeting on 21 October 2019 that the Internal Audit charter be amended to:

- (a) Add the following sentence to the end of the third paragraph "The Council may by resolution request copies of specific internal audit reports";
- (b) Change the last sentence under item 7 to read "the internal audit activity will validate those assertions before recommending closure of the issue to the Audit and Risk Committee".

The Committee discussed the paper and resolved that:

- any requests by councillors for internal audit reports was a matter to be resolved between the Council and management;
- Depending on the significance and complexity of internal audit report findings the internal auditor may be requested by the Committee to validate some assertions before closure of an outstanding internal audit report recommendation.

It was agreed that the Internal Audit charter would be updated accordingly.

**Moved:** Frank Crawley    **Seconded:** Jodie Morgan

**Carried.**

#### 10. OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that there was no other business.

#### 11. NEXT MEETING

The Committee noted that a schedule of draft 2020 meeting dates would be distributed to committee members for consideration, with the first meeting to be held in February, 2020.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.00 pm.**

**THESE MINUTES ARE SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2019, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON 24 FEBRUARY 2020.**

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**CHAIR**



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<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Murray River Council Audit Committee Meeting</b>		
<b>Date:</b>	Monday 24 February 2020	<b>Time:</b>	5:33pm
<b>Location:</b>	Board Room, Moama Office 52 Perricoota Road Moama		
<b>Chair:</b>	Richard Ham	<b>Minute taker:</b>	Sandra Gordon

<b>Committee members:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richard Ham, Chair</li> <li>Frank Crawley, Independent Member</li> <li>Jodie Morgan, Independent Member</li> <li>Councillor Nikki Cohen</li> <li>Councillor Neil Gorey</li> </ul>
<b>Apology:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Des Bilske, General Manager</li> </ul>
<b>Other attendees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ross Mallett, Director Corporate Services</li> <li>Dannielle MacKenzie, Partner Crowe (External Auditor) (by phone)</li> <li>KathyTeasdale (RSD Audit)</li> <li>Sandra Gordon</li> <li>Stephen Hart</li> <li>Kris Kershaw</li> </ul>

### 3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Murray River Council Audit Committee Meeting held on 19 November 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**Moved:** Cllr Nikki Cohen

**Seconded:** Frank Crawley

#### 3.2 Business Arising:

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of all future meetings to go to Council, as a draft, as soon as possible after the event.

**Moved:** Jodie Morgan

**Seconded:** Cllr Nikki Cohen



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#### **4. ACTION LIST**

The Committee noted the updated action list of matters arising from prior Committee meetings.

Outstanding Actions – Item 6 Update to the Internal Audit Charter – still to be completed. The recommended changes, from the Nov 2019 meeting, be made and the update Charter be sent to the Chairperson for approval. The updated Charter be tabled at the next meeting

#### **5. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL**

The Committee noted the 2 items that have been submitted to Council since the last meeting.

#### **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The External Auditor presented the following documents which were noted by the Committee

- 6.1 AG - Report of the Conduct of the Audit
- 6.3 AG – Special Schedule – Permissible income for general rates
- 6.4 AG – Report on the General Purpose Financial Statements
- 6.5 AG – Report on the Special Purpose Financial Statements

##### **6.2 AO - Final Audit Management Letter 2019 – updated 30 Jan 2020**

##### **Issue 2: – Deficiencies in doubtful debt provision**

The Committee questioned the adequacy of council's process for carrying forward doubtful debts. A copy of the proposed review of all outstanding debts in the 2019-2020 financial year to be tabled at the Audit and Risk Committee when it becomes available.

##### **Issue 3:- Related party disclosures**

Recommendation from the Audit Office was noted.

The question of whether the holding of water shares were required to be declared was raised.

##### **Issue 7: Financial Statement Close process and audit readiness**

Management acknowledged that Council needs to be more prepared for the interim audit to be held in late June 2020.

##### **Issue 8: - Excessive Annual Leave Balances**

Director Corporate Services explained the current process for reducing leave balances.

##### **Issue 9: Asset remediation provision position paper**

Director Corporate Services to report back to the next meeting on the current provisions for landfill rehabilitation including any Council liability for rehabilitating private pits.



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#### **Issue 10: New Accounting Standards not yet effective**

The Committee noted that Council has yet to complete a detailed impact assessment of the adoption of the new Accounting standards which has been included in the 2019-2020 Audit Plan.

#### **Issue 11: - Council's Asset Register maintained in spreadsheets**

The Committee asked the Manager Risk to factor into the Risk Register the adequacy of the Asset Register.

It was noted that Council is in the process of reviewing and authenticating data in the asset register spreadsheets and the asset data will be progressively be transferred into the Asset module of the new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system.

#### **6.6 Quarterly Budget Review – to Dec 2019**

The Director Corporate Services presented the Quarterly Budget Review to December 2019. The Committee discussed the installation of the Smart Meters – aim is to standardize the metering system across Council and to have more control of water usage. Director Corporate Services to investigate if the cost of the meters is covered by a grant and/or whether there are costs to be recovered from ratepayers.

**RESOLVED** that the Quarterly Budget Report be received

**Moved:** Frank Crawley

**Seconded:** Cllr Neil Gorey

#### **6.7 2020-2021 Budget Timetable**

The Committee noted the change to the Budget Timetable – that the Council meeting has been moved from the 19 May to 12 May to coordinate with the community consultation for the LEP and the rates harmonization.

Danielle MacKenzie left the meeting at 6.12pm

### **7. INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN (IAP) PROGRESS REPORT**

The Director Corporate Services presented the progress report on implementation of Internal Audit Plan actions. The following changes to the reporting of the action plans were recommended:

- Date the plan was received by Council to be added
- More detail in the progress column including % complete
- Dates to be estimated past 30 June 2020 if likely
- Manager Risk to prioritise the action items with high risk items to be undertaken as a priority





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**RESOLVED** that an Addendum to the Action Plans be created for High Priority items – giving more detail including a breakdown of tasks into stages and milestones to be achieved

**Moved:** Jodie Morgan

**Seconded:** Cllr Neil Gorey

#### 7.1 Action Plan – Developer Charges

Discussion held in regard to the benefits likely to arise when the new Development Contribution Plan is adopted

- option to review application process on-line
- Improved relationship with developers and builders
- Quicker turnaround of applications
- Consistent application of processes/charges across the Council
- More transparent process and easier to understand

**RESOLVED** to invite the Director Planning, Waste & Regulatory Services to the next meeting to report on the Action Plan and key department risks.

**Moved:** Jodie Morgan

**Seconded:** Cllr Neil Gorey

#### 7.2 Internal Audit Project Update – Project Management

Kathy Teasdale (RSD) gave a verbal report on the project which identified the following issues:

- The draft Internal Audit Report on Project Management is currently with Council's Management (MANEX) team to review.
- RSD included different sized projects and projects from different parts of the Council in the review.
- RSD have tried to identify process improvements that can be applied to all Council projects going forward.

Director Corporate Services provided the meeting with a copy of the January 2020 Council report – Major Projects Progress Update, showing the current status of all major projects. This report included comparisons to budget and % of project completed.

The Committee indicated that in October 2019, it was agreed that RSD should list for Audit Committee review all projects currently in the planning stage and underway, and a list of projects completed in 2018-19, with a breakdown of projects by quotation level, initial budget and actual cost, initial estimated time frame and actual timeframe (so as to show any cost and time overruns), and funding source eg grants. It was agreed also that the Audit Committee, as part of setting the audit scope, should have input at the planning stage in the selection of projects to be investigated. The Moama Beach project was an example of projects to be included because it was important Council had assurance it was receiving value for money. It was agreed that after the review of the report by MANEX and the Chairperson, it would be determined if more sampling of projects needed to be completed.



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**RESOLVED** that feedback on the draft Project Management report, after being reviewed by the Management team (MANEX) and the Committee Chairperson, be provided to RSD.

**Moved:** Cllr Nikki Cohen

**Seconded:** Frank Crawley

Kathy Teasdale left the meeting at 7.40pm

**8. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Risk Manager presented the Risk Management Report. The report was discussed and noted.

Recommendation: That Council be mindful of the developing issue of mental health of employees which had the potential to be a significant risk to Council.

**9. COUNCIL POLICIES**

**9.1 Risk Management Policy**

Minor amendments suggested:

- Clause 2 - Objectives - in the dot points include "clear, concise and transparent processes that meet legislative requirements".
- Clause 5 - Responsibilities – include the Audit and Risk Committee

**10. GOVERNANCE**

It was agreed that any documents listed as "for information" be added to the meeting papers as an addendum at the back of the papers.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

**11.1 2020 Schedule of Dates**

It was agreed that the Audit & Risk Committee meeting planned for the 25 May 2020 be moved forward to the 4 May 2020 to allow time to review the draft budget documents.

**12. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee is scheduled for 4 May 2020 at 5.30pm at Council's Moama Office.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.09 pm.**



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**THESE MINUTES ARE SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE MEETING OF THE MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON 24  
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**8.2.3 MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY - REVIEW**

**File Number:** -

**Author:** Sandra Gordon, Manager Risk

**Authoriser:** Ross Mallett, Director Corporate Services

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Murray River Council Risk Management Policy be adopted and placed in Council's Policy Register.

**BACKGROUND**

At the June 2017 Ordinary Meeting of Council, the Murray River Council Risk Management Policy was adopted by the Council. This Policy is now due for review, to ascertain if the current adopted version of the Policy is still fit for purpose and is in line with current legislation.

**DISCUSSION**

In reviewing the current Policy and the associated documents in the Framework, the content of the Policy was found to meet Council's needs.

As minimal changes were made to the Policy, there will be no requirement to place the Policy on public exhibition for comment and feedback.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

5 - Strategic Theme 5: Leadership and Governance

5.1 - An effective, efficient and progressive Council that provides leadership to the community

5.1.1 - Council decision making takes into account the needs and priorities of our local communities and the longer term social, cultural, economic and environmental viability and sustainability of our region

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

- **What can happen?**  
No foreseeable risks identified.
- **How can it happen?**
- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**
- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**
- **Adequacy of existing controls?**
- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

**CONCLUSION**

The Murray River Council Risk Management Policy be adopted and reviewed in four (4) years or sooner if deemed necessary.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. **Murray River Council Risk Management Policy** [!\[\]\(815df092dd722ee9268ef8e6d0193e3a\_img.jpg\)](#) 

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## RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Murray River Council is committed to the development of a robust risk aware and safety culture. Where mitigating risk is integral to the achievements of our aims at all levels of Council - where all employees are alert to risks, capable of an appropriate level of risk assessment and confident to report risk.

### 2. OBJECTIVES

Murray River Council recognises that it is exposed to a diverse and complex array of potential risks due to the nature of its activities and the demanding natural, social and business environment in which it operates.

Risk management is not risk avoidance but rather is about informed risk-taking. A systematic risk management approach will not restrict creativity or innovation. Risk management is intended to maximise gains and minimise or avoid loss by systematic decision making. It encourages careful consideration of the full range of options when a decision has to be made.

Council's vision for risk management is that it will be managed proactively and openly, using a structure of frameworks based on best practice. This enables the effective, efficient and consistent management of risk within the resources available.

In developing and applying a risk management approach, Council needs to consider how to protect the critical elements of its operations from failure while maximising advantage through:

- ▶ The consideration of alternative strategies;
- ▶ The development of contingency plans;
- ▶ Careful monitoring and handling of complaints to avoid them becoming a major issue;
- ▶ Having in place clear, concise and transparent processes that met legislative requirements;
- ▶ Recovery planning, to get back on our feet after mishaps; and
- ▶ Effective coordination where joint action across Council's directorates and work teams is required to treat a particular risk to which the Council is exposed.

### 3. SCOPE

This Policy applies across all functions and activities of the Council and to all stakeholders (internal and external).

### 4. POLICY STATEMENT

This Policy, and the supporting documents, forms Council's Enterprise Risk Management Framework (known as ERM). The ERM outlines Council's expectations in the management of risk and provides guidance to all stakeholders.

Council's goal is to implement and maintain a consistent and effective ERM for all aspects of risk. To achieve this Council will:

- ▶ Establish and enhance a risk aware and safety culture at Council;
- ▶ Minimise risk exposure during the course of conducting everyday activities;

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- ▶ Enable strategic planning to be based on rigorous consideration of the key elements of risk;
- ▶ Provide Council's Management Executive (MANEX) team with a systematic methodology to formally acknowledge and proactively manage the risks that they are responsible for;
- ▶ Provide all Council employees at all levels with clarity of purpose and the ability to identify solutions and actions required;
- ▶ Provide demonstrable compliance with requirements, or clear evidence that breaches are managed;
- ▶ Enable better operational outcomes based on effectiveness and efficiency;
- ▶ Maintain an environment of 'no surprises';
- ▶ Enhance decision making with clear and transparent processes;
- ▶ Minimise the costs associated with risk management, e.g. reduced insurance premiums; and
- ▶ Enhance Council's reputation as an 'employer of choice'.

**Risk Management Standard**

Council's ERM is based on the International Risk Management Standard AS/NZS: ISO 31000:2009 Principles and Guidelines.

ISO 31000-2009 outlines the requirements of a risk reporting and review process for all functions of Council. As a starting point, it provides corporate guidance for teams at all levels to take deliberate steps to improve their awareness, assessment, monitoring and treatment of risk.

The Standard is not a compliance standard, but provides a generic and flexible set of principles for risk management practice that can be applied to a wide range of activities and includes:

- ▶ An outline of the benefits to an organisation for adopting a consistent, systematic and integrated approach to managing risks and opportunities;
- ▶ Concepts to be adopted when designing and implementing an ERM; and
- ▶ A focus on integrating risk management into organisational culture, creating continual improvement and best practice.

The Standard recommends that the ERM should include:

- ▶ A commitment by MANEX to risk management
- ▶ A process which outlines how risks are to be managed
- ▶ A process in how risks are to be monitored and reported
- ▶ Clear accountabilities for the management of risks
- ▶ A process to review and improve on the local risk management procedure/plan.

**Culture**

Council is committed to create a 'culture of mindfulness' in which proactive daily decision making and actions integrate risk and safety management habitually across the Council.

Council applies a 'whole of organisation' approach to risk management, with the ERM driven by MANEX, demonstrating consistent behaviour and promoting a culture of openness and transparency.

**Strategic Planning**

Strategic planning at Council is based on rigorous consideration of the key elements of risk. Risk management is directly overlaid onto Council's Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and business plans, enabling MANEX to incorporate risk management into their decision making process



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### **Reporting**

Risk reporting is a vital component of the ERM as it supports discussion and decision making on major risk and organisational priorities.

Council's Manager Risk is responsible for ensuring that MANEX is kept up to date with the status of key current and potential risks and treatment solutions. Comprehensive and timely risk reporting ensures the right people get the right information at the right time in relation to the risk environment.

## **5. RESPONSIBILITIES**

People, specifically Managers/Supervisors who are designated 'risk owners' will play a key role in Council's ERM. An overview of key risk management responsibilities is set out below.

### **Councillors**

Councillors with assistance from MANEX and external experts are responsible for overseeing Council's Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) function through the normal course of good governance.

### **Audit & Risk Committee**

The Audit & Risk Committee will provide independent assurance, advice and assistance to Council on risk management, control, governance, and external accountability responsibilities as defined in the Audit & Risk Committee Charter

### **General Manager**

The General Manager is responsible for ensuring risks are managed across all activities of the Council and supporting the implementation of the ERM.

### **Directors**

As members of MANEX, Directors provide expertise to the development of Council's ERM. They are responsible for the development of a positive risk aware and safety culture and the implementation of the ERM throughout all functions of the Council.

### **Manager Risk**

The Manager Risk is responsible for establishing and monitoring the process for the management and reporting of risk throughout the Council.

### **Managers/Supervisors**

Managers/Supervisors are usually the risk owners and are required to create an environment where the management of risk is accepted as the personal responsibility of all employees, volunteers and contractors.

Managers/Supervisors are accountable for the implementation and maintenance of sound risk management processes within their area of responsibility in line with Council's ERM. They must also keep their Director informed of all risk related matters.

### **Employees**

All employees of Council are required to act at all times in a manner which does not place at risk the health and safety of themselves or any other person in the workplace.

Council's employees support risk owners and are responsible and accountable for taking practical steps to minimise Council's exposure to risks, including contractual, legal and professional liability in so far as is reasonably practicable within their area of activity and responsibility.





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### 6. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

It is the responsibility of the Manager Risk, to monitor the adequacy of this Policy and recommend appropriate changes.

This Policy will be reviewed every four (4) years or sooner if required.

### 7. LEGISLATION, ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS AND DEFINITIONS

#### Legislation

- ▶ Work Health & Safety Act 2011
- ▶ Work Health & Safety Regulations 2017
- ▶ Local Government Act 1993
- ▶ International Risk Management Standard AS/NZS: ISO 31000:2009 Principles and Guidelines.

#### Associated Documents

- ▶ MRC Risk Management Plan
- ▶ MRC Risk Management Procedure
- ▶ MRC Risk Register
- ▶ MRC SWMSs, SOPs and other procedural documents
- ▶ MRC Policies

#### Definitions:

Term	Definition
MANEX	Management Executive Team (General Manager and Directors)
ERM	Enterprise risk management in business includes the methods and processes used by organisations to manage risks and seize opportunities related to the achievement of their objectives. ERM provides a framework for risk management, which typically involves identifying particular events or circumstances relevant to the organisation's objectives (risks and opportunities), assessing them in terms of likelihood and magnitude of impact, determining a response strategy, and monitoring progress. By identifying and proactively addressing risks and opportunities, business enterprises protect and create value for their stakeholders, including owners, employees, customers, regulators, and society overall.

### 7. DOCUMENT CONTROL

Version No.	Details	Date	Resolution No.	CM9 Reference
1	Initial Issue	29 June 2017	330617	VF/17/102643
1.1	Reformatted into current template	01 Jan 2019	330617	VF/17/102643
2	DRAFT			

Council reserves the right to review, vary or revoke this policy at any time  
This Policy is scheduled for review in June 2024

**8.3 DIRECTOR ENGINEERING REPORT & SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS****8.3.1 MAJOR PROJECTS PROGRESS UPDATE****File Number:** -**Author:** Diane Cottrell**Authoriser:** Scott Barber, Director Engineering**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council receives and notes the Officer's report on the Major Projects Progress Update as at 6 March 2020.

**PURPOSE**

To inform elected officials and the community on the progress of externally funded "one-off" major projects.

**PROJECT – UPDATES**

Included this month is the Barmah Road Pedestrian Facility (Stage 1) - Cummergunja Aboriginal Community project that is on track to complete by the end of March 2020. We were pleased to receive \$358,558 funding under the 2020/21 NSW Safer Roads Program for Stage 2 of this project to extend the pedestrian facility from the Barham Bridge to the community itself. Works will commence on Stage 2 in the new financial year.

All reported projects below are on track with time extensions granted to SCCF1-0045 Barham Riverside Park Development – Pontoon to replace the collapsed gangway and SCF2- Moama Business Park (Industrial Estate) Expansion to develop an alternate project scope.












Project variation requests to repurpose savings from completed projects are in progress under the Stronger Country Community Fund (SCCF) rounds 1 and 2 funding streams. If successful extended works will commence on SCCF2-0526 Moulamein Recreation Reserve – Tennis Courts and SCCF2-0528 Moama Rec Reserve Zone 2.










The Moama Recreation Reserve – Zone 1 – Pavilion is emerging rapidly alongside the newly upgraded Murray River Council Administration Offices – the whole complex is looking quite iconic and attracting positive community feedback from user groups, visitors and staff.










Stage	SCF1	SCF2	SCCF1	SCCF2	RGF1	MRC	TOTAL
Number of projects	9	7	7	7	5	2	37
Start-up		1					3%
Scoping							0%
Design		1			4	1	16%
Planning							0%
Procurement							0%
Construction	4	1	1	4	1	1	32%
Complete	5	4	6	3			49%
<b>Summary</b>							
% in progress	45%	43%	14%	57%	100%	100%	
% complete	55%	57%	86%	43%	0%	0%	
<b>Variation to budget of the 18 completed projects</b>							
% under budget	80%	75%	83%	100%	n/a	n/a	
% over budget*	20%	25%	17%	0%			










\*Council holds uncommitted funds within each of the funding streams to allocate to budget variations within the same stream, which provides a degree of flexibility to manage project budgets. Council funds any variations to scope on Council funded projects, such as the Moama HQ.










Program Status – Stronger Communities Fund Round 1 (SCF1)				SCF1	\$9,000,000	Projects	9								
				MRC	\$419,606										
Program Health	Program Trend	Actual Spend / Budget	At Risk Projects		Last Updated										
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				Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Stronger Communities Fund Round 1 (SCF1)															
Moama Recreation Reserve - Pavillion - Zone 1				75%											
Barham Recreation Reserve - Pavillion - Stage 1				80%											
Tooleybuc Mensforth Park Upgrade				95%											
Moulamein Pre-School				85%											
Moama Rec Reserve Pavilion Zone 1 Stage 1		Barham Rec Reserve Multi-functional Pavilion Stages 1 & 2		Merran Creek Bridge Moulamein Swan Hill Road		Tooleybuc Mensforth Park Upgrade		Mathoura Rec Reserve Pavilion Ext, Kitchen & Bar							
Status  On track		Status  On track		Status  Complete		Status  On track		Status  Complete							
Stage Construction		Stage Construction		Stage Closure		Stage Construction		Stage Closure							
Budget \$3,965,600 SCF1		Budget \$2,000,000 SCF1		Budget \$525,000 SCF1		Budget \$650,000 SCF1		Budget \$541,420 SCF1							
Actual \$\$ 48%		Actual \$\$ 70%		Actual \$\$ 100%		Actual \$\$ 85%		Actual \$\$ 100%							
Barham Rec Reserve Skate Park		Moulamein Pre-School		Moulamein South Rec Reserve Upgrade		Mathoura Picnic Point Reserve Improvements									
Status  Complete		Status  On track		Status  Complete		Status  Complete									
Stage Closure		Stage Construction		Stage Closure		Stage Closure									
Budget \$407,000 SCF1		Budget \$410,812 SCF1		Budget \$360,812 SCF1		Budget \$200,000 SCF1									
Actual \$\$ 100%		Actual \$\$ 71%		Actual \$\$ 100%		Actual \$\$ 100%									
Comments:															
Moama Recreation Reserve Pavilion Stage 1: Block work complete, glazing installed, stormwater connected, internal linings, and external cladding and fire services commenced. Variation for grandstand approved. Current practical completion of Buildings A & B 22 May 2020 and grandstand mid-late July 2020.															
Barham Recreation Reserve Pavilion Stages 1 & 2: Fit out in progress, joinery complete and scheduled for installation in June. Trades running ahead of schedule.															
Tooleybuc Mensforth Park: Defect rectification in progress.															
Moulamein Pre-School Stage 1: New building occupied by pre-school, with final builders clean in progress, decals to glass and fence and gate to north west corner to be installed. Works on old building in progress and scheduled to complete end of March 2020. Work in progress to consolidate titles prior to project completion date															
NB: The actual spend against budget is showing a negative figure following a review of this funding stream. The previous figure was an average of the total % spend of this budget.															


Program Status – Stronger Communities Fund Round 2 (SCF2)					SCF2 MRC	\$4,095,000 \$32,157	Projects	7																																																																																			
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Program Health 	Program Trend 	Actual Spend /Budget <b>110%(+21%)</b>	At Risk Projects <b>1</b>	Last updated <b>10/3/2020</b>
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<b>Moulamein Swimming Pool Reline</b> Status  Complete Stage Closure/defect Budget \$133,975 SCCF1 \$14,097 MRC Actual \$\$ 114%	<b>Barham, Bunnaloo, Koraleigh, Mathoura, Wakool Courts</b> Status  Complete Stage Closure Budget \$320,028 SCCF1 Actual \$\$ 92%	<b>Comments:</b> Barham Pontoon: Redesign of new gangway in progress. Next steps is to review design to ensure issues identified in investigation have been addressed before commencing fabrication. Anticipated completion date end of May 2020. Tooleybuc Pontoon: the SCCF1 fund acquitted. Remaining works reported under RGF1 funding. <b>Exceptions:</b> The actual \$ to budget of 110% will adjust following the variation approval process with the funding bodies.		

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<b>Tooleybuc Foreshore Development</b> Pontoon Status  On track Stage Design and approval Budget \$330,000 RGF1 \$505,000 SCCF1 acquired Actual \$\$ 38%				<b>Comments:</b> <b>Moama Foreshore:</b> Beach amenities progressing to RFQ on detailed design and supply of toilet block. At preliminary design stage with Horseshoe Lagoon and Riverside Retaining Wall with further works scheduled for FY2020-2021 <b>Tooleybuc Mensforth Park:</b> Draft concept received for MRC review - proceeding to community consultation on final design <b>Murray Downs Foreshore:</b> concept plan received, next steps is to conduct community consultation to verify plan meets community expectation. <b>Barham Riverside Park:</b> RMS Riverside Park design received. Survey of site for back erosion protection and stabilisation in progress, RFQ design of bank stabilisation close on 12/03/2020 Next steps to appoint architect to undertake design <b>Mathoura Picnic Point:</b> next steps to develop scope of works for footpath and appoint contractor <b>Tooleybuc Pontoon:</b> Septic tank design received. Application for power connection in progress. Next steps installation of services Actual \$\$ spent against budget are based on RGF1 budget value of these projects. After acquitting the relevant co-joining fund, the project will be reported in this section																											
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<b>Moama – Barmah Road Pedestrian Facility – Cummergunja Aboriginal Community</b>  Status  On track Stage Construction Budget \$105,760 RMS-AESP  Actual \$\$ 35%		<b>Comments:</b> Completed install of all columns of the retaining wall. Next steps is to install timber sleepers week commencing 9 Mar 2020 followed by preparation and backfilling of pedestrian footpath, handrail and concreting. Aim is to complete works by end of March 2020.  <b>NB:</b> Council has received \$358,558 funding under the 2020/21 NSW Safer Roads Program for Stage 2 of this project to extend the pedestrian facility from the Barham Bridge to the community itself. Works will commence on Stage 2 in the new financial year.																																							

**CONCLUSION**

Projects are tracking well to delivery timeframes and budget. At this stage, there is no significant issues or areas for concern. A full review of the reallocation of funds in preparation for the FY2020-2021 budget, along with the confirmation of the variations submitted will reconfirm the figures in this report.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Nil**



**8.3.2 INSTALLATION OF SMART WATER METERS - BARHAM PETITION**

**File Number:** -

**Author:** Jan Donald, Executive Administration Officer

**Authoriser:** Scott Barber, Director Engineering

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council receive and note the signed petition, as submitted by Ruth Arthur of Barham on 5 February 2020, by residents of Barham, Wakool and Moulamein protesting to the installation of raw water meters.

**DISCUSSION**

Council approved the budget for Smart Meter Project for 2019/20 and approved tender award on 22 October 2019 to deliver this project and install up to 6500 smart waters and the associated communications infrastructure.

Smart meters will assist Council to supply water and charge ratepayers efficiently, effectively, equitably and transparently.

Correspondence was received from Ruth Arthur of Barham on 5 February 2020 enclosing a signed petition of 136 residents from the Barham, Wakool and Moulamein areas in protest to the installation of raw water meters.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Petition Against Smart Water Meters - Barham - Confidential

**8.3.3 REQUEST FOR TENDER C2001 - CONSTRUCTION OF PICNIC POINT BOAT RAMP AND ASSOCIATED WORKS****File Number:** -**Author:** Onesimo Mukodi, Manager Design, Capital Works & Projects**Authoriser:** Scott Barber, Director Engineering**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council:

1. Awards Contract Number C2001 for Construction of Picnic Point Boat Ramp and Associated Works to Tenderer 3 for the sum of \$385,000 excluding GST conditional upon Council securing additional funding of \$150,000 from Boating Now Round 2, or alternatively Boating Now Round 3.
2. Approves the allocation of \$150,000 from uncommitted funds as a back-up should Council not secure additional grant funding under the Boating Now Program.

**BACKGROUND**

The existing Picnic Point boat ramp's width, length and orientation in relation to the river are not compliant with design standards. Council secured a grant of \$76,024 under Boating Now Round 1 and \$150,000 under Boating Now Round 2 for the Picnic Point boat ramp upgrade. Subsequently, the Boating Now Program approved an additional \$123,976 increasing the total grant to \$350,000. All the funding from the Boating Now Program did not require a co-contribution from Council. Council has an obligation under the Funding Deed to deliver the Picnic Point Boat Ramp Project by 30 June 2020.

Council appointed Haskoning DHV, a firm of engineering consultants to undertake the design, review of environmental factors and construction specification for the boat ramp. The scope included the design for the upgrade of the Picnic Point beach to the north of the existing boat ramp, which is not discussed in this report.

**DISCUSSION**

Upon completion of the designs and documentation, Council sought tenders from suitably qualified and experienced contractors for a construct-only contract for the picnic point boat ramp upgrade works based on Australian Standard AS4000 standard format contract. The request for tenders for C2001 – Construction of Picnic Point Boat Ramp and Associated Work was advertised the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 21/01/2020 and the circulations of the *Melbourne Age Newspaper*, the *Koondrook Barham Bridge Newspaper*, the *Echuca Riverine Herald* and the *Deniliquin Pastoral Times* and the tender documents were uploaded on the internet tender portal *Tenderlink*. Prospective tenderers downloaded the tender documents from *Tenderlink*. At the close of the tender period, tenders were submitted electronically into the Council's electronic tender box on *Tenderlink*. Six confirming tenders and one alternative tender were received as listed below (prices exclude GST). Two late tenders, not listed here, were not considered.

**As per Council request at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 February 2020, the tenderers are de-identified within this report to Council.**

i. Tenderer 1	\$336,371.91
ii. Tenderer 2	\$368,500.00
iii. Tenderer 3	\$385,000.00
iv. Tenderer 4	\$598,762.61

- v. Tenderer 5 (Option 1) \$608,849.90
- vi. Tenderer 5 (Option 2) \$626,804.10

The conforming tenders were evaluated using a weighted attribute method based on the evaluation criteria recorded in the Tender Evaluation Plan and included in the Request for Tender document.

At the conclusion of the tender evaluation meeting, the tender evaluation panel was satisfied that Tenderer 3, the preferred tenderer, had satisfied the mandatory work health and safety requirements and has the resources, experience and capacity to undertake the works. Tenderer 3 was evaluated as offering the best value for money. The considerations by the tender evaluation panel are discussed in detail in the Tender Evaluation Report and Tender Evaluation Scoresheet attached to this report.

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

### 3 - Strategic Theme 3: Social Wellbeing

3.1 - Enable community access to services, programs and facilities to support and enhance health, wellbeing, and community safety

3.1.5 - Plan for, provide, maintain, improve, and encourage access to sporting facilities, recreational grounds, parks and gardens, natural bushlands to create active and passive environments for enjoyment of residents and visitors

## BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Picnic Point boat ramp project has funding of \$226,024 allocated through Council budget process. The \$226,024 is wholly funded through the Boating Now Program (Round 1 \$76,024, Round 2 \$150,000). Transport for NSW Maritime Infrastructure Programs approved an additional funding of \$123,976, increasing the total grant to \$350,000. As may be noted here, the history of the grant funding for the Picnic Point boat ramp goes back a few years. Funding was carried over past successive years.

Having taken into consideration the cumulative cost to date, the proposed construction contract commitment of \$385,000.00, and other costs necessary to deliver the project, it is projected that the project will require additional funding of \$150,000. Council has not allocated its own funding for this project.

At the time of writing this report, Council has approached Transport for NSW Maritime Infrastructure Programs seeking a top up grant of \$150,000 from savings it may have from other projects under the current Boating Now Round 2 which is due to wind up on 30 June 2020. Should top up funding not be available within the current Round 2, Council may have to default and surrender any grant funds not spend from the \$350,000 approved funding and defer the upgrade Picnic Point boat ramp to sometime in the future when it can access funds for the project. Ironically, such a scenario may have a negative effect on Council's reputation and potentially jeopardise Council's chances of securing funding under the Boating Now Program in future.

It is also worth noting here that the Picnic Point Boat Ramp Project has been shortlisted for the formal application stage of the Boating Now Round 3 Program for additional funding. However, Council's grant application may potentially face complications should the scenario noted above eventuate.

In view of factors highlighted above, it is appropriate that Council allocates \$150,000 from uncommitted funds, as back-up plan, so that it can honour its obligations to deliver the project.

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Procurement Policy (POL205).

## LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

- **What can happen?**  
Construction risk, sediment control, collapse of sheet piling.
- **How can it happen?**  
Water contamination, flooding of boat ramp works.
- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**  
Injury, loss of life, property damage.  
Council's reputation being tarnished.  
Council being issued with fines.
- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**  
Moderate.
- **Adequacy of existing controls?**  
Site environmental management plan addressing requirements of the statement of environmental factors and construction specification. Include sediment control plans and fisheries permit for the works.
- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**  
Measures noted above will be included in the Contract and the Specification.

**CONCLUSION**

It is appropriate that:

Council awards for Construction of Picnic Point Boat Ramp and Associated Works to Tenderer 3 for the sum of \$385,000 excluding GST conditional upon securing additional funding of \$150,000 from Boating Now Round 2, or alternatively Boating Now Round 3.

Council allocate \$150,000 of uncommitted funds as a back-up plan should it not secure additional grant funding under the Boating Now Program.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. **C2001Construction of Picnic Point Boat Ramp and Associated Works - Tender Evaluation Report - Tenderers de-identified - Confidential**
2. **C2001Construction of Picnic Point Boat Ramp and Associated Works - Tender Evaluation Evaluation Scoresheet - Tenderers de-identified - Confidential**

**8.3.4 REQUEST FOR TENDER C2004 - BRIDGE DECK CRACKS SURFACE DEFECTS REPAIRS AND SEAL FOR VARIOUS BRIDGE SITES**

**File Number:** -

**Author:** Onisimo Mukodi, Manager Design, Capital Works & Projects

**Authoriser:** Scott Barber, Director Engineering

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council awards Tender Number C2004 - Bridge deck cracks surface defects repairs and seal for various bridge sites to Tenderer 1 for the sum of \$447,647 excluding GST.

**BACKGROUND**

Bridge inspections of the following bridge sites revealed that intervention was required to address bridge deck surface defects and cracking at the following bridge sites:

- i. Moulamein-Barham Rd (MR319)/Barber Creek Overflow Bridge
- ii. Moulamein-Barham Rd (MR319)/Barber Creek Bridge
- iii. Moulamein-Barham Rd (M319)/Cow Creek Bridge
- iv. Moulamein-Barham Rd (MR319)/Calf Creek Bridge
- v. Moulamein-Barham Rd (MR319)/Storm Creek Bridge
- vi. Moulamein-Barham Rd (MR319)/Niemur River Bridge
- vii. Moulamein-Barham Rd (MR319)/Murrein Yarrein Creek Bridge
- viii. Moulamein-Barham Rd (MR319)/Edward River Bridge.

The renewal of the above bridges is necessary so that they can continue to provide required level of service specified under Council's Transport Management and also deliver their planned service life.

**DISCUSSION**

Council sought tenders from suitably qualified and experienced contractors to supply all resources required for design of appropriate bridge deck crack and surface defects remedial solutions and undertake the repairs and seal the deck for the nominated bridge sites. The request for Tenders was advertised in *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Melbourne Age Newspaper* the *Koondrook Barham Bridge Newspaper* and the tender documents were uploaded on the internet tender portal *Tenderlink*. Prospective tenderers downloaded the tender documents from *Tenderlink*. At the close of the tender period, tenders were submitted electronically into the Council's electronic tender box on *Tenderlink*. Two conforming tenders and one non-conforming tender was received as listed below (prices exclude GST). The non-conforming tender was not considered. It fell far short of the requirements specified in the Request for Tender documentation.

**As per Council request at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 February 2020, the tenderers are de-identified within this report to Council.**

- i. Tenderer 1, \$447,647.00;
- ii. Tenderer 2, \$474,9710.80; and
- iii. Tenderer 3, non-conforming tender.

The tender evaluation panel was satisfied that Tenderer 1, the preferred tenderer, had satisfied the mandatory work health and safety requirements and has the resources, experience and capacity to deliver the specified works. Tenderer 1 was unanimously evaluated as offering the best value for

money. The considerations by the tender evaluation panel are discussed in detail in the Tender Evaluation Report and Tender Evaluation Matrix attached to this report.

### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

1 - Strategic Theme 1: Built/Physical Environment

1.3 - Improve and maintain community infrastructure

1.3.1 - Plan and advocate for key river access areas including boat ramps, wharves and bridges (Barham, Moama, Murray Downs, Tooleybuc)

### **BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

The bridge deck cracks surface defects repairs and seal for the nominated sites will be funded through Council's 2020 budget.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Murray River Council Procurement Policy (POL205).

### **LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Local Government Act 1993.

### **RISK ANALYSIS**

- **What can happen?**  
Reduced bridge service life.
- **How can it happen?**  
Deterioration of structures.
- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**  
Property damage.  
Higher whole of life costs for owning and operating the bridge assets.
- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**  
Moderate.
- **Adequacy of existing controls?**  
Asset renewal works as specified in the bridge deck cracks surface defects repairs and seal contract.
- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**  
Implementing the proposed project.

### **CONCLUSION**

It is appropriate that Council awards C2004 - Bridge deck cracks surface defects repairs and seal for various bridge sites to Tenderer 1 for the sum of \$447,647 excluding GST.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. **C2004 Tender Evaluation Report for Attachment to Report to Council - Tenderers de-identified - Confidential**
2. **C2004 - Bridge deck cracks surface defects repairs and seal - Various bridge sites - Tender Evaluation Scoresheet - Tenderers de-identified - Confidential**

**8.3.5 REQUEST FOR TENDER C2005 - SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF READY MIX CONCRETE & QUARRY MATERIALS**

**File Number:** -

**Author:** Ramesh Selliah, Manager Procurement

**Authoriser:** Scott Barber, Director Engineering

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council approve the tenders from EB Mawson Sons Pty Ltd T/A Mawsons, Boral Construction Materials T/A Boral Resources Vic and Lawrence Business Trust T/A Lawrence Brothers Quarries Pty Ltd to form the panel of approved suppliers for the supply and delivery of ready mix concrete and quarry products based on the schedule of rates and supply matrix, for a contact period of three (3) years from the date of the Letter of Acceptance, noting the option to extend at Council's absolute discretion for an additional two (2) years.

**BACKGROUND**

Council's current spend on this category is non-contracted and hence Council approached the market through Request for Tenders for the Supply and Delivery of Ready Mix Concrete and Quarry Products for the Murray River Council Local Government Area.

**DISCUSSION**

Tenders closed on 20 February 2020. The process resulted in three (03) tender submissions received and evaluated as presented in the Tender Evaluation Report (as attached) for Council's information.

Given the monopoly (a single firm that produces goods with no close substitute) or oligopoly (a small number of relatively large firms that produce similar, but slightly different products) of the supply market, consideration was given to encouraging the new entrant Lawrence Brothers Quarries Pty Ltd for the long term benefit of the Council in regards to security of supply, competitive prices etc.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

1 - Strategic Theme 1: Built/Physical Environment

1.2 - Improve and maintain our road and transport network

1.2.1 - Develop long-term plans for maintenance and construction of town streets and the rural road network - with priorities established in conjunction with the community

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

The evaluation panel considered the tendered rates and the annual spend of approximately \$1.1Mn and note by consistently keeping to 3.0m3 and over in the order quantity Council can anticipate to make a minimum saving of 10-12% (approx. \$100-120k) on the annual spend over the contract period.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Murray River Council Asset Management Policy (POL305).

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Local Government Act 1993.

Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

- **What can happen?**

Council must prudently and effectively maintain its road network, footpath and other public infrastructures.

- **How can it happen?**

By failing to engage the services of a well-equipped and capable supply of ready mix concrete and quarry products contractor(s) to provide the supplies required to complete road works, footpaths, storm water drains, pavements Council will not be offering the best value based on market value.

- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**

Less overall road and other assets maintained within budget, premature road and footpath deterioration and additional follow up maintenance costs.

- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**

Council fail to engage an appropriately skilled and market tested contractor(s) to provide these services.

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Good as Council recommends the engagement of an efficient and experienced contractor(s) based on a market testing and assessment.

- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

Approve the engagement of the recommended contractors.

**CONCLUSION**

The evaluation process was both extensive and thorough. Very careful attention was paid to ensure that the proposed supply would achieve the objectives and scope of the specification and deliverables. The panel assessed the technical worth of each tender against the specification requirements, schedules submitted and the selection criteria.

The past supply performances and the responses to written questions provides confidence that all three Tenderers have the resources and capacity to undertake the supply as per the assessed areas of delivery and category of supply materials required offering the lowest prices in their identified categories of supply provides Council with value for money in their respective categories.

All three Tenderers are therefore recommended to Council to be included in the panel as the preferred tenderers to undertake this contract based on the matrix of their assigned categories and on the schedule of rates with the anticipated initial contract period of three (03) years with the an option of one twenty four (24) months extension provision to be exercised at Council's discretion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. **C2005 Evaluation Matrix - Confidential**
2. **C2005 Evaluation Panel Report - Confidential**
3. **C2005 Evaluation Scoring & Comments Sheet - Confidential**
4. **Attachment A for the Supply Matrix by location for the Quarry Products - Confidential**
5. **Attachment B for the Supply Matrix by location for the Ready Mix Concrete for the Greater Wakool Ward - Confidential**
6. **Attachment C for the Supply Matrix by location for the Ready Mix Concrete for the Greater Murray and Moama Wards - Confidential**



**8.4 DIRECTOR PLANNING, WASTE & REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT & SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS****8.4.1 PLANNING, WASTE & REGULATORY SERVICES DIRECTORATE - MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT****File Number:** -**Author:** David Wilkinson, Director Planning, Waste & Regulatory Services**Authoriser:** Des Bilske, General Manager**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Officer's report on Planning, Waste & Regulatory Services Directorate - Monthly Activity Report for the period 1 February to 29 February 2020 be received and the information noted by the Council.

**DISCUSSION**

Councillors will have noticed that there hasn't been a performance report presented to Council for the last three months. Unfortunately, the software that creates our performance reports had become corrupted but the good news is that it has now been fixed. You will also note that much more information is being provided to you for the first time. This includes data regarding the Council's Waste and Compliance functions. The Planning report also now provides information regarding the reason for delays in Development Applications (DA's) as well as the tracking of determinations within the statutory period.

This report details the activities of Council's Planning, Waste & Regulatory Services Directorate from 1 February to 29 February 2020. It is worth noting that almost twelve months ago our determinations within the statutory period for Development Applications were around 38% of applications. They are now in excess of 73% which is credit to all the hard work staff have been putting into improving our performance over that period.

There is still much more work to be done regarding improvement to the planning service but this result demonstrates that the right strategy is in place to achieve further improvements to the service.

The Building Surveying service has been under severe strain for more than twelve months which has led to significant delays in dealing with applications, assessments and site inspections. This has resulted in regular complaints from the building and development community. At one stage (three months) the Council only had one accredited building surveyor working across the whole Council area. This has led to a significant backlog of work which has caused angst in the community.





The Building Surveying team has worked tirelessly to reduce the backlog of applications and they are now almost back on track. The role of a building surveyor is a very important one in Council. They are required to ensure that buildings and structures are constructed in accordance with the Australian Building Code and that they are ultimately safe to be occupied. The recruitment and retention of Building Surveyors has been a real challenge. To ensure we have a qualified workforce in the future it has been agreed to recruit one or maybe two "Cadet" (apprentice) Building Surveyors to ensure the future delivery of the service.

The Waste and Compliance team are a new department to Council and have been delivering in many cases new aspects of that service. The information provided to you appended to this report is snapshot of some of their work. As the service grows and tackles some of the key issues around waste and compliance the amount of information gathered will allow a comprehensive view of the performance of this department in delivering these services in the future.

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this will be the default report from the Director Planning, Waste & Regulatory Services and will be an opportunity for Councillors to monitor the performance of these important services to the community. There will be a commitment to keep improving the data presented to Council as the technology to enable us to track performance improves over time.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. **Applications Determined under Delegated Authority - 1 February to 29 February 2020**  [↓](#)
2. **Application Key Performance Summary - Outstanding Applications - February 2020**  [↓](#)
3. **DA Performance Report - February 2020**  [↓](#)
4. **Waste & Compliance Report - February 2020**  [↓](#)

## Applications Determined - Council Report



MRCcs_dm1002		Approved between 1/02/2020 and 29/02/2020			09/03/2020
Application No.	Location	Development Type	Est. Cost	Determination	
DA.10.2011.65.4 Development Application	31 Boundary RD MOAMA Lot: 50 DP: 1220883 Lot: 51 DP: 1220883 Lot: 52 DP: 1220883	Amendment Three: Dwelling house with attached garage	\$250,000	Approved - Delegation	28/02/2020
DA.10.2015.200.2 Development Application	Wakool RD DENILIKUIN Lot: 180 DP: 1145099 Lot: 71 DP: 810473	Amendment One - Boundary Realignment	\$0	Approved - Delegation	25/02/2020
DA.10.2017.297.3 Development Application	Perricoota RD MOAMA Lot: 12 DP: 1213161 Lot: 35 DP: 1229541	Amendment Two: 41 Lot Subdivision	\$0	Approved - Delegation	26/02/2020
DA.10.2018.98.1 Development Application	Perricoota RD MOAMA Lot: 9 DP: 270580	Change of use - Existing building to tourist & visitor accommodation	\$0	Approved - Delegation	4/02/2020
DA.10.2019.119.1 Development Application		Irrigation pipelines on Murray River	\$260,000	Approved - Delegation	3/02/2020
DA.10.2019.216.1 Development Application	3 Oban CT MOAMA Lot: 87 DP: 1050525	Freestanding carport	\$9,000	Approved - Delegation	6/02/2020
DA.10.2019.253.1 Development Application	921 Barnes RD MOAMA Lot: 25 DP: 751140	Secondary Dwelling	\$160,000	Approved - Delegation	12/02/2020
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Application No.	Location	Development Type	Est. Cost	Determination	
DA.10.2019.262.1 Development Application	2 Daly CT MOAMA Lot: 4 DP: 1196759	Detached shed	\$10,000	Approved - Delegation	27/02/2020
DA.10.2019.270.1 Development Application	26 Beer RD MOAMA Lot: 20 DP: 1175457	Construction of shed to be used as private storage/warehouse	\$52,300	Approved - Delegation	14/02/2020
DA.10.2019.273.1 Development Application	3 Maiden Smith DR MOAMA Lot: 3 DP: 258661	Demolition of existing single storey dwelling	\$2,017,649	Approved - Delegation	18/02/2020
DA.10.2019.275.1 Development Application	183 Perricoota Forest RD MOAMA Lot: 32 DP: 1147996	Farm Building	\$16,000	Approved - Delegation	14/02/2020
DA.10.2019.276.1 Development Application	548 Felton DR MURRAY DOWNS Lot: 10 DP: 785833	Water supply system (Installation and operation of a new irrigation)	\$20,206	Approved - Delegation	25/02/2020
DA.10.2019.278.1 Development Application	16 Riesling DR MOAMA Lot: 154 DP: 1241038	Single storey dwelling with attached garage	\$406,730	Approved - Delegation	4/02/2020
DA.10.2019.281.1 Development Application	13 Heron ST MOAMA Lot: 3 DP: 1246110	Single storey dwelling with attached garage	\$283,250	Approved - Delegation	28/02/2020

## Applications Determined - Council Report



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Application No.	Location	Development Type	Est. Cost	Determination	
DA.10.2019.285.1 Development Application	12 Egret ST MOAMA Lot: 11 DP: 1229541	Detached shed	\$7,967	Approved - Delegation	6/02/2020
DA.10.2019.292.1 Development Application	13 Cobba WY MOAMA Lot: 76 DP: 1254841	Detached shed	\$19,000	Approved - Delegation	7/02/2020
DA.10.2019.300.1 Development Application	14 Riesling DR MOAMA Lot: 153 DP: 1241038	Detached shed	\$19,677	Approved - Delegation	18/02/2020
DA.10.2019.303.1 Development Application	31 Chanter ST MOAMA Lot: 16 DP: 773737	2 Lot Torrens Title Subdivision	\$2,500	Approved - Delegation	7/02/2020
DA.10.2019.308.1 Development Application	284 North Barham RD BARHAM Lot: 4 DP: 270077	Installation of a Manufactured Home	\$205,000	Approved - Delegation	14/02/2020
DA.10.2019.310.1 Development Application	18 Charters DR MOAMA Lot: 9 DP: 285045	Use of an existing building - shed extension (constructed without	\$9,000	Approved - Delegation	14/02/2020
DA.10.2019.313.1 Development Application	10 Rothbury CT MOAMA Lot: 52 DP: 1235555	Single storey dwelling with attached garage	\$368,124	Approved - Delegation	20/02/2020
DA.10.2019.315.2 Development Application	14 Silver Gums PL MOAMA Lot: 63 DP: 1064636	Amendment One: Two (2) freestanding pergolas either end of the pool	\$0	Approved - Delegation	27/02/2020
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Application No.	Location	Development Type	Est. Cost	Determination	
DA.10.2019.316.1 Development Application	16 Riverview DR BARHAM Lot: 28 DP: 1202636	Detached garage	\$17,800	Approved - Delegation	3/02/2020
DA.10.2019.318.1 Development Application	9 Chester ST BARHAM Lot: 522 DP: 1208223	Detached shed	\$13,000	Approved - Delegation	5/02/2020
DA.10.2019.320.1 Development Application	114 24 LA MOAMA Lot: 2 DP: 1191295	2 x pump sheds	\$36,870	Approved - Delegation	24/02/2020
DA.10.2019.321.1 Development Application	Ph Yellymong PARISH PORTIONS Lot: 1 DP: 1144152 Lot: 2 DP: 1144152	Erection of two Business Identification signs	\$1,000	Approved - Delegation	19/02/2020
DA.10.2020.1.1 Development Application	13 Cobba WY MOAMA Lot: 76 DP: 1254841	Single storey dwelling with attached garage	\$306,658	Approved - Delegation	4/02/2020
DA.10.2020.3.1 Development Application	17 Cobba WY MOAMA Lot: 78 DP: 1254841	Single storey dwelling with attached garage	\$256,000	Approved - Delegation	10/02/2020
DA.10.2020.4.1 Development Application	44 Thule ST BARHAM Lot: 1 DP: 302356	Detached shed	\$17,090	Approved - Delegation	4/02/2020
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Application No.	Location	Development Type	Est. Cost	Determination	
DA.10.2020.5.1 Development Application	11 Egret ST MOAMA Lot: 26 DP: 1246110	Single storey dwelling with attached garage	\$441,332	Approved - Delegation	13/02/2020
DA.10.2020.6.1 Development Application	11 Nicholas DR MOAMA Lot: 47 DP: 261596	Extension to existing industrial shed	\$130,000	Approved - Delegation	26/02/2020
DA.10.2020.15.1 Development Application	36 Cobwell ST BARHAM Lot: 1 DP: 521704	Carport & pergola	\$15,900	Approved - Delegation	6/02/2020
DA.10.2020.16.1 Development Application	9 Egret ST MOAMA Lot: 25 DP: 1246110	Single storey dwelling with attached garage	\$334,801	Approved - Delegation	13/02/2020
DA.10.2020.17.1 Development Application	34 Mayflower DR MOAMA Lot: 46 DP: 1235555	Single storey dwelling with attached garage	\$295,817	Approved - Delegation	14/02/2020
DA.10.2020.18.1 Development Application	28 Lea ST TOOLEYBUC Lot: 4 DP: 626101	Farm building (Machinery shed)	\$286,260	Approved - Delegation	19/02/2020
DA.10.2020.20.1 Development Application	136 Mayflower DR MOAMA Lot: 69 DP: 1248339	In-ground fibreglass swimming pool & child resistant barrier	\$42,370	Approved - Delegation	12/02/2020
DA.10.2020.21.1 Development Application	49 Glencoe BVD MOAMA Lot: 99 DP: 1192184	In-ground fibreglass swimming pool & child resistant barrier	\$39,500	Approved - Delegation	19/02/2020
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## Applications Determined - Council Report



MRCcs_dm1002		Approved between 1/02/2020 and 29/02/2020			09/03/2020	
Application No.	Location	Development Type	Est. Cost	Determination		
DA.10.2020.23.1 Development Application	59 Murray ST BARHAM Lot: 41 DP: 717662	Pergola	\$2,000	Approved - Delegation	17/02/2020	
DA.10.2020.31.1 Development Application	932 Murnane RD MATHOURA Lot: 2 DP: 543439	In-ground fibreglass swimming pool & child resistant barrier	\$46,695	Approved - Delegation	27/02/2020	
DA.10.2020.32.1 Development Application	516 Gonn RD BARHAM Lot: 2 DP: 1010860	In-ground fibreglass swimming pool & child resistant barrier	\$64,300	Approved - Delegation	14/02/2020	
DA.10.2020.33.1 Development Application	9 Heron ST MOAMA Lot: 1 DP: 1246110	Single storey dwelling with attached garage	\$421,921	Approved - Delegation	14/02/2020	
CDC.18.2020.801.1 Complying Development	49 Cabernet DR MOAMA Lot: 71 DP: 1220526	In-ground fibreglass swimming pool & child resistant barrier	\$42,370	Issued - Delegation	14/02/2020	
<b>Report Totals:</b>						
<b>Total Number of Applications : 42</b>						
<b>Total Estimated Cost :   \$ 6,928,087.00</b>						



## Application Key Performance Summary Outstanding Applications



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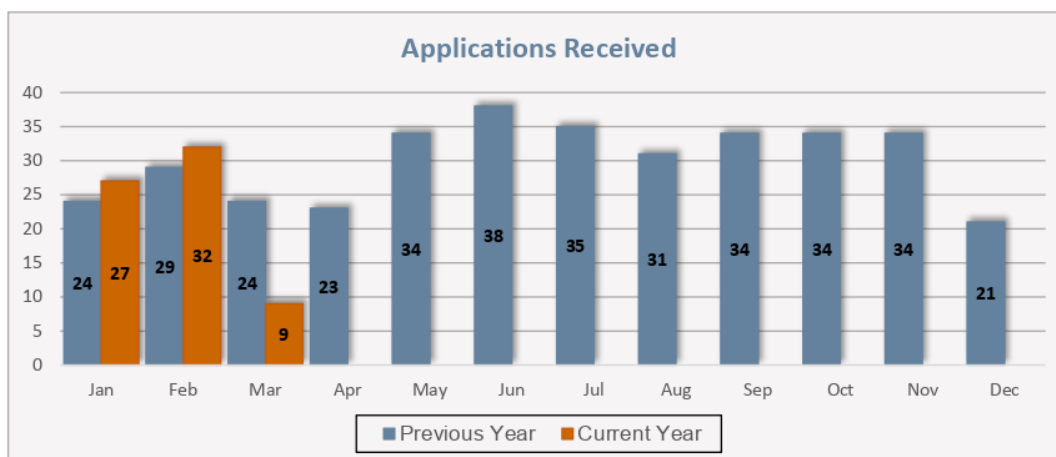
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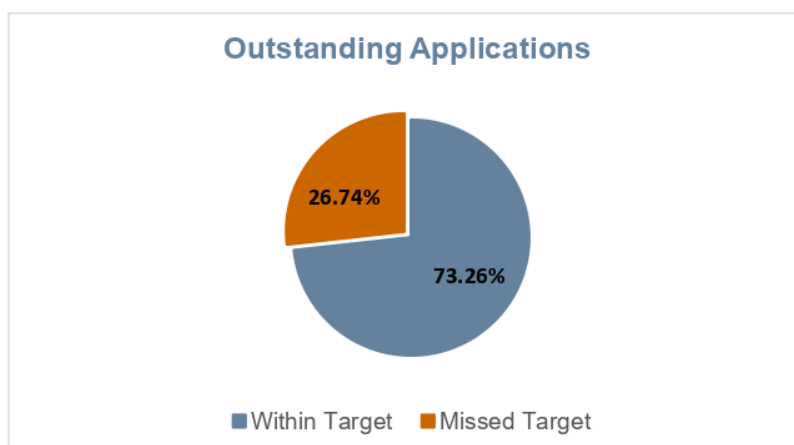
Development Application

Current Year to Date v Previous Year



### Report Totals & Averages:

Total Applications Outstanding:	86	Average Elapsed Calendar Days:	192.09
No. Applications within Target:	63	Average Calendar Stop Days:	157
No. Applications missed Target:	23	Average Adjusted Calendar Days:	35
% of Applications within Target:	73.26%		



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<u>DA Number</u>	<u>Development Type</u>	<u>Date submitted</u>	<u>Total days Lapsed</u>	<u>Integrated (60 days) or not integrated (40 days)</u>	<u>Is there a Stop clock "Yes or No"</u>	<u>Adjusted Calendar Days</u>	<u>Reason for Stop clock or Delay</u>
DA.10.2008.241.11	Amendment Ten: Tourist Facility & Community Title Subdivision  Amendment Ten details: Amend building design on Lots 3,5 & 7	6/2/2020	21	60 days	Yes	21 days	DA has been externally referred and waiting on further information from the applicant all information from the applicant due 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2020.
DA.10.2011.65.4	Amendment three: Dwelling with attached shed	27/6/2018	610	40 days	Yes	41 days	Approval Issued 28 February 2020.
DA 10 2013.115.2	Amendment one: Construction of Dwelling house	6/12/2019	83	60 Days	Yes	73 days	Total of 10 days on Stop clock for DA has been externally referred and waiting on further information from the applicant - partially supplied.
DA.10.2017.33.1	Extractive Industry	12/8/2016	1294	60 days	Yes	21 days	Request for additional Information from external government agency, OEH, awaiting applicant response.

DA 10.2017.281.2	Amendment One: 7 Lot Subdivision Amendment One Details: Amendment to layout, additional native vegetation to be removed	13/2/2020	14	40 days	No	14 days	Referred to External agencies, awaiting responses, due 20 March 2020.
DA 10.2017.297.3	Amendment Two: 41 Lot Subdivision, ancillary earthworks including filling of the land, and demolition of two existing farm buildings - Dungala Estate Stage 4  Amendment Two details: Amend Condition 58 to state allotments to be constructed to height of 95.24m AHD.	13/02/2020	14	40 days	No	14 days	Approval Issued 26 February 2020.

DA 10.2018.216.1	Construction of Storage Shed	10/07/2018	597	40 days	Yes	20 days	Total of 590 days on Stop clock due Request for additional Information Application to be withdrawn/refused.
DA 10.2019.257.1	Intensive Livestock Agriculture – 2000 Head Cattle Feedlot	11/10/2019	139	60 days	Yes	31 days	Total of 108 days on Stop clock due Request for additional Information from external government agency EPA, awaiting applicant response.
DA 10.2019.280.1	Murray River Cove – camping ground infrastructure	7/11/2019	112	40 days	Yes	84 days	DA cannot be approved until amendments to concept approval for the camping ground (DA 10.2015.82.3) are approved, therefore total of 125 days on Stop the clock.
DA 10.2019.309.1	Animal Boarding or training establishment	9/12/2019	80	40 days	No	80 days	Responses not received from agencies, therefore Council to proceed with assessment.
DA 10.2020.24.1	2 Lot Subdivision	30/01/2020	28	40 days	No	28 days	Council to complete assessment of application.
DA 10.2020.27.1	Moulamein Heritage Village	3/02/2020	24	40 days	Yes	10 days	Awaiting Further information from applicant – requested by external agency.
DA 10.2020.38.1	4 Lot Subdivision	14/02/2020	13	40 days	No	13 days	DA to be heard at March Council meeting.

DA 10.2020.49.1	Mortuary with ancillary on – site disposal of bodies by alkaline hydrolysis	20/02/2020	7	40 days	No	7 days	Awaiting further information from applicant, due 17th March 2020.
DA 10.2020.29.1	468.72kw Solar Energy System (Electricity Generating Works)	6/02/2020	21	40 days	No	21 days	Awaiting External referral comments & Internal responses due 10 March 2020.
DA 10.2009.127.10	Addition of 5 cabins	9/9/2019	171	60 days	Yes	4 days	Total of 167 days on Stop clock. The applicant did not provide sufficient information to support his application. I.e. Site plan, proposed cabin designs, Bushfire Assessment report, information around Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and impacts on fauna and flora.
DA 10.2015.82.3	Amendment Two; Amend 174 camping site layout plan	7/11/2019	112	60 days	Yes	67 days	Total of 45 days on Stop clock. The applicant did not provide details of proposed business Identification Sign. After referring the application to NSW RFS, they requested the applicant to provide an amended 100B Bushfire assessment report.

DA 10.2019.78.1	10 Lot Torrens Title Subdivision containing a public open space	30/09/2019	150	40 days	Yes	46 days	Total of 104 days on Stop clock. The applicant did not provide land owners consent.
DA 10.2019.198.1	Water Supply Structure (pump and Pontoon) associated with existing water entitlement	6/08/2019	205	40 days	Yes	30 days	Total of 175 days on Stop clock. The applicant choose to modify the development. Therefore, Council requested revised plans.
DA 10.2019.227.1	Animal Boarding Establishment	4/09/2019	146	40 days	Yes	9 days	Total of 167 days on Stop clock. The applicant did not provide sufficient information. I.e. noise assessment, landscaping plan.
DA 10.2019.250.1	Water Supply System (Addition of new pump on the Murray River)	4/10/2019	146	40 days	Yes	18 days	Total of 128 days on Stop. The applicant did not provide landowners consent to proceed with the assessment.
DA 10.2019.261.1	Replacement & repair of three existing retaining walls	17/10/2019	133	60 days	Yes	43 days	Total of 90 days on Stop clock. The applicant did not respond to Council further information request.
DA 10.2019.284.1	368 Lot Torrens Title Subdivision	11/11/219	108	40 days	Yes	14 days	Total of 94 days on Stop clock. The applicant did not provide sufficient with the application. I.e. Traffic Assessment Report, Subdivision Engineering Plans, Spray Drift Report , assessment fee for NSW RFS.
DA 10.2019.21.2	Construction of dividing fence	4/02/2020	23	40 days	Yes	15 days	Total of 8 days on Stop clock for..... This application is under assessment and almost complete.

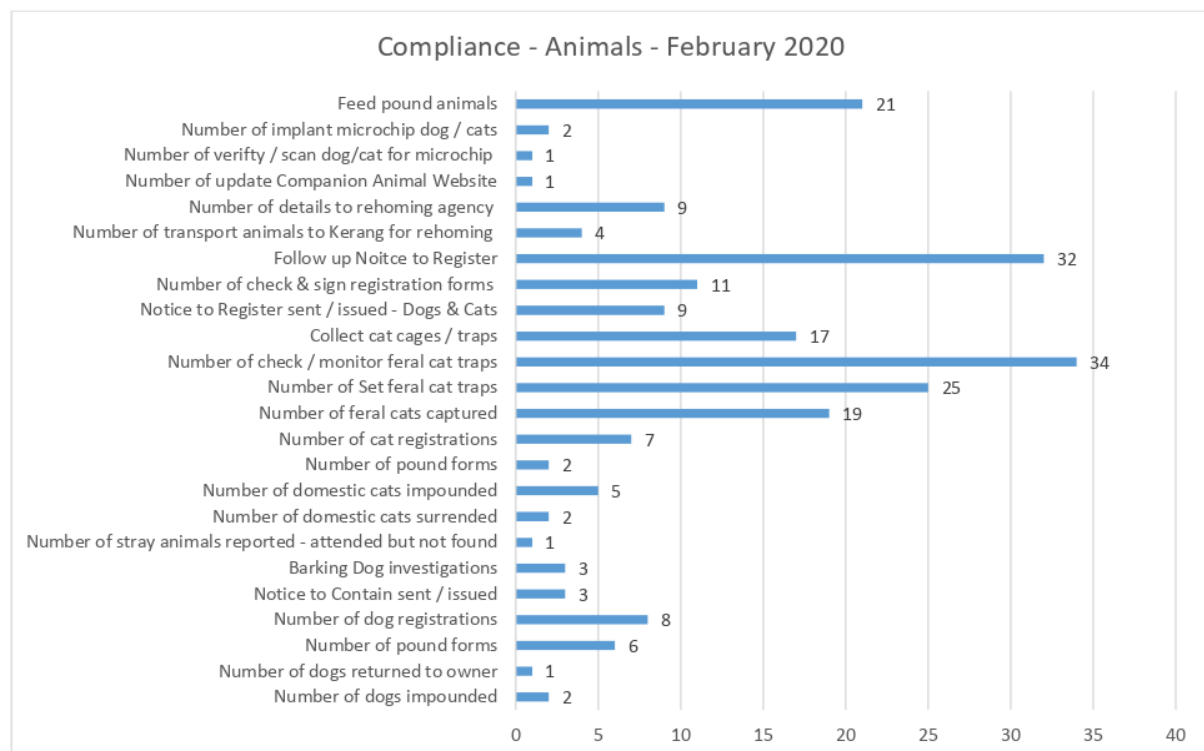
DA 10.2019.156.1	Use of existing manufactured home	21/06/2019	251	60 days	Yes	208 days	Total of 43 days on Stop the clock for.... We are waiting for a response from NSW RFS regarding bushfire hazard report.
DA 10.2019.168.2	Construction of 750ml dam and two water supply systems	24/10/2019	126	40 days	No	126 days	To be reviewed.
DA 10.2019.271.1	Retrospective approval for pontoon & gangway	29/10/2019	121	40 days	Yes	89 days	Total of 32 days on Stop clock for.... To be reviewed.
DA 10.2019.279.1	Demolish portion of existing building, construct new building, outdoor area, landscaping, vegetation and paved area	6/11/2019	113	40 days	Yes	107 days	Total of 6 days on Stop clock for....We are just waiting for the traffic and car parking management plan.
DA 10.2019.286.1	Extensions to existing detached outbuilding	12/11/2019	107	40 days	Yes	39 days	Total of 68 days on Stop clock for....To be reviewed.
DA 10.2019.317.1	Structure – Mooring/Pontoon	13/12/2019	76	40 days	Yes	49 days	Total of 27 days on Stop clock for....Withdrawn.
DA 10.2019.322.1	Construction of a 350 ML Storage Dam and associated earthworks	19/12/2019	70	40 days	Yes	34 days	Total of 36 days on Stop clock for....Waiting for RFI response due 16 March 2020.
DA 10.2020.6.1	Extension to existing Industrial Shed	10/01/2020	48	40 days	Yes	38 days	Total of 36 days on Stop clock for.....Completed.

DA 10.2020.13.1	Construction of Self Storage Sheds	20/01/2020	38	40 days	Yes	19 days	Total of 19 days on Stop clock for.....To be reviewed.
DA 10.2020.14.1	Electricity transmission line to connect Moama Solar farm to Moama	21/01/2020	37	40 days	Yes	35 days	Total of 2 days on Stop clock for.....To be reviewed.
DA 10.2020.22.1	68 Lot Torrens Title Subdivision	23/01/2020	35	40 days	Yes	7 days	Total of 28 days on Stop clock for.....Referral responses due 27 March 2020.
DA 10.2020.34.1	Two lot Boundary Realignment	10/02/2020	17	40 days	Yes	3 days	Total of 14 days on Stop clock for.....To be reviewed.
DA 10.2020.45.1	Boundary Realignment of 5 lots to 6 Lots	19/02/2020	8	40 days	No	8 days	Waiting for RFI response due 17 March 2020.
DA 10.2020.48.1	New gangway and pontoon	20/02/2020	7	40 days	No	7 days	Waiting for RFI response due 17 March 2020.
DA 10.2013.86.1	Single storey dwelling	15/11/2012	2660	40 days	Yes	6 days	Total of 2660 on Stop clock for (awaiting information to go to Council meeting- Council wants to approve).
DA 10.2013.89.1	Single storey dwelling	20/11/2012	2655	40 days	Yes	45 days	Total of 2610 on top clock for (awaiting information to go to Council meeting- Council wants to approve).
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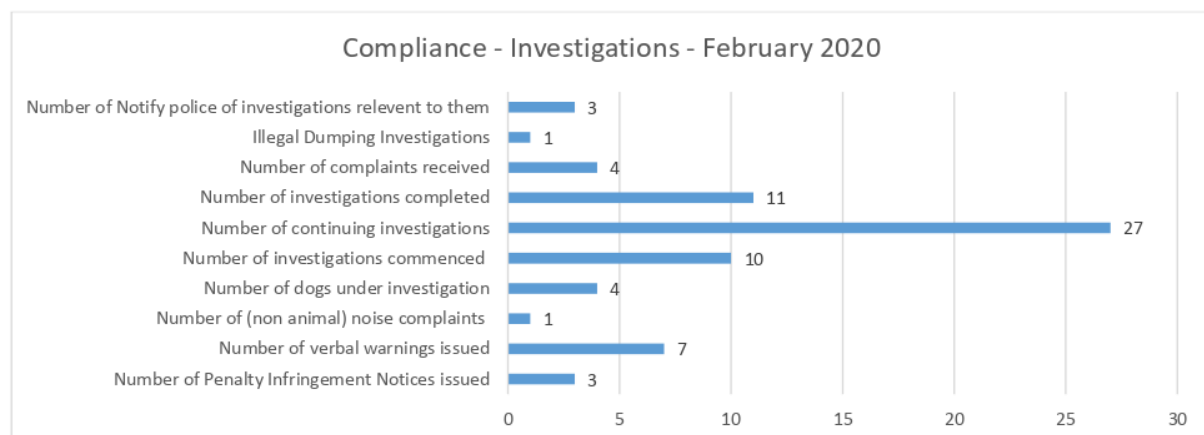


## Waste &amp; Compliance Graphs – Council reporting.

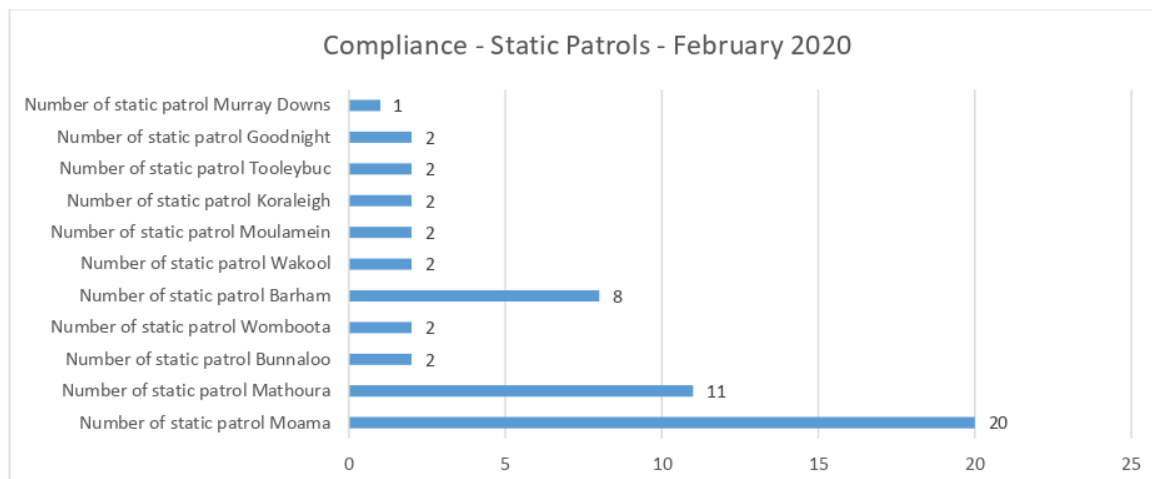
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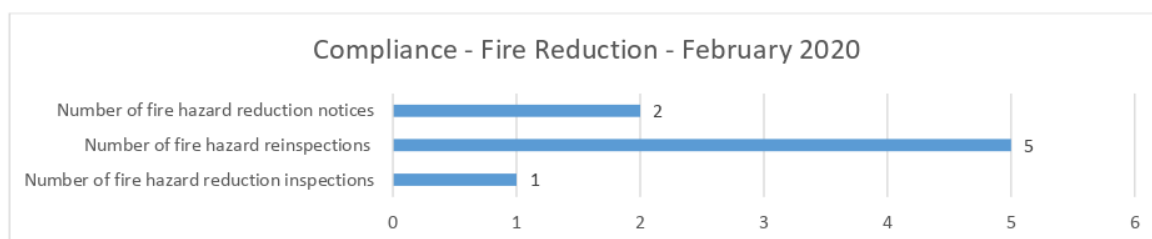
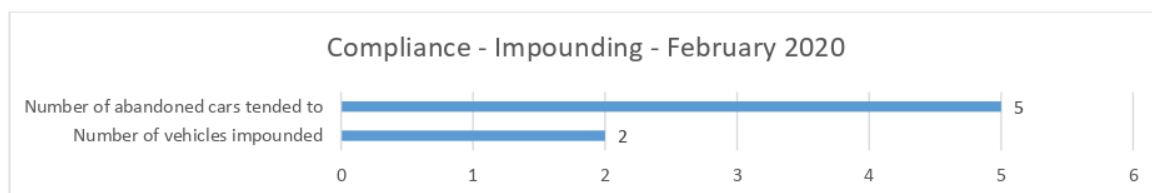
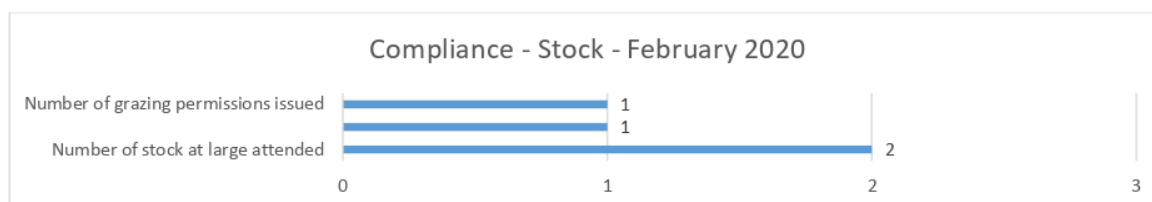
February animals compliance proved to be a busy month for Murray River Council Rangers. As you can see, we had quite a large number of feral cat traps out in the community that proved to have successful capture rates. Feral cats contribute to a large number of damage to property, spread disease and destruction of wildlife. We have encouraged pet owners to be responsible and ensure pet registrations are up to date, and follow up with those who have not yet registered their pet. Through this we gained 7 cat registrations and 8 dog registrations.



A large number of investigations are continuing within Murray River Council's LGA. The team is working thoroughly through these to finalise those that are outstanding and ensure all relevant stakeholders remain updated in the process.

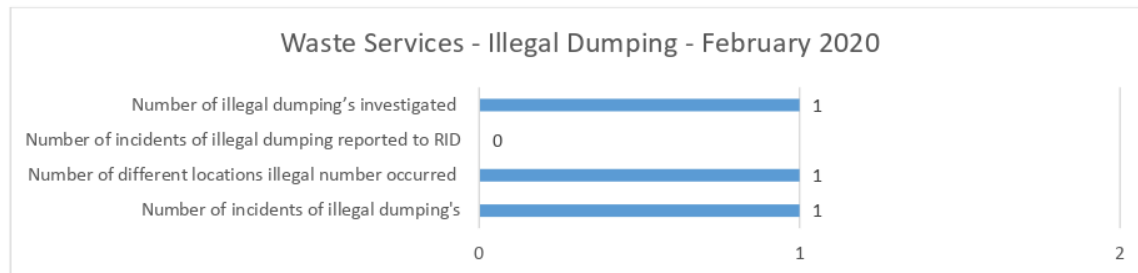


The Compliance team is beginning to see a positive change with the result of increased Static Patrols. Community members are becoming more aware of the presence of our Rangers out in the field, and the number of Patrols in the smaller towns are beginning to increase while we employ another Ranger.

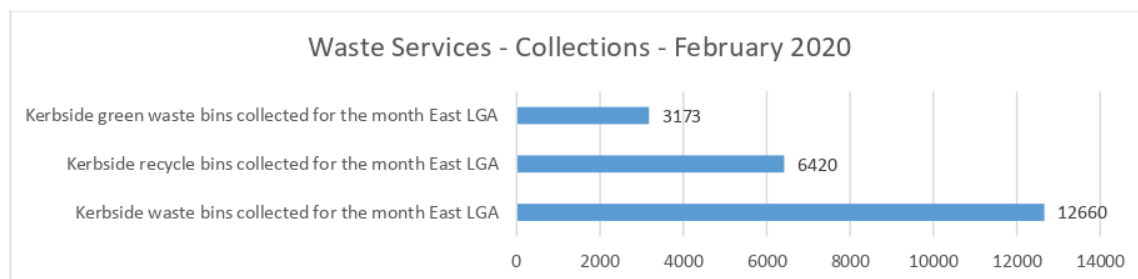


Stock at large is sitting at just 2 for the month of February with Rangers keeping a close eye out whilst out on patrol. MRC had 5 abandoned cars within our LGA, 2 of which that were impounded and Fire Hazard reductions have been closely monitored to ensure compliance is achieved.

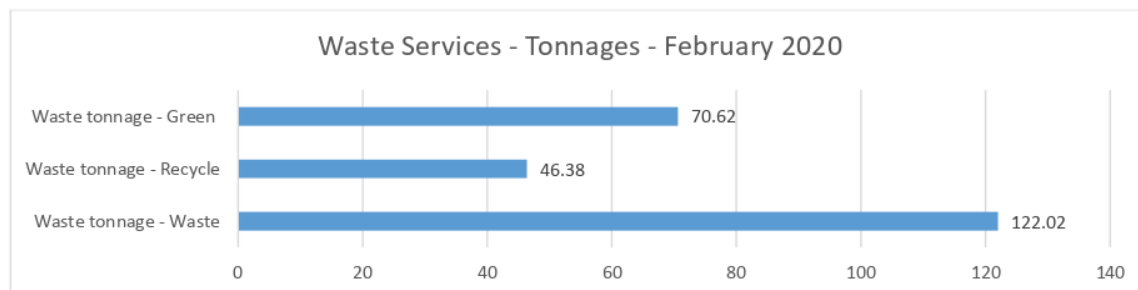
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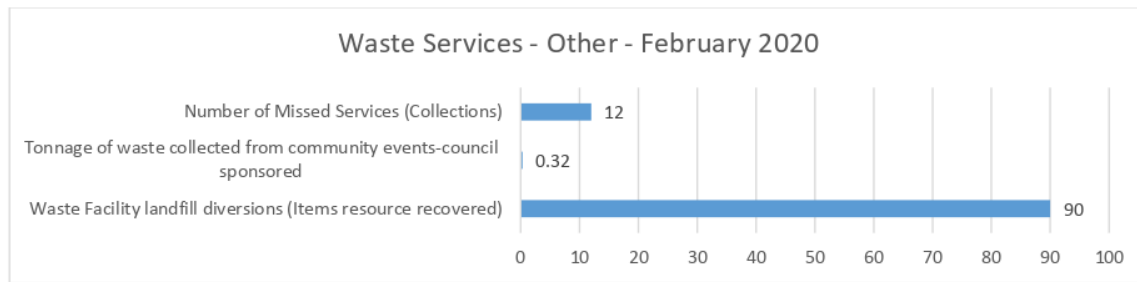
Over February, Waste had only one known illegal dumping incident that was investigated and cleaned up. This incident was under a cubic meter of waste dumped so this case wasn't reported to RID (Report Illegal Dumping).



These statistics are only for the East Service area within our LGA. February numbers for participation vs presentation are of a high percentage, with most people who have a collection service placing them out on the verge for collection. February is a known large month for waste management with organics growing rapidly, and the continued wind down from Christmas and social events with the warmer weather. You can see recyclables is sitting at an exceptional 50% of waste bins collections (due to fortnightly collections), meaning the presentation rate is in favour of the community utilising their recycling bin for the two collections during the month of February.



Supporting the number of bins emptied in the East Service area within MRC, we have the tonnages and data collected through net weights of materials weighed by the Moama Waste Management facility weighbridge and Echuca Veolia MRF. You can see 122.02t of waste was sent to landfill for the east service area in February, which we'd like to see a reduction in to save valuable airspace in Council's landfill and see the community participate more in best practice waste management. A lot of kerbside waste is putrescible food waste, which we would see a significant reduction in waste tonnages to landfill with the proposed introduction of recycling food organics and garden organics into a garden mulch/ fertiliser.



February consisted of 12 missed services where the contractor had to return to empty, due to customer feedback through the customer service team. MRC Waste team supported community events such as the Southern 80, which generated 320kg of waste from wheelie bins supplied for events.

We also saw quite a number of items recovered by our Waste facility operators that would normally be destined for landfill. These items are set aside and stored for future repurposing, or potentially donated to those who are in need.

**8.4.2 MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL DRAFT EVENTS POLICY****File Number:** -**Author:** David Wilkinson, Director Planning, Waste & Regulatory Services**Authoriser:** Des Bilske, General Manager**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Council adopt the Murray River Council Draft Events Policy, as set out and appended to this report, and use this document for the purposes of determining applications for events with immediate effect.
2. The Murray River Council Draft Events Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days; and that a further report to Council be presented after the exhibition period with any recommended changes to the draft Policy as a result of the exhibition of the document.
3. Along with other referral agencies, the Murray River Council Draft Events Policy be sent to the Local Emergency Management Committee for their comment and that their comments and those of other referral agencies are reported back to Council as part of the follow up report to the Council.

**BACKGROUND**

The current Murray River Council Events Policy was adopted by the Council on 27 June 2017.

Although it was considered at the time that it would be sufficient in determining the suitability for an event to take place, it failed to be 'fit for purpose' for the many enquiries about events that have been received by Council, particularly over the last twelve months.

As an example, a local community group hold "Yabby Races" around the Easter period to raise funds for their group and supporting the local community. The current Policy permits such uses but requires the submission of a Development Application (DA), if, amongst other conditions, there is a road closure required. The event referred to above has been taking place for over 20 years and well before the development of the current Policy. The road closure is for a minor Council road for only three (3) hours.

I am not sure the intention of this Policy was to require a community group to have to go through the bureaucratic process of making a DA? This is just one example, but over the last twelve months there have been many other events that have been caught up in the inadequacies of the current Policy.

**DISCUSSION**

Community events are a standard in all areas throughout Australia and it is no different in the Murray River Council local government area. Events provide an important income and funding opportunity for many groups, whether they be schools, sporting clubs or broader community groups. It is the opinion of your officers that the NSW Planning System should not normally be required to judge the suitability of such events.

However, there are sometimes risks associated with events even if they are community based and of a minor nature and the current Murray River Council Events Policy sets out to manage those risks. However, it is not considered that these go far enough and that the draft Policy will give greater guidance in terms of groups applying to hold an event and what they need to consider whilst in the main not requiring them to go through a full DA process.

Holding events in our area that are larger and more commercial in nature (private events on Council land or private land) can significantly contribute to the local economy. The visitor economy is a key priority of our economic development focus. Events have a significant role to play for our local community and by attracting visitors and their dollars to our area. The current Policy is confusing and over restrictive in terms of these types of events, effectively requiring DA's except for small events without really outlining what size an event needs to be to warrant the need for a DA. The draft Policy is more specific and much clearer so that event organisers know exactly what is required of them.

The holding of events can have a positive impact on the community and local economy and Council has historically supported local events for that reason. However, events can also have negative impacts on the local community and our environment and so Council's Events Policy tool is intended to ensure that local events are conducted in a safe and controlled manner, whether a DA is required or not. Any event in Murray River Council is expected to have public liability insurance cover and have prepared a Risk Management Plan. For events where Council is an interested party, for example, if the event is held on public land or requires Council approval, copies of these documents must be prepared to Council's satisfaction and a copy provided to Council. For events on private land, insurance will still need to be provided and all documentation provided to Council.

### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

4 - Strategic Theme 4: Economic Growth

4.2 - Continue focus on strong and vibrant tourism

4.2.3 - Promote and encourage local, state and national events

### **BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable, other than the administration of applications. Consideration of a fees structure will be given at the time of this year's review of fees and charges.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Murray River Council Events Policy (POL402).

### **LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **RISK ANALYSIS**

- **What can happen?**

If there are no policies in place to control events then it could impact on the local economy and add to Council's risks.

- **How can it happen?**

Uncontrolled and ineffective control of local events. Also unnecessary bureaucracy, time and costs to event organisers.

- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**

Impact on the local community.

- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**

High.

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Inadequate with the existing Policy in meeting the needs for control.

- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

Adoption of the new policy.

**CONCLUSION**

It is considered that the draft Events Policy appended to this report provides better guidance and support to event organisers from small community events to larger commercial events. It helps mitigate risks to the community in the running of the event, whilst providing for the right support to allow events to happen. It is considered this more detailed draft Policy is more fit for purpose and provides clarity for the role of Council and the event organiser.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. **Murray River Council DRAFT Events Policy (under separate cover)** 

**8.4.3 MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL DRAFT LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT**

**File Number:** -

**Author:** Liyan Smith, Senior Town Planner

**Authoriser:** David Wilkinson, Director Planning, Waste & Regulatory Services

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council:

1. Provide approval of the Draft Murray River Council Local Strategic Planning Statement.
2. Proceed to public consultation for the Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement in accordance with the Communication and Engagement Plan, as attached to this report.

**BACKGROUND**

In March 2018, amendments to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the EP&A Act) introduced a new requirement for all NSW local councils to prepare and make a Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS). Section 3.9 of the EP&A Act requires that the LSPS include or identify the following:

- the basis for strategic planning in the area, having regard to economic, social and environmental matters
- the planning priorities for the area that are consistent with any strategic plan applying to the area and (subject to any such strategic plan) any applicable community strategic plan under section 402 of the *Local Government Act 1993*
- the actions required for achieving those planning priorities
- the basis on which the Council is to monitor and report on the implementation of those actions.

The broad planning priorities and outcomes described in the Murray River Council LSPS will influence Council's detailed planning controls and will guide future changes to Council's Local Environmental Plan (LEP), Development Control Plan (DCP) and other plans which implement the actions in the LSPS. The LSPS is to be endorsed by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and must be finalised and approved by June 30 2020.

The LSPS is intended to be a living document and should be revised on an ongoing, as-needs-basis so that the plan remains responsive, relevant and local. To this end, it is intended that the statement will be updated upon completion of the various actions identified throughout the document. Revisions to the LSPS may also be required in response to significant changes within the LGA, for example, the growth of emerging industries, significant population changes, and increased investment into infrastructure and services.

Council will monitor and report on progress of the LSPS priorities, actions and outcomes in an annual report. This will inform adjustments to the LSPS to ensure local planning policy is effective, responsive and delivering on local community aspirations. A comprehensive review will be undertaken in 2026, if not earlier.

Community feedback will be regularly sought. It is anticipated that this consultation will identify continuous improvement opportunities and will ensure that the LSPS continues to reflect the community's social and economic needs as well as their vision of the future desired state of the local area.

Council will monitor, review and report on its LSPS to ensure that its planning priorities are being achieved, using the existing Integrated Planning & Reporting framework (IP&R) in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.



## DISCUSSION

The Murray River Council LSPS sets out the 20-year vision for land use planning in Murray River Council, outlining how growth and change will be managed to encourage economic growth, and maintain the high levels of environmental amenity, liveability and landscape quality that characterises our area. It identifies the special characteristics that contribute to Murray River Council's local identity and recognises the shared community values to be maintained and enhanced.

This Statement identifies nine (9) Planning Priorities to achieve the Council's vision for the area, together with actions and the means for monitoring and reporting on the delivery of the actions. It is consistent with the NSW Government's strategies and plans for land use planning in the Riverina Murray - the Riverina Murray Region Plan and the Murray Regional Economic Development Strategy – and is aligned with the Murray River Council Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028. Planning staff held targeted forums in early October 2019 which sought preliminary feedback regarding key issues effecting planning and land use in Murray River Council. This feedback has been used in conjunction with the aforementioned regional and local strategic plans to shape the draft LSPS.

The priorities of the LSPS have been formed to achieve three (3) key outcomes relating to our economy, liveability, and environment. Table 1 below outlines the key themes and priorities driving the LSPS:

<b>THEME 1</b> A robust, growing and innovative economy	<b>Priority 1</b> – Grow, strengthen and sustain agriculture
	<b>Priority 2</b> – Grow and strengthen Tourism
	<b>Priority 3</b> – Create an 'open for business' identity
<b>THEME 2</b> Liveable, connected communities with social capital	<b>Priority 4</b> - Housing growth, supply, and density
	<b>Priority 5</b> – Recreation and open space
	<b>Priority 6</b> - Servicing and utility infrastructure
<b>THEME 3</b> Environment, heritage and climate change	<b>Priority 7</b> – Identify and protect environmental values
	<b>Priority 8</b> - Celebration of culture and heritage
	<b>Priority 9</b> - Climate change and natural hazards

The projected timeline for completion of the LSPS and associated Local Environmental Plan is set out below:

- LEP Review and Health Check - Completed October 2019
- Draft 'Vision' LSPS chapter- Completed and heard at October 2019 Council meeting
- Completed draft LSPS –December 2019 Council meeting (confidential)
- Draft LSPS available to public - March 2020 Council meeting
- Exhibition of Draft LSPS seeking community feedback – from late March 2020 to approximately mid-May 2020 (minimum of 28 calendar days)
- Post exhibition review - Review of submissions –May 2020
- Finalise LSPS– end of May 2020
- Submission of LSPS to DPIE for endorsement – end of May 2020
- Adoption of Final LSPS document – As soon as practicable, however by the end of June 2020

### LEP Amendment:

- Planning Proposal Preparation - Planning Proposal to amend LEP and DCP to achieve the actions and planning priorities in the LSPS - June to August 2020
- Planning Proposal submitted for Gateway Determination – end of August 2020
- Draft LEP on Exhibition - to be determined based on Gateway issued by Department of Planning, Environment and Industry.

While Council aims to work as closely as possible to this timeframe, due to the nature of the project, there may be some unanticipated delays associated with the delivery of the LSPS and new LEP.

The LSPS is operated as a high level strategic document and would ideally be shaped by existing local level strategic plans. Council unfortunately has very few current strategic plans and therefore the draft LSPS advocates for investigations and studies to be actioned as part of the various Priorities to ensure the directions of the document are well informed and tested for feasibility. There are statements and recommendations within the LSPS which effect land which Council does not own and as part of these local level investigations and strategies, engagement with specific landholders, and the wider community will be carried out prior to any changes to applicable land uses and zonings. Council has created a Draft Community Engagement Strategy for the exhibition of the LSPS which encompasses engagement with all of Council internal departments, Government agencies, and the wider community. This is aimed at ensuring a well-rounded cross section of feedback from multiple sources.

A series of community drop-in sessions are planned to be held during the consultation period in a number of locations throughout our area. The number of sessions, together with the specific localities which will host the drop-in sessions are yet to be determined. Specific locations, dates and times of these sessions will be communicated to the general public via a number of media platforms, as soon as practicable.

It is noted that the draft LSPS presented here is the 'words' only. Mapping will be created to accompany and supplement the LSPS, however has not been completed at this time. This mapping will be created and utilised as part of the community consultation and will be incorporated into the final adopted LSPS. The document will also be provided to a graphic designer to finalise the format and aesthetic of the final LSPS.

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

### **1 - Strategic Theme 1: Built/Physical Environment**

#### **1.1 - Improve and maintain our built town environments**

##### **1.1.1 - Support each township to develop their unique character**

## **BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

The draft LSPS recommends a number of studies and actions to be undertaken to inform the strategic directions and priorities. Examples of such strategic investment include (but are not limited to):

- The development of a Riverfront Land Strategy to inform the future land use of the riverfront (moorings, housing, and tourism);
- The development of Housing Strategies to inform the growth of our towns;
- Investigations to inform rural land use and in particular, changes to land uses to enable growth, sustainability, and resilience of our agricultural sector;
- Potential investment into new multi-purpose facilities to attract large scale sporting and recreation events to our Council area;
- Biodiversity investigation to inform updated mapping;
- Climate Change Risk Assessment.

The LSPS also recommends that Council revitalise the Meninya Street area of Moama to fill the gap in the current fine dining market, and to attract new commercial investment from retail stores via the creation of a piazza style retail precinct along the northern section of Meninya Street. These projects will springboard off the Moama/Echuca bridge upgrade (and the associated Meninya Street Master Plan) and will require investment from Council. The aspirations of the LSPS proposed to be driven and funded by Council will require considered discussion regarding the allocation of budget and potential utilisation of funding allocated to Council as part of the amalgamation process (to be discussed and confirmed)

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Murray River Council Economic Development Assistance Policy (POL600).

Murray River Council Events Policy (POL402).

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

Local Government Act 1993.

Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011

Wakool Local Environmental Plan 2013

**RISK ANALYSIS**

- **What can happen?**

If Council fails to adopt a LSPS by June 30 2020 Council will not meet the requirements of the EP& A Act.

- **How can it happen?**

Council delays action on the LSPS and fails to meet the stipulated deadlines.

- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**

Council will be in breach of the EP&A Act and the Department of Planning, Industry and Investment will create an LSPS on our behalf.

- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**

Low.

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Council is working towards the deadlines in place, in close partnership with the Department of Planning, Industry and Investment. The controls are deemed adequate

- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

Council support the resolution to adopt the draft LSPS and move the process forward towards public consultation.

**CONCLUSION**

The Local Strategic Planning Statement is a 20 year strategic planning document informing the physical growth and development of Murray River Council. The draft LSPS captures priorities and actions to deliver positive economic, social and environmental outcomes for Murray River Council and endorsement by Councillors will enable the draft to be placed on public exhibition for comment. It is recommended that Council provide in principle support for the draft Murray River Council Local Strategic Planning Statement to enable staff to continue their work towards delivery of the final document within the short timelines for completion set out under the EP&A Act.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. **Murray River Council DRAFT Local Strategic Planning Statement (under separate cover)**
2. **LSPS Communications and Engagement Plan**  

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### Purpose

*The purpose of the engagement is to inform and allow feedback from the broader community and stakeholders on the new Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) being prepared by Murray River Council.*

Stage 1- Draft LSPS (what/why)	Stage 2- LSPS Implementation (what/why/when/how)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inform the community on what the drivers are for the development of an LSPS</li> <li>Educate the community on the LSPS's strategic nature and level of detail to expect.</li> <li>Provide key messages to the community regarding the proposed changes</li> <li>Educate and engage MRC employees to provide input into the process</li> <li>Educate and engage councillors regarding feedback from the community</li> <li>Provide clear contact point/s for customers to direct questions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide feedback to the community regarding what we heard and how their feedback has been considered as part of the process. (could include things not included in the document)</li> <li>Provide the community with a "what's next" type document in relation to timelines for implementation, outstanding items and the estimated timelines around the LEP and DCP.</li> <li>Provide an overview to staff and councillors of the final document and what is required from here.</li> </ul>

### Engagement summary table

Stage 1			
Objective	Tools (number relates to each communications piece at the end of this document)	When	Responsibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inform the community on what the drivers are for the development of an LSPS</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create website landing page with information about project and FAQ's. To be promoted as a point of up-to-date information throughout the</li> </ol>	End of Feb and all of March	David Courtney Lil Rod

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educate the community on the LSPS's strategic nature and level of detail to expect.</li> <li>Provide key messages to the community regarding the proposed changes</li> </ul>	<p>project. Will also contain download links to the Draft LSPS for comment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of Key Messages to the community around proposed changes and considerations in the draft plan</li> <li>Media release/social media relating to drop-in sessions and release of the Draft LSPS</li> <li>Media around the Drop in sessions (2 hours each) at various locations across the council area. Exact locations TBC.</li> </ol>		Chris
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educate and engage MRC employees to provide input into the process</li> <li>Educate and engage councillors regarding feedback from the community</li> <li>Engagement with the Department and neighbouring local governments to gain feedback on the draft LSPS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff meeting with all directorates regarding the Draft LSPS, and proposals under consideration at the community drop in sessions</li> <li>Write a letter and formal request feedback on the draft LSPS from each adjoining local government</li> <li>Presentation to council explaining what information and feedback was from the community. Confirm what is going into the LSPS and what is not and why.</li> </ul>	March 2020	Chris (lead) Lil Rod David
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide clear contact point/s for customers to direct questions</li> </ul>		Draft LSPS formal release date	Lil
Stage 2			

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Objective	Tools	When	Responsibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide feedback to the community regarding what we heard and how their feedback has been considered as part of the process. (could include things not included in the document)</li> <li>Provide the community with the "what's next" type document in relation to timelines for implementation, outstanding items and the estimated timelines around the LEP and DCP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One pager fact sheet- detailing clear issues and opportunities raised from each Drop in session location.</li> <li>Provide a Feedback Table of issues and opportunities captured from the community sessions and what will be considered in the final version of the LSPS to be consider by Council for endorsement.</li> <li>Provide the community some information on the timelines of the final document and what's next (media release)</li> </ul>	April/May 2020	Lil (lead) Rod Chris David Courtney
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide an overview to staff and councillors of the final document and what is required from here</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation to council on the final document and the next steps including DPIE endorsement</li> </ul>	Early June 2020	Lil (lead) Rod David
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Document public release.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Media release, social media update and access to the document on MRC website.</li> </ul>	1 July 2020	Courtney

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### Communications materials

#### 1. Website Landing page

**Title**

The Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement

**Body text**

Council is currently in the initial phase of preparing a Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), as amendments to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* introduced new requirement for Councils to prepare and make a Local Strategic Planning Statement by June 30 2020.

The LSPS will be a strategic document that will provide direction for land use on a strategic level and also inform the new Local Environmental Plan and the new Development Control Plan.

The LSPS will set out:

- the 20 year vision for land use in the local area
- the special characteristics which contribute to local identity
- shared community values to be maintained and enhanced
- how growth and change will be managed into the future.

**The timeline**

Over the next few months, Council will be conducting community drop-in sessions across the broader area of the Murray River Council to capture ideas, opportunities and the planning direction from our community and the draft LSPS plan in March 2020.

The Final LSPS will be adopted by Council and will come into effect in July 2020.

**Got questions?**

Check out our FAQ's in the downloadable document below or contact our Customer Service team on 1300 087 004.



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### 2. Fact sheet

#### What is the Local Strategic Planning Statement?

The Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) is Murray River Council's plan for our community's social, environmental and economic land-use needs over the next 20 years. The LSPS provides context and direction for land-use decision making within the Murray River Council area and builds on the Murray River Council's – Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028.

It will be a top-level document that will guide future land-use planning decisions for the local area and provide a strategic planning framework for our New Local Environment Plan (LEP) and Development Control Plan (DCP) to be prepared along with other planning related documents.

Whilst initially, the LSPS will help guide and shape the development of the new Murray River Council LEP, it will also be a top-level document to guide future land use decisions and help describe and tell "Our Story" about what we want Murray River Council communities to look and feel like in future.

#### Why do we need a Local Strategic Planning Statement?

In March 2018, amendments to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the EP&A Act) introduced a new requirement for local councils to prepare and make an LSPS. Council is required to finalise its LSPS BY July 1 2020.

#### What is the role of a Local Strategic Planning Statement?

The LSPS provides a platform to document our community's priorities and aspirations and suggest actions to guide future land-use planning decisions for local areas, communities and townships.

Its purpose is to:

- Provide a 20-year land use and development vision for the entire Murray River Council area; including guidance on where future housing, jobs and services will go and the type of development that will occur.
- Outline the characteristics that contribute to our identity and make our area special;
- Identify shared community assets & values to be enhanced or maintained;
- Direct how future growth and diversity/change will be managed;
- Identify and prioritise changes to planning rules in Council's Local Environment Plan and Development Control Plans that provide balanced decisions and community outcomes;

The content of the LSPS will address regional and district planning initiatives and what our community has told us is important for the future of our area from the recent Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028 process, by taking these initiatives one step further.



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### 3. Media Release – announcing the Draft LSPS for exhibition

*Murray River Council embarks on a 20 year land use plan through the development of the Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS).*

Murray River Council have prepared a draft Local Strategic Planning Statement that is a 20 year vision that provides balanced outcomes for land use and development across the local government area for our community.

Mayor Cr Chris Bilkey said that "Council is excited about the opportunities this plan will create in our communities and will help guide significant investment into the right locations, with an 'open for business' attitude".

"This is one piece of the planning puzzle, which will see significant improvements to streamlining development applications and a heightened level of consistency applied to allow for balanced community outcomes once completed. Further council planning, such as a new Local Environment Plan and Development Control Plan will also be completed in the coming months, which will provide the detail on achieving the priorities outlined in the LSPS".

The Local Strategic Planning Statement is an overarching strategic plan that is designed to capture a 20-year vision for the community but also is the first step in streamlining the current planning framework to allow for a more efficient planning process for applicants to navigate.

"It is important to note, that we have heard our community and we understand our rates payers and indeed developers have been calling for faster development application approvals and greater consistency for decision making, the LSPS is the first step in achieving this" Mayor Bilkey said.

A series of Drop-in sessions are planned for March 2020 in various locations around the Murray River Council area.

Specific locations, dates and times will be provided by Council shortly. For further information please contact our Customer Service team on 1300 087 004.

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### 4. Ad- introducing the Murray River Council Local Strategic Planning Statement.

Council is currently in the initial phase of preparing a Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), as amendments to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* introduced new requirement for Councils to prepare and make a Local Strategic Planning Statement by June 30 2020.

The LSPS will be a strategic document that will provide direction for land use at a strategic level and also inform the new Local Environmental Plan and the new Development Control Plan.

The LSPS will set out:

- the 20 year vision for land use in the local area
- the special characteristics which contribute to local identity
- shared community values to be maintained and enhanced
- how growth and change will be managed into the future.

The community will receive information about the location and times of the drop-in sessions to capture community feedback on the draft document, along with some frequently asked questions.

Or you can head to our website if you would like more information on the project.

[www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au](http://www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au)

### 5. Social Post- introducing the Murray River Council Local Strategic Planning Statement.

#### Graphic

Branded tile saying *Murray River Council Planning for our Future!*

#### Copy

Murray River Council residents and broader community will soon get an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement.

Council is now taking the first steps to guide investment into our area in a strategic way and provide a planning framework to attract opportunities for balanced community investment and outcomes right across our area.

Want to have your say on the future of our area? Head to our website to find out more.

Details on locations of community Drop-in sessions aimed at capturing community feedback will be available shortly.

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### 6. Letter to Neighbouring Councils/Departments etc regarding the release of the Murray River Council Local Strategic Planning Statement.

Dear CEO,

Murray River Council has prepared a Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement that aims to provide a 20-year land use and development framework for our community and we need your feedback as an adjoining stakeholder.

Council is currently in the initial phase of preparing a Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), as amendments to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 introduced new requirement for councils to prepare and make a Local Strategic planning statement by June 30 2020.

The LSPS will be a strategic document that will provide direction for land use on a strategic level and also inform the new Local Environmental Plan and the new Development Control Plan.

The LSPS will set out;

- The 20 year vision for land use in the local area;
- The special characteristics which contribute to local identity;
- Shared community values to be maintained and enhanced
- How growth and change will be managed into the future.

Over the next month, Council will be conducting a series of community drop-in sessions across the broader area of the Murray River Council to capture ideas, opportunities and the direction for our community (including stakeholders and interest groups) on the draft LSPS plan in March 2020.

Murray River Council recognises the importance of integration in relation to townships and areas that boarder our council area. In particular, there could be ideas, partnership concepts etc that could add to the overall attraction of residents, commercial development and industry to the riverine area that we can capitalise on therefore we value your input into this process.

For a copy of the Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement and any questions can be directed to Llyan Smith at the Murray River Council Office, Moama or by email [lsmith@murrayriver.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lsmith@murrayriver.nsw.gov.au).

Kind regards

Des Bilske  
General Manager

**8.4.4 PLANNING PROPOSAL - REZONING OF LAND ADJOINING CYGNET LANE, MURRAY DOWNS FROM RU1 PRIMARY PRODUCTION TO IN1 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL**

**File Number:** -

**Author:** Christopher O'Brien, Senior Town Planner

**Authoriser:** David Wilkinson, Director Planning, Waste & Regulatory Services

**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Officer's report on the Planning Proposal for the rezoning of land adjoining Cygnet Lane, Murray Downs from RU1 Primary Production to IN1 General Industrial be received and noted by the Council.
2. The submitted Planning Proposal be amended to also include the most southern part of Lot 16 DP 835451 located between the end of Cygnet Lane, Murray Downs and Lot 11 DP 748011.
3. The Planning Proposal be sent to NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for a 'Gateway Determination' in accordance with Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
4. Council's staff complete all actions, as outlined in the Gateway Determination.
5. Once all required actions outlined in the Gateway Determination are completed, Council proceed with the Planning Proposal and send the Planning Proposal to the NSW Parliamentary Counsel's Office (PCO) requesting Parliamentary Counsel's Opinion and drafting of a new Local Environmental Plan (LEP).
6. Once Parliamentary Counsel's Opinion is received, Council's General Manager exercise the Minister's functions under Section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and make (signs) the new LEP (if delegation received within the Gateway Determination).
7. Council forward the new LEP to DPIE for gazettal and online notification on the NSW Legislation Website.

**BACKGROUND**

The process for preparing and amending a Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is stipulated in the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the 'Act') and covered within the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) document entitled: 'A guide to preparing local environmental plans', available: <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Other/guide-to-preparing-local-environmental-plans-2019-07.pdf?la=en>.

The plan making process normally involves the following key components:

- The preparation of a Planning Proposal
- The issuing of a Gateway determination
- Community and other consultation on the Planning Proposal (as required)
- Finalising the Planning Proposal
- Drafting of the LEP (plan)
- Making the plan
- Notifying the LEP on the NSW Legislation website

A Planning Proposal is a document that explains the intended effect of the proposed LEP and provides the justification for making it. The DPIE document 'A guide to preparing planning proposals' provides detailed advice on the preparation of a Planning Proposal, available:



<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Guidelines/guide-to-preparing-planning-proposals-2019-02-05.pdf>.

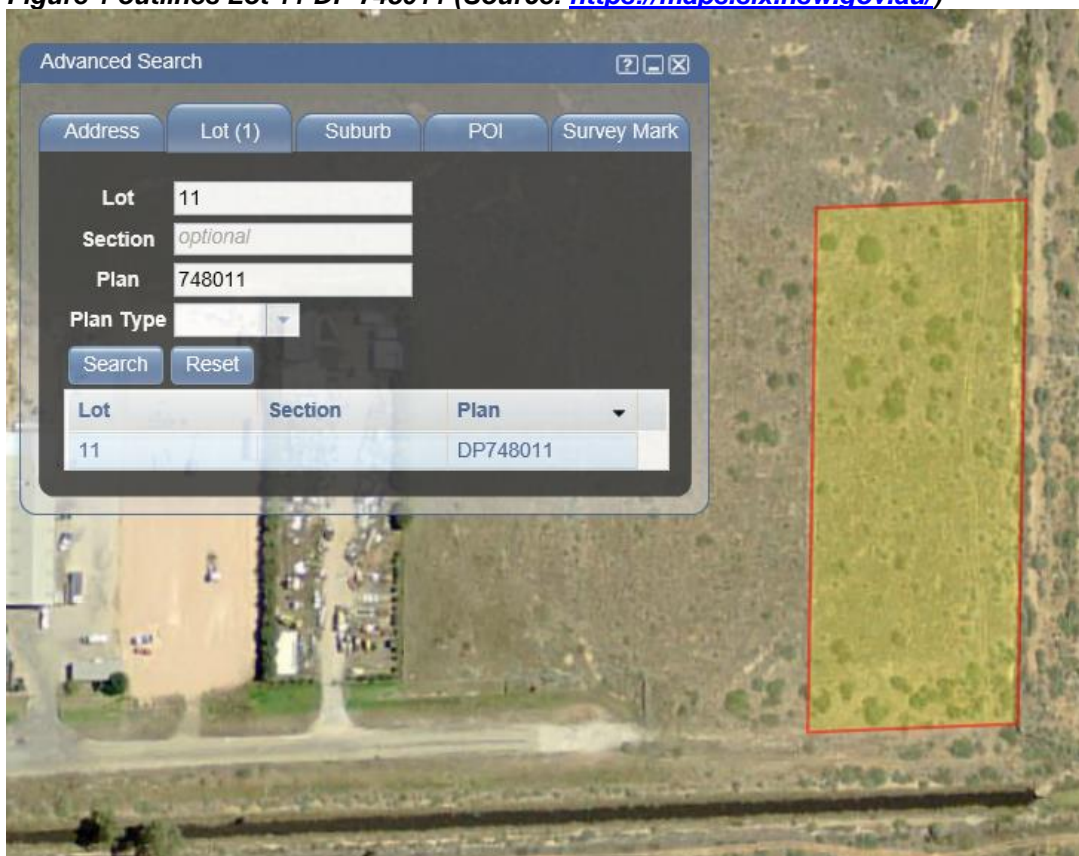
## DISCUSSION

Habitat Planning has supplied Council with a Planning Proposal pertaining to Lot 11 DP 748011. The Planning Proposal seeks a Resolution of Council to send the Planning Proposal to DPIE for a 'Gateway Determination', in order to amend the Wakool LEP 2013 via rezoning of the subject land from RU1 Primary Production to IN1 General Industrial. Due to the location of Lot 11 DP 748011, it is also considered necessary to include part of the adjoining Lot 16 DP 835451 to be rezoned. The Planning Proposal also seeks to amend the Minimum Lot Size provisions affecting the land from 500 Hectares to no Minimum Lot Size provisions. As a result, the Land Zoning Map LZN\_005B and Lot Size Map LSZ\_005B of the Wakool LEP 2013 would require amendment. A copy of the submitted Planning Proposal is attached.

### Subject land

The subject land forming part of the submitted Planning Proposal is Lot 11 DP 748011, located at the end of Cygnet Lane, Murray Downs NSW 2734. The land is zoned RU1 Primary Production and is mapped as Murray REP2 Riverine Land. The minimum lot size provisions affecting the land is 500 hectares. The land is not mapped as Flood Prone Land, Bush Fire Prone Land, Wetlands, Terrestrial Biodiversity (Native Vegetation), Urban Release Area, Contaminated Land or Mining Resources. There are no known items of environmental heritage significance located on the subject land, whilst the land is located within the Wamba Wamba Local Aboriginal Land Council area.

**Figure 1 outlines Lot 11 DP 748011 (Source: <https://maps.six.nsw.gov.au/>)**



The land adjoining Lot 11 DP 748011 which is to also form part of the Planning Proposal is Lot 16 DP 835451, known as 51 Swan Hill Road Murray Downs NSW 2734. This land is zoned RU1 Primary Production and is mapped as Murray REP2 Riverine Land. The minimum lot size provisions affecting the land is 500 hectares. The land is not mapped as Flood Prone Land, Bush Fire Prone Land, Wetlands, Terrestrial Biodiversity (Native Vegetation), Urban Release Area, Contaminated Land or Mining Resources. There are no known items of environmental heritage significance located on the

subject land, whilst the land is located within the Wamba Wamba Local Aboriginal Land Council area.

**Figure 2 outlines entirety of Lot 16 DP 835451 (Source: <https://maps.six.nsw.gov.au/>)**



**Figure 3: Relevant part of Lot 16 DP 835451 indicated by black star (Source: <https://maps.six.nsw.gov.au/>)**



**Assessment of Planning Proposal submitted to Murray River Council (Relevant Planning Authority) in accordance with NSW Planning and Environment document entitled 'Planning Proposals – A guide to preparing planning proposals'**

### **Part 1 - Objectives or Intended Outcomes**

Comment: This section of the planning proposal requires the Applicant to provide a short, concise statement setting out the objectives and intended outcomes of the Planning Proposal. The Applicant has advised that the intended outcome of the Planning Proposal is to rezone the subject land from RU1 to IN1 to facilitate industrial development. The Applicant is considered to have provided a suitable statement in response to this Part. See submitted Planning Proposal for further information.

### **Part 2 - Explanation of Provisions**

Comment: This section of the planning proposal is required to demonstrate how the objectives or intended outcomes are proposed to be achieved. The Applicant is considered to have provided a suitable statement in response to this Part. See submitted Planning Proposal for further information.

**Part 3 – Justification****Section A – Need for the planning proposal**

**Q1. Is the planning proposal a result of an endorsed local strategic planning statement, strategic study or report?**

Comment: The Applicant has advised that the planning proposal is not a result of any strategic study or report, but instead ‘in recognition of a lack of supply of industrial zoned land within Murray Downs and the wider Wakool and Swan Hill areas’. It is considered that the Applicant has satisfactory addressed Question 1.

**Q2. Is the planning proposal the best means of achieving the objectives or intended outcomes, or is there a better way?**

Comment: The Applicant has advised that the planning proposal is the best means of achieving the objectives or intended outcomes. It is considered that the Applicant has satisfactory addressed Question 2.

**Section B – Relationship to strategic planning framework**

**Q3. Will the planning proposal give effect to the objectives and actions of the applicable regional, or district plan or strategy (including any exhibited draft plans or strategies)?**

Comment: The Riverina Murray Regional Plan was released by the NSW Government in April 2017 and is applicable. The applicant has advised that the Planning Proposal is consistent with the plan. See the submitted Planning Proposal for more information. It is also noted that the planning proposal is not inconsistent with Council’s Community Strategic Plan. The planning proposal is considered to have suitably addressed the requirements of Question 3.

**Strategic Merit**

Comment: Throughout the various sections of the Planning Proposal, the Applicant has suitably demonstrated the strategic merit of the planning proposal. The proposal is not inconsistent with the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement (to be heard at Council’s March 2020 Meeting). It is also noted that relevant sections of the Planning Proposal also demonstrate compliance with the relevant Section 9.1 Directions and the suitability of the subject land for the proposal based on a variety of issues including its close proximity to existing, infrastructure, and environmental features. The planning proposal is considered not incompatible with the surrounding land uses, the natural environment, existing uses, approved uses and the future use of land near the planning proposal. The Applicant is considered to have suitably addressed the assessment requirements.

**Q4. Will the planning proposal give effect to a council’s endorsed local strategic planning statement, or another endorsed local strategy or strategic plan?**

Comment: Council is currently working towards producing an endorsed Local Strategic Planning Statement, with the draft Murray River Council Local Strategic Planning Statement to be discussed at today’s Council meeting. The submitted planning proposal is generally consistent with this draft document.

**Q5. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?**

Comment: As detailed in the submitted planning proposal, the Applicant has stated that the subject proposal is not inconsistent with all applicable State Environmental Planning Policies. Please see submitted planning proposal for more information.

**Q6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s. 9.1 directions)?**

Comment: As detailed in the submitted planning proposal, the Applicant has stated that the subject proposal is consistent, or justifiably inconsistent with the relevant Directions. Please see the submitted planning proposal for more information.

### **Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact**

**Q7. Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?**

Comment: The Applicant has advised that the proposal is unlikely to have any adverse effects on the items listed above. Due to the nature of the proposal, Council staff concur with this initial assessment. Any future development of the subject land will be subject to a merit based development application assessment against Section 4.15 of the *EP&A Act 1979* and all other relevant legislation. See comments provided by the Applicant for further information. The Applicant is considered to have suitably addressed the assessment requirements of Question 7.

**Q8. Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?**

Comment: The Applicant has noted that there is unlikely to be significant environmental effects because of the planning proposal. Any subsequent Development Application which will be required can be appropriately assessed and conditioned to protect the amenity of the area. The Applicant is considered to have suitably addressed the assessment requirements of Question 8.

**Q9. Has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?**

Comment: The Applicant has provided assessment against net community benefit considerations. The Applicant has stated that the 'rezoning will support business development and economic growth and will increase the current lack of supply of industrial zoned land within the shire within close proximity to the nearby Swan Hill'. See comments provided by the Applicant for further information. The Applicant is considered to have suitably addressed the assessment requirements of Question 9.

### **Section D – State and Commonwealth interests**

**Q10. Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?**

Comment: The Applicant has advised that there is adequate public infrastructure available to support the planning proposal. Council staff concur with this initial assessment. Any upgrades to infrastructure required (including legal road connection) because of the proposal will be required to be paid by the proponent. The Applicant is considered to have suitably addressed the assessment requirements of Question 10.

**Q11. What are the views of state and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the Gateway determination?**

Comment: No consultation has been undertaken at this early stage. It is noted that relevant State and Commonwealth authorities will be consulted in accordance with Section 3.34 (2)(d) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment 1979* as a result of the Gateway determination.

### **Part 4 – Mapping**

Comment: The applicant has provided draft mapping relevant to the planning proposal (see attached submitted planning proposal), which is considered suitable for this stage of the process. The mapping will be required to be amended to also include the relevant part of Lot 16 DP 835451. Formal amendments to the affected Zoning and minimum lot size mapping will be undertaken should the planning proposal be successful.

### **Part 5 – Community Consultation**

Comment: The Applicant believes the subject proposal cannot be classed as low impact under this heading, and therefore the exhibition period of the proposal will required to be for 28 days. It is noted



that the consultation requirements are to be dictated by any Gateway determination, however it is considered the Applicant has suitably addressed the assessment requirements of Part 5.

### **Part 6 – Project timeline**

Comment: The Applicant has submitted a draft Project Timeline, and it is considered that the subject planning proposal can be appropriately progressed in an efficient manner subject to Council staffing resources. The Applicant is considered to have suitably addressed the assessment requirements of Part 6.

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

4 - Strategic Theme 4: Economic Growth

4.1 - Encourage and support economic development across a range of sectors

4.1.2 - Support the local business sector to grow, adapt and respond to new opportunities

## **BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

At the time of writing the proponent had not paid the required relevant fees. The required relevant fees will be required to be paid prior to the final sign off of the Planning Proposal to ensure Council's budget is not adversely affected. Director of Planning, Waste and Regulatory Compliance will determine the appropriate fees in accordance with Murray River Council's delegations document.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Wakool Development Control Plan 2013 (No changes required however).

## **LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

Wakool Local Environmental Plan 2013

## **RISK ANALYSIS**

- **What can happen?**

If additional land is not rezoned within Murray Downs, new businesses may be unable to operate within the town.

- **How can it happen?**

The rezoning is not completed and businesses move elsewhere.

- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**

Businesses may move to adjoining Council areas (i.e. Swan Hill Rural City Council).

- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**

Low.

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Rezoning of the land will ensure General Industrial businesses can further expand/commence within Murray Downs.

- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

Council support the recommendations to approve the Planning Proposal.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Planning Proposal is a suitable outcome for the Council. The planning proposal is consistent with the objects of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and will allow for the extension of the Murray Downs Industrial Estate. The planning proposal is not inconsistent with the

aims of the Wakool Local Environmental Plan 2013 and all other Environmental Planning Instruments relevant to the Council. The Planning Proposal will be notified to the public, and any submissions received will be considered and addressed appropriately. All conditions of the Gateway Determination will be complied with. It is therefore recommended Council proceed with the Planning Proposal in accordance with the recommendations at the start of this report.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Submitted Planning Proposal by Habitat Planning (under separate cover) 

**8.4.5 CORRECTION TO ZONING OF LOT 521 DP 716628 - 77 REGENT STREET, MOAMA**

**File Number:** -

**Author:** Christopher O'Brien, Senior Town Planner

**Authoriser:** David Wilkinson, Director Planning, Waste & Regulatory Services

**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Officer's report on the correction to zoning of Lot 521 DP 716628, 77 Regent Street, Moama be received and noted by the Council.
2. The request to correct the zoning of the subject site be sent to NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for approval in accordance with Section 3.22 'Expedited amendments of environmental planning instrument' of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act).
3. Council's staff complete all subsequent necessary actions, as determined by DPIE.

**BACKGROUND**

The process for correcting an error within a Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is stipulated in the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) under Section 3.22 (formally Section 73A) 'Expedited amendments of environmental planning instruments', and covered within the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) Planning Circular PS 06-014 entitled: 'Minor amendments to local environmental plans using section 73A', available: <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Planning-System-Circulars>.

The property owner of Lot 521 DP 716628, 77 Regent Street, Moama (the subject site) has advised Council staff of a rezoning error which occurred when the Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011 was gazetted. Under the previous Murray Local Environmental Plan 1989, the subject site, which contains an existing dwelling house, was zoned No. 2 (v) (Village or Urban), however the land was mistakenly rezoned to Zone INZ General Industrial when the Murray LEP 2011 was created. It appears that this occurred due to the subject site being located adjoining the existing Moama Industrial Estate.

**DISCUSSION**

In this instance, Section 3.22 of the Act can be utilised. Section 3.22 states:

**3.22 Expedited amendments of environmental planning instruments**

(cf previous s 73A)

(1) An amending environmental planning instrument may be made under this Part without compliance with the provisions of this Act relating to the conditions precedent to the making of the instrument if the instrument, if made, would amend or repeal a provision of a principal instrument in order to do any one or more of the following—

(a) correct an obvious error in the principal instrument consisting of a misdescription, the inconsistent numbering of provisions, a wrong cross-reference, a spelling error, a grammatical mistake, the insertion of obviously missing words, the removal of obviously unnecessary words or a formatting error,

(b) address matters in the principal instrument that are of a consequential, transitional, machinery or other minor nature,

(c) deal with matters that the Minister considers do not warrant compliance with the conditions precedent for the making of the instrument because they will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment or adjoining land.

(2) A reference in this section to an amendment of an instrument includes a reference to the amendment or replacement of a map adopted by an instrument.

The use of this Section of the Act alleviates the requirement to prepare a 'Planning Proposal' and follow the normal procedure for amending the LEP through the 'Gateway Determination' system.

It is noted the correction of the zoning for the subject site is not inconsistent with the draft Murray River Council Local Strategic Planning Statement, the Riverina Murray Regional Plan 2036, the aims of the Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011, the Murray Development Control Plan 2012, and other Environmental Planning Instruments and Section 9.1 Ministerial Directions affecting Murray River Council. The site contains an existing dwelling house and was formally zoned Village under the Murray LEP 1989, therefore it is considered appropriate to facilitate the correction to the zoning.

### Subject land

The subject land is Lot 521 DP 716628, known as 77 Regent Street, Moama. The land is currently zoned IN1 General Industrial and is mapped as Murray REP2 Riverine Land. The land is not mapped as Flood Prone Land, Bush Fire Prone Land, Wetlands, RAMSAR Wetlands, a watercourse, Terrestrial Biodiversity (Native Vegetation), Key Fish Habitat (Aquatic Biodiversity), Urban Release Area, Contaminated Land or Mining Resources, whilst there are no minimum lot size provisions affecting the land. There are no known items of environmental heritage significance located on the subject land, whilst the land is located within the Cummeragunja Local Aboriginal Land Council area. The site contains an existing dwelling house and adjoins residential land to the north, north-west and south-west. The site adjoins existing industrial land (Moama Industrial Estate) to the east. See the below figures for more information.

**Figure 1 – Locality**

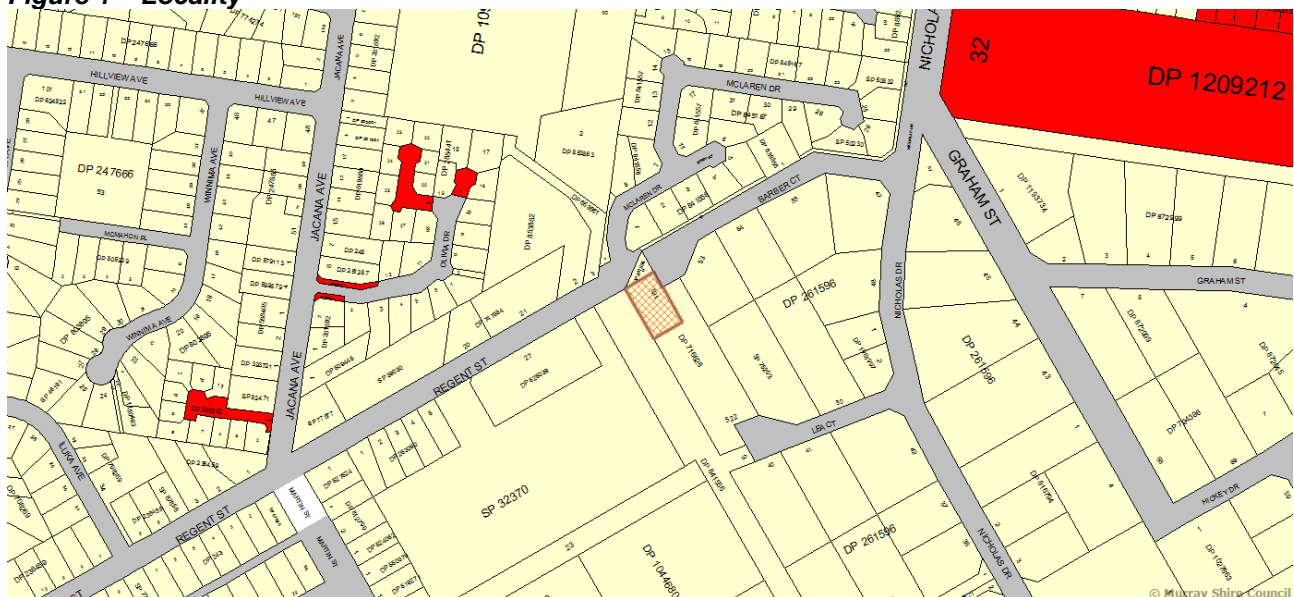


Figure 2 – Aerial photograph. Subject site indicated by black star. Photo taken 7 November 2015



### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- 1 - Strategic Theme 1: Built/Physical Environment
- 1.1 - Improve and maintain our built town environments
- 1.1.1 - Support each township to develop their unique character

### BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray Development Control Plan 2012 (No changes required however).

### LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011

### RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**  
The correction to zoning will fix an error of the current LEP, no risks identified.
- **How can it happen?**  
Not applicable.
- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**  
Not applicable.
- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**  
Nil.
- **Adequacy of existing controls?**  
The LEP is required to be corrected in order the subject site has the relevant zone applied.
- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**  
Council support the recommendations to correct an error within the LEP.

**CONCLUSION**

The correction to the zoning of the subject site is a suitable outcome for the Council. The proposal is consistent with the objects of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and can be facilitated in accordance with Section 3.22. The proposal is not inconsistent with the aims of the Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011 and all other relevant Environmental Planning Instruments. It is noted that all requirements as outlined by DPIE will be complied with at the appropriate stage. It is therefore recommended Council proceed with the correction to the LEP in accordance with the recommendations at the start of this report.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil



**8.4.6 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2020.38.1 - 4 LOT SUBDIVISION**

**File Number:** -  
**Author:** Christopher O'Brien, Senior Town Planner  
**Authoriser:** David Wilkinson, Director Planning, Waste & Regulatory Services  
**Applicant:** Planright Surveying  
**Owner:** K S & J A Mellody  
**Proposal:** 4 Lot Subdivision for Primary Production purposes  
**Location:** 113 Perricoota Forest Road, Moama NSW 2731

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Officer's report on Development Application 10.2020.38.1 – 4 Lot Subdivision be received and noted by the Council.
2. That Development Application 10.2020.38.1 for a 4 Lot Subdivision be granted Deferred Commencement development consent in accordance with Section 4.16 (3) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, subject to the conditions outlined at the end of the report.

**BACKGROUND**

The Application seeks permission (via a new application) for a 4 lot subdivision for primary production purposes of the subject site (No Dwellings). The subject site of the proposed development is Lot 1 DP 1212243, Lot 2 DP 1164260, Lot 5 DP 751155, & Lot 2 DP 52120, located at 113 Perricoota Forest Road, Moama.

Development Application (DA) 10.2019.131.1 for a similar application (4 lot subdivision (boundary realignment) of the subject site was refused by Council under Delegated Authority on 12 September 2019. The applicant subsequently requested a Review of Determination. The Council at its Ordinary Meeting held 17 December 2019 ultimately resolved to uphold the original refusal decision. The applicant has therefore lodged a new application, which seeks to create a 4 lot subdivision via boundary realignment, solely for the purposes of primary production.

The subject application was notified to various Government agencies, which have provided comments where applicable and recommended conditions of consent, and have been included as part of this assessment. The application was also notified to adjoining property owners and was advertised. A number of public submissions were received which are discussed in this report.

It is considered that the proposed development is generally consistent with the Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011 (Murray LEP 2011), the Murray Development Control Plan 2012 (Murray DCP 2012), and other relevant planning instruments associated with the site.

The application has been assessed in accordance with Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and is deemed consistent with the requirements subject to appropriate conditions. Subject to a modification to the design to avoid subdivision of river front area land, the proposal is considered appropriate for the location, will respect the riverine environment (subject to conditions), and does not significantly adversely impact upon the existing amenity and neighbourhood character of the area.

It is therefore recommended that the proposed development be granted Deferred Commencement development consent subject to appropriate Deferred Commencement conditions of consent as detailed at the end of this report and a restrictive covenant in relation to excluding dwellings, Tourism facilities etc. so it can only be used for agricultural purposes.

## DISCUSSION

Please see below assessment report outlining the subject application and assessment against Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

### Subject Site

The subject land is situated at 113 Perricoota Forest Road and comprises 4 separate allotments identified as being Lot 1 DP1212243 (15.35ha), Lot 2 DP1164260 (124.4ha), Lot 5 DP751155 (129.5ha), & Lot 2 DP 52120 (24.17ha). The subject land is an irregularly shaped holding with a total area of 290.4ha.

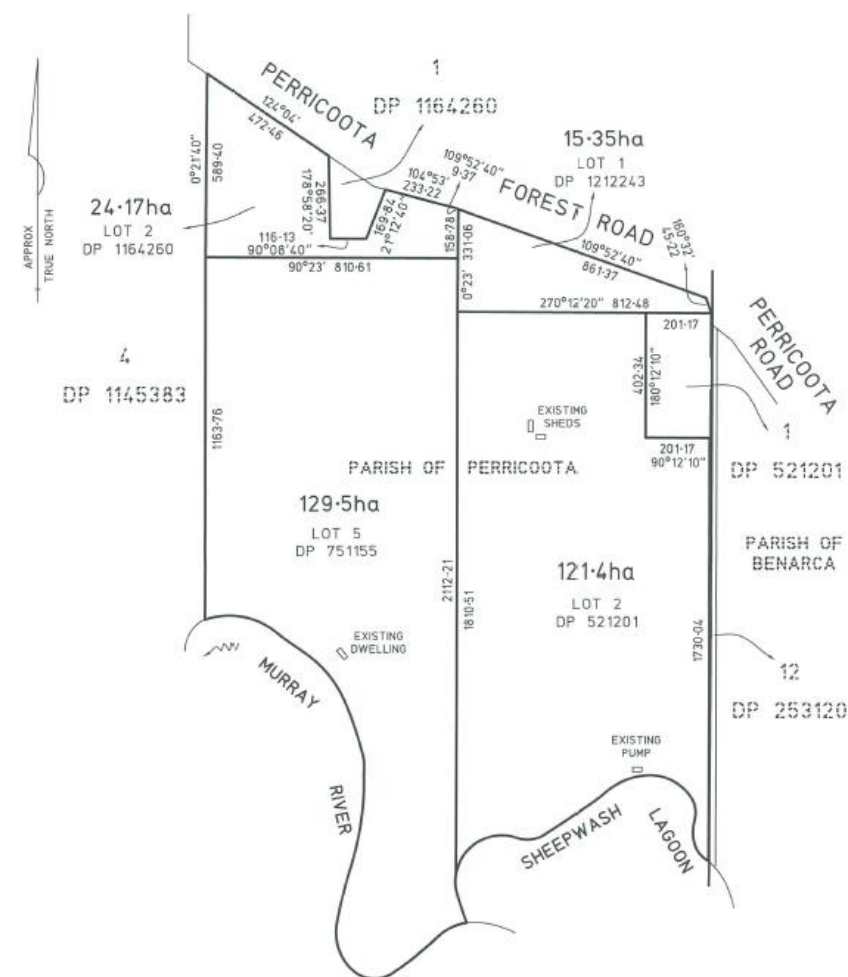
The property has frontage to the Perricoota Forest Road along the northern boundaries of the two smaller lots, namely Lot 1 DP 1212243 & Lot 2 DP 52120, while along the southern boundaries of the two larger lots the property has frontage to the Murray River.

Lot 5 DP751155 currently contains a dwelling and associated outbuildings while Lot 2 DP 1164260 has a number of farm sheds situated on the land.

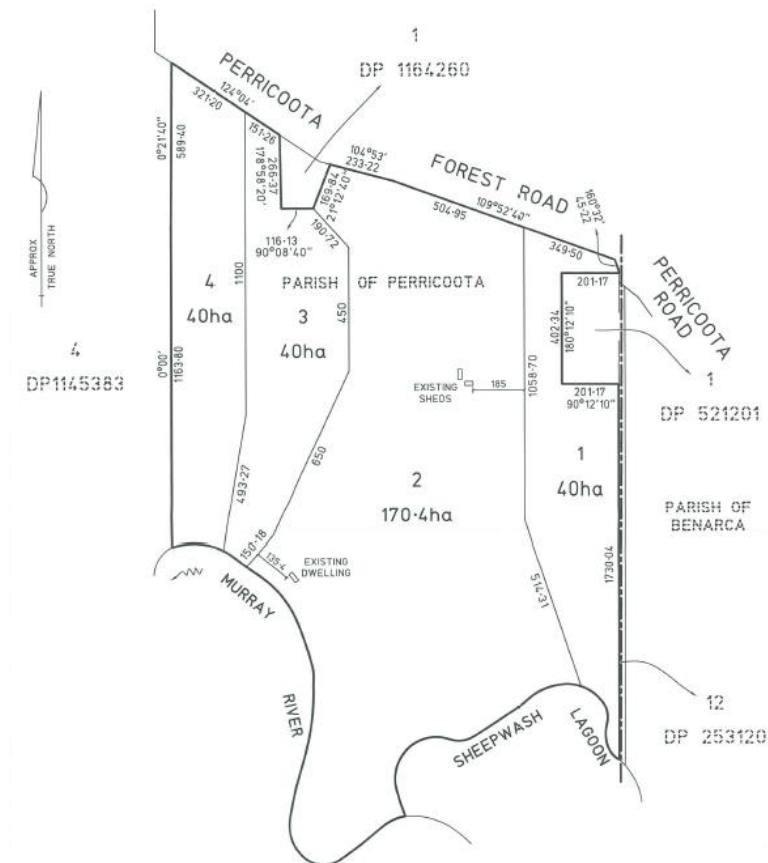
### Proposal

The proposed development is a 4 Lot Subdivision of the land. The applicant has stated the proposed subdivision is for primary production purposes. Please see below figures for more information.

**Figure 1: Plan of existing conditions**





**Figure 2: Proposed subdivision plan**

## STATUTORY ASSESSMENT PROCESS

### 2.1 *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

#### **Section 1.3 Objects**

Comment: It is considered that the proposed development is not inconsistent with the objects of the Act, subject to appropriate conditions of consent being imposed.

#### **Section 1.7 Application of Part 7 of Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and Part 7A of Fisheries Management Act 1994**

Comment: It is considered that the proposed development will not have a significant effect on the terrestrial and aquatic environment, threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats. The proposal is not considered to create any significant adverse environmental impact. It is therefore considered that the proposal is not inconsistent with Part 7 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and Part 7A of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

#### **Section 4.14 Consultation and development consent—certain bush fire prone land**

Comment: The site is mapped as Bush Fire Prone Land. The application was referred to NSW RFS with no formal response received as of 10 March 2020.

#### **Section 4.15 Evaluation**

Comment: This report provides the necessary review and evaluation of the development application. See below.

#### **Section 4.46 What is “integrated development”?**

Comment: It is considered that the proposal is not classed as Integrated Development with NSW RFS as the proposal seeks to create allotments within the RU1 Primary Production zone with restrictive covenants imposed on the lots outlining residential accommodation, and tourist and visitor accommodation, is prohibited from occurring on the land.

## 2.2 Contributions

Section 7.11 (formerly Section 94) Development Contributions are not required.

Section 7.12 (formerly Section 94A) Levy Development Contributions are not required.

Section 64 contributions are not required.

## TOWN PLANNING ASSESSMENT

Assessment of the development application has been undertaken in respect to relevant considerations arising from Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* as follows:

### 3.1 Section 4.15 Evaluation

#### (1) *Matters for consideration-general*

*In determining a development application, a consent authority is to take into consideration such of the following matters as are of relevance to the development the subject of the development application:*

*(a) the provisions of:*

- (i) any environmental planning instrument, and*
- (ii) any proposed instrument that is or has been the subject of public consultation under this Act and that has been notified to the consent authority (unless the Planning Secretary has notified the consent authority that the making of the proposed instrument has been deferred indefinitely or has not been approved), and*
- (iii) any development control plan, and*
- (iiia) any planning agreement that has been entered into under section 7.4, or any draft planning agreement that a developer has offered to enter into under section 7.4, and*
- (iv) the regulations (to the extent that they prescribe matters for the purposes of this paragraph), and*
- (v) (Repealed)*  
*that apply to the land to which the development application relates,*

*(b) the likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality,*

*(c) the suitability of the site for the development,*

*(d) any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the regulations,*

*(e) the public interest.*

### Matters for consideration

#### 3.2(a) the provisions

#### 3.2(a)(i) Environmental Planning Instruments

**3.2(A)(i)A MURRAY LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2011** (AVAILABLE  
[HTTP://WWW.LEGISLATION.NSW.GOV.AU/#/VIEW/EPI/2011/682](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/EPI/2011/682))

#### *Part 1 Preliminary*

#### **Clause 1.2 Aims of Plan**

Comment: The proposed development is not specifically inconsistent with the aims of Murray LEP 2011. The application will be appropriately conditioned to ensure compliance with the aim to 'identify, protect, conserve and enhance Murray's natural assets', due to the submitted plans being inconsistent with Clause 7.4 of the Murray LEP 2011.

**Clause 1.9A Suspension of covenants, agreements and instruments**

Comment: For the purpose of enabling development on land in any zone to be carried out in accordance with this Plan or with a consent granted under the Act, any agreement, covenant or other similar instrument that restricts the carrying out of that development does not apply to the extent necessary to serve that purpose.

**Part 2 Permitted or prohibited development****Clause 2.3 Zone objectives and Land Use Table (development permissibility)****Zone: RU1 Primary Production**

- *To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base.*
- *To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area.*
- *To minimise the fragmentation and alienation of resource lands.*
- *To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones.*

Comment: It is considered that the proposed development is not inconsistent with the objectives of the RU1 Primary Production zone of the Murray LEP 2011.

**Clause 2.6 Subdivision—consent requirements**

Comment: Noted. Consent has been applied for.

**Part 3 Exempt and complying development**

Comment: Not applicable.

**Part 4 Principal development standards****Clause 4.1 Minimum subdivision lot size**

Comment: Not applicable. Clause 4.2 'Rural Subdivision' to be used in this instance.

**Clause 4.2 Rural Subdivision**

*(1) The objective of this clause is to provide flexibility in the application of standards for subdivision in rural zones to allow land owners a greater chance to achieve the objectives for development in the relevant zone.*

Comment: The applicant has proposed to utilise this clause to facilitate the proposed development.

*(2) This clause applies to the following rural zones—*

- (a) Zone RU1 Primary Production,*
- (b) Zone RU2 Rural Landscape,*
- (baa) Zone RU3 Forestry,*
- (c) Zone RU4 Primary Production Small Lots,*
- (d) Zone RU6 Transition.*

*Note.*

*When this Plan was made, it did not include Zone RU2 Rural Landscape, Zone RU4 Primary Production Small Lots or Zone RU6 Transition.*

Comment: This clause is applicable.

(3) *Land in a zone to which this clause applies may, with development consent, be subdivided for the purpose of primary production to create a lot of a size that is less than the minimum size shown on the [Lot Size Map](#) in relation to that land.*

Comment: Three of the proposed allotments are below the minimum lot size provisions affecting the site. The applicant however has stated that the proposed subdivision is for the purposes of primary production, therefore this clause can be utilised.

(4) *However, such a lot cannot be created if an existing dwelling would, as the result of the subdivision, be situated on the lot.*

Comment: An existing dwelling is located on proposed lot 2, however this lot is above the minimum lot size requirements affecting the land, therefore is not inconsistent.

(5) *A dwelling cannot be erected on such a lot.*

*Note.*

*A dwelling includes a rural worker's dwelling (see definition of that term in the Dictionary).*

Comment: Any consent issued will be appropriately conditioned to ensure compliance with this requirement.

#### **Clause 4.2C Exceptions to minimum lot sizes for certain rural subdivisions**

Comment: Not applicable. Clause 4.2 has been utilised.

#### **Clause 4.2D Boundary adjustments in Zones RU1 and E3**

Comment: Not applicable. Clause 4.2 has been utilised.

#### **Clause 4.6 Exceptions to development standards**

Comment: Not applicable.

### **Part 5 Miscellaneous provisions**

#### **Clause 5.10 Heritage conservation**

Comment: The site does not contain any known items of Environmental Heritage Significance. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure compliance with the *Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales*. Any consent issued will contain the standard OEH condition regarding protection of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage.

#### **Clause 5.10 Subdivision of, or dwellings on, land in certain rural, residential or environment protection zones**

Comment: This clause is not applicable as the proposal subdivision is not for the purposes of a dwelling.

### **Part 6 Urban release areas**

Comment: Not applicable. The subject site is not mapped as an Urban Release Area.

### **Part 7 Additional local provisions**

#### **Clause 7.1 Essential services**

*Development consent must not be granted to development unless the consent authority is satisfied that any of the following services that are essential for the proposed development are available or that adequate arrangements have been made to make them available when required:*

<b>Subclause</b>	<b>Comment</b>
(a) <i>the supply of water,</i>	The applicant has stated the supply of water will be via treated water from tanks and raw water from the Murray River.
(b) <i>the supply of electricity,</i>	The existing dwelling is connected to electricity.

<i>(c) the disposal and management of sewage,</i>	The existing dwelling is connected to a septic tank.
<i>(d) stormwater drainage or on-site conservation,</i>	No additional stormwater is to be created.
<i>(e) suitable road access</i>	Access to the proposed lots available from Perricoota Forest Road. Existing access to the property.

### Clause 7.2 Earthworks

Comment: No earthworks are proposed.

### Clause 7.3 Biodiversity protection

Comment: Part of the subject site is covered by Council's biodiversity mapping. The proposed development was referred to the Biodiversity and Conservation Division of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and no objections were raised. Given the nature of the development it can be concluded that the proposed subdivision of the land would be unlikely to have any adverse impact on the condition, ecological value and significance of the fauna and flora on the land. Existing habitat elements on site will not be detrimentally affected by the proposed development.

### Clause 7.4 Development on river front areas

*(1) The objectives of this clause are as follows—*

- (a) to support natural riverine processes, including the migration of the Murray and Wakool Rivers' channels,*
- (b) to protect and improve the bed and bank stability of those rivers,*
- (c) to maintain and improve the water quality of those rivers,*
- (d) to protect the amenity, scenic landscape values and cultural heritage of those rivers and to protect public access to their riverine corridors,*
- (e) to conserve and protect the riverine corridors of those rivers, including wildlife habitat.*

Comment: The subject land contains land classed as a river front area. It is considered that the proposal is not inconsistent with the objectives of the clause subject to an appropriate condition being placed on any consent issued prohibiting subdivision of the river front area.

*(2) Despite any other provision of this Plan, development consent may only be granted to development on land in a river front area for the following purposes—*

- (a) boat building and repair facilities, boat launching ramps, boat sheds, charter and tourism boating facilities or marinas,*
- (b) the extension or alteration of an existing building that is wholly or partly in the river front area, but only if the extension or alteration is to be located no closer to the river bank than the existing building,*
- (c) environmental protection works,*
- (d) extensive agriculture and intensive plant agriculture,*
- (e) environmental facilities and recreation areas,*
- (f) water recreation structures.*

Comment: The proposal as submitted is prohibited under the terms of Clause 7.4 of the MLEP as it relates to a type of development (i.e. "subdivision") that is not specifically provided for under cl.7.4(2). It is noted however that any consent issued will include an appropriate condition of consent requiring an amendment to the design to avoid subdivision of the river front area portion of the subject site. This is to also comply with the comments received from NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

(3) *Development consent must not be granted under subclause (2) unless the consent authority is satisfied of the following—*

(a) *that the appearance of the development, from both the river concerned and the river front area, will be compatible with the surrounding area,*

(b) *that the development is not likely to cause environmental harm, including (but not limited to) the following—*

(i) *pollution or siltation of the river concerned,*

(ii) *any adverse effect on surrounding uses, riverine habitat, wetland areas or flora or fauna habitats,*

(iii) *any adverse effect on drainage patterns,*

(c) *that the development is likely to cause only minimal visual disturbance to the existing landscape,*

(d) *that continuous public access, and opportunities to provide continuous public access, along the river front and to the river concerned are not likely to be compromised,*

(e) *that any historic, scientific, cultural, social archaeological, architectural, natural or aesthetic significance of the land on which the development is to be carried out and of surrounding land is to be maintained.*

Comment: The application is not inconsistent with the requirements of this subclause subject to appropriate conditions being placed on any consent issued.

### **Clause 7.5 Riparian land and Murray River and other watercourses—general principles**

Comment: The proposal relates to riparian land including land along the bank of the Murray River as well as land within 40 metres of the top of the bank of a watercourse. However as there are no works proposed it is concluded that the development outcome will be consistent with relevant Clause objectives including protecting and maintaining the stability of the bed and banks of watercourses.

Further the proposed development will not adversely affect water quality, riparian vegetation, the passage of fish.

### **Clause 7.6 Additional provisions—development on river bed and banks of the Murray and Wakool Rivers**

Comment: Not applicable.

### **Clause 7.7 Wetlands**

Comment: Part of the subject site is mapped as wetlands. Any consent issued will be appropriately conditioned to ensure the protection of the wetlands area, in accordance with the requirements of NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

### **Clause 7.8 Flood planning**

Comment: Part of the subject site is mapped as flood prone land. As no physical development is proposed, and any consent issued will include conditions prohibiting residential and tourist type development on site, it is considered the proposal is not inconsistent with the requirements of the clause.

## **3.2(a)(i)b Murray Regional Environmental Plan No. 2—Riverine Land**

Comment: The subject site is mapped as Murray Regional Environmental Plan 2 – Riverine Land.

### **Part 1 Introduction**

#### **Clause 2 Aims of the plan**

Comment: It is considered the proposal is not inconsistent with the requirements of the clause, subject to appropriate conditions being place on any consent issued.

#### **Clause 3 Objectives of the plan**

Comment: It is considered the proposal is not inconsistent with the requirements of the clause, subject to appropriate conditions being place on any consent issued.

### **Part 2 Planning principles**

#### **Clause 9 General principles**

Comment: It is considered that the application is not specifically inconsistent with the general principles.

### **Clause 10 Specific principles**

Comment: It is considered that the application is not specifically inconsistent with the specific principles.

### ***Part 3 Planning requirements and consultation***

#### **Clause 13 Planning Control and Consultation Table**

Comment: The Application was referred in accordance with the requirements of wetlands subdivision.

#### **Clause 14 Building setbacks—special provisions**

Comment: Noted. No building works proposed.

#### **3.2(a)(i)c State Environmental Planning Policy No 21—Caravan Parks**

Comment: Not applicable.

#### **3.2(a)(i)d State Environmental Planning Policy No 33—Hazardous and Offensive Development**

Comment: Not applicable.

#### **3.2(a)(i)e State Environmental Planning Policy No 36—Manufactured Home Estates**

Comment: Not applicable.

#### **3.2(a)(i)f State Environmental Planning Policy No 44—Koala Habitat Protection**

Comment: The subject land is not considered to be core koala habitat or potential core koala habitat.

#### **3.2(a)(i)g State Environmental Planning Policy No 55—Remediation of Land**

Comment: The subject land is not considered to be contaminated or likely to be contaminated and is not listed on Council's Contaminated Land Register. In accordance with Clause 7 of SEPP 55, Council is satisfied that, the land is suitable in its current state for the purpose for which the development is proposed to be carried out.

#### **3.2(a)(i)h State Environmental Planning Policy No 64—Advertising and Signage**

Comment: Not applicable.

#### **3.2(a)(i)i State Environmental Planning Policy No 65—Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development**

Comment: Not applicable.

#### **3.2(a)(i)j State Environmental Planning Policy No 70—Affordable Housing (Revised Schemes)**

Comment: Not applicable.

#### **3.2(a)(i)k State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009**

Comment: Not applicable.

#### **3.2(a)(i)l State Environmental Planning Policy (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004**

Comment: Not required.

#### **3.2(a)(i)m State Environmental Planning Policy (Concurrences) 2018**

Comment: Not applicable.

#### **3.2(a)(i)n State Environmental Planning Policy (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities) 2017**

Comment: Not applicable.

**3.2(a)(i)o State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008**

Comment: The proposed development cannot be classed as exempt or complying development as it does not meet all of the development requirements.

**3.2(a)(i)p State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004**

Comment: Not applicable.

**3.2(a)(i)p State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007**

Comment: Not applicable.

**3.2(a)(i)q State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007**

Comment: Not applicable.

**3.2(a)(i)r State Environmental Planning Policy (Miscellaneous Consent Provisions) 2007**

Comment: Not applicable.

**3.2(a)(i)s State Environmental Planning Policy (Primary Production and Rural Development) 2019**

Comment: The proposed development is not inconsistent with this Policy.

**3.2(a)(i)t State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011**

Comment: Not applicable.

**3.2(a)(i)u State Environmental Planning Policy (State Significant Precincts) 2005**

Comment: Not applicable.

**3.2(a)(i)v State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017**

Comment: Not applicable.

**3.2(a)(ii) Proposed instruments**

Comment: Draft Murray LEP 2011 applies, however does not specifically affect the subject site.

**3.2(a)(iii) Any development control plan**

Comment: Murray Development Control Plan 2012 to the proposal.

**Chapter 7 Subdivision**

Comment: The proposal is not inconsistent with the requirements of this chapter. The majority of the controls outlined in this chapter relate to residential subdivisions and therefore are not applicable.

**Chapter 9 Vegetation Removal**

Comment: No vegetation is proposed to be removed.

**Chapter 10 Watercourses & Riparian Land**

Comment: Noted.

**Chapter 11 Flood Prone Land**

Comment: The subject land is mapped as Flood Prone Land. It is noted that no issues in respect of flooding were raised as a consequence of MREP2 referral of the proposal. It is also noted that the application does not propose the construction of any structures. It is therefore considered that the proposal is unlikely to impact upon the existing flow of flood water on that land or adjoining land.

**Chapter 12 Notification Policy**

Comment: The application was notified to adjoining property owners in accordance with this Chapter.



**3.2(a)(iia) Any Planning Agreements**

Comment: No planning agreements apply.

**3.2(a)(iv) The regulations**

Comment: The regulations have been considered in the assessment of this application. It is considered that the application is not inconsistent with the objectives of the regulations.

**3.3(b) the likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality.****Environmental Impacts****Natural Environment**

The proposed development will be appropriately conditions to ensure the natural environment is not adversely impacted upon.

**Built Environment**

The proposed development is unlikely to adversely impact upon the built environment.

**Social Impacts**

The proposed development is unlikely to create any adverse social impact.

**Economic Impacts**

The proposed development is unlikely to create any adverse economic impact.

- **Traffic and Parking:** No issues identified.
- **Noise:** It is considered that the proposed development will not produce any significant adverse noise impacts.
- **Amenity:** The proposal is unlikely to have an adverse impact on the amenity of the immediate locality.
- **Waste:** Not applicable.
- **Non-Aboriginal Heritage:** Not applicable. The site is not subject to any heritage conservation provisions.
- **Aboriginal Cultural Heritage:** No known items identified on the subject land. In any event statutory requirements would trigger contingency measures if any cultural heritage was subsequently identified.
- **Bushfire Hazard:** The subject land is located within an area identified as being bushfire prone. NSW RFS did not object to the granting of consent.
- **Water Quality & Stormwater:** Satisfactory.
- **Soils, soil erosion:** Satisfactory.
- **Flora & Fauna:** Satisfactory. No areas of critical habitat are affected by the proposal. No native vegetation on site will be impacted upon.
- **Utilities:** Satisfactory.
- **Signage:** Not applicable
- **Safety, security & crime prevention:** Not applicable.

**3.4(c) The suitability of the site for the development**

Comment: Subject to appropriate conditions of consent (prohibiting subdivision of river front area land), the subject site is considered suitable for the proposed development.

**3.5(d) any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the regulations,**

Agency	Response
NSW Rural Fire Service	No formal response received.
Dept. of Industries (Crown Lands)	No Objections. No conditions were imposed.
NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment - Biodiversity and Conservation Division	No Objections subject to conditions.
Murray Darling Basin Authority	No comments received as of 10/3/2020.
NSW Environment Protection Authority	No Objections. No conditions were imposed.
NSW Dept. of Primary Industries (Fisheries)	No Objections. Comments received.
Shire of Campaspe	No Objections. No conditions were imposed.
NSW Department of Planning & Environment – Planning Division	Comments received which included that <i>‘Council must consider and impose relevant conditions that relate to subdivision design, the retention or planting of a vegetated buffer and fencing to exclude stock or vermin as prescribed by the MREP2’</i> . Any consent will therefore be appropriately conditioned.
Natural Resources Access Regulator	No comments received as of 10/3/2020.
WaterNSW	No objections.
Victorian Department of Planning, Environment, Land and Water	No comments received as of 10/3/2020.
Department of Primary Industries - Agriculture	Comments received. See below:  <i>“The NSW Department of Primary Industries Agriculture provides advice to consent authorities about the protection and growth of agricultural industries and the resources upon which these industries depend to provide economic growth.”</i>

*The Department supports Council position that dwelling entitlements are prohibited on the proposed Lots as the land does not meet the minimum lot size criteria.*

*Although the proposal asserts there will be no significant impacts on the area’s agricultural resources, DPI Agriculture, in principle, does not agree with further fragmentation of Lots in the Rural Zone”.*

**Public Submissions**

A number of public submissions were received. The submissions all objected to the application. In summary matters raised include:

- Similar application has recently already been refused.
- Non-compliance with minimum lot size provisions.
- The application is not related to agriculture but rather preparing a property with river frontage for sale.
- The proposal will lead to added pressure for housing on the new 40ha vacant lots.
- Access issues including a lack of all-weather access to each lot.
- Concerns regarding flooding.
- Impact to natural environment
- Existing problems associated with land management including weed control will be exacerbated.

The issues raised by the objectors have been duly considered and taken into consideration as part of the assessment. It is considered that subject to appropriate conditions being placed on any consent, the application is unlikely to adversely impact upon the locality and can be approved.

### **3.6(e) The public interest.**

The public interest is served through the detailed assessment of this application under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000, Environmental Planning Instruments, Development Control Plan and policies. It is considered that the proposal is not inconsistent with the public interest subject to conditions being placed on any consent issued.

## **CONCLUSION**

The proposed development has been assessed in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* 1979 and is considered to be satisfactory subject to appropriate conditions being included with any consent issued. This is to ensure the proposed development is consistent with the requirements of Clause 7.4 'Development on River Front Areas' of the Murray LEP 2011. It is therefore recommended that development consent be granted subject to appropriate conditions listed below.

### Conditions:

#### **A. Conditions Prescribed by the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000**

Clause 98: Compliance with Building Code of Australia and insurance requirements under the Home Building Act 1989

Clause 98A: Erection of signs

Clause 98B: Notification of Home Building Act 1989 requirements

Clause 98C: Conditions relating to entertainment venues

Clause 98D: Conditions relating to maximum capacity signage

Clause 98E: Conditions relating to shoring and adequacy of adjoining property

Please refer to the NSW State legislation for full text of the clauses under Division 8A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. This can be accessed at <http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au>.

#### **B. Planning conditions**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 4.16(3) OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979 THIS IS A 'DEFERRED COMMENCEMENT' CONSENT SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OF CONSENT**

**D1. River Front Area**

An amended subdivision plan must be submitted to and approved by Council, which adheres to Clause 7.4 of Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011 (i.e. the land within 100m of the main channel of the Murray River must be contained within one allotment to avoid subdivision of river front area which is prohibited development). The submitted plan must be to the satisfaction of Council.

**Reason: To ensure the development complies with Clause 7.4 of the Murray LEP 2011 and to comply with the requirements of NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.**

**D2. Revegetation Plan**

A Revegetation Plan must be prepared, submitted to and approved by Council. This plan must be prepared by a suitably qualified person to the satisfaction of Council. The submitted plan must detail the use of locally native species, including a range of plant life forms, such as trees, shrubs, grasses and ground covers.

The plan must outline revegetation of all river front area land contained within the subject site, and within 100m of land abutting 'Sheepwash Lagoon'.

Once approved, the proponent is responsible for the funding and completion of required planting in accordance with the approved plan. Revegetation planting must be completed in accordance with the approved plan prior to the release of the Subdivision Certificate.

Note: Under the Murray LEP 2011;

**river front area means—**

(a) in Zone RU5 Village, Zone R1 General Residential, Zone R2 Low Density Residential, Zone R5 Large Lot Residential, Zone SP3 Tourism and Zone B2 Local Centre—the land within 40m of the top of the bank of the Murray or Wakool River, or

(b) in Zone RU1 Primary Production, Zone RU3 Forestry and Zone E3 Environmental Management—the land within 100m of the top of the bank of the Murray or Wakool River.

**Reason: To ensure the development complies with Murray REP2 and to comply with NSW DPIE recommendations.**

**General Conditions that must be fulfilled****1. Approved plans**

The subdivision must be carried out in accordance with the plan as approved by the above Deferred Commencement Condition except where Council has been notified and consented to any amendments.

All conditions of consent must be fulfilled to the standard of Council and at the expense of the proponent.

**Reason: To ensure that the development is carried out as assessed.**

**2. Engineering Guidelines for Subdivisions and Development Standards**

The proponent must comply with Council's Engineering Guidelines for Subdivisions and Development Standards in conjunction with the advice from Council's Engineering Department.

**Reason: To ensure that the subdivision is carried out in accordance with Council's Subdivision Development Requirements.**

**3. Water supply work, sewerage work and stormwater drainage work**

Water supply work or sewerage work that is plumbing and drainage work within the meaning of the *Plumbing and Drainage Act* 2011 must comply with that Act and the regulations under that Act. Any water supply work or sewerage work that is not plumbing and drainage work under that Act, and any stormwater drainage work, must comply with the Plumbing Code of Australia.

**Reason: Council and Statutory requirement of Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.**

**4. Protection of native vegetation**

There must be no clearing of native vegetation (including within Council's road reserve).

**Reason: To comply with the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.**

## **5. Aboriginal Cultural Heritage**

If any Aboriginal object is discovered and/or harmed in, or under the land, while undertaking the proposed development activities, the proponent must:

- o Not further harm the object;
- o Immediately cease all work at the particular location;
- o Secure the area so as to avoid further harm to the Aboriginal object;
- o Notify NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment - Biodiversity and Conservation Division as soon as practical on 131 555, providing any details of the Aboriginal object and its location; and
- o Not recommence any work at the particular location unless authorised in writing by NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment - Biodiversity and Conservation Division.

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 NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment - Biodiversity and Conservation Division contacted.

All reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent damage to Aboriginal objects.

For more information please refer to the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment - Biodiversity and Conservation Division) document entitled: *Due diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales*, available: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/cultureheritage/ddcop/10798ddcop.pdf>.

**Reason: To protect Aboriginal heritage.**

## **6. No pollution of waterways**

The proponent must take all necessary precautions and implement measures to prevent pollution of waterways during the proposed works.

**Reason: To accord with the requirements of NSW Environmental Protection Authority.**

## **7. Government Authorities**

The proponent must comply with all conditions and requirements outlined in any NSW Rural Fire Services, Murray-Darling Basin Authority, or Natural Resources Access Regulator correspondence received after 10 March 2020 and before the application is determined by Council.

**Reason: To ensure Government authorities conditions of consent are included with this consent.**

## **Conditions that must be fulfilled prior to the release of the Subdivision Certificate**

### **8. Subdivision Certificate Application**

The submission of formal subdivision plans (with layout as required by Condition D1.) and an application for Subdivision Certificate including the applicable fees must be made with Council. The fee will be charged in accordance with the fee schedule applicable at the time the application for Subdivision Certificate is lodged with Council. Easements must be shown over all services and covenants as required by the conditions of consent incorporated into the appropriate instruments. Four (4) copies of the formal subdivision plans, Administration Sheet and 88B Instrument Sheet must be provided to Council. All four (4) copies of the Administration Sheet and 88B Instrument Sheet must contain original signatures. Executed copies will not be accepted. A completed copy of Council's checklist outlining all conditions have been met must be submitted with the application for a Subdivision Certificate. The Subdivision Certificate is not released prior to all applicable conditions of consent for this development being complied with to the satisfaction of Council.

**Reason: To comply with *the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.**

**9. Water Supply Easement**

A water supply easement from the Murray River to proposed lots 3 and 4 must be registered. The easement must be a maximum of 1m in width and for water supply purposes only. This must be shown on the formal subdivision plans prior to the release of the Subdivision Certificate.

**Reason: To ensure the allotments created for primary production purposes have access to water supply.**

**10. Rural Address Numbers**

An individual Rural Address Number (RAN) must be assigned to each allotment. The fee required for the sign, post & installation for any new RAN required will be charged in accordance with the fee schedule applicable at the time the application for Subdivision Certificate is lodged and payable to Council prior to the issue of a Subdivision Certificate.

Please contact Council's Engineering Department for more detail.

**Reason: To ensure the lots are able to be identified.**

**11. Vegetation buffer**

Revegetation works and buffer plantings must be completed to the satisfaction of Council in accordance with the approved plan. A rural style fence must also be constructed along the length of the vegetated buffer to exclude stock.

**Reason: To ensure the development complies with Murray Regional Environmental Plan No 2 – Riverine Land.**

**12. Restrictive Covenant**

The Applicant must submit a copy of an instrument prepared in accordance with the *Conveyancing Act 1919*, with the application for a Subdivision Certificate for Council's endorsement. The instrument must contain the following:

- A restrictive covenant on Proposed Lots 1, 3 and 4 outlining that the land may only be used for extensive agriculture purposes.
- The covenant must also specifically state that any form of residential accommodation (including but not limited to dwelling houses, dwellings, rural workers' dwellings, manufactured homes, moveable dwellings, relocatable dwellings), and any form of tourist and visitor accommodation or caravan parks/camping grounds, is prohibited on site. The restrictive covenant must benefit Murray River Council, and the wording of the Restrictive Covenant must be to the satisfaction of Council.

Note: Under the Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011:

***extensive agriculture*** means any of the following—

(a) the production of crops or fodder (including irrigated pasture and fodder crops) for commercial purposes,

(b) the grazing of livestock (other than pigs and poultry) for commercial purposes on living grasses and other plants on the land as their primary source of dietary requirements, and any supplementary or emergency feeding, or temporary agistment or housing for weaning, dipping, tagging or similar husbandry purposes, of the livestock,

(c) bee keeping,

(d) a dairy (pasture-based) where the animals generally feed by grazing on living grasses and other plants on the land as their primary source of dietary requirements, and any supplementary or emergency feeding, or temporary agistment or housing for weaning, dipping, tagging or similar husbandry purposes, of the animals.

***residential accommodation*** means a building or place used predominantly as a place of residence, and includes any of the following—

(a) attached dwellings,

(b) boarding houses,

(c) dual occupancies,

- (d) dwelling houses,
- (e) group homes,
- (f) hostels,
- (g) multi dwelling housing,
- (h) residential flat buildings,
- (i) rural workers' dwellings,
- (j) secondary dwellings,
- (k) semi-detached dwellings,
- (l) seniors housing,
- (m) shop top housing,

but does not include tourist and visitor accommodation or caravan parks.

**tourist and visitor accommodation** means a building or place that provides temporary or short-term accommodation on a commercial basis, and includes any of the following—

- (a) backpackers' accommodation,
- (b) bed and breakfast accommodation,
- (c) farm stay accommodation,
- (d) hotel or motel accommodation,
- (e) serviced apartments,

but does not include—

- (f) camping grounds, or
- (g) caravan parks, or
- (h) eco-tourist facilities.

**Reason: To ensure that a copy of a Restrictive Covenant is provided to Council for review and endorsement in order to ensure compliance with Clause 4.2 'Rural Subdivision' of the Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011 and that the development proceeds as per submitted.**

### 13. Primary production use

Prior to the release of the Subdivision Certificate, the Proponent must provide evidence to the satisfaction of Council that Proposed Lots 1, 3 and 4 have been established with extensive agriculture practices as outlined in the submitted application.

It is noted there must be no clearing of native vegetation in order to accommodate agricultural activities other than that approved by NSW Murray Local Land Services or in accordance with the provisions of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

**Reason: To suitably satisfy Council that the agricultural basis for subdivision consent has been commenced.**

### 14. Access

Prior to the issue of the Subdivision Certificate a formed driveway access to Council specifications must be provided to each allotment. A separate application must be made to Council's Engineering Department for approval to construct any driveway access.

**Reason: To protect Council assets and to ensure compliance with the *Roads Act 1993* which requires the road authority to give permission for an activity within the road reserve.**

### Advice to applicant

The land subject to this consent may have restrictive covenants applying to it. It is the responsibility of the owner and builder to ensure that covenants are adhered to. Council does not enforce or regulate

covenants and therefore accepts no responsibility for checking the compliance of building design with such covenants.

**Reason: To advise of the details of Clause 1.9A of the Murray LEP 2011.**

It is noted that it is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that the development is consistent with the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (NSW OEH) document entitled: *Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales*, available: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/cultureheritage/ddcop/10798ddcop.pdf>.

**Reason: To ensure compliance with the *Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects*.**

Underground assets may exist in the area that is subject to the application. In the interests of health and safety and in order to protect damage to third party assets please contact Dial Before You Dig at [www.1100.com.au](http://www.1100.com.au) or telephone on 1100 before excavating or erecting structures. If alterations are required to the configuration, size, form or design of the development upon contacting the Dial Before You Dig service, an amendment to the development consent (or a new development application) may be necessary.

Individuals owe asset owners a duty of care that must be observed when working in the vicinity of plant or assets on the relevant property via contacting the Dial Before You Dig service in advance of any construction or planning activities.

**Reason: To protect underground assets.**

It is the responsibility of the applicant to check, understand and seek assistance where needed so as to ensure full compliance with the conditions of this Development Consent. Please contact Murray River Council on 1300 087 004 or [admin@murrayriver.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin@murrayriver.nsw.gov.au) if there is any difficulty in understanding or complying with any of the above conditions

**Reason: To ensure the Applicant is aware of their obligations.**

The development must be in accordance with the relevant provisions and Regulations of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*, the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*, and all other applicable legislation.

**Reason: To comply with relevant legislation.**

The proponent should be aware that under Section 120 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* it is an offence to pollute waters.

**Reason: To comply with NSW EPA requirements.**

It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure compliance with the requirements of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (DDA). Note: Compliance with the Building Code of Australia does not necessarily meet the requirements of the DDA. You are advised to seek advice from the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (phone (02) 9284 9600) in respect of your application.

**Reason: To comply with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*.**

The landowner should be aware, that any extraction and use of water from the Murray River, must be done so in accordance with the *Water Management Act 2000*.


**Reason: To advise of WaterNSW requirements.**

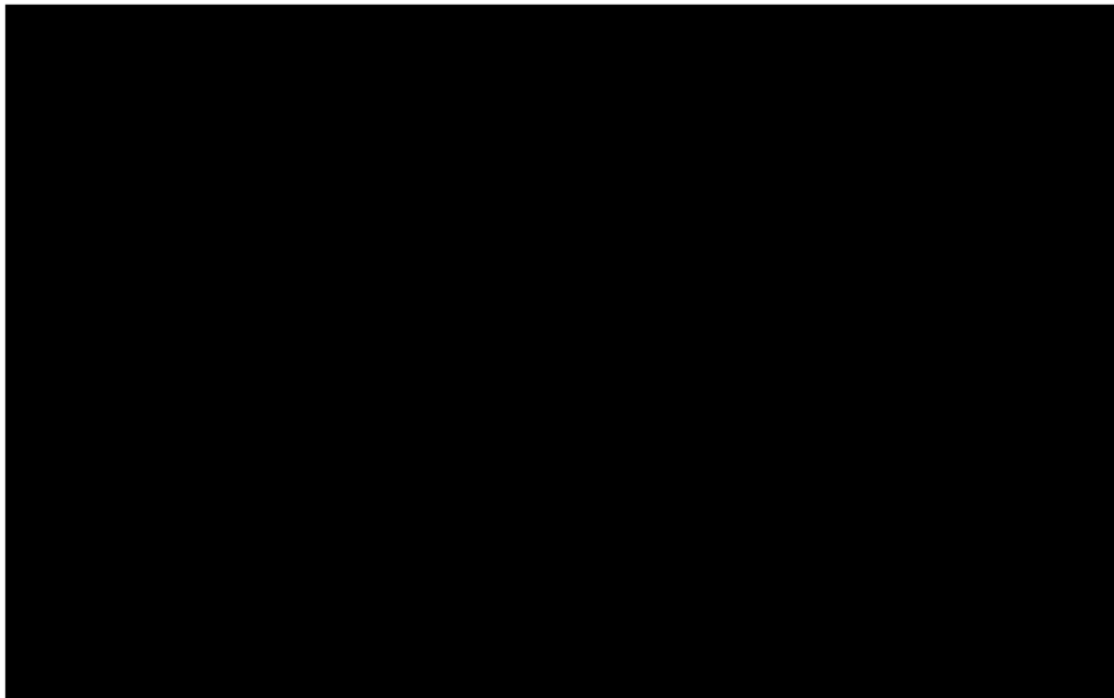
The proponent needs to be aware that the MDBA has responsibility to regulate the River Murray and cannot guarantee water levels. As part of river operations, variation in river and weir pool levels, both up and downstream, may become more pronounced, and average levels may significantly change.

**Reason: To advise of MDBA requirements.**



**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Public Submission 1 [!\[\]\(38441ceaa711016e0bf2ad46ad394ff4\_img.jpg\)](#) 
2. Public Submission 2 [!\[\]\(781510d64f329bf3c880acf086e884d6\_img.jpg\)](#) 



Murray River Council  
PO Box 21  
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Att: Mr Christopher O'Brien, Senior Town Planner

**RE- DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION (DA) 10.2020.38.1- 113 Perricoota  
Road Moama 2731 – 4 Lot Submission**

Dear Mr O'Brien and Mr Bilske,

I respectfully lodge an objection to the above DA and Boundary Realignment.



**I would also request that I would like to make a verbal deputation to council when this matter is discussed.**

The following points and documentation support our objection:

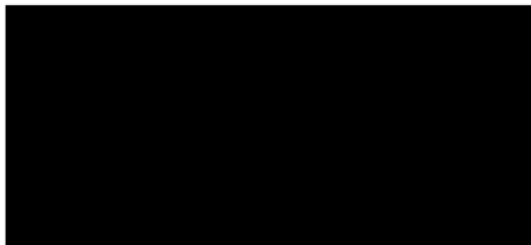
- This matter was discussed at a previous application dated 12/9/2020 – this was less than 6 months ago. The application was then refused by council. It seems amazing that the applicant can apply again, within such a short time frame, and expect the valuable time of councillors and planning department taken up again – less than 6 months later.
- I draw council's attention to Planrights submission on page 1 – two last paragraphs and page 9 - "Conclusion". It seems that a meeting was conducted between applicants and council and that Planright has assumed that this application has been approved? Surely this is not how a democracy is run? It seems that council has not considered the objections raised last time by ourselves and Mr Richard Ham? As stated before, I would like to do a verbal deputation to council to discuss this matter and I also reiterate our further objections to the application.
- In the Applicants submission their justification seems to be that there will be "no request for dwellings on the lots". Surely this should not be a consideration? Hypothetically if council does approve this application and the lots are sold at 40HA in size – at the auction – are Real Estate agents going to be instructed that prospective buyers cannot build on this land or will it be as I expect, "Subject to council approval"? I believe the latter will occur and then council will them be subjected to more headaches of 40HA flood prone blocks applying for a building permit.
- In the applicant's proposal they state, "Agricultural uses on all lots will continue". I strongly refute this. Anyone buying a 40HA block is probably not a farmer, has no farming experience and will not maintain the land in an appropriate fashion. In my opinion the purchase of a 40HA block has only one thing in mind – to build a house or a removable home (what happens to sewerage & grey water in close proximity to the watercourses of Sheepwash & The Murray?)
- I draw attention of councillors to Attachment 1 and 2 at rear of this submission. Council is being asked to consider 3 Lots of 40 HA and 1 lot of 170.4HA. My understanding is that the minimum subdivision in the Murray River Council is 120 HA? I understand that council is investigating a review into size, however, this certainly has not been adopted as yet. Given this - I must ask how this submission can even be tabled and considered by council? This surely is the number 1 objection to the proposed realignment? The "guarantee" to not build is dubious and could create a "can of worms" for council in future years.
- In the proposed realignment, there has been no allowance for our registered Easement allowing access to our property. Therefore, if this realignment goes ahead it could mean that our property would be landlocked. Richard and Cheryl Ham's Easement has been shown on proposal, but ours has not. Please refer Attachments 3, 4 and 5. We have gone to the expense of surveying this easement and plan to construct a road on it
- The weed problem. Silver Leaf Nightshade is a confirmed Noxious weed in the Shire. Our property has NO plants of this weed (100% controlled) on it through strategic use of grazing pressure by our herd of Boer Goats. We are surrounded by neighbours that have tried to control this weed by spraying, however, I have got to say they are failing miserably. It is an extremely hard weed to control by herbicide alone and spreads prolifically far and wide to neighbouring properties and roadways which is of specific concern to council. This is done by birds spreading the seed. The land in question is rural land and is controlled by 1 landowner. The infestation of the weed on the said property is out of control. Our objection is that if the proposed DA goes ahead – we will be undoubtedly dealing with absentee, non-farming

entities (who have no experience or equipment in controlling this terrible weed.) This will undoubtedly mean heavier infestations of this weed and possibly other pests/weeds (rabbits, foxes, vermin, Bathurst burr, thistles etc etc) that will not be controlled.

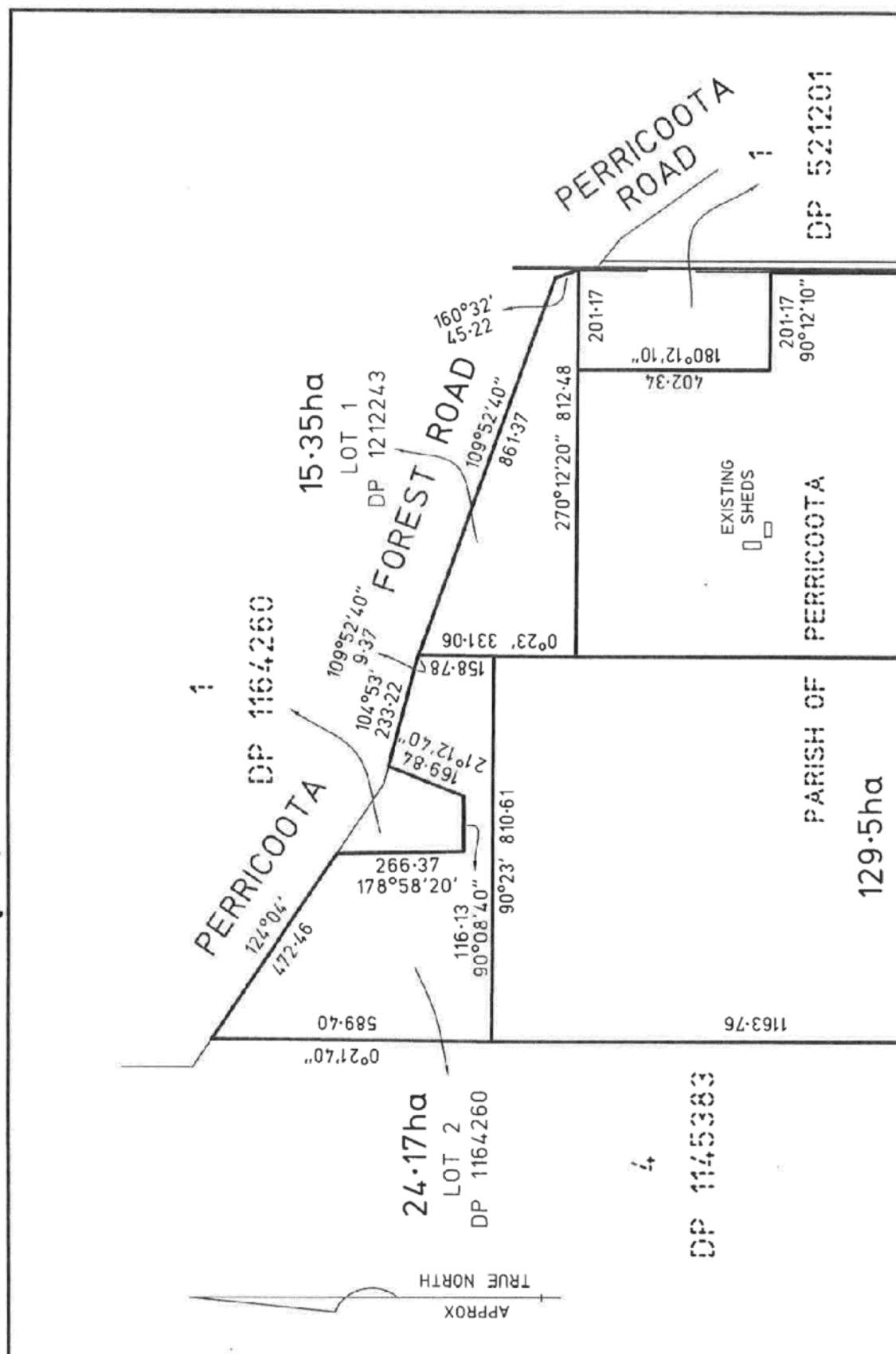
- **The Flooding problem.** I draw the council to attachments 6-14. These are photos of floods that have directly affected the country in question from 1975 – 2016. The photos actually show the land in question and were taken by Ron Watson who's family owned Perricoota for 4 generations 1911 – 2010. Council must be concerned re the ramifications **of this flooding likelihood.** The Watson family erected irrigation check banks which acted as levee banks to protect the said land. These have been all removed by present landholders, making the flood risk even greater. I pose the question to council- if I purchased a 40 HA block- there would be a good chance I would want to erect a house on it? The ramifications on council allowing permits could be far reaching in the future to allow the split up of this land.
- Rural rated land is being turned into lifestyle blocks and as such, ramifications will be a demand on council facilities, lack of expertise in running rural land with weed and pest problems. 1 Landholder going to possibly 4.
- Impact on Environment. I draw council's attention to a list of birds that was constructed by Mr Ken Kiely – a noted bird watcher and conservationist. Mr Kiely constructed this log while camping on our property Sheepwash Lagoon in 1993. It shows he has listed 52 different varieties of birds on our property. Apart from this we have platypus, water rats, common long necked Turtles, Kangaroos, Black Wallabies, to name a few animals, that will no doubt be affected by the said DA. It concerns us that the DA could badly affect the environment of this pristine area. This area also encompasses a wildlife corridor which could be badly affected by the proposed DA.

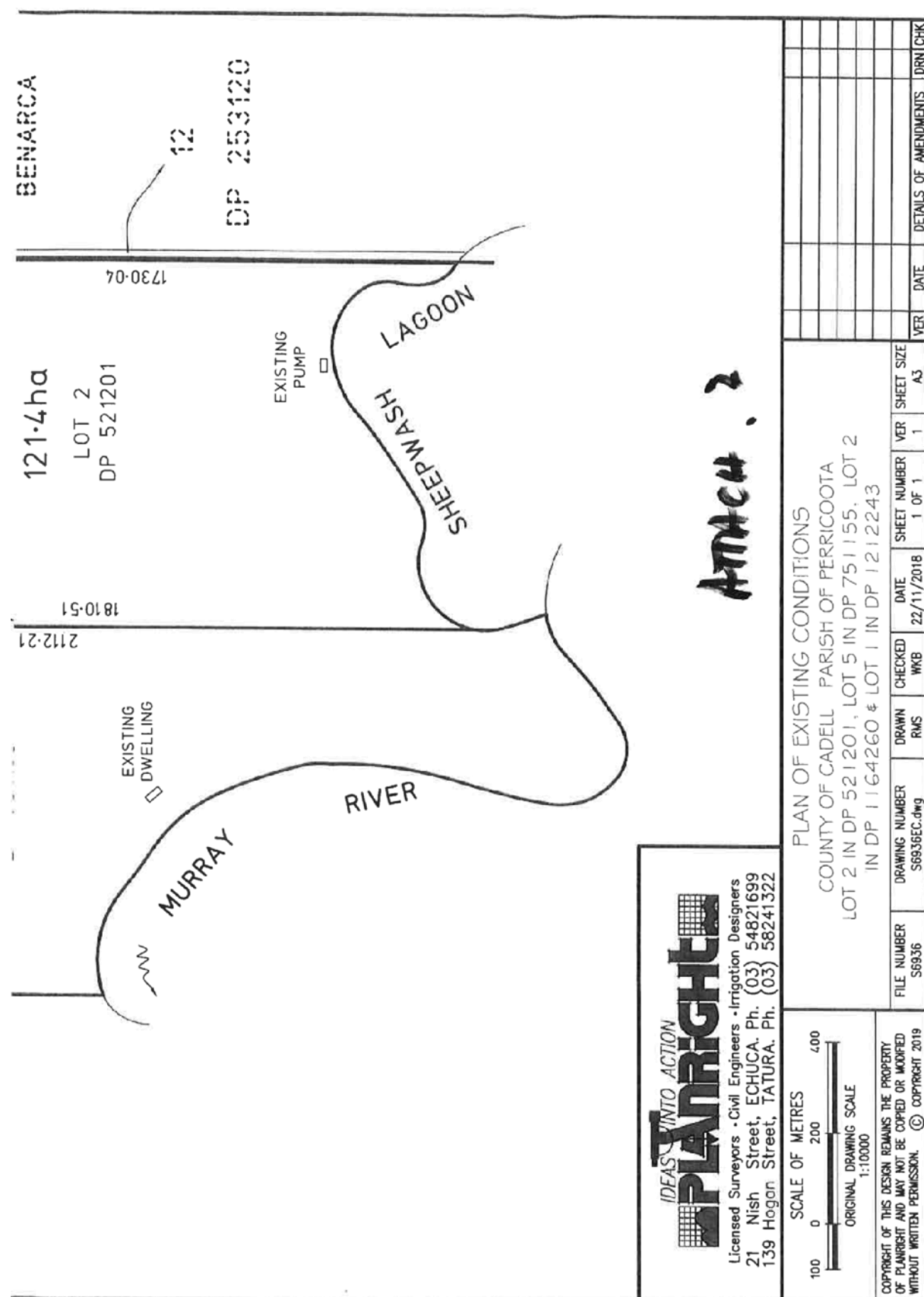
I hope council takes the above points into their consideration of the proposed DA. We are sure that it will lead to serious ramifications for all in the future if it goes ahead.

Yours Sincerely,



ATTACH. 1





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ATTACHMENT 4

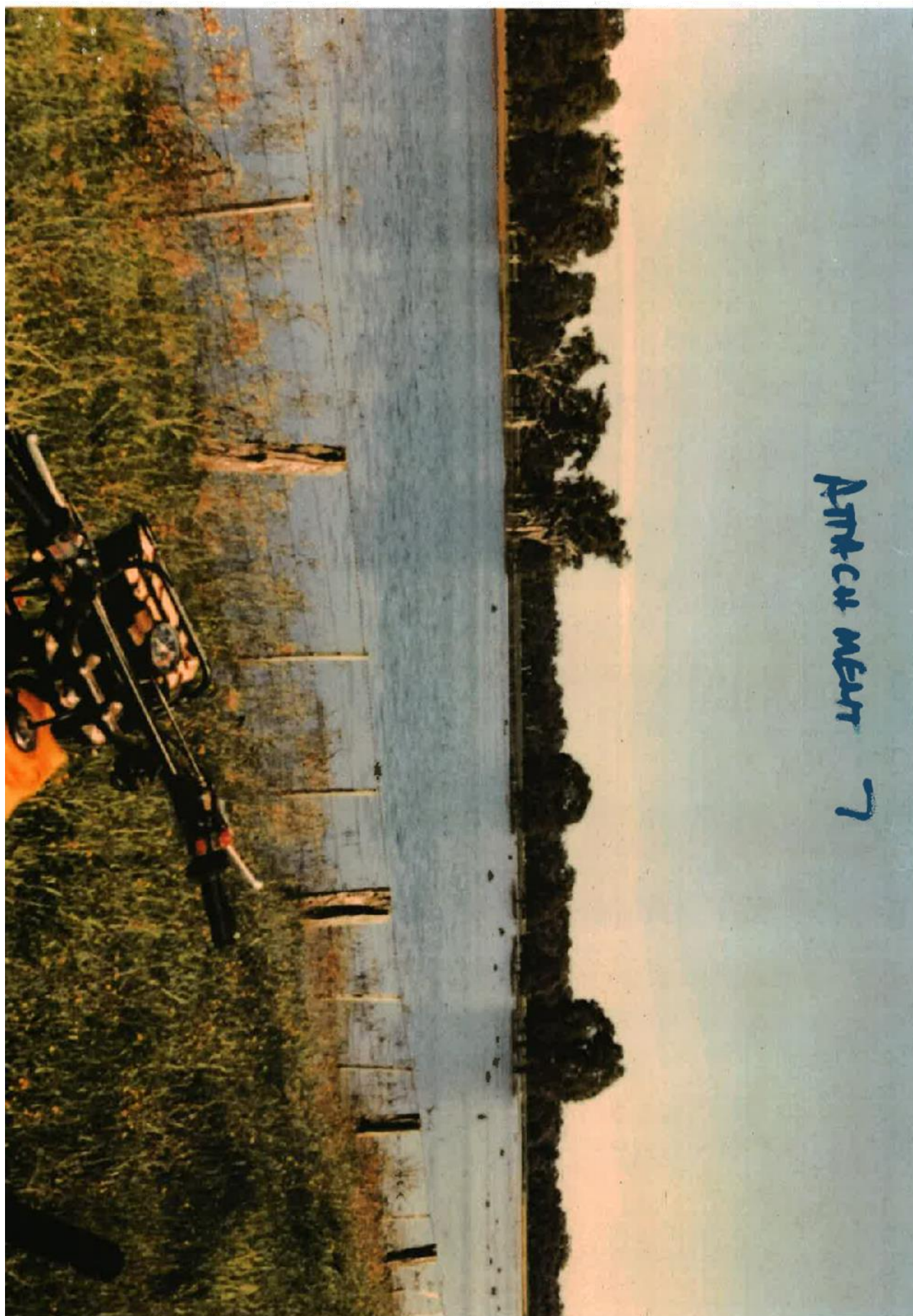
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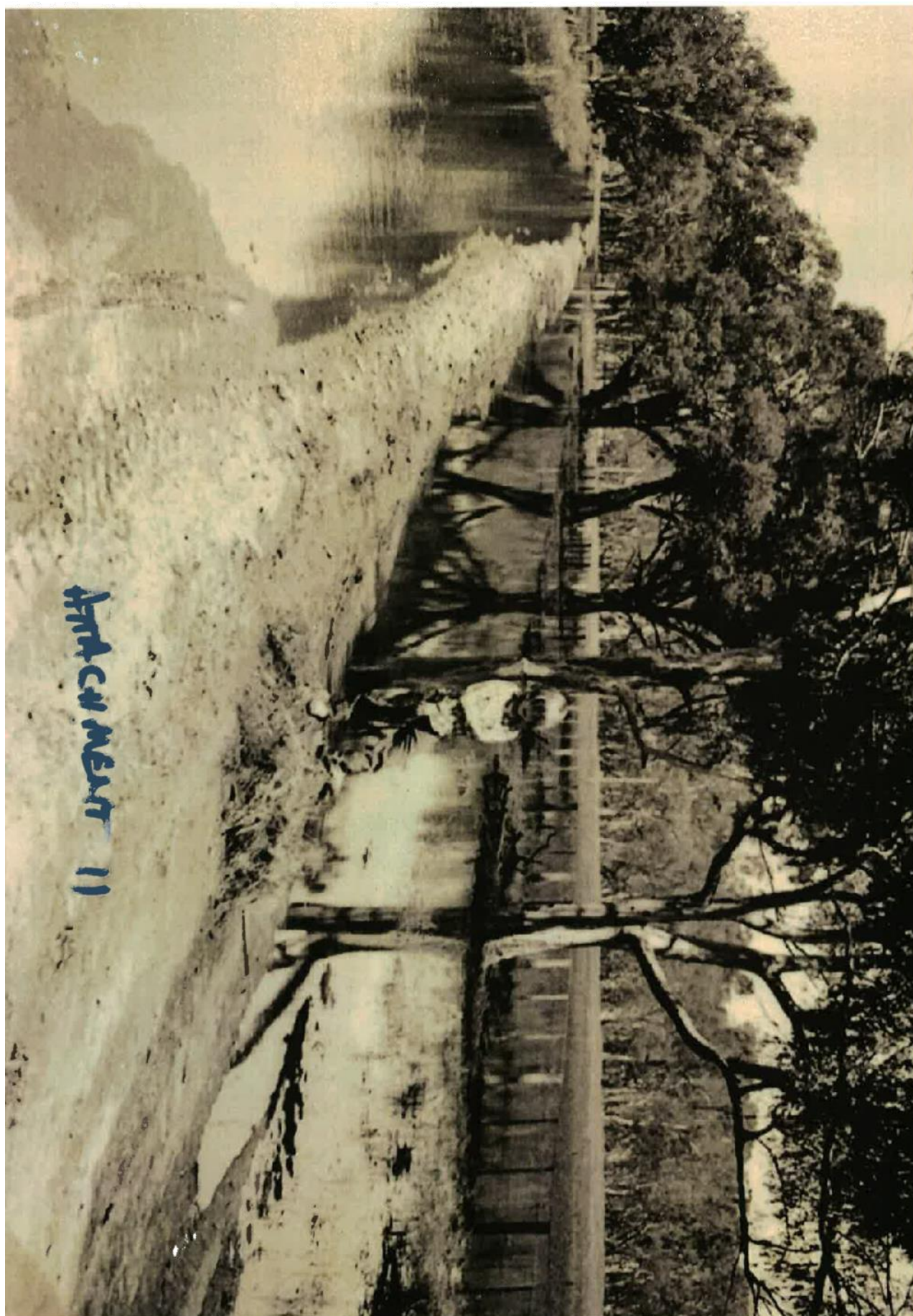




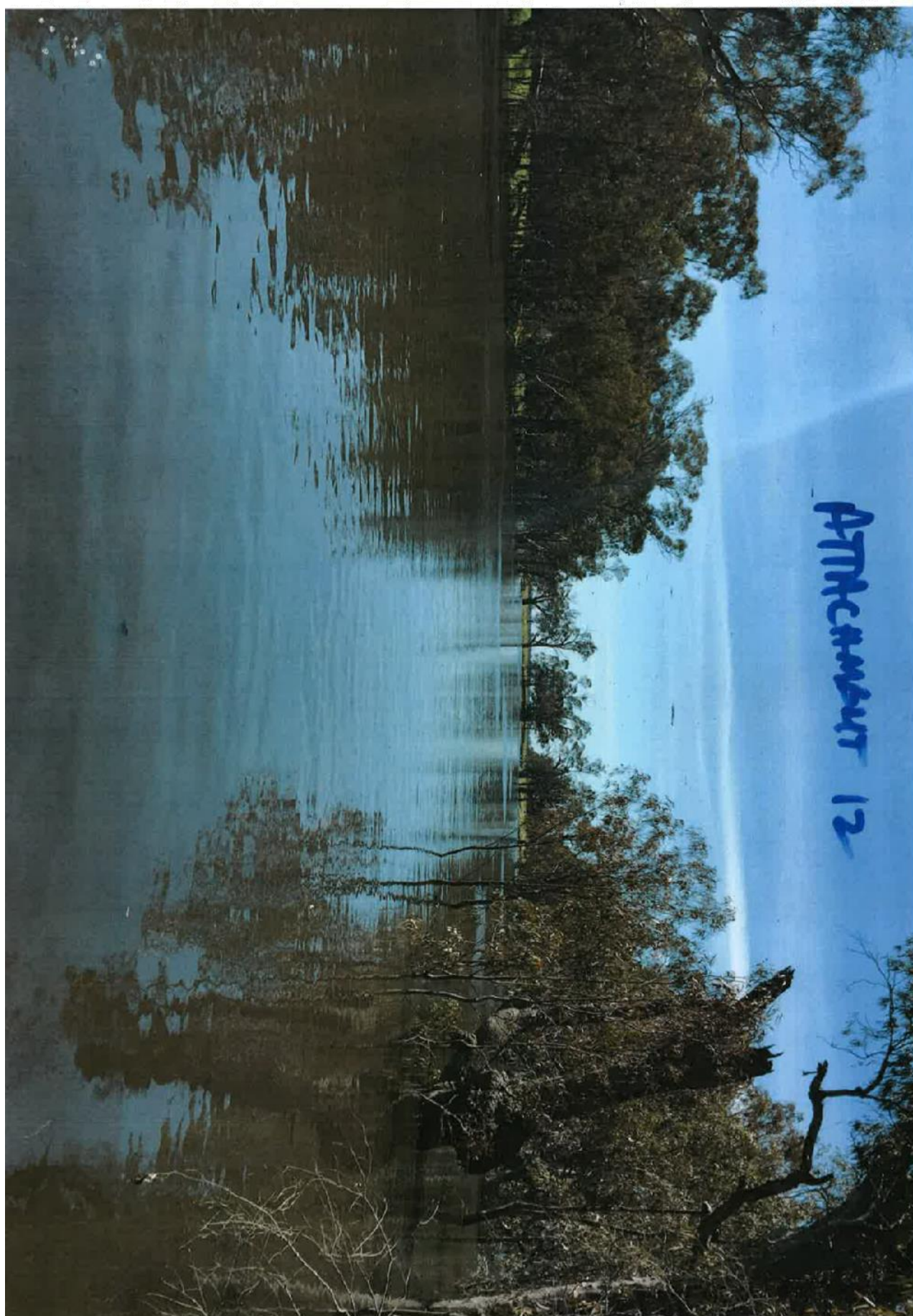




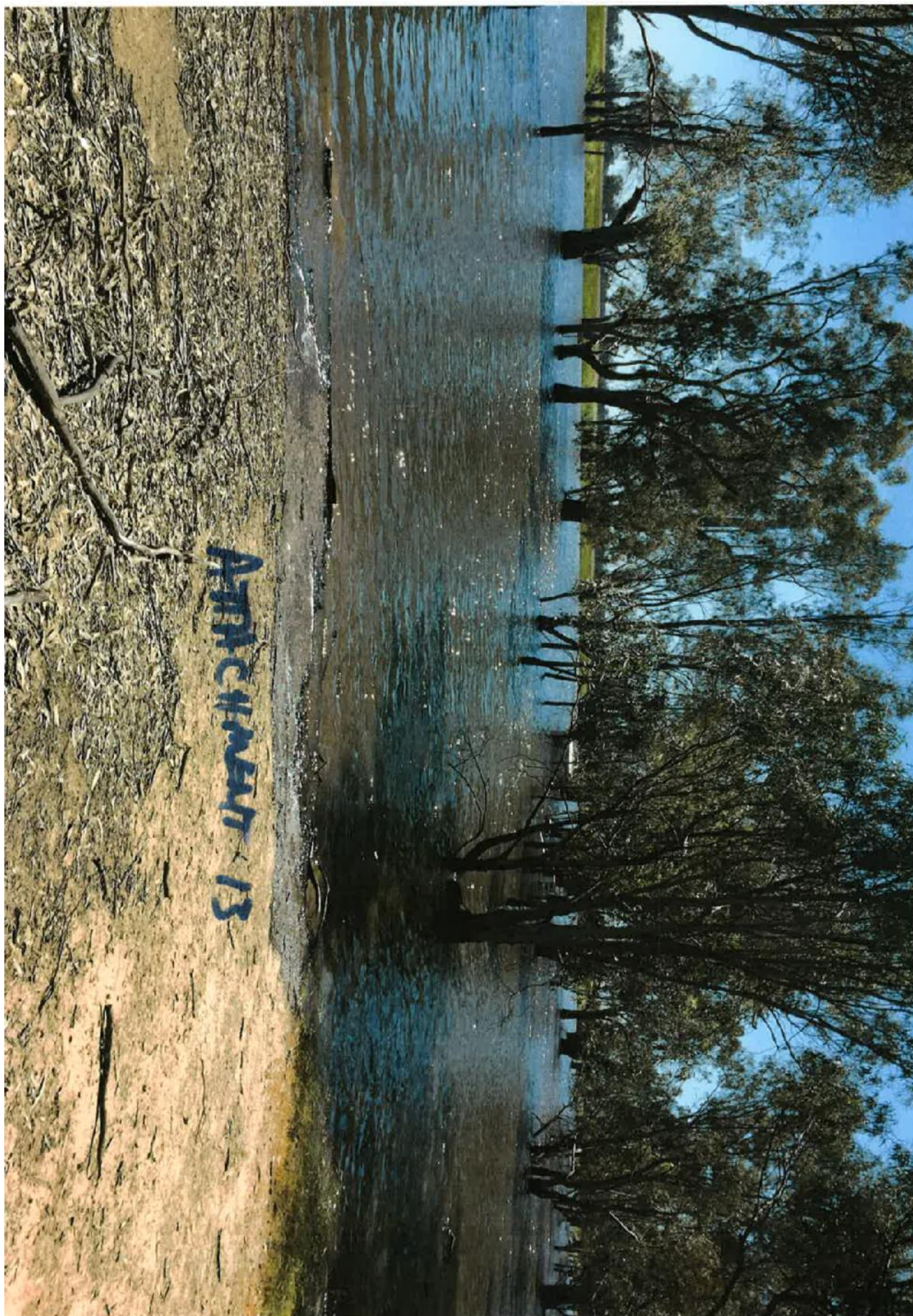




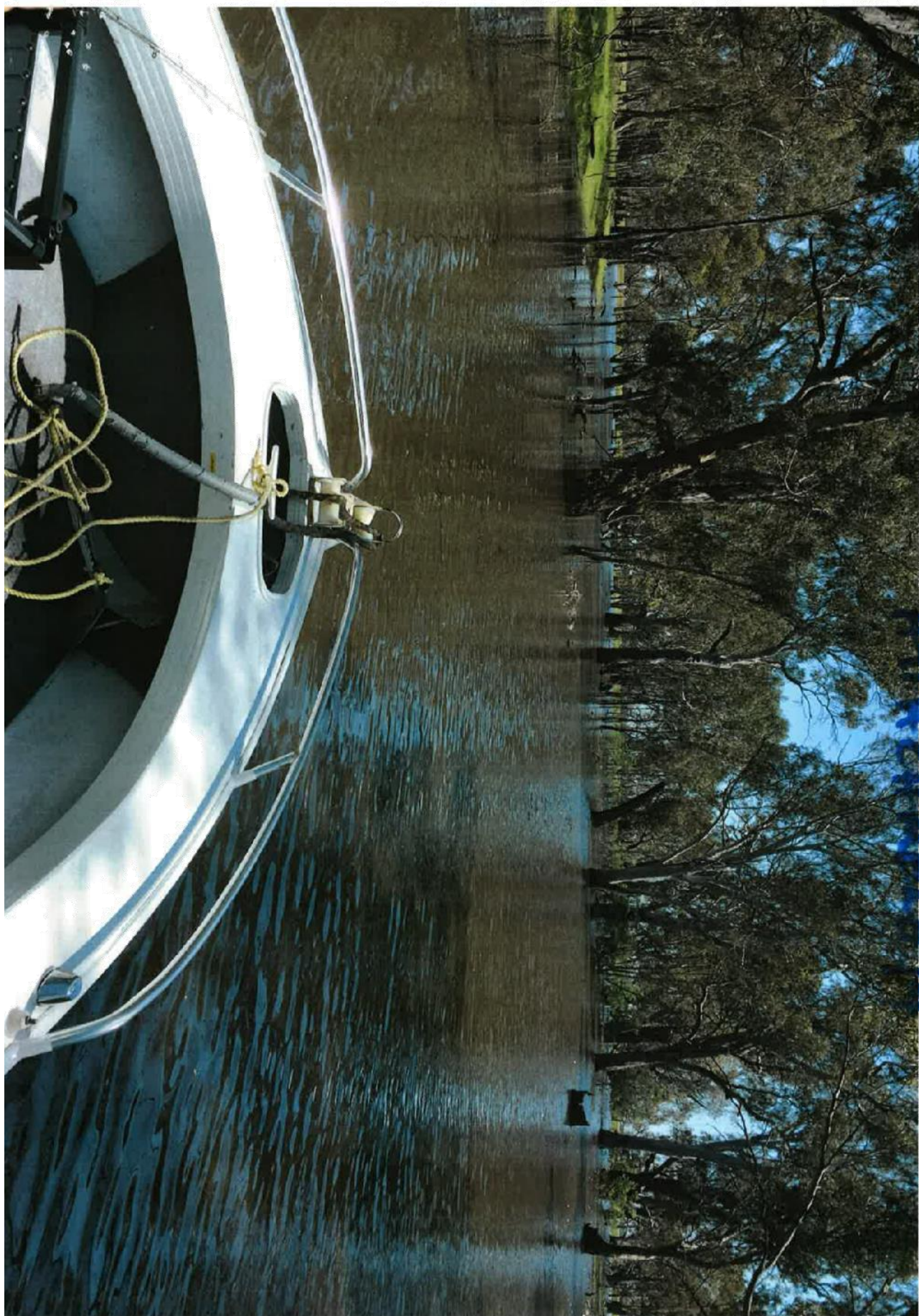








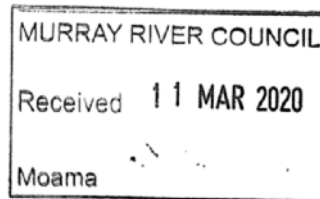




# ATTACHMENT 15.

**A list of the birds seen by Ken Kiely while fishing over 2 months on the Sheepwash Lagoon.  
April / May 1993.**

Black Duck	Long Billed Corella
Wood Duck	Grass Parrot
Grey Teal	Yellow Rosella
Pink-Eared Duck	Eastern Rosella
Crow	Galah
Magpie	Sulphur Crested Cockatoo
Jay	Mopoke Owl
Mudlark	White Faced Heron
Whistling Eagle	White Necked Heron
Wedge Tailed Eagle	Little Cormorant
White Breasted Sea Eagle	Big Cormorant
Nankeen Kestrel	Snake Bird
Fork Tailed Kite	Brown Bittern
Black Shouldered Kite	White Egret
Brown Hawk	White Ibis
Sparrow Hawk	Straw Necked Ibis
Starling	Azure Kingfisher
Grey Fantail	Bush Kingfisher
Willie Wagtail	Pelican
Restless Flycatcher	Laughing Kookaburra
Grey Thrush	Yellow Weebill
Black Faced Cuckoo Shrike	Inland Gull
Dusky Wood Swallow	Little Leatherhead
Spotted Pardalote	Coot
White Naped Honey Eater	
Cup Swallow	
Tree Creeper	
Golden Whistler	



11/3/20

General Manager,  
Murray River Council,  
Dear Mr Bilske,

**Re Development Application 10.2020.38.1 as per your letter to us of 20 February, 2020.**

We wish to lodge an objection to the above Development Application (DA).

We note that this DA is essentially the same as DA 10.2019.131.1, which Council refused at its 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 meeting and so it is the second time that this proposal has come before Council.

Our letter of objection to that first DA was lodged dated 27 July, 2019. A copy is attached for your reference – because our points of objection and our concerns with the proposed subdivision then, remain relevant. It would be appreciated therefore, if you would consider our points of objection to DA 10.2019.131.1, in relation to DA 10.2020.38.1 also.

In particular, we would ask how Council could consider a DA for approval which is based on incorrect and misleading drawings in the DA Plan of Subdivision proposal? Surely the plans would need to be correct. By way of example, the Plan of Subdivision does not show the easement (on the property proposed for subdivision) which enables legal access to Lot 1 DP751155 by its owners.

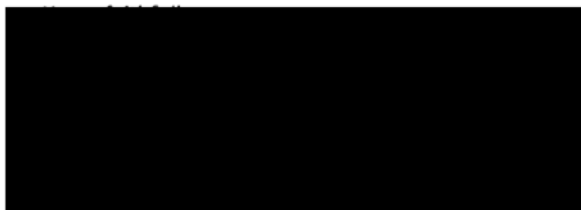
Isn't it correct that Council is barred from endorsing a Plan of Subdivision that would leave a title landlocked? There are also issues with the access easement. The easement was set up for access to one property, if this proposal is approved it would need to be a condition that access is to be from the Perricoota Forest Road to which all subdivided blocks have frontage.

DA 10.2020.38.1 asserts that the proposed subdivision down to 40 hectare lots will (still) enable extensive agriculture. Not only will the 40 hectare lots created be below the minimum lot size allowed by Council in a rural farming zone but, it is widely accepted in agriculture that in this day and age a 40 hectare site is not viable for extensive agriculture.

As we have covered in our letter of objection dated 27 July, 2019 ... DA 10.2020.38.1, will, if approved, create recreational land, not farming land. Recreational land in a farming zone is seriously adverse due in part to the current and prospective further weed contamination stemming from the property proposed for subdivision.

The proposal with DA 13.2020.38.1 for an embargo on building development on the subdivided 40 hectare sites seems incongruous. It is evident that such restrictions may in time be withdrawn, otherwise avoided or, simply not enforced. Accordingly, it would seem both short-sighted and a clear risk to the Sheepwash Lagoon environment if Council were to rely on such a restraint in order to have this DA approved.

We will be happy to provide further information if required. We would ask Councillors to exercise their discretion and again decline this proposed subdivision.





General Manager,

Murray River Council,

Dear Mr Bilske,

**Re Neighbour Notification, Development Application 10.2019.131.1 – 113 Perricoota Forest Road, Moama – 4 Lot Subdivision**

Your letter of 25 June, 2019 refers.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above subdivision proposal.

We wish to object to this proposal as below:

1. The 4 lot subdivision proposal will create 3 new lots with areas of 40 ha each, well below the minimum 120 ha lot size which is required in a rural farming zone.
2. The subdivision proposal gives no good reasons to support the proposal for a subdivision based on a boundary realignment, and the subdivision proposal should not be accepted. It would seem that the objective of this subdivision proposal is to create new subdivided lots each with water frontage, in preparation for their sale.
3. Realignment of the boundary will create recreational blocks, each of which can be owned independently. This will not support the use of the land for FARMING. Instead it will create recreational land. This will be of interest to purchasers whose sole or main interest will be boating on the water. We suggest that the application be rejected because the proposal is not in accordance with the stated use of the land.
4. It is noted that the small house lot fronting Perricoota Forest Road, which was on this property, has already been subdivided off, and was sold recently.
5. When each 40 ha lot is sold, purchasers could reasonably expect to be able to build a house and when refused approval under current planning rules, may well seek redress with Council, which will tie up resources and create angst or worse, best to avoid that situation arising.
6. Both the diagrams (showing existing and proposed layouts) accompanying this subdivision proposal are misleading and inaccurate as follows;
  - a. The house at 4. above has been excised from the plans but Lot 1 DP521201 which is not part of the property which is the subject of this subdivision proposal, and which is owned by ourselves, appears to be included. It should not be.
  - b. An easement (DP 268324) which burdens Lot 2 DP521201 is not shown. Without that easement the owners of Lot 1 DP 751155 (and others) are unable to legally access their property. As we understand it, a Council is barred from endorsing a plan of subdivision that would effect a title being landlocked.
  - c. The subdivision proposal shows an "existing driveway" – that driveway is a dirt track unable to be used in wet weather, it is freehold property and used as part of our farming operations and it is fenced with gates. As such it is unsuitable for (regular) access to the proposed subdivided lots – all of which should be required (by way of a CONDITION of

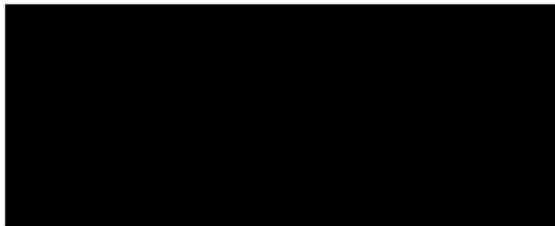


the subdivision) to have their own culverted entrances from the public road, Perricoota Forest Road with proper gating and fenced entrances and boundaries.

7. The subdivision proposal includes mention of a "proposed dual driveway" to be constructed between new lots 3 and 4, running from the Forest Road to the Murray river. There is already a partially constructed driveway on the property in this vicinity, which blocks a significant watercourse. To let the water run and to avoid flooding property upstream, about two years ago Council had to dig a deep trench in the table drain on the Forest Road. The trench remains there to this day. Council should inspect and remedy this. It should be a CONDITION of any driveways constructed across the water course that provision must be made with adequate piping (to Council specifications) under the driveway to allow water to flow unimpeded in wet years.
8. The property proposed to be subdivided is severely infested with silverleaf nightshade (SLN) which is a serious noxious weed and is the primary source of the weed spreading to neighbouring properties and onto crown land, including the 15 mile Travelling Stock Reserve (TSR) managed by Murray Local Land Services (LLS) from Deniliquin. All efforts for some years by the responsible authority (the Central Murray County Council and now the Murray River Council) to have the weed on this property controlled/sprayed have been avoided. Subdivision and the subsequent "subdivision facilitated" sale of the blocks without the weed being controlled and eradicated beforehand, will lead to continuing issues and the unfair impost on neighbouring properties including the TSR, which LLS is concerned about, who are penalised by having the cost and work involved to contain the weed's spread. The LLS concern is exacerbated because travelling stock may carry the weed further along the stock route and which has already been the source of complaints from landowners several kilometres away from the 15 mile TSR. If the subdivision is allowed to proceed and when the blocks are sold, Council will have to monitor and control the weed on 4 separately owned properties, compared with one only at present. The Council should reject the subdivision until the threat of noxious weeds from the subject land is removed by the existing owner undertaking proper weed control including spraying with chemical labelled to control SLN. If the subdivision is approved the threat of spread of weeds from the land in question should be minimised by CONDITIONS which ensure that the owners and successors are vigorous in spraying or otherwise, to control and eradicate the SLN.

We will provide further detail in respect of any matter, if requested.

We would ask councillors to exercise their discretion and decline this proposed subdivision.



## 8.5 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

### 8.5.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

**File Number:** -

**Author:** Kerri Keogh, Manager Office of the General Manager

**Authoriser:** Des Bilske, General Manager

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Correspondence Report be received and the information noted by the Council.

#### DISCUSSION

##### **01/03: Local Government NSW Weekly**

Indices of General Circulars dated 20 February, 27 February, 6 March and 13 March 2020 have been forwarded to Councillors and Senior Staff via email.

##### **02/03: Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) News**

Newsletters dated 21 February, 28 February, 6 March and 13 March 2020 have been forwarded to Councillors and Senior Staff via email.

##### **03/03: Friends of Old Moama (s.355 Committee of Council)**

Forwarding Minutes of its Meetings held on 4 February 2020 (Refer Attachment 1) and 3 March 2020 (Refer Attachment 2) at Captain's Cottage, Moama.

##### **04/03: Moama Recreation Reserve Management Committee (s.355 Committee of Council)**

Forwarding Minutes of its Meeting held on 11 February 2020 at the Moama Recreation Reserve Pavilion, Moama. Refer Attachment 3.

##### **05/03: Local Government NSW**

Forwarding a Media Release dated 21 February 2020 advising that more than 45,000 people working in local government across NSW are now eligible for paid leave if impacted by family and domestic violence, thanks to a change in the *Local Government (State) Award 2017*. Refer Attachment 4.

##### **06/03: Barham Local Health Advisory Committee**

Forwarding correspondence received on 26 February 2020 conveying their thanks to Council for erecting new signage to the hospital in Barham. Refer Attachment 5.

##### **07/03: Local Government NSW**

Forwarding a Media Release dated 27 February 2020 advising that Local Government NSW has warned the NSW government that it must act if we are to maintain and improve kerbside recycling options and drive down the amount of waste going to landfill. Refer Attachment 6.

##### **08/03: Local Government NSW**

Forwarding a Media Release dated 1 March 2020 advising that the Commonwealth and State governments need to step up to cut waste and save recycling if Australia is to have any hope of addressing the ever-growing amount of waste being generated. Refer Attachment 7.

##### **09/03: Senator Perin Davey, The Nationals NSW**

Forwarding a Media Release dated 6 March 2020 advising that, along with fellow National Senator Susan McDonald, she has questioned the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority's (APRA) road map of risk for capital and insurance and the intervention in the normal allocation of capital. Refer Attachment 8.



**10/03: Local Government NSW**

Forwarding a Media Release dated 8 March 2020 advising that in response to repeated calls from local governments across NSW to secure the future of recycling, a raft of State Government proposals to tackle the use of plastics, reduce waste and pollution and increase recycling in NSW offered a constructive and future-focused approach. Refer Attachment 9.

**11/03: Local Government NSW**

Forwarding a Media Release dated 13 March 2020 advising that councils and communities of NSW are calling on the State Government to fast track its commitment to fund constructive and future-focused recycling measures in this year's Budget. Refer Attachment 10.

**12/03: Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon Scott Morrison MP**

Forwarding a Media Release dated 13 March 2020 advising that, based on the expert medical advice of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), to address the country's response to the coronavirus, COVID-19, Commonwealth, State and Territory governments have agreed to provide public advice against holding non-essential, organised public gatherings of more than 500 people from Monday 16 March 2020. Refer Attachment 11.

**13/03: Murrumbidgee Local Health District**

Forwarding a Media Statement dated 13 March 2020 advising that Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) and Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network (MPHN) are working together to plan for its response to Coronavirus (COVID-19). Refer Attachment 12.

Advice has also been received that as at 13/03/2020, there are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the MLHD. All confirmed cases of COVID-19 are reported centrally by NSW Health. These reports can be found on their website [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au).

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. MINUTES Friends of Old Moama 040220 [↓](#) 
2. MINUTES Friends of Old Moama 030320 [↓](#) 
3. MINUTES Moama Recreation Reserve Management Committee 110220 [↓](#) 
4. LGNSW Media Release - Local government staff now entitled to flexibility to manage family and domestic violence [↓](#) 
5. Barham LHAC Letter of Thanks - Signs to Barham Hospital [↓](#) 
6. LGNSW Media Release - NSW Government must invest more in recycled materials and re-use to drive down waste to landfill [↓](#) 
7. LGNSW Media Release - National Plastics Summit\_ NSW councils call for State\_Fed gov to work together to cut waste\_Save Our Recycling [↓](#) 
8. Nationals Media Release - Nationals put APRA on notice [↓](#) 
9. LGNSW Media Release - Positive first step\_State Gov responds to local government calls to Save Our Recycling [↓](#) 
10. LGNSW Media Release - Councils call on State Gov to fast track funding of recycling in this year's budget [↓](#) 
11. Prime Minister of Australia Media Release - Advice on coronavirus [↓](#) 
12. MLHD Statement - COVID-19 Practical advice [↓](#) 

## Friends of Old Moama

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Venue:** Captain's Cottage

**Present:** Mary Ledwidge, Sue Shaw, Brian Ellis, Chris O'Brien, Peter Scammel, Shirley Durrant, Robyn Morphet, Carolyn Rolls

**Apologies:** Beck Hayward, Don Wilkinson, Cr Nikki Cohen, Judy Campbell

**Opened:** 10.00am

#### PREVIOUS MINUTES

Approval 5<sup>th</sup> November Minutes                      Moved : Shirley      2<sup>nd</sup>: Sue

#### FINANCE REPORT

Balance = \$2808.84                      Moved: : Shirley      2<sup>nd</sup>: Brian

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### Incoming:

1. Ancient and Honorable Guild of Australian Town Criers – Certificate of Appreciation
2. Council – notice of delegates ( Sept 2019 to Sept 2020) – Chris Bilkey, Nikki Cohen, Beck Hayward, Tom Weyrich (alternate).
3. Email Beck Hayward – on leave in February, pamphlet project delayed

##### Outgoing:

1. Email Des Bilske – FOOM appreciate Council's response to complaint about communication
2. Email Des Bilske – FOOM congratulate Council on passing LEP motion
3. Email Des Bilske – FOOM thank Council for cleaning up the surrounds of the Telegraph Station
4. Letter Des Bilske – FOOM report items missing from The Old Telegraph Station

#### BUSINESS ARISING –

Item 1 – Heritage walk flier map – after February

Item2 – Jinker –plan collated for Council . Quotes from Aquino received, Nikki to follow-up application process with Council

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

Item A – Gap in fence – gate or replace? to be discussed next meeting – Chris to check with Dave Dundee for suggestions

Item B – Theft – reported to police – letter to editor- more people will be aware

Item C – Documentation of assets – organise next meeting

Item D – Research Committee – work on Families, Brian continues with the Flowers family , has transferred information to frames for display

Item E – Telegraph History – Mary has received email from a visitor with information about her ancestor, Albert Davies, use to run Telegraph Station

Item F – James Maiden – Brain has found further information in Mt Alexander Times – will bring to next meeting

Item G – Aust Day Nomination – FOOM nominated Mary for an award, she received a certificate of appreciation

Item H – Rising Damp Course work – no end of timeline given as more render on walls needs removal, on advice of new History Architect from Bendigo. Gary Hills

Item I – Colour Scheme outside – Discussion at Council level as conflicting opinion - Noel recommends yellow theme, Gary suggests not painting

Item J – Open day April – discuss next meeting

Item K – Outside drainage – new system recommended

Item L – Moama Bridge – Deniliquin have given a series of pictures on construction of bridge – discuss next meeting -

Item M – Aboriginal Land Council – have applied for shed next door- will be set back in yard

Item N – Moulamein Heritage Precinct – moving old buildings from farms to create tourist precinct in the town – worth a visit – more discussion

Meeting closed 10.45am

AGM followed see AGM minutes

**Next meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, 10 am Captain's Cottage**

## Friends of Old Moama

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

**Venue:** Captain's Cottage

**Present:** Sue Shaw, Mary Ledwidge, Brian Ellis, Chris O'Brien, Shirley Durrant, Cr Nikki Cohen, Robyn Morphet, Carolyn Rolls

**Apologies:** Judy Campbell, Heather Rendle

**Opened:** 10am

#### PREVIOUS MINUTES

Approval 4th February Minutes, amend 'Don' Wilkinson to 'David'

Moved: Mary 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brian

#### FINANCE REPORT

Balance = \$2888.96

Moved: Shirley 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary

Send reminder for membership renewal.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### Incoming:

1. Council – International Women's day at Cadell On the Murray 8.45 to 11am \$15
2. Library – Welcome to Echuca Night, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 5-8pm, apply 28<sup>th</sup> Feb
3. Council – Community Grants close 9 April – for equipment

##### Outgoing:

1. Letter to Editor re lost items

#### BUSINESS ARISING –

Item 1 – Heritage walk flier map – after March – next meeting

Item 2 – Jinker – plan collated for Council. Quotes from Aquino received, Nikki to follow-up application process with Council. Nikki to follow up with Dave and Michael.

Item 3 – Gap in fence – gate or replace? – consider recycle the fence part into gate- Nikki to FU

Item 4 – Documentation of assets – stock list of items room by room

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

Item A – Security on windows -Chris to FU with budget

Item B – Open day – Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April – special meeting 10am at Captain's Cottage, 18<sup>th</sup> March to discuss plans – display families (Maiden, Flower, Mae Robson), ?BBQ, advertising (pamphlet, Riv, radio), Banner to be edited

Item C – Repairs to Cottage – Chris FU with Dave re recent crack

Item D – Telegraph Station Update – work on damp course continues. Gary Hill to provide management plan soon

Item E – Copeland Foundation Grant -Chris to email info

Item F – Sara Rolf – Shirley working on cemetery records – Sarah married to Jeremiah Rolf who took lease from Maiden to run punt and inn. Came from running Inn in Swan Hill

Item G – Murray Bridge photos – Shirley was given a series of the bridge structure from a friend in Deniliquin

Meeting closed 11.05

**Next meeting: 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020, 10 am Captain's Cottage**



MOAMA RECREATION RESERVE  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
ABN: 30 084 831 951  
P.O. Box 340 MOAMA NSW 2731

## **MINUTES**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

**@ Moama Football/Cricket Social Club Rooms 5.45PM**

**CHAIR:** Cr. Nikki Cohen.

**PRESENT:** Luke Keogh (MRC) Pauline Sleeman, Jonathan Keel, David Holmes, Dan Davidson, Fran Galvin, Nancye Smith, Sandy Kadri, Judy Teasdale (minutes)

**APOLOGIES:** Clint Flanigan, Gregg Cadd, Kathleen Kemp, Suzanna Barry, Matt Lake.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES;**

Move Minutes of **December 2019** meeting. David H. Seconded by Nancye

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

Minutes/Treasurers Report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer's report be received and accounts ratified. Moved Fran Seconded by Jonathan K

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Vandalism - SECURITY CAMERA'S, any reports, All good this month.
2. EDDY OVAL - Lights, everyone seems happy with the new lights. Lights being replaced with steel clips, as the ones on are plastic, which birds easily damage, so company replacing.
3. WATER STORAGE - 15megs at the moment, have added 6 meg from storage, and 5 megs to Botanic Gardens Dam.
4. Water retention dam being built on Perricoota Rd from Winbi runoff, approx. 14meg. Water line will go to the Rec Res water line, so as the overflow is able to go straight into the river, and vise a versa
5. ZONE 1 PAVILION PLANS & UP DATE OF PROJECTS. (in Luke's report)
6. BOOKINGS....  
Reminder - before outsiders book - There needs to be a check with user groups first. All Clubs to do their bookings for Ovals in the Calendar on-line. Also for group usage and Events.
7. Reported that there have been teams urinating on back of the Eddy Oval rooms and in the Botanic Gardens trees. The various clubs need to get keys to the toilets when training or playing. Luke K is going to communicate with the various Clubs.

**USER GROUP REPORTS:**

A) CYCLING: Quiet months.

B) MFNC: Training started, players being graded. Seniors, U17 & U14s.

February 21<sup>st</sup> having a practice match against Mathoura as a fundraiser to help fundraise for Corryong FB Club who lost their Club rooms.

Also practice matches 29<sup>th</sup> Feb, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Season starts 4<sup>th</sup> April. Having to change a home game with opposition until our new Club rooms are finalised. David H.

C) MCricket C: Cricket home and away season coming to a close in 3 weeks.

A grade are sitting equal top, B grade should play finals and C grade will go close.

Junior cricket is all done apart from U14's.

We along with the shire and MFNC are looking seriously at a new modern scoreboard in the coming weeks to potentially be up by the time the new building is handed over. Will top off & UPGRADE the rec reserve. This will have the ability to show movies (family movie night), watch live sport and be utilised by all user groups and the community.

Kirk

D) TOUCH: \* we have total of 11 mixed teams this year / 150 odd players

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\* we have been trialling a new format this season. After a survey, appeared players were wanting a shorter season. However, upon coming back & new blood, they're wanting our normal season.

We had a longer break over Christmas, returning February, which did see a decline in the number of non-attendees, however, have had one team low in numbers, therefore, having to forfeit a couple of games.

\* Semi finals will be played this Monday 17th Feb with Grand finals on the Friday 21st February.

Thank you to the committee for the ongoing support.

**Pauline**

**E) ADV PlayPark:** Busy months with School holidays. Be great to get our new trees in, in Autumn. Good reviews with families enjoying the new equipment. Hopefully get a few new overdue projects done this year. **Jude.**

**F) LITTLE Athletics:** We ended the year with a Christmas party at aqua island which was well attended. Our relay team which qualified for the State Relay Championships won a bronze medal by the smallest of margins.

We have had two athletes compete at the State Combined Event at Lakeside Stadium at Albert Park at the beginning of February with some promising results.

The second half of our season began with a cancellation due to weather and a successful return to competition on the 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.

We traditionally see a drop in numbers returning after Christmas break. However numbers were still good.

With 4 competition days left to our season we are seeing great enthusiasm with the athletes and parents.

We have trialled some coaching sessions and shared Jack Eddy with the AFL teams who are training. We have had small numbers to date. As our coaching sessions are not needing the track for the entire session the shared arrangement seems to have worked well. I have noticed that the football teams do not seem to have Jack Eddy toilet access and I do have the concern that male footballers do not walk to the open toilets, but urinate on either the wall of the Jack Eddy buildings or in the botanic gardens.

We have had 20 athletes enter 72 events for the Northern Country Region Carnival to be held in Bendigo over the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> of February, with athletes eligible to qualify for state championships in 4 weeks to be held in Cranbourne at Casey Fields.

Due to the Carnival this weekend we are holding a twilight competition the Friday from 5:45pm **Sandy.**

**G) BOT Gardens:** Wbees continue Mondays. Aust Day at the Gardens had good reports. Waiting for next stage.

**H) SOCCER:** The 2020 season is fast approaching. With the first round on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

Coaches for 2020 are

Division 1: Pat Hicks

Division 2 : Jonathon Keele

Women: Jeff Scott

Youth: Adam Brady and Mitch Langenbacher

Under 16's : No decision:

Under 14's: Glenn Sands

Under 12's: Jack Morrison

Preseason training is currently at Jack Eddy Oval on Tuesday and Thursday nights. This will move to Brick Alley at the end of March.

Practice Matches are:

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 against Brimbank

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 against Spring Gully (under lights)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 against Deniliquin (under lights)

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020 against Gisborne (under lights)

Saturday morning soccer, come and try sessions will start early March at Brick Alley while Jack Eddy is being used.

Then the season for Saturday morning's will start after Easter.

**Jonathan**

**I) GRAM School:**

**J) Cr Nikki,** Enjoyed Aust Day at Wakool. Getting good feedback from residents on the various areas of the Recreation Reserve.

**K) MRC Luke Keogh; General Works: Grounds:**



- Still confirming renovation/over sowing dates. Looking at 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March Main & Eddy. Main Oval closed for a week.
- Grounds in great condition.
- Watering is ongoing, current dam storage is at around 15 megs with no reserve off site. 6 megs were transferred into the reserve from storm water last week. 5 Megs prior to that was through town supply to top up Botanic gardens Dam. Will continue to monitor water usage.
- Jack Eddy topdressing of trenches continues.

**Buildings:**

- No building issues reported.

**Projects:**

- SCF Major grants Zone 1 Pavilion. On schedule, kitchen appliances ordered, blockwork nearly complete, roof complete, fire systems going in, storm water connected, electrical rough in complete.  
Looking at AV systems, IT fit out.  
Coaches boxes need to be relocated, maybe Brick Alley. New ones to be built for Main Oval.  
Old pavilion scheduled for removal 17<sup>th</sup> March or maybe week earlier depending on cricket.
- 2 new meeting offices will be in the new Pavilion.
- SCCFR2 Zone 2 – Eddy Oval Lights, ground realignment, carpark upgrade.- works ongoing, landscaping on going
- Zone 3 off leash area. – 90%finished. Construction ongoing, lawn established, drainage complete, main landscaping complete, furniture ordered, entries being installed, signage ordered, plants 1500 ordered to be planted in next 2-3 weeks once irrigation complete.  
Opening end of March.
- Office refurb- Complete. Exterior works ongoing, bus turnaround, paths, irrigation and landscaping.  
Operational.
- New shed – complete waiting for internal electrical and dividers fit out. Storm water to be connected and fencing. 12 X 12 bays available for various Clubs storage. Also having to do an enclosed compound to store Goal posts.
- Fencing- Between cricket nets and office. Near Mervs shed.
- RMS- Timber and mulch on north of site.

**General:**

- Ground bookings extremely heavy for winter season sports. We have closed March to external users. Looking to purchase AFL goals for Brick Alley to share the load mainly Junior sports.
- New scoreboard for Main Oval. Looking for funding. (as in MCClub report)
- Netball lights- trying to find funding. \$30 -50K
- New conditions of use for the new buildings, needs to be reviewed and done.
- Footings done for stage 2 Grandstand to hold approx. 400. Will hear soon if receiving grant to finish.

Next meeting – Tuesday MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> 2020. 5.45pm -

*Please don't hesitate to contact myself or Nikki for any issues to pass on. Meeting concluded 6.55pm.*

*Secretary: Judy Teasdale Sec 0419 817 371 Cr Nikki Cohen 0419 573 258*

2/25/2020

Local government staff now entitled to flexibility to manage family and domestic violence

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## Local government staff affected by domestic violence now entitled to leave

Friday 21 February 2020

**More than 45,000 people working in local government across NSW are now eligible for paid leave if impacted by family and domestic violence, thanks to a change in the *Local Government (State) Award 2017*.**

People working fulltime in local government will be able to access up to 10 days' paid leave to deal with the effects of, or to escape from, domestic or family violence such as moving house, attending court, looking after children, or seeking medical care. Casual staff will be able to take time away from work for the same purposes, without consequence.

The move – a special variation to the Award – means the state's 45,000 fulltime local government employees will have access to the same flexibility as their state government colleagues and others employed in the private sector.

LGNSW President Cr Linda Scott said paid family and domestic violence leave was an important, practical way councils could do their bit to help safeguard the wellbeing of employees and their family members.

"For decades, NSW local governments have taken a strong stand against domestic violence," Cr Scott said.

"Local governments are proud to support our inclusive and highly skilled workforce through challenging periods, especially given all they do for communities of NSW.

"We recognise this is a workplace issue, requiring maximum flexibility, so employees can receive the support they need during these difficult circumstances, while minimising impacts on attendance and performance at work."

Around Australia, police attend a call-out about domestic and family violence on average once every two minutes.

"Domestic violence can happen to anyone, in any community, regardless of culture, age or salary," Cr Scott said.

The Award variation follows a United Services Union application to the NSW Industrial Relations Commission, and fulfils a motion put forward by Ryde City Council at the Local Government NSW annual conference in October 2019. It is expected to come into effect on February 24.

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Shire Engineer,  
Murray River Council  
P O Box 21  
MATHOURA NSW  
ATTENTION: Scott Barber

Dear Scott,

On behalf of the Barham LHAC ~ Local Health Advisory Committee, I am writing to convey our thanks for erecting new signage to the hospital in Barham, as requested in a previous letter to the Murray Shire.

We have heard many positive comments about the placement of the signs and believe there are now sufficient signs to direct people to our hospital!

Thanks also to Barham Council Staff for their interaction in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Judy Lake  
Secretary  
Local Health Advisory Committee, Barham

2/27/2020

Media release: NSW Government must invest more in recycled materials and re-use to drive down waste to landfill

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## NSW Government must invest more in recycled materials and re-use to drive down waste to landfill

Thursday 27 February 2020

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) has warned the NSW government that it must act if we are to maintain and improve kerbside recycling options and drive down the amount of waste going to landfill.

LGNSW President Cr Linda Scott said Victoria had acknowledged the importance of investing more into recycling and the domestic recycling market by announcing a \$96.5 million package this week to help support its state's waste industry. NSW cannot afford to be left behind.

"Local governments are working together for a more sustainable future, but we cannot do this alone," Cr Scott said.

"Local Government NSW, alongside councils across the state, has been advocating for the NSW Government to reinvest the NSW Waste Levy in recycling for over a year.

"Councils are still waiting on the long-promised state waste strategy. Meanwhile, NSW is generating more waste than ever; household recycling and waste diversion rates are stagnating; and existing regulation and procurement policies continue to stymie innovation and the development of new recycled products and markets.

"The NSW Government must act now and agree to reinvest the Waste Levy back into local governments if we are to set the industry on a new course: where recycling is actively encouraged and supported, and innovation leads to increased recycling services and reusable products and reduced landfill.

"With export bans on waste material quickly approaching and stockpiles of recycled resources growing in NSW, it is critical for more effort to be made to support the recycling industry to improve waste management practices and boost markets for recyclable materials.

"We know saving recycling is possible. Local governments are leading the way.

"Councils throughout the state, such as those in the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC), are already establishing partnerships to develop and trial practical uses for recycled products locally, including asphalt containing crushed recycled glass as an alternative road making material.

"But more needs to be done to support a circular economy in NSW. It's time the State also mandated the procurement of recycled goods and services, boosting its spend on recycled materials for public projects."

LGNSW, with the support of NSW councils, is calling on the NSW Government to Save Our Recycling by reinvesting the Waste Levy to:

1. allow councils to develop regional waste plans and deliver priority infrastructure;
2. increase procurement of recycled goods made with domestic content;
3. deliver statewide education campaigns to promote waste avoidance and recycling; and
4. introduce producer responsibility schemes for problematic materials.

Cr Scott said this four-point plan was also designed to ensure recycling that would have previously been shipped offshore could be dealt with at home, creating jobs and boosting local economies.

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National Plastics Summit: NSW councils call for State and Federal governments to work together to cut waste and Save Our Recycling

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## National Plastics Summit: NSW councils call for State and Federal governments to work together to cut waste and Save Our Recycling

Sunday 1 March 2020

**The Commonwealth and State governments need to step up to cut waste and save recycling if Australia is to have any hope of addressing the ever-growing amount of waste being generated, the peak body for NSW councils said today.**

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) President Linda Scott, speaking on the eve of the National 2020 Plastics Summit in Canberra, said State and Federal Governments could not continue to ask the Australian community to fund the increasing cost of recycling or landfilling poorly-designed plastic packaging and products.

"Australians need more action from State and Federal governments to reduce waste and its costs to communities, and to create a more sustainable future," Cr Scott said.

"Councils and communities are passionate about doing their bit, but they're at the end of the waste supply chain and local government kerbside recycling programs are only a small part of the solution.

"The Commonwealth Government must stop producers from covering products in plastic by introducing strong product stewardship laws.

"The NSW Government must act to ban single-use plastic bags and reinvest the NSW Waste Levy – nearly \$800 million in one year – into funding councils to save recycling.

"Many other state and territory jurisdictions have policies and strategies to phase out single use plastics such as plastic bags, straws and cutlery.

"Meanwhile, NSW is the only state to not have banned single-use plastic bags

"Communities and councils are still waiting on the long-promised NSW 20-year state waste strategy and the NSW Plastics Plan, and it's not good enough.

"Local councils are working together for a more sustainable future, but we cannot do this alone.

"State and Federal governments are invited to partner with NSW councils to develop regional and region-specific solutions for the 'circular economy'.

"Export bans on waste material are quickly approaching and stockpiles of recycled resources are growing in NSW. The time for action is now.

"We know a better future for our recycling is possible.

"Councils throughout NSW are using soft and hard plastics, including toner cartridges, in civil construction.

"North-western NSW councils are sending kerbside plastics to be made into star pickets locally.

"The Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils has established partnerships to develop and trial practical uses for recycled products locally, including asphalt containing crushed recycled glass as an

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1. allow councils to develop regional waste plans and deliver priority infrastructure;
2. increase procurement of recycled goods made with domestic content;
3. deliver state-wide education campaigns to promote waste avoidance and recycling; and
4. introduce producer responsibility schemes for problematic materials.

Cr Scott said this four-point plan was also designed to ensure recycling that would have previously been shipped offshore could be dealt with at home, creating jobs and boosting local economies.

"We firmly believe waste should be considered a product, not a problem," she said.

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**SUSAN McDONALD, NATIONALS SENATOR FOR QUEENSLAND****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 6 MARCH 2020****Nationals put APRA on notice**

Nationals Senators, Perin Davey and Susan McDonald, have questioned the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority's (APRA) road map of risk for capital and insurance and the intervention in the normal allocation of capital.

The Senators believe this road map may exaggerate factors such as CO2 emissions, extreme weather and climate change and may dissuade financial institutions and insurers from servicing regional, agricultural and resource industries.

Last month, APRA announced its intention to develop a climate change risk prudential practice guide as well as update its superannuation prudential framework to advise financial institutions in relation to environmental, social and governance considerations.

The Senators believe this signaling from the peak body could influence banks and insurers to add extra risk weighting to premiums and loan approvals which are not necessary, and leads to Australian investors shunning regional industries and requiring the capital shortfall to be filled by overseas investors.

Nationals Senator for New South Wales, Perin Davey, expressed her concerns directly to representatives of APRA at Senate Estimates in Canberra on Thursday night.

"My concern is certainly that I would not want to see a top-down push influencing how institutions are investing their money which in turn could have a negative impact on small family farmers who are already struggling to find finance," Senator Davey said.

"Has there been consideration to the fact that if our financial institutions move away from investing in higher-emitting industries that those industries might just seek finance offshore?"

Nationals Senator for Queensland, Susan McDonald, relayed similar concerns about the difficulties that already exist in accessing insurance in North Queensland.

"The insurance market in North Queensland is a complete market failure. It is now almost impossible to get insurance for the most common activities," Senator McDonald stated.

"Are we inadvertently sending signals to the market that are making it more difficult for Australian businesses, farmers, families and miners to do the very business that make us successful in this country?"

Representatives of APRA attempted to downplay such concerns noting that it is up to individual firms to make an assessment of risk to base their premiums.

However, both Nationals Senators have pledged to keep advocating for the availability and affordability of finance and insurance for regional communities and industries and to ensure that APRA doesn't exaggerate existing problems.

"Already we are seeing signs of firms looking to abandon financing agriculture and some resources altogether. This would be devastating especially for the family farmers who don't have the option to source finance offshore," said Senator Davey.

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"The last thing we need is poor signaling from regulatory bodies that dissuades our finance sector from investing in regional Australia."

Senator McDonald said North Queensland is already feeling the impact with domestic insurance premiums out of reach for many.

"We know we have extreme weather events in Australia, it is nothing new and our insurers and financial sector should see it as business as usual, – that's why Perin and I won't be letting up on pushing for available and affordable insurance across regional Australia," she said.

ENDS.

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## Positive first step: State Government responds to local government calls to Save Our Recycling

Sunday 8 March 2020

In response to repeated calls from local governments across NSW to secure the future of recycling, a raft of State Government proposals to tackle the use of plastics, reduce waste and pollution and increase recycling in NSW offered a constructive and future-focused approach, the sector's peak body said today.

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) President Linda Scott said the proposals were both far-ranging and far-sighted, offering smart and innovative state-based solutions to Australia's growing waste and recycling crisis.

Cr Scott was speaking after Premier Gladys Berejiklian today released two discussion papers: the NSW Plastics Plan and 20 Year Waste Strategy.

"Together, NSW local governments have been campaigning to save recycling since 2018 – and it is clear Environment Minister Matt Kean and the Premier have not only listened, but heard our call," she said.

"For two years councils have been asking for the Waste Levy to be reinvested for the purpose it is collected, and the Premier's announcement that this levy will now be reviewed is very welcome news.

"Joining with the Commonwealth to fund council-led waste and recycling infrastructure proposals will help ensure our waste is managed more sustainably, creating jobs in NSW.

"Steps to reduce waste, including banning plastic bags in 2021, and subsequently a range of other plastics, will play a critical role in helping to create a circular economy.

"Increasing state and local government procurement of recycled goods, while leveraging off existing procurement platforms, is long overdue.

"Local governments are also very supportive of state-wide education campaigns so everyone is able to do their bit to reduce waste and increase recycling.

"These State Government proposals score a 10-out-of-10 with local government, and have the full support of councils in NSW.

"Now, we need to see funding and action."

LGNSW's Save Our Recycling Campaign, originally launched in 2018, called on the State Government to reinvest the annual \$800 million NSW Waste Levy to:

- allow councils to develop regional waste plans and deliver priority infrastructure;
- increase procurement of recycled goods made with domestic content;
- deliver state-wide education campaigns to promote waste avoidance and recycling; and
- introduce producer responsibility schemes for problematic materials.

"Councils firmly believe waste should be considered a product, not a problem," Cr Scott said.

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"The challenge we must all now face together is to ensure these proposals are implemented on an ongoing basis, and these proposals aren't allowed to wither on the vine."

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## Councils call on the State Government to fast track funding of recycling in this year's budget

Friday 13 March 2020

**Councils and communities of NSW are calling on the State Government to fast track its commitment to fund constructive and future-focused recycling measures in this year's Budget.**

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) President Linda Scott said the sector welcomed the government's longer-term proposals to tackle the use of plastics, reduce waste and increase recycling in NSW, but increased investment must start now.

"The government's proposed review of the Waste Levy is great news, but the national waste ban targets designed to reduce waste start on 1 July. There is no time to lose," Cr Scott said.

"For two years, councils have been asking for the Waste Levy (estimated at \$800 million this year) to be reinvested for the purposes it is collected.

"This year's \$800 million Waste Levy should be immediately invested in maintaining and improving kerbside recycling options throughout the State, particularly where it will assist the implementation of waste export bans.

"Communities cannot be expected to continue to underwrite the increasing costs associated with our growing waste problems, including increased stockpiles of recyclable waste.

"The levy needs to be spent on local resource recovery and reprocessing infrastructure projects that can be put in place in this year's Budget to reduce the prospect of stockpiles of rubbish in our streets.

"COAG offers a chance for all levels of government to work together in a more coordinated way to finally start to create markets for recycled content.

"A well-funded and coordinated plan that leverages the buying power of all levels of government is a good first step and is long overdue.

"It's time to rewrite existing regulations and procurement policies which we know continue to stymie innovation and the development of new recycled products and markets.

"NSW Councils are already working together, with industry partners and their communities, investing in practical uses for recycled products locally [glass, etc].

"A reinvestment of the Waste Levy in this year's Budget would allow councils and their communities to:

1. develop regional waste plans and deliver priority infrastructure;
2. increase procurement of recycled goods made with domestic content;
3. deliver state-wide education campaigns to promote waste avoidance and recycling; and
4. introduce producer responsibility schemes for problematic materials."

Cr Scott said the government's NSW Plastics Plan and 20 Year Waste Strategy proposals showed Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Environment Minister Matt Kean knew what needed to be done.

"Local councils strongly support these proposals, but the time for action is now," she said.

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Advice on coronavirus | Prime Minister of Australia

**ADVICE ON CORONAVIRUS*****MEDIA RELEASE****13 Mar 2020**Prime Minister, Minister for Health, Chief Medical Officer*

Based on the expert medical advice of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), Commonwealth, State and Territory governments have agreed to provide public advice against holding non-essential, organised public gatherings of more than 500 people from Monday 16th March 2020.

A new National Cabinet, made up of the Prime Minister, Premiers and Chief Ministers has been set up and will meet at least weekly to address the country's response to the coronavirus, COVID-19.

The AHPPC, led by the Commonwealth's Chief Medical Officer and comprising the chief health and medical officers from each jurisdiction, together with the National Coordination Mechanism convened by the Department of Home Affairs, will be the primary bodies that will advise the National Cabinet. The National Coordination Mechanism will work across all jurisdictions, industry and key stakeholders to ensure a consistent approach to managing the impacts of this pandemic beyond immediate health issues.

The recommendation to advise against non-essential, organised public gatherings of more than 500 people is precautionary and designed to reduce community transmission of COVID-19 in Australia.

The advice from the AHPPC was that this measure will slow the increase in the number of new cases, given community transmission in Australia is increasing.

Essential services such as schools, workplaces, hospitals, public transportation, domestic travel and universities as well as public transient places such as shopping centres will not be impacted.

The National Cabinet will meet again on Sunday to finalise implementation arrangements on further advice from the AHPPC.

Management of venues and events will continue to be a matter for organisers and states and territories.

In addition, we have upgraded our Smartraveller travel advice ([smartraveller.gov.au](https://smartraveller.gov.au)) for all Australians travelling overseas to level 3 - 'reconsider your need for overseas travel at this time.'

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Regardless of your destination, age or health, if your overseas travel is not essential, you should consider carefully whether now is the right time.

This is because the health risks from the global COVID-19 pandemic are increasing, you may be more exposed to contracting COVID-19 overseas, and overseas travel has become more complex and unpredictable.

We have not taken these decisions lightly, but based on expert health advice they are clearly in the national interest.

We continue to urge all Australians to go about their regular life and business as much as possible.

Further information about the COVID-19 pandemic can be found at [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) (<http://www.health.gov.au>).

PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA  
The Hon Scott Morrison MP

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MURRUMBIDGEE LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT

# Media Statement



**TO: All Media - Murrumbidgee**

**DATE: 13 March 2020**

**SUBJECT: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptom Checker**

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Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) and Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network (MPHN) are working together to plan for our response to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

People with acute, cold, flu-like symptoms who are returned travellers, or a contact of a confirmed case, are advised to be tested for COVID-19.

- call **HealthDirect 1800 022 222**, where a nurse will triage them over the phone and advise as needed or
- contact your GP to arrange an appointment and let them know in advance if you have symptoms (Symptoms might include fever, cough, runny nose or shortness of breath)

GPS have a critical role in managing patients with mild to moderate symptoms.

Patients with more severe symptoms are referred to hospital emergency departments for care and assessment.

Social distancing and hand hygiene are considered the best protection against the virus.

MLHD and MPHN encourages all members of the community **to wash their hands with soap and water frequently** and thoroughly (for 20 seconds) and stay away from crowds, sneeze or cough into your elbow, and stay home if sick.

For more information about Social Distancing visit NSW Health website

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## 8.6 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT

### 8.6.1 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT

**File Number:** -

**Author:** Kerri Keogh, Manager Office of the General Manager

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#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Sundry Delegates Reports of the Mayor and Councillors for the period 25 February to 23 March 2020 be received by the Council and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

#### DISCUSSION

The **Mayor, Councillor Chris Bilkey** reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- **25 Feb:** Pre-Council Meeting Briefing – Moama
- **25 Feb:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Moama
- **26 Feb:** Riverina & Murray Joint Organisation (RAMJO) Final Water Summary & Endorsement Meeting – Berrigan
- **26 Feb:** Echuca Moama Tourism Board Meeting – Echuca
- **27 Feb:** Murray River Council Business Excellence Planning Meeting – Moama
- **28 Feb:** Meeting with Cross Culture International RE: Sister City – Moama
- **4 Mar:** Phone Interview with Radio Edge FM
- **6 Mar:** Country Mayor's Association of NSW Meeting – Sydney
- **9 Mar:** Radio EMFM Segment – Echuca
- **11 Mar:** Meeting with proposed Business Developer – Moama
- **18 Mar:** Phone Interview with Radio Edge FM
- **23 Mar:** General Manager Performance Review – Moama

The **Deputy Mayor, Councillor Alan Mathers** reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- **25 Feb:** Pre-Council Meeting Briefing – Moama
- **25 Feb:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Moama
- **5 Mar:** Welcome and Open United Hospitals Auxiliary (UHA) Annual Zone Meeting – Barham
- **13 Mar:** MRSG Board & Technical Group Meeting and Workshop – Deniliquin
- **16 Mar:** MRSG Board Meeting with Environment Minister Sussan Ley & Senator Perin Davies – Deniliquin
- **23 Mar:** General Manager Performance Review – Moama

**Councillor Tony Aquino** reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- Nil

**Councillor Gen Campbell** reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- **25 Feb:** Pre-Council Meeting Briefing – Moama
- **25 Feb:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Moama
- **10 Mar:** Moama Lions Community Village Committee Meeting – Moama
- **16-18 Mar:** LGNSW Tourism Conference – Jindabyne

**Councillor Nikki Cohen** reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- **25 Feb:** Pre-Council Meeting Briefing – Moama
- **25 Feb:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Moama
- **3 Mar:** Friends of Old Moama Meeting – Moama
- **10 Mar:** Moama Recreation Reserve Management Committee Meeting – Moama

**Councillor Ann Crowe** reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- **25 Feb:** Meeting with Council's Director Engineering & Others RE: Scope of Reserve area at Murray Downs – Moama
- **25 Feb:** Pre-Council Meeting Briefing – Moama
- **25 Feb:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Moama
- **27 Feb:** Murray Downs Advancement Group Annual General Meeting – Murray Downs
- **16-18 Mar:** LGNSW Tourism Conference – Jindabyne
- **23 Mar:** General Manager Performance Review – Moama

**Councillor Neil Gorey** reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- **25 Feb:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Moama

**Councillor Thomas Weyrich** reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- **25 Feb:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Moama

**Councillor Geoff Wise** reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- **25 Feb:** Pre-Council Meeting Briefing – Moama
- **25 Feb:** Ordinary Meeting of Council – Moama
- **10 Mar:** Moama Lions Community Village Committee Meeting – Moama
- **23 Mar:** General Manager Performance Review – Moama

## **ATTACHMENTS**

**Nil**

**9 NOTICE OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**10 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS****RECOMMENDATION**

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

**10.1 Manager Economic Development and Tourism - Monthly Report**

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

**10.2 Four Post Crown Reserve and Camp**

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

**11 CONCLUSION OF MEETING**