



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

Date: Wednesday, 25 August 2021
Time: 2:00pm
Location: Online Zoom Meeting

BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting

25 August 2021

Lachlan Shire –THE HEART OF NSW



Our Vision:

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

Mission:

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

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Ordinary Meeting - 28 July 2021

**MINUTES OF LACHLAN SHIRE
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE WIRADJURI STUDY CENTRE, CONDOBOLIN
ON WEDNESDAY, 28 JULY 2021 AT 2:08PM**

PRESENT: Mayor John Medcalf (OAM), Cr Elaine Bendall, Cr Melissa Blewitt, Cr Dennis Brady, Cr Mark Hall, Cr Peter Harris, Cr Brian Nelson and Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips.

IN ATTENDANCE: Greg Tory (General Manager), Karen Pegler (Director - Corporate and Community Services), Adrian Milne (Director - Infrastructure Services), Jon Shillito (Director - Environment, Tourism and Economic Development), Robyn Ryan (Communications and Community Engagement Coordinator), Paula Ewing (Executive Assistant)

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND ELDERS

Was read by Councillor Peter Harris

2 APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLUTION 2021/120

Moved: Cr Peter Harris
Seconded: Cr Dennis Brady

Councillor Dave Carter and Councillor Melissa Rees

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2021/121

Moved: Cr Peter Harris
Seconded: Cr Dennis Brady

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 30 June 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

4 MAYORAL MINUTE

**4.1 MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR
JULY**

RESOLUTION 2021/122

Moved: Cr Peter Harris
Seconded: Cr Melissa Blewitt

That:

1. Mayoral Minute no R21/195 be received and noted.

CARRIED

4.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - ELIZABETH MCGREGOR PLAQUE

RESOLUTION 2021/123

Moved: Cr Peter Harris
 Seconded: Cr Melissa Blewitt

That:

1. Council support the unveiling of a plaque for Elizabeth McGregor at Memorial Park Condobolin and agree to contribute a maximum of \$6,800 to the cost of the project as detailed in the request from the Operation Pilgrimage Group.

CARRIED

4.3 MAYORAL MINUTE - JULY

RESOLUTION 2021/124

Moved: Cr Peter Harris
 Seconded: Cr Melissa Blewitt

That Council

1. Read and note Mayoral Minute No R21/211.

CARRIED

5 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Blewitt declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7.1 as her brother in-law has the lease at Willowbend Sports Centre and Item 13.1 Rescission motion as she works with the applicant.

7 GENERAL MANAGER

7.1 ACTIVE RESOLUTIONS - JULY

RESOLUTION 2021/125

Moved: Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips
 Seconded: Cr Peter Harris

That:

1. The General Manager's Report R21/210 be received and noted.

CARRIED

7.2 DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN STATUS UPDATES AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

RESOLUTION 2021/126

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Mark Hall

That:

1. The General Manager's Report no R21/212 be received and noted.

CARRIED

8 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

8.1 BUSH BURSARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2021

RESOLUTION 2021/127

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Melissa Blewitt

That

1. The Director Corporate & Community Services Report No. R21/152 be received and noted
2. Council support the Bush Bursary program
 - (a) Financial contribution of \$3,000 + GST for the 2021.2022 financial year and
 - (b) In kind support to facilitate the local placements.

CARRIED

8.2 DONATIONS

RESOLUTION 2021/128

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Dennis Brady

That

1. The Director of Corporate and Community Services Report No. R21/153 be received and noted.
2. Council not donate to the Condobolin RSL Pipe Band Tattoo as the event has been cancelled.
3. Council waive the fees at the SRA Pavilion for the NSW Health clinic that may be established in August.

CARRIED

8.3 INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

RESOLUTION 2021/129

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips

That:

1. The Director Corporate and Community Services Report No. R21/183 be received and noted.

CARRIED

8.4 CUSTOMER REQUESTS - 30 JUNE 2021

RESOLUTION 2021/130

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips

That:

1. The Director Corporate and Community Services Report No. R21/184 be received and noted.

CARRIED

9 ENVIRONMENT, TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9.1 ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREA AND ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE FOR ALBERT

RESOLUTION 2021/131

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Dennis Brady

That:

1. The Director Environment Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R21/163 be received and noted.
2. Pursuant to Section 644B of the Local Government Act, 1993, an Alcohol-Free Zone be established at the following locations:
 - Dandaloo Road between Comeback Street and Golf Links Road
 - Unnamed Lane between Dandaloo Road and Cedar Street
 - Unnamed Lane between Dandaloo Road and Federation Street
 - Federation Street
 - Comeback Street
 - Rymer Street

- Cedar Street
 - Jonathan Street
 - Yethara Road to 800m from of intersection with Dandaloo Road
3. The duration of the Alcohol-Free Zone be for four years, 24 hours per day, unless otherwise suspended or cancelled by Council.
 4. Pursuant to Section 632A of the Local Government Act, 1993, Council declare Albert Park in Albert an Alcohol Prohibited Area.

CARRIED

9.2 FY2021 PROJECT MONTHLY UPDATE FOR JUNE/JULY

RESOLUTION 2021/132

Moved: Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips

Seconded: Cr Peter Harris

That:

1. The Director of Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No.R21/181 be received and noted.

CARRIED

9.3 DEVELOPMENT DATA - JUNE 2021

RESOLUTION 2021/133

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips

That:

The Director Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R21/187 be received and noted.

CARRIED

9.4 PLANNING PROPOSAL - ADDITION OF "ANIMAL SHELTER" AS A PERMITTED USE ON THE CONDOBOLIN SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT SITE

RESOLUTION 2021/134

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips

That:

1. The Director of Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R21/188 be received and noted.

2. Council endorse the finalisation of the Planning Proposal (PP-2021-146) to amend Lachlan Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LLEP 2013) allowing "Animal Shelter", as an Additional Permitted Use in Schedule 1 on Lot 16 DP 914643, 301 Golf Links Road, Condobolin.
3. Development Application 2021/07 for the Construction of the Animal Shelter be determined under delegation by the General Manager (or his delegate) following finalisation of the Planning Proposal and assessment of the DA.

CARRIED

9.5 TOTTENHAM CARAVAN PARK COMMUNITY MEETING OUTCOME

RESOLUTION 2021/135

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Mark Hall

That

1. The Director of Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No.R21/205 be received and noted.

CARRIED

9.6 DA2020/45 - SOLAR FARM - CONSIDERATION OF CONDITION 33

RESOLUTION 2021/136

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips

That

1. The Director Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R21/201 be received and noted.
2. Council accept the legal advice from Lindsay Taylor Lawyers regarding Condition 33.
3. Council resolve to approve Development Application (DA2020/45) in accordance with the Recommended Conditions of Consent provided in Attachment 2.

In Favour: Crs John Medcalf, Paul Phillips, Elaine Bendall, Melissa Blewitt, Dennis Brady, Mark Hall, Peter Harris and Brian Nelson

Against: Nil

CARRIED

10 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

10.1 FY2021 UTILITIES MONTHLY UPDATE FOR JUNE

RESOLUTION 2021/137

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Mark Hall

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R21/180 be received and noted.

CARRIED

10.2 FY2021 ROADWORKS MONTHLY UPDATE FOR JUNE

RESOLUTION 2021/138

Moved: Cr Mark Hall

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips

That

1. The Director of Infrastructure Services Report No. R21/191 be received and noted.

CARRIED

10.3 FY2021 - URBAN WORKS MONTHLY UPDATE FOR JUNE

RESOLUTION 2021/139

Moved: Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips

Seconded: Cr Mark Hall

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R21/199 be received and noted.

CARRIED

10.4 DIGGERS AVENUE TREES

RESOLUTION 2021/140

Moved: Cr Dennis Brady

Seconded: Cr Melissa Blewitt

That

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R21/200 be received and noted
2. Council refer the tree condition report to the Lachlan Heritage Advisory and the RSL Sub-Branch for comment.

CARRIED

10.5 REQUEST FOR STOCK GRID NORTH FORBES ROAD**RESOLUTION 2021/141**

Moved: Cr Mark Hall

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips

That

1. Director of Infrastructure Services Report No R21/202 be received and noted.
2. The request from Mr and Mrs Hoe for a stock grid on SR 85 North Forbes Road be declined.

CARRIED

Councillor Phillips left the meeting at 3:17pm

10.6 PROJECT DELIVERY - THE MURIE CREEK AND SMYTH'S CORNER DRAINAGE STRUCTURES**RESOLUTION 2021/142**

Moved: Cr Mark Hall

Seconded: Cr Melissa Blewitt

That

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R21/204 be received and noted
2. Due to extenuating circumstances and remoteness of locality the box culvert drainage structures for the Murie Creek and Smyth's corner be procured by inviting quotations from 3 suitable companies, rather than through an open tender process.
3. Expressions of Interest be called for the installation of the Murie Creek and Smyth's Corner drainage structures and competitive quotations then be invited from the preferred Contractors identified in the EOI process.
4. A further report be presented to Council outline details of the quotations received, with a recommendation of a preferred Contractor or Contractors for the installation of the Murie Creek and Smyth's Corner drainage structures.

CARRIED

Councillor Phillips returned to the meeting at 3:18pm

10.7 CROWN RESERVE 190069 - MADLINE STREET RESERVE**RESOLUTION 2021/143**

Moved: Cr Dennis Brady

Seconded: Cr Elaine Bendall

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report R21/207 be received and noted
2. Council respond to the Letter from DPIE Crown Lands and provide all relevant information relating to the management of the Reserve.
3. Council offer no suggestion for the future use of the Reserve and suggest the Aboriginal Land Claim be upheld.

CARRIED

11 DEPUTATIONS

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Councillor Blewitt declared a non- significant non- pecuniary interest in Item 13.1 and left the meeting at 3:20pm.

13.1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION - ITEM 10.6 JUNE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION 2021/144

Moved: Cr Dennis Brady

Seconded: Cr Mark Hall

That Council:

1. Rescind resolution of Item 10.6 of the June 30th Ordinary Meeting as not all the relevant information was able to be presented and the applicants did not get an opportunity for their case to be adequately put forward.
2. A further report be brought to the next meeting.

CARRIED

Councillor Blewitt returned to the meeting at 3:29pm

14 DELEGATES REPORT

Nil

15 CORRESPONDENCE

15.1 CORRESPONDENCE - JULY

RESOLUTION 2021/145

Moved: Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips

Seconded: Cr Mark Hall

That:

1. The Correspondence Report no R21/196 be received and noted.

CARRIED

16 QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

17 PETITIONS

Nil

Council paused for a break at 3:37pm

Council resumed at 3:54pm

18 CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 2021/146

Moved: Cr Dennis Brady

Seconded: Cr Peter Harris

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:

18.1 Section 355 Committees

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

18.2 Rates and Charges Donations - 2021/22

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

18.3 Offer to purchase land - Merilba Street Tottenham

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

18.4 Expressions of Interest for the Lease of 54 Blackers Road, Lake Cargelligo for Grazing Purposes

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

18.5 Offer to purchase land - Walker Street Lake Cargelligo

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

18.6 IFT T2021/12 Condobolin Bore Fields II Scheme - Contract 1 - Pipeline

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

18.7 Rating concession

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

18.8 Senior Staff Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2)a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance,

be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2021/147

Moved: Cr Mark Hall

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

The General Manager left the meeting at 3:55pm

18.1 SECTION 355 COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION 2021/148

Moved: Cr Dennis Brady

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips

That:

- 1) The Director Corporate and Community Services Report No. R21/155 be received and noted.

CARRIED

18.2 RATES AND CHARGES DONATIONS - 2021/22

RESOLUTION 2021/149

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Cr Mark Hall

That:

- 1) The Director of Corporate and Community Services Report No. R21/186 be received and noted.
- 2) Council grant the full concessional amount of rates and charges requested to the Country Women's Association of NSW Tullibigeal Branch.

CARRIED

18.3 OFFER TO PURCHASE LAND - MERILBA STREET TOTTENHAM

RESOLUTION 2021/150

Moved: Cr Dennis Brady

Seconded: Cr Mark Hall

That

1. The General Manager's Report No. R21/189 be received and noted.
2. Council adopt option 1 of the report for the sale of Lot 16 Section 10 DP 758989 Merilba Street, Tottenham.
3. The General Manager engage Council's legal representative to prepare the contract documents and transact the sale.
4. The Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to sign the contract documents and affix the Council Seal.

CARRIED

18.4 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE LEASE OF 54 BLACKERS ROAD, LAKE CARGELLIGO FOR GRAZING PURPOSES

RESOLUTION 2021/151

Moved: Cr Mark Hall

Seconded: Cr Dennis Brady

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R21/192 be received and noted.
2. The offer of \$600 (Inc. GST) from Glen Harris for a 12 month grazing lease at 54 Blackers Road, Lake Cargelligo be accepted.
3. Council authorise the General Manager to enter into a grazing lease with Glen Harris.

CARRIED

The General Manager returned to the meeting at 4:04pm

18.5 OFFER TO PURCHASE LAND - WALKER STREET LAKE CARGELLIGO

RESOLUTION 2021/152

Moved: Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips

Seconded: Cr Mark Hall

That

1. The General Manager's Report No. R21/198 be received and noted.
2. Council accept the offer to purchase Lot 6 Section 58 DP 758595 Walker Street Lake Cargelligo as per option 1 in the report.
3. The General Manager engage Council's legal representative to prepare the contract documents and transact the sale.
4. The Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to sign the contract documents and affix the Council Seal.

CARRIED

18.6 IFT T2021/12 CONDOBOLIN BORE FIELDS II SCHEME - CONTRACT 1 - PIPELINE**RESOLUTION 2021/153**

Moved: Cr Peter Harris

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Paul Phillips

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R21/203 be received and noted.
2. The Leed Engineering and Construction P/L tender submission be accepted.
3. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the contract documents and affix the Council seal.

CARRIED

18.7 RATING CONCESSION**RESOLUTION 2021/154**

Moved: Cr Elaine Bendall

Seconded: Cr Dennis Brady

That:

- 1) The Director of Corporate and Community Services Report No. R21/206 be received and noted.
- 2) Council approve a water consumption charge concession of up to 150kL per annum or part thereof, to be granted to assessment 1010518, commencing in the 2021-2022 financial year.

CARRIED

At 4:05pm Robyn Ryan, Adrian Milne, Karen Pegler and Jon Shillito left the meeting.

18.8 SENIOR STAFF UPDATE**RESOLUTION 2021/155**

Moved: Cr Dennis Brady

Seconded: Cr Peter Harris

That:

1. The General Manager's Report No. 21/197 be received and noted.

CARRIED

At 4:31pm, Adrian Milne, Karen Pegler and Jon Shillito returned to the room.

The Meeting closed at 4:38pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 August 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON

4 MAYORAL MINUTE**4.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - AUGUST****TRIM Number: R21/237****Author: Administration Coordinator - General Management****AUGUST MAYORAL MINUTE**

As I write this Mayoral Minute I am going to presume that we will still be under Stay-at-Home orders right across the state when we meet via Zoom on 25th August 2021 for the Council meeting. We as a Council are doing our best to get information from the Health Department, on the pandemic, out to all the residents of Lachlan Shire. Of course the most up to date information is available from the Health Department website and some information and links can also be found on the Lachlan Shire Council website.

I think we all feel the sooner the majority of people get the jab we might have a better chance of managing infection rates going forward and getting out of the pandemic situation. As there are many more sites becoming available for vaccinations please follow up and make an appointment.

In the meantime stay safe, follow the health orders, look out for each other and look forward to a brighter future we hope without a pandemic.

John Medcalf OAM

Mayor

Lachlan Shire

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Receive and note Mayoral Minute R21/237.

4.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - MEETINGS AND FUNCTIONS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.**TRIM Number: R21/238****Author: Administration Coordinator - General Management****FIRST HEADING**

29th July - Western NSW Local Health District - COVID-19 update for Mayors and/or GMs, online meeting (Mayor)

4th August - General Manager's Performance Review, Condobolin Administration Building, (Mayor and Deputy Mayor)

5th August – CNSWJO Chairs Forum – online meeting (Mayor)

11th August - Western NSW Local Health District - COVID-19 update for Mayors and/or GMs online meeting (Mayor)

11th August – Strategic Briefing Agenda, Council Chambers, Condobolin (Mayor)

12th August – CNSWJO Board Meeting, online meeting (Mayor)

17th August – Office of Local Government Covid-19 update for Councils Webinar

17th August - Western NSW Local Health District - COVID-19 update for Mayors and/or GMs online meeting (Mayor)

19th August – Western Plains Regional Development Executive Meeting, online meeting

23rd August – Bi-Monthly Evolutions Mining and Shire meeting, online meeting

23rd August – Tottenham Mural Meeting, with Ben and Sue Nichols, Tottenham Memorial Hall

25th August – Ordinary Meeting of Council, online meeting, (Mayor, Deputy Mayor)

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Read and note Mayoral Minute R21/238.

4.3 MAYORAL MINUTE - INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS REFORM

TRIM Number: R21/242

Author: General Manager

Report

I am calling on Councillors to support our local government sector's campaign on infrastructure contributions reforms.

The NSW Government introduced the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill 2021 into Parliament on 22 June.

The Bill was subsequently referred on 24 June 2021 to the Upper House Portfolio Committee No. 7 – Planning and Environment for inquiry and report by 10 August 2021.

Councils support efforts to reduce complexity, cut red tape and improve transparency and equity.

However, implementation of the reforms will have far reaching financial implications for our council and community that are unknown at this stage and there is concern that we may be worse off under the reforms.

These reforms may force our council to delay or completely remove projects from our expenditure plan with a detrimental impact not only on community wellbeing and participation in civic life, but also crucially on job creation.

This is particularly timely given Council's consideration of report R21/232 "*Amended Section 7.12 Contributions Plan*" in this business paper. Many of the projects detailed in Schedule 1 of that plan will require developer contributions if they are to be delivered in the future.

Councils need to be in a position to deliver quality infrastructure and open spaces if they are to attract homebuyers, housing and commercial development and business investment and these reforms put this at risk.

Councils also object to the Government's decision to tie reform of the rate peg to cater for population growth to reductions in infrastructure contributions. Reform of the rate peg is required independent of changes to contributions. This presents a concerning cost shift from developers onto local government and ratepayers.

It is premature to push forward with this legislation while so much of the infrastructure reform agenda remains unknown.

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) has been advocating this position on our behalf and has met with the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces the Hon Rob Stokes MP on several occasions to stress that councils and their communities must not be worse off under any reforms.

LGNSW has made a submission to the parliamentary inquiry, opposing the passage of the Bill, and on Friday 16 July LGNSW President Linda Scott spoke at the inquiry hearing alongside other local government representatives to present a united front on this issue.

LGNSW will continue its advocacy efforts on our behalf and is asking councils in NSW to add their voice in calling on the NSW Government to withdraw the Bill from the NSW Parliament.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Recommendation

That:

1. Mayoral Minute R21/242 be received and noted.
2. Council calls on the NSW Government to withdraw the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill 2021 (the Bill) from the NSW Parliament.
3. Council calls on the NSW Government to undertake further consultation with the local government sector on any proposed reforms to the infrastructure contributions system.
4. Council calls on the NSW Government to de-couple the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal led review of the rate peg to include population growth from the infrastructure contributions reforms.
5. Council writes to the local State Member the Hon Roy Butler MP, the Premier the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Treasurer the Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces the Hon Rob Stokes MP and Minister for Local Government the Hon Shelley Hancock MP seeking them to withdraw the Bill.
6. Council writes to the Shadow Treasurer the Hon Daniel Mookhey MLC, Shadow Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Mr Paul Scully MP, Shadow Minister for Local Government Mr Greg Warren MP, The Greens Mr David Shoebridge MLC, Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party the Hon Robert Borsak MLC, Pauline Hanson's One Nation the Hon Mark Latham MLC, Animal Justice Party the Hon Emma Hurst MLC, Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group) the Hon Fred Nile MLC, Independent Mr Justin Field, Portfolio Committee Chair The Greens Ms Cate Faehmann, Portfolio Committee Deputy Chair Animal Justice Party the Hon Mark Pearson MLC and Committee members Liberal Party the Hon Catherine Cusack MLC and the Hon Shayne Mallard MLC, The Nationals the Hon Ben Franklin MLC and Australian Labor Party the Hon Rose Jackson MLC and the Hon Adam Searle MLC seeking their support in securing the withdrawal of the Bill from the NSW Parliament and outlining Council's concerns with the Bill.
7. Council alerts the local media to the threat of future ratepayer funds being expended rather than developer levies for new infrastructure brought about by increased development under the proposed legislation and shares and promotes these messages via its digital and social media channels and via its networks.
 - (i) Council affirms its support to LGNSW and requests LGNSW continue advocating on our behalf to protect local government from any amendments to infrastructure contributions which leaves councils and communities exposed to expending ratepayer funds on new infrastructure made necessary by new development, currently the responsibility of developers.

5 PUBLIC FORUM

6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

7 GENERAL MANAGER

7.1 ACTIVE RESOLUTIONS - AUGUST 2021

TRIM Number: R21/236

Author: Administration Coordinator - General Management

PURPOSE

To provide Council with any Active Resolutions as at August 2021.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Active Resolutions are attached.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP 4.2 Strong effective and Responsive Council

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment A [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The General Manager's Report No R21/236 be received and noted.

ACTIVE RESOLUTIONS AS AT 25 AUGUST 2021

**LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON 25 AUGUST 2021**

AUTHOR: GENERAL MANAGER

Date	Dept.	Resolution	Action Taken to Date	Expected Completion
JULY 21	GM	<p>152/2021 OFFER TO PURCHASE LAND – WALKER STREET LAKE CARGELLIGO</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Council accept the offer to purchase Lot 6 Section 58 DP 758595 Walker Street Lake Cargelligo as per option 1 in the report.</p> <p>The General Manager engage Council’s legal representative to prepare the contract documents and transact the sale.</p> <p>The Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to sign the contract documents and affix the Council Seal.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Phillips/Hall</p>	<p>Purchaser has advised that they can no longer proceed and have withdrawn their offer.</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>	COMPLETE
JULY 21	GM	<p>150/2021 OFFER TO PURCHASE LAND – MERILBA STREET TOTTENHAM</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Council adopt option 1 of the report for the sale of Lot 16 Section 10 DP 758989 Merilba Street, Tottenham.</p> <p>The General Manager engage Council’s legal representative to prepare the contract documents and transact the sale.</p> <p>The Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to sign the contract documents and affix the Council Seal.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Brady/Hall</p>	<p>Council’s Solicitor engaged to prepare contract of sale.</p> <p>Purchaser advised of Council’s decision.</p>	NOVEMBER 2021

JULY 21	GM	<p>123/2021 MAYORAL MINUTE – ELIZABETH MCGREGOR PLAQUE</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT:</p> <p>Council support the unveiling of a plaque for Elizabeth McGregor at Memorial Park Condobolin and agree to contribute a maximum of \$6,800 to the cost of the project as detailed in the request from the Operation Pilgrimage Group.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Blewitt</p>	Ongoing	DECEMBER 2021
MAY 21	GM	<p>117/2021 MELROSE STREET MEDICAL CENTRE – LEASE RENEWAL</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>The offer from Brenshaw Medical to renew the lease for the Melrose Street Medical Centre under the terms outlined in option 1 of the report be accepted.</p> <p>That the rent for the property be increased by CPI every year on the anniversary of the lease.</p> <p>That the rent be reviewed and re-negotiated with the tenant prior to any optional extension of the lease being accepted.</p> <p>The General Manager be authorised to sign the lease documents.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Phillips</p>	<p>Revised lease prepared and sent to tenant for signature</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>	COMPLETE
APR 21	GM	<p>81/2021 MAYORAL MINUTE - ELIZABETH MCGREGOR PLAQUE</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Accept the unveiling of a plaque for Elizabeth McGregor at the Condobolin RSL Club and agree to contribute \$1800 to the cost of the plaque, travel and accommodation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carter/Bendall</p>	COMPLETE	COMPLETE

JULY 21	ETED	<p>136/2021 –SOLAR FARM-CONSIDERATION OF CONDITION 33</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Council accept the legal advice from Lindsay Taylor Lawyers regarding Condition 33.</p> <p>Council resolve to approve Development Application (DA2020/45) in accordance with the Recommended Conditions of Consent provided in Attachment 2.</p> <p><u>In Favour:</u> Crs John Medcalf, Paul Phillips, Elaine Bendall, Melissa Blewitt, Dennis Brady, Mark Hall, Peter Harris and Brian Nelson</p> <p><u>Against:</u> Nil</p>	Approval has been issued. COMPLETE	COMPLETE
JULY 21	ETED	<p>134/2021 PLANNING PROPOSAL – ADDITION OF ‘ANIMAL SHELTER’ AS A PERMITTED USE ON THE CONDOBOLIN SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT SITE</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Council endorse the finalisation of the Planning Proposal (PP-2021-146) to amend Lachlan Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LLEP 2013) allowing “Animal Shelter”, as an Additional Permitted Use in Schedule 1 on Lot 16 DP 914643, 301 Golf Links Road, Condobolin.</p> <p>Development Application 2021/07 for the Construction of the Animal Shelter be determined under delegation by the General Manager (or his delegate) following finalisation of the Planning Proposal and assessment of the DA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Phillips</p>	The maps to accompany the Planning Proposal have been prepared and the Planning Proposal has been sent to the Parliamentary Counsel’s Office for the legal drafting of the instrument	SEPTEMBER 2021
JULY 21	ETED	<p>131/2021 ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREA AND ALCOHOL- FREE ZONE FOR ALBERT</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Pursuant to Section 644B of the Local Government Act, 1993, an Alcohol-Free Zone be established at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dandaloo Road between Comeback Street and Golf Links Road • Unnamed Lane between Dandaloo Road and Cedar Street 	The signage will now be ordered/installed for the establishment of the APA/AFZ. COMPLETE	COMPLETE

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unnamed Lane between Dandaloo Road and Federation Street • Federation Street • Comeback Street • Rymer Street • Cedar Street • Jonathan Street • Yethara Road to 800m from of intersection with Dandaloo Road <p>The duration of the Alcohol-Free Zone be for four years, 24 hours per day, unless otherwise suspended or cancelled by Council.</p> <p>Pursuant to Section 632A of the Local Government Act, 1993, Council declare Albert Park in Albert an Alcohol Prohibited Area.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Brady</p>		
JUNE 21	ETED	<p>142/2021 UPDATE ON GOVERNMENT FLOOD PRONE LAND PACKAGE</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Council decide not to opt in to the new optional “special flood considerations” clause at this time.</p> <p>A further report be presented to Council in relation to the implications for the new flood planning package.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Hall</p>	A report will be provided to the Council meeting in September.	SEPTEMBER 2021
JUNE 21	ETED	<p>141/2021 PLANNING PROPOSAL - AMENDMENT TO LACHLAN LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2013 TO ALLOW AN ADDITIONAL PERMITTED USE FOR A "VEHICLE REPAIR STATION" AT 48 BROWNIES LANE, TOTTENHAM</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Council endorse the preparation and lodgement of a planning proposal to amend Lachlan Local Environmental Plan 2013, to have “Vehicle Repair Station” listed as an Additional Permitted Use in Schedule 1 at 48 Brownies Lane, Tottenham, being Lots 68, 69 and 162 DP 753968 that is currently zoned R5 Large Lot Residential.</p> <p>3. Council approve the Planning Proposal for public authority consultation and public exhibition in accordance with any conditions imposed under the Gateway Determination.</p>	The planning proposal is currently being prepared and will be lodged with DPIE in August.	NOVEMBER 2021

		<p>4. Council seek authority from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to exercise the delegation of all functions of the relevant local plan making authority under Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to make the local environmental plan to put into effect the Planning Proposal.</p> <p>5. Authority be delegated to the General Manager to make any minor variations to the Planning Proposal, following receipt of the Gateway Determination.</p> <p>6. A further report be brought back to Council following the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal detailing any submissions received during the public exhibition period.</p> <p><u>In Favour:</u> Crs John Medcalf, Paul Phillips, Elaine Bendall, Melissa Blewitt, Dennis Brady, Mark Hall, Peter Harris, Melissa Rees and Brian Nelson</p> <p><u>Against:</u> Nil</p>		
MAY 21	ETED	<p>115/2021 FIRE DAMAGED PROPERTIES IN LACHLAN SHIRE</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Remediation/repair works be undertaken in accordance with the terms of the development control orders on each property and seek to recover the costs through legal action.</p> <p>The cost of the remediation/repair work be spread across the 20.21 and 21.22 financial years and be charged against the Vacant Land Expenses budget.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Brady</p>	Works have commenced and are expected to be complete by October.	OCTOBER 2021
MAY 21	ETED	<p>94/2021 DRAFT ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PROTOCOL</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>The Draft Lachlan Shire Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Protocol be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of fifty six (56) days.</p> <p>Following expiry of the exhibition period a further report be presented to Council for the consideration of any submissions received during the exhibition period.</p>	The draft protocol was on public exhibition until 13 August 2021. No submissions were received during the notification period. A report will be prepared for the September Council meeting to finalise the protocol.	SEPTEMBER 2021

			Harris/Hall	
MAY 21	ETED	<p>93/2021 AMENDED SECTION 7.12 CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>The amended Section 7.12 Contributions Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and public submissions be invited on the draft plan.</p> <p>A further report be presented to Council, following the public exhibition of the amended Section 7.12 Contributions Plan, detailing any submissions received during the public exhibition period and to allow Council to consider the adoption of the amended plan.</p> <p>Harris/Hall</p>	<p>The draft Section 7.12 Contributions Plan was on public exhibition, until 7 July 2021. A report and final Section 7.12 contributions plan are presented for Council's consideration as part of this business paper.</p>	AUGUST 2021
MAY 21	ETED	<p>92/2021 HONOUR ROLL/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BOARD</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>That an Acknowledgement Board project be considered, along with other meritorious projects, for a funding application under the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 4.</p> <p>Subject to Council approval, and a successful grant application for the Acknowledgement Board project, expressions of interest be invited from community members to assist with the determination of appropriate criteria for a person's name to be considered for inclusion on the board. The advisory group is also to make recommendations to Council on the initial list of people's names for inclusion on the board.</p> <p>A further report be presented to Council following determination of the project funding application.</p> <p>Harris/Brady</p>	<p>The project was not supported by Council for funding under the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 4. Other funding opportunities will now need to be identified.</p>	DECEMBER 2021

APR 21	ETED	<p>90/2021 DRAFT KEEPING OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS POLICY</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>The draft Keeping of Domestic Animals Policy be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days, allowing for public submissions to be made.</p> <p>A further report be presented to Council detailing any submissions received on the draft Policy during the exhibition period for the consideration of Council prior to finalisation / adoption of the policy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Phillips</p>	<p>The draft policy was on exhibition, from 7 June 2021 to 4 August 2021. A report is presented to Council, as part of the business paper, for consideration and adoption of the final policy.</p>	AUGUST 2021
FEB 21	ETED	<p>35/2021 CARAVAN PARK REVIEW AND OPTIONS</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Council proceed with option 2 in relation to Riverview and Lakeview Caravan Parks.</p> <p>A further report be presented to Council in relation to the master plans for both parks, following community consultation, to allow Council to consider what master plans are advertised with the tenders to enter into a long term lease to operate and manage the two (2) parks.</p> <p>Council proceed with option 6 in relation to State Centre (Tottenham) Caravan Park and authorises the General Manager to commence an investigation into this option, including community consultation.</p> <p>A further report be presented on the costs, savings and potential offsets associated with option 6 following community consultation and feedback.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Bendall</p>	<p>Master plans for Lakeview and Riverview have been endorsed by Council.</p> <p>A meeting was held in Tottenham on 28 June to discuss the future plans for the State Centre (Tottenham) Caravan Park. A report was presented at the July meeting in relation to the feedback received. Potential costs, savings and offsets associated with the management options are now being investigated and will be reported back to Council.</p>	SEPTEMBER 2021

DEC 20	ETED	<p>348/2020 DRAFT BUSH FIRE PRONE LAND MAP</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Council adopt the recommendations of the report prepared by Integrated Consulting, as attached to this report.</p> <p>Following the completion of the tasks, recommended in Integrated Consulting's report, the draft Bush Fire Prone Land map be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days (which will be extended over the Christmas period in accordance with the Community Participation Plan) and public submissions be invited on the draft map.</p> <p>A further report be presented to Council, following the completion of the public exhibition period, detailing any submissions received during the public exhibition period and to allow Council to consider the adoption of the plan prior to it being sent to the Commissioner of NSW RFS for review and certification.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Bendall</p>	<p>The draft Bush Fire Prone Land Map (BFPLM) was on public exhibition until 7 April 2021.</p> <p>Public submissions have been reviewed by Council officers and a response was sent in June to NSW RFS for review.</p> <p>NSWRFS will meet with Council staff to provide further feedback in August. Dependent on the feedback received, another round of public consultation may be required.</p> <p>A report will be presented to Council once a review/notification period has been undertaken.</p>	OCTOBER 2021
DEC 20	ETED	<p>346/20 DRAFT LACHLAN ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDY</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT:</p> <p>The draft Lachlan Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days and public submissions be invited on the draft Study. During the exhibition period, further consultation be undertaken with the Aboriginal community in accordance with the</p>	<p>A series of workshops have been held in Condobolin and Murrin Bridge as part of the consultation process.</p>	AUGUST 2021

		<p>recommendation of the Study, prepared by OzArk Environment and Heritage.</p> <p>A further report be presented to Council in February 2021, following the completion of the public exhibition period and further consultation, detailing any submissions received during the public exhibition period and to allow Council to consider the adoption of the final study.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Phillips</p>	<p>Some changes have been suggested as part of these workshops and a number of subsequent discussions have taken place.</p> <p>The draft study has been reviewed by the NSW Heritage Office. Some minor changes were requested and a report is presented for the final adoption of the study.</p>	
SEPT 20	ETED	<p>275/20 EXCLUSIVE USE LICENSE - WILLOW BEND SPORT CENTRE - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE NSW</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Council enter into a ten (10) year license agreement with the Department of Education for a fee not less than \$35,000 per year inclusive of GST, plus annual CPI increases for use of the facility of up to 800 hours per year.</p> <p>The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the license agreement and affix the Council seal.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Brady</p>	<p>New license is now with the Minister for signing</p>	SEPTEMBER 2021
SEPT 20	ETED	<p>PLANNING PROPOSAL-AMENDMENT OF LACHLAN LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2013 TO INCLUDE MURRIN BRIDGE</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Council endorse the preparation and lodgement of a planning proposal to amend Lachlan Local Environmental Plan 2013 to include the Murrin Bridge area.</p> <p>Council approve the Planning Proposal for public authority consultation and public exhibition in accordance with any conditions imposed under the Gateway Determination.</p>	<p>Discussions were held with representatives of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. They advised that a Planning Proposal may not be required and undertook an internal review to determine if this was the case. Unfortunately</p>	NOVEMBER 2021

		<p>Council seek authority from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to exercise the delegation of all functions of the relevant local plan making authority under Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to make the local environmental plan to put into effect the Planning Proposal.</p> <p>Authority be delegated to the General Manager to make any minor variations to the Planning Proposal, following receipt of the Gateway Determination.</p> <p>A further report be brought back to Council following the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal detailing any submissions received during the public exhibition period.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Hall/Phillips</p>	<p>DPIE have now advised that this cannot be done and that we need to proceed with a Planning Proposal. The documentation is currently being prepared and will be lodged with the Department in August.</p>	
MAY 20	ETED	<p>95/20 COUNCIL RESIDENCE – 123 OFFICERS PARADE, CONDOBOLIN</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>A Development Application be lodged to subdivide 123 Officers Parade Condobolin from Council’s current land holding;</p> <p>Authorise the Mayor and General Manager to enter into a contract for sale of No. 123 Officers Parade, Condobolin (once subdivision is complete) with a reserve price to be determined at that time.</p> <p>Investigations commence into possible replacement dwelling options and a further report be provided to Council on the outcomes of the investigation and options identified, including cost and funding implications.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Brady/Carter</p>	<p>A further application will not be required. A process is being completed to issue a subdivision certificate to subdivide 123 Officers Parade, Condobolin from Council’s current land holding. The surveyor has been to the site and the subdivision certificate application has been approved. The surveyor has lodged the required documentation with NSW Land Registry Services and the process is expected to be completed by the end of August.</p>	AUGUST 2021

<p>FEB 20</p>	<p>ETED</p>	<p>353/2019 COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF CROWN LAND FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE WASTE FACILITY AND THE CREATION OF A NEW ACCESS ROAD AT LAKE CARGELLIGO.</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Council proceed with the compulsory acquisition of the land known as Lot: 7308 and DP: 1151003 and Lot: 79 DP: 752333 for the purpose of Lake Cargelligo Waste Facility Landfill Expansion in accordance with the requirements of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.</p> <p>Council make an application to the Minister and the Governor for approval to acquire Lot: 7308 DP: 1151003 and Lot: 79 DP: 752333 by compulsory process under section [186(1) of the Local Government Act.</p> <p>That the land is to be classified as operational land.</p> <p>Council proceed with the compulsory acquisition of the land described as Lot: 7006 DP: 1029763, Lot: 7005 DP: 1029763, Lot: 7009 DP: 1057453 and Lot: 7308 DP: 1151003 for the purpose of road access in accordance with the requirements of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.</p> <p>Council make an application to the Minister and the Governor for approval to acquire Lot: 7006 DP: 1029763, Lot: 7005 DP: 1029763, Lot: 7009 DP: 1057453 and Lot: 7308 DP: 1151003 by compulsory process under section 177(1) of the Roads Act.</p> <p>The General Manager be delegated authority to sign the application and affix Council's Seal.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Brady/Hall</p>	<p>The Minister for Local Government has approved Council undertaking pre-acquisition procedures and the additional procedures to address Native Title in relation to the land. Proposed Acquisition Notices (PANs) will now be issued to the relevant parties in accordance with the <i>Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991</i>.</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 2021</p>
<p>FEB 18</p>	<p>ETED</p>	<p>28/18 LAKE CARGELLIGO WASTE FACILITY – LAND ACQUISITION</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT:</p> <p>Approve the proposal to acquire 72,700 square metres of crown land comprising part lot 7308 DP 1151003, lot 7009 DP 1057453 and lots 7005 and 7006 DP: 1029763.</p> <p>Authorise the General Manager to lodge a Compulsory Acquisition Consent to Acquire Crown Land Application to the Department of Industry – Lands.</p> <p>The DIS provide an estimated cost of the access road to the March Ordinary Council meeting.</p>	<p>NSW Aboriginal Land Council has sent a letter to the Minister requesting a part withdrawal of the Aboriginal Land Claim (ALC) from respective lots identified for acquisition, resolving the ALC matter.</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 2021</p>

			Phillips/Hall	<p>Status search undertaken by NSW Crown Lands revealed no past use has extinguished or resolved Native Title. Council's Native Title Manager is investigating the process to resolve or extinguish Native Title.</p> <p>Refer to resolutions above. The matter above needs to be resolved before the acquisition process can continue.</p>	
DEC 2017	ETED	<p>326/17 HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING 22 NOVEMBER 2017 RESOLVED THAT: Adopt the recommendations made by the Heritage Advisory Committee as follows;</p> <p>a) That Council implement a Conservation Management Plan for small rural cemeteries within the Shire. b) That Council award \$6,000 to Meredith Ervin for works to the NAB and residence in Lake Cargelligo; \$6,000 to Katrina & Jim Thomas for restoration works at Melrose Homestead, and \$2,000 to the Tottenham & Albert Cemetery Committee for headstone restoration.</p>	Rees/ Frankel	<p>Melrose Homestead – funds acquitted. Cemetery funds acquitted. Ervin – works not complete and funds now no longer available. The Heritage Advisor has provided a quote for the preparation of the CCMP for \$9,900. The Heritage Advisor was initially to prepare the plan for Condobolin in December 2018. However the heritage advisor was focused on the completion of the Beech Periscope in Memorial Park and ensuring that Council submitted applications</p>	2021– Progressive delivery and completion.

			for a number of grants which were available in the heritage space, including the grant for the Aboriginal Heritage Study. The Heritage Advisor visited Tottenham, Albert and Fifield cemeteries in May 2020. Draft Plans for Albert, Tottenham, Tullibigeal and Fifield have been provided by the Heritage Advisor and are being reviewed by Council Officers.	
JULY 21	C&CS	154/2021 RATING CONCESSION RESOLVED THAT Council approve a water consumption charge concession of up to 150kL per annum or part thereof, to be granted to assessment 1010518, commencing in the 2021-2022 financial year. Bendall/Brady	Letter sent to ratepayer. Revenue team advised to ensure concession is applied. COMPLETE	COMPLETE
JULY 21	C&CS	149/2021 RATES AND CHARGES DONATIONS – 2021/22 RESOLVED THAT Council grant the full concessional amount of rates and charges requested to the Country Women’s Association of NSW Tullibigeal Branch. Harris/Hall	In progress	In progress
JULY 21	C&CS	128/2021 DONATIONS RESOLVED THAT Council not donate to the Condobolin RSL Pipe Band Tattoo as the event has been cancelled. Council waive the fees at the SRA Pavilion for the NSW Health clinic that may be established in August. Harris/Brady	COMPLETE 29/7/21 Email sent to applicant advised to reapply when event is re-scheduled	COMPLETE

JULY 21	C&CS	<p>127/2021 BUSH BURSARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2021 RESOLVED THAT Council Council support the Bush Bursary program Financial contribution of \$3,000 + GST for the 2021.2022 financial year and In kind support to facilitate the local placements.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Blewitt</p>	<p>Bush Bursary organisers have been notified and paperwork complete. COMPLETE</p>	COMPLETE
JUNE 21	C&CS	<p>155/21 PROVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES FROM 1 JULY 2021 RESOLVED THAT A single provider model be retained for the delivery of youth services in the Lachlan Shire Council area. The 4 year youth services contract be awarded to Western Plains Regional Development as recommended by the tender evaluation panel. Council delegate authority to the General Manager to sign the contract for the provision of youth services commencing 2 August 2021 and terminating on 30 June 2025. Council authorise the affixing of the Council seal to the contract documents.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Hall</p>	<p>WPRD advised. Karen Legge scheduled an induction with youth project manager & executive officer for 16/7/21 Induction conducted. Draft contract sent to WPRD for comment. IN PROGRESS</p>	IN PROGRESS
JUNE 21	C&CS	<p>129/2021 DONATIONS Council donate: Condobolin & District Kennel Club - \$2000.00 Councillor Blewitt declared an interest and left the room at 2:35pm</p> <p>RESOLUTION 2021/1 Moved: Cr Peter Harris Seconded: Cr Mark Hall b. Speak Up - \$200.00 Councillor Blewitt returned to the room at 2:35pm</p> <p>RESOLUTION 2021/2 Moved: Cr Dennis Brady Seconded: Cr Melissa Blewitt c. Condo Cook up – fees waived</p>	<p>Received advice from the Kennel Club that the dog shows have been cancelled due to Covid. Applicant advised to reapply when dog shows are re-scheduled. Customer returned all details. Payment to be processed.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>

		<p>RESOLUTION 2021/3 Moved: Cr Peter Harris Seconded: Cr Melissa Blewitt d. NAIDOC week – Condobolin - fees waived</p> <p>RESOLUTION 2021/4 Moved: Cr Mark Hall Seconded: Cr Melissa Blewitt e. Galari Lachlan TAFE NSW Carers Day - Declined</p> <p>Cr Mark Hall moved an amendment to the original recommendation as follows: That Council waive 50% of the fees The amendment was put and declared by Cr Hall The motion was not seconded.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Brady/Hall</p>	<p>Council notified that condo cookup cancelled. COMPLETE</p> <p>Council notified that naidoc deferred-interim date September 2021. NAIDOC committee advised to write back to council once event is confirmed so donation can be paid.</p> <p>Notified that donation declined.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p>
APR 21	C&CS	<p>87/21 ADOPTION OF YOUTH STRATEGY 2021-2030 REALISING OUR POTENTIAL RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the Youth Strategy 2021-2030 Realising Our Potential as presented subject to the inclusion of additional actions regarding Dental Health.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Brady/Carter</p>	<p>Adopted with minor changes to document requested. PLACED ONLINE. COMPLETE</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p>
DEC 20	C&CS	<p>344/20 ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - PROPOSED EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM, PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT, REVIEWED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND UPDATE TO COUNCIL RESOLVED THAT Council review the attached documents and provide feedback to the Director Corporate and Community Services. Authorise advertising inviting nominations for appointment to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to commence in late January 2021.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Rees</p>	<p>Advertised & documents distributed. Nominations closed 26 February 2021. Seeking Council permission to extend date as only 5 applications received. Extended closing date of 16/4/21</p>	<p>In progress</p>

JULY 21	IS	<p>153/2021 IFT T2021/12 CONDOBOLIN BORE FIELDS II SCHEME – CONTRACT 1- PIPELINE</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>The Leed Engineering and Construction P/L tender submission be accepted.</p> <p>The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the contract documents and affix the Council seal.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Phillips</p>	<p>Contract documents sent to Leed Engineering for execution.</p>	SEPTEMBER 2021
JULY 21	IS	<p>151/2021 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE LEASE OF 54 BLACKERS ROAD, LAKE CARGELLIGO FOR GRAZING PURPOSES</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>The offer of \$600 (Inc. GST) from Glen Harris for a 12 month grazing lease at 54 Blackers Road, Lake Cargelligo be accepted.</p> <p>Council authorise the General Manager to enter into a grazing lease with Glen Harris.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Hall/Brady</p>	<p>Lease Documents Executed COMPLETE</p>	COMPLETED
JULY 21	IS	<p>144/2021 NOTICE OF RESCISSION – ITEM 10.6 JUNE ORDINARY MEETING</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Rescind resolution of Item 10.6 of the June 30th Ordinary Meeting as not all the relevant information was able to be presented and the applicants did not get an opportunity for their case to be adequately put forward.</p> <p>A further report be brought to the next meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Brady/Hall</p>	<p>See Council Report COMPLETE</p>	COMPLETE
JULY 21	IS	<p>143/2021 CROWN RESERVE 190069 – MADLINE STREET RESERVE</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Council respond to the Letter from DPIE Crown Lands and provide all relevant information relating to the management of the Reserve.</p> <p>Council offer no suggestion for the future use of the Reserve and suggest the Aboriginal Land Claim be upheld.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Brady/Bendall</p>	<p>Written response provided to DPIE, Crown Lands COMPLETE</p>	COMPLETE

JULY 21	IS	<p>142/2021 PROJECT DELIVERY – THE MURIE CREEK AND SMYTH’S DRAINAGE STRUCTURES</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Due to extenuating circumstances and remoteness of locality the box culvert drainage structures for the Murie Creek and Smyth’s corner be procured by inviting quotations from 3 suitable companies, rather than through an open tender process.</p> <p>Expressions of Interest be called for the installation of the Murie Creek and Smyth’s Corner drainage structures and competitive quotations then be invited from the preferred Contractors identified in the EOI process.</p> <p>A further report be presented to Council outline details of the quotations received, with a recommendation of a preferred Contractor or Contractors for the installation of the Murie Creek and Smyth’s Corner drainage structures.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Hall/Blewitt</p>	<p>RFQ to be sent once detailed design completed</p> <p>EOI closed. Nine submissions being assessed.</p> <p>Preferred contractors to be selected and asked for detailed quotation.</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 2021</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 2021</p> <p>OCTOBER 2021.</p>
JULY 21	IS	<p>141/2021 REQUEST FOR STOCK GRID NORTH FORBES ROAD</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>The request from Mr and Mrs Hoe for a stock grid on SR 85 North Forbes Road be declined.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Hall/Phillips</p>	<p>Proponent advised COMPLETE</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p>
JULY 21	IS	<p>140/2021 DIGGERS AVENUE TREES</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Council refer the tree condition report to the Lachlan Heritage Advisory and the RSL Sub-Branch for comment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Brady/Blewitt</p>	<p>Yet to progress</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 2021</p>
JUNE 21	IS	<p>161/2021 TOTTENHAM TENNIS COURT LIGHTING</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Council accept the quote from Light Up Sports for \$46,114 (ex GST) to complete the upgrade of the Tottenham Tennis Court Lighting.</p>	<p>Contractor advised. Committee advised. Installation of lighting to be confirmed.</p>	<p>OCTOBER 2021</p>

		<p>The additional funds required to complete the upgraded project, totalling \$13,231, be allocated from savings achieved on other projects funded under the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program Round 1.</p> <p>Harris/Blewitt</p>		
JUNE 21	IS	<p>160/2021 LEASE NEGOTIATIONS 16 MILE PUMP STATION</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Council instruct the General Manager to continue negotiations for a new lease as per option 2 of the report.</p> <p>Council delegate authority to the Mayor and General Manager to sign the lease agreement and affix the Council seal.</p> <p>If agreement cannot be negotiated for a fair lease fee, the General Manager be authorised to commence acquisition of the 16 Mile Pump Station land under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.</p> <p>Harris/Bendall</p>	<p>The land owner has accepted Council's lease offer and the lease documents are being prepared by Council's solicitor</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>	COMPLETE
JUNE 21	IS	<p>157/2021 SUPPLY OF CRUSHED GRAVEL AND STONE</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>The Mays Earthmoving offer to supply gravel from Milby quarry at the rates quoted be accepted under contract T2019/1.</p> <p>Harris/Phillips</p>	COMPLETE	COMPLETE
JUNE 21	IS	<p>149/2021 REQUEST TO TRANSFER A CROWN ROAD - NEAR TO NORTH FORBES ROAD</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>The application for Council to take over the Crown road off North Forbes Road to upgrade and maintain be declined.</p> <p>Council consents to the closure of the unnamed section of public road linking lot 13 DP1053434 to the Crown road at the applicant's full cost.</p>	<p>Resolution Rescinded</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>	COMPLETE

		<p>Council acknowledge that the land in the unnamed road will vest in the Crown if closed and any proceeds from the sale of the road will be returned to the Crown.</p> <p>Councillor Nelson and Councillor Brady asked for their names against the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Brady/Hall</p>		
JUNE 21	IS	<p>147/2021 BURCHER WATER TREATMENT UPDATE</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>The outcomes from the stakeholder information session held on 1 June 2021 be noted.</p> <p>Council provide guidance on the matter of water supply for the community of Burcher.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Bendall</p>	Ongoing	Ongoing
JUNE 21	IS	<p>144/2021 LAKE CARGELLIGO AND CONDOBOLIN LANDCARE – SIGNAGE PROJECTS</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Council offer:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) In principal support for the initiative; (b) Continue to work with the stakeholders to develop the artwork; (c) The cost of installing the sign be funded from Council's existing Reserves maintenance budget; (d) The Condobolin and Lake Cargelligo Landcare groups fund the manufacture and delivery of the signs. <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Bendall</p>	<p>Stakeholders advised</p> <p>Working with stakeholders to develop artwork</p>	DECEMBER 2021
MAY 21	IS	<p>118/2021 TENDER ASSESSMENT – CNSWJO SUPPLY OF EMULSION</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>Council accept the tender from Bitupave Ltd for the supply and delivery of bitumen emulsion, and advise CNSWJO of its decision.</p>	COMPLETE	COMPLETE

		The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the contract documents and affix the Council seal if required. Phillips/Brady		
MAY 21	IS	107/2021 DENISON STREET FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION REQUEST RESOLVED THAT Consideration be given to allocating \$15,000 for the full replacement of the paved footpath on the eastern side of Denison Street from Molong Street to Oxley Street from a future round of the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Fund. Landscaping, irrigation and turf work in Denison Street, adjacent to the Railway Hotel be completed and maintained by the proprietor of the property subject to the Director of Infrastructure's approval of any proposed work. Harris/Phillips	Item will be considered with other projects under the LRCI grant program.	DECEMBER 2021
APR 21	IS	93/2021 LACHLAN SHIRE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 2021 RESOLVED THAT The modification of the School Bus Zone Signage on Orange Street Condobolin, to include and afternoon pickup between 2:30-4pm be supported and written notification be provided to the relevant bus companies. Updated signage be installed as appropriate. Council support the concept of reprioritisation of Boona Road and Maitland Street – with priority given to Maitland Street. Further detailed design be brought back to the traffic committee and Council for consideration. Harris/Hall	COMPLETED COMPLETED Detailed design under development.	COMPLETED COMPLETED SEPTEMBER 2021
FEB 21	IS	29/2021 AERODROME WATER STORAGE TANK – USER CHARGES UPDATE RESOLVED THAT Council implement fees for accessing the water storage tanks :-	Included in Draft Fees and Charges. Signage under development	COMPLETE SEPTEMBER 2021

		<p>(a) Aerodrome treated water access fee per day - \$55.70</p> <p>(b) Aerodrome treated water use per kL- \$9.84</p> <p>Council place a limit of 50kL per day to be taken from the tank. Use of water from the tank remains at the discretion of the Director Infrastructure Services or their delegate.</p> <p>Council install appropriate signage at Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham Aerodromes regarding use of the water storage.</p> <p>Council review the fees on an annual basis in association with annual budget process.</p> <p>Council consider funding options for the replacement of the Tottenham Aerodrome tank in the 2021/2022 Budget Process.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Hall</p>	<p>Tank bladder replacement to be completed under partial Warranty claim. \$4,500 in Council costs to be funded from aerodrome maintenance</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 2021</p>
AUG 20	IS	<p>211/2020 GRANT DEEDS-FIXING COUNTRY ROADS</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>The General Manager be delegated authority to execute the Fixing Council Road Funding Deeds and affix the Council seal for projects RNSW2468 (Bogan Way), RNSW2469 (Tullibigeal Rd) and RNSW2471 (Gipps Way Nerathong Bridge).</p> <p>The Director Infrastructure Services be directed to request a project variation from the funding body to reduce the extent of work for project RNSW2470 (Palesthan Rd) to approximately 7.2km.</p> <p>Subject to a suitable reduction in the extent of work for project RNSW2470 (Palesthan Rd) being negotiated, and approved by the funding body, the General Manager be authorised to execute the amended Fixing Council Road Funding Deed and affix the Council seal.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harris/Phillips</p>	<p>Further grant application to be submitted under the Federal HVSP once applications are open</p>	<p>DECEMBER 2021</p>
APR 20	IS	<p>91/2020 NOTICE OF MOTION - CRICKET NETS LAKE CARGELLIGO</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT</p> <p>The cricket practice nets proposed for construction at the Lake Cargelligo Recreation Ground be relocated to the south west corner of the Lake Cargelligo Central School recreational grounds.</p>	<p>Nil update. Still waiting on DET.</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 2021</p>

		Item 1 be subject to an appropriate signed Memorandum of Understanding with the NSW Department of Education. Phillips/Hall		
APR 17	IS	86/17 PARKS, RESERVES & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES – 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN RESOLVED THAT 1. Council support the development of a strategic plan for its parks, reserves and recreational facilities using in house staff for the period FY18/19 to FY22/23. 2. Director Infrastructure Services and Manager Recreation submit a draft strategic plan for Council consideration before 1 July 2018. Hall/Carter	Crown Lands have been requested to reconsider their determination for a number of reserves. Council report in next month's Business paper with current draft POM's.	DECEMBER 2021
MAR 19	IS	2019/54 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS - TRANSPORT, WATER, SEWER, BUILDING, RECREATION RESOLVED THAT Council defer advertising the AMP until the schedule of actions are inserted into the document. Council note the summary of key issues raised in the asset management plans as identified in this report. Council consider the need to increase funding for local roads and potentially other asset classes like buildings (while maintaining a financially sustainable position) as part of the next revision of its Long Term Financial Plan.	Four Year Forward Works Program received from Roads Manager and Six Year Forward Works Program received from Utilities Manager. Same requested of Recreation Manager. Ten Year Capital Works Program to be reported to September Council meeting.	DECEMBER 2021

8 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

8.1 SATISFACTION SURVEY - INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS AND COMMUNITY

TRIM Number: R21/178

Author: Director - Corporate and Community Services

PURPOSE

To provide Council with a copy of the customer Satisfaction Survey.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

See attached.

BACKGROUND

Council's Delivery Plan noted a Satisfaction Survey should be undertaken to measure Council's responsiveness and services.

A Community survey was previously undertaken in March 2017 and it was noted in the Delivery Plan as being due again in the 2021 financial year.

A professional and experienced market research company called Micromex was engaged to undertake the survey on Council's behalf. This is the same company that was utilised in the 2017 survey thereby ensuring the methodology for summarising results is consistent.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Micromex completed 200 telephone surveys from 11 to 13 May 2021.

An awareness campaign was conducted in the weeks leading up to the survey. Media contacts, Facebook, local papers, Council's website and email notifications to Council staff and Councillors were utilised.

The Satisfaction Survey and its outcomes are contained in the attachment.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

This project was within budget at \$18,150 including GST.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Micromex are exempt from the Do not call register as they are not telemarketers. Interviewing was conducted in accordance with The Research Society Code of Professional Behaviour.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Reputational risk for Council due to survey outcomes.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

OMT & ELT were asked to provide feedback on content.

Council meeting report 24 March 2021.

OPTIONS

N/A

CONCLUSION

For the information of Council and the community.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Outcome 4.2.4 Strong effective and Responsive Council - Community/Customer Satisfaction Survey undertaken to measure Council responsiveness and services.

ATTACHMENTS**1. Satisfaction Survey 2021** [↓](#)**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. The Director Corporate & Community Services Report No. R21/178 be received and noted.
2. The Satisfaction Survey 2021 be shared with the community via Council's website.





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Background & Methodology

Objectives (Why?)

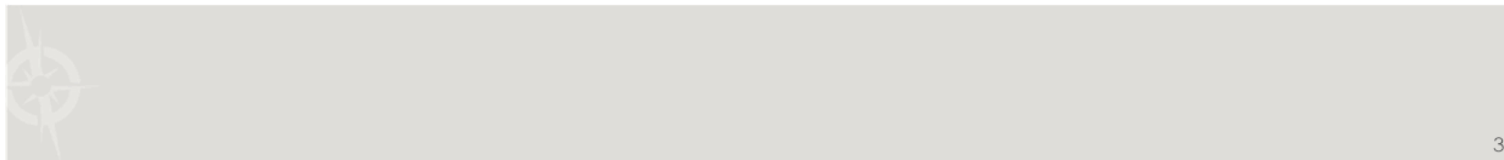
- Understand and identify community priorities for the Lachlan Shire LGA
- Identify the community's overall level of satisfaction with Council performance
- Identify the community's level of agreement with statements regarding the Lachlan Shire Council area
- Understand community expectations for disability inclusion planning

Sample (How?)

- Telephone survey (122 landline and 78 mobile) to N = 200 residents
- We use a 5 point scale (e.g. 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied)
- Greatest margin of error +/- 6.9%

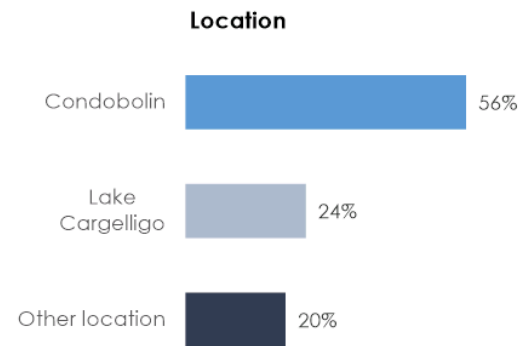
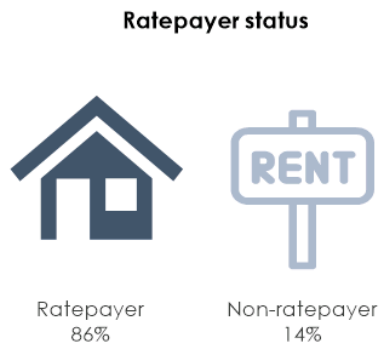
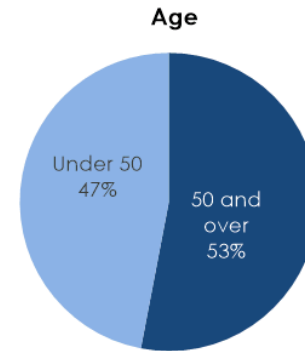
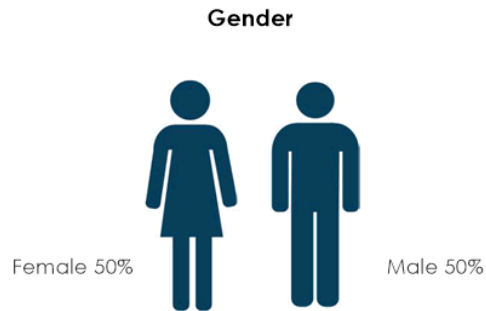
Timing (When?)

- Implementation 11th – 13th May 2021



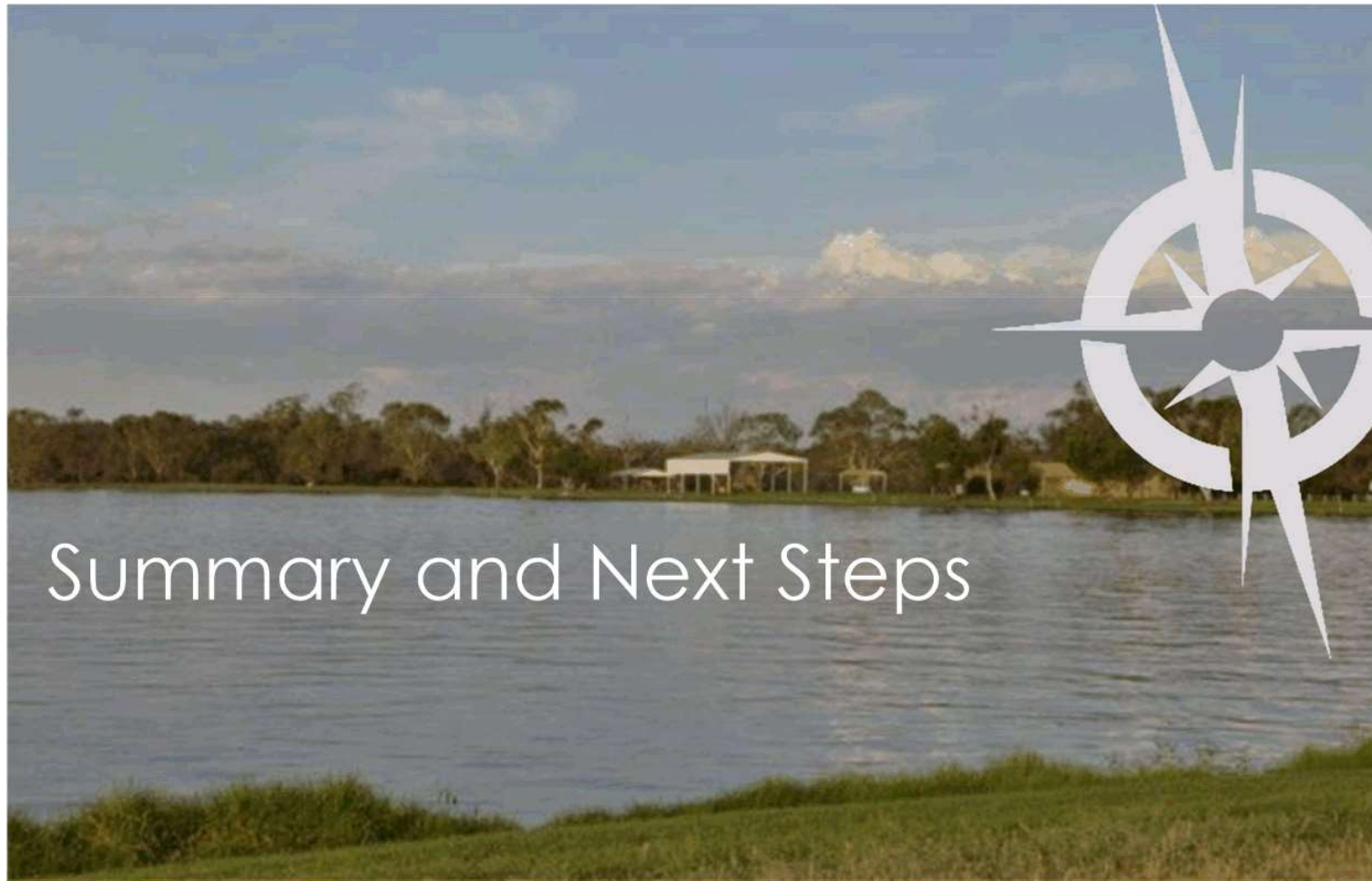
Sample Profile

The sample was weighted by age and gender to reflect the 2016 ABS community profile of Lachlan Shire Council.



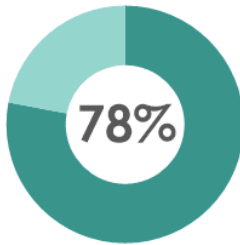
Base: N = 200

Please see Appendix B for detailed breakdown of location 4



Summary & Overview

Overall Satisfaction



Of residents are at least somewhat satisfied with Council over the past 12 months

High – 5 Importance T2B



Top 3 Contributors to Overall Satisfaction



Council customer service (15.2%)

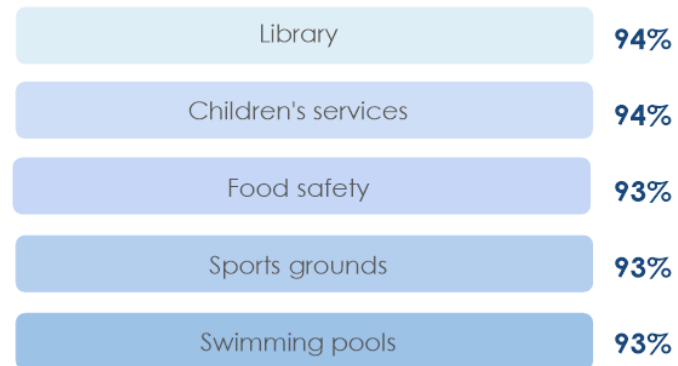


Council buildings (9.1%)



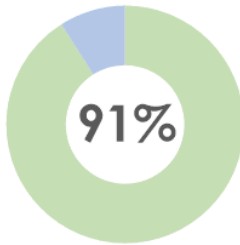
Development approvals (6.9%)

High – 5 Satisfaction T3B



Summary & Overview

Quality of life



Of residents indicated that the quality of life living in the Lachlan Shire was at least good

Wellness and Connectedness T2B

I feel a part of my local community	80%
Lachlan Shire is a good place to live	79%
I have enough opportunities to participate in sporting or recreational activities	70%
Lachlan Shire is a harmonious, respectful and tolerant community	65%
Housing in the area is affordable	62%
I have enough opportunities to participate in arts and cultural activities	48%
I have enough opportunities to participate in council's community consultation	44%
Our town centres are vibrant and economically healthy	42%
Council offers good value for money	35%

Residents Favourite Aspects of Lachlan Shire



"Community spirit/friendly people" (27%)



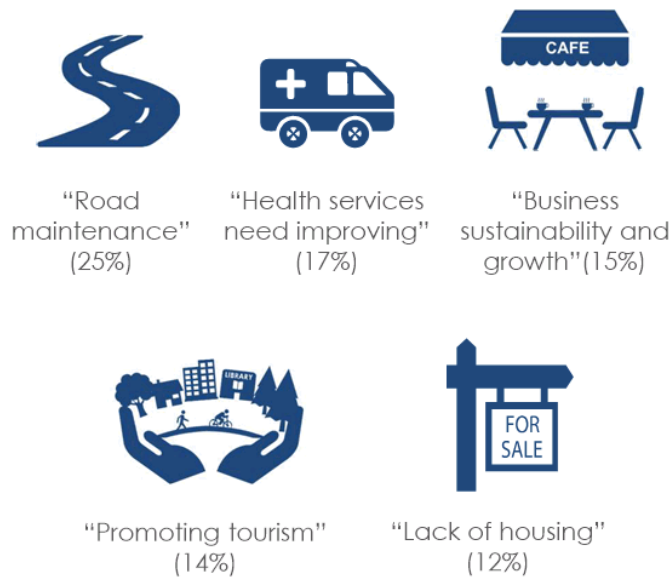
"Peaceful and quiet" (11%)



"Rural living" (9%)

Summary & Overview

Top 5 Highest Priority Issues in the Next 10 years



Top 5 Priorities – Yes %



Top 5 Investment – More %





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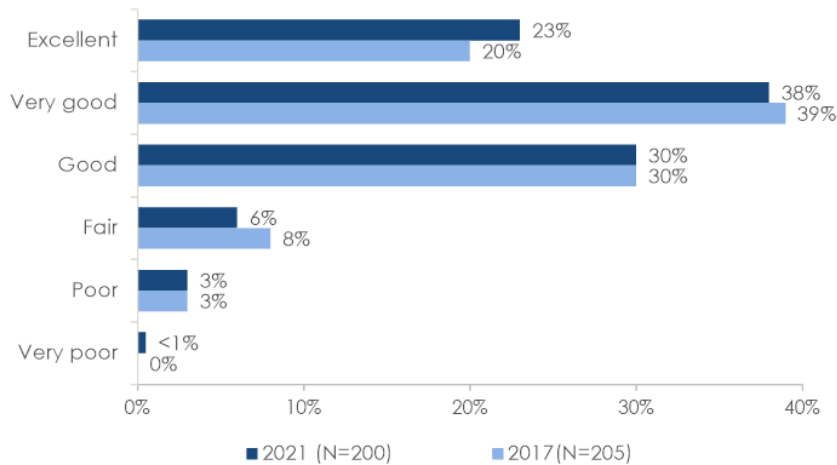
5. Service Area Analysis



Quality of Life

Q3b. Overall, how would you rate the quality of life you have living in the Shire?

	Overall 2021	Overall 2017	Male	Female	<50	50+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer	Condobolin	Lake Cargelligo	Other locations
Mean ratings	4.70	4.66	4.57	4.83	4.56	4.83	4.72	4.59	4.77	4.72	4.48
T3 Box	91%	89%	89%	92%	91%	90%	90%	94%	93%	96%	77%▼
Base	200	205	99	101	94	106	171	29	112	47	41



	Lachlan Shire Council 2021	Micromex LGA Benchmark - Regional
Mean rating	4.70	4.96
T3 Box	91%	94%
Base	200	4,861

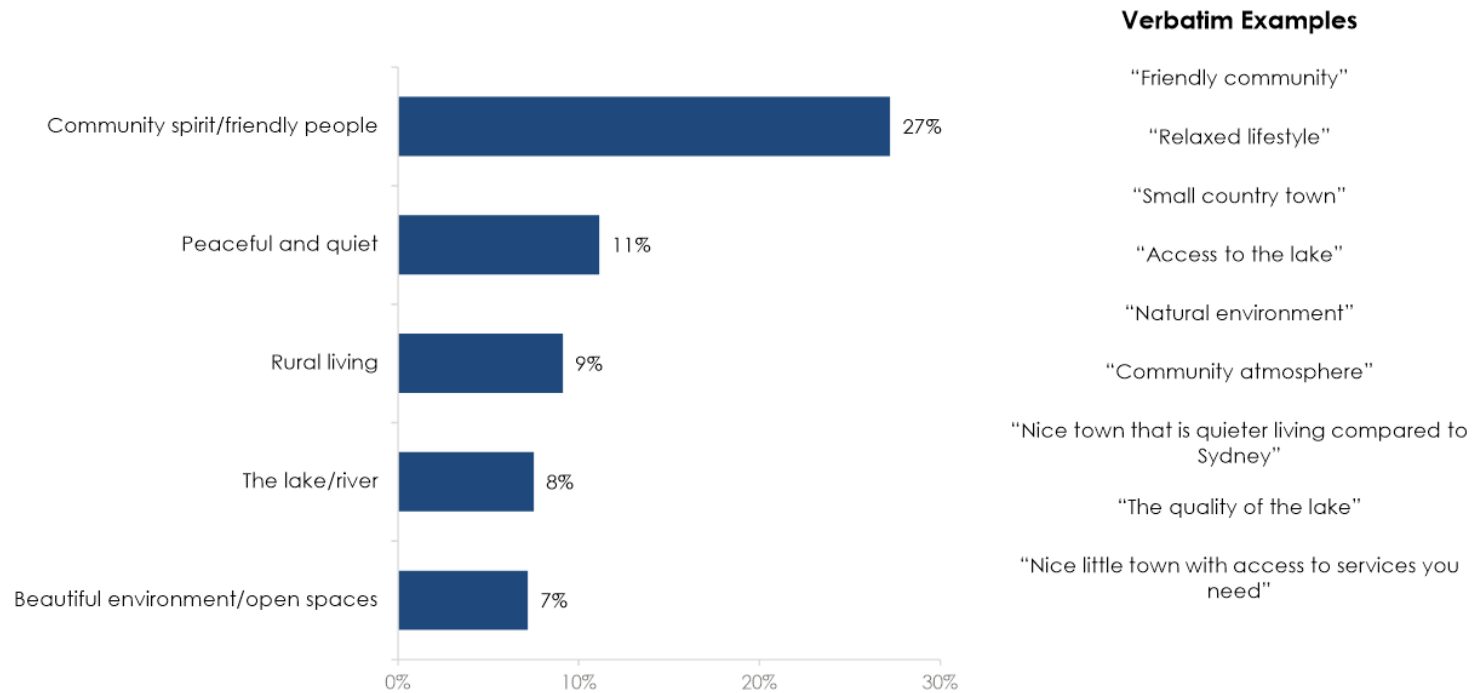
↑↓ = A significantly higher/lower level of satisfaction (compared to the Benchmark)

Scale: 1 = very poor, 6 = excellent

Overall, 91% of residents indicated that their quality of life in Lachlan Shire Council is good to excellent. Residents in 'other locations' rated their quality of life lower than those who were in Condobolin or Lake Cargelligo.

Most Valued Aspect of Life in the Lachlan Shire

Q3a. What do you value most about living in the Lachlan Shire area?



Base: N=200

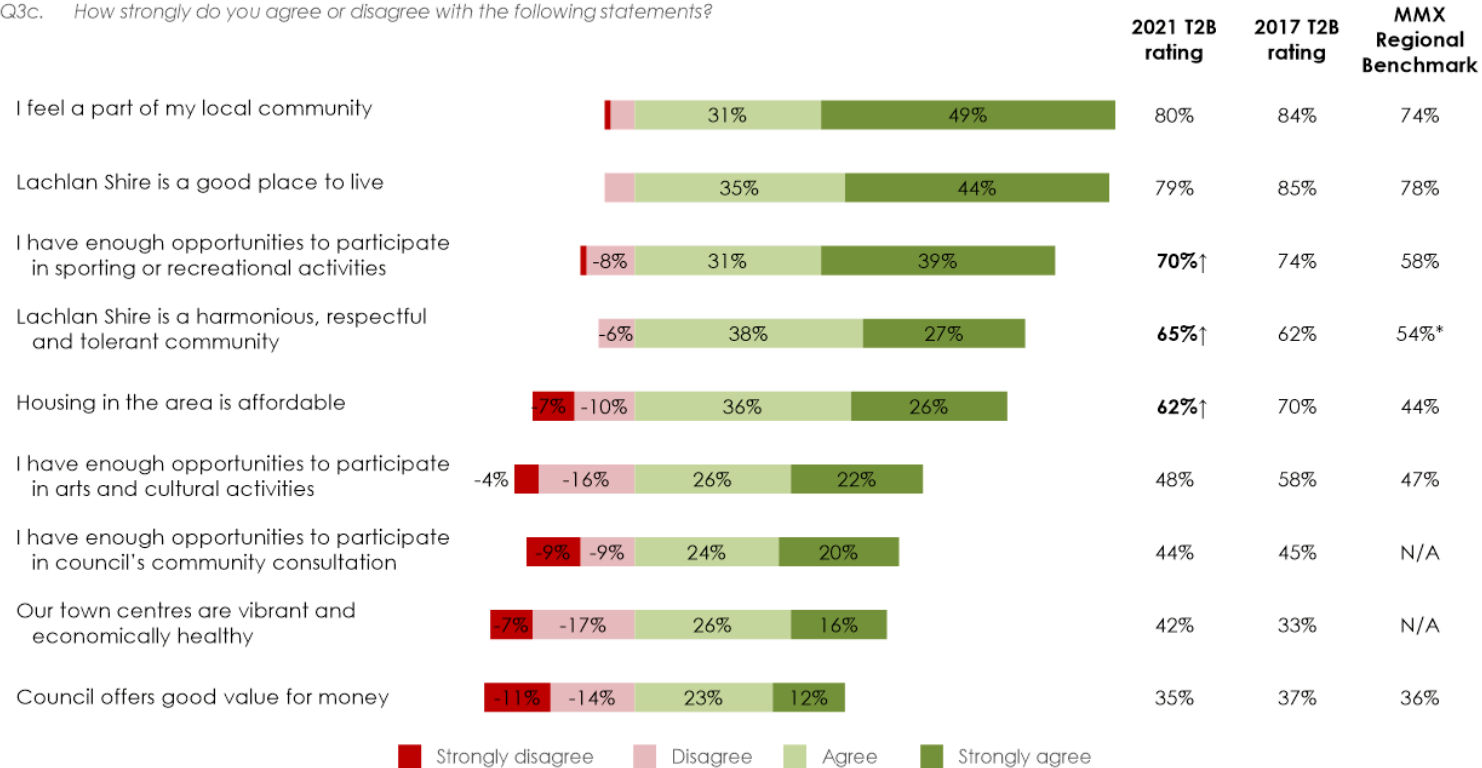
Note: Responses <7% not shown, please see Appendix A for full response list

Residents most value the 'community spirit/friendly people in' the Lachlan Shire Council area.

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Wellbeing & Connectedness

Q3c. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?



Note: Data labels have not been shown for results <4%

*Was compared to "The community in this LGA is harmonious, cohesive and inclusive"

↑↓ = A significantly higher/lower level of satisfaction (compared to the Benchmark)

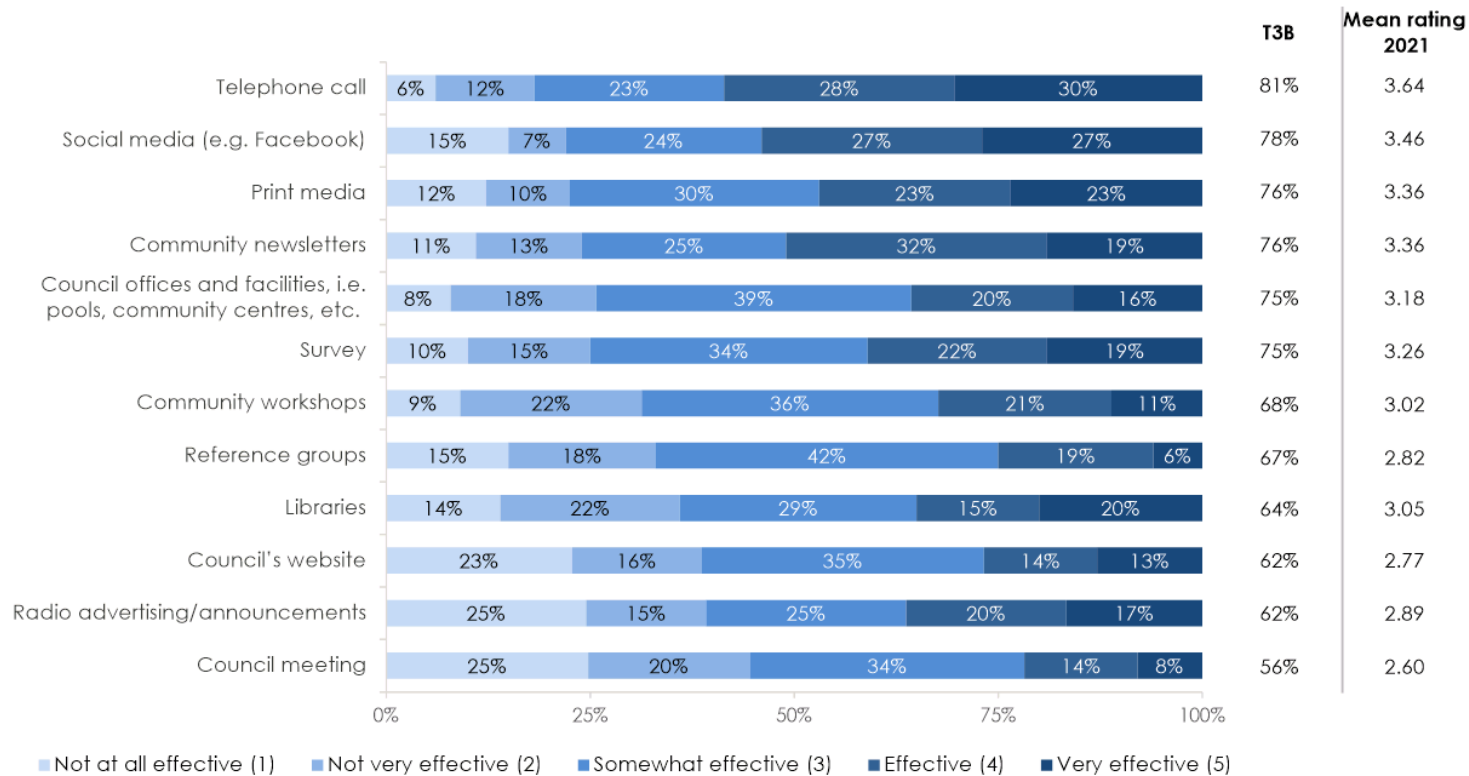
Base: N=200

Note: Please see Appendix A for results by demographics

Overall, the majority of residents agree or strongly agree that they feel part of their local community and that the Lachlan Shire is a good place to live.

Engagement and Communication

Q4. When Lachlan Shire Council wants to get your opinion on an issue, how effective would the following methods be in engaging and communicating with you?



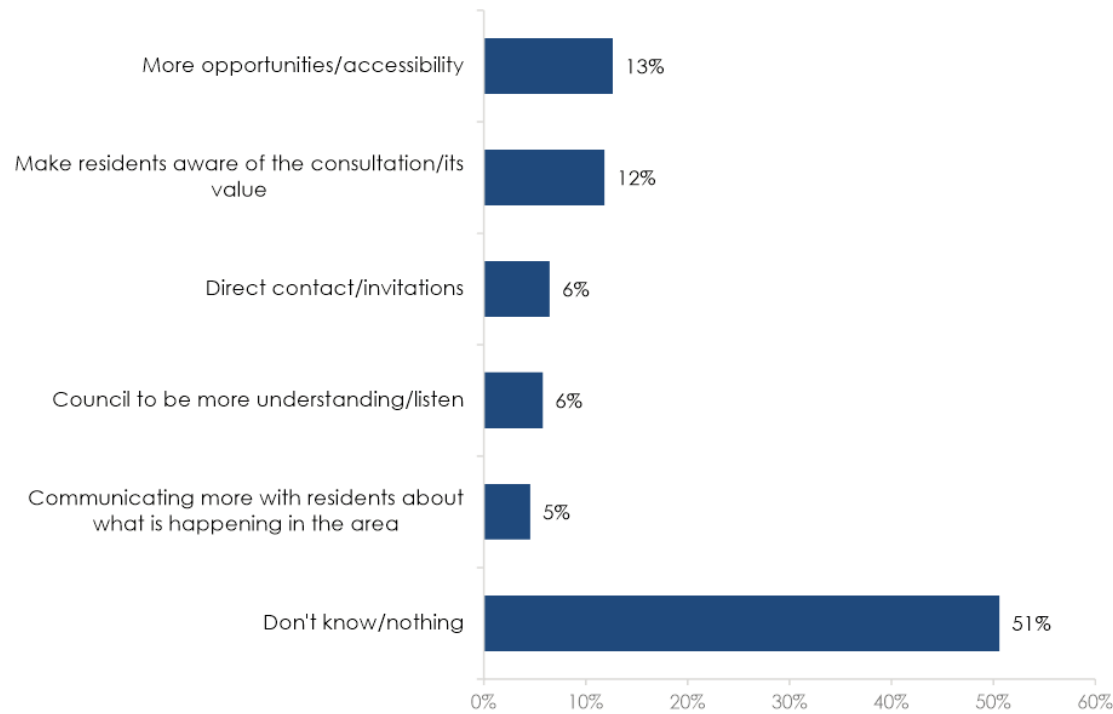
Base: N=200

Scale: 1 = Not at all effective, 5 = Very effective
 Note: Please see Appendix A for results by demographics

Phone, social media, print media and community newsletters have the strongest efficacy scores. All methods have reasonable levels of potential reach.

Encouraging Engagement with Council

Q5. What, if anything, would encourage you to participate more in Lachlan Shire Council consultation opportunities?



Base: N=200

Note: Responses <5% not shown, please see Appendix A for full response list

**While more than half of the residents had no suggestions.
More active engagement and communication techniques are likely to encourage increased participation.**

2. Council services and facilities



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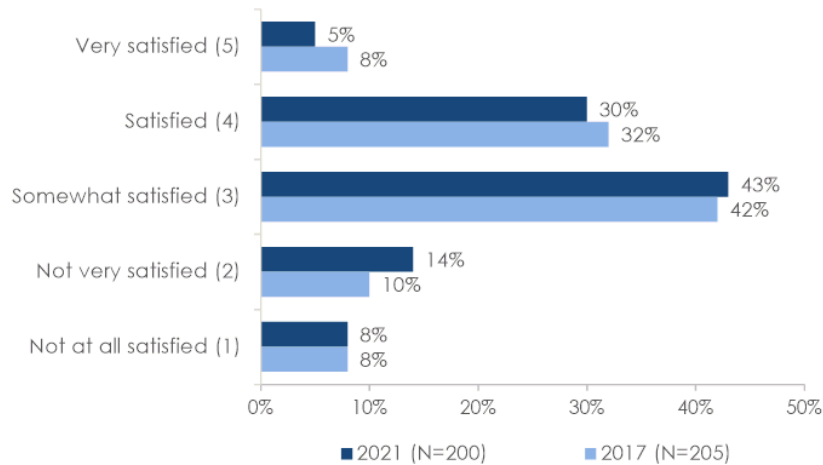
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Overview – Overall Satisfaction

Q1b. Overall, for the last 12 months, how satisfied are you with the performance of Council, not just on one or two issues but across all responsibility areas?

	Overall 2021	Overall 2017	Male	Female	<50	>50	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer	Condobolin	Lake Cargelligo	Other Locations
Mean ratings	3.10	3.22	3.02	3.19	2.99	3.20	3.08	3.24	3.12	3.13	3.02
T3 Box	78%	82%	74%	82%	78%	78%	78%	76%	80%	80%	70%
Base	200	205	99	101	94	106	171	29	112	47	41



	Lachlan Shire Council 2021	Micromex LGA Benchmark - Regional
Mean rating	3.10	3.35
T3 Box	78%	83%
Base	200	37,746

↑↓ = A significantly higher/lower level of satisfaction (compared to the Benchmark)

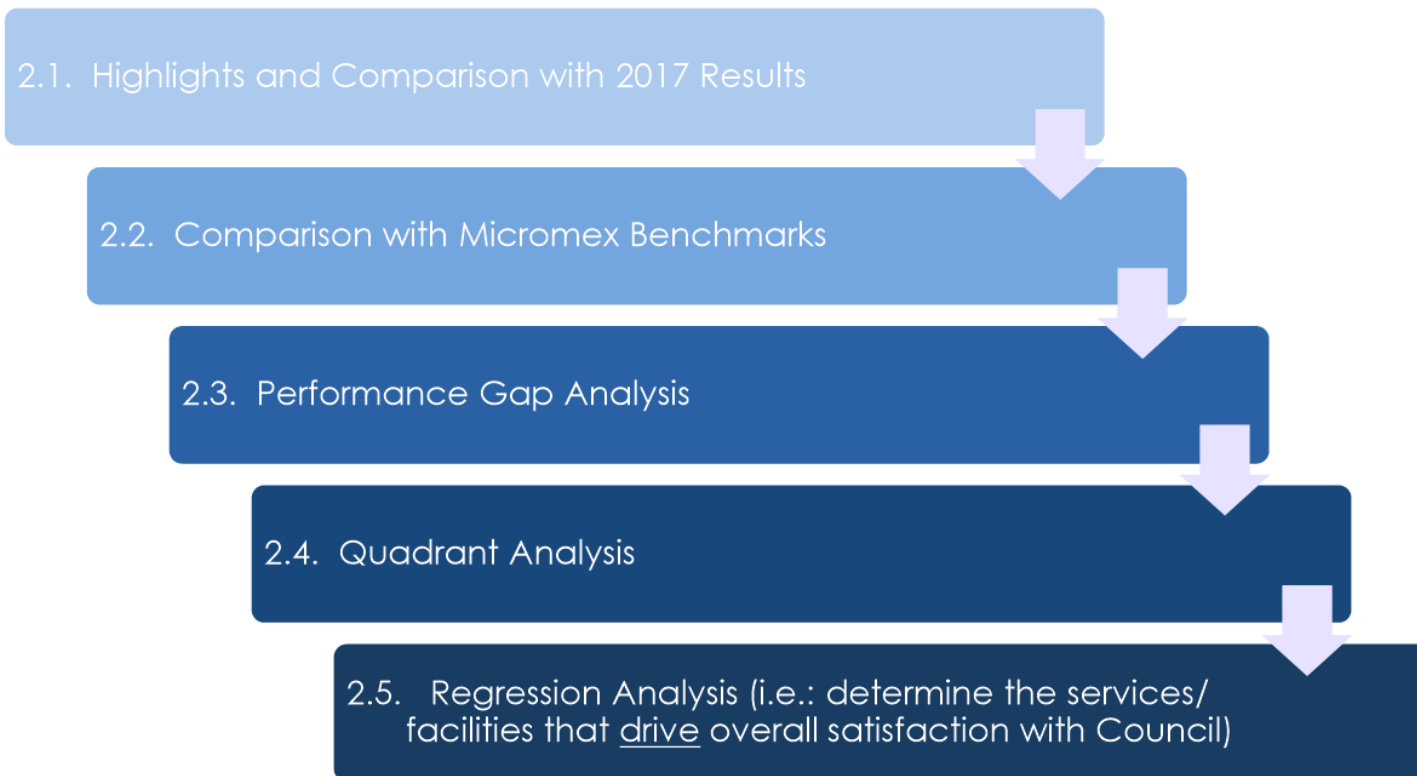
Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied

Although strength of overall satisfaction softened slightly, 78% of residents are still at least somewhat satisfied with the performance of Lachlan Shire Council.

Council Services and Facilities

A major component of the 2021 Community Survey was to assess perceived importance of, and satisfaction with 37 Council-provided services and facilities – the equivalent of 74 separate questions!

We have utilised the following techniques to summarise and analyse these 74 questions:



Service Areas

A core element of this community survey was the rating of 37 facilities/services in terms of Importance and Satisfaction. Each of the 37 facilities/services were grouped into service areas as detailed below:

Infrastructure	Recreation and culture	Regulatory services
Unsealed roads	Parks	Town planning
Sealed roads	Playgrounds	Development approvals
Footpaths	Swimming pools	Animals, weeds and pest management
Water supply	Sports grounds	Food safety
Sewerage	Library	Road safety
Kerb and gutters	Lakes and foreshores	Rubbish
Council buildings	Festivals and events	Council customer service
Community services	Economic support	Town and village appearance
Public toilets	Industry support	Order and cleanliness
Cemeteries	Tourism	Signage
Children's services	Caravan parks	Nature strips
Aged and disabled services	Airports	Attractiveness
Youth services		CBD main streets
Indigenous services		
Cultural services		

An Explanation

Importance

For the stated importance ratings, residents were asked to rate how important each of the criteria was to them, on a scale of 1 to 5.

Satisfaction

Any resident who had rated the importance of a particular criterion a 4 or 5 was then asked how satisfied they were with the performance of Council for that service or facility. There was an option for residents to answer 'don't know' to satisfaction, as they may not have personally used a particular service or facility.

2.1 Importance & Satisfaction – Key Trends

Key Importance Trends

Compared to 2017 research, there were significant **increases** in residents' levels of **importance** for 14 of the 37 comparable services/facilities provided by Council. However, there were no significant **declines** in **importance**:

	2021	2017
Water supply	4.65	3.95
Rubbish	4.60	4.30
Cemeteries	4.52	4.26
Children's services	4.44	3.97
Public toilets	4.43	4.19
Sewerage	4.35	3.81
Playgrounds	4.28	3.92
Unsealed roads	4.25	3.93
Youth services	4.20	3.85
Development approvals	4.14	3.76
Indigenous services	4.06	3.49
Nature strips	3.96	3.63
Kerb and gutters	3.95	3.58
Cultural services	3.87	3.31

Scale: 1 = not at all important, 5 = very important

Key Satisfaction Trends

Over the same period there has been a significant **increase** in resident **satisfaction** for 3 of the 37 comparable services/facilities provided by Council. However, there were no significant **declines** in **satisfaction**:

	2021	2017
Lakes and foreshores	3.82	3.46
Rubbish	3.71	3.29
Water supply	3.58	3.10

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied

A core element of this community survey was the rating of 37 facilities/services in terms of Importance and Satisfaction. The above analysis identifies the observed importance and satisfaction trends when compared to the 2017 research.

2.1 Importance & Satisfaction – Highest/Lowest Rated Services/Facilities

Importance

The following services/facilities received the highest T2 box importance ratings:

Higher importance	T2 Box	Mean
Order and cleanliness	92%	4.63
Water supply	91%	4.65
Rubbish	91%	4.60
Sealed roads	91%	4.58
CBD main streets	90%	4.60

The following services/facilities received the lowest T2 box importance ratings:

Lower importance	T2 Box	Mean
Council buildings	59%	3.69
Cultural services	63%	3.87
Footpaths	65%	3.89
Library	66%	4.00
Indigenous services	69%	4.06

T2B = important/very important
Scale: 1 = not at all important, 5 = very important

Satisfaction

The following services/facilities received the highest T3 box satisfaction ratings:

Higher satisfaction	T3 Box	Mean
Library	94%	4.28
Children's services	94%	3.97
Swimming pools	93%	4.28
Sports grounds	93%	4.02
Food safety	93%	3.96
Council buildings	93%	3.85

The following services/facilities received the lowest T3 box satisfaction ratings:

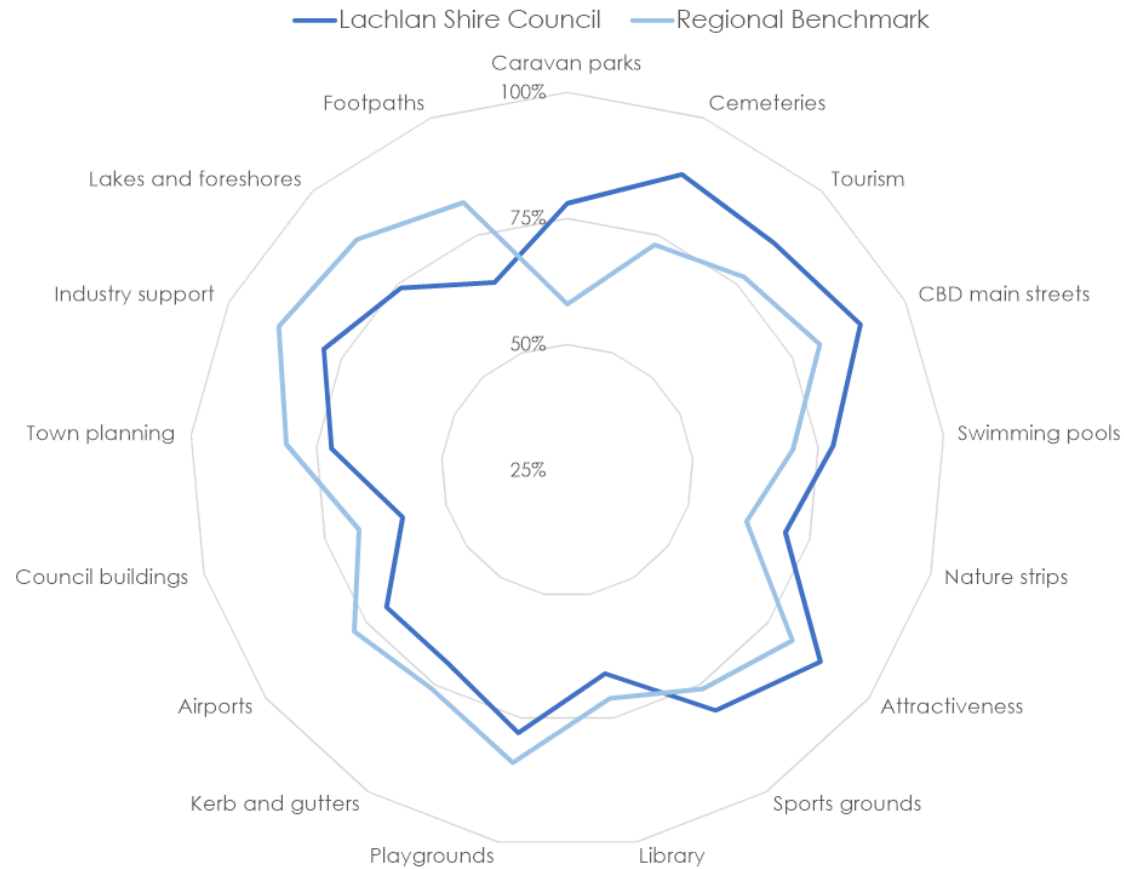
Lower satisfaction	T3 Box	Mean
Unsealed roads	46%	2.47
Town planning	59%	2.89
Airports	64%	3.11
Footpaths	65%	2.91
Nature strips	65%	3.10

T3B = somewhat satisfied/satisfied/very satisfied
Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied

A core element of this community survey was the rating of 37 facilities/services in terms of Importance and Satisfaction. The above analysis identifies the highest and lowest rated services/facilities in terms of importance and satisfaction.

2.2 Importance Compared to the Micromex Benchmark

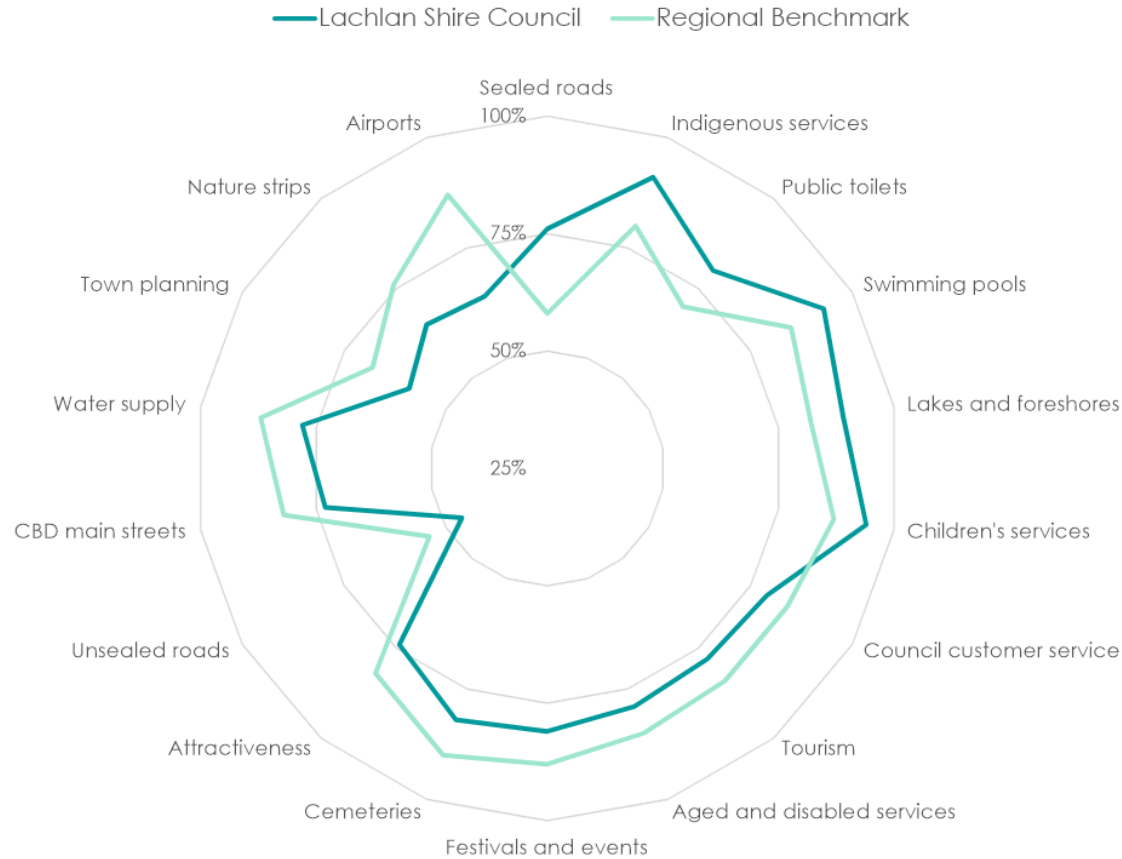
The chart below shows the variance between Lachlan Shire Council top 2 box importance scores and the Micromex Regional Benchmark. Services/facilities shown in the below chart highlight larger positive and negative gaps.



Note: Only services/facilities with a variance of +/- %5 to the Benchmark have been shown above. Please see Appendix A for detailed list

2.2 Satisfaction Compared to the Micromex Benchmark

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Note: Only services/facilities with a variance of +/- %5 to the Benchmark have been shown above. Please see Appendix A for detailed list

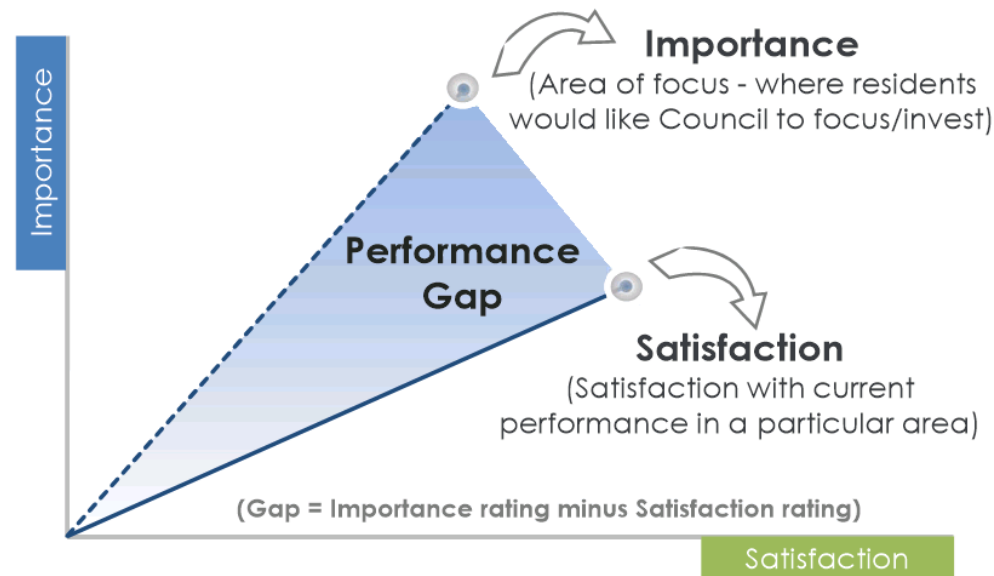
2.3 Performance Gap Analysis

PGA establishes the gap between importance and satisfaction. This is calculated by subtracting the top 3 satisfaction score from the top 2 importance score. In order to measure performance gaps, respondents are asked to rate the importance of, and their satisfaction with, each of a range of different services or facilities on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 = low importance or satisfaction and 5 = high importance or satisfaction. These scores are aggregated at a total community level.

The higher the differential between importance and satisfaction, the greater the difference is between the provision of that service by Lachlan Shire Council and the expectation of the community for that service/facility.

In the table on the following page, we can see the services and facilities with the largest performance gaps.

When analysing the performance gaps, it is expected that there will be some gaps in terms of resident satisfaction. Those services/facilities that have achieved a performance gap of greater than 20% may be indicative of areas requiring future optimisation.



2.3 Performance Gap Analysis

When we examine the largest performance gaps, we can identify that all of the services or facilities have been rated as high in importance, whilst resident satisfaction for all of these areas is between 46% and 79%.

'Infrastructure' and 'Regulatory services' make up majority of the top 10 performance gaps.

Service Area	Service/Facility	Importance T2 Box	Satisfaction T3 Box	Performance Gap (Importance – Satisfaction)
Infrastructure	Unsealed roads	77%	46%	31%
Regulatory services	Animals, weeds and pest management	85%	67%	18%
Town and village appearance	CBD main streets	90%	73%	17%
Infrastructure	Sealed roads	91%	76%	15%
Town and village appearance	Attractiveness	88%	74%	14%
Regulatory services	Town planning	72%	59%	13%
Infrastructure	Water supply	91%	78%	13%
Regulatory services	Council customer service	88%	79%	9%
Regulatory services	Development approvals	74%	66%	8%
Economic support	Tourism	86%	78%	8%

Note: Performance gap is the first step in the process, we now need to identify comparative ratings across all services and facilities to get an understanding of relative importance and satisfaction at an LGA level. This is when we undertake step 2 of the analysis.

Please see Appendix A for full Performance Gap Ranking

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2.4 Quadrant Analysis

Step 2. Quadrant Analysis

Quadrant analysis is often helpful in planning future directions based on stated outcomes. It combines the stated importance of the community and assesses satisfaction with delivery in relation to these needs.

This analysis is completed by plotting the variables on x and y axes, defined by stated importance and rated satisfaction. We aggregate the top 2 box importance scores and top 3 satisfaction scores for stated importance and rated satisfaction to identify where the facility or service should be plotted.

On average, Lachlan Shire Council residents rated services/facilities more important than our Benchmark, and their satisfaction was, on average, slightly lower.

	Lachlan Shire Council	Micromex Comparable Regional Benchmark
Average Importance	80%	79%
Average Satisfaction	80%	81%

Note: Micromex comparable benchmark only refers to like for like measures

Explaining the 4 quadrants (overleaf)

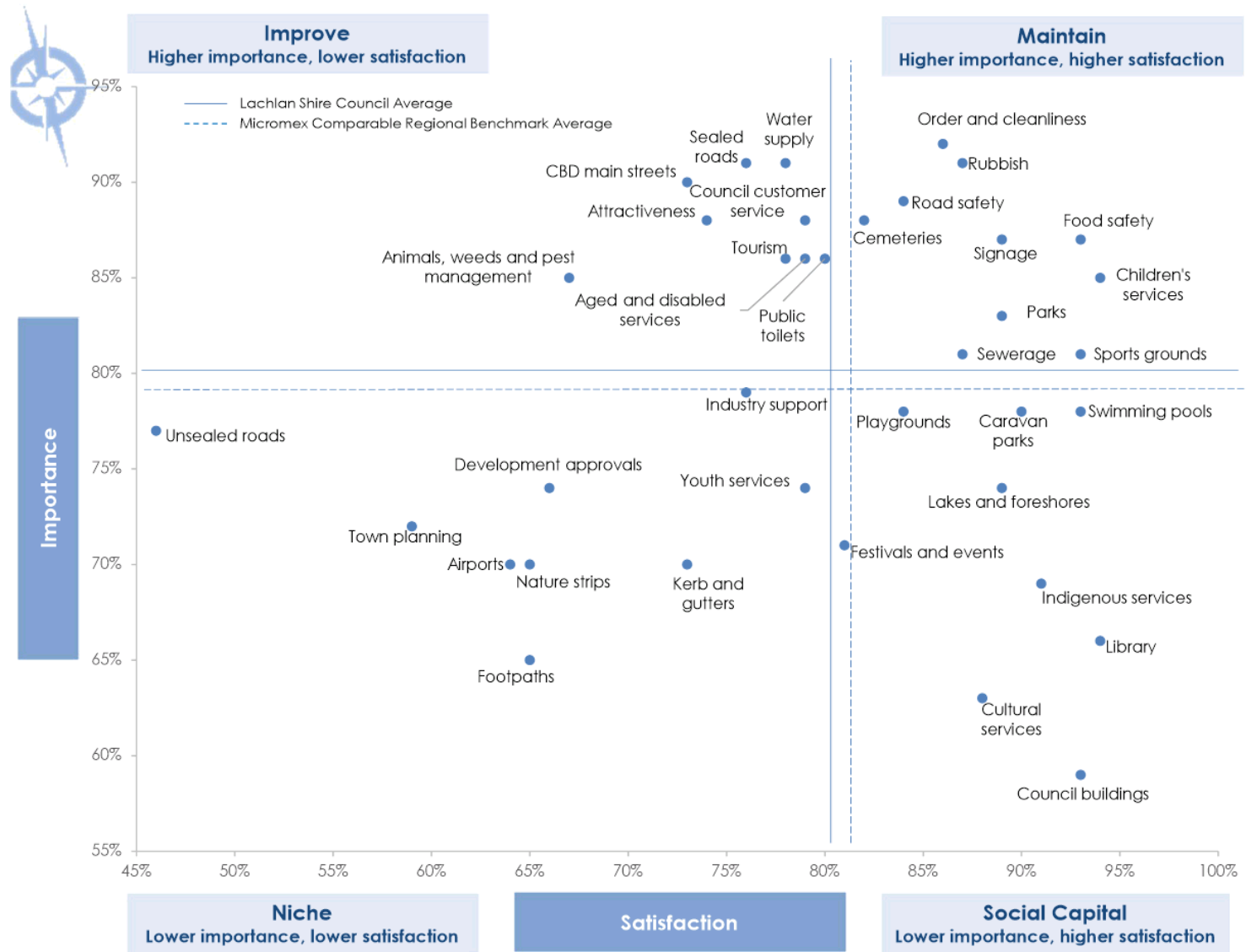
Attributes in the top right quadrant, **MAINTAIN**, such as 'order and cleanliness', are Council's core strengths, and should be treated as such. Maintain, or even attempt to improve your position in these areas, as they are influential and address clear community needs.

Attributes in the top left quadrant, **IMPROVE**, such as 'CBD main streets' are key concerns in the eyes of your residents. In the vast majority of cases you should aim to improve your performance in these areas to better meet the community's expectations.

Attributes in the bottom left quadrant, **NICHE**, such as 'footpaths', are of a relatively lower priority (and the word 'relatively' should be stressed – they are still important). These areas tend to be important to a particular segment of the community.

Finally, attributes in the bottom right quadrant, **SOCIAL CAPITAL**, such as 'Council buildings', are core strengths, but in relative terms they are considered less overtly important than other directly obvious areas. However, the occupants of this quadrant tend to be the sort of services and facilities that deliver to community liveability, i.e. make it a good place to live.

Recommendations based only on stated importance and satisfaction have major limitations, as the actual questionnaire process essentially 'silos' facilities and services as if they are independent variables, when they are in fact all part of the broader community perception of council performance.



2.5 Advanced Regression Analysis

The outcomes identified in stated importance/satisfaction analysis often tend to be obvious and challenging. No matter how much focus a council dedicates to 'sealed roads', it will often be found in the **IMPROVE** quadrant. This is because, perceptually, the condition of local roads can always be better.

Furthermore, the outputs of stated importance and satisfaction analysis address the current dynamics of the community, they do not predict which focus areas are the most likely agents to change the community's perception of Council's overall performance.

Therefore, in order to identify how Lachlan Shire Council can actively drive overall community satisfaction, we conducted further analysis

Explanation of Analysis

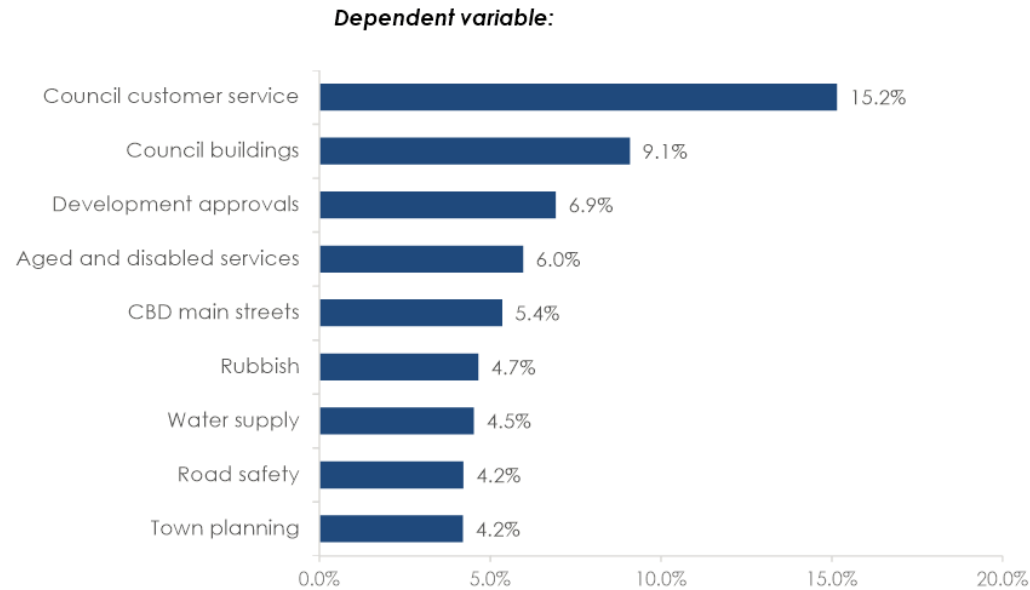
Regression analysis is a statistical tool for investigating relationships between dependent variables and explanatory variables. Using a regression, a category model was developed. The outcomes demonstrated that increasing resident satisfaction by actioning the priorities they stated as being important would not necessarily positively impact on overall satisfaction.

What Does This Mean?

The learning is that if we only rely on the stated community priorities, we will not be allocating the appropriate resources to the actual service attributes that will improve overall community satisfaction. Using regression analysis, we can identify the attributes that essentially build overall satisfaction. We call the outcomes 'derived importance'.



2.5 Key Drivers of Overall Satisfaction with Council



The results in the chart above identify which services/facilities contribute most to overall satisfaction. If Council can improve satisfaction scores across these services/facilities, they are likely to improve their overall satisfaction score.

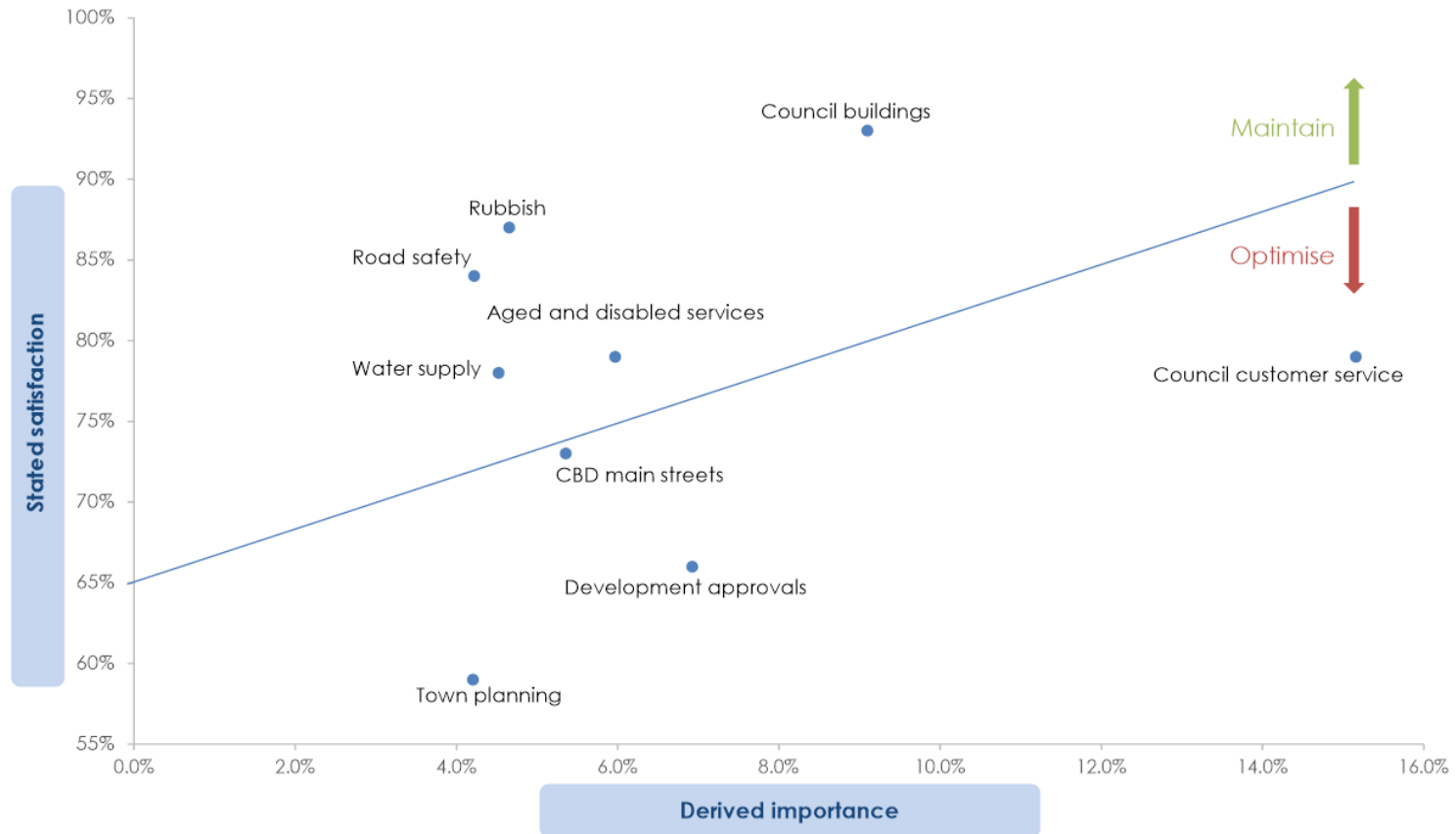
These top 9 services/facilities (so 24% of the 37 services/facilities) account for over 60% of the variation in overall satisfaction. Therefore, whilst all 37 services/facilities are important, only a number of them are potentially significant drivers of satisfaction (at this stage, the other 28 services/facilities have less impact on satisfaction – although if resident satisfaction with them was to suddenly change they may have more immediate impact on satisfaction).

Note: Please see Appendix A for complete list

R² value = 45.5%

The score assigned to each area indicates the percentage of influence each attribute contributes to overall satisfaction with Council. If Council can increase satisfaction in these areas it will improve overall community satisfaction.

2.5 Mapping Stated Satisfaction and Derived Importance Identifies the Community Priority Areas

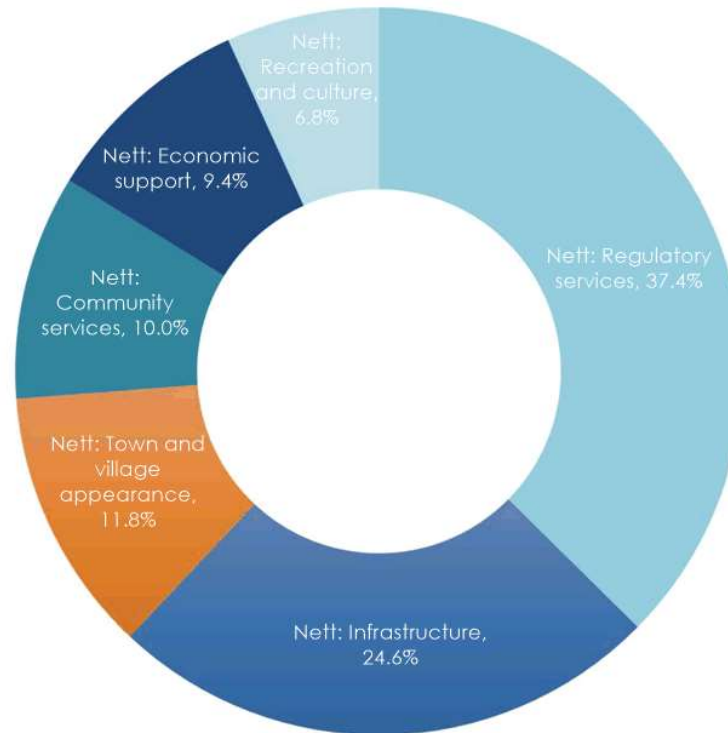


The above chart looks at the relationship between stated satisfaction (top 3 box) and derived importance (Regression result) to identify the level of contribution of each measure. Any services/facilities below the blue line (shown above) could potentially be benchmarked to target in future research to elevate satisfaction levels in these areas.

Contribution to Overall Satisfaction with Council's Performance

By combining the outcomes of the regression data, we can identify the derived importance of the different Nett Priority Areas. 'Regulatory services' (37.4%) is the key contributor toward overall satisfaction with Council's performance.

- Nett: Infrastructure
- Nett: Regulatory services
- Nett: Economic support
- Nett: Recreation and culture
- Nett: Community services
- Nett: Town and village appearance



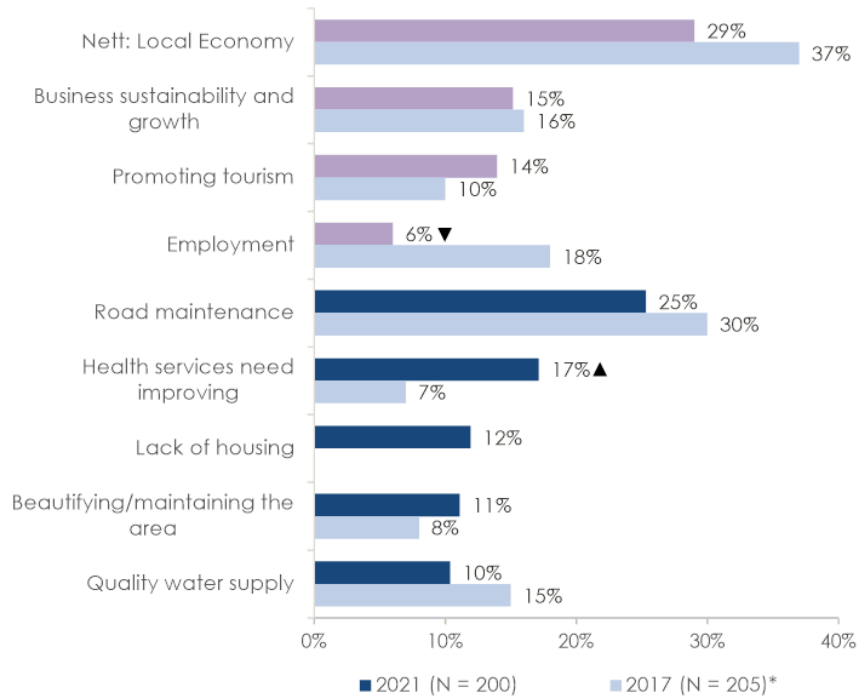
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Top Priority Areas for Council to Focus On

Q2a. Thinking of the next 10 years, what do you believe will be the highest priority issues within the local area?



Example Verbatims

- "Attracting more local business"
- "More tourism events are needed, such as festivals and food events"
- "Creating enough jobs"
- "Improving the quality of local roads"
- "Lack of medical services"
- "Lack of houses and land"
- "Improving appearance of the town"
- "Need a new water treatment plant"

Base: N = 200

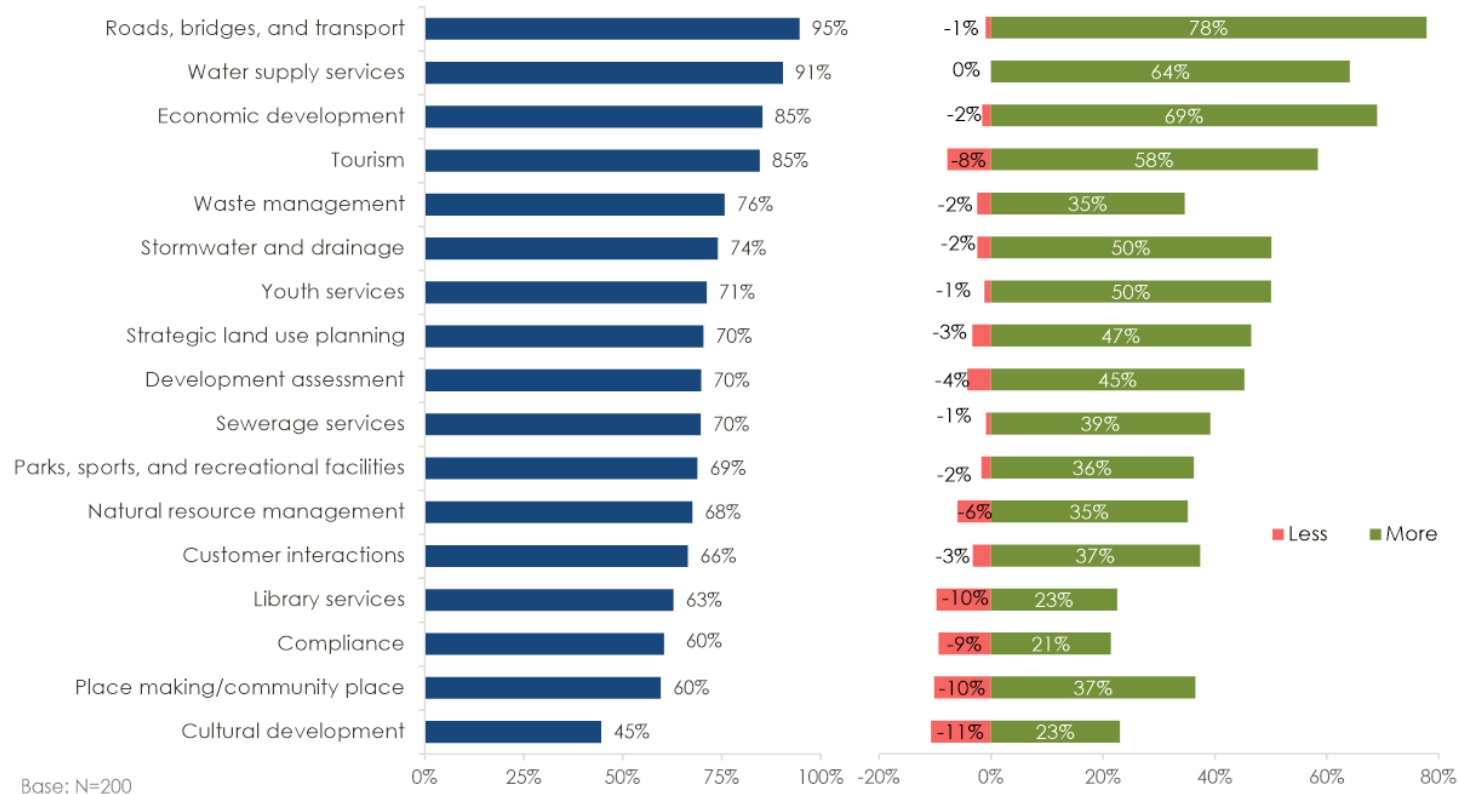
Note: Please see Appendix A for full response list
 *2017 Data was unweighted and has been shown as a point of interest only

The 'local economy' is seen as the top priority in the next 10 years. 'Road maintenance' was also seen as a top priority issue. Lack of housing was a common response that was not notably mentioned in the 2017 survey.

Level of Council Investment

Q2b. In order to develop a delivery program, Council is looking to understand what the community perceives to be the priority areas for the Shire. I will read out a list of different topics and would like you to nominate the ones you think should be prioritised by Council.

Q2c. What do you believe Council's level of investment (i.e. resourcing/financial) into that area should be?



At least 9 in 10 residents indicated that roads, bridge & transport and water supply services are a priority.

4. Disability Inclusion Planning

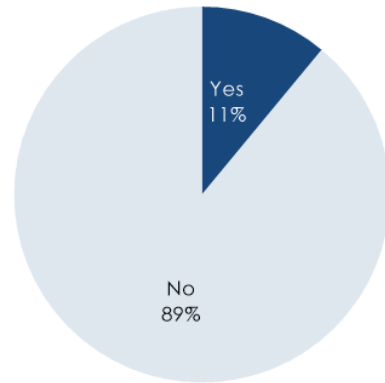


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Suggestions for Assisting Those Living with a Disability

Q6a. Do you identify as having a disability?



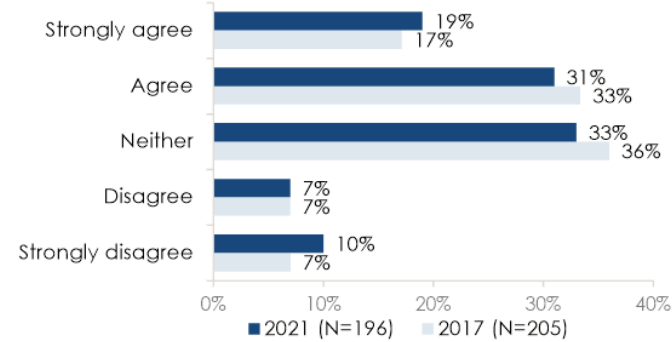
	Overall	Male	Female	<50	50+
Yes %	11%	11%	11%	6%	15%
Base	200	99	101	94	106

	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer	Condobolin	Lake Cargelligo	Other Locations
Yes %	11%	10%	8%	17%	13%
Base	171	29	112	47	41

Base: N=200

Q6b. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

'Council's services and programs are accessible and easy to use for everyone, including those with a disability'



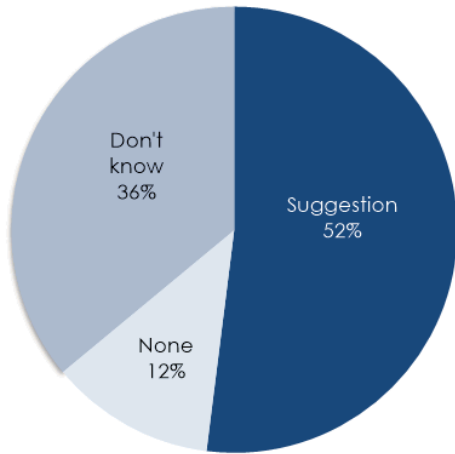
	Overall	Male	Female	Condobolin	Lake Cargelligo	Other Locations
T2B %	50%	54%	47%	55%	45%	45%
Base	196	96	200	109	47	40

	<50	50+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer	Has a disability	Does not have disability
T2B %	45%	56%	49%	58%	57%	50%
Base	91	105	167	29	22	174

11% of respondents identified as having a disability. Overall, 50% of residents at least agreed that Council's services and programs are accessible and easy to use for everyone, including those with a disability.

Suggestions for Assisting Those Living with a Disability

Q6c. In order to understand the environmental or social barriers that may hinder a person's full participation in the community on an equal basis, we would like to find out more on how Council can make improvements to assist people with a disability. What sort of improvements do you think Council needs to make in this area?



Base: N=200

Footpaths need upgrading	17%	Better maintained nature strips throughout the entire area e.g. grass mowed so people can use them	1%
Ramps/wheelchair access to buildings/shops/facilities/footpaths	13%	Council to support disability initiatives	1%
More/better medical services	6%	More street signage	1%
More local services and facilities	6%	More/better aged care services	1%
More disability workers	4%	Better lighting	<1%
Disabled toilets/access to public toilets	3%	More employment opportunities for the disabled	<1%
Kerb and guttering improvement for disabled access	3%	More open minded	<1%
Parking for those with a disability	3%	More preventative work on suicide prevention	<1%
Transport options for people with disabilities	3%	Public amenities need to be open and available after hours especially for people with disabilities	<1%
Community awareness programs/involvement	2%	Don't know	36%
Consultations with those with disabilities and their families	2%	None	12%
Road maintenance	2%		

Of the 52% of residents who were able to suggest an improvement, the majority recognized that 'footpaths need upgrading' and there is a need for 'ramps/wheelchair access to buildings/shops/facilities/footpaths'.

5. Service Area Analysis



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Service Area 1: Infrastructure

Detailed Overall Response for Importance

	Not at all important	Not very important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important	Mean rating	Base
Unsealed roads	4%	3%	15%	17%	60%	4.25	200
Sealed roads	2%	1%	7%	19%	72%	4.58	200
Footpaths	5%	7%	22%	24%	41%	3.89	200
Water supply	3%	2%	4%	9%	82%	4.65	200
Sewerage	8%	4%	7%	8%	73%	4.35	200
Kerb and gutters	7%	8%	15%	22%	48%	3.95	200
Council buildings	7%	8%	26%	27%	32%	3.69	200

Scale: 1 = not at all important, 5 = very important



Service Area 1: Infrastructure

Detailed Overall Response for Satisfaction

	Not at all satisfied	Not very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied	Mean rating	Base
Unsealed roads	26%	28%	25%	15%	6%	2.47	154
Sealed roads	6%	17%	41%	24%	11%	3.15	181
Footpaths	18%	17%	31%	23%	11%	2.91	131
Water supply	11%	10%	19%	29%	30%	3.58	177
Sewerage	7%	5%	10%	28%	49%	4.06	153
Kerb and gutters	10%	17%	20%	35%	18%	3.34	140
Council buildings	3%	4%	26%	39%	28%	3.85	116

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied



Service Area 2: Recreation and Culture

Detailed Overall Response for Importance

	Not at all important	Not very important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important	Mean rating	Base
Parks	2%	2%	12%	23%	60%	4.37	200
Playgrounds	3%	4%	14%	18%	60%	4.28	200
Swimming pools	3%	2%	17%	18%	60%	4.31	200
Sports grounds	3%	3%	13%	13%	68%	4.40	200
Library	3%	7%	23%	18%	48%	4.00	200
Lakes and foreshores	4%	8%	15%	16%	58%	4.15	200
Festivals and events	3%	2%	25%	27%	44%	4.08	200

Scale: 1 = not at all important, 5 = very important



Service Area 2: Recreation and Culture

Detailed Overall Response for Satisfaction

	Not at all satisfied	Not very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied	Mean rating	Base
Parks	5%	6%	16%	40%	33%	3.90	167
Playgrounds	7%	9%	14%	34%	36%	3.83	156
Swimming pools	1%	6%	11%	29%	53%	4.28	156
Sports grounds	3%	4%	19%	37%	37%	4.02	162
Library	0%	5%	12%	31%	51%	4.28	128
Lakes and foreshores	5%	7%	25%	31%	33%	3.82	146
Festivals and events	4%	16%	33%	32%	16%	3.39	137

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied



Service Area 3: Regulatory Services

Detailed Overall Response for Importance

	Not at all important	Not very important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important	Mean rating	Base
Town planning	1%	3%	23%	18%	54%	4.22	200
Development approvals	3%	6%	17%	23%	51%	4.14	200
Animals, weeds and pest management	0%	3%	12%	28%	57%	4.39	200
Food safety	2%	1%	11%	18%	69%	4.51	200
Road safety	2%	1%	8%	9%	80%	4.65	200
Rubbish	0%	1%	8%	20%	71%	4.60	200
Council customer service	1%	2%	8%	27%	61%	4.45	200

Scale: 1 = not at all important, 5 = very important



Service Area 3: Regulatory Services

Detailed Overall Response for Satisfaction

	Not at all satisfied	Not very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied	Mean rating	Base
Town planning	9%	32%	30%	19%	10%	2.89	146
Development approvals	18%	15%	38%	17%	11%	2.87	147
Animals, weeds and pest management	11%	22%	29%	28%	10%	3.05	168
Food safety	2%	5%	17%	47%	29%	3.96	170
Road safety	5%	12%	38%	28%	18%	3.43	177
Rubbish	6%	7%	26%	31%	30%	3.71	182
Council customer service	9%	11%	24%	41%	14%	3.40	174

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied



Service Area 4: Community Services

Detailed Overall Response for Importance

	Not at all important	Not very important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important	Mean rating	Base
Public toilets	1%	2%	10%	25%	61%	4.43	200
Cemeteries	1%	2%	10%	20%	68%	4.52	200
Children's services	4%	2%	9%	14%	71%	4.44	200
Aged and disabled services	1%	6%	7%	9%	77%	4.54	200
Youth services	3%	5%	18%	18%	56%	4.20	200
Indigenous services	5%	5%	21%	17%	52%	4.06	200
Cultural services	4%	8%	24%	23%	40%	3.87	200

Scale: 1 = not at all important, 5 = very important



Service Area 4: Community Services

Detailed Overall Response for Satisfaction

	Not at all satisfied	Not very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied	Mean rating	Base
Public toilets	3%	17%	27%	30%	23%	3.52	167
Cemeteries	6%	12%	17%	34%	31%	3.71	175
Children's services	2%	5%	21%	40%	33%	3.97	162
Aged and disabled services	9%	12%	31%	28%	20%	3.37	161
Youth services	8%	13%	35%	32%	12%	3.29	141
Indigenous services	3%	6%	25%	43%	23%	3.77	129
Cultural services	5%	8%	25%	42%	21%	3.66	117

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied



Service Area 5: Economic Support

Detailed Overall Response for Importance

	Not at all important	Not very important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important	Mean rating	Base
Industry support	2%	3%	16%	22%	57%	4.29	200
Tourism	1%	2%	11%	25%	61%	4.43	200
Caravan parks	1%	3%	17%	28%	50%	4.21	200
Airports	7%	6%	17%	15%	55%	4.05	200

Scale: 1 = not at all important, 5 = very important



Service Area 5: Economic Support

Detailed Overall Response for Satisfaction

	Not at all satisfied	Not very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied	Mean rating	Base
Industry support	7%	16%	35%	28%	13%	3.25	147
Tourism	3%	18%	32%	28%	18%	3.39	171
Caravan parks	0%	10%	21%	38%	31%	3.90	148
Airports	19%	17%	20%	21%	23%	3.11	137

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied



Service Area 6: Town and Village Appearance

Detailed Overall Response for Importance

	Not at all important	Not very important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important	Mean rating	Base
Order and cleanliness	2%	1%	5%	16%	76%	4.63	200
Signage	2%	2%	9%	26%	61%	4.41	200
Nature strips	4%	9%	17%	28%	42%	3.96	200
Attractiveness	1%	5%	6%	23%	65%	4.46	200
CBD main streets	0%	1%	9%	18%	72%	4.60	200

Scale: 1 = not at all important, 5 = very important



Service Area 6: Town and Village Appearance

Detailed Overall Response for Satisfaction

	Not at all satisfied	Not very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied	Mean rating	Base
Order and cleanliness	5%	9%	31%	38%	17%	3.53	184
Signage	4%	6%	28%	38%	23%	3.71	173
Nature strips	9%	26%	24%	29%	12%	3.10	140
Attractiveness	10%	15%	34%	29%	11%	3.16	176
CBD main streets	9%	19%	28%	31%	14%	3.23	180

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied



Comparison to Previous Research

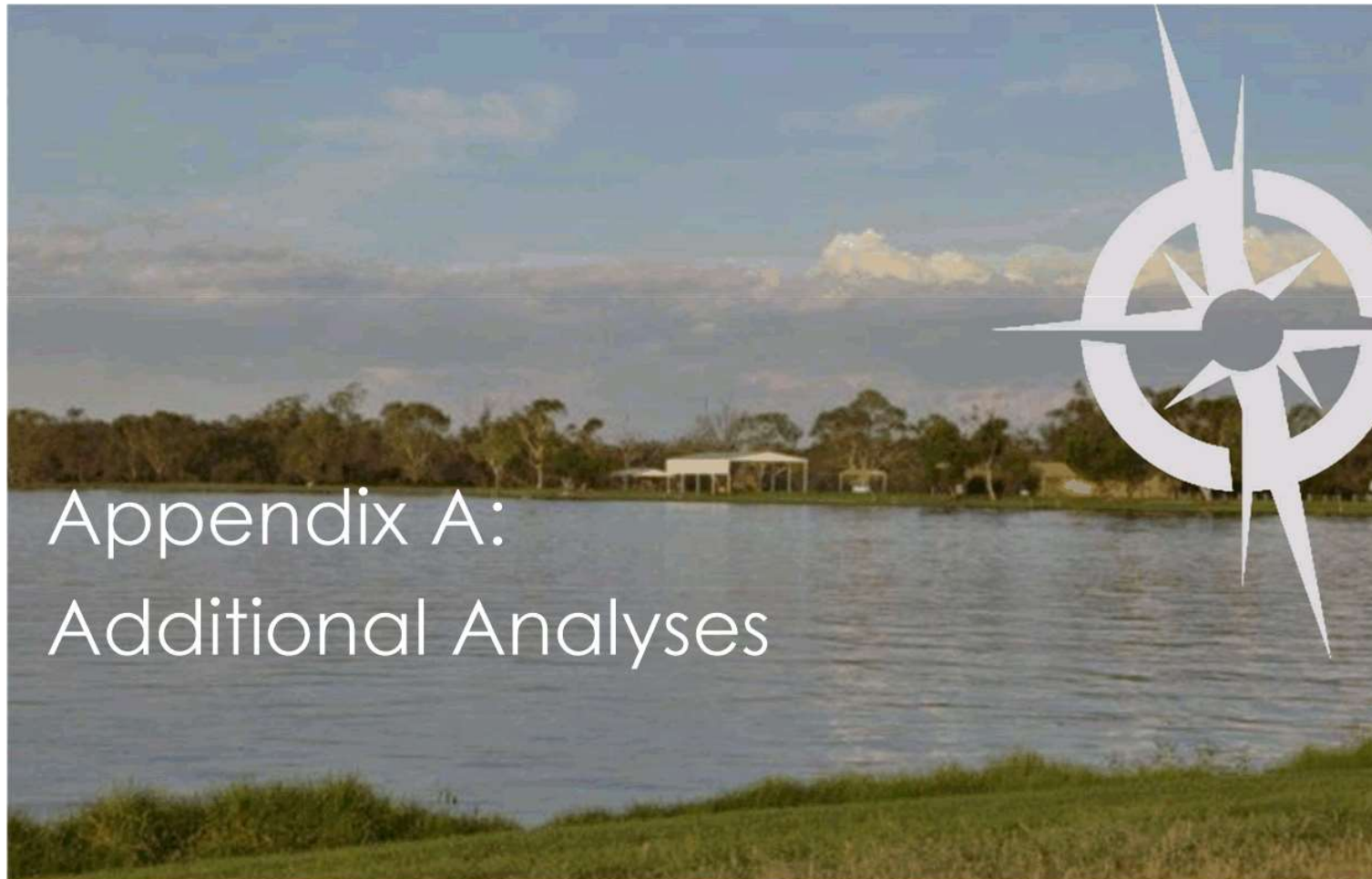
Service/Facility	Importance		Satisfaction	
	2021	2017	2021	2017
Unsealed roads	4.25▲	3.93	2.47	2.37
Sealed roads	4.58	4.58	3.15	3.12
Footpaths	3.89	3.59	2.91	2.74
Water supply	4.65▲	3.95	3.58▲	3.10
Sewerage	4.35▲	3.81	4.06	4.13
Kerb and gutters	3.95▲	3.58	3.34	3.64
Council buildings	3.69	3.55	3.85	3.88
Parks	4.37	4.17	3.90	3.81
Playgrounds	4.28▲	3.92	3.83	3.65
Swimming pools	4.31	4.16	4.28	4.33
Sports grounds	4.40	4.24	4.02	3.80
Library	4.00	3.75	4.28	4.21
Lakes and foreshores	4.15	4.02	3.82▲	3.46
Festivals and events	4.08	3.87	3.39	3.62
Town planning	4.22	3.96	2.89	2.96
Development approvals	4.14▲	3.76	2.87	3.03
Animals, weeds and pest management	4.39	4.30	3.05	2.93
Food safety	4.51	4.29	3.96	3.79
Road safety	4.65	4.64	3.43	3.57

Scale: 1 = not at all important/not at all satisfied, 5 = very important/very satisfied
 ▲▼ = A significantly higher level of importance/satisfaction (by year)

Comparison to Previous Research

Service/Facility	Importance		Satisfaction	
	2021	2017	2021	2017
Rubbish	4.60▲	4.30	3.71▲	3.29
Council customer service	4.45	4.28	3.40	3.58
Public toilets	4.43▲	4.19	3.52	3.50
Cemeteries	4.52▲	4.26	3.71	3.65
Children's services	4.44▲	3.97	3.97	3.77
Aged and disabled services	4.54	4.42	3.37	3.52
Youth services	4.20▲	3.85	3.29	3.15
Indigenous services	4.06▲	3.49	3.77	3.53
Cultural services	3.87▲	3.31	3.66	3.54
Industry support	4.29	4.15	3.25	3.16
Tourism	4.43	4.21	3.39	3.33
Caravan parks	4.21	3.95	3.90	3.84
Airports	4.05	3.90	3.11	3.29
Order and cleanliness	4.63	4.56	3.53	3.45
Signage	4.41	4.26	3.71	3.62
Nature strips	3.96▲	3.63	3.10	3.10
Attractiveness	4.46	4.36	3.16	3.10
CBD main streets	4.60	4.49	3.23	3.24

Scale: 1 = not at all important/not at all satisfied, 5 = very important/very satisfied
 ▲▼ = A significantly higher level of importance/satisfaction (by year)



2.2 Importance Compared to the Micromex Benchmark

Service/Facility	Lachlan Shire Council T2 box importance score	Micromex LGA Benchmark – Regional T2 box importance score	Variance
Caravan parks	78%▲	58%	20%
Cemeteries	88%▲	73%	15%
CBD main streets	90%	81%	9%
Tourism	86%	77%	9%
Swimming pools	78%	70%	8%
Nature strips	70%	62%	8%
Attractiveness	88%	81%	7%
Sports grounds	81%	76%	5%
Council customer service	88%	84%	4%
Children's services	85%	81%	4%
Water supply	91%	88%	3%
Food safety	87%	84%	3%
Aged and disabled services	86%	83%	3%
Public toilets	86%	83%	3%
Development approvals	74%	72%	2%
Sewerage	81%	81%	0%
Unsealed roads	77%	77%	0%
Festivals and events	71%	71%	0%
Parks	83%	84%	-1%

Note: Benchmark differences are based on assumed variants of +/- 10%, with variants beyond +/- 10% more likely to be significant
 ▲/▼ = positive/negative difference equal to/greater than 10% from Benchmark.

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2.2 Importance Compared to the Micromex Benchmark

Service/Facility	Lachlan Shire Council T2 box importance score	Micromex LGA Benchmark – Regional T2 box importance score	Variance
Youth services	74%	75%	-1%
Indigenous services	69%	70%	-1%
Rubbish	91%	93%	-2%
Sealed roads	91%	93%	-2%
Road safety	89%	92%	-3%
Library	66%	71%	-5%
Playgrounds	78%	84%	-6%
Kerb and gutters	70%	76%	-6%
Airports	70%	78%	-8%
Town planning	72%	81%	-9%
Council buildings	59%	68%	-9%
Industry support	79% ▼	89%	-10%
Lakes and foreshores	74% ▼	87%	-13%
Footpaths	65% ▼	82%	-17%

Note: Benchmark differences are based on assumed variants of +/- 10%, with variants beyond +/- 10% more likely to be significant
 ▲/▼ = positive/negative difference equal to/greater than 10% from Benchmark.

2.2 Satisfaction Compared to the Micromex Benchmark

Service/Facility	Lachlan Shire Council T3 box satisfaction score	Micromex LGA Benchmark – Regional T3 box satisfaction score	Variance
Sealed roads	76%	58%	18%▲
Indigenous services	91%	80%	11%▲
Public toilets	80%	70%	10%▲
Swimming pools	93%	85%	8%
Children's services	94%	87%	7%
Lakes and foreshores	89%	82%	7%
Council buildings	93%	89%	4%
Sports grounds	93%	89%	4%
Youth services	79%	75%	4%
Kerb and gutters	73%	69%	4%
Parks	89%	86%	3%
Food safety	93%	91%	2%
Caravan parks	90%	89%	1%
Industry support	76%	75%	1%
Library	94%	94%	0%
Rubbish	87%	88%	-1%
Road safety	84%	85%	-1%
Playgrounds	84%	86%	-2%

Note: Benchmark differences are based on assumed variants of +/- 10%, with variants beyond +/- 10% more likely to be significant
 ▲/▼ = positive/negative difference equal to/greater than 10% from Benchmark.

2.2 Satisfaction Compared to the Micromex Benchmark

Service/Facility	Lachlan Shire Council T3 box satisfaction score	Micromex LGA Benchmark – Regional T3 box satisfaction score	Variance
Footpaths	65%	67%	-2%
Development approvals	66%	69%	-3%
Sewerage	87%	91%	-4%
Council customer service	79%	84%	-5%
Aged and disabled services	79%	85%	-6%
Tourism	78%	84%	-6%
Festivals and events	81%	88%	-7%
Cemeteries	82%	90%	-8%
Attractiveness	74%	82%	-8%
Unsealed roads	46%	54%	-8%
Water supply	78%	87%	-9%
CBD main streets	73%	82%	-9%
Town planning	59%	68%	-9%
Nature strips	65%	76%	-11% ▼
Airports	64%	87%	-23% ▼

Note: Benchmark differences are based on assumed variants of +/- 10%, with variants beyond +/- 10% more likely to be significant
 ▲/▼ = positive/negative difference equal to/greater than 10% from Benchmark.

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Performance Gap Analysis

When analysing performance gap data, it is important to consider both stated satisfaction and the absolute size of the performance gap.

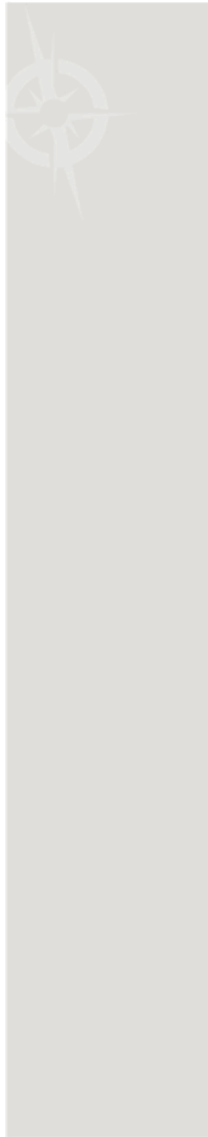
Performance Gap Ranking

Service/Facility	Importance T2 Box	Satisfaction T3 Box	Performance Gap (Importance – Satisfaction)
Unsealed roads	77%	46%	31%
Animals, weeds and pest management	85%	67%	18%
CBD main streets	90%	73%	17%
Sealed roads	91%	76%	15%
Attractiveness	88%	74%	14%
Water supply	91%	78%	13%
Town planning	72%	59%	13%
Council customer service	88%	79%	9%
Tourism	86%	78%	8%
Development approvals	74%	66%	8%
Aged and disabled services	86%	79%	7%
Order and cleanliness	92%	86%	6%
Cemeteries	88%	82%	6%
Public toilets	86%	80%	6%
Airports	70%	64%	6%
Road safety	89%	84%	5%
Nature strips	70%	65%	5%
Rubbish	91%	87%	4%
Industry support	79%	76%	3%

Performance Gap Analysis

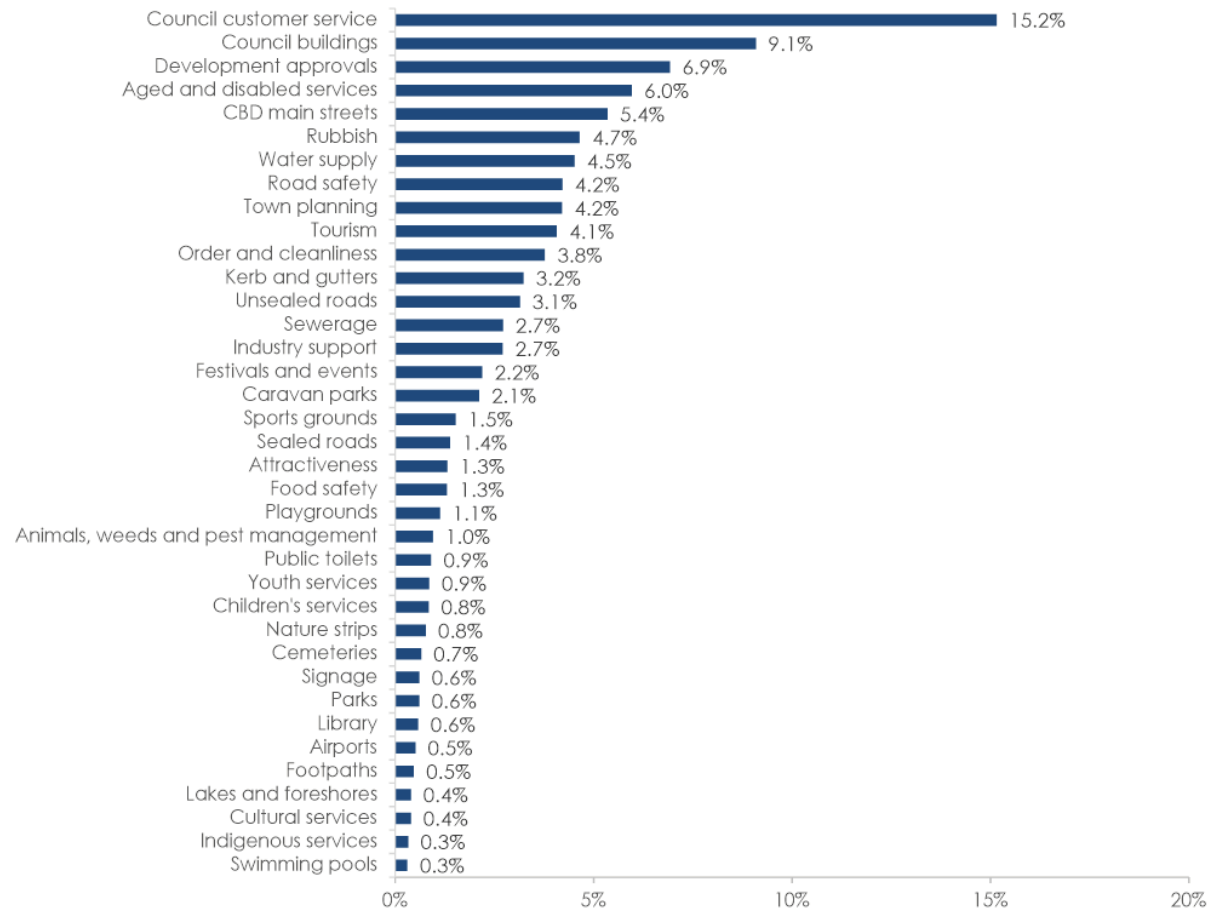
Performance Gap Ranking Continued...

Service/Facility	Importance T2 Box	Satisfaction T3 Box	Performance Gap (Importance – Satisfaction)
Footpaths	65%	65%	0%
Signage	87%	89%	-2%
Kerb and gutters	70%	73%	-3%
Youth services	74%	79%	-5%
Food safety	87%	93%	-6%
Parks	83%	89%	-6%
Sewerage	81%	87%	-6%
Playgrounds	78%	84%	-6%
Children's services	85%	94%	-9%
Festivals and events	71%	81%	-10%
Sports grounds	81%	93%	-12%
Caravan parks	78%	90%	-12%
Swimming pools	78%	93%	-15%
Lakes and foreshores	74%	89%	-15%
Indigenous services	69%	91%	-22%
Cultural services	63%	88%	-25%
Library	66%	94%	-28%
Council buildings	59%	93%	-34%



Influence on Overall Satisfaction

The chart below summarises the influence of the 37 facilities/services on overall satisfaction with Council's performance, based on the Advanced Regression analysis:



Top Priority Areas for Council to Focus On

Q2a. Thinking of the next 10 years, what do you believe will be the highest priority issues within the local area?

	N=200		N=200
Road maintenance	25%	Natural disaster prevention	2%
Health services need improving	17%	Reducing costs e.g. Water	2%
Business sustainability and growth	15%	Sporting facilities/services	2%
Promoting tourism	14%	Waste/recycling services	2%
Lack of housing	12%	Airport	1%
Beautifying/maintaining the area	11%	Crime/antisocial behaviour	1%
Quality water supply	10%	Education	1%
Aged care services/facilities	7%	Environment	1%
Attracting new/keeping residents to the area	7%	Funding management	1%
Infrastructure/services	7%	Weed/pest control	1%
Unsealed roads	7%	Aged service overworked	<1%
Employment	6%	Animal welfare	<1%
Improving Council service/consulting with residents	6%	Child protection	<1%
More community events/recreational facilities	5%	Ensure state and federal services are still available	<1%
Road safety	4%	Heavy vehicle stops/access	<1%
Youth services/facilities	4%	Homelessness	<1%
Better telecommunication services	2%	Motor maintenance	<1%
Childcare funding and facilities	2%	Safer living standards	<1%
Emergency services and training	2%	Support for indigenous population	<1%
Footpaths	2%	Don't know/nothing	5%
Improving town planning	2%		

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Most Valued Aspect of Life in the Lachlan Shire

Q3a. What do you value most about living in the Lachlan Shire area?

	N=200		N=200
Community spirit/friendly people	27%	Privacy/isolation	2%
Peaceful and quiet	11%	Stable climate/weather	2%
Rural living	9%	Council facilities	1%
The lake/river	8%	Aged care facilities/services for older residents	1%
Beautiful environment/open spaces	7%	Council services the area well	1%
Good area to live in	5%	Easy to get around	1%
Access to services and facilities	4%	Family friendly area	1%
Feel safe here	3%	Lifestyle	1%
Affordable housing	2%	No COVID	1%
Business opportunities/work life	2%	Sensible rates	1%
Cleanliness of the area	2%	Good quality roads	<1%
Freedom	2%	Local employees working in the town	<1%
It's home	2%	Wildlife	<1%
Not overpopulated	2%	Don't know/nothing	2%

Encouraging Engagement with Council

Q5. What, if anything, would encourage you to participate more in Lachlan Shire Council consultation opportunities?

	N=200		N=200
More opportunities/accessibility	13%	Better fund management	1%
Make residents aware of the consultation/its value	12%	Ensure staff live in the area	1%
Council to be more understanding/listen	6%	Face to face meetings	1%
Direct contact/invitations	6%	Focus on youth issues	1%
Communicating more with residents about what is happening in the area	5%	Greater staff presence in the community	1%
Surveys	4%	Youth participation	1%
Consulting about important/relevant issues	3%	Better personal health	0%
Actioning community issues	2%	More council involvement and care in my area vs. the more populated areas	0%
New/younger staff	2%	They should follow up consistently when called	0%
Telephone call	2%	They should have more consistent staff deal with matters	0%
Quick consultation opportunities	1%	Don't know/nothing	51%

Priority Areas and Council Investment - Summary

Q2b. In order to develop a delivery program, Council is looking to understand what the community perceives to be the priority areas for the Shire. I will read out a list of different topics and would like you to nominate the ones you think should be prioritised by Council.

Q2c. What do you believe Council's level of investment (i.e. resourcing/financial) into that area should be?

Ranked by priority	Priority yes %		Invest more %		Mean rating	
	2021	2017	2021	2017	2021	2017
Roads, bridges, and transport	95%	94%	78%	84%	0.77	0.84
Water supply services	91%	89%	64%	64%	0.64	0.63
Economic development	85%	87%	69%	63%	0.67	0.58
Tourism	85%	N/A	58%	N/A	0.51	N/A
Waste management	76%	77%	35%	45%	0.32	0.38
Stormwater and drainage	74%▲	62%	50%▲	37%	0.48▲	0.29
Youth services	71%	N/A	50%	N/A	0.49	N/A
Development assessment	70%	68%	45%	45%	0.41	0.35
Sewerage services	70%	66%	39%	30%	0.38	0.29
Strategic land use planning	70%	60%	47%	45%	0.43	0.35
Parks, sports, and recreational facilities	69%▼	80%	36%▼	60%	0.35▼	0.56
Natural resource management	68%	65%	35%	43%	0.29	0.34
Customer interactions	66%	64%	37%	39%	0.34	0.33
Library services	63%	52%	23%	24%	0.13	0.14
Compliance	60%	59%	21%	26%	0.12	0.13
Place making/community place	60%	55%	37%	36%	0.26	0.26
Cultural development	45%	42%	23%	24%	0.12	0.05

▲ ▼ = A significantly higher/lower priority/level of investment (compared to 2017)

Scale: -1 = Invest less, 1 = Invest more

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Priority Areas and Council Investment

Q2b. In order to develop a delivery program, Council is looking to understand what the community perceives to be the priority areas for the Shire. I will read out a list of different topics and would like you to nominate the ones you think should be prioritised by Council.

Yes %	Overall	Male	Female	<50	50+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer	Condobolin	Lake Cargelligo	Other Locations
Roads, bridges, and transport	95%	96%	94%	94%	95%	95%	96%	86%	87%	98%
Water supply services	91%	93%	88%	89%	92%	91%	89%	95%	90%	96%
Economic development	85%	84%	87%	85%	86%	83%	96%▲	92%	82%	80%
Tourism	85%	78%	92%▲	83%	86%	84%	87%	86%	87%	79%
Waste management	76%	77%	74%	69%	82%	76%	71%	76%	63%	89%▲
Stormwater and drainage	74%	75%	74%	70%	78%	73%	82%	73%	65%	86%
Youth services	71%	59%	83%▲	66%	76%	70%	77%	71%	74%	70%
Strategic land use planning	70%	69%	72%	66%	74%	72%	64%	78%▲	61%	61%
Development assessment	70%	66%	73%	63%	76%	71%	65%	75%	72%	53%▼
Sewerage services	70%	65%	75%	61%	78%▲	73%	53%	78%▲	57%	61%
Parks, sports, and recreational facilities	69%	57%	81%▲	63%	74%	69%	66%	69%	69%	69%
Natural resource management	68%	66%	69%	67%	68%	67%	70%	69%	62%	70%
Customer interactions	66%	57%	75%▲	58%	74%▲	64%	81%	66%	74%	58%
Library services	63%	54%	71%▲	58%	67%	61%	76%	60%	70%	61%
Compliance	60%	56%	65%	51%	69%▲	60%	62%	63%	54%	61%
Place making/community place	60%	49%	70%▲	56%	63%	61%	49%	58%	63%	60%
Cultural development	45%	33%	56%▲	33%	55%▲	44%	46%	39%	57%	46%
Base	200	99	101	94	106	171	29	112	47	41

▲ ▼ = A significantly higher/lower percentage (by group)

Wellbeing & Connectedness

Q3c. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

T2B (% agree/strongly agree)	Overall	Male	Female	<50	50+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer	Condobolin	Lake Cargelligo	Other Locations
I feel a part of my local community	80%	73%	87%▲	81%	80%	78%	94%	81%	92%▲	65%▼
Lachlan Shire is a good place to live	79%	77%	83%	80%	80%	79%	87%	85%	77%	68%
I have enough opportunities to participate in sporting or recreational activities	70%	73%	69%	65%	76%	69%	79%	75%	69%	61%
Lachlan Shire is a harmonious, respectful and tolerant community	65%	62%	67%	61%	68%	61%	89%▲	62%	72%	63%
Housing in the area is affordable	62%	65%	58%	61%	62%	60%	69%	61%	59%	66%
I have enough opportunities to participate in arts and cultural activities	48%	47%	49%	36%	59%▲	49%	43%	57%▲	37%	39%
I have enough opportunities to participate in council's community consultation	44%	37%	51%	37%	50%	45%	39%	38%	48%	54%
Our town centres are vibrant and economically healthy	42%	34%	51%▲	39%	45%	42%	46%	35%	45%	57%
Council offers good value for money	35%	23%	46%▲	31%	38%	34%	41%	35%	33%	36%
Base	200	99	101	94	106	171	29	112	47	41

▲ ▼ = A significantly higher/lower level of agreement (by group)

Engagement and Communication

Q4. When Lachlan Shire Council wants to get your opinion on an issue, how effective would the following methods be in engaging and communicating with you?

	Overall	Male	Female	<50	50+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer	Condobolin	Lake Cargelligo	Other Locations
Telephone call	81%	84%	79%	84%	80%	82%	80%	83%	83%	76%
Social media (e.g. Facebook)	78%	73%	83%	85%	73%	77%	89%	79%	85%	71%
Community newsletters	76%	73%	80%	77%	76%	77%	73%	75%	85%	71%
Print media	76%	82%	73%	78%	77%	77%	78%	79%	77%	73%
Council offices and facilities, i.e. pools, community centres, etc.	75%	76%	73%	75%	74%	72%	87%	74%	79%	70%
Survey	75%	71%	80%	80%	71%	76%	76%	77%	75%	72%
Community workshops	68%	67%	70%	69%	68%	69%	63%	67%	72%	67%
Reference groups	67%	73%	60%	67%	66%	66%	69%	65%	70%	67%
Libraries	64%	54%	74%▲	60%	68%	63%	69%	63%	75%	54%
Council's website	62%	60%	63%	66%	57%	60%	70%	60%	64%	61%
Radio advertising/announcements	62%	67%	54%	64%	57%	57%	80%▲	60%	65%	57%
Council meeting	56%	56%	56%	55%	56%	55%	60%	54%	59%	57%
Base	200	99	101	94	106	171	29	112	47	41

▲ ▼ = A significantly higher/lower level of agreement (by group)



Background & Methodology

Sample selection and error

A total of 200 resident interviews were completed. Respondents were selected by means of a computer based random selection process using the electronic White Pages and Sample pages.

A sample size of 200 residents provides a maximum sampling error of plus or minus 6.9% at 95% confidence. This means that if the survey was replicated with a new universe of N=200 residents, 19 times out of 20 we would expect to see the same results, i.e. +/- 6.9%.

For the survey under discussion the greatest margin of error is 6.9%. This means, for example, that an answer such as 'yes' (50%) to a question could vary from 43.1% to 56.9%.

The sample was weighted by age and gender to reflect the 2016 ABS Census data for Lachlan Shire Council area.

Interviewing

Interviewing was conducted in accordance with The Research Society Code of Professional Behaviour.

Prequalification

Participants in this survey were pre-qualified as being over the age of 18, and not working for, nor having an immediate family member working for, Lachlan Shire Council.

Data analysis

The data within this report was analysed using Q Professional.

Within the report, ▲▼'s are used to identify statistically significant differences between groups, i.e., gender, age, ratepayer status.

Significance difference testing is a statistical test performed to evaluate the difference between two measurements. To identify the statistically significant differences between the groups of means, 'One-Way Anova tests' and 'Independent Samples T-tests' were used. 'Z Tests' were also used to determine statistically significant differences between column percentages.



Background & Methodology

Ratings questions

The Unipolar Scale of 1 to 5 was used in all rating questions, where 1 was the lowest importance or satisfaction and 5 the highest importance or satisfaction.

This scale allowed us to identify different levels of importance and satisfaction across respondents.

Top 2 (T2) Box: refers to the aggregate percentage (%) score of the top two scores for importance. (i.e. important & very important)

Note: Only respondents who rated services/facilities a 4 or 5 in importance were asked to rate their satisfaction with that service/facility.

Top 3 (T3) Box: refers to the aggregate percentage (%) score of the top three scores for satisfaction or support. (i.e. somewhat satisfied, satisfied & very satisfied)

We refer to T3 Box Satisfaction in order to express moderate to high levels of satisfaction in a non-discretionary category. We only report T2 Box Importance in order to provide differentiation and allow us to demonstrate the hierarchy of community priorities.

Percentages

All percentages are calculated to the nearest whole number and therefore the total may not exactly equal 100%.

Micromex LGA Benchmark

Micromex has developed Community Satisfaction Benchmarks using normative data from over 60 unique councils, more than 130 surveys and over 75,000 interviews since 2012.



Location Breakdown

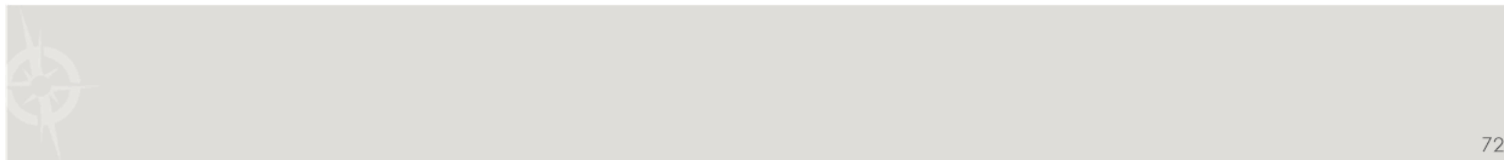
Q9. Where do you live?

Location	N = 200
Condobolin	56%
Lake Cargelligo	24%
Tottenham	8%
Tullibigeal	6%
Burcher	2%
Fifield	1%
Albert	1%
Rural areas of Lachlan Shire	1%



Councils Used to Create the Micromex Regional Benchmark

The Regional Benchmark was composed from the Council areas listed below:		
AlburyCity Council	City of Lake Macquarie	Narrandera Shire Council
Ballina Shire Council	Hawkesbury City Council	Parkes Shire Council
Bathurst Regional Council	Kempsey Shire Council	Port Macquarie-Hastings Council
Bland Shire Council	Lachlan Shire Council	Richmond Valley Council
Blue Mountains City Council	Leeton Shire Council	Singleton Shire Council
Byron Shire Council	Lismore City Council	Tamworth Regional Council
Central Coast Council	Lithgow City Council	Tenterfield Shire Council
Cessnock City Council	Maitland City Council	Tweed Shire Council
Coffs Harbour City Council	MidCoast Council	Upper Hunter Shire Council
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Mid-Western Regional Council	Wagga Wagga City Council
Forbes Shire Council	Moree Plains Shire Council	Wingecarribee Shire Council
Glen Innes Severn Shire Council	Murray River Council	Wollondilly Shire Council
Gosford (Central Coast Council)	Murrumbidgee Shire Council	Yass Valley Council
Great Lakes Council	Narrabri Shire Council	





Lachlan Shire Council
Community Research
May 2021

Good morning/afternoon/evening, my name is _____ and I'm calling on behalf of Lachlan Shire Council from a company called Micromet. We are conducting research with residents on a range of local issues. Would you have some time to assist us please?

Firstly, is your household in the Lachlan Shire Council area? (If NO, TERMINATE INTERVIEW)

Are you or anyone in your household a Councillor or employed by any local Council? (If YES, TERMINATE INTERVIEW)

I just have to inform you that my supervisor may monitor this call for quality control purposes and all of your details will be kept strictly confidential.

Part A - Importance of, and Satisfaction with, Council Services and Facilities

Q1a. In this section I will read out different Council services or facilities. For each of these could you please indicate that which best describes your opinion of the importance of the following services/facilities to you, and in the second part, your level of satisfaction with the performance of that service? The scale is from 1 to 5, where 1 is low importance and 5 is high importance and where 1 is low satisfaction and 5 is high satisfaction. Prompt

Note: Satisfaction only asked if importance score is 4 or 5.

Infrastructure

	Importance					Satisfaction					N/A
	Low 1	2	3	4	High 5	Low 1	2	3	4	High 5	
Unsealed roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sealed roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Footpaths	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water supply	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sewerage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kerbs and gutters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Council buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Recreation and culture

	Importance					Satisfaction					N/A
	Low 1	2	3	4	High 5	Low 1	2	3	4	High 5	
Parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swimming pools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sports grounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lakes and foreshores	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Festivals and events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Regulatory services

	Importance					Satisfaction					N/A
	Low 1	2	3	4	High 5	Low 1	2	3	4	High 5	
Town planning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Development approvals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Animals, weeds and pest management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rubbish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Council customer service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Community services

	Importance					Satisfaction					N/A
	Low 1	2	3	4	High 5	Low 1	2	3	4	High 5	
Public toilets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cemeteries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children's services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aged and disabled services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indigenous services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Economic support

	Importance					Satisfaction					N/A
	Low 1	2	3	4	High 5	Low 1	2	3	4	High 5	
Industry support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tourism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Caravan parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Airports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Town and village appearance

	Importance					Satisfaction					N/A
	Low 1	2	3	4	High 5	Low 1	2	3	4	High 5	
Order and cleanliness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Signage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nature strips	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amplification	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CED main streets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q1b. Overall, for the last 12 months, how satisfied are you with the performance of Council, not just on one or two issues but across all responsibility areas? Prompt

- very satisfied
- satisfied
- somewhat satisfied
- not very satisfied
- not at all satisfied

Part II - Issues/Priorities

- Q2a.** Thinking of the next 10 years, what do you believe will be the highest priority issues within the local area?
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- Q2b.** In order to develop a delivery program, Council is looking to understand what the community perceives to be the priority areas for the Shire. I will read out a list of different topics and would like you to nominate the ones you think should be prioritised by Council, you can say as many or a few as you like. Prompt - Randomise.
- Q2c.** What do you believe Council's level of investment (i.e. resourcing/financial) into that area should be? Prompt

	Priority	Investment		
		More	The same	Less
Economic development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Natural resource management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Waste management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Development assessment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Compliance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strategic land use planning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water supply services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sewerage services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stormwater and drainage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Roads, bridges, and transport	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks, sports, and recreational facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Place making/community place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Library services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Customer interactions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tourism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

EXPLANATIONS (if asked)

- **Customer interaction** - i.e. this service is often the first and only point of contact between Council and the community and includes customer service centres at two offices. This service provides information and processes applications, takes bookings, relieves fees, and manages visitors
- **Compliance** - i.e. ensure community safety by investigating and resolving unauthorised activities and legislative matters in the areas of food and public health premises, environmental pollution, on-site sewage management, building regulation, parking, and companion animals
- **Cultural development** - i.e. this service is a collaboration between artists and the community to encourage community participation in artistic practices and pursuits
- **Development assessment** - i.e. provide development and planning advice, assess applications for development, and undertake building inspections
- **Economic development** - i.e. to work with industry and business to build up the economic capacity of the area to create a diversified and resilient regional economy
- **Library services** - i.e. promote and support recreation, lifelong learning and literacy through access to a balanced collection of quality information, recreational, and educational resources
- **Natural resource management** - i.e. protect and restore natural areas and assets, and provide the community with access to enjoy the natural environment
- **Parks, sports & recreational facilities** - i.e. provide a network of parks, reserves, trails, waterways, and sports facilities that are appropriately located, fully accessible, and considerate of future needs
- **Place Making / Community Place** - i.e. working with the community to create a series of well planned, connected, and unique places throughout the area that the community is proud of
- **Roads, bridges & transport** - i.e. provide a safe and effective transport network that includes the formal road structures and anything relevant to the road boundary including the design, construction, maintenance, and management of footpaths, cycleways, kerb and guttering, road related drainage, bridges, and culverts, roadside vegetation, street lighting, and open spaces within road reserves as well as medians and traffic islands
- **Strategic land use planning** - i.e. plan for the future growth of the area, develop, and maintain planning guidelines for the use of land including new developments
- **Sewerage supply services** - i.e. provide a sewerage system to convey sewage from residential, commercial, and industrial areas through a network of pipelines and pumping stations that is reliable, safe, and cost effective
- **Stormwater and drainage** - i.e. operate and maintain the stormwater drainage network to ensure efficient and safe collection of stormwater flows that reduce flooding, improve water quality, and reduce the potential for damage to infrastructure
- **Waste management** - i.e. best practice waste management and recycling that is value for money, and minimised landfilling
- **Water supply services** - i.e. provide water supplies to the urban areas and rural villages of the area in a reliable, safe, clean, efficient, and cost effective manner

Part C – Living in Lachlan Shire

Q3a. What do you value most about living in the Lachlan Shire area?

Q3b. Overall, how would you rate the quality of life you have living in the Shire? Prompt

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Very poor

Q3c. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements, on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is strongly disagree and 5 is strongly agree? Prompt

	Strongly disagree			Strongly agree	
	1	2	3	4	5
Lachlan Shire is a good place to live	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel a part of my local community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lachlan Shire is a harmonious, respectful and tolerant community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing in the area is affordable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have enough opportunities to participate in arts and cultural activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have enough opportunities to participate in sporting or recreational activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our town centres are vibrant and economically healthy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Council offers good value for money	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have enough opportunities to participate in Council's community consultation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q4. When Lachlan Shire Council wants to get your opinion on an issue, how effective would the following methods be in engaging and communicating with you, on a scale of 1-5 where 1 is not at all effective and 5 is very effective? Prompt

	Not at all effective			Very effective	
	1	2	3	4	5
Print media	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social media (e.g. Facebook)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reference groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Council meeting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Survey	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Libraries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Council's website	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Council offices and facilities, i.e. pools, community centres, etc.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Telephone call	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community workshop	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community newsletters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Radio advertising/announcements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q5. What, if anything, would encourage you to participate more in Lachlan Shire Council consultation opportunities?

Part D – Disability inclusion planning

Q6a. Do you identify as having a disability?

- Yes
- No

Q6b. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement, on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is strongly disagree and 5 is strongly agree? Prompt

	Strongly disagree				Strongly agree	
	1	2	3	4	5	
Council's services and programs are accessible and easy to use for everyone including those with a disability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Q6c. In order to understand the environmental or social barriers that may hinder a person's full participation in the community on an equal basis, we would like to find out more on how Council can make improvements to assist people with a disability.

What sort of improvements do you think Council needs to make in this area? (e.g. improved footpaths, signage, etc.)

- Specify _____
- None
- Not sure/Don't know

Part E – Demographics

I will now ask you some questions about you...

Q7. Please stop me when I read out your age group. Prompt

- 18 – 24
- 25 – 40
- 40 – 54
- 55+

Q8. Which of the following best describes the house where you are currently living? Prompt

- I/We own/are currently buying this property
- I/We currently rent this property
- I/We are provided rent free housing with my/our employment (e.g. farm manager residence)

Q9. Where do you live?

- Albert
- Burcher
- Condobolin
- Derriwong
- Fifield
- Lake Cargelligo
- Murrin Bridge
- Tottenham
- Tullibigeal
- Other (please specify).....

Q10. Gender (by voice)

- Male
- Female

Thank you for your time and assistance. This market research is carried out in compliance with the Privacy Act, and the information you provided will be used only for research purposes. Just to remind you, I am calling from Micromex Research on behalf of Lachlan Shire Council (if respondent wants our number, it is 02 6895 1900 – Council Contact is Karen Pegler).

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8.2 DONATIONS

TRIM Number: R21/190

Author: Administration Officer - Corporate & Community Services

PURPOSE

Council is asked to consider requests for monetary and in kind support for community events to be held in the 2021/2022 financial year.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

West Milby Rodeo & Gymkhana Inc.

West Milby Rodeo & Gymkhana Inc., are seeking \$1,000 sponsorship for their annual Milby sports event which is proposed to be held on 16 October 2021. Council has previously donated \$1,000 in the 2018, 2019 and 2020 financial years.

Rotary Club

Rotary Club of Condobolin are seeking a fee waiver for the SRA Hall for their "Spring to Life" event which is proposed to be held on 16 October 2021.

The SRA Hall fees for two days will be \$675.00. This is after the application of a 50% discount for not for profit groups.

Condobolin Preschool and Childcare Centre

Condobolin Preschool and Childcare Centre are seeking a reduction of 50% of the hire fee for the SRA Hall for a "Cocktail Party" fundraising event, proposed to be held on 25 September 2021. The full payment of \$675.00 has been paid by the Preschool. A \$337.50 reimbursement is requested.

Condobolin Chamber of Commerce

The Condobolin Chamber of Commerce are seeking a fee waiver for the SRA Hall for the "Condobolin Business Awards" proposed to be held on 24 September 2021.

One day SRA Hall hire fee is \$675.00.

Condobolin RSL Pipe Band

The Condobolin RSL Pipe Band has advised Council that the Condobolin Tattoo to be held on 11 September has been cancelled due to COVID-19. They have requested that Council's contribution of \$5,000, plus in kind support be left in place in anticipation of the event being held in 2022.

Council has previously resolved to provide financial assistance of \$5,000, paid in December 2019 and still retained by the RSL Pipe Band; and, to offer in-kind support for the provision of tiered seating, bins, sweeping of the RSL carpark, provision of portable toilet amenities and approval for street closure including required traffic signage.

Concessions and donations expected to come to a future Council meeting**Lake Cargelligo Sports Club**

The Lake Cargelligo Sports Club has requested assistance towards maintaining the cricket ovals and a concession on their rates and charges for 12 months.

Further information is required to be submitted by the club before this matter can progress.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A provision was made in the FY2021/2022 budget to provide cash and in kind support for Community events. The ability to maintain halls, such as the SRA Hall, for future community use, could be impacted by ongoing fee waivers.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no known legal implications.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

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

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Council at the August 2021 strategic briefing.

OPTIONS

1. Provide the full amount of the requested donation.
2. Decline the full amount of the requested donation
3. Offer a reduced donation to allow as many organisations as possible to be supported in the financial year.

CONCLUSION

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

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. **West Milby Rodeo & Gymkhana Inc** [↓](#)
2. **Rotary Club of Condobolin Inc** [↓](#)
3. **Condobolin Preschool and Childcare** [↓](#)
4. **Condobolin Chamber of Commerce** [↓](#)
5. **Condobolin RSL Pipe Band** [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That

1. The Director of Corporate and Community Services Report No. R21/190 be received and noted.
2. Any donation approved be subject to the event actually being held.

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3. Council determine the amount of any donation for:

- a. West Milby Rodeo & Gymkhana Inc.
- b. Rotary Club fee waiver
- c. Condobolin Preschool and Childcare Centre
- d. Condobolin Chamber of Commerce
- e. Condobolin RSL Pipe Band



WEST MILBY RODEO & GYMKHANA INC

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10th July 2021

Lachlan Shire Council

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you on behalf of the West Milby Rodeo & Gymkahana INC seeking sponsorship from the Lachlan Shire Council for this year's Milby Sports.

We thank the Shire for their generous support in 2020.

This will be the 68th year of our community orientated charity event. It is well respected throughout the wider central west for its family friendly atmosphere, events and challenges catering to every age group.

A contribution of \$1000 would be greatly appreciated to help toward the running of another successful day.

Your donation will be mentioned on the day as well as in all of our advertising, social media and newspaper articles.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Reardon", written in a cursive style.

Terence Reardon
President

Rotary
Club of Condobolin Inc



12 July, 2021

Mr Greg Tory
General Manager
Lachlan Shire Council

Dear Mr Tory

Re: Spring to Life Function

The Rotary Club of Condobolin are planning a community mental health and wellness event for October this year and we would like to use the SRA Hall as the venue.

Our aim is to provide an evening of relaxation, entertainment and peer support to residents, farmers and business owners in Condobolin and surrounding areas in the Shire. We are unable to offer this event free of charge but were hoping to keep our costs down as much as possible to make sure it is affordable for all who wish to attend.

We have sponsorship and support from a number of other organisations including the NSW Department of Industry, Geelong Christian College, Schools from greater Sydney and The Wild Dogs Condobolin Ride. Any shortfall will be covered by ticket sales and Club funds from our Project Account.

At this stage we have earmarked Saturday 16 October, 2021 for the event and have submitted an event application to Debra Keane and are hoping Council will see the benefit of this project and allow us to use the SRA Hall fee free.

We would need to set up on Saturday and clean up on Sunday so the hire would need to be for 2 days. As we are also hiring tables, chairs, crockery and cutlery we may need access for delivery on Friday and collection on Monday however this would need to be confirmed with the hire company.

Covid-19 has had a significant impact on all aspects of life in Australia and our ability to raise funds to cover some of these costs has been greatly reduced because of this. For this reason I ask Council to favourably consider our request and sincerely hope that this event will be seen as a positive activity for the wider community and as such will be supported by Council.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your time to discuss the event.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Bennett".

Susan Bennett
President

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10 August 2021

Mr. Greg Tory
Lachlan Shire Council
PO Box 216
Condobolin NSW 2877

Dear Greg

Re: SRA Hall hire fee

On Saturday 25 September, the Condobolin Preschool and Childcare Centre will hold a fundraising event at the SRA Hall.

The event is being advertised as a 'Cocktail Party' and will include entertainment, canapés, and an auction. Auction items have been donated by several local and regional business houses.

100% of funds raised from the evening will go towards a redesign / revamp of our Koala (0-2 years) outdoor play area.

Please see attached Lachlan Shire Council invoice, this invoice has been paid.

Would Council consider supporting this fundraising event by offering a 50% reduction in the hire fee?

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Worthington", is written over a blue horizontal line.

Karen Worthington
Centre Manager
Condobolin Preschool and Childcare Centre

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To: Condoobolin Pre School
 PO Box 135
 CONDOBOLIN NSW 2877

Debtor Acc. 20421.01
 Date 06/08/2021
 Invoice No. 37084

DESCRIPTION	GST	AMOUNT
SRA Pavilion Hire		
Security Deposit	0.00	1500.00
Hire SRA 25.09.2021	61.36	675.00
Invoice Total (including GST if applicable)	61.36	2175.00
Total Value non-taxable supply(s)		1500.00
Total Value taxable supply(s) excluding GST		613.64
Total GST Payable		61.36
TOTAL		2175.00

ENTERED

LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL - REMITTANCE ADVICE SLIP

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Due Date 05/09/2021 Amount Due 2175.00
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Bill Code 837997
 Bill Ref 20421010



11 August 2021

General Manager
Lachlan Shire Council
58 – 64 Molong Street
Condobolin NSW 2877

Dear Sir

Hire of SRA Hall for Condobolin Business Awards

We are writing to seek exemption of fees (\$675.00) for the hire of the Condobolin SRA Hall on the 24th September 2021 for the Condobolin Business Awards.

The Condobolin Business Awards will be a great opportunity for our local businesses to be recognised for their contributions to the shire and their excellence in business. Our event last year was very well received, and we hope to make it bigger and better again this year. We plan to continue this event on annual basis and believe it will benefit the whole community in many ways.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Kind Regards

Emily Sinderberry
Secretary
Condobolin Chamber of Commerce

Condobolin Chamber of Commerce ABN: 58 891 748 990
58-64 Molong Street, Condobolin NSW 2877
M: 0429688689 (Emily Sinderberry) | E: condobolinchamber@gmail.com



Condobolin RSL Pipe Band

Condobolin Tattoo 2021

Drum Major- Terrence Worthington Condobolin RSL Pipe Band
Pipe Major- Robert Neal PO Box 184
Band Secretary – Heather Jones
CONDOBOLIN NSW 2877

Ph: (02) 68962917
0428 962 917
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condobolinspipeband@yahoo.com.au

6th August 2021

The General Manager
Mr Greg Tory
Lachlan Shire Council
Molong Street
CONDOBOLIN NSW 2877

LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL RECEIVED
- 9 AUG 2021
FILE No.
REFERRED TO <u>G. Tory</u>

*T. MacCallum
K. Pegler
I. Turner*

Dear Greg

The Condobolin RSL Pipe Band has decided to cancel the Condobolin 2021 Tattoo schedule for 11th September due to COVID-19.

Many of our performers (Bands and individuals) are based in Sydney and are unable to practice due to lockdown restrictions. Therefore, they have decided reluctantly not to come to Condobolin. They have all been disappointed with their decisions but are keen to come to the next Tattoo when a date is set.

We would like to thank the Lachlan Shire Council for their support in holding this community event and ask that the Shire contribution of \$5000, plus in-kind support, be left in place so we can try to put the event on in 2022.

Yours faithfully

ROBERT NEAL
Pipe Major

8.3 INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 JULY 2021

TRIM Number: R21/222

Author: Financial Accountant

PURPOSE

The *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 section 212* specifies that Council's Responsible Accounting Officer must provide elected members with a monthly written report detailing the funds invested by Council. The report must include information up to the last day of the month immediately preceding the meeting.

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

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Council's general bank account reconciled balance at 31 July 2021 is \$1,171,354.

Investments held at 31 July 2021 totalling \$53,199,031 are set out in Attachment 1.

Responsible Accounting Officer Certificate

I certify that the bank accounts and investments have been reconciled with the Council's general ledger as at 31 July 2021, and that investments have been made in accordance with the *Local Government Act, Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* and Council's Investment Policy.

Karen Pegler
Responsible Accounting Officer

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As at the end of July 2021, Council's portfolio is compliant across its counterparty and credit quality limits. Over the past 12 months, the portfolio, excluding on call cash, returned +1.22% p.a., outperforming bank bills by 1.17% p.a.

The official cash rate remains at 0.10%. This low rate will continue to have a negative impact on Council's interest income. The expectation is that the Reserve Bank will not raise rates again until there is a sustained recovery and both of the economic objectives of full employment and target inflation are met. Returns of 0.40% to 0.80% p.a. can be expected over the next few financial years.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

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

CONCLUSION

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. July 2021 Investment Report [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Director Corporate and Community Services Report No. R21/222 be received and noted.



Lachlan Shire
Your Ultimate Bush Experience

Investment Report

01/07/2021 to 31/07/2021



Portfolio Valuation as at 31/07/2021

Issuer	Rating	Type	Alloc	Interest	Purchase	Maturity	Rate	Value	Accrued	Accrued MTD
Auswide Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	12/08/2019	10/08/2021	1.9500	1,000,000.00	38,465.75	1,656.16
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	26/08/2020	26/08/2021	0.8000	1,000,000.00	1,468.49	679.45
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	Annual	08/09/2020	08/09/2021	0.9300	500,000.00	4,165.89	394.93
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	20/10/2020	20/10/2021	0.6300	500,000.00	2,459.59	267.53
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	22/10/2019	26/10/2021	1.6000	1,000,000.00	438.36	438.36
AMP Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	27/05/2020	23/11/2021	1.4500	1,000,000.00	2,621.92	1,231.51
Community First	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	25/11/2020	30/11/2021	0.6500	500,000.00	2,217.12	276.03
Community First	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	03/12/2020	07/12/2021	0.6500	1,000,000.00	4,291.78	552.05
ING Direct	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	06/02/2020	08/02/2022	1.6500	500,000.00	3,932.88	700.68
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	09/02/2021	09/02/2022	0.5900	500,000.00	1,398.22	250.55
Newcastle Permanent	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	20/02/2019	22/02/2022	3.0500	500,000.00	3,050.00	1,295.21
Newcastle Permanent	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	05/03/2019	08/03/2022	2.9500	500,000.00	2,222.60	1,252.74
Macquarie Bank	A+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	23/03/2021	23/03/2022	0.4900	1,000,000.00	1,758.63	416.16
Members Equity Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	23/03/2021	23/03/2022	0.5000	1,000,000.00	1,794.52	424.66
BOQ	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	06/05/2020	10/05/2022	1.4500	500,000.00	1,728.08	615.75
AMP Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	24/11/2020	23/05/2022	0.7500	1,000,000.00	5,136.99	636.99
BOQ	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	27/05/2020	24/05/2022	1.3000	1,000,000.00	15,350.68	1,104.11
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	09/06/2021	14/06/2022	0.4500	2,000,000.00	1,306.85	764.38





Issuer	Rating	Type	Alloc	Interest	Purchase	Maturity	Rate	Value	Accrued	Accrued MTD
AMP Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	11/06/2020	14/06/2022	1.4000	750,000.00	1,467.12	891.78
Members Equity Bank	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	09/06/2021	14/06/2022	0.5000	1,000,000.00	726.03	424.66
AMP Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	22/12/2020	21/06/2022	0.7500	750,000.00	3,421.23	477.74
BOQ	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	23/06/2020	28/06/2022	1.2500	1,000,000.00	1,335.62	1,061.64
BOQ	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	22/07/2020	26/07/2022	1.0000	600,000.00	164.38	164.38
Auswide Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	18/08/2020	23/08/2022	0.9000	500,000.00	4,290.41	382.19
Auswide Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	27/08/2020	29/08/2022	0.9000	750,000.00	6,269.18	573.29
BOQ	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	26/08/2020	30/08/2022	0.9500	1,000,000.00	8,849.32	806.85
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	26/08/2020	30/08/2022	0.8200	1,000,000.00	1,505.21	696.44
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	08/09/2020	08/09/2022	0.8000	1,500,000.00	10,750.68	1,019.18
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	08/09/2020	08/09/2022	0.7800	1,500,000.00	1,730.96	993.70
WAW Credit Union	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	Annual	08/09/2020	13/09/2022	1.0500	500,000.00	4,703.42	445.89
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	08/09/2020	13/09/2022	0.8000	1,500,000.00	10,750.68	1,019.18
BOQ	BBB+	TD	GENERAL	Annual	20/10/2020	20/10/2022	0.8000	500,000.00	3,123.29	339.73
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	27/11/2020	29/11/2022	0.6300	500,000.00	2,131.64	267.53
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	10/12/2020	13/12/2022	0.6300	500,000.00	2,019.45	267.53
Warwick Credit Union	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	Annual	10/02/2021	13/02/2023	0.6500	1,000,000.00	3,063.01	552.05
Warwick Credit Union	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	Annual	09/02/2021	14/02/2023	0.6500	500,000.00	1,540.41	276.03
WAW Credit Union	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	Annual	02/03/2021	02/03/2023	0.7000	500,000.00	1,457.53	297.26
BNK Bank	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	Annual	30/03/2021	04/04/2023	0.7000	900,000.00	2,140.27	535.07





Issuer	Rating	Type	Alloc	Interest	Purchase	Maturity	Rate	Value	Accrued	Accrued MTD
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	At Maturity	13/04/2021	18/04/2023	0.6000	1,000,000.00	1,808.22	509.59
AMP Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	04/05/2021	09/05/2023	0.7000	1,000,000.00	1,706.85	594.52
BNK Bank	Unrated	TD	GENERAL	Annual	04/05/2021	09/05/2023	0.7000	1,000,000.00	1,706.85	594.52
MyState Bank	BBB	TD	GENERAL	Annual	04/05/2021	09/05/2023	0.5500	1,000,000.00	1,341.10	467.12
NAB	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Annual	25/05/2021	23/05/2023	0.6300	2,000,000.00	2,347.40	1,070.14
ING Direct	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	08/06/2021	13/06/2023	0.5000	500,000.00	369.86	212.33
ING Direct	A	TD	GENERAL	Annual	15/06/2021	13/06/2023	0.5000	750,000.00	482.88	318.49
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	06/07/2021	11/07/2023	0.5600	1,000,000.00	398.90	398.90
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	18/06/2021	18/06/2024	0.8000	1,500,000.00	1,446.58	1,019.18
Westpac	AA-	TD	GENERAL	Quarterly	06/07/2021	09/07/2024	0.8000	1,000,000.00	569.86	569.86
Macquarie Bank	A+	CASH	GENERAL	Monthly	31/07/2021	31/07/2021	0.4000	5,394,282.25	1,871.46	1,871.46
NAB	AA-	CASH	GENERAL	Monthly	31/07/2021	31/07/2021	0.3100	5,304,748.41	1,396.33	1,396.33
TOTALS								53,199,030.66	180,694.51	33,471.83



Counterparty Compliance as at 31/07/2021

Long Term Investments

Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit (\$)	Available
✓	Commonwealth Bank	Long	AA-	2,500,000.00	4.70	25.00	-	10,799,757.67
✓	Westpac	Long	AA-	8,000,000.00	15.04	25.00	-	5,299,757.67
✓	NAB	Long	AA-	12,304,748.41	23.13	25.00	-	995,009.26
✓	Macquarie Bank	Long	A+	6,394,282.25	12.02	20.00	-	4,245,523.88
✓	ING Direct	Long	A	1,750,000.00	3.29	20.00	-	8,889,806.13
✓	Members Equity Bank	Long	BBB+	2,000,000.00	3.76	15.00	-	5,979,854.60
✓	BOQ	Long	BBB+	4,600,000.00	8.65	15.00	-	3,379,854.60
✓	AMP Bank	Long	BBB	4,500,000.00	8.46	15.00	-	3,479,854.60
✓	MyState Bank	Long	BBB	1,000,000.00	1.88	15.00	-	6,979,854.60
✓	Auswide Bank	Long	BBB	2,250,000.00	4.23	15.00	-	5,729,854.60
✓	Newcastle Permanent	Long	BBB	1,000,000.00	1.88	15.00	-	6,979,854.60
✓	Warwick Credit Union	Long	Unrated	1,500,000.00	2.82	5.00	-	1,159,951.53
✓	WAW Credit Union	Long	Unrated	1,000,000.00	1.88	5.00	-	1,659,951.53

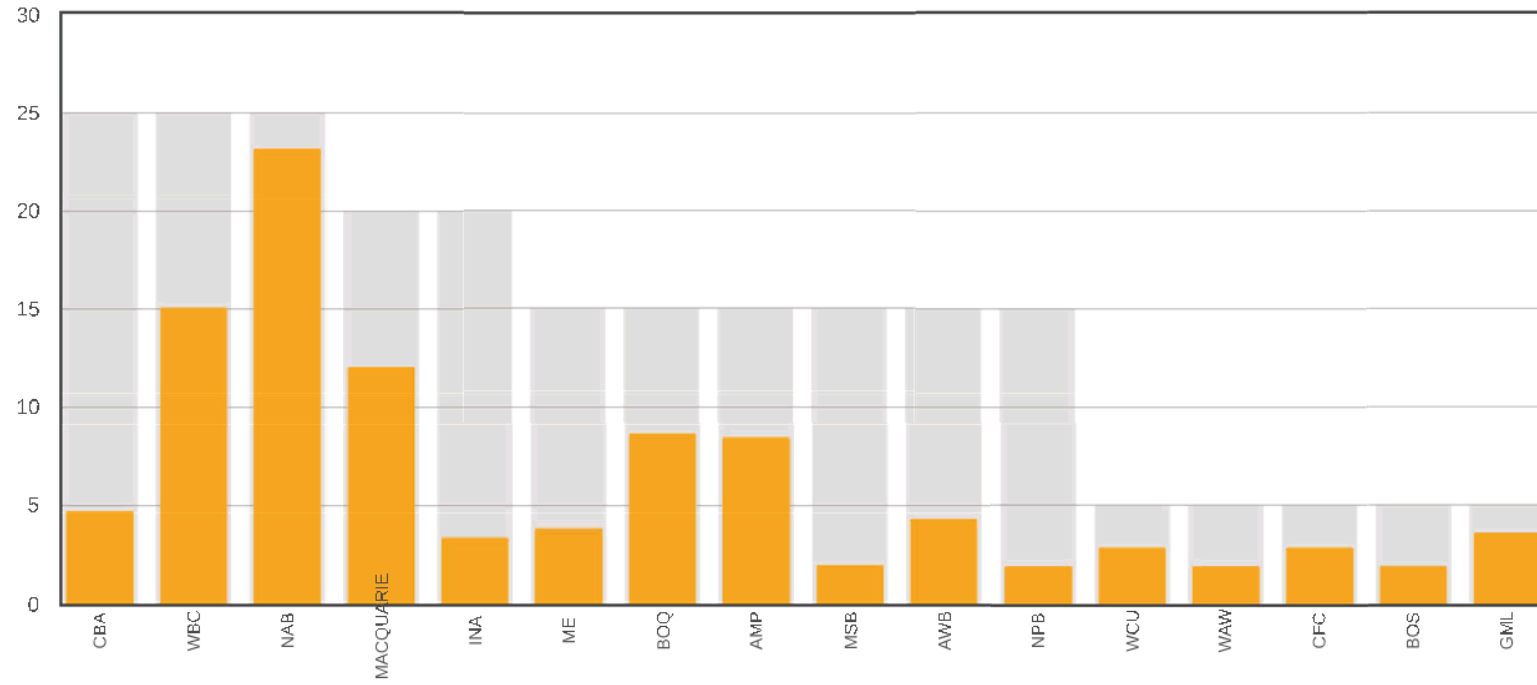




Compliant	Bank Group	Term	Rating	Invested	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Limit (\$)	Available
✓	Community First	Long	Unrated	1,500,000.00	2.82	5.00	-	1,159,951.53
✓	Bank of Sydney	Long	Unrated	1,000,000.00	1.88	5.00	-	1,659,951.53
✓	Goldfields Money	Long	Unrated	1,900,000.00	3.57	5.00	-	759,951.53
TOTALS				53,199,030.66	100.00			



Counterparty Compliance - Long Term Investments



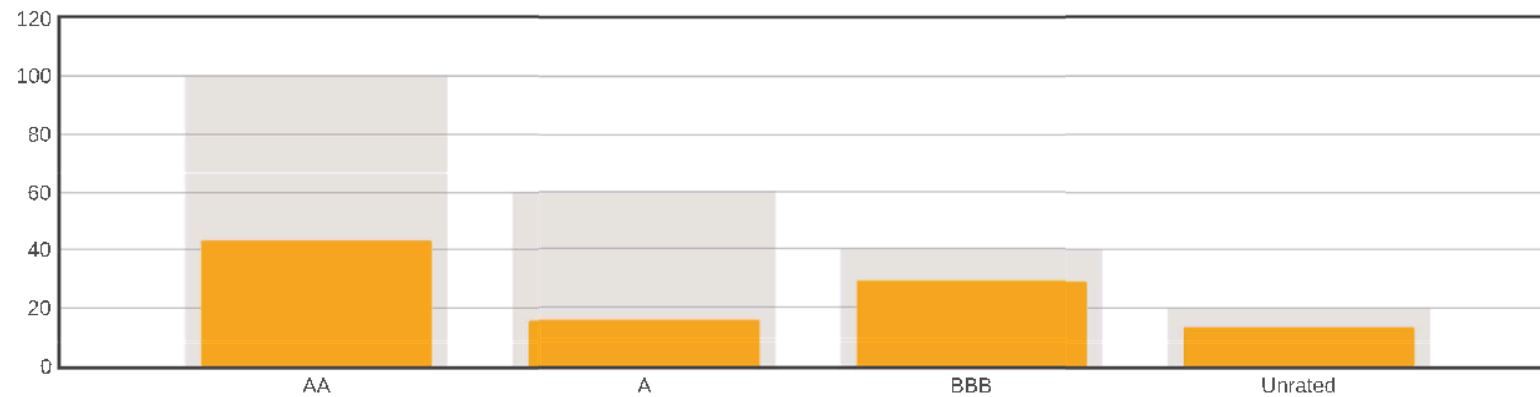


Credit Quality Compliance as at 31/07/2021

Long Term Investments

Compliant	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Limit (%)	Available
✓	AA	22,804,748.41	42.87	100.00	30,394,282.25
✓	A	8,144,282.25	15.31	60.00	23,775,136.15
✓	BBB	15,350,000.00	28.85	40.00	5,929,612.26
✓	Unrated	6,900,000.00	12.97	20.00	3,739,806.13
TOTALS		53,199,030.66	100.00		

Credit Quality Compliance - Long Term Investments

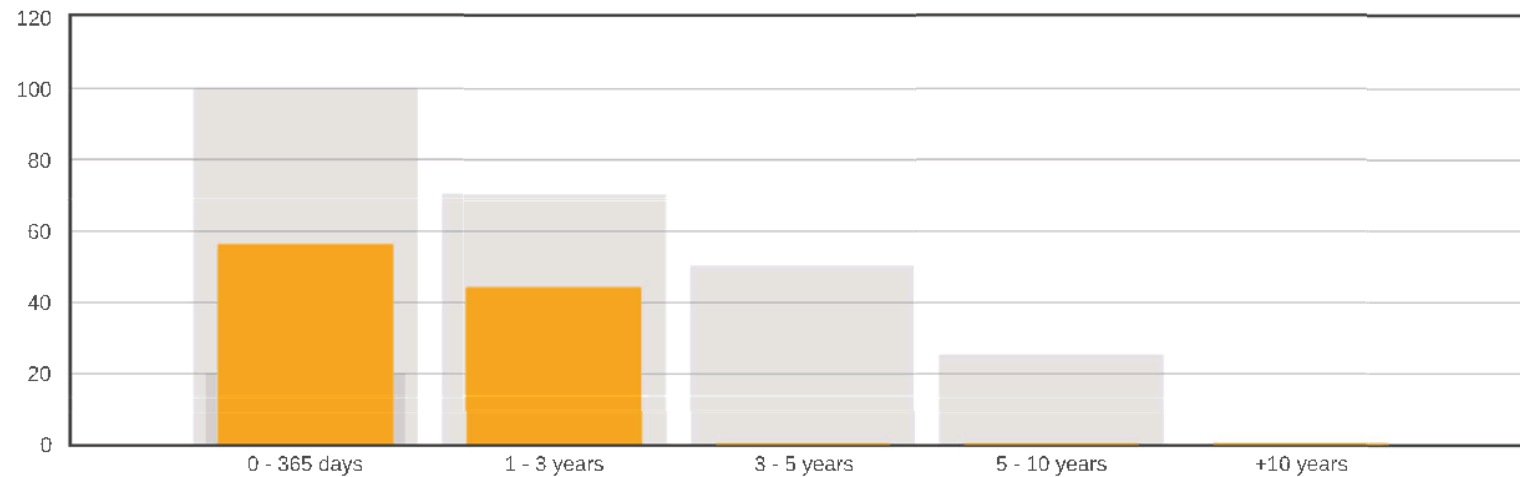




Maturity Compliance as at 31/07/2021

Compliant	Term	Invested	Invested (%)	Min Limit (%)	Max Limit (%)	Available
✓	0 - 365 days	29,799,030.66	56.01	20.00	100.00	23,400,000.00
✓	1 - 3 years	23,400,000.00	43.99	0.00	70.00	13,839,321.46
✓	3 - 5 years	-	0.00	0.00	50.00	26,599,515.33
✓	5 - 10 years	-	0.00	0.00	25.00	13,299,757.67
✓	+10 years	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
TOTALS		53,199,030.66	100.00			

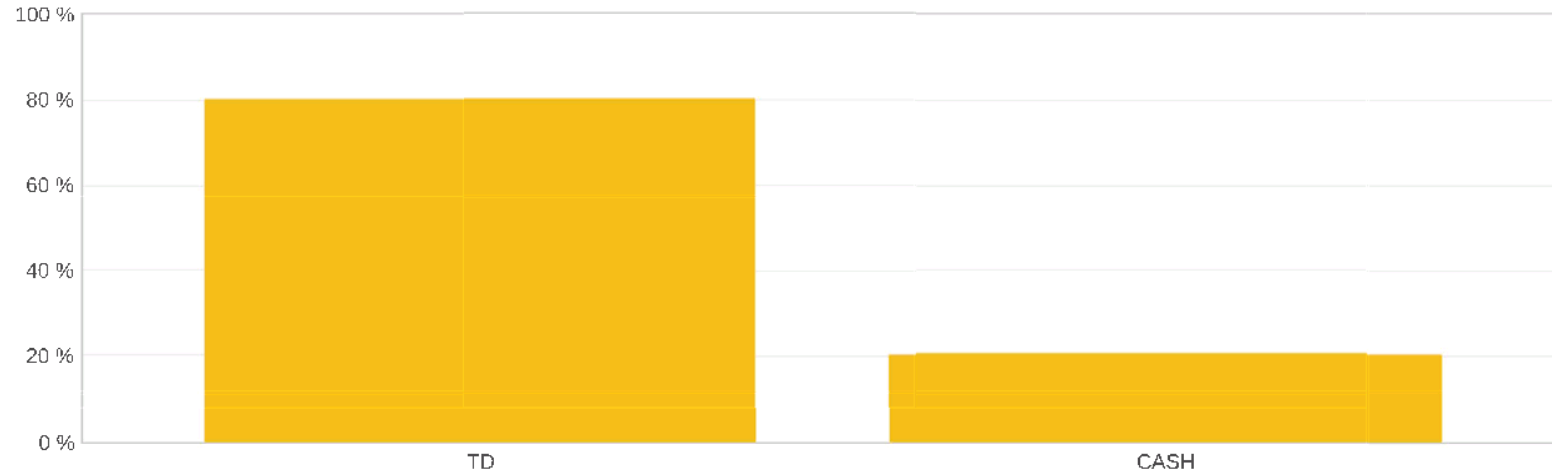
Maturity Compliance





Asset Class as at 31/07/2021

Code	Number of Trades	Invested	Invested (%)
TD	48	42,500,000.00	79.89
CASH	2	10,699,030.66	20.11
TOTALS	50	53,199,030.66	100.0



9 ENVIRONMENT, TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9.1 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ARTS OUTWEST AND LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL

TRIM Number: R21/215

Author: Economic Development & Tourism Officer

PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement to continue the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Arts OutWest and Council from June 2021 until December 2024.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Memorandum of Understanding

Information on value of AOW to Lachlan Shire

BACKGROUND

Arts OutWest (AOW) provide regional arts development for the NSW Central West.

AOW are a regional non-profit, incorporated organisation and part of a state network of 14 regional arts development organisations (RADO's) providing arts and cultural development across regional NSW.

AOW offers free support to individuals, organisations, businesses, community groups, councils and others living in or making creative work in the NSW Central West. Core services are generally free. AOW also develop, partner or support regional projects.

The core business of AOW is to promote, educate, facilitate and advocate for arts and cultural development in the central west.

Council have been associated with AOW for a number of years.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

AOW have requested that Council enter into another MOU until December 2024. A copy of the MOU is attached to this report. As part of the MOU, AOW have said that they will:

1. *“Arts OutWest Inc. will deliver core services to the region as defined by the Arts OutWest Strategic Plan and any reviews thereof in consultation with all its stakeholders.*
2. *Arts OutWest will work in active partnership with the local Councils of the region to deliver regional cultural development outcomes.*
3. *Arts OutWest Inc. will provide all member Councils with an Annual Report showing expenditure of all consolidated revenue and providing details on services rendered to each Council area.*
4. *Arts OutWest will acknowledge the partnership arrangement with the Councils on all public material in an appropriate manner.”*

As part of the MOU, Council will agree to:

1. *“The Council will acknowledge Arts OutWest in programs involving Arts OutWest*
2. *The Council will appoint a person to the Arts OutWest Advisory Council. This person will attend two meetings a year and will provide a conduit for Arts OutWest to the LGA and its issues. The Advisory Council member will represent the interests of the LGA and will contribute to ensuring that the Arts OutWest Strategic Plan and the Annual Activity Plan for Arts OutWest meet the needs of the LGA.*

3. *The Council and their communities will provide Arts OutWest with relevant information on cultural issues, activities and events for information and promotion by Arts OutWest Media and Promotion services.*
4. *The Council and Arts OutWest will share information on cultural matters including the linking of community directories, databases and websites.*
5. *Arts OutWest will work with individual Councils and their communities to develop specific projects and programs and assist with funding and delivery of projects so far as additional project funding allows with equity across the region.*
6. *Arts OutWest will provide formal presentations to Councils within the region as required.*
7. *The Council may make representations to the Board and Executive Officer of Arts OutWest Inc. in respect of any proposed programs and projects arising in the community which need the support of Arts OutWest Inc.*
8. *The Council will encourage individuals, groups and organisations in their local areas to actively access the services of Arts OutWest for their development.”*

Council's current Arts OutWest Advisory Council member is Heather Blackley.

According to the information provided by AOW, Council has received a return on investment of 393%. AOW have supported a number of projects, described in the attached document.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council will pay an annual fee to Arts OutWest in each of the financial years of the Memorandum of Understanding. This will be at the starting rate of 68 cents per head of population. CPI will be added to each year of the agreement. Each year the population will be calculated using ABS figures for the previous year.

The starting point for this MOU is a payment of \$4,554.57 (inc GST) for the 2021-22 year, based on the ABS Estimated Regional Population (ERP) for Lachlan in 2020, which is 6,089. This fee has been included in the FY2021.22 budget.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The MOU is legally binding and will be in place until December 2024.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Council's adopted 2017-2022 Delivery Program included supporting Arts Out West and local art competitions (CSP 1.5.2). Not supporting AOW could cause reputational damage to Council.

If Council do not continue to support AOW there would be an expectation that Council would provide these services to the community and Council does not have sufficient financial or staff resources to undertake these tasks. This could have adverse impacts on the local economy / tourism and also on the wellbeing of the community.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Nil

OPTIONS

1. Accept and sign the MOU
2. Not sign the MOU and decide on an alternative path and financial model to support art within the Shire
3. Decide to request changes to the MOU

CONCLUSION

Council has made a conscious effort to support art within the region through the adopted delivery plan and through initiatives like the Utes in the Paddock, the Sculptures Down the Lachlan art trail, Waste 2 Art and murals on water towers. The continuation of the MOU will demonstrate Council's commitment to art and artists within the Shire and will allow AOW to deliver core services to the region.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**Destination Management Plan 2019-2022**

Action 2.6.6 - Develop and enhance current Artwork and crafts galleries where authentic local works of art and craft can be displayed and sold.

Action 2.7.6 - Develop a street art experience

Action 2.8 - Enhance existing products and developing new ones to enhance visitor experiences within the Art and Culture sector

Delivery Plan 2017 – 22

1.5.2 - Support Arts Out West and local art competitions - Maintain involvement and partner in Arts Out West activities

2.1.2 - Increase things to see and do for visitors to the shire - Investigate painting silos

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Memorandum of Understanding between Arts OutWest and Lachlan Shire Council** [↓](#)
2. **Council Pages - Lachlan Shire Council** [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That

1. The Director of Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R21/215 be received and noted.
2. The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the MOU with Arts OutWest.



Memorandum of Understanding
between
Arts OutWest
and
Lachlan Shire Council
1 July 2021 – 31 December 2024

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) includes the following:

1. Key understandings for member Councils
2. Undertakings
3. Financial contribution
4. Review process

1. Key understandings for member Councils

- a) All member Councils understand effective arts and cultural development to be the strategic planning and management of cultural services, facilities and programs that contribute to local identity, sense of place and quality of life and empower local groups to contribute socially and economically through the arts.
- b) The Councils jointly agree to support Arts OutWest Inc. as key stakeholders in the Regional Arts Development Organisation (RADO) for the region.
- c) The Councils understand that funding by each member Council, matched by State funding is essential for the core operations of Arts OutWest Inc. and its sustainability in the future.
- d) The Councils understand and fully support the core business of Arts OutWest as outlined in its Strategic Plan 2021-24 plan.
- e) Arts OutWest inc. is a not-for-profit incorporated association managed by a Committee of Management (Board) appointed through a transparent application process.

AOW Lachlan Memorandum of Understanding 2021-24



2. Undertakings

What Arts OutWest will agree to do:

1. Arts OutWest Inc. will deliver core services to the region as defined by the Arts OutWest Strategic Plan and any reviews thereof in consultation with all its stakeholders.
2. Arts OutWest will work in active partnership with the local Councils of the region to deliver regional cultural development outcomes.
3. Arts OutWest Inc. will provide all member Councils with an Annual Report showing expenditure of all consolidated revenue and providing details on services rendered to each Council area.
4. Arts OutWest will acknowledge the partnership arrangement with the Councils on all public material in an appropriate manner

What The Council will agree to do:

5. The Council will acknowledge Arts OutWest in programs involving Arts OutWest
6. The Council will appoint a person to the Arts OutWest Advisory Council. This person will attend two meetings a year and will provide a conduit for Arts OutWest to the LGA and its issues. The Advisory Council member will represent the interests of the LGA and will contribute to ensuring that the Arts OutWest Strategic Plan and the Annual Activity Plan for Arts OutWest meet the needs of the LGA.
7. The Council and their communities will provide Arts OutWest with relevant information on cultural issues, activities and events for information and promotion by Arts OutWest Media and Promotion services.
8. The Council and Arts OutWest will share information on cultural matters including the linking of community directories, databases and websites.
9. Arts OutWest will work with individual Councils and their communities to develop specific projects and programs and assist with funding and delivery of projects so far as additional project funding allows with equity across the region.
10. Arts OutWest will provide formal presentations to Councils within the region as required.
11. The Council may make representations to the Board and Executive Officer of Arts OutWest Inc. in respect of any proposed programs and projects arising in the community which need the support of Arts OutWest Inc.
12. The Council will encourage individuals, groups and organizations in their local areas to actively access the services of Arts OutWest for their development.

3. Financial contribution

Lachlan Shire Council will pay a fee for service to Arts OutWest in each of the financial years of the Memorandum of Understanding. This will be at the starting rate of 68 cents per head of population. CPI will be added each year period. Each year the population will be calculated using ABS figures for the previous year.

The starting point for this MOU is a payment of \$4,140.52.56 (+GST) for the 2021-22 year, based on the ABS Estimated Regional Population (ERP) for 2020 of 6,089.

4. Review

Lachlan Shire Council and the Board of Arts OutWest Inc agree to review the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding in preparation for each following financial year.

Signatures to this Memorandum of Understanding

FOR COUNCIL:

.....
Date

Name:

FOR ARTS OUTWEST

.....
Tracey Callinan, Executive Director, Arts OutWest Date





Positions on the
AOW ADVISORY COUNCIL

Heather Blackley
Lachlan Shire Council representative

LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL

Working with communities in 2020 (calendar year)

This council page accompanies the Arts OutWest 2020 Annual Report
https://artsoutwest.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/AOW-2020-annual-report_small.pdf

LGA POPULATION: 6,075 (source: ABS 2019 ERP estimate)

Lachlan Shire Council contribution to the regional arts program:
On a per capita basis @ 66c per person \$4,009.50 + GST

Estimated value of Arts OutWest services to communities in Lachlan Shire Council area 2020:

ARTS MEDIA PROGRAM	\$375
5 events promoted @ \$75 per event.	
CASP PROJECTS	\$3,000
1 CASP project funded.	
SPECIFIC PROJECTS	\$9,125
Micro Grants. Culture Maps. AOW Media Associates and training. Online networks.	
WORKSHOPS	\$1,150
Grant writing workshop. Videography workshop. Aboriginal online workshops with Aleshia Ionsdale.	
CORE SERVICES	\$3,191
Includes time spent giving advice and support in Lachlan Shire and time spent on regional advocacy.	

TOTAL ESTIMATED VALUE: \$15,741

This conservative estimate of services represents a **393% return** on the council's contribution to Arts OutWest.

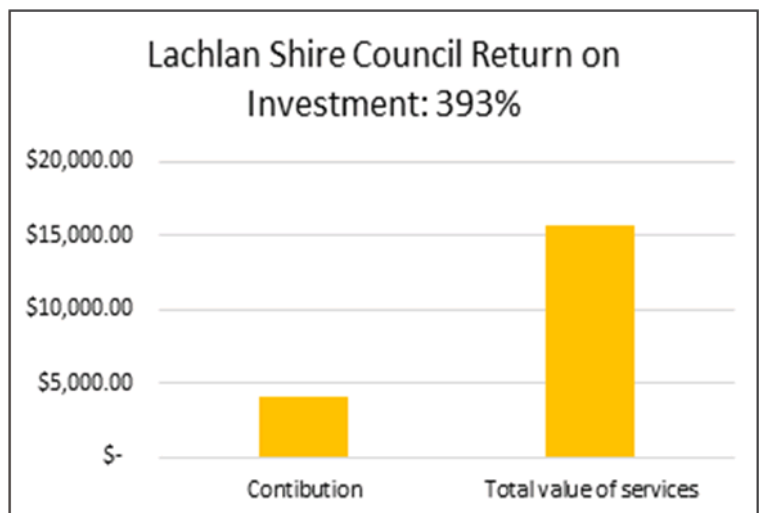
SPECIFIC PROJECTS

ARTS AND HEALTH

- AOW worked at Condobolin Hospital to present art exhibitions
- AOW started working with Lake Cargelligo Hospital to develop a project for the hospital entrance
- AOW supported the Shine mental health project with a grant to assist workshops with a group of Aboriginal women (their work was hung in the hospital in 2021).

ABORIGINAL ARTS

- AOW's Aboriginal Arts Development Officer Aleshia Ionsdale kept in touch with Aboriginal artists through an online network and provided training and support
- Aboriginal artists can exhibit and well work with Arts OutWest at Kew-Y-Ahn Gallery in Hartley, the gallery that we curate for National Parks and Wildlife Services and Office of Environment and Heritage
- AOW is supporting Skyfest plans and in 2020 organised a \$10K grant to the project (actually paid in 2021)
- Provided advice to Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation about a job description.



CULTURAL TOURISM

- Culture Maps. Arts OutWest's interactive map showing all the cultural tourism assets of the region was developed and launched. www.centralnsw.com.

MUSIC INDUSTRY SUPPORT

- Audit of all live music venues in the region. Completed so AOW can start developing a network of venues in the region to present live original music from our region.

SUPPORT

- Meetings and events
 - Attended events such as gallery openings, performances, consultations sessions, judged art competitions, met with individuals and organisations, provided advice by phone and email
- Provided advocacy through representing the needs of our area at meetings in Sydney and Canberra to government and other key organisations, met directly with politicians and government workers (particularly Create NSW) locally and in Sydney and Canberra, submitted to surveys and reviews, contributed to research making the case for regional arts, liaised with Regional Arts NSW and the RADO network in NSW
- Provided increased commentary in the media about the impacts of Covid
- Promoted events and assisted people to promote their events and also tracked and reported on the cancellation of events due to Covid
- Provided numerous examples of support to people in the arts who were affected by the pandemic and needed to talk to someone, find possible financial support or work out ways of doing things differently.

GENERAL SUPPORT

- Arts OutWest Micro Grants Program was established to assist artists, organisations, businesses and other groups to adapt to the challenges of the Covid-19 restrictions. Recipients within Lachlan Shire Council LGA were:
 - Alison Wheeler
 - Lucy Kirk
- AOW Media Associates Program. This program has established photographers across the AOW region who are available to document the work of Arts OutWest and other arts activity in the region. Arts OutWest also provides this group with training and in 2020 we were worked with them to prepare for an exhibition of their work (presented in January 2021).

6 artists from the Lachlan region were paid for professional work as part of Arts OutWest projects.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT: Arts OutWest wrote 3 letters of support for people resident in Lachlan Shire Council area.

KEY RELATIONSHIPS

Organisations and individuals that we worked with or assisted in 2020:

- Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation
- Lachlan Arts Council
- Condobolin Hospital
- Shine program

as well as numerous individuals.



CASP PROJECTS

- Funded Country Arts Support Program (CASP) project in Bathurst, with funds developed to Regional Arts by Create NSW:
- Central West Women's Health Centre: Express Yourself Youth Arts Program. \$3,000.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATION & ADVOCACY

AOW worked regionally or advocated for the region in 2020 including:

- Arts OutWest worked regionally or advocated for the region in 2020 including:
- Attended Regional Arts meetings in Sydney and online with other RADOs, Regional Arts NSW and Create NSW
- Attended Artstate Wagga Wagga where AOW's Executive Director mediated one of the main stage panels
- Attended meetings with the MPS Groups set up by Western NSW Local Health District
- Member of the Arts and Health Network leadership team for NSW/ACT
- Attended meetings with the Central West JO's Tourism Managers group
- Attended consultation sessions with CSU, Executive Director a member of CSU's Macquarie Consultative Committee
- Member of the Travelling Film Festival steering committee for Sydney Film Festival
- Established a cross-region project working in aged care within the NSW Health System to investigate best practice around online and face-to-face delivery with research attached and gained three-year funding
- Supported research applications by Charles Sturt University as a partner organisation.



ARTS MEDIA PROGRAM STATS

- AOW social media followers: 11,263 (increase of 11%)
- Subscribers to AOW newsletter/website: 1,350
- 5 Lachlan events promoted by Arts OutWest on radio, social media, AOW e-news and website
- Lachlan stories told on Facebook, Instagram website and e-news: 5

IMAGES: This page - AOW Micro Grant recipients Alison Wheeler (Down the Track youth group ceramics) and Lucy Kirk (Speak Up website creation); AOW Culture Maps website launch.

More information and links about our projects, people and organisation are available on our website:
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Arts OutWest acknowledges the Wiradjuri people, whose land we work on, and pays respect to the traditional owners past and present.

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9.2 FY2021 PROJECT MONTHLY UPDATE FOR JULY/AUGUST

TRIM Number: R21/223

Author: Manager - Projects and Building

PURPOSE

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

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil

BACKGROUND

Council has adopted the 2021/22 budget and associated Delivery and Operational Plans. This report provides updates on the delivery of the capital projects in regard to buildings.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Project	Budget	Funding Source	Expend. To Date	Forecast Expend.	Comments
Gum Bend Lake Amenities Upgrade	\$373k	\$300k NSW Drought Stimulus Package (DSP) plus Council funds \$73k	\$88k	\$373k	Contracts have been signed. Works have commenced. 13 pier holes have been poured, internal drainage has been provided. The slab has been poured and the framework has largely been erected. Roof structure and blockwork to now be undertaken. Works are scheduled to be completed by September 2021 (pending COVID restrictions).
Tottenham Caravan Park Amenities Upgrade	\$274k	\$125k DSP plus \$49k Council funds , \$104k Federal Drought Community Program	\$243k	\$274K	Works on the amenities building have been completed. A variation request has been approved. The camp kitchen design and costings are currently being finalised. Staff finalising grant

					milestone submissions.
Lake Cargelligo Caravan Park Amenities Upgrade	\$125k	DSP	\$90k	\$125k	Works have been completed. Grant milestones being finalised. Staff are talking to grant body about use of unspent funds.
Tottenham Youth Club Renovation	\$57,046	SCCF R3	\$43k	\$57,046	Both roof and external cladding have been completed. Awaiting installation of fencing. A variation request has been lodged with grant body to vary the milestone dates.
Lake Cargelligo Pool Amenities Upgrade	\$1.1 million	\$825K BBRF R4 plus Council funds \$275K	\$509k	\$1.1m	Building is now at lock up stage, with roof and windows installed. Internal fit out works have commenced. The building will be completed by the start of the swimming season. Solar options have been finalised. Works will now not require upgrade to external electrical infrastructure.
Condobolin and District Historical Museum - Extension to Museum and Display Enhancements	\$77,765	SCCF R3	\$6k	\$77,765	An agreement was reached with the Committee on 27 April 2021. Final design has been received and provided to the committee. No comments received from committee. A request for quotes has been made to local and other builders. Awaiting submission of quotes. Staff are in discussions with grant body regarding milestone variations.
Condobolin Works Depot	\$7,246,707.60	\$6,000,000 Loan and remaining \$1.25m from	\$739k	\$7,246,707.60	Contracts signed. Works commenced 8 March 2021. Issue in regard to

		Council reserves			subsoil compaction problems has been resolved with Council providing direction to the contractor to re-commence work. Earthmoving contractors are now back on-site work has re-commenced.
Lake Cargelligo Memorial Hall	\$30k	Drought Stimulus Program	\$26k	\$30k	Kitchen completed. Awaiting installation of curtains. Council staff have been in contact with the supplier to express the need for provision of the curtains ASAP. Supplier is currently manufacturing curtains and installation is expected by the end of September.
Provision of new Animal Shelter	\$300k	Local roads and Community Infrastructure Program – Rd1	\$7.3K	\$300k	Plans finalised and Planning Proposal was endorsed by Council at July Council meeting. Documentation sent to PCO to make LEP. The DA has been lodged but is awaiting the finalisation of the LEP before determination can be made. Penrith City Council are assessing the DA on Council's behalf and have started the assessment process. An extension to complete the works has been approved to December 2021. Quotations are currently being obtained for the construction of the building.
Solar Project	\$1.1m	Local roads and Community Infrastructure Program – Rd1	\$1m	\$1.1m	8 roof top sites have been completed, comprising the HACC, Condobolin Library, Children Services,

					<p>Tottenham WTP, Tottenham Pool, Condobolin Pool, Condobolin Caravan Park, and Lake Cargelligo Office/Library.</p> <p>4 ground mount sites have been completed comprising the Merri Abba Pump, STP Condobolin, STP Lake Cargelligo, and Tullibigeal 16 Mile Pump Station.</p> <p>The Lake Cargelligo Water Treatment Plant solar and battery project is complete, Stage 1, 100KW of solar, has been commissioned and activated.</p> <p>Commissioning and activation of Stage 2 (140kW) is to be completed when large-scale generation certificate application has been finalised.</p> <p>The design for the Solar carport within the Condobolin Administration Office Carpark area has been approved and works have commenced with completion expected by the end of September (pending COVID restrictions).</p>
Lachlan Shire Visitor Information Centre	\$3,288,798	Growing Local Economies Fund	\$83K	\$3,288,798	<p>PWA engaged to provide Project Management Services. PCG established to oversee project delivery. Head Design Consultant appointed.</p> <p>Onsite meeting held with head designer on 5 May</p>

					2021. Initial design has been provided to Council and feedback has been provided to the architect who is now finalising the concept design. QS Report has been provided by the architect based on concept plans. DA documentation is now being prepared for expected lodgement in late August/early September. Penrith City Council will assess the DA on Council's behalf.
Condobolin Waste Transfer Station and Power	\$350,000	100% Council funds – Waste Reserve	\$300K	\$350,000	Construction works have largely been completed. Awaiting roadworks to be completed to allow the facility to be opened. The roadworks have been delayed due to the weather. Works have now recommenced on roadworks.
Tottenham Swimming Pool BBQ Shelter	\$50,000	Local roads and Community Infrastructure Program – Rd2	\$15k	\$50,000	On-site meetings have been held with swimming pool committee representatives to discuss and agree upon design. Design was finalised and committee were requested to provide feedback and no feedback was provided. Slab was poured on 22 June 2021. Frame and roof installed. Project is scheduled to be completed prior to the 21/22 pool season commencing.
Burcher Camp Kitchen	\$30,000	Local roads and Community Infrastructure	Nil	\$30,000	On-site meetings have been held with Burcher representatives to

		Program – Rd2			discuss and agree upon design. Quotation has been received. Meeting was held with Community representative on 21 July to discuss final design and confirm location. Final quotations are being obtained prior to works commencing.
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Condobolin Works Depot Budget Update

Budget	\$7,816,707.60
Contract Value	\$7,246,707.60*
Other Works and Project Management Costs	\$570,000.00
Contingency (included in Contract Value)	\$400,000.00
Current Expenditure	\$739,106.65
Approved Variations	\$166,148.00

All figures include GST

* Figure includes Contingency

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

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

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

RISK IMPLICATIONS

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

Risks surrounding project delivery are being managed through the use of external project managers such as Public Works advisory and a temporary Project Management Officer has been employed to assist with the delivery of building projects.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

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

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

OPTIONS

1. Receive and note the report

CONCLUSION

This report updates Council on the capital improvements/new work being undertaken by the Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Department.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

- 4.2 Strong effective and Responsive Council

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Director of Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No.R21/223 be received and noted.

9.3 DEVELOPMENT DATA JULY 2021

TRIM Number: R21/230

Author: Manager- Town Planning

PURPOSE

This report is to provide Council with information in relation to development activity occurring within the Shire during July 2021.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Council's Development Application Data

BACKGROUND

During the month of July 2021 there were three (3) applications lodged with a value totalling \$340,000. Five (5) approvals were issued within this time.

Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates Approved in July 2021.

Approval Number	Development Description	Location	Value	Delegated Authority/Council
DA 2020/45	Solar Farm	121 Willis Lane, Condobolin	\$5,253,849	Council
DA 2020/49	Construction of Patio cover over existing deck to rear of Pub	64 Bathurst Street, Condobolin	\$45,000	Delegated
DA 2021/16	Installation of Moveable Dwelling, Construction of Pergola, Deck, Carport. Use of Existing Dwelling as Farm Stay Accommodation	6921 Lachlan Valley Way, Fairholme	\$680,000	Delegated
DA 2021/17	Construction of Dwelling	3 Lachlan Street, Lake Cargelligo	\$1,300,000	Delegated
DA 2021/19	Construction of Dwelling	9 Conapaira Street, Lake Cargelligo	\$749,505	Delegated
TOTAL No. OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENTS	5		\$8,028,354	

Comparison to Previous Year: Applications Approved July 2020

Total ***Number*** of Applications ***approved in July 2020:*** 5
 Total ***Value*** of Applications ***approved for July 2020:*** \$1,560,800

Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates Received in July 2021.

Development Identifier	Development Description	Location	Value
DA 2021/27	Demolition of Existing Dwelling	44 William Street, Condobolin	\$10,000
DA 2021/28	Construction of Dwelling	4 Randall Place, Condobolin	\$330,000
DA 2021/29	Temporary Event – Annual Yellow Mountain Cross Country	Various locations	\$0
TOTAL	3		\$340,000

Comparison to Previous Year: Applications Received July 2020

Total Number of Applications ***received in July 2020:*** 6
 Total Value of Applications ***received for July 2020:*** \$1,212,126

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

A total of five (5) approvals have been issued this financial year at an average of 37 days, which is within the legislative timeframe for approvals and well below the average net days taken to determine a DA across all NSW Councils.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

No foreseeable issues.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

All fees associated with the applications referred to herein have been paid.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

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

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Regular consultation and engagement with applicants of Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates occurs during the pre-lodgement, assessment and approval stages of each application in line with legislation and Council’s planning instruments. Council also often engages with the community and adjoining owners in respect of applications.

OPTIONS

1. Receive and note the report.

CONCLUSION

Development Application and Complying Development Certificate approved data reveals a total development value of \$8,028,354 for applications approved in the 2021/2022 financial year.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Build Civic Leadership and Pride

Community Strategic Plan - 4.2 Strong Effective Responsive Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Director Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R21/230 be received and noted.

9.4 AMENDED SECTION 7.12 CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN**TRIM Number: R21/232****Author: Manager- Town Planning****PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to request that Council adopt the amended "Section 7.12 Contributions Plan".

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Amended Section 7.12 Contributions Plan

BACKGROUND

At the 26 May 2021 Council Meeting, Council resolved (Resolution No. 2021/93) to place the amended Section 7.12 Contributions Plan on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days. The policy was subsequently placed on public exhibition. No submissions were received during the notification period.

Section 7.12 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 allows a levy, based on a percentage of the development cost, to be imposed when a development consent or complying development certificate is issued. Levies paid to Council are applied towards the provision, extension or augmentation of public facilities, or towards recouping the cost of their provision, extension or augmentation. However, those projects need to be specifically listed in a contributions plan.

Council's Section 7.12 (formerly Section 94A) Contribution Plan ("the plan") commenced 8 July 2015 and applies to all land within the local government area of Lachlan Shire Council. The levies, under the plan, are calculated as a percentage of the cost of development as follows:

Proposed cost of the development	Maximum percentage of the levy
Up to \$100,000	Nil
\$100,001 - \$200,000	0.5 percent
More than \$200,000	1.0 percent

For example, if the cost of a development is \$500,000, the levy is \$5,000 ($\$500,000 \times 0.01 = \5000).

The maximum percentages of the cost that can be imposed as a levy are specified in clause 25K of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 (EP&A Regulation). The levy can only be imposed by a council if a council has a section 7.12 (s7.12) development contributions plan in place.

The plan enables Council to provide high quality and diverse public amenities and services to achieve the described actions and as a consequence meet the expectations of the existing and future residents of the Lachlan Shire.

Council has been collecting funds under the plan and have been receiving approximately \$50,000 annually from the fund. There is a current balance in the reserve of approximately \$230,000. In addition, several approvals have been issued requiring the payment of a contribution (but are yet to be paid to Council).

Pursuant to Clause 27 of the EP&A Regulation, the plan must include "the priorities for the expenditure of the contributions or levies, particularised by reference to the works schedule". Schedule 1 of the plan includes a works schedule. Each project has been assigned a priority being either short (1-2 years), medium (3-4 years) or long term (5-10 years).

The adopted (current) plan has a total of \$8.177 million in projects to complete over the 10 year period. If Council continues to collect around \$50,000 a year this would equate to \$500,000 over the ten year period. Therefore, the funds collected do not match the projects listed for completion. The majority of the projects currently listed in the plan have been completed with funding from other funding sources. There is a need to update the works schedule to provide a realistic and up-to-date set of projects.

The Plan has only been amended once, in 2018, to adjust the title from Section 94A to Section 7.12 to correspond with changes in legislation.

In February 2021 a practice note was issued by Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) outlining in detail requirements for Section 7.12 fixed development consent levies.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Contributions plans are prepared on the basis of Council’s assessment of the community’s needs and priorities as the Shire evolves. They are prepared at a point in time based on information that is available at that time. Just as the community is dynamic, Council’s various plans need to be reviewed as the community’s needs evolve or are better understood. As more detailed strategy and action planning is undertaken, service plans and capital works programs are refined to better align with the community’s needs, expectations and aspirations.

Council’s Section 7.12 Contribution Plan should better resemble one that is ongoing and achievable. Projects of a significant value, over \$200,000, are not recommended or appropriate given the current rate of accumulation and they are better achieved through other funding sources. Therefore, it is recommended that certain projects be removed and replaced with projects which more appropriately align with the current rate of accumulation.

A summary of the amendments, to Schedule 1 “Works Schedule”, are outlined below (with those recommended for removal shown in ~~strikethrough~~):

ITEM	PARKS	EXPENDITURE	STAGING
D 1	Lake Cargelligo Recreation Ground internal fence	\$120,000 \$300,000	Short Term Medium Term
D 2	Stage 3 Bill Hurley Park Condobolin (car park, CCTV, lighting, playground equipment).		
D 3	Burcher Park Playground	\$20,000	Medium Term
D 4	Hannah Mahon Park, Fifield Improvements	\$11,400	Medium Term
D 5	Albert Park Improvements	\$16,200	Medium Term
D 6	Tullibigeal Park	\$20,000	Medium Term
D 7	Lake Cargelligo Foreshore Fountain Upgrade	\$350,000	Medium Term
D 8	Condobolin Adventure Playground	\$850,000	Long Term
ITEM	PUBLIC FACILITIES	EXPENDITURE	STAGING
E1.	New Pool Amenities Tottenham	\$320,000	Short Term
E2.	New SRA Hall	\$2.4million	Short Term
E3.		\$400,000	Medium Term
—	1. Gumbend Lake Walking Track	\$200,00	Short Term

E4.	Condobolin CBD Beautification	\$1.2million	Medium-Long term
E5.	Lake Cargelligo CBD Beautification	\$1.2million	Medium-Long term
E6.	Lake Cargelligo Skate Park	\$200,000	Long Term
E7.	New Pool Amenities Lake Cargelligo	\$320,000	Long Term
E8.	Lake Cargelligo Foreshore parking	\$450,000	Long Term
	2. Gumbend Lake BBQ and Amenities	\$30,000	Short Term
	3. Lake Cargelligo Pool Facility	\$100,000	Short Term – Medium Term
	4. Tottenham Township Improvements	\$50,000	Short Term – Medium Term

Exemptions from the Plan

Council can choose to exempt types of development from s7.12 levies. According to the practice note from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, exemptions have previously been given by councils for the following types of development:

- low income (affordable) housing;
- works undertaken for charitable purposes or by a registered charity;
- places of worship, public hospitals, police and fire stations;
- childcare facilities;
- libraries; and
- other community or educational facilities.

The adopted plan currently provides the following exemption:

“Council may exempt the following kinds of developments from the levy authorised to be imposed under this Plan:

- *a development by a registered charity, community organisation or service club that will, in the opinion of the Council, provide a material public benefit to the Lachlan Shire community.*

For such claims to be considered, any such development will need to include a comprehensive submission arguing the case for an exemption and include details of the mechanism ensuring that such development is, and will remain in the form proposed.”

It is recommended that the exemption section of the plan be updated to provide exemptions for the following;

- Works to raise an existing dwelling to be above the Flood Planning Level; and
- Public infrastructure to be carried out by or on behalf of any public authority including Council.

1.

The plan has been amended to be consistent with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) practice note issued February 2021, which outlined in detail requirements for Section 7.12 fixed development consent levies.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Details on the current Section 7.12 reserve have been provided above. The amended Section 7.12 Contributions Plan has been prepared by staff within existing budgets and will have no financial implications for Council.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (and Regulation) set out the legislative requirements for the making of amended development contribution plans. The recommended amendments have taken this legislation in account.

A contributions plan comes into effect on the date that notice of the council's decision to approve the plan is published on its website, or on a later date specified in the notice. Council's decision will need to be published on Council's website following the decision.

Should Council not wish to proceed with the plan a notice must also be published to advise the public that the plan will not proceed. Pursuant to Clause 31(3) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, notice of a decision not to proceed with a contributions plan must include the council's reasons for the decision.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

While the Shire's population is static or declining, provision will still need to be made for additional or improved public facilities and infrastructure to meet the existing demand.

Amending the plan will enable Council to provide high quality and diverse public amenities and services to achieve the actions in the plan and as a consequence meet the expectations of the residents of the Lachlan Shire.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

The amended Section 7.12 Contributions Plan was placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days between 7 July 2021 and 4 August 2021 in accordance with Council's Community Participation Plan.

The amended Section 7.12 Contributions Plan was available for comment on Council's website and notices were published in each of the local newspapers.

During the public exhibition period no submissions were received.

OPTIONS

1. Decide to adopt the amended Section 7.12 Contributions Plan, as attached.
2. Decide to make amendments to the amended Section 7.12 Contributions Plan and then exhibit the policy for a further period of 28 days.
3. Decide not to proceed with the amendments to the Section 7.12 Contributions Plan and provide reasons for this decision in accordance with Clause 31(3) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

CONCLUSION

Section 7.12 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 allows a levy, based on a percentage of the development cost, to be imposed when a development consent or complying development certificate is issued.

Council's Section 7.12 (formerly Section 94A) Contribution Plan ("the plan") commenced 8 July 2015 and applies to all land within the local government area of Lachlan Shire Council. It has only been updated once since being adopted and that was to ensure the plan corresponded to legislation changes.

Council is being requested to adopt the amendments to the Section 7.12 Contribution Plan which will better align projects in the plan with expenditure allocations in Council's works program, which reflects Council's and the communities current priorities.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

4.2 Strong effective and Responsive Council

ATTACHMENTS

1. Amended Lachlan Shire Council Section 7.12 Contributions Plan [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Director of Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R21/232 be received and noted.
2. The amended Section 7.12 Contributions Plan, as attached, be adopted by Council.
3. A notice of Councils decision be published on Councils website, within 28 days, advising the public.
4. A copy of the amended contributions plan be provided to the Minister for Planning, Industry and Environment.

SECTION 7.12 CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN



SECTION 7.12 CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN FOR THE LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL**1.1 What is the name of this Plan?**

This contributions Plan is called the **Lachlan Contributions Plan 2015 (Plan)**.

1.2 Application of this Plan

This Plan applies to all land within the **Lachlan Shire Local Government Area (Area)**.

1.3 Development to which this Plan applies

This Plan applies to applications for development consent and applications for complying development certificates to be made by or under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 (Act)* in respect of development on land to which the Plan applies.

1.4 What is the purpose of this contributions Plan?

The primary purposes of this Plan are:

- to authorise the imposition of a condition on certain development consents requiring the payment of a levy determined in accordance with this Plan
- to require a certifying authority (the Council or an accredited certifier) to impose, as a condition on a complying development certificate, a requirement that the applicant pay to the Council a levy determined in accordance with this Plan
- to govern the application of money paid to the Council under a condition authorised by this Plan
- to assist the Council to provide the appropriate public amenities and services required to maintain and enhance amenity and service delivery within the area

1.5 When does this contributions Plan commence?

This contributions Plan commences on the 8 July 2015.

1.6 Expected development & public facilities demand

For the purposes of clause 27(1)(c) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, the relationship between the expected types of development in Lachlan Shire and the demand for additional public amenities and services to meet that development has been established through current demographic information.

The expected types of development are, but not limited to:

- Residential Accommodation
- Mixed use development
- Commercial development
- Industrial development
- Recreation and tourism related development
- Subdivisions
- Rural Industry
- Mines
- Quarries

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Provision will need to be made for additional or improved public facilities and infrastructure to meet the existing demand.

A range of public facilities are required to be provided or improved to meet residential development, commercial and industrial demands including open space provision, improvement and embellishment, community and cultural facilities and village improvement.

Council is extremely conscious of the need to maintain the sense of community that has been critical to Lachlan Shire's development over the years. This will be achieved through:

- An open, accessible and honest Council displaying appropriate leadership
- Developing effective road, transport and infrastructure networks
- Promotion of economic sustainability and technological change
- Creation of a dynamic area having pride in its agricultural and national heritage
- Protection of the natural, built and cultural environment
- Provision of a high standard of recreational and cultural facilities
- Quality urban design and development

The 7.12 levy will enable Council to provide high quality and diverse public amenities and services to achieve the above actions and as a consequence meet the expectations of the existing and future residents of the Lachlan Shire.

The additional or improved public facilities to be provided to meet the expected future development are set out in Schedule 1.

1.8 Council may require payment of the levy as a condition of development consent

This Plan authorises the Council to grant consent to development to which this Plan applies subject to a condition requiring the applicant to pay to the Council a levy of 1% of the proposed cost of carrying out the development, *provided that* the Council does not also impose on the consent a condition pursuant to section 7.11 of the Act.

Conditions authorised by this Plan are subject to any direction given by the Minister under section 7.17 of the Act from time to time, and this Plan authorises the imposition of conditions which are in accordance with any such direction.

Any direction given by the Minister under Section 7.17 (formerly s94E) of the Act and in force from time to time may be attached to this Plan, but does not form part of this Plan for the purposes of the Act.

1.9 Certifying authority must require payment of the levy as a condition of issuing a complying development certificate

This Plan requires a certifying authority (the Council or an accredited certifier) to issue a complying development certificate in respect of development to which this Plan applies subject to a condition requiring the applicant to pay to the Council a levy of 1% of the proposed cost of carrying out the development.

1.10 How will the Council apply money obtained from the levy?

Money paid under a condition authorised by this Plan is to be applied by the Council towards

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meeting the cost of the public amenities and public services that will be or have been provided within the area as listed in the Works Schedule in Schedule 1.

A map showing the Council area for which specific public amenities and public services to be provided is contained in Schedule 3.

Subject to s 7.12 of the Act and clause 1.12, the public amenities and public services listed in Schedule 1 are to be provided in accordance with the staging set out in that Schedule.

1.11 Are there any exemptions from the levy authorised by this Plan?

Council may exempt the following kinds of developments from the levy authorised to be imposed under this Plan:

- a development by a registered charity, community organisation or service club that will, in the opinion of the Council, provide a material public benefit to the Lachlan Shire community.

For such claims to be considered, any such development will need to include a comprehensive submission arguing the case for an exemption and include details of the mechanism ensuring that such development is, and will remain in the form proposed.

- Works to raise an existing dwelling to be above the Flood Planning Level
- Public infrastructure to be carried out by or on behalf of any public authority including the Council

1.12 Pooling of Levies

For the purposes of s7.17(g) of the Act, this Plan authorises s7.12 levies paid for different purposes to be pooled and applied (progressively or otherwise) for those purposes in accordance with the priorities set out in the Works Schedule in Schedule 1 .

1.13 Construction certificates and obligations of accredited certifiers

In accordance with clause 146 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, a certifying authority must not issue a construction certificate for building work or subdivision work under a development consent unless it has verified that each condition requiring the payment of levies has been satisfied.

In particular, the certifier must ensure that the applicant provides a receipt(s) confirming that levies have been fully paid and copies of such receipts must be included with copies of the certified Plans provided to the Council in accordance with clause 146(b) of the Regulation. Failure to follow this procedure may render such a certificate invalid.

The only exceptions to the requirement are where a works-in-kind, material public benefit, dedication of land or deferred payment arrangement has been agreed by the Council. In such cases, Council will issue a letter confirming that an alternative payment method has been agreed with the applicant.

SECTION 7.12 CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN FOR THE LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL**1.14 How is the proposed cost of carrying out the development determined?**

The proposed cost of carrying out the development will be determined by the Council in accordance with clause 25J of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

The procedures set out in Schedule 2 to this Plan must be followed to enable the Council to determine the amount of the levy that is payable.

Council may review the valuation of works and may seek the services of an independent person to verify the costs. In these cases, all costs associated with obtaining such advice will be at the expense of the applicant.

1.15 When is the levy payable?

The levy must be paid to the Council at the time specified in the condition that imposes the levy.

If no such time is specified, the levy must be paid prior to the issue of a construction certificate or complying development certificate.

1.16 How will the levy be adjusted?

Clause 25J(4) of the EP&A Regulation allows the adjustment of a s7.12 contribution between the date of the consent and the time of payment of the contribution. The following is a model condition of consent for a s7.12 levy:

Sample section 7.12 contribution condition*Condition ##*

Pursuant to section 4.17 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, and the Lachlan Shire Council Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan, a contribution of \$ [insert total amount] must be paid to Council.

The amount to be paid is to be adjusted at the time of the actual payment, in accordance with the Lachlan Shire Council Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan. The contribution is to be paid before [insert requirement].

1.17 Can deferred or periodic payments be made?

Deferred or periodic payment of levies authorised by this Plan are not allowed.

1.18 Are there alternatives to payment of the levy?

If an applicant for development consent seeks to make a contribution towards the provision of public amenities and services to meet development other than by payment of a levy or development contributions, the applicant may adopt one of the following procedures.

Offer made to the Council as part of a development application

If an applicant does not wish to pay a levy or other contributions in connection with the

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carrying out of development, the applicant may include in the relevant development application an offer to carry out works or provide a material public benefit towards which the levy was to be applied.

The Council will consider the offer as part of its assessment of the development application. If the Council agrees to the arrangement and grants consent to the application, it will substitute a condition of consent under s4.17 of the Act requiring the works to be carried out or the material public benefit to be provided for a condition requiring payment of a levy under s7.12 or development contributions under s7.12. If the Council does not agree to the alternative arrangement, it may grant consent subject to a condition authorised by this Plan requiring the payment of a levy.

In assessing the applicant's offer, the Council will have regard to the requirements of the current Practice Note issued by the NSW Government in the *Revised Development Contributions Manual* and may consider matters such as, but not limited to, the following:

- the overall benefit of the proposal,
- the monetary value of the material public benefits, or work in kind,
- what needs of the population would be satisfied and whether these equal or exceed those provided by conventional means,
- whether the works program in the adopted development contributions Plan remains valid or requires amendment,
- the financial implications for cash flow and the short-fall in anticipated contributions,
- the timing of completion and future recurrent costs,
- future dedication, handover and management arrangements.

Offer made to Council following the grant of development consent requiring payment of a levy

If development consent has been granted to the carrying out of development subject to a condition authorised by this Plan to pay a levy, the applicant must comply with the condition unless it is modified under s4.55 of the Act.

If the applicant does not wish to pay the levy, the applicant may make an application to the Council under s4.55 of the Act to modify the consent by substituting for the condition requiring payment of the levy a condition requiring the carrying out of works or the provision of a material public benefit towards the public purpose to which the levy was to be applied.

If the Council approves the application, the applicant will be bound by the substituted condition. If the Council does not approve the application, the applicant will remain bound by the condition authorised by this Plan requiring payment of the levy.

In assessing the s4.55 application, the Council will have regard to the requirements of the current Practice Note issued by the NSW Government in the *Revised Development Contributions Manual* and may consider matters such as, but not limited to, the following: the overall benefit of the proposal:

- the monetary value of the material public benefits, or work in kind,
- what needs of the population would be satisfied and whether these equal or exceed those provided by conventional means,
- whether the works program in the adopted development contributions Plan remains valid or requires amendment,
- the financial implications for cash flow and the short-fall in anticipated contributions,
- the timing of completion and future recurrent costs,
- future dedication, handover and management arrangements.

SECTION 7.12 CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN FOR THE LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL***Offer to enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement***

If an applicant does not wish to pay a levy or development contributions in connection with the carrying out of development, the applicant may offer to enter into a Voluntary Planning Agreement with the Council under s7.4 of the Act in connection with the making of a development application.

Under the Planning agreement, the applicant may offer to pay money, dedicate land, carry out works, or provide other material public benefits for public purposes. Those purposes need not relate to the impacts to the applicant's development nor to the items listed in Schedule 1.

The applicant's provision under a Planning agreement may be additional to or instead of paying a levy in accordance with a condition of development consent authorised by this Plan. This will be a matter for negotiation with the Council.

The offer to enter into the Planning agreement together with a copy of the draft agreement should accompany the relevant development application.

The Council will publicly notify the draft Planning agreement and an explanatory note relating to the draft agreement along with the development application and will consider the agreement as part of its assessment of that application.

If the Council agrees to enter into the Planning agreement, it may impose a condition of development consent under s7.7 (3) of the Act requiring the agreement to be entered into and performed. If the Council does not agree to enter into the Planning agreement, it may grant consent subject to a condition authorised by this Plan requiring the payment of a levy.

Applicants should refer to the Practice Note on Planning Agreements contained in the *Revised Development Contributions Manual*

Dictionary

In this Plan, unless the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires, the following definitions apply:

"Applicant" means the person submitting a development application.

Act means the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979,

Council means Lachlan Shire Council,

development contributions means a development contribution required to be paid by a condition of development consent imposed pursuant to section 7.12 of the Act,

development application has the same meaning as in the EP&A Act

development consent has the same meaning as in the EP&A Act ***levy*** means a levy under s7.12 of the Act authorised by this Plan,

Regulation means the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

s7.12 Plan means a contributions Plan made pursuant to section 7.13 of the Act

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SCHEDULE 1 (Clause 1.10)

Works Schedule

The works listed in this schedule may be funded from a mix of sources, including contributions collected from this Plan.

Staging as in this schedule means:

- Short Term 1-2 years
- Medium Term 3-4years
- Long Term 5-10 years
- Ongoing, continuing works

A. Completed works for which contributions will be recouped

Nil

B. Works in progress for which contributions will continue to be levied

Nil

C. New Public facilities for which contributions will be sought

ITEM	PARKS	EXPENDITURE	STAGING
D			
D	Burcher Park Playground	\$20,000	Medium Term
D	Hannah Mahon Park, Fifield Improvements	\$11,400	Medium Term
D	Albert Park Improvements	\$16,200	Medium Term
D	Tullibigeal Park	\$20,000	Medium Term

ITEM	PUBLIC FACILITIES	EXPENDITURE	STAGING
		\$200,000	
1	Gumbend Lake Walking Track		Short Term
2	Gumbend Lake BBQ and Amenities	\$30,000	Short Term
3	Lake Cargelligo Pool Facility	\$100,000	Short-Medium Term
4	Tottenham Township Improvements	\$50,000	Short-Medium Term

SECTION 7.12 CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN FOR THE LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL**SCHEDULE 2 (Clause 1.14)****Procedure**

A cost summary report may be required to be submitted to allow Council to determine the contribution that will be required.

The following procedures as outlined below will be used by Council:

- (1) Where Council does not accept a submitted estimate of the value of works, Council may require a cost summary report to be completed for works with a value no greater than \$250,000.00 (**Form 1**).

Alternatively, for a single dwelling, Council may accept a signed contract with a licensed builder which is accompanied by a fair estimate of other assessable development costs not included in the building contract, such as landscaping, paths, fences, driveway and the like.

- (2) Where Council does not accept a submitted estimate of the value of works, Council may require a Quantity Surveyor's Detailed Cost Report to be completed by a registered Quantity Surveyor for works with a value greater than \$250,000.00 (**Form 2**).

SECTION 7.12 CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN FOR THE LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL**How to Calculate Value of Works**

To avoid doubt or confusion in the calculation of the value of works or construction costs, clause 25J of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 sets out the things that must be included in the estimation of the value of works as follows:

25J Section 7.12 levy determination of proposed cost of development

- (1) The proposed cost of carrying out development is to be determined by the consent authority, for the purpose of a section 7.12 levy, by adding up all the costs and expenses that have been or are to be incurred by the applicant in carrying out the development, including the following:
 - (a) if the development involves the erection of a building, or the carrying out of engineering or construction work the costs of or incidental to erecting the building, or carrying out the work, including the costs (if any) of and incidental to demolition, excavation and site preparation, decontamination or remediation,
 - (b) if the development involves a change of use of land the costs of or incidental to doing anything necessary to enable the use of the land to be changed,
 - (c) if the development involves the subdivision of land the costs of or incidental to preparing, executing and registering the Plan of subdivision and any related covenants, easements or other rights.
- (2) For the purpose of determining the proposed cost of carrying out development, a consent authority may have regard to an estimate of the proposed cost of carrying out the development prepared by a person, or a person of a class, approved by the consent authority to provide such estimates.
- (3) The following costs and expenses are not to be included in any estimate or determination of the proposed cost of carrying out development:
 - (a) the cost of the land on which the development is to be carried out,
 - (b) the costs of any repairs to any building or works on the land that are to be retained in connection with the development,
 - (c) the costs associated with marketing or financing the development (including interest on any loans),
 - (d) the costs associated with legal work carried out or to be carried out in connection with the development,
 - (e) project management costs associated with the development,
 - (f) the cost of building insurance in respect of the development,
 - (g) the costs of fittings and furnishings, including any refitting or refurbishing, associated with the development (except where the development involves an enlargement, expansion or intensification of a current use of land),
 - (h) the costs of commercial stock inventory,
 - (i) any taxes, levies or charges (other than GST) paid or payable in connection with the development by or under any law.

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Form 1.

SAMPLE COST SUMMARY REPORT

Cost Summary Report

[Development Cost no greater than 100,000.00]

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION No.

REFERENCE:

CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE No.

DATE:

APPLICANT'S NAME

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS

DEVELOPMENT NAME:

DEVELOPMENT ADDRESS:

ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENT COSTS:

Demolition and alterations	\$	Hydraulic services	\$
Structure	\$	Mechanical services	\$
External walls, windows and doors	\$	Fire services	\$
Internal walls, screens and doors	\$	Lift services	\$
Wall finishes	\$	External works	\$
Floor finishes	\$	External services	\$
Ceiling finishes	\$	Other related work	\$
Fittings and equipment	\$	Sub-total	\$
Sub-total above carried forward	\$		
Preliminaries and margin	\$		
Sub-total	\$		
Consultant Fees	\$		
Other related development costs	\$		
Sub-total	\$		
Goods and Services Tax	\$		
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COST	\$		

I certify that I have:

- inspected the Plans the subject of the application for development consent or construction certificate.
- calculated the development costs in accordance with the definition of development costs in clause 25J of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* at current prices.
- included GST in the calculation of development cost.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Position and Qualifications: _____

Date: _____

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Form 2

SAMPLE QUANTITY SURVEYORS REPORT

Cost Summary Report

[Development Cost in excess of 100,000.00]

* A member of the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION No.

REFERENCE:

CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE No.

DATE:

APPLICANT'S NAME

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS

DEVELOPMENT NAME:

DEVELOPMENT ADDRESS:

Gross Floor Area – Commercial	m ²	Gross Floor Area – Other	m ²
Gross Floor Area – Residential	m ²	Total Gross Floor Area	m ²
Gross Floor Area – Retail	m ²	Total Site Area	m ²
Gross Floor Area – Car Parking	m ²	Total Car Parking Spaces	
Total Development Cost		\$	
Total Construction Cost		\$	
Total GST		\$	

ESTIMATE DETAILS:

Professional Fees	\$	Excavation	\$
% of Development Cost	%	Cost per square metre of site area	\$ /m²
% of Construction Cost	%	Car Park	\$
Demolition and site preparation	\$	Cost per square metre of site	\$
Cost per square metre of site area	\$	Cost per space	\$
Construction Commercial	\$	Fit – out – commercial	\$
Cost per square metre of site area	\$	Cost me square metre of commercial area	\$
Construction Residential	\$	Fit out residential	\$
Cost per metre square of residential area	\$	Cost per metre square of residential area	\$
Construction – Retail	\$	Fit out – Retail	\$
Cost per square metre of retail area	\$	Cost per square metre of retail area	\$

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I certify that I have:

- inspected the Plans the subject of the application for development consent or construction certificate.
- prepared and attached an elemental estimate generally prepared in accordance with the Australian Cost Management Manuals from the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors.
- calculated the development costs in accordance with the definition of development costs in the S7.12 Plan of the council of [insert] at current prices.
- included GST in the calculation of development cost.
- measured gross floor areas in accordance with the Method of Measurement of Building Area in the AIQS Cost Management Manual Volume 1, Appendix A2.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Position and Qualifications: _____

Date: _____

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ATTACHMENT 1: Current Ministerial Direction under S7.17

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 7.17

I, the Minister for Planning, under section 7.17 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* ("the Act"), direct consent authorities that:

- (1) The maximum percentage of the levy for development under section 7.12 of the Act, having a proposed cost within the range specified in the Table to Schedule A, is to be calculated in accordance with that Table.
- (2) Despite subclause (1), a levy under section 7.12 of the Act cannot be imposed on development:
 - a) for the purpose of disabled access,
 - b) for the sole purpose of affordable housing,
 - c) for the purpose of reducing the consumption of mains-supplied potable water, or reducing the energy consumption of a building,
 - d) for the sole purpose of the adaptive reuse of an item of environmental heritage, or
 - e) other than the subdivision of land, where a condition under section 7.12 of the Act has been imposed under a previous development consent relating to the subdivision of the land on which the development is proposed to be carried out.

In this direction words and expressions used have the same meaning as they have in the Act. The term "item" and "environmental heritage" have the same meaning as in the *Heritage Act 1977*.

This direction does not apply to development applications and applications for complying development certificates finally determined before 1 December 2006.

Minister for Planning,
Sydney

SCHEDULE A

Proposed cost of the development	Maximum percentage of the levy
Up to \$100,000	Nil
\$100,001 - \$200,000	0.5 percent
More than \$200,000	1.0 percent

9.5 DRAFT BUSHFIRE PRONE LAND MAP

TRIM Number: R21/233

Author: Manager- Town Planning

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is inform Council on the progression of the draft Bushfire Prone Land Map review, following the public exhibition period. In addition, it is to request that Council place the draft Bush Fire Prone Land Map on public exhibition for a further period of at least 28 days, following amendments to the map.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil

BACKGROUND

At the 9 December 2020 Council Meeting, Council resolved (Resolution No. 2020/348) to adopt the recommendations of the report prepared by bush fire planning consultant Integrated Consulting and place the draft Bush Fire Prone Land (BFPL) map on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days. The draft BFPL map was subsequently placed on public exhibition and three (3) submissions were received during the exhibition period. The details of the submission are discussed in detail, in the stakeholder consultation section of this report, below.

This matter was first reported to the Ordinary Meeting of Council in November 2020 but was deferred to the December meeting so that clarification could be given on the list of exclusions from bush fire prone land mapping. Specifically, the exclusion of “agricultural lands used for annual and/or perennial cropping, orchard, market gardens, nurseries and the like”. This land has not been excluded on the draft bushfire prone land map, produced by the NSW Rural Fire Service, as there is no certainty that land that is currently used for annual and/or perennial cropping or will be used for this purpose in perpetuity. Bush Fire prone land maps are land that can either support a bush fire or that is subject to bush fire attack. It is always better, from a risk perspective, to map land that has the potential to support a bush fire rather than not mapping this land, which is perhaps why the RFS have mapped the agricultural land within the Lachlan Shire on the draft map. It is also important to note that a number of other rural Council areas within NSW have already been through this process and the agricultural land within those shire areas is now identified as being bushfire prone land on their adopted maps.

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) and the *Rural Fires Act 1997* (RF Act) were amended on 1 August 2002 to enhance bush fire protection in the development assessment process. This included the requirement for the preparation of a Bush Fire Prone Land (BFPL) map identifying vegetation with Local Government Areas (LGAs) that has the potential to support a bushfire. The identification of Bush Fire Prone Land (BFPL) in NSW is required under Section 10.3 of the EP&A Act, which states:

“10.3 Bush fire prone land (cf previous s 146)

(1) If a bush fire risk management plan applies to land within the area of a council, the council must, within 12 months after the commencement of this section (and before the end of the period of every 5 years after the commencement)—

(a) request the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service to designate land (if any) within the area that the Commissioner considers, having regard to the bush fire risk management plan, to be bush fire prone land, and

(b) must record any land so designated on a map.

(2) The Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service must, if satisfied that the land designated by the Commissioner has been recorded by the council on a map, certify the map as a bush fire prone land map for the area of the council.

(2A) *The Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service may, in accordance with the regulations, review the designation of land on a bush fire prone land map for an area at any time after the map is certified and revise the map accordingly. The revised map—*

(a) becomes the bush fire prone land map for the area on being certified by the Commissioner, and

(b) is to be provided to the council by the Commissioner.

(3) *Land recorded for the time being as bush fire prone land on a bush fire prone land map for an area is bush fire prone land for the area for the purposes of this or any other Act.*

(4) *The bush fire prone land map for an area is to be available for public inspection during normal office hours for the council.*

(5) *In this section—*

bush fire risk management plan has the same meaning as it has in the Rural Fires Act 1997.

Note—

Division 8 of Part 4 of the Rural Fires Act 1997 contains provisions relating to the carrying out of development and bush fire hazard reduction work on bush fire prone land.”

Bush Fire Prone Land (BFPL) is land that has been identified as land that can either support a bush fire or that is subject to bush fire attack. Not being identified as being bush fire prone land on the BFPL map is not a guarantee that losses from bush fires will not occur. Changes to the landscape and the environment may occur from time to time or over time and therefore the certified BFPL maps may not be a true indication of bush fire risk.

Bush fire prone land maps are certified by the Commissioner of the NSW RFS. The identification of BFPL is a trigger to consider a set of specifications for building on land identified as bush fire prone. Those specifications are outlined in a document titled “Planning for Bushfire Protection” (PBP) and the current legislated version that is adopted is PBP 2019 as well as Australian Standard 3959-2009 – *Construction of buildings in bush fire prone areas*. Previous editions of PBP were published in 2001 and 2006, and an Addendum Appendix 3 to PBP 2006 was published in 2010. PBP 2019 was made available in December 2019 and was legislatively adopted in the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulations on 1 March 2020.

Bush Fire Prone Land Maps are required to be reviewed at least every five years under the *Guide for Bush Fire Prone Land Mapping (Version 5b)* (NSW Rural Fire Service 2015) and Section 10.3 of the EP&A Act. Council has not updated the BFPL map since 2009.

In 2019 contact between Council officers and NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) identified inconsistencies between data on the NSW RFS online map and Council’s BFPL map. NSW RFS progressed the matter by preparing a Draft Lachlan Shire BFPL map, based on the current BFPL map guidelines and in September 2020 provided the document to Council.

To ensure that the BFPL map provided the best outcomes for Council and the community an accredited bush fire consultant, from Integrated Consulting, was engaged to review the mapping and as part of that engagement they were asked to determine any clear inconsistencies between the draft map the applicable legislation and policy. It is important to note, however, that the Commissioner can make direct changes to a BFPL map at any time, as outlined in Section 10.3 of the EP&A Act, above. The recommendations of Integrated Consulting’s report to Council were subsequently supported by Council at the December 2020 Council Meeting.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Following the completion of public exhibition period, Council officers made a submission to NSW RFS on 8 July 2021. The submission included a summary of the matters raised during the public exhibition period and additional areas within the LGA requested for further analysis. This included areas where the land is currently well managed such as large lot residential areas on the fringe of urban areas and public infrastructure i.e. waste treatment facilities, cemeteries and public swimming pool sites.

The NSW RFS responded on 20 July 2021, stating adjustments had been made to the draft BFPL map to show some of the changes that had been proposed, however they requested to meet with officers later in August to discuss a number of other areas in more detail. The outcomes of the detailed analysis will provide feedback to assist in the finalisation of Council BFPL map.

To ensure that the public are aware of the changes that have been made to the map since its original exhibition, it is recommended that another round of community consultation is undertaken.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The draft BFPL mapping has been prepared by NSW Rural Fire Service at no cost to Council. The independent review of the draft BFPL map by the certified bushfire consultant was undertaken within Councils existing budget. There is not expected to be any further cost to Council in the finalisation of the BFPL map, other than from the public exhibition period which is covered under Council's existing budget.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 10.3 of the EP&A Act requires councils, where a Bush Fire Risk Management Plan applies, to record a bush fire prone land map after consulting with the Commissioner of the NSW RFS. The Commissioner will designate lands to be bush fire prone within an area and, when satisfied that the lands have been recorded on a map, certify the map as the Bush Fire Prone Land map. Councils are required to make these maps available for public inspection.

Section 4.14 of the EP&A Act requires that where development of bush fire prone land occurs, the consent authority must be satisfied that the development complies with Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006 or has consulted with the Commissioner of the NSW RFS. Complying development is permitted on bush fire prone land for the lower risk bush fire attack levels (Australian Standard 3959 BAL levels 12.5, 19, and 29). Such development is required to meet development standards complying with Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006.

Section 100B of the Rural Fires Act 1997 requires that a Bush Fire Safety Authority is issued by the Commissioner of the NSW RFS for all residential subdivision or special fire protection purpose developments on Bush Fire Prone Land. A Bush Fire Safety Authority is issued where the Commissioner believes that the development complies with standards that provide the development with appropriate protection measures against bush fire.

Council, once having had its Bush Fire Prone Land certified by the Commissioner of the NSW RFS, should regularly monitor and review the information to ensure currency and reliability of data depicted. Monitoring and review of the bush fire prone land should reflect required certification and approval standards within legislative timeframes (i.e. before the end of the period of every five years after the certification date of the map as outlined in section 10.3 of the EP&A Act).

Section 10.7 of the EP&A Act requires that a council will, in the planning certificate, include advice on relevant matters affecting a parcel of land of which it may be aware. This includes Bush Fire Prone Land, as specified in Schedule 4 of Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. The section 10.7 certificate is an important mechanism for councils to inform people living in or looking to purchase into a bush fire prone area, that bush fire risk is a consideration.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Bush fire events present a great deal of risk for many properties across Lachlan Shire and NSW wide. Catastrophic fire events across NSW and Australia over recent years have shown the serious and critical need to have current mapping and policy to reduce the risk to life and property through ensuring that new developments are appropriately located and designed for the level of bush fire threat that they are exposed to.

The current mapping was implemented in 2009 and has not been updated in accordance with Rural Fire Service's *Guide for Bush Fire Prone Land Mapping (Version 5b) 2015*. The adoption of a present-day bush fire prone land map will ensure that where there is an elevated bushfire risk, well defined controls for development are considered and the risk associated with bush fire events is mitigated to an acceptable level.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

The draft BFPL map was placed on public exhibition between 3 March 2021 and 7 April 2021 in accordance with Council's adopted Community Participation Plan (CPP).

The draft BFPL map along with a supporting fact sheet were made available for comment from Council's offices in Condobolin and Lake Cargelligo. These were also made available at towns and villages throughout the Shire being Albert, Tottenham, Tullibigeal, Fifield and Burcher, in addition to being available on Council's website. Social media and newspaper notifications were also used to advertise the exhibition process.

A total of three (3) submissions were made during the public exhibition period. All three (3) submissions requested the properties on the western side of Moulder Street in Condobolin be removed from the draft BFPL map. Council officers have included this request in a submission to NSW RFS which was made on 8 July 2021. The submission also included additional areas within the LGA that officers requested be considered in further detail. The NSW RFS responded on 20 July 2021 noting that they had adjusted the BFPL map to show some of the changes that had been proposed however wanted to meet with officers to discuss a number of other areas in more detail.

It is recommend that once the draft BFPL map is returned to Council, that it again be placed on public exhibition in accordance with Council's CPP for a minimum of 28 days. The outcomes of the further exhibition period proposed, following detailed analysis of the maps, will provide feedback to assist in the finalisation of the BFPL map and a report will be provided to Council outlining the feedback received.

OPTIONS

1. Decide to make amendments to the draft BFPL map through further consultation with NSW RFS, in accordance with the matters raised during public exhibition and by council officers and then re-exhibit the draft BFPL map. A further report be presented to Council, following the completion of the public exhibition period, detailing any submissions received during the public exhibition period and to allow Council to consider the adoption of the map prior to it being sent to the Commissioner of NSW RFS for review and certification.
2. Decide to make amendments to the BFPL map, through further consultation with NSW RFS, in accordance with the matters raised during public exhibition and then request a report be provided to Council for finalisation of the BFPL Map.
3. Decide not to proceed with the BFPL Map, noting the risks to Council associated with this option and that the Commissioner has the power to amend the map at any time. Council will need to provide reasons for not proceeding with the preparation of the map.

CONCLUSION

Council is required to have a current bush fire prone land mapping under amendments to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Council is therefore legally obliged to complete the mapping as soon as possible. It is imperative that the draft BFPL map, now that it has been exhibited be reviewed in detail through consultation with the NSW RFS and it be placed on further public exhibition to enable community feedback prior to a consideration of its adoption by Council and prior to it being sent back to the Commissioner of NSW RFS for review and certification.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

4.2 Strong effective and Responsive Council

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That

1. The Director of Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R21/233 be received and noted.
2. Following receipt of the revised mapping from the NSW RFS, the revised draft Bush Fire Prone Land Map be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days and public submissions be invited on the revised draft map.
3. A further report be presented to Council, following the completion of the public exhibition period, detailing any submissions received during the public exhibition period and to allow Council to consider the adoption of the map prior to it being sent to the Commissioner of NSW RFS for review and certification.

9.6 ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDY

TRIM Number: R21/88

Author: Manager- Town Planning

PURPOSE

This report requests Council adopt the Lachlan Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study, as presented in **Attachment 1** (provided under separate cover).

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Lachlan Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study (provided under separate cover).

BACKGROUND

In February 2019 Council was advised of a grant opportunity from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) within the local government boundaries of the Shire. However, Council were only given two weeks' notice to prepare and lodge the grant application. Advice was received that the grant application was successful for \$40,000.00, subject to conditions.

In August 2019 Council resolved (R19/177) to utilise the grant funding from the Office of Environment and Heritage to prepare an Aboriginal Heritage Study for the Shire and seek quotations from suitably qualified consultants to prepare the study.

The Aboriginal heritage study would allow Council to gain a greater understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and values within the Lachlan Shire region. The information gained will also assist Council with localising sites within the region that require protection or listing in the Local Environmental Plan (LEP).

In December 2019 expressions of interest were sent seeking quotations to undertake the study to ten (10) suitably qualified heritage consultants. In January 2020 Council received four (4) expressions of interest.

In March 2020, due to the COVID19 pandemic, an extension to the study was requested from OEH, which was granted.

In June 2020 Council were informed (R20/139) that the preparation of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study for Lachlan Shire was ready to commence and that OzArk Environment and Heritage were the consultant that would undertake the Study.

In December 2020 Council resolved (R20/314) to place the Draft Lachlan Aboriginal Heritage Study on public exhibition for a period of twenty-eight (28) days. Exhibition and community consultation was subsequently undertaken.

In February 2021 the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study was issued to the Office of Environment and Heritage for review and comment as the funding was provided through NSW Heritage Grants. Notification was received on 20 July 2021 that the review of the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study had been completed and the study was satisfactory, subject to minor amendments which have subsequently been made by the consultant.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

The study area covers the entire Lachlan Shire Local Government Area (only).

The aims of the Lachlan Aboriginal Heritage Study (LAHS) were:-

1. To create a mechanism by which Council and the community can determine the likelihood of land containing a site of Aboriginal heritage significance.
2. To enable a systematic approach to be taken in the assessment of heritage significance on sites with potential to contain items of Aboriginal heritage significance.
3. To understand those places identified as being significant to the Aboriginal community for other reasons but where there may be no physical archaeological evidence.

4. To involve the local Aboriginal community in all phases of the study process in order to enhance the integrity of the study.
5. To ensure that Aboriginal Cultural Heritage is integrated with Council's strategic plans and documents.

The Lachlan Aboriginal Heritage Study (LAHS) did not aim to:

1. Reassess information held by the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS). Rather, it aims to record places of significance not previously recorded.
2. Ground truth ACH sites to determine current condition. This would need to be a component of a further, focused study.
3. Provide information for a Native Title application.
4. Deal with land claims.

OzArk Environment and Heritage's final report is attached (under separate cover). The Study identified that there is a high number of Aboriginal Heritage Sites in Lachlan Shire (as measured by the AHIMS database) with a wide range of site types. The results of the study led to three (3) significant sites or places significant to the Aboriginal community within the Lachlan Local Government Area (LGA) being recommend for further protection under *the National Parks and Wildlife Act (NPW) 1974*, with other remaining sites requiring further investigation for potential listing in Schedule 5 of Lachlan Local Environmental Plan 2013.

As outlined in section 9 of the Study, there are a number of recommendations to be completed following the adoption of the Study:

- *Three significant sites in the Lachlan LGA are already gazetted Aboriginal Places and afforded protection under the NPW Act. Only one of these locations (King's Grave/Gobothery Hill) is currently listed in Schedule 5 of the Lachlan LEP. It is recommended that The Murie and the Euabalong Fringe Camp are added to the LEP to bring the gazetted Aboriginal Places into alignment with the LEP. This would prevent any confusion in referring to the LEP for developments near these areas. Further, it would make the LEP a more accurate reflection of the Aboriginal heritage values of the LGA.*
- *Most of the remaining sites with identified Aboriginal heritage or cultural significance will require further investigation for potential listing in Schedule 5 of the LEP. Assessment of heritage significance will require more specific assessments than was able to be attained by the Lachlan ACHS. It is recommended that this research be undertaken following the finalisation of this report. In accordance with suggestions made during the workshops, assessment of the cultural heritage significance should be made in consultation with the Aboriginal community.*
- *The predictive modelling provided in the Lachlan ACHS can be used to determine the level of assessment required should impacts in particular areas be proposed. It is recommended that:*
 - *Any impacts in areas identified as having high archaeological sensitivity should be assessed with the input of the local Aboriginal community*
 - *Any impacts in areas identified as having moderate archaeological sensitivity should potentially be assessed by a qualified archaeologist assisted by input from the Aboriginal community. Whether visual inspection is required would depend on consultation of aerial photography to identify relic waterways or pockets of standing vegetation in or near the proposed impact area. The guidelines of the Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in NSW (DECCW 2010) should also be consulted to determine if a visual inspection is required (i.e. if there are recorded sites in close proximity, a visual inspection should be undertaken)*

- *Any impacts in areas identified as having low archaeological sensitivity should be assessed according to the Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in NSW (DECCW 2010).*

In February 2021 the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study, which incorporated updates from public consultation and community meetings, was issued to the Office of Environment and Heritage for review and comment. The funding for the study was provided through the NSW Heritage Grants and there was an expectation that it be in accordance with their requirements.

Notification was received on 20 July 2021 that the review of the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study had been completed and that it was satisfactory, subject to minor amendments which have subsequently been made by the consultant.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council received a grant from the Office of Environment and Heritage for \$40,000. Council staff sought quotations from suitably qualified organisations to prepare the study and in June 2020 appointed OzArk Environment & Heritage. The study was undertaken utilising the grant funding and a small portion (approximately \$4,000) of the existing budgets (FY2020/21 and 2021/22).

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has a legal obligation to identify, assess and manage heritage places within the Shire. There is currently a gap in the knowledge of Aboriginal places within the Lachlan Shire. The completion of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study will allow Council to gain a greater understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and values within the Lachlan Shire region. The information gained will also assist Council with localising sites within the region that require protection or listing in the Local Environmental Plan (LEP).

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Aboriginal cultural heritage items are irreplaceable. Council currently has limited information in relation to Aboriginal heritage. This means that potentially significant items or places could be lost or harmed unless they are provided adequate protection.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

The involvement of Aboriginal communities is crucial in cultural heritage management planning. Aboriginal people were consulted about proposed activities early in the planning process and have been given the opportunity for meaningful input throughout the process.

Community Consultation for the compilation of the draft study, from August 2020 onwards, was undertaken primarily by Council officers with the assistance of OzArk, as outlined in sections 2.2 and 2.3 of the draft study. Due to social distancing restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, Aboriginal community engagement was limited to written communication, phone calls, and some face-to-face meetings with individuals. What was not possible, given the social distancing requirements, were workshops with the broader community as originally intended.

Further engagement with the Aboriginal community was recommended in the draft study and was undertaken to ensure that the aims of the study were met. This consultation was undertaken concurrently, as part of the public exhibition of the draft study. This included community workshops which were held to discuss a draft version of the Lachlan ACHS that was put on public exhibition from 10 December 2020 to 29 January 2021. Meetings were held at Condobolin on 22 January 2021 and at Murrin Bridge on 28 January 2021. Details of the community meetings are outlined in section 2.4 of the completed study.

The overall results of the consultation process are outlined in section 2.5 of the completed study, as follows:

- *An AHILA was not possible to obtain as consent was not able to be gained from all relevant LALCs. The main reason appears to be a general distrust about how the information will be used and fears that the Aboriginal community will be 'cut out' of future consultation. Even*

when it was explained that an AHILA only proved Council with current AHIMS data that is publicly available, consent was not forthcoming. As a result, an AHILA application will no longer be pursued.

- *Council have made substantial progress in building relationships with the Aboriginal community. While the Lachlan ACHS was first approached with a degree of distrust, the efforts by Mr David Lornie to personally allay any concerns has now resulted in a situation where the Aboriginal community were willing to attend meetings and contribute to the Lachlan ACHS.*
- *Little specific information about places of significance was gained through the Council's initial consultation, despite considerable effort being expended to obtain it as is outlined in **Section 2.2**. As workshops were not able to be organised due to the social distancing requirements of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Aboriginal community were not amenable to filling in the questionnaire that was sent to them. The project team predicted that this would be the case and that a workshop is the best way of soliciting this sort of information. Nevertheless, attempts were made to try to get the required information through other means, but these were, unfortunately unsuccessful.*
- *OzArk's consultation with CCHAC was more successful, but this represents the views of only one community group. Their contributions were crucial to developing a preliminary list that was the basis of discussions at the workshops. OzArk thanks CCHAC and Ms Shepherd for their involvement and desire to share information about significant places for the Aboriginal community so that they can be protected.*
- *As COVID-19 restrictions eased, it became feasible to organise wider community engagement once a draft of this document had been produced and placed on public exhibition. The two workshops allowed for discussion of significant places relevant to this study, and the community's hopes and concerns for local planning decisions on the whole (**Section 2.4**).*

OPTIONS

1. Decide to adopt the Lachlan Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study (LACHS).
2. Decide to make changes to the Lachlan Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study (LACHS) and adopt the Study.
3. Decide not to proceed with the LACHS, noting the risks to Council associated with this option given grant funding relies on the completion of the study.

Council may be forced to repay the grant funding if a decision is made not to proceed with the adoption of the study. Council may need to determine where funds are to be allocated from to pay the consultants undertaking the study, in this instance.

CONCLUSION

Prior to the commencement of the study, Council had limited information pertaining to Aboriginal Heritage. Aboriginal cultural heritage items are irreplaceable. Council obtained a grant for \$40,000 from the Office of Environment and Heritage to prepare the study. The adoption of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study will give Council a greater understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and values within the Lachlan Shire region. The information gained will also assist Council with localising sites within the region that require protection or listing in the Local Environmental Plan (LEP). The purpose of this report is to request that Council now adopt of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study for Lachlan Shire prepared by OzArk Environment and Heritage.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

- 1.1 Connecting with our Aboriginal Communities.
- 4.2 Strong effective and Responsive Council

5.5 Celebrating and preserving our heritage.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That

1. The Director Environment Tourism and Economic Development Report No R21/88 be received and noted.
2. The Lachlan Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study, as attached under separate cover, be adopted by Council.
3. The Lachlan Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study be issued to Office of Environment and Heritage for publication together with the grant funding acquittal.

9.7 DRAFT KEEPING OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS POLICY

TRIM Number: R21/240

Author: Environment & Waste Coordinator

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the draft Keeping of Domestic Animals Policy (the Policy). The Policy will provide a fair and consistent approach to the keeping of domestic animals within the Shire.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Draft Keeping of Domestic Animals Policy

BACKGROUND

The Policy was presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 March 2021, where the policy was deferred to the April Strategic Briefing for discussion.

The Policy was discussed at Council's Strategic Briefing Meeting on 14 April 2021. At the meeting, it was requested that a definitions section be included in the Policy. In addition, it was requested that a statement regarding the possibility of allowing greater numbers of animals to be kept (in certain circumstances), subject to the discretion of Council officers, where the aims and objectives of the policy are maintained.

In April 2021, Council resolved (R21/90) to place the draft Keeping of Domestic Animals Policy on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days. The policy was subsequently placed on public exhibition. The public exhibition was extended for a further period of 28 days to ensure the community had sufficient time to lodge submissions.

Nine (9) submissions were received during the public notification period. A discussion of the submissions is included in the stakeholder consultation section of this report.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

It is well documented that the keeping of companion animals and/or pet animals is usually most beneficial to the well-being of people. However, situations arise where the keeping of companion animals has an adverse impact on the amenity of adjoining owners.

This policy provides guidance about the criteria Council officers will use when determining whether to undertake enforcement action when animals cause amenity issues within the community. The policy clearly communicates the intention that Council officers will act only upon receipt of a complaint.

It is not intended that Council officers will aggressively enforce the controls contained within this policy but rather work with the owner/s of domestic animal/s to ensure that the keeping of domestic animal/s does not have an adverse impact on the amenity of the locality and/or occupants of adjoining premises.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Policy has been prepared by staff within existing budgets and no financial implications have been identified.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This Policy supports the obligations and requirements outlined in the Companion Animals Act 1998, Local Government Act 1993 or the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The lack of a current policy addressing the keeping of domestic animals creates uncertainty for owners, Council officers and adjoining owners/occupants of properties where animals are being kept. It means that decisions about the keeping of animals in urban areas can be inconsistent and makes enforcement action difficult when and if required. Having a policy in relation to the keeping of animals minimises this risk.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

In April 2021, Council resolved (R21/90) to place the draft Keeping of Domestic Animals Policy on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days. The public exhibition was extended for a further period of 28 days and closed on the 4 August 2021.

The policy was available for comment on Council’s website and a media release was placed in the local newspapers. Social media was also used to advertise the exhibition of the draft policy and included information on how the public could comment on the draft policy if they wished to make a submission. Nine (9) submissions were received during the notification period.

During the public exhibition period Council staff undertook public consultation sessions at Tottenham, Condobolin, Tullibigeal and Lake Cargelligo.

The Table below summarises issues raised at the consultation sessions:

Town/Village	Number of residents that attended consultation	Comments/Questions
Tottenham	1	No matters raised
Condobolin	0	-
Tullibigeal	2	Policy will not affect the residents that attended due to the fact that they reside on a rural property.
Lake Cargelligo	6	1) Clarification on how the policy will be implemented. 2) Clarification on number of chickens allowed. 3) Clarification on number of cats and what happens if an owner has more than the stated number. 4) Comment the policy was welcomed and livestock should not be kept in town. 5) When is the de-sexing program being held? This comment is unrelated to the policy. 6) Statement about wandering cats and dogs, particularly in Reef street. This

		comment is unrelated to the policy.
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A summary of the key issues raised in the submissions received during the notification period, and a response to those issues, is provided below:

- Issue 1

Can greater numbers of animals be kept than what the policy states?

Response:

The policy states greater number of animals will be allowed to be kept in certain circumstances where animals can be kept in a manner which does not:

- (a) Create unclean or unhealthy conditions for people or for the animals;
- (b) Attract or provide a harbourage for vermin;
- (c) Create offensive noise or odours;
- (d) Cause drainage nuisance or dust nuisance;
- (e) Create waste disposal problems or pollution problems;
- (f) Create an unreasonable annoyance to neighbouring residents;
- (g) Cause nuisance due to proliferation of flies, lice, fleas or other pests and parasites; and
- (h) Cause neighbouring residents to fear for safety.

Council officers are responsible for determining all items are satisfactory and Council officers will only be acting upon receiving a complaint.

- Issue 2

Greater numbers and prohibited types of animals should be allowed to be kept in large lot / rural setting properties, for example McInnes Street, Lake Cargelligo.

Response:

The policy already allows greater numbers of animals to be kept in certain circumstances, subject to the discretion of Council officers, provided the aims and objectives of the policy are maintained.

It is not the intent of staff or the policy to aggressively enforce the controls within this policy but to work with the owner/s of the domestic animal/s to ensure that the keeping of domestic animal/s does not have an adverse impact on the adjoining premises.

- Issue 3

How will the policy solve roaming cats and dogs?

Response:

That is not the intention of this policy. The policy’s objectives are to inform the community of acceptable animal numbers, provide advice and guidance when keeping domestic animals, minimise local nuisance, establish local standards and publicly notify the circumstance that Council will consider in determining appropriate action.

NOTE: the policy alone won’t be a solution, however will be an important component in Council’s operation to provide structure and guidance for the community and Council staff, which may prevent irresponsible keeping of domestic animals.

- Issue 4

How will the policy be implemented when a complaint is received?

Response

The policy discusses the implementation of the policy and outlines the steps Council officers will undertake when a complaint is received, these steps are as follows:

- Undertake an inspection of the premises;
- Identify any areas of concern e.g.: odour, noise, proximity to dwelling and the like;
- Discuss any concerns with the owner/tenant of the premises and/or domestic animal/s;
- Give verbal directions in the first instance to assist the owner of the animal/s to ensure that the keeping of their domestic animal does not have an adverse impact on the amenity of the adjoining premises;
- Undertake follow-up inspections to ensure verbal directions have been implemented
- Monitor the premises to ensure the keeping of their domestic animal does not have an adverse impact on the amenity of the adjoining premises;
- Liaise with community representatives with regard to solving the problem, if needed;
- Inform the complainant of outcome of the investigation.

Where a problem/s is identified with the keeping of animals and it cannot be resolved by consultation, Council will proceed to issue a notice of its intention to serve an Order and/or enforcement of the restrictions within the policy.

- Issue 5

Request for statement in the policy, that this Policy does not override current legislation.

Response

On page two (2), under the heading "Scope", the policy states:

"This Policy is not intended to replace or supersede the requirements of the Companion Animals Act 1998, Local Government Act 1993 or the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979".

- Issue 6

Request that a preamble be added which states:

"Where there has been repeated (2 or 3 or more warnings), proven (evidentiary) and uncorrected failure of Domestic animal owners to keep their animals in a way that gives proper regard to the health and wellbeing of the animals or fails to properly mitigate the impact of animals on neighbours or others in the community or public then the following restrictions may be enforced.

1a This policy does not over-ride or replace current State Legislation regarding the keeping of Domestic or Companion animals."

Response

This has been addressed above in the discussion about the implementation of the policy and also the response to issue 5 above.

- Issue 7

Remove the Notice of Intent wording contained in the "box" on page 1 and replace it with:

"It is Councils wish and intent to guide and assist the keepers of Domestic Animals to continue to own and enjoy their animals in a way that meets the needs of the animal(s) (as defined in this policy, State Legislation and guidelines such as RSPCA ownership guides) and does not adversely impact the environment or amenity of neighbours, community members or any other member of the public."

Response

The wording in the implementation section is key to understanding the policy. A minor adjustment has been made to the text box on page 1 of the policy, which relates to implementation of the

policy. The words “*and owners of Domestic Animals can continue to enjoy their animals*” has been added to the first paragraph.

OPTIONS

1. Decide to adopt the Keeping of Domestic Animals Policy as attached.
2. Decide to make amendments to the Keeping of Domestic Animals Policy and adopt the amended policy.
3. Decide not to proceed with the adoption of the Keeping of Domestic Animals Policy.

CONCLUSION

Council currently has a Companion Animal Policy which is overdue for review, with the last review being conducted in 2015. The Companion Animal Policy has limited information regarding the keeping of domestic animals and it is proposed the Keeping of Domestic Animals Policy will replace the existing Companion Animal Policy.

The introduction of the policy aims to provide clarification and transparency around the appropriate keeping of domestic animals to ensure that there is a consistent approach throughout the Shire.

This policy provides guidance about the criteria Council officers will use when determining whether to undertake compliance action when it becomes aware that animals are causing some form of undesirable impact within the community.

This report seeks Council’s endorsement to adopt the Keeping of Domestic Animals Policy.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

- 4.2 Strong effective and Responsive Council
- 5.3 Ensure that animals are properly controlled

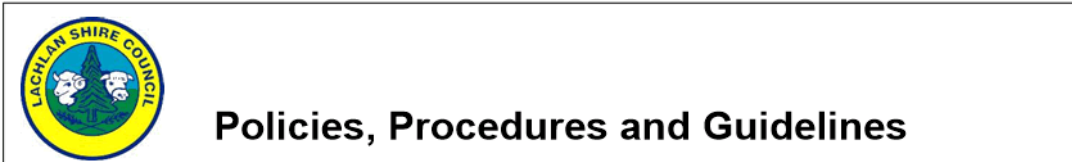
ATTACHMENTS

1. **Keeping of Domestic Animals Policy** [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Director of Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Report No. R21/240 be received and noted.
2. The Keeping of Domestic Animals Policy, as attached, be adopted as a Council Policy.
3. The policy be uploaded to Council’s website.



Policies, Procedures and Guidelines

POLICY - KEEPING OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS

BACKGROUND

This policy seeks to inform the Lachlan Shire community of Council's regulatory powers concerning the keeping of animals in the Lachlan Shire Council area and the process which Council uses to determine when to enforce the controls within the policy.

The Policy aims to:

- (a) Minimise the incidence of nuisance being caused to persons;
- (b) Protect the welfare and habitat of wildlife; and
- (c) Safeguard the environment.

It is well documented that the keeping of companion animals and/or pet animals is usually most beneficial to the well-being of people.

As such, it is not the intent of Council nor the policy to aggressively enforce the controls within this policy but to work with the owner/s of the domestic animal/s to ensure that the keeping of domestic animal/s does not have an adverse impact on the adjoining premises.

Nevertheless, on occasions, complaints are made to Council where animals of an inappropriate kind or number are being kept or where the animals and their accommodation are not being looked after properly.

Implementation of Policy

It is not the intent of Council nor the policy to aggressively enforce the controls within this policy but to work with the owner/s of the domestic animal/s to ensure that the keeping of domestic animal/s does not have an adverse impact on the adjoining premises and owners of Domestic Animals can continue to enjoy their animals.

This policy provides guidance about the criteria Lachlan Shire Council will use when determining whether to issue an order when it becomes aware that animals are causing some form of undesirable impact on the community.

It makes it clear that the intention of this Policy is that Council officer's will act only on complaint.

Greater numbers of animals will be allowed to be kept in certain circumstances, subject to the discretion of Council officers in accordance with the policy, provided the aims and objectives of

The policy provides guidance on the steps that Lachlan Shire Council will follow in an attempt to resolve any undesirable impacts associated with the keeping of domestic animals.

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POLICY - KEEPING OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS

OBJECTIVE

- To inform the community of the main statutory restrictions and acceptable limits which apply to the keeping of certain animals for domestic purposes.
- To give guidance and advice to persons as to the keeping of animals for domestic purposes.
- To minimise local nuisance and maximise residential amenity, and to ensure that the keeping of animals does not compromise minimum standards of public health, safety and convenience.
- To establish local standards, acceptable to the Community, for the keeping of animals.
- To publicly notify the circumstances that the Council will consider in determining whether to serve an Order under section 124 of the Local Government Act 1993 to prohibit, restrict or some other way, require things to be done regarding the keeping of animals.

SCOPE

This policy applies to animals kept for domestic purposes, as companion animals, pets or for hobby interests. This Policy is not intended to replace or supersede the requirements of the Companion Animals Act 1998, Local Government Act 1993 or the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979.

More stringent conditions will be applied to the keeping of animals for commercial purposes, including boarding, breeding, grooming, caring, treatment, training, racing, exhibiting, trading or selling.

Where it is intended to keep animals for any commercial purposes, it is necessary that a development application be submitted to Lachlan Shire Council and planning consent obtained. Consent to the operation of Commercial Animal Establishments may not be allowed where Council considers that the proposal would be harmful to the amenity of the locality.

GUIDELINES FOR THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS TO BE KEPT ON PREMISES

Lachlan Shire Council regularly receives complaints about nuisance caused by the keeping of animals on premises. Table 1 below provides guidance about the number of animals which Council reasonably believes can be kept at a premises without causing a significant nuisance, provided the conditions specified in the table are adhered to.

The kind of animal that is suitable to be kept at any premises will be determined having regard to the size of the available yard area and the distance to the nearest dwelling or other prescribed building. Certain statutory requirements also apply, as noted in the Table of Requirements.

It should not be assumed that animals of all kinds may be kept on premises which are part of a multiple dwelling allotment. Where a dwelling is owned within a Strata Plan, it will be necessary for the rules of the Body Corporate to be examined for requirements relevant to the keeping of animals.

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Animals should be kept in a manner which does not:

- (a) Create unclean or unhealthy conditions for people or for the animals;
- (b) Attract or provide a harbourage for vermin;
- (c) Create offensive noise or odours;
- (d) Cause drainage nuisance or dust nuisance;
- (e) Create waste disposal problems or pollution problems;
- (f) Create an unreasonable annoyance to neighbouring residents;
- (g) Cause nuisance due to proliferation of flies, lice, fleas or other pests and parasites; and
- (h) Cause neighbouring residents to fear for safety.

Greater numbers of animals will be allowed to be kept in certain circumstances where all the above-mentioned items are not present. Council officers are responsible for determining all items are satisfactory.

Suitable facilities and shelters should be provided for all animals. Certain kinds of animals are required to be kept in enclosed locations to prevent escape or attack by predators. Generally other animals are to be securely enclosed with adequate fencing to prevent escape.

Certain animal shelters should not be erected or located at premises without prior approval of Council. Please contact Lachlan Shire Environment, Tourism and Economic Development Department for further details.

Design guidelines for the size, layout and construction of animal shelters are produced by the various animal welfare organisations and Government Departments. These may be adopted from time to time as supplements to this policy.

COUNCIL’S POWER TO CONTROL AND REGULATE THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS

Generally, Council’s powers to control and regulate the keeping of animals are provided under Section 124 of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. *This is not a new power and has been available to Council since 1993.*

This Policy is intended to be used by Council to provide guidance about the criteria Lachlan Shire Council will use when determining whether to exercise its powers and issue an order when it becomes aware that animals are causing some form of undesirable impact on the community.

It is not the intent of Council nor the policy to aggressively enforce the controls within this policy but to work with the owner/s of the domestic animal/s to ensure that the keeping of domestic animal/s does not have an adverse impact on the adjoining premises.

Greater numbers of animals will be allowed to be kept in certain circumstances, subject to the discretion of Council officers in accordance with the policy, provided the aims and objectives of the policy are maintained.

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Lachlan Shire Council may, in the appropriate circumstances, issue an Order to:

- (a) Prohibit the keeping of various kinds of animals;
- (b) Restrict the number of various kinds of animals to be kept at a premises; and
- (c) Require that animals be kept in a specific manner.

Lachlan Shire Council may also issue Orders requiring:

- (a) The demolition of animal shelters built without the prior approval of Council; and
- (b) The occupier to do or refrain from doing such things as are specified so as to ensure that land or premises are placed or kept in a safe or healthy condition.

It is advised that Lachlan Shire Council can exercise further controls over animals under the following Acts:

- (a) Companion Animal Act 1998;
- (b) Protection of the Environmental Operations Act 1997;
- (c) Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
- (d) Impounding Act 1993; and
- (e) Food Act 2003 (prohibits animals to be kept where food is handled for sale).

GIVING ORDERS BY COUNCIL

Upon complaint, Lachlan Shire Council will undertake the following to determine if it is necessary for Council to enforce the restrictions identified in Table 1 and Table 1a.

- Undertake an inspection of the premises;
- Identify any areas of concern eg: odour, noise, proximity to dwelling and the like;
- Discuss any concerns with the owner/tenant of the premises and/or domestic animal/s;
- Give verbal directions in the first instance to assist the owner of the animal/s to ensure that the keeping of their domestic animal does not have an adverse impact on the amenity of the adjoining premises;
- Undertake follow-up inspections to ensure verbal directions have been implemented
- Monitor the premises to ensure the keeping of their domestic animal does not have an adverse impact on the amenity of the adjoining premises;
- Liaise with community representatives with regard to solving the problem, if needed;
- Inform the complainant of outcome of the investigation.

Where a problem/s is identified with the keeping of animals and it cannot be resolved by consultation, Council will proceed to issue a notice of its intention to serve an Order and/or enforcement of the restrictions within the policy.

In situations where urgency is required, an emergency Order may be issued without prior notice.

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TABLE OF REQUIREMENTS

The following table indicates the requirements and relevant considerations regarding the keeping of animals and the restrictions in place.

Table 1 – Requirements for keeping of domestic animals.

ANIMAL	LAND AFFECTED (Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham)	MAXIMUM NUMBER (excludes offspring to 3 months of age)	MINIMUM DISTANCE (from certain buildings – see Note A)	ADVISORY NOTES
Dogs	Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham	2	Not applicable	Where complaints are received the criteria in Appendix 1 will be used.
Cats	Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham	2	Not applicable	Where complaints are received the criteria in Appendix 2 will be used
Chickens (excluding roosters)	Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham	No maximum numbers	7.5 metres However, Council require, on the keeping of domestic poultry or fowl, a distance greater than 9 metres in some cases.	The numbers must be appropriate to provide poultry products, including eggs, for domestic consumption of the family living at the premises, e.g. For a family of four it may be acceptable to allow eight chickens which would ideally provide eight eggs per day (two eggs per person). The keeping of poultry must not create a nuisance or be dangerous or injurious to health. Poultry yards must at all times be kept clean, free from rats and mice, and free from offensive odours. Poultry yards must be enclosed to prevent escape of poultry. Hard paving should be provided under roosts in poultry houses to ensure effective cleaning.

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ANIMAL	LAND AFFECTED (Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham)	MAXIMUM NUMBER (excludes offspring to 3 months of age)	MINIMUM DISTANCE (from certain buildings – see note A)	ADVISORY NOTES
Roosters	Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham	Prohibited in urban areas	Not applicable	The keeping of roosters is not considered appropriate in urban areas due to noise.
Other poultry including ducks, geese, turkeys, peafowl, guinea fowl and pheasants	Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham	One per person with a maximum of five in total.	7.5 metres	Same as for chickens.

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ANIMAL	LAND AFFECTED (Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham)	MAXIMUM NUMBER (excludes offspring to 3 months of age)	MINIMUM DISTANCE (from certain buildings – see Note A)	ADVISORY NOTES
Pigeons	Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham	<p>100 racing birds or 40 stock birds for registered active members of Pigeon Fanciers or Racing Clubs.</p> <p>Non-members of Pigeon Fanciers Clubs or Racing Associations will be permitted to keep up to 20 birds.</p>	15 metres	<p>Nuisance due to noise and also free flight of pigeons is to be minimised. Flying times should be restricted to either 2 hours after sunrise or 2 hours before sunset.</p> <p>Lofts must be constructed to Council approval on hard paving of a smooth surface, or with a suspended floor elevated 800 mm above the ground. Racing pigeon lofts should have adequate visible landing platforms.</p> <p>On no account should birds be allowed to roost on neighbouring buildings. "Open" lofts are not permitted. Free lofting is not permissible. Lofts are to be kept clean at all times. Manure is to be cleaned up daily and disposed of correctly. To minimise odours owners must design and manage lofts to prevent manure becoming wet in rain or during cleaning.</p>

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ANIMAL	LAND AFFECTED (Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham)	MAXIMUM NUMBER (excludes offspring to 3 months of age)	MINIMUM DISTANCE (from certain buildings – see Note A)	ADVISORY NOTES
All birds except where otherwise specified	Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham	<p>As appropriate to species, size of cage/aviary or bird room.</p> <p>Keepers of more than 50 birds should be members of official Aviculture societies.</p>	6 metres	<p>Cages and aviaries must be of appropriate size and regularly cleaned.</p> <p>For budgerigars, generally allow a maximum of 30 birds per cubic metre of aviary.</p> <p>All birds should be kept in accordance with the NSW Animal Welfare Code of Practice No 4 - Keeping and Trading of Birds.</p> <p>A National Parks and Wildlife permit is required to keep more than 19 protected birds, or if you wish to sell a protected bird.</p> <p>Registered bird breeders may keep more breeding/show birds but are subject to the requirements of the POEO Act 1997.</p> <p>Noisy birds should be restricted in number and are subject to the requirements of the POEO Act 1997.</p>

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ANIMAL	LAND AFFECTED (Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham)	MAXIMUM NUMBER (excludes offspring to 3 months of age)	MINIMUM DISTANCE (from certain buildings – see Note A)	ADVISORY NOTES
Sulphur crested cockatoo and long billed corella	Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham	2 if kept in portable cages 4 if kept in an aviary	3 metres or within dwelling 6 metres	Sulphur crested cockatoo and long billed corellas are likely to be noisy if kept as single caged birds. Registered bird breeders may keep more breeding/show birds but are subject to the requirements of the POEO Act 1997. Noisy birds should be restricted in number and are subject to the requirements of the POEO Act 1997.
Sheep and Goats	Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham	Prohibited in urban areas. Refer to Table 8(a)	Not applicable.	The keeping of goats is not considered appropriate in urban areas due to odours and noise. The provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 apply.
Pigs	Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham	Prohibited in urban areas Refer to Table 8(a)	Not applicable	The keeping of pigs is not considered appropriate in urban areas due to odours and noise. The provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 apply.

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ANIMALS	LAND AFFECTED (Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham)	MAXIMUM NUMBER (excludes offspring to 3 months of age)	MINIMUM DISTANCE (from certain buildings – see Note A)	ADVISORY NOTES
Other Hooved Animals - except horses	Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham	Prohibited in urban areas.	Not applicable	The keeping of hooved animals is not considered appropriate in urban areas due to odours and noise. The provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 apply.
Bees	Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham	Prohibited in urban areas	Not applicable	Not applicable
Horses/Donkeys	Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham	1 -3 depending upon size of allotment Refer clause 9.0 (h) Refer to Table 8(a) for Albert, Fifield, Derriwong, Burcher, Tullibigeal and other specified areas	9 meters	Horse yards shall not be constructed nearer than two (2) metres from present adjoining boundaries or alternatively, horses must be prevented from reaching into adjoining property by the erection of a two metre high fence of suitable design. Stables, shelters and yards shall be properly constructed of suitable materials to the satisfaction of Council. Gates shall be fitted with an approved method of locking. No unsightly development shall be permitted. Ringlock or barbed wire fencing is not permitted.

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ANIMAL	LAND AFFECTED (Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham)	MAXIMUM NUMBER (excludes offspring to 3 months of age)	MINIMUM DISTANCE (from certain buildings – see Note A)	ADVISORY NOTES
Horses/Donkeys (cont'd)	Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo & Tottenham	1 -3 depending upon size of allotment Refer clause 9.0 (h) Refer to Table 8(a) for Albert, Fifield, Derriwong, Burcher, Tullibigeal and other specified areas	9 meters	The floors of a stable of loose boxes shall be properly graded and drained. Manure shall be raked up daily and placed in suitable, fly proof containers, or other suitable means, approved by Council until removed from the site. All manure containers shall be cleaned and disinfected at least once every seven (7) days. Fouled bedding shall be removed from the stable or yard at least once every seven (7) days. Stables and yards shall be kept clean and tidy to the satisfaction of Council at all times, so as not to be the cause of a nuisance. Horses may be kept on vacant allotments in the built up areas in accordance with this policy. Stallions are not permitted Refer to Clause 9(h) The provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 apply.

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TABLE 1(a) INFORMATION FOR ALBERT, FIFIELD, DERRIWONG, BURCHER ANDTULLIBIGEAL.

The following table indicates the requirements and relevant considerations regarding the keeping of animals and the restrictions in place.

ANIMAL	MAXIMUM NUMBER (excluding offspring to 3 months of age)	MINIMUM DISTANCE (from certain buildings – see Note A)	ADVISORY NOTES
Sheep and Goats	No more than 2 female goats upon any one allotment	15 metres	No person shall keep sheep or goats upon any premises under such conditions as to create a nuisance or to be injurious to health.
Pigs	No more than 2 pigs upon any one allotment	15 metres	No person shall keep pigs upon any premises under such conditions as to create a nuisance or to be injurious to health. The yards are to be kept clean and free from offensive odours.
Other Hooved Animals except horses	No more than 2 hooved animals upon any one allotment	15 metres	No person shall keep hooved animals upon any such premises under such conditions as to create nuisance or to be injurious to health.
Horses/Donkeys	No more than 3	9 metres	Horse yards shall not be constructed nearer than two (2) metres from present adjoining boundaries or alternatively, horses must be prevented from reaching into adjoining property by the erection of a two metre high fence of suitable design. Stables, shelters and yards shall be properly constructed of suitable materials to the satisfaction of Council.

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ANIMAL	MAXIMUM NUMBER (excludes offspring to 3 months of age)	MINIMUM DISTANCE (from certain buildings - see Note A)	ADVISORY NOTES
Horses/Donkeys (cont'd)	No more than 3	9 metres	<p>Gates shall be fitted with an approved method of locking.</p> <p>No unsightly development shall be permitted.</p> <p>Ringlock or barbed wire fencing is not permitted.</p> <p>The floors of a stable of loose boxes shall be properly graded and drained.</p> <p>Manure shall be raked up daily and placed in suitable, fly proof containers, or other suitable means, approved by Council until removed from the site. All manure containers shall be cleaned and disinfected at least once every seven (7) days.</p> <p>Fouled bedding shall be removed from the stable or yard at least once every seven (7) days.</p> <p>Stables and yards shall be kept clean and tidy to the satisfaction of Council at all times, so as not to be the cause of a nuisance.</p> <p>Stallions are not permitted</p> <p>Refer to Clause 9(h)</p> <p>Horses may be kept on vacant allotments in the built up areas in accordance with this policy.</p>

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NOTES IN RELATION TO TABLES 1 AND 1(a)

- (a) The distances indicated in the third column of the above tables are to be measured in metres from the animal yard or enclosure to the nearest dwelling, public hall, school or premises used for the manufacture, preparation, sale or storage of food.
- (b) Animal includes a mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian or fish. It does not include a human being (as defined in *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979*).
- (c) Schedule 2 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 specifies minimum standards for the keeping of animals. The distances specified (except in the case of pigs) may be varied at a meeting of the Council and notified in writing to the applicant in each particular case.
- (d) Schedule 2 Part 5 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 allows for a variation of requirements of the keeping of poultry and Division 3 allows for variation to the requirements for the keeping of horses and cattle.
- (e) All cages, kennel enclosures, aviaries and or any structure for the keeping of animals over 10m² of floor area and a height of 2.4 metres are subject to the approval of a development application.
- (f) It is a requirement that a combination of no more than 2 types of animals be kept at the maximum number on any one property.
- (g) Refer to Lachlan Shire Council’s Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan as well as State Environmental Planning Policies for other restrictions that may apply to the keeping of animals in certain areas.

Horses/Donkeys

Commercial type stables and yards may be developed in certain areas within the boundary, with Council approval, but cannot be developed within the residential or business areas.

Persons wishing to carry out such developments should contact Council regarding suitable land for this purpose.

Yards and shelters at the rear of dwellings may be used for the keeping of horses/donkeys subject to Council’s approval and conditions thereof.

Each application for the keeping of horses/donkeys shall be treated on its merits and approval to keep animals may not be granted in every case. Applications are to be submitted by the owner of the land.

Persons keeping horses/donkeys within the defined area, without Council approval, prior to the appointed day are required to apply for approval in accordance with this policy.

Applications for the keeping of horses/donkeys and the construction of yards and shelters after the appointed day shall be treated as building applications.

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RELATED DOCUMENTS

APPENDIX 1 –PROVISIONS FOR KEEPING DOGS

Introduction

This Appendix identifies criteria and provides clear guidelines to assist persons in keeping dogs, so as to ensure that the activity does not have any detrimental impact on the health and amenity of the surrounding area or to the environment.

Objective

To maintain the amenity of residents and surrounds by ensuring no interference is caused through the emission of unreasonable noise, smell or otherwise as a result of keeping dogs.

Provisions for meeting the objective

- (a) All kennel enclosures or other structures for the keeping of dogs over 10m² of floor area and a maximum height of 2.4 metres are subject to the approval of a development application.
- (b) The floors of kennel enclosures must be paved with concrete, mineral asphalt or other equally impervious material, and must be properly graded to drain in order to facilitate easy cleaning and prevent the build-up of faeces.
- (c) Kennel and dog enclosures are to be kept clean and free of offensive odours at all times. Solid waste is to be regularly collected, 'bagged' and disposed of to garbage.
- (d) Waste water associated with the cleaning of any kennel or dog enclosure should be disposed of to Council's sewer in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and regulations.
- (e) No interference with the amenity of the area by reason of the emission of unreasonable noise, smell or otherwise is to be the result of the keeping of dogs.
- (f) Dog yards must be so enclosed as to prevent the escape of dogs.
- (g) The *Companion Animals Act 1998* requires permanent identification and life-time registration and effective control of dogs at all times.
- (h) Where the above provisions cannot be met, the owner of the dogs must demonstrate methods for achieving the objective. Each method will be assessed individually.

Implications

Where complaints are received about odour, noise or other issues relating to the keeping of dogs, Council will conduct an inspection of the property. It is the responsibility of the owner to demonstrate that adequate yard size relative to the size and number of dogs, proper care and desexing has been provided and control has been maintained.

Council has powers under Section 124 of the Local Government Act to impose restrictions on the numbers and manner in which dogs are kept on a particular property.

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APPENDIX 2 –PROVISIONS FOR KEEPING CATS

Introduction

This Appendix identifies criteria and provides clear guidelines to assist persons in keeping cats, so as to ensure that the activity does not have any detrimental impact on the health and amenity of the surrounding area or to the environment.

Objective

To maintain the amenity of residents and surrounding environment by ensuring no interference is caused through the emission of unreasonable noise, smell or otherwise as a result of keeping cats.

Provisions for meeting the objective

- (a) All structures for the keeping of cats over 10m² of floor area and a maximum height of 2.4 metres are subject to the approval of a development application. Such structures are subject to the same conditions as imposed on dog enclosures.
- (b) No interference with the amenity of the area by reason of the emission of unreasonable noise, smell or otherwise is to be the result of the keeping of cats.
- (c) The *Companion Animals Act 1998* requires permanent identification and life-time registration.
- (d) Cats must not repeatedly damage anything outside the property on which it is ordinarily kept.
- (e) Cats must be locked indoors or in a suitable enclosure *between sunset and sunrise* to prevent attacks on wildlife.
- (f) The use of identity collars with multiple bells is encouraged to protect wildlife.
- (g) Where the above provisions cannot be met, the owner of the cats must demonstrate methods for achieving the objective. Each method will be assessed individually.

Implications

Where complaints are received about odour, noise or other issues relating to the keeping of cats, Council will conduct an inspection of the property. It is the responsibility of the owner to demonstrate that proper care and desexing has been provided and control of the animal maintained.

Council has powers under the Section 124 of the Local Government Act to impose restrictions on the numbers and manner in which cats are kept on a particular property.

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APPENDIX 3 – BARKING DOGS

Barking is one of the ways dogs communicate. It can signify anything from playfulness to danger. However, dogs sometimes bark for other reasons when, for example, they are:

- chained to a fixed point without enough room to move or kept in a space which is too small
- provoked, deliberately or unintentionally, by people or roaming dogs
- under-exercised or not exercised at all
- lacking training
- lonely
- sick
- hungry, thirsty, on the wrong diet or generally neglected.

These causes of barking shouldn't be part of a dog's life. As well as indicating a possibly distressed animal, chronic excessive barking can be a nuisance to people living nearby.

This information is intended to make life better for dog owners, their neighbours and, of course, for dogs themselves.

Caring for Dogs

- Compassion and common sense can eliminate many of the problems, which lead to excessive barking. The following suggestions may help dog owners solve any problems they may be having.
- Provide enough space for your dog to move freely within your enclosed backyard. A dog shouldn't be left on a fixed chain for long periods as this contributes to savagery and often increases nuisance from barking or odour problems. If your dog has to be chained, it should be on a running chain.
- Give your dog a place of its own. This can be a ventilated and waterproof kennel or an indoor area. A dog kept in an enclosed area at night will not usually bark and annoy neighbours.
- Exercise your dog regularly and adequately for its breed and size. Remember that when you exercise your dog in a public place it should be kept on a leash.
- Your dog will accept kind but firm discipline. Take it to a good obedience school when the pet is young and you will enjoy the benefits.
- Give your dog a balanced and varied diet. Main meals should consist of processed meat and dried dog foods. Feeding times should be regular and a supply of fresh water should be available at all times. The evening meal of meat should be given between 6pm and 9pm.
- Dogs suffer from a range of common ailments like fleas, worms, distemper, cuts and bruises. Daily examination, regular baths and veterinary attention when necessary will help to ensure that your dog doesn't suffer from health problems. When boarding dogs, provide one run per animal and partition each run so that direct line of sight is eliminated. This will prevent competition between animals.
- In all these areas your dog will respond to good care.

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Curing the Barking Habit

If you feel that your dog is well cared for, but continues to bark excessively, there are a number of things you can try:

- Remove direct line of sight between the dog and children or animals which may provoke barking.
- Take the dog to a recognised animal trainer for specialist training to discourage bad habits.
- Provide noise insulation for the kennel.
- There are various aids that help prevent barking (e.g. 'citronella' collars are effective and endorsed by the RSPCA). Ask your vet or local council about these.

Definitions

"Companion animal" which means each of the following:

- (a) a dog,
- (b) a cat,
- (c) any other animal that is prescribed by the Companion Act/Regulations as a companion animal.

Note:

All dogs are treated as companion animals, even working dogs on rural properties, guard dogs, police dogs and corrective services dogs.

"Owner"

Each of the following persons is the owner of an animal for the purposes of this Policy —

- (a) the owner of the animal (in the sense of being the owner of the animal as personal property).
- (b) the person by whom the animal is ordinarily kept,
- (c) the registered owner of the animal.

"Premises" means any of the following:

- (a) a building of any description or any part of it and the appurtenances to it,
- (b) land, whether built on or not,
- (c) a shed or other structure,

"Recognised breeder":

In relation to a species of companion animal, means a person who is a member of a recognised breeders' organisation (within the meaning of Part 9 of the *Companion Animals Act 1998*) for the species of companion animal.

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“Registered owner”:

Registered of a companion animal means the person shown in the registration information entered on the Companion Animals Register as the registered owner of the animal (and in the case of joint registered owners means each of those joint registered owners).

“Waste”:

Includes -

- (a) any substance (whether solid, liquid or gaseous) that is discharged, emitted or deposited in the environment in such volume, constituency or manner as to cause an alteration in the environment, or
- (b) any discarded, rejected, unwanted, surplus or abandoned substance, or
- (c) any otherwise discarded, rejected, unwanted, surplus or abandoned substance intended for sale or for recycling, processing, recovery or purification by a separate operation from that which produced the substance, or
- (d) any processed, recycled, re-used or recovered substance produced wholly or partly from waste that is applied to land, or used as fuel, but only in the circumstances prescribed by the regulations, or
- (e) any substance prescribed by the regulations to be waste.

A substance is not precluded from being waste for the purposes of this Act merely because it is or may be processed, recycled, re-used or recovered.

Be a responsible pet owner by ensuring your companion animal is microchipped, desexed and registered.

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PURPOSE

To provide a summary of the existing and future works and projects associated with the provision of water and sewerage services across Lachlan Shire. Items listed are works undertaken for July, in progress for the month of August and forecast for the month of September 2021.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Condobolin

Project	Progress
RNSW 1879 Condobolin Water Supply Upgrade Scoping Study RNSW 1880 Condobolin Sewerage Scheme Scoping Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunter H2O is now amending the draft Condobolin WTP Scoping Study and the timeline for this amendment is between 8 to 10 weeks. The anticipated date of completion is mid-October 2021. • A separate report will also be produced to review the water quality data in the latest bore testing result.
RNSW 755 Condobolin Bore Fields II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Serve has been engaged to undertake the power supply design for the bores and transfer station. This includes the following works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Site visit to determine High Voltage (HV) connection arrangements to Bore Fields & Transfer Pump location, including HV routes options & preliminary discussions around necessary easement or acquisition etc. ○ Prepare detailed Design Information Application (DIA) and submit to Essential Energy (EE). This was completed on 11 August. ○ The next item of works is to review EE Design Information Pack (DIP) & clarify / challenge if necessary. ○ Provide budget pricing for construction works ○ Following confirmation of the power supply design, it will then be submitted to EE for approval.
DWS072 Condobolin Drought Water Security Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFT T2021/12 Condobolin Bore Fields II Scheme – Contract 1 – Pipeline has been awarded to Leed Engineering and Construction P/L.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A start-up meeting between PWA, Leed Engineering & Construction P/L and Council is arranged for the last week of August 2021.
Condobolin WTP – installation of electric actuators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The commissioning of the electric actuators is delayed due to the COVID-19 lockdown in the Greater Sydney area.
Condobolin Reservoir No.2 – Investigation Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works are underway in confirming location, depth and condition of the pipelines and valves between the 3 Condobolin Reservoirs. • Both valves at the inlet and outlet pipes for Condobolin Reservoir No.2 are seized and no longer working, currently both valves are in open position and unable to be closed to isolate the reservoir. • It is necessary to empty the reservoir in order to complete the comprehensive inspection and assessment of the structure and develop a remediation proposal for the structure. • There are works proposed for the end of August 2021 to install new valves within the pressurised water main line so Reservoir No.2 can be isolated and then emptied. Council staff are programing this work with a specialised Contractor, working within the Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines.
Moulder St SPS – wet well and valve chamber urgent rehabilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent inspection of the Moulder street pump station has revealed that a pipe within the pump station has developed a large failure. • The inspection also revealed that the non-return valves are seized, causing the sewage to flow back to the wet well. • Both issues are leading to an increases in odour, energy consumption and corrosion to the concrete wet well. • Given that this pump station services 1/3 of Condobolin’s sewer, the repairs have been organised urgently to rectify both problems. Budget variation will be submitted through QBR1 to fund these urgent works.
Condobolin Depot Standpipe upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A purchase order has been placed for the new water filling station for the standpipe in Bathurst St. • Works will now be planned to upgrade the pipeline connection for the standpipe.
Condobolin ClearSCADA upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The upgrade work was completed on 26 July 2021. • On-going issues were experienced due to the majority of Council’s water and sewer sites are still using the old RADTEL hardware. • Due to this issue, the ClearSCADA software had to be rolled back to the old version while a solution is being sought and explored to overcome this issue, • This issue has highlighted the urgency of upgrading the electrical and control system hardware on all Council’s water and sewer sites.
Sewer Vent Stacks Replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four (4) deteriorated sewer vent stacks have been identified and the replacement works were completed in July 2021. The sewer vent stacks are located within the vicinity of Council’s Depot, 24 Orange Street, 99 Orange Street and 28 Williams Street.

Lake Cargelligo

Project	Progress
Lake Cargelligo ClearSCADA upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This upgrade work is currently on-hold until the issue with the Condobolin ClearSCADA upgrade is resolved.
Lake Cargelligo SPS2 and SPS3 – electrical & control system upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project is currently in a design stage. Please note that the commissioning of this project will be undertaken once the Lake Cargelligo ClearSCADA upgrade is completed.
Lake Cargelligo Merri Abba Bore Pipeline Electric Actuator – electrical & control system upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project is currently in a design stage. Please note that the commissioning for this project will be undertaken once the Lake Cargelligo ClearSCADA upgrade is completed.
Lake Cargelligo STP – RTU upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project is currently in a design stage. Please note that the commissioning for this project will be undertaken once the Lake Cargelligo ClearSCADA upgrade is completed.
Lake Cargelligo WTP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 2 August 2021 Lake Cargelligo WTP was successfully switched to the raw water source from Lake Cargelligo. On an unrelated matter, the primary and backup pumps used to move the chemical backwash to the evaporation ponds have failed. The lead time for “like-for-like” replacement pumps is approximately 35 weeks. Works are underway to modify the existing pipework and housing in order to install a similar pump. Budget variation will be submitted through QBR1 to fund these urgent unbudgeted works

Tottenham

Project	Progress
RNSW 841 Tottenham Water Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The recommendations from the options study and geotechnical assessment report are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telemetry upgrades for all the water sites in Tottenham, Albert and along the b-section pipeline Rectification works for Leg O Mutton Dam New 1.1ML – 1.3ML reservoir in Albert PWA is currently scoping the works and preparing cost estimates for a submission to INSW for the final scope of works for RNSW841 Tottenham Water Supply.
Tottenham WTP Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting report from MBS Water P/L for the recommendations of the upgrade works.
Tottenham Reservoir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The installation and commissioning of the new instruments was anticipated to be completed by Wednesday 18 August 2021. In preparation for the proposed mural painting on the Tottenham Reservoir, Council staff and a Contractor have investigated the condition of the structure and the extent of the current leaks. A proposal to rehabilitate the leaks in the reservoir is currently being

	reviewed by staff however, it identifies a number of issues which may require an additional report to Council.
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Shire Wide

Project	Progress
RNSW 842 Sewage Effluent Reuse Management System (Lake Cargelligo, Condobolin & Tottenham)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A discussion with PWA will be held in mid-August to clarify that the proposed effluent reuse management system will produce a better quality effluent than the existing arrangement. • The additional operational cost will need to be confirmed to ensure that the proposed effluent reuse management system is affordable.
Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A workshop with DPIE Water, PWA and the relevant Council staff has been arranged in late August 2021. This workshop is to review and discuss the proposed compliance levels of service and operational levels of service. The proposed levels of service will then be included in the IWCM Issues Paper and community consultation will be undertaken.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

All projects are listed as per the Delivery and Operational Plan 2021/22.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

In the Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo, Tottenham and Albert water schemes, sufficient high quality drinking water, which meets the standards prescribed in the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG), is being supplied to the community. The day to day operation of Council’s water supply system is governed by DPIE Water and the backwash discharge from the water treatment plant is administered by the EPA.

Non-potable water continues to be supplied to Tullibigeal, Fifield and Burcher.

Lachlan Shire Council is providing sewerage services to communities across the shire. The day to day operation of Council’s sewerage services is governed by DPIE Water and the effluent discharge from the sewerage treatment plant is administered by the EPA. There are significant risks should Council fail to achieve satisfactory outcomes in the following areas:

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

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

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Risk associated with the engagement of PWA is addressed by the formation of a project steering committee with INSW, DPIE Water, PWA and Council staff representation.

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

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

DPIE Water, Infrastructure NSW, NSW Public Works Advisory, the EPA, NSW Public Health Unit representatives and relevant Council staff have been consulted in relation to capital works & operational projects and compliance issues. Residents impacted by planned temporary disruption of services are provided reasonable notice where possible using a combination of letter box drops, public notices and media releases.

OPTIONS

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

CONCLUSION

This report is provided to update Council on activities in the Utilities section in July, underway for August and planned for September 2021.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

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

CSP 7.2 Water Security for All Towns and Villages.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R21/224 be received and noted.

10.2 FY2122 ROADWORKS MONTHLY UPDATE FOR JULY**TRIM Number: R21/225****Author: Manager - Roads****PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of road works undertaken by Infrastructure Services which have been completed in the month of July, works in progress in the month of August and works scheduled for the month of September. The execution and completion of works varied depending on resource availability, weather conditions, work priorities and unforeseen circumstances.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil

BACKGROUND

The condition of the road network continues to be a problem with many roads still having water laying on or close to the road formation. An analysis of the rainfall data from the Condobolin Ag Research Station shows that the only two years a record with more rainfall from July to June the following year were 1973/74 and 1955/56. The spring forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology is that there is an 80% chance of rainfall being above median for western NSW. If this predicted wet weather occurs, then problems with road conditions will continue.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS**Road Construction**

The construction of the road pavement of the remaining 13 km of SR 1029 Tullibigeal Rd has been complete. Work will now pause on this project to allow the pavement to dry sufficiently, with work to recommence in preparation for sealing in October.

Soft spots on Maitland Street reconstruction have been stabilised and final trimming completed. Sealing of the 880 metres of the new formation was completed 13 August. While the stabiliser was in the vicinity, two causeways south of Fifield on the Fifield Road were also reconstructed and stabilised. These have been sealed with an emulsion primer seal with council's jet patcher and will be resealed during the summer period by the sealing contractor.

Gravel sheeting work on SR 124 Crown Camp Road has been completed. Work is continuing on this road with a grade, water roll being completed on the remainder of the road.

Intersection upgrades on MR 461 Henry Parkes Way and MR 7521 Kiacatoo Road and SR 340 Silo Road have commenced with the extension of culvert structures.

Road Maintenance

The 'relatively' dry weather during late July, early August has allowed some progress to be made on restoring some of the rain effected roads. Maintenance grading work is being undertaken with most Council graders with construction graders being reallocated to maintenance work in the vicinity of construction projects when there is any break in the construction program, e.g. when council is waiting for contractors to arrive to undertake specialised tasks such as stabilising or sealing.

Contract Excavators have also been engaged to install/restore drainage structures to assist with ensuring road pavements can adequately dry. Gravel is also being placed in bog holes on numerous roads to improve the condition of the road network. Rollers have been allocated to grader crews which have previously just undertaken 'skimming' work. This is to take advantage of moisture available in the road pavement and will improve the cost effectiveness of the maintenance works.

Works undertaken in July 2021

<p>Road Heavy Patching, re-sheeting / grade, water & roll.</p>	<p>Works were undertaken on the following roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MR 461 Henry Parkes Way - gwr • Shire Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SR 91 Marsden Road – drainage and gwr ○ SR 124 Crown Camp Road – gravel re-sheeting and gwr ○ SR 250 Hadleigh Downs Road – drainage improvements ○ SR 341 Jones Lane – gwr ○ SR 343 Willis Lane – gwr ○ SR 344 Browns Lane – gwr ○ SR 349 Potts Lane - gwr ○ SR 1347 Albert Road – gwr – part length ○ SR 1145 Burcher Road – gravel pit on road reserve closed and road reinstated to correct alignment
<p>Road and culvert reconstruction and sealing</p>	<p>Road and culvert reconstruction and sealing work was undertaken on selected segments of the following roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ nil • Shire Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SR 1029 Tullibigeal Road – FRC/RTR construction of 13 km (stage 1 part b and stage 2). Final preparation of road pavement. ○ Maitland Street – FRC/RTR stabilising of soft spots
<p>Road reseals</p>	<p>Road resealing works were completed on the following roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ nil

<p>Maintenance grading /sucker removal /line marking/ storm damage repairs</p>	<p>Routine maintenance grading was undertaken on the following unsealed roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ nil • Shire Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SR 2 Hunts Road ○ SR 5 Lansdale Road ○ SR 50 Vermont Hill Road ○ SR 51 Eremeran Road ○ SR 53 Mumbil Tank Road ○ SR 54 Tinda Tank Road (part length) ○ SR 63 Wilga Ridge Road ○ SR 85 North Forbes Road ○ SR 149 Gubbata Road ○ SR 154 Tuggerabach Road ○ SR 181 Pidgeons Road ○ SR 190 Wilgadale Road ○ SR 194 North Uabba Road ○ SR 214 Nilssons Lane ○ SR 223 Blackers Road ○ SR 230 Lachlan Valley Way ○ SR 231 Curlew Road ○ SR 251 Queens Plains Road ○ SR 252 Lone Wilga Road ○ SR 253 Studwicks Road ○ SR 269 Yarrangrove Road ○ SR 275 Thompsons Road ○ SR 319 Mount Tilga Road ○ SR 333 Rosedale Road ○ SR 432 Hutchinson Lane ○ SR 1006 Brotherony Road (part length) ○ SR 1139 Weja Road
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<p>Shoulder grading / re-sheeting / slashing and resealing / patching</p>	<p>Routine maintenance work was undertaken on the following sealed roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MR 57N Fifield Road – pothole patching and drainage maintenance ○ MR 57NN The Bogan Way – edge and pothole patching ○ MR 57S The Gipps Way – edge and pothole patching ○ MR 231 Wyalong Road – pothole patching and drainage maintenance ○ MR 347 Dandaloo Road – pothole patching ○ MR 423 Lachlan Valley Way(Lake to Euabalong) – pothole patching ○ MR 461 Henry Parkes Way – pothole patching ○ MR 501 Lachlan Valley Way(Lake to Rankin Springs) – pothole patching ○ MR 7513 Lake Cargelligo Road – pothole patching • Shire Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SR 3 Tabratong Crossing Road – pothole patching ○ SR 10 Meadowview Road – shoulder grading ○ SR 85 North Forbes Road – shoulder grading
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Works in Progress August 2021

<p>Road Heavy Patching, re-sheeting / grade, water & roll.</p>	<p>Works in progress on the following roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ nil • Shire Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SR 24 Crown Camp Road – gwr ○ SR 113 Selems Road –gwr ○ SR 114 Sandy Camp Road – gwr
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<p>Road and culvert reconstruction and sealing</p>	<p>Road and culvert reconstruction and sealing work is currently underway on selected segments of the following roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MR 57N Fifield Road – causeway heavy patching • Shire Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SR 1029 Tullibigeal Road – FRC/RTR construction of 13 km (stage 1 part b and stage 2) ○ Maitland Street – FRC/RTR sealing between May and Leifermann streets • Town Streets/Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Busby Street/Officers Parade – FLR footpath construction ○ Grace Street/ Foster Street intersection, Lake Cargelligo –RTR reconstruction. ○ Visitor Information Centre – GLE Heavy vehicle parking area construction
<p>Road reseals</p>	<p>Road resealing works will be undertaken on the following roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ nil
<p>Maintenance grading /sucker removal /line marking/ storm damage repairs</p>	<p>Routine maintenance grading is currently underway on the following unsealed roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ nil • Shire Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SR 13 Millridge Road ○ SR 16 Kaludah Road ○ SR 18 Hillside Road ○ SR 19 Middlefield Road ○ SR 53 Mumbil Tank Road ○ SR 54 Tinda Tank Road ○ SR 126 Clarries Lane ○ SR 130 West Milby Road ○ SR 144 Burgooney Road ○ SR 161 Byaglore Road ○ SR 180 O'Reillys Road ○ SR 413 Keronga Road
<p>Shoulder grading / re-sheeting / slashing and resealing / patching</p>	<p>Routine maintenance work will be undertaken on the following sealed roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main and Shire Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MR 57N Fifield Road – heavy pothole patching • Shire Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As required

Works Planned for September 2021

<p>Road Heavy Patching, re-sheeting / grade, water & roll.</p>	<p>Works planned on the following roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ nil • Shire Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ nil
<p>Road and culvert reconstruction and sealing</p>	<p>Road and culvert reconstruction and sealing work planned on selected segments of the following roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MR 461 Henry Parkes Way/Maitland St and Silo Roads – HVSP/Block grant widening • Shire Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SR 120 Merrihogie Road – FLR/RTR widening and sealing 7 km ○ SR 1029 Tullibigeal Road – FRC/RTR construction of 13 km (stage 1 part 2 and stage 2) – final sealing preparations • Town Streets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visitor information centre – heavy vehicle parking construction. ○ Busby/Harding Street, Condobolin – FLR reconstruction ○ Condobolin School Precinct – FLR/RTR safety improvements ○ Grace Street, Lake Cargelligo – RTR reconstruction, including Foster Street intersection
<p>Road reseals</p>	<p>Road resealing works planned undertaken on the following roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ nil

<p>Maintenance grading /sucker removal /line marking/ storm damage repairs</p>	<p>Routine maintenance grading planned on the following unsealed roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ nil • Shire Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SR 11 Moira Vale Road ○ SR 12 White Tank Road ○ SR 15 Belmore Road ○ SR 23 Jumble Plains Road ○ SR 25 Kerriwah Road ○ SR 34 Wilmatha Road ○ SR 35 Larkings Road ○ SR 121 Camp Road ○ SR 123 Stidwells Lane ○ SR 193 River Road ○ SR 204 Bartholomews Lane ○ SR 205 Contario Road ○ SR 206 Mt Daylight Road ○ SR 208 Brewer Lane ○ SR 212 Hoopers Road ○ SR 261 Glenoma Lane ○ SR 262 Bush Home Road ○ SR 408 Deacons Lane ○ Others as required
<p>Shoulder grading / re-sheeting / slashing and resealing / patching</p>	<p>Routine maintenance work planned on the following sealed roads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main and Shire Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ as required

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS					
Regional Roads					
Project	Budget	Funding Source	Expend to date	Forecast Expenditure	Comments
Regional Roads, reseals	\$447k	TfNSW Block Grant	\$0k	\$447k	Reseal programmed to commence in October 2021.
Regional Roads, heavy patching	\$50k	TfNSW Block Grant	\$0k	\$50k	Programmed for Q3 FY21/22.
MR 461 William / MR 57S Lachlan St, intersection reconstruction	\$639k	TfNSW Block Grant \$150k, RTR \$489k	\$0k	\$639k	Programmed for Q3 FY21/22.
MR 371 Foster St, Lake Cargelligo, Canada St to Lorne St reconstruction	\$1.635m	TfNSW Block Grant \$900k, RTR \$535k, FAG \$200k	\$0k	\$1.635m	Program is pending Tender outcome
MR 57N The Bogan Way, widening 29km	\$2.985m	FCR \$2.686m, TfNSW Block grant \$299k.	\$965k in FY20/21	\$2.985m	Project on hold over winter period.

		Programmed for FY20/21 and FY21/22.	\$0 in FY21/22		
MR 57S The Gipps Way, Nerathong Bridge replacement	\$2.808m	FCR \$2.387m, TfNSW Block Grant \$421k. Programmed for FY20/21 and FY21/22.	\$89k in FY20/21 \$58k in FY21/22	\$2.808m	Draft Bridge replacement options report received.
MR 57S, MR 377 Condobolin Freight and Visitor Centre road works	\$1.203m FY20/21 \$7.963m FY21/22	Funding for FY21/22: Regional NSW funding \$6,028k, TfNSW Block \$1,535k, TfNSW Repair \$400k,	\$1.235m pre July 2021. \$55k in FY21/22	\$9.166m	MR 377 Lachlan Valley Way and MR 57S Diggers Ave completed FY20/21. Visitor information centre truck parking construction to commence in August. Smythes and Murie culverts design in progress.
MR 461 Henry Parkes Way intersection upgrades MR 7521 Kiacatoo Road and SR 340 Silos Road	\$516k	HVSPP \$258k. TfNSW Block \$208k, Graincorp \$50k	\$0k	\$516k	Culverts for replacement and extensions on site.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS					
Local Roads					
Project	Budget	Funding Source	Expend to date	Forecast Expenditure	Comments
Grace Street, Lake Cargelligo, reconstruction and widen	\$600k	RTR	\$204k in FY20/21	\$600k	Foster Street intersection culvert to be installed mid-August.
Local Roads reseals	\$433k	RTR \$250K, FAG Roads \$140k	\$0k	\$390k	Programmed to commence in Q2 2021/22.
Local Roads Gravel re-sheets					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SR 106 Fitzgerald Road • SR 124 Crown Camp Road 			\$1k		Complete
			\$10k		In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOTAL 	\$200k	Special Rate Variation \$200k	\$11k	\$200k	
SR 1029 Tullibigeal Road, extend seal 17km – stage 1	\$2.186m	FCR \$913.5k, RTR \$1,272.5k	\$1,007k (FY19/20) \$888k (FY20/21) Total \$1.895m	\$2.186m	Pavement formation of last 4km of stage 1 road complete. Sealing will be delayed until October 2021
SR 1029 Tullibigeal Road, extend seal 9km – stage 2	\$1.061m	FCR \$955k, RTR \$106k	\$1,022k (FY20/21) \$170k (FY21/22) Total \$1.192m	\$1.661m	Stage 2 pavement formation 95% complete. Pavement will be sealed in October 2021. Additional cost will be funded from RTR.
Maitland Street HV Upgrade	\$900k	FCR \$765k, RTR \$135k	\$981k	\$1,200k	Soft areas have been stabilised. Final trimming in progress ready for sealing mid-August. Additional cost will be funded from RTR.
SR 120 Merriboogie Road widen and reseal	\$1.4 m	FCR \$1,260k, RTR \$140k	\$3k	\$1.4m	Initial set out undertaken. Culverts ordered.
Busby/Harding St reconstruction	\$800k	Fixing Local Roads	\$5k	\$800k	Trees causing damage to kerb, gutter and pavement were removed in July.
Condobolin School Precinct	\$1.181m 2020/21	Fixing Local Roads \$952k,	\$0k	\$1.18m	Trees were removed in July.

		RTR \$120k, FAG Roads \$109k			
Officers Parade upgrade	\$1.0m	Fixing Local Roads \$600k, RTR \$400k.	\$0	\$1.0m	Footpath construction commenced.

FUNDING SOURCES					
Funding Source	Amount	Contribution	% Spent	Used by	Comments
Roads to Recovery	\$2.637k	Nil	0% Note: to date all work funded by FCR	30-Jun	Year 3 of five year program. \$509k of carry-over funds from 2020/21. Unspent allocation will be revoted for FY22/23
TfNSW Block and Supplementary Grants	\$3.161m	100% TfNSW	3%	30-Jun	TfNSW budget not yet confirmed.
TfNSW Traffic Facilities	\$148k	100% TfNSW	0%	30-Jun	TfNSW budget not yet confirmed.
TfNSW Repair	\$400k	100% TfNSW	0%	30-Jun	TfNSW budget not yet confirmed.
FAG Roads	\$3.4m	100% Federal Grant	8%		To reserve if not used by 30 June. Note: Some of current maintenance expenditure will be recovered from Natural Disaster funding.
Fixing Country Roads Maitland Street Bypass Upgrade	\$765k	FCR \$765k, RTR \$135k	109.0%	June 2020	Hill section of road sealed mid- August. Additional cost to be funded by RTR.
Fixing Country Roads SR 1029 Tullibigeal Road Upgrade – stage 1	\$913.5k	FCR \$913.5k, RTR \$1.272m	91.2%	June 2020	Project on hold till sealing in October
Fixing County Roads SR 1029 Tullibigeal Road Upgrade – stage 2	\$955k	FCR \$955k, RTR \$106k	105.5%	October 2021	Project on hold till sealing in Oct. Additional cost to be funded by RTR.
Fixing Country Roads MR 57NN The Bogan Way widening	\$2.687m	FCR \$2.687m, TfNSW Block \$298k	32.0%	May 2022	Project on hold till October as resources allocated to maintenance.
Fixing Country Roads MR 57S The Gipps Way, Nerathong bridge replacement	\$2.387m	FCR \$2.387m, TfNSW Block \$421k	3.2%	June 2022	Preliminary Concept Design Report has been received and comments provided to consultant.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Roads Act 1993 and Roads Regulations 2008

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Wet weather continues to be the major risk factor for the road network. As noted last month a large number of the unsealed roads in average to poor condition with water laying on the road in numerous places. Catch up on maintenance has started to occur over the last 4-5 weeks.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Roads to Recovery grant program officers, TfNSW Parkes Regional Office, Restart NSW program officers. Media Releases and council news columns will continue to update the community on works that are likely to cause significant traffic impacts. Targeted stakeholder updates will be completed for large urban improvement projects.

OPTIONS

Continue to plan and implement the roads program as staff and contractors are available and as weather conditions permit.

CONCLUSION

Progress on restoring the road network following damage due to winter rain continues to be a priority with the aim to complete restoration work before harvest in November. However resources also need to be allocated to construction project to ensure council's commitments to funding bodies are met.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Transport Asset Management Plan

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That

1. The Director of Infrastructure Services Report No. R21/225 be received and noted.

10.3 WATER ALLOCATIONS JULY 2020 TO JUNE 2021**TRIM Number: R21/226****Author: Manager Recreation****PURPOSE**

To report to Council on the water allocation transfers and usage for the period between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Attachment 1 – Water Allocation Statement – Lachlan Catchment August 2021

Attachment 2 – Water Allocation Statement – Opening Allocation June 2021

R20/177 – Water Allocations July 2019 to June 2020

R21/82 – Summary of Gum Bend Lake water consumption for the year.

BACKGROUND

Lachlan Shire Council holds thirteen water access licences (WAL) from which it draws raw water to supply the community.

Wyangala Dam is at 95% capacity as at 30 July 2021. Up from 24% at the same time in 2020. On 9 August 2021, Department of Planning, Industry & Environment, revised the following allocations for the Lachlan River regulated system for the 2021/22 year:

General Security	47%
High Security	100%
Stock and Domestic	100%
Local Water Utilities	100%

Please refer to the attachments. The Lachlan Valley has experienced significant rainfall and Dam inflows in the past 12 months. Higher priority licences have all received 100% of their allocation in FY21/22. The current weather and river conditions have created an evolving situation:-

- enabling WaterNSW to release translucent environmental flows from Wyangala,
- Target to have 100% capacity in Wyangala by the end of September 2021.
- WaterNSW is attempting to maintain airspace capacity within Wyangala to allow for potential flood mitigation (with releases of around 10,000ML/day targeting no more than Minor Flood flows at Cottons Weir (Forbes) and Jemalong Weir.
- Lachlan River Flows at Condobolin Bridge (as at 12 August 2021) are 10,700ML/day. This remains below Minor Flood Levels.
- WaterNSW, State Emergency Services and Council are in regular communication regarding the water situation in the Lachlan River and the surrounding tributaries.

This transient situation is expected to result in further updates to the General Security licence allocations in the coming months.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Extraction Site	FY1920 Allocation	Metered Usage 01/07/20 To 30/06/21	Comment
Condobolin Goobang Creek Town Water	1500ML	987ML (meter read 30.06.2021)	Local Water Utility. High security non-transferable
Lake Cargelligo Town Water Supply	699ML	0ML (meter read 30.06.2021)	Local Water Utility. High security non-transferable
Condobolin Booberoi Weir (Abattoir)	60ML	0ML (No meter for site)	6ML transferred to Memorial Park Condobolin
Condobolin Memorial Park	2.1ML	9.6ML (meter read 30.06.2021)	General security, transferable Shortfall on licence covered via a transfer of 6ML from Abattoir and carryover
Lake Cargelligo (Gibsonvale)	800ML	0ML (meter read 30.06.2021)	High Security transferrable. 770ML transferred to Gum Bend Lake 30ML reserved for Lake Parks & Gardens. Not transferred as it was not required.
Lake Cargelligo (Tullibigeal)	160ML	0ML (meter read 30.06.2021)	High security non-transferable Tullibigeal water has been supplied through Merri Abba allocation.
Kiacatoo Hall	2.1ML	0ML (No meter for site)	General security, transferable
Lake Cargelligo Parks & Gardens	30.1ML	24.1ML (meter read 30.06.2021)	General security, transferable. Allocation was sufficient to not rely on additional transfers.
Merri Abba Bore Ground Water Supply	490ML	568ML (meter read 30.06.2021)	High security Non- transferable. 110 ML carryover from 2019/20 overdraw. Due to WTP repairs and poor water quality within Lake Cargelligo, the bore was again overdrawn.
Condobolin Bore Ground Water Supply	800ML	0ML	Currently inactive. High security non-transferable.
SRA Ground & Riverview Caravan Park	120ML	20.2 ML (meter read 30.06.2021)	General security, transferable. Remaining allocation was 18/19 carryover
Gum Bend Lake	491ML	1297 ML (meter read 30.06.2021)	General Security, transferable 70% allocation. 770ML transfer from Gibsonvale 100ML from CleanTeQ
Tullibigeal Non-potable Bore Ground Water	100ML	9.8ML	Local Water Utility. High security Non- transferable
TOTAL	5,253ML	2915.7ML	

Merri Abba Ground water allocations for the Lake Cargelligo Water Supply is typically 600ML. Due to over extraction in 2019/20, this was reduced to 491ML. The town usage was 568ML, which will result in a reduction in water allocation of 77ML in the FY21/22.

The utilising of the Lake Cargelligo Town Water Supply Surface Water Allocation was Nil, due to the urgent repairs of the UV skids in July-Sept 2020 and the low water quality in the Lake throughout the remainder of the year. Lake Surface Water allocations have and will be used this financial year to reduce the likelihood of further over extraction.

Council made application in June 2020 to the Natural Resource Access Regulator (NRAR) for an additional 250ML for the township of Lake Cargelligo and Tullibigeal, and a further 50ML for Industrial and Recreational purposes. Despite regular requests to NRAR and the DPIE for an update on the status of this application, the application remains ongoing.

Gum Bend Lake utilised 1,297ML for the FY20/21. Given the uncertainty of the water situation at the commencement of filling the lake, the wetter than average and cooler than average summer provided a welcome relief. Additionally, sufficient rainfall fell across the catchment to allow additional water allocation, which enabled the lake to be kept full for a longer duration of time.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Utility water allocations remain at 100%. This ensures that Lake Cargelligo, Tullibigeal and Condobolin water sources remain secure, subject to river flows being sufficient. The villages of Tottenham, Albert, Burcher and Fifield water availability is significantly improved with above average rainfall over the last 12 months, with all storages currently at capacity.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Council must adhere to the NSW Water Management Act 2000 and its regulations. This Act is used for the sustainable and integrated management of the state's water. The Water Management Act 2000 secures a sustainable basis for water management for NSW. Council staff are improving processes to ensure accurate and timely ordering of water and reporting of usage.

Water Management (General) Regulation 2018 was enacted 24 August 2018. This requires water meters to be upgraded to ensure improved water management and accurate extractions and reporting. The requirement for Council to install new pattern approved meters by 1 December 2021 has been extended until December 2022.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Council must continue to improve processes to ensure accurate and timely ordering of water and reporting of water usage to comply with the necessary Acts and regulations.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

The Gum Bend Lake Advisory Committee continue to meet quarterly.

Council is in communication with WaterNSW and DPIE staff as required.

OPTIONS

1. Council has the option of not temporarily transferring allocations between licences.
2. Council has the option of continuing to temporarily transfer allocations between licences for use on parks & gardens, sporting and recreational facilities, while ever there is water allocation available.

CONCLUSION

Council continues to transfers between its own water licences to minimise the loss of water allocation and to allow the continued operation of the water supply and recreation facilities.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Outcome 6.1 Increased recreational use of lakes and rivers

Outcome 6.4 Improved Parks and Gardens

Outcome 7.1 Water, Sewer and energy utilities meet best practise standards with up to date technology

Outcome 7.2 Water Security for all towns and villages.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Water Allocation Statement - Lachlan Valley August 2021** [↓](#)
2. **Water Allocation Statement - Opening Allocations July 2021** [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No R21/226 be received and noted.

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Water availability and allocation update



9 August 2021

Lachlan Regulated River Water Source

Water allocation update

General security entitlements have been allocated an additional 36% in the Lachlan regulated river water source, bringing the total cumulative allocation to 47% for this water year. All other entitlements, including conveyance, are fully allocated.

Recessions from higher than average rainfall throughout July have produced very high inflows into Wyangala Dam and downstream tributaries, totalling approximately 458 gigalitres (GL). To improve airspace in Wyangala Dam as a precaution against potential flooding, the pre-release of water has begun with the aim of ensuring a full storage when irrigation demand commences.

There is a good chance that the major Lachlan storages, including Wyangala Dam, will spill by the end of August 2021. When all storages are full and airspace releases continue to be required, a spill and reset of general security accounts and conveyance accounts, as well as a spill of high security spillable sub-accounts, will occur in accordance with the water sharing plan.

Translucent flows were triggered on 29 July and will continue until mid-August. Approximately 91 GL of translucent flows will be delivered over this period from tributary flows.

The Brewster and Wyangala Environmental Water Allowances (EWAs) were credited with 10 GL each at the start of the water year. About 5 GL was delivered to Willandra Creek during July 2021. A focus of environmental watering over the next 12-18 months will be the water levels in the Lake Brewster inflow wetland to establish a diverse aquatic plant community, waterbird and frog habitat. This will also assist long-term improvements in water quality for downstream water users.

General security water users are reminded that the Annual Use Limit that applies in this 2021-22 water year is a volume equivalent to 100% of their entitlement. This is the maximum amount that can be used in the 2021-22 water year, plus any up or down adjustments for trade. Note: that in the case of a system spill and an account reset, **the annual use limit is not reset**.

2021-22	High Security	General Security
Lachlan Regulated River Water Source	100%	47%

Storage levels (as at 6 August 2021)

- Wyangala Dam is 95% full – falling – holding around 1,162,000 megalitres (ML).
- Lake Cargelligo is 80% full – rising – holding around 31,000 ML.
- Lake Brewster is 31% full – rising – holding about 48,000 ML.

Wyangala Dam airspace operations and spills

The strategy to manage airspace in Wyangala Dam has been developed in line with rules in the water sharing plan. It aims to provide a good chance (at least 80%) of Wyangala Dam, Lake

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Brewster and Lake Cargelligo being full for when irrigation demand begins in October. Pre-releases from Wyangala Dam have begun and will be stored in Lake Cargelligo or Lake Brewster where possible. These releases are being carefully managed to not exceed the minor flood level at Forbes, Cottons Weir or Jemalong Weir, and to minimise impacts on communities and landholders. Dry conditions over the next week will enable higher releases from Wyangala Dam to be made to provide airspace, while not exceeding these minor flood levels.

Water users may check the Water Insights portal for any airspace operation updates: waterinsights.watarnsw.com.au/11983-lachlan-regulated-river/updates, and the NSW SES website for any flood updates and advice: www.ses.nsw.gov.au/

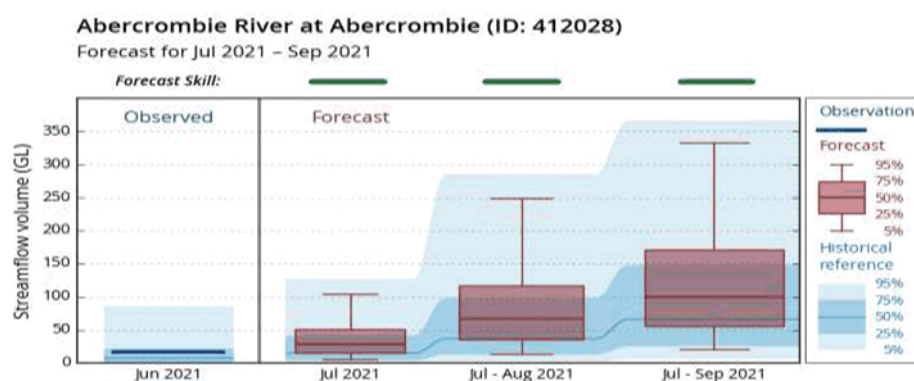
Water users are advised to note the following:

- All valid orders made in good faith prior to the account reset date will be honoured in full according to the accounting arrangements at the time the order was made, taking into consideration travel times to extraction points.
- If there is an account spill and reset, there will be no further reset in the following 6 months.
- An account reset will rarely deliver the maximum 136% allocation because it depends on the time of year of the reset and the future inflow sequence. An account reset now is unlikely to produce allocations higher than about 118%.
- The allocation from a reset will be based on the usual resource assessment at the time.

Seasonal climate and streamflow outlooks

The Bureau of Meteorology’s seasonal outlook for August to October indicates that rainfall is likely to be above average across the catchment. Daytime temperatures are likely to be below average and overnight temperatures are likely to be warmer than average. A negative Indian Ocean Dipole event is underway and is expected to persist until at least mid-spring. This increases the chance of above average winter-spring rainfall in the catchment.

The Bureau of Meteorology also issues a seasonal flow forecast for the Abercrombie River that drains into Wyangala Dam (see the figure below). This provides a forecast of potential storage inflows. Four out of five forecast flow references are much higher than the historical references for July to September, indicating the likelihood of higher than historical flows throughout these months.



Further details can be found at: www.bom.gov.au/water/ssf/?ref=fr#id=412028

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Lachlan resource assessment data sheet

Resource Distribution (August 2021 to May 2023)	Volume (GL)
Current and Future Resources ⁽¹⁾	1,452
<i>less</i>	
General Security account balance ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾	658
Conveyance	36
Planned Environmental Water ⁽²⁾	35
High Security ^{(3) (6)}	94
Towns, Stock, Domestic ⁽³⁾	40
Evaporation from storage ⁽⁴⁾	120
Essential Requirements and Losses ⁽⁵⁾	451
Inaccessible storage	18
<i>equals</i>	
Surplus (or deficit) ⁽⁸⁾	0

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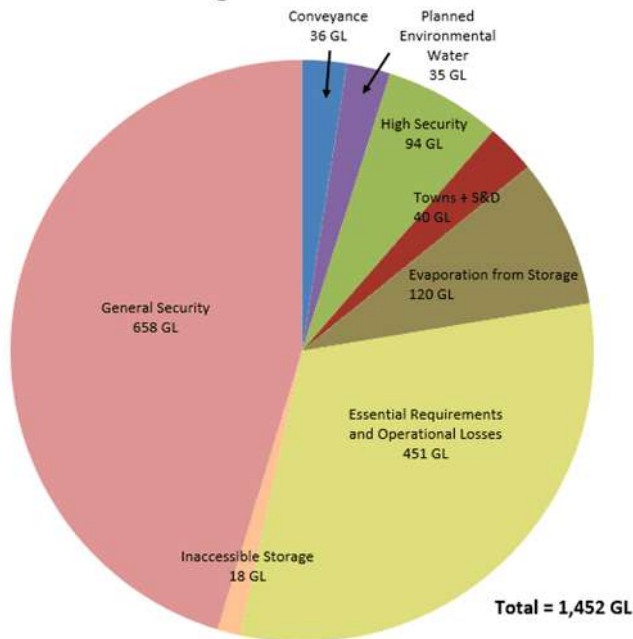
- (1) End of July 2021 storage volume in Wyangala Dam, Lake Cargelligo, and Lake Brewster, and the expected minimum inflows from August 2021 to May 2023.
- (2) Water allocated to the Water Quality Allowance and/or the Environmental Water Allowances (EWA). The volume represents the balance of the allocated volumes to WQA and EWAs. The Wyangala and Brewster EWAs have been allocated 10 GL each for the 2021/22 water year, with 5 GL of the Brewster EWA has been delivered throughout July 2021 bringing the balance to 15 GL. In addition, 10 GL each year is allocated to the WQA. 'Licence-based' environmental water is excluded from this category.
- (3) Towns, Stock, Domestic and High Security reserves are set aside to meet projected use of these users to 31 May 2023. Balances in high security accounts also include water traded in from general security licences, if any.
- (4) The evaporation volumes from all three storages are based on the forecast storage levels over the assessment period.
- (5) Essential requirements include basic rights and any replenishment deliveries required. The loss budget (transmission and operational) is based on the best estimate of the volume required to run the river under dry conditions through to May 2023. This mostly consists of natural transmission losses as water soaks into riverbed sands. The loss allowance is updated regularly.
- (6) This may include held environmental water (HEW) as shown in the pie chart. The reporting of HEW is indicative only, prior to reconciliation of usage and net trade, and is estimated 92 GL of GS entitlements are managed by agencies holding environmental water accounts. They include the NSW DPIE - Environment, Energy and Science (EES) and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH).
- (7) The GS account balance includes AWDs made this water year plus GS water carried over from the previous year.
- (8) All available water resources have been fully allocated with no surplus left. The system is secure to May 2023 and beyond with no deficit.

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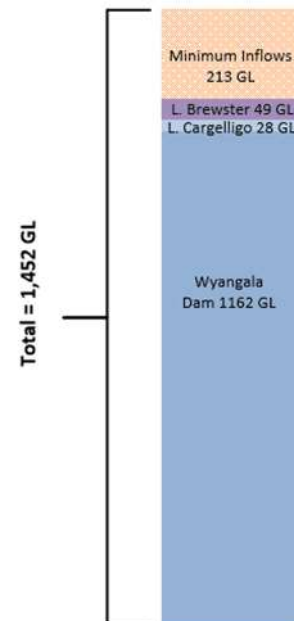
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Resource Distribution: August 2021
Lachlan Regulated River Water Source



Supply Source



Next announcement

The next routine water allocation announcement for the Lachlan Regulated River Water Source will be issued on **Wednesday 8 September 2021**.

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1 July 2021

Opening water allocations 2021-22

Regulated River water users

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment today announced opening water allocations for regulated river water users for the 2021-22 water year.

Drought recovery year 2020-21

A major improvement in water resources across the state has been observed since January 2021, with all regulated river systems having recovered from severe drought conditions experienced over the previous two water years. The total volume of water held in major NSW active storage has increased by nearly 30% from this time last year to 64% of full capacity. Some of the larger storages have improved by even more including Menindee Lakes, Burrendong and Keepit dams.

The 2020-21 water year could be characterised as drought-breaking. General security users on seven river systems commenced the year with no allocation, however; all but Belubula River water users had received some allocation by summer.

After dry conditions from about 2017, all river systems were returned to drought criticality Stage 1, meaning normal river operations. General security water users on the Lachlan, Macquarie and Lower Namoi rivers received their first allocation in 3 years in September 2020. By January 2021, Peel general security water users had received their first allocation since 2018.

It was only water users on the Belubula regulated river who received no allocation in 2020-21. However, they enjoyed access to uncontrolled flows for most of the year, due to regular rainfall and runoff events that could not be regulated within the Belubula system.

There was a significant volume of supplementary water available during the year from runoff events that could not be fully regulated, especially in the northern parts of the state. Supplementary access licence holders on Hunter regulated river saw a rare increase in allocation to 200%.

During May 2021 the Menindee Lakes system rose above the 640 gigalitres (GL) threshold and became a shared Murray resource with other states, in accordance with the Murray Darling Basin Agreement.

Opening allocations of 2021-22

All critical needs, including town water supplies, are secure for this 2021-22 water year. Full allocation has been made to all town supplies and domestic and stock water users.

Opening allocations (1 July) are mostly about ensuring licence categories that cannot carryover water from year to year, are provided with a new annual allocation. Resource assessments and allocations for general security water users will continue to their usual timetable, meaning that water allocation statements for respective regulated river water sources will be issued as scheduled in July, based on the end of June resource assessment.

The general security water users on all regulated coastal rivers, except on Bega-Brogo Rivers, are receiving maximum 100% allocation. Inland, the Upper Namoi and Lower Darling users are also receiving their maximum 100% allocation. General security water users have full access to unused account water carried over into the new water year, subject to relevant water sharing plan rules.

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Full allocation is provided to supplementary licence holders in all applicable river systems, except in the Gwydir (50%) and NSW Border Rivers (75%). The reduced allocation in these two systems results from the implementation of growth in use requirements under the relevant water sharing plan. Access to supplementary water is only available in periods of announced supplementary flow.

Water allocation statements for major inland regulated river systems are published and updated on the department's website at least monthly. The statements explain the latest information on the sharing of available resources.

Brief descriptions of allocations across major regulated rivers are provided below, followed by a table of the volumes in major storages and a summary of allocations for each licence category.

NSW Border Rivers regulated river

- All licence categories, except general security and supplementary, have received their maximum allocation.
- Water held in general security accounts is accrued on a continuous basis and has been carried forward in full. The maximum volume that may be held at any time is 1.0 megalitre (ML)/share.
- General security (A class) licence holders have received a 37% allocation.
- Allocation to General security (B class) will begin once A class has reached 100%.
- Supplementary licence holders have received a reduced allocation of 0.75 ML/share, resulting from the implementation of growth in use rules.
- Inflows up to 200 ML/day into Pindari will be passed during winter months in accordance with transparency flow rules in the water sharing plan.

Gwydir regulated river

- All licence categories, except general security and supplementary, have received their maximum allocation.
- Supplementary licence holders have received a reduced allocation of 0.5 ML/share, resulting from the implementation of growth in use rules.
- Water held in general security accounts accrue on a continuous basis and has been carried forward in full. The maximum volume that may be held at any time is 1.5 ML/share.
- The allocation for general security water users will be based on the end of June hydrographic data and will be provided in the next routine water allocation statement due on 7 July 2021.

Upper and Lower Namoi regulated rivers

- All higher priority licence categories have received their maximum (100%) allocation.
- General security licence holders in the Upper Namoi have received their maximum (100%) allocation.
- Supplementary licence holders have received their maximum (100%) allocation.
- Water held in Lower Namoi general security accounts are accrued on a continuous basis and has been carried forward in full. The maximum volume that may be held in Lower Namoi general security accounts at any time is 2 ML/share.
- The allocation for general security water users in the Lower Namoi will be based on the end of June hydrographic data and will be provided in the next routine water allocation statement due on 7 July 2021.

Peel regulated river

- All higher priority licence holders including domestic and stock, local water utilities, and high security water access categories, have received their maximum (100%) allocations.

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- General security licence holders have received 43% allocation, with commensurate volume allocated to Environmental Contingency Allowance.
- All categories of licence in this water source are accounted on an annual basis. The account balances have been forfeited at 30 June 2021.
- The next water allocation statement is due to be released on 9 July 2021.

Macquarie-Cudgegong regulated rivers

- All higher priority licence categories have received their maximum (100%) allocation.
- Supplementary licence holders have received their maximum (100%) allocation.
- The water carried over from 2020-21 water year by general security users, estimated to be about 404 gigalitres (64%), is fully deliverable.
- A maintenance outage of Burrendong Dam (main) penstock is in place to mid-July 2021.
- The account reset rule of any dam spilling event has been deferred until the end of August 2021. If necessary, this pause will allow affected water users to order water ahead of any forfeiture and reset operation.
- Allocation to general security accounts will be assessed and announced at the next routine water allocation statement due on Monday 12 July.

Lachlan regulated river

- All higher priority licence categories have received their maximum (100%) allocation.
- Conveyance licence holders have received 100% allocation.
- Wyangala and Brewster Environmental Water Allowances are fully allocated with 10 gigalitres each.
- Annual use limit for 2021-22 water year is 100% of entitlement.
- A maintenance outage of Wyangala Dam penstock is currently in place to mid-July 2021.
- The water carried over from 2020-21 water year by general security users, estimated to be about 408 gigalitres (69% of share component), is fully deliverable.
- Allocation to general security accounts will be assessed and announced at the next routine water allocation statement due on Thursday 8 July.

Belubula regulated river

- All higher priority licence categories have received maximum (100%) allocation.
- Supplementary licence holders have received maximum (100%) allocation.
- Water held in sub-accounts of general security licences has been carried forward, subject to the rules of the water sharing plan.
- An additional 3,100 megalitres of inflow into Carcoar Dam is required in July to secure all current commitments and high priority needs until June 2023, after which further inflow will assist an allocation to general security entitlement holders.
- Tributary inflows downstream of Carcoar Dam have been creating surplus flow conditions and meeting the end of system flow targets and water orders.
- Access to uncontrolled flows and supplementary take will continue to be made available while ever surplus flows persist.
- No significant release from Carcoar Dam is envisaged during winter and early spring.
- The next water allocation statement will be published in September 2021, or earlier if storage levels or stream flow conditions change significantly.

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Murrumbidgee regulated river

- All high priority licence holders including domestic and stock, local water utilities, and sub-category high security water access categories, have received their maximum (100%) allocations.
- High security license holders have received their full (95%) opening allocation.
- Water carried over from 2020-21 water year, estimated around 500 gigalitres (26%), is fully available.
- General security license holders are commencing with a 30% opening allocation.
- Conveyance licences have received an allocation in accordance with the water sharing plan and commensurate with the announced general security allocation.
- Supplementary access license holders (including Lowbidgee) have received their maximum (100%) allocation.
- Inter-valley trade is subject to the Murrumbidgee IVT account balance, which is currently showing that trade out of the valley is closed, but trade into the valley is allowed. Trade within the Murrumbidgee Valley is permitted in accordance with the water sharing plan.
- Regular fortnightly water allocation statements will commence on Thursday 15 July 2021.

NSW Murray regulated river

- All high priority licence holders including domestic and stock, local water utilities, and sub-category high security water access categories, have received their maximum (100%) allocations.
- High security license holders have received their full (97%) opening allocation.
- The water carried over from 2020-21 water year by general security users, estimated to be about 650 gigalitres (39%), is fully available.
- Conveyance licences have received an allocation in accordance with the water sharing plan and commensurate with the announced general security allocation.
- General security license holders are commencing with a 3% opening allocation.
- Supplementary licence holders have received maximum (100%) allocation.
- The NSW Barmah-Millewa Allowance, around 344 gigalitres, is fully borrowed to underpin the announced water allocations. Payback will commence when general security allocation reaches 30% of entitlement in accordance with the water sharing plan.
- Trade downstream across the Barmah choke opened on 1 July, but will close when the opening trade balance is exhausted. It will then only re-open to the extent of upstream (back) trades.
- Regular fortnightly water allocation statements will commence on Thursday 15 July 2021.

Lower Darling regulated river

- All water access licence categories including domestic and stock, local water utility, high security, general security and supplementary, have received their maximum (100%) allocation.
- The Menindee Lakes System became a shared resource with the Murray system in early May 2021, in accordance with the Murray Darling Basin Agreement. It will remain a shared Murray resource until total storage next falls below 480 gigalitres.
- Trade to and from the Lower Darling water source is open, as is trade within the Lower Darling water source.
- The Wentworth to Broken Hill pipeline is operational and supplying water to Broken Hill from the Murray River. Water availability for this is linked to the local water utility allocations in the NSW Murray.

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- Regular fortnightly water allocation statements will commence on Thursday 15 July 2021.

Bega-Brogo regulated river

- All higher priority licence categories have received maximum (100%) allocation.
- General security license holders have received 40% allocation. Note: the small storage capacity of Brogo Dam cannot support a full general security allocation at the start of the year.
- Supplementary licence holders have received their maximum allocation of 100%.
- The next water allocation statement will be published in August, or earlier if conditions or forecasts change significantly.

Hunter regulated river

- All higher priority licence categories have received maximum (100%) allocation.
- General security license holders have received maximum (100%) allocation.
- Environmental Water Allowance has been credited with 20 gigalitres.
- Supplementary licence holders have received full opening allocation of 100%.
- Unused water in applicable license categories has been carried forward from last water year, subject to allowable limits and maximum account balance rules.
- As water resources have been fully allocated for 2021-22, no further water allocation statement is envisaged unless the situation changes significantly.

Paterson and Richmond regulated rivers

- All higher priority licence categories have received maximum (100%) allocation.
- General security license holders have received maximum (100%) allocation.
- Supplementary licence holders have received maximum allocation (100%).
- All categories of licence in Richmond regulated river are accounted on an annual basis. The account balances have been forfeited at 30 June 2021.
- As the water resources has been fully allocated for 2021-22, no further water allocation statement is envisaged unless the situation changes significantly.

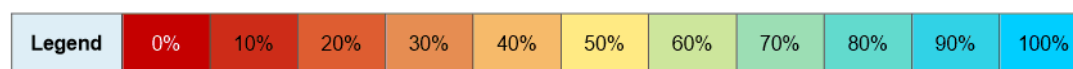
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NSW Storage Report - 24 June-2021

River Valley	Gross Capacity	Dead storage	Current Status (Active Volume)		Annual Change	Annual Volume Last Year (GL)	% full at same time last year
			%	GL			
Storage Dam	(GL)	(GL)			(GL)		
Lower Darling							
Menindee Lakes, Broken Hill	1,633	0	66%	1,083	603	480	29%
Murray Valley							
Dartmouth, Mitta Mitta (Vic)	3,856	80	65%	2,443	455	1,988	53%
Hume Dam, Albury	3,005	30	52%	1,550	484		36%
Murrumbidgee Valley							
Burrinjuck Dam, Yass	1,026	3	84%	860	419	441	43%
Blowering Dam, Tumut	1,628	24	94%	1,507	617	890	56%
Lachlan Valley							
Wyangala Dam, Cowra	1,217	1	72%	878	680	198	16%
Carcoar Dam, Carcoar	36	0	33%	12	6	6	17%
Macquarie Valley							
Burrendong Dam, Wellington	1,189	34	61%	699	403	296	26%
Windamere Dam, Mudgee	368	1	34%	125	25	100	27%
Namoi Valley							
Keepit Dam, Gunnedah	425	7	75.6%	316	249	67	16%
Split Rock Dam, Manilla	397	3	31%	120	99	21	5%
Chaffey Dam, Tamworth	100	2	74%	73	55	18	18%
Gwydir Valley							
Copeton Dam, Inverell	1,364	19	46%	617	421	196	15%
Border Rivers							
Glenlyon Dam, Stanthorpe (Qld)	254	0	54%	138	102	36	14%
Pindari Dam, Inverell	312	0	56%	174	135	39	13%
Hunter Valley							
Glenbawn Dam, Scone	750		59%	443	152	291	39%
Glennies Ck Dam, Singleton	283		58%	164	60	104	37%
Lostock Dam, Gresford	20		102%	20	0	20	102%
Coastal Area							
Toonumbar Dam, Kyogle	11		101%	11	4	7	68%
Brogo Dam, Bega	9		101%	9	1	8	95%
MDBA South Storages (Total)	8,494	204	60%	5,076	1,543	3,533	42%
Grand Total	17,883	204	64%	11,242	4,970	6,272	35%



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Water Sources	Categories	Amount
BEGA AND BROGO REGULATED RIVERS WATER SOURCE	DOMESTIC AND STOCK	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [DOMESTIC]	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [STOCK]	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	0.4 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY)	1 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY) [TOWN WATER SUPPLY]	100 %
	SUPPLEMENTARY WATER	1 ML/share
BELUBULA REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE	DOMESTIC AND STOCK	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [DOMESTIC]	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [STOCK]	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	0 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY)	1 ML/share
	SUPPLEMENTARY WATER	1 ML/share
BORDER RIVERS REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE	DOMESTIC AND STOCK	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [DOMESTIC]	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [STOCK]	100 %
	LOCAL WATER UTILITY	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY A)	0.37 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY B)	0 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY)	1 ML/share
	SUPPLEMENTARY WATER	0.75 ML/share
GWYDIR REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE	DOMESTIC AND STOCK	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [DOMESTIC]	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [STOCK]	100 %
	LOCAL WATER UTILITY	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	0 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY)	1 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY) [RESEARCH]	100 %
	SUPPLEMENTARY WATER	0.5 ML/share

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Water Sources	Categories	Amount
HUNTER REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE	DOMESTIC AND STOCK	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [DOMESTIC]	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [STOCK]	100 %
	LOCAL WATER UTILITY	100 %
	MAJOR UTILITY [POWER GENERATION]	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	1 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY)	1 ML/share
	SUPPLEMENTARY WATER	1 ML/share
LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE	DOMESTIC AND STOCK	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [DOMESTIC]	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [STOCK]	100 %
	LOCAL WATER UTILITY	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (CONVEYANCE)	1 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	0 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY)	1 ML/share
LOWER NAMOI REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE	DOMESTIC AND STOCK	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [DOMESTIC]	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [STOCK]	100 %
	LOCAL WATER UTILITY	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	0 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY)	1 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY) [RESEARCH]	100 %
LOWER-DARLING REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE	DOMESTIC AND STOCK	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [DOMESTIC]	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [STOCK]	100 %
	LOCAL WATER UTILITY	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	1 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY)	1 ML/share
	SUPPLEMENTARY WATER	1 ML/share
MACQUARIE AND CUDGEGONG REGULATED RIVERS WATER SOURCE	DOMESTIC AND STOCK	100 %

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Water Sources	Categories	Amount
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [DOMESTIC]	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [STOCK]	100 %
	LOCAL WATER UTILITY	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	0 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY)	1 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY) [RESEARCH]	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY) [TOWN WATER SUPPLY]	100 %
	SUPPLEMENTARY WATER	1 ML/share
MURRUMBIDGEE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE	COLEAMBALLY IRRIGATION (CONVEYANCE)	0.8585 ML/share
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [DOMESTIC]	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [STOCK]	100 %
	LOCAL WATER UTILITY	100 %
	MURRUMBIDGEE IRRIGATION (CONVEYANCE)	0.7315 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (CONVEYANCE)	0.3 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	0.3 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY)	0.95 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY) [ABORIGINAL CULTURAL]	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY) [COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION]	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY) [ENVIRONMENTAL]	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY) [RESEARCH]	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY) [TOWN WATER SUPPLY]	100 %
	SUPPLEMENTARY WATER	1 ML/share
	SUPPLEMENTARY WATER (LOWBIDGEE)	1 ML/share
NEW SOUTH WALES MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE	DOMESTIC AND STOCK	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [DOMESTIC]	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [STOCK]	100 %
	LOCAL WATER UTILITY	100 %
	LOCAL WATER UTILITY [DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL]	100 %

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Water Sources	Categories	Amount
	REGULATED RIVER (CONVEYANCE)	0.5116 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	0.03 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY)	0.97 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY) [COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION]	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY) [RESEARCH]	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY) [TOWN WATER SUPPLY]	100 %
	SUPPLEMENTARY WATER	1 ML/share
PATERSON REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE	DOMESTIC AND STOCK	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [DOMESTIC]	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [STOCK]	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	1 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY)	1 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY) [TOWN WATER SUPPLY]	100 %
	SUPPLEMENTARY WATER	1 ML/share
PEEL REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE	DOMESTIC AND STOCK	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [DOMESTIC]	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [STOCK]	100 %
	LOCAL WATER UTILITY	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	0.43 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY)	1 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY) [RESEARCH]	100 %
RICHMOND REGULATED WATER SOURCE	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [DOMESTIC]	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [STOCK]	100 %
	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	1 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY)	1 ML/share
UPPER NAMOI REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE	DOMESTIC AND STOCK	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [DOMESTIC]	100 %
	DOMESTIC AND STOCK [STOCK]	100 %
	LOCAL WATER UTILITY	100 %

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Water Sources	Categories	Amount
	REGULATED RIVER (GENERAL SECURITY)	1 ML/share
	REGULATED RIVER (HIGH SECURITY)	1 ML/share

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10.4 OFFICERS PARADE - WAIVE KERB & GUTTER CO-CONTRIBUTION POLICY

TRIM Number: R21/227

Author: Director Infrastructure Services

PURPOSE

Bring before Council a report on the Officers Parade Upgrade Project and for Council to consider whether to apply or waive the Kerb & Gutter co-contribution policy for this project.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

R18/719 – Council adopted a revised Policy for Contributions to the Cost of Kerb & gutter construction (INF012).

BACKGROUND

In November 2018, after a number of iterations – Council adopted a revised policy for contributions to the cost of Kerb & Gutter construction. This policy clarifies Lachlan Shire Council's implementation of Section 217 and 218 of the Roads Act 1993, and how Council will apply this section of the Act so as to establish a fair and equitable procedure to charge property owners for not more than half of the cost of the Kerb & Gutter, without unfairly burdening the property owner.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Council has been successful in obtaining a \$600k grant for the Officers Parade Upgrade Project under the Fixing Local Roads grant program. This funding will be supported by \$400k from the Roads to Recovery funding stream.



This Project will:-

- reconstruct approx. 460m of the road between 30 Officers Parade to 64 Officers Parade,
- 17 stormwater inlets and pits and
- 465m pipes along currently undrained road,
- 800m footpath and
- 440m of kerb & gutter.

The matter of Kerb & Gutter co-contribution is being brought before Council to consider whether it is appropriate to apply the policy in this situation, given that the works are funded externally through grant funding streams. Or whether to apply the policy as adopted by Council for consistency and equity across Kerb & Gutter projects.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The construction cost estimate of the kerb and gutter portion of this project totals \$69,750. That is \$150 per linear metre. That is 7% of the total project budget.

In applying Council’s co-contribution policy of up to 50% of the cost of Kerb & Gutter, with a maximum frontage of 50m to be charged, and 25% for corner blocks, the total sum of co-contribution that could potentially be charged to adjacent property owners is \$29,214. The following table shows how the charges could be apportioned.

Street number	Length of street frontage (m)	Length of Street frontage to be charged (m)	Total of Co-contribution (50% of actual cost)
32	73	50	\$3,750
34	34	34	\$2,550
38	14	14	\$1,050
40	42	42	\$3,150
42	40	40	\$3,000
44	91	50	\$3,750
48	60	50	\$3,750
50	5.9	5.9	\$443
52	11	11	\$825
54-56	7	6.9	\$519
58	16	16	\$1,200
60	16	16	\$1,200
62	17	16.7	\$1,253
64	37	37	\$2,775
Total sum of co-contribution			\$29,214

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993

Roads Act 1993 - 217 Roads authority may recover cost of paving, kerbing and guttering footways

“(1) The owner of land adjoining a public road is liable to contribute to the cost incurred by a roads authority in constructing or paving any kerb, gutter or footway along the side of the public road adjacent to the land.”

It could be argued that if Council uses grant funding to construct the Kerb & Gutter, then the cost is not actually being incurred by Council (the Roads Authority), rather the cost is being incurred against the grant. Therefore there may be some uncertainty regarding the legality of charging a co-contribution for Kerb & Gutter using external grant funding. It may be that the co-contribution is only able to be applied when Council is funding the works through Council’s own funds/revenue. If this is deemed to be the case, then one method to overcome this could be to utilise the unallocated Capital K&G budget to fund the K&G portion of the project, and the Roads 2 Recovery budget be reallocated to an alternative project.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There is a reputational risk to Council given that this provision within the Road Act is not widely known by the public, and can be an unpopular section of legislation when it is applied.

There could be the potential for reputational risk to Council by not applying this policy to this project, given the location of the works on Officers Parade, the proximity of Council staff housing and a perceived benefit for neighbours to Council staff.

Not applying this Policy could potentially set an undesirable precedent for other projects where a Kerb & Gutter co-contribution may be applicable. This may create a situation where future Kerb &

Gutter projects are jeopardised or protested by land owners insisting that grant funding be utilised to construct the project.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Council has installed project signage to allow for the initial works to commence.

Council has issued a media release and letter box drop advising of the first part of this project, which is the footpath reconstruction along Busby Street, Innes Street and Officers Parade.

This project is included in Council's Delivery and Operational Plan (page 110), however, there is no explicit discussion or commentary around a co-contribution for the Kerb & Guttering component of the project.

Informal stakeholder discussions have been held with various residents' since 2017. This was in responding to their concerns about and providing updates around solutions to the drainage, road condition and access issues along this section of Officers Parade. The stakeholder engagement has not included all residents, therefore has not been extensive, and the discussions have not extensively discussed the possibility of a co-contribution for Kerb & Gutter.

OPTIONS

1. Council resolve to not apply the co-contribution policy for Kerb & Gutter for the Officers Parade project, given that this project is externally grant funded.
2. Council resolve to implement the co-contribution policy for Kerb & Gutter for the Officers Parade project. Council notify the residents of the intention to commence works – providing the necessary 3 months' notice prior to the construction of the Kerb & Gutter.
3. Council resolve to implement the co-contribution policy for Kerb & Gutter for the Officers Parade project, make the necessary budget adjustments to ensure the works are Council funded. Council notify the residents of the intention to commence works – providing the necessary 3 months' notice prior to the construction of the Kerb & Gutter.

CONCLUSION

Council been updated on the Officers Parade Upgrade Project and presented with the options regarding the implementation of the Kerb & Gutter co-contribution policy.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP 3.2 Improved Pedestrian and cycle paths

CSP 4.2 Strong effective and Responsive Council

CSP 7.3 Adequate Town Drainage

Policy - Contributions to Cost of Kerb & Gutter Construction - INF012

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That

1. Council receive and note the Director Infrastructure Services Report no R21/227.
2. Council resolve not to apply the policy for contributions to the cost of Kerb & Gutter construction to the Officers Parade Upgrade Project, as this project is 100% externally grant funded.

10.5 LAKE CARGELLIGO SWIMMING POOL - PROPOSED CHANGE OF OPERATING HOURS

TRIM Number: R21/228

Author: Director Infrastructure Services

PURPOSE

Present to Council a proposed change in operating hours to the Lake Cargelligo Swimming Pool.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Attachment 1 – Leisure and Recreation Group Letter requesting hours of change

Attachment 2 – Leisure and Recreation Group Stakeholder Survey results

BACKGROUND

Leisure and Recreation Group are currently operating the Lake Cargelligo Pool under a 3 year contract - they are 13 months through this contract. They have now been operating the Pool consecutively for 7 years in total. The Contract states the hours of operation for the Pool in Clause 4.6.

4.6 Hours of Operation

The Contractor shall keep the pool open for use of the general public each day of the season during the core hours of:

- a) on Sundays and Public Holidays
 - i. during time of daylight savings from 10.30 am to 7.30 pm;
 - ii. at other times from 10.30 am to 6.30 pm.
- b) on Fridays and Saturdays
 - i. during time of daylight savings from 10.30 am to 8.00 pm;
 - ii. at other times from 10.30 am to 6.30 pm.
- c) on other days
 - i. during time of daylight savings from 6.30 am to 8.00 am then from 11.00 am to 7.30 pm;
 - ii. at other times from 6.30am to 8.00am then from 11.00 am to 6.30 pm;
 - iii. at necessary times for the conduct of Learn to Swim Campaigns, carnivals or other functions approved by Council.
- d) evenings
 - i. core times will be extended on days where temperatures are at or more than 35°C at 6pm, as mutually agreed to with Councils representative; the Director Infrastructure Services.

The facility shall not be open to the public during Christmas Day.

Provided that the Contractor can at their discretion keep the pool open outside the core hours for the use of the public for as long as they shall think necessary.

Further, provided that the pool may be closed during core hours only with the prior permission of Council's General Manager or Director Infrastructure Services or Manager Recreation, and such permission will not be unreasonably withheld particularly in relation to inclement weather. Provided the pool shall be kept open at all other times.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

The Operator has noticed a relatively low utilisation of the facility in the mornings during the “fringe” swimming months of October, November and March, and higher numbers in the evenings in the hotter months of December, January and March.

Leisure and Recreation Group believe that it would serve the community needs more effectively if the hours of operations were reduced during the fringe months and increased during the hotter months. Their proposal is outlined in Attachment 1.

The survey of 60 pool users conducted in November last year indicated 80% support for the proposal, with 20% against. Survey results and comments are all listed in Attachment 2.

The proposal would yield a net increase in total hours that the pool would be open throughout the year.

The survey was conducted prior to the installation of the pool heating system which is currently being installed. This pool heating system will be a solar thermal system and will increase the temperature of the pool by a couple of degrees.

This request does not apply to either Condobolin or Tottenham Pools as their situations and hours of operation are different.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The proposal will not alter the Contractor costs and will not significantly change the cost to Council to operate the facility.

The proposed reduction in hours of operation in October, November and March will be outweighed by the increase in hours during December, January and February.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Contract can be varied upon mutual agreement of parties. The Contract does permit variations by approval of the General Manger or Director. However, this was brought before Council to consider given that it is such an important public facility.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There is reputational risk to Council in altering the hours of operation, as there may be a vocal minority who object to the change.

The slight warming of the pool temperature could increase the number of morning swimmers.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Survey results attached to this report.

OPTIONS

- 1) Decline the request to alter the hours of operation.
- 2) Initially decline the request, monitor the number of morning swimmers and record if the warming of the pool has a marked impact on the number of morning swimmers.
- 3) Accept the request to alter the hours of operation.

CONCLUSION

Council has been presented with a proposal to alter the hours of operation for the Lake Cargelligo Pool.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

5.4.1 Management of Swimming Pools – 100% compliance with swimming Pool regulations

6.2.3 Provide Swimming Pools in each main town – Effectively operate and maintain pools in each main town

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Leisure and Recreation Group - Letter requesting change of hours** [↓](#)
2. **Leisure and Recreation Group Stakeholder Survey** [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No R21/228 be received and noted.
2. Council accept the proposal from Leisure and Recreation Group to vary the hours of operation of the Lake Cargelligo Swimming Pool on the condition they publicly advertise the change of hours and the net benefit the community will receive.



Dear Adrian

After reviewing the responses to our survey we feel that the community would support a change of operating hours.

Operating Hours Summary

CURRENT HOURS		PROPOSED HOURS	
Monday - Friday	730am - 9am 11am - 7pm Weekly 47.5hrs	Monday - Friday	October, November & March 10am - 7pm 45hrs December, January , February 630am - 8am (Mon,Wed,Fri) 10am - 8pm 54.5hrs Weekly 49.75hrs
Weekends & Public Holidays	10am - 7pm Avg 18 hrs	Weekends & Public Holidays	Oct,Nov, March 10am-7pm 18hrs Dec,Jan, Feb 10am - 8pm 20 hrs Avg 19 hrs
Weekly Hours	Avg 65.5	Weekly Hours	Avg 68.75 hrs

Leisure and Recreation Group ©



We would like to offer longer hours including early morning lap swimming during the peak swimming period of Dec, Jan & Feb then reduce the hours for the colder months of Oct, Nov & March.

Benefits Of New hours:

- Under the new proposed hours the community would average a extra 3 hrs a week of operations across the season
- Extend hours during the peak swimming period Dec, Jan & Feb

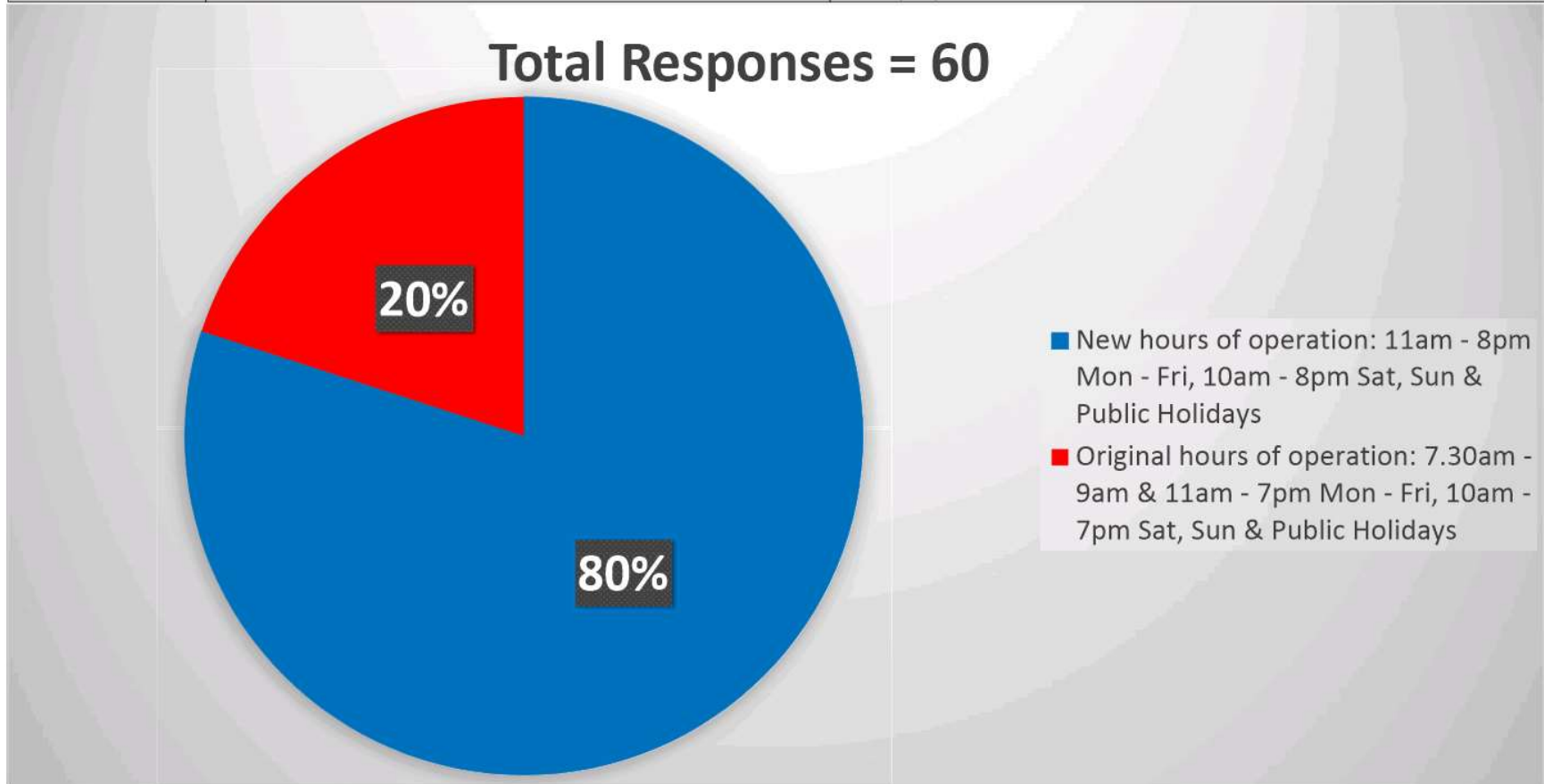
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angus Westaway', is positioned above the printed name.

Angus Westaway
General Manager

Timestamp	Hours Of Operation Change Vote	Comments
2020/11/25 11:45:36 am GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/25 11:47:31 am GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/25 11:50:01 am GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/25 11:56:22 am GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/25 12:19:41 pm GMT+11	Original hours of operation: 7.30am - 9am & 11am - 7pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 7pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	Wait until it heats up a bit before you change the hours
2020/11/25 12:24:56 pm GMT+11	Original hours of operation: 7.30am - 9am & 11am - 7pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 7pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	7am would be good if enough interested
2020/11/25 12:33:43 pm GMT+11	Original hours of operation: 7.30am - 9am & 11am - 7pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 7pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	Needs to be earlier than 7:30 for before work swimming
2020/11/25 12:56:20 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/25 2:04:23 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/25 4:29:03 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/25 4:34:58 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/25 4:56:41 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	I like the later hours especially when it gets hot
2020/11/25 5:53:12 pm GMT+11	Original hours of operation: 7.30am - 9am & 11am - 7pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 7pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	Now that harvest is wrapping up there might be more morning swimmers!
2020/11/25 7:01:59 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	Gets more use in the later times
2020/11/25 8:30:04 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/25 8:42:23 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/25 10:26:42 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/26 5:59:47 am GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/26 9:29:44 am GMT+11	Original hours of operation: 7.30am - 9am & 11am - 7pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 7pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/26 10:33:10 pm GMT+11	Original hours of operation: 7.30am - 9am & 11am - 7pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 7pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	I know at the moment not many people are swimming laps in the mornings, but give it a few weeks over the holiday break and squad normally changes to 8am due to the afternoon heat.
2020/11/27 8:54:20 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	Happy with what ever suits the manager
2020/11/28 6:14:29 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/29 8:48:26 am GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/30 1:05:10 pm GMT+11	Original hours of operation: 7.30am - 9am & 11am - 7pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 7pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/30 1:07:05 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/30 1:13:59 pm GMT+11	Original hours of operation: 7.30am - 9am & 11am - 7pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 7pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	Our summers can be very hot so personally I would like pool to be open from 8 am through to 7 pm at night. 11 am on over 40 degree days exposes you to sunburn, even with sunscreen on.
2020/11/30 1:17:58 pm GMT+11	Original hours of operation: 7.30am - 9am & 11am - 7pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 7pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/30 1:20:03 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/30 1:21:18 pm GMT+11	Original hours of operation: 7.30am - 9am & 11am - 7pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 7pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	Iâ€™d like to see it open well prior to 11am without the break in the middle of the day!
2020/11/30 1:29:25 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/30 1:43:54 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/30 1:44:16 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/30 1:50:54 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/30 2:09:25 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	It would be great to be able to swim later in the evening with less chance of sunburn for my family especially my daughter who has Albanism
2020/11/30 2:17:57 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/30 2:36:21 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/30 2:42:14 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/30 2:48:27 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/30 2:55:42 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/30 3:28:57 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/30 3:32:17 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	
2020/11/30 3:37:31 pm GMT+11	New hours of operation: 11am - 8pm Mon - Fri, 10am - 8pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays	Maybe open early 1 or 2 mornings a week if the numbers are there for the early morning swimmers.
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10.6 FY2122 - URBAN WORKS REPORT UPDATE FOR JULY

TRIM Number: R21/234

Author: Manager - Urban Works

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update of the capital improvements in the Urban Works Section. The items listed are for works undertaken in July, in progress for the month of August and forecast for the month of September 2021.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil

BACKGROUND

Council has adopted the 2021/22 budget and associated Delivery and Operational Plans. This report provides updates on the delivery of the Urban Works/Recreation section’s program, with some overlap with roads, utilities, tourism and buildings where required.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

The Covid-19 situation continues to have an impact on service delivery. Council staff are continuing with priority works and delaying less critical works – especially where contractors are involved external to the Lachlan LGA. Some materials and manufactured goods are becoming increasingly difficult to secure in a timely manner. Council staff are liaising with stakeholders and grant bodies regarding possible impacts.

Works Completed in July

Tourism Precinct – stage 3. BBRF	Irrigation design continues. Water and sewer main design under review by Manager Utilities. Levels confirmed to allow Heavy Vehicle parking construction.
SRA – Netball Courts LED Lighting	RFQ sent to prospective contractors.
Condobolin Cemetery	Row and Section markers installation underway.
Condobolin Toddler Pool Filtration	Underground service location and site works commenced. Demolition of existing pool features and surface complete. Leak sealing of Large pool to be investigated with contractor
Lake Cargelligo Toddler Pool resurfacing	Works pushed back 1 week and will now commence in early August. It is still expected they will be completed within 3 weeks. Works to be co-ordinated with the Amenities construction to ensure Contractors do not interfere with each other.
Bridge Street Drainage	Works commenced 5 July. Excavation complete, base slab installed, crowns installed, backfilled and access restored to business and residents. Final Insitu works remain barricaded while curing. Works to be sealed in Oct.
Lake Cargelligo irrigation stage 3 – Liberty Park	Aquawest commenced work in late July, with construction occurring in stages to minimise disruption.
Lake Cargelligo Walkway stage 3	Relief drainage at low point to be installed when weather permits. Signage remains to be installed.

Apex Park Pontoon and foreshore improvements	Manufacture of pontoon is underway and installation earmarked for September. Manufacturer is in a Covid-19 impacted area, so delays are possible. Procurement underway for foreshore beautification. Crown Lands awaiting licence approval. Fisheries approval received.
Lake Cargelligo Recreation Ground play equipment	Shade sail footings installed. Preparations underway to install equipment.
Tottenham Tennis court upgrade	Contractor and tennis club advised of outcome of Council meeting. Works programmed for October.
Tottenham Toddler Pool Filtration	Plant room fit out including electrical, pump, chemical and control system. Pool Inlet and outlet works underway. Commissioning and testing underway.
Tullibigeal AFL/Netball Storage shed	Shed Kit delivery has been pushed back into August 24 due to COVID-19 issue in Orange in early July. Concrete slab has been installed and the contractor to build the shed has been appointed.
Tullibigeal Gymkhana Fencing.	Fence panels, gates and sand to be purchased and delivered to the site, discussions with committee to organise volunteer works to be undertaken. Committee has stated that the area is too wet to begin works and are waiting until the area dries out.

Works Underway in August

Tourism Precinct – stage 3. BBRF	RFQ to be issued to prospective irrigation installers. Dog exercise and play area procurement underway.
SRA – Netball Courts LED Lighting	Quotes received and contractor appointed.
SRA – irrigation stage 3 – Soccer/Jnr Cricket	Contract awarded to Aquawest. Works were programmed to begin after the Soccer season, however this work has been delayed as Aquawest is a Dubbo based contractor.
Wellington Square Irrigation	Designs have been completed. Budget revote will be required prior to conducting RFQ and site works.
Condobolin Pool Filtration	Balance tank and pipework installation underway. Water features to be installed, resurfacing to commence. Completion is due mid-September.
Lake Cargelligo Toddler Pool resurfacing	Works progressing and will be co-ordinated with the Amenities construction to ensure Contractors do not interfere with each other. Works to be completed by late August.
Lake Cargelligo irrigation stage 3 – Liberty Park	Aquawest have completed the installation of all infrastructure for the whole of the Liberty Park and Bicentennial Park foreshore area. COVID-19 is preventing the commissioning of the irrigation system, and final site clean-up.
Apex Park Pontoon	Manufacture of pontoon is underway and installation earmarked for September. Manufacturer is in a COVID-19 impacted area, so delays are likely. Procurement underway for foreshore beautification. Crown licence for construction is expected.
Lake Cargelligo Recreation Ground play equipment	Installation of shade structure was programmed to start in mid-August however, now delayed due to COVID-19.
Tottenham Toddler Pool Filtration	Pool Inlet and outlet works completed. System tested and commissioned. Concourse repairs and site remediation underway.

Tullibigeal AFL/Netball Storage shed	Concrete slab has been constructed, still awaiting delivery of the kit shed.
Tullibigeal Racecourse Skillion	Designs have been assessed and the builder is in discussions with club representatives to ensure full design is captured.
Tullibigeal Gymkhana Fencing.	Fence panels and gates purchased, sand delivered now awaiting for the Gymkhana club volunteers to construct the Gymkhana fields. Committee has stated that the area is too wet to begin works and are waiting until the area dries out.

Works scheduled in September

Tourism Precinct – stage 3. BBRF	Irrigation installer to be confirmed. Dog exercise and play area equipment to be ordered.
SRA – Netball Courts LED Lighting	Contractor appointed and supplies to be ordered. It is possible that works could begin – dependant on COVID-19.
Condobolin Cemetery	Completion of installation of Row and Section markers
Condobolin Pool Filtration	Site works underway. Balance tank and pipework to be finalised. Water features to be installed, resurfacing to complete. System to be tested and commissioned. Completion is due mid-September.
Apex Park Pontoon	COVID-19 pending.
Tullibigeal AFL/Netball Storage shed	Installation to be completed – dependent on delivery of shed kit
Tullibigeal Racecourse Skillion	Installation to be completed – dependent on delivery of skillion kit
Tullibigeal Gymkhana Fencing.	Installation to be completed by the Gymkhana club volunteers dependent on weather

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Project	Budget	Funding Source	Expenditure To Date	Forecast Expenditure	Comments
Tourism Precinct Stage 3	\$600k	BBRF 4 SCCF2	\$222k	\$600k	Budget is on track
Condobolin Cemetery Row Markers	\$26k	Capital Works	\$14k	\$26k	On Budget
Condobolin Toddler Pool Filtration	\$239k	Capital Works LRCI	\$30k	\$239k	On Budget
Lake Cargelligo pool resurfacing	\$90k	Capital Works LRCI	\$0k	\$82k	On Budget
Lake Cargelligo Foreshore Walkway stage 3	\$379k	Active Transport LRCI	\$293k	\$310k	Under Budget
Bridge Street Drainage	\$325k	LRCI, Stormwater reserve	\$325k	\$325k	Complete
Apex Park pontoon	\$200k	Boating now	\$130k	\$200k	Budget is on track
Tottenham tennis court refurbishment	\$83k	LRCI	\$30k	\$83k	Budget increased at June Council meeting.
Tottenham Toddler Pool Filtration	\$203k	Capital Works LRCI	\$142k	\$203k	On Budget
Tullibigeal AFL/Netball Storage shed	\$25k	LRCI	\$20k	\$25k	On Budget.
Tullibigeal Racecourse Skillion	\$20k	LRCI	\$0k	\$20k	On Budget.
Tullibigeal Gymkhana Fencing.	\$15k	LRCI	\$13k	\$15k	On Budget.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK IMPLICATIONS

1. Project management and financial controls are in place to manage time and budget risks. Manager Urban Works is working towards achieving full project delivery on time and in budget for all allocated projects. Some projects may be cancelled if the budget is not revoked.
2. COVID-19 is impacting the timelines of all projects and we are reliant on the information coming from the State Government, which will decide on the scheduling, programming and completion of many projects.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

- Council staff are seeking to engage with specific stakeholders on each project, in accordance with Council's community consultation policy.
- Gum Bend Lake Committee continue to be updated on activities around the lake and have been consulted regarding an application for funding through the Regional Tourism Activation Fund for the continuation of the walkway.
- Swimming Pool operators have been consulted and provided the opportunity to comment on the concept design for toddler pool filtration separation.
- Tottenham Tennis Club discussions continue to progress lighting works.
- Tullibigeal Racecourse Skillion, discussions have been undertaken with the builder and representatives of the Race Club regarding the construction of a skillion roof that will service both the Tullibigeal Race Club and the Gymkhana Club. The AFL committee has been advised that the concrete slab construction has been completed.
- Council's communications officer has been keeping the Lake Cargelligo community updated on the progress of the irrigation project, so they have the best information on a regular basis.

OPTIONS

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

CONCLUSION

This report updates Council on the capital improvements undertaken by the recreation section in July, in progress for August and forecast work for September 2021.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

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

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R21/234 be received and noted.

10.7 REQUEST TO TRANSFER A CROWN ROAD - NEAR TO NORTH FORBES ROAD

TRIM Number: R21/235

Author: Manager - Roads

PURPOSE

To update Council or communication with affected land owners regarding a request for Council to take over the ownership of a Crown road, and construct an improved property access road.

To seek a Council Resolution on a request for Council to close a section of public road of unknown status.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Report to Council R21/118 – May meeting

Report to Council R21/172 – June meeting

BACKGROUND

Mr Damien and Mrs Fiona Doyle have requested Council assume the ownership of a Crown Road which partially provides property access for three properties from North Forbes Road, near Goobang Creek. The properties are; Lot 13 & Lot 12 DP1053434 and Lot 47 DP752125, as shown in Attachment 1.

In addition Mr and Mrs Doyle have separately requested Council close a section of “road” which only provides access to their property, Lot 13. The status of this road is uncertain however the deposited plan registered for the creation of their property shows the road as public road, shown in red in Attachment 1. Crown Lands have indicated it is not a Crown Road. The road has not been dedicated as road, nor gazetted as a road or adopted by Council.

Resolution R2021/109 – May 2021 Council defer the motion to the June Council meeting to allow consultation with residents affected by the motion, making a 50% contribution to the cost of the work.

Resolution R2021/149 – June 2021 Council carried a motion to decline the application for Council to take over the Crown road.

Resolution R2021/144 – July 2021 Council carried a rescission motion for the June 2021 resolution and requested a further report to Council.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

The below table summarises the correspondence with the affected land owners. Responses to the question of a contribution were based on the value being \$4,500 each (which is a 5 way spilt of 50% of the estimated cost)

Owner	Comment
Dylan Hoe	Phone conversation 21 June. Recently purchased the land. In partnership with Derick and Kim Hoe. Not supportive of making a contribution towards the road upgrade as they will not receive a benefit. Very opposed to the possibility of fencing the road corridor, as this would restrict their stock access to the creek for water. Dylan does not reside on the property and does not want to lose the reliability of this water source.
Kim Hoe	Phone conversation 21 June. In partnership with Dylan. And support of everything that Dylan said.

	They don't live on the property and won't receive a benefit, therefore, not willing to make a contribution to the road upgrade. Very opposed to the possibility of fencing the road corridor.
Ashley Bremner	Phone conversation 21 June. Not supportive of making a contribution, as they access their property intermittently.
Simon and Kate Smith	Phone conversation 21 June Supportive of making a contribution to improve the road. They understand that fencing the road would not be supported by the adjoining land owners.
Fiona Doyle	Personal conversation at Counter 22 nd July More than happy to make a contribution towards the upgrade of the road.

As only two property owners have indicated a willingness to contribute Council should consider if those two property owners should pay all of the 50% contribution (i.e. estimated \$11,250 each) as they are the main beneficiaries of the upgrade.

It remains a recommendation that if Council is considering assuming the responsibility of the Crown Road that stock be excluded from this corridor due to the negative impact the stock will have on the road. Council should consider how the water/creek access issue should be resolved for Mr and Mrs Hoe. Council should also consider removing the stock grid from the road corridor as it is in average/poor condition.

There are a number of other examples in the shire where;

- Separate blocks of land which only have access to a crown road. Often these are owned by property owners who have multiple blocks of adjacent land some of which do have access to a council road but this is not always the case.
- Crown road where Council formally taken over as a council road – SR 250 Hadleigh Downs Road, was previously given as an example.
- Crown road where Council has informally taken over responsibility of the road by nature of the road construction works – SR 1187 Palesthan Road – the first 5 km off MR 461 Henry Parkes Way is still shown on Council's mapping system as being a crown road. There are several others, these may be errors in the system but some are likely to be a case of the formal notification process not being completed.
- Council roads where Council does little or no maintenance – generally these do not serve multiple blocks of land, therefore the adjoining property owners do not raise a concern.

These examples do not assist the current request but give an indication that any decision on this request could result in a precedent which will have to be considered in future Council decisions.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The estimate for constructing a full gravel road, 1.1 km in length, in this location is \$45,000.

Maintenance costs would be of the order of \$1,000/year but could be higher if the road was not fenced. There is no allowance in current budgets for these additional costs.

The road is within a flood plain – there could be additional maintenance costs incurred throughout the life of this asset, as it will be negatively impacted by flooding.

The financial cost associated with the road closure is limited to administrative time, advertisements and a \$476.90 application fees. These cost could be recovered from the applicant.

Quotes for the cost of the fencing have not been obtained, as this is not supported by the land owners. Indicative costs would be around \$6000. Section 25 of the Dividing Fences Act 1991 releases the Roads Authority (Council) from the liability of contributing to the cost of fencing a road boundary.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Roads Act 1993 (particularly Sections 33-38) and Roads Regulations 2008.

Dividing Fences Act 1991.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

If the Council was to take over maintenance of the Crown road Council would carry the normal risk that it has for any other road. If the road was not fenced there would be an increased risk of damage to the road from stock on the adjoining land. If the road was fenced, there would be water access issues for the land owners and their farming operations. There is also the issue of the stock grid at the start of the crown road. This is a single lane grid in average/poor condition. If the road is fenced the grid could be removed but if the road remains unfenced the grid could become a liability for Council if the road becomes a Council road.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Discussions were held with each land holder via phone conversation and/or in person in June. No further discussions have taken place since this time.

OPTIONS

There are four main options for Council to consider regarding the Crown Road

1. Agree to the applicants request and take over the Crown road, to upgrade and maintain as a Public road. With the Council bearing the entire cost of upgrade and continued maintenance. The upgrade could include a requirement to fence the road and remove the stock grid. This option will require a capital budget allocation as there is no provision for this work in the existing budget and the activity cannot be funded from the current maintenance budget allocation without a QBR adjust. Agree to the applicants request to take over the Crown road, but require the willing applicants to meet part or all of the cost of upgrading the road and then Council maintain the road as a Shire road. The upgrade could include a requirement to fence the road and remove the stock grid. This option will require a capital budget allocation as there is no provision for this work in the existing budget and the activity cannot be funded from the current maintenance budget allocation without a QBR adjust.
2. Stipulate that the applicants construct the road to the minimum standard at their cost. Upon successful completion of this, Council agree to take over and continue to maintain the road. The upgrade could include a requirement to fence the road and remove the stock grid.
3. Decline the application to assume responsibility for the crown road.

There are three main options for Council to consider regarding the unnamed road. The decision for this section of road should be guided by the decision for the Crown Road.

4. Agree to the applicants request to close the road, and commence the process with the DPIE Crown Lands, with a view to the applicant purchasing the land.
5. Council accept the public road as a council asset, add the asset to Council's maintenance schedule, embark on the process to gazette and name the road as a Public Council road.
6. Decline the application.

CONCLUSION

Although the applicants are ratepayers they purchased the property under the current access arrangements, i.e. via an unformed Crown road. They may not have understood the implications of the road status at the time of purchase, however, they should have been aware of the condition of

the road and taken that into account with regards to price paid for the purchase of the property. As such Council should consider if it is appropriate that other ratepayers now fund the improvements to the Crown road when the property owners were aware of the road condition at time of property purchase.

The closure of the unnamed road that provides access to Lot 13 DP 1053434 would not adversely impact Council operations and could provide clarity around the status of the road and give certainty to the land owners

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

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

Transport Asset Management Plan

ATTACHMENTS

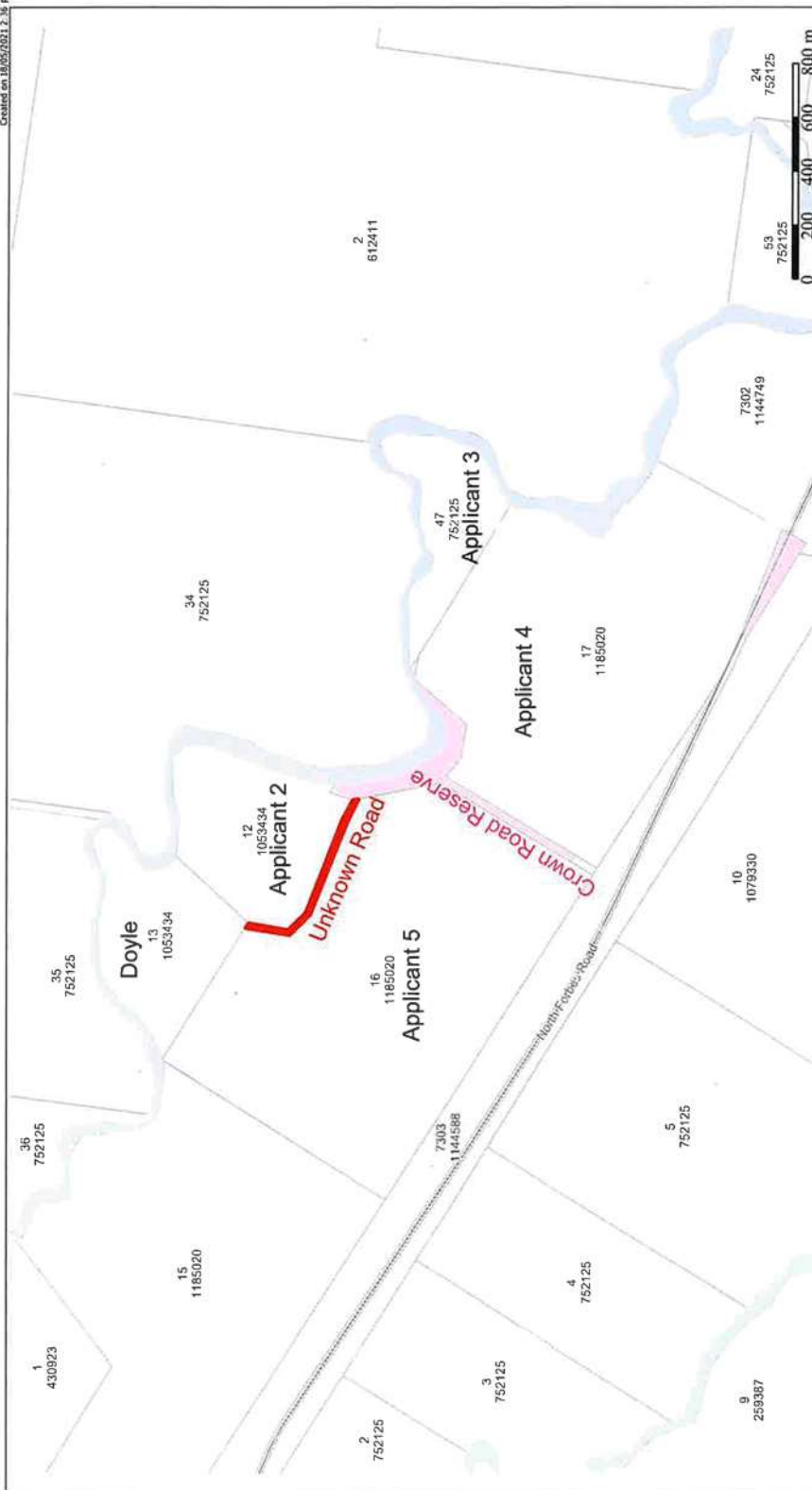
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RECOMMENDATION

That

1. The Director Infrastructure Services Report No. R21/235 be received and noted.
2. The application for Council to take over the Crown road off North Forbes Road to upgrade and maintain be declined.
3. Council consents to the closure of the unnamed section of public road linking lot 13 DP1053434 to the Crown road at the applicant's full cost.
4. Council acknowledge that the land in the unnamed road will vest in the Crown if closed and any proceeds from the sale of the road will be returned to the Crown.

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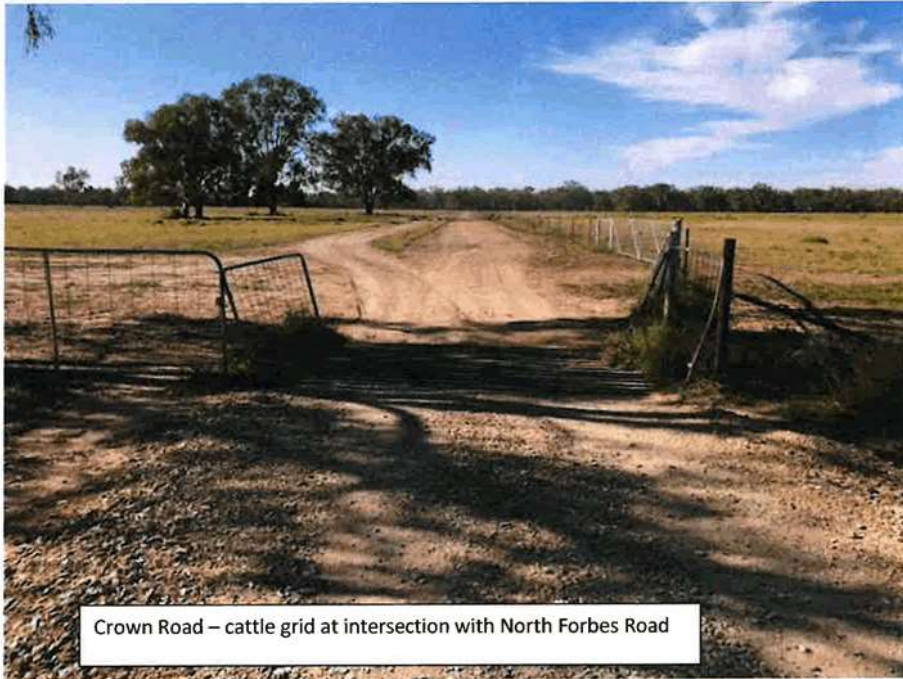
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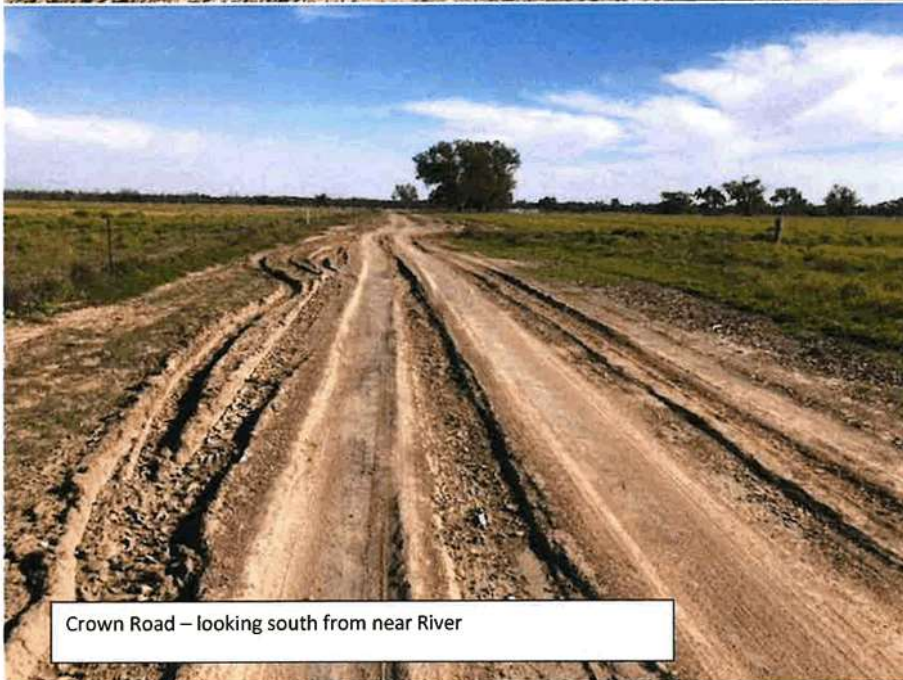
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Crown Road – cattle grid at intersection with North Forbes Road



Crown Road – looking south from near River



Crown Road – looking north from near River



Crown Road – near entrance to Lot 12, to the left is unknown road

11 DEPUTATIONS

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 NOTICES OF RESCISSION

Nil

14 DELEGATES REPORT**14.1 MINING AND ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS (NSW) ORDINARY MEETING HELD 30TH JULY 2021.****TRIM Number: R21/241****Author: Administration Coordinator - General Management****PURPOSE**

To provide Council with the draft Minutes of the Association of Mining & Energy Related Councils (NSW) Ordinary Meeting held on 30th July 2021 at Civic Centre, Conadilly St, Gunnedah, NSW, held by teleconference, attended by Councillor Mark Hall.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The draft minutes are attached.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP 4.2 Strong effective and responsive Council

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Attachment A** [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Delegates Report No R21/241 be received and noted.

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS (NSW) ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 30th JULY 2021 AT CIVIC CENTRE, CONADILLY ST, GUNNEDAH, NSW BY TELECONFERENCE.

Present

Cr Peter Shinton	Warrumbungle Shire Council (Chair)
Cr Owen Hasler	Gunnedah Shire Council (Deputy Chair)
Cr Michael Banasik	Wollondilly Shire Council (Deputy Chair)
Cr Phyllis Miller OAM	Forbes Shire Council (Ex Comm)
Steve Loane	Forbes Shire Council
Cr Scott Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council
Rebecca Ryan	Blayney Shire Council
Cr Mark Hall	Lachlan Shire Council
Cr Dom Figliomeni	Wollongong City Council
Ron Zwicker	Wollongong City Council
Cr Marion Browne	Broken Hill City Council
Cr Rob Hooke	Gunnedah Shire Council
Cr Alan Ward	Parkes Shire Council
Cr Liz McGlynn	Bland Shire Council
Cr Kaylene Irving	Warren Shire Council
David Henry	Wollondilly Shire Council
Cr Ian Davison	Cabonne Shire Council
Heather Nicholls	Cabonne Shire Council
Adrian Panuccio	Mid Coast Council

In attendance

Greg Lamont, Executive Officer. (Minute Taker)

Speakers

1. Meeting Opened by the Chair at 9.10am

2. Acknowledgment of Country by Chair

"I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land that we meet on today and pay our respects to the Elders past, present & emerging".

3. Apologies

OM 22/2021 Resolved (Cr Figliomeni/Hall) that the apologies of the following delegates be received and noted:-Greg Tory, Lachlan Shire Council; Andrew Johns, Gunnedah Shire Council; Cr's Joanne McRae, Reg Kidd & Kevin Duffy, Orange City Council; Gary Woodman, Warren Shire Council; Cr Ian Woodcock OAM & Michael Urquhart, Walgett Shire Council; Jarrod Marsden & Peter Vlatko, Cobar Shire Council; Cr Des Kennedy & Brad Cam, Mid-Western Regional Council; Cr Cath Blakey, Wollongong City Council; Cr's Noel Lowry & Robert Khan, Wollondilly Shire Council; Cr John Stafford & Colleen Worthy, Upper Lachlan Shire Council and Cr Kathryn Smith, Mid Coast Council.

4. Disclosures of Interest.

Ron Zwicker declared an interest in AGL Shares as a minor shareholder

OM 23/2021 Resolved (Cr McGlynn/Cr Banasik) that the declaration of interest be received and noted.

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS (NSW) ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 30th JULY 2021 AT CIVIC CENTRE, CONADILLY ST, GUNNEDAH, NSW BY TELECONFERENCE.

5. Adoption of Minutes of Ordinary Meeting – 21st May 2021

OM 24/2021 Resolved (Cr Hall/Cr Ward) that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 21st May 2021 be received and noted.

6. Business Arising – Nil

7. Adoption of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting – 27th July 2021

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

OM 25/2021 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Miller) that consideration of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 27th July 2021 be deferred until after the Executive Officer provides a background verbal report on the items and recommendations.

The Executive Officer went through the items in his report plus the decisions and recommendations from the Executive Committee meeting.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

OM 26/2021 Resolved (Cr McGlynn/Cr Hall) that standing orders be resumed at 10.03am to continue the meeting.

OM 27/2021 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Figliomeni) that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 27th July 2021 be received and noted.

8. Business Arising – Discussion held over until after the speakers

9. Delegates Reports – Nil.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

OM 28/2021 Resolved (Cr McGlynn/Cr Hall) meeting be suspended to receive the presentations from the three speakers.

10. Speakers

(a) **Felicity Greenway, DPIE Executive Director, State Policies & Strategic Advice (with Ben Lusher, Director), on the DPIE Rapid Assessment Framework (RAF);**

(b) **Ian Greenham, Director Technical Services, Orange City Council on how they are addressing the water demands of Mining, Industry, Residential and Rural sectors in a growth corridor. Very interesting points were made on:-**

- **Stormwater harvesting;**
- **Bore management and water licences;**

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS (NSW) ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 30th JULY 2021 AT CIVIC CENTRE, CONADILLY ST, GUNNEDAH, NSW BY TELECONFERENCE.

- Water & heavy user management in drought when on Level 5 restrictions;
- Regional pipelines & infrastructure;
- Involvement in Australian Water Services Assoc & Recycled Purified Water Forum;
- Supplying water to neighbouring Councils

(c) Karin Stark, Community Engagement Manager, Re-Alliance, on their new structure and discussion with delegates securing funds from VPA'S and rates in the REZ for investment into the community and the work they are doing in the renewable energy sphere since they expanded from wind to solar, battery, green hydrogen, etc as Re-Alliance.

(Slides used by speakers (a) & (c) will be forwarded to delegates on receipt)

Cr Miller left the meeting at 11am

Cr Scott Ferguson & Rebecca Ryan left the meeting at 11.25am

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

OM 29/2021 Resolved (Cr Hall/Cr Figliomeni) that standing orders be resumed at 12.00pm to continue the meeting.

11. General Business

(a) Next Meeting Date Change.

OM 30/2021 Resolved (Cr Banasik/Cr Hasler) that the next meeting of MERC be now held on 15th October 2021 in Orange.

(b) Executive Committee Member Appointment (was not determined at the meeting)

OM 31/2021 Resolved (Cr Banasik/Cr Hasler) that the Executive Officer seek an Expression of Interest from delegates to fill the current vacancy for the balance of the term of the Executive Committee for consideration (in accordance with Clause 7.3 of the MERC constitution)

Close – the meeting closed at 12.23pm

The minutes (pages 1-4) were confirmed at a meeting of the Ordinary General Meeting held on the 15th October 2021 and are a concise and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary General meeting held on 30th July 2021.

..... Cr Peter Shinton, Chairperson

14.2 CENTRAL NSW JOINT ORGANISATION BOARD MEETING - AUGUST

TRIM Number: R21/243

Author: Administration Coordinator - General Management

PURPOSE

To provide Council with a report from the most recent CNSWJO Board Meeting held online on the 12th August 2021.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The report is attached.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

CSP 4.2 Strong effective and responsive Council

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment A [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Read and note Delegates Report R21/243.

**Report from the Mayor attending the
Central NSW Joint Organisation
12 August online**

Recommendation/s

That Council note the report from the recent CNSWJO Board meeting and write to the Minister for Regional Roads, the Hon Paul Toole, in support of the upgrades of the Great Western Highway between Lithgow and Katoomba.

I attended the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting on Thursday 12 August 2021 online via zoom.

Originally the JO had scheduled to meet at Parliament House in Sydney. Through support of the Local Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke, however with the ongoing Covid crisis in Sydney, the decision was made to meet online rather than in region.

It was very pleasing to be addressed by the following ministers and local members;

The Hon John Barilaro, MP
Deputy Premier, and Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade and Member for Monaro



The Hon Paul Toole MP
Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Deputy Leader of The Nationals and Member for Bathurst

The Hon Dr Geoff Lee MP
Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education.

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

The Hon Matthew Kean MP
Minister for Energy and Environment



Steph Cooke
Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Health and Member for Cootamundra

Highlights from the meeting were the support passionate support from the Deputy Premier and Minister for Water on the raising of the Wyangala Dam, election commitment. Since the meeting a jointly approved media release from their Offices from our Chair has been distributed.

Follow up has been undertaken with Minister Kean around two issues;

1. the change to amendments the Local Government Act regarding councils engaging in Contracts for Differences seeking his support in lobbying for these changes and
2. the impact of the Biodiversity Offset Scheme on the Wyangala Dam Wall Raising Project in relation to the increase in expected costs of the project and its impact on the business case.

Support has been given to Steph Cooke as the Local Member for Cootamundra for the Tresillian services at the Cowra Hospital as part of the Regional Family Care Centre in Cowra, as a Central location in this region.

Support has been extended to Minister Toole for the progress connecting Western Sydney to the Central West and this report seeks support from Council in this regard.

Please find following a summary of the highlights from ordinary meeting of the Board with Minutes attached. The business paper is available at https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/content/uploads/210812_CNSWJO-Board-Agenda_Final_Web.pdf

OLG Capability Building Stage 2 Funding

Through the OLG Capability Building Stage 2 Funding for Joint Organisations of \$150,000 the Board resolved to undertake the following projects;

- a. a \$35K investment in a Public Relations campaign to support the visitor economy responding to Covid to be developed with members;
- b. a \$25K Workforce Development Plan for Water and Wastewater;
- c. regional strategic support for IP and R to both support members and inform the next Statement of Strategic Regional Priority where CNSWJO contributes \$20K; and
- d. support for projects in energy and waste to support collaboration with key agencies and stakeholders for \$70K.

The Chair will write to the Local Government Minister, The Hon Shelley Hancock, for her ongoing funding support.

Energy Project

Under this portfolio updates were provided on regional energy-related activities, including:

- Electricity procurement,
- Dept Planning, Industry and the Environment in its Sustainable Councils and Community Program for energy reduction projects;
- The Southern Lights Project, and
- Electric Vehicles

Advice on a regional approach for solar panels and batteries with further scoping work to be undertaken with the General Manager's Advisory Committee on options in due course.

Support was given for a Reliable, Affordable, Clean Energy (RACE) for 2030 application on understanding and alleviating network constraints in the context of an orderly transition to a renewable energy future.

Members are asked to communicate to the EV industry that Central NSW is EV-supportive and should be highly considered in their applications under the NSW Government's funding for ultra-fast EV charging and for fast charging under the upcoming ARENA funding round.

Interested members will be able to participate in a regional grant application for destination chargers for electric vehicles.

NSW Government's Pumped Hydro Recoverable Grants Program

The Board lent its support the proposal from CTW for the NSW Government's Pumped Hydro Recoverable Grants Program, and approved, key member Councils and identified stakeholders including WaterNSW and Water Infrastructure NSW on potential co-funding for a grant application.

The State Government announced a \$50 million Pumped Hydro Recoverable Grants Program with applications due on 20 August. DPIE has provided CNSWJO with funding for consulting work to investigate a range of projects for member Councils including a potential application under this Program.

Tourism PR and Visitor Economy Strategy

The Board has sought advice on priority for activity in tourism. Leveraging funds of \$35K from the OLG the focus will be again on another round of Covid response building on the We Want You Back Campaign.

This approach recognises the substantive PR value being realised in the region which for the last financial year sits at \$2.44m - an increase of nearly \$1m on the year before

Skills, Workforce and Housing Report

All members are reporting challenges with skills shortages and housing. This matter has been raised last two Board meeting. There is a great deal of activity going on in addressing both the skills/workforce and housing shortages.

While Skills is not the business of Local Government it is the role of State and Federal Government, consideration for what the Board could do in the context of its role. As such the Board approved the nomination of the Executive Officer to the Jobs and Skills Taskforce led by the Department of Employment Skills and Education. The Board has also resolved to receive advice about potential "grow our own" strategies to inform the incoming Board after the elections 4 December 2021.

Water update

The State Government is undertaking a huge amount of work in consultation with Local Government in the strategic regional and town water management areas in response to the challenges faced by communities through the recent drought and in an uncertain future of climatic extremes.

Through the Town Water Risk Reduction Program and development of place-based Regional Water Strategies, DPIE Water are seeking to work with Local Government to identify long term solutions to water and sewerage service challenges and water security risks in regional towns.

There is ongoing work by the CNSWJO and its members in this strategic space to ensure the needs of the region and its communities are met.

State-wide Water Efficiency Framework

At the Town Water Risk Reduction Program SAP on 28 July a new program being developed by DPIE Water around water efficiency projects and procurement was discussed. This initiative comes from the Draft NSW Water Strategy (action 6.5), see below

Action 6.5 A new state-wide Water Efficiency Framework and Program

The Government will implement a state-wide Water Efficiency Framework and Program in mid-2021 following consultation with key stakeholders, including water utilities in early 2021. The framework and program will:

- involve collaboration between all levels of government, water utilities, the private sector and the wider community
- focus on building water efficiency capacity, gaining a greater understanding of water use, improving the evaluation of water efficiency initiatives and increasing private sector involvement
- consider the total water cycle (from water supply through to wastewater treatment and reuse or discharge to oceans and waterways)
- embrace adaptive management and continual improvement and provide clear governance
- provide a clear statement of NSW Government policy and messaging of the need to support and invest in water efficiency across all sectors
- consider the effectiveness of BASIX (the Building Sustainability Index) in driving and sustaining water efficiency.

The opportunity for DPIE to contribute to the development of training materials building on the Water Loss Management Toolkit developed by the Water Utilities Alliance with funding from the Federal Government and NSW Water Directorate in 2016 has also been floated with the Town WaterRisk Reduction team overseeing the training focus area of the program.

DPIE has agreed to coordinate a workshop with JOs on the program. Further advice will be provided.

Wyangala Dam Wall Project

The new WaterNSW CEO, Andrew George and former WaterNSW Wyangala Project Director, David Hogan have requested an opportunity to present to an upcoming meeting of the Board meeting on the project, changes to personnel through the formation of Water Infrastructure NSW, and new approaches being taken by WaterNSW in doing business.

Community Strategic Plan Project opportunity with RLE

An opportunity for members is available working with both Gerry Collins of the Regional Leadership Executive. An email was sent to members accordingly 5 July 2021.

All councils in NSW including CNSWJO members are bringing their current suite of Integrated Planning & Reporting documents to a close and getting ready to develop the next suite of documents (in line with the local government election cycle).

At a regional level, many councils will share similar needs for information, evidence, data and stakeholder engagement, particularly in relation to reporting on the effectiveness of the current Community Strategic Plan in achieving its objectives (the ‘end of term’ report), and in developing the next Community Strategic Plan for the local government area.

The Board has agreed to progress a collaborative approach to regional support for members in developing their Community Strategic Plans (CSPs) including:

- a. twelve month support for a regional support group of Council staff undertaking IPandR;
- b. advice to the next round of the CNSWO Statement of Strategic Regional Priority; and

- c. leveraging the Regional Leadership Executive to provide better State support to the CSP development.

Regional Submissions

Members have forwarded requests for the JO to lodge submissions, where all advice provided is within existing policy. All are available on the CNSWJO website at <https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/submissions/>

The Board endorsed the following submissions to the Joint Standing Committee on road safety, response to the inquiry into mobile speed camera enforcement programs in NSW.

The has directed submissions be prepared in line with existing policy and informed by members for the;

- a. Transport for NSW on the Review of Environmental Factors and Concept Design for the proposed Medlow Bath Upgrade;
- b. DPIE on the Regional Housing Taskforce; and
- c. Committee on Community Services inquiry into and report on options to improve access to existing and alternate accommodation in order to help address the social housing shortage in NSW.

The Inland Rail Interface Improvement Program – Productivity Enhancement Program

This project is being fully funded by the Federal Government, a draft project plan has been developed. The funding is for Ernst Young and sub consultants to develop a business case that identifies options that support Small to Medium Enterprises accessing Inland Rail.

Joint Organisation Review

The Joint Organisation Review being undertaken by the Office of Local Government has not been made public at this time. Follow-up is being undertaken by the Board. In the meantime the Board is undertaking its own review of the Joint Organisation Model informed by a survey of members.

Value to members

Please find following advice on value to members trending over three years.

Next meeting

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for the 25th of November. Depending on the Covid situation, the Board will seek to either meet with Federal Ministers at Parliament House Canberra or via Zoom, seeking support from Michael McCormack the Local member for the Riverina.

I commend this report to Council and thank you all for your support.

Attachment/s:

1. Central NSW Joint Organisation Minutes 12 August 2021

Value to members

A snapshot of the value to members of the various activities undertaken by the JO for their members in the context of the CNSWJO Strategic Plan follows.

VALUE FOR MEMBERS 2020/2021	FY 2019/2020	FY 2020/2021	FYTD2021/2022
SUBMISSIONS	20	23	1
PLANS, STRATEGIES AND COLLATERAL	26	12	2
GRANTS SEEKING	3	3	0
GRANT FUNDING RECEIVED	\$215k	\$736k	0
COMPLIANCE	13	9	4
DATA	6	3	0
MEDIA INCLUDING SOCIAL MEDIA	13	18	1
COST SAVINGS	\$1.87m	\$2.2m	*Not yet calculated
REPRESENTATION	147	159	14
OPPORTUNITIES COUNCILS HAVE BEEN AFFORDED	35	102	7

Savings

SAVINGS	Water Utilities Alliance Contracts	HR Contracts	WHS contracts	IT contracts	Supply contracts	Roads/ Transport contracts	Energy contracts	RDOCS contracts	Other contracts	Training	Legal advice re Procurement	Participation in regional procurement	Total
Bathurst	\$0	\$40,913	\$1,048	\$0	\$25,384	\$0	\$413,466	\$1,046	\$0	\$9,606	\$2,000	\$27,000	\$520,462
Blayney	\$0	\$7,316	\$0	\$0	\$26,039	\$0	\$51,824	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$22,000	\$109,179
Cabonne	\$0	\$12,826	\$20	\$0	\$39,711	\$0	\$56,917	\$644	\$0	\$6,726	\$2,000	\$31,000	\$149,844
Central Tablelands Water	\$0	\$103	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,700	\$973	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$24,775
Cowra	\$0	\$18,114	\$1,676	\$0	\$48,323	\$0	\$114,353	\$594	\$0	\$12,577	\$2,000	\$26,000	\$223,636
Forbes	\$0	\$15,901	\$0	\$0	\$42,214	\$0	\$98,198	\$808	\$0	\$1,821	\$2,000	\$19,000	\$179,942
Lachlan	\$0	\$26,846	\$0	\$0	\$44,962	\$0	\$88,963	\$989	\$0	\$3,977	\$2,000	\$26,000	\$193,737
Oberon	\$0	\$17,227	\$0	\$0	\$12,587	\$0	\$34,172	\$1,346	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$30,000	\$97,332
Orange	\$0	\$68,877	\$3,537	\$0	\$33,878	\$0	\$491,769	\$1,012	\$0	\$23	\$2,000	\$15,000	\$616,095
Parkes	\$0	\$1,402	\$0	\$0	\$43,570	\$0	\$180,478	\$478	\$0	\$4,059	\$2,000	\$18,000	\$249,987
Weddin	\$0	\$103	\$0	\$0	\$25,397	\$0	\$33,063	\$1,091	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$16,000	\$77,653
Sub Total	\$0	\$209,629	\$6,281	\$0	\$342,066	\$0	\$1,576,900	\$8,979	\$0	\$38,788	\$20,000	\$240,000	\$2,442,643
												Cost to members	\$245,600
												Total	\$2,197,043

This Board were provided advice on the activities against the NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2019/2020. Including the savings to Members of \$2.2m and grant funding of \$736k in the 2020/2021 FY.

The table above shows the savings achieved by member councils through aggregated procurement and programming. An explanation of the meaning of each column has been reported previously and is available on request. The table reflects savings in the 20/21 financial year up to 30 June 2021.

Minutes of the Central NSW Board meeting 12 August 2021 via zoom

In Attendance

Cr I North	Bathurst Regional Council	Cr J Medcalf OAM	Lachlan Shire Council
Cr S Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council	Cr K Sajowitz	Oberon Council
Cr K Beatty	Cabonne Council	Cr R Kidd	Orange City Council
Cr B West	Cowra Shire Council	Cr K Keith OAM	Parkes Shire Council
Cr P Miller	Forbes Shire Council		

Mr D Sherley	Bathurst Regional Council	Ms R Fagan	RDACW
Ms R Ryan	Blayney Shire Council	Mr L Smart	RDACW
Mr B Byrnes	Cabonne Council	Ms A Murphy	OLG
Mr P Devery	Cowra Shire Council	Ms G Collins	Regional NSW
Mr S Loane	Forbes Shire Council	Ms J Bennett	CNSWJO
Mr G Tory	Lachlan Shire Council	Ms M Macpherson	CNSWJO
Mr G Wallace	Oberon Council	Ms K Barker	CNSWJO
Mr D Waddell	Orange City Council	Ms A Thomas	CNSWJO
Mr K Boyd	Parkes Shire Council	Ms C Griffin	CNSWJO
Mr G Rhodes	Central Tablelands Water	Ms V Page	CNSWJO
Cr J Jones	Cabonne Council		

Meeting opened at 9:00am

1. **Welcome**
2. **Acknowledgement to Country and Welcome from the Chair, Cr John Medcalf OAM.**
3. **Apologies applications for a leave of absence by Joint Voting representatives**

Cr M Liebich, Cr D Somerville, Mr M Chalmers, Ms K Purser

Resolved	Cr R Kidd/Cr I North
That the apologies for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 11 August 2021 listed above be accepted.	

4. Speakers

9.00am The Chair welcome Ms Steph Cooke, Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Health and Member for Cootamundra and Frances Crowley, Electorate Officer.

Follow-up

1. Ms Steph Cooke to take offline about the Maternity Services in Parkes and Forbes;
2. The region wants to see lga by lga data for vaccinations;
3. Support for Tresillian in Cowra; and
4. Seeking an update from Ms Cooke on the review of rural workforce.

9.28am Ms Steph Cooke, Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Health and Member for Cootamundra left the meeting

Ms R Fagan joined the meeting at 9.07am

Mr Greg Tory and Mr Garry Wallace joined the meeting at 9.13am

Cr R Kidd joined the meeting at 9.27am

5. Chairman’s Minute – Nil

6. Minutes

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Central NSW Joint Organisation meeting 3 June 2021 held in Orange.

Resolved	Cr R Kidd/Cr K Keith
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board confirm the Minutes of the meeting 3 June 2021 held in Orange.	

7. Business Arising from the Minutes – Matters in Progress

Resolved	Cr I North/Cr K Sajowitz
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board note the Matters in Progress, making deletions as suggested	

9.38am The Chair welcomed the Hon Paul Toole, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and Member for Bathurst and Nicholas Chilton, his advisor

Follow-up

1. The Central West Orana Transport Plan is in final stages it will be aligning with the work done by DPIE.
2. Fixing local roads program Round 3 is coming soon and fixing country bridges, to be announced in October, the next round for timber bridges.
3. Regarding Blayney Demondrille, Minister will ask TfNSW to come back to update.
4. Minister seeking support from the JO and individual Councils for a duplication for Central West over the Mountains.

10.05am The Hon Paul Toole and Nicholas Chilton left the meeting,

10.05am The Chair welcomed the Hon Dr Geoff Lee, Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, Member for Parramatta and Nick Karam, his advisor.

Follow-up

Regarding training water operators, the Minister will ask Training services to focus on water training.

10.33am Hon Dr Geoff Lee, Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, Member for Parramatta and Nick Karam, his advisor left the meeting.

Cr Ken Keith left at 10.25am

10.34am The Chair welcomed The Hon. Melinda Pavey, Minister for Water, Property and Housing, Member for Oxley and his advisor Mr Angus Mackie.

Follow-up

The JO Board to follow up with the Minister’s and Deputy Premier’s Offices for a joint media release on the importance of the Wyangala Dam project.

11.00am The Chair welcomed the Hon John Barilaro, MP Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Industry and Trade and Member for Monaro and Advisor Georgina Williams.

Actions

1. Members raised issue about Cowra on Tresillian needing to be in the Master Plan. Supports a model, will chase up with Steph Cooke’s Office;
2. Vaccination figures will be made available by lga;
3. Regarding any stimulus money, with tight timeframes - anyone experiencing pushback on extensions to let the Deputy Premier know. In this current climate extensions must apply;
4. The Deputy Premier’s commitment and the election commitment to raising the wall at Wyangala remains- however the costs of the Biodiveristy Offset Scheme makes development very difficult;
5. Takes on notice being briefed about the Joint Organisation review.

11.37am the Hon John Barilaro, MP Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Industry and Trade and Member for Monaro and Advisor Georgina Williams left the meeting.

11.37am The Chair welcomed the Hon Matthew Kean, Minister for Energy and Environment and Member for Hornsby and his advisors Dimitry Palmer and Anthony Brewster.

Actions

1. Cabonne to write formally about barriers to development of their vision for solar energy production.
2. JO representatives to meet with Minister’s representatives regarding procuring electricity around contracts we are seeking support to enable councils to engage in renewable energy.

12.05pm the Hon Matthew Kean, Minister for Energy and Environment and Member for Hornsby and his advisors Dimitry Palmer and Anthony Brewster left the meeting.

Kent Boyd left meeting at 12.10pm
 Frances Crowley left meeting at 12.11pm

8. Reports on Statement of Regional Strategic Priority

Priority One: Inter-Council Co-operation

a. Financial Report

Resolved	Cr K Beatty /Cr B West
That the Board note the Financial Report.	

b. OLG Capability Building Stage 2 Funding Agreement

Resolved	Cr K Sajowitz/Cr B West
That the Board note the report on the OLG Capability Building Stage 2 Funding Agreement and	
1. Lodge a project plan with the following inclusions:	
a. a \$35K investment in a Public Relations campaign responding to Covid to be developed with members;	
b. a \$25K Workforce Development Plan for Water and Wastewater to be developed;	
c. regional strategic support for IP and R to both support members and inform the next Statement of Strategic Regional Priority where CNSWJO contributes \$20K; and	

- d. support for projects in energy and waste to support collaboration with key agencies and stakeholders for \$70K; and
- 2. Thank the Minister for her ongoing funding support.

c. Service Level Agreement Report

Resolved	Cr P Miller/Cr K Sajowitz
That the Board notes the report on the Services Level Agreement Report and adopt the Staff Employment and Hosting Policy.	

d. Best Practice in Aggregated Procurement

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr K Beatty
That the Board notes the report on Best Practice in Aggregated Procurement and	
1. Adopt the heads of consideration for aggregated procurement activities, contribution to income and expenditure in budgetary and strategic considerations’ reporting; and	
2. Receive the suite of BPAP documents at the November Board meeting for consideration with a view to adoption.	

e. Energy Program

Resolved	Cr K Sajowitz/Cr K Beatty
That the Board notes the report on the Energy Program and	
1. Note the advice on a regional approach for solar panels and batteries with further scoping work to be undertaken with GMAC on options in due course;	
2. Support the RACE for 2030 application on understanding and alleviating network constraints;	
3. Communicate to the EV industry that Central NSW is EV-supportive and should be highly considered in their applications under the NSW Government’s funding for ultra-fast EV charging and for fast charging under the upcoming ARENA funding round; and	
4. Approve a regional grant application for destination chargers for interested member councils.	

Priority One & Four: Energy Program & Regional Water Security

f. Report on the NSW Government’s Pumped Hydro Recoverable Grants Program

Resolved	Cr B West/ Cr K Beatty
That the Board note the report on the NSW Government’s Pumped Hydro Recoverable Grants Program and endorse the JO to work with CTW, key member Councils and identified stakeholders including Water NSW and Water Infrastructure NSW on potential co-funding for a grant application.	

Priority Two: Regional Prosperity

g. Tourism PR Visitor Economy Strategy

Resolved	Cr B West/ Cr K Sajowitz
That the Board note the Tourism PR and Visitor Economy Strategy report and	
1. Adopt the priorities for the next twelve months as:	
a. Codeveloping and delivering with members a PR campaign responding to Covid including \$35K from the OLG Capacity Building Fund;	
b. Progressing options advice for members for data;	
c. Review the advocacy plan to be considered by the next Board;	
d. Scoping report on a collaborative project with DNCO on the value tourism in this region to be resourced in-house;	
e. A report on tourism infrastructure priority to the Board;	
f. Any training as requested by the Tourism Managers that can be delivered by the CNSWJO Training Service; and	

- g. High level marketing campaign codeveloped with Tourism Managers providing direction to PR, Social Media and broad direction CNSWJO services; and
- 2. Note the PR value from CNSWJO activities for the past twelve months was \$2.44m.

Bathurst Regional Council left the meeting at 12.20pm
 Cr Reg Kidd returned 12.22pm

h. Skills, Workforce and Housing Report

Resolved	Cr B West/ Cr K Beatty
That the Board note the Skills and Workforce Report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nominate the Executive Officer to be a member of the Local Jobs and Skills Taskforce; 2. That the Regional Leadership Executive will be seeking a member from the Joint Organisation to be part of its Central West Orana and Far West Workforce Development Sub-Committee; 3. Note the Draft Terms of Reference for the Central West Orana and Far West Workforce Development Sub-Committee 4. Support the efforts by the Regional Growth and Development Corporation in seeking a dedicated resource to coordinate skills and workforce for the Special Activation Precinct; and 5. Note the advice regarding potential "Grow Our Own" activities that could be undertaken to support Council workforce and receive a business case to inform JO prioritisation for the incoming Board after the election in December 2021. 	

Priority Four: Regional Water Security

i. Water Update

Resolved	Cr R Kidd/Cr K Sajowitz
That the Board note the Regional Water report and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. support feedback to be provided by the JO through the Executive in consultation with members and in line with Board policy on DPIE Water’s Roadmap to an improved regulatory framework; 2. seek advice from DPIE on innovative water security projects in NSW and their enablement; and 3. seek a Joint or JO media release on the iron clad support for the Wyangala Dam Project, with the Portfolio Minister and Deputy Premier. 	

8. Report to the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2019/2020

Resolved	Cr R Kidd/Cr P Miller
That the Board note the Report to the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority and	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. endorse the submissions to the <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Joint Standing Committee on road safety, response to the inquiry into mobile speed camera enforcement programs in NSW; 2. prepare a submission to the <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Transport for NSW (Transport) on the(REF) and Concept Design for the proposed Medlow Bath Upgrade; b. DPIE on the Regional Housing Taskforce; and c. Committee on Community Services inquiry into and report on options to improve access to existing and alternate accommodation in order to help address the social housing shortage in NSW 3. progress a collaborative approach to regional support for members in developing their Community Strategic Plans (CSPs) including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. twelve month support for a regional support group of Council staff undertaking IPandR; b. advice to the next round of the CNSWO Statement of Strategic Regional Priority; and 	

- c. leveraging the Regional Leadership Executive to provide better State support to the CSP development;
- 4. note advice on the Central West and Orana Regional Plan Review;
- 5. note the advice on The Inland Rail Interface Improvement Program (II Program) – Productivity Enhancement Program (PEP);
- 6. note the cost savings of \$2.2m in the 2020/2021 FY;
- 7. note the grant funding of \$736k in the 2020/2021 FY;
- 8. write a support letter to Steph Cooke regarding the funding for the Tresillian and Gidget Foundation Australia to open a new Regional Family Care Centre in Cowra;
- 9. write to the Deputy Premier thanking him and making reference to the commitment around extensions with funding deadlines; and
- 10. write to Minister Toole, supporting the upgrades to the GWH.

10. Confidential: Contract for Safety Compliance Training

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr K Sajowitz
That the Board:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2) as outlined above; and 2. correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from public access. 	

left meeting at 12.38pm, RDACW, OLG and Mr Gavin Rhodes.

Resolved	Cr B West/ Cr S Ferguson
That the Board note the confidential report for the Contract for Safety Compliance Training and	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accept the tenders from, and enter into contracts with the following service providers on behalf of member councils: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admire Workplace Safety • Allens Training • Allied Risk Solutions • Australian Training and Consulting • Midd-West Risk Management • Play Safety Training Group • Rojo Emergency and Safety Training • Sitetrain • Strategic Services (Local Government Training Institute) • Succeed Training 2. Delegate the signing of contracts to the Executive Officer; and 3. Advise all tenderers of the decision in accordance with clause 179 of the Regulation. 	

Resolved	Cr B West/Cr K Sajowitz
That the Board resumes open session.	

- 11. **Late reports – Nil**
- 12. **Matters raised by Members -Nil**
- 13. **Notices of motions/Questions with notice - Nil**
- 14. **Speakers to next meeting**

- 15. **Next meeting**
GMAC – 28 October 2021

Board – 25 November 2021 – either in Canberra or via zoom with Federal Minister meetings.

Meeting close 12.54 pm

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15 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

16 QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

17 PETITIONS

Nil

18 CLOSED SESSION**RECOMMENDATION**

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

18.1 Rates and Charges Donations - 2021/22

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

18.2 Contract for Collection and Recycling of Scrap Metal for Councils in the Netwaste Region.

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

18.3 General Manager's Performance Review

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