

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting Thursday 20 February 2025

Date: Thursday 20 February 2025

Time: 5:00pm

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73 Camp Street
GRENFELL NSW 2810**

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**MINUTES OF WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 73 CAMP STREET, GRENFELL NSW 2810
ON THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 5:00PM**

1 OPENING

In accordance with the WSC Code of Meeting Practice, this meeting will be recorded for the purposes of audio-visual livestreaming via Council's website and YouTube Channel. Those in attendance are asked to refrain from making any defamatory statements and comply with all relevant WSC codes, policies and procedures at all times.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Weddin Shire Council would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land.

Weddin Shire Council would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians who are present.

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE

We honour our service personnel who have sacrificed their lives in the defence of our freedom, peace and prosperity.

We acknowledge all of our frontline workers and volunteers who each day provide our essential and non-essential services, especially those within our Weddin Shire Local Government Area.

4 ATTENDANCE AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

Mayor Paul Best, Deputy Mayor Colleen Gorman, Cr John Niven, Cr Jeanne Montgomery, Cr Simon Rolls, Cr Michael Neill, Cr Wezley Makin, Cr Chad White, Cr Jan Parlett

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms Noreen Vu (General Manager), Mr Luke Sheehan (Director Environmental Services), Mr Anthony Prpic (A/g Director Infrastructure Services), Ms Auburn Carr (Economic Development Officer), Ms Da'na Hojlund (A/g Chief Financial Officer)

APOLOGIES

Mr Ron Gillard (Director Corporate Services)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPLICATION

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 008/25

Moved: Cr White

Seconded: Cr Rolls

That Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 19 December 2024 and the Extraordinary Council Meeting held 16 January 2025 be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

AGAINST: Cr Niven

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

ITEM NUMBER & TITLE	16.1 ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT FOR SMALL MARKET SITES
NAME	NOREEN VU
TYPE OF INTEREST	PECUNIARY / SIGNIFICANT / LEAVING THE CHAMBER
INTEREST DESCRIPTION	TENANT ELECTRICITY USER
ITEM NUMBER & TITLE	11.11 HENRY LAWSON FESTIVAL FUNDING REQUEST
NAME	CR JAN PARLETT
TYPE OF INTEREST	NON-PECUNIARY / NOT SIGNIFICANT / LEAVING THE CHAMBER
INTEREST DESCRIPTION	VICE PRESIDENT OF THE HENRY LAWSON FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

7 PUBLIC FORUM

ITEM NUMBER & TITLE	16.4 CORRESPONDENCE REQUEST TO INSTALL DRAIN AND SEEK WAIVER OF COUNCIL RATES
NAME	MR TREVOR MAWHINNEY
TYPE OF INTEREST	SPEAKING FOR

8 MAYORAL REPORTS/MINUTES**8.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - ANNUAL COOTAMUNDRA MAYORAL SUMMIT | 31 JANUARY 2025****File Number:****Attachments:** 1. **ATT 1 | Member for Cootamundra - Media Release - Mayoral Summit**
2. **ATT 2 | Member for Cootamundra - Healthcare Petition****CSP Objective:** **Shire assets and services delivered effectively and efficiently****Budget:** **Nil****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note the report.

RESOLUTION 009/25

Moved: Mayor Best

That Council note the report.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The Member for Cootamundra, Ms Steph Cooke hosted the 7th Annual Mayoral Summit on 31 January 2025. Myself and the General Manager attended the Summit at the South West Slopes Fire Control Centre, in Cunningar.

The agenda for the day looked very promising with Ministers invited to attend on all matters that are relevant to regional and rural councils.

I was very disappointed to note that only one Minister, the Hon Minister Aitchison, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads and the Parliamentary Secretary Dr Holland, joined the Summit. We as a collective were very grateful to Minister Aitchison and Dr Holland for taking the time to meet with us.

However upon stating that, representatives from the offices of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Minister for Housing, Minister for Water and the Minister for Health and Regional Health presented at the Summit, including the CEO for Homes NSW.

As I have mentioned in my statement to the Grenfell Record, as the Mayor of a small regional community, I was very disheartened by many of the discussions around the room, as there seemed to be an obvious lack of support for rural areas.

Rebecca Pinkstone, CEO of Homes NSW (representing the Minister for Housing), discussed the housing crisis and openly admitted that non metropolitan areas were not a consideration of the governments plans when addressing this crisis and cited high costs of building in rural areas when compared to larger centres.

Dr Michael Holland spoke on behalf of the Minister for Health and Regional Health regarding current gaps in medical service rurally, we were able to raise the subject of funding needed to improve services and increase bed numbers at the Grenfell MPS.

It was encouraging to hear Dr Holland note a potential future visit to the Grenfell MPS to discuss this further. I look forward to welcoming Dr Holland and will liaise with his office in due course.

There was also good discussion around the room about the cuts to services of the Cootamundra health area and the removal of drugs and equipment from the non-category A and B ambulance stations and vehicles.

The consensus was that any cuts to medical services in regional areas is unacceptable especially when it come to our critical ambulance services.

All rural and regional councils need to advocate for equal standards of emergency medical services compared to those in large centres.

I would like to thank our Local Member Steph Cooke for her efforts in organising the Summit and providing opportunities for us to advocate directly with Ministers regarding our Council's specific concerns.

For the information of our community, I note the Member for Cootamundra has launched a petition 'Stop reductions of our health services'. The petition is addressed to the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales and outlines the following:

Bringing to the attention of the House the need to stop cuts to regional and rural health services, such as removing essential drugs and equipment for Intensive Care Paramedics from non-Category A and B stations and vehicles and closing the NSW Health Pathology lab at Cootamundra Hospital. These cuts will result in the further loss of services, cause longer delays in treating illnesses and further strain already overstretched regional healthcare services.

We bring to the attention of the house the current government's decision to:

- 1. Remove essential drugs and equipment from non-Category A and B NSW Ambulance Stations and Vehicles, limiting Intensive Care Paramedics' ability to perform their duties and putting rural lives at risk.*
- 2. Close the NSW Health Pathology Laboratory at Cootamundra Hospital, to the detriment of both the local pathology team and the wider community.*

The petition asks the Legislative Assembly to call on the Government to:

- 1. Reinstate essential drugs and equipment for all non-Category A and B NSW Ambulance Stations and Vehicles, enabling intensive care paramedics to perform their duties to the fullest extent of their training, skills and experience.*
- 2. Maintain NSW Health Pathology Services, including the Cootamundra lab, to support regional communities and prevent the loss of other services such as maternity and theatre.*

Further information regarding the petition can be found at:
<https://www.stephcooke.com.au/post/stop-reductions-of-our-health-services-petition>

9 MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**9.1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION - RESOLUTION 266/24 | 19 DECEMBER 2024
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING****File Number:****Mover:** Cr Colleen Gorman**Attachments:** 1. ATT 1 | Notice of Motion - Notice of Rescission - Resolution 266/24**CSP Objective:** Shire assets and services delivered effectively and efficiently**Budget:** Nil**MOTION**

Resolution 266/24, made by Council at the Ordinary Council meeting held 19 December 2024, be rescinded.

NOTICE OF RESCISSION MOTION WITHDRAWN BY CR GORMAN

As per clause 9.3 of the Weddin Shire Council Code of Meeting Practice 'if a councillor who has submitted a notice of motion under clause 2.9 wishes to withdraw it after the agenda and business paper for the meeting at which it is to be considered have been sent to councillors, the councillor may request the withdrawal of the motion when it is before council.

WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTION IN QUESTION

RESOLUTION 266/24

Moved: Cr Makin

Seconded: Cr White

That Council:

1. Place the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, as attached to the report, on public exhibition for a period of 42 days for the purpose of inviting submissions from the community.
2. Request the General Manager to present a further report, together with all submissions received, to Council at the conclusion of the public exhibition and submission period for Council's further consideration and adoption of the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy (with or without changes) at its February 2025 Ordinary Meeting
3. In the event of no submissions being received within the prescribed number of days, Council formally adopts the Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy, without any changes, as a policy of Council.
4. Note that forms to support the Policy, once adopted, will be placed onto LG Hub for Councillors to access.
5. That Council amend the policy, introduce clause 6.7k to include a specific travel distance from Weddin Shire Council Boundary for the official business of Council.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

WITHDRAWN

SUPPORTING COMMENTS

In accordance with Clause 17.3 of the Code of Meeting Practice, I request the following Council Resolution be rescinded with an amendment:

Resolution 266/24

(5) That Council amend the policy, introduce clause 6.7k to include a specific travel distance from Weddin Shire Council Boundary for the official business of Council.

And amend to:

(5) That Council amend the policy, introduce clause 6.7k to “any Councillor travelling more than 10km from place of residence, is eligible to only claim up to 50km travel each way (i.e. 100km round trip).

Reason: Following the Council Meeting on 19 December 2024, in hindsight, more clarity is needed because the distance of the shire boundary to ‘official business’ is not consistent

and varies considerably along different roads. The proposed amendment will reduce the administration burden for staff and Councillors.

STAFF COMMENTS

Staff note this request for a rescission motion is in accordance Weddin Shire Council's Model Code of Meeting Practice:

17.3 A resolution passed by Council may not be altered or rescinded except by a motion to that effect of which notice has been given under clause 3.9. [Note Clause 17.3 reflects section 372(1) of the Act]

3.9 A Councillor may give notice of any business they wish to be considered by Council at its next Ordinary meeting by way of a notice of motion. To be included on the agenda of the meeting, the notice of motion must be in writing of the approved form and must be submitted at least eight (8) business days before the meeting is to be held.

Staff note the rescission motion was received on 23 December 2024.

Staff note that the rescission motion adheres to Clause 17.6 of the Weddin Shire Council's Model Code of Meeting Practice:

17.6 A notice of motion to alter or rescind a resolution, and a notice of motion which has the same effect as a motion which has been lost, must be signed by three (3) Councillors if less than three (3) months has elapsed since the resolution was passed, or the motion was lost.

As a result the Draft Policy was not placed on public exhibition until the matter is resolved by Council in relation to this matter.

WITHDRAWN

10 GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

10.1 DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

File Number:**Author:** Arts and Tourism Officer**Authoriser:** General Manager**Attachments:** 1. ATT 1 | Delivery Program Progress Report to 31 December 2024**CSP Objective:** Shire assets and services delivered effectively and efficiently**Precis:** To provide Council with a bi annual update on Council's Delivery Plan actions.**Budget:** Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note information provided in this report.

RESOLUTION 010/25

Moved: Cr Makin**Seconded:** Cr White

That Council receive and note information provided in this report.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

PURPOSE

To provide Council with an update on Delivery Program actions as at 31 December 2024.

BACKGROUND

The Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework was first issued by the Office of Local Government in 2010. As part of the IP&R Framework, Council must develop the Community Strategic Plan, which is the highest level of strategic planning undertaken by Council, with a ten year plus timeframe.

After each Council election, a four-year Delivery Program of activities is derived from the Community Strategic Plan and progressively implemented during the term of Council.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Each year, a 12-month Operational Plan is derived from the four-year Delivery Program and implemented by Council, and Monitoring and Reporting on the four-year and 12-month plan's progress are conducted at regular intervals and at the end of each year in an Annual Report.

The Delivery Program provides the mechanism where those components of the community's strategic objectives and strategies that Council takes responsibility for, are translated into

actions. The delivery is a Statement of Commitment to the community from each newly elected Council.

POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

It was a mandatory requirement under the Local Government Act 1993 (now repealed s.404 (5)) that the General Manager provide progress reports to Council with respect to the principal activities detailed in the Delivery Program, at least every six (6) months. Although the part of the legislation has been repealed on 20 August 2021, it is good practice to provide Council a progress report to allow an oversight of the progress made to date.

With the new Council term

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial or resource implications relating to this report.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Each department has provided updates as at 31 December 2024 on the relevant actions.

CONCLUSION

The bi-annual review of Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan is provided to the Council as at 31 December 2024.

10.2 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES REPORT 1 JULY 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**File Number:****Author:** Executive Assistant to the General Manager**Authoriser:** General Manager**Attachments:** 1. ATT 1 | Councillor Expenses Report | 1 July 2024 - 31 December 2024**CSP Objective:** Democratic and engaged community supported by efficient internal systems**Precis:** Councillor Expenses Report for the 6 months ended 31 December 2024 is presented to Council**Budget:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note the Councillor Expenses Report for the 6 months ended 31 December 2024.

RESOLUTION 011/25

Moved: Cr White

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Gorman

That Council note the Councillor Expenses Report for the 6 months ended 31 December 2024.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

As per the Weddin Shire Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy 1.3.17, Council will report on the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors as required in the *Local Government Act 1993* and Local Government Regulations. Detailed reports on the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors will be publicly tabled at a Council meeting every six (6) months and published in full on Council's website. These reports will include expenditure summarised by individual Councillor and as a total for all Councillors. The report includes the Councillors from the previous term.

The June 2024 Fees and superannuation are reflected in Quarter 1, 2025 FY and also noted in red text in the attached report.

10.3 SUBMISSION TO OLG - CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**File Number:****Author:** Executive Assistant to the General Manager**Authoriser:** General Manager**Attachments:**

1. ATT 1 | A new model code of meeting practice-Consultation draft 1-1
2. ATT 2 | Councillor-Conduct-and-Meeting-Practices-Discussion-Paper
3. ATT 3 | Consultation-draft-of-the-new-Model-Code-of-Meeting-Practice-for-Local-Councils-in-NSW.pdf

CSP Objective: Shire assets and services delivered effectively and efficiently**Precis:** To seek Council's endorsement of the Submission to the Office of Local Government in response to the New Model Meeting Code**Budget:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

1. Note the report.
2. Endorse the Mayoral submission as outlined in the report to the Office of Local Government for consideration in the Consultation process.

RESOLUTION 012/25

Moved: Cr Neill

Seconded: Cr Makin

That Council

1. Note the report.
2. Endorse the Mayoral submission as outlined in the report to the Office of Local Government for consideration in the Consultation process.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**PURPOSE**

To seek Council's endorsement of the draft Weddin Shire Council submission to the Office of Local Government (OLG) in response to the draft Code of Meeting Practice proposed amendments.

BACKGROUND

The OLG provided a consultation draft in December 2024 of the new Model Meeting Code on their website seeking submissions by 25 February 2025 (Attachment 1). The reform of the codes and procedures governing how councillors gather, debate and make decisions

was flagged by the Minister for Local Government as part of the discussion paper issued in September 2024 (Attachment 2).

A brief overview of the proposed changes is provided in Attachment 1. With a more complete and detailed view of the proposed changes in track changes in the document Consultation draft Model Meeting Code at Attachment 3.

The OLG is inviting feedback from the local government sector and others on proposed amendments to the Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW (Model Meeting Code).

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

After considering the proposed amendments to the Model Code of Meeting Practice (Attachment 3), Council staff have reviewed and propose to provide to the Minister a submission with the following comments:

CODE CLAUSE	AREA	WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL COMMENT	RESOLUTION TBC/2025
New 3.3	Extraordinary Meetings (Mayor)	The Mayor should have powers to call for an extraordinary meeting without needing to obtain signatures of two Councillors.	Agreed
Removal 3.12	Notice of Motions (General Manager)	The General Manager should have the ability to assess whether a notice of motion is likely to have legal implications for Council that may result in legal action. Any legal implication Notices of Motions should be consulted with the Mayor for determination of inclusion or exclusion. Any other complying notice of motions can be tabled in accordance with the proposed changes.	Disagree and suggest amendment
Removal 3.15	Questions with Notice (Wrongdoing)	We disagree that Councillors can lodge questions with notice that comprises a complaint against the general manager or staff member that implies wrongdoing. If considered with the above suggestion, any potential legal action that may arise should be assessed first before it is tabled.	Disagree and suggest amendment
New Clause 3.25/New Clause 9.5	Matters of Urgency	Matters of urgency maybe tabled at the extraordinary meeting where all councillors are present. The Council must state the reason for the urgency.	Agree
Removal Pre-briefings	Pre-meeting briefings	We disagree with the removal of pre-meeting briefings. We run our pre-meeting briefings before our council meetings which allows for Councillors to	Disagree

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		<p>do a page-turn with staff and clarify any questions. The Minister is invited to watch our Council Meetings, you will see that robust debate occurs in relation to the matters tabled before a decision is made. We also welcome the Minister to attend a Councillor Pre-Meeting Briefing session.</p> <p>Pre-meeting briefings allows for Councillors, particularly those newly elected, to ask questions for understanding/clarification that they may not be comfortable asking in the Chamber. Removing this provision may lead to Councillors making decisions without having the full opportunity to clarify their understanding. They allow the meetings to run in a more efficient manner and everyone is clear on the matters to be discussed.</p> <p>The rules of debate is not a time for Councillors to ask questions on interpretation and clarification.</p>	
Section 4	Public Forums	The new code of Meeting Practice allows for council's to determine their own Public Forum rules. The public forum clauses previously afforded in the Model Code should be optional clauses to provide guidance on public forums.	Agreed but note an amendment
New Clause 5.4	Request for leave of absence	We agree that where council resolves not to accept an apology and to grant a leave of absence they must state the reasons for its decision in its resolution.	Agreed
Removal Clause 5.8	Request for attendance after leave of absence	Councillors who have prior approval for leave of absence and are able to attend should do so, without requiring notice to the General Manager.	Agreed
Clause 5.19	Audio-visual link	There may be other reasons why Councillors are unable to attend in person that should be considered, for example, in the event of natural disasters or death of a family member etc. The clause appears to be rigid and focused on ill-health, medical reasons or	Disagree, suggest the original remains

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		unforeseen caring responsibilities. Suggest amending it back to the former.	
Clause 5.37	Recording of a meeting	We support the video recordings remaining for the balance of the Council's term.	Agreed
Removal Clause 5.44	Audi-visual link for staff	We disagree that council staff cannot attend via audio-visual link for meetings. We have had to rarely utilise this clause, however in the event of an unforeseen circumstance, each Council should have the ability to apply its own discretion and rules. We understand that the NSW Government has given direction to the NSW Public Service to return to the office and scaling back on work from home. However, this is not an issue for our Council.	Disagree
Clause 5.44	Attendance of other council staff	The General Manager should have the ultimate decision on which staff members attend the Council meeting. The Council cannot direct other staff members to attend council meetings without approval of the General Manager. Where applicable, the General Manager should be supported by the subject matter experts to provide clarification on their reports.	Disagree
Clause 7.1	Mode of address – standing	We do not agree that Councillors and staff must stand when addressing the meeting. We acknowledge that the Draft Code acknowledges people's ability to do so, with the reference to " <i>where they can</i> ", however, standing up and potentially over another Councillor or staff member may be seen as intimidation in moments of debate.	Disagree
Removal 8.2	Order of Business	The order of business should remain to provide Councils guidance on the development of their agenda.	Suggest amendment
Removal 9.9 and 9.10	Mayoral Minute	Removal of rules around Mayoral Minutes, however some consideration needs to be provided for where a Mayoral Minute looks at expenditure of funds outside of the Operational Plan. Accountability and transparency are required in the decisions that Council are	Suggest amendment

CODE CLAUSE	AREA	WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL COMMENT	RESOLUTION TBC/2025
		<p>making and input from Council Officers who understand the day-to-day financial operations should be presented to the Council for consideration.</p> <p>The council may resolve to request a report for expenditure to be tabled at a later date, however, we believe it would be more efficient for all parties involved that the information is provided at the time it is tabled.</p> <p>Suggest amending it back to the former.</p>	
Clause 10.3	Withdrawal of Notice of Motion	We agree that Councillors can withdraw their notices of motion and Council noting it, without the Councillor putting in formal request for it to be withdrawn.	Agreed
Removal of Clause 10.9	Motions requiring the expenditure of funds	<p>The Consultation Draft seems to remove all provisions around expenditure of fund whereby matters are deferred until a report is provided by staff on the expenditure of funds.</p> <p>When considered collectively with the Minister wishing to remove Pre-Meeting Briefings and transparent and accountable reports that provide information on expenditure of public money, it appears that Councillors will be forced to make decisions without detailed information and a lack of a forum to ask questions. The removal of this clause does not lead to accountable or transparent decision making.</p> <p>As per the above council may resolve to request a report for expenditure to be tabled at a later date, however, we believe it would be more efficient for all parties involved that the information is provided at the time it is tabled.</p> <p>Suggest amending it back to the former.</p>	Disagree
Removal Clause 10.17	Foreshadowed motion	This appears to be duplication and therefore removal is warranted.	Agreed
Removal of Clause 10.24	Limitations on the number and duration of speeches	Councils should be able to exercise their ability to resolve to shorten the duration of speeches to expedite the	Disagree

CODE CLAUSE	AREA	WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL COMMENT	RESOLUTION TBC/2025
		consideration of business. Suggest amending it back to the former.	
Clause 11.12 and 11.13	Planning decisions	The proposed clauses ensure the integrity of planning assessments and planning decisions are considered for its merits and compliance with the planning laws.	Agreed
Clause 12.2	Committee of the whole	We object to requiring Councillors to stand when addressing the meeting during the committee of the whole. Committee of the whole allows for extended debate and conversation. Standing may deter these discussions and debate. It is further noted above on our concerns relating to standing over another councillor during a heated debate.	Disagree
Clause 14.11	Representations by members of the public	The clause is confusing and should be clarified. It is assumed that the members of the public can address Council in Closed Council if Council determines so. More clarity is required.	Suggest amendment
Removal Clauses 14.12 to 14.17	Representations by members of the public approvals by General Manager	If the clauses relating to the General Manager approving representations by the public are removed, please clarify <i>"in a manner determined by Council"</i> . If Council resolves that a General Manager is able to determine the representations similar to the current Code and it is maintaining status quo, does this comply? Please clarify.	Suggest amendment
Clause 14.19 and 14.20	Closed Council business items	To ensure that the principles of Section 10A are upheld, we suggest there needs to be further guidance on treating tenders that may confer commercial information as confidential text. E.g. when contracts are uploaded onto state government contract registers but the supplier requests confidential text. However the rest of the information is able to provided where the Council resolves to do so.	Suggest amendment
Removal Clause 15.2	Point or Order	Removal of the previous restriction on the point of order against the principles outlined in 2.1 is supported.	Agreed

CODE CLAUSE	AREA	WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL COMMENT	RESOLUTION TBC/2025
Clause 15.1(d)	Acts of Disorder	The removal of the Council’s Code of Conduct but instead replaced with “ <i>uses any language, words or gestures that would be regarded as disorderly in the NSW Legislative Assembly</i> ” seems confusing. The Council Chamber is not the NSW Legislatively Assembly? Furthermore, it seems to be open to interpretation on the level of disorderly. The Council’s Code of Conduct should be the policy that Councillors and staff need to adhere to.	Disagree and suggest amendment
Clause 15.12 and 15.13	Acts of Disorder (failure to comply)	The Chairperson, predominantly the Mayor has the ability to take action against a Councillor to remedy an act of disorder. In the instance of interpersonal conflict between a Mayor and a Councillor, this could be weaponised. It is recommended that this is a collective decision by way of resolution of the Council who vote of a remedy of action for the act of disorder of the Councillor in question.	Disagree and suggest amendment
Clause 15.15	Expulsion from meetings	As above, the Chairperson, predominantly the mayor has the ability to expel someone from a meeting. This could be weaponised where there is interpersonal conflict between the two people. It is recommended that this is a collective decision by way of resolution of the Council who vote of a remedy of action for the act of disorder of the Councillor in question.	Disagree and suggest amendment
Clause 17.10	Rescinding planning decisions	We agree to the one-day timeframe to rescind a previous planning decision.	Agreed
Clause 18	Time limits on council meetings	The language provided is non-restrictive/non-committal, however appears to have the same intent. Therefore why does this need to be changed? Suggest amending it back to the former.	Suggest amendment
Removal Clause 20.8	Attendance at committee meetings	If a Councillor fails to attend consecutive committee meetings without giving reasons acceptable to the Committee, what are the avenues afforded to the Committee to address the absenteeism	Disagree

CODE CLAUSE	AREA	WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL COMMENT	RESOLUTION TBC/2025
		issue? The Councillor's absenteeism may have potential implications for the ongoing business of Council. Suggest amending back to the former.	
Clause 20.20 and 20.21	Closed Committee business items	To ensure that the principles of Section 10A are upheld at the time that matters may be closed for business, we suggest there needs to be further guidance on treating tenders that may confer commercial information as confidential text. E.g. when contracts are uploaded onto state government contract registers but the supplier requests confidential text.	Suggest amendment.

POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Weddin Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice is based off the Model Code and will need to be updated to adhere to the Model Code once the Office of Local Government implements the new Model Code of Meeting Practice noting the changes will need to be legislated.

The Model Meeting Code is prescribed under the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*. Council cannot adopt its own meeting practice.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial or resource implications arising from this report. However the changes proposed in the Model Code of Meeting Practice may result in decisions made by Council without financial reporting or resource implication information.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Councillors were provided an opportunity to provide comments and thoughts into this paper. Thank you to the Mayor and Cr Neill for their comments.

CONCLUSION

That Council endorse the draft submission and that the Mayor provides a Mayoral submission to the Office of Local Government for consideration as part of the OLG Consultation process.

10.4 RESOLUTION REGISTER

File Number:	C2.3.3
Author:	Executive Assistant to the General Manager
Authoriser:	General Manager
Attachments:	1. ATT 1 Resolution Register as at 13 February 2025
CSP Objective:	Shire assets and services delivered effectively and efficiently
Precis:	To provide Council with an update on the current outstanding actions.
Budget:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the attached resolution register as at 13 February 2025.

RESOLUTION 013/25

Moved: Cr Makin

Seconded: Cr Rolls

That Council note the attached resolution register as at 13 February 2025.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

PURPOSE

To provide Council with an update on the current outstanding actions on the resolution register as at 13 February 2025.

11 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**11.1 QUARTERLY BUSINESS REVIEW STATEMENT (QBR) AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024****File Number:****Author:** Director Corporate Services**Authoriser:** General Manager**Attachments:** 1. QBR Q2 - 31 December 2024 FINAL(2)**CSP Objective:** Shire assets and services delivered effectively and efficiently**Precis:** Statutory Report – QBR Q2 Report to Council**Budget:** \$ NIL**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Note and receive the FY 2025 Quarterly Business Review Statement (QBR) Quarter 2.
2. Approve the correction/adjustment to RES 236/24 (Q1 QBR) where an amount of \$810,000 for Block Grant funding was referenced though it should have been stated as \$860,000.

RESOLUTION 014/25

Moved: Cr Parlett

Seconded: Cr Montgomery

That Council:

1. Note and receive the FY 2025 Quarterly Business Review Statement (QBR) Quarter 2.
2. Approve the correction/adjustment to RES 236/24 (Q1 QBR) where an amount of \$810,000 for Block Grant funding was referenced though it should have been stated as \$860,000.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**PURPOSE**

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBR) is a financial reporting system that presents a summary of Council's financial position at the end of each quarter of the financial year.

BACKGROUND

The QBR consists of a Responsible Accounting Officers (RAO) statement, Operational Income and Expenditure Budget Review, Contracts Awarded, Consultant Expenses, Legal Expenses, and Capital Program.

The QBRS is designed to facilitate progress reporting against the original and revised budgets at the end of each quarter, provide explanations for major variations, and enable the RAO to indicate to Council how it is performing at as Quarter 2 2025 and will be in a satisfactory financial position at the end of the 2025 financial year.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

The QBRS Quarter 2 (Q2) Report is attached for Council's consideration and includes information on:

- 2025 Budgeted Profit and Loss by Program
- Profit and Loss as at 31 December 2024 by Fund
- Statement of Financial Position by Fund as at 31 December 2024
- Contracts, Consultants and Legal Budget Review Statement
- Capital Program

The Capital Program provides an update of projects in alignment to the information provided in the revised 2025 Operational Plan endorsed by Council at its 21 November 2024 meeting (Resolution 236/24).

The following provides the Council a summary of information provided in the QBRS Q2 FY 2025 of observations:

1. GENERAL, SEWER & WASTE FUNDS

General Fund Budget

Revenue

- Rates and Rental income are in line with our forecasted amounts in our 2025 Operational Plan.
- User Charges and Fees are in line with our forecasted amounts in our 2025 Operational Plan.
- We have strategically changed our investment processes seeking maximum returns on our funds by placing more funds into interest bearing accounts. This change has resulted in improvements to Q2 where we have earned \$203,000 which represents 95% of our annual interest and investment revenue budget.

Expenses

- Employee costs remain a significant area of focus for us, and were reported in the 2024 audited financial statements at \$7.0 million (including all on-costs). Council consciously decided to replace outsourcing as much as possible with local casual employees to perform road works like traffic control and general labouring activities. The benefit of this is that this money is retained in the local economy and community. The financial impact is that consulting costs are lower, however wages are higher.
- As at Q2, actual employee costs were \$3.535 million or 51% of budget. When annualised, this represents approximately 2% above budget, however the impact of Christmas/New Year leave will likely counteract that back towards the annual budget.
- Employee costs remain an area of focus for council as we consider sustainability across all areas of council. Further analysis into a sustainable level of employment costs is being conducted in conjunction with the next Long Term Financial Plan.

- Materials & Contracts costs are still low as at Q2 with only 11% of the budget being spent. This is in large part due to seasonal factors with road works not taking place until the warmer months in Q2 and Q3, however this also continues to be exacerbated by delays in approval/commencement of disaster recovery road works.
- Depreciation has not been included in Q2 operational costs, however it is anticipated that we will have this capability shortly.

Sewer Fund Budget

Revenue

- Revenue through rates collection and charges are as anticipated through Q2.

Expenses

- Employee costs for Q2 are at 62% of budget, though consistent with Q1 costs, this is now above a prorated budget by approximately \$45,000 year to date.
- Materials and contract costs represent 31% of budget, however the timing of orders is subject to requirements.

Waste Management Budget

Council resolved to create an external restriction for waste management and immediately internally allocate \$100,000 to domestic waste management. We will then transfer a further amount of \$150,000 in the 2025 year which was voted on in the June 2024 Council Meeting as part of our 2024 - 2025 Operational Plan.

This will build a reserve for future restoration and rehabilitation costs. The intention is that all annual operating surpluses will then transfer to this fund to increase it over time and restricted for water purposes. An operational surplus of \$198,000 has been forecast in the 2025 budget and it is anticipated that this operating surplus will then appropriate to the reserve at the end of the financial year.

The Waste Management Fund commenced on the 1/07/2024.

Revenue

- Revenue through rates collection and charges are as anticipated through Q2.

Expenses

- Employee costs through Q2 are in line with a prorated budget.
- Materials and contracts are at 40% of budget, however the timing of orders are subject to requirement and so there are no concerns at this stage.

2. OTHER MATTERS

Environmental Services

- The temporary closures of the Quandialla and Caragabal tips is a significant area of concern.
- The costs to clean up the site in accordance with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) requirements and longer term ability to set up a waste management

fund to deal with the future rehabilitation which remains unknown and a significant concern.

- Temporary measures such as the bank at bins at both Quandialla and Caragabal tips will require a change in management approach if the closure continues into an extended period. This may impact on the resourcing in this area.

Infrastructure Services

- As previously advised, Council's sewer fund will be a concern into the future as the costs to operate and maintain the new plant have proven to be higher than anticipated. Council is continuing its review of operating costs for the Sewer Treatment Plant, particularly in the areas of chemicals and labour. However, the structure within the Wastewater Treatment Plant team may result in a reduction in wages will have an offset as the Traineeship is funded by the Office of Local Government for a period of two years.
- Council was recently awarded a number of traineeships and apprenticeship positions through the Fresh Start Program. This will allow for the workforce to increase as we employ a number of positions. However, noting that the oncosts will be funded by Council.
- An alternative or additional option would be to review User Charges and Fees to recoup some of these higher operational costs.
- Council has submitted 7 (seven) Natural Disaster AGRN1034 Packages for reconstruction works with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and currently awaiting approval for packages 5 & 7.
- As part of the Natural Disaster Tripartite Agreement, Council's advance payment of \$5,600,099.87 was based on 20% on the approved or strategic estimated Natural Disaster packages. Note, advance payment included Natural Disaster Package 1 90% progress payment of \$1,007,229.71 received on the 31 Jan 2024.
- In the March 2024 QBRS we reported that the Natural Disaster AGRN1034 Packages - Package 3 and Package 6 respectively had their 'upper limit' approved. Note, Package 1 was approved and completed. Package 3 was reduced by \$838,750.99 (43%) and Package 6 was reduced by \$1,616,409.97 (18%).
- As at QBRS Q2 2025, TfNSW recently approved Natural Disaster Package 2 and Package 4, however the 'upper limit' on these packages were reduced with Package 2 reduced by \$586,196.70 (34%) and Package 4 reduced by \$2,776,635.48 (55%).
- As at QBRS Q2 2025, the current status for Natural Disaster Packages AGRN1034 is that Packages 5 and 7 are still not been approved. Council is engaged regularly with TfNSW to get these approved. Council anticipates commensurate reductions to the final two Natural Disaster packages 5 & 7 that remain outstanding for assessment.
- As at QBRS Q2 2025, Package 3 is 90% completed with progress payment submitted to Transport for NSW for \$2,836,972.93.
- As at Q2 2025, Package 6 is 75% completed with a progress payment to be submitted to TfNSW of \$472,211.94.
- Council is obligated to have an asset management strategy and plan through the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. As mentioned in the March 2024 (Q3

2024) QBRS the current asset management plans have not been reviewed since 2017 along with the Long Term Financial Plan.

- We are currently shortlisting several suppliers to perform the next round of road transport and stormwater valuations.
- Council has traditionally never set a tree removal/arborist budget within its operations. Tree trimming on regional and state roads are covered by the various grants. With the weather events and growth seasons of the last couple of years, Council has been inundated with tree removal requests/tree trimming requests. A small budget was set for this financial year of \$20,000. The increasing levels of service that Council is expected to maintain does not align with Council's income and revenue. The next quarter will see Council setting its budget for the 2025/2026 financial year and consideration of these levels of service and the community's expectation as well as safety will need to be appropriately factored in.
- Council has entered into financing arrangements for the skid steer and will be doing the same with the jet patcher. Council's ageing plant continues to be a concern as they are nearing the end of life, however Council has not had a plant replacement reserve to access. At present the jet patcher dry hire costs are being offset by the RERRF funding, however comes at an unnecessary cost, had Council been able to establish a proactive plant replacement reserve. Other plant (all three grader and two rollers) has broken down in recent months which has impacted not only on road service delivery but added to maintenance costs to render them operational. Council's tipper trucks are at its end of life. In addition, Council will need to look at the purchasing of trailers to transport a number of our plant and equipment to comply with WHS regulations.
- RMAP expenditure is slightly behind where we had planned to be due primarily to competing priorities with the increased level of works, but also driven by a significantly increased budget by TfNSW. We will endeavour to utilise as much of the approved funding as possible.

Corporate Services

- Council is progressing well with its four-stage upgrade of a major IT upgrade to CIVICA Authority 7.1 and server upgrades. Stage 1 (Enterprise Resource Management module) and Stage 2 (e-Services) are completed, and work has commenced on Stage 3 (Content Management). The final fourth stage of the upgrade, Asset Management, is expected to commence toward the end of calendar 2025 or early 2026.
- As part of the upgrade, a Customer Response Management (or CRM) system will be implemented and will allow for customers to be notified when jobs are completed.
- Council will continue to provide details on the strengthening of IT and Cyber Security throughout the year.
- Council has also rolled out IT and Cyber Security Awareness training for staff and has been extended to cover our new employees that have commenced in recent months. Maintaining and refreshing this level of awareness will continue to strengthen Council against a potential cyber-attack.
- Additional servers that were proposed/budgeted for 2025 are currently being investigated with firming up of costs and project plan currently being undertaken.

- Further to previous communications regarding the advised breach of s.409 of the Local Government Act 1993 in respect of the Henry Lawson Festival's (a s.355 committee of council) operation of a bank account, this matter remains unresolved as of writing. Discussions continue between stakeholders to ensure all are aware of and understand the imposition of this breach on council, and to enable productive discussions and actions that will result in an efficient, effective, and transparent resolution for all that will return council to a legislative compliant position as soon as practicably possible.
- Council was recently awarded a number of traineeships and apprenticeship positions through the Fresh Start Program. This will allow for the workforce to increase as we employ a number of positions. However, noting that the oncosts will be funded by Council.
- Council will be undertaking its annual insurance renewal program shortly. Based on experience across the industry, there is an expectation of a greater than normal percentage increase in insurance premiums across all categories of cover.

POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy or legal implications.

Under section 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 of the Council is required to table and endorse a budget review statement no later than 2 months after the end of each quarter. The Responsible Accounting Officer must prepare and submit to the Council the QBRS that shows by reference to the estimate of income and expenditure set out in the statement of the council's revenue policy included in the operational plan for the relevant year, a revised estimate of the income and expenditure for that year.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The following is a summary of financial and resourcing implications for Council.

Q2 PROPOSED BUDGET VARIATIONS

General Budget

- THAT Council approve the correction/adjustment to RES 236/24 (Q1 QBRS) where an amount of \$810,000 for Block Grant funding was referenced though it should have been stated as \$860,000.
Note: the Block Grant was not originally budgeted for in the Operational Plan approved per RES 122/24 in the June 2024 council meeting. Further, there is no impact to the budgeted Net Operating Result as a result of this correction/adjustment.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Council's Executive Team have been consulted on the issues raised in this QBRS.

CONCLUSION

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Q2 is attached.

11.2 RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTION - JANUARY 2025

File Number:

Author: Rates Clerk

Authoriser: Director Corporate Services

Attachments: 1. ATT 1 | Weddin Shire Council Rates Newsletter - January 2025

CSP Objective: Shire assets and services delivered effectively and efficiently

Precis: January 2025, monthly report on the rates and charges

Budget: NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the information in this report, update on rates and charges collection for the month of January 2025.

RESOLUTION 015/25

Moved: Cr Neill

Seconded: Cr Montgomery

That Council note the information in this report, update on rates and charges collection for the month of January 2025.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to be updated with the most recent information pertaining to its rates and charges collections – as applicable to the month of January 2025.

BACKGROUND

The monthly report provides Council information on the rates and charges collection.

Refer to the Financial/Resource Implications for the more recent commentary background with respect to collections for the current period to date.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

The annual rate charges are set out within Council’s 2024/25 Operational Plan.

The following provides a summary as at 31 January 2025.

Rates Collected to the month of:

	Period to 31 January 2025	Period to 31 January 2024
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Rates and Charges Collected (C)	\$ 2,890,946.27	\$2,768,460.08
Total	\$ 2,890,946.27	\$2,768,460.08

	2025	2024
Net Rates/Charges in arrears (A)	\$ 474,339.62	\$ 387,037.04
2025 Gross Rates/Charges	\$ 4,818,150.14	\$ 4,524,387.46
Less Pension Concession	(\$ 132,046.67)	(\$ 138,418.78)
Net Amount Levied (B)	\$ 4,686,103.47	\$ 4,385,968.68
Total amount rates incl. arrears (A + B)	\$ 5,160,442.49	\$ 4,773,005.72
Less: Total amount collected (current and arrears) (C)	\$ 2,890,946.27	\$ 2,768,460.08
Add: Rate Accounts in Credit (income in advance)	\$ 68,240.52	\$ 44,946.53
Total rates outstanding	\$ 2,337,737.34	\$ 2,049,492.17

Total rates outstanding has reduced by \$399,134.77 to the end of January 2025 covering the last 2 months.

POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Council staff comply with the directions provided by Council’s suite of policies that govern this function of Council. The collection of rates does have an economic and social impact on the community. Recognising this, Council is always willing to negotiate payment terms with outstanding debtors due to hardship. Rate payers are afforded several opportunities and encouraged to contact Council and make suitable arrangements regarding outstanding amounts.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Uncollected rates are recognised as cash flow that is not available to Council to use for normal operational matters and use. Rate collection is a necessary function for council operation.

It needs to be acknowledged that post Covid-19 along with the additional increase in the cost of living has impacted on Council’s ability to collect rates and charges.

Council now has additional staff resources available to enable it to increase its focus on recovery of these debts. As well Council continues to engage with a Debt Recovery Agency

which is currently monitoring 47 active files. These agency costs unfortunately come at a considerable collection cost to Council both in terms of time and in monetary terms so our preference is always to manage collection of debt internally by our Rates Officers.

Council Officers sent out 1,583 printed Annual Rates Notices as well as 234 emailed notices for the 2024/25 financial year third instalment notice.

Council **outstanding rates and annual charges** (includes interest charged as at January 2025 was \$404,139.95 plus the rates paid in advance of \$68,240.52 = **\$472,380.47**). As a comparison, Rates and annual charges receivable was **\$592,000** in the 2024 Financial statements (C1-3). As a percentage, this is approximately **10.08% in arrears** (the OLG benchmark of <10% of rates charged) and a reduction of 2.07% compared to 30 June 2024 of 12.15%.

Council finance staff continue to review this regularly and are now in a position to actively work with our ratepayers to collect outstanding debts with a potential Sale of Land in Financial Year 2026, as well as proactively engage with external debt collectors.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

This report is a monthly report to Council.

CONCLUSION

Council is focused on the collection of outstanding rates in a timely fashion but that this will always be undertaken in a sensitive manner.

11.3 STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AND BANKING FACILITIES REPORT

File Number:

Author: Rates Clerk

Authoriser: Director Corporate Services

Attachments: Nil

CSP Objective: Shire assets and services delivered effectively and efficiently

Precis: Statement of Bank Balances as at 31/01/2025, restricted cash and banking facilities.

Budget: NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the information contained in the Statement of Bank Balances and Banking Facilities Report.

RESOLUTION 016/25

Moved: Cr White

Seconded: Cr Montgomery

That Council note the information contained in the Statement of Bank Balances and Banking Facilities Report.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BANK BALANCES AS AT 31 JANUARY 2025.

Below is a list of all of the current bank balances for each account, as at 31 January 2025.

Table 1 below provides a summary of the current bank balances for each account, as at 31 January 2025.

Bank Account	\$
Westpac – Operating account	\$705,147.95
Westpac – Business Cash Reserve	\$1,326,063.52
Westpac - Short Term Deposits	
CBA Term Deposits (Table 2)	\$10,000,000.00
Total	\$12,031,211.47

Table 1 – Current bank balances

Commonwealth Bank Investments

Table 2 below provides a summary of Commonwealth Bank Term Deposits as at 31 January 2025 showing interest earned and interest rates of current investments.

	Invested Date	Maturity Date	Rate	Invested Amount	Interest earned
Commonwealth Bank	18/12/2024	17/02/2025	4.79	\$1,000,000	
Commonwealth Bank	29/11/2024	27/02/2025	4.89	\$1,000,000	
Commonwealth Bank	05/12/2024	05/03/2025	4.88	\$ 500,000	
Commonwealth Bank	18/12/2024	18/03/2025	4.92	\$ 500,000	
Commonwealth Bank	18/12/2024	18/03/2025	4.92	\$ 500,000	
Commonwealth Bank	18/12/2024	18/03/2025	4.92	\$ 500,000	
Commonwealth Bank	18/12/2024	18/03/2025	4.92	\$1,000,000	
Commonwealth Bank	23/12/2024	24/03/2025	4.91	\$1,000,000	
Commonwealth Bank	06/01/2025	08/04/2025	4.84	\$1,000,000	
Commonwealth Bank	20/01/2025	22/04/2025	4.79	\$ 500,000	
Commonwealth Bank	22/01/2025	22/04/2025	4.79	\$ 500,000	
Commonwealth Bank	22/01/2025	22/04/2025	4.79	\$1,000,000	
Commonwealth Bank	22/01/2025	22/04/2025	4.79	\$1,000,000	
Total Interest – Year to Date				\$10,000,000	\$155,374.67

Table 2: Commonwealth Bank Investments

Westpac Investments

Table 3 below provides a summary of Westpac Banking Corporation Term Deposits as at 31 January 2025 were NIL (as \$3,000,000 was redeemed during the month of January 2025) showing interest earned and interest rates of current investments.

	Invested Date	Maturity Date	Rate	Invested Amount	Interest earned
Westpac Bank	18/07/2024	18/01/2025	5.31	\$0.00	\$80,304.66
Total Interest – Year to Date				\$0.00	\$119,498.64

Table 2: Westpac Investments

TOTAL CASH (BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM TABLE 1) \$12,031,211.47

LESS: EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED BALANCES AS AT 31 JANUARY 2025

Restricted cash balance specific purpose

Unexpended grants	\$ 8,966,863
Domestic Waste management	\$ 250,000
Developer Contributions – Sewer Fund	\$ 128,000
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 353,000</u>

Total Restricted cash \$ 9,697,863

LESS: LIABILITIES AS AT 31 JANUARY 2025

Current Liabilities

Employee Leave Entitlement	\$ 1,060,083
Borrowings	<u>\$ 411,786</u>

Non-Current Liabilities

Employee Leave Entitlement	\$ 127,845
Borrowings	<u>\$ 3,252,174</u>

Total liabilities \$ 4,851,888

ADD: ACQUITTED GRANTS/FUNDING (Unrestricted Cash)

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Phase 2 & 3	\$ 687,188
Bridges Renew Program Round 5	\$ 137,532
Fixing Local Roads	\$ 882,640
Roads to Recovery	\$ 337,640
Financial Assistance Grant 3 rd & 4 th Quarterly Payment	\$ 314,118
Road Maintenance Council Contract (RMCC) estimated claim	<u>\$1,348,792</u>

Total Grants/Funding **\$ 3,707,910**

TOTAL CASH available NOT EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED/LIABILITY **\$ 1,189,370**

INTERNAL ALLOCATIONS AS AT 31 JANUARY 2025

Plant Income	\$ 401,227
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Total Internal Allocations **\$401,227**

OVERDRAFT FACILITY

Council currently has in place an overdraft facility approved to \$1,000,000. To date Council has not needed to draw on this facility.

CONCLUSION

Council is in a solid cash position and continually balances cash flow and funds to maximum yields and also to provide cash flow liquidity for its operations.

11.4 UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT**File Number:****Author:** EDO/TPO/ Acting Director Corporate Services**Authoriser:** Director Corporate Services**Attachments:** Nil**CSP Objective:** Innovation in service delivery (healthy, safe and educated community)**Precis:** To advise Council of the United Nations Regional Youth Summit in Bathurst in March 2025.**Budget:** \$776.00 to be sourced from WO 21, Economic Development Operations.**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

1. Note the information contained in this report.
2. Endorse the \$776.00 sponsorship of 10 Henry Lawson High School students to attend the United Nations Regional Youth Summit.
3. That \$776.00 be drawn from Economic Development Operations.

RESOLUTION 017/25

Moved: Cr Parlett

Seconded: Cr White

That Council

1. Note the information contained in this report.
2. Endorse the \$776.00 sponsorship of 10 Henry Lawson High School students to attend the United Nations Regional Youth Summit.
3. That \$776.00 be drawn from Economic Development Operations.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**PURPOSE**

To report to Council on the United Nations Regional Youth Summit being held in Bathurst on Wednesday 26 March 2025.

BACKGROUND

The United Nations Regional Youth Summit is an initiative of UN Youth Australia to build better networks in regional NSW. UN Youth Australia is a youth-led organisation that brings young people, community and global leaders together to equip the next generation of young leaders with the skills and inspiration to create meaningful change. All activities are designed

to prepare students to be informed, responsible, and engaged participants in their local and global communities.

They run a broad range of peer-to-peer interactive education programs that give young people a deep understanding of the social and political issues the world faces today. From Model United Nations debates, Workshops, and our Interactive Problem-Solving simulations, our programs foster ideas and innovation to support young people in solving global problems.

With the support of Charles Sturt University and the Central NSW Joint Organisation the event is free for senior high school students to attend. The summit will be held at the Charles Sturt University Campus at Bathurst and will bring together students from across the region. All member Councils of the Joint Organisation has been asked to sponsor travel for local students to the summit.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Given the proximity of Grenfell to Bathurst, it is possible for students to travel there and back in a day. The Henry Lawson High School has a 10-person bus used to transport students to events and activities across the region. The bus is driven by school staff who also provide supervision to student during excursions. The Henry Lawson High School has 4 School Captains/ Vice Captains in Year 12 and 6 'captains in training' in Year 11. These 10 students are part of the Student Representative Council and have been identified as leaders in our community.

POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal or policy implications.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Henry Lawson High School have advised their school bus is available to transport 10 students and a teacher/driver to Bathurst and back on 26 March 2025 for a cost of \$776.00.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

The Henry Lawson High School and the Central NSW Joint Organisation have been consulted in the development of this report.

CONCLUSION

Council should support a \$776.00 financial donation necessary to cover the transport costs for 10 representatives of the Henry Lawson High School and a staff member, to the United Nations Regional Youth Summit in Bathurst on 26 March 2025.

11.5 ARTS, TOURISM AND EVENTS ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 2024 AND JANUARY 2025

File Number: C2.6.43
Author: Arts, Tourism & Events Coordinator
Authoriser: Director Corporate Services
Attachments: 1. Attachment 1: Light Up the Night - Post Event Report
2. Attachment 2: Youth Holiday BReak Program Report - Summer 2025
CSP Objective: Culturally rich, vibrant and inclusive community
Precis: Arts, Tourism and Events Activities – December 2024 and January 2025
Budget: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report.

RESOLUTION 018/25

Moved: Deputy Mayor Gorman

Seconded: Cr Makin

That Council:

1. Note the report
2. Nominates the Light Up the Night event and events surrounding the Light Up the Night for the Local Government NSW Awards.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENDMENT

Moved: Deputy Mayor Gorman

Seconded: Cr Makin

That Council:

1. Note the report
2. Nominates the Light Up the Night event and events surrounding the Light Up the Night for the Local Government NSW Awards.

**THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED
THE AMENDMENT BECAME THE MOTION**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council the Arts, Tourism & Events information for the period of 1 December 2024 to 31 January 2025.

Statistics

Month	No. of visitors	Sales	Gallery Sales
December 2024	246	Merchandise: \$1,628 Services*: \$139	John Thomas \$2,815
January 2025	229	Merchandise: \$667 Services*: \$153.25	LUTN Photography Comp/Exhibition - \$275 Grenfell Artists Inc – \$608 (exhibition still running)

Services* include Hub Hire, Caravan Park, Gallery Donations, Printing/Photocopying

Meetings/Workshops attended

- ABC – Talk of the Town
- Australia Day Committee Meetings
- Taylor Park progress meetings
- Crown Lands meeting
- CNSWJO Marketing Subcommittee Meeting
- LUTN pre-event and post event meetings

Weddin Mountains Region Events

- Free community Christmas movie: The Grinch
- Weddin Shire Christmas Display Competitions
- Light Up the Night New Years Eve Street Party
- Mandala Painting Workshop
- String Art Workshop
- Australia Day Pre-awards Dinner and Australia Day Ceremony
- Mix, Mash and Splash Youth Event at the Aquatic Centre
- Grenfell Art Gallery Exhibition Installations/Opening
 - Light Up the Night Photography Competition – winner announcement
 - ‘From our Hands to the Canvas’ by Grenfell Artists Inc

Projects and Grants

Grant	Project	Status
LRCI phase 4	Festoon lighting	Project management: Final project tasks to be completed and signed off by Council.
SCCF-r4 – 0650	Village Streetscapes	Project management: Caragabal and Quandialla village progress association assisting staff with project. Meeting to be held with Greenethorpe to discuss project.
SCCF-r4 - 0782	Grenfell Rugby Union Grounds Irrigation	Grant management:

Grant	Project	Status
		Project finished and ready to be acquitted.
SCCF-r5	Taylor Park Redevelopment and Inclusive Play space – Stage 1	Project management: Work still scheduled to begin February. RFQs and RFT’s have closed and assessment taking place of submissions.
	Strengthen villages by enhancing sports / showground facilities and providing freedom camping areas (Caragabal, Quandialla and Greenethorpe)	Project management: Caragabal village progress association assisting staff with project. Quandialla Showground Trust assisting staff with project. Meeting to be held with Greenethorpe to discuss project.
LSCA	Public EV Destination Charger	Project management: Waiting on second quote for the project. Work to be completed by 2026.
	Remediation of softfall in playgrounds	Residual funds to the value of \$4,762.93 became available to Weddin to apply for. To be used specifically towards the upgrades of playgrounds and parks. Council had less than 20 days to submit their application. An application was submitted to do remediation to softfall in village playgrounds.
Creative Capital	Grenfell Art Gallery Upgrades	Project management: Lighting contractor engaged, work to begin shortly. RFQs for building, painting and lighting were advertised in 2024. Extension will be applied for in order for hail damage work to be completed first.
Transport for NSW Open Streets Program	Light Up the Night 2024/2025 Event	Mural successfully delivered. Former site portraits to be installed at new location as soon as possible. Event successfully held. Acquittal to take place.
Department of Regional Youth Summer & Autumn Holiday Break Program 2024/25	Summer and Autumn school holiday events	Summer: Mandala painting workshop & string art workshops successfully held. Mix, Mash and Splash event held successfully. Autumn: Silent disco proposed.

visitweddin.com.au Google Analytics

	December 2024	January 2025
E-commerce	\$217.90	\$0
Users (number of unique users)	1.1k	964
Events (user interactions on the website or app)	12k	7k
Top 5 pages	Home Events/light-up-the-night Events Accommodation Visitor Guide	Home Accommodation Grenfell Motel Events Business Directory

11.6 LIBRARIAN'S REPORT | OCTOBER 2024 - DECEMBER 2024

File Number:

Author: EDO/TPO/ Acting Director Corporate Services

Authoriser: Director Corporate Services

Attachments: Nil

CSP Objective: Shire assets and services delivered effectively and efficiently

Precis: To provide Council with Library statistics for the period October 2024 to December 2024.

Budget: NIL

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the information contained within this report.

RESOLUTION 019/25

Moved: Cr Neill

Seconded: Cr Montgomery

That Council note the information contained within this report.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PURPOSE

To provide Council with the Library Statistics for the period October to December 2024.

STATISTICS

CIRCULATION • 1559 over 92 days

LIBRARY VISITS

- 1148
- 64 Phone enquiries
- 46 Reference enquiries
- 85 Internet Desktop
- 34 Internet WiFi
- 0 Kids Games
- 0 Word
- 3 eResources

SOCIAL MEDIA

- 914 x Facebook reach
- 642 x Facebook followers
- 33 x Instagram reach

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 108 x Instagram followers
BAG DELIVERY HOUSEBOUND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 deliveries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8 x October 2024 ▪ 8 x November 2024 ▪ 10 x December 2024
COST RECOVERY ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Copy/print \$201.50+\$156.50+\$105.50 ▪ Scan/ email \$15 +\$5 + \$5 ▪ Lamination \$2 + \$0 + \$2 ▪ Disc cleaning \$0 ▪ Library bag \$0
INTERLIBRARY LOANS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 x requests
MEMBERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registrations as of 31 December 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 404 x Adults ▪ 11 x Housebound ▪ 9 x Institutions ▪ 68 x Junior ▪ 356 x Seniors ▪ 67 x Young Adult • New registrations as of 31 December 2024 = 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4 x Adults ▪ 3 x Seniors
ADDITIONS OF STOCK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 128 x new items • 0 x donated items • 19 x Large Print • 0 x Toys • 45 x Magazines • 10 x Junior Fiction • 0 x DVD • 29 x Fiction • 1 x Board Books • 17 x Non Fiction

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 x Youth Fiction • 0 x Talking Books
DELETION OF STOCK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 82 x items valued at \$1,053.23
DISCRETIONARY SPENDING AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book vote 2024/2025: \$20,000 • Currently remaining: \$12,285.92

Story Box Library

Site Access:	October	November	December
	0	0	0

Indyreads

	October	November	December
Loans:	4	1	5
Reservations:	2	0	1
Users:	13	6	3

BorrowBox

October	eAudiobooks	EBooks
Circulation:	103	65
Reservations:	43	21
Stocks:	11295	18639
Users:	167	167

November	eAudiobooks	EBooks
Circulation:	95	64
Reservations:	32	25
Stocks:	11411	18633
Users:	168	168

December	eAudiobooks	EBooks
Circulation:	98	63
Reservations:	49	30
Stocks:	11508	18635
Users:	169	169

MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- A Council staff member attended the Zone Library Conference in Narromine on 11 October 2024. This was a good networking opportunity where contact was made with representatives of the State Library of NSW.

OTHER

- Ordering and cataloguing of new stock has continued.
- Hard to find titles have been acquired by alternate suppliers.
- Programming of posts on social media (Facebook and Instagram) has continued.
- The website has been updated.
- Library programs including House Bound, Storytime, Knit and Natter, Brain Games and Christmas Craft have been well supported.

PROJECTS AND GRANTS

- An application for the Public Libraries Infrastructure Grant was lodged in October 2024. The outcome will be known in March 2025.

11.7 COMMUNITY SUPPORT APPLICATION | THE SALVATION ARMY GRENFELL**File Number:****Author:** EDO/TPO/ Acting Director Corporate Services**Authoriser:** Director Corporate Services**Attachments:** 1. Community Support Application The Salvation Army**CSP Objective:** Innovation in service delivery (healthy, safe and educated community)**Precis:** The Salvation Army Grenfell have submitted a Community Support Application**Budget:** \$168.00 in- kind.**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

1. Note the information contained in this report.
2. Approve the \$168.00 in-kind donation for hire of the Conference Room and spare office in the Community Hub Building on 13 March 2025 and 17 June 2025.

RESOLUTION 020/25

Moved: Cr Rolls

Seconded: Cr Montgomery

That Council

1. Note the information contained in this report.
2. Approve the \$168.00 in-kind donation for hire of the Conference Room and spare office in the Community Hub Building on 13 March 2025 and 17 June 2025.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**PURPOSE**

To report to Council on a Community Support Application received from The Salvation Army Grenfell for in kind support by way of waiver to deliver an event.

BACKGROUND

The Weddin Shire Services Day, is an initiative of Weddin Interagency. Weddin Interagency is a forum for networking and exchange of information and ideas among community organisations and community service providers to secure effective and efficient services for the Weddin Community.

The first Weddin Shire Services Day was held on 12 November 2024 at the Salvation Army Hall on George Street. There were over 20 service providers represented including Services Australia, Homes NSW, Relationships Australia, Macarthur Legal Services, Legal Aid as well as local services such as the Food Hall, Community Health and Community Transport.

The day was an opportunity for the community to access services face to face. By bringing a variety of services together under one roof, residents can benefit from on-referrals to complementary services.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Interagency are moving the Weddin Services Day to a venue where the public will more easily find the event. The new venue will be the Conference Room in the Community Hub Building, a modern accessible building close to public toilets. The Salvation Army have also booked the spare office, to allow a confidential space if attendees wish to speak one on one with service providers. The Salvation Army have submitted a Community Support Application on behalf of Interagency requesting Council waive the hire cost of the Conference Room and spare office for the 13 March 2025, and 17 June 2025 Weddin Services Day events.

POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The request complies with Council’s Community Support Policy and Guidelines.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Community Support Budget is \$25,000. The table below presents the Community Support Applications (not included in the pre approved list) received to date.

NEW Donations & In-Kind Support 2025 FINANCIAL YEAR				Hire/In-Kind	Monetary Donation
Wedin Health Care	Community Defib	November/December	Monetary Donation for replacement of battery and pads	239/24	\$665.00
Cargo 2 Grenfell fundraiser walk	C2G Walk	March	1x Portaloo	277/24	\$500.00
Quandialla Swimming Club	Swimming Carnival	January	Coolroom Hire - Single Axle	001/25	\$648.00
REDACTED	REDACTED	January	REDACTED	006/25	\$608.00
The Salvation Army	Weddin Services Day	February	Hire of Conference Room and Spare Office in Community Hub		\$168.00
Total New Donations & In-Kind					\$1,771.00
TOTAL Budget remaining for NEW applications					\$1,701.60
Budget					\$25,000.00

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

No consultation is required.

CONCLUSION

Council has received a Community Support Application from the Salvation Army for in-kind donation of the used of the Conference Room and spare office in the Community Hub Building. It is recommended that Council provide the in-kind support as requested.

11.8 COMMUNITY SUPPORT APPLICATION | GRENFELL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY**File Number:****Author:** EDO/TPO/ Acting Director Corporate Services**Authoriser:** Director Corporate Services**Attachments:** 1. Grenfell Hospital Auxiliary Community Support Application**CSP Objective:** Innovation in service delivery (healthy, safe and educated community)**Precis:** Grenfell Hospital Auxiliary have submitted a Community Support Application**Budget:** \$600.00 in- kind.**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

1. Note the information contained in this report.
2. Approve the \$600 in-kind donation to the Grenfell Hospital Auxiliary.

RESOLUTION 021/25

Moved: Cr Rolls

Seconded: Cr Makin

That Council

1. Note the information contained in this report.
2. Approve the \$600 in-kind donation to the Grenfell Hospital Auxiliary.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**PURPOSE**

To report to Council on a Community Support Application from the Grenfell Hospital Auxiliary for donation of Weddin Mountain Regions souvenirs to support the successful delivery of their regional event.

BACKGROUND

The Grenfell Hospital Auxiliary play an important role in our community, by raising funds to purchase items to make residents and visitors to the Grenfell Hospital, MPS and Community Health more comfortable. Some of the items purchased by the Grenfell Hospital Auxiliary in recent years include: a medical chair, four recliner chairs, six televisions and a sofa bed for the palliative care room. The volunteer committee fundraise with monthly lamington drives, raffles and street stalls.

In 2025 the Grenfell Hospital Auxiliary will play host to the Central West Hospital Auxiliary Forum, a regional event that will attract 60 delegates and their families to Grenfell from across the central west region.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

The Grenfell Hospital Auxiliary is hosting the Central West Hospital Auxiliary Forum in Grenfell on 5 March 2025. The event will attract approximately 60 delegates from across the region. The Grenfell Hospital Auxiliary will be presenting each attendee with a delegate bag and are inviting Council to contribute Weddin Mountain Region souvenirs and marketing materials.

In addition to the economic benefit that will come directly from this event where participants and their families will contribute to the local economy via the purchase of meals, accommodation and transport, the promotion of Weddin Mountains Region that will result will have positive impact on the visitor economy over the longer term.

Visitor centre staff have sufficient pens and keyrings on hand to meet the request.

POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The request complies with Council’s Community Support Policy and Guidelines.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The remaining budget for Community Support Applications for 2024/2025, including committed funds, is \$1,101.60.

NEW Donations & In-Kind Support 2025 FINANCIAL YEAR					Hire/In-Kind	Monetary Donation
Wedin Health Care	Community Defib	November/ December	Monetary Donation for replacement of battery and pads	239/24	N/A	\$665.00
Cargo 2 Grenfell fundraiser walk	C2G Walk	March	1x Portaloo	277/24	\$347.00	\$500.00
Quandialla Swimming Club	Swimming Carnival	January	Coolroom Hire - Single Axle	001/25	\$648.00	N/A
REDACTED	REDACTED	January	REDACTED	006/25	\$608.00	N/A
The Salvation Army	Weddin Services Day	March	Hire of Conference Room and Spare Office in Community Hub		\$168.00	N/A
Grenfell Hospital Auxilliary	Central West Hospital Auxiliary Forum	March	Donation of Weddin Mountains Region souvenirs (pens and keyrings)		\$600.00	N/A
			Total New Donations & In-Kind		\$2,371.00	\$1,165.00
			TOTAL Budget remaining for NEW applications		\$1,101.60	
			Budget		\$25,000.00	

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

No consultation is required.

CONCLUSION

Council should support the Grenfell Hospital Auxiliary Community Support Application as per in kind support of \$600.00.

11.9 COMMUNITY SUPPORT APPLICATION | BREASTSCREEN VAN VISIT 2025**File Number:****Author:** EDO/TPO/ Acting Director Corporate Services**Authoriser:** Director Corporate Services**Attachments:** 1. COMMUNITY SUPPORT APPLICATION BREASTSCREEN VAN VISIT 2025**CSP Objective:** Innovation in service delivery (healthy, safe and educated community)**Precis:** To provide Council with a Community Support Application from BreastScreen NSW.**Budget:** \$500 In-Kind Donation - Community Support Vote.**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council note this report.
2. That Council provide in-kind support to BreastScreen NSW for the 2025 biennial visit of the BreastScreen Van.

RESOLUTION 022/25

Moved: Cr Montgomery

Seconded: Cr Parlett

1. That Council note this report.
2. That Council provide in-kind support to BreastScreen NSW for the 2025 biennial visit of the BreastScreen Van.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**PURPOSE**

To report to Council on the request from BreastScreen NSW to receive in-kind support for the free transportation of the BreastScreen Van from Cowra to Grenfell in April 2025.

BACKGROUND

BreastScreen NSW is a free health service for women from all cultures and language groups and provides breast screening at over 250 locations across NSW. BreastScreen park their van at Vaughan Park and provide a month-long mobile service to the Weddin Shire Community. The van was last in Grenfell in March 2023. The van will arrive in Grenfell on 8 April 2025 and will depart on 8 May 2025.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

BreastScreen NSW have requested that Weddin Shire Council donate the transport of the van from Cowra to Vaughn Park, Grenfell on 8 April 2025. Transport to be via Councils prime mover and driver. Council has donated this service in previous years. The BreastScreen van would be parked at Vaughan Park for one month until 8 May 2025. Traffic cones will need

to be positioned at Vaughn Park on 7 April 2025 to ensure availability of an appropriate parking spot.

POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no implications arising from this report.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Community Support Budget is \$25,000. The table below presents the Community Support Applications (not included in the pre approved list) received to date.

NEW Donations & In-Kind Support 2025 FINANCIAL YEAR				Hire/In-Kind	Monetary Donation	
Weddin Health Care	Community Defib	November/December	Monetary Donation for replacement of battery and pads	239/24	N/A	\$665.00
Cargo 2 Grenfell fundraiser walk	C2G Walk	March	1x Portaloo	277/24	\$347.00	\$500.00
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REDACTED	REDACTED	January	REDACTED	006/25	\$608.00	N/A
The Salvation Army	Weddin Services Day	March	Hire of Conference Room and Spare Office in Community Hub		\$168.00	N/A
Grenfell Hospital Auxilliary	Central West Hospital Auxiliary Forum	March	Donation of Weddin Mountains Region souvenirs (pens and keyrings)		\$600.00	N/A
BreastScreen NSW	BreastScreen Van 2025 visit	April	Transport of van with Councils prime mover and set up of traffic cones.		\$500.00	N/A
			Total New Donations & In-Kind		\$2,871.00	\$1,165.00
			TOTAL Budget remaining for NEW applications		\$601.60	
			Budget		\$25,000.00	

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

There has been consultation with Infrastructure staff and BreastScreen NSW. There is capacity diarised for Council to undertake this transport.

CONCLUSION

Council has received a Community Support Application from BreastScreen NSW for in-kind donation of transport of the BreastScreen van from Cowra to Grenfell. It is recommended that Council provide the in-kind support as requested.

11.10 DELEGATE REPORT | 2025 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**File Number:****Author:** EDO/TPO/ Acting Director Corporate Services**Authoriser:** Director Corporate Services**Attachments:** 1. ATT 1 | NGA Conference 2025**CSP Objective:** Democratic and engaged community supported by efficient internal systems**Precis:** To seek Council's endorsement to send Delegates to the 2025 National General Assembly**Budget:** Up to \$18,608.00 to be sourced from Councillor Operations.**RECOMMENDATION**

That

1. Council note the report.
2. Council encourage attendance of all councillors at the 2025 Australian Local Government Association conference from 24 - 27 June 2025.
3. Councillors are to affirm their attendance by 28 February 2025 to the General Manager.

RESOLUTION 023/25

Moved: Cr Montgomery

Seconded: Cr White

That

1. Council note the report.
2. Council encourage attendance of all councillors at the 2025 Australian Local Government Association conference from 24 - 27 June 2025.
3. Councillors are to affirm their attendance by 28 February 2025 to the General Manager.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to facilitate an increase to the number of Councillors attending the Australian Local Government Association Conference in Canberra from 24 - 27 June 2025 and seek Council's endorsement to send a number of Delegates to the Conference.

BACKGROUND

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is the national voice of local government, representing 537 councils across the country. ALGA convene the National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA). The 2025 ALGA conference will be held in

Canberra from 24-27 June 2025. The National General Assembly is the premier national gathering of local governments, and provides councils with the opportunity to come together, share ideas, debate motions, and build the relationship between Local Government and the Australian Government.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

In previous years the Mayor and General Manager has represented Weddin Shire at the ALGA conference in Canberra and as the voting delegate and non-voting delegate. This year there is desire to increase the size of the Weddin Shire attendance and offer the training opportunity to other councillors. There is a dedicated Mayoral vote already allocated for the Mayor’s travel and training expenses for NGA. Councillors attending will be non-voting delegates, however the NGA is a good opportunity for Councillors to meet and connect with other like-minded Councillors. The NGA normally boasts over 1,100 delegates from across the country.

POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications from this report.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are sufficient funds available within Councillor Operations, for an increased number of councillors to attend this conference.

The cost of sending an additional 8 councillors to the ALGA conference is \$18,608.00:

ITEM	COST PER PERSON	SUB TOTAL FOR 8 COUNCILLORS
Registration Ticket Price	National General Assembly (\$975) Regional Forum (\$275) \$1250 per person	\$10,000 training vote
Accommodation	Adina Hotels Canberra (\$219 per night x 4 nights) \$876 per person	\$7,008 travel vote
Meals	Dinner Allowance (\$50 per person x 4 nights) \$200 per person	\$1,600 sustenance vote
TOTAL		\$18,608.00

The above does not include the Mayor as this is already factored into the Mayoral travel vote. The above schedule will reduce if not all Councillors attend.

Councillors are to submit their attendance to the General Manager by 28 February 2025 to allow for early bird registration and to take advantage of the accommodation rate offered.

Travel will be via Council’s pool vehicles to save on costs.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Council Executive Team and the Finance Team have been consulted.

CONCLUSION

That Council encourage attendance at the 2025 ALGA conference in Canberra as a valuable training opportunity for all councillors.

11.11 HENRY LAWSON FESTIVAL FUNDING REQUEST**File Number:**

Author: EDO/TPO/ Acting Director Corporate Services

Authoriser: Director Corporate Services

Attachments: 1. ATT 1 | HLF Request for additional funds

CSP Objective: Culturally rich, vibrant and inclusive community

Precis: The Henry Lawson Festival have requested additional funds to deliver the 2025 event.

Budget: \$5,825.00

Cr Parlett left the room at 5:48 pm.

Cr Parlett entered the room at 6:12 pm.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note the report
2. That Council determine to support/not support the authorisation of the expenditure of funds and that it be allocated from_____.

RESOLUTION 024/25

Moved: Cr Rolls

Seconded: Cr Montgomery

1. Note the report
2. Rescind Resolution 046/24 and reduce the amount donated to the Grow Grenfell Group to \$9,000.00 with the remaining \$5,825.00 be used by the Henry Lawson Festival Committee.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION

Moved: Cr Niven

Seconded: Cr Neill

That Council :

1. Note the report
2. Take the funds of \$5,825.00 from the Councillor Expenses Budget.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND DEFEATED

MOTION

Moved: Cr White

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Gorman

That Council:

3. Note the report
4. Rescind Resolution 046/24 and reduce the amount donated to the Grow Grenfell Group to \$9,000.00 with the remaining \$5,825.00 be used by the Henry Lawson Festival Committee

**THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED
THE AMENDMENT BECOMES THE MOTION**

PURPOSE

To report to Council on the request from the Henry Lawson Festival Committee for an additional \$5,825.00 for event management of the 2025 Festival.

BACKGROUND

The Henry Lawson Festival is the Shire's signature event. The Festival has been running for over 65 years and attracts around 6,000 people annually. The Festival is part of the community's identity and draws visiting friends and relatives from across the state back to Grenfell each June Long Weekend. The Festival serves as a platform to unite the community through shared experiences such as the street parade and art exhibition. The Festival also

plays a critical role in Weddin's economy by attracting tourists who inject funds into local businesses. Festivals and events are significant drivers of regional visitation.

The Festival committee is a small group of volunteers who require the assistance of a professional event management and marketing contractor. A contractor has been assisting the Festival committee for the last three years.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Council advertised the Henry Lawson Festival event management RFQ in December 2024. Despite extensive advertising only one proposal was received by the closing date.

There is a significant amount of event management that must occur in a relatively short space of time for a successful Henry Lawson Festival to be held from 7-9 June 2025.

There is a \$5,825.00 shortfall between the one quote received and the amount the Festival committee had budgeted for event management.

POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct implications arising from this report.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council has provided the Henry Lawson Festival with \$45,000 of cash and in-kind support in the current financial year. This is \$5,000.00 more than in 2024. In addition, the Henry Lawson Festival Committee will draw \$15,000.00 from the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts bank account as per Resolution 046/24 however have emphasised that this will not be utilised for event management.

The in-kind support provided by Council includes provision of bins, Portaloo toilets, provision of a Traffic Guidance Scheme and outdoor staff to assist with manual tasks such as set up and pack up of the street parade bunting.

Council could consider an increase the HLF Account resolved amount (Resolution 046/24) to \$21,000 to allow for the allocation.

Council could also consider revoting funds from another area of the budget to allow for the accommodation of this, however it is noted of the repetition of this request and action.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

There has been consultation with both the Henry Lawson Festival executive committee and the Council executive team.

CONCLUSION

Council has received correspondence from the Henry Lawson Festival Committee requesting an additional \$5,825.00 to deliver the 2025 event. Council is to determine the authorisation of the expenditure of funds.

12 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS**12.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT - JANUARY 2025****File Number:****Author: Executive Assistant - Infrastructure Services****Authoriser: Acting Director of Infrastructure****Attachments: Nil****CSP Objective: Shire assets and services delivered effectively and efficiently****Precis: INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS REPORT****Budget: Nil****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the information provided on infrastructure works completed in December 2024 and January 2025 and planned works for February 2025.

RESOLUTION 025/25

Moved: Cr Rolls

Seconded: Cr Neill

That Council receive and note the information provided on infrastructure works completed in December 2024 and January 2025 and planned works for February 2025.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following information is to update the Council and community on matters associated with construction and maintenance from the Infrastructure Division (Roads, Parks and Gardens, Sewerage and Plant for works, Urban Services and Weeds) undertaken in December 2024 and January 2025 planned works for February 2025.

NATURAL DISASTERS

The Weddin Local Government Area has been impacted by a number of wet weather events and Natural Disaster declared events. When a Natural Disaster event is declared for Local Government areas, this means emergency repairs (to make safe only) are required to be completed within three (3) months of the declaration date or in our circumstances extended by the NSW Government. However, noting that the extension granted has expired.

Subsequent reconstruction works are a further claim that Council must apply to the NSW Government for approval and funding. In addition to this, a number of construction and maintenance projects scheduled have been impacted by weather, resourcing of staff, contractors and supplies.

Summary of events and progress of work is provided in the following table.

Information of the packages and their approval status are now publicly available on Council’s website with information of where road crews are operating for the natural disaster packages are now uploaded. Scope of works for the financial year has been developed with minor changes pending.

Last correspondence refers to dates that Council last formally heard from TfNSW, noting that Council Officers have submitted multiple follow ups.

AGRN Event	Phase - Package	\$ Value (Subject to Change)	Status
1034 - 14 September 2022 onwards	EPA-RW - P2 General Works	\$1,403,783.00	Heavy Patching on Sealed Roads Submitted scope of works to TfNSW approved (last correspondence February 2025) Package 2 Scope includes: o Unsealed roads (non-priority) o Tree & vegetation clearing Roads included are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abbots Lane • Adams Lane • Adams Lane North • Adelargo Road • Andersons Road • Arramagong Road • Back Piney Range Road • Bald Hills Road • Beazleys Lane • Bembricks Lane • Berendebba Lane • Bewleys Road • Bimbi St (Caragabal-Quandialla Road) • Bobelar Lane • Campbells Lane • Clay Pit Road (started) • Dixons Lane • Dunkleys Lane • Eualdrie Road • Eves Lane • Gerrybang Road-I • Gerrybang Road-II • Gibraltar Rocks Road (completed) • Goodes Lane • Grants Lane • Grimms Lane • Hancock-Flinns Road • Hancock-Williams Road (started) • Hazells Road • Healys Road • Heathcotes Lane • Holy Camp Road

AGRN Event	Phase - Package	\$ Value (Subject to Change)	Status
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kangaroo Road • Major West Road (started) • McCanns Lane • McDonalds Lane • Melyra Street • Napiers Road • O'Loughlins Lane • Peaks Creek Road (started) • Piney Range Hall Road • Pinnacle Road • Reeves Lane • Sandy Creek Road • South Street • Taylor's Road (completed) • West Street • Yambira Road (completed)
<p>1034 - 14 September 2022 onwards</p>	<p>EPA-RW - P3 Priority Patches</p>	<p>\$7,211,868.03</p>	<p>Heavy Patching on Sealed Roads \$7,211,868.03 upper limit is approved by TfNSW for Package 3. Submitted scope of works to TfNSW for approval 95% complete Overall Scope includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Line marking work on Henry Lawson (completed) • Driftway Road (completed) • Deaths Lane (completed) • Henry Lawson Way - Forbes • Morangarell Road (completed) • Quandialla Caragabal Road (completed)
<p>1034 - 14 September onwards</p>	<p>EPA-RW - P4 - North Patching</p>	<p>\$6,092,819.36</p>	<p>Heavy Patching on Sealed Roads Council is working with TfNSW on the revised scope of works for Package 4. Tender for stabilisation and resealing has been awarded and will start in March 2025. Roads included in Package 4 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adelargo Road • Bald Hills Road - East West • Ballendene Road • Bewleys Road • Goodes Lane • Gooloogong Road (MR237) • Hunters Road • Keiths Lane • Mortray Road • Muncks Lane • Piney Range Hall Road • Sandy Creek Road

AGRN Event	Phase - Package	\$ Value (Subject to Change)	Status
1034 - 14 September 2022 onwards	EPA-RW - P5 - South Patching	\$10,726,397.41	<p>Heavy Patching on Sealed Roads Submitted scope of works to TfNSW for Package 5 approval (last correspondence January 2024) Scope of works include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back Piney Range Road • Berrys Road • Bimbi-Quandialla Road • Bimbi-Thuddungra Road • Bland Road • Edward Square, Greenethorpe • Eualdrie Road • Gambarra Road • Gerrybang Road • Gooloogong Road (R096/MR237) • Greenethorpe-Bumbaldry Road • Greenethorpe-Koorawatha Road • Grenfell Street • Holy Camp Road • landra Road • James Street • Martins Lane • Melyra Street • Murrays Lane • Newton Street • Nowlans Road • Old Forbes Road • Sale Street • Second Street • South Street • Talbot Street • Third Street • Tyagong Creek Road • Wirega-Greenethorpe Road
1034 - 14 September 2022 onwards	EPA-RW - P6 - Priority Unsealed	\$1,103,072.01	<p>Scope for Package 6 includes medium and heavy formation grading of unsealed roads. 90% of work completed (last correspondence December 2024) Roads included are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arramagong Road (completed) • Bald Hills Road • Barkers Road East (completed) • Barkers Road North (completed) • Gannons Lane (completed) • Lynchs Road (completed) • Maddens Lane (completed) • McCanns Lane (completed) • Napiers Road (completed)

AGRN Event	Phase - Package	\$ Value (Subject to Change)	Status
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nealons Lane (completed) • Reeves Lane (completed)
1034 - 14 September 2022 onwards	EPA-RW - P7 - Sinking Culverts	\$900,000	Now includes scope for drain cleaning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting approval

STATE ROADS

- This is a bi-monthly report and will be detailed in this Council Meeting as a separate report.

MAJOR WORKS

Pullabooka Road Drainage and Resurfacing

- Council is waiting to commence table-drain drainage work on Pullabooka Road in March 2025 which is funded through the Regional Local Roads Repair Program (RLRRP).

Greenethorpe-Koorawatha Road Rehabilitation

- Final works, in front of Graincorp are scheduled to commence February 2025. All works including signs and linemarking to be completed by end March 2025.

Nowlans Road Upgrade

- Works have commenced, however due to harvest, this project is now expected to be completed at the end of May 2025.

Arramagong Road Culvert Replacement

- Council is planning to start construction works March 2025.

Heathcotes Lane Culvert Replacement

- Council has submitted the project completion report (PCR) to TfNSW and is awaiting the final payment.

Weddin Shire Road Entry Signs

- Completed

Caragabal Shared Pathway

- ARTC is now doing a complete redesign of the railway crossing. Date of completion end of financial year.

Grenfell Cemetery Amenities

- Completed

Bogolong Dam Restoration Project

- Public Works Department is compiling a report for Council that will provide information necessary for determining the safety and stability of the dam.
- Once received, a final consideration by the Bogolong Dam Committee will be made and presented to Council.

FOOTPATH /KERB AND GUTTER WORKS

Third Street, Quandialla

- Procurement process is ongoing to select a suitable construction contractor for kerb and gutter replacement. Sufficient quantity of kerb and gutter work needs to be generated to make this work viable. Delivery of this work is planned for end of the financial year.

ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS

- Road maintenance works including pothole patching, vegetation management, gravel road maintenance and signage works have been undertaken in the past few months.

GRAVEL RESHEETING

- Council is intending to undertake a gravel resheeting program as per Council's strategic planning. The gravel resheeting program will be funded under the Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund (RERRF). Council's plan is to complete the program within the next three (3) years depending on the availability of Council resources.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Gardens team are carrying out routine maintenance such as mowing, whipper snipping, tree trimming within sporting fields and the open space network.

Park Maintenance

- Mowing, weeding and whipper snipped in parks and garden areas
- Mowed and whipper snipped the Cemetery grounds
- Mowed, weeded and whipper snipped Taylor Park
- Mowed and whipper snipped Vaughn Park
- Mowed and whipper snipped Proctor Park
- Mowed, weeded and whipper snipped Memorial Park
- Mowed and whipper snipped Rotary Park
- Mowed and whipper snipped Goodsell Park
- Mowed and whipper snipped SH6 Rest Stop
- Mowed, weeded and whipper snipped Rygate Square

- Mowed and whipper snipped Council Chambers
- Mowed and whipper snipped O’Briens Hill and Lookout
- Mowed, weeded and whipper snipped Endemic Garden
- Mowed, weeded and whipper snipped Dagmar Street
- Mowed and whipper snipped Lawson Oval Top and Bottom
- Mowed, weeded and whipper snipped Henry Lawson’s Birthplace
- Mowed and whipper snipped Railway Crossing on the Young Road
- Mowed and whipper snipped Dalton Street
- Mowed and whipper snipped Railway Free Camp (West Street)
- Mowed and whipper snipped Henry Lawson Way
- Mowed, weeded and whipper snipped Forbes Road Rest Stop
- Mowed and whipper snipped Camp Street
- Mowed and whipper snipped Melyra Street
- Mowed and whipper snipped Brundah Street

Town Maintenance

- Whipper snipped around all islands on the road within the Grenfell town area
- Whipper snipped around guard railings
- Started tree lifting, whipper snipping and mowing in laneways

Village Maintenance

- Standard village maintenance of mowing in Greenethorpe, Caragabal and Quandialla
- Clearance of debris at Caragabal, Greenethorpe and Bimbi

PLANT REPORT

Plant Report for December 2024			
4105	Grader	Starter motor	Maintenance repair and service
4122	Backhoe	Rams	Rams replaced
4120	Volvo Loader	Due for service	Serviced
1133	Hilux	Light damage	Lights replaced
4127	Husky	Running hot	Cleaned and serviced
3966	Hino Water Truck	Water leak	Leak repaired
4117	Toro Mower	Due for service	Serviced

Plant Report for December 2024			
3958	Western Star Prime Mover	Air bag	Air bag replaced
3963	Isuzu	Due for service	Serviced
2098	Hilux	Due for service	Serviced
2101	Hilux	Tyres need replacing	Tyres replaced
2097	Nissan	Tyres need replacing	Tyres replaced
3962	Isuzu	Front lights	Front lights replaced
2109	Hilux	Due for service	Serviced
4105	Grader	Air con due for service	Serviced
4119	Caravan	Batteries need to be replaced	Batteries replaced
4118	Caravan	Batteries due to be replaced	Batteries replaced
2101	Hilux	Rear springs need to be replaced	Springs replaced
4109	Roller	Window needs replacing	Window replaced
4110	Toro	Due for service	Serviced
5355	Gravley Mower	Clutch adjustment	Maintenance repair
3958	Western Star	Fuel leak	Fuel leak repaired
4122	Cat backhoe	Fuel sender unit	Maintenance repair and service

Plant Report for January 2025			
3965	Garbage truck	Spring hangers broken	Replaced spring hangers
3952	Kenworth	Brakes, rear wheel bearings, s-cams, slack adjusters	Maintenance repair and service
3957	Western Star	Windscreen, tyres, mudflaps, rear taillights	Replaced and repaired
3958	Western Star	Windscreen, tyres, rear signs	Maintenance and repair
3960	3 Axle Trailer	Tyres, rear lights, brake adjustment	Maintenance and repair

Plant Report for January 2025			
3959	3 Axle Trailer	Tyres, first and second Axle, Adjust breaks	General service and replaced parts
3956	Low Loader	Suspension	Replaced all suspension
4105	Grader	Tyres and service	Replaced tyres and serviced
4121	Grader	Tyres and Service	Replaced tyres and serviced
4120	Volvo Loader	Service and repair oil leaks	Serviced and repaired
5288	Slasher	Gearbox broken	Rebuilt gearbox
5202	Slasher	Blades, PTO shaft	Replaced blades and PTO shaft
4095	John Deer Tractor	PTO drive Broken	Repaired PTO
4105	Roller	Due for service	Serviced
4113	Roller	Due for service	Serviced
4110	Toro Mower	Blades and service	Blades replaced and serviced
4116	Toro Mower Ride On	Blades and service	Maintenance repair, blades replaced and full service
4117	Toro Mower Ride On	Blades and service	Maintenance repair, blades replaced and full service
4127	Husky Mower	Due for service, replace blades	Maintenance repair and service
3966	Hino Water Cart	Due for service	Serviced

Council is using a JetPatcher under a rental agreement.

BIOSECURITY

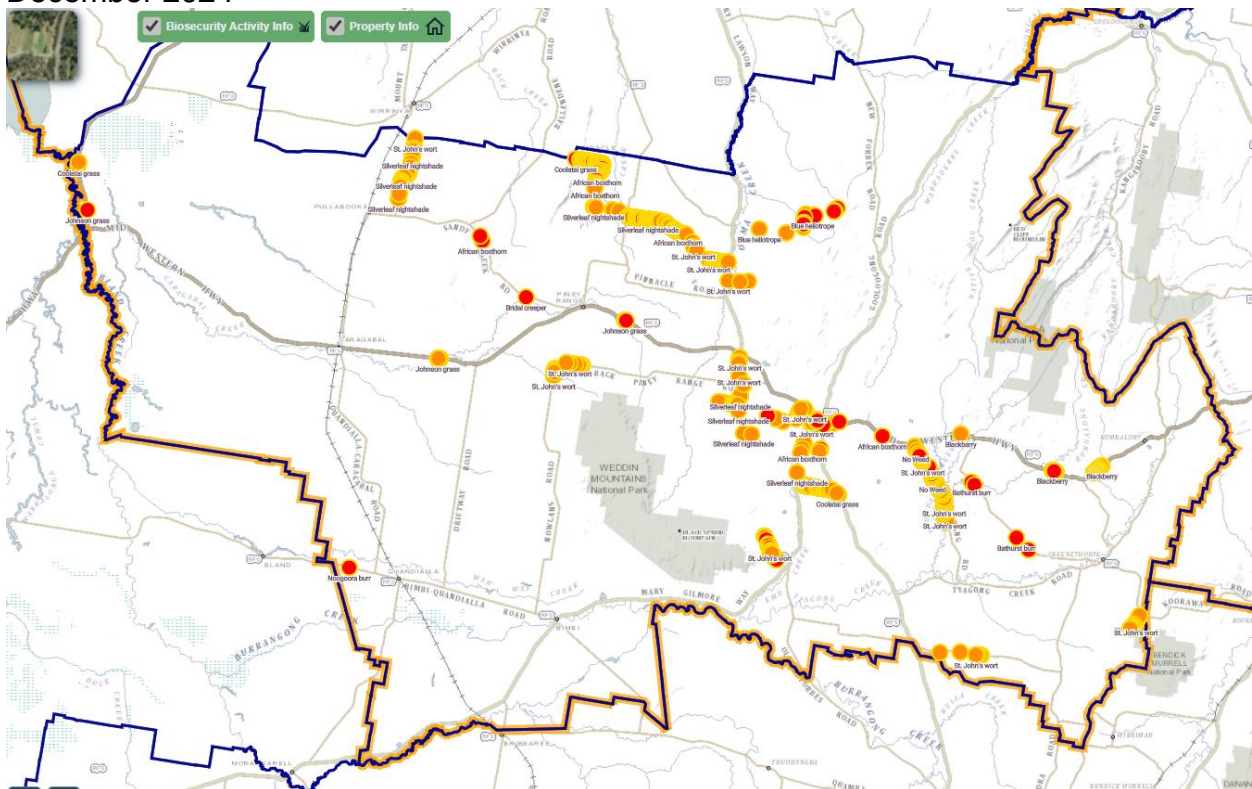
With Council closed over the Christmas break and staff on leave, limited activities took place.

Parks and Gardens staff assisted with weed control as required for Main Street New Year's Eve event.

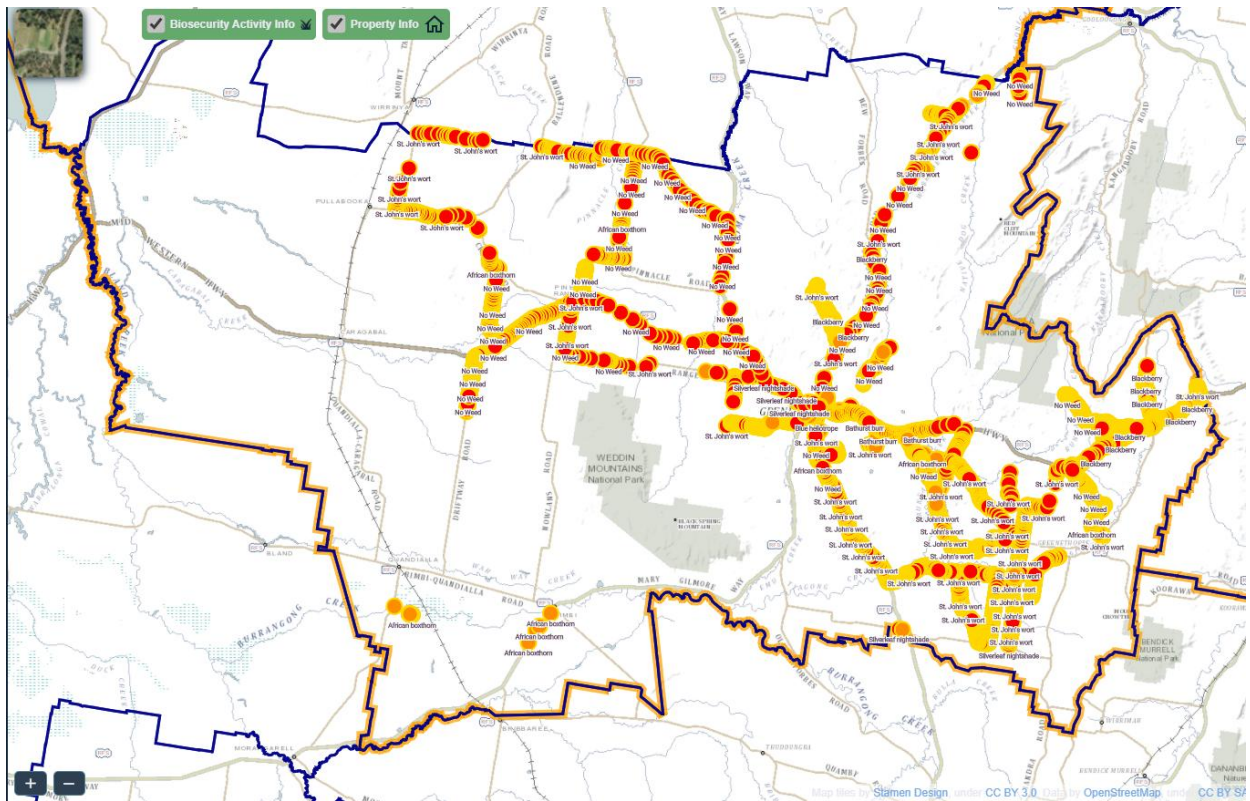
ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly report, mapping, BIS uploads, inspections and weeds loaded on Chartis Weeds App
Mapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weed information mapped, synced and uploaded to DPI
Roadside Inspections and On-ground Control, if Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous roadside inspections • Limited control when environmental conditions allow • Priority weeds mapped during inspection for future control
Council Owned Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council owned /managed vacant land, Grenfell and village areas • Weeds staff been kept very busy assisting in other areas such as parks & gardens spraying, depot spraying, cemetery spraying, laneway spraying, small village spraying
Travelling Stock Route (TSR) Inspections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forbes Road, Mary Gilmore Way, SH6, SH17, Gooloogong Road & Reserves on non TSR roads • Stock Route Road

Control measures were conducted over the Weddin Shire Council in December 2024 and January 2025. The maps below shows an overview of the locations treated for each month.

December 2024



January 2025



12.2 ROAD MAINTENANCE COUNCIL CONTRACT (RMCC)

File Number: 2024/25 RMCC
Author: RMCC Coordinator
Authoriser: General Manager
Attachments: Nil
CSP Objective: Shire assets and services delivered effectively and efficiently
Precis: Road Maintenance Council Contract (RMCC)
Budget: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the information contained in this report.

RESOLUTION 026/25

Moved: Cr Neill
 Seconded: Deputy Mayor Gorman

That Council note the information contained in this report.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PURPOSE

To provide Council with an overview of the RMCC Contract and, in particular, ordered work carried out by Council as part of the RMCC Contract during the 2024/2025 financial year.

BACKGROUND

Council has a RMCC (Road Maintenance Council Contract) with Transport for NSW (TfNSW), which includes carrying out various maintenance and specific work such as reseals and heavy patching on the Mid Western Highway (HW06) and Newell Highway (HW17).

The Mid Western Highway is approximately 103 km and Newell Highway is approximately 21km. Council’s current RMCC Contract is for a period of three (3) years from 1 July 2023. Which include the Routine works and Ordered Works.

2024/2025 Routine Maintenance Annual Plan (RMAP)

Council has been issued with the approved RMAP budget for the 2024/25 financial year from TfNSW of \$827,329. The Q1 claim matches the planned expenditure under the RMAP.

The following table is used for tracking for routine maintenance has been carried out for the first 6 months of the current financial year:

Reference	Description	Amount	Status
Q1	RMAP 2024/2025 Jul-Sep	\$ 286,658.00	Completed/Received
Q2	RMAP 2024/2025 Oct-Dec	\$ 82,643.48	Completed/Not Claimed

Tracking of quarter 2 indicates, RMAP expenditure slightly behind planned. This is due mostly to the competing priority of the increase output of ordered works (natural disaster works) being carried out during this period, and the workload for current staffing levels. Council Officers are currently discussing a rollover of the RMAP funding with TfNSW.

In addition to the RMAP funding, due to natural disaster events, the value of the issued ordered work component has gone up as follows:

- 2023/2024 - Approximately \$4.2 million.
- 2024/2025 – Approximately \$8.01 million budgeted

It is noted that with the significant increase in the value of the ordered work and workload, comes with major operational / documentation / supervision challenges with the same amount of resources Council has always had / provided for RMCC work.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Council's RMCC staff will continue to confer with the Finance Team to best decide on timing for taking on new works with TfNSW and to identify if part payments will be required and requested during these projects. As well as making timely claims to ensure cash flow during high workload periods.

Council will continue to meet all of its contractual requirements over the life of its contract. One of these requirements is the Aboriginal Procurement Policy (APP) which means if our contract with TfNSW exceeds \$7.5 million, we must commit 1.5% of total funding to the engagement of Aboriginal employees or an aboriginal registered company.

RMCC Coordinator has identified, that with current staffing levels and a recent increase in staff turnover it may be a difficult task to deliver on all budgeted work for the financial year and will continue to liaise with internal and external stakeholders to track progress on delivering the planned program. Efforts are being made to continue to recruit and employ suitable staff, which is proving difficult for council but isn't unique to Weddin Shire Council.

Newell Highway

- During November and December 2024 Council and contractors completed 20,884m² of Flexible Pavement Patches under Natural Disaster funding through TfNSW.
- An approved extension of T33-2023 and T34-2023 was crucial in allowing council to deliver these works during this period.
- Council has received approved work orders for \$1,375,000.00 worth of reseal works, this type of works is a specialist activity that will require council to will utilise T21-2024 to assist in the delivery of these works.
- Where possible, traffic control work to be undertaken by Council's own works staff under the required G Registration to carry out work on State Roads.

Mid-Western Highway

- Council has scoped up and received approved work orders under a range of funding packages for 41,724m2 of Flexible Pavement Patches to be completed 2024/2025 financial year on the Mid-Western Highway.
- An approved extension of T33-2023 and T34-2023 allowed council to engage a contractor to complete 5,500m2 these works early December. The continuation of these works during favourable weather periods is crucial for delivery of such a large ordered works Program. Council will deliver the remainder of these works under T20-2024 and T21-2024 for a part service delivery of this works, with most the work being carried out by Council.
- Council also completed the remaining S-Bends rehab works during the December 2024 period.
- Council has received approved funding for \$657,000.00 worth of reseal works, this type of works is a specialist type activity that was 75% delivered with contractors under the approved extended T033-2023. With the remainder work to be delivered under T21-2024.
- Where possible, traffic control work to be undertaken by Council’s own work staff under the required G Registration to carry out work on State Roads

2024/2025 Ordered Work Program Budget

Council has the following allocations for this financial year.

Reference	Description	Status	Allocation
483.25.01V01	HW6 Vegetation Rehab (S-Bends)	W/O Issued	\$ 450,834.00
483.25.02V01	HW6 Flex Pavement Rehab (S-Bends)	W/O Issued	\$ 296,645.00
483.25.03V01	HW6 Spray Reseal	W/O Issued	\$ 654,615.00
483.25.04	HW6 Flex Pavement Patching	W/O Issued	\$ 249,308.51
483.25.05V01	ND HW17 Weddin Flood Nov22	W/O Issued	\$1,355,046.00
483.25.06	ND HW6 Weddin Flood Nov22	W/O Issued	\$2,799,666.76
483.25.07	HW17 Flex Pavement Patching	W/O Issued	\$ 155,090.10
483.25.08V01	Billabong Station Guardrail	W/O Issued	\$ 24,190.00
483.25.09	HW17 Spray Reseal	W/O Issued	\$1,375,698.50
483.25.10	HW17 Shoulder Repairs Resurface	W/O	\$ 39,260.00
483.25.11	HW Resurface Improvements	W/O	\$ 94,260.00
TBA	HW6 Resurface Preparation	Indicative	\$ 515,000.00
		Total	\$8,009,613.87

2024/2025 Ordered Work Program Tracking

The ordered works are underway for this financial year and the progress percentage of work completed is listed. Claimed amounts already for the works are also identified in the following table:

Reference	Description	Progress	Amount Claimed (ex GST)
483.25.01V01	HW6 Vegetation Rehab (S-Bends)	100%	\$ 0
483.25.02V01	HW6 Flex Pavement Rehab (S-Bends)	100%	\$ 88,300.00
483.25.03V01	HW6 Spray Reseal	75%	\$ 500,430.30
483.25.04	HW6 Flex Pavement Patching	50%	\$ 0
483.25.05V01	ND HW17 Weddin Flood Nov22	100%	\$ 0
483.25.06	ND HW6 Weddin Flood Nov22	13%	\$1,299,054.40
483.25.07	HW17 Flex Pavement Patching	100%	\$ 0
483.25.08V01	Billabong Station Guardrail	100%	\$ 0
		Total	\$1,887,784.70

Milestone claims for the above works are due to be completed this month works listed in the table when TfNSW RMCC staff return from holidays.

POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy or legal implications arising from this report or work undertaken under the RMCC.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

All work undertaken by Council and its Contractors on the State Roads network is fully funded by TfNSW under the RMCC Contract in two (2) parts - Routine Maintenance Annual Program (RMAP) and Ordered Work.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Council staff have been in regular contact with TfNSW RMCC Contract Representatives through the regular monthly meetings and other correspondence.

CONCLUSION

TfNSW have paid Council for all claimed Work Orders. Future works with TfNSW will continue to be delivered in accordance with the TfNSW contract terms and conditions as well as the new controls implemented by Council finance team.

13 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS**13.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES**

File Number: T5
Author: Executive Assistant to the Director Environmental Services
Authoriser: Director Environmental Services
Attachments: Nil
CSP Objective: Sustainable natural, agricultural and built environments
Precis: Details of development applications, construction certificates and complying development applications determined during the period 1 December 2024 to 31 January 2025.
Budget: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report on development applications, construction certificates and complying development applications determined during the period 1 December 2024 to 31 January 2025.

RESOLUTION 027/25

Moved: Cr Montgomery
Seconded: Cr Makin

That Council note the report on development applications, construction certificates and complying development applications determined during the period 1 December 2024 to 31 January 2025.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Background

Under s. 4.16 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, under delegated authority Council Officers can exercise the power to determine development applications and post consent certificates such as construction certificates and complying development certificates. The following provides a list of the development applications, complying development applications and construction certificate applications determined within the Weddin Shire during the month of December 2024 and January 2025.

Development Applications Determined by Council

The following applications were determined subject to specified conditions, by the Director Environmental Services under delegated authority:

December 2024

DA NO.	Applicant	Construction	Value (\$)	Address
36/2024	Mr D Lennane	Construction of Shed	\$33,000	Lot 2 DP 1083840 135 Adelargo Road GRENFELL NSW 2810
37/2024	Mr NJ Southorn	Addition to Existing Garage (Installation of Solar Panels)	\$25,000	Lot 1 DP 1219536 31A Young Street GRENFELL NSW 2810

January 2025

DA NO.	Applicant	Construction	Value (\$)	Address
Nil				

Complying Development Applications

The complying development certificate applications approved within the Shire in December 2024 and January 2025 by Council or any other Principal Certifiers.

December 2024

CDC NO.	Applicant	Construction	Value (\$)	Address
Nil				

January 2025

CDC NO.	Applicant	Construction	Value (\$)	Address
Nil				

Construction Certificates

The following applications were determined by the Director Environmental Services under delegated authority:

December 2024

CC NO.	Applicant	Construction	Address
Nil			

January 2025

CC NO.	Applicant	Construction	Address
Nil			

13.2 DRAFT PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE POLICY**File Number:****Author:** Director Environmental Services**Authoriser:** General Manager**Attachments:** 1. ATT 1 | Draft Public Interest Disclosure Policy**CSP Objective:** Democratic and engaged community supported by efficient internal systems**Precis:** THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE POLICY HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND RE-DRAFTED TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE NSW OMBUDSMAN MODEL PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE POLICY**Budget:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

1. Note the information contained in this report.
2. Council place the draft Weddin Shire Council Public Interest Disclosure Policy, as attached to the report, on public exhibition for a period of 28 days for the purpose of inviting submissions from the community.
3. The Director of Environmental Services present a further report to Council with all submissions received at the conclusion of the public exhibition period for Council's further consideration and adoption of the Policy, or in the event that no submissions are received during the exhibition period, Council formally adopt the Policy, without any changes, as a policy of Council.

RESOLUTION 028/25

Moved: Cr Makin

Seconded: Cr Rolls

That Council

1. Note the information contained in this report.
2. Council place the draft Weddin Shire Council Public Interest Disclosure Policy, as attached to the report, on public exhibition for a period of 28 days for the purpose of inviting submissions from the community.
3. The Director of Environmental Services present a further report to Council with all submissions received at the conclusion of the public exhibition period for Council's further consideration and adoption of the Policy, or in the event that no submissions are received during the exhibition period, Council formally adopt the Policy, without any changes, as a policy of Council.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the draft Weddin Shire Council Public Interest Disclosure Policy to Council for consideration and request the draft policy to be placed on public exhibition inviting submissions from the community.

BACKGROUND

All agencies in NSW are required to have a Public Interest Disclosure (PID) Policy under Section 42 of the Public Interest Disclosures Act 2022 (PID Act).

Under the PID Act a Public Interest Disclosure means –

- a) a voluntary public interest disclosure, or
- b) a witness public interest disclosure, or
- c) a mandatory public interest disclosure

A public interest disclosure relates to allegations of serious wrongdoing, which is defined under the PID Act as one or more of the following:

- a) corrupt conduct,
- b) a government information contravention,
- c) a local government pecuniary interest contravention,
- d) serious maladministration,
- e) a privacy contravention,
- f) a serious and substantial waste of public money.

Council's current PID policy was adopted on 19 November 2020, prior to the current PID Act coming into force.

The NSW Ombudsman has released a Model PID Policy which agencies can adopt. A new draft Weddin Shire Council PID Policy has been developed, to be consistent with the model policy. A copy of the draft policy is included in the **Attachment 1** to this report.

ISSUES AND COMMENTS

Council's current Public Interest Disclosure Policy has been reviewed and re-drafted to be consistent with the NSW Ombudsman Model Policy.

The new Draft Policy sets out:

- how Council will support and protect persons if they come forward with a report of serious wrongdoing;
- how Council will deal with the report and its other responsibilities under the PID Act;
- who a person can contact if they want to make a report;
- how to make a report; and
- the protections which are available to person under the PID Act.

Given the significant changes made to the Policy it is not possible to include track-changes.

POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Once adopted, the draft Weddin Shire Council Public Interest Disclosure Policy will supersede the previous policy adopted by Council on 19 November 2020 and be a local policy of Council.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial or resource implications as a result of the modified policy.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

As part of the review and re-drafting of the Weddin Shire Council Public Interest Disclosure Policy, no external consultation was required. The draft policy has been based on the model policy developed by the NSW Ombudsman.

It is recommended that the draft policy be placed on public exhibition, which will provide staff and the wider community an opportunity to make comments on the draft policy.

CONCLUSION

Council's current Policy for Enforcement has been reviewed and re-written to be consistent with the NSW Ombudsman Model Compliance and Enforcement Policy 2015. The draft policy is proposed to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, for the purpose of inviting submissions from the community.

13.3 GRENFELL AQUATIC CENTRE

File Number: P2.3.1
Author: Executive Assistant to the Director Environmental Services
Authoriser: Director Environmental Services
Attachments: Nil
CSP Objective: Culturally rich, vibrant and inclusive community
Precis: Operation of Grenfell Aquatic Centre
Budget: Nil

RECOMMENDATION
 That Council
 1. Note the information contained in this report.

RESOLUTION 029/25
 Moved: Cr Parlett
 Seconded: Cr Rolls
 That Council
 1. Note the information contained in this report.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following provides a summary of the attendance at the Grenfell Aquatic Centre during the second quarter of the 2024/25 financial year, being the period 14 October 2024 to 31 December 2024.

October 2024

Total Attendance:	1623	School Usage:	12
Daily Average:	90	Other Usage:	394
Cash Attendance:	66 Child 31 Adult 10 Spectator	Season Ticket Sales:	
Season Ticket Attendance:	605 Child 505 Adult	Child:	1
		Adult:	5
		Family:	60
		Pensioner:	13

November 2024

Total Attendance:	5034	School Usage:	906
Daily Average:	168	Other Usage:	1159

Cash Attendance:	265 Child 266 Adult 27 Spectator	Season Ticket Sales: Child: 6 Adult: 11 Family: 26 Pensioner: 13
Season Ticket Attendance:	1316 Child 1095 Adult	

December 2024

Total Attendance:	6379	School Usage:	1253
Daily Average:	212	Other Usage:	638
Cash Attendance:	523 Child 441 Adult 83 Spectator	Season Ticket Sales: Child: 0 Adult: 6 Family: 9 Pensioner: 6	
Season Ticket Attendance:	2333 Child 1108 Adult		

13.4 QUANDIALLA SWIMMING CENTRE

File Number: P2.3.2
Author: Executive Assistant to the Director Environmental Services
Authoriser: Director Environmental Services
Attachments: Nil
CSP Objective: Culturally rich, vibrant and inclusive community
Precis: Operation of Quandialla Swimming Centre
Budget: Nil

<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>That Council</p> <p>1. Note the information contained in this report.</p>
<p>RESOLUTION 030/25</p> <p>Moved: Cr Parlett Seconded: Cr Makin</p> <p>That Council</p> <p>1. Note the information contained in this report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>

The following provides a summary of the attendance at the Quandialla Swimming Centre during the second quarter of the 2024/25 financial year, being the period 29 October 2024 to 31 December 2024.

November 2024

Total Attendance:	644	School Usage:	0
Daily Average:	21	Other Usage:	427
Cash Attendance:	28 Child 32 Adult 0 Spectator	Season Ticket Sales:	
		Child:	0
		Adult:	3
Season Ticket Attendance:	81 Child 76 Adult	Family:	17
		Pensioner:	0

December 2024

Total Attendance:	591	School Usage:	301
Daily Average:	19	Other Usage:	131
Cash Attendance:	21 Child 41 Adult 0 Spectator	Season Ticket Sales:	
		Child:	0
		Adult:	0
Season Ticket Attendance:	42 Child 55 Adult	Family:	0
		Pensioner:	0

14 DELEGATE(S) REPORTS

Nil

15 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**15.1 COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT | REQUIRING ACTION - MINUTES OF THE HENRY LAWSON FESTIVAL OF ARTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 13 NOVEMBER 2024, 1 DECEMBER 2024 AND 11 DECEMBER 2024****File Number:****Author: Executive Assistant to the General Manager****Authoriser: General Manager****Attachments:**
1. ATT 1 | HLF Committee Minutes | 13 November 2024
2. ATT 2 | HLF Committee Minutes | 1 December 2024
3. ATT 3 | HLF Committee Minutes | 11 December 2024**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council, except where otherwise dealt with, that the Minutes of the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts Committee held on the following dates:

1. 13 November 2024 that Council note and adopt as presented.
2. 1 December 2024 that Council note.
3. 11 December 2024 that Council note and adopt as presented.

RESOLUTION 031/25**Moved: Deputy Mayor Gorman****Seconded: Cr Makin**

That Council, except where otherwise dealt with, that the Minutes of the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts Committee held on the following dates:

1. 13 November 2024 that Council note and adopt as presented.
2. 1 December 2024 that Council note.
3. 11 December 2024 that Council note and adopt as presented.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**INFORMATION**

The Minutes for the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts Committee Meeting held on 13 November 2024, 1 December 2024 and 11 December 2024 were not able to be presented to the 19 December 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting as they were submitted to Council on 12 December 2024 at 10:19pm after the Business Paper Agenda had been distributed. Advice was provided to the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts Committee via email advising that the Minutes would be tabled at the 20 February 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Minutes for the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts Committee Meetings are submitted for Council as follows:

- 13 November 2024 for Council to note and adopt as presented.
- 1 December 2024 for Council to note.
- 11 December 2024 for Council to note and adopt as presented.

Council should note that Council remains in breach of the *Local Government Act 1993*: under s. 409 of the *Local Government Act 1993* ('the Act'), Council must have:

(1) All money and property received by Council must be held in Council's consolidated fund unless it is required to be held in the Council's trust fund.

As a result, Council is in in breach of s. 409 by not reflecting the amount in Council's consolidated fund. Furthermore, this means that the HLF Account is not financially audited on an annual basis. The financial reports are not provided in a format of a profit and loss/balance sheet. Council is advised to note the minutes but not to accept them due to the current ongoing breach.

15.2 COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT | REQUIRING ACTION - MINUTES OF THE WEDDIN SHIRE COUNCIL AUSTRALIA DAY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 17 DECEMBER 2024 AND 21 JANUARY 2025

File Number: 2.6.26

Author: Executive Assistant to the General Manager

Authoriser: General Manager

Attachments:

1. ATT 1 | Minutes of Australia Day Executive Committee Meeting | 17 December 2024
2. ATT 2 | Minutes of Australia Day Executive Committee Meeting | 21 January 2025

RECOMMENDATION

Except where otherwise dealt with, the Minutes of the Australia Day Executive Committee Meeting held 17 December 2024 and 21 January 2025 be noted and adopted as presented.

RESOLUTION 032/25

Moved: Deputy Mayor Gorman

Seconded: Cr White

Except where otherwise dealt with, the Minutes of the Australia Day Executive Committee Meeting held 17 December 2024 and 21 January 2025 be noted and adopted as presented.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION

The Australia Day Executive Committee Meeting was held on 17 December 2024 and on 21 January 2025. The Minutes from these two (2) meetings are attached for Council to note and adopt as presented.

16 CLOSED COUNCIL**RECOMMENDATION**

The meeting now be closed to the public under Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* to consider the items following because of their confidential nature:

16.1 ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT FOR SMALL MARKET SITES

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c and d(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and 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.

PURPOSE

To provide Council with a report on small sites electricity procurement, and to seek Council's endorsement for participation in the regional procurement process facilitated by CNSWJO.

16.2 RFT51.2024 INSTALLATION OF PLAY EQUIPMENT, SOFTFALL AMENITY AND CERTIFICATION FOR TAYLOR PARK

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(i) and d(ii) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and 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 and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

PURPOSE

To provide Council with an overview of Request for Tender (RFT)51.2024 Installation of Play Equipment, Softfall Amenity and Certification and to obtain a council resolution to award the tender.

16.3 EXTENSION TO T28/2023 - PLANT HIRE PANEL CONTRACT TENDER

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - d(i) and d(ii) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and 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 and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

PURPOSE

To request Council on approving the extension to the existing RFT28-2023 Plant Hire Panel Contract to allow council to continue to meet work obligations with the support of contracted wet and dry hire plant items.

16.4 CORRESPONDENCE | REQUEST TO INSTALL DRAIN AND SEEK WAIVER OF COUNCIL RATES

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and 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).

PURPOSE

To seek Council's determination on the request for installation of a concrete dish drain to a private driveway entrance and the request for a waiver of Council Rates.

RESOLUTION 033/25

Moved: Cr Montgomery

Seconded: Cr Rolls

The meeting now be closed to the public under Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* to consider the items following because of their confidential nature:

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PURPOSE

To provide Council with a report on small sites electricity procurement, and to seek Council's endorsement for participation in the regional procurement process facilitated by CNSWJO.

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PURPOSE

To provide Council with an overview of Request for Tender (RFT)51.2024 Installation of Play Equipment, Softfall Amenity and Certification and to obtain a council resolution to award the tender.

16.3 EXTENSION TO T28/2023 - PLANT HIRE PANEL CONTRACT TENDER

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information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

PURPOSE

To request Council on approving the extension to the existing RFT28-2023 Plant Hire Panel Contract to allow council to continue to meet work obligations with the support of contracted wet and dry hire plant items.

16.4 CORRESPONDENCE | REQUEST TO INSTALL DRAIN AND SEEK WAIVER OF COUNCIL RATES

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and 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).

PURPOSE

To seek Council’s determination on the request for installation of a concrete dish drain to a private driveway entrance and the request for a waiver of Council Rates.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

17 RETURN TO OPEN COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATION

The meeting return to Open Council.

RESOLUTION 038/25

Moved: Cr Montgomery
 Seconded: Cr Makin

The meeting return to Open Council

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

18 REPORT ON CLOSED COUNCIL

16.1 ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT FOR SMALL MARKET SITES

RESOLUTION 034/25

Moved: Cr Rolls
 Seconded: Deputy Mayor Gorman

That Council:

1. Note the report on electricity procurement for small market sites;

2. Participates in the regional procurement process, facilitated by Central NSW Joint Organisation, for the supply of electricity for small market sites;
3. Note the extreme volatility of the energy market currently being experienced;
4. Note the short timeframe for acceptance of offers for the supply of electricity;
5. Resolve that because of the extenuating circumstances set out in the report a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for the aggregated procurement of electricity for small market sites which are due to commence on 1 July 2025;
6. Note that the reasons for the decision of the Council in resolution five (5) are as follows:
 - a. The services with respect to which the tender relates can only be provided by energy retailers.
 - b. Council has received expert advice that due to the nature of the relevant market, offers from those retailers which will be made in response to the request for tender will only be open for acceptance for a period of 1-2 weeks.
 - c. Even if the tender period was shortened to seven (7) days as permitted under the Regulations, some if not all of the relevant tenders would expire prior to Council being able to undertake an assessment of tenders, report the matter to Council and resolve to accept or reject any tenders.
 - d. This would result in Council either having no valid tenders which it is able to accept, or it would not be able to consider for acceptance all of the tenders lodged in response to the request for tender.
 - e. This would not be a satisfactory result for Council.
7. Delegate the determination, acceptance or rejection of proposals on behalf of Council to the Director of Environmental Services.
8. Delegation the execution of the contract for the supply of electricity for small sites to the Director of Environmental Services.
9. Receive a report on conclusion of the process detailing the outcome; and
10. Advise Central NSW Joint Organisation of its decisions.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16.2 RFT51.2024 INSTALLATION OF PLAY EQUIPMENT, SOFTFALL AMENITY AND CERTIFICATION FOR TAYLOR PARK

RESOLUTION 035/25

Moved: Cr Parlett

Seconded: Cr Makin

That Council:

1. Note the information contained in this report regarding RFT51.2024 Installation of Play Equipment, Softfall Amenity and Certification for Taylor Park.
2. Endorse Tender 51.2024 Installation of Play Equipment, Softfall Amenity and Certification for Taylor Park, for the tendered price of \$250,776.50 (ex GST)
3. Delegate the General Manager to enter into and execute the contract with Play Workshop for Installation of Play Equipment, Softfall Amenity and Certification for Taylor Park.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16.3 EXTENSION TO T28/2023 - PLANT HIRE PANEL CONTRACT TENDER

RESOLUTION 036/25

Moved: Cr Rolls

Seconded: Cr Montgomery

That:

1. Council note the information contained in this report.
2. Council approves the contract extension of 12 months of Panel Contract for Plant Hire (T28/2023) commencing 20 February 2025.
3. Council delegate the General Manager to enter into contract variation agreements with all approved suppliers based on CPI increase (using the December 2024 quarter of 2.4%).

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

16.4 CORRESPONDENCE | REQUEST TO INSTALL DRAIN AND SEEK WAIVER OF COUNCIL RATES

RESOLUTION 037/25

Moved: Cr Montgomery

Seconded: Cr Neill

That Council:

1. Note the report and accompanying correspondence received
2. Note the comments from Council staff in response to the correspondence
3. Denies the request to waiver rates to the Property Owner on Bradley Street.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19 CLOSURE

Moved: Cr Rolls

Seconded: Cr Montgomery

The Meeting closed at **7.16PM**.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 March 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON