



## MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC FORUM HELD ON 26 OCTOBER 2022

### 1. Opening

The Public Forum commenced at 5.35pm.

### 2. Presentation

The Mayor announced that at the LGNSW Annual Conference held this week in the Hunter Valley, at the formal dinner on Monday night, that Cr Taskovski was awarded an Outstanding Service Award. The award recognised his 25 years of service in Local Government in NSW as a Councillor of the former Queanbeyan City Council (1983-2008) and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council in this current term re-elected in December 2021. Cr Taskovski served as Deputy Mayor on two occasions from 1990/1991 and 1994/1995. He has chaired numerous Council sporting, cultural and community committees, and represented Council as delegate on the Southern Tablelands County Council and South Coast Noxious Weeds Committee.

The Mayor presented the LGNSW Award and Certificate to Cr Taskovski, whilst Council, staff and the public gallery offered their thanks and congratulations by a round of applause.

### 3. Presentations relating to listed Items on the Council Agenda

The following presenters were heard:

	Name	Item no	Item description	For/ Against
1.	John Stahel – via Zoom	9.3	Review of Determination - REV.2022.1001 - 2 Lot Subdivision with Associated Works - Review of Council's Determination of DA.2021.1240 - Albion Hotel - 119 Wallace Street, Braidwood	Against
2.	Justin Sinfield – via Zoom	9.3	Review of Determination - REV.2022.1001 - 2 Lot Subdivision with Associated Works - Review of Council's Determination of DA.2021.1240 - Albion Hotel - 119 Wallace Street, Braidwood	For
3.	Kirsty Altenburg – via Zoom	9.3	Review of Determination - REV.2022.1001 - 2 Lot Subdivision with Associated Works - Review of Council's Determination of DA.2021.1240 - Albion Hotel - 119 Wallace Street, Braidwood	Against

4.	Roger James – via Zoom	9.3	Review of Determination - REV.2022.1001 - 2 Lot Subdivision with Associated Works - Review of Council's Determination of DA.2021.1240 - Albion Hotel - 119 Wallace Street, Braidwood	Against
5.	David Lemesurier	9.2	Modification Application - 2020.1154.B - Modification to Conditions of Consent Relating to Energy Supply - 44 Brooks Road, Bywong	For
6.	Hugh Percy	9.4	Review of Determination - REV.2022.1002 - Request for Review of Council's Refusal of DA.2020.1109 – Place of Public Worship – 128 Bicentennial Drive, Jerrabomberra	Against
7.	John Myhill	9.4	Review of Determination - REV.2022.1002 - Request for Review of Council's Refusal of DA.2020.1109 – Place of Public Worship – 128 Bicentennial Drive, Jerrabomberra	For
8.	William Spence	9.4	Review of Determination - REV.2022.1002 - Request for Review of Council's Refusal of DA.2020.1109 – Place of Public Worship – 128 Bicentennial Drive, Jerrabomberra	For
9.	Margot Sachse	9.4	Review of Determination - REV.2022.1002 - Request for Review of Council's Refusal of DA.2020.1109 – Place of Public Worship – 128 Bicentennial Drive, Jerrabomberra	Against

The following written presentations were received:

	Name	Item no	Item description	For/Against
1	Sue Murray	9.3	Review of Determination - REV.2022.1001 - 2 Lot Subdivision with Associated Works - Review of Council's Determination of DA.2021.1240 - Albion Hotel - 119 Wallace Street, Braidwood	Against
2	Roger James	9.3	Review of Determination - REV.2022.1001 - 2 Lot Subdivision with Associated Works - Review of Council's Determination of DA.2021.1240 - Albion Hotel - 119 Wallace Street, Braidwood	Against
3	Justin Sinfield	9.3	Review of Determination - REV.2022.1001 - 2 Lot Subdivision with Associated Works - Review of Council's Determination of DA.2021.1240 - Albion Hotel - 119 Wallace Street, Braidwood	For

#### 4. Petitions

There were no petitions submitted.

## 5. 'Questions on Notice' from the Public

Responses to the following 'Questions on Notice' received up to 19 October 2022 were provided and tabled at the meeting (see attached for responses):

Nos	Received from	In relation to:
1-7	John Tuckwell	Operational Plan

## 6. Presentations by Invitation from the General Manager

There were no presentations.

## 7. Closure

As there were no further matters, the Public Forum closed at 6.12pm.



## ATTACHMENT TO MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC FORUM HELD ON 26 October 2022

### 'Questions on Notice' from the Public

Responses to the following 'Questions on Notice' received up to *Wednesday 19 October 2022* were provided and tabled at the meeting.

### Questions submitted by: John Tuckwell

All following questions are responded to by the Infrastructure Services portfolio.

I would like to thank Council staff for the answers they provided on 11 May 2022 to my questions asked on 2 May 2022 relating to the status of a range of Braidwood and Nerriga projects identified in the 2021-22 Operational Plan with some additional projects identified in the Delivery Program Update – July-December 2021.

Since then the 2022-23 Operational Plan has been adopted by Council on 22 June and a number of other projects have been carried over from 2021-22 to 2022-23 in a decision made by Council at its meeting held on 14 September.

- 1. Can Council please explain why some projects have been carried over in the 2022-23 Operational Plan (5 projects for Braidwood and Nerriga), while others were carried over in the decision made Council on 14 September 2022 (15 projects for Braidwood and Nerriga), and whether there is any difference in the status of the projects which are included in the 2022-23 Operational Plan compared to those which have just been carried over?**

If a project spans several years, it will appear in multiple annual Operational Plans. If it becomes clear during a financial year that a project will not be starting for various reasons including planning, approvals, appointment of contractors, supply chain issues and weather delays, staff address this when the Operational Plan is being developed and projects are carried over.

The reason why five projects in Braidwood/Nerriga were indicated to be carried over in the 2022-23 Operational Plan, yet 15 projects were carried over in the 14 September 2022 Council decision, is simply a matter of timing. Some projects that were hoped to have commenced when the Operational Plan was drafted and put on community consultation were delayed and presented to Council in September for approval to be carried over.

The carried over projects are continuing.

2. There are a number of additional projects which were not completed when Council staff provided their answer on 11 May, but are not included in either the 2022-23 Operational Plan nor the other projects carried over in the decision made Council on 14 September 2022. For Braidwood and Nerriga there are 12 such projects. Can Council staff please give the status of each the following Braidwood and Nerriga projects (whether completed, ongoing in 2022-23, on hold in 2022-23, or removed from the QPRC work program)?

No.	Project description	Council comment
102073	BWD - MR270 Cooma Road Jinglemoney Rd to O'Briens – RRRP	Works funded in 2021-22 have been completed. A works program funded through the NSW Government's Regional Roads Repair Program (RRRP) was recently confirmed and will be progressed.
102113	BWD - Cooma Road - Brick Kiln Bridge Replacement	Work is complete. The bridge has been in service for four months.
104369	BWD - Recreation Ground - extend stormwater pipe to enable skatepark	Work has been completed within the Recreation Ground and is continuing in adjacent street.
104299	BWD - Depot - Security gates and repair to workshop	This project is being removed from the Operational Plan given consideration of alternative uses for the Braidwood Depot (eg public car park linking to the Renewal 88 Wallace Street project – see below)
104572	BWD - Braidwood Skatepark – BLERF	Construction is scheduled to start November 2022 (weather permitting) and is reliant upon completion of the stormwater pipe extension referred to above.
102066	NER - Nerriga Rd Section 5 - Recon widen & seal - Euradox Rd to Tates Ln	This project is subject to grant funding which has not yet been sourced.
104370	BWD - Lascelles St Upgrade	Construction started in September 2022 and is expected to be completed in January 2023, weather permitting.
710035	NER - Waste Transfer Station	Designs have been developed. Next steps include consultation with users.
104540	BWD - Stormwater Improvement Program	Stormwater works have been incorporated into the Lascelles St and 88 Wallace St projects.
100862	BWD - Car park Wallace St	Note – this project has been renamed 'Renewal 88 Wallace Street' Community consultation is due for commencement in this quarter
100879	BWD - Office smart hub/cultural space	This project is on hold after significant opposition during community consultation. Funding has also not been sourced.
104078	BWD - Council Offices - Customer Area	This project is on hold after initial quotes indicated insufficient budget.

3. For those projects above still ongoing, can Council staff please why they were not included in either the 2022-23 Operational Plan or the carried over in the decision made Council on 14 September 2022?

See response to Q1

- 4. The Braidwood Pool upgrade was not included in the final 2022-23 Operational Plan, although it was in the draft Operational Plan with \$957,000 in proposed expenditure. Instead, only \$16k in expenditure was carried over in the decision made Council on 14 September 2022. Can Council staff please explain why Braidwood Pool upgrade has been removed from the 2022-23 Operational Plan and confirm that it is still progressing?**

Stage 1 of the Braidwood Pool upgrade is progressing. Prior to going out for tender, we require a construction certificate and further clarification from our architects on the design. The tender documentation will be available once these processes have been completed. We are aiming to have the tender process completed for a report to Council in January 2023 to appoint successful contractors, with construction expected to commence following the swimming season in March 2023. The funds for the project are restricted funds, carried over and allocated as such in the 2022-23 Operational Plan.

- 5. The decision made Council on 14 September 2022 included two projects being carried over relating to the Braidwood Showground:**
- **104495 BWD - Upgrade and installation of lighting at Braidwood Showground (\$471,034)**
  - **104496 BWD - Upgrade of electrical supply at Braidwood Showground (\$939,840)**

**These both seem to be necessary and fairly significant projects, but neither of these projects are in the 2021-22 Operational Plan nor in the Delivery Program Update – July-June 2022. Can Council staff please explain why these two projects were not included in any previous reporting of projects or in the 2022-23 Operational Plan?**

The projects are grant funded and their funding was first included in Council's budget at the 2nd Quarter Review of the 2020-21 financial year. They were then rolled over into the 2021-22 financial year whilst approvals and designs were being completed. Unexpended funds for these projects have now been rolled over to the 2022-23 financial year. It is noted that the rollover amounts are PJ104495 - \$466,364 & PJ104496 - \$220,062.

When the Braidwood Showground Reserve Trust s.355 committee was notified that it was successful in the grant funding application, the project was included in Council's budget reviews.

Both projects have commenced and are currently due for completion in the 3rd Quarter of this financial year.

- 6. The above questions point to inconsistencies and a lack of transparency in the reporting of the status of ongoing QPRC projects. Can Council staff please indicate what steps are being taken to improve the reporting of QPRC projects and whether they are considering having the live status of all on-going projects identified on the QPRC website?**

Project web pages are updated on a regular basis when projects achieve significant milestones.

- 7. Braidwood and Nerriga projects seem to be disproportionately delayed with a lower completion rate than other parts of QPRC, with some projects repeatedly carried over from one Operational Plan to another. This is illustrated by the expenditure on Braidwood and Nerriga projects carried over in the decision made by Council at its meeting held on 14 September accounted for 31% of all QPRC projects carried over, when the expected expenditure on Braidwood and Nerriga projects is a much lower share than that (eg in the 2022-23 Operational Plan they only 2.3% of total projects). Can Council staff please explain why this is the case and what they are doing to address this issue?**

Council staff note your concerns with the delay in delivery of projects in the eastern part of QPRC. The bulk of our natural disasters over the last three years has been in this area of the LGA and responses to these disasters has meant that our regular resources and contractors have been engaged in the disaster recovery works, thus impacting the delivery of some projects.

The extreme wet weather being experienced by south-east Australia is delaying a significant bridge replacement program currently underway with the bulk of these bridges in the eastern part of the LGA.

The figures identified in the question do not account for expenditure on local roads, Roads to Recovery budgets and other general budgets where the expenditure is in the eastern areas - notably reseals, Roads to Recovery and rehabilitation projects.

Council's total budget for five key road related projects is \$5,630,000 (Local Roads Renewal - \$2,044,000; Roads to Recovery Budget - \$1,589,000; Local Roads rehabilitation - \$1,591,000; MR270 Captains Flat Road - \$127,000; and Cooma Rd/ Krawaree - \$279,000. Of this, \$3,500,000 is expended in the eastern area of the LGA.

End of year projections for capital expenditure across the LGA indicates:

- Bungendore – just under \$30M
- Queanbeyan – just over \$26M
- Braidwood – just under \$24M
- Captains Flat – \$1.5M
- LGA-wide projects – just over \$60M