



Ordinary Meeting of Council

AGENDA

12 July 2023

Commencing at 5.30pm

**Council Chambers
253 Crawford St, Queanbeyan**

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16.2 Land Acquisitions for Road Works Williamsdale Road

Item 16.2 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (e) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

16.3 Award of Tender - Halfway Creek Bridge

Item 16.3 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

16.4 Appointment Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Chair

Item 16.4 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

16.5 Bungendore Highschool Compensation Claim Matter

Item 16.5 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (e) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held via Zoom and at the Council Chambers, 253 Crawford St, Queanbeyan on Wednesday, 28 June 2023 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr Livermore (Chairperson)

Cr Biscotti

Cr Burton

Cr Grundy – via Zoom

Cr Macdonald

Cr Preston

Cr Taskovski

Cr Webster

Cr Wilson

Cr Winchester – via Zoom

Staff:

R Ryan, General Manager

P Hansen, Director Infrastructure Services

J Richards, Director Community, Arts and Recreation

R Ormella, Director Development and Environment

R Tozer, A/Director Corporate Services

K Monaghan, A/Chief Finance Officer

Also Present: W Blakey (Clerk of the Meeting)

L Ison (Minute Secretary)

1. OPENING

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Deputy Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land upon which the meeting was held.

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

It was noted that Cr Wilson requested a leave of absence for this meeting which was approved at the 24 May 2023 Ordinary meeting.

There were no further apologies.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 June 2023**

233/23

RESOLVED (Livermore/Burton)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 14 June 2023 be confirmed.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

234/23

RESOLVED (Livermore/Preston)

That Councillors and staff now disclose any interests and reasons for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

There were disclosures.

6. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

At this stage of the proceedings, the time being 5.33pm, Cr Livermore advised that the meeting should now adjourn for the Public Forum.

235/23

RESOLVED (Livermore/Biscotti)

That the meeting be adjourned to conduct the Public Forum.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for the Public Forum at 5.33pm and resumed at 6.10pm.

7. MAYORAL MINUTE

There was no Mayoral Minute.

8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

There were no Notices of Motions of Rescission.

9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION**9.1 DA.2022.1616 - 139 Wickerslack Lane Googong - Construction of Storage Shed****MOVED (Biscotti/Burton)**

That development application DA.2022.1616 for the construction of a storage shed on Lot 3 DP 1268832, No. 139 Wickerslack Lane Googong be granted conditional consent.

AMENDMENT (Willis/Macdonald)

That:

1. Development application DA.2022.1616 for the construction of a storage shed on Lot 3 DP 1268832, No. 139 Wickerslack Lane Googong be granted conditional consent.
2. Notwithstanding the approved plans, Council require the doors on the east and west elevations be no higher than 4.48m.

The amendment was PUT and CARRIED.

For: Crs Grundy, Macdonald, Preston, Webster, Willis and Winchester

Against: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Livermore and Taskovski

The amendment became the motion.

236/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Macdonald)

That:

1. Development application DA.2022.1616 for the construction of a storage shed on Lot 3 DP 1268832, No. 139 Wickerslack Lane Googong be granted conditional consent.
2. Notwithstanding the approved plans, Council require the doors on the east and west elevations be no higher than 4.48m.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

9.2 QPRC Affordable Housing Strategy

237/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)

That Council:

1. Adopt the Queanbeyan-Palerang Affordable Housing Strategy April 2023.
2. Review the Implementation Plan to consider Council's priorities and develop the Action Plan.

The motion was CARRIED.

For: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Taskovski, Webster, Willis and Winchester

Against: Cr Grundy

9.3 Road Name Proposal - Googong NH3**MOVED (Biscotti/Taskovski)**

That Council:

1. Adopt in principle the names set down in Table 1 as proposed names for the new roads created within Googong Neighbourhood 3 under subdivision Development Consent DA.2021.1549.
2. Advertise the proposed road names for public comment for 28 days.
3. Publish a notice in the NSW Government Gazette if no objections are received.

Cr Willis foreshadowed a CONTARY motion:

That Council:

1. Rejects the road naming proposal for Neighbourhood 3 Googong. The selected theme is not supported. The absence of local Indigenous names is contrary to several provisions of Council's adopted Road Naming Policy (being clauses 6.1.2, 6.3.2 and 6.3.4). The proposal is referred back to Googong Township Pty Ltd for further consideration.
2. Supports higher than 10% usage of local Indigenous words for road naming and supports the applicant's intention to incorporate higher numbers into Neighbourhood 4 Googong along with the naming of a local park. However, this is not in the absence of local indigenous names in Neighbourhoods 3 and 5.
3. Requires that the implementation of the Council's Road Naming Policy, clause 6.3.2, shall be applied to each stage of a subdivision as released.

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RESOLVED (Biscotti/Taskovski)

That Council:

1. Adopt in principle the names set down in Table 1 as proposed names for the new roads created within Googong Neighbourhood 3 under subdivision Development Consent DA.2021.1549.
2. Advertise the proposed road names for public comment for 28 days.
3. Publish a notice in the NSW Government Gazette if no objections are received.

The motion was CARRIED.

For: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Grundy, Livermore, Macdonald,
Taskovski, Webster and Winchester

Against: Crs Preston and Willis

9.4 New Bungendore Pool**MOVED (Preston/Taskovski)**

That, subject to confirmation and availability of the required funding, Council proceed to Design and Construct Tender for the new Bungendore Pool.

AMENDMENT (Biscotti/Macdonald)

That Council:

1. Endorse the concept plans for the new Bungendore Pool as an enclosed aquatic facility, with an 8 lane 25m heated swimming pool, a wet play area, amenities, canteen/café area, playground and shade structures at the new Bungendore Sports Hub on Halfway Creek Road.
2. Receive a Capital Expenditure Review Report for the Bungendore Pool project.
3. Prepare a Design and Construct Tender with the option for the project to be delivered in two stages.
4. Subject to confirmation and availability of the required funding, Council proceed to a Design and Construct Tender for the new Bungendore Pool Project.

The amendment was PUT and CARRIED.

For: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Taskovski, Webster, Willis and Winchester

Against: Cr Grundy

The amendment became the motion.

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RESOLVED (Biscotti/Macdonald)

That Council:

1. Endorse the concept plans for the new Bungendore Pool as an enclosed aquatic facility, with an 8 lane 25m heated swimming pool, a wet play area, amenities, canteen/café area, playground and shade structures at the new Bungendore Sports Hub on Halfway Creek Road.
2. Receive a Capital Expenditure Review Report for the Bungendore Pool project.
3. Prepare a Design and Construct Tender with the option for the project to be delivered in two stages.
4. Subject to confirmation and availability of the required funding, Council proceed to a Design and Construct Tender for the new Bungendore Pool Project.

The motion was CARRIED.

For: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Taskovski, Webster, Willis and Winchester

Against: Cr Grundy

Procedural Motion

240/23

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Preston)

That Item 9.12 be brought forward for consideration at this juncture.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7.32pm and resumed at 7.38pm.

9.12 Bungendore Swimming Pool**MOVED (Preston/Taskovski)**

That Council:

1. Accept the offer from NSW Department of Education to extend the lease of the Bungendore Swimming Pool until 31 March 2024, and authorise the General Manager to execute the addendum to the Lease Agreement.
2. Provide for the additional \$120K in the 2023/24 Operational Plan to operate the swimming pool for the season.
3. Request the NSW Government to cover the cost required to open the Bungendore Swimming Pool for the 2023/24 season, estimated at around \$120K, on the basis that Council has incurred these costs as a direct result of the compulsory acquisition process undertaken by the NSW Government.
4. Agree to extend the Proposed Acquisition Notice (PAN) period in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 to now expire on 31 March 2024.

AMENDMENT (Grundy/ Macdonald)

That Council:

1. Accept the offer from NSW Department of Education to extend the lease of the Bungendore Swimming Pool until 31 March 2024, and authorise the General Manager to execute the addendum to the Lease Agreement if the NSW Government commits to funding the operational costs of the pool for the 2023/24 season.
2. Contact the Member for Monaro stating that, as the Council has not budgeted for the Bungendore Pool 2023/24 operating costs, that any extended operation would have to be funded by the NSW Government, and requesting the Member makes a commitment to that funding.
3. Agree to extend the Proposed Acquisition Notice (PAN) period in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 to now expire on 31 March 2024 if the NSW Government commits to funding the operational costs of the pool for the 2023/24 season.
4. In the event that the NSW Government does not commit to funding the operation of the pool for the 23/24 season, offer Bungendore residents a season pass free of charge, to any pool in the LGA.

The amendment was PUT and LOST.

For: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Grundy and Macdonald
Against: Crs Livermore, Preston, Taskovski, Webster, Willis and Winchester

241/23

RESOLVED (Preston/Taskovski)

That Council:

1. Accept the offer from NSW Department of Education to extend the lease of the Bungendore Swimming Pool until 31 March 2024, and authorise the General Manager to execute the addendum to the Lease Agreement.
2. Provide for the additional \$120K in the 2023/24 Operational Plan to operate the swimming pool for the season.
3. Request the NSW Government to cover the cost required to open the Bungendore Swimming Pool for the 2023/24 season, estimated at around \$120K, on the basis that Council has incurred these costs as a direct result of the compulsory acquisition process undertaken by the NSW Government.
4. Agree to extend the Proposed Acquisition Notice (PAN) period in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 to now expire on 31 March 2024.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

9.5 Cultural Grants Applications - Create Collaborate Collective Inc and Heritage-Culture Arts Promotions Inc (HAPI)

242/23

RESOLVED (Preston/Willis)

That Council:

1. Approve a Cultural Grant of \$1,500 for the Possum Skin Cloak Completion Workshop.
2. Approve a Cultural Grant of \$1,500 for prize money for the Think Outside the Square People's Choice Exhibition/Competition #2.
3. Revote \$3,000 from the Cultural Grants Program to the 23/24 Operational Plan.

The motion was CARRIED.

For: Crs Biscotti, Livermore, Preston, Taskovski, Webster, Willis and Winchester
Against: Crs Burton, Grundy and Macdonald

9.6 Queanbeyan PCYC Advisory Committee**MOVED (Biscotti/Macdonald)**

That Council nominate a Councillor representative and alternate for the PCYC Advisory Committee.

Cr Macdonald foreshadowed a CONTRARY motion:

That Council not nominate a Councillor representative and alternate for the PCYC Advisory Committee.

243/23

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Macdonald)

That Cr Winchester be appointed as Council's representative on the PCYC Advisory Committee.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

244/23

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Macdonald)

That Cr Biscotti be appointed as Council's alternate delegate on the PCYC Advisory Committee.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

9.7 Councillor Delegate SEATS Committee

245/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Webster)

That Cr Winchester be appointed as Council's delegate on the South-East Australia Transport Strategy (SEATS) Committee.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

9.8 Draft Submission to the IPART Draft Report on the Review of the Rate Peg Methodology

During discussion Cr Biscotti left the Chambers at 8.36pm and returned at 8.38pm.

246/23

RESOLVED (Preston/Taskovski)

That Council lodge the submission to the IPART draft report on the Review of the Rate Peg Methodology.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

9.9 Investment Report - May 2023

247/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Webster)

That Council:

1. Receive the Investment Report for the month of May 2023.
2. Note the investment return for May 2023 was \$574,513.
3. Note the investment portfolio has been made in accordance with the Local Government Act (1993), the Local Government (General) Regulation (2021) and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council's Investment Policy.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

9.10 Draft Asbestos Policy

248/23

RESOLVED (Preston/Taskovski)

That Council endorse the draft Asbestos Policy for public exhibition.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

9.11 Donations Policy

249/23

RESOLVED (Preston/Willis)

That Council:

1. Consider the submissions and the budget allocated for donations and grants in 2023-24.
2. Approve the increase to the maximum Category A Funding application to \$3,000.
3. Adopt the Donations Policy 2023-24.
4. Place on public exhibition for 28 days, the list of proposed donation amount and recipient organisations that will receive 'Category C' donation for Rates, Fees and Annual Charges relief.

The motion was CARRIED.

For: Crs Burton, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Taskovski,
Webster, Willis and Winchester

Against: Crs Biscotti and Grundy

9.12 Bungendore Swimming Pool

This item was dealt with in earlier business.

9.13 Adoption of Operational Plan and Fees and Charges 2023-24

250/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)

That Council:

1. Following the consideration of submissions made on the draft Integrated Planning documents and in accordance with Section 405(5) of the Local Government Act 1993; Council adopt the Operational Plan 2023-24 with the amendments shown in Table 1 and Table 2 in the report.
2. Endorse the 2023-24 Service Statements with the budget amendments.
3. In accordance with Clause 211(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council approve expenditure in the adopted Operational Plan 2023-24.
4. In accordance with Clause 211(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Council vote funds to meet the expenditure in the adopted Operational Plan 2023-24.
5. Council adopt the Fees and Charges 2023-24 in accordance with Section 608 of the Local Government Act 1993 and adjustments as shown in submissions 1 and 3 and increase the Family Day Care electronic timesheet fee from \$5.20 to \$5.30.
6. Where fees and charges are set by the NSW Government, that Council adopt the maximum fee for inclusion in the Fees and Charges.

The motion was CARRIED.

For: Crs Biscotti, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Taskovski,
Webster, Willis and Winchester
Against: Crs Burton and Grundy

9.14 Adoption of 2023/2024 Statement of Revenue Policy

251/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Livermore)

That Council:

1. Following the consideration of submissions made on the draft Integrated Planning documents and in accordance with Section 405(5) of the Local Government Act 1993; adopt the Revenue Policy 2023-24 including the rates and annual charges, and with the correction as listed in the report.
2. Provide a voluntary pensioner rebate of \$40 to all pensioners in the local government area, in addition to the legislated pensioner rebate that is \$250 for general rates and \$87.50 for water annual charges and \$87.50 for sewer annual charges.
3. Make the following rates and annual charges for the 2023-24 financial year and that such rates and annual charges be the amount specified hereunder for the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council.

In accordance with section 533, 534, 535 and 566 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), Council makes the following Rates and Annual Charges for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, being the financial year 2023/2024.

Annual Rates

Residential General

An ordinary rate will be levied on all rateable land categorised as “**Residential**” under section 516 of the Act which falls within the designated area of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council as indicated on Page 2 of the Draft Revenue Policy 2023/24, consisting of an ad-valorem rate of zero point one two one one one cents in the dollar (0.12111) calculated on the land value issued by the NSW Valuer-General’s Office with base date 1 July 2022, and a base amount of four hundred and fifty seven dollars (\$457) which is equivalent to 33% of the total rates levied for this category in 2022/2023. In accordance with section 543(1) of the Act this rate be named “**Residential General**”.

Residential Queanbeyan Urban

An ordinary rate will be levied on all rateable land sub-categorised as “**Residential Queanbeyan Urban**” under section 516 and section 529(2) (b) of the Act which falls within the designated area indicated on Page 16 of the Draft Revenue Policy 2023/24, consisting of an ad-valorem rate of zero point two three four six six cents in the dollar (0.23466) calculated on the land value issued by the NSW-Valuer General’s Office with base date 1 July 2022, and a base amount of five hundred and five dollars (\$505) which is equivalent to 33% of the total rates levied for this sub-category in 2023/2024. In accordance with section 543(1) of the Act this rate be named “**Residential Queanbeyan Urban**”.

Residential Googong

An ordinary rate will be levied on all rateable land sub-categorised as “**Residential Googong**” under section 516 and section 529(2) (b) of the Act which falls within the designated area indicated on Page 16 of the Draft Revenue Policy 2023/24, consisting of an ad-valorem rate of zero point two three four six six cents in the dollar (0.23466) calculated on the land value issued by the NSW Valuer-General’s Office with base date 1 July 2022, and a base amount of five hundred and ninety two dollars (\$592) which is equivalent to 32% of the total rates levied for this sub-category in 2023/2024. In accordance with section 543(1) of the Act this rate be named “**Residential Googong**”.

Residential Bungendore

An ordinary rate will be levied on all rateable land sub-categorised as “**Residential Bungendore**” under section 516 and section 529(2) (b) of the Act which falls within the designated area indicated on Page 17 of the Draft Revenue 2023/24, consisting of an ad-valorem rate of zero point one four zero three two cents in the dollar (0.14032) calculated on the land value issued by the NSW Valuer-General’s Office with base date 1 July 2022, and a base amount of four hundred and fifty seven dollars (\$457) which is equivalent to 38% of the total rates levied for this sub-category in 2023/2024. In accordance with section 543(1) of the Act this rate be named “**Residential Bungendore**”.

Residential Braidwood

An ordinary rate will be levied on all rateable land sub-categorised as “**Residential Braidwood**” under section 516 and section 529(2) (b) of the Act which falls within the designated area indicated on Page 17 of the Draft Revenue Policy 2023-24, consisting of an

ad-valorem rate of zero point one four zero three two cents in the dollar (0.14032) calculated on the land value issued by the NSW Valuer-General's Office with base date 1 July 2022, and a base amount of four hundred and fifty seven dollars (\$457) which is equivalent to 49% of the total rates levied for this sub-category in 2023/2024. In accordance with section 543(1) of the Act this rate be named "**Residential Braidwood**".

Farmland Ordinary

An ordinary rate will be levied on all rateable land categorised as "**Farmland**" under section 515 of the Act which falls within the designated area of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, consisting of an ad-valorem rate of zero point zero eight eight three seven cents in the dollar (0.08837) calculated on the land value issued by the NSW Valuer-General's Office with base date 1 July 2022, and a base amount of one thousand and three hundred and eighty two dollars (\$1382) which is equivalent to 45% of the total rates levied for this category in 2023/2024. In accordance with section 543(1) of the Act this rate be named "**Farmland Ordinary**".

Business General

An ordinary rate will be levied on all rateable land categorised as "**Business**" under section 518 of the Act which falls within the designated area of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council as indicated on Page 2 of the Draft Revenue Policy 2023/24 consisting of an ad-valorem rate of point one two three eight nine cents in the dollar (0.12389) calculated on the land value issued by the NSW Valuer-General's Office with base date 1 July 2022, and a base amount of five hundred and five dollars (\$505) which is equivalent to 42% of the total rates levied for this category in 2023/2024. In accordance with section 543(1) of the Act this rate be named "**Business General**".

Business Queanbeyan Urban

An ordinary rate will be levied on all rateable land sub-categorised as "**Business Queanbeyan Urban**" under section 518 and section 529(2) (d) of the Act which falls within the designated area indicated on Page 18 of the Draft Revenue Policy 2023/24, consisting of an ad-valorem rate of one point zero six seven nine one cents in the dollar (1.06791) calculated on the land value issued by the NSW Valuer-General's Office with base date 1 July 2022, and a base amount of five hundred and fifty five dollars (\$555) which is equivalent to 5% of the total rates levied for this sub-category in 2023/2024. In accordance with section 543(1) of the Act this rate be named "**Business Queanbeyan Urban**".

Business Poplars Business Park

An ordinary rate will be levied on all rateable land sub-categorised as "**Business Poplars Business Park**" under section 518 and section 529(2) (d) of the Act which falls within the designated area indicated on Page 21 of the Draft Revenue Policy 2023/24, consisting of an ad-valorem rate of one point zero two two one nine cents in the dollar (1.02219) calculated on the land value issued by the NSW Valuer-General's Office with base date 1 July 2022, and a base amount of eight hundred and fourteen dollars (\$814) which is equivalent to 2% of the total rates levied for this sub-category in 2023/2024. In accordance with section 543(1) of the Act this rate be named "**Business Poplars Business Park**".

Business Googong

An ordinary rate will be levied on all rateable land sub-categorised as "**Business Googong**" under section 518 and section 529(2) (d) of the Act which falls within the designated area indicated on Page 21 of the Draft Revenue Policy 2023/24, consisting of an ad-valorem rate

of one point zero two two one nine cents in the dollar (1.02219) calculated on the land value issued by the NSW Valuer-General's Office with base date 1 July 2022, and a base amount of eight hundred and fourteen dollars (\$814) which is equivalent to 14% of the total rates levied for this sub-category in 2023/2024. In accordance with section 543(1) of the Act this rate be named "**Business Googong**".

Business CBD

An ordinary rate will be levied on all rateable land sub-categorised as "**Business CBD**" under section 518 and section 529(2) (d) of the Act which falls within the designated area indicated on Page 20 of the Draft Revenue Policy 2023/24, consisting of an ad-valorem rate of one point zero two two one nine cents in the dollar (1.02219) calculated on the land value issued by the NSW Valuer-General's Office with base date 1 July 2022, and a base amount of eight hundred and fourteen dollars (\$814) which is equivalent to 6% of the total rates levied for this sub-category in 2023/2024. In accordance with section 543(1) of the Act this rate be named "**Business CBD**".

Business Industrial

An ordinary rate will be levied on all rateable land sub-categorised as "**Business Industrial**" under section 518 and section 529(2) (d) of the Act which falls within the designated area indicated on Page 19 of the Draft Revenue Policy 2023/24, consisting of an ad-valorem rate of zero point six zero six zero eight cents in the dollar (0.60608) calculated on the land value issued by the NSW Valuer-General's Office with base date 1 July 2022, and a base amount of five hundred and fifty five dollars (\$555) which is equivalent to 12% of the total rates levied for this sub-category in 2023/2024. In accordance with section 543(1) of the Act this rate be named "**Business Industrial**".

Mining

An ordinary rate will be levied on all rateable land categorised as "**Mining**" under section 517 of the Act, consisting of an ad-valorem rate of zero point three nine nine cents in the dollar (0.3993) calculated on the land value issued by the NSW Valuer-General's Office with base date 1 July 2022, and a base amount of one thousand three hundred and fifty seven dollars (\$1,357) which is equivalent to 5% of the total rates levied for this category in 2023/2024. In accordance with section 543(1) of the Act this rate be named "**Mining**".

Annual Charges

Domestic Waste Management Annual Charges

A domestic waste management annual charge will be levied on each parcel of rateable land for which the service is available in accordance with section 496(1) and section 496(2) and a domestic waste management annual charge will be levied on land that is exempt from rating if the owner requests the service, as follows:

Type	2023-24
Domestic Garbage (140L Garb + Rec + Grn)	\$343
Domestic Waste 240L waste bin, 240L recycling and 240L green waste	\$453
Domestic Garbage (Additional 140L Garb)	\$161
Domestic Garbage (Additional 240L Garb)	\$191
Domestic Garbage (Additional Green Waste)	\$86
Domestic Garbage (Additional Recycling)	\$86

MUD -Domestic Garbage-shared service & recycling	\$223
MUD - Domestic Garbage-Shared bin with Recycling & Green	\$343
Domestic Garbage (Shared Serv - Addit Green)	\$86
Domestic Garbage-Residential Vacant Land	\$30
Domestic Garbage (Shared Rec + Garb)	\$223
360L recycling bin upsize charge	\$54
Rural Waste Collection - fortnightly 240L waste bin and 240L recycling per annum	\$185
Domestic Garbage 2 Bins MUD (No Bulky)	\$174
Rural Waste Collection -fortnightly 240L recycling only per annum	\$89
MUD - unserviced mixed use residential	\$30
Rural waste Collection - Additional 240L waste bin collected fortnightly	\$87
Rural Waste Collection - Additional 240L recycling bin collected fortnightly	\$86
Domestic Waste Urban 360L waste bin collected weekly, 240L recycling and 240L Green Waste collected fortnightly (Current services only)	\$563
Compound Bins	\$174

Non-residential Waste Management Annual Charge

In accordance with the provisions of sections 501, 502 and 535 of the Act Council proposes to provide waste management services and levy a non-residential waste management annual charge on all rateable land categorised as business, as follows:

Type	Charge 2023-2024
BW1 waste availability charge	\$149
BW2 for each 240L Waste bin	\$144
BW4 for each 240L Recycling bin	\$103
BW5 for each Rural Waste 240L (Fortnightly)	\$103
BW8 for each 240L Green Waste bin	\$98

General Waste Charge

In accordance with the provisions of sections 501 and 535 of the Act Council proposes to provide general waste services and levy a general waste charge of \$225 on all rateable land and those properties which are exempt from rates under section 555 and 556, and excluding land categorised as business.

Water Annual Access Charges

Queanbeyan Water Services

In accordance with the provisions of section 501 and 535 of the Act a water access charge of \$303 will be levied on all rateable land categorised as residential within the defined area of the Queanbeyan and Googong Water Supply Schemes.

All strata and non-strata units or dual occupancy properties will be charged an annual water access charge equivalent to a 20mm water access charge for each single occupancy (e.g. unit, flat or granny flat).

In the case of non-residential properties and properties exempt from rates an annual Water Access Charge will be applied for each connection according to the size of the water meter service connection/connections to the property as per the following table.

An annual water access charge equivalent to a 20mm water access charge will apply to each parcel of rateable land which does not have a water service connected but to which a water service is available in accordance with the provision of section 552(1)(b) of the Act.

Meter Size	Annual Charge
20 mm	\$303
25 mm	\$474
32 mm	\$775
40 mm	\$1,211
50 mm	\$1,893
65 mm	\$3,199
80mm	\$4,847
100 mm	\$7,573
150mm	\$17,039

Palerang Communities Water Services

In accordance with the provisions of section 501 and 535 of the Act a water access charge will be levied on all rateable land, including strata units, and those properties which are exempt from rates under section 555 and 556 within the benefit areas of the Bungendore, Braidwood and Captains Flat water supply schemes to which the water supply is available and connected, in accordance with the number and size of water service meters connected to the land, as per the following table.

An annual water access charge equivalent to a 20mm water access charge will be levied on all rateable land which does not have a water service connected but to which a water service is available in accordance with the provision of section 552(1)(b) of the Act.

Meter Size	Annual Charge
20 mm	\$596
25 mm	\$931
32 mm	\$1,526
40 mm	\$2,385
50 mm	\$3,726
65 mm	\$6,297
80mm	\$9,537
100 mm	\$14,903
150mm	\$33,532

Water Usage Charges

A charge will be raised in accordance with Section 502 of the Act for the use of Water Supply Services on a quarterly basis on properties within the area of the Queanbeyan and Googong Water Supply Schemes. Water usage will be charged at a single variable rate of **\$4.48** per kl on all usage recorded through the water meter or meters connected to the property.

A charge will be raised in accordance with Section 502 of the Act for the use of Water Supply Services on a quarterly basis on properties within the benefit areas of the Braidwood, Bungendore and Captains Flat Water Supply Schemes. Water usage will be charged at a single variable rate of **\$3.99** per kl on all usage recorded through the water meter or meters connected to the property.

Recycled Water Annual Access Charge

All rateable land within the area of Googong Recycled Water Scheme will be charged an Annual Recycled Water Access Charge equivalent to a 20mm Water Access Charge in accordance with section 501 of the Act.

All strata and non-strata units or dual occupancy properties will be charged an Annual Recycled Water Access Charge equivalent to a 20mm Recycled Water Access Charge for each single occupancy (e.g. unit, flat or granny flat).

In the case of non-residential properties and properties exempt from rates an annual Recycled Water Access Charge will be applied for each connection according to the size of the water meter service connection/connections to the property as per the following table.

An Annual Water Access Charge equivalent to a 20mm Recycled Water Access Charge will apply to each parcel of rateable land which does not have a water service connected but to which a water service is available in accordance with the provision of section 552(1) (b) of the Act.

Meter Size	Annual Charge
20 mm	\$303
25 mm	\$474
32 mm	\$775
40 mm	\$1,211
50 mm	\$1,893
65 mm	\$3,199
80mm	\$4,847
100 mm	\$7,573
150mm	\$17,039

Recycled Water Usage Charge

To promote water conservation, the pricing of recycled water has been calculated at the rate of 5% below the potable water prices.

A charge will be raised in accordance with Section 502 of the Act for the use of Recycled Water Supply Services on a quarterly basis on the usage recorded through the water meter or meters connected to the property. Water usage will be charge at a single variable rate of **\$4.26** per kl.

Queanbeyan Sewerage Access Charges

In accordance with the provisions of section 501 a sewerage access charge of \$819 will be levied on all residential properties within the Queanbeyan Sewerage Scheme.

All strata and non-strata units or dual occupancy properties within the defined area of the Queanbeyan Sewerage Scheme will be charged an annual sewerage service charge for each single occupancy (e.g. unit, flat or granny flat).

In the case of non-residential properties and properties exempt from rates within the defined area of the Queanbeyan Sewerage Scheme Annual Sewerage Service Charge will be applied according to the size of the water meter service connection/connections to the property as per the following table.

An Annual Sewerage Service Charge – Vacant Land will apply to each parcel of rateable land within the Queanbeyan Sewerage Scheme which does not have a sewerage service connected but to which a sewerage service is available in accordance with the provision of section 552(3) (a) of the Act.

Meter Size	Annual Charge
20 mm	\$819
Vacant Land	\$534
25 mm	\$1,280
32 mm	\$2,098
40 mm	\$3,278
50 mm	\$5,122
65 mm	\$8,655
80 mm	\$13,111
100 mm	\$20,486
150 mm	\$46,095

Googong Sewerage Access Charges

In accordance with the provisions of section 501 a sewerage access charge of \$804.00 will be levied on all residential properties within the Googong Sewerage Scheme.

All strata and non-strata units or dual occupancy properties within the defined area of the Googong Sewerage Scheme will be charged an annual sewerage service charge for each single occupancy (e.g. unit, flat or granny flat).

In the case of non-residential properties and properties exempt from rates within the defined area of Googong, Annual Sewerage Service Charge will be applied according to the size of the water meter service connection/connections to the property as per the following table.

An Annual Sewerage Service Charge – Vacant Land will apply to each parcel of rateable land within the defined area of Googong which does not have a sewerage service connected but to which a sewerage service is available in accordance with the provision of section 552(3) (a) of the Act.

Meter Size	Annual Charge
20 mm	\$804
Vacant Land	\$524
25 mm	\$1,257
32 mm	\$2,061
40 mm	\$3,220
50 mm	\$5,030
65 mm	\$8,501
80 mm	\$12,877
100 mm	\$20,121
150 mm	\$45,273

Palerang Communities Sewerage Access Charge

In accordance with the provisions of section 501 and 552(3)(a) a sewerage access charge of \$1,214.00 will be levied on all residential properties within the benefit areas of the Bungendore, Braidwood and Captains Flat Sewerage Schemes.

In accordance with the provisions of section 501 and 552(3)(a) a sewerage access charge will be levied on all non-residential properties within the benefit areas of the Bungendore, Braidwood and Captains Flat Sewerage Schemes as per the following table.

Meter Size	Annual Charge
20 mm	\$1,399
Not connected	\$1,399
25 mm	\$2,186
32 mm	\$3,581
40 mm	\$5,596
50 mm	\$8,744
65 mm	\$14,777
80 mm	\$22,384
100 mm	\$34,975
150mm	\$78,694

Sewerage Usage Charges

In accordance with the provisions of section 502 the following sewer usage charges will be levied.

Sewerage usage charge on all non-residential properties within the defined area of the Queanbeyan and Googong Sewerage Schemes are calculated by applying business category

SDF as defined in the NSW Office of Water, Liquid Trade Waste Regulations Guidelines April 2009 to the Sewerage Usage Charge of **\$1.39** per kl.

Sewerage usage charges for non-residential properties within the benefit areas of the Bungendore, Braidwood and Captains Flat Sewerage Schemes are calculated by applying the following business category SDF to the Sewerage Usage Charge of **\$3.37** per kl.

Land Use Description	SDF
General Main Street Businesses Shop Newsagency Cafes & Restaurants Motels Council Offices Laundromat	95%
Schools	90%
Factories Hospitals Service Clubs Hotels	85%
Churches	70%
Concrete Works	5%

Liquid Trade Waste Annual Charges

In accordance with the provisions of section 502 of the Act Council resolves to make the following liquid trade waste annual charges for all rateable land not categorised as non-residential within the benefit areas of the Queanbeyan sewerage scheme:

Discharge category	Compliance	Annual Charge	Usage per kl
One	Complying	\$120.00	\$0.00
One	Non Complying	\$120.00	\$2.81
Two	Complying	\$120.00	\$2.81
Two	Non Complying	\$120.00	\$19.87
Three		\$780.00	As stated in liquid trade waste excess mass charges in the schedule of fees and charges

In accordance with the provisions of section 502 of the Act Council resolves to make the following liquid trade waste annual charges for all rateable land not categorised as non-residential within the benefit areas of the Bungendore, Braidwood and Captains Flat sewerage schemes:

Discharge category	Compliance	Annual Charge	Usage per kl
One	Complying	\$102.51	\$0.00

One	Non Complying	\$102.51	\$3.29
Two	Complying	\$205.02	\$3.29
Two	Non Complying	\$205.02	\$19.87
Three		\$685.13	As stated in liquid trade waste excess mass charges in the schedule of fees and charges

Stormwater Management Charge

In accordance with section 496A of the Act, Council will levy the following stormwater management charges on all rateable properties for which the service is available that are within Council's urban stormwater catchment areas:

Properties categorised as Residential (not being strata titled)

A flat charge of \$25.00 for a stormwater management service charge is to be charged against each eligible assessment categorised as residential within the urban stormwater catchment.

Properties categorised as residential (strata units)

A flat charge of \$12.50 for a stormwater management service charge is to be levied against each eligible residential strata unit within the urban stormwater catchment.

Properties categorised as business (not being strata titled)

Queanbeyan Area - A stormwater management service charge is to be charged against each eligible assessment (not being strata titled) categorised as business within the urban stormwater catchment area based on the total area of the assessment. A charge of \$25.00 for every 350 square metres or part of 350 square metres will apply, with a minimum charge of \$25.00 to apply for those properties with an area of less than 350 square metres.

Braidwood and Bungendore - A stormwater management service charge is to be charged against each eligible assessment (not being strata titled) categorised as business within the urban stormwater catchment area based on the total area of the assessment. A charge of \$25.00 for every 1,200 square metres or part of 1,200 square metres will apply, with a minimum charge of \$25.00 to apply for those properties with an area of less than 1,200 square metres.

Properties categorised as business (strata units)

A stormwater management service charge against each eligible business strata unit within the urban stormwater catchment area based on one of the following two scenarios:

1. Business strata units only

Where a strata complex contains only business properties and is not mixed development the charge per strata unit will be calculated by using a charge of \$25.00 per 350m² of the land area occupied by the strata scheme (or part thereof), proportioned by the unit entitlement of each lot in the strata scheme with a minimum charge of \$12.50 levied on each strata unit.

2. Business & residential strata units (mixed development)

If the strata complex includes properties rated as both business and residential the dominant category of the strata scheme must be determined and charges will apply for business strata units or residential strata units as previously adopted. In the event that a mixed development is 50% residential and 50% business, council has the discretion to determine whether to charge the property as a residential or business property.

Urban Land Exempt from the Stormwater Management Service Charge

The same exemptions that apply to non-rateable properties for other rates and charges also apply in respect of the stormwater management service charge pursuant to the Local Government Act. In addition, the following properties are also exempted from this charge under the provisions:

- Rateable land owned by the Crown
- Rateable land under a lease for private purposes granted under the *Housing Act 2001* or the *Aboriginal Housing Act 1998*

Interest on Overdue Rates & Charges

In accordance with Section 566 of the Act, interest will accrue on outstanding rates and charges at the rate of nine per cent (9%) per annum simple interest calculated daily from 1 July 2023.

The motion was CARRIED.

For: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston,
Taskovski, Webster, Willis and Winchester
Against: Cr Grundy

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Capital Projects Status Report

252/23

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Macdonald)

That the report be received for information.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

10.2 Customer Service Statistics

253/23

RESOLVED (Webster/Biscotti)

That the report be received for information.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

10.3 Councillor Workshops

254/23

RESOLVED (Burton/Biscotti)

That the report be received for information.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**10.4 DA.2022.1616 - Construction of Storage Shed - 139 Wickerslack Lane Googong**

255/23

RESOLVED (Willis/Winchester)

That the report be received for information.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**11.1 Local Development Committee Meeting - 6 June 2023**

256/23

RESOLVED (Burton/Livermore)

That Council note the minutes of Local Development Committee meeting held on 6 June 2023.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

11.2 Local Traffic Committee Meeting - 6 June 2023

257/23

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Burton)

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of Local Traffic Committee held on 6 June 2023.
2. Adopt recommendations LTC 18/2023 to LTC 23/2023 from the meeting held on 06 June 2023:

LTC 18/2023: Proposed Solution: Event not supported in current form. QPRC Events to follow up with event organisers and re-submit for next meeting.

LTC 19/2023: Proposed Solution: Event supported in principle subject to above requirements. Under Roads Act 1993 approve the proposed road closures for HMAS Harman Freedom of Entry March.

LTC 20/2023: Proposed Solution: Event supported in principle subject to above requirements. Under Roads Act 1993 approve the proposed road closures for Queanbeyan Legacy Torch Relay.

LTC 21/2023: Proposed Solution: Event not supported in current form. QPRC Events to follow up with event organisers and re-submit for next meeting.

LTC 22/2023: Proposed Solution: Under Roads Act 1993 approve proposed Traffic Control Devices Plan for additional line marking and signs at three existing non-conventional "Y type" intersections within Tralee Stages 1A and 1C.

LTC 23/2023: Proposed Solution: Under Roads Act 1993 approve proposed public carpark with parking signage, basement line marking and signage plans for QCCP.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

There were no Notices of Motion.

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS

13.1 Delegates' Report

258/23

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Preston)

That the report be received for information.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

14.1 Responses to Councillors' Questions

259/23

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Willis)

That the report be received for information.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

15. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION

At this stage of the proceedings Cr Livermore advised that there were items on the Agenda that should be dealt with in Closed Session.

Cr Livermore then asked if, in accordance with Clause 59.6 of the Council's Code of Meeting Practice, there were any presentations as to why the matters listed below should not be dealt with in Closed Session.

There were no presentations.

16. REPORTS FOR CLOSED SESSION

260/23

RESOLVED (Livermore/Webster)

That pursuant to Section 10A of the *Local Government Act, 1993* the following items on the agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting be dealt with in Closed Session for the reasons specified below:

Item 16.1 QCCP Leased Area Arrangements

Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (di) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and discussion of the matter in an

open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

The meeting then moved into Closed Session at 9.07pm to discuss the matters listed above.

16.1 QCCP Leased Area Arrangements

261/23

RESOLVED (Webster/Taskovski)

That Council:

1. Execute the Agreement for Lease of level 4 and 5 of the QCCP.
2. Execute the Heads of Agreement for Level 3 of the QCCP.
3. Prepare a Heads of Agreement for the lease of the Ground Floor Office and Café areas in accordance with the offer received by Council.

The motion was CARRIED.

For: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Taskovski, Webster, Willis and Winchester

Against: Cr Grundy

262/23

RESOLVED (Livermore/Biscotti)

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 9.33pm.

The doors of the Chambers were opened to allow the public to enter.

In accordance with Clause 253 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, the Deputy Mayor then read out the decisions of Council made in Closed Session.

18. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The time being 9.35pm, the Deputy Mayor announced that the Agenda for the meeting had now been completed.

**CR ESMA LIVERMORE
DEPUTY MAYOR
CHAIRPERSON**

ITEM 5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS/PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The provisions of Chapter 14 of the *Local Government Act, 1993* regulate the way in which Councillors and nominated staff of Council conduct themselves to ensure that there is no conflict between their private interests and their public trust.

The Act prescribes that where a member of Council (or a Committee of Council) has a direct or indirect financial (pecuniary) interest in a matter to be considered at a meeting of the Council (or Committee), that interest must be disclosed as soon as practicable after the start of the meeting and the reasons for declaring such interest.

As members are aware, the provisions of the *Local Government Act* restrict any member who has declared a pecuniary interest in any matter from participating in the discussions, voting on that matter, and require that member to vacate the Chamber.

Council's Code of Conduct provides that if members have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest, the nature of the conflict must be disclosed. The Code also provides for a number of ways in which a member may manage non pecuniary conflicts of interest

Recommendation

That Councillors and staff disclose any interests and reasons for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

9.1 Post Exhibition Report - Draft QPRC Sports Facilities Strategic Plan (Ref: ; Author: Richards/Duncan)

File Reference: 4.3.3

Recommendation

That Council adopt the QPRC Sports Facilities Strategic Plan as presented, with amendments included following public exhibition comments.

Summary

The Draft QPRC Sports Facilities Strategic Plan was presented to the Council at the ordinary meeting on 21 December 2022. Council endorsed the draft for public exhibition and comment until 15 March 2023, with a consultation report coming back to Council for consideration before final adoption. This report reviews community comments and seeks adoption of the Strategic Plan.

Background

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council currently manage over 20 sports fields and multiple hard courts in different locations across the LGA, with additional facilities coming into service as new housing developments are built. While some current and some future facilities are incorporated into sporting hubs or as standalone multiuse complexes, others are single isolated fields with limited amenities and capacity.

Over the past 16 months, QPRC staff have been compiling data and requests from the sporting community to update the Sports Facilities Strategic Plan. The plan contains six broad strategies and a series of recommendations to guide the provision of sporting facilities for the next 20 years.

Primarily the consultation has been with the QPRC Sports Council, an advisory committee of QPRC. The role of the QPRC Sports Council is to consider the allocation of sports fields across the Local Government Area (LGA) prior to the commencement of each winter and summer sporting season, and to make recommendations for the development and/or improvements to sporting facilities and recreational needs, including input into the works programs.

Three separate workshops occurred with the QPRC Sports Council. All sporting and user groups in the LGA were invited to these workshops. All sporting and user groups in the LGA were given the opportunity to comment and provide input to the QPRC Sports Facilities Strategic Plan. One Councillor Workshop also occurred.

Once out for community consultation, sporting and user groups were again given the opportunity to comment and provide input to the QPRC Sports Facilities Strategic Plan. Section 355 Committees and Advisory Committees of Council were also contacted.

Report

Due to the holiday period, the Draft QPRC Sports Facilities Strategic Plan was available for community consultation for 84 days (22 December 2022 – 15 March 2023).

During this time there were:

- 240 visits to the plan on Your Voice
- 118 downloads of the plan
- 14 comments and submissions

9.1 Post Exhibition Report - Draft QPRC Sports Facilities Strategic Plan (Ref: ; Author: Richards/Duncan) (Continued)

The table below shows the subject of comments received, the number of comments in each category and QPRC responses to the comments.

Subject of Comment	No of Comments	Responses
Aquatics	7	Noted and added to comments for the Draft Aquatic Strategy that is currently on exhibition
Amount of money spent on sport	2	Noted
Establishing shared pathways to access facilities	1	Noted. Will form part of operational activities
Monaro Rail Trail	1	Changes to strategies 5 and 6 to include the Monaro Rail Trail as suggested
Basketball	1	Noted. Add numbers to tables 5 and 6
Tennis	1	Noted. Amend tables 5 and 6 to add tennis
General comments	1	Noted

The 14 'Your Voice' submissions are attached with a response and action identified. Two detailed responses received are also attached (redacted).

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

The Sports Facilities Strategic Plan contains strategies and recommendations which are in keeping with the requirements of both the Local Government Act 1993 and Crown Land Management Act 2016.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

The Plan is designed to inform future Councils during Delivery Plan and budget preparations. The final document, after community feedback, will be able to be fully costed and factored into a 20-year plan.

The recommended improvements within the Plan are designed to renew, or decommission, certain existing assets and provide new assets in a rational manner to meet future community needs. Consideration was given to ongoing management and impact on the long-term budgetary requirements for asset management.

Sports facilities and sports tourism can significantly contribute to the economic development of a region. Sporting events attract visiting sports teams and spectators, as well as encouraging local sports enthusiasts to support the event. These events also provide a level of sporting residents would normally need to travel out of the district for or settle for media viewing.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

The QPRC Sports Facilities Strategic Plan is an update of the current document that was adopted by Council on 14 June 2017. The QPRC Sports Facilities Strategic Plan is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan:

Strategic objective - 1.2 Our health, wellbeing and resilience is supported by strong partnerships and access to services.

9.1 Post Exhibition Report - Draft QPRC Sports Facilities Strategic Plan (Ref: ; Author: Richards/Duncan) (Continued)

- Health and quality of life are improved through access to a range of recreation and leisure opportunities.
- Active recreational, sporting and health pursuits are supported by the availability of programs, events and assets in the Queanbeyan-Palerang region.

Strategic objective - 14.3 Our community facilities and assets are well planned, meet the needs of the community and enhance social connection.




- Enhance community and recreational use of facilities through robust maintenance and management.
- Plan for community facilities to meet the needs of our growing population and promote the maximisation of use of current facilities.
- Optimise development contributions to fund new and expanded facilities
- Council assets are sustainably managed.

Conclusion

The Sports Facilities Strategic Plan contains broad strategies and recommendations to guide QPRC in the provision of sporting facilities for the next 20 years. The six strategies consider existing and future needs in an economically sustainable manner. Clustering and rationalising facilities, decommissioning obsolete facilities and provision of a higher level of sports, will ensure the QPRC community are adequately serviced at home.

Economic development and sports tourism, the Regional Sports Complex and higher standard playing surfaces, will deliver a quality of sports not presently available, but well warranted in a rapidly growing community. The matters raised in the submissions has been considered and some changes (as noted) will be made. The Sports Facilities Strategic Plan is now recommended for adoption. Once adopted, the strategic plan will form the basis for operational and project work.

Attachments

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| Attachment 1 | Sports Facilities Strategic Plan (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) |
|  Attachment 2 | Full Submission - Queanbeyan Precinct Trail (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) |
|  Attachment 3 | Full Submission - Aquatics (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) |
|  Attachment 4 | Sumbissions on Sports Strategic Plan (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) |

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

9.2 Acknowledgement of Country Artwork (Ref: ; Author: Ryan/Richards)

File Reference: Aboriginal Liaison Services 2.4.1

Recommendation

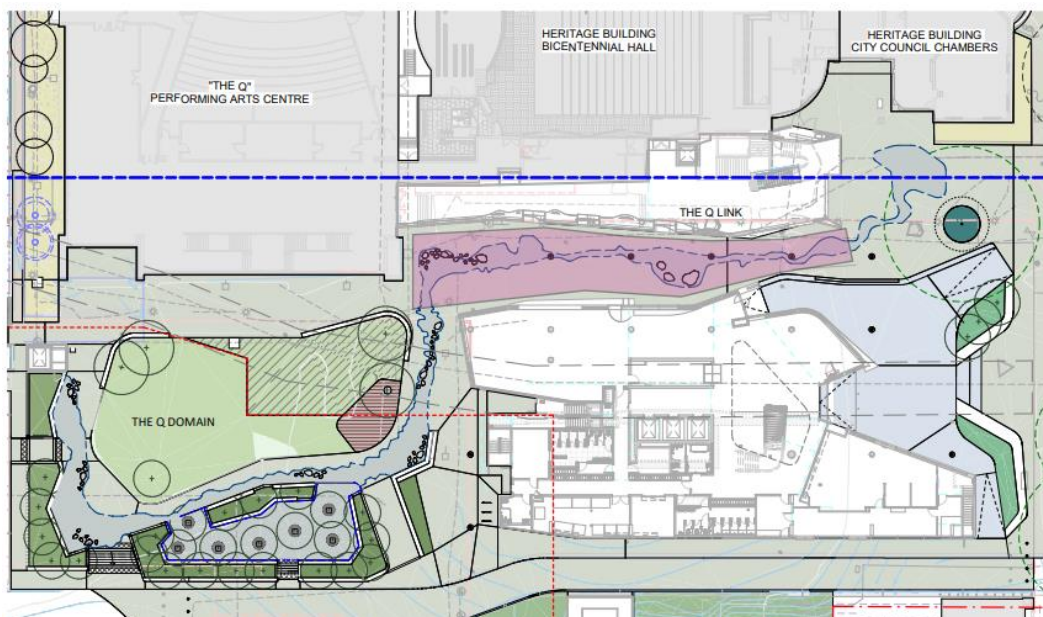
That Council endorse the engagement of artist Lynnice (Letty) Church and concept designs chosen for the QCCP artwork and Acknowledgement of Country Project.

Summary

This report seeks endorsement of the artist selected to provide First Nations artworks for the Queanbeyan Civic and Cultural precinct in consultation with the building project team and other relevant stakeholders. The concepts and designs will be available to use for Council's Reconciliation Plan and website.

Background

The design for the Queanbeyan Civic and Cultural Precinct proposed artwork and Acknowledgement of Country in the foyer of the new building and link from the front of the building through the breezeway to the cultural space in front of the Q (shown below in pink).

**Report**

In 2022, QPRC was awarded a grant of \$195,700 to do this work through the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) Round 5. SCCF Round 5 funding had a particular focus on projects that addressed Aboriginal inclusion and accessibility for those living with disability. QPRC was also funded for pool pods and accessible pathways during this funding round.

The grant proposal was submitted with two stages of work to be completed:

- Stage 1: Acknowledgement of Country Foyer and Forecourt Artworks
- Stage 2: The Walkway Artworks, Access and Plantings

Design concepts had to relate to the social, cultural or environmental context of the Queanbeyan region's First Nations traditional song-lines and stories.

9.2 Acknowledgement of Country Artwork (Ref: ; Author: Ryan/Richards) (Continued)

To be eligible artist were required to be over 18 years old and of First Nations descent. First Nations creatives living within the local or regional area were to be given greater weight to ensure the final artwork maintains a direct Connection to Country.

Four expressions of interest were received. The panel unanimously agreed that the commission be awarded to artist Lynnice Letty Church a Ngunnawal/Wiradjuri and Kamilaroi woman and Traditional Owner in Canberra and surrounding region. Her proposal, which includes her recent artistic commissions, is provided as Attachment 1 and the panel assessment is included as a Confidential attachment.

The First Nations Consultative Committee at its recent (informal) meeting reviewed the concepts and artwork and offered their support for the submission chosen.

Artists Concepts and Elements

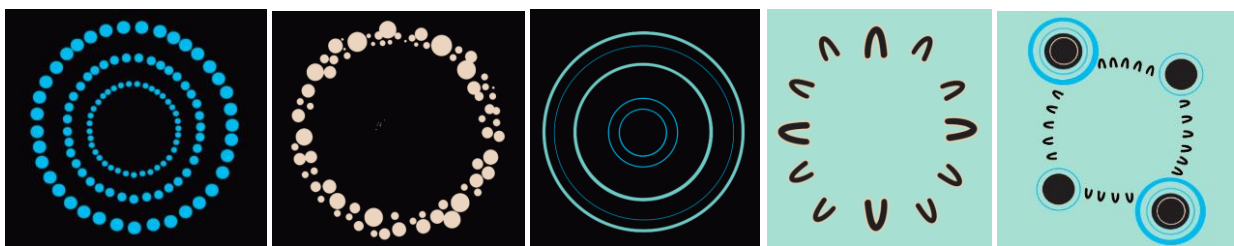
The artist's concept depicts the local sub alpine region landscape of Queanbeyan and region. It includes the use of symbols that represent the coming together of the first peoples of this country and surrounding tribes who would come together for cultural ceremonies, trade, lore, and marriages.

The concept shows the mountains and rivers across the landscape used as pathways and places of gathering, hunting, and camping. It recognises the importance of connection and relationships to listen, learn and share and the diversity of our communities in the Queanbeyan-Palerang Region.

Overall concepts



Paving concepts



The design concepts can be applied to a range of mediums such as wood, a panel, coreten steel, dedicated wall space or glass; and they can digitally reproduced.

It is anticipated that there will be five designs inside the foyer including a sculptural version of the artwork to be displayed in the hanging area. In addition, there will be an acknowledgement of Country. Outside, there will be 15 paving tiles showcasing the same design elements (3 times each). Designs will be used on First Nations material such as the Reconciliation Action Plan which is currently under review.

**9.2 Acknowledgement of Country Artwork (Ref: ; Author: Ryan/Richards)
(Continued)**

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

The Artist and QPRC's Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Arts Officer and Community Officer will work with QPRC's project team and various communities in the local government area to ensure optimal inclusion and collaboration.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

This project is entirely grant funded. The budget submitted with the grant application provided for a range of different styles of artworks (including design, fabrication and installation) and paving, plantings and seating through the walkway to the Q Domain.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

QPRC Community Strategic Plan 2042

Strategy1.1 Our community is strengthened through connection and participation that enhances our community and cultural life.

- Recognise, respect and support our Traditional Owners and First Nations People's historical and ongoing connection to country

QPRC Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan

Actions and Deliverables - Respect

Increase understanding, value and recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories, knowledge and rights through cultural learning within Council.

Conclusion

The Artist and concepts provided were chosen through a consultation with relevant stakeholders and thorough consultation. During the process of providing artworks from concepts, the Artist will continue to work with Council's project team and community and arts teams along with the local indigenous communities, and other interested community members, to deliver inclusive and representative design and artwork. Information about the artists and the concepts will be provided to the community through all of QPRC's communication channels.

Attachments

Attachment 1 Artist's Bio (*Under Separate Cover*)



Attachment 2 Cultural Project Evaluation (*Under Separate Cover*) - **CONFIDENTIAL**

File Reference: 1.4.1 Economic and Community Events

Recommendation

That Council note the cancellation of Harmonie German Club's Oktoberfest Event for 2023 and reallocate funds to support the following:

- 1. \$15,000 to the Diwali Lantern Festival.**
 - 2. \$10,000 to the Music by the River event.**
 - 3. \$25,000 for support of new events in Braidwood and Bungendore with Council endorsement.**
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Summary

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council has supported the Harmonie German Club to host their Oktoberfest event in the Queanbeyan Showground since 2017.

The former QPRC Council agreed to support the event for five years. This agreement was to be from 2017 to 2021 inclusive. Following the cancellation of Oktoberfest in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID19, Council resolved to extend its support until the end of 2023. However, for a variety of reasons detailed in the report, the Harmonie German Club board has determined not proceed with the event at the Queanbeyan Showground this year.

Background

Hosting events of significance provides extensive economic and social benefit to the community and QPRC is committed to acquiring new events in accordance with the QPRC Events Strategy 2018-25. Attracting Oktoberfest to Queanbeyan in 2017 brought a large-scale commercial cultural event to Queanbeyan from its prior home at EPIC in the ACT.

Report

Oktoberfest in Queanbeyan was initially extremely popular but, for a variety of reasons, declined in support over time. In 2017 and 2018 the event had strong attendance numbers, with an average of 3,000+ people per day. In 2019, the introduction of a music event increased attendance on the Friday night. However, torrential rain impact walk up sales and numbers for Saturday and Sunday reduced to around 2,000 people each day.

Momentum was stalled in 2020 and 2021 with events cancelled due to Covid19. In 2022, although numbers improved, increased expenses, especially in relation to required security, has increased the risk for the club in terms of financial sustainability. As a result, the board has determined that it will not proceed with Oktoberfest in Queanbeyan in 2023. Their letter thanking Council and explaining the difficulties in continuing this event is included as a confidential attachment.

There are other important events in Queanbeyan, Braidwood and Bungendore, and smaller villages, that could be supported now that the funds allocated to Oktoberfest are no longer required. Funding that could be applied to alternate events will increase attraction, attendance and leverage the success of our new and popular events in the region.

9.3 Oktoberfest 2023 (Author: Richards/Wightman) (Continued)Diwali Lantern Festival

This is a new event for Queanbeyan and will be held at QEII Park in November this year. Diwali is one of the largest annual Indian cultural events and is known as 'The Festival of Lights'. This inclusive festival will include music and cultural performances, an array of food

and activities culminating with a community lead lantern parade along part of the riverwalk. Southern Tablelands Arts, Queanbeyan Multilingual Centre and Queanbeyan Multicultural Council are partnering with QPRC to successfully deliver the festival.

Community engagement and consultation with all the major stakeholders has been extremely positive. The Indian High Commission has agreed to in-kind support with promotion and marketing and will also be attending the festival as per the attached letter of support. This event has a large community focus with the likelihood that it will become a significant event for Queanbeyan. There is no similar event in Canberra or the region.

Music by the River

Music by the River is an extremely popular event that this co-hosted by ICON Water. This free, inclusive, family and community concert is held in February or March each year. Post-event feedback from 2023 indicated that the engagement of a professional vocalist with a slight change of the music performed has been welcomed. This year's highly successful event attracted a diverse audience (age, families, demographics) and was supported by Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program.

Braidwood and Bungendore Events

Successful events that were held in 2022 and 2023 funded by the Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Events Program included - Meet and Make Expo in Bungendore; the Braidwood Car and Bike Show; the Bungendore Multicultural Festival; Airing of the Quilts in Braidwood; Braidwood Seniors Celebrations and International Women's Day and Community Singing Events across the local government area. The additional budget would allow us to assist in running these and other events proposed and supported by the community in each area.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

The events team ensure that events are conducted within all legislative frameworks including serving of food and alcohol, traffic management and crowd control. All events have detailed risk management plans.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

The 2023-24 budget includes \$55,000 for support of the Oktoberfest Event at the Queanbeyan Showground.

As this no longer required for Oktoberfest, it is recommended that it be re-directed to other new and existing events in the QPRC calendar. Budgets for Civic, Community and Economic Events have not increased for many years making it difficult to consistently deliver high quality events. It is requested that Council reallocate the \$55,000 in the following manner.

Event	Amount \$
Festival of Lights (new event)	15,000
Music by the River (existing event)	10,000
New events in Braidwood and Bungendore with individual Council approval	25,000
Total	55,000

9.3 Oktoberfest 2023 (Author: Richards/Wightman) (Continued)

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

Community Strategic Plan 2042

1.1 Our community is strengthened through connection and participation that enhances our community and cultural life.

- Build cultural capacity through the availability and participation in arts, performance and cultural gatherings, events, and exhibitions.
- We embrace our diverse community and welcome and support new and existing residents through community development to build community connection and resilience.

QPRC Events Strategy 2018-2025


Goal - to create a framework that both informs and enables Council to:

- attract and develop new events;
- enhance and grow current events;
- create significant economic and community benefit; and
- align to the Community Strategic Plan and subsequent Strategic Pillars and key goals of Council.

Conclusion

The decision of the Harmonie German Club has released a significant budget amount that can be used to support new and existing events that have not had increasing budgets, despite increasing costs.

Attachments

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| Attachment 1 | Support letter for Dwilai Festival (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) |
|  Attachment 2 | Oktoberfest 2023 email from CEO Harmonie German Club (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>) - CONFIDENTIAL |

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

9.4 Endorsement of Code of Conduct Review Panel (Ref: ; Author: Ryan/Flint)

File Reference: 52.2.4

Recommendation

That Council proceeds to appoint the following firms to its Conduct Review Panel until 30 June 2026:

1. Australian Workplace Training and Investigation
2. BAL Lawyers
3. BDO Services Pty Ltd
4. Centium Pty Ltd
5. Local Government Legal
6. Maddocks
7. McCullough Robertson Lawyers
8. Mediate Today Pty Ltd
9. Nemesis Consultancy Group
10. O'Connor Marsden and Associates Pty Ltd
11. Pendlebury Workplace Solutions
12. RSM
13. Sinc Solutions Pty Ltd
14. Train Reaction Pty Ltd
15. Weir Consulting (National)
16. Winton Consulting Pty Ltd
17. WISE Workplace
18. Workdynamic Australia
19. Brian F. Davis & Associates

Summary

In June 2022, the Canberra Region Joint Organisation, Bega Valley Shire Council with representatives from Yass and Wingecarribee Council's facilitated an Expression of Interest process seeking eligible persons or firms for appointment to a Regional Panel of Conduct Reviewers to replace the existing panel which expired on 30 June 2022.

Last year Councillors agreed (**Resolution No 259/22**) to extend the use of the existing panel for a further 12-month period. Council is now asked to formally resolve the adoption of the new Conduct Review Panel until 30 June 2026.

Background

In accordance with the Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct, all Councils must have an established panel of Conduct Reviewers. Council's previous Panel expired on 30 June 2023 and therefore this report is secure a new Panel for a further 3-year period.

**9.4 Endorsement of Code of Conduct Review Panel (Ref: ; Author: Ryan/Flint)
(Continued)**

Report

Following the review of all submissions against the advertised evaluation criteria, the panel responsible for assessing the expression of interest for appointment to the CRJO Regional Panel of Conduct Reviewers, determined that there were 18 suitable firms recommended for appointed to the Panel. A further 10 firms were deemed unsuccessful through this process.

QPRC has previously utilised the services of Brian F. Davis & Associates in managing Code of Conduct complaints for both staff and Councillor matters. Council requested the same information from this firm as was requested of other firms expressing their interest in the panel. Councillors are asked to consider appointing Brian F. Davis & Associates as an additional firm to this Panel given their previous reliability and standard of work performed for Council.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

The Model Code of Conduct for Councils in NSW – Administrative Framework (Part 3 of the Procedures) requires that Councils and Joint Organisations establish a Panel of Conduct Reviewers. Councils may enter into an arrangement with one of more Councils to share a panel of Conduct Reviewers including through a Joint Organisation. Further, clause 3.9 states that the Panel must have a term of appointment no longer than four years.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

A budget allocation is made annually for dealing with Code of Conduct complaints. However, actual expenditure may vary considerably from the estimate depending on the number of complaints made. The adoption of the Conduct Review Panel has no resource or financial implications.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

Strategic Objective 5.1 in the Community Strategic Plan states "Our community is serviced by an efficient, effective and innovative Council." Council's ability to manage complaints as they arise is vital to ensuring we can recruit, retain and remunerate a safe and harmonious workforce.

Additionally, Strategic Objective 5.2 in the Community Strategic Plan states "Council is an open, accessible and responsive organisation."

Conclusion

This report seeks to formally appoint the nominated firms as Council's Conduct Review Panel until 30 June 2026 at which time a new tender process will be facilitated and subsequently a new Panel appointed.

Attachments

Nil

File Reference: 52.5.2-02

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Nominate the Mayor and the following three Councillors to register as voting delegates to attend the LGNSW Annual Conference 2023:**
 - **Councillor A**
 - **Councillor B**
 - **Councillor C**
- 2. Register the following Councillors as delegates to attend the LGNSW Annual Conference 2023:**

Summary

The Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference 2023 will be held at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse from 12 – 14 November 2023. Council is invited to register its four nominated voting delegates, one of whom is the Mayor.

Council is also asked to consider any motions for the LGNSW Conference.

Background

The LGNSW Annual Conference is an annual event and is this year being held from Sunday 12 November to Tuesday 14 November 2023 at the Rosehill Gardens Racecourse. Details about the Conference are available on the LGNSW website <https://lgnsw.org.au/Public/Public/Events/Annual-Conferences/2023/2023-Home.aspx>.

Report

In addition to registering delegates to attend the conference, members must advise LGNSW of the names of their nominated voting delegates to enable them to vote on motions during formal business sessions. Under the LGNSW rules, QPRC is entitled to have four voting delegates, one of whom is the Mayor. Voting delegates must be elected members and be registered to attend the Conference.

Council should now nominate three Councillors to fill QPRC's voting entitlement at the LGNSW Annual Conference.

Council may choose to register additional councillors as non-voting delegates. The General Manager will attend the LGNSW Conference, however registration and accommodation are funded under a separate staff conference budget.

Registration for voting delegates will open on Monday 24 July 2023 with discounted early bird rates available until Thursday 28 September 2023. Standard registrations open on Friday 29 September 2023 and close at 5pm on Friday 27 October 2023.

Should Council need to change a voting delegate, substitutions can be made in accordance with LGNSW rules.

9.5 LGNSW Annual Conference 2023 (Ref: ; Author: Ryan/Flint) (Continued)

Motions

Council can put forward motions to be considered at the Conference and motions may be submitted online from Monday 24 July 2023.

Proposed motions should be strategic, affect members state-wide and introduce new or emerging policy issues and actions. Councillors are encouraged to review the Action Reports from previous conferences and positions of LGNSW, as set out in the LGNSW Policy Platform, before submitting motions for the 2023 Conference. These resources will assist with the drafting of motions.

To allow production of and distribution of the Business Paper before the conference, Councils must submit their motions by Friday 15 September 2023.

Full business papers for the Conference will be forwarded to delegates approximately two weeks prior to the Conference.

Councillors wishing to propose a motion, should discuss with the General Manager to enable the motion and report to be presented for endorsement by Council resolution.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

Section 232 of the Local Government Act 1993 prescribes that Councillors have a responsibility 'to make all reasonable efforts to acquire and maintain the skills necessary to perform the role of a Councillor.' Attendance at conferences and active participation in professional development by all Councillors is desirable.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

As per the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy and Operational Plan budget allocation, provision is made for the attendance of Councillor delegates at the LGNSW Conference.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

Strategic Objective 5.1 in the Community Strategic Plan states "Our community is serviced by an efficient, effective and innovative Council."

Strategic Objective 5.2 in the Community Strategic Plan states "Council is an open, accessible and responsive organisation."

The attendance by members of the elected body will ensure that QPRC is informed about the issues directly affecting local government and are able to advocate for the needs of the community in which they represent.

Conclusion

The LGNSW Annual Conference is being hosted by the City of Parramatta at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse from 12 November to 14 November 2023. QPRC is entitled to four voting delegates, one of whom is the Mayor, for motions and Board elections and is asked to nominate the other three.

Accommodation has been reserved for the four QPRC Councillor delegates at Rydges Parramatta. Should Council resolve to register more delegates, accommodation would be booked accordingly.

9.5 LGNSW Annual Conference 2023 (Ref: ; Author: Ryan/Flint) (Continued)

Council is also invited to submit one or more motions to the Conference, and it is proposed these be discussed with the General Manager, prior to endorsement by Council at a meeting before the end of August 2023.

Attachments

Nil

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

9.6 Post-Exhibition Report - Fireworks (Pyrotechnics) Display Policy (Ref: ; Author: Ryan/Flint)

File Reference: 52.5.4

Recommendation

That Council adopt the Pyrotechnics (Fireworks) Display Policy as attached to this Report.

Background

At its meeting on 10 May 2023, Council considered the draft Fireworks (Pyrotechnics) Display Policy and resolved to place the policy on public exhibition for 28 days inviting submissions. The exhibition period was conducted from 11 May 2023 to 12 June 2023.

Consultation as part of this process has now been completed, submissions received, and the policy in its current form put back to Council for consideration and adoption. A summary of the issues raised in the submissions and Council staff recommendations are shown in the below table.

In consideration of the submissions, there is no recommended changes to the Draft Policy.

Report

Submission Content	Response
<p>It is a good step forward for the council to have formalised a policy, however the policy provides minimal further guidance to residents. At a recent event at Royalla the applicant met all of the policy guidelines and was initially approved by Council only to have the approval withdrawn by council at the last minute for reasons that may not have been substantive and are still not clear to either the applicant nor the Royalla Common S355 Committee. This withdrawal of approval resulted in a significant cost to the hirer.</p> <p>I understand that the policy needs to be somewhat grey however it provides little actual guidance to applicants on issues such as proximity to surrounding residents, livestock etc. This needs to be addressed.</p>	<p>The policy relies on the Safe Work NSW checklist to indicate minimum distances from certain impacted sources. In this instance the checklist was filled out incorrectly and did not recognise certain sources that were within the set distances. Council requests Neighbourhood notification to occur as part of this approval process.</p>
<p>I feel really strongly that in these times of desperate housing shortage and rising costs of living firework displays across Australia including Queanbeyan should be cancelled and the money Council would save go towards community housing.</p>	<p>This is a separate topic from the policy in question.</p>

9.6 Post-Exhibition Report - Fireworks (Pyrotechnics) Display Policy (Ref: ; Author: Ryan/Flint) (Continued)

Submission Content	Response
<p>I think that the firework displays are attended by a very small minority of our community. Please can this be discussed.</p>	
<p>I think this proposed policy is a step in the right direction. We definitely need a policy which protects stock and wildlife. If this policy results in prohibiting fireworks in rural areas, where stock and wildlife have been known to break fences and jump onto roads in an attempt to escape a perceived threatening event, then so be it. Fireworks displays are lovely (and I see them from Mona Farm at my house in Braidwood), but I also see and hear the distress they cause to local animals. I fully support the need for this policy.</p>	<p>Policy Supported</p>
<p>In today's world we should NOT be allowing any further pollution into our environment caused by fireworks.</p> <p>They are a public nuisance, cause great noise pollution and omit air pollution. They cause undue stress to domestic & farm animals and wildlife and can cause panic which can lead to injury.</p> <p>Due to these factors I believe all fireworks should be totally banned. Across the world fireworks are being phased out and being replaced by drone lighting displays. It would be good if QPRC also took the lead on this.</p>	<p>The level of pollution created by a single fireworks display is insignificant when compared to the amount of pollution created by wood fires commonly used in any given area. The issue of air pollution from fireworks displays would become relevant if the displays were occurring on a regular basis but this is simply not the case.</p> <p>There is an expected level of noise pollution from the use of fireworks however SafeWork NSW and Council have included mitigating strategies such as impacted resident notifications, location limitations depending on the surrounding receivers, limits on firework shell size, restrictions on certain "noise only" fireworks, and time/duration restrictions on the displays.</p>
<p>The annual fireworks display conducted by the Wamboin fire brigade and held on the oval in Bingley Way Wamboin is inappropriate. The location is close to homes. The oval is not large enough to accommodate the amount of people. There is not enough car parking with traffic management ineffective. Cars are parked in driveways of homes and in the gutters beside the road leading to the car becoming bogged and eroding the land. There has never been approval sought by residents in the street. The fireworks are noisy and create pollution.</p>	<p>Issues raised by poor management of an event are not relevant to the policy in question. Car Parking and traffic issues are addressed under an approved Traffic Control Plan.</p> <p>Council is able and willing to respond to concerns raised by the public about individual issues relating to an event if reported.</p> <p>These matters will be taken on notice and referred to relevant staff,</p>

9.6 Post-Exhibition Report - Fireworks (Pyrotechnics) Display Policy (Ref: ; Author: Ryan/Flint) (Continued)

Submission Content	Response
<p>The fireworks conducted in Bingley Way should be banned.</p> <p>The fireworks may be conducted in a more appropriate larger area that would benefit the entire QPRC community not just the small Wamboin community.</p> <p>The annual fireworks needs to be managed by QPRC.</p>	<p>acknowledging that the Wamboin fireworks event is a significant fund raising event for the local Rural Fire Service and community Hall.</p>

Risk/Policy/Legislative Considerations

NSW Explosives Act 2003

NSW Explosives Regulations 2013

NSW Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997

NSW Protection of the Environmental Operations (General) Regulations 2021

NSW Protection of the Environmental Operations (Noise Control) Regulations 2017

NSW Local Government Act 1993

Commonwealth Civil Aviation Safety Act 1988

Commonwealth Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

Council does have a Pyrotechnician Notification Fee of \$60 contained within the Fees and Charges. The average notification administration time is approximately 30mins. Council receives approximately 10-20 notifications a year for concurrence.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

Community Strategic Plan – Output 5.2 - Council is an open, accessible and responsive organisation.

The implementation of a Fireworks (Pyrotechnic) Display Policy will provide the community with confidence in knowing that activities in the area are being conducted in accordance with legislation and best practice and Council has adequate oversight of such activity.

Conclusion

Council is asked to consider adopting the Fireworks (Pyrotechnic) Display Policy in order to have effective assurance and management over firework displays in the local government area.

Attachments

Attachment 1 Fireworks(Pyrotechnic) Display Policy (*Under Separate Cover*)



REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Overview and Update - Transfer of Responsibilities under the Crown Land Management Act to Crown Land Managed by Council (Author: Ormella/Carswell)

File Reference: 26.2.2-01, 26.2.2-02

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

Report

This report provides an overview as well an update on work done in regard to Crown land being managed by Council under the Crown Lands Management Act (2016) (CLM Act).

Background

The CLM Act commenced on 1 July 2018 and replaced the former Crown Lands Act (1986). As a result, approximately 246 lots of Crown Land were formally transferred to Council as Crown Land Manager with the majority required to be included in new Plans of Management (PoM) that need to comply with the relevant provisions of the Local Government Act (1993) (LG Act).

The NSW Government provided grant funding of \$35,197 in November 2018 to assist with this work as reported to Council (**Resolution No 460/18**). The grant funding has been expended and annual reports submitted to the Office of Local Government and Department of Environment and Planning.

Preliminary Steps required when drafting new PoM under the CLM Act

Prior to drafting Plans of Management for the transferred parcels of Crown land several preliminary steps were required to be undertaken.

These included reviewing all of the Crown land on a list provided by Crown Lands proposed to be transferred (246 lots) to Council's management to ensure that it was appropriate to be managed by Council as Community Land, or alternatively as devolved land or as operational land. To do this staff prepared an inventory which allocated the sites into five broad categories.

A comment against each lot was provided as well as a recommendation for each category. This was reported to Council on 27 March 2019 (**Resolution No 082/19**).

Land was identified and reclassification of lots endorsed by Council from community to operational land at the Council Meeting on 12 June 2019 (**Resolution No 065/19**). A response was received from the delegate for the Minister and reported to Council's meeting of 12 August 2020 (**Resolution No 118/20**).

Parcels of land were assigned a classification of one or more initial categories under the LG Act which most closely related to the purposes for which the land was dedicated or reserved. The categories are Natural Area, Sportsground, Park, Area of Cultural Significance or General Community Use (as per section 36 of the Act. Crown Lands then reviewed the proposed categorisation and either acknowledge them or directed an alternative categorisation.

At the 24 November 2021 meeting, the response from the delegate for the Minister was received and reported (**Resolution No 384/21**).

10.1 Overview and Update - Transfer of Responsibilities under the Crown Land Management Act to Crown Land Managed by Council (Author: Ormella/Carswell) (Continued)

These actions completed several requirements necessary to draft new PoM.

Native Title and Council responsibilities

Under Part 8 of the CLM Act, Council Crown Land Managers must comply with all requirements of the Commonwealth Native Title Act (1993) (NT Act) and engage or employ at least one native title manager to fulfill these obligations. To be a native title manager a person must undergo appropriate training and in QPRC there are three staff currently qualified to be a native title manager.

Councils are also responsible for ensuring that all their activities on Crown Land are carried out consistently with the CLM Act and the NT Act. These include activities that may occur as a result of drafting a new PoM and so these must be considered as part of the process. This requires the provision of written advice. Crown Land Standard templates for PoM also includes a section on Aboriginal interests in Crown Land.

Plans of Management – Statutory Changes

NSW Councils were granted a three year period from the Act's commencement as at 1 July 2018, to determine the most appropriate PoM for new Crown land to be managed. At that time, Councils could:

- amend existing PoM to apply to new Crown land where this is appropriate given the use of Crown land.
- Where new PoM were required (being the case for the majority of land within QPRC area), Council would be able to follow a simplified process (for example, Council will not be required to hold public hearings for the first PoM).

However, the Crown Land Management Amendment (Plan of Management) Regulation (2021) (now clause 70 of the Crown Land Management Regulation (2018) (CLM Regulation) exempted Councils from the requirement to complete PoM by 1 July 2021.

The changes came into effect on 4 June 2021 and provide Councils greater flexibility in the development of PoM for Crown land which is dedicated or reserved.

It also was made to provide councils with more time to complete PoM for council-managed Crown reserves probably in recognition of the amount involved for each.

The exemption under clause 70 of the CLM Regulation now means that there is no due date for the adoption of PoM, however, Councils are still required to submit categorisations and draft Plans of Management as soon as practicable.

It also means that a PoM is only required when there is any change in the nature and use of the Crown reserve (section 44 LG Act). Subsequent to this, Crown Lands have produced three templates for Council's PoM.

Plans of Management – Current Status

1. Former Queanbeyan City area

The area that was the former Queanbeyan City Council has 13 PoM, of which seven include various parcels of Crown land. These have been developed over the last 30 years and include various amendments and plans which in some cases overlap, are sometimes generic and sometimes site specific and in some cases have been approved by the responsible Minister.

10.1 Overview and Update - Transfer of Responsibilities under the Crown Land Management Act to Crown Land Managed by Council (Author: Ormella/Carswell) (Continued)

They also generally meet a set of earlier best practice guidelines issued by the relevant Department. Within this area the following PoM include parcels of Crown land as follows:

- Plan of Management - Parks Amendment No. 6
- Natural Areas Plan of Management Amendment No. 3
- Plan of Management Jerrabomberra Creek
- Plan of Management Queanbeyan River Riparian Corridor Strategy
- Plan of Management Queanbeyan Showground (Approved by the Minister)
- Plan of Management Seiffert Oval (Approved by the Minister)
- Plan of Management Sportsgrounds – Amendment No. 5.

For these parcels of Crown Land there are no known proposed changes in their nature nor use. Consequently, it appears that pursuant to clause 70 of the CLM Regulation that a PoM is required under the CLM Act nor an update. However, all of them need a refresh and so the intention for future action is to do this using one or more of Crown Land's templates and to take other actions so that the new PoM meet the requirements of the CLM Act.

2. Other parts of the Local Government Area

For other parts of the LGA there is a PoM for Ryrie Park in Braidwood and a broad brush PoM for a number of parcels of land formerly within the Yarrowluma Council Area. PoM for parcels of Crown land which meet the requirements of the CLM Act need to be completed for these areas.

Next Steps and Future PoM

Other than the preliminary steps undertaken as outlined above, the focus has been on drafting a PoM for Natural Areas. This was selected because of the significant environmental attributes of many of these areas and has reached the stage where a draft using the Crown Lands template has been prepared.

For this PoM and future PoM complying with the CLM Act these include:

- Council obtaining written advice from a qualified that the PoM and the activities under the PoM comply with the NT Act. Staff are currently exploring the best ways of doing this.
- Crown Lands as the landowner being notified of the draft PoM prior to public exhibition of the PoM under s.39 of the LG Act.
- Council seeking the Minister's written consent to adopt the draft PoM (under clause 70B of CLM Regulation).
- Councils publicly notifying and exhibiting PoM under section 38 of the LG Act.
- If there are any significant changes to the draft PoM following public exhibition (or in circumstances when consent to adopt was not previously provided), Council must seek the Minister's consent to adopt the PoM.
- Once Council has adopted the PoM, a copy of the adopted PoM and Council Resolution should be forwarded to Crown Lands.

Attachment 1 shows the current categorisation status of all Council managed Crown Land Community Land. From it a broad based work plan for the next four years can be discerned if certain assumptions are made.

10.1 Overview and Update - Transfer of Responsibilities under the Crown Land Management Act to Crown Land Managed by Council (Author: Ormella/Carswell) (Continued)

These include:

- All PoM are prepared in house
- PoM will be done on a part time basis by staff primarily of the Land-use Planning Branch
- PoM will generally take the form of generic plans of management for community land, structured by category (including Council owned community land and Council managed Crown reserves)
- Generic PoM will be required for Sportsgrounds, Parks and General Community Use in addition to the PoM for Natural Areas
- These would include all Council managed land whether Council community land or Crown Land that Council is the Crown Land Manager for, excepting land included in a site specific PoM
- Site specific PoM will be required for Reservations comprising of multiple categories
- The process for each type of PoM will take 9 – 12 months to complete
- The suggested order of priority would be completion of the PoM for Natural Areas, Sportsgrounds, Parks and the General Community Use.

For some PoM's the timing would need to be discussed with other branches who would be taking a leading role in their review/drafting. In these cases, TBD (To be decided) is used in the timeframe column for the particular reserve.

A fourth type of PoM being areas of cultural significance might be required as a result of community input in regard to the other types of PoM.

The alternative is obtaining the services of an experienced consultant for all or for some of the new PoM. Based on the recent cost of the Mount Jerrabomberra PoM this would cost in the order of \$25,000 - \$55,000 per PoM depending on its complexity and area being covered.

Attachments

Attachment 1 Transferred Crown Land to QPRC (*Under Separate Cover*)



REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.2 Bungendore Rezoning Proposals - Status of Fees (Ref: ; Author: Ormella/Blacklock)

File Reference: PJ0060-02-02 and 26.11.98-02

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

Report

Council received two reports on 28 September 2022 regarding the water security situation at Bungendore and the implications on the current rezoning proposals being considered or lodged at Bungendore.

This report actions the resolution to advise Council on the refunding, or otherwise, of fees for the Scoping and Planning Proposals for rezonings in Bungendore (**Resolution No 384/22**).

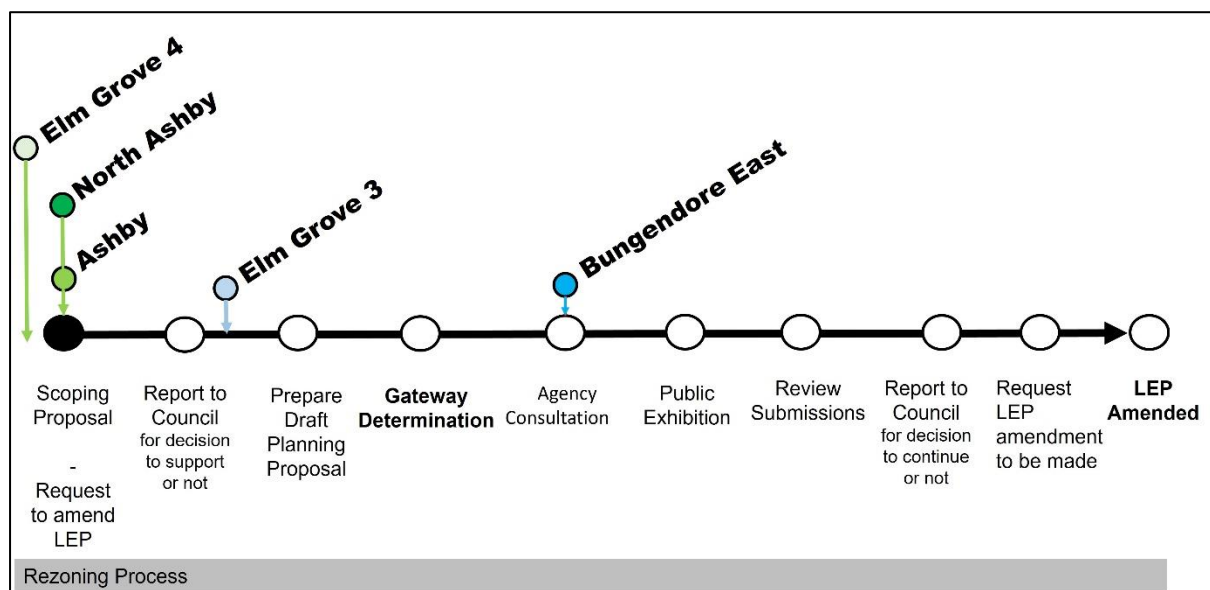
Most of these proposals are affected by the inability to secure water supply through groundwater sources recommended in Council's Palerang Communities Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy, and the advice from Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) that rezonings would not be supported until access to a secure water supply is confirmed.

There is one Planning Proposal (Bungendore East) that is well progressed into the agency consultation stage where fees are accruing for work done. There are four Scoping Proposals at various stages from draft to being lodged with one having paid initial fees. They also include proposals that are located outside of the short to medium term growth areas as identified in the Bungendore Structure Plan 2048.

This report details the action taken for fees paid for proposals and are on short/medium term growth land.

For context the following figure shows the extent of the rezoning process from scoping proposal through to the amendment of the Local Environmental Plan (LEP) to allow residential uses. The current stages of each of the Bungendore rezoning proposals is shown.

Figure 1 – Current stage of rezoning proposals in the Rezoning Process



10.2 Bungendore Rezoning Proposals - Status of Fees (Ref: ; Author: Ormella/Blacklock) (Continued)

The following table summarises the planning and scoping proposals lodged with Council and the action for the fees that have been paid or owing.

Table 1 – Status of fees for Bungendore rezoning proposals

Name of Proposal	Address of Land	Consistency with Bungendore Structure Plan	Rezoning stage	Fees Paid	Fees Owing for work done	Fees Action
Bungendore East	4610 Kings Highway, Bungendore	Short / medium term growth area	Planning Proposal	\$31,565	\$46,767	Invoice at public exhibition milestone or 22 December 2023 (whichever comes first).
Elm Grove Stage 3	1 Birchfield Drive, Bungendore	Short / medium term growth area	Scoping proposal	\$1,755	Nil	Retain fees
Ashby	175 Tarago Road, Bungendore	Identified for Long term growth	Scoping Proposal	\$0	Nil	No action
North Ashby	217 Tarago Road Bungendore	Identified for Long term growth	Scoping Proposal	\$0	Nil	No action
North Elmslea / Elm Grove Stage 4	266 Tarago Road Bungendore	Identified for Long term growth	Draft scoping proposal	\$0	Nil	No action

Proponents of rezoning proposals know the risks and fees for lodging proposals. There is staff time dedicated to meetings and reviewing proposals before they are lodged and the fees charged for proposals do not cover all costs to Council. Fees paid will be retained as work has already been done.

Limited, if any; further work on Scoping Proposals can occur until advice is received from the DPE that they are able to progress, having regard to resolving access to a secure potable water supply for Bungendore. Council will receive a further report to consider the Bungendore Scoping Proposals and Draft Scoping Proposals status matter.

Attachments

Nil

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.3 Dunns Creek Road Update (Author: Hansen/Ramsland)

File Reference: 104557-03

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

Report

Dunns Creek Road is a proposed new road that would link Old Cooma Road within the vicinity of the township of Googong to the Monaro Highway, ACT at Hume. It has been identified as a useful inclusion to Queanbeyan's traffic network.

Following a series of previous studies, Council resolved to adopt a preferred route in 2016. Since this time the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) has notified Council they would not approve a road through the environmental constraints that now exist along Council's preferred route.

DPE advised Council to investigate new alignments for Dunns Creek Road. In the meantime, Council had sought advice from the former Minister Environment and Heritage about the opportunity to offset an offset, to which was stated:

The termination of a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA) is not consistent with the Biodiversity Conservation Trust's (BCT) Variation and Termination of BCT policy ...

and ...

If Council wishes to advance the 2015 Route (of Dunns Creek Road) a formal request for consent will be required to be submitted to the BCT for consideration and determination

and any request for a variation, and or revocation must demonstrate compliance with avoid, minimise and offset principles and be supported by comprehensive analysis and an alternative options evaluation ...

Council has made representation to the current Minister Heritage and Environment, the Hon Penny Sharpe MP to clarify this position and process for requesting a variation, noting that Council's adopted preferred option is the most direct and appropriate route.

Traffic modelling is currently being undertaken, due for completion in the coming week.

The new options review work recently went out for quotations and has been awarded. Work will shortly begin on reviewing the previous alignment options including Council's 2015 preferred route which has the new environmental constraints. This and other potential alignments will be assessed against the traffic modelling work, with any other opportunities as well as a 'Do Nothing' option. This work is a desktop study of available information, and no field works are intended to be done during this phase.

Once the initial review is completed, all options will be presented to Council at a workshop in late August or early September, with the intent of shortlisting the options that will be included in the final options report. The process will include eliminating routes based on cost, social impact and practical ability to construct a road.

If there are suitable options to progress, the next steps would be to undertake field work for flora and fauna studies, heritage studies, geotechnical studies, and survey work to inform detailed design, species impacts statements and a review of environmental factors. That and the necessary business case studies with TfNSW minimum benefit:cost ratios needed to support the capital investment.

10.3 Dunns Creek Road Update (Author: Hansen/Ramsland) (Continued)

In addition, staff recently met with their ACT counterparts to discuss possible locations that Dunns Creek Road may connect to along the Monaro Highway. Once completed, a copy of our traffic model will be forwarded to ACT to assist in their assessment of the proposed connection points. The opportunity to break Dunns Creek Road into two stages with stage 1 being the Tralee and Hume connection is being investigated. Similarly, the alignment of Dunns Creek Road into the South Jerrabomberra residential development areas from the old Cooma Road is being reviewed.

Council has received \$27M from the State Government to progress design and land acquisition as well as \$65M from the Federal Government towards constructing the road.

Noting that Council's current preferred route was estimated to cost in excess of \$200 million to build in 2016 dollars, further construction funds and funding sources would be required to progress the full construction of Dunns Creek Road, regardless of which option progresses.

Attachments

Nil

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.4 Councillor Workshops (Ref: ; Author: Ryan/Ison)

File Reference: 12 July 2023 reports

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

Council at its meeting on 23 February 2022 resolved (**Resolution No 093/22**) to publish details of Councillor workshops in the Agenda of the next Council meeting.

During the period 22 June to 5 July 2023, the following workshops were held:

Date	Workshop Items	External Presenter/s (if applicable)
04/07/2023	1. Waterwise Policy 2. Bungendore Scoping and Planning Proposals Update	N/A

Attachments

Nil

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.5 Southern Tablelands Arts (Ref: ; Author: Ryan/Richards)

File Reference: 2.8.1 Community Arts

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

Report

Southern Tablelands Arts (STA) is one of the 14 Regional Arts Development Organisations (RADOs) across NSW making up the RADO Network, supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW.. The network is unique, innovative and passionate about arts and culture in regional NSW, promoting all art forms across all demographics and building community audiences. The STA website has a wealth of information and links, grant opportunities, stories, social media tags and events that support the arts network across the region <https://www.southerntablelandsarts.com.au/>

Members include Goulburn Mulwaree, Hilltops, Upper Lachlan Shire, Wingecarribee Shire, Wollondilly Shire, Yass Valley and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Councils.

STA's core purpose is to be an effective link between Councils, artists, arts workers, creative enterprises and communities, supporting the development of arts and culture in the region.

In addition to delivering multiple programs and events to support and stimulate the Arts sector and community participation in the arts, STA offers:

- professional development for creatives
- development and delivery of cultural events and activities
- advocacy, information and promotional resources
- a creatives directory
- equipment and expertise for movie, trivia, games and screen nights
- an on line gallery
- support with funding submissions
- access to grants
- media coverage
- auspicing services
- mobile tech hub

The Executive Director of STA, Rose Marin; will be making a short presentation to Council to provide an overview of the STA activities in QPRC over the past 12 months.

Attachments

Nil

11.1 QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes - June 2023 (Ref: ; Author: Ormella/Grant)

File Reference: 26.5.1-08 / 2082272

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee held on 08 June 2023.
2. Note recommendations 15/23 to 20/23 from the meeting held on 08 June 2023.

QPRC HAC 15/23 - Consideration of Petition and Correspondence on Clarke Gang Signage

The Committee makes the following unanimous recommendations:

- 1) The Committee notes that it is difficult to make a comment on historical record.
- 2) The Committee requests Council staff to contact the Araluen Progress Association to confirm new signage produced for the Araluen Trail that is related to bushranger activity and the Clarke Gang in particular, and to bring to their attention that there is a question about the content of the signs.
- 3) Council officers are requested to ensure that owners of the other signs in question are made aware of the question around the content of their signage and of the Heritage Advisory Committee's recommendations.
- 4) Council officers are requested to confirm any signs within Council's ownership or other government agencies regarding the Clarke Gang so that it can monitor and manage their replacement.

QPRC HAC 16/23 – Development Application DA.2022.0044 at 257 Crawford Street / 6 Rutledge Street, Queanbeyan, for demolition and construction of two 10 storey buildings

The Committee does not support the proposed development in its current form for the following reasons:

- 1) The Committee has concerns about the height and bulk of the development adjacent to small-scale heritage assets and the Heritage Conservation Area (HCA). The proposed development has the potential to tower over adjacent buildings, shadow Rutledge Street and create a wind tunnel effect.
- 2) The scale and bulk of the development is not consistent with the guidelines in the Strategic Masterplan, the relevant Development Control Plan or the aims of the current Local Environmental Plan.
- 3) The design will not sit appropriately in the street and location and responds poorly in relation to nearby heritage assets and the local area.
- 4) A redesign featuring smaller, more numerous buildings would be preferred.
- 5) The Committee confirmed its earlier view that the well should be retained in situ. It is the opinion of the Committee that the well will not survive relocation or being adjacent to development. The Committee noted that the well would likely have been a listed item had its existence been known prior to development of the site.
- 6) The Committee expressed concern about the dark colour palette.

11.1 QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes - June 2023 (Ref: ; Author: Ormella/Grant) (Continued)

- 7) The proposed development sets a highly inappropriate precedent for the Queanbeyan town centre and has failed to read the intrinsic values of the town.

QPRC HAC 17/23 - *Development Application DA.2023.0009 at 10 Morton Street, Queanbeyan, for demolition and construction of a dwelling house*

The Committee would welcome a lighter weight carport and lighter colour treatment for the proposed development.

QPRC HAC 18/23 - *Development Application DA.2022.1679 at 7 Alice Street, Queanbeyan, for demolition and construction of a dwelling house*

The Committee does not object to the proposed development.

QPRC HAC 19/23 – *Development Application DA.2022.1669 at 39 Isabella Street Queanbeyan for signage*

The Committee recommend fewer signs, of smaller dimensions with more appropriate colour and design, having regard for the Heritage Conservation Area (HCA), the streetscape, and the listed item. Signage should be restricted to the Crawford Street elevation and not be affixed to the frontage of the building.

QPRC HAC 20/23 - *Laneways in Braidwood*

The Committee unanimously support this view and request the Director of Development and Environment examine how future use by the general public can be secured.

Summary

This is the sixth meeting of this Committee, and it was one of general business with an emphasis on Development Applications. There were seven recommendations with four relating to Development Applications. The Committee also made recommendations with reference to signage in the local government area related to the Clarke Gang and the future use of laneways in the historic township of Braidwood.

Briefings were provided by staff regarding the relocation of the QPRC Local and Family History Collection relocation; the relocation of the sulky from the former Bungendore Council Chambers; the QPRC Draft Integrated Plans and the resignation of a Committee member. One item was deferred to the July meeting of the HAC, being proposed changes to the Committee's Terms of Reference.

Staff comment

The views expressed by the Heritage Advisory Committee are provided as advice to Council. Recommendations are presented to Council for noting, and further reports to Council that examine the specific issues raised would be required before Council would resolve to accept any recommendation made by the Heritage Advisory Committee. The views of the Heritage Advisory Committee will be considered in the assessment of a development application.

Attachments

Attachment 1



Minutes of QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee 8 June 2023 (*Under Separate Cover*)

**11.2 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Minutes - 21 June 2023 (Ref: ;
Author: Ryan/Cakalic)**

File Reference: 45.3.1

Recommendation

That Council note the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee held on 21 June 2023.

Summary

This report provides the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) meeting of 21 June 2023, as confirmed by ARIC members out of session.

This meeting was the last meeting chaired by Mr Andrew Cox. Mr Cox has been a long-standing member of the QPRC ARIC, and has been chair since 2016. The committee thanked Mr Cox for his contribution made throughout his years of service.

The following is a summary of the reports received by the ARIC at its 21 June 2023 meeting.

- Verbal update on external audit activities by the Audit Office of NSW
- Internal audit activity report by O'Connor Marsden and Assurance Mapping
- Endorsement of Internal Audit Plan 2023-27
- Chief Financial Officer update
- Financial Statements Sub-Committee Minutes
- OLG Compliance Letter – 2022 Financial Statements
- RFS Red Fleet Assets and Qualification of Council's Financial Statements
- Draft IPART Rates Methodology Review
- Major Capital Projects and Business Initiatives – June 2023 Status Report
- Review of ARIC actions arising and status of external/ internal audit recommendations
- Presentation – Director Infrastructure Services – Lascelles St. Braidwood
- HSEQ Maturity Assessment Report
- Section 355 Governance Arrangements
- Enterprise Risk Management Report
- Presentation - Statewide Mutual Regional Risk Manager on the Continuous Improvement Program and benchmarking report
- ICT Report for June
- Bi-Annual Compliance Reporting
- Bi-Annual Legal Report – July to December 2022 (closed session)
- NSW OLG Circular 23-04 – Compliance with records management provisions
- External reports of interest – NSW Auditor General's report:
 - 1. Local Government 2022
 - 2. Regulation and monitoring of local government.

Attachments

Attachment 1 ARIC minutes 21 June 2023 (*Under Separate Cover*)



12.1 Design Review Panel (Ref: ; Author: Willis/Willis)

File Reference: 12 July 2023 motions

Notice

Councillor Katrina Willis will move the following motion:

Motion

That Council:

- 1. Consider appointing a Design Review Panel to provide advice on residential apartment developments as provided for under *State Environmental Planning Policy 65 – Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development*.**
 - 2. Receive a report on the cost of appointing and operating a Design Review Panel and options.**
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Comment from Cr Willis in support of this Notice of Motion

State Environmental Planning Policy 65 - Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development aims to improve the design quality of residential apartment development in New South Wales in recognition that design quality is of significance for environmental planning for the State due to the economic, environmental, cultural and social benefits of high quality design.

Clause 28 of State Environmental Planning Policy 65 states that a consent authority must refer an application for a multi-dwelling apartment building to a relevant design review panel for advice about the quality of the design where a panel has been appointed.

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council has not appointed a design review panel which means it is not able to benefit from the advice such a panel can provide to development applications for residential apartments.

The density of our major urban areas is increasing, with a higher proportion of multi-unit dwellings including residential apartment developments. This trend will continue as a response to the need to increase affordable housing supply, to meet the needs of different sized households and a growing population, as well as to reduce the environmental impact of urban centres.

Appointing a design review panel can help to ensure that residential apartment developments in Queanbeyan-Palerang Local Government Area create high quality and environmentally sustainable dwellings while achieving the best possible design for our communities.

The below extract from State Environmental Planning Policy 65 provides more information about design review panels.

(1) The functions of a design review panel are as follows—

(a) to give specific independent design advice to the consent authority on a development application for development to which this Policy applies or an application for the modification of development consent for such development and, in particular,

12.1 Design Review Panel (Ref: ; Author: Willis/Willis) (Continued)

to give such advice on the design quality of the development to which this Policy applies (or modifications) when evaluated in accordance with the design quality principles and the Apartment Design Guide,

(b) to provide independent advice to consent authorities and applicants, and their consultants and advisers, before the lodging of relevant development applications or applications for the modification of development consents as well as afterwards, on the design quality of development to which this Policy applies having regard to the design quality principles,

(c) to give independent advice to councils on the design content of draft local environmental plans, development control plans, master plans, similar plans and draft planning policy documents having regard to the design quality principles,

(d) to give independent advice to councils on other mechanisms and initiatives to improve achievement of the design quality principles,

(e) to contribute to the understanding of design quality, and to improve the achievement of the design quality principles, by making public its advice under paragraphs (a) and (c),

(f) to contribute to the co-ordination of design quality across boundaries of local government areas.

(2) A design review panel may—

(a) carry out a review of provisions relating to the design quality of development to which this Policy applies in any local environmental plans and development control plans in the area or areas for which it is constituted, and

(b) advise the relevant council or councils whether or not it endorses those provisions.

Staff Comment

A Councillor workshop will be conducted prior to a report being presented to Council.

Attachments

Nil

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

12.2 Hiroshima Day (Ref: ; Author: Ryan/Ryan)

File Reference: 12 July 2023 motions

Notice

Councillor Katrina Willis will move the following motion:

Motion

That Council:

- 1. Notes August 6 and 9 mark the 78th anniversary of the use of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan.**
 - 2. Agrees to commemorate Hiroshima Day with a public service at Queanbeyan Peace Park.**
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Comment from Cr Willis in support of this Notice of Motion

Hiroshima Day is observed in cities and towns around the world to remember the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and 9, 1945 and to promote peace.

The bombings involved the first use of nuclear weapons during war and are estimated to have killed between 110,000 and 210,000 people, most of them civilians. Many thousands more people died of their injuries or the effects of radiation.

Despite the United Nations adopting the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in 2017, there are estimated to be more than 13,000 nuclear weapons in the world today, posing an immense risk to people and the environment.

Hiroshima Day was commemorated in Queanbeyan for numerous years with a ceremony at Queanbeyan Peace Park, dedicated in 1986, the International Year of Peace.

Restoring this public commemoration is a practical way to demonstrate support for an end to nuclear weapons and a commitment to peace.

Staff Comment

Hiroshima Day has been commemorated in the past with a community event in Peace Park. This has not occurred for the last few years. The Council Events team will be able to assist this event should Council want to support it. A small community event is likely to have minimal, if any, impact on budget.

Attachments

Nil

15 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEAL WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION

It is necessary for the Council to adopt a resolution to formalise its intention to deal with certain matters in Confidential Session. The reports are incorporated in the “confidential” business paper which has been circulated to Councillors.

The *Local Government Act, 1993* requires the General Manager to identify those matters listed on the business paper which may be categorised as confidential in terms of Section 10A of the *Local Government Act, 1993*.

Recommendation

That pursuant to Section 10A of the *Local Government Act, 1993* the following items on the agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting be dealt with in Closed Session for the reasons specified below:

Item 16.1 Compulsory Acquisition of Land for Road Widening of Nerriga Road

Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (e) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Item 16.2 Land Acquisitions for Road Works Williamsdale Road

Item 16.2 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (e) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Item 16.3 Award of Tender - Halfway Creek Bridge

Item 16.3 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Item 16.4 Appointment Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Chair

Item 16.4 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Item 16.5 Bungendore Highschool Compensation Claim Matter

Item 16.5 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (e) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.