

Ordinary Meeting of Council

AGENDA

24 May 2023

Commencing at 5.30pm

Council Chambers 253 Crawford St, Queanbeyan

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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, 10 May 2023 commencing at 5.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Staff:

Councillors:	Cr Livermore (Chairperson)
	Cr Biscotti – via Zoom
	Cr Burton
	Cr Grundy

- Cr Macdonald Cr Preston Cr Taskovski Cr Webster Cr Willis Cr Wilson 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 Financial 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 Chairperson acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land upon which the meeting was held.

	3.	APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS
158/23		RESOLVED (Livermore/Preston)
		That apology for non-attendance from Cr Winchester be received and that leave of absence be granted.
		The motion was CARRIED unanimously.
	3.1	Application for Leave of Absence - Cr Bryce Wilson
159/23		<u>RESOLVED</u> (Willis/Webster)
		That Council approve the Leave of Absence application submitted by Cr Bryce Wilson for the 28 June 2023 Council meeting.
		The motion was CARRIED unanimously.
	4.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
	4.1	Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 April 2023
160/23		RESOLVED (Livermore/Preston)
		That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 26 April 2023 be confirmed.
		The motion was CARRIED unanimously.
	5.	DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS
161/23		<u>RESOLVED</u> (Livermore/Willis)
		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 no disclosures.
	6.	ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM
		At this stage of the proceedings, the time being 5.33pm, the Chairperson advised that the meeting should now adjourn for the Public Forum.
162/23		RESOLVED (Livermore/Macdonald)
		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 5.41pm.

7. MAYORAL MINUTE

There was no Mayoral Minute.

8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS OF RESCISSION

There were no Notices of Motions of Rescission.

Procedural Motion

RESOLVED (Biscotti/Preston)

That Item 9.7 be brought forward for consideration at this juncture.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

9.7 Update to Licence Agreement with Italian Community Festival Inc.

MOVED (Biscotti/Wilson)

That Council:

- 1. Approve the Italian Community Festival Inc, as the licensee of 14 Carinya Street Queanbeyan, to sublicence the venue and make the premises available for hire.
- Authorise the General Manager to provide a variation to the existing Licence Agreement with the Italian Community Festival Inc to make this permissible under their current agreement with QPRC.

AMENDMENT (Willis/Grundy)

That Council defer consideration of this matter to enable further discussions with the Italian Community Festival Inc regarding the group's request to amend the licence agreement to permit hire of the venue to third parties, including the appropriate fee structure for such an arrangement.

The amendment (of Crs Willis and Grundy) was LOST.

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

The motion (of Crs Biscotti and Wilson) was brought forward.

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RESOLVED (Biscotti/Wilson)

That Council:

- 1. Approve the Italian Community Festival Inc, as the licensee of 14 Carinya Street Queanbeyan, to sublicence the venue and make the premises available for hire.
- Authorise the General Manager to provide a variation to the existing Licence Agreement with the Italian Community Festival Inc to make this permissible under their current agreement with QPRC.

The motion was CARRIED.

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

9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

9.1 DA.2023.0050 - 10 Whitton Rise, Bungendore, Construction of Dwelling House - Two storey and Pool

MOVED (Burton/Macdonald)

That:

- Development application DA.2023.0050 be approved, subject to conditions, for the construction of a two (2) storey dwelling house in the North Elmslea residential development area, despite minor inconsistencies with the Desired Future Characteristics of Part D6 of the Palerang Development Control Plan 2015 (PDCP2015), for the following reasons:
 - (a) The proposal meets the height requirements of Clause 4.3 of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022 (QPRLEP2022) and QPRLEP2022 does not prevent two (2) storey dwellings on the subject site.
 - (b) The desire of a "single storey" characteristic as suggested in the PDCP2015, is not a consideration in regard to requirements in Part C – Greenfield Housing Code and Part 3D – Inland Code of SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 which would otherwise allow for the two (2) storey dwelling house if the approval pathway was under a Complying Development Certificate (CDC).
 - (c) The proposal is considered consistent with the aims of the QPRLEP2022 and objectives of the R2 Low Density Residential zone as it provides for the housing needs of the community in a low-residential environment.
 - (d) The proposed dwelling adequately addresses the streetscape with modulated building forms, articulated facades, mixed materials and colours and suitable landscaping to endure that it will not detract from the existing and future character.

- (e) The upper storey component has been appropriately designed and is set back a suitable distance from adjoining properties to minimise impacts on the amenity of adjoining properties. It should be noted that due to the slope of the land the dwelling has been designed with a basement area and has been designed to suit the slope of the land.
- (f) The proposed development including driveway, has been designed and sited to allow for street tree planting.
- (g) The controls under Part D6 of the PDCP2015 do not specify that dwellings must be single storey as this would be contrary to the QPRLEP2022.
- Development application DA.2023.0050 for the construction of a two (2) storey dwelling house on Lot 9 DP 1282739 – 10 Whitton Rise Bungendore NSW 2621 be granted conditional approval.

AMENDMENT (Willis/Webster)

That Council defers consideration of Development Application DA.2023.0050 to receive further information about the location of the required additional 17,000 kl of water storage on the lot.

The amendment (of Crs Willis and Webster) was LOST.

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

Cr Willis foreshadowed a CONTRARY motion:

That Council refuse consent for Development Application DA.2023.0050 because the application is not compliant with:

- The general aims of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan (QPRC LEP) 2022 Clause 1.2 (2) I – to protect important scenic quality, views and vistas.
- 2. the QPR LEP 2022 zone objectives to ensure that new development complements the scale, density and form of existing development.
- 3. QPRC LEP 2022 Clause 4.15 (1) (c) suitability of the site for the development.

The motion (of Crs Burton and Macdonald) was brought forward.

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RESOLVED (Burton/Macdonald)

That:

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- 2. Development application DA.2023.0050 for the construction of a two (2) storey dwelling house on Lot 9 DP 1282739 – 10 Whitton Rise Bungendore NSW 2621 be granted conditional approval.

The motion was CARRIED.

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

9.2	Post Exhibition Report New Fee for School Use of Sports
	Facilities

MOVED (Biscotti/Taskovski)

That the fee, School Hire \$20,000 (ex GST) per annum, for use of sports fields be adopted.

AMENDMENT (Webster/Willis)

That:

- 1. The fee, School Hire \$20,000 (ex GST) per annum, for use of sports fields be adopted.
- 2. The Hire agreements pertaining to this fee be annual individual agreements for Mick Sherd Oval, Bungendore Park and David Madew ovals.

The amendment (of Crs Webster and Willis) was CARRIED.

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

The amendment became the motion.

166/23 <u>RESOLVED</u> (Biscotti/Taskovski)

That:

- 1. The fee, School Hire \$20,000 (ex GST) per annum, for use of sports fields be adopted.
- 2. The hire agreements pertaining to this fee be annual individual agreements for Mick Sherd Oval, Bungendore Park and David Madew ovals.

The motion was CARRIED.

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

9.3 Cultural Grants application - Under the Pines: History of St Gregory's Catholic Parish Queanbeyan

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<u>RESOLVED</u> (Wilson/Taskovski)

That Council approve a Cultural Grant of \$1,500 towards costs to produce a book about the history of the Queanbeyan Catholic community.

The motion was CARRIED.

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

	9.4	Molonglo Rail Trail
168/23		<u>RESOLVED</u> (Willis/Preston)
		That Council remove Resolution 120/22 from the Resolution Action Sheet.
		The motion was CARRIED unanimously.
	9.5	Draft Integrated Plans 2023-24
169/23		<u>RESOLVED</u> (Wilson/Taskovski)
		That Council endorse the following 2023/24 Draft Integrated Plans including any resolved amendments for public exhibition for 28 days:
		Operational Plan 2023-24
		Service Statements 2023-24
		Revenue Policy 2023-24
		Donations Policy 2023-24
		 Fees and Charges 2023-24
		The motion was CARRIED.
		For: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Taskovski, Webster, Willis and Wilson Against: Cr Grundy
		MOVED (Willis/Preston)
		That in regards to the Revenue Policy 2023-24 pg 24, Council will apply a rate less than the maximum interest allowable under Section 566(3) of the Local Government Act as determined by the Minister in each year. The rate that will apply for outstanding rates and charges in Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council for 2023-24 will be 6%.
		The motion was LOST.
		For: Crs Preston and Willis Against: Crs Biscotti, Burton, Grundy, Livermore, Macdonald, Taskovski, Webster and Wilson
	9.6	Fireworks (Pyrotechnic) Display Policy
		<u>MOVED</u> (Preston/Wilson)
		That Council place the Fireworks (Pyrotechnic) Display Policy on public exhibition for 28 days.

AMENDMENT (Willis/Webster)

That Council:

- 1. Place the Fireworks (Pyrotechnic) Display Policy on public exhibition for 28 days.
- 2. In recognition of the high bushfire rating of many areas of Queanbeyan-Palerang and the dispersed nature of fire-fighting resources, seek the agreement of the NSW Minister for Emergency Services to exclude Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council from the standard exemption allowing fireworks displays during a declared total fire ban.
- 3. Receive a report on any public submissions received and a response from the NSW Minister for Emergency Services before adopting the Fireworks (Pyrotechnic) Display Policy.

The amendment (of Crs Willis and Webster) was LOST.

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

The motion (of Crs Preston and Wilson) was brought forward.

170/23 RESOLVED (Preston/Wilson)

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That Council place the Fireworks (Pyrotechnic) Display Policy on public exhibition for 28 days.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

9.7 Update to Licence Agreement with Italian Community Festival Inc.

This item was dealt with in earlier business.

10. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Bungendore War Memorial Committee Road Naming Project RESOLVED (Wilson/Grundy)

That the report be received for information.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

	10.2	Site Inspection - DA.2023.0050 - Construction a Two Storey Dwelling House and Pool – 10 Whitton Rise, Bungendore
172/23		<u>RESOLVED</u> (Grundy/Wilson)
		That the report be received for information.
		The motion was CARRIED unanimously.
	10.3	Capital Projects Status Report
173/23		RESOLVED (Wilson/Preston)
		That the report be received for information.
		The motion was CARRIED unanimously.
	10.4	Southern NSW Destination Management Plan
174/23		RESOLVED (Willis/Preston)
		That the report be received for information.
		The motion was CARRIED unanimously.
	10.5	Councillor Workshops
175/23		<u>RESOLVED</u> (Grundy/Wilson)
		That the report be received for information.
		The motion was CARRIED unanimously.
	11.	REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
	11.1	Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
176/23		RESOLVED (Grundy/Preston)
		That Council:
		 Note the minutes of Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Committee meetings held on 12 December 2022 and 27 February 2023.
		 Investigate establishing a temporary "community space" on its vacant block on the corner of Gibraltar and Ellendon Streets pending construction of new premises.
		The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

12.1 Southern Tableland Arts Program

MOVED (Grundy/Burton)

That a report be prepared prior to the end of the 2022/23 financial year, outlining:

- Quantifiable financial benefits achieved for the Arts in the local government area since QPRC enacted a MOU with and membership of the Southern Tableland Arts (STARTS) program on 1 July 2022.
- New grant opportunities awarded to QPRC as a direct result of QPRC's membership of the STARTS program since 1 July 2022.
- 3. New Arts related professional or creative opportunities achieved for QPRC as a direct result of its membership of the STARTS program since 1 July 2022.

For:Crs Biscotti, Burton, Grundy, Macdonald and WebsterAgainst:Crs Livermore, Preston, Taskovski, Willis and Wilson

With vote being five-all, the Chairperson exercised the casting vote and the declared the motion LOST.

12.2 Use of Artificial Turf

MOVED (Willis/Burton)

That Council:

- 1. Notes:
 - a. The use of artificial turf in public spaces, in particular playing fields, is a matter of ongoing international concern arising from uncertainty about whether it is safe for people and the environment.
 - b. Materials toxic to people and the environment, including heavy metals and long-lived PFAS, are found in artificial turf.
 - c. Few studies have been undertaken on the potential health impacts of artificial turf despite the presence of these substances.
 - d. Artificial turf can become dangerously hot and potentially unusable.
 - e. Runoff from artificial turf can leach into surface water and groundwater and can damage aquatic species and ecosystems.
 - f. Artificial turf has a relatively short lifespan, does not biodegrade, and cannot be easily recycled.

- g. The use of artificial turf contributes to global warming by making urban areas hotter.
- h. Whether artificial turf is safe to use in areas of high bushfire risk remains unknown.
- Further notes that the final report of the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer into the use of synthetic turf in public open spaces in NSW is yet to be released along with guidelines on the use of artificial turf for local government.
- Agrees to pause the use of artificial turf for playing fields and other open spaces in Queanbeyan-Palerang until the final report of the Chief Scientist and Engineer and accompanying guidelines are released to the public and Council has had time to consider them.
- Further agrees that following release of the guidelines, to receive a report on what policy changes Council may need to make in response to the Chief Scientist and Engineer's artificial turf report and guidelines.

The motion was LOST.

For: Crs Burton and Willis

Against: Crs Biscotti, Grundy, Livermore, Macdonald, Preston, Taskovski, Webster and Wilson

12.3 Emergency Services Levy Subsidy

RESOLVED (Macdonald/Webster)

That Council:

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- Writes to the New South Wales (NSW) Treasurer, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Local Government and Member for Monaro expressing our strong opposition to the NSW Government's unexpected decision to scrap the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) subsidy and calls on the NSW Government to reinstate the subsidy.
- 2. Writes to the President of LGNSW supporting the Association's ongoing advocacy to bring about a relief in the burden of Councils' emergency services contribution.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

13. REPORTS TO COUNCIL - DELEGATES REPORTS

There were no Delegates' reports.

14. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

There were no Questions with Notice.

Cr Esma Livermore, Deputy Mayor, Chairperson

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

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

The Chairperson 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

<u>RESOLVED</u> (Livermore/Preston)

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 Tender Evaluation - Changing Places Facility at Queen Elizabeth II Park

Item 16.1 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.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

The meeting then moved into Closed Session at 8.07pm to discuss the matters listed above.

16.1 Tender Evaluation - Changing Places Facility at Queen Elizabeth II Park

RESOLVED (Wilson/Burton) That Council award the Contract for the design and construction of a new Changing Places facility building at Queen Elizabeth II Park, to Exeloo, in the amount of \$247,380 (excluding GST).

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

180/23**RESOLVED** (Livermore/Grundy)

That the meeting now return to Open Session.

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

Cr Esma Livermore, Deputy Mayor, Chairperson

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8.15pm.

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 Chairperson then read out the decisions of Council made in Closed Session.

17. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The time being 8.15pm, the Chairperson 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 DA.2022.1293 - 29 Wallace Street Braidwood - Demolition of Existing Shed and Construction of Dwelling (Ref: ; Author: Ormella/Rousell)

File Reference: DA.2022.1293

Recommendation

That:

- 1. Approval be granted to a variation to Clause 4.3 Height of Buildings, of Palerang Local Environmental Plan 2014.
- 2. Development application DA.2022.1293 for the demolition of an existing shed, construction of a dwelling, carport and storeroom on Lot 17 DP 849779, No. 29 Wallace Street, Braidwood, be granted conditional consent.

<u>Summary</u>

Reason for Referral to Council

This application has been referred to Council because a variation of development standards is sought udder the provisions of Clause 4.6 of a Local Environment Plan.

Proposal:	Demolition of an existing shed, construction of a dwelling, carport and storeroom
Applicant/Owner:	Naomi Twining / Naomi Twining
Subject Property:	Lot 17 DP 849779, 29 Wallace Street BRAIDWOOD NSW 2622
Zoning and Permissibility:	R2 Low Density Residential under Palerang Local Environmental Plan 2014
Public Submissions:	One (1)
Issues Discussed:	Height of BuildingHeritage
Disclosure of Political Donations and Gifts:	Applicant Declared no Donations or Gifts to any Councillor or Staff have been made.

Background

Proposed Development

The development application is for the demolition of existing structures and the construction of a single storey dwelling (with habitable attic space) and detached carport and storeroom.

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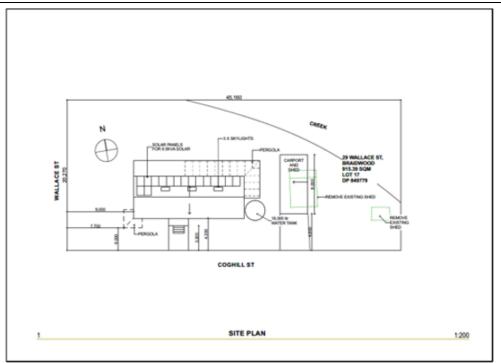


Figure 1 – Site Plan

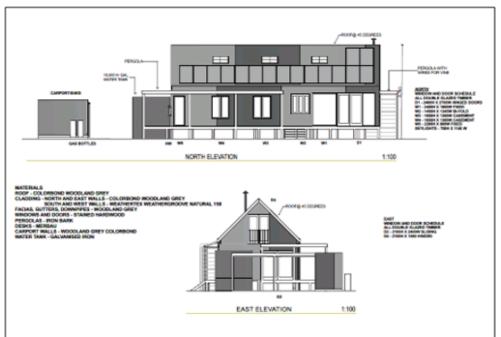


Figure 2 – North & East Elevations

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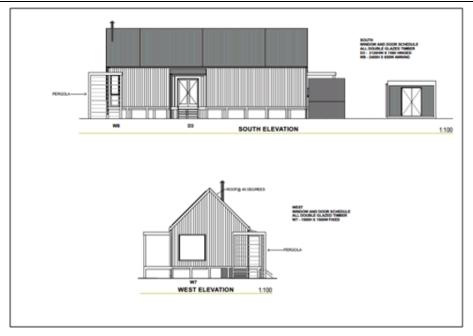


Figure 3 – South & West Elevations

Subject Property

The subject site is legally described as Lot 17 DP849779 and is commonly known as 29 Wallace Street, Braidwood. The site has an area of 915m2, contains existing outbuildings which are proposed to be demolished and is accessed via an existing access on Wallace Street. Existing development within the locality consists of low-density residential uses such as dwelling houses and outbuildings.



Figure 4 – Aerial View of Subject Site

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Planning Requirements

Assessment of the application has been undertaken in accordance with Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EPAA), as amended. The matters that are of relevance under Section 4.15 are summarised in the attached Section 4.15 Table – Matters for Consideration.

The following planning instruments have been considered in the planning assessment of the subject development application:

- 1. State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021
- 2. State Environmental Planning Policy (Building and Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004
- 3. Palerang Local Environmental Plan 2014 (LEP)
- 4. Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022
- 5. Braidwood Development Control Plan 2006

The application was lodged prior to the QPLEP 2022 coming into effect, as a result, the application has been considered in terms of the PLEP 2014. The development generally satisfies the requirements and achieves the objectives of these planning instruments, with exception to Clause 4.3 of Palerang Local Environmental Plan 2014. The provisions of the QPLEP 2022 were also taken into consideration and no further or additional non-compliance's were identified.

(a) Compliance with LEP

The land is zoned R2 Low Density Residential under the PLEP 2014. The objectives of the R2 Low Density Residential zone are:

- To provide for the housing needs of the community within a low-density residential environment.
- To enable other land uses that provide facilities or services to meet the day to day needs of residents.
- To ensure that new development complements the scale, density and form of existing development.

The proposed development is defined as a dwelling house under the PLEP 2014. The Land Use Table of the PLEP 2014 specifies that development for the purposes of a dwelling house is permitted with consent in the R2 Low Density Residential zone.

The proposed development complies with the relevant provisions of the Palerang LEP 2014 as outlined in the attached Section 4.15 Assessment Report, with the exception of Clause 4.3 – Height of buildings.

Clause 4.3 of Palerang LEP 2014 prescribes a maximum building height of 6.5m, with the proposed dwelling having an overall height of 6.76m, equating to a 4% variation. The applicant is seeking a Clause 4.6 variation to Clause 4.3 for the non-compliance. An assessment of the potential impacts of the variation and justification for the non-compliance have been carried out as follows.

The proposed dwelling has a total height of 6.76m, largely due to the flooding constraint of the site. The proposed dwelling is required to have a minimum floor level of 646.80m AHD, resulting in the dwelling being raised 900mm above ground level. Without the flooding constraint of the site, the dwelling could be built lower and comply with the maximum building height prescribed by the Palerang LEP 2014. This is demonstrated by the submitted Section Plan shown in Figure 5 below:

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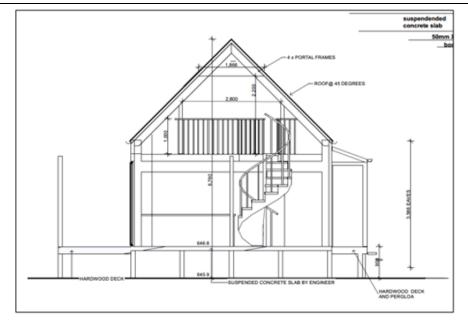


Figure 5 - Section Plan

Despite the non-compliance, the proposed development does not adversely impact upon the solar access and residential amenity of adjoining properties and the immediate locality. The proposed development does not have an inappropriate visual impact as agreed by Council's Heritage Advisor and Heritage Advisory Committee, and the development is consistent in terms of bulk, scale and form of existing development in the area.

The Braidwood Development Control Plan 2006 contains objectives and controls regarding the height of development. Within Precinct 2, the maximum height of development is 6.8m to ensure that new development does not dominate historic character. Dwellings within Precinct 2 are also to be single storey but may include an attic or split-level development within the roof line. The proposed dwelling has a maximum height of 6.76m and includes an attic/split level feature within the roofline. As such, the proposed development is consistent with the Braidwood DCP 2006 as it does not dominate the streetscape or historic character of the area due to its height.

It is considered that the proposed development does not result in adverse impacts on adjoining properties or the immediate locality due to the height of the dwelling. The western and southern boundaries of the subject site adjoin public roads, therefore, the proposed development does not overshadow adjoining dwellings or private open space, does not result in privacy or overlooking impacts, and is not inconsistent with the established streetscape.

As demonstrated in this report and the attached assessment report, the proposed development is appropriate and worth consideration despite the non-compliance with the building height development standard. The site is subject to constraints that directly impact the ability of the dwelling to comply with the development standard and the impacts of the development are considered to be reasonable and acceptable. Approval of the application is considered to not risk setting a precedent for future development in the locality.

(b) Compliance with DCP

The proposed development is consistent with the objectives and controls contained within the Braidwood Development Control Plan (DCP) 2006. Of particular importance to the proposed development is its compliance with the maximum building height of 6.8m.

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Council's Heritage Advisor agrees that the proposal is consistent with the Braidwood DCP 2006 in regard to its height, scale, proportion, form and consistency with the existing streetscape.

(c) Draft Environmental Planning Instruments

The draft Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022 was adopted on 14 November 2022. This being after the lodgement date, the draft plan has been considered as part of this assessment and has no effect on the proposed development.

Internal Referrals

(a) Development Engineer's Comments

Council's Development Engineer does not object to the proposed development subject to the recommended conditions of consent. The proposed development is able to be connected to existing water supply, sewer and stormwater services. The subject site is identified as flood prone land, with the proposed dwelling required to be built with a minimum floor level of 646.80m AHD. Council's Development Engineer has recommended conditions of consent relating to the submission of certification from a practicing structural engineer certifying that the structure is capable of withstanding a relevant flood event.

(b) Heritage Advisor's Comments

Council's Heritage Advisor made comment on the application on 14 October 2022, stating that in terms of height, scale, proportion and form, the proposal complies with the provisions of the Braidwood Development Control Plan 2006. However, it was considered that the external appearance of the proposed dwelling was not consistent with in the intent of Clause 7.4 of Braidwood DCP 2006 due to the dwelling comprising of Colorbond (Monument/black) cladding to both the walls and roof.

The appearance of this was considered to be excessive and not consistent with the streetscape character. It was recommended that the wall material and colour be modified, a timber framed window be added to the western end of the southern elevation to address the corner of Wallace and Coghill Street, the roof over the entry portico be modified to a flat roof and a timber deck or plant climbing frame be added to the south-western corner to provide opportunity for plant screening.

Amended plans were submitted by the applicant implementing the above recommendations made by Council's Heritage Advisor as follows:

- The proposed roof and two walls facing north and east are to be Colorbond (Woodland Grey).
- Cladding for the street facing walls (West Wallace and South Coghill) are to be natural timber in either Weathertex, Shadowclad or comparably priced shiplap timber. The cladding will only be oiled and left to grey over time and will extend down so that it covers the floor of the house.
- A timber framed window was added to the western end of the southern elevation.
- The roof over the entry portico was modified to a flat roof; and
- A timber deck/plant climbing frame was added to the western end of the dwelling to provide opportunity for plant screening.

Council's Heritage Advisor provided comment on the amended plans on 17 April 2023 and offered no objections.

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(c) Heritage Advisory Committee Comments

The application was referred to the Heritage Advisory Committee as the property is located on Wallace Street. The application was considered by the committee at the 9 March 2023 meeting where they agreed with the recommendations of the Heritage Advisor in his referral dated 14 October 2022. The minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee were then presented to Council on the 22nd March 2023 and were subsequently adopted.

These recommendations included changes to the proposed colours and materials of the dwelling, and articulation by way of the addition of a window and timber frame (Pergola for screen planting) to the south-west corner of the dwelling facing Wallace and Coghill Street.

It was suggested by the HAC that the external colour scheme be softened with suggested colours including light grey, cream, crimson and lilac. In consultation with Council's Heritage Advisor, the applicant incorporated articulation elements on the plans and amended the development to a lighter colour by the use natural timber look wall cladding as outlined in the Heritage Advisors comments.

Financial Implications

Nil

Engagement

The proposal required notification under QPRC Community Engagement and Participation Plan. One (1) submission was received. The relevant issues raised are as follows:

Issue: Flooding

Comment: Concern was raised regarding the proposal of a dwelling on a site containing high hazard flooding. As outlined in this report and the attached assessment report, Council's Development Engineer offers no objections to the proposed development in regard to flooding, subject to the recommended conditions of consent. The floor level of the proposed dwelling has been raised to the flood planning level and certification from an engineer will be required prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate to confirm that the dwelling will withstand forces of the relevant flooding events.

Issue: Dwelling Setbacks

Comment: The submission states that as the front door of the proposed dwelling faces Coghill Street, this is the primary frontage and requires a 9m setback under the Braidwood DCP. The Wallace Street frontage of the site is the shortest frontage and is therefore considered to be the primary street frontage irrespective of the location of the front door of the dwelling. As such, the proposal complies with the setbacks prescribed by the Braidwood DCP 2006.

Conclusion

The submitted proposal is for the demolition of existing structures and construction of a dwelling house and detached carport/storeroom on Lot 17 DP 849779, No. 29 Wallace Street, Braidwood. The proposal was notified to adjoining owner/occupiers and one (1) submission was received.

The proposal has been assessed under Section 4.15 Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 including the relevant provisions of Palerang Local Environmental Plan 2014, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental plan 2022 and Braidwood Development Control Plan 2006. With exception of the minor height variation, the development satisfies the

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development standards and planning controls. The proposal achieves the objectives of these instruments.

The architectural plans were referred to Councils Heritage Advisor and also the Heritage Advisory Committee. The plans have been modified to accommodate suggestions made by the committee and advisor.

The proposed development is considered suitable for the site, is compatible with the neighbourhood and can be conditioned to mitigate any potential impacts.

Attachments

Attachment 1	Assessment Report - DA.2022.1293 - 29 Wallace Street BRAIDWOOD (Under Separate Cover) Plans - DA.2022.1293 - 29 Wallace Street BRAIDWOOD (Under
Attachment 3	Separate Cover) Draft Conditions of Consent - DA.2022.1293 - 29 Wallace Street
Attachment 4	BRAIDWOOD (Under Separate Cover) Redacted Submission - DA.2022.1293 - 29 Wallace Street BRAIDWOOD
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REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

9.2 DA.2022.1681 - Bunyip Park, 19 Glenrock Drive Googong NSW - 2 Lot Torrens Title subdivision (Ref: ; Author: Ormella/Kunang)

File Reference: DA.2022.1681

Recommendation

That development application DA.2022.1681 for a two Lot Torrens title subdivision on Lot 342 DP 1259563, Bunyip Park, No. 19 Glenrock Drive Googong NSW be granted conditional consent.

Summary

Reason for Referral to Council

This application has been referred to Council as the Director Development and Environment has determined it is in the public interest to have the matter considered by Council.

Proposal:	Two Lot Torrens title subdivision
Applicant/Owner:	Michael Roy Stapleton / Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council
Subject Property:	Lot 342 DP 1259563, Bunyip Park, No. 19 Glenrock Drive Googong NSW
Zoning and Permissibility:	E1 Local Centre (Formerly known as B2 Local Centre) under the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional LEP 2022
Public Submissions:	Nil
Issues Discussed:	Planning Requirements
Disclosure of Political Donations and Gifts:	Applicant Declared no Donations or Gifts to any Councillor or Staff have been made

Background

The subject site was created as part of DA123-2017 (Neighbourhood 2) for boundary adjustment, creation of 932 residential lots, superlots and residue lots for future developments, a public recreation precinct (Googong Common and Riparian Corridor), associated subdivision works and earthworks, construction of public roads, public reserves, ancillary infrastructure and local services.

The works were to be delivered over 15 stages. The Bunyip Park (public reserve) was located within Stage 3 and the land created for the Googong Town Centre was located within Stage 7 of the Neighbourhood 2 subdivision.

The subject parcel of land was transferred to Council at no cost as part of a larger Public Reserve on 17 April 2020. This was part of the Googong Urban Development Planning Agreement between Council and the developer, Googong Township Pty Ltd (GTPL). The land

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is currently owned by Council. The reserve is classified as a 'community land' under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993.

Planning Proposal PP-2022-3687 to Reclassify part (363m²) of Lot 342 DP 1259563, 19 Glenrock Drive, Googong known as Bunyip Park, from Community Land to Operational Land was submitted to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment. Council was issued with a Gateway Determination on 4 November 2022. The draft planning proposal was publicly exhibited from 22 November 2022 to 27 January 2023 for a minimum of 28 days. No submissions were received during the exhibition period and no consultation with any public authorities was required. Consistent with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, a public hearing was held in respect of the proposed reclassification. The public hearing was chaired by an independent consultant and was held on Tuesday 28 February 2023. No members of the public attended the public hearing, other than a brief appearance by a representative of Googong Township Pty Ltd, and no submissions were subsequently received. Council resolved at its meeting on 22 March 2022 that Council proceed with the above-mentioned planning proposal to reclassify part of Bunyip Park Googong from Community Land to Operational Land in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

The effect of the reclassification will be that the subject land will become operational land which will allow it to be returned to the developer, Googong Township Pty Limited (GTPL) and to be managed as part of a proposed future commercial space (predominantly seating to be used by nearby food and drink premises). It is relatively small and will have a negligible impact on the communities' access to use of the land. To facilitate the planning proposal for the reclassification of the land to be transferred it is required to subdivide Lot 342 into two parcels, one being the land to be transferred (proposed Lot 101) and the other the residue Lot 100 will remain as a public reserve known as Bunyip Park. This will enable the land to be rezoned to be specifically defined by its own unique identifier rather than part of Lot 342.

Proposed Development

The application seeks Council approval to subdivide the subject land into 2 Torrens title lots being Lots 100 and 101.

The specific elements of the proposal are:

- The proposed Lot 100 will remain as a public reserve known as Bunyip Park and has an area of 2.256ha, reduced from 2.293ha.
- The proposed Lot 101 has an area of 363m² (highlighted in red below) and will be excised from the existing public reserve (Bunyip Park) and will be consolidated with the existing Lot 673 DP 1289740 (subject to a current DA.2022.1638). This allows the land to be returned to the developer, Googong Township Pty Limited (GTPL) and managed as part of a proposed future commercial space (predominantly seating to be used by nearby food and drink premises). Part of the land will contain a 3.0m wide easement to drain sewage.

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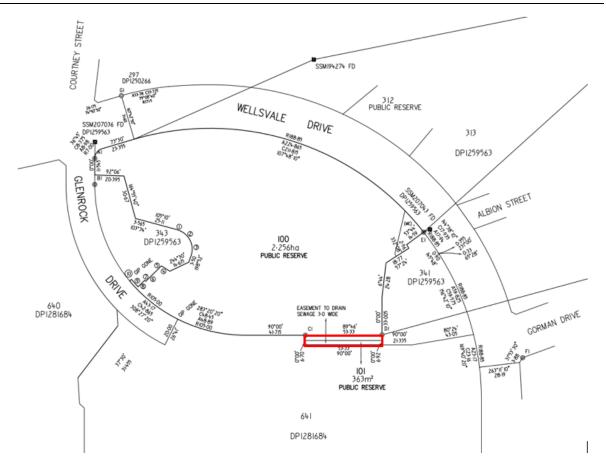


Figure 1: Proposed 2 lots subdivision

Subject Property

The subject site is legally described as Lot 342 DP 1259563 and is commonly known as Bunyip Park, No. 19 Glenrock Drive, Googong.

The Bunyip Park is classified as Community Land and is owned by Council. The subject site is located immediately north of the proposed town centre of Neighbourhood 2 in Googong. It is bounded by Glenrock Drive to the south and Wellsvale Drive to the north and has an area of 2.29ha. The site is currently under construction and is part of Bunyip Park. The park is authorised to contain a lake, pedestrian walkway, play equipment, and performing stage over the water.

The Googong Town Centre, located to the south of Bunyip Park, is owned by the Googong Township Pty Ltd.

Vehicular access is available from both Wellsvale Drive and Glenrock Drive.

Existing development in the locality consists of low-density and medium density residential developments.

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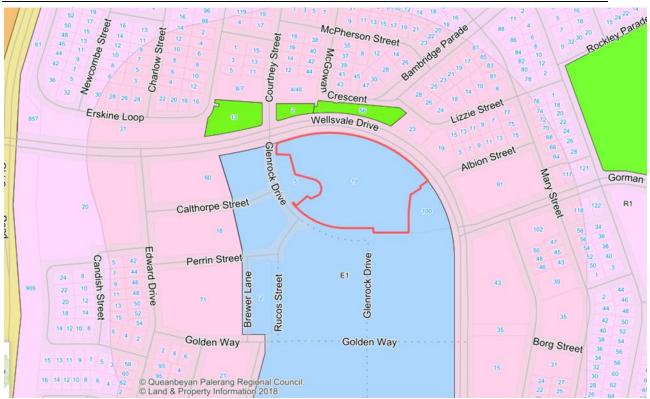


Figure 2: Locality plan



Figure 3: Subject site highlighted in red

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Figure 3: Site photos

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Planning Requirements

Assessment of the application has been undertaken in accordance with Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (EPAA) 1979, as amended. The matters that are of relevance are summarised in the attached Section 4.15 Table – Matters for Consideration (Attachment 1).

The following planning instruments have been considered in the planning assessment of the subject development application:

- 1. State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021
- 2. State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021
- 3. Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022 (QPRLEP 2022).
- 4. Googong Development Control Plan (GDCP)
- 5. Queanbeyan Development Control Plan 2012 (QDCP)

The development generally satisfies the requirements and achieves the objectives of these planning instruments.

(a) Compliance with LEP

The proposed development is consistent with the aims of the QPRLEP 2022 and satisfies the relevant objectives of the zone (refer to Section 4.15 Table – Matters for Consideration for a detailed assessment).

(b) Compliance with DCP

The proposed development is generally consistent with the general provisions of the Googong DCP and Queanbeyan DCP (refer to Section 4.15 Table – matters for Consideration for a detailed assessment).

Other Comments

The application was referred to Council's Development Engineer, Land Use Planning section, LIS Officer and Park Officer for comments. Their comments are provided below:

(a) Land Use Planning Comments

Land Use Planning has reviewed the subdivision. The subdivision is required to complete a planning proposal - PP-2022-3687. Council has approved that the planning proposal proceed - 22 March 2023 - Resolution No 082/23. In conclusion: Land Use Planning has no objection to the proposed subdivision."

(b) Development Engineer's Comments

Sewer Available:	Yes	Access: N/A (Glenrock Drive)
Water Available:	Yes	Kerb and Gutter: N/A
Recycled Water:	Yes	
Flood Category:	N/A	Footway Width: N/A
Detention Basin:	Yes	Footway Grade: N/A
Drainage Easements:		easements required over the proposed subdivision.

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<u>WATER</u>

The premises has an adjacent 100mm PVC water main surrounding Lot 342 DP 1259563 Figure 1. No intention of water usage is indicated by the applicant in the statement of environmental effects (SEEs). The property's water service line may require an extension which shall be at the owner's expenses benefiting the development.

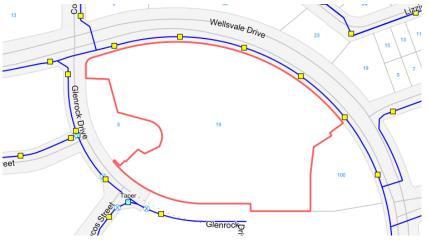
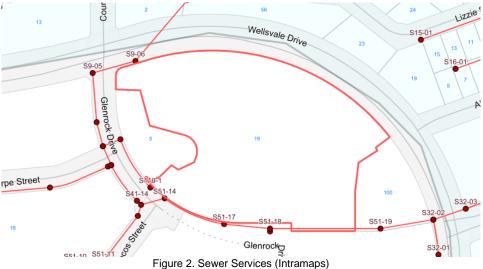


Figure 1. Water Reticulation (Intramaps)

SEWER

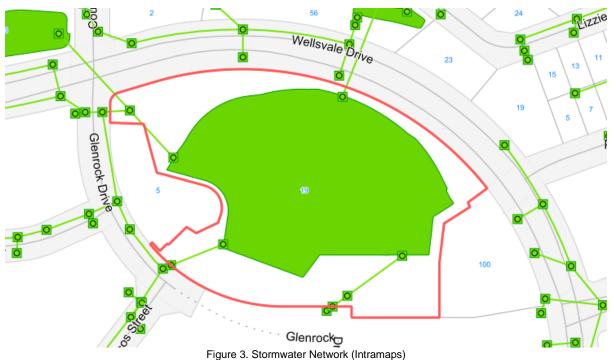
The premises has an adjacent 150mm PVC sewer main surrounding Lot 342 DP 1259563 Figure 2. No intention of sewer usage is indicated in the SEEs. The property's sewer discharge line may require an extension which shall be at the owner's expenses benefiting the development.



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STORMWATER

The stormwater pipe networks are linked to the 'lake' (detention basin) as a stormwater catchment from upstream properties and post subdivision works. The applicant indicated no stormwater impacts for the subdivision.



<u>ACCESS</u>

The SEEs do not indicate an access for the proposed subdivision. However, future access to the proposed new Lot by a third party shall seek a section 138 approval from Council.

HEADWORKS CONTRIBUTIONS - SECTION 64

N/A

(c) LIS Officer Comments

Proposed addressing schedule as follows:

Proposed Lot Number	Street Number	Street Name	Street Type	Locality
100	19	Glenrock	Drive	Googong
101	21	Glenrock	Drive	Googong

(d) Park Officer Comments

The application was referred to Park Officer for comment. To date no comment has been received.

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Financial Implications

There are no financial implications to Council as a result of determining this application. The costs of the reclassification and transfer of the land will be borne by Googong Township Pty Limited (GTPL).

Engagement

The proposal required notification under the Community Engagement and Participation Plan. No submissions were received.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

Council resolved at its meeting on 22 March 2022 that Council proceed with the planning proposal to reclassify part of Bunyip Park Googong from Community Land to Operational Land in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993. The proposed development complies with the relevant development controls and is able to be approved.

Conclusion

The submitted proposal for a land subdivision on Lot 342 DP 1259563, Bunyip Park, No. 19 Glenrock Drive Googong is a Local Development and is supported by a Statement of Environmental Effects. The proposal was notified to adjoining owner/occupiers and no submissions were received.

The proposal has been assessed under Section 4.15 *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* including the relevant provisions of *Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022* and Googong Development Control Plan and Queanbeyan Development Control Plan 2012.

The development satisfies the requirements and achieves the objectives of these instruments.

The proposed development is considered suitable for the site, is compatible with the neighbourhood and can be conditioned to mitigate any potential impacts.

Attachments

Attachment 1	DA.2022.1681 - Bunyip Park 19 Glenrock Dr Googong - S4.15 Table -
	Matters for Consideration (Under Separate Cover)
Attachment 2	DA.2022.1681 - Bunyip Park 19 Glenrock Dr Googong - Subdivision Plan
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Attachment 3	DA.2022.1681 - Bunyip Park 19 Glenrock Dr Googong - Draft Conditions
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9.3 Amendment to Googong Development Control Plan 2010 (Ref: ; Author: Ormella/Jansen)

File Reference: 26.1.1-04

Recommendation

That Council adopt the new Part 10 of the Googong Development Control Plan 2010.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of any submissions received as result of the exhibition of the new Part 10 of the Googong Development Control Plan (GDCP) 2010 and for Council to formally adopt the document.

Background

The GDCP has over time had a number of amendments to incorporate new structure plans for various neighbourhoods at Googong. Neighbourhood Structure Plans for Neighbourhoods 3 to 5 were adopted in 2020. These are the final neighbourhoods of the Googong Urban Release area. When the GDCP was first drafted a Part 10 was included to provide some controls for development at the Neighbourhood Centres as well as some broad controls for the Town Centre. However, as the Town Centre would not be developed for a number of years it was always envisaged that controls for the Town Centre would be refined in future.

Council at its meeting on 22 March 2023 resolved to place the new Part 10 of the GDCP on exhibition (Minute No. 081/23). The draft document was exhibited from 23 March to 21 April 2023. One submission was received from Googong Township Pty. Limited in support of the proposed draft document (Attachment 2) and ten other submissions were received via your voice (Attachment 3).

<u>Report</u>

A new Part 10 of the GDCP (Attachment 1) was submitted to Council by the developers of the Googong Urban Release Area (Googong Township Pty. Limited - GTPL). Part 10 of the GDCP now provides for a range of controls for the Town Centre covering issues of:

- 1. Sustainable Development
- 2. Land Use and Indicative Layout
- 3. Access and Movement
- 4. Built Form
- 5. Waste Management
- 6. Landscaping
- 7. Public Domain and Active Frontages
- 8. Safety and Security
- 9. Stormwater Strategy
- 10. Signage and Advertising.

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A number of Structure Plan maps are included to support the design principles in it. New Neighbourhood Structure Plans are required to be submitted prior to a development application for subdivision being considered at Googong.

Part 10.3 of the GDCP sets out controls for the Neighbourhood Centres. These remain unchanged.

The draft document was reviewed internally by staff from the DA team as well as Council's New Release Coordinator and following their input, it was amended to address any concerns raised. One of the changes was deleting a table with permitted land uses from the initial draft document. Land uses are specified in the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022 which is a statutory document. There is no need to duplicate this in the DCP.

The existing Part 10 of the DCP contains a control under the heading of 'Built Form' requiring buildings fronting the main street to have a consistent wall height with a minimum height of 2 storeys and podium levels above 2 storeys to be set back 6 m from the street. It is suggested by the Development Team that the requirement of a 6m setback for podium levels above 2 storeys be deleted. There are sufficient other design controls (height limits, solar access, view lines) to achieve desired built form outcomes.

The existing Part 10 sets out a requirement under 'Active Street Frontages' for buildings to contain no more than 5m of ground floor wall without a door or window and for windows to make up at least 50% of the ground floor wall. Discussion with the DA team resulted in rewording this control to allow for more flexibility.

A workshop with Council was held on 30 November 2022, where the proponent gave an overview of the design principles of the proposed controls for the town centre at Googong.

The draft document was exhibited for 28 days from 23 March 2023. One individual submission was received from GTPL and a number of submissions were received via Council's 'Your Voice' portal. A copy of the submission from GTPL is provided in Attachment 2. A summary of the submissions is provided in Attachment 3 including the individual and the ten your voice submissions with responses. A number raise issues related to landscaping in the public realm which has been brought to the attention of the Council's Urban Landscapes Team.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

The amendment to the GDCP is consistent with previous amendments of it incorporating structure plans for new neighbourhoods. The draft document was placed on public exhibition for 28 days in accordance with Council's Community Engagement and Participation Plan. One submission was received in support of the draft document.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

As per Council's fees and charges, a fee of \$5,500 was paid by the applicants for the amendment to the GDCP.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

The review of the GDCP is consistent with the programs and outputs of the Operational Plan for the Land-Use Planning branch.

9.3 Amendment to Googong Development Control Plan 2010 (Ref: ; Author: Ormella/Jansen) (Continued)

Conclusion

The new Part 10 of the GDCP is considered appropriate and the Structure Plans included in the document set out the vision for the Googong Town Centre. Consequently, it is recommended for adoption.

Attachments

Attachment 1	Googong DCP Part 10 Town Centre and Neighbourhood Centres (Under Separate Cover)
Attachment 2	Submission GTPL GDCP Part 10 (Under Separate Cover)
Attachment 3	Summary and Assessmnet of Submissions GCDP Part 10 (Under Separate Cover)

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9.4 Amendments to Queanbeyan Development Control Plan 2012, Part 3A and Part 5: Jumping Creek Estate (Ref: ; Author: Ormella/Kurzyniec)

File Reference: 26.1.1-10

Recommendation

That Council place on public exhibition Parts 3A and 5 (as amended) of the Queanbeyan Development Control 2012 for 28 days in accordance with Council's Community Engagement and Participation Plan.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement to proceed with the exhibition of Part 3A and Part 5 (as amended) of the Queanbeyan Development Control Plan 2012 (QDCP) (Attachments 1 & 2).

Background

Since its adoption in December 2012 the *QDCP* has been amended a number of times to ensure that its provisions remain up to date.

It is proposed that QDCP will apply to the new Jumping Creek Estate adjoining the eastern side of Ellerton Drive and is zoned C4 Environmental Living under the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022.

Under the current provisions of the QDCP, development applications in an area zoned C4 Environmental Living are assessed using Part 5 of the QDCP, Rural and Environmental Zones and R5 Large Lot Residential Zones. However, the majority of lots within the Jumping Creek Estate subdivision will be more urban in size and character than the type of lots which this part usually applies to and applying the requirements of Part 5 of the QDCP is not appropriate in this locality. Development for the purposes of a single dwelling or ancillary development should therefore meet the requirements specified in the QDCP 2012 Part 3A Single Dwelling Residential Development.

This amendment makes it clear that Part 3A of the QDCP applies to single dwelling residential development at Jumping Creek Estate.

<u>Report</u>

The proposed amendment clarifies that Part 3A of the QDCP applies to single dwelling residential development at Jumping Creek. This will assist the DA Team when assessing applications and also clarify the matter for members of the public who wish to build a dwelling at Jumping Creek.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

The proposed amendment is consistent with Council's policies. The draft document will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days in accordance with Council's Community Engagement and Participation Plan.

9.4 Amendments to Queanbeyan Development Control Plan 2012, Part 3A and Part 5: Jumping Creek Estate (Ref: ; Author: Ormella/Kurzyniec) (Continued)

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

As per Council's fees and charges, a fee of \$5,720 was paid by the applicants for the amendment to the QDCP.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

The review of the QDCP is consistent with the programs and outputs of the Operational Plan and the Land-Use Planning branch.

Conclusion

The amended Part 3A and Part 5 of the QDCP is considered appropriate and will provide direction for assessing residential development in the new Jumping Creek Estate. Consequently, it is recommended that it be put on exhibition for 28 days.

Attachments

Attachment 1	Queanbeyan Development Control Plan 2012 Part 3A Single Dwelling
207 A	Residential Development (Under Separate Cover)
Attachment 2	Queanbeyan Development Control Plan 2012 Part 5 Rural and
20F1 Adaba	Environmental Zones and R5 Large Lot Residential Zones (Under
	Separate Cover)

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION 9.5 Road Naming at Elm Grove Bungendore (Ref: ; Author: Ormella/Lamont)

File Reference: 26.4.1-4

Recommendation

That Council rescind Resolution No 142/23 and:

- 1. Adopt in principle the names; Bridget Avenue, Ellen Street, Talbot Street, Wardell Street, Charlotte Place, Marjason Court and Winyu Rise as the proposed road names for Stage 2a and 2b Elm Grove, North Bungendore, created under subdivision Development Consent DA.2021.1609 Condition #60.
- 2. Advertise the proposed road names for public comment for 28 days.
- 3. Publish a notice in the NSW Government Gazette for the road names; Bridget Avenue, Ellen Street, Talbot Street, Wardell Street, Charlotte Place, Marjason Court and Winyu Rise if no objections are received.

<u>Summary</u>

Council considered a report on 26 April 2023 for the road naming of Stages 2a and 2b Elm Grove, North Bungendore that were created under subdivision Development Consent DA.2021.1609 Condition #60. The report included two names which need to be amended. Wicklow Place, an error and Berra Rise which was rejected by the Geographical Names Board (GNB).

This report seeks to amend the proposed road names.

Background

The proposed road names: Bridget Avenue, Ellen Street, Berra Rise, Talbot Street, Wardell Street, Charlotte Place, Marjason Court and Wicklow Place were approved in principle by Council at the 26 April 2023 meeting (**Resolution 142/23**) for the Elm Grove development at Bungendore.

Unfortunately, the road name Berra Rise was rejected by the GNB and Wicklow Place was included in that report in error.

The new proposed road name Winyu Rise will replace Berra Rise. Wicklow Place will not be used as a road name in this development. Attachment 1 shows the updated map for the road naming.

<u>Report</u>

The proposed names; Bridget Avenue, Ellen Street, Berra Rise, Talbot Street, Wardell Street, Charlotte Place, Marjason Court and Wicklow Place were approved by Council at the 26 April 2023 meeting.

Berra Rise was rejected by the Geographical Names Board as sounding too similar to an existing road within a 20km radius and Wicklow Place was included by mistake.

9.5 Road Naming at Elm Grove Bungendore (Ref: ; Author: Ormella/Lamont) (Continued)

A new proposed road name Winyu Rise will replace Berra Rise and Wicklow Place will not be used as a road name in this development. Please see updated map, Attachment 1.

Winyu is the Ngambri word for Sun.

Any road name must be supported by information on the origin of the name and relevant background. The Ngambri Local Aboriginal Lands Council (LALC) has endorsed this name, as per Attachment 2.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

The road name Winyu Rise has been assessed under the following policies:

The QPRC Road Names Policy clause 6.3.2:

Property developers must ensure at least 1 new road name or 10% of the total number of new road names in each proposal (whichever is the greater) incorporate First Nations peoples' language or names. Evidence of consultation and endorsement from the Local Aboriginal Land Council must be provided when submitting a new road name proposal to Council.

The NSW Address Policy and User Manual.

Names are to be unambiguous words that are easy to spell, pronounce and appropriate for the area. The recommended road names are required to be reported to Council and then advertised for public comment.

The name Winyu Rise meets the requirement for both these policies.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

All costs associated with advertising of the road names and supply of road name plates are to be borne by the developer of the subdivision.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

The QPRC Road Names Policy is directly linked to Strategic Pillar 1.1 Community, our community is strengthened through connection and participation that enhances our community and cultural life.

Conclusion

A 260-lot subdivision off Tarago Road North Bungendore known as 'Elm Grove' approved under DA.2021.1609, had seven new roads which required naming. The following names are recommended; Bridget Avenue, Ellen Street, Talbot Street, Wardell Street, Charlotte Place, Marjason Court and Winyu Rise.

It is recommended that Council endorse the road names as listed, advertise for public comment and subject to no objections being received, publish the notice of the name in the NSW Government Gazette.

Attachments

Attachment 1	Updated Map Elm Grove (Under Separate Cover)
Attachment 2	Ngambri LALC Approval to use (Under Separate Cover)

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9.6 Road Naming Newington Road Subdivision (Ref: ; Author: Ormella/Lamont)

File Reference: 26.4.1-4

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Adopt in principle the names 'Yellow Box Close' and 'Quince Paddock Place' as the proposed names for two new roads located off Newington Road, Bywong created under subdivision Stages 1 and 2, Condition #58 Development Consent DA.2011.096.
- 2. Advertise the proposed road names for public comment for 28 days.
- 3. Publish a notice in the NSW Government Gazette for the road names 'Yellow Box Close' and 'Quince Paddock Place', if no objections are received during the advertising period.

<u>Summary</u>

Council has received a request to name two new roads created as part of a 20-lot subdivision off Newington Road, Bywong. The two proposed road names are 'Yellow Box Close' and 'Quince Paddock Place'. The names have been assessed and meet the requirements of the QPRC Road Names Policy 6.2.2 and are recommended to be supported by Council and advertised for public comment.

Background

Council has received a request to name two new roads created as part of a 20-lot subdivision off Newington Road, Bywong, as required under Condition #58 of stages 1 & 2 Development Consent DA.2011.096. The two proposed road names are 'Yellow Box Close' and 'Quince Paddock Place' and are located off Newington Road, Bywong as identified in Attachment 1.

<u>Report</u>

Council has worked in conjunction with the developer to name the two new roads created as part of 20 lot subdivision off Newington Road, Bywong as required under condition #58 of the development consent DA.2011.096. The proposed names: Quince Paddock Place and Yellow Box Close have been put forward.

In accordance with Clause 6.2.2 of Councils Road Names Policy, staff and the developer worked through the Register of Proposed Road Names but were unable to allocate any Indigenous words that meet the requirements of The Geographical Names Board of NSW (GNB). Given the proximity of this subdivision to the ACT and the suburb of Ngunnawal the GNB 30km radius for assessment of duplication meant that there was no choice of any available Indigenous words from Council's Proposed Road Names Register. The use of Ngambri language is extensively used in the suburb or Ngunnawal.

The developer then undertook further research into the former owners of the property, the Bingley family and arrived at the name 'Quince Paddock Place' given the history of quinces once grown in this area and remnants of quince trees still living. There is a small stand of Yellow Box that remain in the landscape of this subdivision which is a threatened species.

9.6 Road Naming Newington Road Subdivision (Ref: ; Author: Ormella/Lamont) (Continued)

The developer suggests that these two names have no shortage of historical value in the immediate area where people will build their homes and is worthy of having roads named after.

Any road name must be supported by information on the origin of the name and relevant background.

Quince Paddock Place: The former owners of the property, the Bingley family referred to the paddock where these proposed Roads will be located, as The Quince Tree Paddock. They have never known the name as anything else. Their Great Grandfather Thomas Bingley built a house on the property approximately 50m from Black Joes Creek in 1878. The building foundations and the Quince Trees are still there today approximately 150 years later.

Yellow Box Close: A gum tree (Eucalyptus melliodora) of southern Australia having yellow inner bark and hard yellowish wood somewhat resembling boxwood. A small stand of Yellow Box remains in the landscape off Newington Road.

Council staff have submitted these names to the GNB for pre-approval and they have found no issues with the proposal

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

The QPRC Road Names Policy, the NSW Road Names Policy applies, NSW Address Policy and User Manual apply.

The road names Quince Paddock Place and Yellow Box Close have been assessed under these policies and meet the requirements.

The QPRC Roads Name Policy Clause 6.2.2; specifies that at the land subdivision stage where three or fewer new roads are created, a property developer may select road names from the Register of Proposed Road Names or propose other names in accordance with GNB policies and the criteria referenced in 6.2.1 for consideration and approval.

The criteria in clause 6.2.1 of the policy states: Community members with connections to the local government area and property developers are encouraged to submit proposed road names to Council in accordance with NSW Government guidelines as set out by the GNB for inclusion in the Register of Proposed Road Names.

Criteria for proposed road names can include (but is not limited to) the following:

- a. Promotion and recognition of local First Nations Peoples' language
- b. Recognition of local First Nations People
- c. Recognition of eminent persons connected to the area
- d. Recognition of local history and events
- e. Recognition of the natural environment
- f. Recognition of Australian heritage

The subdivision has two new roads created and the developer has submitted the names 'Quince Paddock Place' and 'Yellow Box Close' which meet criteria (e) and (f), in the policy 6.2.1, as Yellow Box is a native tree to the area and Quince Paddock refers to the past farming history of the site, First Nations names were considered, however, the proximity to road names in Ngunnawal ACT meant that the names that have been supported by the Ngambri Local Aboriginal Lands Council (LALC) cannot meet the 30km non-duplication distance set in the GNB guidelines for this location.

9.6 Road Naming Newington Road Subdivision (Ref: ; Author: Ormella/Lamont) (Continued)

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

All costs associated with advertising of the road names and supply of road name plates are to be borne by the developer of the subdivision

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

The QPRC Road Names Policy is directly linked to Strategic Pillar 1.1 Community, our community is strengthened through connection and participation that enhances our community and cultural life.

Conclusion

A 20-lot subdivision off Newington Road, Bywong approved in Development Application DA.2011.096, has two new roads which require naming. The proposed names "Quince Paddock Place" and "Yellow Box Close" have been selected in accordance with Council's Road Names Policy and the Geographical Names Board Guidelines for the Naming of Roads. The names Quince Paddock Place and Yellow Box Close comprise unambiguous words that are easy to spell and pronounce, is supported by the applicant, and have preapproval from GNB. It is recommended that these Road Names be publicly exhibited for 28 days, following which and subject to no objections being received, that it be published in the NSW Government Gazette.

Attachments

Attachment 1 Map (Under Separate Cover)

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9.7 Cultural Grants Application - Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society Molonglo Plains (Author: Richards/Mirowski)

File Reference: 1.1.3-03 Arts Grant Application

Recommendation

That Council approve a Cultural Grant of \$1,500 towards venue hire and promotion costs for a 'Viva Kids' Concert in Queanbeyan.

Summary

On 5 May 2023 the Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society Molonglo Plains Incorporated applied for a Cultural Grant of \$3,000 to assist with the cost of staging a Viva Kids Concert at either the Bicentennial Hall or the Q Theatre in Queanbeyan.

Background

The applicant is seeking \$2,800 for venue hire and \$200 for publicity costs for a Viva Kids' concert planned for November 2023. The concert will showcase the talents of up to 90 young students of the Marie-Cecile School of Music in Jerrabomberra. The organisation wishes to provide a development opportunity to local young musicians through performing at a professional venue in front of family, friends and the general public. The Funding Application and its supporting attachments is at Attachment 1.

<u>Report</u>

The application has been assessed by Council's Grants Officer as eligible for a Cultural Grant of \$1,500 but as not eligible for the full application amount of \$3,000. Although the applicant is an incorporated not-for-profit organisation the application does not demonstrate a matching dollar amount either financial, or in-kind through voluntary contributions for a \$3,000 grant, and the project will not provide employment for a local artist or group of artists.

The applicant can demonstrate matching funding for a \$1,500 grant. It is providing \$1,000 towards the concert and another \$200 from other sources. The organisation's members are also voluntarily undertaking the planning, advertising and administration of this project, which represents a significant in-kind contribution. The financial reports attached to the application demonstrate a constrained budget and a need for financial assistance.

The project is considered to meet the aims and eligibility criteria of a Cultural Grant of up to \$1,500 due to the application demonstrating that the project would be of benefit to the Queanbeyan-Palerang community through its cultural and/or artistic outcomes. The project was also assessed as enhancing arts and cultural opportunities in our LGA, and as a great development and exposure opportunity for local young music students.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

Council's Cultural Grants are administered in compliance with the *QPRC Donations Policy 2020*. Under s.356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council may exercise a function by resolution to provide various forms of assistance to the community through grants, donations, rental rebates, rate relief, non-financial contributions, in-kind donations and sponsorships.

9.7 Cultural Grants Application - Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society Molonglo Plains (Author: Richards/Mirowski) (Continued)

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

Sufficient funds remain in the 2022/23 Cultural Grants allocation of \$25,000 to pay \$1,500 towards this project. \$8,667 has been disbursed in the 2022/23 financial year thus far, leaving \$16,333 available for distribution.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

This project aligns with the Mission of the *QPRC Community Strategic Plan*, particularly the Mission Statement 'Our community has access to fulfilling and engaging employment, education and creative opportunities'. The project also aligns with the Strategic Objectives of Pillar 1 Community and the Strategy to 'Build cultural capacity through the availability and participation in arts, performance and cultural gatherings, events and exhibitions.'.

Conclusion

This project is expected to advance the creative skills and knowledge of our community and will provide a valuable development opportunity to young music students in the Queanbeyan-Palerang LGA.

Attachments

Attachment 1Cultural Grants Application - Australian Decorative and Fine Arts SocietyMolonglo Plains (Under Separate Cover)

File Reference: 52.7

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Apply the maximum annual Councillors and Mayoral Fee for the Regional Centre Category of \$26,070 and \$64,390 (respectively) effective from 1 July 2023 in accordance with the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Annual Report and Determination of 27 April 2023.
- 2. Allocate 10% of the Mayoral Fee to the Deputy Mayor's Councillor Fee in recognition of the additional duties to this role in supporting the Mayor.

Summary

The report informs Council of the most recent determination by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal regarding fees to be paid to the Mayor and Councillors. On 27 April 2023, the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal determined a 3% increase to the minimum and maximum fees payable to Mayors and Councillors. The determination takes effect from 1 July 2023.

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council is classified as a 'Regional Centre' for the purpose of determining remuneration.

Background

The Remuneration Tribunal, considering key economic data, submissions received and the view of assessors, determined that an increase of 3% in fees for Mayors and Councillors to be appropriate. The increases are effective on and from 1 July 2023.

The category of 'Regional Centres' include the following Councils: Albury, Armidale, Ballina, Bathurst, Blue Mountains, Byron, Cessnock, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo, Eurobodalla, Hawkesbury, Lismore, Mid-Coast, Orange, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Port Stephens, Queanbeyan-Palerang, Shellharbour, Tamworth, Wagga Wagga, Wingecarribee and Wollondilly.

The Tribunal's determination of 27 April 2023 provides for minimum and maximum fees for Mayors and Councillors as outlined in the Tables below.

<u>Report</u>

The Remuneration Tribunal's annual review commenced in October 2022 when it wrote to all Council's inviting submissions regarding fees, categorisation and any other general matters. QPRC participated in this process.

9.8 Councillor Remuneration (Author: Ryan/Flint) (Continued)

LGNSW's submission requested that the Tribunal increase fees by the maximum 3%, but further argued that the maximum increase is *"inadequate and does not address the historic undervaluation of work performed by elected representatives and the substantial responsibility associated with local government."*

Comparisons were made to State and Federal Parliamentary Members, Councillors and Mayors in the Queensland and Victorian local government jurisdictions, average remuneration of a Chairperson of a Board, Not for Profit Organisations and the National Minimum Wage. The basis of the argument is that NSW Mayors and Councillors are paid below these organisations.

General Purpose Councils - Non-Metropolitan

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Major Regional City	19,760	34,330
Major Strategic Area	19,760	34,330
Regional Strategic Area	19,760	32,590
Regional Centre	14,810	26,070
Regional Rural	9,850	21,730
Rural Large	9,850	17,680
Rural	9,850	13,030

Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee* (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Major Regional City	41,960	106,960
Major Strategic Area	41,960	106,960
Regional Strategic Area	41,960	94,950
Regional Centre	30,820	64,390
Regional Rural	20,980	47,420
Rural Large	15,735	37,925
Rural	10,490	28,430

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

Annual fees for Councillors are fixed in accordance with section 248 of the *Local Government Act 1993* as follows:

- (1) A Council must pay each Councillor an annual fee
- (2) A Council may fix the annual fee and, if it does so, it must fix the annual fee in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Remuneration Tribunal.
- (3) The annual fee so fixed must be the same for each Councillor

9.8 Councillor Remuneration (Author: Ryan/Flint) (Continued)

(4) A Council that does not fix the annual fee must pay the appropriate minimum fee determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.

Section 239 of the *Local Government Act 1993* required the Remuneration Tribunal to determine the categories of Council's at least once every three years. The Tribunal last reviewed categories in 2020.

In determining the maximum and minimum fees payable in each of the categories, the Tribunal is required by section 242A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as those that the Industrial Relations Commission is required to give effect to under section 146C of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996*, when making or varying awards or orders relating to the conditions of employment of public sector employees.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

Council staff anticipated a 5% increase in Councillor Remuneration in the draft 2023/24 budget totalling \$357,917. Given that the Tribunal has only applied a 3% increase in the maximum fees payable, the revised budget of \$351,160 will be recommended when the Operational Plan is adopted on 28 June.

Superannuation payments will also be increasing from 10.5% to 11% as of 1 July 2023, which total \$38,628 for the 2023/2024 financial year.

Allocating 10% of the Mayoral Allowance (equivalent to \$6,439) to the Deputy Mayor will not affect the above figures.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

Council's role, as identified by the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

Council is committed to understanding the community's priorities, concerns and needs in terms of key services, facilitates and programs.

The Community Strategic Plan outlines the Council's role in the delivery of each priority in line with the following terms: Provide, Collaborate and Advocate.

Councillors need to be appropriately remunerated in order to execute the above to the highest standard possible.

Conclusion

Council needs to consider whether to fix the annual fee in accordance with the determination of the Remuneration Tribunal. If Council does not fix the fee, then the minimum fee determined by the Tribunal will be applied.

Attachments

Attachment 1 Annual Determination - Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (Under Separate Cover)

File Reference: 4.2 Community Recreation - Aquatic

Recommendation

That Council endorse the draft QPRC Aquatics Facilities Strategic Plan and place on 28 days public exhibition for community feedback and comment.

Summary

Council owns and operates four swimming pool facilities across the local government area at; Braidwood, Bungendore, Captains Flat and Queanbeyan. The facilities were built at different times and exist in varying conditions. Comprehensive reviews of QPRC Aquatics, including energy efficiency audits, site inspections and condition assessments were completed in 2020 and 2021. This QPRC Aquatics Facilities Strategic Plan updates this information and provides an up-to-date snapshot of the current status of pools across the local government area (LGA) and the urgent, important and desirable options for Aquatics over the next 10 years.

Background

Aquatic centres across Australia are in a period of crisis as post war spending on swimming pools has resulted in significant numbers of public pools that have now reached the end of their life cycles, requiring replacement or major renewal. This has also affected QPRC. At the same time, the price of materials has risen significantly making financial decisions regarding pools increasingly difficult to determine.

The cost of funding aquatic operations is growing. Reviewed maintenance schedules indicate that, to keep pools safe and compliant with NSW Health Regulations, Council will need to spend nearly \$14 million over the next ten years (an average of \$1.2 million +) per year. Grant funding will increase in importance over this time.

The strategy also includes new pools proposed for Bungendore, Googong and Jerrabomberra.

Report

The questions that QPRC Aquatics will need to consider include:

- What changes are needed to sustain aquatic centres into the future?
- Should we continue to 'patch' pools or develop a program for replacing pools with a funding strategy to match?
- How can we ensure financial sustainability while keeping fees affordable?
- What must we do to improve our cost structure and stay competitive?
- How and where must we modernise our products and services?
- What are our stakeholders' expectations for our financial performance and social outcomes?
- To reach our outcomes, what value must we provide to our patrons?
- What skills, capabilities and structure will help achieve our goals?

The plan outlines five strategies and broad objectives to achieve them.

Strategy 1: Ensure financial sustainability of QPRC pools

Strategy 2: Provide modern, safe and well-maintained aquatic centres across the region

Strategy 3: Understand the social benefits of pools and provide a valued and competitive service to the community

9.9 Aquatics Strategic Plan (Ref: ; Author: Ryan/Richards) (Continued)

Strategy 4: Attract well qualified and committed staff for aquatic operations and programs

Strategy 5: Improve the environmental performance of QPRC pools

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

The Aquatics Strategic Plan contains strategies and recommendations which are in keeping with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and Royal Life Saving recommendations. In particular, the plan sets out clear upgrade and maintenance requirements to offset risks associated with reactive maintenance.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

Aquatic centres have significant and ongoing budget needs for Council. A clear plan for upgrade, maintenance and potential replacement will assist in discussions on Council's Operational and Delivery Plans and on leveraging grant opportunities as they arise.

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

The Aquatics Strategic Plan is consistent with the Community Strategic Plan:

Strategic objectives

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

Aquatic facilities are valued and important assets. They provide recreation, training and educational opportunities for our community. The Aquatics Strategic Plan contains broad strategies and recommendations to guide Council in the provision of aquatic facilities for the next 10 years.

Attachments

Attachment 1 Draft Aquatics Strategic Plan (Under Separate Cover)

Page 35 of the Ordinary Meeting of the QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG REGIONAL COUNCIL held 24 May 2023.

File Reference: 43.6.5-04

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Note that the existing loan with Westpac Banking Corporation will reach the end of its agreement period on 20 May 2023.
- 2. Enter into a new loan agreement with Commonwealth Bank at a variable interest rate with repayments calculated over the remaining 10-year term to refinance the balance outstanding.
- 3. Authorise the use of the Common seal for the execution of the Loan Agreement with the preferred lender.

<u>Summary</u>

Council has an existing loan with Westpac Banking Corporation that is approaching the end of its agreement period. The start date for this loan was 30 March 2013 with a 20-year term by the former Queanbeyan City Council to fund the Queanbeyan Administration Building and Queanbeyan Depot Building improvements. The current outstanding principal balance is \$895,414.

Once the loan agreement period expires on 20 May 2023, Council can refinance the loan with the same or an alternate lender should it be to the benefit of Council.

Staff have sought indicative fixed and variable interest rate quotes from Australia's four major banks.

Background

To assist in assessing the most cost-effective option, staff engaged Council's investment advisor, Laminar Capital to provide expert analysis of the current and future interest rate markets. Laminar's 2023 and 2024 near-term interest rate outlook has the cash rate peaking at 3.85%. They then predict that rates will remain on hold until Q1 2024 before falling to around 2.50% by Q1 2025 where it will remain on average at this level until Q1 2033. The Bank Bill SWap (BBSW) rate, together with the cash rate, are the key interest rate benchmarks. Current BBSW rates see a trough at 3 years before return to the current rate after 7 to 10 years.

Considering this advice, staff recommend choosing the variable rate option to avoid locking in a fixed rate close to the top of the market. A reassessment will be conducted in Q1 2025, with staff continuing to monitor interest rate markets in the interim, and act as required. Other key factors to support the variable rate option include:

Potential to take advantage of the competitive NSW Treasury Corporation borrowing rates, currently inaccessible due to TCorp's assessment of QPRC's long-term financial position. Given Council has measures afoot to address TCorp's concerns by strengthening QPRC's long-term financial plan, a delay in locking in a fixed rate would allow time for these financial improvements to take effect and meet TCorp's lending conditions again.

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Potential to make additional repayments against the loan without incurring possible penalty costs.

<u>Report</u>

Council staff sought quotations from the four major Australian banks. Lenders submitted commercial in-confidence indicative interest rate quotations.

Council is presented with the following three best options:

- Option 1 Variable rate offer by Commonwealth Bank. (Recommended)
- Option 2 Fixed rate with reducing instalments by ANZ Bank.
- Option 3 Fixed rate and fixed instalments by Commonwealth Bank.

Recommendation:

Option 1 is the recommended option based on the repayment flexibility of a variable rate allowing for early repayment and potential to benefit from a falling interest rate market.

If the variable rate offer is not acceptable, Option 2 is the recommended fixed rate option based on a lower whole-of-life repayment cost – noting higher repayments of \$21,000 in the first year with a reducing instalment schedule compared to the fixed instalments in Option 3.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

Section 621 of the Local Government Act 1993 allows NSW councils to borrow funds outlined in their Operational Plan. A council resolution must be passed prior to drawing down any loan funds.

The risk with a variable rate is that interest rates could rise, thus creating higher repayments due the to the extra interest payable.

While a fixed rate loan provides repayment certainty over time, there is a risk that interest rates will decrease during the life of the loan and does not have the flexibility to make additional repayments without potential financial penalties.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

Borrowing costs for 2022/23 and beyond have been budgeted for in Council's Long-Term Financial Plan and in the September 2022 Quarterly Budget Review Report.

The schedule in attachment 2 provides a year-on-year comparison between each Option.

It is important to note that the Option 1 repayment costs are indicative only.

As Option 1 has a variable rate the total loan repayments can only be estimated based on market information. Life-of-loan calculations are based on the forecast BBSW rates on 11 May 2023 which are certain to change throughout the loan period. The Option 1 indicative calculations are provided as a comparison to the fixed-rate options.

Key notes between Option 2 and Option 3 are that Option 2 has a lower total repayment amount over the life of the loan, but instalment amounts taper towards the end of the loan ie higher repayments at the start, with lower repayments at the end.

Note that these amounts are provide for a direct comparison between options only, as they are calculated on the quoted indicative interest rate which will almost certainly vary from the

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actual rate Council will incur. The actual loan costs can only be determined once a Letter of Offer is processed, at which time the rate with be affirmed.

Conclusion

As Council's Westpac Banking Corporation loan's agreement period expires on 20 May 2023, it recommended Council select Option 1 as the preferred refinancing option from the submissions received.

Council will also need to authorise the use of the Common Seal for the execution of the Loan Agreement with the preferred lender.

Attachments

Attachment 1 Quotations (Under Separate Cover) - CONFIDENTIAL

File Reference: 43.6.5-01

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Receive the Investment Report for the month of April 2023.
- 2. Note the investment return for April 2023 was \$921,617.
- 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.

<u>Summary</u>

This report presents the investment result for April 2023.

Background

In accordance with Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the Investment Report is presented to Council monthly.

<u>Report</u>

A list of Council's cash and investments held on 30 April 2023 is detailed in the attached Investment Report Pack.

Market Update – Following a pause at their April 2023 meeting, the Reserve Bank (RBA) surprised markets at their May 2023 meeting by lifting the cash rate by 25 basis points which now stands at 3.85%. Although inflation in Australia seems to have passed its peak, it remains high with the RBA conceding it will be some time before inflation returns to the target range. The Board remains resolute in its determination to return inflation to target and so expects that future monetary policy tightening may be required.

Environmental Awareness - Market Forces is a campaign group focusing on environmental protection by exposing institutions financing projects that have a negative environmental impact. They have assessed over 115 banks, mutuals and credit unions to determine their position on lending to or investing in the fossil fuel (coal, oil, and gas) industry. Council's investment advisor, Laminar Capital has applied Market Forces' findings to Council's current investment portfolio with the results outlined in Section 5 of the attached Investment Report Pack.

Institutions that lend to the fossil fuel industry can mitigate some of the impact by offering products that are environmentally aware.

The Climate Bonds Standard Board operates as an advisory committee of the Climate Bonds Initiative Board and oversees the development of the Climate Bonds Standard. The Climate Bonds Standard and Certification Scheme is a labelling scheme for bonds and loans. Rigorous scientific criteria ensure that bonds and loans with Certification are consistent with the 2 degrees Celsius warming limit in the Paris Agreement.

The scheme is used globally by bond issuers, governments, investors, and financial markets to prioritise investments which genuinely contribute to addressing climate change.

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Council has \$8,000,000 (3.5% of the total portfolio) invested in deposits with Westpac which have been deemed suitable to carry the Climate Bonds Standard Certification badge.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

Council has a fiduciary responsibility to exercise the care, diligence, and skill that a prudent person would exercise in managing the affairs of other persons.

Council's investments, as listed in Table 2 of the attached Investment Report Pack, comply fully with section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, clause 212 of the Local Government General Regulations 2021, and Council's Investment Policy.

Certified by Kate Monaghan, Responsible Accounting Officer, 12/5/2023.

The Investment Policy was adopted by Council on 9 September 2022 and is due for review in September 2023.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

Over the last 12 months, Council's portfolio produced an annualised rate of return of 2.67%, outperforming the benchmark Bank Bill Index by 0.30%.

On 30 April 2023, the principal amount invested was \$230,403,765 and the 2022/23 financial year to date return was \$6,844,147 which exceeds Council's 2022/23 budgeted return by 72%.

Of the total \$230 million investment portfolio, Council holds \$28.3 million in TCorpIM long-term (LTGF) and medium-term (MTGF) funds. Both funds had positive returns in April 2023 posting respective gains of \$200,400 and \$97,419.

The following table shows the funds' performances since the original deposit.

	LTGF \$	MTGF \$
2017-18	981,891	-44,845
2018-19	1,160,462	635,485
2019-20	21,702	37,815
2020-21	2,557,413	927,076
2021-22	-1,300,450	-742,711
2022-23		
July	566,003	326,066
August	-79,823	-111,673
September	-504,031	-212,626
October	598,842	226,644
November	452,499	181,881
December	-503,526	-186,828
January	594,463	283,540
February	-138,427	-88,113
March	235,091	155,965
April	200,400	97,419
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June		
2022-23 YTD Total	1,421,492	672,275
Return since inception	4,842,510	1,485,095
Initial Placement	12,000,000	10,000,000

While these funds are exposed to additional investment risks to generate higher potential returns, they are structured with longer term time horizons. The minimum advised investment time frame for the MTGF is 5+ years and 10+ years for the LTGF.

Paired with cash asset classes, these growth assets form a diversified portfolio within the restrictions of the Investment Policy.

Council's cash and investment balance is made up of restricted and unrestricted funds. Restrictions can be external eg Developer Contributions, or internal eg by resolution of Council. Restricted investments cannot be used for general purpose expenses as they are either subject to some form of external legislative or contractual obligation or are dedicated to future Council commitments.

The following tables show the 30 April 2023 cash and investments balance by fund and by restriction.

Fund	\$
General	104,924,609
Water	40,424,346
Sewer	87,027,240
Trust	374,482
Unrestricted*	-2,346,913
Total Cash & Investments	230,403,765

Restriction	\$
Unexpended Loans	15,305,710
Developer Contributions	62,325,188
Unexpended Grants	17,540,800
External Restrictions (Other)	118,360,167
Internal Restrictions	11,147,798
DOE – Compensation	8,071,016
Total Restrictions	232,750,677
Unrestricted*	-2,346,913
Total Cash & Investments	230,403,765

Unrestricted funds are a working balance and fluctuate over time as Council's operational plan is carried out during the financial year. There is a negative unrestricted cash amount- meaning that internal restrictions of \$11,147,798 are not fully funded as at 30 April 2023.

During April 2023, Council lodged \$2.68 million in natural disaster recovery claims which, when received, will contribute to improving Council's unrestricted cash position.

Conclusion

On 30 April 2023, the 2022/23 financial year to date investment return amounted to \$6,844,147. Investment returns are added to the associated restricted funds (e.g. developer contributions) that form Council's investment portfolio.

Attachments

Attachment 1 Investment Report Pack - April 2023 (Under Separate Cover)

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Implementation of the First Nations Peoples' Language Component of the QPRC Road Names Policy (Ref: ; Author: Ormella/Knight)

File Reference: 26.4.1-04

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

<u>Report</u>

Since the adoption of the QPRC Road Names Policy in October 2022, staff have obtained written endorsement of proposed words from the relevant Local Aboriginal Lands Council (LALC); to secure appropriate First Nations Peoples' words for inclusion in the Register of Proposed Road Names:

Consultation with First Nations Peoples' stakeholders has resulted in a list of 29 indigenous words currently under consideration for inclusion in the Register of Proposed Road Names. We have identified that 14 words suggested by the LALC may not meet The NSW Geographic Names Board (GNB) minimum requirements in regard to similarity and the 30km proximity rule as Canberra has used First Nations People's language extensively for road names. This minimises the number of names we can use in certain localities west of Bungendore. Council staff are undertaking further consultation with Ngambri LALC to achieve a more extensive list of names that can be used in these areas.

Once suitable names have been endorsed by Council, they will be added to the Register of Proposed Road Names and upon final approved by GNB, will be available for use by developers of subdivisions where three or fewer new roads are created.

Staff have liaised with developers of major subdivisions to ensure they take steps to adhere to item 6.3.2 of the Road Names. Road name proposals for major subdivisions will be submitted to Council for consideration once the quota for First Nations Peoples' names has been reached and documented endorsement from the relevant LALC has been received.

Staff will be updating Council later in 2023, providing a review on a year implementing the QPRC Road Names Policy.

10.1 Implementation of the First Nations Peoples' Language Component of the QPRC Road Names Policy (Ref: ; Author: Ormella/Knight) (Continued)

The following table is the current list of First Nations Peoples' words proposed for road naming purposes under consideration by staff:

Word	Meaning	LALC	LIS Assessment
Dhurga	Traditional Language of Braidwood District	_	
Munkata Yuin	Indigenous people of Braidwood and Districts		
Yaranbul	Platypus		
Ngawal	White Cockatoo	Batemans	Suitable for use in
Djirangara	Tree Fern	Bay	eastern localities
Badbadhal	Geebung Tree		
Waagura	Crow		
Murumba	Brown snake		
Djagula	Lyrebird		
Warabin	Curlew		
Galu	Crane (white)	– Ngambri	Suitable for use in eastern localities
Bunduluk	Rosella		
Bunima	Blow (as wind)		
Dyara	Bower Bird		
Burugun	Echidna		
Winyu	Sun	Ngambri	In Use – Elm Grove, Bungendore
Weereewaa	Bad water (Lake George)		
Wamburang	Small Black Cookatoo		
Tirriwirri	Ironbark		
Yurung	Strong		
Umbe-Yueenbruk	Crow		
Mura	Pathway	Ngambri No	Under consideration.
Malian	Wedge Tail Eagle		Not for use in some
Wurungul	Brown Snake		western localities.
Nguru	Camp		
Gurrang	Clouds		
Bargang	Yellow- Box		
Burin	Stringybark		
Burrai	Wallaby		

Attachments

Nil

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

11.1 Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (Ref: ; Author: Richards/Duncan)

File Reference: 52.3.3

Recommendation

That Council note the minutes of Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Committee meeting held on 27 March 2023.

Summary

The Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Advisory Committee has submitted minutes of meeting held on 27 March 2023 for Council's information. There are no formal recommendations from the meeting minutes referred to Council for endorsement.

Attachments

Attachment 1	Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Advisory Committee Meeting
adaba	Minutes - 27 March 2023 (Under Separate Cover)

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL REPORTS OF COMMITTEES 11.2 Minutes of the QPRC Sports Council Meeting (Ref: ; Author: Richards/Duncan)

File Reference: 4.3.3

Recommendation

That Council note the draft minutes of the QPRC Sports Council held on 8 May 2023.

Summary

The QPRC Sports Council is an Organisational Committee of Council. It has submitted for Council's information, the minutes of their meeting held on 8 May 2023 (attached).

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.

The minutes of the QPRC Sports Council are be reported to Council for endorsement. There are no formal recommendations referred to Council for adoption.

Attachments

Attachment 1 QPRC Sports Council Draft Minutes - May 2023 (Under Separate Cover)

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 Minutes of the Queanbeyan Sporting Gallery Meeting

Item 16.1 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.