



**Edward
River**
COUNCIL

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

Date: Thursday, 19 August 2021
Time: 9.00am
Location: RFS Building, Macknight Drive,
Deniliquin

BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting

19 August 2021

**Philip Stone
General Manager**

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1 OPENING MEETING**2 LIVE STREAMING STATEMENT**

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Ordinary Council Meeting - 15 July 2021



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MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

15 July 2021

**MINUTES OF EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE RFS BUILDING, MACKNIGHT DRIVE, DENILIQUN
ON THURSDAY, 15 JULY 2021 AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT: Cr Norm Brennan (Mayor), Cr Pat Fogarty (Deputy Mayor), Cr Peta Betts, Cr Marg Bull, Cr Ashley Hall, Cr Norm McAllister, Cr Peter McCrabb, Cr Nick Metcalfe

IN ATTENDANCE: Phil Stone, General Manager; Mark Dalzell, Director Infrastructure; Suni Campbell, Director Corporate Services; Nicole Rogers, Project Coordinator

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1 OPENING MEETING

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge that we are here today on the land of the Wamba Wamba Perrepa Perrepa people. I would also like to acknowledge and pay my respects to past Aboriginal Elders, the present Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who reside within this area, and their future generations.

3 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

I have come here as a Councillor freely and without bias to:

- Represent the views of the community in considering the matters before us today
- To vote in a matter I consider to be in the best interest of the community
- To observe the Code of Conduct and respect the rule of the chair and views of my fellow Councillors.

4 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION 2021/89

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That the apology received from Cr Mac Wallace be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2021/90

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 June 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

7 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

That the matter of item 10.6 2021-2023 MoU – Deni Play on the Plains Festival Ltd be discussed following confidential matters and that item 10.9 Saleyards Strategic Plan be discussed following item 10.5 Delegation to General Manager.

8 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**10.1 MAYOR, COUNCILLORS AND GENERAL MANAGER MEETINGS****RESOLUTION 2021/91**

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty

Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That Council note the Mayor, Councillors and General Manager meetings attended during the month of June 2021, undertaken either remotely, or adhering to COVID-19 distancing regulations.

CARRIED

10.2 RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL**RESOLUTION 2021/92**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Pat Fogarty

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council as at 9 July 2021.

CARRIED

10.3 INVESTMENT & RESERVES REPORT JUNE 2021**RESOLUTION 2021/93**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Norm McAllister

That That Council:

1. Note and receive the June 2021 report on Investments totalling \$46,791,852 inclusive of cash at bank for day-to-day operations.
2. Note that actual interest received for the month of June 2021 was \$18,405.
3. Note that accrued interest earned to 30 June 2021 but not yet received was \$135,752.
4. Note the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer and adopt the Investment Report.

CARRIED

10.4 2020-2021 ESTIMATED CARRY FORWARD CAPITAL AND OPERATING EXPENSES**RESOLUTION 2021/94**

Moved: Cr Peta Betts

Seconded: Cr Norm McAllister

1. Note the progress of the carry forward of expenditure and funding from 2020-2021 into the current financial year 2021-2022.

CARRIED

10.5 DELEGATION TO GENERAL MANAGER**RESOLUTION 2021/95**

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That Council confirm the delegations under section 377 of the Local Government Act to Council's General Manager, Philip Stone, and note the minor administrative corrections to the Document history in Part 1 and the corrected name in Part 2 of the approved delegations documents.

CARRIED

10.9 SALEYARDS STRATEGIC PLAN**RESOLUTION 2021/96**

Moved: Cr Ashley Hall

Seconded: Cr Pat Fogarty

That Council:

1. Council defer decision to divest and close the cattle yards and not adopt strategic plan for 12 months.
2. Form a user group to assist Council and the new lease holder to improve the facility.
3. Council investigate the scaling down to three runs to a 300 head of cattle capacity in 12 months.
4. Council initiate a complete WHS report on the three cattle runs.
5. Provides a report with a recommendation on the outcome of the expression of interest process by November 2021.
6. Includes the development of the Saleyards in its advocacy strategy and investigates funding opportunities to assist with future development of the sales.
7. Includes the development of the saleyards in Council's long term financial plan, and
8. Prepares a management plan for the ongoing operation of the sale yards facility.

CARRIED

10.7 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT**RESOLUTION 2021/97**

Moved: Cr Norm McAllister

Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That Council note the Development Services Report for June 2021

CARRIED

10.8 DENILIQVIN AIRPORT RUNWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**RESOLUTION 2021/98**

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty

Seconded: Cr Ashley Hall

That Council:

1. Endorses the reduction in scope for the Deniliquin Airport Runway Reconstruction project so that the estimated cost for the project is \$3.5M,
2. Negotiates with the Federal Government regarding the change of scope for the Deniliquin Airport Runway Reconstruction project, and
3. Approve an application for a loan facility of up to \$1.75M over the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years to match the funding received from the Commonwealth Regional Airport Program towards the Deniliquin Airport Runway Reconstruction Project.

CARRIED

In Favour: Crs Norm Brennan, Pat Fogarty, Peta Betts, Marg Bull, Ashley Hall and Nick Metcalfe

Against: Crs Norm McAllister and Peter McCrabb

CARRIED 6/2

Cr Pat Fogarty left the Chambers at 10.20am.

10.10 OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT UPDATE**RESOLUTION 2021/99**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That Council receive and note the June 2021 Operations Department Update.

CARRIED

10.11 MAJOR PROJECTS PROGRAM - JULY 2021 - PROGRESS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2021/100**

Moved: Cr Marg Bull

Seconded: Cr Peta Betts

That Council note the Major Projects Program from various funding sources - Progress Report for July 2021.

CARRIED

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil

11 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**RESOLUTION 2021/101**

Moved: Cr Ashley Hall

Seconded: Cr Peter McCrabb

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

13.1 Ute Muster Festival Outstanding Debts

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

13.2 Appointment of Code of Conduct Review Panel

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - f of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with details of systems and/or arrangements that have been implemented to protect council, councillors, staff and Council property.

13.3 Minor Organisational restructure

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

CARRIED

Cr Peta Betts left the Chambers at 10.48am and did not return.

13.1 UTE MUSTER FESTIVAL OUTSTANDING DEBTS**RESOLUTION 2021/102**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Nick Metcalfe

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Authorise the write-off of bad trade debt amounting to **\$7,226.10** that is unrecoverable in accordance with *clause 213(3) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*

CARRIED

13.2 APPOINTMENT OF CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW PANEL**RESOLUTION 2021/103**

Moved: Cr Marg Bull

Seconded: Cr Peter McCrabb

That Council notes the outcomes of the Expression of Interest (EOI) process conducted by the Joint Organisation, on behalf of member Councils, and appoint the following recommended six organisations as members of Council's Conduct Review Panel for the negotiated period of 4 years.

- Local Government Legal
- Moray and Agnew Lawyers
- BAL Lawyers
- Sinc Solutions
- Centium
- Work Wise

CARRIED

Council Staff Mark Dalzell, Suni Campbell and Nicole Rogers left the Chambers at 11.10am.
Cr Pat Fogarty returned to the Chambers at 11.10am.

13.3 MINOR ORGANISATIONAL RESTRUCTURE**RESOLUTION 2021/104**

Moved: Cr Peter McCrabb

Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That Council:

1. Endorse the minor organisational restructure as detailed in attachment 1

CARRIED

Council Staff Mark Dalzell, Suni Campbell and Nicole Rogers returned to the Chambers at 11.25am.

RESOLUTION 2021/105

Moved: Cr Ashley Hall
Seconded: Cr Peter McCrabb

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

10.6 2021-2023 MOU - DENI PLAY ON THE PLAINS FESTIVAL LTD.

RESOLUTION 2021/106

Moved: Cr Nick Metcalfe
Seconded: Cr Marg Bull

That Council:

1. Approve the 2021-2023 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) agreement between Edward River Council and Deni Play on the Plains Festival Ltd.
2. Authorises the General Manager to provide written confirmation to Deni Play on the Plains Festival Ltd. to enact this MoU.

CARRIED

13 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 11.12am

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 August 2021.

.....
CHAIRPERSON

7 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

8 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

Nil

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**9.1 MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 JULY 2021**

Author: Belinda Perrett, Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Philip Stone, General Manager

SUMMARY

That Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee meeting from 12 July 2021 in attachment 2, and
2. Retain the current membership of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee as detailed in the committee charter (attachment 1) and review the structure and membership in 12 months' time.

BACKGROUND

Council resolved to establish an Aboriginal liaison committee in July 2020 and the first of these meetings was held on 12 July 2021. Council representatives are Cr Peta Betts (Chair), Cr Pat Fogarty, and the general manager. One representative has been invited to attend from the following groups:

- Yarkuwa Indigenous Knowledge Centre
- Deniliquin Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Deniliquin Kolety Lagoons Landcare Group
- Western NSW Regional National Indigenous Australians Agency
- Intereach

1. The minutes of the 12 July meeting are attached and are tabled for noting.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The following members attended the meeting:

Cr Peta Betts

Cr Pat Fogarty

Mr Philip Stone

Michelle Tai – Interreach

Tony OHalloran - Western NSW Regional NIAA

David Crew – Yarkuwa

Ms Rose Dunn from Deniliquin, Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Deniliquin Kolety Lagoons Landcare Group were apologies.

During the meeting, the deputy chair position was resolved to be Mr David Crew from Yarkuwa.

Attendees/membership

The minutes of the 12 July 2021 meeting of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee are detailed in attachment 2.

The Denilquin Kolety Lagoons Landcare Group had not determined whether it was to be a member. There will be an annual general meeting of this group in late August, and a decision on attending will be resolved at that meeting.

It was suggested that both the Chair and CEO of the Aboriginal Organisations be invited to participate rather than one representative from each group. It was also recommended to invite the following groups to be members of the committee:

- The Aboriginal Community Working Party
- Werai Land and Water Aboriginal Corporation

Given that this is a newly created committee, expanding the committee membership will have implications for time and meeting order with potentially 17 members, rather than the current structure of eight.

Additionally, it is considered reasonable that the members of the committee provide updates back into their networks and provide representation from other aboriginal representative groups into the committee, therefore retaining the committee as a small, strategic group.

Therefore, it is not recommended to change the structure of the committee at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

1. OBJECTIVE

The Aboriginal Liaison Committee is a committee of Council responsive to community needs. The effectiveness of the committee depends on community support.

- 1.1 To provide a forum for discussion between Council and the Aboriginal Community of the Edward River Council on key areas.
- 1.2 To facilitate partnerships with Aboriginal organisations and community members to assist in the delivery of the Community Strategic Plan.
- 1.3 To look for opportunities to collaborate on mutually beneficial projects.

2. EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY

- 2.1 The Committee is an advisory committee of Council, the Aboriginal Liaison Committee does not have executive power or authority to direct Council staff, nor does it enjoy the delegation of any powers, functions, or duties of Council.
- 2.2 All decisions of the Committee will, therefore, constitute recommendations to Council and other major stakeholders where relevant.

3. COMPOSITION

Members (Voting)

- 3.1 The Committee shall comprise the following voting members:

Committee Member	Nomination Process
General Manager of Edward River Council (or delegate)	
Two (2) Councillors	Endorsed by Council resolution.
One (1) Representative from:-	*Yarkuwa Indigenous Knowledge Centre *Deniliquin Local Aboriginal Land Council *Deniliquin Kolety Lagoons Landcare Group *Western NSW Regional National Indigenous Australians Agency *Intereach

- 3.2 At the first meeting of the Committee following the local government elections and appointment of members, the Committee shall elect from its number:
 - a. A chairperson from the two (2) Councillors appointed to the Committee.
 - b. A deputy chairperson from one (1) of the above agencies.

Attendees (Non-voting)

- 3.3 The following Council Officer is a non-voting attendee of the Committee:
 - a. Executive Assistant to the General Manager.

Other staff members may be called in as necessary.
- 3.4 The Committee may co-opt, or make use of the services of, any other persons for the purpose of investigating or deliberating on any specific matter or on any other

temporary basis. A person invited to assist the Committee is not a member and is not entitled to vote.

Terms of Office

- 3.5 Members of the Committee hold office for the term of Council during which they have been appointed.
- 3.6 A member of the Committee will hold office while he or she is a member of the Council or an Officer of the Council, or, in the case of members representing an external body or organisation, while they continue to be authorised by that body or organisation to represent it.

Vacation of Office

- 3.7 The office of an elected, appointed, or representative member of the Committee shall become vacant:
 - a. If he/she resigns his/her membership by notice in writing to the Committee.
 - b. If he/she is absent for more than three (3) consecutive meetings without prior leave of the Committee.
 - c. If he/she commits any breach of this Committee Charter.
 - d. If the Committee is dissolved by Council.
 - e. If the position is used for any pecuniary interest of the individual.
 - f. On the retirement of the Council.
 - g. By death, mental incapacitation or by serving of a criminal sentence.

4. ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 The Committee's responsibilities are:
 - a. To facilitate a forum for discussion between Council and the Aboriginal Community of the Edward River Council on key issues.
 - b. To facilitate partnerships with Aboriginal organisations and community members to assist in the delivery of the Community Strategic Plan.
- 4.3 In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee must always recognise that primary responsibility for management of Council rests with the Council and the General Manager as defined by the NSW *Local Government Act 1993*.
- 4.4 The responsibilities of the Committee may be revised or expanded by the Council from time to time.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Attendance at Meetings and Quorums

- 5.1 Meetings will be held at least twice per calendar year and will be conducted within an Edward River Council facility.
- 5.1 A quorum will consist of a majority of Committee members, including at least one (1) Community Representative member. Meetings can be held in person, by telephone or by video conference.
- 5.2 If a quorum is not reached with ten (10) minutes of the appointed starting time, the

meeting shall:

- (a) be adjourned to a time determined by the Chairperson in consultation with the staff member performing Secretariat duties to ensure that the adjourned time does not clash with other scheduled meetings or;
- (b) continue as an Inquorate discussion.

Inquorate Meetings

- 5.3 In the event that a meeting does not have the required quorum, those members present can determine whether they would like to continue with the meeting as an Inquorate Discussion. In this case, recommendations for decisions cannot be made, but can be carried forward to subsequent meetings where a quorum is present. Minutes of an inquorate discussion must take the form of Inquorate Discussion Notes. The members present at an inquorate discussion cannot put or carry any motion or resolution.

Secretariat

- 5.4 A staff member from Edward River Council's Economic Development and Tourism team will be responsible for ensuring that the Committee has adequate secretariat support. The Secretariat will ensure the agenda for each meeting and supporting papers are circulated, at least one week before the meeting, and ensure minutes of the meetings are prepared and maintained.
- 5.5 Minutes shall be approved by the Chair and circulated to each member within two (2) weeks of the meeting being held.

Conflict of Interests

- 5.6 Councillors, Council staff and members of Council Committees must comply with the applicable provisions of Council's Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice in carrying out the functions as Council officials. It is the personal responsibility of Council officials to comply with the standards in these Codes and regularly review their personal circumstances with these in mind.
- 5.7 Committee members must declare any conflict of interests at the start of each meeting or before discussion of a relevant agenda item or topic. Details of any conflicts of interest should be appropriately minuted.
- 5.8 Where members or invitees at Committee meetings are deemed to have a real or perceived conflict of interest, it may be appropriate they be excused from Committee deliberations on the issue where the conflict of interest may exist. The final arbiter of such a decision is the Chair of the Committee.

Induction

- 5.9 New members will receive relevant information and briefings on their appointment to assist them to meet their Committee responsibilities.

6. RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND GUIDANCE

- NSW Local Government Act 1993
- Edward River Council Code of Conduct
- Edward River Council Code of Meeting Practice

Present: Cr Peta Betts, Cr Pat Fogarty, Phil Stone, Michelle Tai, Tony O'Halloran,
David Crew, Belinda Perrett (Minutes)

Apologies: Rose Dunn

Chair: Cr Peta Betts

Meeting Opened 9.00am

INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPATES

David apologised on behalf of Rose Dunn who will be able to join later.

COMMITTEE CHARTER INCLUDING OBJECTIVES

Endorsement of Charter

Membership: David Crew reported that the Deniliquin Kolety Lagoons Landcare Group were unsure as to why they were included. Belinda to contact Ian Fisher, Chair of the Deniliquin Kolety Lagoons Landcare Group to request in writing their decision not to participate.

David Crew suggested that both the Chair and CEO of the Aboriginal Organisations – (thus including governance and operational) be invited to participate rather than one representative. David also recommended including –

- The Aboriginal Community Working Party currently chaired by Karen Wilson
- Werai Land and Water Aboriginal Corporation

Deputy Chair

Participates agreed that there should be an Interim Deputy Chair, this to be the representative from Yarkuwa.

Role and Responsibilities

To be a voice to Council. Bringing organisations together to work towards common goals and to assist with co-ordination.

Meetings

The Charter states that meetings will be held at least twice per calendar year, this does not exclude additional meetings being held.

As this is the first meeting of this committee it was recommended that following the Council Elections and with the appointment of Councillors to Committees that a couple of meetings be held to address and work upon current activities.

Conflicts of Interest

The Local Government Act has specific guidelines around conflicts of interest; therefore, it should be noted that these meeting will comply with Council's Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice.

Following this discussion all those present agreed to endorse the current Charter and will await advice from Council as to the inclusion of other representatives.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Tony O'Halloran gave a brief outline of "Closing the Gap" of which Local Government Australia is a signatory.

Tony will be able to provide more advice on this at the next Committee meeting, however briefly it has ambitious targets, particularly around employment and Economic Development Opportunities involving local communities with local targets which make it tangible. Ensuring that Aboriginal People have a say and to listen and collaborate.

David Crew drew attention to Werai Enterprises and the need for assistance in a current intergenerational project. Plus, Cultural and Heritage site management, in particular site near pioneer gardens and an area on the Barham Road. This could be a body of work that the committee can work on together incorporating the planning part of Council.

Other points raised by David included Language Application and Tourism Opportunities

Michelle Tai, Intereach requested a copy of the Aboriginal Community Working Party terms of reference to understand and clarify relationships.

Next meeting – where does this committee sit within the strategies such as the Cultural and Heritage site management. Then for council becomes aware. Issues to Committee and then directed into the correct space.

Next meeting early October and another in November included on the agenda: -

- "Closing the Gap"
- Cultural and Heritage Site Management

The following recommendations from this meeting will be taken to the August Council meeting as will the full minutes.

- That written confirmation be requested from Deniliquin Kolety Lagoons Landcare Group as to their decision not to participate.
- Suggest that both the Chair and CEO of the Aboriginal Organisation be invited to participate rather than one representative.
- An invitation to join the committee be extended to The Aboriginal Community Working Party and the Werai Land and Water Aboriginal Corporation.

Meeting closed 10am.

10 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**10.1 MAYOR, COUNCILLORS AND GENERAL MANAGER MEETINGS****Author:** Belinda Perrett, Executive Assistant**Authoriser:** Philip Stone, General Manager**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note the Mayor, Councillors and General Manager meetings attended during the month of July 2021, undertaken either remotely, or adhering to COVID-19 distancing regulations.

BACKGROUND

The report details meetings undertaken on behalf of Council by the Mayor, Councillors and the General Manager in July 2021.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Mayor, Councillor and General Manager meetings July 2021			
Date	Participants	Topic	Council Reps
July 1	Murray Socio Economic Activation Taskforce	Regional Tourism	Mayor, General Manager
July 2	Victorian Travel	Permit Update	Mayor, General Manager
July 5	NAIDOC Week	Flag Raising Ceremony	Mayor, General Manager
July 6	Boooroban Community Members	Community Strategic Plan	General Manager
July 7	Conargo Residents	Community Strategic Plan	Cr Bull
July 7	Conargo Hall Committee	Committee Meeting	Cr Bull
July 9	Aboriginal Liaison Committee	Committee Meeting	Cr Betts, Deputy Mayor, General Manager
July 15	Deniliquin Boat Club Committee	Forward Plans	General Manager
July 15	Deniliquin Health Action Group	Committee Meeting	Mayor
July 26	Carol Stevenson	Site Inspection	Deputy Mayor, General Manager
July 16	South West Arts	AGM	Mayor, General Manager
July 19	Seniors Living	Committee Meeting	Deputy Mayor, Cr Betts, Cr Hall, General Manager
July 19	Candidate Information Session	Election Material	General Manager
July 20	Deniliquin High School	Advocacy Strategy	Mayor, General Manager
July 21	Candidate Information Session	Election Material	General Manager

July 23	Councillors	GM 12 month review	Councillors, General Manager
July 26	Cross Border	Briefing	Mayor, General Manager
July 28	Senior's Living	Community Meeting	Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Betts, Cr Bull, Cr Hall, General Manager
July 29	Murray Socio Economic Taskforce	Member Meeting	Mayor, General Manager
July 30	Border Closures	Border Community Mayors	Mayor
July 30	SW Music	CEO Farewell	Cr Bull
July 30	Murray Regional Tourism	Strategic Briefing	General Manager

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

N/A

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

5.1 Our community is informed and engaged.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

10.2 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES REPORT

Author: Belinda Perrett, Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Philip Stone, General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Councillor Expenses Report for the period 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, contained at Attachment 1.
2. Note that the Councillor Expenses Report will be published to Council's website in accordance with clause 15.2 of the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.

BACKGROUND

Section 252 of the *Local Government Act 1993* ("the Act") requires all councils to adopt a policy concerning the payment of expenses incurred or to be incurred by, and the provision of facilities to, the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and other Councillors in relation to discharging the functions of civic office.

Pursuant to section 252 of the Act, Council resolved to adopt its current Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy ("the Policy") at its Ordinary Meeting held 14 December 2017 [267/17]. Consistent with the requirements outlined in section 253 of the Act, the Policy was placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days prior to its adoption.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The Policy is largely modelled on the template Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy published by the Office of Local Government (OLG). As with the OLG's policy template, the Policy provides at clause 15.2:

"Detailed reports on the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors will be publicly tabled at a Council meeting every six months and published in full on Council's website.

These reports will include expenditure summarised by individual Councillor and as a total for all Councillors."

The Councillor Expenses Report contained at Attachment 1 complies with the above requirement and covers the entire 2020-2021 financial year, being the period 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Under clause 217(1)(a1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, Council must include in its Annual Report the total cost during the year of the expenses of, and the provision of facilities to, Councillors in relation to their civic functions. Schedule 1 of the *Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2009* further provides that this information is classified as open access information for the purposes of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*. The Policy reflects these legislative provisions and requires the Councillor Expenses Report to be published to Council's website.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

- Outcome 5.1 – Our community is informed and engaged.
- Outcome 5.3 – Our local government is efficient, innovative and financially sustainable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993

- Section 252 – Payment of expenses and provision of facilities
- Section 253 – Requirements before policy concerning expenses and facilities can be adopted or amended

ATTACHMENTS

1. Councillor Expense Report July 2020 to June 2021



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Councillor Expenses Report
30 June 2021

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About this Report

Section 252 of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires all councils to adopt a policy concerning the payment of expenses incurred or to be incurred by, and the provision of facilities to, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors in relation to discharging the functions of civic office.

Edward River Council (Council) adopted its current Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy at its Ordinary Meeting held 14 December 2017. This policy enables the reasonable and appropriate reimbursement of expenses and provision of facilities to Councillors to help them undertake their civic duties. It ensures accountability and transparency and seeks to align Councillor expenses and facilities with community expectations.

Clause 15 of Council's Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy provides:

- 15.1 *Council will report on the provision of expenses and facilities to councillors as required in the Local Government Act 1993 and Regulations.*
- 15.2 *Detailed reports on the provision of expenses and facilities to councillors will be publicly tabled at a council meeting every six months and published in full on council's website. These reports will include expenditure summarised by individual councillor and as a total for all councillors.*

Council's Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy can be accessed from Council's website at www.edwardriver.nsw.gov.aError! Hyperlink reference not valid.

COUNCILLORS (All)						
Expense Description	Maximum Amount	Expense				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD Total
General travel expenses (use of private motor vehicle)	As per Local Government (State) Award 2017 (Part B table 2).	\$2,145.00	\$4,224.65	\$2,855.07	\$3,773.79	12,998.51
Interstate, overseas and long distance intrastate travel expenses	\$5,000 total for all Councillors.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Accommodation	\$300 per night; \$500 per night capital cities.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Professional development	As per adopted budget.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Conferences and seminars	Actual costs including accommodation and travel.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$192.50	\$00.00	\$192.50
ICT expenses	As per adopted budget.	\$340.58	\$213.30	\$340.58	\$213.30	\$1,107.76
Carer expenses	\$20 per hour to maximum \$1800 per annum or higher if by resolution of Council.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
						\$14,298.77

BRENNAN, Councillor Norm (Mayor)						
Expense Description	Maximum Amount	Expense				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD Total
General travel expenses (use of private motor vehicle)	As per Local Government (State) Award 2017 (Part B table 2).	\$216.27	\$1,579.29	\$1,068.15	\$958.69	\$3,822.40
Interstate, overseas and long distance intrastate travel expenses	\$5,000 total for all Councillors.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Accommodation	\$300 per night; \$500 per night capital cities.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Professional development	As per adopted budget.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Conferences and seminars	Actual costs including accommodation and travel.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$192.50	\$00.00	\$192.50
ICT expenses	As per adopted budget.	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$94.80
Carer expenses	\$20 per hour to maximum \$1800 per annum or higher if by resolution of Council.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
						\$4,109.70

FOGARTY, Councillor Pat (Deputy Mayor)						
Expense Description	Maximum Amount	Expense				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD Total
General travel expenses (use of private motor vehicle)	As per Local Government (State) Award 2017 (Part B table 2).	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Interstate, overseas and long distance intrastate travel expenses	\$5,000 total for all Councillors.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Accommodation	\$300 per night; \$500 per night capital cities.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Professional development	As per adopted budget.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Conferences and seminars	Actual costs including accommodation and travel.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
ICT expenses	As per adopted budget.	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$94.80
Carer expenses	\$20 per hour to maximum \$1800 per annum or higher if by resolution of Council.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
						\$94.80

BETTS, Councillor Peta						
Expense Description	Maximum Amount	Expense				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD Total
General travel expenses (use of private motor vehicle)	As per Local Government (State) Award 2017 (Part B table 2).	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Interstate, overseas and long distance intrastate travel expenses	\$5,000 total for all Councillors.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Accommodation	\$300 per night; \$500 per night capital cities.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Professional development	As per adopted budget.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Conferences and seminars	Actual costs including accommodation and travel.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
ICT expenses	As per adopted budget.	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$94.80
Carer expenses	\$20 per hour to maximum \$1800 per annum or higher if by resolution of Council.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
						\$94.80

BULL, Councillor Marg						
Expense Description	Maximum Amount	Expense				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD Total
General travel expenses (use of private motor vehicle)	As per Local Government (State) Award 2017 (Part B table 2).	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$113.45	\$00.00	\$113.45
Interstate, overseas and long distance intrastate travel expenses	\$5,000 total for all Councillors.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Accommodation	\$300 per night; \$500 per night capital cities.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Professional development	As per adopted budget.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Conferences and seminars	Actual costs including accommodation and travel.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
ICT expenses	As per adopted budget.	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$94.80
Carer expenses	\$20 per hour to maximum \$1800 per annum or higher if by resolution of Council.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
						\$208.25

HALL, Councillor Ashley						
Expense Description	Maximum Amount	Expense				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD Total
General travel expenses (use of private motor vehicle)	As per Local Government (State) Award 2017 (Part B table 2).	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Interstate, overseas and long distance intrastate travel expenses	\$5,000 total for all Councillors.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Accommodation	\$300 per night; \$500 per night capital cities.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Professional development	As per adopted budget.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Conferences and seminars	Actual costs including accommodation and travel.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
ICT expenses	As per adopted budget.	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$94.80
Carer expenses	\$20 per hour to maximum \$1800 per annum or higher if by resolution of Council.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
						\$94.80

McALLISTER, Councillor Norm						
Expense Description	Maximum Amount	Expense				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD Total
General travel expenses (use of private motor vehicle)	As per Local Government (State) Award 2017 (Part B table 2).	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Interstate, overseas and long distance intrastate travel expenses	\$5,000 total for all Councillors.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Accommodation	\$300 per night; \$500 per night capital cities.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Professional development	As per adopted budget.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Conferences and seminars	Actual costs including accommodation and travel.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
ICT expenses	As per adopted budget.	\$87.34	\$23.70	\$87.34	\$23.70	\$222.08
Carer expenses	\$20 per hour to maximum \$1800 per annum or higher if by resolution of Council.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
						\$222.08

McCRABB, Councillor Peter						
Expense Description	Maximum Amount	Expense				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD Total
General travel expenses (use of private motor vehicle)	As per Local Government (State) Award 2017 (Part B table 2).	\$744.55	\$1,542.00	\$687.82	\$1,716.00	\$4,690.37
Interstate, overseas and long distance intrastate travel expenses	\$5,000 total for all Councillors.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Accommodation	\$300 per night; \$500 per night capital cities.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Professional development	As per adopted budget.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Conferences and seminars	Actual costs including accommodation and travel.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
ICT expenses	As per adopted budget.	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$94.80
Carer expenses	\$20 per hour to maximum \$1800 per annum or higher if by resolution of Council.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
						\$4,785.17

METCALFE, Councillor Nick						
Expense Description	Maximum Amount	Expense				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD Total
General travel expenses (use of private motor vehicle)	As per Local Government (State) Award 2017 (Part B table 2).	\$191.45	\$96.44	\$248.18	\$248.18	\$784.25
Interstate, overseas and long distance intrastate travel expenses	\$5,000 total for all Councillors.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Accommodation	\$300 per night; \$500 per night capital cities.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Professional development	As per adopted budget.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Conferences and seminars	Actual costs including accommodation and travel.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
ICT expenses	As per adopted budget.	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$23.70	\$94.80
Carer expenses	\$20 per hour to maximum \$1800 per annum or higher if by resolution of Council.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
						\$879.05

WALLACE, Councillor Mac						
Expense Description	Maximum Amount	Expense				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD Total
General travel expenses (use of private motor vehicle)	As per Local Government (State) Award 2017 (Part B table 2).	\$992.73	\$1,006.92	\$850.92	\$850.92	\$3,701.49
Interstate, overseas and long distance intrastate travel expenses	\$5,000 total for all Councillors.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Accommodation	\$300 per night; \$500 per night capital cities.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Professional development	As per adopted budget.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
Conferences and seminars	Actual costs including accommodation and travel.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
ICT expenses	As per adopted budget.	\$87.34	\$23.70	\$87.34	\$23.70	\$222.08
Carer expenses	\$20 per hour to maximum \$1800 per annum or higher if by resolution of Council.	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00
						\$3,923.57

10.3 RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council as at 10 August 2021.

BACKGROUND

The attached report details the status of open Resolutions of Council.

Total Resolutions of Council for the 2020/2021 Financial Year – 203

Total Closed Resolutions for the 2020/2021 Financial Year – 192

Total Resolutions of Council for the 2021/2022 Financial Year – 17

Total Closed Resolutions for the 2021/2022 Financial Year - 15

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Monthly report to update Councillors and community members on the progress of Council Resolutions.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

As outlined in the status updates.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

This report aligns with Outcome 5 – A community working together to achieve its potential. Particularly it supports outcome 5.3, our local government is efficient, innovative, and financially sustainable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS**1. Resolutions of Council**

15 July 2021	Resolution	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2021/96	<p>Saleyards Strategic Plan That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council defer decision to divest and close the cattle yards and not adopt strategic plan for 12 months. 2. Form a user group to assist Council and the new lease holder to improve the facility. 3. Council investigate the scaling down to three runs to a 300 head of cattle capacity in 12 months. 4. Council initiate a complete WHS report on the three cattle runs. 5. Provides a report with a recommendation on the outcome of the expression of interest process by November 2021. 6. Includes the development of the Saleyards in its advocacy strategy and investigates funding opportunities to assist with future development of the sales. 7. Includes the development of the saleyards in Council's long term financial plan, and 8. Prepares a management plan for the ongoing operation of the sale yards facility. 	Director Infrastructure	<p>Noted to take to Council in 12 months.</p> <p>Underway</p> <p>Underway</p> <p>Underway</p> <p>Underway</p> <p>Underway</p> <p>Underway</p>	November 2021
2021/98	<p>Deniliquin Airport Runway Reconstruction Project That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorses the reduction in scope for the Deniliquin Airport Runway Reconstruction project so that the estimated cost for the project is \$3.5M, 2. Negotiates with the Federal Government regarding the change of scope for the Deniliquin Airport Runway Reconstruction project, and 3. Approve an application for a loan facility of up to \$1.75M over the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years to match the funding received from the Commonwealth Regional Airport Program towards the Deniliquin Airport Runway Reconstruction Project. 	Director Infrastructure	<p>Underway</p> <p>Awaiting response from Federal Government.</p> <p>Underway</p>	June 2022 (Could be delayed due to postponed local government elections)

2021/102	<p>Ute Muster Festival Outstanding Debts That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive and note the report. 2. Authorise the write-off of bad trade debt amounting to \$7,226.10 that is unrecoverable in accordance with <i>clause 213(3) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005</i> 	Director Corporate Services	Completed	Closed
2021/103	<p>Appointment of Code of Conduction Review Panel That Council notes the outcomes of the Expression of Interest (EOI) process conducted by the Joint Organisation, on behalf of member Councils, and appoint the following recommended six organisations as members of Council's Conduct Review Panel for the negotiated period of 4 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Government Legal - Moray and Agnew Lawyers - BAL Lawyers - Sinc Solutions - Centium - Work Wise 	Director Corporate Services	Noted	Closed
2021/104	<p>Minor Organisational Restructure That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the minor organisational restructure as detailed in attachment 1 	General Manager	Restructure completed	Closed
2021/106	<p>2021/2023 MOU-Deni Play on the Plains Festival Ltd That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the 2021-2023 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) agreement between Edward River Council and Deni Play on the Plains Festival Ltd. 2. Authorises the General Manager to provide written confirmation to Deni Play on the Plains Festival Ltd. To enact this MoU. 	General Manager	Written Confirmation provided	Closed

17 June 2021	Resolution	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2021/73	<p>Edward River Seniors Living Precinct That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the initial Business Case for the Edward River Council Seniors Living Precinct (SLP) with the following principles and assumptions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The capital and operational financial model, updated with the recent \$1m Murray Darling Basin grant, shows an operating surplus estimated for year 5, depending on demand. b. Marketing dwellings “off the plan” to confirm the number of dwellings required for construction in the first stage. c. Operating the SLP under a “Deferred Management Fee (DMF)” structure with a lifetime loan/lease/license arrangement. d. Initially adopting a 40% DMF over an 8-year term. 2. Adopt six standard floor plans: Designs A, N and X – 3 Bedroom dwellings, and Designs C, D and Q – 2 Bedroom dwellings, for detailed design by the architect. 3. Commence the development of a Section 355 Committee as the initial governance mechanism of the SLP, noting that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the terms of reference and appointment of the committee members are to be developed for future Council approval. b. the governance structure may change in future depending on how Council wishes to manage the SLP in the longer term. 	General Manager	<p>Underway</p> <p>Will be taken to the October Council Meeting</p>	<p>September</p> <p>October 2021</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Seek expert advice to assist in establishing the Entry Price of the various dwelling designs offered for sale. 5. Engage an independent agent to market and pre-sell dwellings for the initial project stages. 6. Proceed to tender for design and construction of dwellings and civil infrastructure to further. Firm up the financials of the business case and budgets, noting civil and dwelling designs are well advanced. 7. Design and install a new sign at the site of the project, showing the architect's impression of the village in full operation. 8. Develop designs for a gateway/entrance to the precinct. 9. Make budget provision for SLP capital reserves such as dwelling refurbishment and future capital development from the DMF fees and grants. 			
2021/75	<p>2021/2024 Funding Agreement – Murray Regional Tourism That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the 2021-2024 Funding Agreement between Edward River Council and Murray Regional Tourism, on the condition of Murray Regional Tourism agreeing to Edward River Council's requests. 2. Authorises the General Manager to provide written confirmation to Murray Regional Tourism to enact this Motion. 	General Manager	Underway. Written confirmation supplied	July 2021 Closed
2021/78	<p>Draft Industrial Land Strategy That Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the draft Industrial Land Strategy 2. Forward the Industrial Land Strategy to the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment and request that it be endorsed. 	Manager Development Services	Adopted. Forwarded for endorsement	September

2021/80	<p>Pretty Pine Reserve Committee's Request That Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter into an agreement with the Pretty Pine Reserve Committee to fund the construction of a second synthetic tennis court on a 50:50 basis up to a Council contribution of \$15,000, 2. Re-allocate \$15,000 from the Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Round One funding to the construction of a second synthetic tennis court at Pretty Pine Reserve, and 3. Consider the construction of a verandah at the Caretaker's cottage on the Pretty Pine Reserve as part of Council's building renewal program. 	Director Infrastructure	Completed	Closed
2021/81	<p>Potential Deniliquin Airport Residential Skypark Development That Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a business case for the development of a residential Skypark at Deniliquin Airport, 2. Allocate \$30,000 from Airport Industrial Land reserve towards the business case for a residential Skypark development at the Deniliquin Airport. 	Director Infrastructure	Underway. Will go to September workshop.	October Council meeting
2021/82	<p>Expression of Interest for Deniliquin Airport Industrial Area That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Undertakes a public exhibition period of 28-days regarding the sale of land in the Airport Precinct as defined in Attachment 1 to this report, and 2. Receives a further report regarding the Expression of Interest process following a 28-day exhibition period. 	Director Infrastructure	Underway	August Report
2021/86	<p>Request to Write-off Debtor Accounts That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive and note the report. 2. Authorise the write-off of bad trade debts amounting to \$13,860.68 for financial year 20/21 that are unrecoverable (as showing in Attachment 1) in accordance with <i>clause 213(3) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005</i> 	Manager Finance	Actioned	Closed
2021/87	Contract C2021/06 – George Street Reconstruction 20-21	Director Infrastructure		Closed

	<p>That Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accepts the revised tender submitted by Deni Civil and Construction Pty Ltd for Contract C2021/06 – George Street Reconstruction 20/21 for the lump sum tender price of \$184,263.00 + GST; 2. Authorise the General Manager and Mayor to sign and affix the Common Seal of Edward River Council to the contract documentation for Contract C2021/06 – George Street Reconstruction 20/21, and 3. Delegate the Contract Superintendent to approve variations up to a maximum of 10% of the contract value. 		<p>Accepted.</p> <p>Contract signed</p>	
18 February 2021	Resolution	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2021/2	<p>Bob White Memorial Trust</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss and endorse the establishment of the Bob White Memorial Trust and associated documents that support the formation of the Trust: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Trust Document (attachment 1) (b) The Conargo Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground Committee meeting minutes held in January 2021 (attachment 3) I The submission to the Minister for Local Government (attachment 4) 	Director Corporate Services	Placed on Public Exhibition for a period of 28 days. Submission sent to the Minister for Local Government Further information requested and supplied Office of Local Government contacted again. Expected to be completed by end of August.	<p>April 2021</p> <p>June 2021</p> <p>August 2021</p>
19 November 2020	Resolution	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion

<p>2020/236</p>	<p>328 Conroy Street That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter into an agreement with the property owners of 328 Conroy Street to close the section of the Conroy Street road reserve currently fenced into 328 Conroy Street, subject to the property owners agreeing to pay all costs relating to this matter, and; 2. Commence the road closure process in accordance with the requirements of the <i>Roads Act 1993</i> for the portion of Conroy Street that is currently fenced into 328 Conroy Street, subject to the property owners entering into an agreement with Council regarding this matter. 	<p>Acting Director Infrastructure</p>	<p>Property owner notified.</p>	<p>February 2021 30 April 2021 June 2021</p>
<p>2020/242</p>	<p>Purchase of one Bogie Drive Twin Steer Water Truck That Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accept the tender submitted by Johnson Truck and Coach Service for the purchase of a Volvo FM11 370 fitted with a Barry Burrows 18,000L Steel water tank for the contract price of \$290,909.09 excluding GST 2. Approve the sale of the existing truck (FM91) by Pickles Auctions. <p>AMENDMENT Moved: Cr Ashley Hall Seconded: Cr Peta Betts That Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accept the tender submitted by Johnson Truck and Coach Service for the purchase of a Volvo FM11 370 fitted with a Barry Burrows 18,000L Steel water tank for the contract price of \$209,909.09 excluding GST 2. Review the sale of the existing truck (FM91) by Pickles Auctions. 	<p>Acting Director Infrastructure</p>	<p>Letter of acceptance sent</p> <p>Waiting on delivery</p> <p>Delivered</p>	<p>February 2021</p> <p>April 2021</p> <p>June 2021</p> <p>Closed</p>
<p>15 October 2020</p>	<p>Resolution</p>	<p>Responsibility</p>	<p>Status</p>	<p>Expected Date of</p>

				Completion
2020/195	<p>Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 24 September 2020 That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Receive and note the Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 24 September 2020, contained at Attachment A. 2. Reviews the policy regarding the financial treatment of residual value of road assets. 3. Reviews the policy on the financial treatment of Grant Funding due to the changes in accounting standards 	Director Corporate Services	Commenced	June 2021
2020/203	<p>Planning Proposal No 10 – Lot 2DP1220715, Harfleur Street That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the Planning Proposal provided as Attachment 1 . 2. That Council request the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to prepare the draft amendment to the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 and provide Council with an Opinion that the Plan can be made. 3. That Council request Parliamentary Counsel to prepare the draft Amendment to the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 under section 3.36 (1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 	Manager Environmental Services (Acting)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completed 2. Completed 3. Awaiting response Responded. 	<p>Closed</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>February 2021 Closed</p>
2020/213	<p>Sale and Development of Lots 33, 34, 35 and 36 Saleyards Road That Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorise the General Manager to accept the current offer of \$250,000 inc. GST the sale of the Lots 33,34, 35 and 36 Saleyards Road, Deniliquin to Rhys Tremble Concreting and Engineering. 2. Require the Contract of Sale to be conditional on a development application being submitted with 12 months of signing the contract for the purposes of industrial use and development and include a buy back clause. 	Manager Community & Economic Development	Conditions agreed. Contract being prepared.	<p>November 2020</p> <p>February 2021</p> <p>April 2021</p> <p>June 2021</p> <p>August 2021</p>

	3. Authorise the General Manager and Mayor to sign and affix the Common Seal of Edward River Council to the contract documentation for Lots 33,34, 35 and 36 Saleyards Road, Deniliquin			
20 August 2020	Resolution	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2020/164	North Deniliquin Levee Upgrade Feasibility Report That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the North Deniliquin Levee Upgrade Feasibility Report, contained as Attachment 1 to this report, and; 2. Apply to Office of Environment and Heritage for funding of the works detailed in the North Deniliquin Levee Upgrade Feasibility Report 	Manager Engineering & Assets	Underway Waiting on funding details	October 2020 February 2021 April 2021 July 2021
16 July 2020	Resolution	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2020/144	Asset Management Plans That Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the current Transport, Buildings, Open Space and Recreation, Flood Mitigation and Drainage, Water and Sewerage Asset Management Plans; 2. Undertake a project to update the Asset Management Plans based on the outcomes from the Asset Revaluation project; and 3. Receive a further report in October 2020 regarding the Asset Management Plans. 	Manager Engineering and Assets	Asset Management Plans being updated.	15 October 2020 3 December 2020 February 2021 April 2021 June 2021 December 2021

10.4 INVESTMENTS AND RESERVES REPORT JULY 2021**Author: Bruce Maunganidze, Financial Accountant****Authoriser: Suni Campbell, Director Corporate Services****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Note and receive the July 2021 report on Investments totalling \$47,270,416 inclusive of cash at bank for day-to-day operations.
2. Note that actual interest earned in the month of July 2021 was \$25,122
3. Note that accrued interest earned to 31 July 2021 but not yet received was \$120,319.
4. Note the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer and adopt the Investment Report.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the investment of surplus funds and performance of Council's investment portfolio for the month to 31 July 2021 as required by *Regulation No 264 (Part 19) of the Local Government Act 1993*.

As at 31 July 2021, Council had a total of \$47,270,416 in invested funds. Interest received from investments during the month of July 2021 on a cash basis was \$25,122.

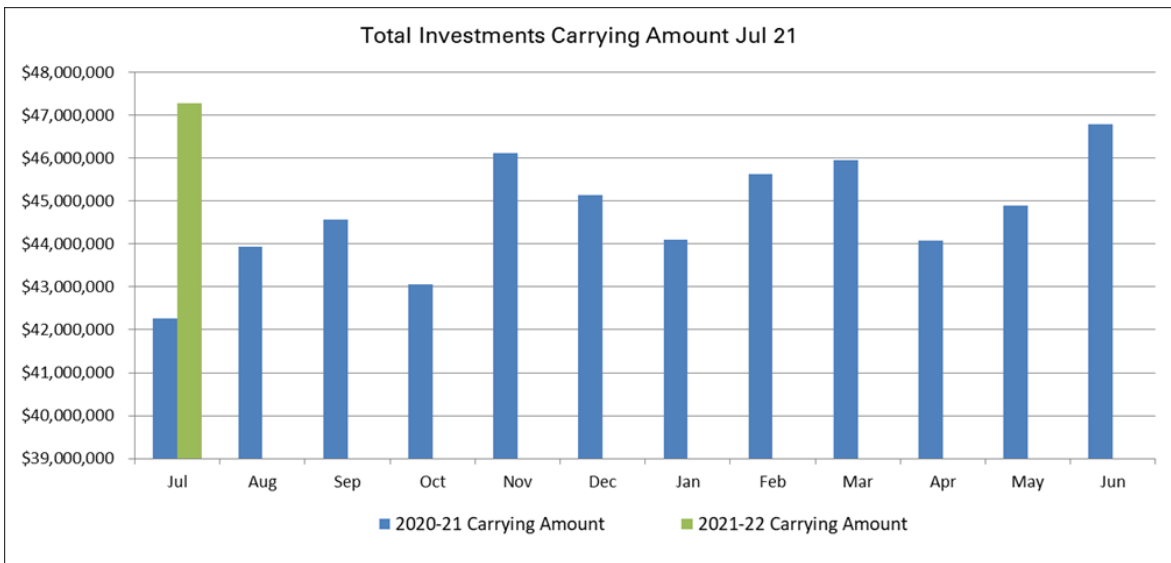
Included in this report are the following items:

- Council's Investments as at 31 July 2021
- Restrictions Applying to Investment Funds
- Investment Portfolio Performance
- Investment Commentary
- Monthly Report from Imperium Markets
- Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer

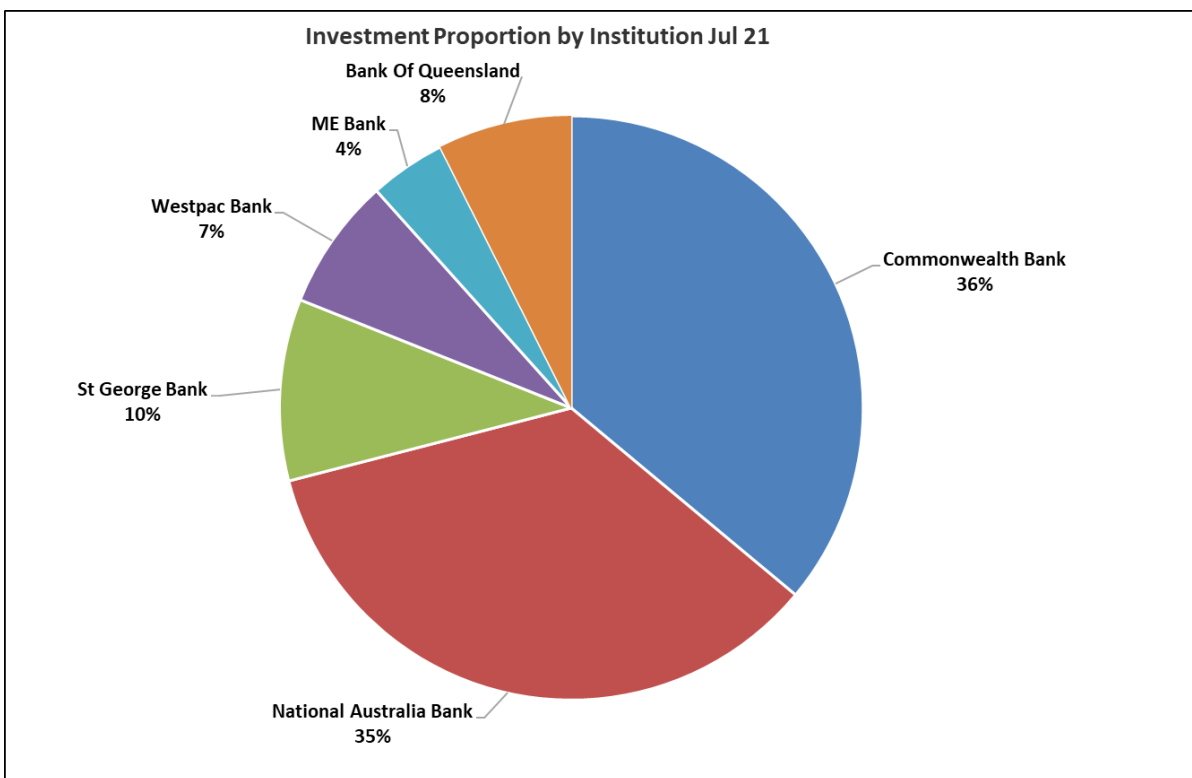
ISSUE/DISCUSSION

As at 31 July 2021, Council had a total of \$47,270,416 in term deposits and cash at bank exclusive of un-presented receipts or cheques.

The total investments balance has remained within the \$42M - \$48M range for the past 12 months, with seasonal fluctuations from month to month in line with Council’s cashflow requirements.



Council’s funds were invested with A1+, A1 and A2 rated Authorised Deposit Institutions (ADI’s).



The details of the investments are included in **Attachment 1 – Investment Register** as at 31 July 2021.

The following investment movements occurred during the month:

Matured/ Redeemed Investments

Financial Institution	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Amount	Interest Received	Comments
Jul-21						
NAB Bank	24-Jul-20	26-Jul-21	0.92%	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 9,250.41	Reinvested in ME Bank - 12mths @0.50%
NAB Bank	31-Jul-20	30-Jul-21	0.85%	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 12,540.42	Rolled Over - 12mths @0.35%
NAB Bank	30-Jul-20	30-Jul-21	0.85%	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	Redeemed for cashflow purposes
				\$ 4,500,000.00	\$ 40,398.91	

Total funds increased by \$478,564 during the month mainly due to receipt of Restart NSW and Transport NSW Grants, partly offset by operational and capital expenditure payments.

Summary of **cash at bank** from day to day operations:

Cash Summary		Comment
Opening cash book balance	\$ 3,567,905	
Plus receipts	\$ 6,215,037	Grants and Rates debtors receipts and Term Deposit maturities
Less payments	\$ 3,711,058	Capex and Opex payments and Term Deposit investments
Cash book balance as at 31 July 2021	\$ 6,071,884	
Statement Summary		
Opening statement balance	\$ 3,564,287	
Plus receipts	\$ 6,190,759	Grants and Rates debtors receipts and Term Deposit maturities
Less payments	\$ 3,712,412	Capex and Opex payments, Term Deposit investments and April unrepresented payments
Bank statement balance as at 31 July 2021	\$ 6,042,634	
plus Unrepresented receipts	\$ 29,250	Receipts not yet presented at bank
less Unrepresented payments	\$ -	Payments not yet presented at bank
Reconciliation balance as at 31 July 2021	\$ 6,071,884	

Restrictions Applying to Investment Funds

Total Funds were held between General, Water and Sewer Funds as follows:

Fund Name	Bank and Investments Percentage	
General	\$ 34,360,813	72.69%
Water	\$ 7,141,513	15.11%
Sewer	\$ 5,768,089	12.20%
Total Funds	\$ 47,270,416	100.00%

The following restrictions applied to the cash and investments balance:

Internal Restrictions

Infrastructure replacement	\$ 2,599,826
Plant replacement reserve	\$ 1,798,670
Recreation reserves/villages	\$ 1,113,000
Other internal reserves	\$ 796,384
Employee entitlements	\$ 692,727
Land Development Fund	\$ 385,000
Airport Development	\$ 187,447
Deposits, retentions and bonds	\$ 447,529
Seniors Living Precinct	\$ 197,434
Deniliquin Town Hall and Civic Precinct Redevelopment	\$ 412,805

Total Internal Restrictions **\$ 8,630,823**

External Restrictions

Water supplies fund	\$ 7,141,513
Sewerage services fund	\$ 5,768,089
Tip remediation	\$ 1,300,000
Unexpended Merger funds	\$ 1,425,794
Other unexpended grant funds	\$ 955,773
Library fund	\$ -
Other external reserves	\$ 157,944

Total External Restrictions **\$ 16,749,112**

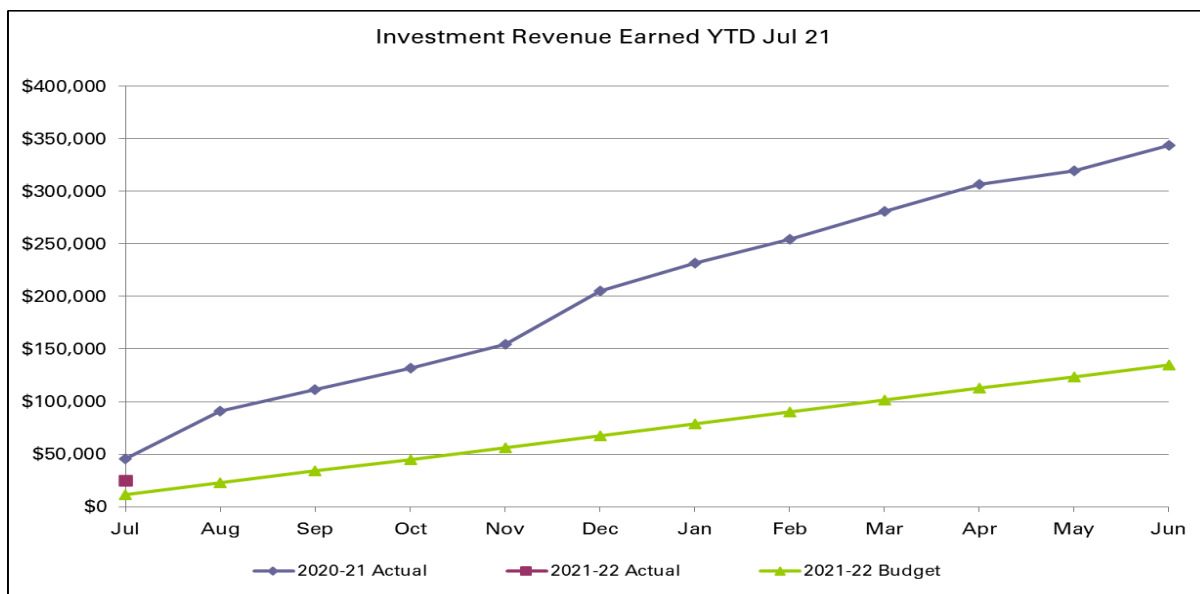
Unrestricted Funds **\$ 21,890,480**

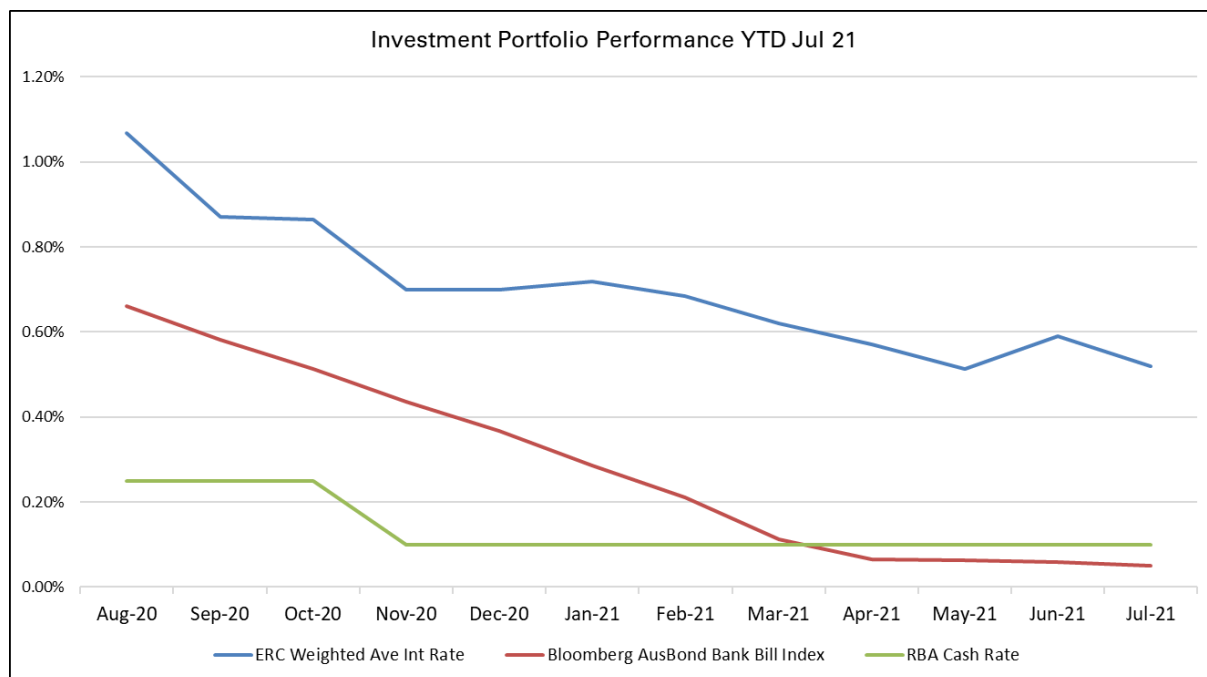
Total Funds **\$ 47,270,416**

A detailed breakdown of the restrictions is provided in **Attachment 2 – Detailed Reserve Balances** as at 31 July 2021. **Please note these balances are preliminary, pending reconciliation and final review in as part of the financial year end process (Reserve balances may change).**

Investment Portfolio Performance

Total interest earned from investments during the month of July 2021 was \$25,122 compared to a budget of \$11,250.





As at 31 July 2021, Council’s weighted average interest rate was 0.52%, which was 0.47% above the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index implied one-year return of 0.05%. Accrued interest of \$120,319 had been earned to 31 July 2021 but was yet to be received as these investments mature in later months.

Monthly Investment Review from Imperium Markets

Council engaged Imperium Markets Pty Ltd to provide ongoing investment advisory services from July 2021 as per recommendation from Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (*resolution ARIC/2021/7*). As part of this service, Imperium provides, among other services, a monthly investment review report for Council which council uses to inform investment decisions. A copy of the report is attached in this report as **Attachment 3 - Investment Review July 2021- Imperium Markets**. For the period between May and July 2021, Council’s total financial benefit as a result of accessing better rates through the Imperium platform is estimated at \$15.5K:

ERC - Estimated Financial Benefit due to better Rates on Imperium Platform Jul-21

\$ 15,520.55

Bank	Rating	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Principal	Interest Rate- Imperium platform	Publicly Available Interest Rate	Interest on Maturity	Council Financial Benefit	Interest Paid
NAB	AA-	29/06/2021	29/06/2023	2,500,000.00	0.65%	0.60%	32,500.00	2,500.00	At Maturity
NAB	AA-	25/06/2021	29/06/2023	2,000,000.00	0.65%	0.60%	26,142.47	2,010.96	At Maturity
ME	A-2	25/06/2021	28/06/2022	1,000,000.00	0.50%	0.50%	5,041.10	-	At Maturity
NAB	AA-	10/06/2021	11/06/2024	3,000,000.00	0.75%	0.70%	67,623.29	4,508.22	At Maturity
NAB	AA-	10/06/2021	13/06/2023	2,000,000.00	0.60%	0.55%	24,098.63	2,008.22	At Maturity
NAB	AA-	24/05/2021	24/05/2024	2,500,000.00	0.75%	0.70%	56,301.37	3,753.42	At Maturity
ME	A-2	26/07/2021	25/07/2022	1,000,000.00	0.50%	0.50%	4,986.30	-	At Maturity
NAB	AA-	30/07/2021	25/07/2022	1,500,000.00	0.35%	0.30%	5,178.08	739.73	At Maturity

Investment Commentary

As at 31 July 2021, all investments were within the defined Investment Policy limits. Council’s investment portfolio consisted of term deposits (86%) and cash at bank/ on call (14%).

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) elected to leave the official cash rate unchanged at a record low of 0.10% during the month whilst suggesting that conditions for an interest rate rise would “not be met until 2024”. The low interest climate is therefore set to continue in the medium to long term.

To mitigate the re-investment risk that this poses, Council has started, following on the advice from Imperium Markets, to invest in term deposits with maturities longer than 1 year, taking into consideration council's cashflow needs. This will allow council to take advantage of the higher returns currently on the market for these investments as compared to short term ones.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Investments have been made in accordance with Council's investment policy which was adopted on 20 December 2018.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

This report aligns with Outcome 5 – A community working together to achieve its potential and will assist to achieve the objective 'Our local government is efficient, innovative and financially sustainable'.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Under Council's Investment policy, investments are made with a range of ADI's, with Council funds invested with a single institution not going above a percentage of the total portfolio as follows:

40%	A1+ rated institutions
20%	A1 rated institutions
10%	A2 rated institutions
\$250,000	Unrated authorized deposit taking institutions

The overall portfolio credit framework limits applicable to any credit rating category are as follows:

100%	TCorp/M Funds
100%	A1+ rated institutions
40%	A1 rated institutions
30%	A2 rated institutions
5%	A3 Unrated authorized deposit taking institutions

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Certification – Responsible Accounting Officer

I hereby certify that the investments listed in the Investment Report Attachment have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* and Council's Investments Policy.

Rindayi Matienga
Responsible Accounting Officer

ATTACHMENTS

1. Investments Register as at 31 July 2021
2. Detailed Reserves Balances as at 31 July 2021
3. Imperium Monthly Investment Review Report July 2021

Schedule of Investments												
This Report is at date 31-July-2021												
Description	Financial Institution	Council	Type	Account No.	Rating at EOM (S&P)	Date Invested	Maturity Date	Days	Rate	Face Value Amount	% of Portfolio	Estimated Interest
Westpac Business Cheque Plus Account	Westpac Bank	Deniliquin	Oncall/ CMT	032-870 16-6545	A1+	N/a	N/a	365	0.00%	455,203	0.96%	Monthly
Westpac 31 Day Notice Account	Westpac Bank	Deniliquin	Oncall/ CMT	032-870 23-2696	A1+	N/a	N/a	365	0.35%	1,617	0.00%	Monthly
Commonwealth Bank General Fund	Commonwealth Bank	Conargo	Oncall/ CMT	062-533 000 000 10	A1+	N/a	N/a	365	0.00%	5,552,921	11.75%	Monthly
Commonwealth Bank Business On Line Saver	Commonwealth Bank	Conargo	Oncall/ CMT	062-533 101 511 17	A1+	N/a	N/a	365	0.15%	476,165	1.01%	Monthly
Macquarie Bank - Rates	Macquarie Bank	Deniliquin	Oncall/ CMT	3005-79778	A1	N/a	N/a	365	0.00%	32,270	0.07%	Monthly
Macquarie Bank - Water	Macquarie Bank	Deniliquin	Oncall/ CMT	2643-18940	A1	N/a	N/a	365	0.00%	2,240	0.00%	Monthly
Total Oncall/ CMT Accounts										6,520,416	13.79%	
Term Deposits												
St George	St George Bank	Deniliquin	TD	354775348	A1+	03-Sep-20	03-Sep-21	365	0.85%	1,500,000	3.17%	12,750.00
St George	St George Bank	Edward River	TD	354032747	A1+	04-Nov-20	04-Nov-21	365	0.60%	1,250,000	2.64%	7,500.00
St George	St George Bank	Edward River	TD	357226820	A1+	04-Nov-20	04-Nov-21	365	0.60%	1,000,000	2.12%	6,000.00
St George	St George Bank	Edward River	TD	357777242	A1+	05-Nov-20	05-Nov-21	365	0.60%	1,000,000	2.12%	6,000.00
Westpac	Westpac Bank	Edward River	TD	032-870-24-5462	A1+	26-Sep-20	26-Sep-21	365	0.70%	3,000,000	6.35%	21,000.00
National Australia Bank	National Australia Bank	Edward River	TD	0	A1+	10-Jun-21	13-Jun-23	733	0.60%	2,000,000	4.23%	24,098.63
National Australia Bank	National Australia Bank	Edward River	TD	75-932-6938	A1+	31-Jul-21	25-Jul-22	359	0.35%	1,500,000	3.17%	5,163.70
National Australia Bank	National Australia Bank	Edward River	TD	0	A1+	10-Jun-21	11-Jun-24	1097	0.75%	3,000,000	6.35%	67,623.29
National Australia Bank	National Australia Bank	Edward River	TD	0	A1+	06-Nov-20	08-Nov-21	367	0.55%	3,000,000	6.35%	16,590.41
National Australia Bank	National Australia Bank	Edward River	TD	0	A1+	24-May-21	24-May-24	1096	0.75%	2,500,000	5.29%	56,301.37
National Australia Bank	National Australia Bank	Edward River	TD	0	A1+	25-Jun-21	29-Jun-23	734	0.65%	2,000,000	4.23%	26,142.47
National Australia Bank	National Australia Bank	Edward River	TD	0	A1+	29-Jun-21	29-Jun-23	730	0.65%	2,500,000	5.29%	32,500.00
Commonwealth Bank	Commonwealth Bank	Edward River	TD	CDA 37543602	A1+	16-Oct-20	16-Sep-21	335	0.62%	4,000,000	8.46%	22,761.64
Commonwealth Bank	Commonwealth Bank	Edward River	TD	0	A1+	23-Oct-20	21-Oct-21	363	0.60%	4,000,000	8.46%	23,868.49
Commonwealth Bank	Commonwealth Bank	Edward River	TD	0	A1+	19-Feb-21	18-Feb-22	364	0.41%	1,500,000	3.17%	6,133.15
Commonwealth Bank	Commonwealth Bank	Edward River	TD	0	A1+	01-Apr-21	11-Apr-22	375	0.43%	1,500,000	3.17%	6,626.71
Total A1+ Deposits										35,250,000	74.57%	
ME Bank	Me Bank	Edward River	TD	083-01854-5525	A2	25-Jun-21	28-Jun-22	368	0.50%	1,000,000	2.12%	5,041.10
ME Bank	Me Bank	0	TD	083-01854-5526	A2	26-Jul-21	26-Jul-22	365	0.50%	1,000,000	2.12%	5,000.00
Bank Of Queensland	Bank Of Queensland	Edward River	TD	083-01854-5526	A2	10-Dec-20	08-Dec-21	363	0.54%	1,500,000	3.17%	8,055.62
Bank Of Queensland	Bank Of Queensland	Edward River	TD	083-01854-5527	A2	19-Mar-21	21-Mar-22	367	0.39%	2,000,000	4.23%	7,842.74
Total A2 Deposits										5,500,000	11.64%	
<i>Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>									0.52%	47,270,416	100.00%	

ERC Detailed Reserves Balances

31/07/2021

EXTERNAL RESERVES

Developer Contributions - General	39,485
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	955,773
Water Supplies	7,141,513
Sewerage Services	5,768,089
Domestic Waste Management	1,300,000
Merger Operational	367,149
Merger Stronger Communities	1,058,644
Conargo Milestones/Interpretative	37,287
Conargo Oval M&R	20,000
Deniliquin Band Committee	19,709
Deniliquin Community Gardens	2,967
EPA Waste	35,915
Regional Arts	2,580
Total External Restrictions	<u>16,749,112</u>


INTERNAL RESERVES

Plant Replacement	1,798,670
Infrastructure Replacement	2,599,826
Employees Leave	692,727
Deposits, retentions and bonds	447,529
Airport Industrial Land	20,000
Asset Management	14,000
Airport Runway Development	187,447
Blighty Power Upgrade	70,000
Building Maintenance	50,000
Cemetery Upgrade	9,000
Depot office & gates upgrade	41,000
Dog Trail	3,000
Election Reserve	12,312
Fencing Conargo	7,000
Gravel Pits	14,000
Human Resources	17,674
Internal Audit	6,000
Land Development	385,000
Landscaping plan	90,000
Recreation Reserves/Villages (Landscaping Plans)	1,113,000
Risk Management	44,686
Wanganella Community Hall	5,000
Shire Entrance Signs	5,000
Tourism/Industry Promotion	13,000
Town Planning Plan, Surveys & Studies	102,662
Waste Facilities	63,300
Water Supply Network	57,000
Website Development	1,750
Seniors Living Precinct	197,434
Deniliquin Town Hall and Civic Precinct Redevelopment	412,805
North Depot Redevelopment	150,000
Total Internal Restrictions	<u>8,630,823</u>
Total Restrictions	<u>25,379,936</u>



Investment Review

July 2021

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Impact of COVID-19 to Council's Portfolio

COVID-19 has adversely impacted financial markets, which in turn, has also affected Council's investment portfolio. We provide a quick summary in this section.

With regards to financial markets, shares (equities) experienced a significant correction in March 2020 but have recently reached all-time highs due to the unprecedented fiscal and monetary policy support from global central banks and governments. **The RBA cut rates to record lows on 3rd November 2020 to 0.10%, consistent with most global central banks resetting their rates back to emergency levels.** Despite the Delta variant causing a surge in global infections (including Australia), equity markets have continued their rally over the course of 2021, focusing on the multiple vaccines available and ongoing fiscal and monetary policy easing measures. Longer-term bond yields have fallen significantly over the past few months, with the market pushing back on expectations of global central banks tightening in the immediate future.

With regards to the medium-longer term outlook for financial markets, of importance is the RBA's outlook and expectations for the Australian economy. They would like to see the following three economic indicators improve before they even consider increasing interest rates:

1. The unemployment rate to drop to around 4.5% (currently it sits at 4.9% and has not been below 4.5% since 2008);
2. *"Until actual (underlying) inflation is sustainably within the 2-3% target range"* (it has not been within their target band for the past 5 years); and
3. Wage growth to surpass +3% (it has not been above this level for the past 8 years).

Their current forward guidance and base case suggests conditions for a rate rise ***"will not be met until 2024"***.

The largest impact to Council's investment portfolio is with regards to its largest exposure being assets held in bank term deposits, which accounts for around ~86% of Council's total investment). **The biggest risk that Council faces over the medium-longer term in this environment is not the potential loss of capital (given all the banks are well capitalised and regulated by APRA), but the rapid loss of interest income as interest rates have plummeted.**

Council's term deposit portfolio was yielding 0.60% p.a. at month-end, with a weighted average duration of around 347 days or ~11½ months. **This short average duration will provide some income protection against the low interest rate environment over the immediate future.** As existing deposits mature however, they will inevitably be reinvested at much lower prevailing rates.

Given official rates have fallen to record lows, Council is likely to see a rapid decline in interest income over future financial years. Its budgeted income over the medium-longer term needs to be revised to reflect the low interest rate environment. Returns between 0.40%-0.80% p.a. may potentially be the "norm" over the next few financial years, especially if rolling the majority of surplus funds for terms less than 2-3 years. Yields may in fact be lower if electing to invest for terms under 12 months.



Council’s Portfolio & Compliance

Asset Allocation

The portfolio is mainly directed to fixed term deposits (86%). The remainder of the portfolio is held in various overnight cash accounts with the major banks (14%) and Macquarie Bank earning a low rate of return. We recommend opening the ‘accelerator’ cash account with Macquarie Bank (A+), which is currently paying an overnight rate of 0.40% p.a. for balances up to \$10m (and 0.20% p.a. for balances greater than \$10m).

With the RBA cutting interest rates in November 2020 to 0.10% and flagging that conditions for a rake hike “will not be met before 2024”, the priority should be to lock in any remaining attractive medium-longer dated fixed deposits or fixed bonds that may still be available to address reinvestment risk as margins continue to compress.



Term to Maturity

The portfolio remains highly liquid with around 75% maturing within 12 months, which is well above the minimum requirement of 50%. The weighted average duration of the deposit portfolio is around 11½ months, which has been extended from 7 months in May. We commend Council’s decision to place additional term deposit with NAB (AA-) for 2-3 years, locking in rates between 0.60%-0.75% during the month of June 2021.

We recommend continuing to diversify the maturity profile to mitigate the rapid loss of income and address reinvestment risk (rolling over deposits at lower prevailing rates). The biggest risk that the local government sector has faced over the post-GFC era has been the dramatic fall in interest rates from 7¼% to the historical levels currently experienced at 0.10%. Rollover risk has been the major detriment to Council’s performance and interest income over the past decade and will continue to do so going forward.

We recommend a further diversified maturity profile to take advantage of the capacity in the 1-5 year investment horizon. This will address Council’s biggest threat going forward being reinvestment risk in the low interest rate environment.





Where there is (counterparty) capacity to invest in attractive medium-longer term investments, we recommend this be allocated to medium-term fixed deposits (refer to respective sections below).

Compliant	Horizon	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Min. Limit (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	0 - 365 days	\$35,270,416	74.61%	50%	100%	\$12,000,000
✓	1 – 2 years	\$6,500,000	13.75%	0%	50%	\$17,135,208
✓	2 – 5 years	\$5,500,000	11.64%	0%	20%	\$3,954,083
		\$47,270,416	100.00%			

Counterparty

As at the end of July, applying long-term credit ratings only, Council did not have an overweight position to any single ADI. Overall, the portfolio is lightly diversified across the investment grade credit spectrum, with no exposure to the unrated ADIs.

Compliant	Issuer	Rating ^A	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	CBA	AA-	\$17,029,086	36.02%	40.00%	\$1,879,080
✓	NAB	AA-	\$16,500,000	34.91%	40.00%	\$2,408,166
✓	WBC	AA-	\$8,206,820	17.36%	40.00%	\$10,701,346
✓	Macquarie	A	\$34,510	0.07%	20.00%	\$9,419,573
✓	BoQ	BBB+	\$3,500,000	7.40%	10.00%	\$1,227,042
✓	ME Bank	BBB+	\$2,000,000	4.23%	10.00%	\$2,727,042
			\$47,270,416	100.00%		

^AApplying long-term ratings only.

Effective 01/07/2021, BoQ formally acquired ME Bank for \$1.325bn. Subsequently, all ME Bank's senior assets including term deposits have been upgraded from BBB to BBB+ by S&P. With regards to counterparty limits, the two banks are still running separate ADI licences and so the individual exposures will continue to be shown separately. Once ME Bank formally withdraws its ADI licence, existing holdings with ME Bank will need to be aggregated with its parent company, BoQ. Council will need to keep this in mind when reinvesting maturing deposits with BoQ or ME Bank, and when placing 'new' surplus funds, so as not to be 'overweight' relative to the overall aggregate limits. There is also, however, a chance that BoQ may be upgraded from BBB+ to either A- or A by S&P over coming months/years, which would help with capacity limits.

We remain supportive of the regional and unrated ADI sector (and have been even throughout the GFC period). They continue to remain solid, incorporate strong balance sheets, while exhibiting high levels of capital – typically, much higher compared to the higher rated ADIs. Some unrated ADIs have up to 25-40% more capital than the domestic major banks, and well above the Basel III requirements.

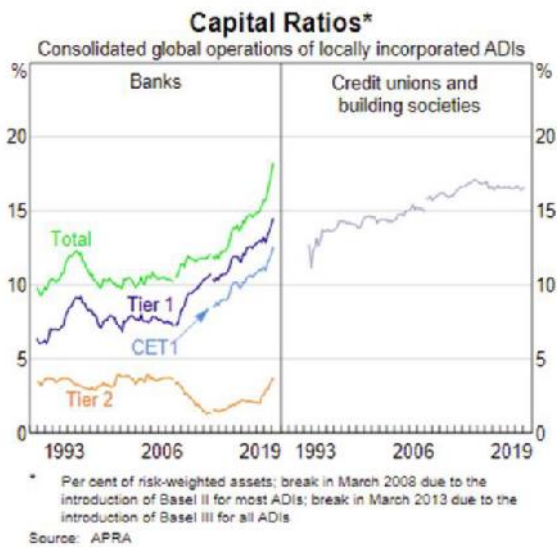
APRA's Chairman affirmed that the banks had satisfactorily moved towards an '*unquestionably strong*' capital position and that bank's stress testing contingency plans were now far better positioned than was previously the case years ago. **RBA Governor Lowe has commented that they have not seen any signs of stress in the financial system and that unlike during the GFC, the banks now have cash, are well capitalised and are acting as "shock absorbers" in the current pandemic crisis.**



Overall, the lower rated ADIs (BBB and unrated) are generally now in a better financial position than they have been historically (see the Capital Ratio figure below). We believe that deposit investments with the lower rated ADIs should be continued going forward, particularly when they offer ‘above market’ specials. Not only would it diversify the investment portfolio and reduce credit risk, it would also improve the portfolio’s overall returns.

In the current environment of high regulation and scrutiny, all domestic ADIs continue to carry high levels of capital, particularly amongst the lower (“BBB”) and unrated ADIs. There is minimal (if any) probability of any ADI defaulting on their deposits going forward – this was stress tested during the GFC. **APRA’s mandate is to “protect depositors” and provide “financial stability”.**

The biggest single risk that depositors face in the current low interest rate environment is not capital or credit risk, but reinvestment risk. Interest rates are now at their effective lower bound of 0.10%.





Credit Quality

The portfolio remains diversified from a credit ratings perspective. The entire long term portfolio is spread amongst the investment grade spectrum.

Council's maximum limit of 30% in aggregate with the "BBB" rated ADIs remains fairly conservative compared to some other NSW local government clients who have a maximum limit of 40%. From a ratings perspective, the "BBB" rated banks now generally dominate the number of ADIs issuing deposits within the investment grade space. However, given most banks are fully liquid during the current pandemic, most of the "BBB" rated and Unrated ADIs are currently not seeking wholesale funding.

As such, in the interim, we could see a shift towards a larger proportion of assets being directed towards the higher rated ADIs given the lack of appetite amongst the lower rated ADIs.

All aggregate ratings categories are within the Policy limits:

Compliant	Credit Rating [^]	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	AA Category	\$41,735,906	88%	100%	\$5,534,510
✓	A Category	\$34,510	0%	40%	\$18,873,656
✓	BBB Category	\$5,500,000	12%	30%	\$8,681,125
✓	Unrated Category	\$0	0%	5%	\$2,363,521
		\$47,270,416	100.00%		

[^] Applying long-term ratings only.



Performance

Council's performance (excluding cash holdings) for the month ending 31 July 2021 is summarised as follows:

Performance (Actual)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	0.01%	0.03%	0.05%	0.01%	0.14%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%	0.00%	0.05%
Council's T/D Portfolio [^]	0.05%	0.16%	0.34%	0.05%	0.83%
Outperformance	0.05%	0.15%	0.32%	0.05%	0.78%

[^]Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings. Overall returns would be lower if cash was included.

Performance (Annualised)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.14%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.04%	0.04%	0.03%	0.04%	0.05%
Council's T/D Portfolio [^]	0.64%	0.64%	0.68%	0.64%	0.83%
Outperformance	0.60%	0.60%	0.65%	0.60%	0.78%

[^]Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings. Overall returns would be lower if cash was included.

For the month of July, the portfolio (excluding cash) provided a return of +0.05% (actual) or +0.64% p.a. (annualised), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.00% (actual) or +0.04% p.a. (annualised). The outperformance continues to be anchored by a combination of those medium-longer dated deposits locked-in for a term of 6 months or longer.

We note that investments are being reinvested at lower prevailing rates as the cash rate has reached the RBA's effective lower bound of 0.10% and likely to stay at these depressed levels for the foreseeable future.

Investors using the Imperium Markets platform (an ASIC Licensed Market) have reduced the invisible costs associated with brokerage, and thereby lift client portfolio returns as investors are able to deal in deposits directly with the ADIs and execute at the best price possible.



Council's Term Deposit Portfolio & Recommendation

As at the end of July 2021, Council's deposit portfolio was yielding 0.60% p.a. (down 4bp from the previous month), with a weighted average duration of around 347 days (~11½ months).

We recommend Council continues extending this average duration closer to 18 months if possible. We reiterate that in the low interest rate environment, the biggest collective risk that the local government sector has faced over the post-GFC era has been the dramatic fall in interest rates - from 7¼% to the historical low levels of 0.10%.

At the time of writing, we see value in:

ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	T/D Rate
ICBC, Sydney	A	5 years	1.32% p.a.
NAB	AA-	5 years	1.15% p.a.
ICBC, Sydney	A	4 years	1.10% p.a.
BoQ	BBB+	4 years	1.00% p.a.
NAB	AA-	4 years	0.95% p.a.
ICBC, Sydney	A	3 years	0.90% p.a.
AMP Bank	BBB	3 years	0.80% p.a.^
BoQ	BBB+	3 years	0.80% p.a.
AMP Bank	BBB	2 years	0.75% p.a.^
NAB	AA-	3 years	0.70% p.a.
ICBC, Sydney	A	2 years	0.69% p.a.
NAB	AA-	2 years	0.60% p.a.

[^] AMP T/Ds – contact us to receive an additional 0.20% p.a. rebated commission on top of the rate shown above

The above deposits are suitable for investors looking to provide some income protection and mitigate reinvestment/rollover risk in the low interest rate environment.



For terms under 12 months, we believe the strongest value is currently being offered by the following ADIs (dependent on daily funding requirements):

ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	T/D Rate
AMP Bank	BBB	11-12 months	0.75% p.a. [^]
ME Bank	BBB+	6-12 months	~0.50% p.a.
BoQ	BBB+	9-12 months	0.45% p.a.
CBA	AA-	12 months	~0.40% p.a.
NAB	AA-	12 months	0.35% p.a.
Bendigo-Adelaide	BBB+	9-12 months	0.35% p.a.

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Amongst the investment grade sector, short-dated term deposits (maturing less than 12 months) are yielding under 0.50% p.a. (most are under 0.40% p.a.). We believe there is not much value being offered in short-dated deposits.

In contrast, there is an upward pick-up in yield for investors that can take advantage of 2-5 year fixed T/Ds whilst official rates are stuck at depressed levels at least for the next two to three years. For those investors that do not require high levels of liquidity and can stagger their investments longer-term, they will be rewarded over coming years if they roll for a minimum term of 2 years (we note some investors tend to roll for 3-5 years), potentially yielding, on average, more than double the return compared to those investors that purely invest in short-dated deposits.

Council's At-Call Account

Should any of Council's at-call accounts be earning less than 0.40% p.a., we recommend opening the **Macquarie Bank (A+) accelerator cash account** which is currently being offered at a rate of **0.40% p.a. for balances up to \$10m**. If interested, please get in contact with us and we can introduce Council with the relevant staff at Macquarie Bank to open up this account.



Senior FRNs Review

Over July, amongst the senior major bank FRNs, physical credit securities tightened by around 3-4bp at the long-end of the curve. Secondary market securities remain tight on a historical basis on the back of the RBA announcing it will continue its QE program, albeit tapered to \$4bn a week, from \$5bn, with the pace to be maintained until at least mid-November 2021. The RBA will maintain the 80/20 split between CGS and Semis. There are talks however that the RBA may reverse their decision on tapering due to the ongoing outbreak and extended lockdown in Sydney.

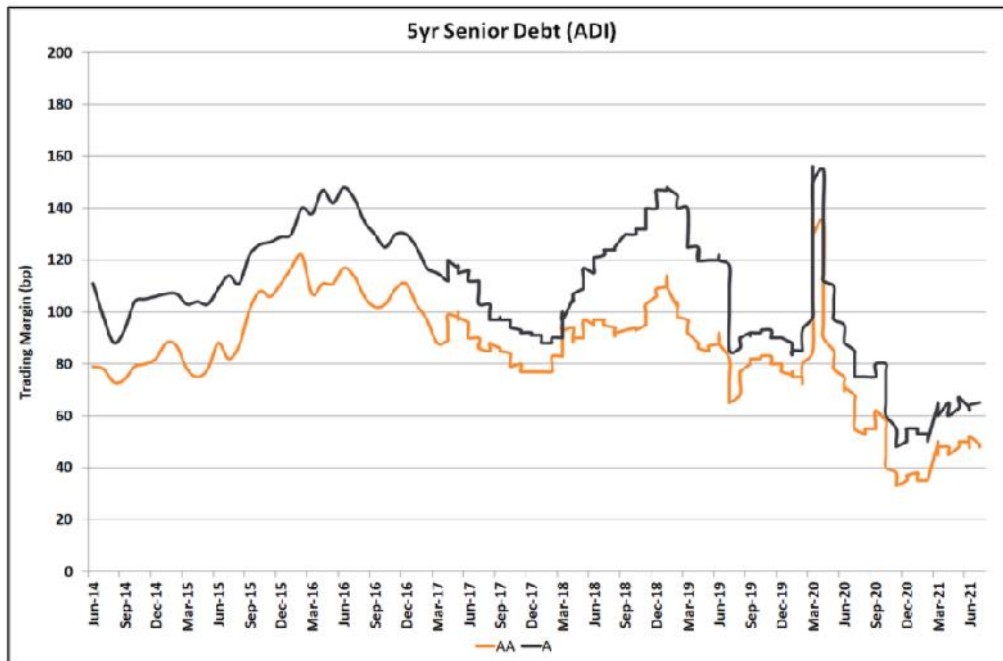
A new 5 year senior major bank FRN would now be issued around the +48bp, which remains tight on a historical basis. We may finally see some primary issuances in Q3-Q4 this year from the major banks after the RBA's term funding facility (TFF) ended in June. The lack of supply from new (primary) issuances has played a major role with the rally in credit markets over the past year.

Amongst the "A" and "BBB" rated sector, the securities were also marked around 2-4bp tighter at the long-end of the curve, with minimal volumes again being offered in the primary market during July. While turnover in the secondary market is still predominately dominated by commonwealth, semi-government and major bank senior paper, given the lack of supply, we have started to observe that even a handful of regional bank senior paper has sometimes been trading inside "mid" levels over recent months.

Credit securities remain tight on a historical level but are looking slightly more attractive following the widening experienced since the start of the calendar year. FRNs will continue to play a role in investor's portfolios mainly on the basis of their liquidity and the ability to roll down the curve and gross up returns over ensuing years (in a relatively stable credit environment).

Senior FRNs (ADIs)	31/07/2021	30/06/2021
"AA" rated – 5yrs	+48bp	+52bp
"AA" rated – 3yrs	+22bp	+25bp
"A" rated – 5yrs	+65bp	+64bp
"A" rated – 3yrs	+40bp	+42bp
"BBB" rated – 3yrs	+48bp	+52bp

Source: IBS Capital



Source: IBS Capital

We now generally **recommend switches** ('benchmark' issues only) into new attractive primary issues (or longer-dated alternatives), out of the following senior FRNs that are maturing:

- On or before mid-2024 for the "AA" rated ADIs (domestic major banks);
- On or before mid-2022 for the "A" rated ADIs; and
- Within 12 months for the "BBB" rated ADIs (consider case by case).

Investors holding onto the above senior FRNs ('benchmark' issues only) in their last 1-2 years are now generally holding sub-optimal investments and are not maximising returns by foregoing realised capital gains. In the current low interest rate environment, any boost in overall returns should be locked in when it is advantageous to do so.

FRNs remain expensive in this environment and we continue to favour longer-dated fixed investments (term deposits).



Senior Bonds - Northern Territory Treasury Corporation (NTTC)

We are aware of the following senior retail bond offering from Northern Territory Treasury Corporation (NTTC) effective 1st July 2021:

Maturity Date	Rate % p.a. [^]	Interest Paid
15/12/2022	0.40%	Annually
15/12/2023	0.60%	Annually
15/12/2024	1.00%	Annually
15/12/2025	1.20%	Annually
15/12/2026	1.50%	Annually

^{^^}The rates offered in the above table can be reviewed and changed at any time from Treasury. The rate for broker sponsored applications will be dropped by 0.20% p.a. effective 1 October 2020.

Any investor interested in this product should avoid placing through the broker channel and contact Imperium Markets to receive the full commission of 0.25% (plus GST) on the face value of the investment, in the form of an additional rebate. If placed through the brokers, they are likely to keep the 0.25% commission (on the face value of the investment).

Overview	Description
Issuer	Northern Territory Government
Credit Rating	Aa3 (Moody's), which is AA- equivalent (S&P)
Type	Fixed senior (retail) bonds
Program	Territory Bonds Issue 111
Date for applications	01/07/2021 – 30/11/2021
Liquidity	Weekly redemptions available, subject to the prevailing market rate and administration costs ^{^^}

^{^^} Note given this is a retail bond offering (min. parcel size of \$5,000), for wholesale investors, we would not consider this to be a liquid investment (the largest redemptions to date have only been \$200-\$300k).

The product should be viewed as a hold-to-maturity product, noting there are significant penalty costs including admin fees, the prevailing market interest rate, and factors in any associate commissions that were previously paid. Given the longer-term outlook for official interest rates, **any investor with capacity should consider placing a small parcel (up to \$5m) in the 15/12/2024, 15/12/2025 and 15/12/2026 maturities through Imperium Markets** to receive an effectively higher rate, once factoring in the rebated commission.



Economic Commentary

International Market

Global financial markets remained cautious with the surge in infections occurring in developed markets despite high levels of vaccination, underscoring that fully vaccinated people while being protected from severe cases and hospitalisation, can still transmit the virus.

US equity markets continued to surpass their all-time highs after strong earnings swept away any Delta concerns with up to 90% of companies beating expectations. The base case in the US is that the rise in Delta infections will not see restrictions tightened.

In the US, the S&P 500 Index gained +2.27%, while the tech-heavy NASDAQ Index added +1.16%. Equities were mixed across Europe's main indices, with gains led by France's CAC (+1.61%) and Germany's DAX (+0.09%). UK's FTSE fell -0.07% over the month.

The US unemployment rate rose to 5.9% in June (from 5.8% in May), driven by lower participation. Overall the level of payrolls is still 6.8 million below pre-pandemic February 2020 levels and is still below the level of substantial progress needed by the US Fed to lift rates or start tapering QE.

The US CPI print for both headline and core jumped +0.9% m/m in June. The annual rates which are being impacted by base effects were also much stronger than expected with **core at +4.5% y/y and headline at +5.4% y/y.**

The ECB dropped its 18-year, ambiguous "below, but close to 2%" goal for a simple "2% over the medium-term" option inflation target. ECB President Lagarde said their current €1.85 trillion bond-buying plan will run "at least" until March 2022 and then likely be followed by a "transition into a new format".

In mid-July, UK Prime Minister Johnson confirmed "Freedom Day", from which all COVID-related restrictions on UK citizens were no longer mandatory. **UK CPI surprised on the upside for the second month running, with core inflation now running above target, at +2.3%.**

The Bank of Canada delivered its Monetary Policy Report, keeping its cash rate unchanged at 0.25%, and tapering its bond buying from \$3b/week to \$2b/week. The average of Canada's three core inflation measures is running at 2.3%, above its 2% target.

The MSCI World ex-Aus Index rose +1.79% for the month of July:

Index	1m	3m	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr
S&P 500 Index	+2.27%	+5.12%	+34.37%	+15.99%	+15.12%	+13.02%
MSCI World ex-AUS	+1.79%	+4.54%	+33.27%	+12.74%	+12.44%	+9.17%
S&P ASX 200 Accum. Index	+1.10%	+5.80%	+28.56%	+9.48%	+10.05%	+9.83%

Source: S&P, MSCI



Domestic Market

The RBA made three important decisions on policy in its July meeting. **The QE program was tapered to \$4bn a week, from \$5bn**, with the pace to be maintained until at least mid-November 2021. **The 3yr yield curve control (YCC) target was not extended.** Their updated forward guidance on the cash rate opens the possibility of rate hikes earlier than 2024, noting *“the Bank’s central scenario for the economy is that this condition will not be met before 2024”*.

Sydney’s lockdown was extended to at least the end of August. Fiscal support was announced, with businesses having a turnover of up to \$250 million and experiencing a 30% reduction in turnover will receive each week 40% of their state payroll payments, based on the 2020-21 average, at a minimum of \$1,500 and capped at \$10,000 per week. There were temporary lockdowns in multiple other states (VIC and SA) during July, albeit not as severe as NSW.

Headline employment was +29k in June after May’s strong +115.2k, and the level of employment is now 1.2% above pre-pandemic February 2020 levels. **The unemployment rate fell to 4.9% from 5.1%** and is at its lowest level since December 2010.

Q2 headline inflation grew strongly at +0.8% q/q, taking the annual rate to +3.8%, on base effects from free childcare in Q2 2020, which should start to fall back next quarter. **The RBA’s preferred trimmed-mean measure rose +0.5% q/q and +1.6% y/y.**

The trade surplus increased by \$1.5bn to \$9.7bn, with the rise almost entirely driven by record high iron ore exports with ‘metal ores and mineral’ exports lifting +11% (or \$1.8bn) to \$18.0bn.

APRA announced it would again provide regulatory relief for banks offering temporary assistance to COVID-19 impacted borrowers.

During the month, the domestic equity market swept aside the extended lockdowns in Sydney, with the S&P ASX 200 Index surpassing new highs, on the prospects of the RBA extending its stimulus program and keeping rates lower for longer.

The Australian dollar fell -1.82%, finishing the month at US73.81 cents (from US75.18 cents the previous month).

Credit Market

The main global credit indices remained flat over July, while the Australian iTraxx widened on the extension of the lockdown in Greater Sydney. The indices now trade back to their levels experienced in late 2020:

Index	July 2021	June 2021
CDX North American 5yr CDS	50bp	48bp
iTraxx Europe 5yr CDS	47bp	47bp
iTraxx Australia 5yr CDS	63bp	58bp

Source: Markit



Fixed Interest Review

Benchmark Index Returns

Index	July 2021	June 2021
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (0+YR)	+0.00%	+0.00%
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+YR)	+1.76%	+0.69%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit FRN Index (0+YR)	+0.11%	+0.08%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit Index (0+YR)	+1.00%	+0.33%
Bloomberg AusBond Treasury Index (0+YR)	+2.01%	+0.99%
Bloomberg AusBond Inflation Gov't Index (0+YR)	+2.70%	+0.79%

Source: Bloomberg

Other Key Rates

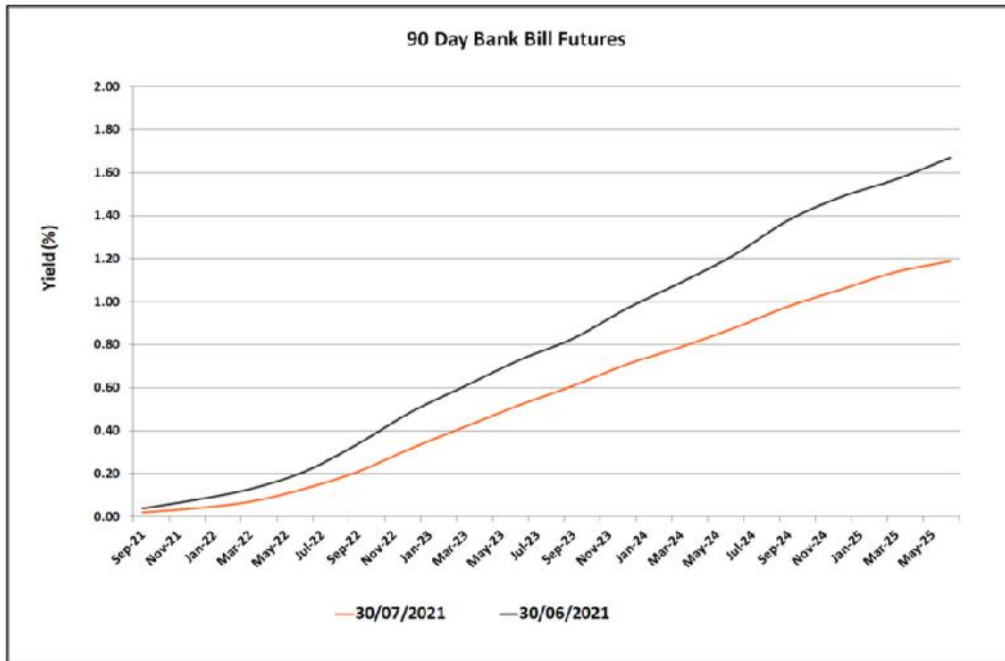
Index	July 2021	June 2021
RBA Official Cash Rate	0.10%	0.10%
90 Day (3 month) BBSW Rate	0.02%	0.03%
3yr Australian Government Bonds	0.12%	0.20%
10yr Australian Government Bonds	1.15%	1.49%
US Fed Funds Rate	0.00%-0.25%	0.00%-0.25%
10yr US Treasury Bonds	1.24%	1.45%

Source: RBA, AFMA, US Department of Treasury



90 Day Bill Futures

Over July, bill futures fell across the board, primarily driven by the extended lockdown in Greater Sydney. Overall, bill futures continue to depict a low rate environment over the long-run, despite the steeping curve in recent months:



Source: ASX



Fixed Interest Outlook

Delta variant concerns have persisted, resulting in global bond yields to drift significantly lower. Adding to the downward pressure on bond yields has been that global central banks have maintained their dovish stance, pushing back on the market's concerns surrounding rising inflationary pressures. Central banks have continued to dismiss the current and expected rise of inflation as 'transitory', citing deep scars from the pandemic that are at work to add to the pre-existing structural downward pressures on inflation.

US Fed Chair Powell reiterated the economic recovery still has not progressed enough to begin QE tapering. The US economy is travelling in the right direction, but the standard of substantial progress is far away and is not within sight.

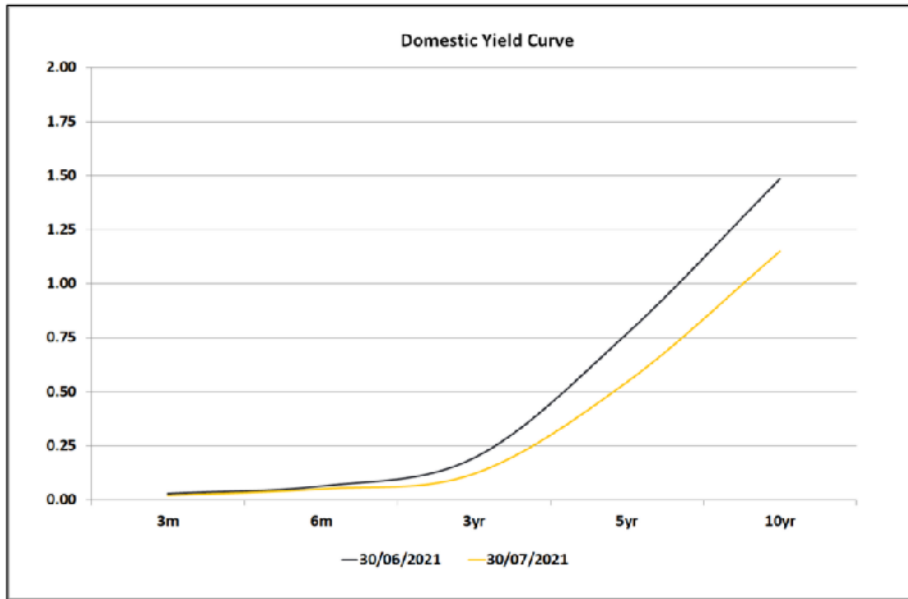
In Australia, sporadic outbreaks are likely to be controlled via short-lived restrictions until the vaccination rate lifts substantially, with a target set between 70-80%. The RBA has factored in these snap lockdowns as part of their economic projections. Conceivably, the RBA's base case scenario does not see rate hikes until 2024 (conditions for an official rate rise "***will not be met until 2024***"), while their upside scenario is consistent with rate hikes in 2023, dependent on the flow of ongoing economic data.

They would like to see the following three economic indicators improve before they even consider increasing interest rates:

1. The unemployment rate to drop to around 4.5% (currently it sits at 4.9% and has not been below 4.5% since 2008);
2. "*Until actual (underlying) inflation is sustainably within the 2-3% target range*" (it has not been within their target band for the past 5 years); and
3. Wage growth to surpass +3% (it has not been above this level for the past 8 years).

Governor Lowe has remained relatively dovish with his comments, indicating an earlier rate hike prior to 2024 would require "*strong, unequivocal evidence that the pick-up in the economy is translating into wages growth and inflation is sustainably higher*".

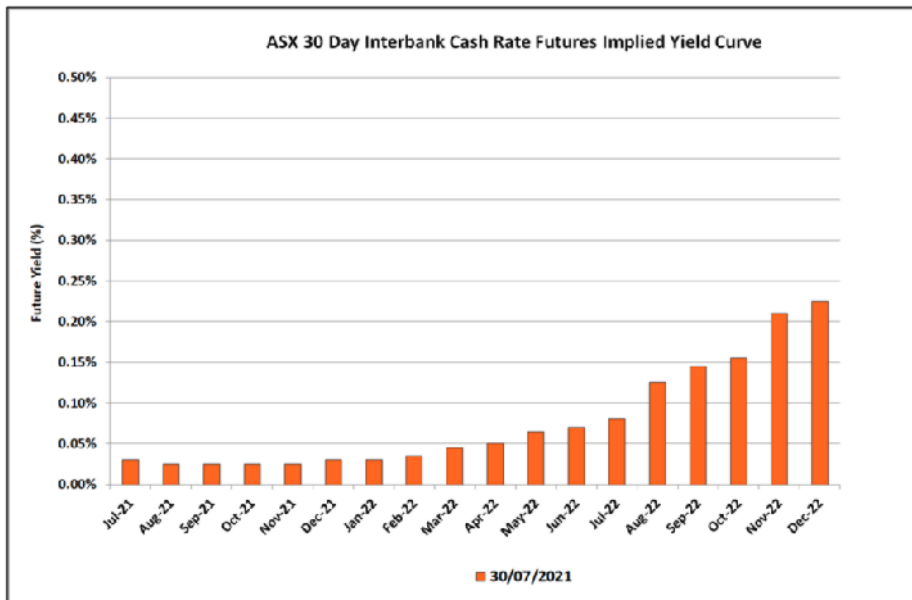
The domestic bond market continues to suggest a prolonged low period of interest rates. Over the month, yields fell up to 34bp at the long-end of the curve:



Source: AFMA, ASX, RBA

RBA Deputy Governor Debelle reiterated that the RBA would be looking for actual, rather than forecast wages growth and inflation when deliberating on monetary policy. Their current forward guidance remains poised for a rate hike in 2024 at the earliest.

The market has somewhat pushed back the 15bp rate hike factored in by the end of 2022 last month:



Source: ASX



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**10.5 COMBINED DELIVERY PROGRAM 2018-2021 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020-2021
JUNE 2021 QUARTER - FINAL PROGRESS REPORT****Author:** Greg Briscoe-Hough, Senior Governance Advisor**Authoriser:** Suni Campbell, Director Corporate Services**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Combined Delivery Program 2018-2021 and Operational Plan 2020-2021 Quarterly June 2021 Final Report, contained at Attachment 1.

BACKGROUND

Under the Integrated Planning and Reporting (“IP&R”) Framework, Council is required to report on its progress in implementing its Delivery Program and Operational Plan. This requirement is reflected in section 404(5) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (“the Act”), which stipulates that the General Manager must ensure that regular progress reports are provided to the Council, at intervals of no more than six months, detailing the organisation’s progress with respect to the principal activities detailed in the Delivery Program.

Council’s inaugural 10-year Community Strategic Plan, *Edward River 2030*, was developed throughout 2017 and 2018 and adopted at its Ordinary Meeting held 3 May 2018 [2018/87]. *Edward River 2030* identifies five key strategic outcomes, each of which is supported by three targets. Council’s combined Delivery Program 2018-2021 and Operational Plan 2020-2021 (“the combined Delivery Program and Operational Plan”), which was adopted by Council at its Extraordinary Meeting held 25 June 2020 [2020/115], details the three-year principal activities and annual actions that will be undertaken to meet those targets.

Edward River Council has determined to report progress each quarter.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

In 2020-2021, Council committed to delivering 121 actions focussed on achieving our community’s vision across the five key strategic outcome areas contained in *Edward River 2030*. The final report contained at Attachment 1 details Council’s progress in achieving those actions.

Each of the 121 actions contained in the combined Delivery Program and Operational Plan was allocated to a member of Council’s Leadership Team for completion. In turn, each member of the Leadership Team has been responsible for monitoring the actions assigned to their position and providing a progress status. This is summarised in Table 1 – Action Status Summary.

The report utilises a traffic light indicator system to illustrate the organisation’s progress made over the reporting period, set out in Table 2 – Traffic Light Indicators and Progress Reporting Rules.

For each of the 16 items either not delivered to the specified target or stopped please refer to attachment 1, for an explanation on each item.

Table 1 – Action Status Summary











Edward River 2030 Strategic Outcome	Year-to-Date Progress									
										
	Complete		On Track		Not Commenced		Behind		Urgent Action Needed or Stopped	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1 A great place to live	23	95.83							1	4.17
2 A prosperous and vibrant economy	15	93.75							1	6.25
3 A valued and enhanced natural environment	9	75.00							4	25.00
4 A region with quality and sustainable infrastructure	10	52.63							9	47.37
5 A community working together to achieve its potential	48	97.96							1	2.04
Total	105	86.77							16	13.23

Table 2 – Traffic Light Indicators and Progress Reporting Rules

Symbol	Descriptor	Application
	Complete	Action complete or target achieved
	On Plan	Action progressing to plan or on track to meet target
	Not Commenced	Not planned to commence this quarter
	Behind	Not commenced as planned or not progressing to plan, or not on track to meet target; but able to be brought into alignment with plan by next reporting period
	Urgent Action Needed / Stopped	Not progressing to plan or not on track to meet target; and at risk of not completing to plan. Urgent action required and being closely managed or Stopped – Action no longer being planned for completion in 2020/21 by approval of General Manager or resolution of Council

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The preparation of the combined Delivery Program and Operational Plan Progress Report is a requirement of the IP&R Framework as set out in the Act. The combined Delivery Program and Operational Plan is a subsidiary of Council's Community Strategic Plan document *Edward River 2030* (currently under review and update) and is the process where the community's goals contained in that document are translated into action.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

- Outcome 5.1 – Our community is informed and engaged
- Outcome 5.3 – Our local government is efficient, innovative and financially sustainable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993

- Section 404 – Delivery program

ATTACHMENTS**1. June 2021 Quarter - Final Progress Report**

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Combined Delivery Program 2018-2021 and
Operational Plan 2020-2021

Progress Report
30 June 2021

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About this Report

All councils in NSW are required to undertake their planning and reporting activities in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework set out in the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*. The IP&R framework allows councils to draw their various plans together to understand how they interact and to get maximum leverage from their efforts by planning holistically for the future.

Edward River Council (Council) adopted its current suite of IP&R documents in 2018. The Community Strategic Plan, *Edward River 2030*, sits above this suite of interrelated plans and identifies the aspirations of the Edward River community.

The Delivery Program is informed by *Edward River 2030* and identifies the principal activities that Council will undertake over the 2018-2021 term of the Council to deliver on our community's aspirations. All of Council's plans, projects, activities and funding allocations must be directly linked to our Delivery Program. Supporting the Delivery Program is Council's annual Operational Plan, which details the individual projects and activities that will be undertaken each year to achieve the commitments made in the Delivery Program.

Under section 404 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council must prepare progress reports with respect to the principal activities detailed in the Delivery Program at least once every six months. Edward River Council report progress every quarter and this report covers the period from 01 April 2021 to 30 June 2021 inclusive.








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Measuring our Progress

Council’s Community Strategic Plan, *Edward River 2030*, identifies five key strategic outcomes, each of which is supported by three targets. Council’s combined Delivery Program 2018-21 and Operational Plan 2020-2021 detail the activities and actions that will be undertaken to meet these targets.

In 2020-2021, Council committed to delivering 121 actions focused on achieving our community’s vision across these five key strategic outcome areas. Those actions are detailed in our combined Delivery Program and Operational Plan. In this report, our progress in achieving those actions is illustrated by the following coloured symbols.

Symbol	Descriptor
	Complete
	On Plan
	Not Commenced
	Behind
	Urgent Action Needed / Stopped

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Responsibility Matrix






Each of the 121 actions contained in our combined Delivery Program is assigned to a Councillor Officer, who is primarily responsible for achieving the action and who provides a regular progress report using the coloured symbols. The legend used throughout this report is set out below:

Office of the General Manager		
GM	General Manager	Phillip Stone
MCED	Manager Community and Economic Development	Michelle Cobb
MES	Manager Environmental Services	Marie Sutton
Corporate Services		
DCS	Director Corporate Services	Suni Campbell
MFIN	Manager Finance	Amanda Barber
MIM	Manager Information Management	Mark Siena
MPCS	Manager People and Customer Service	Helen Flisher
Infrastructure		
DIN	Director Infrastructure	Mark Dalzell
MEA	Manager Engineering and Assets	Mark Dalzell
MOP	Manager Operations	Mike Burger

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Our Performance




Of the 121 actions, a combined total of 86.77 per cent are complete or on track to being complete. No actions are not yet commenced. A combined total of 13.23 per cent are behind plan or require urgent action and are being closely managed.



Edward River 2030 Strategic Outcome	Year-to-Date Progress									
										
	Complete		On Track		Not Commenced		Behind		Urgent Action Needed or Stopped	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1 A great place to live	23	95.83%							1	4.17%
2 A prosperous and vibrant economy	15	93.75%							1	6.25%
3 A valued and enhanced natural environment	9	75.00%							4	25.00%
4 A region with quality and sustainable infrastructure	10	52.63%							9	47.37%
5 A community working together to achieve its potential	48	97.96%							1	2.04%
Total	105	86.77%							16	13.23%

A detailed progress report for each of the 121 actions is set out in the tables below.







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Outcome 1 – A great place to live






1.1 Our Community has access to essential services					
Delivery Program 2018-2021	Operational Plan 2020-2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
1.1.1 Communicate and engage with stakeholders to understand community need and undertake advocacy on important issues	1.1.1.1 Develop and implement a new Edward River Council Advocacy Strategy	GM	Strategy/Completed		ID 111479
1.1.2 Council is committed to advocating, facilitating and where appropriate providing lifelong learning and education opportunities	1.1.2.1 Operate the Central Murray Regional Library and provide quality library services to the Edward River community.	MCED	Regional Service levels/ Met State Library NSW baseline benchmark / Met		ID 79492
	1.1.2.2 Facilitate the transition from the Central Murray Library to the Edward River Library	MCED	Transition completed		ID 79492

1.2 Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally					
Delivery Program 2018-2021	Operational Plan 2020-2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
1.2.1 Develop and maintain Council's sporting facilities, pool, playgrounds and walking and cycling paths	1.2.1.1 Commence a masterplan for Rotary Park.	MES	Masterplan/Commenced		ID 124306
	1.2.1.3 Investigate future Management Models for Deniliquin Swimming Centre	MEA	Report to Council on future management model		ID 125045 ID 136669 ID 157416









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1.2 Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally (cont)					
Delivery Program 2018 – 2021	Operational Plan 2020 – 2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure / Target	Status	Evidence
1.2.2 Provide community halls and facilities	1.2.2.1 Inspections to be carried out on Community Halls and facilities.	MOP	100% completion of annual Inspections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halls • Playgrounds Complete works identified through annual inspections		ID 154476
1.2.3 Deliver services to enhance community safety in the built and natural environment	1.2.3.1 Deliver a companion animal de-sexing program.	MES	Program/Delivered		ID 124306
	1.2.3.2 Deliver four free microchipping weeks.	MES	Program/Completed		ID 124306
	1.2.3.3 Undertake food premises inspections to ensure compliance with the NSW Food Act.	MES	Food premises inspected annually/100%		ID 124306
	1.2.3.4 Undertake water sampling of Council's water supply.	MES	Water sampling schedule completed/100%		ID 124306
	1.2.3.5 Participate in NSW Health arbovirus monitoring program.	MES	Program/completed		ID 124306

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1.2 Our community is safe, happy and healthy, both physically and mentally (cont.)					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
1.2.3 Deliver services to enhance community safety in the built and natural environment	1.2.3.6 Undertake swimming pool barrier inspections.	MES	Swimming pool barrier inspections completed/=35		ID 124306
	1.2.3.7 Commence detailed designs and costings for a new companion animal shelter.	MES	Detailed designs and costings/commenced		ID 124306
	1.2.3.8 Commence implementation of the underground petroleum storage system program.	MES	Underground petroleum storage system program/commenced		ID 124306
	1.2.3.9 Implement adopted liquid trade waste policy	MEA	Reduction in number of properties that are non-compliant		ID 136669 ID 157416
	1.2.3.10 Promote COVID-19 policies and restrictions	DIN	LEMC COVID-19 Subcommittees/ Implemented signage at Council Facilities 100%		ID 121513 ID 136669 ID 157416

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1.3 Our community and public space are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage and culture					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
1.3.1 Council aims to develop Edward River Council as a vibrant and progressive community by supporting and partnering with community groups and assisting in developing cultural spaces	1.3.1.1 Deliver the Deniliquin Town Hall Revitalisation Project.	MCED	Project milestones/ Met		ID 79492
	1.3.1.2 Support Yarkuwa Indigenous Knowledge Centre in delivering NAIDOC Week celebrations.	MCED	NAIDOC Week celebrations/ Delivered		ID 79492
	1.3.1.3 Submit grant application to enable 2020 NSW Seniors Festival celebrations.	MCED	Application/ Lodged		ID 79492
	1.3.1.4 Submit grant application to enable 2020 Youth Week celebrations.	MCED	Application/ Lodged		ID 79492
	1.3.1.5 Support Deniliquin Business Chamber 2021 Business Excellence Awards.	MCED	Business Excellence Awards/ Delivered		ID 79492
1.3.2 Deliver and support events, activities and programs that promote engaged citizenship and foster civic pride.	1.3.2.1 Facilitate Australian Citizenship ceremonies.	GM	Citizenship Ceremonies/ Held		ID 116571
	1.3.2.2 Support the delivery of 2021 Anzac Day commemoration services at Deniliquin and Wanganella	GM	Commemoration services/ Held		ID 1447708
	1.3.2.3 Deliver 2021 Australia Day celebrations and coordinate the annual Edward River Council Australia Day Awards.	GM	Event/Held Awards/Conferred		ID 30197

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1.2.1 Develop and maintain Council's sporting facilities, pool, playgrounds and walking and cycling paths	1.2.1.3 Investigate future Management Models for Deniliquin Swimming Centre	Originally planned for completion by December 2020. Recent discussion with the community group operating the pool has highlighted further strategic opportunities regarding the Swim Centre and these shall be investigated. Current contract finishes at the end of the 2021/22 season. Report on management model for Swim Centre to be completed by December 2021 for inclusion in documentation for next contract.




Additional achievements:	● Other significant achievements not contained in the combined Delivery Program 2018-21 and Operational Plan 2020-21	
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Outcome 2 – A prosperous and vibrant economy

2.1 Our economy is strong and diverse					
Delivery Program 2018-2021	Operational Plan 2020–2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
2.1.1 Support and grow local business and agriculture	2.1.1.1 Implement the staged plan for Council to progressively consider investment in the Retirement Living Project	GM	Project Plan Implemented and resolved in the June 2021 Council meeting to proceed to tender and initial marketing to the community		ID 1447316
	2.1.1.2 Facilitate the implementation of a governance structure to implement the Agribusiness Masterplan.	MCED	Commence investigations into governance structures		ID 79492
2.1.2 Develop and promote investment opportunities within Edward River region	2.1.2.1 Monitor Council's Major Project Pipeline for opportunities to attract funding and development.	MCED	Initiatives / =1		ID 79492
	2.1.2.2 Host a Projects Forum to encourage local suppliers and industry participation in Council's capital works programs and funded projects (EDS 2.13).	MCED	Project forum / Held		ID 79492




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2.1 Our economy is strong and diverse					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
2.1.3 Streamline processes and identify efficiencies to assist investors, developers, builders and event organisers	2.1.3.1 Determine applications for development and local activities	MES	Development applications determined within statutory timeframes/=>80% Complying development certificates determined within statutory timeframes/=>80% Construction certificates determined within 30 days of registration/=>80% Local activity approvals determined within 14 days of registration =>80%		ID 124306
	2.1.3.2 Provide planning certificates and sewer drainage diagrams on application.	MES	Planning certificates issued within five days of receipt/=>90% Sewer drainage diagrams issued within five days of receipt/=>90%		ID 124306
	2.1.3.3 Commence planning proposal to prepare the Edward River LEP	MES	Planning proposal/commenced		ID 124306


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2.2 We develop our key assets to enhance agriculture, boost tourism and support existing business					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
2.2.1 Promote and develop Edward River region as a place to live, learn, work, play and visit	2.2.1.1 Provide a heritage advisory service to the community.	MES	Heritage service provided / completed		ID 124306
	2.2.1.2 Provide funding for heritage projects through the Local Heritage Fund.	MES	Local Heritage projects funded / => budgeted amount		ID 124306
	2.2.1.3 Operate the Deniliquin Visitor Information Centre & Peppin Heritage Centre.	MCED	Service levels / Met Destination NSW accreditation/ Maintained		ID 79492
	2.2.1.4 Facilitate regular meetings of the Access Committee (DIAP 1.1).	MCED	Meetings held / =4		ID 79492
	2.2.1.5 Implement the first-year action plan contained in the Edward River Tourism Development Plan 2020-2023 to support the marketing and promotion of the Edward River region to build the visitor economy and increase visitor nights (EDS 2.15).	MCED	Milestones met		ID 79492


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2.2 We develop our key assets to enhance agriculture, boost tourism and support existing business (cont.)					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
2.2.1 Promote and develop Edward River region as a place to live, learn, work, play and visit	2.2.1.6 Develop, update and produce information and marketing materials for the Visit Deni website and social media platforms (EDS 6.6).	MCED	Information kept up to date Marketing materials / Developed		ID 79492
2.2.2 Invest in our rivers, creeks, billabongs and main streets to support existing business and attract tourism	2.2.2.1 Deliver projects funded through the Australian Government's Drought Communities Programme Extension Round Two	MCED	Funding milestones / Met		ID 79492
	2.2.2.2 Deliver Projects funded through the NSW Governments Funded Programs	DIN	Completion of the following projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Park Netball Court Upgrade • Deniliquin Town Hall • Cressy Street Streetscape • Riverfront upgrade • Waring Gardens upgrade • Town Hall and Civic Precinct redevelopment • Peppin Centre upgrade (Crossing Café) • Deniliquin Rams Clubrooms • Lawn Tennis Club courts development • LED Streetlighting Programming • Golf Club 		ID 121513 ID 136669 ID 157416

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2.3 Our region provides strong education, employment and training opportunities					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
2.3.1 Work in partnership with business to identify skill and employment gaps that can attract new residents and support economic growth	2.3.1.1 Host two themed forums to understand local business concerns, issues and opportunities (EDS 2.9).	MCED	Business Round Tables held / =2		ID 79492






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2.2.2 Invest in our rivers, creeks, billabongs and main streets to support existing business and attract tourism	2.2.2.2 Deliver Projects funded through the NSW Governments Funded Programs	Projects not completed include Deniliquin Town Hall, Riverfront Upgrade and Town Hall and Civic Precinct Redevelopment. Project completion impacted by COVID and project management resources. Projects to be completed by January 2021 (Town Hall completion date).





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Outcome 3 – A valued and enhanced natural environment




3.1 We are committed to resource recovery and waste management					
Delivery Program 2018-2021	Operational Plan 2020–2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
3.1.1 Minimise waste to landfill and investigate options for recycling	3.1.1.1 Looking into options to provide kerbside recycling	MEA	Recommendation provided to Council		ID 121513 ID 136669 ID 157416
	3.1.1.2 Review opportunities to commence Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO)	MEA	Implement FOGO		ID 121513 ID 136669 ID 157416
	3.1.1.3 Consolidate Pretty Pine and Conargo Landfill areas	MEA	Deliver project		ID 121513 ID 136669 ID 157416
3.1.2 Provide sustainable waste services and infrastructure	3.1.2.1 Operate the Deniliquin Landfill Depot and Blighty, Boorooban, Conargo, Pretty Pine and Wanganella Waste Disposal Depots	MOP	EPA Licence conditions / met		ID 154483 ID 154489
	3.1.2.2 Provide drumMUSTER collection services at Deniliquin Landfill Depot	MOP	DrumMUSTER services provided		ID 154478 ID 154481 ID 154485 ID 154487 ID 154493

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3.2 Our natural environment is protected and enhanced					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
3.2.1 Sustainably manage Council owned and managed natural areas	3.2.1.1 Maintain the Deniliquin public cemeteries	MOP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete maintenance Provide for internment in line with Cemetery Operational Plan 		ID 154479
	3.2.1.2 Maintain Pioneer Cemeteries	MOP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete maintenance of Cemeteries 100% 		ID 154479
3.2.2 Proactively manage the impacts associated with invasive species	3.2.2.1 Integrate and deliver weed control across Edward River Region	MOP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement new Weed Action Plan (WAP) Deliver maintenance for Council owned and managed land categorised as natural area 		ID 154477 ID 154482 ID 154484 ID 154486 ID 154488 ID 154494 ID 154495 ID 154496 ID 154497 ID 154498
3.2.3 Collaborate with emergency services and other agencies to provide cohesive emergency management services	3.2.3.1 Convene the Local Emergency Management Committee	DIN	Quarterly meeting with LEMC		ID 124251 ID 136669 ID 157416

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3.2 Our natural environment is protected and enhanced (cont)					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
3.2.4 Provide great Parks and Open Space by greening our streets, managing tree safety and improving our town entrances, sporting ovals, gardens and passive recreation spaces.	3.2.4.1 Deliver the Rural Tree Scheme	MOP	Deliver Rural Tree Scheme		ID 155778

3.3 We plan for the future to accommodate and facilitate sustainable growth and development					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
3.3.1 Manage the built environment in line with the LEP and relevant legislation	3.3.1.2 Commence a review of the Deniliquin Development Control Plan 2016.	MES	DCP Review/commenced		ID 124306
	3.3.1.3 Commence a planning proposal for Dahwilly Road to implement the Deniliquin Rural Residential Strategy.	MES	Planning proposal/commenced		ID 124306
3.3.2 Undertake strategic planning to ensure our community is well planned and there is adequate land available to support residential, business, industrial and agricultural growth	TBA	MES	Industrial Lands Strategy		ID 124306

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3.1.1 Minimise waste to landfill and investigate options for recycling	3.1.1.1 Looking into options to provide kerbside recycling	Council is working with RAMJO regarding being included in region wide recycling and FOGO tender as well as with Hay Shire Council regarding sending recycling material to a Material Recovery Facility that they are constructing. Business case for recycling to be finalised and reported to Council by October 2021.
3.1.1 Minimise waste to landfill and investigate options for recycling	3.1.1.2 Review opportunities to commence Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO)	Council is working with RAMJO regarding being included in region wide recycling and FOGO tender. Business case for FOGO to be finalised and reported to Council by October 2021.
3.3.1 Manage the built environment in line with the LEP and relevant legislation	3.3.1.3 - Commence a review of the Deniliquin Development Control Plan	DCP Review /Commenced. The introduction of a Standard Template for Council DCPs has been delayed by DPIE. Council will be kept informed on progress through the 2021-22 financial year. Completion of this Action Item is dependent on information from DPIE and it is unknown when this information will be available.







Additional achievements:		● Other significant achievements not contained in the combined Delivery Program 2018-21 and Operational Plan 2020-21
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Outcome 4 – A region with quality and sustainable infrastructure



4.1 Our built environment is managed, maintained and improved					
Delivery Program 2018-2021	Operational Plan 2020–2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
4.1.1 Responsibly manage our assets including roads, buildings, footpaths, airport, cemetery, recreation and sporting facilities and public toilets by inspecting and monitoring maintenance and renewal needs.	4.1.1.1 Prepare a planning proposal for the rezoning and reclassification of surplus open space.	MES	Planning proposal/commenced		
	4.1.1.2 Deliver Capital Works Program for Roads and Road related Infrastructure	DIN	90% delivered		ID 108239 ID 136669 ID 157416
	4.1.1.3 Deliver Capital Works Program for Buildings and facilities	DIN	90% delivered		ID 108239 ID 136669 ID 157416
	4.1.1.4 Deliver Buildings Maintenance Program	MOP	Maintenance Program/ Delivered		ID 154499
	4.1.1.5 Deliver Roads Maintenance Program	MOP	Maintenance Program/ Delivered		ID 136669
	4.1.1.6 Develop Questionnaire for community feedback Issue questionnaire to residents impacted by Councils Urban Roads Capital Works Renewal Program	DIN	Develop community questionnaire Questionnaire issued to 25% of impacted residents		ID 136669 ID 157416

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4.1 Our built environment is managed, maintained and improved (cont.)					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
4.1.2 Understand and plan for Council's asset renewal requirements	4.1.2.1 Invest in Council assets at a level equal to depreciation	MEA	Capital expenditure compared to depreciation/ =>90%		ID 125045 ID 157416
	4.1.2.2 Undertake asset valuations for asset classes in accordance with the Asset Management Strategy	MEA	Complete as per program		ID 125045 ID 125039 ID 136669 ID 157416
	4.1.2.3 Implement program of works to renew Council's road network in line with condition assessments	MEA	Implement identified renewal program		ID 125045 ID 79304 ID 136669 ID 157416
	4.1.2.4 Develop a 10-year Strategic Capital Works Program for Sports & Recreational Reserves	MEA	Year One of 10-year program/ implemented		ID 136669 ID 157416
	4.1.2.5 Develop a 10-year plant replacement program	MOP	Year One of 10-year program/ Implemented		ID 155793
	4.1.2.6 Review Councils Asset Management suite of documents	MEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asset Management Policy reviewed and updated Asset Management Strategy reviewed and updated Asset Management Plans reviewed and updated 		ID 125045 ID 136669 ID 157416

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4.1 Our built environment is managed, maintained and improved (cont.)					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
ID 157416					
4.1.2 Understand and plan for Council's asset renewal requirements	4.1.2.7 Convene the Asset Management Steering Committee	MEA	Quarterly meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80% attendance of members 		ID 125045 ID 125039 ID 136669 ID 157416
	4.1.2.8 Develop a policy for the prioritisation of Roads and Road related Infrastructure projects	DIN	Policy adopted by Council		ID 136669 ID 157416

4.2 Our road network is a source of pride					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
4.2.1 Close Councils asset renewal gap with the road network as the priority area of focus	4.2.1.1 Implement current year's program of works to renew Council's road network in line with condition assessments	MEA	Works delivered		ID 125045 ID 108239 ID 136669 ID 157416
	4.2.1.2 Develop a plan to close Councils Road Asset Renewal gap	MEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan developed Funding opportunities investigated 		ID 125045 ID 79304 ID 136669 ID 157416

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4.3 Our water and sewer infrastructure is efficient and fit for purpose					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
4.3.1 Provide for safe, reliable and sustainable water and sewerage services.	4.3.1.1 Deliver Council's Water and Sewer Capital Works Program	MEA	Capital Works Program Delivered / =90%		ID 125045 ID 108239 ID 136669 ID 157416
	4.3.1.2 Develop Project Plans for works associated with Council's Integrated Water Catchment Management Plan	MEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan developed Funding opportunities investigated 		ID 125045 ID 136669 ID 157416
4.3.2 Plan for the replacement of the Deniliquin Sewerage Treatment plant	4.3.2.1 Plan the replacement of the Deniliquin Sewerage Treatment Plant in consultation with the NSW Government	MEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop the business case to finalise the preferred location in line with the requirements of the Safe and Secure Funding opportunity. 		ID 125045 ID 136669 ID 157416

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<p>4.1.1 Responsibly manage our assets including roads, buildings, footpaths, airport, cemetery, recreation and sporting facilities and public toilets by inspecting and monitoring maintenance and renewal needs.</p>	<p>4.1.1.1- Prepare a planning proposal for the rezoning and reclassification of surplus open space</p>	<p>Planning Proposal / Commenced. Preliminary investigations for the feasibility of the Planning Proposal have commenced however due to resourcing issues they have not been finalised. Council will be kept informed on progress through the 2021-22 financial year.</p>
<p>4.1.1 Responsibly manage our assets including roads, buildings, footpaths, airport, cemetery, recreation and sporting facilities and public toilets by inspecting and monitoring maintenance and renewal needs.</p>	<p>4.1.1.2 Deliver Capital Works Program for Roads and Road related Infrastructure</p>	<p>Capital Work completion for road and road related infrastructure was 80%. Projects still to be completed include Kelly, Jane and Stewart Street reconstructions, George Street reconstruction and the first stage of Maude Road. These works are to be completed by December 2021.</p>
<p>4.1.1 Responsibly manage our assets including roads, buildings, footpaths, airport, cemetery, recreation and sporting facilities and public toilets by inspecting and monitoring maintenance and renewal needs.</p>	<p>4.1.1.3 Deliver Capital Works Program for Buildings and facilities</p>	<p>Capital Work completion for building and facilities infrastructure was 45%. Projects to be completed include Multi-Arts Centre and Peppin Heritage Centre refurbishments. These projects are being completed in conjunction with additional grant funding as well as being impacted by COVID. Projects to be completed by December 2021.</p>
<p>4.1.1 Responsibly manage our assets including roads, buildings, footpaths, airport, cemetery, recreation and sporting facilities and public toilets by inspecting and monitoring maintenance and renewal needs.</p>	<p>4.1.1.6 Develop Questionnaire for community feedback Issue questionnaire to residents impacted by Councils Urban Roads Capital Works Renewal Program</p>	<p>Questionnaire to be developed as part of Project Management Framework documentation.</p>





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4.1.2 Understand and plan for Council's asset renewal requirements.	4.1.2.6 Review Councils Asset Management suite of documents	Review of depreciation and asset valuations undertaken. Information to be included in updated Asset Management Plans. All Asset Management Plans to be updated by end of October 2021.
4.1.2 Understand and plan for Council's asset renewal requirements.	4.1.2.8 Develop a policy for the prioritisation of Roads and Road related Infrastructure projects	Policy dependant on outcomes from Level of Service plan and road categorisation. Draft policy to be submitted to Council by October 2021 workshop.
4.2.1 Close Councils asset renewal gap with the road network as the priority area of focus	4.2.1.1 Implement current year's program of works to renew Council's road network in line with condition assessments	Projects not completed include Jane and Kelly Street reconstructions and George Street reconstruction. Projects impacted by project management resources, COVID and wet weather. Projects will be completed by December 2021.
4.3.1 Provide for safe, reliable and sustainable water and sewerage services.	4.3.1.1 Deliver Council's Water and Sewer Capital Works Program	Capital Work completion for water supply and sewerage infrastructure was 75%. Projects to be completed include Wanganella Water Supply augmentation, reservoir cleaning and refurbishment works at the Water Treatment Plant and Sewerage Treatment Plant. Due to issues with the availability of contractors, these works will be completed by March 2022.
4.3.1 Provide for safe, reliable and sustainable water and sewerage services.	4.3.1.2 Develop Project Plans for works associated with Council's Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan	Engagement of consultant for Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan (IWCM) has been held up due to DPIE concurrence with Council's decision. Consultant is now engaged and has commenced work. IWCM anticipated to be completed by June 2022, including project plans for associated works.


Additional achievements:	Other significant achievements not contained in the combined Delivery Program 2018-21 and Operational Plan 2020-21
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Outcome 5 – A community working together to achieve its potential






5.1 Our community is informed and engaged					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
5.1.1 Proactively communicate information on Council services, activities and events	5.1.1.1 Communicate information on Council services, activities and events.	MCED	Community News page - 24 Engagement with Council social media accounts/ Increasing Media releases produced - 24 Biannual newsletter published - 2		ID 79492
	5.1.1.2 Develop a communications strategy to improve community contact and engagement with Council	MCED	Establish target areas and improvement opportunities / Completed Communications strategy / Developed Improvement plan implementation/ Commenced		ID 79492
5.1.2 Provide opportunities for the community to be involved in key strategies, policies and decisions of Council	5.1.2.1 Conduct ordinary and extraordinary meetings open to the public.	GM	Adopted schedule of meetings/ Implemented Ordinary meeting business papers/ Published to Council's website three days prior to meeting		ERC Website
	5.1.2.3 Collaborate with the community to review and update the Community Strategic Plan – Edward River 2030	GM	Plan commenced but delayed due to election postponement to September 2021. Further community consultation undertaken to brief new council following election		ID 144691

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5.2 We collaborate and pursue partnerships that achieve great outcomes for our community					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
5.2.1 Work in partnership with the community on key projects	5.2.1.1 Support community projects with financial assistance through the Community Grants Program	MCED	Community Grants Program / Delivered		ID 79492

5.3 Our local government is efficient, innovative and financially sustainable					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
5.3.1 Deliver sustainable financial management	5.3.1.1 Develop annual Operational Plan budget and review the Long-Term Financial Plan.	MFIN	Annual budget adopted, and long-term financial plan reviewed in line with annual budget/30 June		ERC Website & Council resolution 2021/37 & 2021/38 & 2021/62
	5.3.1.2 Monitor and accurately report on Council's financial position in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 requirements.	MFIN	Quarter budget reviews completed/ September, December and March Audited financial statements lodged/ 31 October		QBRS- Resolution 2020/230 & 2021/11 & 2021/52 Financial Statements 2020/229
	5.3.1.3 Manage Council's investment portfolio to optimize investment returns within the constraints of the Local Government Act 1993, Office of Local Government Guidelines, and Council's adopted policies	MFIN	Report to Council / Monthly Bank Bill Swap Rate Benchmark/ Exceeded		Council Monthly report – e.g Resolution 2021/51







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	5.3.1.4 Review land categories for rating purposes and implement changes required under the Local Government Act and in accordance with the new harmonized rating structure	MFIN	Review rating categories and subcategories / Complete Implement procedure for required category changes / Complete		Council resolution 2021/8 & 2021/62
5.3 Our local government is efficient, innovative and financially sustainable (cont)					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
5.3.1 Deliver sustainable financial management	5.3.1.5 Coordinate the 30 June external audit function and implement agreed management actions.	MFIN	Audit Engagement Plan Activities/ Completed Management actions implemented/ =Agreed timeframes		Action progressing to plan
5.3.2 Deliver excellent customer service	5.3.2.1 Coordinate the implementation of Council's Customer Services Charter and monitor customer service	MPCS	Charter implementation/ complete Report customer request management statistics to Executive/ Quarterly		ID 80177 EMT12/4/21
	5.3.2.2 Coordinate the delivery of customer services training to improve organisation-wide customer services	MPCS	Training program / Delivered		ID 144302 Consultative Committee minutes 23/6/21
5.3.3 Deliver good governance and take steps to improve management of risk and safety	5.3.3.1 Provide progress reports on implementation of the 2018-2021 Delivery Program in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.	DCS	Progress reported to Council / Quarterly		ID 121513 ID 132555






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5.3 Our local government is efficient, innovative and financially sustainable (cont)					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
5.3.3 Deliver good governance and take steps to improve management of risk and safety	5.3.3.2 Produce and publish Council's Annual Report in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993	DCS	Report adopted / 30 November		ID 114670 ERC Website
	5.3.3.3 Manage Council's calendar of compliance and reporting in accordance with Office of Local Government publication.	DCS	Calendar of reporting and compliance/Established Quarterly reporting to the Executive and Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee/Commenced		ID 52764 ID 52493 ID 73671
	5.3.3.4 Produce and submit the annual Code of Conduct complaints report in accordance with the Office of Local Government requirements.	DCS	Reported to Council and the Office of Local Government / 30 September		ID 122083
	5.3.3.5 Coordinate implementation of the Business Continuity Plan, including final Disaster Recovery Plan	MPCS	Implementation/Complete		ID 91364 ID 133483
	5.3.3.6 Manage the Councillor Professional Development Program	DCS	Program/Delivered		ID 144831
	5.3.3.7 Finalise implementation of delegation framework review and improvement recommendations	DCS	Improvements/Complete		ID 52493 ID 52764





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5.3 Our local government is efficient, innovative and financially sustainable (cont)					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
5.3.3 Deliver good governance and take steps to improve management of risk and safety	5.3.3.8 Produce and submit reports of disclosures made under the Public Interest Disclosures Act	DCS	NSW Ombudsman / July and February		ID 125385 ID 145293
	5.3.3.9 Coordinate lodgement of the annual Disclosures of Interest Returns in accordance with the Office of Local Government requirements	DCS	Annual lodgement process completed / 30 September		ID 122094
	5.3.3.10 Finalise the implementation of the Privacy Management Plan	MIM	Implementation / Complete		Minute No 2020/43 ID 93577
	5.3.3.11 Review and publish the Council Information Guide.	MIM	Guide adopted / 30 June		ID 77918
	5.3.3.12 Produce and submit the annual government Information Public Access Report in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.	MIM	Annual report provided to the Information and Privacy Commissioner / 31 October		Submitted to IPC 22/09/20
	5.3.3.13 Coordinate the publication of Open Access Information to the website in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.	MIM	Open Access Information available on the website / Increasing		ERC Website





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5.3 Our local government is efficient, innovative and financially sustainable (cont)					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
5.3.3 Deliver good governance and take steps to improve management of risk and safety	5.3.3.14 Establish and publish to the website a Formal Access to Information Disclosure Log in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.	MIM	Published to website / =< every 45 days		ID 78126
	5.3.3.15 Facilitate Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meetings.	DCS	Meetings held/=>4		5 meetings held - InfoCouncil
	5.3.3.16 Coordinate delivery and reporting of the Internal Audit Program.	DCS	Program/Completed Implementation status reported to Executive and Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee/ Quarterly		ID 143252
	5.3.3.17 Coordinate the ongoing implementation the Council's Risk Management Framework.	MPCS	Operational risk identification and analysis/ Commenced. Key strategic risks and controls review/Completed		ID 79390 LT Minutes 2/6/21 ARIC Minutes 1/4/21
	5.3.3.18 Review and renew Council's insurance portfolio.	MEA	Annual renewal/ Completed Incident reporting to Executive/ Quarterly		ID 125045 ID 136669 ID 157416








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5.3 Our local government is efficient, innovative and financially sustainable (cont)					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
5.3.3 Deliver good governance and take steps to improve management of risk and safety	5.3.3.20 Coordinate the implementation of Council's Risk Management Action Plan as part of the Statewide Mutual Continuous Improvement Program.	MPCS	Plan - Submitted Implementation progress reported/ Quarterly		Plan submitted March 2021 ID 144305
	5.3.3.21 Convene the Work Health and Safety Committee meetings (WMP 2.9).	MPCS	Meetings held/=>4 Minutes provided to the Executive/ Quarterly		ID 154670 EMT Minutes 5/7/21
	5.3.3.22 Coordinate the development and implementation of a new Fraud Security Framework	DCS	Fraud and Corruption Policy reviewed / 30 November Staff fraud and corruption survey / 31 December Fraud and corruption control plan development / 31 December Fraud and corruption control plan implementation/ Commenced		ID 150447
	5.3.3.23 Review and improve Council's corporate documents framework	DCS	Corporate document framework established/ 30 April Corporate document register established/ 30 April		ID 69201





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5.3 Our local government is efficient, innovative and financially sustainable (cont)					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
5.3.3 Deliver good governance and take steps to improve management of risk and safety	5.3.3.24 Coordinate activities and events for the delivery of the NSW Local Government Elections	DCS	Election / Completed Councillor induction program/ Implemented Post-election legislative program of actions/ Completed		ID 145294 Plan in place and progress towards plan on track
5.3.4 Identify and deliver innovative projects to improve Council's performance	5.3.4.1 Deliver the Information Technology Strategy, including reimplementation of Technology One, in accordance with approved Project Plan.	MIM	Project milestones / Met		ID 125389
	5.3.4.2 Deliver Council's civic and administration accommodation project in accordance with the project plan.	DIN	Project milestones / Met		ID 125414 ID 136669
	5.3.4.3 Coordinate the development and implementation of service level reviews across all services and functions of council	MOP	Program/ Developed Implementation / Commenced		ID 155795

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5.3 Our local government is efficient, innovative and financially sustainable (cont)					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
5.3.5 Be an employer of choice	5.3.5.1 Encourage two-way communication with the workforce (WMP 2.2).	MPCS	Initiatives implemented in accordance with Staff Survey Action Plan / Complete		ID 133484 LT Review 19/5/21
	5.3.5.2 Co-ordinate the leadership and emerging leader development program (WMP 1.3 and 1.4).	MPCS	Program/ Implemented		Training Commenced 30/4/21 Final training 15/7/21
	5.3.5.3 Coordinate and fund annual staff training programs.	MPCS	Training Plan and budget / Prepared		ID 84999 CC Minutes 23/6/21
	5.3.5.4 Implement organisation's corporate values into staff documentation and processes (WMP 2.5).	MPCS	Induction implementation / Complete		ID 91370
	5.3.5.5 Implement the annual employee health and wellbeing program (WMP 2.3).	MPCS	Program Implementation / Meets timelines set in the plan.		ID 85000 Training 30/4/21
	5.3.5.6 Undertake annual staff satisfaction survey to identify areas of improvement (WMP 2.5).	MPCS	Survey/ Completed		ID 108478 EMT Minutes 08/10/20
	5.3.5.7 Deliver the Staff Recognition and Service Awards Program (WMP 2.6).	GM	Program/ Delivered		ID 125345 ID 84998 EMT Minutes

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5.3 Our local government is efficient, innovative and financially sustainable (cont)					
Delivery Program 2018 -2021	Operational Plan 2020 –2021 Action	Responsible Officer	Measure/Target	Status	Evidence
5.3.5 Be an employer of choice	5.3.5.8 Consolidate to one Council depot facility.	DIN	Stage 2 construction / Completed		ID 125045 ID 136669
	5.3.5.9 Coordinate annual staff performance review program	MPCS	Annual program / Completed		ID 110117
	5.3.5.10 Facilitate regular meetings of the Staff Consultative Committee (WMP 2.9).	MPCS	Meetings held / =>2		CC Minutes 23/6/2
	5.3.5.11 Coordinate the development and implementation of salary system progression rules and skill step framework	MPCS	Salary progression rules / Developed Salary skill step framework for operational roles/ Commenced		EMT Minutes 28/6/21 ID: 152142

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Commentary on:		● Action - Behind Plan
Delivery Program 2018-21 Activity	Operational Plan 2020-21 Action	Explanatory text
5.3.4 Identify and deliver innovative projects to improve Council's performance	5.3.4.2 Deliver Council's civic and administration accommodation project in accordance with the project plan.	Progress on Civic Centre works impacted by contractor availability through COVID. Works are programmed to be completed by January 2022.
Additional achievements:		● Other significant achievements not contained in the combined Delivery Program 2018-21 and Operational Plan 2020-21
Delivery Program 2018-21 Activity	Other achievements obtained	

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10.6 DA45/21 - CHANGE OF USE TO STEEL FABRICATION - 62 DAVIDSON STREET, DENILIQUN

Author: Eliza Eastman, Town Planner

Authoriser: Philip Stone, General Manager

DIVISION

In accordance with section 375A of the Local Government Act 1993, it is necessary for Council to call a division when voting of any resolution relating to a relevant planning application.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That Council resolves to: -

1. **REFUSE** the development application DA 45/21 for Change of Use to Steel Fabrication, on Lot 20 DP 8914, 62 Davidson Street, Deniliquin dated 13 May 2021 as shown on site plan numbered 01 and described in details accompanying the Development Application, in accordance with section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and subject to the following reasons:
 - (a) Pursuant to Section 4.15 (1)(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the likely impacts of the proposed development, including environmental impacts on the built environment, are unacceptable.
 - (b) Pursuant to Section 4.15 (1)(c) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the site is unsuitable for the proposed development, which will result in unacceptable environmental impacts for surrounding residential properties.
 - (c) Pursuant to Section 4.15 (1)(e) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, having regard to consideration of the requirements of the *Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 1997*, inconsistency with the controls of the *Deniliquin Development Control Plan 2016*, inconsistency with the *Edward River Industrial Land Use Strategy*, and the adverse amenity impacts generated, the approval of the proposed development is not in the public interest.

BACKGROUND

Development application 45/21 (DA45/21) was received by Council on 13 May 2021. The DA relates to Lot 20 DP8914, Deniliquin and Figure 1 shows the location of the subject site.

The subject site is an irregular shaped lot of approximately 8283sqm. The lot has frontage to both Davidson Street and Jones Avenue. There is an existing dwelling on the front portion of the site with frontage to Davidson Street and a large open fronted shed on the rear of the site with frontage to Jones Avenue.

Davidson Street is the main transport corridor into Deniliquin from the north, it comprises a mix of residential and commercial development. Jones Avenue is a small residential street, which provides river access off Davidson Street.

The proposed development is for a part change of use to use the existing shed (rear portion of the site with frontage to Jones Avenue) for steel fabrication. The site will also be used for storage of plant and equipment associated with the business including scissor lift, excavator, cherry picker, trailers.

The shed is currently used for general storage. An estimated 10-15 years ago the shed was used as a workshop associated with sand and gravel supplies on the site. Any 'existing use right' associated with this former use has now lapsed.

It is understood the existing dwelling on the front portion of the site fronting Davidson Street will remain to be lived in by the current owner of the property.



Figure 1 Location of subject site

Attachment 1 shows the plans of the proposed development, the DA and statement of environmental effects.

ZONING

The subject site is within the 'deferred matter' area administered under Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 1997 (see explanation below under 'Strategic Implications'). It is subject to a split zoning with the front portion zoned 'Urban Zone' and the rear portion zoned 'General Rural Zone'.



Figure 2 Zoning (red = urban zone, brown = rural zone)

The portion of the site of which this change of use applies is zoned General Rural Zone (1a) under the DLEP 1997. The proposed use is 'Steel Fabrication' which is defined as 'General industry'. The use is permissible with development consent in the zone. Please note the land use permissibility in this zone is very open, with only motor showrooms, residential flat buildings and shops prohibited. All other land uses are permissible with or without consent.

NOTIFICATION

The DA was exhibited for a period of 14 days and 5 submissions were received (Attachment 2). All submissions (unidentified) were provided to the applicant and he was provided an opportunity to respond to the issues raised in the objections. A response was provided and is attached (Attachment 3). The applicant advised in this response that he was willing to amend the application to address the issues of surrounding residents by:

- Adjusting the hours of operation
- Enclosing the shed and installing sound mitigation items

- Conditioning any other solutions to manage the issues of surrounding residents.

The applicant's response was provided to all objectors, no objections were withdrawn or amended as a result of this additional information.

The applicant's response also included a request for a 'consultation meeting' with the applicant, objectors and Council staff to discuss the DA. Council staff facilitated this meeting held on Wednesday 28 July 2021. It was well attended by the applicant, applicants planning consultants, land owner, 3 objectors and 4 Council staff. The meeting provided an opportunity for all parties to discuss the application, objector's issues and Council's issues. No amendments were made to the DA application or objections as a result of this meeting.



Figure 3 Location of objectors

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Edward River Industrial Land Strategy

The subject DA is not considered to be consistent with the recently adopted Edward River Industrial Land Strategy. Section 4.15(1)(e) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 requires relevant Council Policy, such as this, to be taken into consideration in the assessment of any DA as an aspect of public interest.

The Industrial Land Strategy was adopted after extensive public consultation and notification at the June 2021 Council meeting. It provides a strategic framework for the future development, servicing, and promotion of industrial land. The strategy includes an audit of existing industrial land available in Deniliquin and identifies areas for future expansion of industrial zones including servicing.

The portion of this allotment fronting Jones Avenue (subject to this DA) is not identified in the strategy as existing or future industrial land. It is therefore considered that this DA application to use the land for a general industrial land use is not consistent with this recently adopted strategy.

Deferred Area – Consolidation of LEPs

During the preparation of the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan (DLEP 2013), the Deniliquin Council had unresolved concerns regarding the rezoning of land in Davidson St. At its meeting on 25 September 2013, Deniliquin Council resolved to defer the rezoning of both sides of Davidson Street between the two bridges pending provision and finalisation of the Edward River Flood Study. The intention of Council was that this land continue to be administered under the Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 1997 until such time as the Flood Study is completed. The Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) agreed to the deferral. The Edward River Flood study is now complete and agreed to by Office of Environment and Heritage.

It is now intended to include the deferred area currently administered under the Deniliquin LEP 1997 in the current DLEP 2013. This consolidation process requires rezoning of the 'deferred area'

to be consistent with the Standard Instrument (SI) zoning reflective of existing land uses. Preliminary work has commenced on the drafting of a Planning Proposal for consolidation of the LEPs and this has been referred to DPIE for comment on a number of occasions. The SI zone being considered as reflective of the current Rural 1(a) zone in the deferred area is E3 Environmental Management zone. The E3 zone provides for a range of low impact development that does not have adverse impact on the ecological, scientific, cultural or aesthetic values of the land such as dwellings, home businesses, eco tourist facilities, camping grounds etc. Prohibited development in the E3 zone includes Industry, retail premises., warehouses etc. The consolidation of the LEPs including any rezoning proposed is subject to a Council decision to lodge a Planning Proposal and subsequent State Government approval, neither has occurred to date.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The following assessment of the Development Application is in accordance with section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Provisions of Environmental Planning Instruments (s4.15(1)(a)(i))

Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 1997 (DLEP 1997)

Assessment was undertaken against the relevant provisions of the DLEP 1997. The proposed application is considered to be consistent, or able to be consistent with appropriate conditions of consent, with most relevant provisions.

However the following table highlights inconsistencies identified:

Clause	Control	Response
10	<p>General considerations for development within rural zones</p> <p>1. The Council must take into consideration the relationship of the development to development on adjoining land and its likely effect on other land in the locality.</p>	<p>The proposed use of the site for the general industrial use of steel fabrication is <u>not</u> considered to be compatible with the existing surrounding residential development and will have an adverse impact on residential land in the locality.</p> <p>See comments on amenity impacts below.</p>

State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure)

Clause 101 of the Infrastructure SEPP applies to this DA as the subject site has frontage to a classified road. Council must not grant consent to development on land that has frontage to a classified road unless it is satisfied that:

- Where practicable and safe, vehicular access to the land is provided by a road other than the classified road – There is no direct access onto Davidson Street for the allotment. Access to the development will be provided from Jones Avenue.
- The safety, efficiency and ongoing operation of the classified road will not be adversely affected by the development as a result of the design of the vehicular access to the land, the emission of smoke or dust from the development or the nature, volume, frequency of vehicles using the classified road to gain access to the land – Considered satisfactory.

- The development is of a type that is not sensitive to traffic noise, or vehicle emissions, or is appropriately located and designed, or include measures, to ameliorate potential traffic noise or vehicle emissions within the site of the development arising from the adjacent classified road – Considered satisfactory.

Murray Regional Environmental Plan

Assessment was undertaken against the relevant provisions of the Murray Regional Environmental Plan. The proposed application is considered to be consistent with all relevant provisions.

Provisions of any draft Environmental Planning Instrument (s4.15(a)(ii))

Not applicable.

Provisions of any Development Control Plan (s4.15(a)(iii))

Assessment was undertaken against the relevant provisions of the Deniliquin Development Plan 2016 (DCP). The proposed application is considered to be consistent, or able to be consistent with appropriate conditions of consent, with most controls of the DCP.

However the following table highlights inconsistencies identified:

Clause	Requirements	Comments
6.7 Impacts on surrounding land	1. The proposed development must not unreasonably affect surrounding properties by way of any type of pollutant such as noise and vibration, air emissions, dust, water pollution or odour.	The DA application does not satisfy the requirements of this control. It is considered that the proposed use <u>will unreasonably</u> affect surrounding properties and detrimentally impact the established level of amenity which exists in Jones Avenue. Refer to comments on amenity impacts below.
	2. The hours of operation for a proposed development must not significantly impact the amenity of neighbouring residential areas.	Refer to comments below.

Provisions of any Planning Agreement or Draft Planning Agreement (s4.15(a)(iia))

Not applicable.

Prescribed Matters in the Regulation (s4.15(a)(iv))

The DA is able to comply with the relevant matters prescribed by the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, subject to appropriate conditions of consent.

Likely Impacts of the Development (s4.15(b))

Noise

The proposed use for 'steel fabrication' will result in an increase in noise to surrounding residents. Steel fabrication is the process of cutting, bending and assembling metal with machinery including welding to create a finished product. In this instance a large portion of the applicant's business is the fabrication of metal for the construction of sheds.

The existing land use pattern within Jones Avenue is predominantly residential land use. Jones Avenue is a small quiet residential street abutting the Murray Valley Regional Park. It is not considered the noise generated from a general industrial use such as steel fabrication will be conducive with the existing residential land uses in the area, in particular to the sense of amenity the residents of Jones Avenue are now accustomed to.

Mitigation measures to reduce the burden of noise on surrounding residents such as enclosure of the shed, landscaping buffers and restricting hours of operation have been considered. However, in this instance given the nature of the industrial use, limited buffer distance to residential properties on Jones Avenue (42m) and the existing level of amenity currently experienced by residents of Jones Avenue it is not considered such measures will effectively mitigate noise levels to an appropriate level for this residential area.

Traffic

The proposed change of use will result in an increase in traffic in Jones Avenue which is a narrow sealed single lane road. The application states the business has a total number of 2 staff members and uses trailers to transport equipment and materials to and from the site. It is acknowledged that this will be an increase in traffic and may result in some increase in dust.

Public Domain

The Murray Valley Regional Park is in close proximity to the subject site. The regional park is an open space enjoyed by the community and visitors alike for passive recreation including bushwalking, birdwatching and enjoyment of the Edward River. Whilst not conclusive, it is considered probable that at times noise from the development may impact the amenity within the Regional Park.

Suitability of Site for Development (s4.15(c))

It is considered the proposed use of the site for steel fabrication will be incompatible with the existing surrounding residential development due to the adverse amenity impact it will impose on residential land in the locality. Given this it is not considered the site is suitable for this development.

Submissions (s4.15(d))

The DA was exhibited for a period of 14 days and 5 submissions were received (Attachment 2).

The issues raised in the submissions are summarised as follows:

Noise

Issues associated with noise have been addressed above *Likely Impacts of the Development*.

Hours of operation

In response to the objections received, the applicant amended the proposed hours of operation to 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday (previously 7am to 5pm).

Detrimental impact on amenity of the residential dwellings in Jones Avenue.

Issues associated with amenity (noise and dust) have been addressed above in *Likely Impacts of the Development*.

Increase in noise, traffic and pollution may harm existing habitats and wildlife within the Murray Valley Regional Park abutting Jones Avenue and Edward River.

Council does not have sufficient evidence to conclude if the proposed development will harm the habitats and wildlife within the Murray Valley Regional Park, therefore this has not been considered in the assessment of this DA.

Increase in traffic in Jones Avenue

Issues associated with traffic have been addressed above *Likely Impacts of the Development*.

Devaluation of residential properties in Jones Avenue

This is not a planning consideration able to be considered in this assessment.

Should be utilising established industrial land in Deniliquin

Noted.

Carcinogenic status of welding fumes is Group 1 carcinogen (carcinogenic to humans)

Council does not have sufficient evidence to conclude on the carcinogenic status of welding fumes associated with this development, therefore this has not been considered in the assessment of this DA.

Impact on nearby tourist attractions including Willoughby's Beach camping area and Kolety walking tracks

Issues associated with the Public Domain have been addressed above *Likely Impacts of the Development*.

The site is not identified for industrial development in the Deniliquin Industrial Land Strategy.

This is correct. See previous comments in *Strategic Implications*.

The Public Interest (s4.15(e))

It is not considered that approval of the proposed development is in the public interest for the following reasons:

- Consideration of the requirements of the *Deniliquin Local Environmental Plan 1997*;
- inconsistency with the controls of the *Deniliquin Development Control Plan 2016*;
- inconsistency with the Edward River Industrial Land Use Strategy, and
- the adverse amenity impacts generated by the proposed use.

Political Donations and Gifts Disclosure

The Applicant has advised that they have not made reportable political donations to a Councillor and/or any gift to a Councillor or Council employees within a two (2) year period before the date of the application being submitted.

ATTACHMENTS

1. DA, SOEE, Plan
2. Objections
3. Additional information



FORM 1 Application for Development Consent, Construction Certificate and Complying Development

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979

We recommend that you make an appointment to speak to Council's Environmental Services staff to assist with the completion of this form and to discuss your development proposal.

RECEIVED
13 MAY 2021
C. Maguire

Address this application to: The General Manager, Edward River Council		Contact us	
Mail PO Box 270 Deniliquin NSW 2710	Personal Delivery 180 Cressy Street Deniliquin NSW 2710	Phone 03 5898 3000 Fax 03 5898 3029 Email council@edwardriver.nsw.gov.au	

Type of Application (please tick as appropriate)

Development Consent (DA)

Construction Certificate (CC)

Complying Development (CDC) – Codes SEPP

1. Applicant Details

Applicant Name	Tony Campbell		
Postal Address <i>Your reply will be posted to this address</i>	176 River St Deniliquin		
Company contact person			
Phone	0408 402 998	Email	tcsteel@fabrication@hotmail.com

2. Land Details

Street Number	62	Street	Davidson
Town	Deniliquin	Site Area m ²	
Lot/DPs numbers	Lot 20 DP 8914		909

3. Owner's Consent (Must be completed by the owner of the land).
As the owner/s of the land to which this application relates, I/we consent to this application. I also give consent for authorised Council Officers to enter the land to carry out inspections.

Owner Name	B. Leatham	Additional owner/s	
Signature	B. Leatham	Signature/s	

4. Proposed development details

Description of proposed development

Change of use to steel fabrication

Estimated cost of development

\$0

Type of Development (please tick as appropriate)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use of land/building	<input type="checkbox"/> Carrying out of Work
<input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision of land/building	<input type="checkbox"/> Buildings Additions/Alterations
<input type="checkbox"/> Erection of Temporary Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition of building/work
<input type="checkbox"/> Erection of a Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Has development consent been previously granted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

If yes, provide details:

Development Consent Number		Date of determination	
Construction certificate (please tick as appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Building work			
<input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision work			
Building Code of Australia Building Classification (CC Only)			

5. Approvals required under Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993

<input type="checkbox"/> Install a manufactured home moveable dwelling or associated structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Carry out water supply work
<input type="checkbox"/> Draw water from a Council water supply or a standpipe or sell water so drawn
<input type="checkbox"/> Install, alter, disconnect or remove a meter connected to a service pipe
<input type="checkbox"/> Carry out sewerage work
<input type="checkbox"/> Carry out stormwater drainage work
<input type="checkbox"/> Connect a private drain or sewer with a public drain or sewer under the control of a council or with a drain or sewer which connects with such a public drain or sewer
<input type="checkbox"/> For fee or reward, transport waste over or under a public place
<input type="checkbox"/> Place waste in a public place
<input type="checkbox"/> Place a waste storage container in a public place
<input type="checkbox"/> Dispose of waste into a sewer of the council
<input type="checkbox"/> Install, construct or alter a waste treatment device or a human waste storage facility or a drain connected to any such device or facility

Note: other s68 approvals such as onsite sewerage systems require form 'Application for Local Activity' to be completed.

6. Environmental Impact (DA only)

Designated Development
<input type="checkbox"/> An environmental impact statement (EIS) is attached
Development on land that is, or is a part of, critical habitat or likely to significantly affect threatened species, populations or ecological communities or their habit
<input type="checkbox"/> A species impact statement (SIS) is attached
Other Development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A statement of environmental effects is attached

7. Integrated Development (DA only) Applications to be referred to another authority for approval				
Is this application for Integrated Development?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Please tick other approvals required to be obtained:				
Fisheries Management Act 1994	<input type="checkbox"/> s144	<input type="checkbox"/> s201	<input type="checkbox"/> s205	<input type="checkbox"/> s219
Heritage Act 1977	<input type="checkbox"/> s58			
Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 1961	<input type="checkbox"/> s15			
Mining Act 1992	<input type="checkbox"/> ss63	<input type="checkbox"/> ss64		
National Parks and Wildlife Act	<input type="checkbox"/> s90			
Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991	<input type="checkbox"/> s9			
Pollution Control Act 1979	<input type="checkbox"/> s17A	<input type="checkbox"/> s17D	<input type="checkbox"/> s171	
Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997	<input type="checkbox"/> ss43(a)	<input type="checkbox"/> ss43(b)	<input type="checkbox"/> ss43(d)	<input type="checkbox"/> ss47
	<input type="checkbox"/> ss48	<input type="checkbox"/> ss55	<input type="checkbox"/> ss122	
Roads Act 1993	<input type="checkbox"/> ss138			
Rural Fire Services Act 1997	<input type="checkbox"/> s100B			
Water Management Act 2000	<input type="checkbox"/> s89	<input type="checkbox"/> s90	<input type="checkbox"/> s91	

8. Concurrence Authorities (DA only)	
Is concurrence required from the Department of Planning & Environment for this development?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is concurrence required from any other authority?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, provide details:	

9. Threatened Species/Biodiversity Compliant Development (DA only)	
Is this land part of critical habitat?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the development likely to significantly affect threatened species, populations or ecological communities or their habitats?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the development biodiversity compliant development?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please provide reasons why it is:	

Does your proposal include land clearing of native vegetation? (Note: Native vegetation is defined in the Local Land Services Act)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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If yes, please complete the section below

If no, proceed to Section 10

<p>Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (BOS) The Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017 sets out threshold levels for when the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (BOS) will be triggered. The threshold has two elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> whether the amount of native vegetation being cleared exceeds a threshold area whether the impacts occur on an area mapped on the BOSET Map <p>The Biodiversity Offset Scheme Entry Threshold (BOSET) tool can be used as a guide to decide whether this development is required to enter the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BOSET Tool User Guide: http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/bcact/biodiversity-offset-scheme-entry-threshold-user-guide-170503.pdf BOSET Tool (Map): lmbc.nsw.gov.au/BOSETMap (Note: the tool is updated every 3 months, you must provide evidence of when you viewed it – to do this print out the BOSET Report in the tool) 		
Does the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (BOS) apply to the subject land?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (BOS) DOES APPLY,

The biodiversity impacts must be assessed using the Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM). Assessment must be done by an accredited person The accredited person will prepare a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR).
You must submit a copy of the Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) with this Application
If the BDAR proposes biodiversity credits to be used as offsets (in accordance with the variation rules under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016), submit information on the reasonable steps taken to obtain the like-for-like biodiversity credits required to be retired under the report to offset the residual impacts on biodiversity values.
If the land is subject to a private land conservation agreement under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016, provide a description of the kind of agreement and the area to which it applies.

If no, the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (BOS) DOES NOT APPLY,

Submit a copy of the BOSET Assessment Tool report (showing the date assessed)		
In accordance with Section 7.3 of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016, you are required to carry out a 'test of significance' also known as the '5-part test' – (https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2016/63/part7/div1/sec7.3) The test must be carried out by a suitably qualified person. You must submit a copy of the test with this Application		
Does the test show that the development is likely to have a significant impact on threatened species in accordance with Section 7.3 of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

10. Principal Certifying Authority
 Before you commence the development, you must appoint a Principal Certifying Authority (PCA). You can nominate Council or a private accredited certifier.

Do you wish to nominate Edward River Council as your Principal Certifying Authority? Yes No

If yes, you need to complete 'Form 2 - Appointment of Principal Certifying Authority'
If no, provide details:

Certifier Name			
Accreditation No.		Date of Expiration	

11. Builder / Owner-Builder Details

Not known
 Owner-Builder
 Licensed Builder (please complete details below)

Licence Number	
Name	
Address	
Phone	

12. Schedule for building work only
 Information for Australian Bureau of Statistics

What are the current uses of the building/land? (If land is vacant, state that it is **Vacant**)

Does this site contain a dual occupancy? Yes No

Gross floor area proposed addition or new building (m ²)	
Gross floor area whole building (m ²)	
Number or pre-existing dwellings	
Number of dwellings to be demolished	
Number of proposed dwellings	
Number of storeys	

Materials to be used (please tick which best describes the materials used for the construction of the new work)

Walls	Roof	Floor	Frame
<input type="checkbox"/> Brick Veneer	<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminium	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete or Slate	<input type="checkbox"/> Timber
<input type="checkbox"/> Double Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> Timber	<input type="checkbox"/> Steel
<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete/Stone	<input type="checkbox"/> Fibre Cement	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminium
<input type="checkbox"/> Steel	<input type="checkbox"/> Tiles	<input type="checkbox"/> Not specified	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Fibre Cement	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate		<input type="checkbox"/> Not specified
<input type="checkbox"/> Timber/Weatherboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Steel		
<input type="checkbox"/> Curtain glass	<input type="checkbox"/> Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Not specified		
<input type="checkbox"/> Not specified			

13. Asbestos Material	
Estimated area (if any) of bonded asbestos material or friable asbestos material that will be disturbed, repaired or removed in carrying out the development (m ²)	

14. Potentially Contaminated Land	
Where it is proposed to erect a new building or make an alteration or addition to an existing building used for commercial and/or industrial purposes, is the land or has the land been formerly been used for a purpose listed in Table 1 to clause 3.2.1 of the Managing Land Contamination Planning Guidelines, SEPP 55 – Remediation of Land (Department of Urban Affairs and Planning/Environment Protection Authority, 1998) or is the land on the list of sites notified under s60 of the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, please provide details:

AND If yes, you must provide a statement from a suitably qualified person that the land is suitable for the intended purpose of the development having regard to the contamination status of the land or the land would be so suitable if the remediation works specified in that statement were carried out.

A list of uses identified in Table 1 to clause 3.2.1 of the Managing Land Contamination Planning Guidelines, SEPP 55 Remediation of Land can be found under Item 15 of Council's Application Guide.

15. Disclosure of Political Donation or Gift (DA only)	
Under Section 147 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> , any reportable political donations to a councillor and / or any gift to a Councillor or Council employee within a two (2) year period before the date of this application must be publicly disclosed. Note: Failure to disclose relevant information is an offence under the Act. It is also an offence to make a false disclosure statement.	
Are you aware of any person with a financial interest in this application who made a reportable donation or gift in the last two (2) years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, complete the Political Donation and Gifts Disclosure Statement and lodge it with this application (available from Council or from the Council website)	
If no, in signing this application I undertake to advise the Council in writing if I become aware of any person with a financial interest in this application who has made a political donation or has given a gift in the period from the date of lodgement of this application and the date of determination.	

16. Applicant's Declaration	
I apply for consent to carry out the development described in this application. I declare that all the information given is true and correct. I also understand that if incomplete, the application may be delayed, rejected or more information may be requested.	
Signature:	
Date	11/5/21

Please also complete the **Development Application Checklist** on pages 7 and 8 of this form.

Privacy Policy - The information you provide in this application will enable your application to be assessed by the certifying authority under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. If the information is not provided, your application may not be accepted. The application can be viewed by members of the public. Please contact the Council if the information you have provided in your application is incorrect or changes.



FORM 7 Statement of Environmental Effects for Minor Impact Developments

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In accordance with Schedule 1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 a development application must be accompanied by a Statement of Environmental Effects.

QUALIFIER

This Statement of Environmental Effects template has been produced to assist applicants identify the environmental impacts of a development and the steps to be taken to protect the environment or lessen expected harm. The template is suitable for minor impact development. It may be necessary for Council to request additional information depending on the nature of the impacts of a proposal. Larger scale developments should be accompanied by a detailed and specific Statement of Environmental Effects.

1. Applicant Details			
Applicant Name	Tony Campbell		
Postal Address <i>Your reply will be posted to this address</i>	176 River st Deniliquin		
Phone	0408 402 998	Email	tcsteel fabrication@hotmail.com
2. Property Details (of the site to be developed)			
Street Number	62	Street	Davidson
Town	Deniliquin	Site Area m ²	
Lot/DPs numbers			
3. Proposal details			
Describe your proposal in detail, including:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the physical description of building and any proposed buildings dimensions of building including height, proposed materials, nominated colour scheme, nature of use signage, disabled access and facilities, driveway access points, parking 			
<p>Use existing shed for storage for tools + equipment + steel fabrication business.</p>			

4. Site details	
What is the area of the site?	12000 8284
What is the land zone?	Rural
Describe the site - Provide information on physical features of the site such as shape, slope, vegetation, waterways, access, existing services/infrastructure	
large triangle Block Sloping Away from Davidson st with a large shed facing away from Davidson st	
Describe the use of lands adjoining the site. Will the proposal impact on adjoining property? Consider issues such as noise, privacy, overland flows of storm water and other amenity impacts.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Residential in front - light Vehicle mechanic + Car yard on the left - Heavy Diesel mechanic / Dealership on the Right. - Paddock on Rear Right. 	

5. Present and Previous Uses	
What is the present use of the site and when did this use commence? Did this use receive development consent?	
List the previous use(s) of the site	
Are you relying on existing use rights?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Have any potentially contaminating activities been undertaken on the property?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please identify:	

6. Existing Structures	
List existing structures on the land	
Dwelling / shed.	
List any structures to be demolished as part of the proposal	
NA	

7. Subdivision	
Do you propose to subdivide?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
How many existing lots?	
How many proposed lots?	

8. Planning Policies / Controls			
Does the proposal <u>seek a variation</u> to the provisions contained in the following controls?	Yes	No	N/A
Deniliquin LEP 2013	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conargo LEP 2013	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deniliquin DCP 2016	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other relevant SEPP / EPI Standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Context and Setting			
	Yes	No	N/A
Will the Development be visually prominent in the surrounding area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will the Development be consistent with the existing streetscape or Council Policy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will the development be out of character with the surrounding area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comment			

10. Access and Traffic			
	Yes	No	N/A
Is legal and practical access available to the site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are additional access points to road network required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has vehicle manoeuvring and onsite parking been addressed in the design?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will the development increase local traffic movements/volumes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please specify how much:			

11. Utilities and Services
Water supply - Please provide details of existing and any proposed arrangements
<i>Existing</i>
Sewer - Please provide details of existing and any proposed arrangements
<i>Existing</i>
Storm Water connection / disposal - Please provide details of existing and any proposed arrangements
<i>Already Connected.</i>
Septic Tank / Effluent disposal - Please provide details of existing and any proposed arrangements
<i>NA</i>
Other

12. Threatened Species and Biodiversity Considerations

Is the land identified as a critical habitat or as part of a critical habitat? Yes No

If yes, you need to submit a Species Impact Statement to accompany your application

Is the development likely to significantly affect threatened species populations or ecological communities or their habitat? Yes No

If yes, you need to submit a Species Impact Statement to accompany your application

Does the proposal include land clearing of native vegetation? Yes No

If no, proceed to Section 13

Does your proposal require land clearing of vegetation within an area identified on the Biodiversity Values Map as defined under the Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017? Yes No

Does your proposal exceed the Biodiversity Offset Scheme Thresholds in accordance with part 7.4 of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016? Yes No

If yes to EITHER of the above 2 questions, please attach a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) in accordance with part 6.12 of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

If no to BOTH of the above 2 questions, please attach a "test of significance" also known as the 5 part test, in accordance with section 7.3 of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

13. Environmental Impacts

Is your proposal likely to result in air, noise or water pollution? (Including during construction works) Yes No

If yes, please describe the source of pollution and what measures will be implemented to control pollution

Air (Dust, Odour)	N/A
Noise	
Water	N/A

Is the development likely to result in any form of sediment run-off? Yes No

If yes, please describe what erosion prevention and sediment control measures you propose to implement

Is the land flood prone? Yes No

If yes, describe the proposed finished floor levels of habitable rooms

Is the land classed as bushfire prone? Yes No

If yes, and if your proposal is for the construction of a dwelling or dwelling additions/alteration, you will need to undertake BAL Risk Assessment in accordance with NSW RFS Planning requirements and provide to Council. If you determine your development is a higher risk BAL 40 or BAL FZ, you will need to consult with a Bushfire consultant to assist further.

Do you propose to clear any vegetation and/or trees (Non-Native) as part of your proposal? Yes No

If yes, please provide details

14. Aboriginal Cultural Heritage	
Is the proposed site of the development in close proximity to Aboriginal cultural heritage (ACH) indicators (such as the Edward River or sites that are registered within the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) which may include culturally modified trees and known burial)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If **yes**, you must submit evidence that they have carried out due diligence in determining that the actions will not harm Aboriginal objects.

Attention is drawn to the *Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (the Code) and in particular the generic Due Diligence process on pages 10 – 14 of the Code. Anyone who exercises due diligence in determining that their actions will not harm Aboriginal objects has a defence against prosecution for the strict liability offence if they later harm an object. Further information on the code is available at the OEH website: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/cultureheritage/ddcop/10798ddcop.pdf

As a minimum the applicant is required to undertake a Due Diligence assessment in accordance with the Code to identify:

- Whether or not Aboriginal objects are, or are likely to be, present in the proposed development area, and
- To determine whether or not the proposed activities are likely to harm Aboriginal objects (if present)

To determine whether further assessment in the form of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) and/or an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) application is required.

Briefly summarise below the findings of your Due Diligence assessment – detail your site inspection, results from your AHIMS basic search and any other relevant information sourced
<p>The site has been built up at least 2m above original height over the years.</p> <p>after a walk through the site there was no signs on any Aboriginal Heritage</p>

15. Presumptive Title	
Is your development proposal located on the riverbank?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

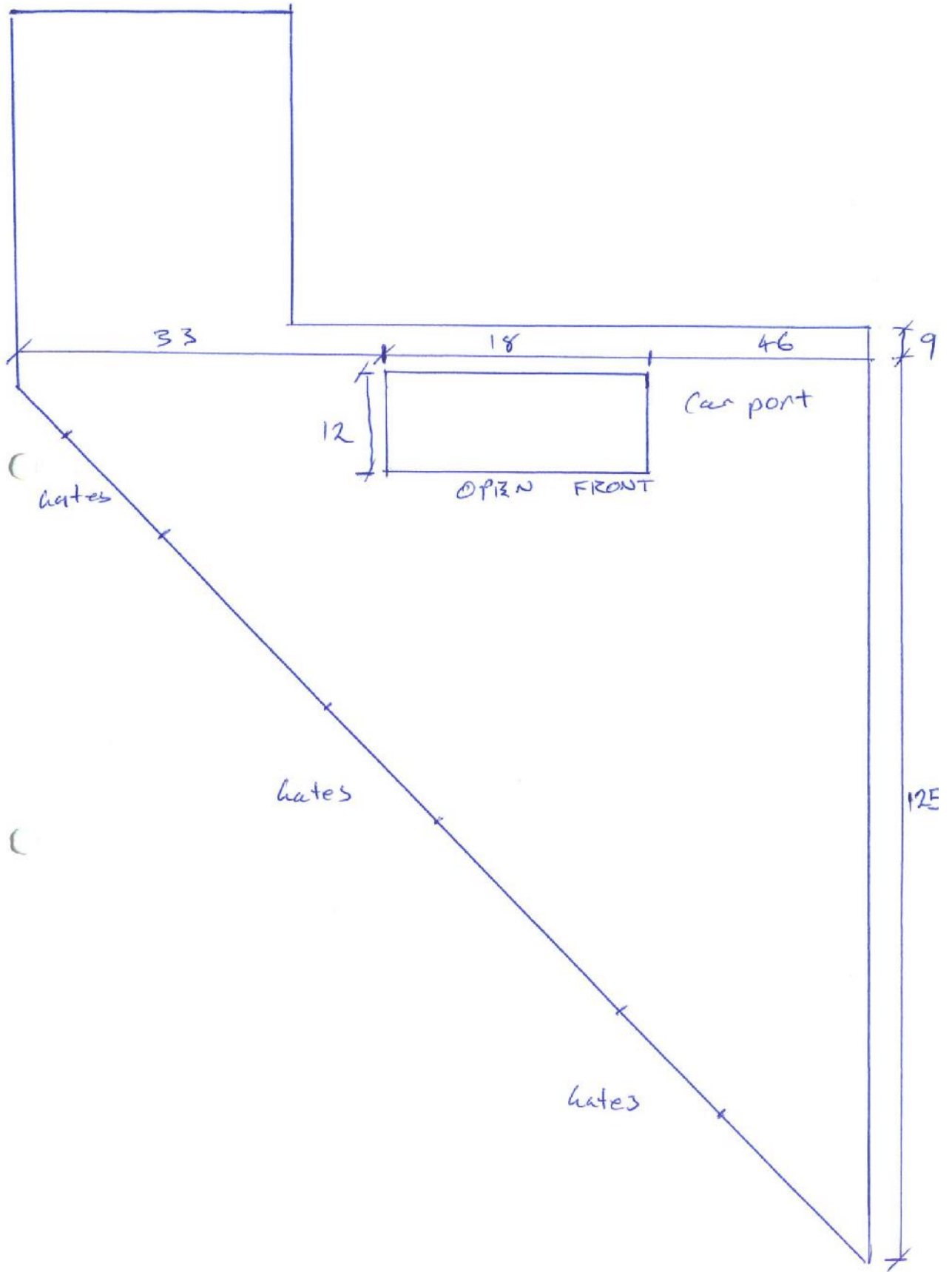
If **yes**, please advise / provide evidence if you have presumptive title (own to the middle thread of the river). This information can be obtained from Crown Lands – Phone 1300 886 235.

16. Operational and Management Details

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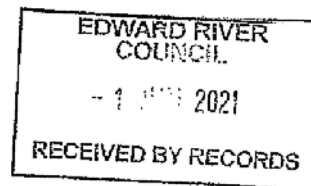
This section does not relate to residential development and is generally only applicable to commercial, industrial, rural industrial or tourism developments

Describe in detail the proposed business/activity					
- Storage for tools and Equipment - Welding -					
Hours of operation					
Monday to Friday	7	AM	to	5	PM
Saturday	-	AM	to		PM
Sunday	-	AM	to		PM
Extended hours	-	AM	to		PM
Total number of staff members	2				
Maximum number of staff members on duty at any one time	2				
Maximum number of clients/customers expected in a day	0				
Maximum number of clients/customers expected at any one time	0				
Expected vehicle types associated with the proposal	- staff vehicles - trailers				
Number of car parking spaces provided	2 carspaces in existing				
Location of car parking spaces provided	carport.				
Describe arrangements transport, loading, and unloading of goods (including expected frequency of deliveries, size of vehicles and frequency of truck movements)					
- steel delivered on Trailers - finished product transported to site on Trailers. - other plant & equipment transported on Trailers.					
List machinery associated with the proposed business / activity					
storage of plant & equipment eg. scissor lift, excavator, cherry picker, Trailers					
List the type and quantity of raw materials, finished products and waste materials					
steel fabrication - steel.					
Describe how waste will be disposed					
Rams scrap metal - minimal waste.					
Identify any processes or materials that may be potentially hazardous and identify management					
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SITE PLAN 01

The General Manager
Edward River Council
PO Box 270
Deniliquin NSW 2710



31 May 2021

Dear Sir

RE: OBJECTION to Proposed Development

Lot 20 DP8914, 62 Davidson Street, Deniliquin NSW 2710

Thankyou to Edward River Council for your letter dated 18 May 2021 regarding the application to change the use of 62 Davidson Street Deniliquin, currently split zoned as urban and rural, to Steel Fabrication.

I object to the proposal on the following basis impacting amenity and the right to quiet enjoyment of the neighbouring residents in Jones Avenue:

1. Noise – industrial noise from steel fabrication will impact all residents in quiet Jones Avenue, as well as the Murray Valley Regional Park and nearby Willoughby's Beach which currently has 13 tourist camps
2. Dust & odour – from steel fabrication, from heavy traffic loading & unloading steel
3. Increased traffic danger to people walking dogs, children, elderly people, horses and increased detriment from industrial & large traffic in a residential street - including transporting scissor lift, excavator, cherry picker, large trailers transporting steel frames, steel girders, galvanized iron sheets
4. Fire hazard – from industrial scale welding, grinding & storage of flammable items including gas cylinders & oxy equipment
5. Endangered, threatened and endemic species – nesting superb parrots & phascogale behind my property; echidna; powerful owl at 322 Jones Avenue.
6. Indigenous values of my neighbour Murray Valley Regional Park and Kolety walking tracks
7. Hours of operation – not only is 7am too early in a quiet, small suburban street but daytime noise is an issue given I relocated back to Deniliquin to work full-time from home where it is quiet – my right to earn a living without interruption and impact would be compromised
8. Tourist visitors to myself in Jones Avenue for the peace & quiet will cease visiting and spending in Deniliquin if it is a noisy, dusty industrial area – I worked hard to create the Easter ArtOut market to increase visitors, not deter them.

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9. Plenty of unused, serviced, industrial zoned land has been identified in council's Deniliquin Industrial Land Strategy, there is no need to change the zone of land neighbouring residential land to enable industrial businesses to operate.

10. Decreased valuation of residences in Jones Avenue – we have already been negatively impacted by previous rezoning

11. Access - whilst the zone use for Davidson Street as the highway is set to be business trade, the access for the proposed steel fabrication business is not Davidson Street it is the three entrances on Jones Avenue. We have previously had incidences of traffic from the mechanic business at 58 Davidson Street blocking the entrances to residences in Jones Avenue in a medical emergency, resulting in access to that business being required to be from Davidson Street. Parked traffic on Davidson Street near Jones Avenue corner is already dangerous due to the busy businesses nearby, further congestion of Jones Avenue traffic will increase that danger.

12. Future expanded and increased industrial use of the property -- once the use is rezoned to General Industry (defined for this applicant as Steel Fabrication) we have no recourse for expansion of this or another business with even more noise, dust, traffic, fire danger. The amenity & values for Jones Avenue will decline further. Council does not recompense ratepayers for devalued land or provide any rate reduction.

I note that the application Form 7 is incomplete, it does not address:

Section (8) Planning policies changes required

Section (9) DA is not consistent with existing streetscape for Jones Avenue

Section (10) the development will increase local traffic movement/volumes although the applicant has ticked 'No'.

Section (11) Utilities - there is no metered water or sewerage connected to the rural zoned area of the block for which the change of use is requested

Section (12) Threatened species & biodiversity – applicant has ticked 'No' but has not attached the required "test of significance" Part 5 test, as per section 7.3 of the Biodiversity & Conservation Act 2016. As outlined above, significant threatened species & biodiversity are within metres of Jones Avenue & the proposed development.

Section (13) Environmental Impacts:

- Noise – applicant as ticked "No" to air, water, noise pollution. There will be noise pollution – I am yet to witness a steel fabrication business that is silent
- Flood prone – applicant has left blank. The land is flood prone.
- Bushfire prone – the land is within metres of the Murray Valley Regional Park & is bushfire prone

This development application impacts & sets a negative precedent for the nearby tourist attractions on the north and south sides of the Edward River, for Willoughby's Beach camping ground and Kolety walking tracks frequented by international travellers for birdwatching and cultural training and tours in Murray Valley Regional Park behind Jones Avenue.

My overarching concern is that once this zoning use is changed from the current split zone Urban & Rural, to General Industry - Steel Fabrication, there is no return. Council will have achieved ruining Jones Avenue as the 'hidden gem' residential precinct, whilst ignoring the draft Deniliquin Industrial Land Strategy that states 46 hectares of land is available that is already zoned, serviced, vacant and underutilised, including 37ha Barham Road, 2.9ha Rice Mill and 5.9ha Airport. In the same strategy, suitability indicators for the River precinct Davidson Street show suitability re Flooding as Poor, Bushfire as Average, Planning Controls as Poor. There are also ample existing vacant industrial buildings & land on Davidson Street that could be used for this purpose.

In the Edward River Council Local Strategic Planning Statement adopted 20 Feb 2020 council undertook for Industry:

To deliver this Planning Priority, Council will: • Support existing industrial land uses and precincts for freight and logistics, industry, warehousing and similar activities in locations that minimise amenity impacts. • Investigate opportunities for the expansion of existing and new industrial precincts in our townships that do not impact on residents. • Encourage the co-location of complementary industry alongside agricultural enterprises that enhance the efficiency of the agricultural land use.

I would ask council to respect its own 2020 Local Strategic Planning Statement, and support the existing industrial land use areas as zoned and not change the zoned use of land adjacent to and significantly impacting on, local residents.

Increasing industrial businesses near homes is not necessary for Deniliquin to progress.

I would like to thank Edward River Council Planning Officer Eliza Eastman for her courteous, professional and speedy responses to my enquiries.

Kind regards



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322 Jones Avenue**Deniliquin, NSW 2021**
Kristopher and Jacqui Priest

The General Manager
Edwards River Council
180 Cressy Street,
Deniliquin, NSW 2710

June 1st 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: OBJECTION TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA 45/21 – Lot 20 DP8914, 62 Davidson street, Deniliquin NSW 2021.

I am writing in objection to the development application proposal regarding 62 Davidson street, Deniliquin on the following grounds:

Traffic Concerns – Currently a residential street consisting of only 5 houses, Jones Avenue has minimal daily traffic. The above proposal will generate a higher volume of traffic including much larger vehicles to accommodate the transportation of steel, equipment and floating plant. As all 3 gates listed on the proposal are accessed on Jones Avenue, we believe the road conditions and space needed to load and turn around such vehicles/plant is not adequate or safe for the proposed site or our adjoining property.

Noise/Disturbance - Manufacturing steel structures and operating plant would create a considerable amount of noise and disturb our quality of life. (Sleep)

Wildlife Conservation – We regularly have an abundance of wildlife at our doorstep including: Echidnas, Parrots, Possums, Wallabies, Kangaroos and recently a visit to our property from "The Powerful Owl". It is our fear that with the Noise, Pollution and Increased traffic caused by the DA 45/21 proposal may scare/harm the various and protected wildlife we enjoy on both our land and the adjoining national park.

Please consider our objection concerning the proposed Development.

Yours Sincerely,

Jacqui and Kristopher Priest
322 Jones Avenue, Deniliquin, NSW 2710

Kris@corfad.com.au | Jacqui@corfad.com.au

Kay Caniglia
82 Davidson Street
Deniliquin NSW 2710

General Manager
Edward River Council
PO BOX 270
Deniliquin NSW 2710

RE: DA45/21

01 June 2021

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 18 May 2021.

I am writing to lodge an objection submission to the above Development Application referred to in your correspondence.

My objection is based on the following grounds:

Conservation of the natural environment

Approximately 100 metres away from the proposed development and backing onto my property at 82 Davidson Street are two key environmental assets. The Edward River and the Aboriginal Sanctuary use by all the Deniliquin Community. We need to strengthen our environmental assets not weaken them with the potential harm this development may have on the forest, river, wildlife and habitat that are already embedded in this area of the community. The increase in noise and traffic would deter the wildlife that now frequently makes use of my land and river access.

Smells/Hazardous Materials

The proposed development currently sits within and surrounded by many residential homes including my home at 82 Davidson Street.

In 2017, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), part of the World Health Organisation that coordinates and conducts research into the causes of human cancer, determined there was enough evidence to upgrade the carcinogenic status of welding fumes and, for the first time, to classify UV radiation.

The IARC:

- reclassified the carcinogenic status of welding fumes from Group 2B Carcinogen (*possibly carcinogenic to humans*) to Group 1 Carcinogen (*carcinogenic to humans*).
- classified UV radiation emitted during welding as a Group 1 Carcinogen.

Noise and disturbance resulting from use

Due to the change of use to Steel Fabrication this will increase/contribute to the noise levels above what is already existing.

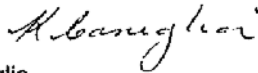
Noise exposure is considered a stressor that may potentially exert negative health effects. The most prevalent and immediate response to noise is annoyance, which is an individually experienced phenomenon that may activate physiological stress-responses and result in both physical and mental symptoms.

Noise pollution also impacts wildlife. A wide range of animals, including insects, frogs, birds, and bats, rely on sound for a variety of reasons. Noise pollution can interfere with an animal's ability to attract a mate, communicate, navigate, find food, or avoid predators and thus can even be an existential threat to vulnerable organisms.

I would not like to see the safe and pleasant living environment the wildlife and I have been accustomed to for so long be put at risk.

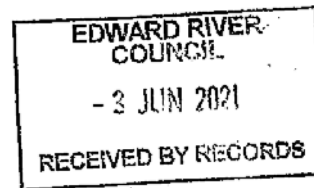
In conclusion, I would much rather see the area being developed with respect and reflect the existing neighbourhood character that currently exists.

Kind Regards



Kay Caniglia

General Manager,
Edward River Council,
PO Box 270,
Deniliquin, NSW 2710



31 May, 2021

Dear Sir,

In response to your letter dated 18 May, 2021 re the proposed development of a steel fabrication business at Lot 20 DP 8914, 62 Davidson Street, Deniliquin, NSW 2710 we wish to submit our objection.

Grounds of objection : Disruptive Noise.

: Incomplete and incorrect application answers.

: Previous council notification that only a removable storage facility was allowed on those premises due to it being in a flood zone. This was when we asked what type of business was permissible as we were interested in establishing a new enterprise to Deniliquin.

: Hours of operation are of great concern, having residential properties adjacent and abutting the proposed development. One neighbour works from home and we are currently setting up our property for holiday accommodation.

: Environment for native animals and birds including echidnas, frill neck, stumpy tail & Blue Tongue lizards, skinks and geckos, as well as numerous nesting birds, all of which have been seen on 62 Davidson Street back block. Superb Parrots are currently nesting at the rear of 326 Jones Avenue, and the owners of 322 Jones Avenue had a Powerful Owl at their back door last week, directly opposite the proposed development.

: Devaluation of current residential properties according to two local agents.

: Jones Avenue Road surface, being more like a rural road than a street due to the state of the surface, is definitely not suitable for increased traffic use, especially heavier vehicles.

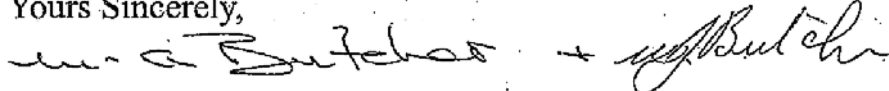
: the applicant hasn't completed all sections of his application and hasn't answered all questions correctly ie: Point 4; heavy diesel mechanic/dealership on the right is incorrect as I spoke to Meredith Tasker on 1/6/21 and she said that the workshop on the western side of Davidson Street was where all work was done other than occasionally

attaching things such as header fronts in their storage facility opposite. Point 8; hasn't been answered but I believe alterations would need to be made. Point 9; will the development be out of character...? I believe it is, as this proposal does not abut any existing industrial businesses, just residential and farm land. Point 10; re increase in local traffic. His answer is no but I believe it would impact local traffic movement & volume. Point 11; the area his business will be in has no storm water connection/disposal at all other than runoff. We speak from experience as we have had to deal with the runoff from that block pouring across Jones Avenue, into our block at 324 Jones Avenue. Point 12; re threatened species/ecological communities and/or habitat, as mentioned above there are numerous birds and animals that inhabit this area including those I've mentioned above, some being endangered. Point 13; has a no answer but I don't believe it would be possible to run a silent steel fabrication business and think at times air and water pollution could also come into play. The applicant also says air and water are not applicable and leaves noise without a comment even though he is required to do so. For the question is the land flood prone, the answer should have been yes but he has left both boxes blank. For the question is the land classed as bushfire prone, he has left it blank, it should have been yes.

We are currently setting up our house at 324 Jones Avenue to host visitors to Deniliquin for both bird watching and fishing excursions and believe the benefit of these regular out of town visitors outweighs that of a business which is already established and is just moving to a different location.

We believe the impact of this development will be very detrimental to all current residents close to this property and query why this business couldn't establish itself out at the Industrial Park near the Airport south of Deniliquin which is zoned to include businesses such as this or at one of the vacant blocks abutting Davidson Street which would give him access to a visible storefront, helping him promote his business.

Yours Sincerely,



Mary-Anne & William Joseph Butcher,
324 Jones Avenue,
Deniliquin, NSW 2710
Phone: 0429930661

Fwd: Fwd: LO20 DP8914 62



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General Manager

Edward Filer Council
P O Box 270
Deniliquin NSW 2710
To address my concern,

Geraldine O'Hare
312 Jones Avenue
Deniliquin NSW 2710

I am responding to the letter regarding proposed sheet fabrication business proposed for Lot 20 DP8914 62.

I am concerned about why this lot has been chosen when we have excellent industrial sites in the town planning with good access to main roads.

The proposed site is surrounded by residences and the town staff for sheet construction of sheds is unfair to us, also the property doesn't have access to Davidson Street which will impact on our little street.

We have lived here for more than 20 years and 10 years ago my daughter and I purchased the block because of the uniqueness of this area.

Jones Avenue is used by many families for swimming, fishing, bird watching, walking the dogs and exercising by walking the regional park and residents also come down to have their meals.

The community make good use of this unique part of Deniliquin.

The proposed business will also lower our property values.

We know of many people who have chosen interest in the site and so makes you wonder what incentives have been given as there is no sewage or 3 phase power attached. Would be very disappointing to have portaloos installed there.

We ask you to reconsider the proposal regarding the disadvantages this will be to all of us that have established our homes and the uniqueness here.

The regional town is home to many re-established species, the swamp warblers, echidnas and many birds including recent sightings of the Powerful Owl to mention a few.

Sincerely yours

Geraldine O'Hare and Allen Eames

Eliza Eastman

From: Tony <tcsteelfabrication@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 30 June 2021 4:01 PM
To: Eliza Eastman
Subject: 62 Davidson St

Dear General manager

Re: DA 25/

Further to recent discussions with Eliza in planning, we understanding a number of objectives have been raised in relation to the proposed operation of the shed 62 Davidson Street. We have reviewed the objectives, referred to Council's planning documents and economic development documents and note the following:

- The yard was built up with gravel fill and is approx. 6 feet above natural ground level in the early 80's and it has been used as an infrastructure (we therefore propose as a DA condition to undertake a detail of AHD levels on the site to address any concerns with the flooding in the area, we hold there is an existing levee built by Council at the back of the properties on Jones Avenue, and this levee has held flooding back from the property in all the major flood events that Deniliquin has occurred over the years
- We are seeking to continue to use the existing shed as a workshop, the same purpose that it was used for over 40 years, however we propose to enclose the fourth wall
- The shed has 3 phase power and sewerage connection to the property, we adjust our hours of operation to 8am to 5pm
- Our proposal complies to the NSW Planning current zoning for the site
- We don't use abrasive grinding wheels only sanding pads which are considerable quieter to use
- We have very client visits as our business is focus onsite construction, we have space within the 2 acre allotment to allow for worker/customer parking which will be off street
- There will be no loading of anything outside the yard
- The property does not border the national park and our development will not be heard over Davidson Stret. We have taken noise readings with a fully calibrated sound metere from 50 m away from banksaw with the door open it was 57 db and 50 db with the door closed.
- Our recordings of noise from traffic on Davidson street, show recordings of over 70 and 80 db for a lot of the time our business would operate. This means the noise from Davidson street is louder than the machinery we may use sometimes within the shed
- We don't use oxy acetylene and haven't for 15 years, welding gas is not flammable
- The nature of my business is that for one week of being on site in the shed, it will result in construction of 5 weeks on a construction site, therefore we will not be at the shed everyday
- The shed will only be used for 10 to 12 weeks a year for assembling and the rest of the year as storage
- I'm a big naturist and I put hollow logs as nesting boxes in the trees at my home, and intend to do the same at thi property

I'm more than willing to address the objectives of my DA with surrounding residents through:

1. Adjusting my hours of operation
2. Installing the fourth wall on the shed and installing sound mitigation items
3. Work with Planning Department of Council to work through the objectives and install as part of the DA conditions solutions to manage the causes of the local residents

We are a small family business seeking to create a storage facility for our business to enable us to grow.

We seek for the opportunity to work with the Planning Team on solutions to address the resident concerns and are more than willing to attend a meeting between residents and council to work through a workable solution for all parties.

We seek for the opportunity to formally address the concerns of residents through a fair and equitable planning process for all parties.

Thanks Tony

10.7 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

Author: Marie Sutton, Manager Development Services

Authoriser: Philip Stone, General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the Development Services Report for July 2021

BACKGROUND

Attachment 1 is the Development Services Report for July 2021

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

N/A

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

N/A

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

1. Development Services Report July 2021



Applications received - July 2021					
Application	Property Description	Proposal	Date Received	Date Approved	Status
DA 70/21	Lot 2 DP1135369, 265-271 Barham Road, Deniliquin	Demountable Office	1/7/21	-	Waiting on further information from applicant
DA 71/21	Lot 1 DP1232508, Cemetery Road, Deniliquin	Install 2 Additional Grain Bunkers	14/7/21	-	Under assessment
DA 72/21	Lot 84 DP39740, Pretty Pine Tip Road, Pretty Pine	Pretty Pine Tip Conversion to transfer station	14/7/21	-	Under assessment
DA 73/21	Lot 159 DP728941, Conargo Road, Conargo	Conargo Tip Conversion to transfer station	14/7/21	-	Under assessment
DA 74/21	Lot 5 DP720227, Lots 8, 13, 14, 22, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 61, 72 DP756268 Lot 1 DP133987 "Peppinella", Conargo Road, Lots 23 & 84 DP756247, "Boonoke", Conargo Road	Expansion of existing 8,000 head feedlot to 12,000 head feedlot (Intensive Livestock Facility)	14/7/21	-	Under assessment
Complying Development Certificates					
PC CDC 2/21	Lot 1 D255246, 425 Sloane Street, Deniliquin	New Single Dwelling	1/7/21	30/6/21	Approved
S68 Applications					
S68	Lot 3 DP756268, 5310 Conargo Road, Conargo	Septic Tank	1/7/21	21/7/21	Approved



Processing Times for July 2021		
Application Type	* Mean Gross Days	** Mean Net Days
DA	28	23
Mod (\$4.55) of DA & DA/CC	-	-
CDC	28	28
CC	31	31
S68 Applications	26	26

* Mean gross days = Total days from lodgment to determination ** Mean Net Days = Total days less Stop the Clock days

Value and Number of Applications Determined 2020 and 2021										
Month	DAs 2020	DAs 2021	CDCs 2020	CDCs 2021	CC 2020	CC 2021	S68 2020	S68 2021	Value 2020	Value 2021
January	3	8	2	0	3	3	-	3	\$737,500	\$1,885,946
February	3	7	1	0	2	2	-	4	\$89,175	\$1,599,609
March	8	18	-	1	4	12	1	4	\$46,000	\$2,918,375
April	7	9	-	1	5	3	-	5	\$818,000	\$673,735
May	5	7	-	1	5	5	1	0	\$205,000	\$463,520
June	10	11	-	0	10	8	1	6	\$532,258	\$938,000
July	11	11	1	2	8	9	1	3	\$983,473	\$598,050
August	7		-		12		5		\$918,903	
September	10		2		10		2		\$1,153,983	
October	16		2		10		3		\$1,827,041	
November	9		-		3		2		\$275,550	
December	9		-		4		3		\$1,466,842	
TOTALS	98	71	8	5	76	52	19	25	\$9,053,725	\$9,077,235
Note: numbers of application determined does not include modifications and applications determined by private certifiers. Value of application determined does not include the value of work for Construction Certificates and s68 applications.										



Section 10.7 Certificates/Sewerage Drainage Diagrams	
Planning certificates	32
Sewerage drainage diagrams	23

Swimming Pool Inspection Program			
Month	1 st Inspection	2 nd Inspection	3 rd Inspection
July	-	-	-

NSW Planning Portal commencement

From 1 July 2021, all Development Applications (DAs), Construction Certificates (CCs) and Complying Development Certificates (CDCs) are being lodged with Council via the [NSW Planning Portal](#). Council can no longer accept direct lodgment of applications.

The introduction of E-Planning has been promoted on the NSW Portal website as *“a tool that saves time for applicants, saves time for councils and reduces duplication and administrative costs”*.

Since the introduction on 1st July, the Development Services team has noted the following;

- Most applicants have required Council assistance to lodge their applications and have expressed difficulty in navigating the Portal
- Additional time is spent receiving applications through the portal and requesting further information from applicants.
- A duplication of processes and administrative functions due to the need to receive applications via the planning portal and process through separate internal development application systems.
- Future plans to integrate the Planning Portal with Tech One Development Modules, thereby reducing administrative times, no longer appear feasible due to prohibitive cost of integration.



Ranger's Report – July 2021		
Companion Animals		
	Cats	Dogs
Animals still impounded	0	2
Animals seized/surrendered	0	5
Animals released to owner	0	11
Animals euthanised	0	0
Animals rehomed	0	1
Dogs declared dangerous / menacing	0	0
Animals microchipped by Council	0	1
Animals microchipped by Council (Desexing Program)	0	0
Animals microchipped by Council (quarterly free chipping week)	0	n/a
Animals registered	0	
Animal registration notices sent	0	0
Animal fines	0	0
Clean Up Notices		
Property clean up notices	0	
Illegal dumping	0	
Parking		
Parking fines	0	
Parking patrols completed	4	
Impoundment (Impounding Act 1993)		
Vehicles	0	
Livestock	0	
Euthanised Wildlife	0	

Dog Attacks 2020 and 2021						
Month	No. of Incidents		No. of Attacking Dogs		No. of Victims	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
January	1	1	1	1	1	1
February	2	2	4	2	29	2
March	2	1	2	1	2	1
April	1	-	1	-	1	-
May	2	1	3	1	2	2
June	-	0	-	0	-	0
July	1		1		1	
August	1		1		3	
September	4		6		5	
October	2		1		3	
November	0		0		0	
December	2		2		1	
TOTAL	13	5	15	5	40	6

Dog Attack Details			
Date	Details	Victims	Outcome



22.7.21	Police report to Council – Dog Attack - Owner set dog on another person, causing injury	1 Adult	Victim required hospital treatment. Dog has been seized by Council. Fines to be issued from Police. Notice of Intention for Dog to be Declared Dangerous has been sent to the owner.
27.7.21	Dog attacked another dog.	1 dog	Fines to be issued to owner.

10.8 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**Author: Michelle Cobb, Manager Tourism & Economic Development****Authoriser: Philip Stone, General Manager****RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council note the Community and Economic Development Department update.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a regular update on the work and projects being undertaken by the Community and Economic Development Team. This report provides an update on activities from June 2021 to July 2021

The Community and Economic Development portfolio includes the following areas of responsibility:

- Economic Development and Business Assistance
- Events
- Tourism Development
- Deniliquin Visitor Centre and Peppin Heritage Centre
- Library Services
- Community Liaison and Development
- Communications and Media
- Grant writing

ISSUE/DISCUSSION**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS SUPPORT**

- Met with owners of The Federal Hotel to discuss progress and impacts of COVID border closures on the project
- Met with potential new luxury whiskey bar/business looking to open in Deniliquin CBD area. Supporting business owner through DA process and connections with other business.
- Met with a hybrid energy company who is exploring the Edward River region as a potential location for a new large-scale project.
- Met with Deniliquin Boat Club committee to discuss future expansion plans.
- Ongoing communication with Service NSW and local businesses to provide information and assistance with the latest round of business support grants.
- Supporting the Seniors Living Precinct project through interaction with prospective residents, community meeting coordination, communications and marketing.

TOURISM

- Regional Visit Deni marketing campaign was undertaken from 13 June – 3 July in Wagga, Albury, Griffith and Leeton. The campaign included:
 - TV advertisements on Prime, Nine, Ten stations
 - Radio advertisements across Hit and Triple M stations
 - Digital banner and article advertising across news websites
 - Print advertising in The Daily Advertiser, The Border Mail and The Area News

- June – July 2021 Visit Deni social media data:
 - 196,300 impressions on Visit Deni Facebook posts
 - 92 new followers gained on Visit Deni Facebook account
 - 93,400 impressions on Visit Deni Instagram posts
 - 80 new followers gained on Visit Deni Instagram account
- Visit Deni website results from June – July:
 - 1,862 website visitors
 - 4,622 page views
 - 80.4% of website visitors were new
- New social media strategy developed for Visit Deni and implementation of strategy has already commenced.
- New 2021-2023 MoU approved between Edward River Council and Deni Play on the Plains Festival Ltd.
- New 2022-2024 MoU approved between Edward River Council and Murray Regional tourism.
- Visit Deni sponsorship of new 'Bogan Bingo' event at the Deni Ute Muster was negotiated.
- Stocktake completed at Deniliquin Visitor Information Centre.
- New Visit Deni town flags arrived.

COVID IMPACTS

Attached is the Murray Regional Tourism Murray Region Border Closures Economic Impact Assessment which covers:

- Victorian instigated May / June lockdown
- July lockdown both Victoria and NSW along with modelling for the continued NSW only restrictions
- Aggregate COVID impact from April 2020 to July 2021

Contained in the report is an outline of the key assumptions and assessment criteria which has been a consistent process across previous research along with modelling over a low to high impact phase. Based on ongoing comparison to our initial How the Murray Visitor Economy Would Recover Report and our ongoing Murray Region Tourism Research Australia data tracking reports, the region is consistently landing in the high impact modelling assumption range which continues to be a concern for the region.

Edward River Council will use the data contained in the report to assist in our ongoing advocacy with both State and Federal governments to ensure a consistent message in relation to the real impacts and to achieve better outcomes for the Murray visitor economy and our communities.

MRT are focusing on the following advocacy areas:

- Urgent need for an agreed framework on triggers for moving in and out of a lockdown specifically as they relate to the border region
- Consistency in the treatment of the border region
- Desire for the NSW border region to be treated under the same rules as Victorian rules where possible (green border bubble travel permit system)
- Agreed direct business support measures to be available under various predetermined conditions and restrictions framework to ensure long term sustainability
- Prioritisation of investment in key tourism infrastructure projects

- Dedicated marketing funding support to aid recovery efforts

EVENTS

- Moonlight Cinema: Hosted outdoor movie screening of The Dry at The Crossing Café on Friday 11 June, in partnership with Deniliquin Business Chamber.
 - Sold out event – 130 in attendance
 - A second Moonlight Cinema event is being planned for Spring
- Sponsored Bounce Back Business event at The Depot on Tuesday 22 June and engaged Robbie Sefton as keynote speaker.
 - 30 people in attendance
 - Delivered by Deniliquin Business Chamber with funding support from Council
- Hosted Driving Growth in Edward River Developers forum at Deniliquin Golf Club on Wednesday 23 June.
 - 45 people in attendance
 - Robbie Sefton facilitated CSP consultation session at the event
- Coordinated and attended rural CSP stakeholder sessions:
 - Pretty Pine Thursday 24 June
 - Booroorban Tuesday 6 July
 - Conargo Wednesday 7 July
 - Blighty Thursday 8 July
 - Wanganella Friday 9 July
- Coordinated and attended the Deniliquin Seniors' Living Community Meeting
 - 32 people in attendance
 - 10 people wishing to pay a \$500 deposit
 - 3 new EOIs since meeting
 - Follow up meeting planned for October
- Supported and celebrated 2021 NAIDOC week:
 - Sponsored NAIDOC week art program in local schools
 - Attended NAIDOC week flag raising ceremony at Deniliquin Local Aboriginal Land Council on Monday 5 July.
 - Edward River Council / Yarkuwa / Deniliquin High School event was unfortunately cancelled due to COVID event restrictions.
- Dawn MacDonald and Joey Conn exhibition at the Peppin Heritage Centre.
 - Strong art sales achieved.
- Supported Men's Health event at Deniliquin Golf Club on Wednesday 16 June through sponsorship, attendance, and audio/visual assistance.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

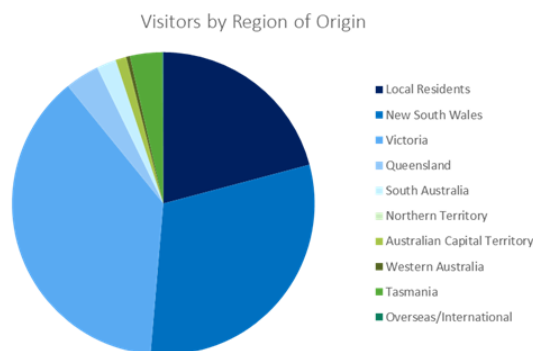
Visitation Statistics

- Strong visitation this year as reported in previous month’s meeting papers. We have no 2020 comparison data due to COVID, however we can compare 2019 figures.
- Had we not had a major lock down in July we would have well exceeded 2019s figures, and that’s during a pandemic.

Month	2019 figures	2021 figures
March	1126	1255
April	1530	1431
May	1424	1437
June	1056	1040
July	1030	471
Total	6166	5634

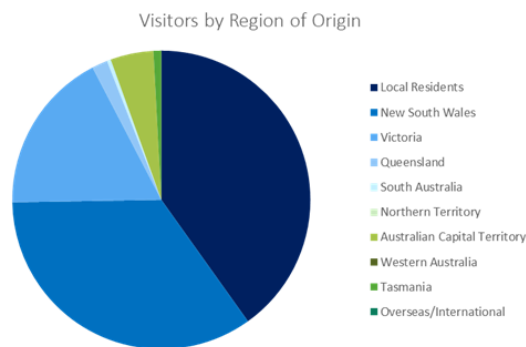
June Visitor Information Centre data:

Total Walk-in Visitors	1040
Local Residents	217
New South Wales	317
Victoria	393
Queensland	38
South Australia	22
Northern Territory	0
Australian Capital Territory	12
Western Australia	4
Tasmania	36
Overseas/International	1



July Visitor Information Centre data:

Total Walk-in Visitors	471
Local Residents	189
New South Wales	163
Victoria	83
Queensland	8
South Australia	2
Northern Territory	0
Australian Capital Territory	22
Western Australia	0
Tasmania	4
Overseas/International	0



PROJECTS

Rural Village Business Painting:

- Booroorban – complete
- Blighty – complete
- Wanganella – painting complete, signage in progress
- Pretty Pine – quotes received for both painting and signage, about to engage successful contractors

Community Grants

- Launched the 2021/22 Community Grants Program on Tuesday 20 July. Applications close 24 August.

Peppin Heritage Masterplan

- A new masterplan for the Peppin Heritage Centre was developed, in collaboration with Sivonne Binks, Council and local stakeholders. This will be presented to a Council workshop in September.

Community Strategic Plan

- Coordinated stakeholder engagement process with Sefton's for Council's new Community Strategic Plan, including stakeholder identification, scheduling meetings, arranging project HQ and accompanying Robbie Sefton at certain events.

Arts and Culture

- Arranged for the removal and installation of a new banner in the laneway in Devour Café. VisAttak have been engaged for the removal and production of the new banner, approval has been granted by the building owner, and a new banner is being developed in partnership with A Day in the Life in Deniliquin committee – expected to launch in September.
- Met with Edwina Circuit to discuss any upcoming partnership opportunities for the delivery of art workshops within the ERC area.
- Working alongside Peppin Heritage Centre project manager Greg Dryburgh to finalise plans for the building renewal works.

Disability and Inclusion Access Plan

- Met with Disability and Inclusion Access Plan Committee
- New plan to be developed in 2021/2022
- New committee will be recruited

FUNDING

- Met with Dept Agriculture to discuss milestones and project completion timeframes.
- Dept Agriculture advised the application for \$250,000 to implement the Agribusiness Masterplan is still under consideration by Minister Pitt.
- Unsuccessful applications under DNSW funding – most money seems to have gone to Sydney

LIBRARY

- 4672 visitors since June
- 59 new members since June
- 7322 items loaned since June including (114 Hoopla streaming service & 503 from BorrowBox)
- Launch event for new lending apps, website, public PCs and Virtual Reality project postponed due to COVID

STAFF

- Recruitment process for Community Project Officer completed. Sherryn Hill will commence work in August.
- Danny Mulcahy has been nominated for the Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Customer Service Award
- Peter Pap and Jane Fraser completed Leadership Training -
- Michelle Cobb completed IAP2 Certification
- Michelle Cobb joined South-West Arts Board

- Peter Pap - application for NSW Justice of the Peace (JP) appointment has been approved

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

These programs and projects align with the following Council strategies:

- Edward River Council Community Strategic Plan
- Edward River Advocacy Strategy
- Edward River Economic Development Strategy 2018-2021
- Edward River Tourism Development Plan
- Library Strategic Plan 2019

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The CED program update aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan and assists Council to deliver the following outcomes:

- Outcome 1.3: Our community and public spaces are accessible and inclusive and reflect our history, heritage, and culture.
- Outcome 2.2: We develop our key assets to enhance agriculture, boost tourism and support existing business.
- Outcome 3.3: We plan for the future to accommodate and facilitate sustainable growth and development.
- Outcome 4.1: Our built environment is managed, maintained and improved
- Outcome 5.2: We collaborate and pursue partnerships that achieve great outcomes for our community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All projects are funded through Councils Operational Delivery Plan and various funding streams

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Legislative implications are considered and adhered to for all projects and programs

ATTACHMENTS

1. **MRT - Murray Region Border Closures Economic Impact Assessment - Confidential**

10.9 DENILIQVIN SALEYARDS USER GROUP**Author: Mark Dalzell, Director Infrastructure****Authoriser: Mark Dalzell, Director Infrastructure****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Endorses the draft Terms of Reference for the Deniliquin Saleyards User Group,
2. Undertakes an Expression of Interest process for community members of the Deniliquin Saleyards User Group, and
3. Receives a further report regarding the Deniliquin Saleyards User Group.

BACKGROUND

At its 15 July 2021 meeting, Council resolved the following regarding the Saleyards Strategic Plan:

That Council:

1. *Council defer decision to divest and close the cattle yards and not adopt strategic plan for 12 months.*
2. *Form a user group to assist Council and the new lease holder to improve the facility.*
3. *Council investigate the scaling down to three runs to a 300 head of cattle capacity in 12 months.*
4. *Council initiate a complete WHS report on the three cattle runs.*
5. *Provides a report with a recommendation on the outcome of the expression of interest process by November 2021.*
6. *Includes the development of the Saleyards in its advocacy strategy and investigates funding opportunities to assist with future development of the sales.*
7. *Includes the development of the saleyards in Council's long term financial plan, and*
8. *Prepares a management plan for the ongoing operation of the sale yards facility.*

The matter of the creation of a Saleyards User Group, as noted in Resolution 2 above, was further discussed at the 5 August 2021 Council workshop.

STRUCTURE OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council's adopted 'Strategic Review of the Committee Framework and Community Facility Management Model' the committee will be a User Group Reference Committee. The structure for these types of committees will include:

- Terms of reference adopted by Council with clear objectives stated,
- No delegation,
- Clear objectives, generally support Council activities, and
- Council has management and control of facilities.

Whilst it is noted that the Saleyards are managed by an operator under a lease arrangement, it is still considered to be under Council's control.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Council officers have prepared a draft Terms of Reference for the Saleyards User Group. A copy of the draft Terms of Reference is included in Attachment 1. Matters addressed in the draft Terms of Reference are further discussed below.

Status of the User Group

The User Group will be an advisory group to Council and has no delegated functions pursuant to Section 355 of the Local Government Act and does not have the power to direct Council or Council officers.

Objectives

The objective of the User Group is to provide Council with advice and input regarding development and improvement of the facility, including the cattle yards, sheep yards and truck wash. This is consistent with Council's 15 July 2021 resolution.

Membership

It was discussed at the workshop that a range of members for the User Group would improve the effectiveness of the group to meet its objectives. This was also highlighted in the community interest shown in the Saleyards during the Strategic Plan process.

Membership to the group will be made up of the following:

- A minimum of two councillors with no limit of the maximum number of councillors. Councillors would be nominated to the User Group by way of Council resolution as is the case for other advisory groups,
- Each Stock Agent that uses the Saleyards will have one representative,
- The operator of the Saleyards will have two representatives,
- Three community members who have a direct connection with the Saleyards will be included in the group membership.

Council officers are not members of the group but will attend meetings as required and provide administrative support.

Quorum

As the User Group is an advisory group only, there will be no quorum for meetings to proceed.

Administration and Reporting

Council staff will provide administrative support for the meetings, including sending agendas and papers, taking minutes, and managing action sheets.

Minutes from the meetings will be reported to Council for consideration and action as required.

Meeting Schedule

Meetings will be on a quarterly basis or as required should the need arise. It is envisaged that, at the commencement of the group, meetings will occur more regularly as Council works through issues relating to the Strategic Plan and WHS audit.

Community Members

As discussed at the Council workshop, the draft Terms of Reference will include provision for community members. This reflects the interest shown from the community regarding the Saleyards. Community members should have a connection to the Saleyards, for example be buyers, transporters or involved in agriculture related to the operation of the Saleyards.

The draft Terms of Reference includes three community members as part of the group, though this may be revised based on the response to requests from the community to be part of the group. If Council resolves to call for Expressions of Interest regarding community membership to the group, this will be advertised for a period of two weeks, commencing on 20 August 2021. This will allow

the outcomes of the Expression of Interest process to be reported to Council's September meeting, with meetings of the group commencing in late September or early October.

Further Report to Council

Following the Expression of Interest process, Council officers will provide a further report to Council, including:

- Adopting the Terms of Reference for the Saleyards User Group,
- Outcome of the Expression of Interest process and determining community members to be part of the group, and
- Determining councillors to be part of the group.

This report requests that Council endorses the draft Terms of Reference to proceed with the Expression of Interest process as well as discussion regarding the Terms of Reference.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Following the outcome from the Saleyards Strategic Plan process, it is important for Council to continue to work with the facility users and community regarding future development of the Saleyards.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

This project meets the objectives of *Outcome 4 – A region with quality and sustainable infrastructure* in the Community Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications regarding to the operation of the User Group as the group will have no delegated authority for expenditure.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Draft Deniliquin Saleyards Terms of Reference**



**TERMS OF REFERENCE
FOR
DENILQUIN SALEYARDS
USER GROUP**



**Terms of Reference for
Deniliquin Saleyards User Group**
Engineering and Assets
Infrastructure

1 NAME OF THE COMMITTEE

The name of the committee will be Deniliquin Saleyards User Group.

2 OBJECTIVES

The objective of the User Group is to provide Council with advice and input regarding development and improvement of the Saleyards facility, including the cattle yards, sheep yards and truck wash.

3 FUNCTIONS OF THE USER GROUP

The functions of the User Group are to:

- Act in an advisory capacity to Council regarding the Deniliquin Saleyards,
- Provide assistance to the Council with the development of an overall Strategic Plan for the Saleyards, and
- Make recommendations to the Council regarding maintenance priority works.

4 STATUS OF THE USER GROUP

The User Group is an advisory group as per Council's 'Strategic Review of the Committee Framework and Community Facility Management Model'. The User Group has no delegated functions pursuant to Section 355 of the Local Government Act and does not have the power to direct Council or Council officers.

5 USER GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the User Group will include:

- Councillors: A minimum of two councillors with no limit on the maximum number of councillors. Councillors will be nominated to the User Group by way of Council resolution,
- Agents: Each Agent that uses the Saleyards will have one representative,
- Operator: The Operator of the Saleyards will have two representatives,
- Community: Three community members who have a direct link to the Members Saleyards will be included in the group membership

6 COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Council will call for community members through an Expression of Interest process with members being placed on the committee by way of Council resolution.

Community members should be associated with, or have an interest in, the operation of the Saleyards. This information should be included in their submissions requesting to be part of the User Group.



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The maximum term length for a community member will be two years, after which they will be required to resign from their position and any vacancies filled through an Expression of Interest process. Previous group members, including any who may have recently resigned their position, may nominate for vacant positions through this process. Committee members may also resign their position at any time during the two-year period by advising Council of their wish to do so in writing.

Community members must not be eligible to be on the User Group via one or more of the membership groups. This includes family members and employees of the agents or the operator.

7 NEW MEMBERS

Should any new organisation or user become established at the Saleyards, Council will consider inviting the organisation or user to be part of the User Group.

8 COUNCIL STAFF

Council staff are not members of the User Group but may attend meetings as required. Attendance by Council staff will be reported in the meeting minutes.

Council staff will provide administration support for the committee, including issuing agendas and business papers, managing meetings, taking minutes and reporting back to Council.

9 CODE OF CONDUCT

All User Group members will be bound by the Council's Code of Meeting Practice and Code of Conduct.

10 MEETINGS

Meetings are to be held on a quarterly basis or more often if required and agreed to by the members of the User Group. Meeting times and locations will be determined by the User Group and any changes to these will be recorded in the meeting minutes.

11 QUORUM AND VOTING

There is no quorum required for a meeting to be held.

As the User Group acts in an advisory capacity, voting is not required for any recommendations that the User Group may wish to make to Council. Any such recommendations should be reached by consensus among the members of the User Group. Should a consensus not be able to be reached, the meeting minutes will record the differing views of the members and be provided to Council.



12 MEETING AGENDAS AND MINUTES

Council staff will be responsible for preparing the agendas for the meetings as well as taking meeting minutes and ensuring that the minutes are reported to Council.

Meeting agendas are to be sent to member at least seven days (7) days to each meeting.

Council’s Infrastructure Directorate will be responsible for the administration of the User Group.

13 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Membership of the User Group is on a voluntary basis with all members being involved due to their interest in the Saleyards. Members are expected to attend all regular quarterly meetings.

Members who don’t attend three consecutive quarterly meetings without providing an apology to the meeting will be considered to have resigned their position, at which time Council will call for new members.

TERMS OF REFERENCE VERSION CONTROL

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10.10 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR DENILQUIN AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL AREA**Author:** Mark Dalzell, Director Infrastructure**Authoriser:** Mark Dalzell, Director Infrastructure**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

1. Declares the subject land, as defined in Attachment 1 to this report, as being surplus to Council's operational and community needs;
2. Proceeds with an Expression of Interest process for the sale of the subject land; and
3. Receives a further report following the completion of the Expression of Interest process.

BACKGROUND

At its 17 June 2021 meeting, Council resolved the following regarding the development of land in the Airport precinct:

That Council:

1. *Undertakes a public exhibition period of 28-days regarding the sale of land in the Airport Precinct as defined in Attachment 1 to this report, and*
2. *Receives a further report regarding the Expression of Interest process following a 28-day exhibition period.*

This resolution was consistent with Council's Sale of Council Land policy, that requires Council to determine whether the subject land is surplus to operational or commercial needs before commencing any sale processes.

A copy of the map included in the 17 June 2021 meeting is included with this report as Attachment 1.

SUBJECT LAND BEING DECLARED AS SURPLUS TO COUNCIL'S NEEDS

Following the 17 June 2021 meeting, information requesting public comment on whether the subject land, as shown in Attachment 1, is surplus to Council's operational and community needs was placed on public exhibition for 28 days. The exhibition period finished on 16 July 2021 with Council receiving two submissions. Copies of these submissions are included in Attachment 2.

Both submissions have requested that Council not determine the subject land to be surplus to Council's needs and for Council not to proceed with any future sale of the subject land at this stage. The table below provides a summary of the issues raised in the submissions and objections along with discussion from Council officers regarding these points.

Concern or Objection Raised in Submission	Discussion and Response by Council Officers
Land within the airport precinct, including the subject area, should only be used for airport and aviation related purposes and not general industrial purposes.	<p>This land has been identified in the Industrial Land Strategy as being suitable for general industrial development and would complement adjoining industrial developments.</p> <p>There is sufficient land in the overall airport precinct to allow for industrial development as well as airport and aviation related development.</p>
Development on the western site, 11.68 hectares in size, may encroach into the Obstacle Limitation Surface (OLS), and lead to turbulence for aircraft operating on runway 24, being the eastern end of the sealed runway.	<p>The OLS maps have been consulted and the minimum height to the OLS over the subject area is approximately 5m in the area closest to the runway, rising to over 20m along the opposite side of the land. Any development on the site will be subject to consent conditions requiring all structures and buildings not to penetrate the OLS during construction and in the long term.</p> <p>Impact of development on wind patterns in the area are not part of this matter and will be considered as part of any future Development Application of the land. This would be the same for any development in this area.</p>
A portion of the central site, as shown on the map attached to the submission, should be excluded from the subject area, and dedicated for use by Emergency Services such as the RFS or SES.	<p>In the Airport Masterplan, the area noted by Mr Connell has been highlighted as being for future training areas related to Emergency Services. This means that in the Airport Masterplan the land has not been proposed as surplus to airport operational needs. Also, the land to the south of this area could be used for training activities.</p>
Subject areas are noted in the Airport Masterplan for development related to the airport and aviation activities.	<p>The Airport Masterplan was based on the construction of a new 2km runway and the aviation business opportunities that may attract. Additional work regarding the airport precinct since the Masterplan was adopted, has meant that Council is no longer proceeding with the 2km runway and work undertaken for the Industrial Land Strategy has highlighted that the subject land has value regarding its development as industrial land.</p>

Concern or Objection Raised in Submission	Discussion and Response by Council Officers
<p>Advice has been previously given that the airport would be developed to allow for the full development of the adjoining industrial land.</p> <p>Industrial development along Saleyards Road has been restricted due to access, mainly Wright Bros Drive, and drainage.</p>	<p>All development is based on the infrastructure in place at the time of the development and Developers are required to construct any new infrastructure needed for the development, including access roads and extensions to the water supply and sewerage networks.</p> <p>Regarding Wright Bros Drive, Council's position in the past has been that the current level of development at the airport did not warrant the construction of Wright Bros Drive and that its construction would be dependent on future development, such as industrial development in the precinct.</p> <p>It is noted that there is already industrial development along Saleyards Road and therefore Council's existing infrastructure has not restricted development.</p>
<p>Council has indicated that it would not sell land in competition with private property owners but has developed land along Saleyards Road and sold them.</p>	<p>This comment relates to the four blocks along Saleyard Road that have been recently sold. At the time these blocks were created, some 10 years ago, the blocks were developed using grant funding to encourage business development and jobs creation. This was based on feedback that Council had received at the time that existing industrial land was too expensive to make development profitable.</p> <p>As part of the sale process, Council must ensure that the sale price reflects the true value of the land, including the cost for the development of the land such as infrastructure costs. Any reduction to this cost must be made transparent, including the reasons and benefits for any such reduction.</p>
<p>Importance of the eastern area of the subject land to the overall airport due to access to existing services and the runway.</p>	<p>The selection of the boundaries for the eastern area has made allowance for further development adjacent to the existing commercial hangars. As part of any development of the subject area, Council will consider access of adjoining land to the airport infrastructure, including the runway.</p>

Based on a review of the submission and information noted above, Council officers recommend that the land defined in Attachment 1 be declared as being surplus to Council's operational and community needs.

SALE OF LAND POLICY

Based on the assumption that Council will resolve that the subject land is surplus to its needs, council will be able to start the process to selling the land in accordance with the 'Sale of Council Land' policy. A copy of this policy is included in Attachment 3.

The table from Council's 3 June 2021 workshop has been included below and updated.

POLICY ITEM	SUBJECT LAND REFERENCE
<p><u>Operational Land</u></p> <p>In accordance with the Local Government Act, Council can only sell land classified as Operational Land.</p>	<p>The subject area is classified as Operational Land and is owned freehold by Council.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>
<p><u>Surplus to Council's Needs</u></p> <p>The land must be assessed by Council's Executive Management Team as not being required for future operational or community purposes.</p>	<p>Council has received legal advice that, prior to this matter being raised at the 3 June 2021 workshop, the subject land was not defined as being surplus to Council's needs and Council would need to follow the process stipulated in its Sale of Council Land policy.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>
<p><u>Report to Council</u></p> <p>Once a parcel of land has been determined to be surplus, a report will be presented to Council regarding the sale.</p>	<p>This matter was reported to Council's 17 June 2021 meeting.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>
<p><u>Public Consultation Period</u></p> <p>A 28-day public consultation period is required advising of the proposed sale.</p>	<p>This consultation period finished on 16 July 2021.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>
<p><u>Further Report to Council</u></p> <p>Following the ending of the public consultation period, a further report will be presented to Council with recommendations regarding the sale, or not, of the land.</p>	<p>This report to Council's 19 August 2021 meeting.</p>
<p><u>Expression of Interest Process</u></p> <p>Council must sell the land in accordance with the Sale of Council Land policy.</p>	<p>Following a Council resolution to proceed with the sale of the land, an Expression of Interest process is proposed to commence in accordance with the Sale of Council Land policy.</p> <p>It is recommended that Council sell the land via an Expression of Interest process.</p>

DETAILS REGARDING THE SALE OF THE SUBJECT LAND

In accordance with the 'Sale of Council Land' policy the following information shall be reported to Council prior to Council's approval to proceed with the sale of any Council land.

Description of property and Property History

The subject land is part of Lot 52 DP1189132, known as the Deniliquin Airport precinct. A map showing the location of the subject land is included in Attachment 1.

The airport was originally a RAAF training base in the 1940's and was gifted to Council following cessation of training activities after World War 2. The subject land is not used for operational purposes and, subject to Council resolution, has been deemed as being surplus to Council's operational and community needs.

Current Valuation and Date of Valuation

Council officers have engaged a local valuer to undertake a land valuation for the subject land and it is anticipated that this information will be tabled at the Council meeting.

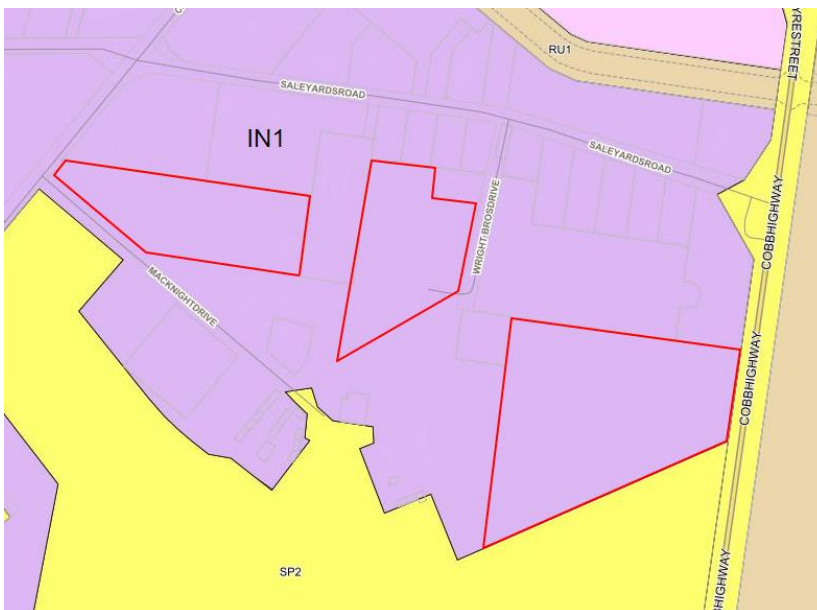
Locality Map

A locality map is included in Attachment 1 to this report.

Current Use and Zoning

The subject land is currently part of the airport precinct but is not currently developed.

The zoning of the land is IN1 – General Industrial, as shown below:



Rationale for Recommended Sale

Council's Industrial Land Strategy has included the subject land as being suitable for industrial development in Deniliquin, given its location near transport routes and existing industrial land. Council has also received requests from developers regarding the availability of this land for development.

Recommended Method of Sale

Council officers recommend the sale of land be undertaken using an Expression of Interest process. This will involve council advertising for Expressions of Interest from prospective buyers based on the conditions and documentation provided.

Expressions of Interest may be for part or all the land and recommendations to Council for the sale of any land under this process will be based on the overall value of the submission to Council, including price, opportunities for job creation and development and growth potential.

Recommended Sale Price Range

The recommended sale price range, in line with market value, will be determined following receipt of the land valuation for the subject land.

It is noted that the market value will be determined based on the current level of infrastructure development. Any subdivision of the airport precinct to be able to sell the subject land will require the construction of new roads, water supply and sewerage networks in order to service the new parcels of land and these costs, along with the land valuation and development costs, should be considered when determining the recommended sale price for the land.

Proposed Sale Process

The proposed sale process includes:

- Advertising for Expressions of Interest for the sale of the subject land,
- Following closing of this process, negotiating with potential buyers regarding the sale of the land,
- Providing a report to Council to obtain Council's resolution and approval for the sale of the land,
- Undertaking the subdivision of the subject land, including a Development Approval process, construction of any required infrastructure such as roads, water supply and sewerage and creation of new parcels of land, and
- Sale and transfer of ownership following completion of the works creation of the new parcels of land.

Encumbrances on the Land

There are no encumbrances on the land.

Timelines for the Sale

Advertising for the Expression of Interest will commence following Council's approval to do so and be for a period of four weeks. Negotiations are anticipated to be for a further four weeks. Based on this information, and a Council resolution to proceed with the Expression of Interest process at the August 2021 meeting, a further report to Council may be prepared for Council's October 2021 meeting.

Finalisation of the sale process will be dependent on the Development Approval and subdivision process, including infrastructure construction, and may take a further four to six months following Council's approval to sell the land.

CONCLUSION

Based on the information provided in this report, Council officers have deemed that the subject land is surplus to Council's needs and recommend commence the process of selling the land via publicly invited Expressions of Interest.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

It is important for Council to manage land on behalf of the community in a strategic manner to ensure the best use of the land. This includes disposing or selling of land that is surplus to Council's needs for financial and economic development benefits.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

This project meets the objectives of *Outcome 1 – A prosperous and vibrant economy* in the Community Strategic Plan, including:

- Target 2.1 – Our economy is strong and diverse, and
- Target 2.2 – We develop our key assets to enhance agriculture, boost tourism and support local businesses.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council must ensure that the sale of any land is of the benefit of the community, including that the sale of land provides a value for money return to Council. Cost involved in developing the land will be recovered through the sale of land.

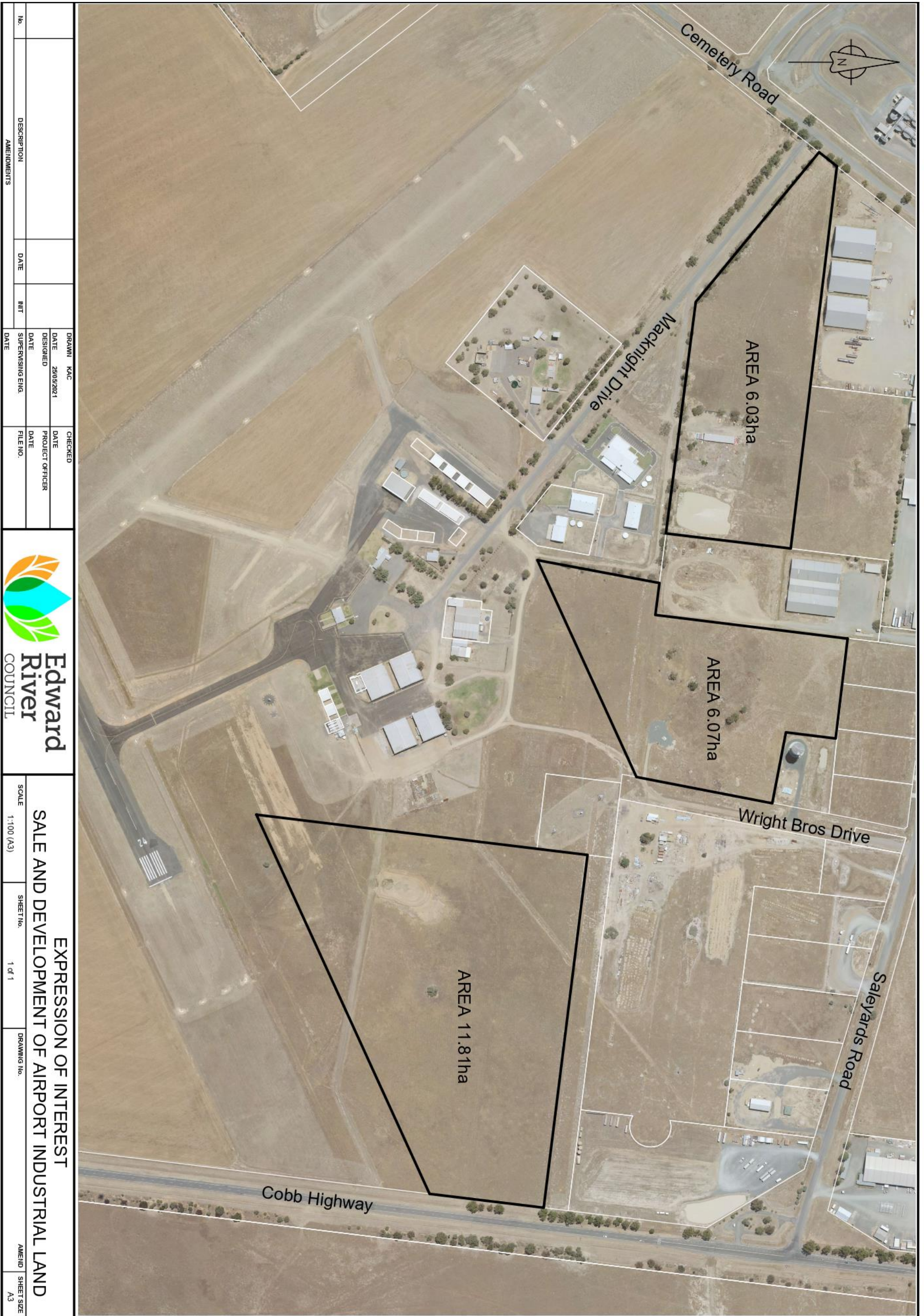
Development of the subject land is currently unfunded in council's Operational Plan and will be subject to further reports to Council.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The disposal or sale of land must comply with the *Local Government Act* and Council's *Sale of Council Land* policy.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Map of Subject Land**
2. **Submissions regarding Surplus Airport Land**
3. **Sale of Council Land Policy**



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SALE AND DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL LAND

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

SCALE 1:100 (A3)

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12th July 2021

Edward River Council
180 Cressy Street
Deniliquin
NSW 2710

Attention Mr Phil Stone
General Manager

Dear Phil

With regard to the public exhibition seeking feedback to ascertain if the council land in the Deniliquin Airport precinct is to be considered surplus I wish to comment as follows.

The three lots highlighted in the public exhibition are included in the current Airport Master Plan, areas of private land adjoining the Airport have been laid out to work in with this current master plan, advice given by previous Mayors, General managers and council staff indicated that the airport would be developed to give sealed road access along Wright Bros Drive and adequate drainage to assist with the development of private freehold land to become available for sale to establish business in this industrial area.

Previous Councils also indicated that they would not be in competition with private land owners in the Airport area, however four industrial blocks were developed with red gum money and sold recently in competition with private land owners who's land still requires access and drainage to be fully developed and have been waiting over twenty years for this to happen.

There are numerous industrial areas in Deniliquin that would give opportunities for land to become available if existing owners were given assistance with roads and drainage etc leaving land at the Airport available for future development.

Should Wright Bros Drive be sealed to give a second access to the Airport which is now used as much in good weather as the sealed MackNight Drive it would immediately bring sixteen industrial blocks available for final development and sale from my development alone.

The vacant land at Deniliquin Airport should not be considered surplus, as I have stated there is ample private land around if it were tidied up and presented for development for industrial use.

In my opinion the area of land on the eastern side of the airport consisting of 11.81ha should never be considered to be disposed of, it is the most important land on the Airport if development ever does happen there as it is the closest to existing services and runway access.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Wright', written over the printed name.

Chris Wright

Phil. Previous letter to G.M.

23rd September 2017

Edward River Council
180 Cressy Street
Deniliquin
NSW 271

Attention Mr. Adam McSwain
General Manager

Dear Adam

Response Re DA 63/17

With regard to the proposed development may consideration be given to the following,

The land in question is already part of a master plan for the airport development that was adopted in 2011 meaning the land has already been allocated for future Airport use, how can it now, without due consideration or consultation be removed from the adopted master plan?

Has the impact of drainage been given the adequate consideration and design, at the moment there is land in this area that has been waiting almost twenty years for the storm water and drainage to be updated to enable existing subdivisions to be developed, the storm water from this area cannot get past the drain under the Mulwala Canal, (which is partially blocked) that runs into Aljoes creek then to the river, via the storm waters natural drainage course, the previous councils seem unable to restore the natural and adequate flow to the drainage system north of the canal.

This entire area becomes inundated and drainage in this area is critical, not by way of digging retention drains or retention dams but by restoring the storm waters natural flow mainly blocked by temporary structures north of the canal.

Has the access, power, water and sewer required for the proposed development been given adequate consideration, at the moment there is only dry weather access along Macknight Drive which may not be rated for the developments use, power is at its limit at the airport and will require a major upgrade.

Has proper and due consideration been given to existing subdivisions adjoining this proposed development, when discussions were held in the late 1990,s as to the creation of a master plan for the Airport the adjoining sub division was designed around the proposed master plan, the layout of industrial blocks on the north side and the blocks that front the airport land as per the master plan were encouraged by the council as it made freehold land available with direct access to the airport via the proposed taxiway that linked these blocks with the runway.

If the proposed development does not go ahead will the proposed upgrade to Wright Bros drive still be completed to enable development to commence on existing subdivisions in this area that have been waiting many years, also giving access to the airport via a rated road for the increasing number of airport land users,

Will the taxiway indicated on the master plan be included in consideration of this development ?. If the land for the proposed development is taken out of the adopted master plan, access to the runway and airport services will still be required via a redesigned taxiway, compensation for any changes to the existing subdivision layout will be sort as a condition required by council was to install the services in the existing subdivision, i.e. low pressure sewer, 100mm ring main for water and fire hydrant points, as previously stated the existing subdivision was designed around the airport master plan.

There is no objection to development, however this development, in my opinion, has not had due consideration and the lack of consultation with the councils elected airport subcommittee, airport users or adjoining land owners by the previous council is not acceptable, with the push for a major development at the airport all parties with an interest should have input into future development, whilst there may be no ground for a valid objection against the Development Application on the grounds of planning or council powers the council has an obligation to be fair and reasonable to all concerned, the previous council who pushed this development through in secret was not.

Thank You

Chris Wright

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From: 16/07/2021

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To:

The General Manager

Edward River Council

Dear Sir,

As a past Councillor, aircraft owner and pilot, I wish to make several recommendations on 'Surplus Land Deniliquin Airport'.

As a general rule, I believe airport land should be reserved for aviation related activities. Once general industries start to encroach onto airport land, it is impossible to reverse should an opportunity to expand aviation related activities arise in the future. More specifically, the area of 11.81 ha should not be considered as it runs parallel with runway 24, possibly encroaching on height limits on approach, and definitely leading to turbulence on short final to runway 24 for light aircraft (under 5700 kg), the main users of the airport.

The triangle portion of the 6.07 ha (please see the red cross-hatching on attached aerial view) should be deleted from any proposed development unless solely for the RFS or SES who are already adjacent to this area.

If you require any further information on this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details in the header of this document.

Yours Truly

Peter Connell

ERC Submission/Airport Submission



POLICY PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that, prior to considering the sale of land assets, Edward River Council has explored all other options for the use of the land and that the sales process is equitable, consistent, and transparent.

POLICY SCOPE

This Policy applies to any 'operational' property or land assets owned by the Edward River Council. It does not apply to Crown Land controlled and/or managed by Edward River Council on behalf of the Crown or a Trust.

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy recognises that the sale of council land must follow a process that is consistent, fair, and transparent.

The sale of any council asset must follow a considered approach, meet community expectations and be in accordance with applicable council policy and government legislation and regulations.

Council acknowledges that when undertaking the sale of operational land, it is important that the process is seen to be fair and transparent and that this can best be achieved through a process of community engagement. The process for community engagement may vary depending on the degree of importance and effect that any sale will have on community members and should follow the principles outlined in the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) guidelines.

OBJECTIVES

All sales of land assets will;

- be consistent with Council's economic, social, and environmental objectives,
- be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.
- occur only after consultation with affected stakeholders and relevant sections of the community and following considering all comments and representations,
- be undertaken with the intention of securing maximum economic, social and environmental benefits for the community,
- occur through a fair and transparent process,
- consider any industry or ICAC guidelines ¹
- be open to public scrutiny while maintaining appropriate levels of commercial confidentiality, and
- be conducted in accordance with any relevant Council procedures.

POLICY APPLICATION

Sale of Council Land

Chapter 6, Part 2, Sec's 25, 26 of the Local Government Act 1993 state that public land must be classified as either 'Community' or 'Operational and that community land cannot be sold. Council acknowledges that when undertaking the sale of operational land, a relevant community engagement process should be determined, if deemed appropriate, using the International Association of Public Participation guidelines.

1. Sale of surplus land

Council may consider the sale of operational land where it has been assessed by the Executive Management Team (EMT) and council is satisfied that it is not required for future operational or community purposes.

The report should canvas all alternative uses for the land under current or other zoning. The report should also recommend to Council the preferred method of sale.

2. Sale of surplus road reserve

Council can consider the sale of a portion of a road reserve, where the land is classified as operational and where it has been assessed by the Executive Management Team (EMT) as being surplus to council's needs. Consideration should be given to future requirements for road widening, footpath construction or other Council infrastructure.

Except where the dimensions of the land proposed to be sold are sufficient to permit independent development of the site, the Council will only consider sale to the owner/s of the adjoining property/properties and, in such cases, will require that the parcel of surplus land be consolidated with the adjoining property/properties.

3. Report to Council to Sell Land

Where council owned land has been identified as surplus to councils needs a report will be prepared for council and will contain the following information:

- Description of property and property history
- Current valuation and date of valuation (*valuation must be current within six months of the proposed date of sale*)
- Locality map
- Current use and zone
- Rationale for recommended sale
- Recommended method of sale
- Recommended sale price range (*in line with market valuation*)
- Proposed sale process
- Encumbrances on the land
- Timelines for the sale.

4. Consultation Process

Prior to the sale of any operational land an advertisement must be placed in Council's regular print media outlets advising of the proposed sale. The 28-day notice period is to allow members of the community to make submissions in relation to the proposed sale.

Following the period of public exhibition, a further report will be brought to Council detailing any submissions received enabling Council to reach an informed position on whether to proceed or not proceed with the sale of the land.

5. Methods of Disposal

The sale of operational land can be by;

- Public Competitive Sale (Auction or EOI)
- Private Sale
- Other Sales.

6. Public Competitive Sale

Following council approval to proceed with a sale, the following procedures should apply:

- The Council shall determine how the land is to be sold
- The Council may invite expressions of interest from prospective buyers for the sale of the property or;
- Select a licensed real estate agent to dispose of the property based on the following criteria but not limited to:

- (a) type of property to be marketed
- (b) relevant experience in that market
- (c) proposed commission
- The Council shall determine the reserve price if the sale is by auction or by negotiation
- If reserve is met, then the sale proceeds
- If reserve is not met, then any offer or proposal to amend reserve will be referred to the Council for consideration.

7. Private Sale

The General Manager may be delegated to negotiate the sale with prospective purchaser/s. The council must approve the final sale price and any terms or conditions associated with the sale.

8. Other Sales

If any sales fall outside the guidelines above, then Council approval will be required prior to acceptance of any offer to purchase.

9. Contracts of Sale

All Contracts of Sale are to be prepared by Council's solicitors and executed by the Mayor and General Manager under delegation.

POLICY HISTORY AND VERSION CONTROL

Title	Sale of Council land Policy			
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Responsible Officer	General Manager			
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Relevant Legislation

NSW Local Government Act 1993
Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979

Related policies, procedures, & protocols

1. 'Corruption risks in NSW development approval processes' ICAC Sydney Position Paper 2007 – Chapter 7, Council Land Disposal.
2. 'Guidelines for managing risks in direct negotiations', ICAC Sydney May 2006

10.11 CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE - QUARTER 4**Author:** Nicole Rogers, Project Coordinator**Authoriser:** Mark Dalzell, Director Infrastructure**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council notes the final Capital Works update for the 2020/21 financial year.

BACKGROUND

Each year Council allocates funding towards capital works projects through the budget process. These projects are identified within the operational plan. Council's Asset Management Policy outlines that funding towards capital renewal works will be prioritised.

This report updates Council on the status of projects that were funded in the 2020/21 financial year. It includes capital renewal works outlined within the operational plan. It also includes new projects that were identified during the financial year through Council resolutions.

This report does not include any new or upgraded projects that were funded and managed through the Major Projects program. These projects are reported on through a separate report. It also does not report on money allocated by Council towards the redevelopment of the Estates Building.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION**Projects 2020-21**Re-Sheeting Gravel Roads

Council allocated \$740,000 towards re-sheeting of rural roads for the 2020/21 FY. This program was completed in May 2021.

Reseal Program

Due to the impacts of Covid-19, the reseal program has been on hold for most of 2020/21 FY. The work was completed in May 2021.

Road Rehabilitation, Kerb and Gutter

Council allocated \$2M towards road rehabilitation, kerb and gutter programs. This included Sloane Street, Russell Street, Deniliquin Industrial Area, George Street, and the design of Hardinge Street. Sloane and Russell Streets are complete.

Works in the Deniliquin Industrial Area were approximately 50% complete as of 30 June 2021, with target completion in November 2021. Construction delays due to wet weather were experienced throughout June.

The contract for George Street has been let and contractors commenced work in June 2021.

The concept design for Hardinge Street is complete with consultation on the concept design with Transport for New South Wales underway.

Footpath Rehabilitation

Council allocated \$165K through the budget for footpath rehabilitation. This program commenced during March 2021 and will be completed by June 2021. Construction delays due to wet weather were experienced throughout June with expected completion now end of August 21.

Buildings

Council received a detailed report on asbestos in buildings in May 2021, remediating high risk sites in June 21.

Council has made submissions to Heritage NSW regarding the proposed works at the Peppin Heritage Centre, Multi-Arts Centre and Waring Gardens as these locations are noted on the State Heritage listing.

Water and Sewer Projects

Sewer Relining commenced during February and will be complete in early May 2021.

Sewer Pump Station works will include additional works at Hunter, Macauley and the Basketball Stadium. Works were approximately 50% complete as of 30 June 2021, with target completion in August 2021.

Plant

Council's plant program has been impacted by Covid-19. Delivery of some plant items will not be until September 2021. These are the 3 Council Staff vehicles: for Director Infrastructure, Building Surveyor and Manager Operations.

Special Projects

Maude Road Construction

Council staff have completed construction and sealing of the first 3 kilometres of approximately 8 kilometres of Maude Road. The next section will commence end of August 2021.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Council provides funding for the renewal of its assets in line with good asset management principles. By renewing its assets, it continues to provide good services for the community.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Outcome 1 – A great place to live.

Outcome 4 – A region with quality and sustainable infrastructure.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

To the end of June 2021 Council has expended \$5.9M in capital works this does not include R2R or funded projects. Commitments of \$576K which also does not include R2R or funded projects.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Capit Works Update - June21**
2. **Capital Works - Carry Forward Update - June 21**

2020-2021 CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

Asset Class	Detail	Budget	Planned Delivery Quarter				Status	Comments
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Local Roads Reconstruction	George Street	\$ 180,000					Yellow	Due to Commence Oct 21
	Kelly Street	\$ 460,000					Yellow	Underway
Roads to Recovery	Kelly Street	\$ 160,000					Yellow	Underway
	Jane Street	\$ 205,000					Yellow	Underway
Hardinge Street	Survey and Design	\$ 75,000					Yellow	Underway
Shoulder Reconstruction	Sloane Street	\$ 230,000					Green	Complete
	Sloane Street	\$ 230,000					Green	Complete
	Russell Street	\$ 230,000					Green	Complete
	Russell Street	\$ 273,170					Green	Complete
	Stewart Street	\$ 550,000					Green	Underway
Maude Road Sealing	Maude Road	\$ 1,600,000					Green	Underway
Regional Roads Reseal		\$ 200,000					Green	
Local Roads Reseal (2nd Seal)	Macauley Street	\$ 30,000					Green	Completed
	Crispe Street	\$ 82,000					Green	
	Charlotte Street	\$ 68,000					Green	
	Cressy Street	\$ 34,000					Green	
	Wood Street	\$ 65,000					Green	
	Victoria Street	\$ 60,000					Green	
	Harfleur Street	\$ 34,000					Green	
	Harfleur Street	\$ 17,000					Green	
(Reseal)	Hyde Street	\$ 14,000					Green	
	Maher Street	\$ 10,000					Green	
	Edwardes Street	\$ 14,000					Green	
	Victoria Street	\$ 31,000					Green	
	Edwardes Street	\$ 17,000					Green	
	Whitelock Street	\$ 28,000					Green	
	Wood street	\$ 21,000					Green	
	Mazamet Court	\$ 10,000					Green	
	Burton Street	\$ 8,000					Green	
	Harfleur Street	\$ 23,000					Green	
	Harfleur Street	\$ 16,000					Green	
	Junction Street	\$ 18,000					Green	
	Junction Street	\$ 32,000					Green	
	Junction Street	\$ 12,000					Green	
	Macauley Street	\$ 33,000					Green	
Blighty Hall Road	\$ 6,000					Green		
Nesbits Road	\$ 83,000					Green		
Norris Court	\$ 16,000					Green		
Chandler Court	\$ 8,000					Green		

2020-2021 CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

Asset Class	Detail	Budget	Planned Delivery Quarter				Status	Comments
Gravel Resheeting	Gollops Road	\$ 57,000					Complete	
	Swimming Hole Road	\$ 8,000					Complete	
	North Coree Road	\$ 58,000					Complete	
	Lower Finley Road	\$ 88,000					Complete	
	Cassidys Road	\$ 46,000					Complete	
	Barneys Lane	\$ 16,000					Complete	
	Cowies Road	\$ 11,000					Complete	
	Mercers Road	\$ 55,000					Complete	
	Lyndhurst Road	\$ 34,000					Complete	
	Oddys Road	\$ 55,000					Complete	
	Pine Lodge Road	\$ 27,000					Complete	
	Stud Park Road	\$ 40,000					Complete	
	Willurah Road	\$ 185,000					Complete	
	Cowies Road	\$ 55,000					Complete	
	Moonbria Road	\$ 5,000					Complete	
Footpath Renewal	Poictiers Street	\$ 40,000						Due for Completion Sept 21
	Sloane Street	\$ 40,000						
	Russell Street	\$ 20,000						
	Russells Street	\$ 20,000						
	Edwardes Street	\$ 11,000						
	Hardinge Street	\$ 13,000						
	Sloane Street	\$ 21,000						
Bridge Refurbishment	Bridges	\$ 100,000					Not Completed	
Asbestos Assessment		\$ 80,000					Completed	
Aerodrome Hanger Refurbishment		\$ 65,000					Due for Completion Aug 21	
Multi Arts Centre		\$ 110,000					Heritage application delays	
Peppin Heritage Centre		\$ 210,000					Heritage application delays	
Truck Wash Upgrade		\$ 40,000					Complete	
Deniliquin Industrial Area Drainage Upgrade Stage 2		\$ 100,000					Carried forward to 21/22	
Stormwater Drainage System Investigation		\$ 50,000					Carried forward to 21/22	
Lawn Cemetery Plinths		\$ 15,000						
Swimming Pool Refurbishment		\$ 70,000					Complete for 20/21	

2020-2021 CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

Asset Class	Detail	Budget	Planned Delivery Quarter				Status	Comments
Water Treatment Plant Refurbishment	Electrical & Metalwork refurb to ensure WHS compliance	\$ 100,000					Not commenced. Will be made an addition to the Telemetry Project	
	Clearwater Tank Relining	\$ 50,000					Not commenced	
Water Pump Station Refurbishment	Pumps Refurbishment	\$ 180,000					Moved to IWCM	
Reservoir Cleaning		\$ 40,000					Commenced - Carried forward	
Watermain Renewal		\$ 400,000					Commenced - Carried forward	
Wanganella Water Supply Refurbishment	Test drilling and sampling of test bores	\$ 40,000					Commenced - Awaiting licence	
	Installation of bore Pump and connection to existing overhead tank	\$ 150,000					Subject to results of test drilling	
Sewerage Treatment Plan Refurbishment	Minor Refurbishments at STP	\$ 50,000					Commenced - Carried Forward	
Sewerage Pump Station Refurbishment	Refurb os Pump Stations based on Fifteen50 report	\$ 130,000					Commenced - Carried Forward	
Sewer Relining	Lining of exisiting AC and VC sewer mains and coating of existing manholes where failures have occurred	\$ 350,000					Complete for 20/21	
	CCTV inspections for for future planning	\$ 50,000					Not commenced - will roll in with Sewer Relining 21/22	
Plant	Lonking Loader	\$ 100,000					Completed	
	Case Backhoe 3.5T Excavator	\$ 80,000					Completed	
	Ford Ranger Crew Cab	\$ 46,000					Completed	
	Ford Ranger Crew Cab	\$ 46,000					Completed	
	Ford Ranger Crew Cab	\$ 40,000					Completed	
	Hino 617	\$ 75,000					Completed	
	Hino Watercart	\$ 325,000					Completed	
	Machine Control System 3D Grader	\$ 125,000					Completed	
	Verti Drain	\$ 50,000					Completed	
	Pool Car	\$ 40,000					Not going ahead	
	Pool Car	\$ 40,000					Not going ahead	
	VMS Board	\$ 60,000					Completed	
	Small Equipment and Tools	\$ 50,000					Completed	

**2020-2021 CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE
CARRY OVER PROJECTS**

Asset Class	Detail	Budget	Planned Delivery Quarter				Status	Comments
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Plant	Utility Vehicles x 5	\$ 198,000					Completed	
	Bogie Drive	\$ 211,337					Completed	
	Tipper Truck	\$ 109,138					Completed	
	Rear Load Compactor	\$ 190,604					Completed	
	Side Load Compactor	\$ 63,185					Completed	
	Forklift	\$ 437,687					Completed	
	Worksite Van	\$ 64,900					Completed	
	Sweeper Truck	\$ 363,119					Completed	
	Sewerage	Relining sewer mains	\$ 320,000					Completed
Manholes refurbishment		\$ 50,000					Completed	
Manholes Wellington Street		\$ 60,000					Completed	
Telemetry		\$ 208,000					Completed	
Water	Watermain pigging	\$ 90,000					Project not proceeding at this stage due to costs and availability of contractors	
	Watermain Rehabilitation	\$ 180,000					Completed	
	Memorial Park Raw Water Pump	\$ 60,000					Project did no proceed	
	North Deniliquin Reservoir Study	\$ 45,000					To be included in IWCM	
	Telemetry	\$ 192,000					Completed	
Roads	Levee Bank Study	\$ 150,000					Completed	
	Harfleur Street	\$ 150,000					Completed	
	Intersection works Cobb Highway (Caruso)	\$ 350,000					Completed	

10.12 OPERATIONS MONTHLY REPORT JULY 2021**Author: Mike Burger, Manager Operations****Authoriser: Mark Dalzell, Director Infrastructure****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the July 2021 Operations department update.

BACKGROUND

As part of its Operation Plan and Delivery Program, Council's Operations department undertakes a variety of maintenance and capital works across a wide range of Council services.

The Operations department is part of the Infrastructure directorate.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

A copy of the July 2021 Operations department update is included in Attachment 1.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

N/A

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding is provided for operational works and activities in Council's Operational Plan.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

1. Operations Monthly Update Report July 2021

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT UPDATE REPORT**ROADS AND ROAD MAINTENANCE**

LOCATION	COMPLETED	IN PROGRESS	PLANNED
Major Works May/June			
Kelly Street	Kerb and Gutter 580 meters, both sides	Installation of Kerb & Gutter, Stormwater Drainage	Pavement formation last 80m prior to Seal. Seal mid-September - weather dependant
Jane Street	Kerb and Gutter 330 meters, both sides	Installation of Kerb & Gutter, Stormwater Drainage	Pavement formation 140m – end August.. Seal mid-September, weather dependant
Maude Road		Pavement Formation complete - 3 rd Kilometre	Sealing planned for mid-August for the 3 rd kilometre – weather dependant
Moonbria Road		Re-sheeting continuing	
Transport for NSW Works			
Finley Road Construction Project		Construction	Stockpile laydown secured
State Highway Network	RMCC Inspections		
Maintenance			
Grading Zones / Roads Completed in the Month	ZONE 3 / Moonee Swamp (Between Cowies and Coree Roads) Savagers Road 5 km. Gollops Road 5 km Lower Finley Road 5 km . Pine Lodge Road 2 km. Woodyards Road 3 km Martins Road 2.3 km. Lehmans Road 1.5 km. ZONE 2 / Willurah Road,Carrathool Road 15km.	.	

WATER AND SEWER

MAINTENANCE			
Month	No. of Incidents / Issues		
	Sewer Chokes / Maintenance	Water Meter	Water Main Burst/Leak
July	20 Chokes 1x Sewer dig up Crispe Str	4 Water Meter Repairs Approx 150 tags replaced for the Smart Meter System	5 Burst Mains / Leaks

WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP)		
Month	Water Treated	Maintenance
July	75 ML	All Testing and basic Maintenance is up to date.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (STP) & PUMP STATIONS				
Month	Repairs	Installations	Testing	Other
July	Floats and Sensors replaced at Hunter Street and Dick Street		All Testing and basic Maintenance is up to date,	46 ML Pumped to Reuse

NEW WATER AND SEWER SERVICES			
Month	New Water Services Installed	Sewer Lines Installed	General
July	Nil	Nil	

PARKS AND GARDENS

CAPITAL WORKS			
Month	Project	Progress	Challenges
July	Nil	N/A	N/A
PARKS AND GARDENS GENERAL			
Month	Waring Gardens Weed Control	Other	Challenges
July	Contractor deferred Harvest Works to 3 rd Week September	LLS in consultation, have extended the Funding to accommodate September date shift	COVID has presented extreme challenges to availability of Contractor and Equipment for Harvest Works

MAINTENANCE			
Month	Parks / Playgrounds / Reserves	Tree Removal / Maintenance	General
July	Playgrounds – Inspections complete Calls to Blighty Recreational Ground on game days for toilet problems in new building, water, and sewer team to install camera and investigate	Street Tree Maintenance ongoing with stump grinding and top dressing various locations,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing removed for upgrade Deniliquin Cemetery • Temp Fencing removed from Wanganella Tip for installation of new Monument Fencing by Contractor • CBD Furniture Maintenance ongoing with refurbishment of bin surrounds and change-overs • Mouse Baiting at various Council Buildings and Village Halls – plague proportion in evidence in some areas • Maintenance at Rural Buildings

			Blighty/Pretty Pine/ Booroorban <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Maintenance undertaken in conjunction with Local and P&G Staff, • Maintenance issues with leaking roofs at Basketball Stadium and Old Tourist Office (Quotes for replacement sought – only 1 Quote received by June 30th),
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WEEDS				
Month	Roadside Spraying	High Risk Pathway Inspections	Khaki Program	Other Spraying
July	360 kilometres	260 kilometres	Continuing	

WASTE - GENERAL		
Month	General	Kerbside Collection
July	Newly constructed Cells in use at Deniliquin Landfill, additional Cells constructed in July as fill received, Push up by Contractor at Wanganella and Pretty Pine Landfills for Transfer Stations to be built Excess waste delivered top Deniliquin Landfill	Kerbside collections all at target. Garbage Bin repairs /replacements undertaken on Customer Requests

PLANT AND FLEET

Plant and Fleet				
Month	Fleet Capital Plant Tendered	Plant Delivered	Construction Plant Disposal	Plant Ordered
July	New Bogie Drive Water Truck New Bogie Drive Tipper New Super Dog Trailer	1 x Hino 717 Tip Truck for W & S 1 x Water Truck for Roads Crew	FM257 : XLT Ford Ranger Ute sold for \$38,750 at Auction	Nil

			FM39 : Longking Loader sold for \$30,000 at Auction	
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STAFF

STAFF				
	Roads	Water and Sewer	Parks and Gardens	Plant and Fleet
Recruitment	Team Leaders X 2 , Filled	Nil	1 Retiree Plant Operator Interview in mid-August	Interviews carried out and offer will be made to successful candidate. Accepted Candidate potential start in 2 Months [Covid and Notice Period]
Training Attendance	Leadership Training - Completed			
Incident Reports	FM398 – Hit Kangaroo FM398 – Vehicle overheated on way to Hay FM331 – Roller Window left undone, smashed due to wind gusting FM403 – Police Vehicle ran into Ute FM93 – Tyre Staked while slashing Moonee Swamp Road FM316 – Tailgate damaged, Operator error, did not take pin out before tipping FM305 – Stone from Mower picked up through Residents Window, repaired			
Plant RFS Checks	Currently undertaking Winter Roadworthy and Servicing of all RFS Trucks and Equipment Roadworthy Checks Completed for August CED Registrations TechOne Fleet Module Development ongoing. Live date implementation not confirmed yet.			

10.13 MAJOR PROJECTS PROGRAM - AUGUST 2021 - PROGRESS REPORT

Author: Nicole Rogers, Project Coordinator

Authoriser: Mark Dalzell, Director Infrastructure

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the Major Projects Program from various funding sources - Progress Report for August 2021.

BACKGROUND

Since amalgamation in 2016, Council has received over \$40,000,000 in funding from State and Federal Government bodies. A breakdown of the funding received is as follows:

Government Funding Body	Funding Amount
Stronger Communities - Round 1 and New Council Implementation Funding R1 (Original merger funding)	\$15,000,000
Stronger Communities - Round 2 (Additional merger funding)	\$3,990,000
Stronger Country Communities – Round 1 (State funding)	\$1,269,841
Stronger Country Communities - Round 2 (State funding)	\$3,371,750
Stronger Country Communities – Round 3 (State funding)	\$1,264,500
Building Better Regions (Federal Funding)	\$630,883
Our Rivers Our Region (Federal funding)	\$1,673,080
Drought Communities Program – Round 1 (Federal funding)	\$1,000,000
Drought Communities Program – Round 2 (Federal Funding)	\$1,000,000
Murray Darling Diversification Funding (State funding)	\$750,000
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (State funding)	\$963,190
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program R2 (State funding)	\$880,903
NSW Showground Stimulus Funding – Memorial Park Showground (State Funding)	\$312,190
HSVPP (Federal Funding), Fixing Country Roads, TfNSW (State Funding) for Maude Road Construction	\$2,917,568
Commonwealth Regional Airport Program (Federal Funding)	\$2,500,000

Fixing Local Roads (TfNSW) Round 1 (State Govt)	\$1,052,055
Fixing Local Roads (TfNSW) Round 2 (State Govt)	\$910,000
Environmental Trust NSW Landfill Consolidation	\$200,000
NSW Showground Stimulus Funding R2 – Memorial Park Showground (State Funding)	\$1,650,775
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program R3 (State funding)	\$1,926,340
NSW Emergency Operations Centres (EOCS) Critical Upgrade Program (State Funding)	\$125,080
Murray Darling Diversification Funding (State Funding)	\$1,000,000
Total Funding Received	\$44,388,155

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Details regarding the status of current projects are included in Attachment 1 of this report.

Project Updates

Maude Road Sealing

Sealing on the third kilometre of Maude Road has been delayed due to recent inclement weather conditions and is planned to go ahead second week of August.

Once sealing is complete, work will commence on the fourth kilometre. Contractors have completed four culvert replacements. The project is 47% complete.

Restart NSW reporting commenced in July, with the approval of the first claim for payment totalling \$557,000.

The current spend on this project is \$1,076,052 of the \$2,980,568 project budget.

Civic Precinct

Works to the Town Hall have now recommenced following delayed arrival of the structural steel.

Town Hall;

- Electrical cabling being installed
- Steel foundations being constructed,
- Modification of the external dimensions of the toilet unit completed

Works are continuing on the Estates Building, including;

- Rendering of internal walls being finalised
- Walls and ceilings plasterboard installed, being finished off

- data and security to doors and CCTV positions installed
- electrical cabling installed
- lift shaft and base completed
- The scaffolding has been removed from around the Estates Building. A water line is being installed along the laneway side of the building.

SCCF R2 funding milestone reporting has been extended to 31 October 2021 with completion 28 February 2022. Instalment 2 reporting for SCCF R3 was approved with Council receiving \$289,335. Council will be requesting a time variation for the two remaining instalments.

Current spend on this project is \$1,725,290 of the \$6,978,272 project budget.

Peppin Heritage Centre Upgrade

Funding for this work is through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure R1 (LRCI R1) programme and includes works such as the revitalisation of the Visitor Information Centre and customer service area, replacement of timber flooring, painting, and various maintenance repairs.

Development Application advertising is complete with no objections being received. Comments have been received from Heritage NSW and have been addressed with the expectation of receiving permits by end of August. Structural designs and certifications have been received and incorporated into the Request for Quote documentation with is to be advertised mid-August.

Current spend on this project is \$10,179 of the \$245,000 budget.

Off-Leash Dog Park

This project funded from the LRCI R1 programme is now 95% complete. A new carpark, drainage, fencing, drinking water and some seating has been installed with a sand park area, additional seating and other 'doggy play' items to be installed prior to completion. The project manager has been working closely with a local community dog group to ensure this is an enjoyable space for both dog and owner.

Current spend on this project is \$60,725 of the \$80,000 budget.

Poictiers Street Reconstruction

Funding for this project is through the Fixing Local Rounds programme. Kerb and gutter for the four sections of road is complete. Work has started on the road shoulders in two blocks - Russell Street to Butler Street and Butler Street to Fowler Street.

The Decimus Street and Poictiers Street intersection has had shoulders completed.

Work will start on the Russell Street to Fowler Street mid-August.

Current spend on this project is \$540,407 of the \$1,052,000 project budget.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

This report aligns with outcome 1 – *A great place to live* and outcome 4 – *A region with quality and sustainable infrastructure* of the Community Strategic plan

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Projects funded through these programs include costs for the design, documentation, and supervision costs for each project.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Council must ensure that these projects are completed within the timeframes set out within the funding agreements.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Major Projects - Summary - Aug21**

Funded Projects - Summary Report – August 2021						
Time, Cost & Quality	Task/Activity – Completed ✓ or Progressing - on Time, Cost and Quality					
Time, Cost & Quality	Task/Activity – Progressing - requires monitoring and or action to minimise risk of not meeting performance targets					
Time, Cost & Quality	Task/Activity – Stalled/Stopped - High Risk or will not meet Performance Target.					
Time, Cost & Quality	Task/Activity- Pending - is currently not commenced					
Project Phase						
Project Description	Initiation and Communication	Design, Documentation and Approvals	Quotes and Tendering	Delivery and Handover	Code	Comments/Milestones
STRONGER COMMUNITIES GRANT FUNDING (ORIGINAL)						
Riverfront Masterplans and Initial Works \$750,000 + \$700,000 + (Stronger Communities Round 2) \$550,000 (Regional Growth Fund)	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised final design received and distributed for comment and approval Anticipated installation November 21. Funding spend from this stream complete
Town Hall Revitalisation \$435,000 + \$1,315,170 (Stronger Country Communities Round 2) +-\$329,000 (Unallocated Funding), +\$630,883 (Building Better Regions Fund), \$964,500 (Stronger Country Communities Round 3)	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structural work commenced inside the Town Hall to allow for internal demolition.
Stronger Community Grant Funding (Original) - Sub-Total \$8,600,000						
STRONGER COMMUNITIES GRANT FUNDING (ROUND 2)						
Riverfront Enhancement \$750,000 + \$550,000 (Regional Growth Fund) + \$750,000 (Stronger Communities Original)	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please see above
Waring Gardens Upgrade \$640,000	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete
Truck Stop Strategic Plan \$10,000	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions with stakeholders to be coordinated
Civic Plaza \$390,000	Completed	Complete	Complete	Complete		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See comments above.
Stronger Communities Grant Funding (Round 2) – Sub-Total \$3,390,000						
Environmental Trust NSW						
Landfill Consolidation (Pretty Pine & Conargo) \$200,000	Complete	Complete	In Progress	Pending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised briefs received through tender process Report being submitted to Council 19Aug21 Extension has been requested
Environmental Trust NSW - Sub-Total \$200,000						

Project Description	Initiation and Communication	Design, Documentation and Approvals	Quotes and Tendering	Delivery and Handover	Code	Comments/Milestones
REGIONAL GROWTH FUND						
Riverfront Revitalisation \$550,000 + \$750,000 (Stronger Communities Original), + \$700,000 (Stronger Communities Round 3)	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See comments above • Remaining budget \$217,000
Regional Growth Fund – Sub-Total \$1,673,080						
STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES GRANT FUNDING (ROUND 2)						
Deniliquin Town Hall & Arts & Cultural Precinct \$1,315,170 + \$435,000 (Stronger Communities Grant Funding Original) +~\$329,000 (Unallocated Funding), +\$630,883 (Building Better Regions Fund), \$964,500 (Stronger Country Communities Round 3)	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See comments above
Memorial Park \$786,000	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete • Revised scope for approval sent to funding body
Stronger Country Communities Grant Funding (Round 2) – Sub-Total \$3,371,750						
STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES GRANT FUNDING (ROUND 3)						
Town Hall \$964,500, + \$1,315,170 (Stronger Country Communities Round 2) + \$435,000 (Stronger Communities Grant Funding Original) +~\$329,000 (Unallocated Funding), +\$630,883 (Building Better Regions Fund)	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See comments above
North Deni Rest Stop \$300,000	Complete	In Progress	Pending	Pending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFQ awarded to Druitt Earthworks for initial civil component
Stronger Country Communities Grant Funding (Round 3) – Sub-Total \$1,264,500						
DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME FUNDING (ROUND 2)						
Visit Deni Tourism Campaign \$50,000	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign in market
Rural Villages Business Painting \$100,000	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60% of works complete
Waring Gardens Upgrade \$200,000	Complete	In Progress	In Progress	In Progress		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting on structural report for Rotunda-delayed due to border restrictions • Confirming Heritage and DA requirements • DDA compliant plans received
Signage Strategy Implementation \$140,000	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage is on order
Rotary Park (clubrooms and pitches) \$200,000	Completed	Complete	In Progress	In Progress		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubrooms complete • Additional concreting to be done during August • Carpark and drainage work complete

Project Description	Initiation and Communication	Design, Documentation and Approvals	Quotes and Tendering	Delivery and Handover	Code	Comments/Milestones
Deniliquin Town Hall – Civic Plaza \$210,000	Completed	Complete	Complete	Complete		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See comments above
North Tennis Court Redevelopment (Rest Stop) \$100,000	Completed	Complete	In Progress	In Progress		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See comments above
Drought Communities Programme Funding (Round 2) – Sub-Total \$1,000,000						
BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND						
Town Hall \$630,883 + \$964,500 (Stronger Country Communities Round 3), + \$1,315,170 (Stronger Country Communities Round 2) + \$435,000 (Stronger Communities Grant Funding Original) +-\$329,000 (Unallocated Funding),	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See comments above
Building Better Regions Fund – Sub-Total \$630,883						
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Funding R1						
Community Facilities Refurbishment (\$350,000)	Complete	In Progress	Pending	Pending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works to Halls have commenced Pretty Pine tennis courts complete
Deni Visitor Information Centre & V+CS area (\$200,000)	Complete	In Progress	Pending	Pending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DA has been submitted due to State Heritage significance for the Peppin Heritage Centre component RFQ's advertised mid-August
Airport Hangar Refurb (\$100,000)	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiting on sky light installation – delayed due to weather
Urban & Rural Cemeteries (\$180,000)	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural fencing complete Urban fencing commenced
Memorial Park Amenities Upgrade (\$153,170)	Complete	In Progress	Pending	Pending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised scope to be discussed due to additional funding received under the Showground Stimulus Funding. Meeting with the User Group 11Aug21
Off Leash Dog Park (\$80,000)	Complete	In Progress	Pending	Pending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works 90% complete
Sub-Total \$963,170						
Infrastructure NSW						
Maude Road Reconstruction	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council staff due to commence 4th km – refer to report
Restart NSW - Sub-Total \$3.2M						

Project Description	Initiation and Communication	Design, Documentation and Approvals	Quotes and Tendering	Delivery and Handover	Code	Comments/Milestones
Commonwealth Regional Airport Program – Round 1						
Deniliquin Aerodrome Upgrade (loan by ERC to source additional \$2.5m for 50:50) 20/21 - \$1,250,000 21/22 - \$1,250,000	Complete	In Progress	Pending	Pending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design RFQ awarded to CAF Consulting Reduction in scope and budget to \$3,500,000
Commonwealth Regional Airport Program Fund – Sub-Total \$2,500,000						
Infrastructure NSW						
Fixing Local Roads – Poitiers Street	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerb and gutter complete Stabilising commenced
Restart NSW - Sub-Total \$1,052,055M						
Infrastructure NSW						
Fixing Local Roads R2 – North Deni Industrial Area (Augustus Street)	In Progress	Pending	Pending	Pending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tender is out for construction Design complete
Restart NSW - Sub-Total \$910,000M						
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Funding Round 2						
Shortfall in Funding from Round 1, LRCI (\$100,000)	In Progress	Pending	Pending	Pending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See above Community Facilities – LRCI1
Footpath replacement and upgrade (\$380,000)	In Progress	Pending	Pending	Pending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of footpaths/PAMS being reviewed
Skatepark Renewal Work (\$60,000)	In Progress	In Progress	Pending	Pending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In design
Fencing Island Sanctuary (\$60,000)	In Progress	In progress	In Progress	Pending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work to commence mid-August
Rural Gravel Road Renewal and Upgrade	In Progress	Pending	Pending	Pending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of roads being reviewed
Sub-Total \$880,903						
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure R3						
Yet to be determined	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiting on confirmation of Project approval
Sub Total \$1,926,340						
NSW Emergency Operations Centre (EOCs) Critical Upgrade						
RFS FCC emergency line	Complete	In Progress	Pending	Pending		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding agreement received Initial discussions have commenced around IT requirements
Sub Total \$125,080						

Showground Stimulus Funding						
Construction of a new designated sealed access roads, kerb and gutter and carparks between ovals - \$792,000	In Progress	Pending	Pending	Pending	Yellow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions to commence with User Group on 11 August 21 Testing commenced
Construction of new access roadway and formal carparking to the Eastern side of the reserve - \$276,925	In Progress	Pending	Pending	Pending	Yellow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions to commence with User Group on 11 August 21 Testing commenced
Demolition and construction of anew toilet block and facilities - \$168,850	In Progress	Pending	Pending	Pending	Yellow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions to commence with User Group on 11 August 21 Commenced design
Construction of an extension to the cub rooms utilised by the Netball association and cricket clubs adjacent to oval 3 - \$413,000	In Progress	Pending	Pending	Pending	Yellow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions to commence with User Group on 11 August 21 Commenced design
Sub Total \$1,650,775						

Murray Darling Diversification Funding						
Senior Living Precinct	In Progress	In Progress	Pending	Pending	Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colour design commenced Web page design commenced Structural slab design commenced Planting design commenced
Sub-Total \$1,000,000						

PROJECT SUMMARY NOTES	
<p>Summary, most projects are progressing well with only a few highlighted in Red that will require stringent management and action to bring them under control.</p> <p>The projects in Yellow will need attention to detail to ensure that they progress to the agreed Time, Quality & Cost outcomes.</p> <p>Other challenges that face council staff and project delivery is access to quality project managers that will be required to complete all Stronger Community grants by the agreed timelines. Staff are currently in discussion with managers to source the required resources. All costs will be recovered as part of the project delivery costs. Existing council staff and contractors are working extremely well in keeping most projects on Time, Cost and Quality.</p>	

11 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil

12 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

13 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

13.1 Contract C2021/07 - Conversion of Conargo and Pretty Pine Landfills to Transfer Stations

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

13.2 Mayoral Minute - General Manager Performance Review

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

14 CLOSE OF MEETING