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**Ordinary Council Meeting** 

Tuesday, 19 July 2022

Philip Stone General Manager

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# 1. OPENING MEETING

# 2. ATTENDANCE

# 3. LIVE STREAMING STATEMENT

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# 4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

# 5. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

# 6. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

# 7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

# 7.1. DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 28 JUNE 2022

Author: Belinda Perrett
Authoriser: Philip Stone

**RECOMMENDATION** 

That Council approve the draft minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 28 June 2022.

# **BACKGROUND**

# ISSUE/DISCUSSION

# STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

# **COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

- 5. Accountable leadership and responsive administration
- 5.1 Collaborative and Engaged
- 5.2 Financially sustainable
- 5.3 Professional Workplace culture

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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#### 1. OPENING MEETING

Meeting opened at 9:11am

#### 2. ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Cr Peta Betts (Mayor); Cr Paul Fellows (Deputy Mayor) via teams; Cr Shirlee Burge; Cr Harold Clapham; Cr Linda Fawns; Cr Pat Fogarty; Cr Marc Petersen; Cr Shannon Sampson

IN ATTENDANCE: Philip Stone, General Manager, Mark Dalzell, Director Infrastructure; Libby Braybon, Executive Assistant; Greg Brisco-Hough, Senior Governance Advisor

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#### 3. LIVE STREAMING STATEMENT

# 4. 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.

#### 5. 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.

# 6. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS RESOLUTION 2022/0628/6

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns Seconded: Cr Sampson

That the leave of absence requested by Cr Tarria Moore be accepted.

CARRIED

#### 7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

# 7.1. DRAFT MINUTES EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 7 JUNE 2022 RESOLUTION 2022/0628/7.1

Moved: Cr Marc Petersen Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

That Council approve the draft minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held 7 June 2022.

CARRIED

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# 7.2. DRAFT MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 17 MAY 2022 RESOLUTION 2022/0628/7.2

Moved: Cr Marc Petersen

Seconded: Cr Harold Clapham

That Council approve the draft minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 17 May 2022.

CARRIED

#### 8. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

The General Manager, Philip Stone, declared a Pecuniary Interest in Reports to Council 11.1. DA 1/22 - Car Park with Solar Shade Structures - RSL Club. The reason being he is an RSL board member, Philip Stone left the chamber during its consideration.

The Mayor, Councillor Peta Betts, declared a Non-Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Reports to Council 11.9. 100 years of Learn to Swim Signage - McLean Beach. The reason being she is distantly related to Hector McLean, Cnr Peta Betts remained in the chamber during its consideration.

#### **RESOLUTION 2022/0628/8**

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Harold Clapham

CARRIED

# 9. MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

#### 10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### 10.1. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

# RESOLUTION 2022/2806/10.1

Moved: Cr Harold Clapham Seconded: Cr Marc Petersen

That the Minutes of the Rotary Park User Group, Memorial Park User Group, Saleyards Advisory Committee, Airport Advisory Committee and Aboriginal Liaison Committee be moved as true and correct record.

CARRIED

# 11. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

# 11.1. DA 1/22 - CAR PARK WITH SOLAR SHADE STRUCTURES - RSL CLUB RESOLUTION 2022/2806/11.1

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty

Seconded: Cr Marc Petersen

For: Cr Peta Betts (Mayor); Cr Paul Fellows (Deputy Mayor); Cr Shirlee Burge; Cr Harold Clapham; Cr Peter Connell; Cr Linda Fawns; Cr Pat Fogarty; Cr Marc Petersen; Cr Shannon Sampson

Against: Nil

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That this development application be deferred until further communication with residents has occurred.

CARRIED

#### 11.2. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT MAY 2022

#### RESOLUTION 2022/0628/11.2

Moved: Cr Marc Petersen Seconded: Cr Pat Fogarty

That Council receive and note the May Development Services update.

CARRIED

# 11.3. MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, GENERAL MANAGER MEETING ATTENDANCE RESOLUTION 2022/0628/11.3

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns Seconded: Cr Marc Petersen

That Council note the Mayor, Councillors and General Manager meetings attended on behalf of Council during the month of May 2022, undertaken either remotely, or adhering to COVID-19 regulations with the following adjustments:

- Remove Cnr Shirlee Burge from the Naidoc Breakfast on the 31st May 2022.
- Include Cnr Shirlee Burge to the RDA Visa Skilled Migrants meeting held on 3rd of May 2022.
- Include Cnr Marc Petesen to the Memorial Park Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2022.
- Remove Cnr Linda Fawns from the Health Forum Helen Dalton MP held on 13th May 2022.
- Add 'Sorry Day Morning Tea' held on the 26th of May Cnr Linda Fawns attended.

CARRIED

# 11.4. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

# RESOLUTION 2022/0628/11.4

Moved: Cr Harold Clapham Seconded: Cr Linda Fawns

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council as at 10 June 2022.

CARRIED

#### 11.5. INVESTMENTS AND RESERVES REPORT MAY 2022

#### RESOLUTION 2022/0628/11.5

Moved: Cr Harold Clapham Seconded: Cr Pat Fogarty

That Council:

 Note and receive the May 2022 report on Investments totalling \$49,088,404 inclusive of cash at bank for day-to-day operations.

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- Note that actual interest earned in the month of May 2022 was \$24,984.
- Note that accrued interest earned to 31 May 2022 but not yet received was \$205,296.
- 4. Note the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer and adopt the Investment Report

CARRIED

# 11.6. INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

#### RESOLUTION 2022/0628/11.6

Moved: Cr Harold Clapham Seconded: Cr Paul Fellows

That Council:

- Note the contributions from the public exhibition and community consultation sessions in respect of the Integrated Planning & Reporting suite of documents previously adopted for exhibition at the Council's May meeting, and;
- 2. Notes the decision of IPART allowing Council to increase its rates by 2.0%.
- Pursuant to sections 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act 1993, adopt the Operational Plan 2022-2023 (as amended), including the 2022-2023 Statement of Revenue Policy incorporating the annual budget and fees and charges and;
- Pursuant to clause 211(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, approve expenditure and vote funds as detailed in the exhibited draft Operational Plan 2022-2023 (or as modified by resolution at this meeting), and;
- In accordance with sections 533, 534, 535 and 536 of the Local Government Act 1993. Make and levy the following rates and annual charges for the 2022/2023 year:
  - In relation to Ordinary Rates, Council apply the 2.0 per cent rate increase inclusive of an additional special variation as determined by the Independent Pricing and Remuneration Tribunal.
  - Pursuant to section 494 of the Local Government Act 1993, make and levy the following <u>Ordinary Rates</u> for the year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023:

Category and Subcategory	Ad Valorem Rate	Minimum Charge	Base Amount	Base Amount %
Business Other	0.00318393	\$ 479.00		
Business Deniliquin	0.02572644	\$ 551.00		
Farmland Dry	0.00234600		\$ 561.00	28.78%
Farmland Irrigable	0.00393210		\$ 561.00	15.81%
Business Lots (Mixed Development)	0.03009000			

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Category and Subcategory	Ad Valorem Rate	Minimum Charge	Base Amount	Base Amount %
Residential Lots (Mixed Development)	0.01490118		\$ 362.00	25.25%
Residential Deniliquin Other	0.00738480		\$ 443.00	31.15%
Residential Other	0.007111338		\$ 189.00	36.81%
Residential Deniliquin	0.01043562		\$ 443.00	41.31%

 In relation to <u>water supply charges</u> and pursuant to sections 501 and 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, make and levy the following charges on all consumers connected to, or capable of being connected to, the Edward River water supply systems for water supply for the year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023:

Description	\$	Unit
Residential - Filtered Water		
Access Charge	\$383.00	Per annum
Usage charge 0-800K	\$1.05/ kl	Per kilolitre
Usage charge >-800K	\$1.49/ kl	Per kilolitre
Residential – Raw Water		
Access Charge	\$193.00	Per annum
Usage Charge	\$0.78/kl	Per kilolitre
Residential - Non-Potable Water		
Access Charge (Conargo, Wanganella, Booroorban)	\$109.00	Per annum
Connection Charge to main supply (Conargo, Wanganella, Booroorban)	\$345.00	Per annum
Usage Charge (Conargo, Wanganella, Booroorban)	\$0.75/kl	Per kilolitre
Non-Residential - Filtered and raw water		
Access Charge -20mm connection size	\$320.00	Per annum
Access Charge-25mm connection size	\$518.00	Per annum

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Description	\$	Unit
Access Charge-32mm connection size	\$666.00	Per annum
Access Charge-40mm connection size	\$851.00	Per annum
Access Charge-50mm connection size	\$1,081.00	Per annum
Access Charge-80mm connection size	\$2,102.00	Per annum
Access Charge-100mm connection size	\$2,371.00	Per annum
Raw Water Usage Charge	\$0.78/kl	Per kilolitre
Raw Water Usage Charge – Community Land	\$0.06/kl	Per kilolitre
Filtered Water Usage Charge	\$1.49/ kl	Per kilolitre

 In relation to <u>sewerage service charges</u> and pursuant to sections 501 and 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, make and levy the following rates and charges on all residential and non-residential consumers connected to, or capable of being connected to, the Edward River sewer system services for the year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023:

Description	\$	Unit
Sewer Access Charges		
Residential Sewer Unconnected Charge	\$463.00	Per annum
Residential Sewer Connected Charge	\$923.00	Per annum
Non-Residential Unconnected Charge	\$463.00	Per annum
Non-Residential Connected Charge	\$923.00	Per annum
Non-Residential Volume Charge	\$1.60/kl	Based on %

 In relation to <u>stormwater management</u> services and pursuant to section 496A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, make and levy the following annual charge on residential, business and industrial lots with impervious surfaces for stormwater management services for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022:

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Description	\$	Unit
Residential property	\$25.00	Per annum Per Occupancy
Residential strata property	\$12.50	Per annum Per occupancy
Business property	\$25.00	Per annum Per occupancy
Business strata property (apportioned by unit entitlement for business strata lot with a minimum charge of \$5 per unit entitlement per annum)	\$5.00	Per annum Per occupancy

 In relation to domestic waste management service charges and pursuant to sections 496, 501, 503(2) and 504 of the Local Government Act 1993, make and levy the following annual charge for the provision of waste management collection services on each of the rateable properties for the year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023:

Description	\$	Unit
Residential and Non-residential - Domestic Waste Charge	\$383.00	Per Annum Per Property
Residential and Non-residential - Vacant Land Domestic Waste Charge	\$98.00	Per Annum
Residential and Non-residential - Additional Bin Collected	\$383.00	Per Annum Per Property

In relation to <u>liquid trade waste charges</u> and pursuant to section 501 of the
 Local Government Act 1993, make and levy the following annual fixed and
 usage charges for all liquid waste other than sewerage of a domestic nature
 on three categories (based on the level of impact discharges have on
 Edward River sewerage system) for the year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023:

Liquid Trade Waste Fixed Charges		
Application Fees		
Description	s	Unit
Category 1	\$123.00	Per application
Category 2	\$240.00	Per application
Category 3	\$357.00	Per application
Annual Fees		

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Liquid Trade Waste Fixed Charges		
Description	\$	Unit
Category 1 Discharger	\$123.00	Per annum
Category 2 and 2S Discharger	\$123.00	Per annum
Category 3 Discharger	\$123.00	Per annum
Industrial Discharger	\$123.00	Per annum
Pre-Inspection Fee	\$123.00	Per inspection
Liquid Trade Waste Usage Charges		
Description	\$	Unit
Category 1 Discharger with appropriate equipment	\$0.00	Per kilolitre
Category 1 Discharger without appropriate pre-treatment	\$1.85	Per kilolitre
Category 2 Discharger with appropriate equipment	\$1.85	Per kilolitre
Category 2 Discharger without appropriate pre-treatment	\$17.05	Per kilolitre
Non-Compliant Category 3 Discharger	To be Calculated	Per kilolitre
(Ph coefficient 0.38 to be calculated with equation 3 in liquid Trade waste policy) (refer to equation 4 & 5 in Trade Waste policy for other parameters)		
Excess Mass Charges:		
Food Waste	\$24.00	Per kilogram
Aluminum	\$1.00	Per kilogram
Ammonia	\$3.00	Per kilogram
Arsenic	\$86.00	Per kilogram
Barium	\$43.00	Per kilogram
Biochemical Oxygen demand - Up to 600mg/L	\$1.00	Per kilogram
(for greater than 600mg/L refer to Council's Policy for calculation)		
Boron	\$1.00	Per kilogram
Bromine	\$18.00	Per kilogram
Cadmium	\$395.00	Per kilogram

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Chloride	No Charge	Per kilogram
Chlorinated Hydrocarbons	\$43.00	Per kilogram
Chromium	\$29.00	Per kilogram
Cobalt	\$18.00	Per kilogram
Copper	\$18.00	Per kilogram
Fluoride	\$5.00	Per kilogram
Formaldehyde	\$2.00	Per kilogram
Oil and Grease (Total O & G)	\$2.00	Per kilogram
Herbicides/defoliant	\$853.00	Per kilogram
Iron	\$2.00	Per kilogram
Lead	\$43.00	Per kilogram
Lithium	\$9.00	Per kilogram
Manganese	\$9.00	Per kilogram
Mercury	\$2,876.00	Per kilogram
Methylene Blue Active Substance (MBAS)	\$1.00	Per kilogram
Molybdenum	\$1.00	Per kilogram
Nickel	\$29.00	Per kilogram
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	\$1.00	Per kilogram
Organoarsenic Compounds	\$855.00	Per kilogram
Pesticides General (excludes organochlorines & organophosphates)	\$855.00	Per kilogram
Petroleum Hydrocarbons (non- flammable)	\$3.00	Per kilogram
Phenolic Compounds (non- chlorinated)	\$9.00	Per kilogram
Phosphorus (Total P)	\$2.00	Per kilogram
Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)	\$18.00	Per kilogram
Selenium	\$60.00	Per kilogram
Silver	\$2.00	Per kilogram
Sulphate (SO4)	\$1.00	Per kilogram
Sulphide	\$2.00	Per kilogram
Sulphite	\$2.00	Per kilogram
Suspended Solids (SS)	\$2.00	Per kilogram
Thiosulphate	\$1.00	Per kilogram

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Liquid Trade Waste Fixed Charges		
Tin	\$9.00	Per kilogram
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	\$1.00	Per kilogram
Uranium	\$9.00	Per kilogram
Zinc	\$18.00	Per kilogram

- Updates all documentation for the official record and ongoing public display on Council's website and submission of links to the Office of Local Government, and;
- 7. Where individual submissions have been made, acknowledge same.

CARRIED

# 11.7. COUNCILLOR AND MAYORAL FEES FOR 2023

# RESOLUTION 2022/0628/11.7

Moved: Cr Peta Betts

Seconded: Cr Paul Fellows

That Councillor and Mayoral Fees for 2023 do not increase by 2% and remain the same as 2022.

CARRIED

#### 11.8. SUPPORT FOR BROKEN HILL SUBMISSION

#### RESOLUTION 2022/2806/11.8

Moved: Cr Linda Fawns

Seconded: Cr Marc Petersen

That Council:

- Support the position of Broken Hill City Council with regards to the banning of real estate agents from serving as Councillors.
- Forward a motion for the next LGNSW Conference on 23-25 October 2022 to rescind resolution number 16, passed at the LGNSW Special Conference on 28 February 2022 - 1 March 2022, to adopt a policy that seeks to preclude real estate agents and their families and close contacts from serving as Councillors.
- Submits a motion from Edward River Council to the LGNSW Conference in October 2022 as follows:
  - That Local Government NSW calls on the Premier of NSW and the Minister for Local Government to not ban Developers and Real Estate Agents from serving as Councillors.
- Supports the rights of all to represent Local Government if they meet the current Legislative requirements.

CARRIED

# 11.9. 100 YEARS OF LEARN TO SWIM SIGNAGE - MCLEAN BEACH RESOLUTION 2022/2806/11.9

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty

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Seconded: Cr Harold Clapham

That Council:

- Approve and fund the installation of interpretive signage at Mclean Beach to commemorate 100 years of the Deniliquin Learn to Swim program, as an opportunity to showcase the history of Mclean Beach.
- Allocate \$5000 from the 2022/23 'Our Rivers, Our Region' grant funding to purchase the signage.

CARRIED

# 11.10. RECONSTRUCTION DNA CLUBROOMS, MEMORIAL PARK - FUNDING DEED RESOLUTION 2022/28/06/11.10

Moved: Cr Harold Clapham Seconded: Cr Marc Petersen

That Council approve the allocation of \$325,000 from the Showground Stimulus Phase 2 program to the Deniliquin and District Cricket Association and Deniliquin Netball Association for the reconstruction of the existing clubrooms, subject to both clubs entering an agreement with Council regarding the management of the project.

CARRIED

Cr Fawns left the room at10:24am and returned at 10:27am.

# 11.11. MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT - JUNE 2022

#### RESOLUTION 2022/0628/11.11

Moved: Cr Shirlee Burge

Seconded: Cr Harold Clapham

That Council receive and note the Major Projects Program - Progress Report for May 2022.

Amendment to the Motion:

Moved Cr Harold Clapham Seconded: Cr Shirlee Burge

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the Major Projects Program Progress Report for May 2022.
- Seek a report for the next council meeting, following a review of the colour scheme for the Town Hall building

CARRIED

Phil Stone Left the room at10:41am and returned at 10:43am.

#### 12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Nil

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# 13. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

# 13.1. TREE REMOVAL - END STREET

RESOLUTION 2022/2806/13.1

Moved: Cr Pat Fogarty

Seconded: Cr Marc Petersen

That Council notes the report regarding the removal of street trees along End Street.

CARRIED

Cr Peterson left the room at 10:50am and returned at 10:53am.

Cr Sampson left the room at10:51am and returned at 10:54am.

Phil Stone left the room at 11:03am and returned at 11:04am.

# 14. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

# 15. CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting Closed at 11:28am

# 8. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

# 9. MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

# 10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

# 10.1. S355 MINUTES - BLIGHTY AND CONARGO HALL COMMITTEES

Author: Greg Briscoe-Hough

**Authoriser: Alistair Cochrane** 

# **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

- 1. Receive and note the Minutes of the Blighty Hall and Recreation Reserve and Conargo Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground s355 Committees;
- Formally appoint Geoff Ford as a Member of the Blighty Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee and Bronwyn Chappell as a member of the Conargo Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground s355 Committee.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The re-established Blighty Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee (noting that the Committee also meets under its own Blighty Advancement Committee banner) has been meeting regularly throughout the year. The Conargo Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground s355 Committee met formally on 6 July 2022.

# ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Cr Fawn has attended all Blighty meetings since her appointment as Council's nominated member along with attendance by Council officers at all meetings of committees when invited.

The minutes and financial statement of the Blighty June 2022 meeting are attached for the information of Council and the community. Also attached are the Conargo minutes that have some details for officers to further advise on and a 30 June 2022 statement of finances.

# STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Compliance with statutory requirements for the care, control and maintenance of Council facilities.

# **COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

- 2. An open and connected community
- 2.3 Cultural and personal links
- 4. Delivering community assets and services
- 4.1 Vibrant villages and towns
- 5. Accountable leadership and responsive administration
- 5.1 Collaborative and Engaged

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Director Infrastructure has an established funding provision to address the basic ongoing financial outlays, as required, by any of the s355 committees. No transfer of funds to or from the committees is anticipated at this point in time, however, the Bob White Memorial funds gifted to the Conargo committee funds remain in 'accounting limbo' at this point in time.

# LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993 - Section 355a

# **ATTACHMENTS**

Blighty Minutes June 2022

Blighty Financial Statements - April and May 2022.

Conargo Minutes 6 July 2022

Conargo Financial Statement 30 June 2022

# Blighty Advancement Committee Meeting June 28 2022

- Present: Andy Lostroh, MaryLynne Bradford, Greg Briscoe-Hough, Jodi Brown, Jane Crowhurst, Linda Fawns, Mal Holm, Maree Hovendon, Mark Dalzell, Geoff Ford, Felicity Michael
- 2. Apologies: Chris Haynes, Judith Plattfuss, Al Nicholls

#### 3. Previous Minutes:

It was moved that the minutes as read from the previous meeting be accepted with the amended date for next meeting as July not April.

Moved: Greg Briscoe-Hough Seconded: Marie Hovendon

Carried

# 4. Financial Report: Andy Lostroh on behalf of Judy Plattfuss. Attachment 2

It was moved that the Financial Report be accepted:

Moved: MaryLynne Bradford

Seconded: Mal Holm

Carried

#### 5. Committee Election

Geoff Ford will be put forward at the next Council meeting.

#### 6. Register of Keys

Please find Attachment 1 for Key Register.

# 7. Lights for the Oval

New lights for the oval have been approved which is fantastic news. The plan is that the new lights will be installed over the summer 2022/2023. We would like to officially thank ERC for including this project in their works programme.

# 8. Hall Break In

The Hall was broken into on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. Paul Hussey documented a list of the damage. After surveying the scene it has become evident that our security cameras are of little value and have since been turned off due to image quality. ERC are looking at this issue for all the community Halls.

#### 9. Blighty School

The Gilbert Bain Football Day will be held at the recreation reserve on Friday the 1st of July. The Blighty School performance will require the Hall for 4 days.....Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. Deniliquin Child Care will use the Netball Facilities on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September whilst the hall is in use by the Blighty School.

# 10. Mowing of grass at Blighty

ERC are happy to come to an agreement with some locals to mow in front of the pub, Mr Geoff Ford and for an arrangement with Donny Middlemiss with his registered tractor and slasher to mow around the big metal Blighty signs. Andy to coordinate with Geoff, Donny, Paul and Mark.

# 11. BAC Meetings

Malcolm suggested that our meetings from now on be held in the netball rooms. All agreed.

# 12. Maintenance of Septic at Netball

It was noted that the Septic at the football had been seen but no one was sure if the netball had been done.

Action	Responsibility	Talk To
<ol> <li>Entrance driveway – gravel has arrived but is yet to be spread.</li> </ol>	Andy	Paul Hussey
2. Dead trees East of netball courts.	Mark	Paul
<ol><li>Lino has not been ordered for netball rooms. Jane also noted there are a few areas in the hall that need gluing down.</li></ol>	Andy-do we need to look at a higher wearing vinyl like the preschool have?	Menadues
<ol> <li>Pot holes need filling in on the South side of the netball it is currently dangerous and is an OH&amp;S issue. &amp; all roads needs grading.</li> </ol>	Andy	Paul
<ol><li>Front door needs fixing so it will lock properly.</li></ol>	Andy	Mark
<ol> <li>The Honour boards in the meeting need to be hung in the Hall.</li> </ol>	Jodi	Al and Andy
<ol> <li>Mr Ford's application to be presented to Council for approval.</li> </ol>	Greg	Council Meeting
Removal of old fridge from the meeting room – to tip	Andy and Al	
<ol> <li>Evacuation sign in missing from the door at the end of the Hallway.</li> </ol>	Mark	Helen Flisher
10. What to do with the tennis honour board as it is so big?	Andy	Dan
11.NetballSeptic Maintenance	Andy	Paul
<ol> <li>Rainwater tank needs a filter and tank will need washing out at the end of the season.</li> </ol>	Andy	Paul

# 13. Meeting Closed at 7.30pm

14. Next Meeting August 16, 2022, 7.00pm

# ATTACHMENT 1.

# BLIGHTY RECREATION RESERVE KEY REGISTER

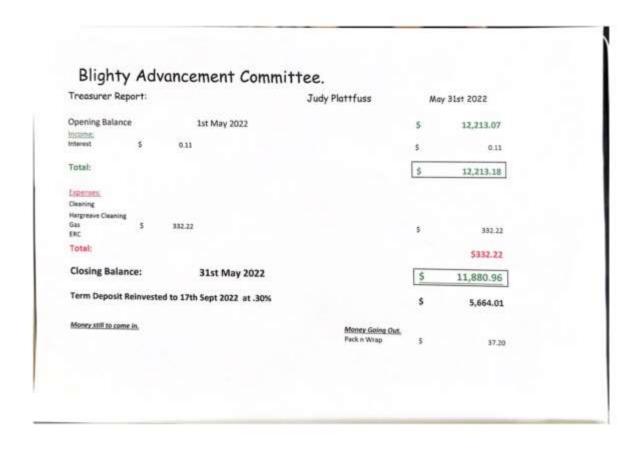
#### NETBALL/TENNIS ROOMS

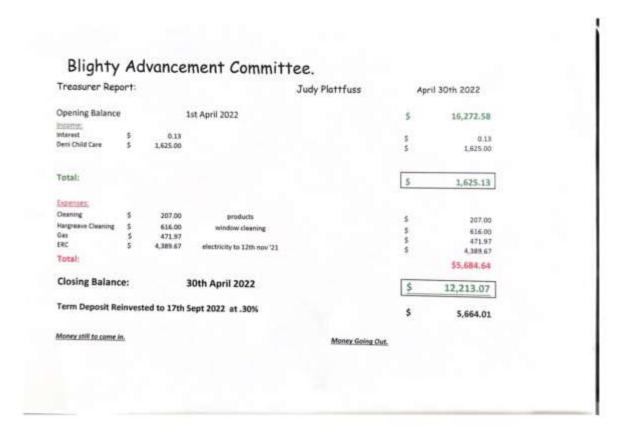
Andy Lostroh Judy Plattfuss Jodi Brown – Netball Club President Kelly Nicholls – Netball Club Secretary/Treasury Dan Harris – Tennis Club President

#### FOOTBALL CLUBROOMS

Al Nicholls – Football Club President – Front door, changeroom, kitchen
Mel Dudley – Football Club Secretary – changeroom, kitchen
Sarah MacDonald – Football Club Treasurer – changeroom, kitchen
Tim Brown – Football Club 4ths coach – changeroom, kitchen
Chris Haynes – may have one to the mower shed which opens kitchen and changerooms also

1 x Key in the Lock Box Jane has a key from Council for cleaning Deniliquin Childcare for access to hall Attachment 2 - 220628 - Treasurer Report





Attachment 3 - s355 Conargo - General Meeting Minutes July 6 2022

# **Conargo Hall Committee**

General Meeting Minutes- Wednesday July 6, 2022

TIME: 7.00 pm

DATE: Wednesday July 6, 2022 LOCATION: Conargo Shire Hall/Live Stream

MINUTE TAKER: Deb Stockton

ITEM NO.	AGENDA ITEM	SPEAKER	DETAILS & ATTACHMENTS
1	Welcome	Colin Bull	Colin welcomed everyone and the meeting opened at 7.01 pm.
2	Apologies	Colin Bull	Karen Griffiths, Emma Griffiths, Allison and David Pearson, Ian Paton, Lyn Baker, Liz McNamara, Cr Harold Clapham.  Acceptance of apologies  Moved: Michael Pisasale Second: Marg Bull Carried: All
3	Attendees	Colin Bull	Bronwyn Chappell, Colin Bull, Deb Stockton, Alan Hardcastle, Lyn Hardcastle, Michael Pisasale, Aileen Loader, Marg Bull
4	Declaration of Conflict of Interest	Colin Bull	NIL
6	Business Arising from March 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2022 meeting	Colin Bull	Bollard installation:     Deb advised bollard had been installed. Marg Bull requested a note of thanks be sent to Paul Hussey.     Backfill to concrete slab to be discussed with Paul Hussey at the next site meeting and Deb Stockton to follow up.

			<ol> <li>Flowers for the Brennan Family were sent at Easter time and Linda sent a lovely text of thanks.</li> <li>Cost of a three dimensional bronze plaque and a bronze bust through the Phoenix Foundry in Uralla was investigated by Deb in memory of Norm Brennan. 280 x 380 plaque ball park depending on detail \$1500, 300 x 560 plaque ball park depending on detail \$1800.</li> <li>Photo and wording needs to be provided and proof will be sent back Bronze bust starts at around \$10,000.</li> <li>There was significant discussion around where the memorial should be Situated. Aileen suggested the Interpretative Centre and that we investigate where the Mayoral Robes and chains of the old Conargo Shire President were and if they were still being held, they could form part of a commemorative display and tribute to Norm. It was decided a bust of Norm is too expensive and that a display such as above was more indicative of the man he was. Aileen moved the following motion:</li> <li>Motion: Investigate through the Edward River Council where the Mayoral Robe and Chains from the Conargo Shire are and what historical photos could be put together to tell the Norm Brennan Story in the Interpretative Centre via an audio installation.</li> <li>Moved: Aileen Loader Second: Alan Hardcastle Carried: All</li> </ol>
7	Chair Report	Colin Bull	Colin discussed the ERC presentation of the strategic plan that was presented on June 6 at the Conargo Hall. He thanked Bronwyn Chappell for preparing the food for the gathering at the conclusion of the meeting. Colin advised that Bronwyn, Ian Paton and Colin had a discussion with Greg Briscoe-Hough and Phil Stone from the ERC and Cr Harold Clapham in regard to the Bob White Trust monies.  Greg would provide further information in regard to the discussion in his

			segment later in the meeting.
8	Secretary's Report	Deb Stockton	Bookings for the hall received on behalf of Ricegrower's, YACTAC, and South West Music and ERC. No correspondence in No correspondence out
9	Treasurers Report	Ian Paton	As Attached  Unfortunately lan was absent however made the note on the financials that as we have not counted stock for a while, our bar stock on hand is a bit high and profit overstated.  Michael Pisasale questioned the absence of alcohol costs and requested Clarification from Ian on his return.  Motion: Financial Report be accepted with further notes in regard to alcohol Be included.  Moved: Aileen Loader Second: Alan Hardcastle Carried: All
10	General Business	Colin Bull	<ul> <li>10.1 Greg Briscoe Hough guest speaker from Edward River Council – s355 Committees advised the following:</li> <li>10.1.1 Sending a copy of the minutes from Conargo Hall meetings by the end of the second week of the month will allow him to address any requests or issues made or addressed by the Committee in the same monthly Council meeting.</li> <li>10.1.2 The 355 Committees may have a committee under the official Committee. It is the role of the Council to facilitate and ensure there is transparency in all financial transactions in and out of the hall Accounts.</li> </ul>
			10.1.3 The Bob White Memorial Trust was discussed with Bronwyn Chappell, lan Paton, Colin Bull, Phil Stone, Greg Briscoe-Hough and

	Cr Harold Clapham at the conclusion of the ERC Strategic Road Show. As a result of that meeting, direct representation was made to the Deputy Premier Paul Tool and Senator Perrin Davey. Senator Davey was meeting the new Minister for Local Government Wendy Tuckerman in Hay Wednesday July 6, 2022 for further discussion.  The money remains a book entry for the Edward River Council. Significant discussion centred around the merits of starting our own Foundation to allow for the distribution of funds to support local education and training scholarships and perhaps community projects.  Motion: The Conargo Hall Committee (via Deb Stockton and Bronwyn Chappell) investigate a third party entity or an existing organisation to manage the Bob White Bequest. For Example, "Legends of Conargo" Foundation.  Moved: Marg Bull Second: Aileen Loader
10	Carried: All  Do Bob White Memorial Trust update as above given by Greg Briscoe-Hough  Greg Briscoe-Hough encouraged those in attendance to be aware of the new ERC Growth Strategy. Input from the community is vital to the success of this strategy.  Friday nights were discussed and it was decided to begin Friday night trading again on August 5th, 2022. The cost of meals was reviewed and members decided that cost of meals should go to \$10.00 given the price rise in all consumables and the quality of the meals provided.  Moved: Aileen Loader Second: Marg Bull Carried: All

12	Close of Meeting	Colin Bull	Colin closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.
11	Next Meeting		To be advised upon completion of Foundation investigation.
			Moved: Aileen Loader Second: Michael Pisasale  10.5.2 Lockbox for hall key – discussion around the usefulness of a lock box that holds the hall key only was had. It was decided a lockbox should be purchased and mounted near the switch board in the breezeway between the hall and the storage shed.  Moved: Marg Bull Second: Aileen Loader Carried: All  10.5.3 Recycling: David Mitchell has previously undertaken Hall recycling. David has relinquished this role and the Jervis children will take over. Moved: Michael Pisasale Second: Lyn Hardcastle Carried: All
			10.5 Other business 10.5.1 Christmas – setting the date was discussed due to the Keith Urban Concert being held on the weekend we would normally have the Christmas function. It was therefore decided to set down Saturday December 3, 2022 as the Community Christmas Party date.

# Attachment 4 - Conargo s355 Financial Statement 30 June 2022

01/07/22	Conargo Hall Committe Balance Sheet
Cash Basis	As of June 30, 2022
ASSETS	-
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Commonwealth Cheque Account	62,330.4
Westpac TD - 0.23% - 1/8/2022	2,727,127.0
Total Chequing/Savings	2,789,457.4
Other Current Assets	
Cash on hand	650.0
Stock on hand	6,228.8
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	6,878.8
Total Current Assets	2,796,336.2
TOTAL ASSETS	2,796,336.2
LIABILITIES	0.0
NET ASSETS	2,796,336.2
EQUITY	
Opening Bal Equity	22,444.7
Retained Earnings	2,762,464.8
Net Income	11,426.7
TOTAL EQUITY	2,796,336.2

# 11. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

# 11.1. MAYOR, COUNCILLOR, GENERAL MANAGER MEETING ATTENDANCE

Author: Belinda Perrett
Authoriser: Philip Stone
RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the Mayor, Councillors and General Manager meetings attended on behalf of Council during the month of June 2022, undertaken either remotely, or adhering to current health guidelines.

# **BACKGROUND**

The report details meetings undertaken on behalf of Council by the Mayor, Councillors and the General Manager during June 2022.

# ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Date	Participants	Topic
2 June 2022	Cr Fawns, Cr Clapham, General Manager	Aboriginal Liaison Committee Meeting
Early June 2022	Cr Moore	Deniliquin Chamber Meeting
6 June 2022	Cr Clapham, Cr Fawns, General Manager	Conargo Community Strategic Plan and Budget Roadshow
7 June 2022	Cr Moore, General Manager	Mayrung Community Strategic Plan and Budget Roadshow
8 June 2022	General Manager	RAMJO Health Sub-Committee Meeting (teams)
8 June 2022	Cr Clapham, Cr Fawns, General Manager	Deniliquin Community Strategic Plan and Budget Roadshow
8 June 2022	Mayor, General Manager	Pretty Pine Community Strategic Plan and Budget Roadshow
9 June 2022	General Manager	Local Government Chief Officers' Group Virtual Meeting
9 June 2022	Mayor, Cr Petersen, General Manager	Wanganella Community Strategic Plan and Budget Roadshow
9 June 2022	Cr Fawns, Cr Moore, General Manager	Blighty Community Strategic Plan and Budget Roadshow
10 June 2022	Mayor	Opening new fitness equipment Deniliquin South School
16 June 2022	General Manager	Deniliquin Health Service Catch Up

# **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

Date	Participants	Topic
19 June 2022	Mayor, General Manager	Presentation Long Service Medals to Deniliquin RFS Brigade Members
19 June to 22 June 2022	Mayor, General Manager	Canberra for 2022 National General Assembly
24 June 2022	General Manager	RAMJO/MDBA virtual meeting
28 June 2022	Mayor, General Manager	SunRice introductory meeting
30 June 2022	Mayor, General Manager	Deniliquin and Leeton Community Consultation Discussion

# **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

# **COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

2. An open and connected community

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS** 

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS** 

# 11.2. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL

**Author: Belinda Perrett, Executive Assistant** 

Authoriser: Philip Stone, General Manager

# **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note the information in the Resolutions of Council as at 7 July 2022.

# **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 of Council for the 2020/2021 Financial Year 199
- Total Resolutions of Council for the 2021/2022 Financial Year 231
- Total Closed Resolutions of Council for the 2021/2022 Financial Year 210

# 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**

- 5. Accountable leadership and responsive administration
- 5.1 Collaborative and Engaged

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

# **LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

# **ATTACHMENTS**

Council Meeting Resolutions as at 7 July 2022.

Attachment 1 - Council meeting resolutions at 7 July 2022

28 June 2022		Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2022/2806/11.1	DA 1/22 Car Park with Solar Shade Structures – RSL Club That this development application be deferred until further communication with residents has occurred	Manager Development Services	To be taken to July Council Meeting	19 July 2022
2022/2806/11.6	<ol> <li>Integrated Planning &amp; Reporting – Community Consultation Outcomes That Council:</li> <li>Note the contributions from the public exhibition and community consultation sessions in respect of the Integrated Planning &amp; Reporting suite of documents previously adopted for exhibition at the Council's May meeting, and;</li> <li>Notes the decision of IPART allowing Council to increase its rates by 2.0%.</li> <li>Pursuant to sections 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act 1993, adopt the Operational Plan 2022-2023 (as amended), including the 2022-2023 Statement of Revenue Policy incorporating the annual budget and fees and charges and;</li> <li>Pursuant to clause 211(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, approve expenditure and vote funds as detailed in the exhibited draft Operational Plan 2022-2023 (or as modified by resolution at this meeting), and;</li> <li>In accordance with sections 533, 534, 535 and 536 of the Local Government Act 1993. Make and levy the following rates and annual charges for the 2022/2023 year: i. In relation to Ordinary Rates, Council apply the 2.0 per cent rate increase inclusive of an additional special variation as determined by the Independent Pricing and Remuneration Tribunal. ii. Pursuant to section 494 of the Local Government Act 1993, make and levy the following Ordinary Rates for the year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023:</li> </ol>	Director Corporate Services	Underway	29 July 2022

	Updates all documentation for the official record and ongoing public display on Council's website and submission of links to the Office of Local Government, and;  Where individual submissions have been made, acknowledge same.			
2022/0628/11.7	Councillor and Mayoral Fees for 2023 That Councillor and Mayoral Fees for 2023 do not increase by 2% and remain the same as 2022.	Director Corporate Services	Finance informed.	Closed
2022/0628/11.8	Support for Broken Hill Submission That Council:  1. Support the position of Broken Hill City Council with regards to the banning of real estate agents from serving as Councillors.	General Manager	Underway	29 July 2022
	<ol> <li>Forward a motion for the next LGNSW Conference on 23-25         October 2022 to rescind resolution number 16, passed at the         LGNSW Special Conference on 28 February 2022 - 1 March         2022, to adopt a policy that seeks to preclude real estate         agents and their families and close contacts from serving as         Councillors.</li> </ol>			
	<ol> <li>Submits a motion from Edward River Council to the LGNSW Conference in October 2022 as follows:</li> </ol>			
	<ul> <li>That Local Government NSW calls on the Premier of NSW and the Minister for Local Government to not ban Developers and Real Estate Agents from serving as Councillors.</li> </ul>			
	Supports the rights of all to represent Local Government if they meet the current Legislative requirements.			Whiteconse
2022/2806/11.9	100 Years of Learn to Swim Signage – McLean Beach	Manager Community &	Funds reallocated.	August 2022

	That Council:  1. Approve and fund the installation of interpretive signage at Mclean Beach to commemorate 100 years of the Deniliquin Learn to Swim program, as an opportunity to showcase the history of Mclean Beach.  2. Allocate \$5000 from the 2022/23 'Our Rivers, Our Region' grant funding to purchase the signage.	Economic Development		
2022/2806/11.10	Reconstruction DNA Clubrooms Memorial Park – Funding Deed That Council approve the allocation of \$325,000 from the Showground Stimulus Phase 2 program to the Deniliquin and District Cricket Association and Deniliquin Netball Association for the reconstruction of the existing clubrooms, subject to both clubs entering an agreement with Council regarding the management of the project.	Director Infrastructure	Underway	September 2022
2022/2806/11.11	Major Projects Report – June 2022 That Council:  1. Receive and note the Major Projects Program – Progress Report for May 2022.  2. Seek a report for the next council meeting, following a review of the colour scheme for the Town Hall building	Director Infrastructure	Community comment being invited.	September 2022
17 May 2022		Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2022/0517/9.1	Mayoral Minute – Support for Ukrainian Refugees That Council seek informal expressions of interest from Edward River residents, industry groups and peak bodies via usual media channels to support Ukrainian refugees with job opportunities and accommodation and potentially instigate both a humanitarian and economic opportunity for our region	General Manager	Underway	Ongoing
2022/0517/11.4	IPART Additional Special Rate Variation That Council:	Director Corporate Services	Application submitted	30 June 2022

	<ol> <li>Approves an application for a permanent 2022-23 Special Rate Variation (ASV) to general income to be made to IPART under section 508(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, seeking an increase of the rate peg from 0.7% to 2.5%.</li> <li>Notes it will receive an additional \$140,000 in general income for the 2022/23 financial year if the ASV application is approved</li> <li>Note that the funds generated by the ASV application are to contribute to Net Operating Deficit results from continuing operations.</li> <li>Has considered the impact on ratepayers and the community in 2022-23 and in future years, and considers that the application of the ASV is both reasonable and necessary to prevent further budget decline.</li> <li>Publicly exhibit the permanent ASV rate increase in its 2022/2023 Operational Plan, Budget, Statement of Revenue Policy and Fees &amp; Charges suite of documents to be placed on public exhibition for the minimum period of 28 days.</li> <li>Be advised of IPART's response for subsequent consideration as part of the wider community consultation process.</li> </ol>			
2022/0517/11.5	Documents for Public Exhibition  That the following documents be placed on public exhibition for 28 days according to statute as required by the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) process:  1. Council's draft Community Strategic Plan and the associated Delivery Program objectives;  2. Council's Draft 2022/2023 Operational Plan, Long Term Financial Plan, Statement of Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges;  and that the following policy documents, as amended, also be placed on public exhibition:  1. Council's Code of Conduct, (incorporating a new section 4A to cover Related Party declarations)  2. Council's Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy (to include superannuation payments)	Director Corporate Services	Placed on exhibition Adopted	28 June 2022 Closed

2022/0517/11.8	LGNSW Conference Motion That this matter be deferred to the next Ordinary Council Meeting until further information is obtained in relation to the definition of a developer.	General Manager	To Ordinary Council Meeting 28 June 2022	28 June 2022 Closed
2022/0517/11.12	Local Community Infrastructure Program – Round 3 That Council endorses submitting an application for the following projects under the Local Roads Community Infrastructure Program - Round 3:  1. Deniliquin Saleyards Refurbishment Project - Stage 1, and 2. Deniliquin Regional Airport Runway Reconstruction Project.	Director Infrastructure	Application submitted	August 2022
19 April 2022		Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2022/0419/10.5	Appointment of Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Independent Member That Council:  1. Receive and note the applications submitted for consideration as independent members of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC); 2. Further note that all applicants bring an appropriate skill set and qualify for appointment; 3. Noting the opportunity for a period of transition with the staged retirement of existing members, establish an eligibility list and present the opportunity for all applicants to attend ARIC meetings on the invitation of the Chairman; 4. Based on general advice from the existing ARIC members for a wider spectrum of expertise, appoint Ms Justine Keech as the fourth independent Member of the ARIC.	General Manager	Applicants phoned. Confirmation letters to be sent.  Committee Meeting Scheduled	30 May 2022 Closed
2022/0419/10.8	Health Services Advisory Committee – Preliminary Establishment That Council	Senior Governance Officer	Letter written and sent to existing local health based advocacy groups.	June 2022 Closed

	Authorise the Mayor to issue letters of invitation for membership of the Health Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) to executive members of existing local health based advocacy groups;     Appoint interested Councillors to the HSAC;     Modify, as appropriate, the draft HSAC Terms of Reference in consultation with the invitees;     Further consider, and adopt the revised Terms of Reference and establish the committee charter at a future meeting.		First meeting date to be established First meeting to be held 18 July 2022	
2022/0419/13.1	Edward River Village Next Steps That Council:  1. Notes the views of the ARIC committee as discussed on 7 April 2022 2. Proceed with the stage 1 infrastructure work in accordance with resolution 2022/0222/15.3 and 3. Call for tenders for building by way of open tender in accordance with the Local Government Act and come back to Council	General Manager	Noted     Commenced     Commenced	December 2022 July 2022
2022/0419/14.1	Mayoral Minute – General Manager Mid Term Performance Review 2021/22 That Council adopt the priorities for the General Manager in the 2022 year as outlined in the Mayoral Minute and those priorities be built into the General Manager's Performance Agreement, and progress be reviewed at the General Manager's annual performance review in July 2022	General Manager	Currently being updated. 20/21 Performance Review Scheduled 19 July 2022	30 May 2022 19 July 2022
15 March 2022		Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2022/0315/12.6	Section 355 Committees – Appointments and Instruments of Delegation That Council: 8. Appoint the recommended committee members for the following Section 355 Committees:	Governance Officer	Applicant appointments to be confirmed and preliminary meetings organised.	30 May 2022

22 February 2022 2022/0222/11.9	with Council pending further work on this and other committees.  Resolution  Edward River Council – Growth Management Strategy That Council  1. Authorise the development of the Edward River Council Growth Management Strategy.	Responsibility  Manager Community & Economic Development	Status  Brief is under development.	Expected Date of Completion May 2022 June 2022 August 2022
	<ol> <li>Issue the standard instrument of delegation in the specific name of each committee as their Terms of Reference;</li> <li>Adopt the revised committee guidelines and associated pro forma documents for the committees use, and;</li> <li>Provide committee members with the necessary documents and undertake a 'benchmark' site assessment and conduct the formal induction of committee members at their April 2022 meetings.</li> <li>Note that the Booroorban Hall Committee cannot be determined at this time due to insufficient numbers, and a report will be tabled</li> </ol>			
	<ul> <li>a. Blighty Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee – MaryLynne Bradford, Malcolm Holm, Andrew Lostroh, Judith Plattfuss</li> <li>b. Conargo Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground Committee – Lynette Baker, Colin Bull, Margaret Bull, Lyn (Linda) Hardcastle, Aileen Loader, Elizabeth McNamara, Ian Paton, Michael Pisasale, Deborah Stockton</li> <li>c. Mayrung Hall Committee – Gordan Ball, Phyllis Ball, Stephen Ball, John Beer, Lorraine Beer, Bruce Moore, Birgit Schultz.</li> <li>d. Pretty Pine Hall Committee – Matthew Allitt, Ben Chartres, John Jenkins, Gabrielle van der Linde</li> <li>e. Wanganella Hall Committee – Simon Bain, Sarah Hooke, Tom Hooke, Amanda McCrabb, Colin McCrabb, Susie Wallace</li> </ul>			

	2. Allocate \$227,272 funds from the sale of the Saleyards Road blocks to undertake the development of the Edward River Growth Management Strategy 3. Allocate \$33,000 which has been allocated to the McLean Beach Masterplan from the NSW COVID Response Fund, to ensure this strategic work is encompassed in the Edward River Growth Management Strategy 4. Allocate \$30,000 for the Residential Land Strategy from the proposed 2022-2023 Budget to ensure this strategic work is encompassed in the Edward River Growth Management Strategy			
2022/0222/15.2	Request for Quote RQ2021-40 Power & NBN Supply & Installation- Edward River Village That Council delegate to the General Manager, to receive quotes and engage the best value conforming contractor, for the provision of on- site power and data at the Edward River Village, to a value up to \$240,000.00 Ex GST.	Project Manager	Underway	July 2022
2022/0222/15.6	C2021-14-Construction of Public Amenities Building – Memorial Park That Council:  1. Accept the B. Green Construction tender submission for C2021/14 Construction of Public Amenities Building at Memorial Park, in accordance with Clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulations, 2. Authorise that the budget shortfall of \$110,769.17 (excl GST) is funded from savings made to the Asbestos Removal project and the Medical Centre Upgrades, 3. Authorise the General Manager and Mayor to sign and affix the Common Seal of Edward River Council to the contract document for Contract 2021/14 – Construction of Public Amenities Building at Memorial Park, 4. Authorise the contract superintendent to approve variations on the contract up to a maximum value of 10%.	Director Infrastructure	Scope of works to be reviewed following User Group input. To be discussed at next committee meeting.  Discussions continuing	May 2022 August 2022

18 November 2021	Resolution	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2021/192	River Street Drainage That Council:  1. Reviews the reconstruction of River Street, between Lilly Street and Rose Street, and the construction of underground stormwater drainage in this area as part of the 2022/23 Operational Plan, and  2. Undertakes a review of the provision of services in the R5 – Large Lot Residential area	Director Infrastructure	Review underway Review completed and discussed.	June 2022 Closed
21 October 2021	Resolution	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2021/169	Bob White Memorial Trust Application That, in the event Council's request for the Bob White Memorial Trust be approved by the Minister for Local Government during the caretaker period, Council authorise the General Manager to take steps to establish the Bob White Memorial Trust in accordance with the Trust document provided to Council at the February 2021 Council meeting, resolution 2021/2.	Director Corporate Services	Ongoing Further correspondence to new Minister for Local Government underway. Meeting to be called with Hall Committee.	June 2022
2021/172	Sale and Development of Industrial Land – Deniliquin Airport – Expressions of Interest That Council:  1. Accept Ennor Engineering as the preferred proponent for Parcel 3, Lot 52, Deniliquin Airport  2. Not accept the offer of \$350,000 including GST for Parcel 3, Lot 52, Deniliquin Airport  3. Authorises the General Manager to negotiate the appropriate land size to enable a commercially viable business expansion for the interested party	Manager Community and Economic Development	Arranging meeting with preferred proponent.  Work in Progress  No further correspondence from preferred applicant. Will need	May 2022 June 2022

15 July 2021	Resolution	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2021/146	Development Services Report     That Council note the Development Services Report for August 2021     That Edward River Council forward a letter to the Minister, Department of Planning advising the Minister that the new procedural requirements are delaying the processing of applications and that Council wishes to refrain from use of the system until specific remedies to the user friendliness and efficacy of the system are resolved.	Director Infrastructure	RAMJO to make representations to Department of Planning regarding he Portal of each Council	October 2021 November 2021 June 2022
16 September 2021	Resolution	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
	2.Approve the existing truck, noted as FM91 in Council's asset register, to be sold at Pickles Auction where it is estimated to sell between \$28,000 to \$30,000		be sold once new vehicle is supplied. With Pickles auctions.	
	1.Accept the tender submitted by The Truck Specialist for the purchase of an Isuzu FYJ 300-350 Auto MWB, fitted with a Barry Burrows 18,000 litre steel water tank at \$277,252.04+GST, and	Miceense Microsoft Script	May. Delivered. Existing vehicle to	May 2022 Closed
2021/175	Purchase Water Truck 18,000 Litre – CP001642 That Council –	Director Infrastructure	Water card to be delivered by end of	December 2021
	<ol> <li>Undertake preliminary subdivision designs for the development, incorporating the appropriate sized parcel of land for the preferred proponent</li> <li>Determines the costs to construct the required road, water, and sewerage infrastructure</li> <li>Authorises the General Manager to negotiate a sale price that contributes to the costs to construct the required road, water and sewerage infrastructure</li> <li>Receives a further report in February 2022.</li> </ol>		to come back to briefing of Councillors in May.	

2021/96	Saleyards Strategic Plan That Council:	Director Infrastructure	Noted to take	November 2021
	Council defer decision to divest and close the cattle yards and not adopt strategic plan for 12 months.     Form a user group to assist Council and the new lease holder to improve the facility.		to Council in 12 months. 2.Underway	June 2022
	Council investigate the scaling down to three runs to a 300 head of cattle capacity in 12 months.     Council initiate a complete WHS report on the three cattle runs.		3.Underway 4.SafeWork NSW contacted.	August 2022
	<ol> <li>Provides a report with a recommendation on the outcome of the expression of interest process by November 2021.</li> <li>Includes the development of the Saleyards in its advocacy strategy and investigates funding opportunities to assist with future development of the sales.</li> <li>Includes the development of the saleyards in Council's long term financial plan, and</li> <li>Prepares a management plan for the ongoing operation of the sale yards facility.</li> </ol>		5.Dependant on outcomes from User Group 6.Underway 7. To be part of LTFP for 2022/23 8. Dependant on outcomes.	
2021/98	Deniliquin Airport Runway Reconstruction Project 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,	Director Infrastructure	Underway	June 2022 (Could be delayed due to postponed local
	Negotiates with the Federal Government regarding the change of scope for the Deniliquin Airport Runway Reconstruction project, and		Awaiting response from Federal Government,	government elections)
	<ol> <li>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.</li> </ol>		Underway	

17 June 2021	Resolution	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2021/81	Potential Deniliquin Airport Residential Skypark Development That Council  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. 1.Update to be provided to Council Briefing. 2. Complete	October Council meeting February 2022 June 2022
19 November 2020	Resolution	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2020/236	<ol> <li>Street 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;</li> <li>Commence the road closure process in accordance with the requirements of the Roads Act 1993 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.</li> </ol>	Acting Director Infrastructure	Property owner notified.  Property owner contacted.  Surveyors engaged	February 2021 30 April 2021 June 2021 November 2021 February 2022 June 2022
20 August 2020	Resolution	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2020/164	North Deniliquin Levee Upgrade Feasibility Report That Council:  1. Adopt the North Deniliquin Levee Upgrade Feasibility Report, contained as Attachment 1 to this report, and;	Manager Engineering & Assets	Underway	Waiting on funding details

	<ol> <li>Apply to Office of Environment and Heritage for funding of the works detailed in the North Deniliquin Levee Upgrade Feasibility Report</li> </ol>		Waiting on funding details	
16 July 2020	Resolution	Responsibility	Status	Expected Date of Completion
2020/144	Asset Management Plans That Council:  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 as part of IP&R documentation for the 2022/23 Operation Plan. Sewer Evaluation Completed.	Final documents for adoption April 2022 June 2022 August 2022

#### 11.3. INVESTMENTS AND RESERVES REPORT JUNE 2022

Author: Bruce Maunganidze
Authoriser: Alistair Cochrane

#### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

- 1. Note and receive the June 2022 report on Investments totalling \$47,324,176 inclusive of cash at bank for day-to-day operations.
- 2. Note that actual interest earned in the month of June 2022 was \$37,425.
- 3. Note that total interest earned for the year to 30 June 2022 was \$295,621.
- 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 30 June 2022 as required by *Regulation No 264* (Part 19) of the Local Government Act 1993.

As at 30 June 2022, Council had a total of \$47,324,176 in invested funds. Interest earned from investments during the month of June 2022 was \$37,425.

Included in this report are the following items:

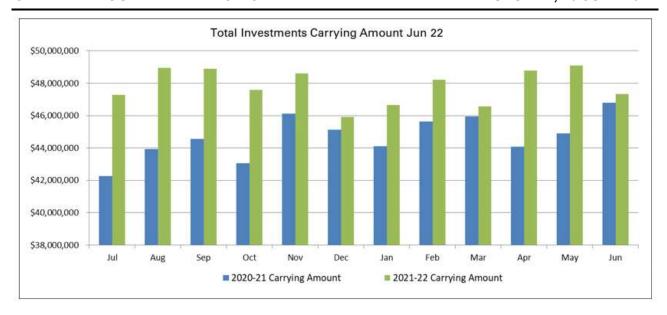
- Council's Investments as at 30 June 2022
- Restrictions Applying to Investment Funds
- Investment Portfolio Performance
- Investment Commentary
- Monthly Report from Imperium Markets
- Certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer

#### ISSUE/DISCUSSION

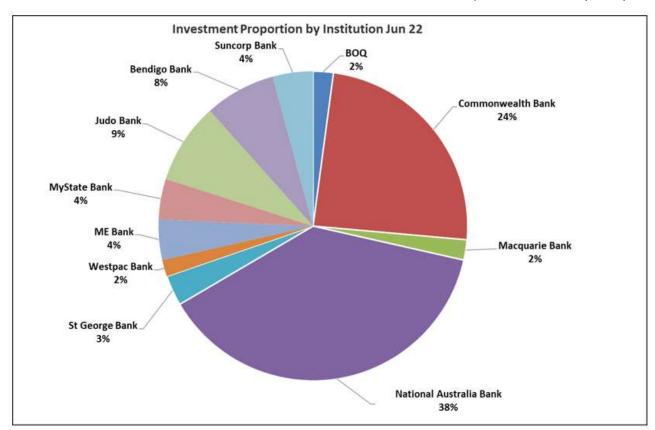
#### Council's Investments as at 30 June 2022

As at 30 June 2022, Council had a total of \$47,324,176 in term deposits and cash at bank exclusive of unpresented receipts or cheques. Total funds decreased by \$1.764M during the month mainly due to Capital and Operational expenditure, partly offset by receipt of Department of Infrastructure and Transport NSW grants and receipts.

The total investments balance has remained within the \$45M - \$49M 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 30 June 2022.

The following Term deposit matured during the month:

						Redeemed In				
Financial Institution		Date Invested	Maturity Date	Interest		Amount	16.7	nterest eceived	Comments	
ME BANK	Jun-22	25-Jun-21	28-Jun-22	0.50%	s	1,000,000.00	\$	5,041.10	Reinvested with BOQ for 12mths @ 4.00%	

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

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Cash Summary		Comment
Opening cash book balance	\$ 1,680,340	
Plus receipts	\$ 6,045,654	Grants, investments, charges and rates debtors receipts
Less payments	\$ 6,381,910	Capex and Opex payments
Cash book balance as at 30 June 2022	\$ 1,344,084	- -
Statement Summary		
Opening statement balance	\$ 1,607,936	
Plus receipts	\$ 6,020,794	Grants, investments, charges and rates debtors receipts
Less payments	\$ 6,285,024	Capex and Opex payments
Bank statement balance as at 30 June 2022	\$ 1,343,706	_
plus Un presented receipts	\$ 377	Receipts not yet presented at bank
Reconciliation balance as at 30 June 2022	\$ 1,344,083	<del>-</del> -

## **Restrictions Applying to Investment Funds**

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

Fund Name	Bank a	nd Investments Pe	rcentage
General	\$	34,202,220	72.27%
Water	\$	7,513,914	15.88%
Sewer	\$	5,608,042	11.85%
Total Funds	\$	47,324,176	100.00%

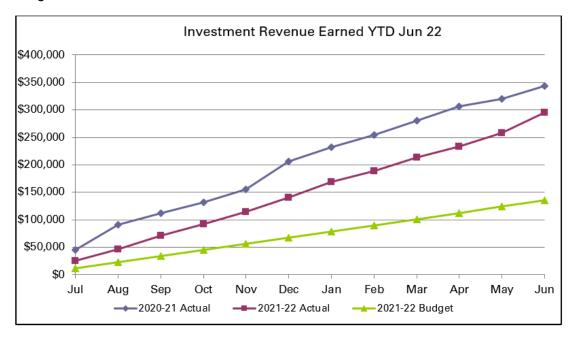
The following restrictions applied to the cash and investments balance:

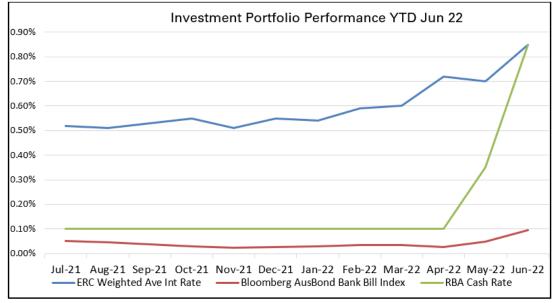
Internal Restrictions	
Infrastructure replacement	\$ 2,299,826
Plant replacement reserve	\$ 1,798,670
Recreation reserves/villages	\$ 1,113,000
Other internal reserves	\$ 779,231
Employee entitlements	\$ 692,727
Land Development Fund	\$ 385,000
Airport Development	\$ 187,447
Deposits, retentions and bonds	\$ 322,752
Deniliquin Town Hall and Civic Precinct Redevelopment	\$ 300,000
Total Internal Restrictions	\$ 7,878,654
External Restrictions	
Water supplies fund	\$ 7,513,914
Sewerage services fund	\$ 5,608,042
Tip remediation	\$ 1,300,000
Unexpended Merger funds	\$ 513,823
Other unexpended grant funds	\$ 6,121,940
Other external reserves	\$ 158,227
Total External Restrictions	\$ 21,215,946
Unrestricted Funds	\$ 18,229,576
Total Funds	\$ 47,324,176

A detailed breakdown of the restrictions is provided in **Attachment 2 –** Detailed Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2022. **Please note, the Reserves balances are preliminary and final balances will be updated once reconciliations are completed as part of the end of year process.** 

#### **Investment Portfolio Performance**

Total interest earned from investments during the month of June 2022 was \$37,425 compared to a budget of \$11,250.





As at 30 June 2022, Council's weighted average interest rate was 0.85%, which was 0.76% above the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index implied one-year return of 0.09%. Total interest earned for the year to 30 June 2022 was \$295,621, compared to the revised budget (QBRS) of \$283,011 and previous year total of \$343,556.

#### **Monthly Investment Review from Imperium Markets**

Council engaged Imperium Markets Pty Ltd to provide ongoing investment advisory services from May 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 June 2022- Imperium Markets.** Council continues to obtain financial benefits through accessing better rates through the Imperium Investment platform.

#### **Investment Commentary**

As at 30 June 2022, all investments were within the defined Investment Policy limits. Council's investment portfolio consisted of term deposits (90%) and cash at bank/ on call (10%).

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) elected to raise the official cash rate by 50 basis points in June, and a further 50 basis points in early July 2022 to 1.35%. This signals the beginning of a tightening cycle of the monetary policy, with additional hikes being flagged in the coming months. Markets are now bracing for an environment with higher interest rates. This creates opportunities for Council to obtain progressively higher rates on investments as the current ones mature.

To mitigate the re-investment risk that this pose, 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 relatively 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 19 April 2022.

#### **COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

- 5. Accountable leadership and responsive administration
- 5.2 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
25%	A1 rated institutions
15%	A2 rated institutions
\$250,000	A3 and unrated authorized deposit taking institutions

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

100%	Commonwealth/ State/ TCorp/M Funds
100%	A1+ rated institutions
60%	A1 rated institutions
35%	A2 rated institutions
5%	A3 Unrated authorized deposit taking institutions

#### LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Legislative Implications

## Local Government Act 1993 625How may councils invest? (1) A council may invest money that is not, for the time being, required by the council for any other purpose. (2) Money may be invested only in a form of investment notified by order of the Minister published in the Gazette. Editorial note— See Gazettes No 152 of 24.11.2000, p 12041; No 94 of 29.7.2005, p 3977; No 97 of 15.8.2008, p 7638 and No 160 of 24.12.2008, p 13140. (3) An order of the Minister notifying a form of investment for the purposes of this section must not be made without the approval of the Treasurer. (4) The acquisition, in accordance with section 358, of a controlling interest in a corporation or an entity within the meaning of that section is not an investment for the purposes of this section. Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 212Reports on council investments (1) The responsible accounting officer of a council-(a) must provide the council with a written report (setting out details of all money that the council has invested under section 625 of the Act) to be presented— (i) if only one ordinary meeting of the council is held in a month, at that meeting, or (ii) if more than one such meeting is held in a month, at whichever of those meetings the council by resolution determines, and (b) must include in the report a certificate as to whether or not the investment has been made in accordance with the Act, the regulations and the council's investment policies. (2) The report must be made up to the last day of the month immediately preceding the meeting. Note-Section 625 of the Act specifies the way in which a council may invest its surplus funds.

## <u>Certification - Responsible Accounting Officer</u>

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 Investment Policy.

Alistair Cochrane

**Responsible Accounting Officer** 

**ATTACHMENTS** 

Attachment 1 - Investment Register as at 30 June 2022

	02 03			01 74	This Report is at date		30-June-2	022	2	
Description	Туре	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	Oncall/ CMT	032-870 16-6545	A1+	N/a	N/a	365	0.00%	820,478	1.73%	Monthly
Westpac Business Cash Reserve	Oncall/ CMT	032-870 17-9231	A1+	N/a	N/a	365	0.05%	0	0.00%	Monthly
Westpac 31 Day Notice Account	Oncall/ CMT	032-870 23-2696	A1+	N/a	N/a	365	0.35%	1,622	0.00%	Monthly
Commonwealth Bank General Fund	Oncall/ CMT	062-533 00000010	A1+	N/a	N/a	365	0.00%	522,172	1.10%	Monthly
Commonwealth Bank Business On Line Saver	Oncall/ CMT	062-533 10151117	A1+	N/a	N/a	365	0.90%	3.478.847	7.35%	Monthly
Macquarie Bank - Rates	Oncall/ CMT	3005-79778	A1	N/a	N/a	365	0.00%	594	0.00%	Monthly
Macquarie Bank - Water	Oncall/ CMT	2643-18940	A1	N/a	N/a	365	0.00%	462.55	0.00%	Monthly
Total Oncall/ CMT Accounts		22.5		133				4,824,176	10.19%	
Term Deposits								1 2 11 10 10 10 10 10		
St George	TD	354775348	A1+	03-Sep-21	02-Sep-22	364	0.37%	1,500,000	3.17%	5,534.79
National Australia Bank	TD	20-036-8248	A1+	10-Jun-21	13-Jun-23	733	0.60%	2,000,000	4.23%	24.098.60
National Australia Bank	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	TD	20-049-8755	A1+	10-Jun-21	11-Jun-24	1097	0.75%	3,000,000	6.34%	67.623.29
National Australia Bank	TD	50-665-2647	A1+	24-May-21	24-May-24	1096	0.75%	2,500,000	5.28%	56.301.33
National Australia Bank	TD	35-071-3705	A1+	25-Jun-21	29-Jun-23	734	0.65%	2,000,000	4.23%	26,142,47
National Australia Bank	TD	75-932-6942	A1+	29-Jun-21	29-Jun-23	730	0.65%	2,500,000	5.28%	32,500.00
National Australia Bank	TD	81-520-8937	A1+	06-Sep-21	06-Sep-23	730	0.65%	3,000,000	6.34%	39,000.00
National Australia Bank	TD	75-932-6944	A1+	08-Dec-21	08-Dec-22	365	0.70%	1,500,000	3.17%	10.500.00
Commonwealth Bank	TD	CDA 37543602	A1+	18-Feb-22	18-Feb-24	730	1.65%	1,500,000	3.17%	49,500.00
Commonwealth Bank	TD	CDA 37543602	A1+	09-Sep-21	08-Sep-23	729	0.57%	3.000.000	6.34%	34,153,15
Commonwealth Bank	TD	CDA 37543602	A1+	12-Nov-21	12-Nov-22	365	0.53%	1,000,000	2.11%	5,300.00
Commonwealth Bank	TD	CDA 37543602	A1+	27-Apr-22	27-Apr-23	365	2.46%	2,000,000	4.23%	49,200.00
Suncorp Bank	TD	4203228	A1+	22-Mar-22	21-Mar-23	364	1.36%	2,000,000	4.23%	27,125.48
Macquarie Bank	TD	CN055243	A1	12-Nov-21	12-Nov-22	365	0.55%	1,000,000	2.11%	5,500.00
Total A1+ Deposits	TD		52020	5-475-500-51				30,000,000	63.39%	5266775757
Bendigo Bank	TD	105-306-781	A2	14-Sep-21	14-Sep-23	730	0.55%	2,000,000	4.23%	22,000:00
Bendigo Bank	TD	0	A2	18-Feb-22	22-Feb-23	369	0.85%	1,500,000	3.17%	12,889.73
BOQ	TD	509836	A2	28-Jun-22	28-Jun-23	365	4.00%	1,000,000	2.11%	40,000.00
ME Bank	TD	303802	A2	26-Jul-21	26-Jul-22	365	0.50%	1,000,000	2.11%	5,000.00
ME Bank	TD	342679	A2	04-Nov-21	04-Aug-22	273	0.55%	1,000,000	2.11%	4,113.70
Jude Bank	TD	CN054927	A2	22-Oct-21	21-Oct-22	364	0.90%	4,000,000	8.45%	35,901.37
MyState Bank	TD	83-703-9114	A2	01-Oct-21	04-Oct-22	368	0.50%	2,000,000	4.23%	10,082.19
Total A2 Deposits			1					12,500,000	26,41%	-

## Attachment 2 - Detailed Reserve Balances as at 30 June 2022

ERC Detailed Reserves Balances	30/06/2022
EXTERNAL RESERVES	
Developer Contributions - General	39,485
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	6,121,940
Water Supplies	7,513,914
Sewerage Services	5,608,042
Domestic Waste Management	1,300,000
Merger Operational	183,120
Merger Stronger Communities	330,703
Conargo Milestones/Interpretative	37,287
Conargo Oval M&R	20,000
Deniliquin Band Committee	19,993
Deniliquin Community Gardens	2,967
EPA Waste	35,915
Regional Arts	2,580
Total External Restrictions	21,215,946
INTERNAL RESERVES	
Plant Replacement	1,798,670
Infrastructure Replacement	2,299,826
Émployees Leave	692,727
Deposits, retentions and bonds	322,752
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
Deniliquin Town Hall and Civic Precinct Redevelopment	300,000
North Depot Redevelopment	132,847
Total Internal Restrictions	7,878,654
Total Restrictions	29,094,600



# **Investment Review** June 2022





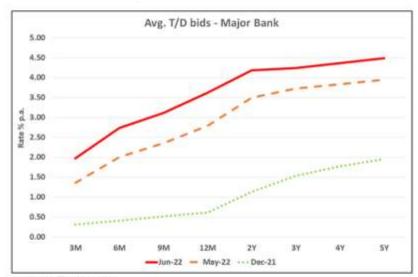
#### Impact of COVID-19 to Council's Portfolio

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

The RBA cut rates to record lows on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 to 0.10%, consistent with most global central banks resetting their official rates to emergency levels. As global markets transitioned to the recovery phase, supply chain issues has resulted in surging inflationary pressures. Longer-term bond yields have risen significantly in recent months as central banks reverse their easing policy measures (i.e. quantitative easing), whilst also moving to undertake aggressive hikes to mitigate surging inflation. Markets are now factoring the possibility of a recession in 2024-2025 as official rates move higher. The RBA increased the official cash rate by 50bp in both June and July 2022, taking the official cash rate to 1.35%, and flagged further rate rises over coming months.

The largest impact to Council's investment portfolio is with regards to its largest exposure being in bank term deposits (~90% of the portfolio). 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 plummeted to all-time lows during the pandemic.

Council's term deposit portfolio was yielding 0.88% p.a. at month-end, with a weighted average duration of around 325 days or  $^{\sim}11$  months.



Source: Imperium Markets

With markets factoring in additional rate hikes over coming months, this has seen a significant shift in longer-term deposit rates, particularly over the past 6 months. 'New' investments above 3½% p.a. now appears likely if Council can continue to place the majority of its surplus funds for terms of 12 months to 2 years.

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# Council's Portfolio & Compliance

#### Asset Allocation

The portfolio is mainly directed to fixed term deposits (~90%). The remainder of the portfolio (~10%) is held in various overnight cash accounts with the major banks 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 1.00% p.a. for balances up to \$10m (and 0.85% p.a. for balances greater than \$10m).

Senior FRNs are now becoming more attractive as spreads have widened in recent months – new issuances should now be considered again on a case by case scenario. In the interim, fixed deposits for 12 months to 3 years appear quite appealing following the spike in medium-to longer-term yields in recent months.

With recessionary fears being priced in coming years, those investors that can allocate longer-term surplus funds may take an insurance policy by investing across 3-5 year fixed deposits and locking in rates between 4%-5% p.a. (small allocation only).



#### Term to Maturity

The portfolio remains highly liquid with around 69% maturing within 12 months. The weighted average duration of the deposit portfolio is around 11 months. We commend Council's decision to place small parcels of term deposits for 2-3 years, given the previous high level of turnover.

Where liquidity permits, we recommend continuing investing surplus funds in the 1-2 year horizons to increase the overall returns of the portfolio given the steepening yield curve. 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).



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#### Counterparty

Following the adoption of a new Policy in mid-April 2022, as at the end of the month, applying long-term credit ratings only, Council had a minor overweight position to Judo Bank (BBB-), noting the \$250,000 limit. Future deposits with Judo Bank will likely need to be redeemed in the absence of them receiving a credit rating upgrade.

Overall, the portfolio is lightly diversified across the investment grade credit spectrum, with no exposure to the unrated ADIs.

Compliant	Issuer	Rating^	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
1	CBA	AA-	\$13,001,019	26.63%	40.00%	\$6,528,652
1	NAB	AA-	\$18,000,000	36.87%	40.00%	\$1,529,670
4	Westpac	AA-	\$2,322,101	4.76%	40.00%	\$17,207,570
V	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$1,001,057	2.05%	25.00%	\$11,204,987
1	Suncorp	A+	\$2,000,000	4.10%	25.00%	\$10,206,044
*	BOQ	BBB+	\$3,000,000	6.14%	15.00%	\$4,323,626
1	Bendigo-Adelaide	BBB+	\$3,500,000	7.17%	15.00%	\$3,823,626
1	MyState	ввв	\$2,000,000	4.10%	15.00%	\$5,323,626
х	Judo	BBB-	\$4,000,000	8.19%	0.51%	-\$3,750,000
			\$48,824,176	100.00%		

<sup>\*</sup>Applying long-term ratings only.

In late June 2022, Standard & Poor's downgraded Suncorp-Metway from AA-/A-1+ to A+/A-1 (negative watch). Suncorp recently announced that it is undertaking a strategic review of its banking operations. The downgrade reflects S&P's view that the Suncorp Group's likelihood of support for the bank had "slightly" diminished and that it was no longer a core part of the Group.

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.

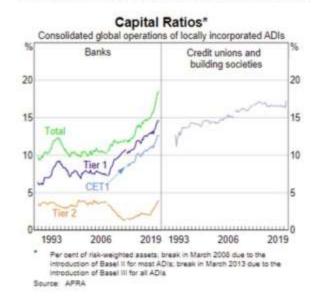
APRA's Chairman affirmed that the banks had satisfactorily moved towards an 'unquestionably strong' capital position and that bank's stress testing contingency plans were now far better positioned that was previously the case years ago. RBA Governor Lowe has commented that they have not seen any signs 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 then 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. The lower rated entities are generally deemed to be the more 'ethical' ADIs compared to the higher rated ADIs.

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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".



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#### Credit Quality

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

From a ratings perspective, the "BBB" rated banks now generally dominate the number of ADIs issuing deposits within the investment grade space. There has been further signs of appetite developing in the wholesale deposit market as additional lower rated ("BBB" and unrated) ADIs have come to market to raise 'new' money. Over the coming year, we may start to see a more 'normalised' environment where the lower rated banks start to offer higher rates compared to the higher rated banks as the competition for deposits grow.

All aggregate ratings categories were within the Policy limits at month-end:

Compliant	Credit Rating^	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
1	AA Category	\$33,323,119	68%	100%	\$15,501,057
4	A Category	\$3,001,057	6%	60%	\$26,293,449
4	<b>BBB Category</b>	\$12,500,000	26%	35%	\$4,588,462
1	<b>Unrated Category</b>	so	0%	5%	\$2,441,209
		\$48,824,176	100.00%		

<sup>\*</sup> Applying long-term ratings only.

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#### Performance

Council's performance (excluding cash holdings) for the month ending 30 June 2022 is summarised as follows:

Performance (Actual)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year	
Official Cash Rate	0.07%	0.11%	0.13%	0.18%	0.18%	
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.05%	0.07%	0.08%	0.10%	0.10%	
Council's T/D Portfolio^	0.07%	0.19%	0.34%	0.64%	0.64%	
Outperformance	0.02%	0.12%	0.26%	0.55%	0.55%	

<sup>\*</sup>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	0.85%	0.43%	0.27%	0.18%	0.18%	
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.61%	0.28%	0.17%	0.10%	0.10%	
Council's T/D Portfolio^	0.80%	0.76%	0.69%	0.64%	0.64%	
Outperformance	0.19%	0.49%	0.53%	0.55%	0.55%	

<sup>\*</sup>Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings. Overall returns would be lower if cash was included.

For the month of June, the portfolio (excluding cash) provided a return of +0.07% (actual) or +0.80% p.a. (annualised), easily outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.05% (actual) or +0.61% 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.

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.

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#### Council's Term Deposit Portfolio & Recommendation

As at the end of June 2022, Council's deposit portfolio was yielding 0.88% p.a. (up 9bp from the previous month), with a weighted average duration of around 325 days (~11 months).

We recommend Council continues maintaining this average duration if possible. With an upward sloping deposit curve, investors are rewarded if they can continue to maintain a longer average duration.

At the time of writing, we see value in:

ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	T/D Rate	
BoQ/ME Bank	BBB+	3 years	4.55% p.a.	
ICBC, Sydney	A	3 years	4.50% p.a.	
ICBC, Sydney	A	2 years	4.30% p.a.	
ING	A	2 years	4.20% p.a.	
Australian Unity	BBB+	2 years	4.20% p.a.	
P&N Bank	ввв	2 years	4.20% p.a.	
Suncorp	A+	2 years	4.10% p.a.	
Westpac	AA-	2 years	3.93% p.a.	

The above deposits are suitable for investors looking to maintain diversification and lock-in a premium compared to purely investing short-term.

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	
Australian Unity	88B+	12 months	4.00% p.a.	
ING	A	12 months	3.90% p.a.	
Suncorp	A+	12 months	3.85% p.a.	
BoQ/ME Bank	BBB+	12 months	3.75% p.a.	
Bendigo	BBB+	12 months	3.75% p.a.	
Westpac	AA- 12 months		3.70% p.a.	
NAB	AA-	12 months	3.60% p.a.	

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If Council does not require high levels of liquidity and can stagger their investments longer-term, it will be rewarded over coming years if it can roll for an average min. term of 12-18 months to 2 years (this is where we current value), yielding, on average, up to %%-1% p.a. higher compared to those investors that entirely invest in short-dated deposits.

#### Council's At-Call Account

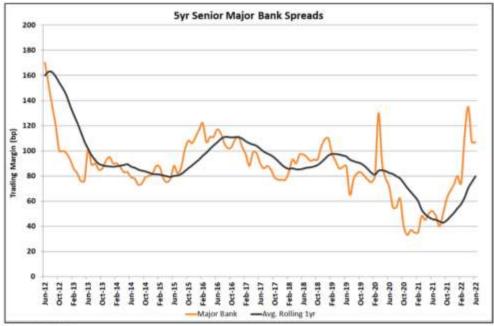
Council's transactional account with the CBA (AA-) is currently earning up to 0.90% p.a. for overnight balances. We recommend opening the Macquarie Bank (A+) accelerator cash account which is currently being offered at a rate of 1.00% p.a. for balances up to \$10m (and 0.85% p.a. for balances greater than \$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.

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#### Senior FRNs Review

Over June, amongst the senior major bank FRNs, physical credit securities remained relatively flat at the long-end of the curve despite the selloff in the credit indices. Major bank senior securities are now looking fairly attractive again in a rising rate environment (5 year margins around the +105-110bp level):



Source: IBS Capital

Amongst the "A" and "BBB" rated sector, the securities also remained relatively flat at the long-end of the curve. There was very little new issuance during the month, with only BoQ (BBB+) being an exception, tapping their May 2025 Covered FRN rated AAA at +105bp.

Credit securities are looking much more attractive given the widening of spreads in recent months. 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).

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Senior FRNs (ADIs)	30/06/2022	31/05/2022	
"AA" rated – 5yrs	+107bp	+107bp	
"AA" rated – 3yrs	+90bp	+90bp	
"A" rated – 5yrs	+125bp	+125bp	
"A" rated – 3yrs	+100bp	+100bp	
"BBB" rated – 3yrs	+110bp	+115bp	

Source: IBS Capital

We now generally recommend switches ('benchmark' issues only) into new primary issues, 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-2023 for the "A" rated ADIs; and
- Within 6-9 months for the "BBB" rated ADIs (consider case by case).

Investors holding onto the above senior FRNs ('benchmark' issues only) in their last few 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, particularly as switch opportunities become available.

Primary (new) FRNs are now looking more appealing and should be considered on a case by case scenario.

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#### Senior Fixed Bonds - ADIs (Secondary Market)

As global inflationary pressures have escalated, this has seen a significant lift in longer-term bond yields (valuations fell) as markets have strongly factored in a tightening of global central bank policy measures (i.e. withdrawal of Quantitative Easing and lifting official interest rates).

This has resulted in some opportunities in the secondary market. We currently see value in the following fixed bond lines, with the majority now being marked at a significant discount to par (please note supply in the secondary market may be limited on any day):

ISIN	Issuer	Rating	Capital Structure	Maturity Date	~Remain. Term (yrs)	Fixed Coupon	Indicative Yield
AU3C80255776	ING	AAA	Covered	07/09/2023	1.19	3.00%	3.93%
AU3CB0258465	Westpac	AA-	Senior	16/11/2023	1.38	3.25%	3.93%
AU3CB0265403	Suncorp	AA-	Senior	30/07/2024	2.08	1.85%	4.41%
AU3CB0265593	Macquarie	A+	Senior	07/08/2024	2.11	1.75%	4.49%
AU3C80265718	ING	AAA	Covered	20/08/2024	2.14	1.45%	4.47%
AU3CB0266179	ANZ	AA-	Senior	29/08/2024	2.17	1.55%	4.31%
AU3CB0266377	Bendigo	BB8+	Senior	06/09/2024	2.19	1.70%	4.49%
AU3CB0268027	BoQ	BB8+	Senior	30/10/2024	2.34	2.00%	4.60%
AU3CB0269710	ANZ	AA-	Senior	16/01/2025	2.55	1.65%	4.41%
AU3CB0269892	NAB	AA-	Senior	21/01/2025	2.56	1.65%	4.41%
AU3CB0270387	Macquarie	A+	Senior	12/02/2025	2.62	1.70%	4.69%
AU3CB0287415	Westpac	AA-	Senior	17/03/2025	2.71	2.70%	4.51%
AU3CB0280030	BoQ	888+	Senior	06/05/2026	3.85	1.40%	5.09%
AU3C80282358	ING	AAA	Covered	19/08/2026	4.14	1.10%	4.57%
AU3C80284149	BoQ	BB8+	Senior	27/10/2026	4.33	2.10%	5.14%
AU3CB0286037	Westpac	AA-	Senior	25/01/2027	4.57	2.40%	4.77%

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# **Economic Commentary**

#### International Market

Risk assets plummeted in June as recessionary fears escalated given the surge in bond yields and the need for central banks to increase their hawkishness to control inflation.

In the US, the S&P 500 Index plunged -8.39%, while the NASDAQ fell -8.71%. Europe's main indices were also sold off, led by Germany's DAX (-11.15%), France's CAC (-8.44%) and UK's FTSE (-5.76%).

The US Federal Reserve increased rates by 75bp in June, the largest rate increase since 1994, taking the Fed funds target range to 1.50%-1.75%. This decision was instigated by their latest headline inflation reading being +1.0% m/m (against +0.7% expected), taking the annual rate to +8.6% y/y, its highest since 1981. The new Funds Rate projections show the median dot for end-2022 lifted from 1.75-2.00% to 3.25-3.50%.

US Fed Chair Powell said the Fed has an unconditional commitment to restoring price stability, commenting "my colleagues and I are acutely focused on returning inflation to our 2% objective" and that they would raise rates "expeditiously". He also commented that the path to achieving a soft landing is getting narrower.

The US unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.6%, with gains filled from returning participation. Hourly earnings growth steady at +0.3% m/m.

The Bank of England (BoE) hiked rates by 25bp for its fifth back-to back rise, taking Bank Rate to 1.25%.

UK CPI came in no-worse than expected, lifting to an annual rate of +9.1% from +9.0%. Leading the +0.7% monthly rise was a +1.5% jump in food prices.

ECB President Lagarde said inflation is too high and that the ECB must act but went no further than to reiterate that rates will rise by 25bp in July.

Canada's latest CPI read came in well above expectations, headline CPI up to +7.7% in May from +6.8% and +7.3% expected.

The MSCI World ex-Aus Index fell -8.69% for the month of June:

Index	1m	3m	1yr	3yr	5уг	10yr
S&P 500 Index	-8.39%	-16.45%	-11.92%	+8.77%	+9.33%	+10.76%
MSCI World ex-AUS	-8.69%	-16.56%	-15.60%	+5.49%	+5.98%	+7.70%
S&P ASX 200 Accum. Index	-8.77%	-11.90%	-6.47%	+3.34%	+6.83%	+9.29%

Source: S&P, MSCI

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#### Domestic Market

The RBA modestly surprised the market in its meeting in June, with its 50bp hike to the Official Cash Rate, moving it to 0.85%. It cited inflation was higher than they expected just a month ago, with pressure coming not just from global forces but also domestic influences, including higher gas and electricity prices as well as (more tellingly) tight labour markets and therefore an implied expectation that wages are in process of rising more sharply.

RBA Governor Lowe expected inflation will peak at a "very high" 7% late this year, from an earlier forecast of 6%. Dr Lowe also commented that it was "reasonable" to expect the cash rate to eventually reach 2.5%, in line with the midpoint of the inflation target, but he admitted it was "unclear" how high rates would go and how quickly.

The Board is still seen raising rates 50bp in July and August and reinstated the upgraded forecast for inflation to peak around 7% in Q4 this year (from 6% in May). Lowe emphasised that inflation did not need to return to target immediately, but also noted that the RBA needed to "chart a credible path back to an inflation rate of 2 to 3%".

The unemployment rate remain unchanged at 3.9% in May, with employment surging +60.6k. The participation rate moved up 0.3% to 66.7%, a new record high.

The trade surplus increased \$0.8bn to \$10.5bn in April (consensus \$9.0bn). The increase was driven by a 1% rise in exports and a 0.7% fall in imports.

APRA finalised revisions to its prudential framework, as contained within APS 220. The final revisions are effectively as set out under the draft proposals published in November 2021. The new macroprudential policy sets out more quantitative measures including the requirement for ADIs to apply residential mortgage serviceability buffers (a loan interest buffer of at least 3.0% applied, unless determined otherwise by APRA).

The Australian dollar fell -4.15%, finishing the month at US68.89 cents (from US71.87 cents the previous month).

#### Credit Market

The global credit indices widened significantly over the month in the 'risk-off' environment. They are back to their levels experienced during the start of the pandemic (Q1 2020):

Index	June 2022	May 2022	
CDX North American Syr CDS	101bp	79bp	
iTraxx Europe 5yr CD5	119bp	84bp	
iTraxx Australia 5yr CDS	130bp	95bp	

Source: Markit

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# **Fixed Interest Review**

# Benchmark Index Returns

Index	June 2022	May 2022
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (0+YR)	+0.05%	+0.03%
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+YR)	-1.48%	-0.89%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit FRN Index (0+YR)	+0.05%	-0.08%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit Index (0+YR)	-1.34%	-0.58%
Bloomberg AusBond Treasury Index (0+YR)	-1.32%	-1.00%
Bloomberg AusBond Inflation Gov't Index (0+YR)	-2.23%	-2.28%

Source: Bloomberg

# Other Key Rates

Index	June 2022	May 2022	
RBA Official Cash Rate	0.85%	0.35%	
90 Day (3 month) BBSW Rate	1.81%	1.18%	
3yr Australian Government Bonds	3.16%	2.86%	
10yr Australian Government Bonds	3,66%	3.35%	
US Fed Funds Rate	1.50%-1.75%	0.75%-1,00%	
10yr US Treasury Bonds	2.98%	2.85%	

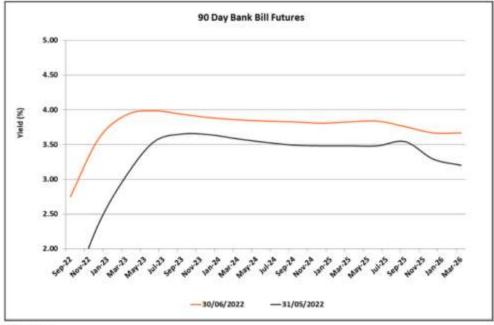
Source: RBA, AFMA, US Department of Treasury

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# 90 Day Bill Futures

Over June, bill futures rose sharply at the short-end of the curve after the RBA hiked rates by 50bp and flagged further rate rises in the immediate future. The market continues to factor in the possibility of a recession over the next few years, highlighted by the drop in the futures pricing in 2024-2025:



Source: ASX

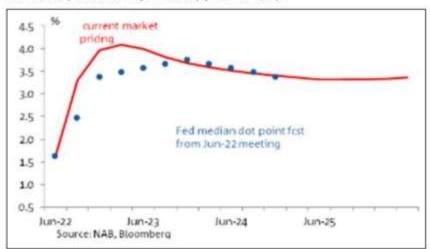
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# Fixed Interest Outlook

US Fed Chair Powell reiterated their commitment to raising rates "expeditiously" (75bp of tightening on 27th July largely priced in), while acknowledging the path to achieving a soft landing is becoming narrower.

The current US Fed dot plots is now pointing to 325bp of tightening in 2022, up from 175bp. The median projection for the funds rate is 3.375% by end 2022 (up from 1.875%), 3.75% by end 2023 (up from 2.625%) and 3.375% by end 2024 (up from 2.625%).



Domestically, after the RBA lifted rates by 50bp in June, they have clearly pivoted along with several other global central banks undertaking the same strategy, commenting "given the current inflation pressures in the economy, and the still very low level of interest rates, the Board decided to move by 50bp [in June]. The Board expects to take further steps in the process of normalising monetary conditions in Australia over the months ahead".

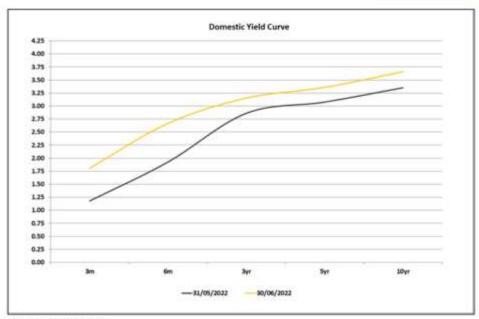
The combination reinforced the view that the previous level of extraordinary monetary support was no longer necessary, while a further deterioration in the inflation outlook compared to even the previous month (on higher energy and electricity prices), meant a quicker move was required.

The RBA will continue to adjust rates in the months ahead. Inflation pressures remain strong and core inflation remains significantly higher than expected. With economic activity and the labour market remaining relatively strong for now, it is possible that the RBA will raise rates towards 1.60%-1.85% within the next two months (a further 75-100bp of tightening), with further 25bp moves expected later in the year to deliver a cash rate to at least around 2½-3% by the end of 2022.

The domestic bond market continues to suggest a prolonged low period of interest rates on a historical basis (10-year government bond yields still under 4%). Over the month, yields rose around 30bp at the long-end of the curve:

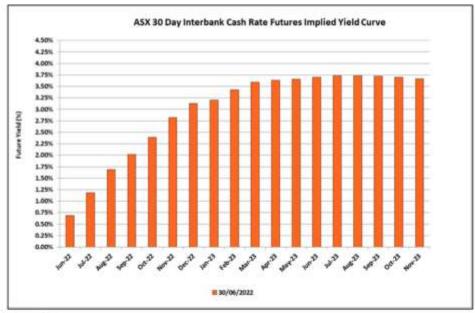
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Source: AFMA, ASX, RBA

Markets are currently pricing in around twelve additional rate rises over the next two years (up to 3%%), although if the recessionary fears come to fruition, the RBA is likely required to monitor its 'terminal rate':



Source: ASX

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#### 11.4. DEBT RECOVERY AND HARDSHIP POLICY

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### RECOMMENDATION

That Council review and approve the edited Debt Recovery and Hardship Policy, specifically the removal of the interim revision for Rates Harmonisation which expired 30 June 2022.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Debts Recovery and Financial Hardship Policy was adopted by Council on 18/10/2018. There were two interim revisions for Covid related financial hardships adopted by Council on 16/04/20 and 26/06/20, that expired in December 2020. An additional temporary interim revision was undertaken to accommodate rates harmonisation on 17 June 2021 be reviewed on or after 30 June 2022 by Management and Council.

#### ISSUE/DISCUSSION

This policy has now been reviewed to remove the special rates harmonisation amendment clause which was a temporary amendment until 30 June 2022.

Debt Recovery and Hardship Policy applies to debts owed to Council through the non-payment of council rates, annual charges, interest and sundry debtors. It also outlines how Council may assist ratepayers who experience exceptional and genuine financial difficulties to pay their rates and charges.

### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Revenue is a key requirement for Council to deliver its priority projects and obligations to the community as outlined in its strategic plans. Rates are a major source of Council revenue and must be recovered in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

#### COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

This Policy aligns with the Community Strategic Plan outcome 5.2 Our local government is efficient, innovative and financially sustainable

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Debt management and timely collection ensures sufficient revenue is raised.

# **LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Council is required under the Local Government Act 1993 to collect revenue in accordance with the legislation and regulations. This Policy is compliant with these statutory requirements.

# **ATTACHMENTS**

# Attachment 1 - Debt Recovery and Hardship Policy - 22.6.2022

### **POLICY OBJECTIVE**

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Ensure debts for outstanding rates, annual charges, service usage charges, interest and sundry debtors owed to Council are recovered in a timely, efficient and effective manner to finance Council's operations and deliver services.
- Provide a formal administrative process to objectively determine and assist those ratepayers who are experiencing genuine financial hardship.
- Ensure Council compliance with the relevant statutory requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act).

# SCOPE

This policy applies to debts owed to Edward River Council through the non-payment of Council rates, annual charges, service usage charges, interest and sundry debtors. It also outlines how Council may help ratepayers who experience exceptional and genuine financial difficulties to pay their rates and charges.

### LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
- Valuation of Land Act 1916 NSW
- Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998

# **POLICY STATEMENT**

Edward River Council aims to ensure effective and efficient financial management over outstanding debts. This includes overdue rates, annual and service usage charges, interest and sundry debtors.

# **RECOVERY OF RATES AND CHARGES**

Council issues rates and charges notices in accordance with section 562 of the Local Government Act 1993 in July each year. An annual rate notice is issued on or before 31 July. They can be paid in full by 31 August or via four instalments due 31 August, 30 November, 28 February, and 31 May each year. Rate instalment reminder notices are issued on or before 31 October, 31 January and 30 April.

# Arrangements to Repay Rates and Charges

In accordance with section 564 of the Act, a ratepayer may at any time arrange with Council officers to enter into a weekly, fortnightly, or monthly payment arrangement to repay the rates and charges with Council.

Failure to make payments as per the agreement voids the agreement and may result in Council referring the account for debt management. All ratepayers who enter into an arrangement will continue to have interest charged on the outstanding amount in accordance with Section 566 of the Act. Rates are required to be paid in full prior to the end of the rating year.

Applications to repay rates by set regular repayments are to be made and forwarded to Council on the approved form available from Council's Customer Service Centre or on Council's website.

# **Interest Charges**

Council charges overdue rates and water accounts with the maximum allowable interest rate in accordance with Section 566 of the Act and may write off interest charges on overdue rates in accordance with the Act, by resolution or by delegation of authority of the General Manager.

# Recovery Action Referral to an External Agency

Where rates, annual charges and water charges continue to remain unpaid without a formal repayment arrangement in place Council may refer outstanding debts to an external agency for collection. Council will utilise the services of a debt recovery agent appointed by the Council where required for this purpose.

# FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Council recognises that there are some cases of genuine and exceptional financial hardship experienced by individual ratepayers due to unforeseen circumstances such as a declared event /disaster i.e. drought and flood, which may require compassion and consideration by Council in these special circumstances.

While Council will not reduce rates or annual charges, it will consider alternative available approaches to assist with cases of financial hardship. This policy establishes guidelines for assessment of residential rates and charges financial hardship applications.

# General Principles in Determining Hardship

Council considers the principles of fairness, integrity, confidentiality and its obligations under the Act and other related legislation when determining hardship applications. Financial assistance may take the form of:

- Arrangement of a payment agreement or schedules;
- Extending the period in which the outstanding rates may be repaid;
- Reducing or writing off accrued interest.

Each individual case will be considered on its merits. The criteria for assessment will be, but is not limited to, the following:

- 1. The ratepayer must own and occupy the property as their principal place of residence;
- 2. The property for which the ratepayer/s is requesting assistance is the ratepayer/s principal place of residence and the property must be land categorised as either residential or farmland for rating purposes;
- 3. The residential component of mixed developments will only be considered for the hardship provision assistance;
- 4. The ratepayer is required to provide Council with details of all income and expenses from all sources, with supporting evidence;
- 5. The ratepayer is to provide reasons and reasonable proof of financial hardship

# Applications for Hardship Assistance

Applications must be made on the Hardship Assistance Application Form available from Council's Customer Service Centre and on Council's website.

In accordance with the Act, Council has several options available to it when considering a Hardship Application. These include:

# a) Entering a Payment Plan

Under Section 564 of the Act, Council may:

Negotiate with the applicant a suitable repayment plan.

# b) Transfer of Land in lieu of Payment of Rates and Charges

Under Section 570 of the Act, Council may:

 Accept a transfer of the land in respect of which rates or charges or accrued interest is due and payable in full satisfaction of the rates, charges or accrued interest.

# c) Sale of Property for Overdue Rates

Under Section 713 of the Act, Council may:

- Sell any land (including vacant land) on which any rate or charge has remained unpaid for more than three (3) years from the date on which it became payable.
- Sell any vacant land on which any rate or charge has remained unpaid for more than one (1) year, provided that the amount of such rates and charges are more than the land valuation it received from the NSW Valuer-General;
- Any sale will be carried out by public auction in accordance with the process outlined in the Local Government Act 1993.

# d) Write off Rates and Charges

In accordance with regulation 131 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 Council may write off rates and charges:

- To correct a clerical error; or
- If the amount is not legally recoverable; or

- If a court orders the amount to be written off; or
- the General Manager believes it would not be cost effective to attempt to recover the amount outstanding

# **RECOVERY OF UNPAID SUNDRY DEBTS**

Sundry debtor accounts and invoices will be created when information becomes available and printed and posted weekly. The payment due date will be 30 days after the invoice issue. A statement will be issued within seven days of month's end.

# Overdue Sundry Debtors

The following process applies to recovery of overdue sundry debtor accounts:

- A reminder notice will be issued 14 days after due date;
- A statement will be issued at the end of the month and serve as the 2nd reminder;
- If full payment is not received after issue of the 2nd reminder, then an overdue sundry debtor account letter requesting payment or the making of a satisfactory arrangement to pay will be sent to the debtor;
- The overdue sundry debtor account letter will advise that the recovery of the overdue account will be referred to Council's debt collection agency if the account is not paid within 14 days.

#### **PRIVACY**

Council is committed to ensuring that privacy will be maintained in accordance with the principles established under the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*.

# **POLICY VERSION CONTROL**

Title	Debt Recovery and H	Debt Recovery and Hardship Policy							
ECM Doc Set ID									
Date Adopted	16/04/2020								
Council Minute No.									
Responsible Officer	Amanda Barber								
Version Number	Modified By	Modifications Made	Date modified and Approved by Council	Council Minute Number					
1	Colleen O'Connor	Modifications Made	18/10/2018	2018/249					
2	Amanda Barber	Special Amendment - Covid	16/04/2020	2020/74					
3	Amanda Barber	Special Amendment – Rates Harmonisation	17/06/2021	2021/67					
4	Bronwyn Chaplin	Remove Special Amendment	22/06/2022						

### 11.5. COUNCILLOR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Author: Greg Briscoe-Hough
Authoriser: Alistair Cochrane

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report:

- 1. To demonstrate Councillors commitment to integrity in office by completing annual returns in both a timely and fulsome manner;
- 2. The requirements for Councillors to submit pecuniary interest and related party returns and recommended publication of identifiable and consolidated interests for each Councillor on Council's website; and
- 3. Consider the issues of capturing and securing public records, particularly in relation to Councillor communications.

#### **BACKGROUND**

This reports considers the structure and guidelines around the interaction between Councillors and Council Officers designed to ensure that Councillors have appropriate access for the purposes of advice or information regarding Council operations while still maintaining the legislatively prescribed independence and separation of functions. The revised *Code of Conduct* and the *Public Interests Disclosure Policy* of Council are on Council's website. Over coming months each of Council's policies will be reviewed and updated appropriately.

#### ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Council and Councillors are captured by a number of statutory obligations in respect of their office and actions and the maintenance of good governance and integrity. The Local Government sector is both heavily criticised, and monitored, in respect of two key issues: Councillor conflict of interests and procurement procedures.

A third, more subjective area, and under Ministerial fiat, is the issue of a council administration undermined by consistent serious disagreement where the confidence of the community in the councillors' ability to deliver projects that improve the future economic and social prospects and / or the ability of the governing body to properly perform its roles under the Act. Numerous reports to the OLG and Minister note that the majority of these breakdowns occur when either the administration or elected body transgress the boundary between the policy making and oversight functions of elected councillors and operational matters delegated and statutorily prescribed to the General Manager and staff.

Council is also a party to the *Public Interest Disclosures* (PID) framework and has its own policy in respect of this legislation. Councillors and staff should report any suspected wrongdoing within Council. Reports about the five categories of serious misconduct include corrupt conduct, maladministration, serious and substantial waste of public money, breach of the GIPA Act (which captures councillor communications), and local government pecuniary interest contravention are dealt with under the PID Act as protected disclosures and according to this policy.

Council recently modified its *Code of Conduct* to incorporate related party transaction reporting elements in response to NSW Audit Office feedback to adopt a policy, however, by placing this after similar provisions on pecuniary interests, in succession and in the same document, it provides a single point of reference for councillors, key staff and the community. Whilst it is each person's responsibility to determine what to declare, the related party transactions have a 'materiality' element to them and so the all capturing declaration of the pecuniary interests provisions - which is as much

about perception as it is concerned in real conflicts - are not necessarily triggered in the related party declaration where no material benefit is possible or likely in the decision making role of councillors.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Compliance with statutory and policy provisions applicable to Council and risk management of reputation.

#### **COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

- 5. Accountable leadership and responsive administration
- 5.1 Collaborative and Engaged
- 5.2 Financially sustainable
- 5.3 Professional Workplace culture

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

# LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government Regulations 2021

Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994

NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1998

Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act)

Australian Accounting Standard AASB124 related party disclosures (AASB124)

Australian Accounting Standard AASB10 consolidated financial statements (AASB10)

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil. Documents are on Council's website and forms for the completion of returns will be emailed separately.

# 11.6. MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Author: Belinda Perrett
Authoriser: Philip Stone
RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- 1. Resolve to maintain membership of the Murray Darling Association and
- Resolve that two Councillors be given the opportunity to attend the Murray Darling
  Association's 78th National Conference and AGM September 29-21, 2022 hosted by Albury
  City Council.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Edward River Council is currently a member of the Murray Darling Association. Prior to approving this years' membership, Officers wanted to ensure that Councillors supported Councils continued membership.

Membership fees are calculated per head of population based on the latest ABS census data.

Councils membership for 2021/22 is \$3,072.51 including gst.

#### ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The Murray Darling Association has existed since 1944 and represents local Government and communities across the Murray-Darling Basin. Currently divided into twelve regions, member Councils are:-

### **REGION ONE**

Albury City Council; Federation Council; Indigo Shire Council; Snowy Valleys Council; Towong Shire Council

# **REGION TWO**

Berrigan Shire Council; Edward River Council; Moira Shire Council; Greater Shepparton City Council; Federation Council

#### **REGION THREE**

Balranald Shire Council was previously in region three, however are now in region four.

The following council areas are listed, but are not currently financial members - Ararat Rural City Council; Ballarat City Council; Murray River Council; Buloke Shire Council; Central Goldfields Shire Council; Gannawarra Shire Council; Hepburn Shire Council; Horsham Rural City Council; Loddon Shire Council; Moorabool Shire Council; Mount Alexander Shire Council; Northern Grampians Shire Council; Pyrenees Shire Council; Swan Hill Rural City Council

#### **REGION FOUR**

Broken Hill City Council; Central Darling Shire; Mildura Rural City Council; Wentworth Shire Council; Balranald Shire Council

#### **REGION FIVE**

District Council of Loxton Waikerie; Renmark Paringa Council; Mid Murray Council; Berri Barmera Council; District Council of Karoonda East Murray

#### **REGION SIX**

Alexandrina Council; Coorong District Council; Tatiara District Council; The Rural City of Murray Bridge; Southern Mallee District Council; City of Victor Harbour

#### **REGION SEVEN**

Campbelltown City Council; City of Burnside; City of Holdfast Bay; City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters; City of Mitcham; City of Playford; City of Port Adelaide Enfield; Adelaide Hills Council; City of Tea Tree Gully

#### **REGION EIGHT**

Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council; Light Regional Council; The District Council of Peterborough; The Regional Council of Goyder; Northern Areas Council; District Council of Mount Remarkable; District Council of Orroroo Carrieton

#### **REGION NINE**

Carrathool Shire Council; Griffith City Council; Hay Shire Council; Leeton Shire Council; Lockhart Shire Council; Murrumbidgee Council; Narrandera Shire Council; Wagga Wagga City Council

#### **REGION TEN**

Bourke Shire Council; Cobar Shire Council; Dubbo Regional Council; Forbes Shire Council; Lachlan Shire Council; Warren Shire Council; Narromine Shire Council

#### **REGION ELEVEN**

Brewarrina Shire Council; Coonamble Shire Council; Gunnedah Shire Council; Gwydir Shire Council; Liverpool Plains Shire Council; Glen Innes Severn Council; Tenterfield Shire Council; Walgett Shire Council

#### **REGION TWELVE**

Balonne Shire Council; Bulloo Shire Council; Goondiwindi Regional Council; Paroo Shire Council; Toowoomba Regional Council; Western Downs Regional Council

# STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Murray Darling Association is established to be a voice for Councils in the Murray Darling Basin Plan. Being a member of this organisation allows Council 'to have a voice at the table'. Council are also members of other Committees/Organisations that are advocating in the water/Murray Darling area, these include RAMJO and the Murray Regional Strategy Group.

#### **COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

- 3. Encouraging growth through partnerships
- 3.2 Economic development
- 4. Delivering community assets and services
- 4.1 Vibrant villages and towns
- 4.2 Reliable Water and Sewerage
- 5. Accountable leadership and responsive administration
- 5.1 Collaborative and Engaged

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Membership of Murray Darling Association for Edward River Council 2022/2023 are \$3,072.51 including gst. Fees are calculated at \$0.35 per head of population and are capped at 21,907 population or \$6,681.82.

# **LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

# **ATTACHMENTS**

#### 11.7. FREE WASTE DISPOSAL WEEKENDS 2022/2023

Author: Libby Braybon - Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Katrina Bennett - Acting Director Infrastructure

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- Approve the Free Waste Disposal weekends at the Deniliquin Landfill to take place on the following dates during the 2022/23 financial year: 10th & 11 September 2022, 17th & 18th December 2022, 1st & 2nd April 2023 and 24th & 25th June 2023.
- 2. Note that on the Free Waste Disposal weekends the following waste is still charged for: tyres, commercial waste, construction and/or demolition waste.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In July 2015 changes were made to the operations of the landfill which made the disposal of residential green waste and residential waste free to the rate payers of Edward River Council. This change did not include large household items. As a result, Council have been offering four (4) weekends annually as open weekends at the landfill for disposal of larger items as a free service to ratepayers.

#### ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The free weekends allow for the disposal of larger items such as mattresses, refrigerators, other white goods and furniture. This is for residential properties only and does not include tyres, commercial waster, construction and/or demolition waste. It is recommended that Council continue this approach for the 2022/23 financial year. All dates will be reviewed prior to proceeding. The proposed dates are:

- 10th & 11 September 2022
- 17th & 18th December 2022
- 1st & 2nd April 2023
- 24th & 25th June 2023

Council will widely advertise the weekends in the newspaper, website and Facebook page in the lead up to the proposed dates.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

# **COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

- 1. Shaping the Future
- 1.1 Pristine natural environment
- 1.2 Quality built environment
- 1.3 Enhanced Active and Passive Open Spaces
- 1.4 Sustainable Waste Management

# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council staff shall accept residential property waste at Councils Landfill site free of charge for the weekends stated. The financial implications will not accurately be known until the end of June 2023.

# LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

It is required that Council consider this report as this recommendation falls outside Councils published fees and charges.

# **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

# 11.8. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT - JUNE 2022

Author: Marie Sutton - Manager Planning & Environment

Authoriser: Katrina Bennett - Acting Director Infrastructure

# **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the June Development Services update

# **BACKGROUND**

The Development Services Report for June 22 is included as Attachment 1.

# **ISSUE/DISCUSSION**

N/A

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

N/A

**COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN** 

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** 

N/A

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS** 

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS** 

Attachment 1 - 6 Environment Report June 2022



Developmen	t Activity						
Applications received – June 2022							
Application	Property Description	Proposal	Date Received	Date Approved	Status		
DA2022/0050 CC2022/0027	Lot 29 DP613448, 208 Burchfield Avenue, Deniliquin	Residential Shed	1/6/22	21/6/22	Approved		
DA2022/0051 CC2022/0029	Lot 2 DP1222874, 432 Poictiers Street, Deniliquin	Residential Shed	10/6/22	29/6/22	Approved		
DA2022/0052 CC2022/0030	Lot 6 DP1227113, 611-615 Ochtertyre Street, Deniliquin	Residential Shed	16/6/22	28/6/22	Approved		
DA2022/0053	Lot 9 DP658823, 140 End Street, Deniliquin	Change of Use – Health Services (Psychotherapy)	17/6/22	).	Under assessmen		
DA2022/0054	Lot 1 Sec 75 DP758782, 183- 185 Coborro Street, Deniliquin	Transportable Dwelling	16/6/22	íð	Under assessmen		
DA2022/0055	Lot 1 DP610445 & Lot B DP408591, 28-30 Davidson Street, Deniliquin	2 Lot Subdivision	30/6/22	82	Under assessmen		
DA2022/0059	Lot 11 DP1239631, 553-559 Harfleur Street, Deniliquin	Residential Shed	30/6/22	124	Under assessment		

Complying Development Certificates							
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S68 Applications							
LG2022/0018 Lot 9 DP758913, 99 End Street, Deniliquin		On Street Dining	23/6/22	27/6/22	Approved		
LG2022/0019	Lot 12 DP1013345, 116 End Street, Deniliquin	On Street Dining	23/6/22	27/6/22	Approved		
LG2022/0020	Lot 1 DP758782, 183-185 Coborro Stret, Deniliquin	Transportable Dwelling	16/6/22	84	Under assessment		

Development Applications by Type for June 2022								
Development Type	New Dwellings	Dwelling Alts/Additions/sheds	Commercial/Industrial	Other	Subdivision	No of lots resulting		
Number	1	4	1	0	1	2		
Totals 2022	5	23	6	20	7	23		

Processing Times for June 2022						
Application Type	* Mean Gross Days	** Mean Net Days				
DA	48	35				
Mod (S4.55) of DA & DA/CC	91	53				
CDC	-	8				
СС	27	25				
S68 Applications	12	12				



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

Month	DAs 2021	DAs 2022	CDCs 2021	CDCs 2022	CC 2021	CC 2022	S68 2021	S68 2022	Value 2021	Value 2022
January	8	3	0	2	3	1	3	2	\$1,885,946	\$870,000
February	7	14	0	1	2	9	4	2	\$1,599,609	\$6,541,633
March	18	13	1	0	12	8	4	5	\$2,918,375	\$1,968,289
April	9	8	1	0	3	2	5	0	\$673,735	\$1,891,000
May	7	9	1	1	5	6	0	6	\$463,520	\$3,376,895
June	11	13	0	0	8	8	6	3	\$938,000	\$277,646
July	11		2		9		3		\$598,050	
August	8		0		7		2		\$681,236	
September	8		1		4		5		\$1,017,000	
October	10		0		9		1		\$1,288,993	
November	18		0		12		6		\$1,156,791	
December	6				3		1		\$1,090,440	
TOTALS	121	60	6	4	87	34	40	18	\$14,311,695.00	\$14,925,463.00

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	31				
Sewerage drainage diagrams	20				
Average processing time	1 day				
Maximum time for processing	4				



Swimming Pool In	spection Program			
Month	1 <sup>st</sup> Inspection	2 <sup>nd</sup> Inspection	3 <sup>rd</sup> Inspection	TOTAL 2022
June	ē-	12		16

		Ranger Ad June 202													
			Comp	anion Anim	als				Cle	an Up	Par	king	Impoun	dment	
Seized/ Surrendered	Released to Owner	Impounded	Re- Homed	Euthanised	Declared Dangerous Menacing	Micro Chipped	Registered	Fines Issued	Notices Sent	Illegal Dumping	Patrols	Fines	Vehicles	Live Stock	Euthanised Wildlife
14	10	9	6	3	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0

Dog Atta	ncks		
Date	Details	Outcome	
June		.To	

Public Health Activities	
Details	
Water quality monitoring – Reticulated Town Water Supply	Water quality monitoring continues to be carried out weekly as per memorandum of understanding with NSW Public Health
Food Premises Inspection Program	Food Premises inspections for all medium and high risk food premises have been completed. Food Activity report will be submitted to NSW Food Authority by end July.

# 11.9. OPERATIONS REPORT JUNE 2022

Author: Craig Maffescioni
Authoriser: Mark Dalzell

**RECOMMENDATION** 

That Council receive and note the June 2022 Operations update.

# **BACKGROUND**

As part of the 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

N/A

# STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

N/A

# **COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

- 1. Shaping the Future
- 1.1 Pristine natural environment
- 1.2 Quality built environment
- 1.3 Enhanced Active and Passive Open Spaces
- 1.4 Sustainable Waste Management

# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

### LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Monthly Report June 2022

**Attachment 1 - Operations Monthly Council Report June** 



# **OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT UPDATE REPORT**

# ROADS AND ROAD MAINTENANCE - June 2022

LOCATION	COMPLETED	IN PROGRESS	PLANNED
Major Works Feb			
Maude Road	Section 7 complete	Remaining 510m	Seal end July
Resheet Program	Program completed		
Barham Road	Completed		
Transport for NSW Works Finley Road Construction	Highway pavement completed	Access roads	Seal scheduled for 15/7/2022
State Highway Network	Fortnightly inspections	0.000.000.000.000.000.000	3601 Scheduled for 13/1/2022
State Highway Network  Maintenance	Fortnightly inspections	1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -	3601 SCHEGUIEG 101 13/1/2022
	Fortnightly inspections  Wargam Road, Warwillah Road, Zara Road, Mills Road, Avalon Road, Anderson's Road, Henderson's Road		Sear scrieduled for 13/7/2022
Maintenance Grading Zones / Roads completed in the	Wargam Road, Warwillah Road, Zara Road, Mills Road, Avalon Road, Anderson's Road,		Sear scrieduled for 13/1/2022



# ROADS AND ROAD MAINTENANCE - May 2022

LOCATION	COMPLETED	IN PROGRESS	PLANNED
Major Works March			
Tuppal Road	Pavement and seal	Table drain works	Line marking April
Maude Road		Section 7	Seal scheduled for late June
Resheet Program	Booroorban-Tchelery, Kerri Kerri east, Carrathool 13kms, Wanganella-Moulamein 1km	Carrathool 7kms, Wanganella- Moulamein 1.85km	Cosgrove 3.7km, Hanna's 0.5km
Transport for NSW Works			
Finley Road Construction	Shoulder stabilisation section 1	Subbase pavements import section 1	Base pavements import mid-April section
State Highway Network	Fortnightly inspections		
Maintenance		E. Tarana and A.	
Grading Zones / Roads completed in the Month	Myrttle Park Road, Martins, Road, Moonee Swamp Road, McAllisters Road, Cassidy's Road, Larkins Road, Lower Finley Road, Cowans Road, Scott Rogers Road		
MR 296 Culvert replacement			
Grading/Fire breaks/Slashing			



# WATER AND SEWER

June 14 8 8	Month	No. of Incidents / Issues					
100 pp		Sewer Chokes / Maintenance	Water Meter	Water Main Burst / Leak			
May	June	14	8	8			
	May						
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Month	Water treated	Maintenance
June	79ML	Comms issue at saleyard's res Changed batteries at Saleyards res  Early Backwash\ Polymer OFF 12pm to help bring up sludge blanket Fault finding Saleyards Rd Res /Soda Ash System 1&3 Tyndall Tank sealing repairs carried out
May		Replaced gland packing Fluoride Feeder



Month	Repairs	Installations	testing	Other
June	Replace probe at memorial park pump station Replace soft starter Reuse PS	INTERPORTURE CONTRACTOR	Up to date	40ML
May				

NEW WATER AND S	EWER SERVICES		
Month	New Water Services Installed	Sewer Lines Installed	General
Month June	0	0	N/A
May			i i
- 1/2	-		

Month	Project	progress	Challenges
June	Old racecourse road water upgrade	80%	Waiting for under borers to come back to town
May			0.0000000000000000000000000000000000000



# PARKS AND GARDENS

Month	Waring Garden's Weed Control	Other	Challenges
June	Minor spot spraying of gardens and garden beds. Tidy up Harrison Street area after toilet upgrade		
May	Minor spraying, weeds not evident yet		



Month	Parks / Playgrounds / reserves	Tree removal / maintenance	General
June	Normal program, new mower helping as no breakdowns and working at full capacity	Minor trimming as per customer requests	Vandalism ongoing as per previous month
Мау	Having trouble with mowing as new mower not arrived and Walker mower constantly breaking down, having to travel to villages to second their mowers to try and keep up	Minor trimming as per customer requests	Vandalism ongoing, Bill undergoing repairs on weekly basis and Infrastructure working on better gates as constantly being kicked off in Waring and Scott's parks

WEEDS						
Month Roadside Spraying		High Risk Pathway Inspections	Khaki Program	Other Spraying		
June		220Km		Control 415km		
May		279Km		Control 386km		

Month	General	Kerbside Collection
June	Normal monthly activities, Chemclear collection programmed but re- scheduled for July	Consistent with May targets
May	Extra staff undergoing clean-up for EPA inspection	Bin Audit ongoing, some bins given up, some extra services now being paid for and lessening time for run and overtime on Mon/Tues.  An increase in bin repairs/replacements due to wet grass in bins

# PLANT AND FLEET



Plant and Fleet								
Month	Fleet Capital Plant Ordered	Plant Delivered	Construction Plant	Other				
June	Light Fleet Quote sent	Water Truck, Parks Mower, Water and sewer mower, Hyundai Tucson						
May		Tip Truck and Trailer						

# STAFF - March 2022

	Roads	Water and Sewer	Parks and Garden's	Plant and Fleet
Recruitment	2 vacant positions		2 vacant positions	Apprentice interview conducted
Incident Reports – Vehicles	Broken window in roller	and Grader, Mowing parks ston	e broke window	
Incident Reports – Personal	Trip and fall visit doctor's	minor injury		
Incident Reports – Construction				
Plant – RFS Checks TechOne Fleet Module	RFS Servicing and Mainte	nance repairs ongoing		
Training Attendance	Cert IV construction Asset inspection			

# 11.10. MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT - JULY 2022

**Author: Nicole Rogers** 

**Authoriser: Katrina Bennett** 

**RECOMMENDATION** 

That Council receive and note the Major Projects Program - Progress Report for July 2022.

# **BACKGROUND**

Since amalgamation in 2016, Council has received over \$46,000,000 in funding from State and Federal Government bodies. A breakdown of current funding and remaining spend is as follows:

Government Funding Body	Funding Amount					
Stronger Communities - Round 2	\$3,990,000					
(Additional merger funding)	Remaining: \$94,000					
Stronger Country Communities – Round 3	\$1,264,500					
(State funding)	Remaining : \$22,972					
Stronger Country Communities – Round 4	\$768,338Total remaining					
(State funding)						
Building Better Regions	\$630,883					
(Federal Funding)	Total remaining					
Our Rivers Our Region	\$1,673,080					
(Federal funding)	Remaining: \$ 4,785					
Drought Communities Program – Round 2	\$1,000,000					
(Federal Funding)	Remaining: \$210,000					
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure	\$963,190					
Program	Remaining: \$256,193					
(State funding)						
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure	\$880,903					
Program R2	Remaining: \$473,698					
(State funding)	M4 000 040					
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program R3	\$1,926,340					
(State funding)	Total remaining					
HSVPP (Federal Funding), Fixing Country	\$2,980,568					
Roads, TfNSW (State Funding) for Maude Road	Remaining: \$237,415.73					
Construction	Ç ·					
Commonwealth Regional Airport Program	\$2,500,000					
(Federal Funding)	Total remaining					

Government Funding Body	Funding Amount
Fixing Local Roads (TfNSW) Round 3	\$1,077,023
(State Govt)	Remaining: \$1,038,646
NSW Showground Stimulus Funding R2 -	\$1,650,775
Memorial Park Showground	Remaining: \$1,317,116
(State Funding)	
NSW Emergency Operations Centres (EOCS)	\$125,080
Critical Upgrade Program	Remaining: \$23,424
(State Funding)	
Murray Darling Basin Economic Development	\$1,000,000
Program R3	Total remaining
(State Funding)	
Regional Growth Fund NSW	\$50,000
(State Funding)	Total remaining
Streets as Shared Spaces	\$500,000
(State Funding)	Remaining \$473,308
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#### ISSUE/DISCUSSION

#### **Project Updates**

### Waring Gardens - Amenities and Rotunda

Funding for this work is through the Drought Communities Program (R2) and includes works to Refurbish the Cressy Street and Harrison Street amenities blocks, including DDA compliance for accessible toilet area and re-painting. Works on the rotunda include replacement of damaged timber and re-painting.

The accessibility upgrade works at the Waring Gardens Amenities adjacent to Cressy Street is almost complete. The contractor has installed handrails with only painting to be completed.

The structural design for the rotunda has been received which shows the roof being constructed separate then lifted on the rotunda upon completion.

# North Deni Industrial Area - Augustus Street

This project has been funded through Fixing Local Roads R2 and includes works to improve drainage and a complete road reconstruction. This will improve accessibility to businesses in this area especially for heavy vehicles which are predominant in this precinct.

This project is now complete.

#### North Deniliquin Rest Stop

Funding for this project is through Stronger Country Communities R3 and Drought Communities Program R2.

This month has seen the installation of the BBQ and shelter and completion of the amenities.

All amenity infrastructure is now in place. To complete this project there will be additional mulching and plantings over the next few weeks. The amenities are now open to the public.

# Civic Precinct Refurbishment

This project has received funding from Stronger Country Communities Rounds 2 and 3, Building Better Regions, New Council Implementation Funds, Stronger Communities and Council.? Certificate of Occupancy has been received for the Estates Building and final clean-up is underway ready for Council staff to move into the building. Customer Service are looking to open the doors to customers on 14 June 2022.

Customer Service, Finance and HR staff are now located in the completed Estates Building. Works are continuing on the floor in the Town Hall with the installation of the sub floor timbers. The Stage 4 extension to the rear of the Town Hall has been boxed up ready to be poured and power lines from Civic place to the transformer site have been pulled through.

# **Energising End Street**

Funding for this project was received through Streets as Shared Spaces, State Funding.

Part of this funding is to be used to improve footpaths in the area including outside the Coach House Hotel. Quotes are being sort for this work. Street furniture, including 5 x parklets and bike racks have been ordered. Consultation with End Street business continues.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

### **COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

- 4. Delivering community assets and services
- 4.1 Vibrant villages and towns

#### 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**

Attachment 1 - Project Summary Report July22 - Major Projects

	F	unded Projects	- Summary	Report – Jun	e/Jul	ly 2022				
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 performanace targets								
Time, Cost & Quality		Task/Activity - S	neet Performanace Target.							
Time, Cost & Quality		Task/Activity- Pe	nding - is curren	tly not commend	ed					
			Projec	t Phase						
Project Description	Initiation and Communication	Design, Documentation and Approvals	Quotes and Tendering	Delivery and Handover	Code	Comments/Milestones				
		STRONGER	COMMUNITIE	S GRANT FUN	DING	(ORIGINAL)				
Riverfront Masterplans and Initial Works \$750,000 + \$700,000 + (Stronger Communities Round 2) \$550,000 (Regional Growth Fund)	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete		Funding complete from this stream				
Town Hall Revitalisation \$435,000 + \$1,315,170 (Stronger Country Communities Round 2I) +-\$329,000 (Unallocated Funding), +\$630,883 (Building Better Regions Fund), \$964,500 (Stronger Country Communities Round 3)	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress		Funding Complete from this stream				
	Strong	er Community	Grant Fundi	ng (Original)	- Sul	b-Total \$8,600,000				
		STRONGER C	OMMUNITIE	S GRANT FU	NDIN	IG (ROUND 2)				
Riverfront Enhancement \$750,000 + \$550,000 (Regional Growth Fund) + \$750,000 (Stronger Communities Original)	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete		Funding complete from this stream				
Truck Stop Strategic Plan \$10,000	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending		Discussions with stakeholders to be coordinated				
Civic Plaza <b>\$390,000</b>	Completed	Complete	Complete	In Progress		<ul> <li>Works progressing on the plaza including planter boxes and underground works</li> </ul>				
	Strong	er Communities	s Grant Fund	ling (Round 2	2) - S	Sub-Total \$3,390,0000				
			Environmen	ntal Trust NS	NA.					
andfill Consolidation (Pretty Pine & Conargo) 5200,000	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress	VV	Site Offices installed     Closing out with EPA				
		Environm	nental Trust	NSW - Sub-T	otal S	USEAND PRODUCE TO THE				

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			REGIONAL	<b>GROWTH FU</b>	JND	
Riverfront Revitalisation \$550,000 + \$750,000 (Stronger Communities Original), + \$700,000 (Stronger Communities Round 3)	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete		<ul> <li>Artwork to be finalised and installed for completion of project and funding from this stream</li> </ul>
		Regiona	Growth Fu	nd - Sub-Tot	al \$1,	673,080
	STE	ONGER COUN	TRY COMMI	NITIES GRAN	T FUN	IDING (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	In Progress		Works continuing the Town Hall     Installation of sub floor base underway
	Stronger Co	untry Commu	nities Grant	Funding (Ro	und 2	2) - Sub-Total \$3,371,750
	STRO	NGER COUNT	RY COMMU	NITIES GRA	NT FU	INDING (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	In Progress		Works continuing the Town Hall     Installation of sub floor base underway
North Deni Rest Stop \$300,000	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress		Construction complete     Plantings to be finalised
	Stronger Co	ountry Commu	nities Grant	Funding (Ro	und 3	3) - Sub-Total \$1,264,500

NB: Time Variation received until March 22 - Projects on track to be complete by revised due date.

DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME FUNDING (ROUND 2)							
Visit Deni Tourism Campaign \$50,000	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete		
Rural Villages Business Painting \$100,000	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete		
Waring Gardens Upgrade \$200,000	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress	Cressy St amenities complete. Rotunda roof under construction.		
Signage Strategy Implementation \$140,000	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete		
Rotary Park (clubrooms and pitches) \$200,000	Completed	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete		

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Deniliquin Town Hall - Civic Plaza \$210,000	Completed	Complete	Complete	In Progress			Under construction, Power lines run underground to substation
North Tennis Court Redevelopment (Rest Stop) \$100,000	Completed	Complete	Complete	In Progress		•	See above (SCCF R3)
	Drought C	ommunities P	rogramme F	unding (Rou	nd 2	- S	ub-Total \$1,000,000
		BUI	LDING BETT	TER REGION	S FU	ND	
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			See comments above Stage 4 – rear of Town Hall concrete boxed up to be poured
		Building Be	tter Regions	Fund - Sub	-Tota	1 \$63	30,883
	Loca	al Roads and	Community	nfrastructure	Pro	nran	n Funding R1
Community Facilities Refurbishment (\$350,000)	Complete	In Progress	In Progress	Pending			Contractor engaged for McLean Beach Amenities. Will not commence until Feb23. Extension of time being sort through funding body.
Deni Visitor Information Centre & V+CS area (\$200,000)	Complete	In Progress	Complete	Pending		•	Works commenced
Airport Hangar Refurb (\$100,000)	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete		•	Complete
Urban & Rural Cemeteries (\$180,000)	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete			Complete
Memorial Park Amenities Upgrade (\$153,170)	Complete	In Progress	In Progress	Pending			Redesign complete Contractor repricing
Off Leash Dog Park (\$80,000)	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete			Complete
			Sub-To	tal \$963,170			
- 10	,	v	Infrastr	ucture NSW			
Maude Road Reconstruction	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress		•	Final .5km under construction
		R	estart NSW -	Sub-Total \$2	2.901	1	

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		Commonwe	alth Region	al Airport Pro	gran	n –	Round 1
Deniliquin Aerodrome Upgrade	Complete	Complete	In Progress	Pending		•	Tender out for construction
	Commo	nwealth Regi	onal Airport	Program Fur	nd – S	Sub	b-Total \$2,500,000
			Infrastr	ucture NSW			
Fixing Local Roads R2 – North Deni Industrial Area (Augustus Street)	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress		•	Complete
	+:	Res	tart NSW - S	ub-Total \$91	0,000	M	
			Infrastr	ucture NSW			
Fixing Local Roads R3 – Saleyards Road (Cobb Hwy to Cemetery Road)	Complete	Complete	Complete	Pending		•	Contractor commencing Monday, 11July22
	2	Rest	art NSW - Si	ub-Total \$1,07	77,02	3N	Maria de la companya
	I ocal R	loads and Con	nmunity Infr	astructure Pr	onra	m	Funding Round 2
Shortfall in Funding from Round 1, LRCI (\$100,000)	Complete	Complete	Complete	Pending	ogila		See above Community Facilities – LRCI1
Footpath replacement and upgrade (\$380,000)	Complete	Complete	Complete	Pending	П	•	Construction nearing completion
Skatepark Renewal Work (\$60,000)	Complete	Complete	Complete	Pending		٠	Neary completion
Fencing Island Sanctuary (\$60,000)	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete		•	Complete
Rural Gravel Road Renewal and Upgrade	In Progress	In Progress	In Progress	Pending		•	Delayed until August 22
	A		Sub-To	tal \$880,903			
		Local Ro	ads and Cor	nmunity Infra	stru	ctu	re R3
Deniliquin Aerodrome Upgrade (\$1,500,000)	Complete	Pending	Pending	Pending			Work Schedules approved
Saleyards Refurbishment (\$426,340)	Complete	Pending	Pending	Pending		•	Work Schedules approved
		(1)	Sub Tota	1 \$1,926,340			

Project Description	Initiation and Communication	Design, Documentation and Approvals	Quotes and Tendering	Delivery and Handover	Code	Comments/Milestones
	NS	W Emergency	Operations	Centre (EOC	s) Criti	cal Upgrade
RFS FCC emergency line	Complete	Complete	Complete	Pending		Nearing Completion
			Sub Tota	1 \$125,080		
		Sh	owground S	timulus Fund	ling	
Construction of a new designated sealed access roads, kerb and gutter and carparks between ovals - \$792,000	In Progress		1577	Pending		Council completing work in-house     To Commence Aug 22
Construction of new access roadway and formal carparking to the Eastern side of the reserve - \$276,925	In Progress	In Progress	Complete	Pending		Council completing work in-house     To commence Aug 22
Demolition and construction of anew toilet block and facilities - \$168,850	In Progress	Complete	Complete	Pending		(see comments LRCI R1)
Construction of an extension to the club rooms utilised by the Netball association and cricket clubs adjacent to oval 3 - \$413,000	In Progress	In Progress	Pending	Pending		Architect engaged for redesign
	,	110	Sub Total	\$1,650,775		
		Murray	Darling Div	ersification F	unding	q
Senior Living Precinct	In Progress			Pending		Funding/Milestone Variation received     Civil works to commence Aug 22     Tenders closing for dwellings
			Sub-Total	\$1,000,000		
		Stronge	er Country C	ommunities	Round	4
Lighting Deniliquin and Blighty Rec reserves	In Progress			Pending		Awaiting funding Agreement
	20 (10 (10 <del>20 20 20 10 )</del>	1178655540	Sub-Tota	1 \$768,338		and December from Note for Mind or Mind

#### PROJECT SUMMARY NOTES

Summary, most projects are progressing well with only a few highlighted in that will require stringent management and action to bring them under control.

The projects in Yellow will need attention to detail to ensure that they progress to the agreed Time, Quality & Cost outcomes.

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.

- **12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**
- **13. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**
- **14. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**
- **15. CLOSE OF MEETING**