



**FEDERATION
COUNCIL**

Agenda

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Council Chambers, Corowa

Commencing 10:00 am



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1. MEETING OPENING

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Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are meeting today, the Bpangerang people, and acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside in this area. I extend that respect to Elders – past and present of the Bpangerang nations.

Receipt of Apologies

A request for leave of absence for this meeting has been received from Councillor Gail Law.

RECOMMENDED that Council grant leave of absence to Cr Gail Law.

2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4. MAYORAL MINUTE

5. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

5.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE – SYDNEY – 4 – 6 DECEMBER 2017

Summary

This report allows for tabling of summary notes, as an attachment, from the 2017 Local Government NSW Annual Conference for Council, held in early December 2017. The conference was attended by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Law and the Interim General Manager.

Background

The conference was considered an extremely useful forum for formal informal interactions between Councillors and staff, politicians, State Government agencies and many other stakeholders. All motions submitted and accepted were able to be presented and dealt with on the first day of the conference.

The conference also saw a new President elected, Cr Linda Scott (City of Sydney) replacing the outgoing President Cr Keith Rhoades, who had served the maximum term under the constitution.

Key Speakers included –

- John Barrilaro MP, Member for Monaro, Leader of the NSW Nationals – speaking for Premier who was absent, Keith Rhodes – outgoing President of Local Government NSW (LGNSW),
- The Hon. Gabrielle Cecelia UPTON, MBA, BA, LLB MP - Member of the Legislative Assembly, Member for Vaucluse, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage,
- The Hon. Peter Thomas PRIMROSE, B SocStud (Syd) Shadow Minister for Local Government
- Linda Scott (City of Sydney Councillor) New president of LGNSW announced after voting count.

The General Meeting opened at 10.15am on the first day to consider all motions presented and all were dealt with on the day.

A copy of the motions passed, and other information is available at - <https://www.lgnsw.org.au/events-training/local-government-nsw-annual-conference>

Many are relevant to Federation Council and will be used in lobbying and other works as required.

Attachments

Summary of conference notes

Financial Implications

Costs associated with the conference were met within existing budgets.

RECOMMENDED that

1. Council note the report on the 2017 Local Government NSW Annual Conference; and
2. A letter be sent to Cr Keith Rhoades congratulating him on his service to LGNSW as President over many years.

5.2 JOINT ORGANISATIONS

Summary

This report allows for tabling of a letter, see attachment, from the Riverina Eastern Region of Councils (REROC) inviting Federation Council to become part of a larger REROC Joint Organisation (JO), to also include Albury City Council. Greater Hume Shire Council are already a part of REROC.

The letter outlines the benefits REROC consider, of having an expanded JO including Federation and Albury City Councils.

Background

JO's are proposed as part of the suite of reforms initiated by the NSW Government and developed in consultation with NSW Councils over the last 6 years. They are aimed to formalise Councils into clusters, to allow for many functions to be carried out more effectively and or efficiently, including planning for delivery of State, Local and even possible Federal actions. It is also considered a way of more easily allowing Councils to engage with the state Departments or agencies, on issues that stretch across Council boundaries. JO's are voluntary to join, must contain at least three Councils, and be generally with the exception of Balranald and Wentworth Councils, be in the current State Planning boundaries. For this region this is known as the Riverina Murray area.

For more detailed information please visit -

<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/content/joint-organisations-strengthen-regional-nsw>

Council has until February 28, 2018 to respond formally to the NSW Government, on the position with respect to if it wishes to be part of a JO, and with what other Councils. As JO's will be legislated, specific wording is required in the resolution, and this will all form part of a report to Councils February 2018 meeting.

Council has workshopped this matter briefly in December, and since that time the Riverina and Murray Region of Councils has met, on the 18th December 2017, to consider the JO matter. RAMROC canvassed all members present, including Federation who was represented by the Mayor and General Manager.

The recommendation that came out of the RAMROC workshop meeting on 18th December 2017 was as follows-

RESOLVED that it be recommended to the RAMROC Member Councils that they resolve to adopt Option 3 in the Executive Officer's report, which proposes the establishment of two joint Organisations within the DoP Riverina Murray State Regional Boundaries, these being a Murray and Murrumbidgee Joint Organisation comprising 11 Council areas (i.e. generally comprising current RAMROC councils), and a Riverina Joint Organisation comprising 9 Council areas (generally comprising current REROC councils);

and noting that Balranald and Wentworth Shires now have an option to adopt full JO membership for a Murray and Murrumbidgee JO.

Council can have further discussion at this meeting and in a workshop, prior to the February meeting, on its final position, but it is required to respond to the REROC request in January, to allow them to meet on the 31 January and have a position on this matter.

The former Urana Shire was a member of both REROC and RAMROC, largely due to its central position across the Riverina Murray area, and with many services, communities of interest and State Agency linkages to the

Wagga area. The former Corowa Shire was a member of both REROC and RAMROC also for many years, but resolved to leave REROC prior to the amalgamation to focus more on RAMROC. This is given the

Financial Implications

The NSW Government has indicated that seed funding of up to \$300,000 per JO is available. Operating costs of each JO are hard to estimate, due to unknown size, final roles and staffing levels, but would be conservatively estimated to be in the order of at least \$500,000 per year. It is envisaged that for RAMROC, the JO would take the place of RAMROC.

Council currently pays \$20,279.47 annually for RAMROC membership, and based on a RAMROC size JO, costing around \$500,000 per year, this would increase Councils contribution to around \$40,000 per year.

Attachments

5.1.1 - Letter from REROC dated 19 December 2017.

RECOMMENDED that Council note the report on the Joint Organisations and advise REROC that it does not wish to be part of a larger REROC Joint Organisation comprising the current REROC member Councils and Federation and Albury City Council and that its final position will be adopted in February but is likely to be within the existing RAMROC region footprint.

5.3 COUNCIL BRIEFING SESSIONS AND WORKSHOP CALENDAR 2018

Summary

This report presents to Council for consideration, a calendar scheduling an allocation of time to bring together Councillors, Executive staff, and other Council Officers, external presenters and trainers as required for specialist areas. It is considered critical to the successful communication, planning, growth and decision making of Council. This report provides for proposed dates and venues twice monthly for the 2018 calendar year. The report aims to reflect discussions by Councillors and staff at the last Councillor workshop held in December 2017 at the Urana offices.

Background

Briefing Sessions

A briefing session is a meeting at which information is discussed less formally, before presentation for a decision at a formal Council meeting. These sessions aim to provide an opportunity for the staff to present an item that is scheduled for a Council Meeting Agenda. It should be presented using a "Briefing Note" template that can then easily be transferred into an Agenda Template after the session and any changes are made based on outcomes of that session. Councillors have the opportunity to ask questions which will assist them with making more informed decisions.

Staff attendance: General Manager and relevant Directors as required, depending on content. Other staff on an as-required basis for presentation and consultation.

Even though briefing sessions are often informal, ground rules for good conduct and communication should still apply as does Councils Code of Conduct. A short time frame for each report topic makes it vital to establish simple rules that make sure others listen when someone is speaking, that communications are to the point and professional, and that encourage questions and productive feedback. The Mayor or their delegate would chair these sessions.

Briefing sessions are proposed to be held on the first Tuesday of the month to allow reports to then be finalised for the Council meetings on the third Tuesday of each month.

Workshops

Time allocated to workshops could be utilised by Councillors to engage in a series of workshops to support newly elected and returning councillors based on the content contained in the Councillor Handbook. Alternatively, Councillors can also elect to nominate specific agenda items relevant to Federation Council including investigating opportunities that may arise from time to time.

Workshops are proposed to be held on the same day as the Council meeting, commencing soon after the close of meeting.

The table below provides recommended dates and venues for briefing sessions and workshops for the calendar year 2018.

BRIEFING SESSION		COUNCIL MEETING (AM)	COUNCIL WORKSHOP (PM)
TUESDAY 9.30 – 11.30 AM		TUESDAY 9.30 AM	TUESDAY 1.00 – 4.00 PM
	VENUE	VENUE – COUNCIL CHAMBERS – COROWA	
	Council Chambers -Corowa	23 January, 2018	23 January, 2018
6 February, 2018	Oaklands RSL Club	20 February, 2018	20 February, 2018
6 March, 2018	Howlong Community Health Centre	20 March, 2018	20 March, 2018
3 April, 2018	Urana Council Chambers	17 April, 2018	17 April, 2018
1 May, 2018	Mulwala Resource Centre	15 May, 2018	15 May, 2018
5 June, 2018	Council Chambers -Corowa	19 June, 2018	19 June, 2018
3 July, 2018	Oaklands RSL Club	17 July, 2018	17 July, 2018
7 August, 2018	Howlong Community Health Centre	21 August, 2018	21 August, 2018
4 September, 2018	Urana Council Chambers	18 September, 2018	18 September, 2018
2 October, 2018	Mulwala Resource Centre	16 October, 2018	16 October, 2018
6 November, 2018	Council Chambers -Corowa	20 November, 2018	20 November, 2018
4 December, 2018	Oaklands RSL Club	18 December, 2018	18 December, 2018

Consultation

Consultation to include Executive (Directors and General Manager), Managers and Councillors. Proposed Workshop and Briefing Session topics will be negotiated and planned to be delivered on the dates agreed to in this proposal. Attendance will be for all Councillors (voluntary) and the Interim General Manager, along with Directors and Managers on an as required basis depending on topics. Generally all Directors would be at most sessions when available.

Strategic Implications

No formal strategy is in place however the forums are considered critical to allow Councillors and staff to become more informed and ensure items presented to Council have had adequate consideration and input prior.

Budgetary Implications

The budget for Councillor travel expenses will be increased marginally if required, by increasing the number of meetings each month.

Policy Implications

Changes adopted should form part of Councils next update of the Code of Meeting Practice.

Legislative Implications:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A

RECOMMENDED that Council meet for briefing sessions and workshops on the proposed dates for 2018 and that workshops will be scheduled on the same day as Council meetings.

5.4 MEETING DAY – PUBLIC ADDRESS – MICHAEL ROBSON – URANA – OBJECTIONS TO THE CLOSURE OF STEPHEN STREET URANA TO HEAVY VEHICLES

Summary

This report allows Council to consider a letter containing a petition, received from Michael Robson of Urana, requesting to address the Council on the matter of the closure of the local road, Stephen Street Urana to non-local vehicles longer than 15 metres. See attachment. Mr Robson has asked for Council permission to address the meeting, allowable under Councils Code of Meeting Practice and the regulations.

Background

The decision to restrict Stephen Street Urana to vehicles no longer than 15 metres, excluding local traffic, was made via the former Urana Shire Council at the December 2015 meeting. Council received a report on this matter prior to closing the road to these vehicles, requiring them to travel down the B-Double approved William and Woodhouse Streets to continue along Federation Way. Stephen Street is not B-Double approved and is classified as a Local Road, not a Regional Road like the approved route. Notwithstanding this, Stephen Street was widely used prior to this decision by most heavy vehicles as an alternative to William and Stephen Streets.

Council received several letters of objection in February and March 2016 on this decision, and finally the petition and letter from Mr Robson was presented, and due to be considered by Council at the May 2016 meeting. This meeting never occurred due to the amalgamation with Corowa Shire, and the matter has not been dealt with by Council since.

The most recent resolution on this matter was by the Urana Shire Council in March 2016 –

‘That Council consult with the Urana Shire Council Community in regards to truck movements through Urana and engage the RMS on this matter.’

Consultation

It is recommended to allow the Infrastructure Services Department to research this issue including obtaining accurate traffic counts, consulting with the Community and transport industry, RMS and other stakeholders and provide further reports to Council on this matter.

Strategic Implications

This will be investigated further.

Budgetary Implications

To be investigated further.

Policy Implications

N/A

Legislative Implications

An application would need to be made for Stephen Street to be B-Double approved and the approval of the Traffic Committee would be required to change the current restriction.

Attachments

5.1.4 – 2018 Address Meeting Request.

5.2.4 – Former Address Meeting Request & Urana Shire Heavy Vehicle Petition.

5.3.4 – For Information – Stephen Street, Urana former report.

Note: Under the Privacy Act, some personal information has been censored in the above attachments for privacy reasons.

RECOMMENDED that the letter from Michael Robson and petition received, objecting to the closure of Stephen Street Urana to vehicles longer than 15 metres be received and noted, and that Council receive a further report on this matter.

5.5 Meeting Day - Public Address - Stephen Ward - Seeking assistance to address the lack of mobile coverage in the Balldale area

Summary

This report allows Council to consider a letter containing a petition, received from Stephen Ward of Balldale, requesting to address the Council on the matter of lack of mobile coverage in the Balldale area. See attachment 5.1.5.

Mr Ward has asked for Council permission to address the meeting, allowable under Councils Code of Meeting Practice and the regulations.

Attachments:

5.1.5 - A letter and petition seeking assistance to address the lack of mobile coverage in the Balldale area.

Note: Under the Privacy Act, some personal information has been censored in the above attachments for privacy reasons.

RECOMMENDED that the letter from Stephen Ward and petition received, seeking assistance to address the lack of mobile coverage in the Balldale area be received and noted, and that Council receive a further report on this matter.

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INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER

6. DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

6.1 AUSTRALIA DAY 2018 AWARDS

Summary

Council has partnered with the Rotary Club of Corowa to host a free community event as part of this year's Australia Day Celebrations. Australia Day Awards will be presented as part of these celebrations.

All nominations for the this year's Australia Day Awards were assessed by the Australia Day Awards Selection Panel, comprising community representatives, Councillors Longley and Wales assisted by Council officers on Tuesday the 9 January 2018.

The minutes of this meeting outlining the recommended award recipients have been circulated to Councillors separately to the Council meeting agenda, to ensure the winners are not known until the day.

Background

This year, the Federation Council Australia Day Award Ceremony and Community Celebration will be held at Rowers Park in Corowa on Australia Day Friday 26 January commencing at 10.30am.

The official ceremony will include:

- Presentation of Federation Council's 2018 Australia Day Awards including Federation Council Citizen, Young Citizen of The Year, Community Project and Event of the Year, and the recognition of the Federation Council Local Achievers.
- Welcome to Country, undertaken by Bpangerang Elder Freddie Dowling
- National Anthem (sang by Corowa's Sing Australia group)
- Ambassador Address - Ron Delezio founder of *Day of Difference*
- Presentation of School Achiever Awards

Council has partnered with Rotary Club of Corowa to organise a community event after the official ceremony.

Proposed Australia Day activities include:

- Ski Show by the Mulwala Water Ski Club
- Rowing Exhibition by the Corowa Rowing Club
- Live local performances and entertainment on the river
- Multi-cultural food stalls including Indian, Nepalese, Turkish, Welsh and Aussie BBQ
- Free family fun with river float, cricket and volleyball social competitions, jumping castle and face painting

Australia Day will be an alcohol and glass free event.

RECOMMENDED that

1. Council note the report on the proposed activities for Australia Day 2018.
2. Council adopt the 2018 Australia Day awardee recommendations made by the selection panel and forwarded under separate cover.

6.2 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Summary

Following an expression of interest process and review of submissions, Council has engaged the Centre for Local Government, University of Technology (UTS) to carry out the process of assisting the development of the Federation Council area's Community Strategic Plan (CSP). The project involves facilitation of an extensive consultation and planning process that will culminate in the completion of a Community Strategic Plan for the Federation Council area.

The Community Strategic Plan identifies the main priorities and aspirations for the future of the local government area and must consider other state and regional plans. The development of the plan involves input from council, state agencies, community groups and individuals and requires considerable consultation across these sectors. The key questions addressed by the CSP will be:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be?
- How will we get there?
- How will we know we have arrived?

As part of this project the consultant will assist Council staff to prepare revised planning documentation including a Council Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

Background

Councils in NSW are required to undertake their planning and reporting activities in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*. In addition to this The Department of Premier and Cabinet has issued Guidelines that must be followed when undertaking their planning and reporting activities.

The framework for NSW councils includes the development of a 10 year Community Strategic Plan (CSP), 4 year Delivery Program (DP) outlining principal activities to be undertaken by council as identified in the CSP and 1 year Operational Plan.

The Plans are required to be exhibited for a minimum of 28 days before adoption which must be finalised by 30 June in the year following a local government election.

The first inception meeting with UTS was held on 7 December 2017. This meeting enabled finalisation of the scope, project plan and timelines, engagement methodology, key stakeholders and project tasks. Background and supporting information has been provided to support this process. The first milestone for this project will be the development of the Community Engagement Plan, content and schedule for engagement sessions and telephone survey, which is due for completion by 19 January 2018. Please find attached to the agenda for information a copy of the project timeline.

Workshops with stakeholders including Council will be conducted in February 2018 with a draft Community Strategic Plan for further consideration in place by the middle of March 2018 and a draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan proposed by the end of March 2018. This tight timeframe should enable the plans to be finalised for public consultation and adoption, including Councils forward budget, by the end of June 2018, for commencement on 1 July 2018.

Financial Implications

A budget allocation has been made in this year's Operational Plan for this project.

Attachments

6.2.1 – Federation Council Final Project Plan.

RECOMMENDED that Council note the report on the development of the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and other planning documents by 30 June 2018.

6.3 APPLICATION OF COUNCIL COMMON SEAL FOR AUTHORISED OFFICERS UNDER THE SWIMMING POOLS ACT 1992

Summary

Existing delegations of authority under Section 27 of the Swimming Pool Act require amendments and renewals to be approved by Council and a resolution to affix the Common Seal of Council is also required.

Background

Section 27(1) of the Swimming Pools Act 1992 provides the powers for local authorities to appoint authorised officers to perform the functions as required under the act.

Section 27(2) requires each authorised officer to be issued with a Certificate of Identification.

Section 27B of the Swimming Pools Act 1992, authorises officers that have been appointed by Council to enter any premises in or on which he or she suspects that a swimming pool is situated and to examine the premises and, in particular, any swimming pool, and any barrier or other means of restricting access to any swimming pool, situated in or on the premises.

Council currently has three authorised officers with delegated authority, whose Certificates of Identification currently signed by the former General Manager. These officers are:

- Kate Larnach, Manager Planning and Environment
- Christopher Nevins, Health and Building Surveyor
- Stephen McHugh, Health and Building Surveyor

A new Certificate of Identification has been prepared for the above three named officers in accordance with the legislation for the council to be able to perform its delegated functions under the Act.

This power may be exercised with the consent of the occupier of the premises or, if that consent cannot be obtained, at any time after 24 hours' notice (between 9.00 a.m. and sunset) of the proposed exercise of the power has been given to the occupier of the premises.

Holders of a Certificate of Identification do not have the power to enter such part of any building as is used for residential purposes, or any moveable dwelling, otherwise than with the consent of the occupier of the building or dwelling or under a search warrant.

The power delegated by the Council to the officers is required to be made by resolution of council. The Certificate of Identification requires the affixing of the Council Seal in accordance with clause 400(2) of the Local Government Regulations 2005 and a signature of the Mayor or Councillor.

Financial Implications

Nil

RECOMMENDED that

1. Council note the report on the application of the Council Common Seal for Authorised Officers under the Swimming Pools Act 1992.
2. Council authorise the Common Seal of Council to be affixed to the revised Certificates of Identification, issued under s27B of the Swimming Pools Act 1992, with the inclusion of the Mayor or Councillor signature, for the following Council staff:
 - a) Kate Larnach
 - b) Christopher Nevins
 - c) Stephen McHugh

6.4 COMMUNITY EVENTS IN 2018 - INFORMATION

Summary

Council has a number of exciting events coming up over the next twelve months, in addition to the many events that are organised and run by community members and organisations.

Background

Council hosts and supports a number of community events throughout the Federation Council area. Some are small community events and others like the Festival of Fun for Kids and Australian Billy Cart Championships, attract large crowds from outside the area.

Council organised events are primarily funded through sponsorship from local businesses and organisations, state government grants and some council funds.

Coordination of events is the responsibility of the Community Development team, which sits within the Corporate and Community Services Department at Council. Council employs one part time (3 days a week) Events and Community Project Officer and this role also provides support to event organisers in relation to event applications on Council land, risk management requirements and the coordination of traffic management requirements for events.

Council plans to host the following events in 2018:

January

Council has partnered with Rotary Club of Corowa for the *Australia Day Awards and Community Ceremony* on Friday January 26, 2018 at Rowers Park in Corowa.

February

Official opening events will be held at the following parks, to celebrate the completion of these play space projects:

- RSL Park in Corowa.
- Lowe Square Park in Howlong.
- Freddie Fox Park in Urana.

The date of these events will soon be confirmed.

March

Council will host the *Australian Billy Cart Championships* on 31 March 2018 in Sanger Street Corowa. The event is in its 22nd year and is an iconic event for Corowa. In 2017, the event attracted over 5,500 people from across Australia and the direct local economic benefit to Corowa as a result of spectators and participants is estimated to be in excess of \$900,000.

April

Council will host the *Baby Boomers Bus About* as part of the Seniors Week Celebrations from April 4-15, 2018. The *Baby Boomers Bus About* is a series of events across the Council area that are free for seniors to attend. Participants catch a bus from their respective towns or villages and are transported to and from the events. Each event and transport is free.

Held for the first time in 2017, the event sold out within weeks and brought together people from across the Council area. The event provided an opportunity to showcase a number of towns and villages and residents demonstrated a sense of pride.

Council will also host a *Youth Week* event, which runs from April 13-22. This event will be further developed in conjunction with the new Youth Council.

The *Community Grants and Event Sponsorship* – 2017/2018 (Round 2) will also open in April.

May

Council will host the *Festival of Fun for Kids* on May 20. The *Festival of Fun for Kids* was last hosted in 2014, when it attracted over 6,000 people. The event Facebook page has reached over 30,000 people organically in the last month and is generating an exciting level of interest in the event. Community groups work with Council to present workshops, activities, and performances. The event is a free event for families to attend.

Festival of Fun for Kids School Workshops will be conducted in the two weeks leading up to the Festival of Fun for Kids.

July

Council will host the annual *Volunteer Awards and Celebration* event, which recognises the hard work and dedication of volunteers across the Council area. Last year Council received over 500 nominations and excellent feedback was received from those who attended the celebration event held in Mulwala.

August

Consideration is currently being given to commemorating *125 years since the Corowa Federation Conference 31 July – 1 August 1893 was held at Corowa*. The 1893 Conference is attributed to having been the start of the process that ultimately led to Federation in 1901. If the commemoration takes place, it is proposed that relevant and interested community members and organisations will be invited to lead the celebration with the support of Council.

September

Community Grants and Event Sponsorship – 2018/2019 Round 1 opens.

October

Council will again host the *North East Skate Park Event* in Corowa. The series is popular with young people across the region and the Corowa event was well attended in 2017. Depending on the completion date for the Howlong Skate Park, it is also proposed to include Howlong as part of the NSW Skate Park League event.

December

Council will work with the Disability Access Committee to host an event to celebrate *International Day of People with a Disability*.

Financial Implications

A budget allocation has been made in this year's Operational Plan towards carrying out those events to be held by 30 June 2018. For events after 30 June 2018, a budget allocation will need to be considered in the development of the 2018-19 Operational Plan.

Recommended that Council note the report on the many Community Events to be held in 2018.

KJ KAY

DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

7. DIRECTOR FINANCE AND ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT REPORT

7.1 STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AND RECONCILIATION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

Balance as per Bank Statement:

General Account (30 Dec 17 bank file)	0000 0022	350,924.65
Business Online Saver Account	1014 2522	1,442,120.59
Investments		43,887,870.57
	Sub Total	45,680,915.81

Plus Deposits not yet lodged:

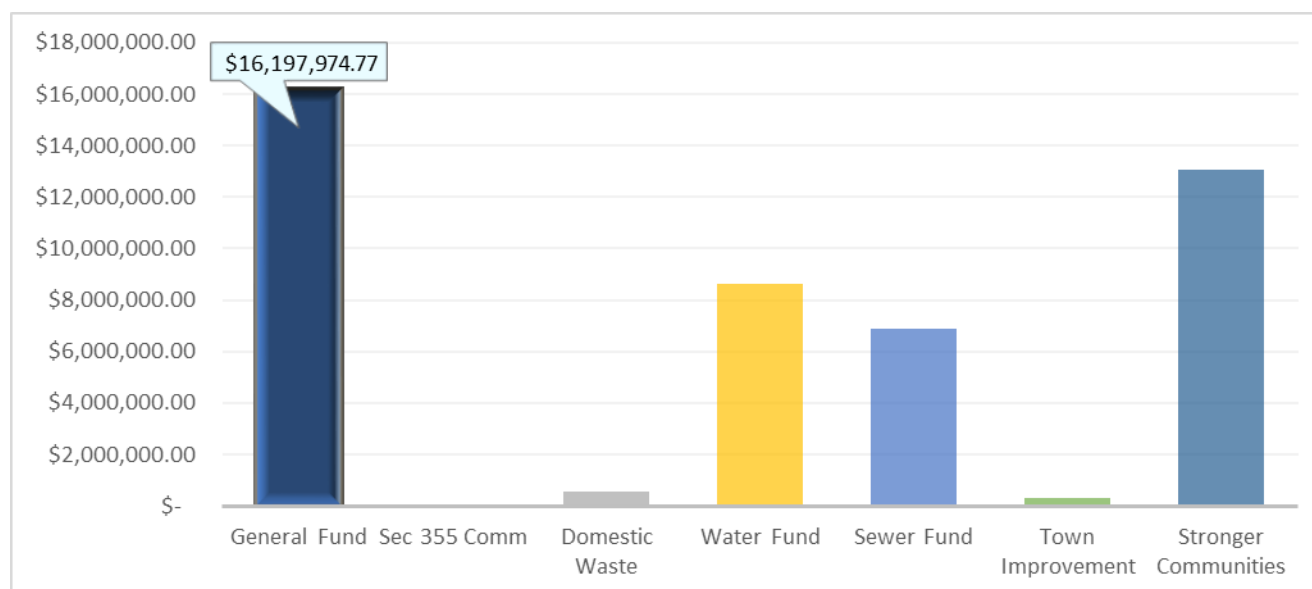
Mulwala	21 December 17	2.10
Corowa	22 December 17	6,727.17
Tourism	23 December 17	12.00
Urana	22 December 17	611.66
	Sub Total	45,688,268.74

Less Unpresented Cheques: 2,693.68

Balance as per Ledger 45,685,875.06

Less External Restricted Funds 29,487,900.29

Balance of General Fund Ledger 16,197,974.77



CERTIFICATE OF RECONCILIATION

I CERTIFY THAT THE COUNCIL'S GENERAL LEDGER BANK ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN RECONCILED WITH THE APPROPRIATE BANK STATEMENTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017.

S NORMAN
MANAGER FINANCE

RECOMMENDED that the report on Statement of Bank Balances and Reconciliation as at 31 December 2017 be noted.

7.2 SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

The following list of investment securities held as at 31 December 2017. Investment of funds on behalf of Council has been undertaken in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations.

INVESTMENTS

Investment Type	Institution	Amount Lodged	Date Lodged	Rate	Days	Maturity Date
Term Deposit	Bendigo	\$230,000.00	08/08/2017	2.25	153	08/01/2018
Term Deposit	NAB	\$710,000.00	14/06/2017	2.47	209	09/01/2018
Term Deposit	NAB	\$790,000.00	14/06/2017	2.47	216	16/01/2018
Term Deposit	NAB	\$3,087,900.60	27/06/2017	2.47	210	23/01/2018
Term Deposit	NAB	\$2,118,519.73	04/07/2017	2.47	210	30/01/2018
Term Deposit	NAB	\$2,595,012.66	11/07/2017	2.47	210	06/02/2018
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$511,713.23	25/07/2017	2.61	203	13/02/2018
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$513,334.30	15/08/2017	2.61	1.84	15/02/2018
Term Deposit	NAB	\$500,000.00	22/09/2017	2.54	151	20/02/2018
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$514,980.00	01/08/2017	2.61	203	20/02/2018
Term Deposit	Bankwest	\$150,000.00	22/08/2017	2.45	182	20/02/2018
Term Deposit	NAB	\$1,381,097.12	21/08/2017	2.45	184	21/02/2018
Term Deposit	NAB	\$1,000,000.00	22/09/2017	2.54	158	27/02/2018
Term Deposit	NAB	\$1,345,727.57	28/10/2017	2.47	91	27/02/2018
Term Deposit	ANZ	\$1,014,520.55	05/09/2017	2.35	181	05/03/2018
Term Deposit	NAB	\$202,529.04	05/09/2017	2.52	181	05/03/2018
Term Deposit	NAB	\$303,793.56	05/09/2017	2.52	181	05/03/2018
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$620,323.30	06/12/2017	2.35	90	06/03/2018
Term Deposit	NAB	\$1,000,000.00	22/09/2017	2.54	165	06/03/2018
Term Deposit	ANZ	\$1,015,028.77	12/09/2017	2.36	181	12/03/2018
Term Deposit	ANZ	\$1,000,000.00	19/09/2017	2.37	182	20/03/2018
Term Deposit	CBA	\$729,432.39	22/08/2017	2.45	210	20/03/2018
Term Deposit	CBA	\$1,075,952.00	24/10/2017	2.35	154	27/03/2018
Term Deposit	CBA	\$1,000,000.00	22/09/2017	2.53	193	03/04/2018
Term Deposit	CBA	\$280,000.00	11/07/2017	2.56	273	10/04/2018
Term Deposit	NAB	\$720,000.00	11/07/2017	2.56	273	10/04/2018
Term Deposit	CBA	\$1,000,000.00	22/09/2017	2.54	207	17/04/2018
Term Deposit	CBA	\$1,014,372.88	26/09/2017	2.54	210	24/04/2018

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Term Deposit	CBA	\$515,050.29	03/10/2017	2.46	203	24/04/2018
Term Deposit	Bendigo	\$2,042,548.39	17/10/2017	2.20	196	01/05/2018
Term Deposit	ANZ	\$2,173,518.34	24/10/2017	2.30	196	08/05/2018
Term Deposit	CBA	\$512,078.88	31/10/2017	2.43	196	15/05/2018
Term Deposit	CBA	\$1,053,457.01	08/11/2017	2.43	195	22/05/2018
Term Deposit	CBA	\$512,017.54	08/11/2017	2.44	202	29/05/2018
Term Deposit	CBA	\$1,000,000.00	27/11/2017	2.50	183	29/05/2018
Term Deposit	ANZ	\$1,062,322.92	29/11/2017	2.30	181	29/05/2018
Term Deposit	ANZ	\$1,059,902.35	08/08/2017	2.35	301	05/06/2018
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$516,530.71	10/11/2017	2.45	214	12/06/2018
Term Deposit	CBA	\$1,000,000.00	27/11/2017	2.50	197	12/06/2018
Term Deposit	CBA	\$512,184.78	14/11/2017	2.45	217	19/06/2018
Term Deposit	Bendigo	\$2,000,000.00	20/06/2017	2.40	365	20/06/2018
Term Deposit	CBA	\$513,251.01	12/12/2017	2.45	196	26/06/2018
Term Deposit	NAB	\$2,580,341.23	28/11/2017	2.47	210	26/06/2018
Term Deposit	CBA	\$410,429.40	19/12/2017	2.51	210	17/07/2018

\$43,887,870.57

CERTIFICATE OF RECONCILIATION

I CERTIFY THAT THE INVESTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 625 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993, THE REGULATIONS AND COUNCIL'S POLICIES.

*S NORMAN
MANAGER FINANCE*

RECOMMENDED that Council note the report on the schedule of investments as at 31 December 2017.

**KC PARKER
DIRECTOR FINANCE AND ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT**

8. DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT

8.1 BUILDING APPROVALS – COMPLYING AND CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED

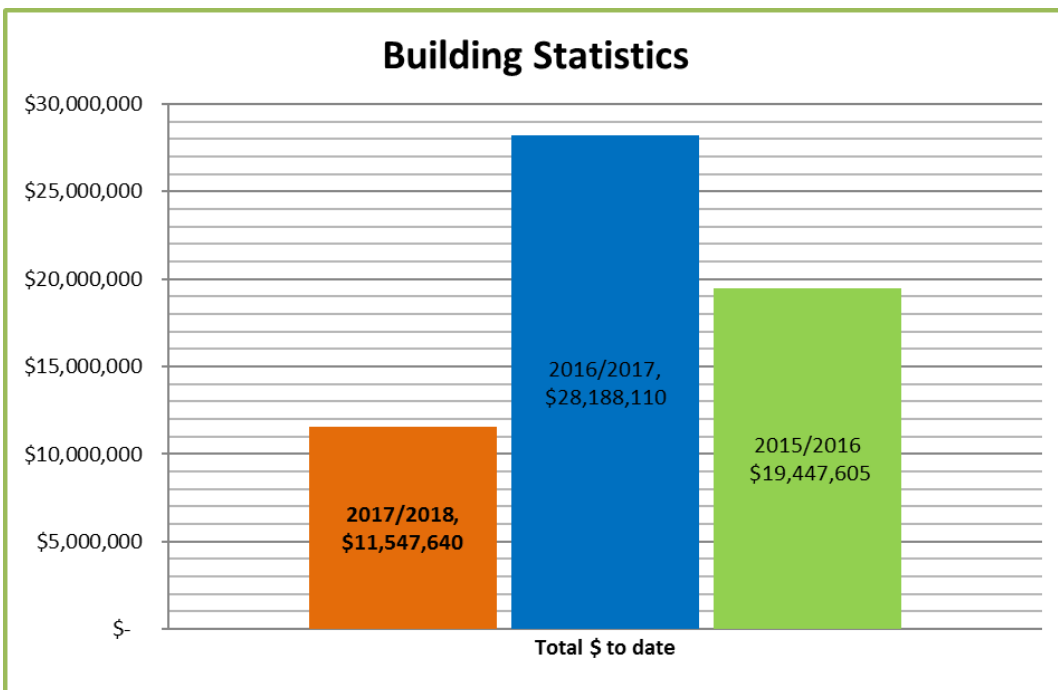
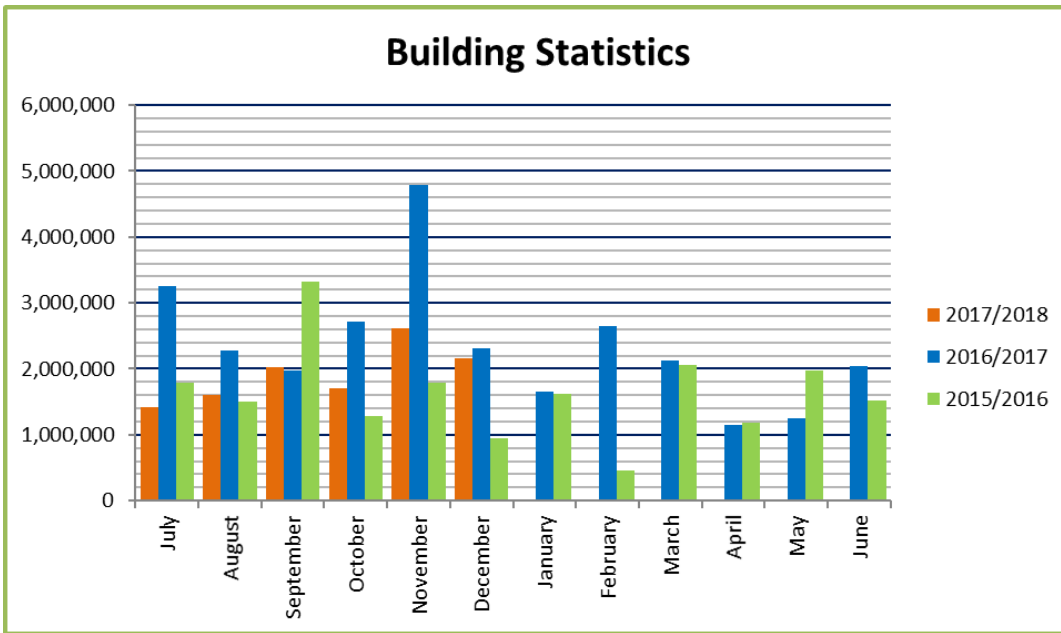
This report provides for Council's information, the construction and complying development certificates issued since the report prepared for the December 2017 Council meeting. The report also includes graphs on the value of works approved, over the last three financial years (NB. Data as of 1 July is for Federation Council. Historical Data is for Corowa Shire Council only). These graphs show that building activity is continuing to grow each year, which is a positive indicator for the local economy and developer confidence.

Summary

This report provides for Councils information, the construction and complying development certificates issued since the report prepared for the November 2017 Council meeting. The report also includes graphs on the value of works approved, over the last three financial years. These graphs show that building activity is continuing to grow each year, which is a positive indicator for the local economy and developer confidence.

2017/246	31 Lang Street Muwala	Balcony Renovations
2017/268	84 Melbourne Street Mulwala	Screen Fence
2017/259	22-24 Pell Street Howlong	Shed
2017/271	146 Melbourne Street Mulwala	Outdoor Leisure Area with Toilet
2017/273	47-53 Melbourne Street Mulwala	Medical Clinic
2017/272	29 Beryl Drive Corowa	Carport
2017/265	85 Hume Street Corowa	Shed
2017/262	14 Rose Drive Mulwala	Swimming Pool
2017/267	69-73 Pimpala Crescent Mulwala	Additions to Dwelling
2017/270	524 Redlands Road Corowa	Swimming Pool
2017/260	265 Church Street Corowa	Patio and Carport
2017/235	37 Isabel Street Corowa	Deck
2017/252	19 Martin Street Corowa	Shed
2017/276	36 Airlie Street Corowa	Pergola
2017/264	55-57 Coonong Street Urana	Shed
2017/239	94 Romney Street Mulwala	Carport
2017/244	88 Townsend Street Howlong	Shed
2017/237	740 Boat Rock Road Rennie	Alterations and Additions to Dwelling
2017/263	7 Wemyss Road Mulwala	Dwelling
2017/190	170 Victoria Street Howlong	Garage
2017/234	34 Victoria Street Howlong	Carport
2017/219	105 Guy Street Corowa	Patio
2017/231	13 Kingfisher Drive Mulwala	Garage
2017/236	136 High Street Howlong	Shed
2017/242	8-9 Fairway Close Howlong	Shed
2017/238	41 Bayly Street Mulwala	Carport
2017/243	17 Kingfisher Drive Mulwala	Inground Pool
2017/245	83 Roma Grange Road Mulwala	Inground Pool
2017/216	96-98 Inglis Street Mulwala	Swimming Pool
2017/232	54 Colless Street Mulwala	Dwelling
CDC2017/63	39 Whitehead Street Corowa	Swimming Pool
CDC2017/61	591 Warragoon Siding Road Mulwala	Swimming Pool

TOTAL \$2,164,623



RECOMMENDED that Council note the report on construction/complying development certificates issued since the December Council meeting.

8.2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED (STAFF) AUTHORITY SINCE LAST ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

This report provides for Council's information, the Development approvals that have been determined under delegated authority by the granting of consent subject to conditions, since the last ordinary Council meeting.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/182

Application for a Fuel Tank on Village Land being Lot 1; DP1154566; 7 Kooba Street, Rand.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/224

Application for a 2 Lot Subdivision on General Industrial Land being Lot 2; DP1226837; 18-26 Gibson Place Howlong.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/226

Application for a Dwelling on Local Centre Land being Lot 3; Section 3; DP978429; 15 River Street, Corowa.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/227

Application for Alterations and Additions to Dwelling on General Residential Land being Lot 1; DP1159827; 112 Hume Street, Mulwala.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/236

Application for a Shed on General Residential Land being Lot 22; DP248460; 136 High Street, Howlong.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/240

Application for a Shed on General Residential Land being Lot 1; DP574328; 169 Kennedy Street, Howlong.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/247

Application for a 2 Lot Subdivision on General Residential Land being Lot 6; DP713227; 43 Lawrence Street, Corowa.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/261

Application for a 2 Lot Subdivision on General Residential Land being Lot 18; DP758528; 142-144 Clarke Street, Howlong.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/270

Application for a Swimming Pool on Primary Production Land being Lot 4452; DP803880; 524 Redlands Road, Corowa.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/278

Application for Fence on Low Density Residential Land being Lot 2; DP255601; 53 Beryl Drive, Corowa.

RECOMMENDED that Council note the report on the Development approvals that have been determined under delegated authority by the granting of consent subject to conditions, since the last ordinary Council meeting.

8.3 LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

Summary

The Local Traffic Committee met during the week of the 30 November 2017. This report presents the minutes of the meeting for consideration.

Background

The Local Traffic Committee is a requirement of the Roads and Maritime Service delegation of powers to Council. The Local Traffic Committee provides a technical review of traffic related requests received by Council. The matters dealt with by Council under delegation include:

1. Authorisation of prescribed traffic control devices covered under Division 2 of Part 5.3 (Sections 122 to 126) of the Road Transport Act 2013;
2. Regulation of traffic under Division 2 of Part 8 (Sections 116 to 119) of the Roads Act.;

The Council may sub-delegate their powers to Councillors, the General Manager or an employee of the Council for Item 1 above. The Council may not sub-delegate Item 2.

Note: There is a separate delegation for B-double route approvals.

Consultation

N/A

Community Implications

N/A

Environmental Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

N/A

Strategic Implications

N/A

RECOMMENDED that Council Adopt the minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting for 30 November 2017.

8.4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2017/163 89 HUME STREET MULWALA- DEMOLITION OF BAY 13**Summary**

This report is for the determination for development application 2017/163 for the demolition of the building known as 'Bay 13' at Lonsdale Reserve, 89 Hume Street Mulwala

Property: 89 Hume Street Mulwala – Lonsdale Reserve
 Applicant: David Carroll, Federation Council
 Proposal: Demolition and Removal of the Building known as "Bay 13"

Background

A report was presented to the September 2017 Ordinary Council meeting for Development Application 2017/163 for the demolition of an amenities block known as "Bay 13" located at Lonsdale Reserve Mulwala. At this meeting, it was resolved:

To consider option two in the report and in consultation with user groups prepare a delivery program for bay 13 with consideration towards the Lonsdale Reserve Master Plan and available funding.

As a result of this determination, consultation was undertaken with the key stakeholders and at a meeting held on 4 December 2017 (copy of minutes of meeting attached) the Lonsdale Reserve Committee resolved:

That Bay 13 be taken down and replaced with recommended structures of public use toilet and storage facility with kitchenette, with earthworks for improved drainage of Lonsdale Reserve to proceed.

Financial Implications

Council has funds allocated for this project.

RECOMMENDED that Council rescind the refusal of Development Application 2017/163 for the demolition of bay 13 and approve subject to the following conditions

1. HOURS OF WORK: All works are restricted to the following times: Monday to Friday: 7am to 6pm. Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays: 8 am to 6 pm. Noise from the site on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays shall not exceed 5dB (A) above the background noise level when measured at the property boundary.
2. PROTECTION OF PUBLIC PLACE: If the building or demolition work is likely to affect pedestrian or vehicle traffic in a public place a hoarding or fence is to be provided.
3. The services to the property are to be safely disconnected and capped off. The sewer is to be capped off and location identified for future connection.
4. ASBESTOS: Development involving bonded asbestos material and friable asbestos material.

(a) Work involving bonded asbestos removal work (of an area of more than 10 square metres) or friable asbestos removal work must be undertaken by a person who carries on a business of such removal work in accordance with a licence under clause 318 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 2001.

(b) Work involving bonded asbestos removal work of an area less than 10 square metres may be undertaken by a person who complies with (a) above or who complies with the requirements of WorkCover. Contact WorkCover Assistance on 131050 or visit the WorkCover website at www.workcover.nsw.gov.au.

(c) The person having the benefit of the construction certificate must provide the principal certifying authority with a copy of a signed contract with such a person before any development pursuant to the construction certificate commencing.

(d) Any such contract must indicate whether any bonded asbestos material or friable asbestos material will be removed, and if so, must specify the landfill site (that may lawfully receive asbestos) to which the bonded asbestos material or friable asbestos material is to be delivered.

In this clause, bonded asbestos material, bonded asbestos removal work, friable asbestos material and friable asbestos removal work have the same meanings as in clause 317 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 2001.

Note 1. Under clause 317, removal work refers to work in which the bonded asbestos material or friable asbestos material is removed, repaired or disturbed.

Note 2. The effect of subclause (1) (a) is that the development will be a workplace to which the Occupational Health and safety Regulation 2001 applies while removal work involving bonded asbestos material or friable asbestos material is being undertaken.

Note 3. Information on the removal and disposal of asbestos to landfill sites licensed to accept this waste is available from the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water.

Note 4. Demolition must be carried out in accordance with Australian Standard AS 2601-2001, Demolition of Structures.

P GALL
DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

9. NOTICE OF MOTION / QUESTION WITH NOTICE

NO ITEMS

10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

10.1 TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COROWA ON THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2017 COMMENCING

PARTICIPANTS:

Voting members

- NSW Police (Matt Zemaitis/Nich Fahey/Daniel Finch);
- Roads and Maritime (Fazlul Hoque - FAZ);
- Federation Council (Steve Carmichael/Peter Gall);
- Member for Albury - Greg Aplin (represented by Gary Poidevin).

Federation Council Contributors

- Neil Martin (Engineering Assistant),
- Jake Boyle (Design Trainee)
- Amber Harvey (Team Leader Community Development),
- Jenny Bevis (Community Projects & Events Officer)

Convenor - Scott Landells (Road Safety Officer, Federation Council)

LTC17/20 Minutes of the LTC - 31 August 2017

Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Moved - Hoque

Seconded - Poidevin

LTC17/21 Matters Arising

- LTC16/05 COROWA – Median Strip for Martin Street T–Intersection with Nixon Street.
Update - Design will be completed by March 2018 for potential inclusion in next years program.
- LTC16/18 HOWLONG – Pedestrian Safety for Residents at BUPA Oolong Hostel (Lorraine Omdahl, Care Manager Oolong Hostel)
Update - Faz has inspected site and provided a recommendation to Council to relocate the pedestrian refuge to opposite Oolong. Faz has also advised that Active Transport Grants are available for this type of project. Action Steve
- LTC16/19 COROWA – Safety issues regarding the car park outside Corowa Public School on Honour Ave Corowa (Corowa Police)

Update - Steve will arrange to meet with School for an update. Cann's Bus Lines to be invited to participate in discussions as they are a key stakeholder regarding safety in this precinct. Action Steve

- LTC17/13 COROWA Sanger re-instate parking bay (D Coppolino)
Update - Added to line marking program (about 3 months away)
- LTC17/15 MULWALA - Riverland Gardens Bus Stop
Update - Council to approach Bus Company. Due to cross-border nature investigate whether a meeting is necessary with Bus Company funding body (ie VicRoads? DET?). Report back to next LTC.
- LTC17/18 COROWA - Request for Loading Zone at Revamp Op Shop now occupying former Vinnies site (in Isabel St near Sanger St) (D Coppolino)
Update - Formal detailed request received dated 22 November 2017. Two issues identified:
 - a. *a loading zone for drop off of small goods*
 - i. *Recommended solution - Restricted Loading Zone granted for 9:30-10:30am and 2:00-3:00pm weekdays and 9:00-10:00am Saturdays*
 - b. *a parking space for a large people mover (26 seater mini-bus and 49 seater bus) to transport disability clients and their carers, who may be either accessing the Op Shop learning retail skills or browsing and shopping in Sanger Street.*
 - i. *Recommended solution - further information required*
- LTC17/19 MULWALA - Yarrawonga Mulwala Multi Sports Festival - Oct 22/23
Update - Report tabled from Senior Constable Schausinger. Yarrawonga Mulwala Multi Sports Festival has scheduled a meeting with GAME Traffic Management in the new year to review the Traffic Management Plan.

Matters Arising Items Completed

- LTC17/06 MULWALA – Riverland Gardens
Update - 1 x 50km/h sign will be ordered and installed at entrance on Kingfisher Drive with a further 50km/h sign for each of Damian Crescent and Cypress Way. Upon exiting the Estate 1 x 80km/h sign will be placed in Kingfisher Drive and two 80km/h signs – one for the right turning and another for left turning vehicles on Tocumwal Road. The distance is 20-50m max 100m.

All Matters Arising have been delegated to Tony Rintala for implementation.

NEW ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

LTC17/22 OAKLANDS - Children's Christmas Party
Traffic Control Plan approved as submitted. Moved Hoque, Seconded Gall.

LTC17/23 COROWA - Triathlon
Traffic Control Plan approved as submitted. Hoque/Zemaitis.

LTC17/24 COROWA - Dawe Street centre-line moving (and re-marking)
The following recommendations were approved. Hoque/Poidevin

- marking out of parking bays 5.5m x 2.5m on both sides of Dawe Street
 - note current western side parking boundary set at 3.0m so this will require removal and re-marking at 2.5m
- no marked out centre-line

- current centre line to be blocked out
- road width allows for 2 x 3.0m traffic lanes

LTC17/25 MORUNDAH - Morundah Markets
Traffic Control Plan approved as submitted. Hoque/Poidevin.

LTC17/26 COROWA - Queen St Parallel Parking
Both "NO PARKING" signs to be removed, hence allowing the public to park in the two spaces that are now marked there. Also recommended we relocate the two recently marked parking bays approx 2.0m south which allows approx 5.0m clearance from either driveway. Gall/Zemaitis.

LTC17/27 COROWA - Federation Festival Parade
Traffic Control Plan approved as submitted. Hoque/Poidevin.

Next Meeting - Thursday 22 February 2018.

RECOMMENDATION that the minutes of the Traffic Safety Committee meeting held on 30 November 2017 be adopted inclusive of apologies.

11. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

NO ITEMS

12. PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION/FOR INFORMATION

12.1 [Australian Local Government Association](#)

Information regarding national conferences for 2018. Also a call for motions to be debated at the 2018 National General Assembly. A copy of this letter is included with the agenda.

12.2 [Lonsdale Recreation Reserve Committee](#)

Forwarding a copy of the minutes of their meeting held on 4 December 2017. A copy of the minutes is included with the agenda.

RECOMMENDED that the correspondence, Items 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3, be received and noted.

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

NO ITEMS

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE – SYDNEY – 4 – 6 DECEMBER 2017

Summary of key speaker addresses/forums

Speaker - John Barrilaro MP, Member for Monaro, Leader of the NSW Nationals – speaking for Premier who was absent

- NSW continues to be the economic engine room, unemployment is around 4.6%, record infrastructure investment by the State, recording budget surpluses with low Government debt, constructing enabling infrastructure for road and rail, stadiums, schools, hospitals, with a balanced budget.
- Announcement of the 'Stronger Country Communities fund of \$200 million, allocation to each Local Government Area to deliver priorities to communities.
- \$36 million dollars for Telecommunications for black spot mobile phone areas, in a partnership with the Federation Government.
- New start-up businesses can leverage off nbn and opportunities around wi-fi, with \$50 million available in that fund.
- \$100 million allocated towards cultural and arts facilities in the regions along with the regional growth funds.
- \$7.6 billion allocated for new and refurbished hospitals.
- \$4.2 billion allocated for Education, with \$2.2 billion over the next two years.
- Roads rails schools and hospitals is the focus for the State Government, creating 220,000 new jobs, including small business jobs.
- Courage is shown by businesses and the State Government is promoting its 'Small Business Friendly' program making it easier for those businesses to operate by cutting regulations where possible.
- Congratulated new Councillors, and spoke of changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act to improve planning in our communities. Stressed the importance of local character and amenity in planning, and to do it in consultation with developers and in partnership to Local Government.
- Constitutional recognition for Local Government via a referendum should be back on the table, to recognise the three tiers of Government.
- The 'Fit for the Future' program despite controversial mergers aims to ensure Council can balance their books, get recognition, and access more funds from the State and Federal level.
- We continue to see the investment, we have great cities, skills and small business, and a strong local economy, with NSW representing 48% of National Economic.

Questions from the floor to Mr Barillaro

Cr Dan Hayes (Wagga) – queried Mr Barillaro on the low levels library funding - Mr Barillaro advised that the Premier and Cabinet are discussing policy ideas, and library funding is at the top of his list, and is more than happy to come back when he knows more.

Cr Bill West (Cowra) - with the growth in state, and Sydney being the greatest contributor to gross domestic product, and with the regional growth, including across central NSW, it is critical for the State to preserve a corridor along the Bells Line of road - Mr Barillaro advised that the record investment in connectivity, regional airports will help the agricultural sector, which puts funds back into the state economy, to ensure a growing local economy. The Bells Line of road is not in current transport plan, but Roads Minister Pavey yesterday spoke about considering the Bells Line of road, and the fast train project.

Other question – On TAFE, when is the State Government going to commit to a fully funded model - Mr Barillaro advised that the disruption is occurring with the State and Federation Government not

being able to commit to a partnership yet, but there is \$2.2 billion in the skills budget, including \$130 million in capital expenditure. Reforms are occurring around TAFE, and he knows the value of TAFE. Other matters for the government including opening up to asylum seekers, focussing more on domestic violence,

Other question – on IPART review of Local Government and where is up to - Mr Barillaro advised that it will be important going forward, and that rate pegging should be scrapped. Development and green space is a concern, and the Department of Planning is drowning in planning proposals, in some areas there are linear parks and school spaces that are not good enough, and they need to step plans up, Ministers of Government and the Premier said publicly that a greater focus is to be placed on green spaces, with more than a few open areas, and they want projects coming forward, to find a balance between development and the environment.

Keith Rhodes – outgoing President of Local Government NSW (LGNSW)

LGNSW seek a true Partnership with the State Government, including in improving housing affordability.

LGNSW deliver Leadership and value, with examples such as the Mayoral Mentoring program, development of the new Local Government Capability framework, which is a game changer for the sector. LGNSW also assist Councils in recruiting, and professional development for elected representatives. LGNSW has reviewed its governance principles and is committed to good governance for Councils who continue to work to serve their community openly and honestly. The new code of conduct is rigorous and brings in new rules around not even being allowed to accept the offer of a coffee.

General Meeting opened at 10.15am to consider all motions presented.

A copy of the motions passed, and other information is available at -

<https://www.lgnsw.org.au/events-training/local-government-nsw-annual-conference>

Many are relevant to Federation Council and will be used in lobbying and other works as required.

Speaker - The Hon. Gabrielle Cecelia UPTON, MBA, BA, LLB MP - Member of the Legislative Assembly, Member for Vacluse, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage

- No more forced mergers of Councils, Government is working hard on supporting Councils with integrity, with no more changes. 500 new councillors were welcomed in September, who have been given great responsibility and privilege, with challenging opportunities to make a difference.
- Professionalism and integrity are key, and Local Government has challenges. The State Government has introduced a package of measures as part of the integrity reforms, to ensure good governance. These include caveats for property developers to be banned from public office where appropriate. The recent inquiries into Auburn and Murray Councils and others are a reminder that some councils are failing the community. The NSW Government makes no apology for stepping in to fix councils, to protect the reputation of hard working councillors.
- Integrity is at the heart of what is released in the new code of conduct. Focus on eliminating bullying, and improving meeting behaviour, and transparency, including lowering threshold for reporting of gifts. Ensuring returns of interests are completed correctly, provides protections for the majority of councillors who are doing the right thing. Government will act more clearly on bad behaviour early. Submissions on the new code closed on December 4, 2017, and it will be adopted early 2018. Councils have six months to adopt it.

- Also, a new set of meeting rules is proposed for across the state, including focusing on the use of technology. Most people are time poor, and we can't expect all ratepayers to attend meetings, so mandatory web-casting is on the table. Some are mandatory provisions, but others are voluntary provisions. Immediately before the meeting Councillors are to be briefed on agenda items. An exhibition will be done until mid-March 2018, with six months to adopt the new rules.
- There are draft guidelines for professional development of new Councillors, to help Councillors maintain and improve knowledge and skills, with all to have access to it, and Councillors must make all reasonable efforts, and Councils can publish attendance on the website of Councillors who attend training and workshops.
- Over the past few years, The State Government and the Local Government sector have worked hard across the state to improve services, with many Councils reporting strong performance. The Financial sustainability of Councils is a strong focus with the infrastructure backlog well down, with only 30 councils reporting with surpluses in 2010, compared to 114 in 2017.
- Performance audits will be continued to identify the good practices, and make recommendations where improvements are required. Access to new Treasury TCORP loan scheme is now available, with \$290 million of loans already in place to Councils to improve community facilities.
- A small number of councils still need to demonstrate they have a plan, and residents need to know how things are going,
- The Joint Organisation (JO) establishment will drive better planning, service delivery, and can greatly transform the way Local and State Governments work together, and even with the Federal Government. Design criteria is still being established, with \$3.3 million available to JO's in seed funding. This is the maximum funding if all Councils join, with around \$300,000 for each JO. The Pilot JO's have shown how it can work, with the Namoi group producing an investment prospectus, for a new global market for job opportunities, and a regional freight transport plan being delivered by REROC. Councils will get a better seat at the table in a JO, and are encouraged to take it up. The JO's will be up and running by July 2018, improving service delivery.

Speaker - Ellen Fanning

Councillors are engaged with ratepayers to build the communities for future, with a dialogue with council. Issue with trust deficits in institutions and what does that mean.

Speaker - The Hon. Peter Thomas PRIMROSE, B SocStud(Syd) MLC Peter Primrose Shadow Minister for Local Government

Spoke of the great work of Keith Rhodes LGNSW who is the outgoing President.

- Spoke of the opportunity he has had over last few years to meet with so many Councils, and the conversations had, around the forced mergers and Fit for the Future.
- Congratulated those Councillors elected, and has most fondness for his time on Campbelltown City Council.
- There is a huge amount happening in Local Government, with the forced mergers debacle over the last few years. Still fighting the State Government for the release of the figures used to try and justify forced mergers, as there is belief that the information contains a list of areas to be forcibly merged in the future. Believes the State Government still thinks there are too many councils, especially in Sydney.
- Very proud because of a Labour Party Council resolution passed, that there is now a policy to oppose forced council mergers now and in the future. Has no problem with voluntary mergers, and the next State Labour Government will allow votes to be held to allow forced

merged Councils to de-merge where the community is in favour. He is attracted to the approach used in Queensland for this purpose.

- Joint organisations – when the Government introduced the bill, it got bi partisan support, but supported only voluntary JO's. Did not support the non-allowance of Sydney Councils to be in JO's also. The Government argues the Greater Sydney Commission does this work, but he considers it is to stop them being stronger. The JO legislation is a mess, and there is no mechanism to get out, but they will work with the Government to make it work.
- Independent Hearing and Assessment Panels (IHAP's) and Local Planning Panels proposed for Sydney Newcastle and Wollongong councils - at the heart of the anti-democratic bill is that the panels will be more subject to corruption. The opposition amendments were to require the panels to not meet in secret, with all records to go on the website, and funding should come from the Government. But this was voted down. It is not a labour bill, and there is no desire to retain it when they return to Government.
- Will abolish priority precincts; they cannot stop the current Government introducing it, but they can review it when in, and they are committed to find better ways to do planning in NSW.
- Count-backs instead of bi-elections when a Councillor is lost, in certain circumstances is supported and passed.
- On the issue of merging funding, the Government 2017/18 budget paper 1, states that \$110 million should still be available for Local Government. The finding costs of merger for some are way above what was funded, so why isn't the \$110 million available. The political ad campaign compromised value for money, with \$4.5 million wasted. Hospitals and schools should be a priority over stadiums.
- On Libraries, the NSW State Government provides the lowest per capita of all states, only 7% compared to around 26% in the 1980's.
- Re-confirmed that next Government will put Local Government constitutional recognition back on the agenda, and a legislative inquiry into Local Government.
- The LGNSW report estimated that cost shifting cost \$680 million every year, and endorses to provide in the next budget a detailed breakdown of Local Government funding by state, to increase budget transparency in NSW. Willing to visit any Council to discuss further.

Office of Local Government

Meeting was held with Office of Local Government representatives Director Chris Presland and Support Office Karen Legge, Councillors and the Interim General Manager, to further discuss the Joint Organisation model – refer Councillor workshop and Council reports for further information.

Micromex presentation on their research into Local Government

Confirmation bias is present where you hear what you want to hear from certain people, looking for the future, we are all here to work to make things better, Where are we now , what are their needs and what do they want to see to meet them.

In 2011, on Local Government brand and image, and the perception in the broader community, Micromex did a state-wide survey of NSW, and of the drivers that contribute most to performance, the top three are responsiveness, competence and listening. Performance measures are important but values and vision are more important.

In 2017 where are we now, well it has been a roller coaster since 2012 with the reforms, and beyond the research done in past, 61% of people think things are good to excellent. Also, don't ask for input if your mind is made up.

Bluett Awards

Presentation of outstanding performance of Councils

- Port Macquarie Hastings major overall winner -

Early progress was made, risen to challenge, plan for future growth, spent wisely in pools and stadiums bridges and roads.

- Bland Shire Council – rural category - Rural council, second longest road length in NSW, a million dollars in savings by doing more with less, improvements to buildings, innovative, the 'Bland dull and boring alliance' was formed.
- Stephen Ward scholarship has been revitalised.
- Presentations to Graham Fleming who is stepping down from the Bluett trust.

Speaker Keith Rhodes

- Spoke on stepping down as President of LGNSW. Thanked the board and the industry for their support. Over the past 12 months, LGNSW has helped secure over \$4.4 million in grants and around \$1.7 billion in support of Local Government.
- LGNSW has had over a thousand interactions, delivered training to 13,178 staff and Councillors. 2687 people have attended LGNSW, assisted with 913 individual instances industrial Relation claims.
- Active with recruiting and Performance Mgt Services through Local Government Management Solutions.
- Made over 121 major representations including parliamentary inquiries, 44 submissions on major issues, supported 2148 Local Government staff via online networks, Art and Culture, Human Resource and Industrial Relation issues facing the sector.
- Growing social media presence on twitter and LinkedIn.
- Work on the proposed Emergency and Fire service levy, and changes to code of conduct and meeting code.
- Candidate briefing sessions were held in the lead up to Council elections.
- Entering a new era in Local Government.

Treasurers report

Was tabled noting financial performance is satisfactory and position is sound.

Infrastructure and Economics forum

Speaker – Susie Mathews NSW Government Fair Trading Small Business

Support is available for small business.

Night time economies is a focus –

- Valuable for the local economy, intersects with visitor and daytime economy, 30% sales growth since 2009. Overseas cities are embracing this, including programs such as night mayors, directors, commissions, offices. Your jurisdiction, Night time action plan, Proportionality, Land use mix matters, Crowd mix matters, Venues size matters, Trading hours, Curate your mix, Connectivity, Day to night integration economies, Public spaces premises think like an event, Digital is everything, Attractors and clustering

Speaker Annabelle Crabb (Journalist, Media Personality, Cabinet Kitchen host)

Capacity to convince constituents to make short term sacrifice for long term benefits, but we are currently doing the opposite, short term inducement to get medium term stint, continuity is not strong , courage of leadership is questionable, not prepared to make same sacrifice. We do have a precedent of hard decisions, e.g. Howard Government and gun control, and Hawke Government to remove tariffs. Short term thinking presents if we constantly change leaders.

What is it that makes your community unique, use those and cherish them, Authenticity is a commodity. Isolate study and identify, behaviour is important, what you don't do is as important as what you do. What is core of community, think of different things.

***New president of LGNSW announced after voting counts - Linda Scott (City of Sydney Councillor)
Speaker Linda Scott***

Too important issues to have politics at the front of LGNSW. Local Government is one of the largest employers in the state. Doing their best in communities, be united in a strong force, ensure State and Federal Governments do what we need for the sector, support reforms to deliver for communities, fight as a united force to make sure that the Government are listening and delivering for communities.

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19 December 2017

Cr Pat Bourke
Mayor
Federation Council
PO Box 77
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Dear Cr Bourke

Proposal for an Expanded Eastern Riverina JO

I write on behalf of the Board of the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) to formally raise a proposal which we have previously discussed informally in relation to the formation of an expanded Eastern Riverina Joint Organisation (JO) that would include Albury City Council and Federation Council.

Our Member Councils are well aware of the long-standing commitment that Federation has to RAMROC and this proposal in no way is intended to undermine that strong relationship. However, we believe that it is important that we canvass all alternatives in relation to the new JO boundaries and our Member Councils believe that a JO which includes Albury and Federation is worthy of serious consideration.

We believe that this JO boundary will:

- Deliver a larger footprint that creates a north-south corridor which takes in most of the major transport routes in our region.
- Make for a stronger JO because it will include two regional cities.
- Create a definite eastern Riverina "block" of councils with a recognisable community of interest.
- Open doors to more funding for the Region.
- Facilitate regional planning outcomes
- Build on the existing relationship we have with Albury and particularly with Federation, whose predecessor councils were both members of REROC.

It has always been REROC's stance that councils should choose what JO they belong to and that the choice should be informed by where the council believes it will receive the best return on its

investment. Therefore, if Federation Council does not wish to consider the proposed option, we will advise our Member Councils and move on to our second preference boundary which is a JO based on the current REROC boundary.

We would be happy to discuss the matters raised in this letter with Council if invited to do so. The next meeting of the REROC Executive will be held on 31 January and our Board next meets on 1 February. It would be appreciated if you could provide us with your advice on the matters raised in this letter in time for those meetings.

I take this opportunity to wish you, the councillors and staff of Federation a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Firman', followed by a period.

Cr Rick Firman OAM
Chairman

Attachment 5.1.4

Adrian Butler
Acting General Manager
Federation Council

FEDERATION COUNCIL	
TRIM NO:	18/802
REC'D:	10 JAN 2018
CONTAINER NO:	SC963-05
ACTION:	Adrian Butler

Urana 2645

10/01/2018

Dear Sir,

As discussed at the Urana Inc. meeting Monday 8th January 2018,

I would like to request permission to address the next council meeting

1. Presentation of petition (see attached form)
2. Lack of consultation and safety hazards
3. Section 208 of the Roads act 1993

Background:- In December 2015 meeting the former Urana Shire decided to close Stephan street to heavy vehicles. Objections were received from the community and ignored. A petition was organised and distributed. Permission was gained to address and present the petition at the May 2016 former Urana Shire council meeting , Urana council was sacked prior to this meeting. Then acting Federation Council General manager Chris Gillard collected the petition. Nigel Sutton was tasked with investigating the problem, but he subsequently resigned. Approaches to Mike Eden were unsuccessful in getting action taken. So now with a new council elected we might be able to get this poor decision reversed.

Regards



Attachment 5.2.4

General Manager
Urana Shire Council

URANA SHIRE COUNCIL
RECEIVED
04 MAY 2016
File No: 200/2 Ref No: 10 5/5/14
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Brue, refer to public forum policy, send him letter + policy, and put on agenda.

10 5/5/14 - council report may

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4/05/2016

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Regards



Part 13 Finance

Division 1 Financial assistance to roads authorities



207 RTA may provide financial and other assistance to roads authorities for road work on classified roads

- (1) The RTA and a roads authority may enter into, and may perform their obligations under, an agreement under which the RTA provides financial or other assistance to the roads authority to enable it:
 - (a) to carry out specified road work or specified traffic control work on a specified classified road, or
 - (b) to carry out road work or traffic control work generally.
- (2) Under an agreement of the kind referred to in subsection (1) (a), the RTA is liable to pay to the roads authority:
 - (a) the whole of the cost of the road work or traffic control work, in the case of work to be carried out on a main road, or
 - (b) no less than half of the cost of the road work or traffic control work, in the case of work to be carried out on a secondary road, or
 - (c) such part of the cost of the road work or traffic control work as the RTA determines, in the case of work to be carried out on a tourist road,

unless the roads authority notifies the RTA that it is prepared to accept a lesser amount.

208 RTA may provide financial and other assistance to roads authorities for by-passes etc around classified roads

The RTA may grant financial assistance to a roads authority for the purpose of meeting costs incurred, or to be incurred:

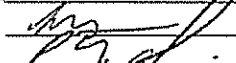
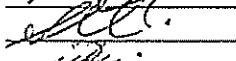

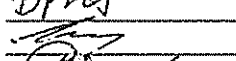
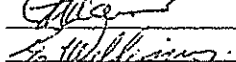
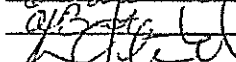
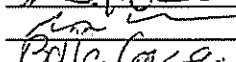
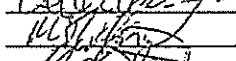
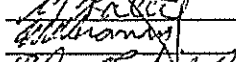
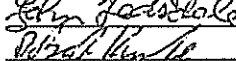
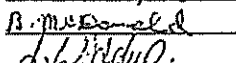
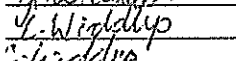
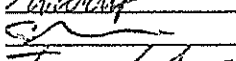
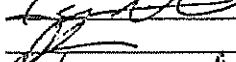
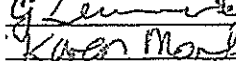
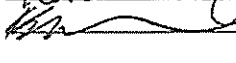


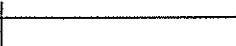
- (a) in carrying out road work on an unclassified road that adjoins a classified road, or
 - (b) in restoring an unclassified road that has suffered damage because of its use as a by-pass or detour in order to avoid a classified road, or
 - (c) in carrying out road work on an unclassified road if, in the opinion of the RTA, the carrying out of the work would be of benefit to a classified road in the vicinity of the road on which the work is being carried out.
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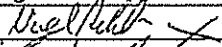
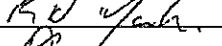

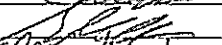

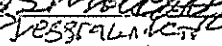
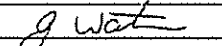
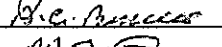
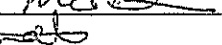
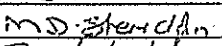
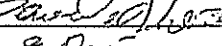

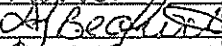
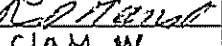
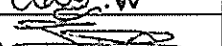

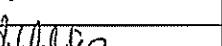
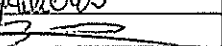
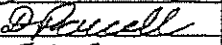
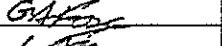

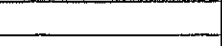
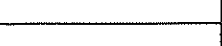

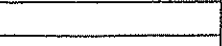

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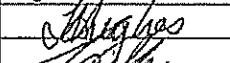

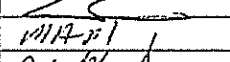
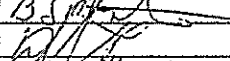
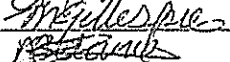
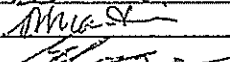
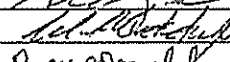
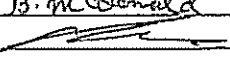
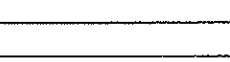
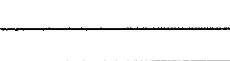
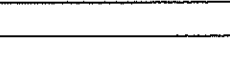
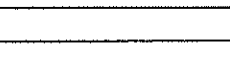
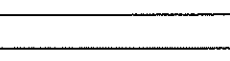
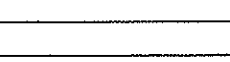
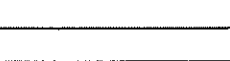
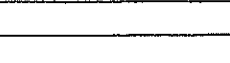

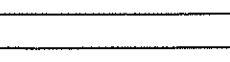
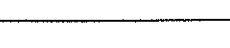
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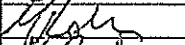
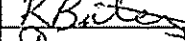

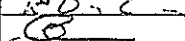

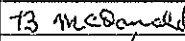
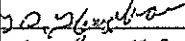
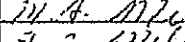
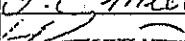

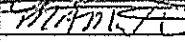


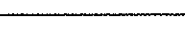


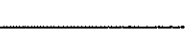

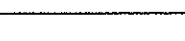
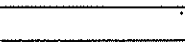
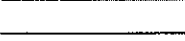

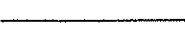
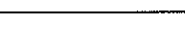
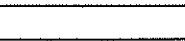
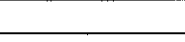


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Attachment 5.3.4

Report that was to be presented to May 2016 Urana Shire Council meeting, but unable to due to merger on May 16, prior to Council meeting.

8.3.1 **STEPHEN STREET URANA – REVIEW OF LENGTH LIMIT RESTRICTION – PROGRESS REPORT (FILE 200/2)**

Community Strategic Plan	Strategic Priority D	Infrastructure that is well planned, well developed and well maintained
Strategic Outcome	D2	Improved transport safety and accessibility
Strategic Objective	D2.1	Maintain and enhance the road network within our shire
Delivery Program Task	D2.1.2	Maintain and Improve the road transport network
Operational Plan Action		No specific action/task identified

Summary

A letter has been received from Mr Michael Robson, see [attached](#), with a request to address Council at the May meeting on the heavy vehicle issues in Urana.

Recommendation

- i) That Council notes the progress report on the length limit imposed on Stephen Street, Urana.
- ii) That receipt of the letter and attachments from Mr Michael Robson be acknowledged and that it form part of the community consultation to be conducted in relation to this matter.

Background

At the March Meeting the following resolution was passed by Council:

“That Council consult with the Urana Shire Council community in regards to truck movements through Urana and engage the RMS on this matter.”

Mr Lindsay Tanner, the RMS Regional Manager was invited to Urana to discuss the matter with Council Officers and the Mayor on the 22nd April 2016.

General discussions were held and the sites inspected. Further discussions will be held with RMS when options are developed. Alternative routes were inspected as well as upgrade options for the existing main Road (William and Woodhouse Streets). Mr Tanner indicated there would be limited funding available through RMS for alternative routes.

A funding proposal has been submitted under “Fixing Country Roads” for the reconstruction of the existing road pavement along William and Woodhouse Streets for 2017/18.

The Consultation process with the Urana community is still to be arranged. Meanwhile traffic count data is being obtained to help inform future decisions.

Report that was presented to March 2016 Urana Shire Council meeting. Council adopted the recommendation.

8.3.3 STEPHEN STREET URANA – REVIEW OF LENGTH LIMIT RESRICTION

Community Strategic Plan	Strategic Priority D	Infrastructure that is well planned, well developed and well maintained
Strategic Outcome	D2	Improved transport safety and accessibility
Strategic Objective	D2.1	Maintain and enhance the road network within our Shire
Delivery Program Task	D2.1.1	Prepare the Urana Road Safety Strategic Plan that meets user needs
Operational Plan Action	D2.1.2.1	Review and Update the Road Strategic Plan annually

Summary

This report allows for Council to receive and consider the several objections received as a result of the closure of Stephen Street, Urana, to heavy “through” traffic, greater than 15m in length. Heavy traffic travelling through Urana should use the designated RMS route and not use Stephen Street, as an alternative.

A letter from Robert and Karen Cottrell 7 Osborne Street, Urana has been received and circulated to Councillors, see [attached](#).

A second letter has been received from Mr Harry Couzin of 36 William Street, Urana complaining about truck noise and pedestrian safety, see [attached](#).

Recommendation

- i) That Council note the report on the closure of Stephen Street, Urana to heavy vehicles.**
- ii) That Council inform Robert and Karen Cottrell, and Harry Couzin that the ban on vehicles travelling through Urana over 15m in length using Stephen Street Urana, will continue to operate, and enclose a copy of this report.**

Background

The Council resolution from the December 2015 Council Meeting is as follows:-

- i) That Council note the report on the possible closure of Stephen Street, Urana to heavy vehicles;*
- ii) That Council adopt the recommendation of the Urana Local Traffic Committee to restrict traffic longer than 15 metres using Stephen Street, Urana.*

Cr. Marsh asked that his vote against this motion be recorded.

The report by the then Director of Engineering, David Graf, to that meeting listed the following reasons for that recommendation:

“An increasing number of trucks are using Stephen Street (from MR385 Federation Way north east of Urana township to MR131 William Street Urana at the southern edge of the town) as a short-cut, and not the designated Main Roads route via William and Woodhouse Streets, Urana.

The opening of the new bridge over the Murray River at Corowa is causing more trucks to use Federation Way possibly to avoid the safety camera at Jerilderie.

The use of Stephen Street by heavy traffic is undesirable for various reasons including:

- i) The local street was not built to cater for heavy traffic and the pavement has been damaged. A heavy patch was recently done near William Street and the screwing heavy traffic is a major cause of the problem.*
- ii) Heavy traffic occasionally use their engine brakes which interrupts peoples sleeping habits. A number of people have complained regarding the problem.*
- iii) Heavy traffic can be dangerous and I personally experienced a near miss whilst recently exiting Fredrick Street.*
- iv) Council receives no funding from RMS.*
- v) Sections of the designated route, William and Woodhouse Street (MR 385 Federation Way) are narrow and require rehabilitation.*

The proposed restriction generally seeks to restrict heavy through traffic but allows buses to still use the road, while local heavy traffic travelling to a site within the town, are exempt from the Length Limit.

A copy of the Urana Local Traffic Committee report is [attached](#).”

The situation has not changed since Council’s original resolution, that it was to reinforce the existing situation and have heavy vehicles use the designated route along William Street, which is classified as a Main Road, and not a Local Road (Stephen Street), attracting additional funding.

As indicated in the previous report, Council has incurred substantial cost in maintaining the Stephen Street route due to heavy vehicle damage, particularly at the William Street intersection.

Stephen Street is not designed to cater for large heavy vehicles with poor visibility at some residential street intersections and curves. It also has a narrow formation width which is unsuitable for heavy vehicles when they meet on the narrow curved section.

Pedestrian safety is considered adequate along the William Street route with a school crossing, and speed zones in place. Council has recently constructed improved footpaths along sections of this street, which has also improved pedestrian safety. Further there are no cross streets intersection at dangerous points as is the case with Stephen Street.

Council will place traffic counters along William Street to measure the number and types of vehicles. This will be useful data, along with the support of affected residents, to lobby State and Federal Governments for funding to construct a proper by-pass.

Report that was presented to December 2015 Urana Shire Council meeting. Council adopted the recommendation.

8.3.4 STEPHEN STREET URANA – PROPOSED LENGTH LIMIT (FILE 207)

Community Strategic Plan	Strategic Priority D	Infrastructure that is well planned, well developed and well maintained
Strategic Outcome	D2	Improved transport safety and accessibility
Strategic Objective	D2.1	Maintain and enhance the road network within our Shire
Delivery Program Task	D2.1.1	Prepare the Urana Road Safety Strategic Plan that meets user needs
Operational Plan Action	D2.1.2.1	Review and Update the Road Strategic Plan annually

Summary

This report allows for Council to discuss the possible closure of Stephen Street, Urana, to heavy “through” traffic. Heavy traffic travelling through Urana should use the Designated RMS route and not use Stephen Street as a short-cut. The proposed Length Limit will force through traffic to use the Designated RMS route through Urana.

The use of the designated route will also allow Council to seek RMS funding to improve and upgrade the condition of the roads whilst improving the amenity and traffic safety in the town.

Recommendation

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Attachment 5.1.5

To the General Manager of The Federation Council.

My name is : _____ and I live in Balldale NSW and would like to address a problem.

I know there has been a lot of media coverage for Regional area's regarding Phone and Internet coverage and Balldale may be just another one of these small towns on the to do list.

However I would like to address this as a community issue as we have lived there for 5 years and this situation has shown no improvement.

I have tried to follow this up with Mr Steve Block and the Honourable Susan Ley MP and they have recommended that I follow up with our Shire leaders.

I know I am not the only person in our community with this issue but need to address this as a major issue not just from the disadvantage point of a mature resident but is also makes like extremely difficult for our resident students and business owners in Balldale.

I believe the terminology is BLACK SPOT and we do not have all the answers nor the technology to address this major issue but we do need our shire leader to assist us in our endeavours to correct this ongoing problem.

This has been on ongoing topic of discussion at our recent community meetings and I would like to encourage our shire leaders to assist not only our community but other communities in our region.

Without re-inventing the wheel could we please ask for some assistance regarding the correct procedure to get some action as this could become life threatening if emergency services cannot be contacted?

I have been trying collect support for this action and again tried to address the fact there are no street numbers to determine each residents home.

Is this something the Federation Council could look after ASAP.

Kindest Regards



FEDERATION COUNCIL	
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REC'D:	20 NOV 2017
CONTAINER NO:	SC 963-04
ACTION:	Rachelle Henson

Peter Crall.

NSW 2646

Email: 1

Main Identity

From:
To:
Sent: Monday, 18 September 2017 3:32 PM
Subject: RE: internet and telecommunications in Balldale

Thanks for the update
Can you call as possible .

From:
Sent: Monday, 18 September 2017 3:27 PM
To:
Subject: Re: internet and telecommunications in Balldale

Dear

the only feed back I have got on satellite is negative and expensive, and I know the fibre optic cable goes into the balldale exchange surely fibre to the node would be the best option.and perhaps we could wait and see whether the new tower at lowsdale makes a diference. Thanking you in advance ☺

----- Original Message -----

From:
To:
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 5:36 PM
Subject: internet and telecommunications in Balldale

Hi Stephen

Here are a couple of links to nbn's satellite broadband including an overview...
<http://www.nbnco.com.au/learn-about-the-nbn/network-technology/sky-muster-explained/satellite.html>

As mentioned if you want to purse the idea of getting a booster service for either local wireless internet (via nbn, Telstra, Optus etc) we may need to get Federation Council involved before approaching one of the other providers.

If this is the preferred way to go can you provide details on the silo you mentioned including..

- Owner
- Contact information
- Exact Address or gps coordinates
- A picture of the site would also be handy

Regards

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and mobile phone coverage in the balldale township and exchange area.

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Antonia

Janice

Lachlan

Jean

Ann

Frank

Joe

Tom

John

Steve

Attachment 6.2.1

Federation Council

Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan

Project Plan

Phase	Activity	Deliverable	Timing (week of)
1. Project Setup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inception meeting (via Skype) to finalise the scope, establish the Project Plan, discuss options for the overall engagement methodology, identify key stakeholders, identify background documentation, and outline project tasks. Finalisation of Project Plan 	Project Plan	Beg Dec 2017
2. Development of final Community Engagement Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalisation of Community Engagement Plan, including the questionnaire for the phone survey, and content and schedule for engagement sessions. Survey to be distributed to FC prior to execution 	Community Engagement Plan	19 Jan 2018
3. Completion of Desktop Review of existing Federation Council planning and consultation documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desktop review of relevant background information, including Federation Council documents Desktop review of demography (including current and projected population, drawing on ABS data and other sources), Preparation of a draft outline for the <i>Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan</i>, including section, chapter and sub-heading titles, submission for approval, and review as required 	Background paper to inform engagement Draft Outline	End Jan 2018
4. Executing the community engagement process (UTS 1 trip)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phone survey re CSP only (duration=8mins, n=262, significance at the 95% confidence level with a 6.5% margin of error) Preparation of phone survey report to inform engagement sessions Up to seven neighbourhood-based engagement sessions, and seven other stakeholder workshops - 2 hours each, to be held over a period of one week 	Phone survey One workshops with Reference Group to finalise vision statement	Phone survey – end Jan 2018 Engagement sessions – end Feb

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood-based engagement sessions to be held in seven neighbourhoods selected from the Federation Council's 14 localities: Corowa, Howlong, Mulwala, Oaklands, Urana, Balldale, Boree Creek, Buraja-Lowesdale, Coreen, Daysdale, Morundah, Rand, Rennie and Savernake • Stakeholder engagement sessions to be held with up to two stakeholder networks identified by Federation Council ie businesses, service providers • Workshop with Council elected members 	<p>Up to six neighbourhood-based engagement sessions</p> <p>Up to three stakeholder engagement sessions, including Councillor workshop</p>	
5. Preparation of draft Community Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of draft <i>Community Strategic Plan</i> 	Draft <i>Community Strategic Plan</i>	Mid March
6. Staff preparation for Delivery Program & Operational Plan Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of template to key staff to complete prior to workshops to develop Delivery Program & Operational Plan • Key staff to populate templates and develop actions 	Completed templates	Mid March
7. Preparation of Council Delivery Program and Operational Plan (UTS 1 trip)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Corporate Planner (or other nominated staff member) remotely to populate the Delivery Program and Operational Plan templates • Co-facilitation of staff workshops (one per theme/ priority area) with Corporate Planner on-site (up to six over a three-day period) to inform the <i>Delivery Program</i> and <i>Operational Plan</i> • NB: If FC can populate DP/ OP prior to staff workshops then UTS can focus workshops on measures/ KPIs 	<p>Draft Delivery Program & Operational Plan</p> <p>Operational Plan (populated by staff)</p>	End Mar
8. Preparation of final Community Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of draft CSP word doc, Deliver Program and Operational Plan xl file • After one set of consolidated comments from Federation Final documents will be produced • FC will be responsible for design/ branding and finalising document post public exhibition period 	Final Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program & Operational Plan	End April

Attachment 12.1



AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

14 December 2017

Federation Council
PO Box 77
COROWA NSW 2646

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CONTAINER NO:	56606
ACTION:	Adrian Butler

To the Mayor, Councillors and CEO (please distribute accordingly)

2018 Australia's Future: Let's Make it Local

I have no doubt that 2018 will be a huge year for Local Government in Australia. It is becoming increasingly likely there will be a federal election. The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is well advanced in planning for the next election and, with your support, we can influence the national agenda before, during and after the election.

You and your Council can be involved in a number of ways but one of the key mechanisms is to have your issues recognised on the national stage through ALGA's conferences. Three major national conferences will be convened next year and I encourage you to 'save the dates' for these in your calendar now, the conferences are:

1. Regional Cooperation and Development Forum, 17 June, Canberra
2. National General Assembly of Local Government, 17 – 20 June, Canberra
3. National Local Roads and Transport Congress, 20-22 November, Uluru

Updates and information on the conferences and ALGA's advocacy will be published regularly in ALGA News, to subscribe go to the ALGA website alga.asn.au

Each year these conferences provide unique opportunities for you to hear from the leaders in our sector and across government giving you unparalleled one on one access to the most influential decision makers in the nation.

We received terrific feedback from delegates at each of the conferences in 2017. We know they addressed the key topics that impact your community. In 2018 they will once again inform, motivate and inspire elected members and staff alike and elevate your local issues to the national stage.

To deliver on your aspirations, and those of all conference delegates, I've met with dozens of politicians at Parliament House, and attended regular COAG and Ministerial council meetings. Join us at every opportunity to push the Local Government case and the need for a greater partnership with the federal government. I'd like to thank you personally for your support and participation in these activities throughout 2017. Your support has strengthened the voice of Local Government and increased the weight and reach of our message.

I look forward to meeting you at one or more of our major events in 2018.

Yours Sincerely

Mayor David O'Loughlin
President

National General Assembly of Local Government Call for Motions Discussion Paper

Australia's Future, Make it Local

The purpose of this discussion paper is to provide guidance to councils for the development of Motions for debate at the 2018 National General Assembly. The paper provides an overview of policy areas in which the NGA has well-established positions and identifies potential new and emerging policy areas which are being developed by ALGA and require detailed consideration. Councils are particularly encouraged to submit Motions on these policy areas.

Highlighting the issues below contributes to implementing ALGA's Strategic Plan 2017-2020 and its objectives to:

- strengthen Local Government in the areas of financial sustainability; delivering services in regional cities; infrastructure; and innovation and digital transformation, as well as,
- facilitating collaboration between state and territory associations in Local Government's role in Indigenous policy issues, scale and capacity; women in Local Government; and diversity in representation.

Criteria for Motions

Motions must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ be **relevant** to the work of local government **nationally**
- ✓ be **consistent with the theme** of the NGA
- ✓ **complement or build** on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association
- ✓ be submitted by a council which is a **financial member** of their state or territory local government association
- ✓ propose a **clear action and outcome**
- ✓ **not be advanced** on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

Your Opportunity

The primary focus of all Motions should be to strengthen the capacity of local government to provide services and infrastructure in Australia. Providing clear actions within areas that are still emerging provides councils with an opportunity to influence the development of ALGA policy and advocacy by ALGA on federal election commitments.

Emerging Issues

Councils across Australia are constantly being asked to do more with less. Changing community needs, including ageing populations, technological advancements and changing economic circumstances, are a challenge for all communities.

Analysis suggests that a Commonwealth election may well be called between August 2018 and May 2019. The 2018 NGA therefore provides an important opportunity to progress Local Government issues in the Federal agenda. Below are some critical areas in which Local Government needs to consider the role it can in local communities on the national stage. In particular, the 2018 NGA is calling for Motions that provide clear policy advice and/or policy initiatives that will help Local Government to address the following policy challenges:

Housing Affordability

Housing affordability is a major challenge in many communities. The Commonwealth frequently asserts that housing affordability is a problem because of the supply of housing. As such there has been a focus on planning reform.

Motions are called for on ways to improve housing supply and improve land use planning and associated local government infrastructure to support increased housing supply.

Financial Sustainability – Oppose Cost Shifting

In 2005 The House of Representatives Inquiry into Cost Shifting from States onto Local Government estimated that cost shifting amounted to between \$500m - 1.4b annually. This includes regulatory and other services that Local Government provided on behalf of states without adequate compensation.

Motions are called for on ways to reduce cost shifting from states and the Commonwealth on to Local Government and on areas of regulatory reform and services that Local Government could provide efficiently and effectively on behalf of states or the Commonwealth if appropriately funded.

Innovation and Digital Transformation – Smart Communities

Technological advancements are changing the way councils communicate with citizens and deliver services and infrastructure.

Motions are called for on ways to improve the ability of councils to support their community to understand and benefit from digital transformation, ways to improve data, protect privacy and increase security of council-held data.

Harmonising Local Government Data

National Local Government data is held in a variety of places and is often of variable quality. National advocacy on behalf of Local Government needs a strong evidence base. ALGA has been working with JRA on the State of the Assets project which collects data on the quality and condition of all local government assets. Increasingly, councils are being required to provide data to third parties.

Motions are called for on ways to improve the collection of local government data, how data could be better linked across the sector, and ways to improve the quality of data.

Cyber Security

Recent malware attacks have highlighted the vulnerability of business and government computer systems. Strong measures are required to ensure that all Australians and Australian businesses and governments are aware of the risks and take appropriate measures to ensure cyber security.

Motions are called for on ways to improve local government cyber security.

Environment

Local Government plays a critical role in environmental management, with actions often embedded into other day to day operations as well as included in economic management considerations

Motions are called for on what should be national priorities and on ways to improve environmental management systems, waste management, product stewardship and biodiversity.

Regional Development

Local Government plays a critical role in regional development, with an active role working with neighbouring councils, industry, state government agencies, community and other key stakeholders to set and achieve regional goals.

Motions are called for on ways to improve regional policy approaches, funding ideas on regional sustainability and equity.

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA webpage at: alga.asn.au. All Motions require, among other things, a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and the endorsement of your Council.

Motions should be received by ALGA no later than **11:59pm on Friday 30 March 2018**.

Established ALGA Policy Areas

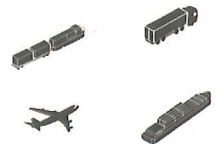
Financial Assistance Grants

Adequate and appropriate Local Government services and infrastructure are critical to all communities. The Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants are important to all councils. Success has been achieved in the last 12 months by restoration of the indexation of the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs). ALGA's priority in this area is to continue advocating for FAGs funding to be increased to a level equal to at least one per cent of commonwealth taxation revenue.



Freight Strategy

Local government manages around 75 per cent of Australia's local roads network. These roads were generally built decades ago and today are required to carry increasing amounts of freight, including higher productivity vehicles. Poor and unsafe roads are a barrier to increased productivity. ALGA's priority is the promotion and development of a freight strategy with funding of \$200m per year for five years to address first and last mile access issues, leading to an increase in local, regional and national productivity.



Roads to Recovery

The Roads to Recovery Program provides councils with essential additional funding to help address the backlog of maintenance and renewal of local roads. Success was achieved with Roads to Recovery by having the expiration date removed and essentially creating an ongoing program. Further work in this area is being undertaken to ensure Roads to Recovery funding is permanently doubled.



Additional Local Roads Funding for South Australia

Additional funding for South Australian local roads to address an anomaly in FAGs ceased in 2014. It was reinstated in 2017–18 but only for two years. The focus is now on securing ongoing additional funding for South Australian local roads, indexed annually in line with FAGs.



Climate Change Plans

Many councils are addressing or wish to address climate change. With the important role Local Government can play helping the Australian Government to achieve internationally agreed climate change targets, a priority has been placed on supporting councils to work with local businesses and communities to implement local and regional Climate Change Adaptation Plans.



Indigenous

Addressing Indigenous disadvantage across Australia is a priority for all Australian governments. Advocacy is about closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in the areas of housing, health, early childhood development, education, economic participation and remote service delivery.



Community Infrastructure

Funding support for community infrastructure will enable all local councils to plan and deliver adequate and appropriate community infrastructure. ALGA is urging political parties to commit to specific local government community infrastructure funding at the level of \$300 million per annum over the next four years.



Attachment 12.2

Lonsdale Recreation Reserve Committee Monday 4th Dec. 2017

Meeting commenced at 6:25pm

PRESENT; Rod Sissons, David Carroll, Sharon Pitches, John Francis, Lauren Lidgerwood, Jan Doyle, Robert Purtle, Bronwyn Thomas(observer), Darren Clarke

APOLOGIES: Brendan Clarke

1	Meeting called for final decision on Bay 13	
2	TREASURERS REPORT –	
	Current balance \$17.33 with \$1400 to bank from market	
3	BUSINESS ARISING FROM last meeting	
	<p>Discussion on Bay 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering levels done for drainage for remainder of the reserve and presented • Need to balance demand and requirements of user groups and value for money for the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cricket Club requires storage of equipment – secondary ground, use clubroom side on game day ○ Tennis Club requires toilets, kitchenette and storage of equipment – limited usage and members ○ Public toilet facilities for general use by reserve users • Cost Estimates \$50k for kit toilet, \$25K tilt slab cricket and tennis storage and kitchenette, \$32k connection of services etc., \$8 to 10k to demolish Bay 13 plus capping off of services. Nb Earthworks for drainage may incorporate some of the necessary costs. • Estimate from Riches to refurbish Bay 13 \$155k • Engineers report on Bay 13 reported it was unsafe • Time frame for works to begin was approx. 3 months, for tenders to be called etc. meaning it would be completed for 2018/19 summer. • Debate by various users on above points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many factors, ease of use and ongoing maintenance, value for money, history and current use of Bay 13 <p>Motion: Bay 13 to be taken down and replaced with recommended structures of public use toilet and storage facility with kitchenette, with earthworks for improved drainage of Lonsdale Reserve to proceed Moved R Sissons Seconded S Pitches Vote by user groups present 3 – 0 carried unanimously. R Purtle (Mulwala Progress Assoc.) wanted it noted he opposed the decision.</p>	David Carroll to take to Council
4	GENERAL BUSINESS	
	Cutting down of trees was nothing to do with the Football/Netball Club despite common held misconceptions. MFNC disappointed with uninformed Facebook posts. Need to inform community prior to major works. Looks much neater now it has been cleaned up. Advanced trees will be planted in March as per Master Plan. Rod and Rod to water trees to establish. Council to provide equipment.	Council to inform community prior to major works. Darren tree planting - March Rod and Rod to water trees. Council to provide equipment.
	Power needs to be connected to Netball toilets and water cooler installed. Trenching for cabling - Peter Gee.	Netball to locate water cooler and arrange works necessary.
	YarraFNC hasn't yet applied for Easter match 2018, nor paid for 2017 fee (dispute over Council fee for garbage removal). 3 Invoices sent. Suggested to contact Sarah Conway who pays accounts.	Jan to contact Sarah Conway
	Progress Assoc. apologised for mix up over market poster as the wording and contact details and fees for different markets was not clear.	
	The 5th Sunday Market in Oct was a success, making \$1400. Another one planned for 31 st Dec	
	Looking at grassing further areas around Reserve. Netball requested some to be placed near courts.	
	Darren encouraged continued use of user forms to lock in dates, so reserve planning can be scheduled around events. Good communication with cricket.	
	Letter requesting Council refund of Council portion of DA on Netball Toilets.	John to write letter

Meeting closed at 7.25pm

Signed..... Chairperson

Next Meeting Feb 2018