



**FEDERATION
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1. MEETING OPENING

PRESENT:

Administrator, Mr M Eden (Chairperson), Mr C Gillard (General Manager), Ms KJ Kay (Director Corporate and Community Services), Mr KC Parker (Director Finance and Organisation Development) and Mr A Butler (Director Infrastructure and Environment).

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr DJ Davey, Mrs GJ Law and Mrs FM Schirmer (LRC Members).

APOLOGIES:

The apology from Mr PI Miegel was noted.

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

Nil.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

58/17FC **RESOLVED that** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21 March 2017 be confirmed.

4. ADMINISTRATOR MINUTES

Mr Eden noted he had attended the opening of new fire sheds in Redlands, Buraja and Daysdale and that the respective stakeholders were very appreciative of Councils support.

5. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

5.1 BALLOON RELEASE POLICY

Summary

Federation Council was approached by the Mayor of Eurobodalla Shire Council to support their initiative to ban the release of balloons at Council events and in Council managed reserves due to the negative impact they have on the environment.

Council is seeking the support of a 'no balloon release' policy stance at all Council reserves and events, formalised via the inclusion of a 'no balloon release' provision in Council's Festival and Events Guidelines.

Background

As highlighted by Eurobodalla Shire Council "...Balloons can cause significant harm to the natural environment. Although some balloons are made from a natural latex and are marketed as an environmentally friendly option, these will still take months to break down and are known to harm and kill animals in both the marine environment and on land. Balloons can travel large distances once released, with balloons being found on Eurobodalla beaches from as far away as Sydney, Victoria and the Riverina. These balloons were identified by their logos."

In November 2000 the NSW Government enacted the Protection of the Environment Operations Amendment(Balloons) Act 2000. Since that date, it is illegal to release 20 or more gas-inflated balloons at or about the same time. It is deemed an aggravated offence where a person releases more than 100 balloons. There are a number of exceptions to these offences, for example whether the balloons are released specifically for scientific purposes.

Whilst balloon release is not a major or obvious litter item in the Federation Council area, it does negatively impact on our environment.

Council can play a more active role in encouraging a 'no balloon release' across Federation Council by formalising a 'no balloon release' at all Council reserves and events. This proactive approach will contribute to the preservation of Federation and our surrounding Council's natural environment.

Financial Implications

Nil financial implications.

RECOMMENDED:

1. THAT the release of balloons be banned at all Council events and in Council owned or managed reserves; and
2. THAT the inclusion of a 'no balloon release' provision in Council's Events Guidelines be effected.

59/17FC **RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the release of balloons be banned at all Council events and in Council owned or managed reserves;
2. THAT the inclusion of a 'no balloon release' provision in Council's Events Guidelines be effected; and
3. THAT staff consider other opportunities to reduce plastic waste.

5.2 ORGANISATIONAL UPDATE

Summary

The organisation is working hard to maintain current services and at the same time work through many change initiatives.

Background

Capital works program

Staff have been working hard supported by contractors to deliver a large capital works program. Progress is outlined later in the business paper.

While some good results have been achieved the flood damage has put the program back. Some carry over works will not be completed as the winter season needs to pass prior to major works proceeding. The 2017/18 program is well developed and an additional \$ 3.8 million allocated through Stronger Regions fund. This will see a large road expenditure in 2017/18 which was a specific need identified by community in the Customer Satisfaction Survey conducted several months ago.

2017/18 budget

Business plans are currently being reviewed by each department to inform the draft budget prior to community consultation during May. Some departments have not previously had formal business plans so this is a good learning and development opportunity. The business plan template captures a range of data to support a systematic service review across the organisation. The aim is to document service levels and standards so that staff can support the elected representatives in September, 2017.

The budget preparation has required a large volume of additional work to combine previous ledgers, upgrade systems, review depreciation schedules and many other activities including training. Urana Office staff have been supported to deliver payroll services on the new corporate financial systems. This has been challenging and has been well done.

The budget will be based on a new valuation which has seen a significant increase in the value of rural land by as much as 30% in some instances. This will have an impact on who pays rates from respective rate classes. Rural rates are likely to increase above the level of residential rates although a full analysis needs to be completed and valuation objections are still being considered.

The themes for the upcoming budget include:

- More capital works for roads across the Council area;
- A tight operating budget;
- An increased emphasis on staff training and innovation;
- Delivery of a range of community facilities and the projects from the Stronger Regions fund;
- A focus on design and scoping of major projects prior to inclusion in budgets; and
- Rate increases will be 7% in the former Corowa Shire and 1.8% approximately in the former Urana Shire. This is because of government direction about rate structures and levels.

The Minister for Local Government has been asked to consider the impact of rate freeze policy on low rating councils however any change may take time to achieve.

Cultural Change Program

Council's senior and middle management are working together to build a high performance culture that supports staff to be customer focussed, work in a positive and proactive manner and to ensure we do not ignore important issues that need to be addressed. Staff feedback from the initial stage of this work has been very positive and the engagement has been effective and appropriate.

A comprehensive Organisational Development Plan will be completed by August and resources aligned to support the Council becoming the best employer it can be.

Plant replacement

A number of major items of plant have been replaced including two loaders and a water cart. A full review has been completed and approximately \$4.0 million in purchases will occur prior to the next construction period commencing. The Council's outdoor staff have appreciated this program being finalised and are committed to looking after and maintaining the equipment well.

As part of this work a gravel road maintenance training program is being considered by the outdoor staff.

Communications and community engagement

An officer has been appointed to the position of Communications Officer and will commence within four weeks. At this point a review of councils' communication and engagement process will be undertaken to ensure council has good engagement systems in place. A large part of this work is the delivery of a modern website reported in the Director Corporate and Community Services report.

Council continues to get very positive feedback which encourages staff to contribute generously. It is great to see the community very positively embracing the new Council. Staff remain very proactive and positive and are maintaining a mature approach to the negative approaches sometimes evidenced over the phone or through newspapers or social media when individuals or groups have less than positive comments to make.

Financial position

In a period of consolidation normal reporting schedules get disrupted however the budgets are in control and no concerns about budget are evident. Staff are soon to undertake training in procurement and associated compliance and an internal audit committee is in the process of being established.

Information systems and innovation

A business analyst has been appointed to assist review and document systems and staff are encouraged by this support to improve council systems and processes. Every effort will be made to use technology to best advantage and to provide staff with modern business systems.

Attracting staff into this specialist field is not easy but is underway.

Work Health and Safety

The Council Work Health and Safety Committee is working proactively and accidents have been at low levels although one injury is one too many. Regular inspections and audits are scheduled and will be an important piece of ongoing work. Federation Council is the only council that has not experienced a stress claim of the merged councils according to council's work cover provider. This is important for both social and financial reasons.

Industrial relations

Council staff, management and unions are working collaboratively through a range of change issues and I would like to thank both staff and unions for what has been a very positive approach to change.

Staff understand that positive behaviour is important and no one really respects anyone who is negative all of the time.

Absenteeism is well down and a council wellness program has been initiated and well received.

Leave liability continues to decrease and is closely monitored.

Customer Service

Staff are struggling to comply with Council's Customer Service Charter which is not a situation likely to persist. Improved planning and progress through the merger implementation plan will allow more focus on this critical council work.

Apart from the issue previously mentioned feedback on the capital works program, many community events and presentation of public spaces has been positive. The community is seeing things done and staff are getting good acknowledgement for their work.

Feedback on development proposals for playgrounds and other community initiatives has been appreciated.

Development

The development staff are reviewing all systems and processes and are supporting a significant increase in activity levels which is pleasing. A number of economic development initiatives are being supported one of which should be capable of announcement soon and will create 15 jobs in Corowa.

Having detailed many things are going well there are many issues still to be resolved or addressed including considering how best to support a newly elected council in September.

FOR information.

INFORMATION was noted.

C GILLARD
GENERAL MANAGER

6. DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

6.1 NSW SENIORS FESTIVAL - BABY BOOMERS BUS ABOUT

Summary

A successful program of events was held last month to celebrate the 2017 NSW Seniors Festival from 3 to 12 March.

The Baby Boomers Bus About was a new initiative facilitated by Federation Council to bring together senior residents and recognise their contribution to the community.

Background

The series of free organised tours across four locations was well supported by the community and attended by 230 people.

'Monday at the Movies' commenced with morning tea in the lounge of the Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort. Sixty people attended and were treated to the ultimate cinema experience with a screening of the Academy Award winning 'La La Land'.

The next event was the 'Garden of Earthly Delights Tour' at the Corowa Tree of Life Community Gardens. An overview was provided about the history of the garden and how this community project has evolved. The concept, the amazing mosaics, the chickens and beautiful abundance of fresh fruit and vegetables impressed each of the twenty-four people who attended. Lunch was prepared and enjoyed using fresh produce from the garden.

On Thursday morning, thirty guests made their way to the Howlong Golf Resort for Bingo. The majority of guests came across from the Mulwala Lifestyle Village. They enjoyed a delicious lunch of fish and chips or quiche and salad, served in the bistro area of the club.

One hundred and five people made the trip to Oaklands RSL Bowling Club for the final event of the week. Oaklands Central School children provided entertainment for the day, with students performing dance routines, singing, circus and gymnastics routines. Lunch was served and guests mingled with old friends and made new ones. A number of guests were visiting Oaklands for the first time and were interested to hear from locals about the town and the history of the area.

Council would like to thank the Corowa Tree of Life Community Gardens, Howlong Golf Resort, Oaklands Central School, Oaklands Swimming Pool Committee and the Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort for their support of the initiative.

There has been a fantastic amount of positive feedback about the event and a level of excitement exists for next year's event.

Financial Implications

The total cost of the Baby Boomer Bus About was \$8,198.96.

FOR information.

INFORMATION was noted.

6.2 NEW FEDERATION COUNCIL WEBSITE

Summary

Federation Council's new corporate website was launched on 1 March 2017. This was a major project within the Amalgamation Implementation Plan and will support improved communication and engagement with residents and visitors.

Background

As previously reported, Council engaged Seamless to deliver their OpenCities platform for the new corporate site. A number of excellent features are available as part of the platform and are gradually being deployed to the site, subject to priorities and resources.

A key aspect of managing the site is reviewing analytical data and trends so that appropriate action can be taken to maximise usage. This information provides valuable insights into what information visitors are seeking on the site, how they are journeying around the site and what can be done to improve this experience.

The data for the first four weeks of being live is very pleasing and has provided some good insight into a number of simple improvements that will further enhance the site.

Organic and referral traffic equates to more than 6,500 sessions on the new site. This is a high number, particularly given there is no spend on marketing campaigns to direct traffic to the site. Social referrals are substantially higher to the new site and this has resulted from including direct page links in Facebook posts.

The table below highlights some key comparisons between the new Federation Council site and the old Corowa Shire site (please note, analytical data was not available for the old Urana Shire site).

Key Measures	New Federation Council Site March 2017 – site live for 4 weeks	Old Corowa Shire Site February 2017
Bounce %	34.99%	54.56%
Exit %	25.64%	37.31%
Users	5,046	3,622
Sessions	7,323	5,467
Page Views	28,566	14,653
Mobile Sessions	2,455	1,949
Tablet Sessions	600	439
Desktop Sessions	4,268	3,079
Avg Time on Page	56 seconds	1.21 minutes
Avg Page Load Time	4.09 seconds	1.74 seconds
Organic Search	3,567 sessions	4,229 sessions
Direct Traffic	3,044 sessions	801 sessions
Social Traffic	411 sessions	39 sessions
Referral Traffic	301 sessions	398 sessions

Top 5 Page views	Home 9,555	Home 2,465
	Careers 2,395	Jobs 837
	Job Application Form 788	Contact 809
	Connect 671	News 413
	Contact Us 605	Planning 358

Attached to the report is an infographic representing analytical data for the new Federation Council site.

There are a number of features within the site that are not currently being utilised, yet will further enhance the users experience and offer a higher level of service to customers. A plan is being developed to support this work and ensure optimal use of the platform.

Council has received positive feedback in regards to the site and has been contacted by a number of other Council’s seeking information and guidance to support the development of their own corporate sites.

It will be critical moving forward that all areas of the organisation support the development of content, to ensure the site continues to meet the needs of users and delivers an ongoing return on investment.

Financial Implications

N/A.

FOR information.

INFORMATION was noted.

6.3 LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT

Summary

Federation Council has been successful in securing a grant for \$30,000 through the NSW Government’s Liveable Communities grant program.

The program is designed to improve the lives of older people living in NSW.

Background

Federation Council is committed to ensuring that senior residents are well supported and actively engaged in their communities. This project will address a number of key areas that will ensure the Federation Council area is a liveable community for senior residents.

With a high proportion of residents aged over 60 years of age, this is a critical plan that will assist Council to meet the needs of an ageing population.

The 'Liveable communities for seniors' project will be a collaborative approach to developing a long-term plan consisting of clear strategies and actions. It will identify needs and community priorities specific to senior residents that are closely aligned to Council's corporate planning framework.

As part of the project, a steering committee will be established to drive the development of the long term plan. An expression of interest process will be run to appoint members of the community to the committee, which will be supported by council staff.

Utilising existing networks and people within the community is more likely to achieve the desired outcome by developing strong partnerships and ensuring the needs and priorities are accurately reflected within the plan. Members of the steering committee will be provided with the necessary training to equip them with the tools needed to facilitate focus groups within the community.

Sessions will be held across the council area and residents aged over 55 will be invited to participate. Key focus areas within the plan will include:

Health and wellbeing

- Active and healthy lifestyle choices for seniors well being
- Adequate provision of health and home help services
- Promotion of local services and activities focused at seniors

Working and retiring

- Working beyond retirement
- Volunteer opportunities

Housing choices

- Local age care and supporting services
- Assisting residents to age in place
- Support for affordable housing

Getting around

- Local community transport options and information
- Promotion of services available
- Use of transport options for local events and activities
- Senior friendly public spaces

Inclusive communities

- Services and programs available to seniors
- Services and programs that might be needed, but currently not available
- Groups or people at risk of social isolation
- Building stronger local neighbouring connections

The project will commence in July, with the draft plan to be considered by the newly elected Council in October.

Financial Implications

A grant has been received for \$30,000 to fund the community engagement process, development of the plan and some priority, short term actions. Future budget and resourcing implications will need to be considered as part of the plans development.

FOR information.

INFORMATION was noted.

6.4 NSW YOUTH WEEK

Summary

2017 Youth Week was held from 31 March - 9 April and is an opportunity to celebrate young people in the community.

Background

Following the success of last year's event, Federation Council again hosted the Flicks in the Sticks event at Ball Park in Corowa. Council worked closely with the Youth Advisory Committee to deliver the event, with 'organising events for young people, with young people' being one of the key objectives of Youth Week.

More than 150 people attended the event, which aired two popular movies under the stars on the outdoor cinema screen. The first screening was the family friendly movie, Finding Dory and the second movie Nerve, was targeted towards teenagers.

Young people attending the event received a bag of Youth Week items including earphones, a card holder, pack of cards and wrist bands. This was also an opportunity to distribute information about the range of services available to young people in the region, which is all included on a pull out pen. The Federation Youth Information (FYI) pens was an initiative of Council and the Youth Advisory Committee.

The Flicks in the Sticks event was supported by the Corowa Rutherglen United Hockey Club who ran the canteen for the night as a fundraising activity.

Financial Implications

A grant for \$2,260 was received from the NSW Government to host Youth Week activities. The total cost of the event was \$3,128.30, and the remaining amount was funded from Council's budget.

FOR information.

INFORMATION was noted.

6.5 DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN

Summary

In August 2014, the NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014 was passed. This Act requires all NSW Councils to develop a Disability Inclusion Action Plan to help remove barriers and enable people with a disability to participate fully in their communities.

Federation Council is pleased to present its draft plan for consideration.

Background

Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan aims to:

- promote positive attitudes and behaviours in the community;
- provide better access to information, services and facilities;
- provide a more liveable and accessible community;
- enhance employment opportunities; and
- increase opportunities for people with disability to participate.

This Disability Inclusion Action Plan was developed through a community consultation and research process which included review of Council documents and relevant Government policies.

The consultation process involved talking to regional and local service providers, people with disability, carers and the broader community. A number of meetings and focus groups were held to identify gaps and discuss issues and a community survey was undertaken.

A Disability Access committee consisting of community members, has been established as a result of this process. This group will be actively involved in the ongoing development, implementation and formal review process of the plan and Council looks forward to working closely with this committee.

Financial Implications

The development of this plan has been completed internally.

Implementation of the plan will need to be considered in future budgets and work is currently underway to further understand financial implications. This information will be included in the final plan adopted by Council.

RECOMMENDED that the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

60/17FC **RESOLVED that** the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

6.6 NSW REGIONAL GROWTH - ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM FUND

Summary

Expressions of Interest are currently open for applications under the NSW Government's Rebuilding NSW Program, the Regional Growth – Environment and Tourism Fund (RGETF).

The program aims to increase tourist visitation by investing in regional environment and tourism infrastructure, particularly focusing on assets that will grow and further diversify NSW regional economies.

Background

Tourism product development and foreshore improvements is a key focus area for council and the community.

This program is an exciting opportunity to implement two longstanding foreshore development masterplans in Corowa and Mulwala, in addition to constructing a bicycle trail connecting the destinations - also an initiative identified and investigated some time ago. The project aligns with relevant state and local strategic policy and objectives for tourism development and if successful, is expected to have a significant economic impact on the region.

The project involves:

Corowa Riverfront Masterplan

- Bangerang Park Adventure Playground
- Corowa board walk
- Riverside walking track
- River revegetation
- Interpretive signage
- Rehabilitation to Rowers Park Wall

Corowa Mulwala Trail

- Construction of 42.9km of trail
- Interpretative signage

A range of foreshore initiatives identified in the Mulwala Foreshore Masterplan at;

- Miss Ross Hill
- Digger Loughnan Park
- Apex Park (boat ramp)
- Owen Bridges
- Purtle Park

Urban Enterprise have been engaged to complete a strategic and economic assessment of the project, which will support the Expression of Interest due on 20 April.

Council has also been working with Murray Regional Tourism who will incorporate this project into an overall application for the Murray Region in partnership with other Councils.

Expressions of interest will be reviewed and shortlisted projects will be invited to submit a full application.

Financial Implications

The total project costs are expected to be \$4,981,200. An application for \$2,481,200 will be made under the program, should Council be invited to submit a full application. This project will need to be shown as part of Councils long term financial plan which is currently being reviewed. Funding has already been allocated for many aspects of the project but ongoing maintenance costs will need to be carefully considered.

RECOMMENDED that Council submit an Expression of Interest under the RGETF for the Corowa Mulwala Foreshore Trail project and consider this project and necessary funds as part of the current review of Council's long term financial plan and Delivery Program.

61/17FC **RESOLVED that** Council submit an Expression of Interest under the RGETF for the Corowa Mulwala Foreshore Trail project and consider this project and necessary funds as part of the current review of Council's long term financial plan and Delivery Program.

6.7 FEDERATION COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Summary

The second round of the 2016/2017 Federation Council Community Grants Program closed on the 31 March 2017.

Five eligible grant applications were received, requesting a total of \$10,812.23 in grant funding. A summary of the applications received is attached to the agenda.

Background

The purpose of the Community Grants Program is to foster community partnerships that will deliver positive outcomes for members of the community. This may be through improved services and resources, skill development and training opportunities, arts and culture, community participation and cohesion and improved quality of life and wellbeing.

This program is an excellent opportunity for Council to support community projects that deliver positive benefits to the local community and we are pleased to make the following recommendations for funding.

- \$2,679.98 to Big Moz Disco Inc. for the purchase of equipment (speakers, projector) for Mobile Movies to be shown in hospitals and age care facilities across the council area.
- \$2,931 to the Corowa Civic Croquet Club Inc. to build and install a safety step with handrails to enable easy and safe access to playing area.
- \$1,811.25 to the Corowa and District Historical Society for the workshop 'Mosaic for Museums' for ten volunteers to assist with the digital cataloguing of the museum collection.
- \$1,440 (in-kind) to the Corowa Sing Australia Group for the use of Oddfellows Hall for weekly rehearsals, plus 2 additional days to host concerts. Further, \$250 (cash) for the purchase of a new pull up banner to replace the existing Corowa Shire logo.
- \$1,700 to the Howlong Historical Society for the purchase of a desk top computer with large screen and office programs suitable for museum volunteers to use to digitally store records and information.

Financial Implications

A total of \$9,372.23 in cash is recommended for funding and \$1,440 of in kind contributions, totalling an allocation of \$10,812.23.

The total annual budget available for two funding rounds is \$30,000.

RECOMMENDED that the abovementioned applications be approved for funding.

The General Manager provided an additional item to be considered at the meeting for \$2,900 to the Oaklands War Memorial Group providing a total of \$12,272.23 in cash is recommended for funding and \$1,440 of in kind contributions, totalling an allocation of \$13,712.23.

62/17FC **RESOLVED that** the abovementioned applications be approved for funding.

6.8 LEASE OF 44 QUEEN STREET COROWA (OLD UNIT Y BUILDING)

Summary

Following Council's endorsement of a proposal by the Corowa Tree of Life Community Garden and Men's Shed Group to lease 44 Queen Street Corowa, this proposal was placed on public display for 28 days to provide the opportunity for community input.

Background

No submissions were received raising concern in relation to the proposal by the Men's Shed Group.

Financial Implications

Minor administration expense in setting up the lease and possible removal of some furniture.

RECOMMENDED that Council allow the lease of 44 Queen Street Corowa to the Corowa Tree of Life Community Garden and future Men's Shed group and that the lease is free of charge but all utility, waste and any rates applicable be paid for by the group. The lease agreement should also require the group to be responsible for all building maintenance including any future structural needs.

63/17FC **RESOLVED that** Council allow the lease of 44 Queen Street Corowa to the Corowa Tree of Life Community Garden and future Men's Shed group and that the lease is free of charge but all utility, waste and any rates applicable be paid for by the group. The lease agreement should also require the group to be responsible for all building maintenance including any future structural needs.

6.9 PROPOSAL TO LEASE COMMUNITY LAND - PART 2 RIESLING STREET, COROWA

Summary

Community input was sought in relation to a proposal from an investment group to lease community land in the Ball Park area, Corowa (Part of 2 Riesling Street) for the purpose of a fun park.

Background

Council has received a request from an investment group to lease community land. Community input was sought in respect to this proposal. The purpose of this report is to determine if Council would be willing to provide in principle support to lease this land. No assessment has been made of the proposal as a planning application or management plan has not been submitted at this time but if support to lease the land is provided, the group have advised they will proceed with this as the next step. Crown Lands approval is also required.

Please find attached to the agenda a summary of submissions received in response to the public display of this proposal.

The proposal has generated much interest from the local community with 21 responses received.

Overall most people (19) were in support of the proposed development.

Whilst only two responses were against the proposed development they identified the location as being the main issue citing reasons such as safety, cost for families, commercial viability and sustainability.

A different approach was identified in a response that neither opposed nor, supported the project with a strong push to have the focus on the caravan park and river precinct.

If Council determines that it is willing to lease the land following consideration of this community input along with other factors as previously reported, it is recommended that in principle approval only be provided subject to an acceptable agreement being reached in respect to the lease fee, satisfactory management plan being submitted by the group and importantly the completion of a satisfactory Development Application and all necessary Planning approvals being gained.

While there is no strong evidence to suggest that leasing this community land would be detrimental to the community, a fundamental consideration needs to be the suitability of the land for the proposed purpose. This cannot be determined until more detail has been provided including a planning application.

A section of the land should also be reserved for the proposed walking track as per the Corowa Riverfront Master Plan.

It should be noted that Council is currently preparing a Master Plan for Ball Park Caravan Park which will guide the future development and tendering of the Park. This process is considering a further development option for the new Corowa Swimming Pool, which would see the collocation of the Swimming Pool and Children's Splash Park as part of the Caravan Park. It is intended that these facilities would be open to the wider community which may compromise the business interests of this group and should be considered by the investment group.

Financial Implications

It is proposed that a commercial lease fee should be established for the land, and a valuation by a registered valuer will be completed for consideration as part of this.

RECOMMENDED that in principle support to lease Part 2 Riesling Street Corowa subject to a satisfactory management plan being submitted, all necessary planning approvals gained and an acceptable commercial agreement being reached in respect to the lease fee.

64/17FC **RESOLVED that** in principle support to lease Part 2 Riesling Street Corowa subject to a satisfactory management plan being submitted, all necessary planning approvals gained and an acceptable commercial agreement being reached in respect to the lease fee.

6.10 PROPOSED POLLING VENUES - SEPTEMBER 2017 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Summary

The NSW Electoral Commission has been appointed to run the September 2017 Local Government Elections for Federation Council.

Background

Please see attached to the agenda, the Electoral Commission proposed list of polling place. Council has the opportunity to provide input towards this and to determine additional polling places if required.

Most venues are proposed to remain the same as those conducted in the last Local Government Election for Corowa and Urana Shire Councils. The exceptions to this are the Balldale Recreation Reserve which the NSW Electoral Commission recommend be abolished due to very low and declining votes and close proximity to Lowesdale Public School and Corowa venues.

As well as this it is recommended that the Boree Creek venue be abolished. The Australian Electoral Commission abolished this venue at the time of the 2016 Federal Government elections and the NSW Electoral Commission abolished the venue in 2015 for the State elections - due to the very low number of votes. It is now recommended that this be abolished for Local Government elections to remain consistent with other elections. This proposal was of concern given that Boree Creek residents will not be able to vote in Lockhart or other Council areas (which are in closer proximity than Urana) as they would have for both the State and Federal Government elections - however as this venue has already not been used for the last two elections, more than half of the potential voters at this location are now registered postal voters.

Given that a number of residents within Federation Council will be located more than 8 km's from a polling venue, it will be important for Council to assist the NSW Electoral Commission in respect to the promotion of postal voting options for these residents.

Financial Implications

The NSW Electoral Commission has not yet provided its financial estimate in respect to the cost of running the September elections. Council is required to fully fund these costs.

Further venues can be introduced if required and the minimum cost for venues accepting under 100 votes will be above \$2,000.

RECOMMENDED that Council endorse the proposed list of Polling Places for the September 2017 Local Government Elections.

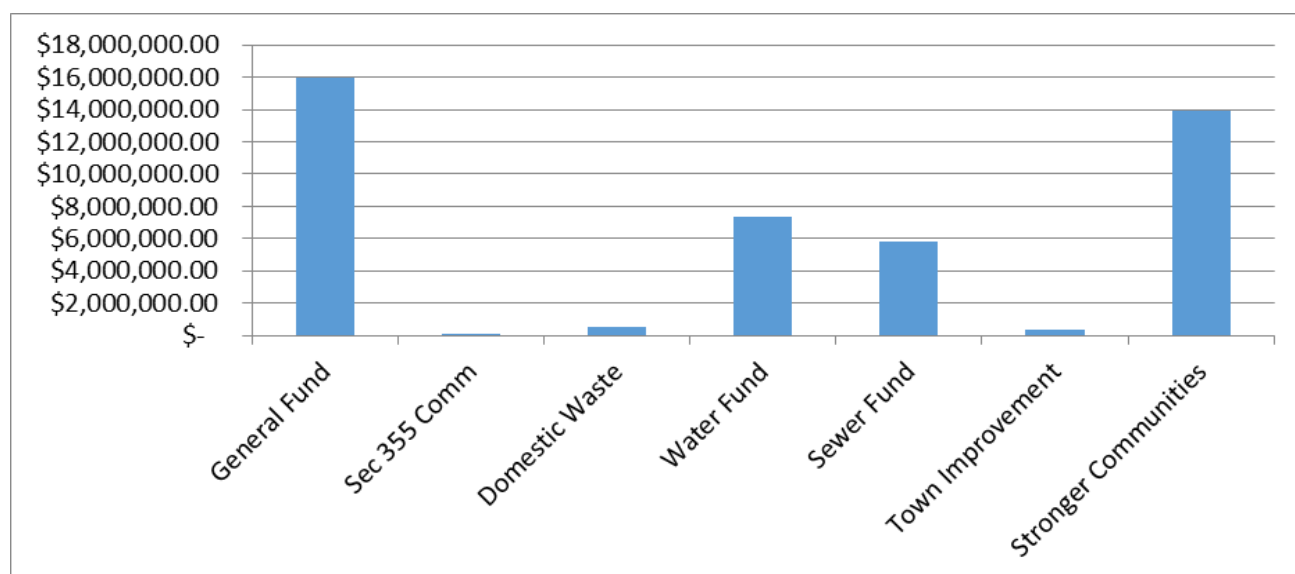
65/17FC **RESOLVED that** Council endorse the proposed list of Polling Places for the September 2017 Local Government Elections.

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 MARCH 2017

Balance as per Bank Statement:		
General Account	0000 0022	254,479.78
General Account	1007 7409	80,517.69
Business Online Saver Account	1014 2522	871,391.95
Business Online Saver Account	1016 1811	105,000.00
Investments		42,663,263.27
	Sub Total	43,974,652.69
Plus Deposits not yet lodged:		
Corowa	31-Mar-17	7,809.64
Tourism	31-Mar-17	3.50
	Sub Total	43,982,465.83
Less Unpresented Cheques:		1,993.40
Balance as per Ledger		43,980,472.43
Less External Restricted Funds		27,991,354.24
Balance of General Fund Ledger		15,989,118.19



CERTIFICATE OF RECONCILIATION

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

S NORMAN
MANAGER FINANCE

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

66/17FC **RESOLVED that** the report on Statement of Bank Balances and Reconciliation as at 31 March 2017 be noted.

7.2 SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 March 2017

The following list of investment securities is held as at 31 March 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	CBA	\$500,000.00	30/11/2016	2.57	125	04/04/2017
Term Deposit	Bank of Sydney	\$330,000.00	28/11/2016	2.65	127	04/04/2017
Term Deposit	Bank of Sydney	\$390,000.00	03/01/2017	2.75	91	04/04/2017
Term Deposit	CBA	\$500,000.00	30/11/2016	2.57	132	11/04/2017
Term Deposit	Bank of Sydney	\$310,000.00	06/12/2016	2.65	133	18/04/2017
Term Deposit	CBA	\$500,000.00	30/11/2016	2.57	139	18/04/2017
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$500,000.00	25/08/2016	3.00	243	25/04/2017
Term Deposit	NAB	\$1,213,404.88	29/11/2016	2.65	154	02/05/2017
Term Deposit	CBA	\$500,000.00	30/11/2016	2.60	160	09/05/2017
Term Deposit	NAB	\$1,315,423.04	09/12/2016	2.65	158	16/05/2017
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$609,024.66	21/02/2017	2.35	91	23/05/2017
Term Deposit	NAB	\$2,519,497.46	20/12/2016	2.65	161	30/05/2017
Term Deposit	NAB	\$1,313,995.66	20/06/2016	2.65	161	30/05/2017
Term Deposit	Bank of Sydney	\$400,000.00	31/01/2017	2.85	126	06/06/2017
Term Deposit	CBA	\$1,029,025.38	05/12/2016	2.62	183	06/06/2017
Term Deposit	CBA	\$400,000.00	13/12/2016	2.62	182	13/06/2017
Term Deposit	Bendigo	\$2,000,000.00	20/06/2016	2.85	365	20/06/2017
Term Deposit	NAB	\$3,047,630.14	27/12/2016	2.65	182	27/06/2017
Term Deposit	NAB	\$2,090,741.51	02/01/2017	2.65	183	04/07/2017
Term Deposit	NAB	\$2,559,886.11	03/01/2017	2.65	189	11/07/2017
Term Deposit	BOQ – FIIG	\$390,000.00	17/01/2017	2.75	182	18/07/2017
Term Deposit	BOQ – FIIG	\$390,000.00	17/01/2017	2.75	182	18/07/2017
Term Deposit	ANZ	\$2,134,052.68	17/01/2017	2.45	189	25/07/2017
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$509,000.00	29/03/2017	2.60	122	29/07/2017
Term Deposit	CBA	\$1,015,784.92	20/01/2017	2.56	193	01/08/2017
Term Deposit	ANZ	\$1,041,060.92	03/02/2017	2.40	186	08/08/2017
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$506,369.86	24/01/2017	2.50	196	08/08/2017

Term Deposit	Bendigo	\$230,000.00	10/01/2017	2.40	210	08/08/2017
Term Deposit	Westpac	\$506,534.25	31/01/2017	2.50	196	15/08/2017
Term Deposit	NAB	\$1,363,850.92	21/02/2017	2.55	182	22/08/2017
Term Deposit	Bankwest	\$150,000.00	14/02/2017	2.60	189	22/08/2017
Term Deposit	CBA	\$720,000.00	14/02/2017	2.53	189	22/08/2017
Term Deposit	ANZ	\$1,000,000.00	17/02/2017	2.65	193	29/08/2017
Term Deposit	ANZ	\$1,042,541.76	28/02/2017	2.45	182	29/08/2017
Term Deposit	NAB	\$300,000.00	08/03/2017	2.55	181	05/09/2017
Term Deposit	NAB	\$200,000.00	08/03/2017	2.55	181	05/09/2017
Term Deposit	ANZ	\$1,000,000.00	17/02/2017	2.65	200	05/09/2017
Term Deposit	ANZ	\$1,000,000.00	17/02/2017	2.65	207	12/09/2017
Term Deposit	ANZ	\$1,000,000.00	17/02/2017	2.65	214	19/09/2017
Term Deposit	CBA	\$1,000,000.00	09/03/2017	2.55	201	26/09/2017
Term Deposit	CBA	\$507,958.36	21/03/2017	2.60	196	03/10/2017
Term Deposit	CBA	\$1,020,464.70	21/03/2017	2.60	203	10/10/2017
Term Deposit	Bendigo	\$2,042,548.39	17/03/2017	2.40	214	17/10/2017
Term Deposit	CBA	\$504,313.42	28/03/2017	2.59	210	24/10/2017
Term Deposit	CBA	\$1,060,154.25	28/03/2017	2.59	217	31/10/2017

\$42,663,263.27

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 March 2017.

67/17FC **RESOLVED that** Council note the report on the schedule of investments as at 31 March 2017.

KC PARKER
DIRECTOR FINANCE AND ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT

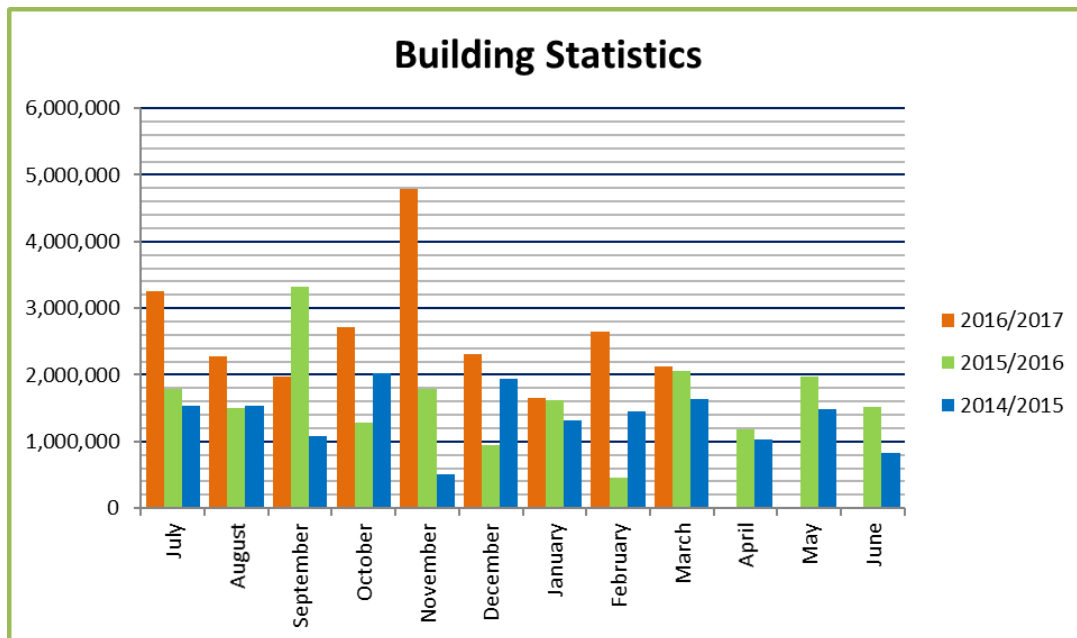
8. DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT

8.1 BUILDING APPROVALS – COMPLYING AND CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED

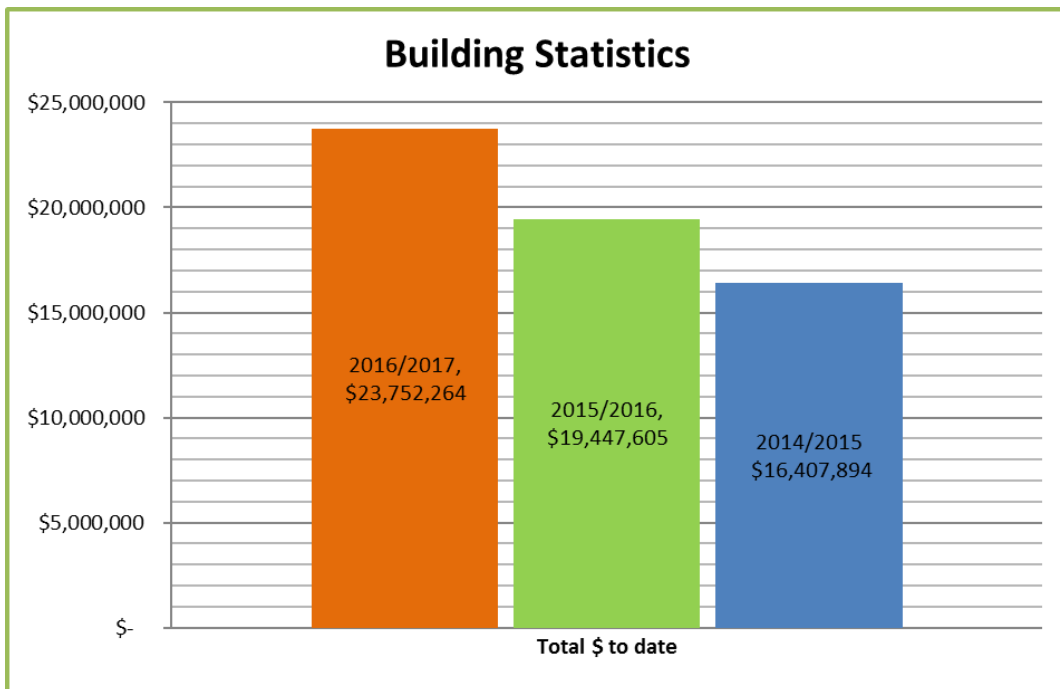
This report provides for Council’s information, the construction and complying development certificates issued since the report prepared for the March 2017 Council meeting. The report also includes graphs on the value of works approved, over the last three financial years (NB. Data as of 1 July is for 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.

2016/182	18 Gibson Place Howlong	2 Sheds
2016/214	45-55 Orford Street Corowa	Dwelling and Shed
2017/17	734 Emu Park Coreen	Farm Machinery Shed
2017/20	19 Grevillea Terrace Mulwala	Inground Pool
2017/27	14 Kingfisher Drive Mulwala	Dwelling
2017/35	147 Hume Street Corowa	Dwelling
2017/37	36 Payne Street Mulwala	Carport
2017/38	161-169 Larmer Street Howlong	Shed
2017/42	1 Gilson Place Howlong	Dwelling with Garage
2017/44	36 Gallipoli Street Corowa	Alterations and Additions
2017/9	80-86 Corowa Road Mulwala	Change of Use
CDC2017/12	11 Victoria Street Howlong	Verandah
CDC2017/18	18 Acacia Drive Mulwala	Dwelling
CDC2017/19	171 Golf Club Drive Howlong	Swimming Pool

TOTAL \$2,118,869



* Data as of 1 July 2016 is for Federation Council. Historical data is for Corowa Shire Council only.



* Data as of 1 July 2016 is for Federation Council. Historical data is for Corowa Shire Council only.

RECOMMENDED that Council note the report on construction/complying development certificates issued since the March 2017 Council meeting.

68/17FC **RESOLVED that** Council note the report on construction/complying development certificates issued since the March 2017 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. 2016/238

Application for a Depot on primary production land being Lot 2; DP 534006; Spring Drive, Mulwala.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/18

Application for Shed Additions on low density residential land being Lot A; DP 330555; 104-106 Wanstead Street, Corowa.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/21

Application for a Demolition on general residential land being Lot 3; DP 2999; 15 Erne Street, Mulwala.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/22

Application for a Storage Shed on low density residential land being Lot 55; DP 1202116; 19 Grevillea Terrace, Mulwala.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/23

Application for a Demolition on general residential land being Lot 19; DP 978429; 17 Henry Street, Corowa.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/25

Application for a Demolition on low density residential land being Lot 1; DP 7816; 24 Birdwood Street, Corowa.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/26

Application for a Shed Extension on general residential land being Lot 404; DP1001595; 170-184 Melbourne Street, Mulwala.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/29

Application for a Transportable Dwelling on environmental management land being Lot 5; DP 582651; 3327 Spring Drive, Mulwala.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/33

Application for a Dwelling on general residential land being Lot 21; DP 193072; 31 Steel Street, Corowa.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/39

Application for a Demolition on primary production land being Lot 2; DP 758877; Bull Plain Road, Rennie.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/4

Application for a Subdivision on general industrial land being Lot 19; DP 1092714; 42-44 McCarthy Street, Mulwala.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REGISTERED NO. 2017/43

Application for a Swimming Pool on general residential land being Lot 25; DP 1069818; 131 Read Street, Howlong.

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.

69/17FC **RESOLVED 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 PROGRESS REPORT ON 2016/17 INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS PROGRAM AS AT END OF MARCH 2017**Summary**

The following activities were undertaken within the month of March 2017 by the Infrastructure team. A summary of the activities is provided below for information.

ROAD MAINTENANCE**(a) Road Maintenance Grading, Gravel Patching and re-sheeting.****Maintenance grading**

- Burnewang Road
- Sandy Ridges Road
- Glenlea Road
- Emu Park
- Wells Lane
- Lowesdale Town Streets
- Jamison's Road
- Colindina Road
- Boiling down Road
- Skehans Lane
- Corona Road
- Balldale pit Road
- Whittakers Lane
- Lillydale Road

Gravel re-sheeting

- Davis Road
- Lucelle Road
- Wongalea Road
- Summerglenn Road
- Cemetery Road
- Bullecourt Road

(b) Shoulder grading and re-sheeting

- Spring Drive
- Drain Lane

(c) Sealed Road Patching Work

- Carried out preparation works for reseals.

(d) Works Requests

- Closed out 37 works requests.

(e) Incidents

- A traffic accident occurred on the 26 March on the Riverina Highway. Council provided traffic control and costs related to this incident are intended to be claimed from the Roads and Maritime Services through the existing MoU agreement.

(f) Footpath Works

- 118m² of footpath maintenance works completed in Urana.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Works started or completed since last report:

- Hume Street water main – Project completed;
- Honour Avenue service road – Sealing works are completed. The offset to one of the driveways is being fixed shortly;
- Gray Street – Construction works have commenced. The scope of work includes 150 lineal meters of storm water drainage, 315 lineal meters of kerb and channel and 1750 tonnes of road base in order to complete the planned scope of works;

- Bull Plain Road - Construction works completed;
- Greenvale Road - Geotechnical investigation completed. Construction works have commenced with an expected completion in April (weather dependent). The expected total cost of the project is \$240,000, against a budgeted amount of \$90,000. The additional costs of the project is due to poor pavement conditions at the existing subgrade. This is being funded by reallocation of other funds, and will not adversely influence other projects. This will be documented in the next quarterly budget review;
- Urana Skate Park - Geotechnical investigation complete. This investigation indicated highly reactive clays and building rubble is present under the ground, with the result being the site is classified as P (Problematic). A re-design and new costing has been developed with the budget being extended to allow for concrete construction. Budget variations will be reported in the next quarterly budget review;
- Stephens Street footpath – This project is completed;
- Widgiewa Street drainage/seal Morundah - Site investigations have commenced with surveys. Preliminary surveys are complete and further detailed surveys required, works ongoing and expected to finish by the end of May 2017;
- Corowa Road Reconstruction - Geotechnical works have commenced, and outcome of the investigation is expected by the end of March 2017. This project is expected to be finished by the end of the Financial Year 2016/17 assuming 3 crews working to achieve these three projects on time;
- North sector sealed road network – Annual inspections of the Urana sealed road network is complete. Shoulder repair works program being developed including 5 Year reseal program. The program is expected to be finished by the end of May 2017. This program is largely expected to be used for the preparation of priorities for financial year 2018/19;
- Guard Rail upgrade - Inspections are underway throughout the northern sector highlighting approximately 14 location for upgrade. Schedule and costing are being developed are likely to be finalised by the end of April 2017;
- Urana, Corowa, Mulwala and Howlong Urban Drainage – Investigations are underway in order to develop a 10 year works program for consideration as a part of the draft budget for 2017/18;
- TV coverage at the Caravan Park Urana – Investigations are underway to provide better TV coverage for the Caravan Park. Recommendations and approximate costs are likely to be presented to Council by the end of May 2017;
- Reseals on Spring Drive – Works completed under Road Maintenance Council Contract (RMCC) and costs related to this work are planned to be recovered through the existing contractual arrangements between Federation Council and Roads and Maritime Services;
- Reseals on local roads are well underway and are expected to be finished by the end of May 2017;
- The Heavy patching program is running to schedule and is expected to finish by the end of April 2017;
- Level 3 bridge inspections are about to commence and are likely to be finalised by the end of the Financial Year 2016/17;
- Daysdale-Walbundrie Road Floodway - Construction is well underway and is expected to be completed by the end of April 2017;
- MR370 Howlong-Kywong Road – The tender for construction has been issued on Tender Link and responses are awaited;
- Melbourne Street, Mulwala - RMS have withdrawn the funding for this project. We are still progressing with the planning and design however construction will be delayed indefinitely. The Council allocated funds are being reallocated elsewhere to fund other expenditures;
- Back Berrigan Road – The tender for construction has been issued and this project is expected to be finalised by the end of 2016/17;

- Stage 1 of Inglis Street/Pool Avenue carpark has commenced. Stage 2 is to commence after Easter;
- The 4.5km section of reconstruction works on Federation Way north of Urana, is 75% completed; and
- The Blackspot funded shoulder widening project on Federation Way north of Urana is completed.

STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

- The Roads and Drainage department staff attended a two day bus trip to inspect the projects in next year's works program. The scopes were determined, and the projects are being prioritised providing sufficient information to commence survey, geo tech and design works to then allow more accurate costing estimates.
- The development of maintenance programs for the southern region has commenced. By undertaking proactive maintenance, Council ensures every asset is serviced at the required interval, and by doing so, aims to reduce the number of reactive works requests.
- The Infrastructure Design Manual is being updated.

RECOMMENDED that Council note the report on the Infrastructure/Engineering Operations – Works Update Report for the April 2017 Ordinary Council meeting.

70/17FC **RESOLVED that** Council note the report on the Infrastructure/Engineering Operations – Works Update Report for the April 2017 Ordinary Council meeting.

8.4 URANA OAKLANDS RAND BOREE CREEK AND MORUNDAH FLOOD STUDY PROJECT

Summary

This report provides an update on the Floodplain Management Program at Urana, Boree Creek, Morundah, Rand and Oaklands, and allows for the consideration for the continuation of the program through an application to The Floodplain Management Program for the 2017-2018 funding round.

Background

The NSW Government's Floodplain Management Program has been providing financial assistance to government bodies responsible for floodplain risk management for many years. This Program is aimed at data collection, floodwater modelling, development of planning controls and the construction of infrastructure to reduce the risk associated with flooding within an area.

This Program offers financial assistance across 4 key stages including:

- Stage 1 – Flood Study
- Stage 2 – Preparation of A Risk Management Plan
- Stage 3 – Feasibility /design of works identified in the Risk Management Plan
- Stage 4 – Implementation of Actions identified at other stages.

In 2013 the Urana Shire Council applied for the Flood study, as a result of the floods of 2010 and 2012. In November 2013 a grant was awarded from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) for the 5 towns Urana, Boree Creek, Morundah, Rand and Oaklands to part fund Stage 1 of this Floodplain Program. The project was valued at \$200,000 with a 6:1 ratio \$ split from OEH to Council. OEH was to contribute \$171,700 and Council \$28,300.

A contract of around \$130,000 was awarded to the Jacobs Group Australia Pty Ltd in October 2014 to undertake the specialist study. The contract was to be completed by the end of 2015 but is currently at stage 3 of the proposed 6 stages with approx. 65% of the funds paid out.

The contract has not met its milestones to date, as there have been significant staffing changes at both Jacobs and Council and a number of unresolved modelling issues. The contract had stalled and the grant lapsed.

On the 22 Feb 2017 Federation Council appointed Ms Penny Craig as Project officer, to review the issues and finalise the contract. Ms Craig takes over from the previous Project Manager Mr Trevor Stephens, who tragically passed away in mid-2016, and Ms Craig is the former Director Engineering at Urana Shire, and was with Council when this project commenced.

Ms Craig is working closely with Mr Ian Burns - OEH's Albury Senior Natural Resource Management Officer (Floodplain Management) to resolve the study's issues, ensure compliance with the grant conditions and to finalize the contract.

Since reactivation of the project the following activities have been undertaken:

- Reapplication for an extension to the Grant to February 2018 (now approved);
- Meeting with the Community Committee (minutes attached);
- Forwarding of correspondence to the contractor providing a process for issue resolution; and
- Establishment of new milestones and targets ensuring project completion by February 2018.

This Floodplain Management Study was stage 1 of the Program and application must be made for each additional stage when the previous stage is near to or completed. As this contract is now back on target, consideration should be given to progression of the Floodplain Management Program and the sourcing of external funding.

The Floodplain Management Program for the 2017-2018 funding round has opened and an invitation has been extended to Council to apply for stage 2 – preparation or review floodplain risk management study and plan. Council applied for this funding in 2016 however, due to the stalling of the stage 1 contract it was not processed.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council continue the Floodplain management Program for the townships of Urana, Boree Creek, Morundah, Rand and Oaklands by applying for financial assistance through the NSW Government's Floodplain Management Program for the 2017-18 funding round.

Financial Implications

This Program is usually funded through a \$2 Grant to \$1 Council. Applicants may apply for special consideration based on capacity and the significance of the flooding. If successful with the application for stage 2 funding, Council will be required to allocate funds of the order of \$35,000 - \$85,000 across the next 3 financial years (dependant on funding ratio).

RECOMMENDED:

1. THAT Council note the report on the progress of the Urana, Boree Creek, Morundah, Rand and Oaklands flood study; and
2. THAT Council continue the Floodplain management Program for the townships of Urana, Boree Creek, Morundah, Rand and Oaklands by applying for financial assistance through the NSW Government's Floodplain Management Program for the 2017-18 funding round.

71/17FC **RESOLVED:**

1. THAT Council note the report on the progress of the Urana, Boree Creek, Morundah, Rand and Oaklands flood study; and
2. THAT Council continue the Floodplain management Program for the townships of Urana, Boree Creek, Morundah, Rand and Oaklands by applying for financial assistance through the NSW Government's Floodplain Management Program for the 2017-18 funding round.

8.5 SWIMMING POOL INSPECTION PROGRAM

Summary

This report provides for Council's consideration a Swimming Pool Inspection Program Policy. The aim is to ensure that Federation Council has an up to date policy which reflects the current requirements for the compliance of swimming pools.

Background

The Swimming Pools Act 1992, Section 22B requires the development and adoption by Federation Council of a program for the inspection of swimming and spa pools in its area to ensure compliance with the requirements of Part 2 – access to swimming pools – of the Swimming Pools Act 1992.

It was resolved to place the Swimming Pool Inspection Program policy on public exhibition at the February 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Draft Swimming Pool Inspection Program Policy was on public exhibition from 1 March 2017 through to 21 March 2017. There were no submission received in relation to this policy.

Financial Implications

The Policy does not propose any significant changes to the previous policies adopted by the former Corowa Shire and Urana Shire Council's.

RECOMMENDED that Council adopt the Swimming Pool Inspection Program Policy.

72/17FC **RESOLVED that** Council adopt the Swimming Pool Inspection Program Policy.

8.6 CONTAMINATED LAND MANAGEMENT POLICY

Summary

COROWA OFFICE

This report provides for Council's consideration a Contaminated Land Management Policy. The aim is to ensure that Federation Council has an up to date policy which reflects the current requirements for the management of contaminated land

Background

It was resolved to place the Contaminated lands management policy on public exhibition at the January 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting.

The draft contaminated land management policy was place on public exhibition from 8 February 2017 through to 8 March 2017. No submissions were received in relation to this policy.

Financial Implications

Nil.

RECOMMENDED that Council adopt the Contaminated Land Management Policy.

73/17FC **RESOLVED that** Council adopt the Contaminated Land Management Policy.

A BUTLER
DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

9. NOTICE OF MOTION / QUESTION WITH NOTICE

No Items

10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

10.1 COROWA HEALTH, SOCIAL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE COROWA HEALTH, SOCIAL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CENTRE, COROWA ON MONDAY, 10 APRIL 2017 COMMENCING AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT

Mr. Peter Wortmann	Chairperson – NSW Ambulance
Mr. Paul Miegel	Federation Council Representative Committee
Mrs. Barbara Robinson	Challenge Foundation
Mr. Geoff Bartlett	LHAC
Dr. Heinz Deiter	Corowa Medical Centre
Kristen M	Corowa Medical Centre
Mrs. Margaret McDonald	Australian Unity
Ms Kay Fredericks	Community Representative
Mrs. Beth Tidd	Community Representative

APOLOGIES

RECOMMENDED that apologies be accepted from K. Cofield.

B. ROBINSON & M. McDONALD

MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2017 be accepted.

K. FREDERICKS & G. BARTLETT

BUSINESS ARISING

Memory Bus: - 32 people attended the information day at the Oddfellows Hall. There was positive feedback from those that attended regarding the information and contacts provided.

PRESENTATIONS BY LOCAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS:

Federation Council

The amalgamation process is progressing well.

Considerable capital works being undertaken in Corowa with upgrades to footpaths, roads, and water mains.

Time period for community feedback regarding upgrade proposals to Bangerang and RSL Parks has closed.

Australian Unity

Now operating under new systems, which have presented some teething problems.

Clients are now being informed by letter if they have received care packages and are required to inform the organisation if they accept the options available to them.

Marg McDonald announced that she will be on leave from 3 July and will retire on the 1 September 2017.

Her position will be advertised some time during mid-April.

Local Health Advisory Committee

Meeting held on 13th March with Setchin Brimson from MLHD to develop the committee's priorities for the Corowa community. Areas identified included access to services, Drug & Alcohol addiction, Mental Health and suicide prevention, NDIS and a list of vulnerable people within the community.

Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network (MPHN) provided a foot Health seminar on 29 March in Corowa with positive feedback received. They are also conducting a Drug & Alcohol training seminar to service providers and the community at the Corowa Civic Centre on 3 May.

Corowa Medical Centre

Have welcomed 2 new registrar GP's (Dr. Hoo & Dr. Chau) at the beginning of the year who are both working full time. Dr. Rachel Day has resigned from the practise due to family reasons.

Dr. Sally Smith will commence maternity leave in June and Dr. Wen Guha will return from her anaesthetics training in August.

Currently have 11 GP's providing 7 full time equivalents (FTE's) whilst community demand could easily accommodate 9 FTE's across the Corowa and Rutherglen surgeries.

The practise now has a 24-hour emergency number that will provide direct access to a GP.

Challenge Foundation

Have been busy with a 6-day visit from 27 disabled orphans (40-50 yo) last weekend.

The Amaranth Foundation are proposing to lease another 8 rooms which is currently before the Challenge Foundation board.

NSW Ambulance

Peter attended the LHAC forum in Narrandera from 7-8 April, which provided a range of interesting speakers. MPHN is providing \$1000 to each LHAC for cancer awareness. There appears to be a push towards the concept of tele-health however there is a shortfall in the funding for rural areas. Mental Health was identified as one area where tele-health is not as effective although there have been positive experiences via the Corowa Hospital.

General Business

Following a presentation at the LHAC forum regarding Council assistance to the establishment of rural and remote medical practises, there was general discussion regarding the proposed medical practise in Oaklands.

Meeting Closed: 8 pm.

Next Meeting: 8 May 2017.

74/17FC **RESOLVED that** the minutes of the Corowa Health, Social & Community Committee meeting held on 10 April 2017 be received.

11. PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION/FOR INFORMATION

No Items

12. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No items

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 10.41 am.

CONFIRMED: 16 May 2017

ADMINISTRATOR:

