

from the July Council meeting

Highlights from meeting held on 17 July at Holbrook:

In response to a notice of motion presented by Cr Denise Knight, Council resolved to work with Albury City Council to reconvene a joint working committee to prepare a feasibility study and plans for a bicycle walking path between Jindera and Lavington.

Council adopted the draft Greater Hume Waste Strategy 2019 – 2023 including 13 recommendations. Key recommendations include that current operating hours be maintained together with current fees and charges unchanged. Council will develop reuse swap areas at waste facilities with items being left and collected on a free to take basis, and will continue to provide support for community driven hard waste collections.

Council accepted the tender from Total Garden Solutions for \$43,956 (excl GST) to undertake contract mowing of cemeteries, pools and council owned properties for the next three years.

The Mayor, Cr Heather Wilton, Deputy Mayor, Cr Doug Meyer OAM will attend the annual Local Government Conference to be held this year at Warwick Farm in October and be accompanied by Director Corporate and Community Services, David Smith and Cr Lea Parker as observers.

Council received a comprehensive report on the review of ward boundaries across the Greater Hume area, triggered by a population variance of more than 10% between the highest population ward and the lowest population ward. Under the Local Government Act 1993 Council must keep ward boundaries under review, and alter ward boundaries so that in each ward containing a number of electors does not differ by more than 10 per cent from the number of electors in each other ward. Greater Hume currently has three wards, North, South and East.

Council resolved to adopt Option 2 as the preferred ward boundary option for public consultation during August/early September. Council will receive a further report at the September meeting. Council also decided to undertake a constitutional referendum to consider if the Council area should continue to be divided into wards. The referendum will take place at the next elections in 2020.

In June the NSW Government announced a grant funding pool of \$794,431 as Greater Hume's allocation under Stronger Country Communities Round 3. The guideline highlights that 50% of funding needs to youth focused projects or programs, and projects must seek \$50,000 grant funding or more. Applications can be made online until 27 September 2019. Council will now consider which projects it may wish to put forward along with applications received from community organisations. Community members wishing to make enquiries of the grant funding should contact Council's Tourism & Promotions Officer, Kerrie Wise.

Council appointed Cardno NSW to undertake the Culcairn, Henty and Holbrook Flood Mitigation - Investigation and Design Works Project at a value of \$245,098.80 (excl GST). It is expected that the project will take up to 12 months to complete. Following completion, Council will then be eligible to pursue financial assistance through Office Environment & Heritage Floodplain Management Program to implement improvements to drainage infrastructure to help reduce flooding in the three towns.

The next Council meeting will be held on 21 August at Culcairn.

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