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I am writing to you to object to the modification to extend hours of operation and crush recycled concrete at Cromer Quarry. Increased hours of noise and the crushing of recycled concrete will result in contamination to the adjacent land linked to Rockley Falls as a revegetation site. We currently cannot access our land due to safety concerns from silica dust and now potentially another pollutant.

The lack of dust mitigation measures from this Quarry is a proven fact, thus not adhering to current conditions of consent of operation.

I await your reply of this matter.

Regards Paul Emerson 11005 Hume Highway Holbrook ..mobile 0447652860

David Emerson 11007 Hume Highway Holbrook



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# COUNCILLOR SUPERANNUATION

**Discussion paper**

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## Minister's foreword

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Since becoming the Minister for Local Government, I have actively engaged with local councils across New South Wales. I am constantly impressed by the passion held by our mayors and councillors, and frequently find myself commenting on the incredible work ethic of many who continually deliver for their communities.

I am proud to be a part of a Government that is committed to supporting councils to deliver for their local communities. Since 2011 this Government has provided more than \$9 billion to local councils to deliver and improve local infrastructure, services and facilities for their communities. About half of this funding has gone to regional and rural communities which are struggling through one of the worst droughts on record and are recovering and rebuilding after the recent natural disasters. This funding boost has helped local councils provide the very things that make our communities tick – from local infrastructure to essential services and programs that unite local residents.

Under Commonwealth legislation, councils are not required to make superannuation contributions in relation to the fees they pay to mayors and councillors because they are not employees of councils. Recently I was pleased to host a workshop where the obstacles that deter women from nominating to be a councillor or mayor were identified, and the lack of superannuation payments was one of the barriers raised. It can also be said that this goes some way in deterring people under 35 from representing their community on their local council.

As you know, mayors and councillors currently receive a level of remuneration that is independently set by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal based on the application of a range of criteria. It is currently possible for councils to make superannuation contributions on behalf of mayors and councillors on a pre-tax basis out of the fees they receive from the council as determined by the Tribunal.

However, the Government recognises that not everyone agrees with the current arrangements and acknowledges the calls for councils to be required to make superannuation contributions on behalf of mayors and councillors in addition to the payment of their fees. The purpose of this discussion paper is to encourage further discussion about this issue and assist the Government in better understanding the views of the local government sector and the broader community.

The discussion paper:

- provides information on the current system for setting councillor remuneration and the legislation governing superannuation contributions for elected officials
- sets out the arguments for and against the payment of superannuation contributions for mayors and councillors, and
- provides different options and legislative models.

I welcome your input into this conversation and look forward to hearing your views.

**The Hon Shelley Hancock MP**  
**Minister for Local Government**

# 1. Should mayors and councillors in NSW receive superannuation payments in addition to their fees?

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Reasons that mayors and councillors should receive superannuation payments in addition to their fees can be summarised as follows:

- it will ensure that mayors and councillors are adequately remunerated for the performance of their duties
- it will address a historic anomaly that has seen mayors and councillors denied the benefit of superannuation guarantee payments enjoyed by the broader workforce, and
- it is hoped it will encourage more women to stand as candidates for election to councils.

Each of these arguments are examined below.

## Are NSW mayors and councillors adequately remunerated?

In NSW, the remuneration received by mayors and councillors is independently set by an expert tribunal, the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

Under section 239 of the NSW *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), the Tribunal is required to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices and to place each council and mayoral office into one of those categories. The categories are to be determined at least once every 3 years.

To ensure that mayors and councillors receive remuneration that is commensurate with, and reflects their workload and responsibilities, the Tribunal is required to consider a range of criteria under section 240 of the Act in determining remuneration categories. These include:

- the size, physical terrain, population and the distribution of the population of each local government area
- the nature and volume of business dealt with by each council
- the nature and extent of the development of each local government area
- the diversity of the communities each council serves
- the regional, national and international significance of the council, and
- any other matters the Tribunal considers relevant to the provision of efficient and effective local government.

The Tribunal last undertook a significant review of the categories and the allocation of councils into each of the categories in 2017. The Tribunal has indicated that it will next consider the model, the criteria applicable to each group and the allocation of councils in detail in 2020.

Under section 241 of the Act, the Tribunal is required to determine, no later than 1 May in each year, for each of the categories determined under section 239, the maximum and minimum amount of fees to be paid to mayors and councillors of councils, as well as chairpersons and members of county councils.

As noted above, in determining the maximum and minimum fees payable in each of the categories, the Tribunal is required under section 242A(1) of the Act, to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as the Industrial Relations Commission.

The current policy on wages is that public sector wages cannot increase by more than 2.5 per cent, and this includes the maximum and minimum fees payable to councillors and mayors and chairpersons and members of county councils.

However, the Tribunal is able to determine that a council can be placed into another existing or a new category with a higher range of fees without breaching the Government's wage policy pursuant to section 242A(3) of the Act. This means that where, for whatever reason, the workload or responsibilities of the mayor and councillors increase, they may receive an increase in remuneration that reflects their increased workload even if that increase exceeds the 2.5% public sector wages cap.

The current remuneration levels for mayors and councillors in each category are set out below:

**Table 1: Minimum and maximum fees for NSW mayors and councillors**

Category		Councils in Category	Councillor/Member Annual Fee		Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee*	
			Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
General Purpose Councils – <b>Metropolitan</b>	Principal CBD	1	27,640	40,530	169,100	222,510
	Major CBD	1	18,430	34,140	39,160	110,310
	Metropolitan Large	8	18,430	30,410	39,160	88,600
	Metropolitan Medium	9	13,820	25,790	29,360	68,530
	Metropolitan Small	11	9,190	20,280	19,580	44,230
General Purpose Councils – <b>Non - metropolitan</b>	Regional City	2	18,430	32,040	39,160	99,800
	Regional Strategic Area	2	18,430	30,410	39,160	88,600
	Regional Rural	37	9,190	20,280	19,580	44,250
	Rural	57	9,190	12,160	9,780	26,530
<b>County Councils</b>	Water	4	1,820	10,140	3,920	16,660
	Other	6	1,820	6,060	3,920	11,060

- Mayors and county council chairpersons receive their fee **in addition to** the fee they receive as a councillor/member.

A comparison of average remuneration received by mayors and councillors in NSW with the remuneration received by their counterparts in other jurisdictions indicates that NSW councillors receive similar or higher levels of remuneration than their counterparts in other jurisdictions other than Queensland.

**Table 2: Interjurisdictional comparison of councillor remuneration (as paid at March 2020)**

Jurisdiction	Average	Lowest Fee	% NSW fee	Highest fee	% NSW fee
NSW	24,860	9,190		40,530	
QLD	141,066	53,049	577%	160,938	397%
VIC	27,999	8,833	96%	47,165	116%
TAS	23,372	9,546	104%	37,198	92%
WA	17,634	3,589	39%	31,678	78%
NT <sup>1</sup>	13,283	4,428	48%	22,137	55%
SA	16,215	6,500	71%	25,930	64%

**Table 3: Interjurisdictional comparison of mayors' remuneration (as paid at March 2020)**

Jurisdiction	Average	Lowest Fee	% NSW fee	Highest fee	% NSW fee
NSW	141,005	18,970		263,040	
QLD	185,824	106,100	1,030%	265,549	101%
VIC	131,877	62,884	331%	200,870	76%
TAS	58,430	23,863	125%	92,997	35%
WA	94,443	4,102	22%	184,784	70%
NT	73,856	24,619	130%	123,093	47%
SA	101,500	26,000	137%	177,000	67%

<sup>1</sup> NT's councillor and mayoral fees are based on the Councillor Member Allowances for July 2018-2019

## Have NSW mayors and councillors been denied a financial benefit received by other members of the workforce through the payment of the superannuation guarantee?

The superannuation guarantee was introduced in 1992-93, with compulsory contributions rising at regular intervals from 3 per cent of wages in that year to 9 per cent in 2002-03 and 9.5 per cent in 2013-14. The superannuation guarantee is scheduled to rise incrementally from 9.5 per cent of wages today to 12 per cent by July 2025.

While superannuation guarantee payments are made in addition to an employee's wages, as the Grattan Institute has demonstrated<sup>2</sup>, higher compulsory superannuation contributions are ultimately funded by lower wages. When the superannuation guarantee increases, this is wholly or mostly borne by workers who receive smaller pay rises and lower take-home pay. For example, when the superannuation guarantee increased by from 9 per cent to 9.25 per cent in 2013, the Fair Work Commission stated in its minimum wage decision that the proposed minimum wage increase was *"lower than it otherwise would have been in the absence of the Super Guarantee increase"*.

Given the evidence that superannuation guarantee payments are in effect paid for by workers through lower wages, it would be over simplifying the situation to assume that workers are receiving a 9.5% supplementary payment that is being denied to NSW mayors and councillors.

The last increase in the superannuation guarantee came into effect in 2013/14 when the contribution rate increased from 9.25% to 9.5%. A comparison of increases in average weekly earnings with increases in NSW mayors' and councillors' remuneration as determined by the Tribunal since then indicates that NSW mayors and councillors have, on average, enjoyed slightly higher increases in remuneration than the rest of the community.

**Table 4: Comparison of increases in average weekly earnings with increases in mayors' and councillors' remuneration**

Financial year	Average weekly ordinary time earnings Aust - annual average increase June to June each year	Councillor remuneration increase 1 July
1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015	2.3%	2.5%
1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016	2.0%	2.5%
1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017	2.2%	2.5%
1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018	1.8%	2.5%
1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019	2.7%	2.5%
1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020	3.1%	2.5%

<sup>2</sup> See John Daley and Brendan Coates (2018) [Money in retirement: More than enough](#). Grattan Institute. November 2018



Were councils to be required to make an additional payment on behalf of mayors and councillors equivalent to the superannuation guarantee amount (currently 9.5% of their fees) this would, in effect confer on mayors and councillors a 9.5% increase in their remuneration outside of the normal process for setting mayors' and councillors' remuneration by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

This will not be a one-off increase. With the superannuation guarantee set to increase to 12% in the years up to 2025, this would see further increases to mayors' and councillors' remuneration over and above any increases approved by the Tribunal.

While the receipt of a 9.5% increase in their remuneration through the payment of the superannuation guarantee is likely to be widely supported by mayors and councillors, it is important that the community is consulted and support shown by them before changes are made.

At present it is not clear whether ratepayers would support seeing the revenue they contribute to their local councils being diverted from providing services and infrastructure to fund a 9.5% increase in remuneration for their elected representatives.

### **Will payment of the superannuation guarantee encourage more women to stand as candidates at council elections?**

Payment of the superannuation guarantee for mayors and councillors has been promoted as an equity measure to address disparities in men's and women's superannuation balances.

Research has demonstrated that the principal impediments to more women standing as candidates at local government elections are:

- lack of awareness of local government and the role of councils and councillors
- feeling unqualified
- balancing carer and work commitments
- the investment of time required to be an effective councillor, and
- perceptions of the culture of councils and councillor conduct.<sup>3</sup>

The payment of the superannuation guarantee would benefit male and female councillors alike. In the short term, male mayors and councillors will be the principal beneficiaries of any increase in remuneration through the receipt of an additional superannuation payment given that they currently comprise 69% of councillors in NSW<sup>4</sup>.

Major stakeholders promoting an increase in the number of females represented on councils including Local Government NSW, Women for Election Australia, Australian Local Government Women's Association and the Country Women's Association of NSW recently noted that *"a key barrier for women standing for election to local government can be the lack of access to superannuation, with women unwilling to take on more work with insufficient remuneration"*. The stakeholders also noted *"women tend to have far lower superannuation balances than men, often due to time out of the workforce caring for family members"*.

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<sup>3</sup> See Manion, Jo and Sumich, Mark (2013), [Influencing Change – Views of elected representatives on leadership, decision making and challenges for Local Government in NSW](#)

<sup>4</sup> See Office of Local Government (2019), [NSW Candidate and Councillor Diversity Report 2017](#)

## Will payment of the superannuation guarantee encourage younger people to stand as candidates at council elections?

Two separate studies undertaken by the University of Melbourne in 2014<sup>5</sup> and 2015<sup>6</sup> found that younger people tend not to be engaged by and are uninterested in superannuation or retirement planning. HECS repayments and saving to purchase a first home tend to be higher financial priorities for younger people than saving for retirement.

The average tenure of councillors is between one to two terms. More than three quarters (77%) of councillors elected at the 2012, 2016 and 2017 elections had served two terms or less. Assuming that councillors were to receive the superannuation guarantee of 9.5% with respect to their fees over one or two terms, as demonstrated by table 5, the value of the capital contributions made to their superannuation funds would, at retirement, represent a small proportion of their accumulated lifetime superannuation capital.

**Table 5: Comparison of superannuation contribution amounts that would be made on the maximum annual fee in each category of council at a rate of 9.5% over 1 term (4 years) and 2 terms (8 years).**

Category		Number of Councils in Category	Councillor/Member Maximum Annual Fee	4 years at 9.5%	8 years at 9.5%
General Purpose Councils – <b>Metropolitan</b>	Principal CBD	1	40,530	15,401	30,802
	Major CBD	1	34,140	12,973	25,946
	Metropolitan Large	8	30,410	11,556	23,112
	Metropolitan Medium	9	25,790	9,800	19,600
	Metropolitan Small	11	20,280	7,706	15,412
General Purpose Councils – <b>Non-metropolitan</b>	Regional City	2	32,040	12,175	24,350
	Regional Strategic Area	2	30,410	11,556	23,112
	Regional Rural	37	20,280	7,706	15,412
	Rural	57	12,160	4,621	9,242
<b>County Councils</b>	Water	4	10,140	3,853	7,706

<sup>5</sup> See Ali, Paul and Anderson, Malcolm and Clark, Martin and Ramsey, Ian and Shekhar, Chander (2014), [Superannuation Knowledge, Behaviour and Attitudes in Young Adults in Australia](#). CIFR Paper No. RP002/2014

<sup>6</sup> See Ali, Paul and Anderson, Malcolm and Clark, Martin and Ramsey, Ian and Shekhar, Chander (2015), [No Thought for Tomorrow: Young Australian Adults' Knowledge, Behaviour and Attitudes About Superannuation](#). Law and Financial Markets Review Vol. 9, No. 2, pages 90-105

	Other	6	6,060	2,303	4,606
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### How much will it cost and who will pay?

The cost of paying the superannuation guarantee for mayors and councillors will need to be met by each council out of its existing budget.

This cost will vary from council to council depending on what fees the mayor and councillors receive and how many councillors there are on the council. The table below sets out the average annual cost to councils in each remuneration category of paying the 9.5% superannuation guarantee for the mayor and each councillor based on the maximum annual fee payable in each category.

The total estimated annual cost of paying the 9.5% superannuation guarantee for mayors and councillors for the local government sector as whole is close to \$3 million (\$2,758,739).

**Table 6: Average annual cost to councils of making a 9.5% superannuation contribution for mayors and councillors**

Category		Councils in Category	Average annual cost of paying 9.5% superannuation contribution for mayors and councillors
General Purpose Councils – <b>Metropolitan</b>	Principal CBD	1	55,792
	Major CBD	1	55,886
	Metropolitan Large	8	45,973
	Metropolitan Medium	9	35,911
	Metropolitan Small	11	21,541
General Purpose Councils – <b>Non-metropolitan</b>	Regional City	2	46,007
	Regional Strategic Area	2	45,973
	Regional Rural	37	21,543
	Rural	57	11,762
<b>County Councils</b>	Water	4	9,289
	Other	6	5,081

## 2. Why are councils not required to make superannuation guarantee payments to mayors and councillors?

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The Commonwealth *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1993* (SG Act) imposes an obligation on an employer to pay the superannuation guarantee of 9.5% of an employee's earnings to a complying superannuation fund nominated by the employee.

The obligations under the SG Act do not extend to councils with respect to the fees they pay to mayors and councillors because they are not employees of the council for the purposes of that Act. Mayors and councillors are elected to a civic office in the council and the council is not their employer.

Section 12(9A) of the SG Act expressly excludes mayors and councillors across Australia from the definition of "employee" meaning that councils are not obliged to make superannuation guarantee payments to mayors and councillors under that Act. Section 12(9A) of the SG Act provides that, "*a person who holds office as a member of a local government council is not an employee of the council*".

Section 251 of the NSW Local Government Act also makes it clear that the payment of a fee to a mayor or councillor does not constitute the payment of a salary and mayors and councillors are not to be taken to be employees of councils because of the payment of the fee.

## 3. Can NSW councils make superannuation contributions on behalf of mayors and councillors as a component of their fees?

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There is nothing currently preventing councils from making superannuation contributions on a voluntary basis on behalf of the mayor and councillors.

The Australian Tax Office has made a definitive ruling, (ATO ID 2007/205) that allows for mayors and councillors to redirect their annual fees into superannuation on a pre-tax basis.

In practical terms, there is nothing currently preventing mayors and councillors, who wish to make concessional contributions to their superannuation funds, from entering into an arrangement with their council under which they agree to forego part of their remuneration in exchange for the council making contributions to a complying superannuation fund on their behalf on a pre-tax basis.

Councils are also able to determine for themselves, by council resolution and/or within an appropriate council policy, if and how councillors may do this.

## 4. Can NSW councils make superannuation contributions on behalf of mayors and councillors *in addition to the payment of their fee?*

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It is open to councils under sections 446-5(1)(a) and 12-45(1)(e) of Schedule 1 of the Commonwealth *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (TAA) to resolve that mayors and councillors are subject to Pay As You Go withholding. The resolution must be unanimous to be effective.

A resolution under sections 446-5(1)(a) and 12-45(1)(e) of Schedule 1 of the TAA operates to take the mayor and councillors out of section 12(9A) of the SG Act, which recognises that they are not employees of the council, and brings them within section 12(10) of the SG Act which states that:

*A person covered by paragraph 12-45(1)(e) in Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953 (about members of local governing bodies subject to PAYG withholding) is an employee of the body mentioned in that paragraph.*

Section 12(1) effectively deems the mayor and councillors to be employees and the council to be their employer for the purposes of the SG Act. This will mean the council will be obliged to make superannuation guarantee contributions (currently 9.5% of the mayor's and councillors' fees) to complying superannuation funds in respect of fees paid to the mayor and councillors. These contributions would be paid in addition to the fees received by the mayor and councillors.

It should be noted however that a resolution under sections 446-5(1)(a) and 12-45(1)(e) of Schedule 1 of the TAA will also result in mayors and councillors being treated as employees for a wide range of other taxation purposes. Among other things:

- the council will have to withhold amounts from the payment of fees to the mayor and councillors in accordance with section 12-45(1)(e) of Schedule 1 of the TAA
- the council will be subject to fringe benefits tax under the Commonwealth *Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986* on the taxable value of expenses paid to and facilities provided to the mayor and councillors under the council's councillor expenses and facilities policy adopted under section 252 of the LGA, and
- the council will be obliged under Commonwealth *Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act 1988* to withhold payments from fees paid to the mayor and councillors for the purposes of making child support/maintenance/carer payments.

It is unclear however whether a resolution under sections 446-5(1)(a) and 12-45(1)(e) of Schedule 1 of the TAA is permissible under sections 248(2) and 249(3) of the Act where it would have the consequence of requiring a council to make a superannuation guarantee contribution in respect of the fees paid to councillors and the mayor that, taken together with their fees, exceeds the maximum amount determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal.

It is also unclear what impact section 242A of the Act would have in relation to a council's resolution under sections 446-5(1)(a) and 12-45(1)(e) of Schedule 1 of the TAA. Section 242A of the Act places an obligation on the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal when determining the remuneration of mayors and councillors, to apply the same policies on increases in remuneration as those that the Industrial Relations Commission is required to apply under section 146C of the NSW *Industrial Relations Act 1996* when making or varying awards or orders relating to the conditions of employment of public sector employees.

It is possible that where a council is obliged to make superannuation guarantee contributions on behalf of the mayor and councillors in addition to their fee, the Tribunal may, in turn, be obliged under section 242A to make a determination reducing the mayor's and councillors' fees to ensure that the fee and superannuation contribution do not result in an increase that exceeds the 2.5% public sector wages cap.

## 5. What is the position in Queensland?

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Section 226 of the Queensland *Local Government Act 2009* gives councils the option to pay an amount into a complying superannuation fund on behalf of the mayor and councillors up to an amount payable with respect to employees of the council. The amount paid is in addition to the amount the mayor and councillor receive as a fee. Alternatively, councils may contribute a portion of the mayor's or councillors' fees to complying superannuation fund as is the case in NSW.

## 6. Options

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### **Option 1: Maintaining the status quo**

Under this option, councils will continue not to be obliged to make superannuation guarantee payments on behalf of the mayor and councillors. Mayors and councillors who wish to make concessional contributions to their superannuation funds can continue to enter into an arrangement with the council under which they agree to forego part of their fee in exchange for the council making contributions to a complying superannuation fund on their behalf on a pre-tax basis.

### **Option 2: Amending the NSW *Local Government Act 1993* to require councils to pay a portion of the mayor's and councillors' fees equivalent to the superannuation guarantee amount into a complying superannuation fund nominated by the mayor and councillors.**

Under this option, the Act would be amended to require councils to pay a proportion of the mayor's and councillors' fees equivalent to the superannuation guarantee amount into a complying superannuation fund nominated by the mayor and councillors.

### **Option 3: Amending the NSW *Local Government Act 1993* to require councils to pay an amount equivalent to the superannuation guarantee into a complying superannuation fund nominated by the mayor and councillors in addition to the payment of the mayor's and councillors' fees.**

Under this option, all councils will be required to pay an amount equivalent to the superannuation guarantee contribution payable with respect to the mayor's and councillors' fees, into a complying superannuation fund nominated by the mayor and councillors. The payment would be made in addition to the payment of the mayor's and councillors' fees.

A supporting amendment would be required to exempt the additional payment from section 242A of the Act.

### **Option 4: Amend the NSW *Local Government Act 1993* to give councils the option to pay an amount equivalent to the superannuation guarantee into a**

## complying superannuation fund nominated by the mayor and councillors in addition to the mayor's and councillors' fees.

This option is based on the Queensland model. Under this option, the payment of an additional superannuation contribution in addition to the mayor's and councillors' fees would be optional for councils. Councils would also have the option to make a superannuation contribution on behalf of the mayor and councillors as a portion of the mayor's or councillors' fees.

As with option 3, a supporting amendment would be required to exempt the additional payment from section 242A of the Act.

## 7. Have Your Say

We now want to hear from you.

### Key questions to consider

- **Should councils be required to make superannuation contributions for the mayor and councillors?**
- **Should contributions be made as a portion of mayors' and councillors' fees or in addition to them?**
- **Which is your preferred option?**
- **Do you have an alternative suggested option?**

Submissions may be made in writing by COB Friday 8 May 2020 to the following addresses.

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### Further information

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# St Joseph's Primary School Culcairn

LEARNING THROUGH AND IN JESUS CHRIST

ANNEXURE 4

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Greater Hume Shire Council,

On behalf of the St Joseph's Primary School Culcairn community, I write to ask for your consideration regarding our parent pick up area along Blair St Culcairn.

## **Proposal – Council to extend currently planned layback by approximately 30metres along the school side of Blair St.**

From the Cnr of Balfour and Blair St the road is wider to allow buses to safely drop off and pick up out the front of St Patrick's Church and now our school. As part of our build and with council's approval, the 'Catholic Diocese of Wagga Wagga' has committed to extend this layback by approx 30 metres. This allows approx. 4-5 cars to safely stop and wait for their children.

Since experiencing the first few weeks of the school year in stage 2 of our build, we feel that the CEDWW funded extension is not adequate and we are requesting a longer layback along Blair St for the following reasons;

- Currently no safe place for children to be dropped off or picked up.
- Cars parking further along Blair St are endangering children and parents due to the mounting of kerbs and cars nearing future footpaths.
- Parents waiting for a safe place to park are holding up traffic along Blair Street.
- Due to a lack of safe places to collect children parents are parking across the road which is seeing high numbers of parents and children unnecessarily cross busy traffic which includes buses.
- During special school events, inadequate car spaces provides difficulty for all parents and friends especially those with mobility challenges and/or disabilities.

As you would be aware, we are nearing the completion of our school building works. Our new school rebuild will at completion have cost over \$2 million dollars funded through 'Catholic Education the Diocese of Wagga Wagga' and federal block grant funding. We are very proud and excited for the possibilities that this facility and our team can provide to Culcairn and surrounding districts.

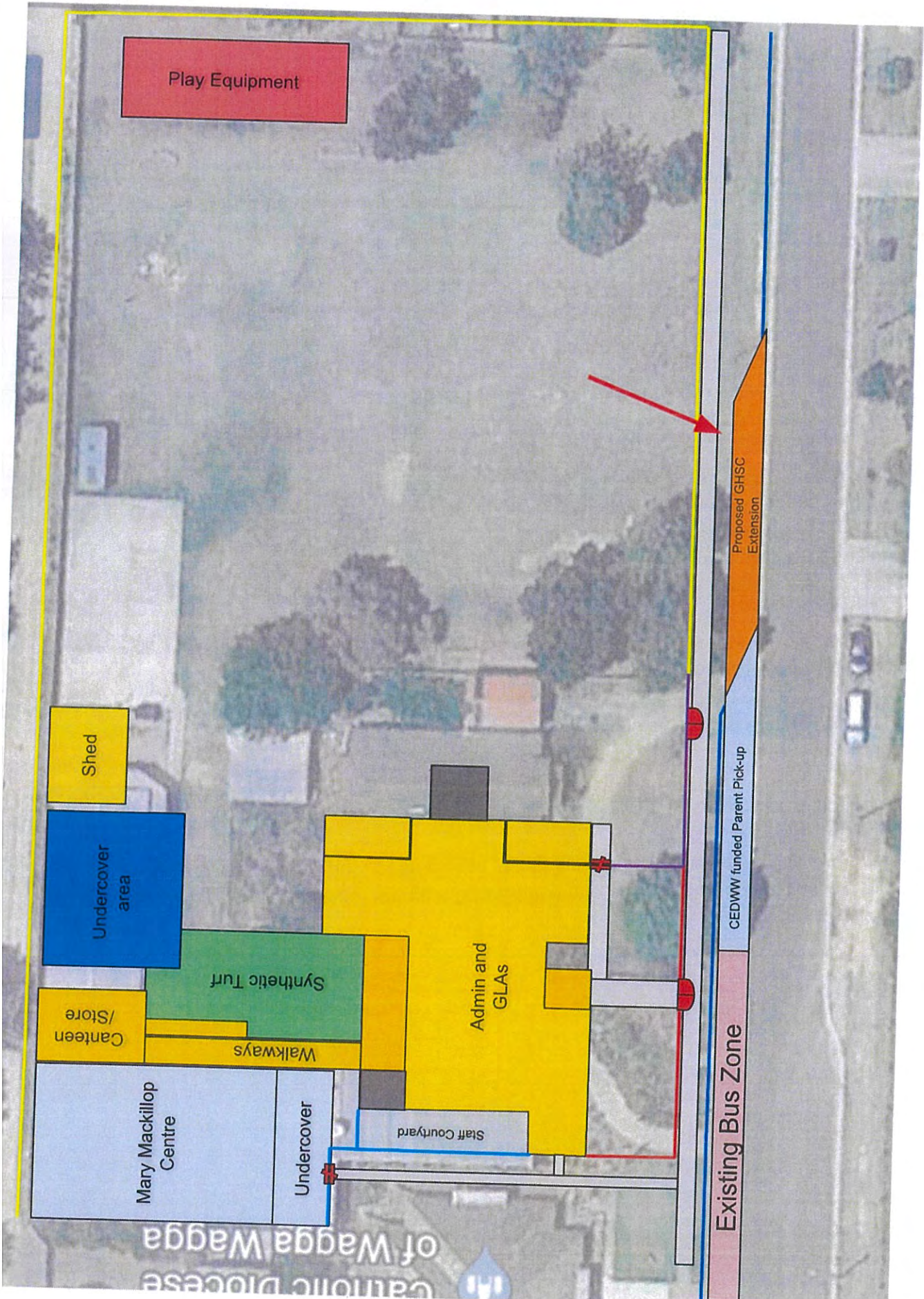
As previously stated CEDWW have committed to fund half of our required road layback, we are asking for Greater Hume Shire Council to consider funding and undertaking a further extension of this proposal in good faith for the safety of our community.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Gaynor'.

John Gaynor





Blair St school drop-off

	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Value	Comments
Establishment	1	Item	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Remove exist kerb	38	m	\$10.00	\$380.00	
Excavate general	320	cu.m	\$15.00	\$4,800.00	
Subsoil	38	m	\$20.00	\$760.00	
100mm DGB sub-base	100	sq.m	\$18.00	\$1,800.00	
Lay new kerb	38	m	\$85.00	\$3,230.00	
100mm DGB base	85	sq.m	\$18.00	\$1,530.00	
Prep for seal	85	sq.m	\$2.00	\$170.00	
Primer seal	85	sq.m	\$14.00	\$1,190.00	
Topsoil.	60	sq.m	\$5.00	\$300.00	
				<b>\$15,160.00</b>	
			GST	\$1,516.00	
			<b>TOTAL (inc GST)</b>	<b>\$16,676.00</b>	



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## Lack of footpath in Frampton St

**From :** Graeme 'ned@virtual.net.au'

**To :** MailMailbox 'mail@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au';

**Sent :** 10 June 2019 11:45:54

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Myself and some other residents in Kala Crt are concerned about safety when using Frampton St to access the shops as there is no footpath to use My husband uses a walker or mobility scooter and has trouble getting onto the footpath near the library as it is very uneven I was wondering if council could consider the construction of a safe footpath between Kala Crt and the existing footpath near the library  
Ruth Kelly 0417539552

Sent from my iPad







Greater  
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Council

All correspondence  
PO Box 99 Holbrook NSW 2644  
  
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ABN 44 970 341 154

Ruth Kelly  
Kala Court  
HOLBROOK NSW 2644  
[ned@virtual.net.au](mailto:ned@virtual.net.au)

Dear Ruth

**Footpath in Frampton Street Holbrook - Request Construction**

Thank you for your correspondence received 10 June 2019 requesting the installation of a footpath from Kala Court to link up with the existing footpath near the library.

In reply, I can advise that the area has been inspected and it has been determined that the installation of significant additional infrastructure is required to meet your request.

Due to the extent of works required and associated cost, these works will need to be submitted to Council for consideration for inclusion within a future financial year budget. Therefore no works will be undertaken at this time.

Your request will be considered as part of next year's budget deliberations

Should you have any further queries in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Blackie', with a long, sweeping underline.

Greg Blackie  
**Director Engineering**  
GREATER HUME COUNCIL

1 July 2019

Our Ref: GB:SS







## Proposed Footpath Frampton Street Holbrook

Electronic Version is the controlled version. Printed copies are considered uncontrolled. Before using a printed copy verify that it is the current version.

Document Name	Working doc file path	Version Number	Date of Issue	Review Date
ENG -	G:\Projects&Maps\2020-04-07 Proposed footpath Frampton Court\Proposed footpath.qgz	DRAFT	2020-04-07	2021-04-07





Frampton Crt Servicing Kala Court units (160m).		DWG No	DATE	ESTIMATE BY:	9/01/2018	AW
SURVEY AND INVESTIGATION					\$	750.00
UTILITY SERVICES SUB-TOTAL					\$	100.00
DRIVEWAY THICKENING					\$	-
FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION SUB-TOTAL					\$	20,920.00
LANDSCAPING					\$	3,880.00
TRAFFIC CONTROL SUB-TOTAL					\$	500.00
CONTINGENCY					\$	26,150.00
		10%		SUBTOTAL	\$	2,615.00
				GST	\$	28,765.00
				TOTAL	\$	
NOTE: BELOW PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE GST						
DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	RATE	AMOUNT		

## DETAILED BREAKDOWN

<b>SURVEY AND INVESTIGATION</b>				
Survey and design			DOLLARS	\$ -
SERVICE POTHOLING			DOLLARS	\$ -
Supervision.	10		DOLLARS	\$ 75.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>				\$ 750.00
<b>UTILITY SERVICES</b>				
ADJUSTMENT				
GAS (services @ \$200/service)		No.		\$ -
TELECOM		DOLLARS		\$ -
RELECTAE ELECTIRICITY POLE		DOLLARS		\$ -
RE-LEVEL EXISTING VALVE COVERS	2	DOLLARS	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>				\$ 100.00
<b>DRIVEWAY THICKENING 150mm</b>				
FOOTPATH TREATMENT (Industrial X-ing) 1.5 metres wide				
CONCRETE PAVING (inc. box, pour, finish +strip)		SQ.M.	\$ 60.00	\$ -
EXCAVATE and PLACE SAND FOR FOOTPATH		SQ.M.	\$ 12.00	\$ -
SUPPLY CONCRETE.		QU.M	\$ 200.00	\$ -
SUPPLY MESH etc.		SHEETS	\$ 70.00	\$ -
HOTMIX SEALING				\$ -
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>				\$ -
<b>FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION 125mm</b>				
FOOTPATH TREATMENT 1.5 metres wide				
CONCRETE PAVING (inc. box, pour, finish +strip)	240	SQ.M.	\$ 40.00	\$ 9,600.00
PERAMBULATOR CROSSING	2	No.	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,400.00
EXCAVATE and PLACE SAND FOR FOOTPATH	240	SQ.M.	\$ 8.00	\$ 1,920.00
SUPPLY CONCRETE.	30	QU.M	\$ 200.00	\$ 6,000.00
SUPPLY MESH etc.	20	SHEETS	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,000.00
HOTMIX SEALING		SQ.M.		\$ -
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>				\$ 20,920.00
<b>LANDSCAPING</b>				



<b>ROADSIDE FURNISHINGS</b>				
GUARDRAIL		METRES		\$ -
GUIDE POSTS		No.		\$ -
CHAINWIRE FENCING 1.8m		METRES		\$ -
CHAINWIRE FENCING 0.9m PED TYPE		METRES		\$ -
LANDSCAPING		DOLLARS		\$ -
REMOVE TREE	1	No.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
SUPPLY AND PLANTING OF TREES		No.		\$ -
TOPSOIL, FILLING AND SHAPING	320	SQ.M.	\$ 9.00	\$ 2,880.00
GRASS SEEDING		SQ.M.		\$ -
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 3,880.00</b>
<b>TRAFFIC CONTROL</b>				
TRAFFIC CONTROL - MINOR STREETS	1	DOLLARS	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
TRAFFIC CONTROL - MAJOR STREETS		DOLLARS	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 500.00</b>

**Total length of path;            160 m**

**ALL PRICES EXCLUDING GST.**



**Public Toilets – Status Monday 6 April 2020**

<b>Town/Village</b>	<b>Name /Location</b>	<b>Status</b>
Brocklesby	Blacksmith Park	Open
Burrumbuttock	Hall	Open
<b>Culcairn</b>	<b>Jubilee Park</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Culcairn	Coach Terminal	Open
Culcairn	Railway Station	Open
Gerogery	Gerogery Park	Open
Henty	Henty Man	Open
Henty	Bicentennial Park	Open
<b>Henty</b>	<b>Memorial Park</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Henty</b>	<b>Laneway CBD</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Holbrook	Gallipoli Victoria Cross Rest Area	Open
<b>Holbrook</b>	<b>Memorial Park IGA</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Holbrook</b>	<b>Ten Mile Creek Park</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Jindera	Village Green	Open
<b>Jindera</b>	<b>Pioneer Park</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Jindera</b>	<b>Skate Park</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Morgan's Lookout</b>		<b>Closed</b>
Walbundrie	Rec Ground	Open
Walla Walla	Rec Ground	Open
<b>Walla Walla</b>	<b>Bicentennial Park/Pool</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Woomargama	Woomargama Park	Open

All Toilets in Council Facilities ie Rec Grounds/Tennis Courts/Halls etc are also closed except for locations named above.

## TOURISM AND PROMOTIONS REPORT (March 2020)

Areas Projects	Objectives	Progress and Comments
Visitor Information Centre and Submarine Museum	Offering visitors to Greater Hume information and advice on accommodation, places to eat, attractions, maps, tours, road conditions, events and other general information. Reception and admission to Submarine Museum. Implement the Greater Hume Visitor Experience Plan. <b>Delivery Plan 3.3.1.1.06, 3.3.1.1.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitor Information Centre and Submarine Museum closed to the general public on 15 March due to COVID 19. Numbers started dropping in end Feb when news started to break, regarding the virus.</li> <li>• Visitor Information stats forwarded to AVIC Network were: March 2020: 241 walk in, 25 phone calls and 13 emails</li> <li>• Admissions to Submarine Museum, statistics for: March 2020: 40 adults, 7 school children, 56 pensioners, 7 families and 0 in groups.</li> <li>• Visitor Information Centre Survey not taken.</li> <li>• Graphs have not been included in this report.</li> </ul>
Events	To promote Greater Hume as a place to visit or stay, whether for ½ day, full day or more. To assist with the promotion of Greater Hume's many and varied events. Implement the GH Visitor Experience Plan. <b>Delivery Plan 3.3.1.1.01, 3.3.1.1.08</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitted visitor and What's On advertising in Out and About Autumn Edition in Border Mail.</li> <li>• Greater Hume Public Notices</li> <li>• Emailed 'What's On in March/April leaflets to Visitor Information Centres in NSW and VIC, coach/bus/tour companies, tourism operators within shire and regional, media, visitor information points and to interested residents in shire.</li> <li>• Assisted events to promote cancellations and postponements due to COVID 19.</li> <li>• Many events up end of September have been cancelled. Some events in September are monitoring the situation.</li> </ul>
Social Media	Implement and enhance online communication tools using technologies such as social networking mechanism. Implement the Greater Hume Visitor Experience Plan <b>Delivery Plan 3.3.1.1.09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instagram, #visitgreaterhume – 420 followers</li> <li>• Individual facebook pages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Greater Hume Council – 1974 followers</li> <li>○ Greater Hume Visitor Information Centre – 469 followers</li> <li>○ Holbrook Submarine Museum – 901 followers</li> <li>○ Greater Hume Children's Services – 752 followers</li> <li>○ Greater Hume Youth Advisory Committee – 307 followers</li> <li>○ Buy Local in Greater Hume – 342 followers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Signage	Implement the Greater Hume Visitor Experience Plan. <b>Delivery Plan 3.3.1.1.03</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional signage surrounding the Greater Hume Visitor Information Centre.</li> </ul>
Greater Hume Council Newsletters	Redesign the format and content of Council's quarterly newsletter to ensure effective and targeted content. <b>Delivery Plan 1.2.1.1.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater Hume Council First Newsletter for 2020 will commence production in March 2020. This has been delayed slightly and should go out in May.</li> </ul>
Australia Day	Recognise community leaders and their efforts and encourage others in the community to take up leadership roles. <b>Delivery Plan 1.1.2.8.1 and 2.1.1.1.1</b>	Australia Day 2021 will be held in Walbundrie.
Greater Hume Tourism	Implement the Greater Hume Visitor Experience Plan which was endorsed March 2014 by Greater Hume Council. <b>Delivery Plan 3.3.1.1.06, 3.3.1.1.05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new Visitors Guide is currently being developed in conjunction with a new Visit Greater Hume website.</li> <li>• Commenced planning for new Greater Hume Visitor's Guide. Have engaged a printer (Conway Printers), designer (Nicole Dawes) and copy developer (John Ryan, Sitegiest). We have been able to secure 36 adverts for the Visitor Guide and are currently working with the designer.</li> </ul>

## TOURISM AND PROMOTIONS REPORT (March 2020)

Murray Arts	<p>Murray Arts aim is to actively assist the ongoing development of, and participation in, arts and culture throughout the Border region. Implement the Greater Hume Visitor Experience Plan.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>Delivery Plan 3.3.1.1.04</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Murray Arts are currently advising local artists and creatives via social media on ways to seek alternative avenues of funding through the COVID 19 crisis.</li> </ul>
Museums and Heritage	<p>GHS currently has 10 public or private museums and three historical society's. Museum Advisor (Vanessa Keenan) – In partnership with Albury City Council and Museums and Galleries NSW we have engaged the services of a museum advisor.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>Delivery Plan 3.3.1.1.14</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalising Community Museum Disaster Plan.</li> <li>The Museum Adviser visited our Community Museums to develop a plan for 2020. This has now been put on hold.</li> </ul>
Grants and Funding	<p>Greater Hume Council and community groups have had the opportunity to bid for funds from NSW and Federal Government for various projects across the Shire</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>Delivery Plan 3.3.1.1.04</i></b></p>	<p><b>Stronger Country Communities Fund (NSW Government)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Round 2</b> – Many of the Round 2 projects are nearing completion or completed, which means acquittals to the NSW Government are currently being processed.</li> <li><b>Round 3</b> 15 Applications have been submitted from projects across the shire such as netball courts, toilets, walking tracks, club houses, workshop for collection of artefacts, youth programs, tennis courts, shade sails and covered areas. Greater Hume's allocation is \$794,431. The Fund's focus is on community infrastructure to improve everyday living, in Round 3 there will be an increased focus on young people aged 12-24 and a broader scope of eligible projects including programs as well as local infrastructure.</li> </ul> <p>Safer Communities Fund (Federal Government)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application to be submitted for security and fire safety at Morgan's Lookout.</li> </ul> <p>Female Friendly Change Rooms (NSW Government)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four applications have been submitted from Brocklesby Recreation Ground, Walbundrie Recreation Ground, Jindera Recreation Reserve and Holbrook Sporting Complex.</li> </ul> <p>Building Better Regions Funding (Federal Government)</p> <p>Everyone Can Play Funding (NSW Government)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One application for infrastructure around a new Adventure Playground at Jindera Recreation Reserve.</li> </ul>
Murray Regional Tourism	<p>The Murray Regional Tourism (MRT) is a joint venture between Albury, Balranald, Berrigan, Campaspe, Corowa, Deniliquin, Gannawarra, Greater Hume, Mildura, Moira, Murray, Swan Hill, Wakool, Wodonga, as well as Tourism Vic and Destination NSW. Implement the Greater Hume Visitor Experience Plan.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>Delivery Plan 3.3.1.1.04, 3.3.1.1.07, 3.3.1.1.16</i></b></p>	<p>Murray Regional Tourism is currently holding weekly Zoom meetings with all Tourism Managers to assist with advocacy and commence planning for reigniting the region as a place for domestic tourists to visit.</p>



## TOURISM AND PROMOTIONS REPORT (March 2020)

New Council Website	Develop a new Greater Hume Council website including a dedicated Have Your Say portal which is compliant with accessibility standards. <b>Delivery Plan 1.2.1.1.4</b>	<p>At Council's March meeting SeamlessCMS(OpenCities) was approved to build and implement a new Greater Hume Council website. The Greater Hume Council website went live on 4 December. The Greater Hume Town Subsites are now live with all old sites now transferred to the new sites. The Greater Hume Children Services site is now live. There will still be a lot to do on all sites and it is envisaged it will take all of 12 months to develop new functionality on the new sites.</p> <p><b>Go to next page for website statistics</b> (Statistics on other new sites will be shown two months after they go live). <b>Visit Greater Hume Website (<a href="http://www.visitgreaterhume.com.au">www.visitgreaterhume.com.au</a>)</b> - currently developing a new site – no statistics available.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="862 416 2181 887"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th></th> <th colspan="2">Greater Hume <a href="http://www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au">www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au</a></th> <th>GH Children Services <a href="http://www.ghchildren.com.au">www.ghchildren.com.au</a></th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th></th> <th>March 2020</th> <th>March 2019</th> <th>March 2020</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="2"><b>Website Traffic</b></td> <td>New</td> <td>2920</td> <td>3427</td> <td>188</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Returning</td> <td>1118</td> <td>1301</td> <td>135</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="3"><b>Device Paths</b></td> <td>Desktop</td> <td>1822</td> <td>2069</td> <td>151</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mobile</td> <td>1626</td> <td>1855</td> <td>159</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tablet</td> <td>202</td> <td>367</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="4"><b>Traffic Source</b></td> <td>Organic</td> <td>2695</td> <td>3248</td> <td>152</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Direct</td> <td>770</td> <td>721</td> <td>125</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Referral</td> <td>131</td> <td>306</td> <td>21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social</td> <td>114</td> <td>119</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Email</td> <td>3</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Bounce Rate</b></td> <td>%</td> <td>59.88</td> <td>52.85</td> <td>49.85</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><a href="http://www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au">www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au</a> - top pages:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Living in Greater Hume – Waste Facilities Opening Times Charges and Accepted Waste</li> <li>2. Contact Us</li> <li>3. Your Greater Hume Council – Building and Development</li> <li>4. Living in Greater Hume – Waste and Recycling</li> <li>5. News – Holbrook Happenings</li> </ol> <p><a href="http://www.ghchildren.com.au">www.ghchildren.com.au</a> – top pages:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enrol Your Children</li> <li>2. Meet Our Team</li> <li>3. Information for Families</li> <li>4. Business Opportunity for Greater Hume Children Services</li> <li>5. Information for Families</li> </ol>			Greater Hume <a href="http://www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au">www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au</a>		GH Children Services <a href="http://www.ghchildren.com.au">www.ghchildren.com.au</a>			March 2020	March 2019	March 2020	<b>Website Traffic</b>	New	2920	3427	188	Returning	1118	1301	135	<b>Device Paths</b>	Desktop	1822	2069	151	Mobile	1626	1855	159	Tablet	202	367	13	<b>Traffic Source</b>	Organic	2695	3248	152	Direct	770	721	125	Referral	131	306	21	Social	114	119	25		Email	3	0	0	<b>Bounce Rate</b>	%	59.88	52.85	49.85
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## GREATER HUME SHIRE COUNCIL

Schedule of the Director Corporate Community Services' Schedule of Information to Council Meeting -  
Wednesday 15th April, 2020


**COMBINED BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH ENDED March 31st, 2020****CASHBOOK RECONCILIATION**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Trust Fund</b>
General Ledger Cashbook Balance as at 1st March, 2020	172,311.44	<b>49,177.25</b>
Cashbook Movement as at 31st March, 2020	-134,240.77	0.00
Less: Term Deposits included in Cashbook Balance (Trust only)	0.00	0.00
General Ledger Cashbook Balance as at 31st March, 2020	<u><b>38,070.67</b></u>	<u><b>49,177.25</b></u>

**BANK STATEMENT RECONCILIATION**

Bank Statement Balance as at 31st March, 2020	NAB	\$7,062.00	49,177.25
	Hume	\$2,838.64	
	Bendigo	-\$10.00	
	WAW	\$0.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<u>9,890.64</u>	<u>49,177.25</u>
(LESS) Unpresented Cheques as at 31st March, 2020		-85,485.23	0.00
(LESS) Unpresented EFT Payments as at 31st March, 2020		0.00	0.00
PLUS Outstanding Deposits as at 31st March, 2020		0.00	0.00
PLUS / (LESS) Unmatched Cashbook Transactions 31st March, 2020		<u>37,523.92</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Cashbook Balance as at 31st March, 2020		<u><b>-38,070.67</b></u>	<u><b>49,177.25</b></u>

I certify that all of Council's surplus funds have been invested in accordance with the Act, the regulations and Council's investment policies and that all cheques drawn have been checked and are fully supported by vouchers and invoices and have been certified for payment.

  
 Responsible Accounting Officer  
 2 April 2020

This is page no.1 of Schedule No.1 of the Director Corporate & Community Services' Schedule of Information to Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15th April, 2020

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GENERAL MANAGER

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MAYOR

**GREATER HUME SHIRE COUNCIL  
COMBINED INVESTMENT ACCOUNT - MONTH ENDED 31 March 2020**

Investment Number	Financial Institution	Rating	Amount Invested	Interest Rate %	Term (Days)	Date Invested	Maturity Date
<u>National Australia Bank</u>							
GHS191	NAB	A- 1+	500,000.00	1.65%	183	07-Oct-19	07-Apr-20
GHS204	NAB	A- 1+	500,000.00	1.55%	182	18-Nov-19	18-May-20
GHS206	NAB	A- 1+	500,000.00	1.55%	182	22-Nov-19	22-May-20
GHS180	NAB	A- 1+	509,765.32	1.40%	184	14-Mar-20	14-Sep-20
GHS213	NAB	A- 1+	500,000.00	1.47%	366	06-Dec-19	06-Dec-20
	NAB	A- 1+	2,709,484.41	1.15%	@ Call	27-Apr-09	Variable
			<u>5,219,249.73</u>				
<u>Hume Bank</u>							
GHS193	HUME	Unrated	500,000.00	1.55%	100	29-Dec-19	07-Apr-20
GHS189	HUME	Unrated	500,000.00	2.30%	275	07-Jul-19	07-Apr-20
GHS251	HUME	Unrated	46,751.06	2.50%	366	02-May-19	02-May-20
GHS074	HUME	Unrated	500,000.00	2.60%	366	05-May-19	05-May-20
GHS192	HUME	Unrated	500,000.00	2.60%	366	08-May-19	08-May-20
GHS190	HUME	Unrated	500,000.00	1.55%	100	08-Feb-20	18-May-20
GHS160	HUME	Unrated	500,000.00	2.40%	366	19-Jun-19	19-Jun-20
GHS200	HUME	Unrated	500,000.00	2.40%	366	20-Jun-19	20-Jun-20
GHS205	HUME	Unrated	500,000.00	2.40%	366	23-Jun-19	23-Jun-20
GHS142	HUME - Trust	Unrated	48,232.89	2.30%	366	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20
GHS203	HUME	Unrated	500,000.00	2.10%	366	20-Jul-19	20-Jul-20
GHS155	HUME	Unrated	500,000.00	2.10%	366	25-Jul-19	25-Jul-20
GHS123	HUME	Unrated	500,000.00	2.10%	366	29-Jul-19	29-Jul-20
GHS214	HUME	Unrated	500,000.00	1.50%	366	06-Dec-19	06-Dec-20
GHS054	HUME - Trust	Unrated	66,760.81	1.45%	365	01-Mar-20	01-Mar-21
			<u>6,161,744.76</u>				
<u>Bendigo Bank</u>							
GHS177	BENDIGO	A-2	500,000.00	1.60%	180	07-Nov-19	05-May-20
GHS186	BENDIGO	A-2	500,000.00	1.83%	183	07-Dec-19	07-Jun-20
GHS098	BENDIGO	A-2	250,000.00	1.60%	213	06-Jan-20	06-Aug-20
GHS185	BENDIGO	A-2	500,000.00	1.60%	213	07-Jan-20	07-Aug-20
GHS187	BENDIGO	A-2	500,000.00	1.60%	213	07-Jan-20	07-Aug-20
GHS199	BENDIGO	A-2	500,000.00	1.55%	213	28-Feb-20	28-Sep-20
GHS182	BENDIGO	A-2	500,000.00	1.55%	214	07-Mar-20	07-Oct-20
GHS207	BENDIGO	A-2	500,000.00	1.30%	214	21-Mar-20	21-Oct-20
GHS165	BENDIGO	A-2	300,000.00	1.30%	365	21-Nov-19	20-Nov-20
GHS161	BENDIGO	A-2	500,000.00	1.30%	366	09-Dec-19	09-Dec-20
			<u>4,550,000.00</u>				
<u>WAW Credit Union</u>							
GHS128	WAW	Unrated	450,000.00	1.75%	180	08-Nov-19	06-May-20
GHS159	WAW	Unrated	500,000.00	1.75%	171	19-Nov-19	08-May-20
GHS179	WAW	Unrated	500,000.00	1.75%	180	11-Nov-19	09-May-20
GHS168	WAW	Unrated	500,000.00	1.75%	180	11-Nov-19	09-May-20
GHS166	WAW	Unrated	18,308.48	2.50%	365	17-May-19	16-May-20
GHS208	WAW	Unrated	500,000.00	2.50%	365	21-May-19	20-May-20
GHS121	WAW	Unrated	300,000.00	1.75%	182	22-Nov-19	22-May-20
GHS169	WAW	Unrated	500,000.00	2.10%	240	05-Oct-19	01-Jun-20
GHS211	WAW	Unrated	500,000.00	1.65%	180	06-Dec-19	03-Jun-20
GHS202	WAW	Unrated	500,000.00	1.85%	121	13-Feb-20	13-Jun-20
GHS151	WAW	Unrated	600,000.00	1.85%	121	28-Feb-20	28-Jun-20
GHS212	WAW	Unrated	500,000.00	1.55%	396	06-Dec-19	05-Jan-21
			<u>5,368,308.48</u>				

General Fund Total  
Trust Fund Total

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\$21,299,302.97

Total Investment at 31-Mar-20

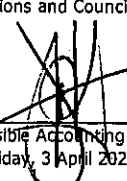
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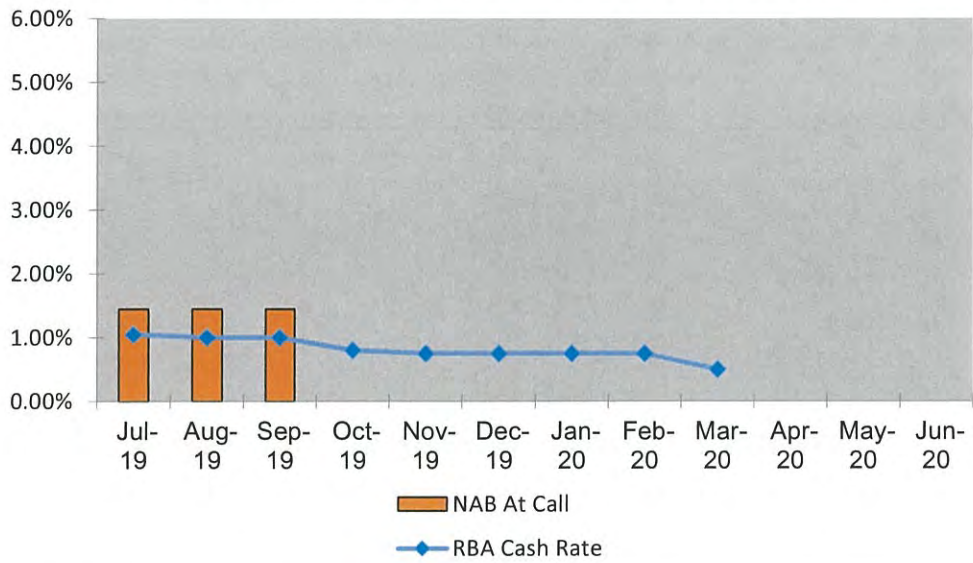
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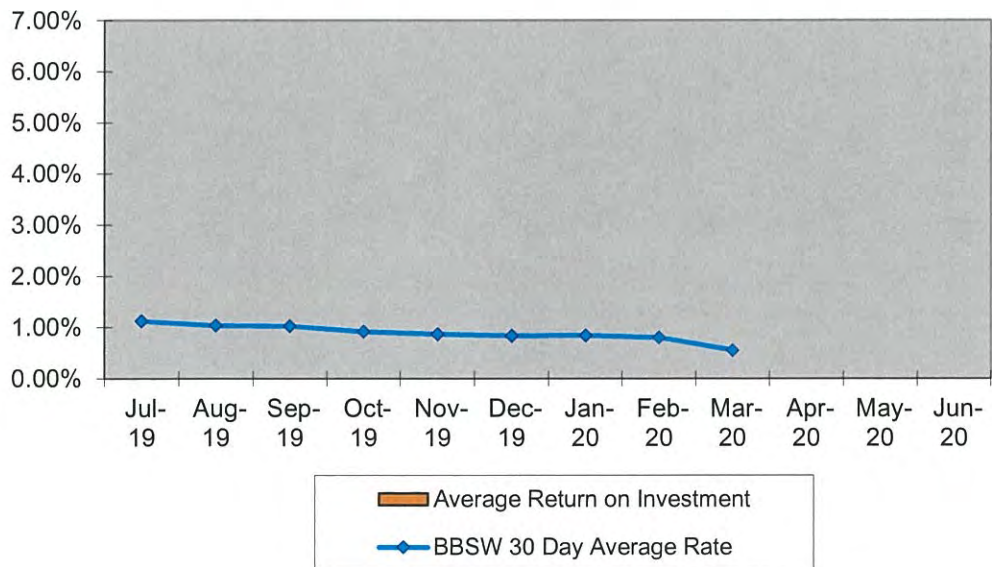
This is the Schedule of Investments presented to Council for consideration on 15th April 2020. I hereby certify that the investments have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

  
 Responsible Accounting Officer  
 Friday, 3 April 2020

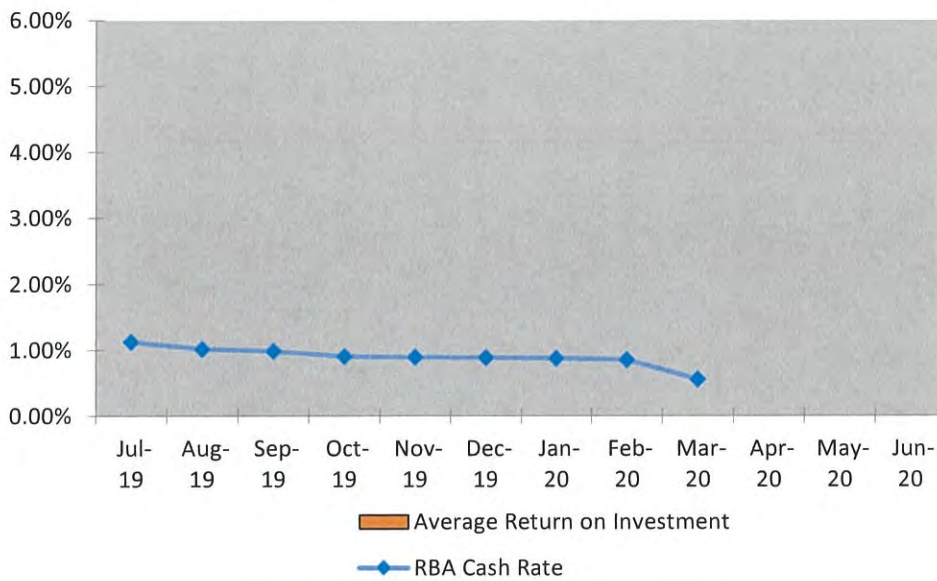
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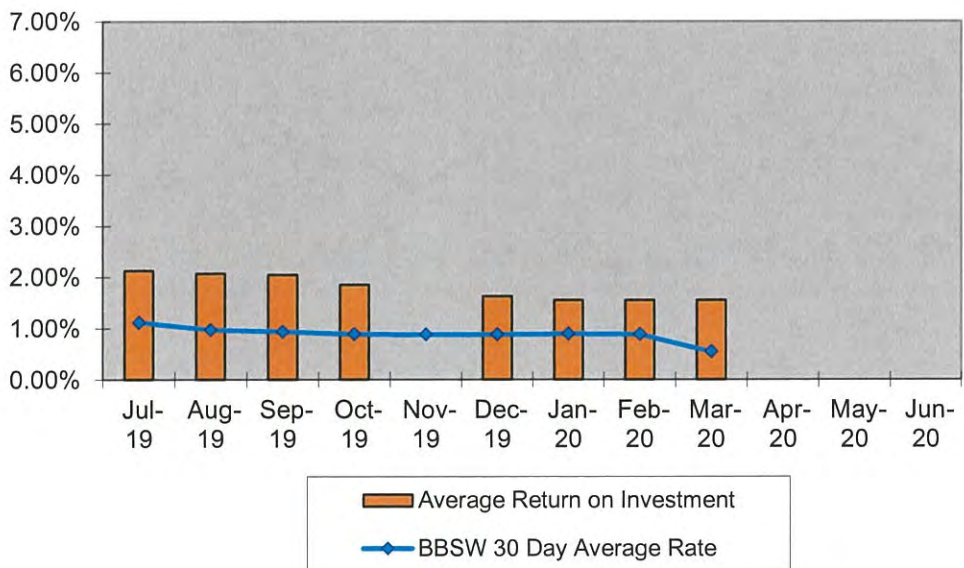
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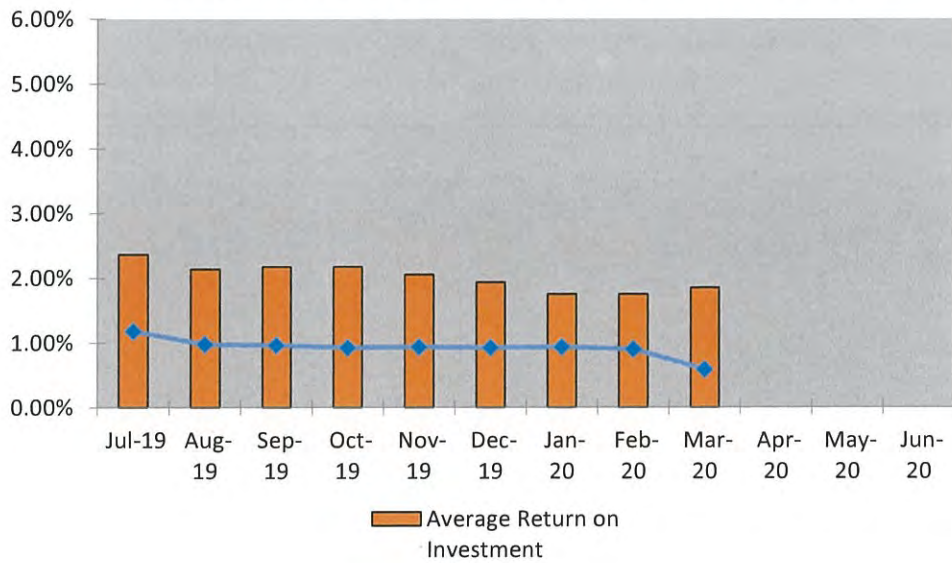


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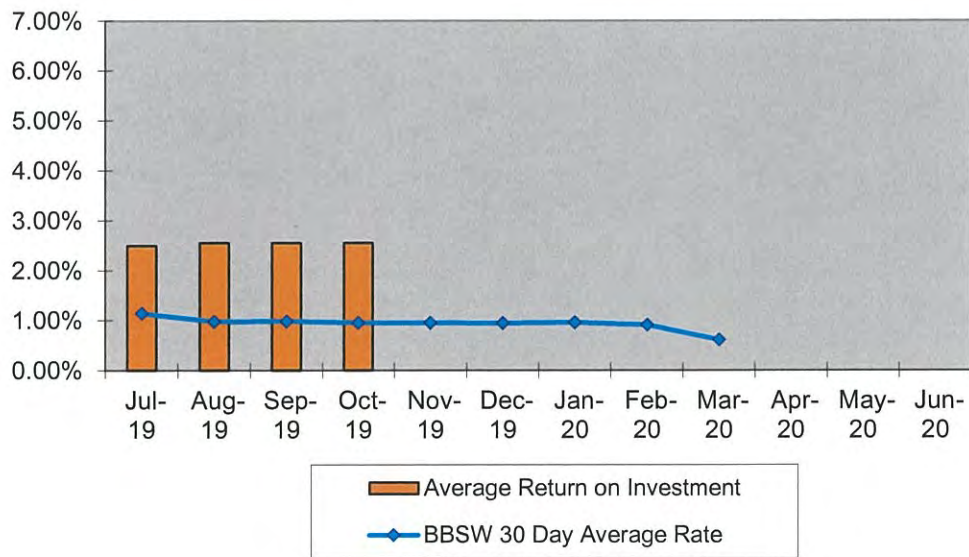




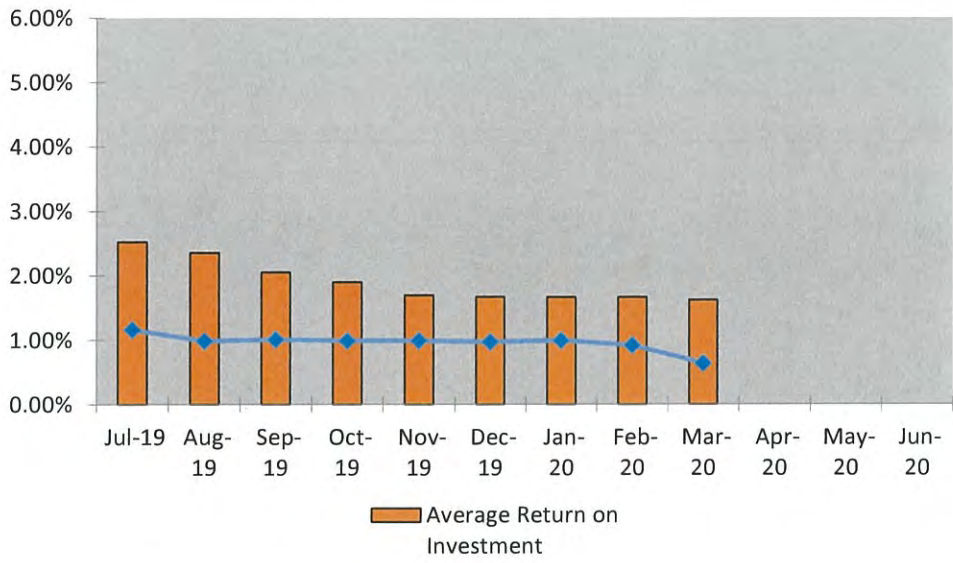
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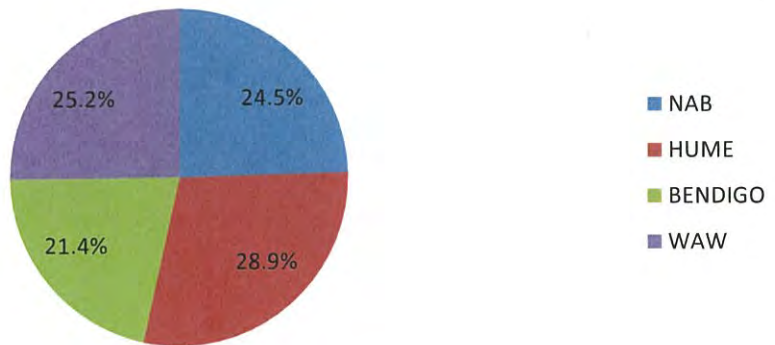
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### 180 Day Term Deposit Performance Against BBSW Index



### INVESTMENT DISTRIBUTION



# Applications Approved

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Approved Between 1/03/2020 and 31/03/2020

03/04/2020

Application No.	Location	Development Type	Est. Cost	Received	Determination	Total Elapsed Days	Stop Days	Adjusted Elapsed Days	
DA/2019/54	Applicant: Walla Walla Motoring Club Inc 43 Commercial ST WALLA WALLA Lot: 12 DP: 609699	New Verandah & Deck Addition	\$0	1/05/2019	Withdrawn	2/03/2020	14	293	14
DA/2019/153	Applicant: Holbrook Camp Draft 92 Racecourse RD HOLBROOK Lot: 109 DP: 753340	New Transportable Shed	\$41,500	18/11/2019	Approved	16/03/2020			
DA/2019/155	Applicant: Holbrook Adult Riding Club 92 Racecourse RD HOLBROOK Lot: 109 DP: 753340	New Shipping Container	\$8,800	22/11/2019	Approved	5/03/2020			
DA/2020/11	Applicant: J Doig 10 Fourth ST HENTY Lot: 187 DP: 13288	New Verandah & Deck	\$15,000	29/01/2020	Approved	3/03/2020	20	15	20
DA/2020/18	Applicant: D Thomas 28 Balfour ST CULCAIRN Lot: 3 DP: 2582	Change of Use	\$0	14/02/2020	Approved	3/03/2020	19	0	19
DA/2020/19	Applicant: Shed Boss 22 Dickson St West WOOMARGAMA Lot: 8 Sec: 1 DP: 759118	New Shed & Awning	\$34,086	18/02/2020	Approved	5/03/2020	17	0	17
DA/2020/20	Applicant: J A Gettens-Munday 72 Albury ST HOLBROOK Lot: Y DP: 101975	Change of Use - Hairdressing Salon to Tea Rooms	\$0	18/02/2020	Approved	6/03/2020	18	0	18
DA/2020/21	Applicant: B A Chamings 17 Frosty LA JINDERA Lot: 406 DP: 1252780	New Dwelling Garage & Shed	\$309,109	20/02/2020	Approved	10/03/2020	11	18	22



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03/04/2020

Application No.	Location	Development Type	Est. Cost	Received	Determination	Total Elapsed Days	Stop Days	Adjusted Elapsed Days
DA/2020/22	Applicant: Shed Boss 119 Methodist RD JINDERA PLT: 238 DP: 753727	New Carport	\$8,930	26/02/2020	Approved	7	0	7
DA/2020/23	Applicant: N R Talmage 17 Hueske RD JINDERA Lot: 8 DP: 243541	New Shed	\$54,000	27/02/2020	Approved	21	0	21
DA/2020/24	Applicant: Habitat Planning 4 Cade CT JINDERA Lot: 17 DP: 1249885	New Dwelling and Garage	\$351,152	28/02/2020	Approved	20	0	20
DA/2020/25	Applicant: Rob Pickett Design 10 Sydney RD HOLBROOK Lot: 1 DP: 415729	Demolish Existing Carports & New Skillion Roof Structures	\$77,000	28/02/2020	Approved	20	0	20
DA/2020/27	Applicant: G J Gardner Homes 231 Coogera CCT JINDERA Lot: 511 DP: 1236708	New Dwelling and Garage	\$434,448	5/03/2020	Approved	21	0	21
DA/2020/28	Applicant: McGrath Builders & Associates 99 Greenwood RD GEROGERY WEST Lot: 17 DP: 1130624	Change of Use - Garage to Living Room	\$30,000	11/03/2020	Approved	31	0	31
DA/2020/29	Applicant: Afonso Building Solutions 77 Huon ST GEROGERY Lot: 3 DP: 1232546	New Dwelling and Garage	\$358,920	13/03/2020	Approved	19	0	19
CDC/2020/9	Applicant: M M Milthorpe 11 Cassia RD JINDERA Lot: 604 DP: 1191674	Attached Pool House & Carport	\$99,150	10/03/2020	Approved	10	0	20

ANNEXURE 8

Applications Approved



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03/04/2020

Application No.	Location	Development Type	Received	Est. Cost	Determination	Total Elapsed Days	Stop Days	Adjusted Elapsed Days
CDC/2020/10	Applicant: Afonso Building Solutions 65 Mulgrave RD JINDERA Lot: 503 DP: 1236708	New Dwelling	18/03/2020	\$395,122	Approved – Private Certifier	1	0	1
CDC/2020/11	Applicant: Afonso Building Solutions 7 Senna CT JINDERA Lot: 509 DP: 1236708	New Dwelling and Garage	17/03/2020	\$347,440	Approved – Private Certifier	1	0	1
CDC/2020/12	Applicant: M Chandler 35 Anvil RD JINDERA Lot: 323 DP: 1242303	New Dwelling and Garage	20/03/2020	\$448,912	Approved – Private Certifier	1	0	1
CDC/2020/13	Applicant: D J Dunstan Maloneys RD WALLA WALLA Lot: 89 DP: 753753	New Swimming Pool	18/03/2020	\$28,000	Approved – Private Certifier	1	0	1

Report Totals & Averages

Total Number of Applications : 20  
Total Estimated Cost : 3,041,569.00

Average Elapsed Calendar Days: 33.41  
Average Calendar Stop Days: 19.18  
Average Adjusted Calendar Days: 14.24

Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 568.00  
Total Calendar Stop Days: 326.00  
Total Adjusted Calendar Days: 242.00

*Colin Horne*  
Director Environment & Planning  
Greater Hume Shire Council

**MINUTES OF THE WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019 AT THE  
WALLA WALLA RTC AT 7.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

Daniel Nadebaum (Chairman), Leonie Carey (Secretary), Jenny Jacob, Kim Lieschke, Trevor Schroeter, Marj Rayner, Karen Schoff, Karen Wenke,  
Councillors – Matt Hicks, Jenny O’Neill  
Visitors – Ben Kotzur, Raquel Ortega- Zarco, Trish & Adrian Feuerherdt, Simone Feuerherdt

**APOLOGIES**

Andrew Kotzur, Cameron Odewahn, Mark Kirk, Selina Kohlhagen, Elisa Bartholomaeus, John Seidel, Leon Schoff, Denise Osborne

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

*Moved that the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 meeting as circulated be accepted.*

Moved	Karen Wenke	Seconded	Kim Lieschke	Carried
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**Proposed Solar Plants within Greater Hume Council**

Visitors to this meeting Trish & Adrian Feuerherdt and Simone Feuerherdt spoke to us regards the proposed Solar Farm, by Bison Energy, located on Schneider’s & Benambra Roads and the impact it will have on themselves and their business. They wanted us to be aware of the proposed Solar Farm close to their farms and business and it’s close proximity to Walla Walla. Their business would be impacted as the solar panels will be only 70 metres from the Orange Grove function centre, where they host wedding ceremonies, receptions and other functions. They have just put in 3 lodges and a mineral pool. They feel most of their customers are attracted to their centre for the lovely views and would not want to be looking at solar panels from the deck or their cabins. They believe the flow on effect from their business not attracting people to the area will affect other businesses in the Shire that they currently get their supplies from. They advised the solar farm will be more than 3 times the size of Walla Walla township and in their opinion will be taking up good agricultural land, which will impact their children and future generations. They directed us to follow on Facebook the Greater Hume Shire Solar Plant Awareness group to keep informed and attend consultation sessions. Directing us also to fill out Community Feedback Form at [www.wallawallasolarfarm.com.au](http://www.wallawallasolarfarm.com.au) located on the Community page of the website.

**BUSINESS ARISING*****Fundraising***

Battery Sales

Sale of Stubby Holders

***Town Upkeep:***

If any areas of concern, we have been requested to talk to Greg Blackie. Mick Hughes is doing a good job keeping our town looking good.

***Developing residential estate in Walla Walla***

The Greater Hume Council organised development plans and costings for a 7-block subdivision in Jacob Wenke Drive. Councillors voted that this project should go ahead. Work is almost finished on developing the 7-block subdivision. Waiting on Essential Energy to put in new sub-station. From reports there has been interest in people buying these blocks, prices start at \$56900 for a 943 square metre block. The largest block is 1165 square metres. Electricity Sub-Station has now been put in, by Essential Energy.

***Children’s Services in Walla Walla***

We applied for a Grant from Building Better Regions Fund infrastructure project stream and were successful in receiving \$277,000. Greater Hume Council also committed funding up to \$250,000. Another grant was applied for by the Greater Hume Council to purchase land from Jeff Grosse, so the Council can own all the land on

corner of Commercial & Queen Sts, which will better accommodate new childcare building. Grant was successful to buy Jeff Grosse's land and this land was then purchased from Jeff. Jeff Grosse's buildings were demolished and purpose-built Children's Service building has now started. Early December 2018 the childcare providers from the Albury-Wodonga Community College advised they would no longer be able to provide the childcare service in Walla Walla and 6 other rural based childcare centres, due to new funding formula making it unprofitable to run. Greater Hume Shire stepped in and took over as the childcare provider for at least the next 2 years. Due to a tremendous job by Council's David Smith, Lynette Davis and Childrens Services department of Greater Hume Council they had Walla Walla Children's Services up and running again in early January.

Purpose built Childcare building is hoping to be completed for after July school holidays. Think about advertising in Community Newsletter each month. This could encourage local families to send their children to this facility.

### ***Recreation/walking track from Walla Walla to Gum swamp***

John Seidel has produced a Cost Benefit Analysis and has asked Craig Eastick for a quote to supply materials for track and use of machinery. A quote has now been received and a budget will be prepared so we can apply for grants, if a suitable grant comes available.

### ***Supermarket***

As advised by Michelle Schulz, that reopening of the Supermarket/Newsagent/Take-away at previous premises is not a viable proposition for the Schulz Family. Kim Lieschke & Daniel Nadebaum have been exploring different avenues that could be a viable option in setting up a supermarket in Walla Walla. Daniel Nadebaum to check out how a supermarket was set up in Ardlethan.

### ***Refugee program for Walla Walla***

We are still investigating refugees, based in cities, to settle in Walla Walla, as some have shown interest in resettling in a rural community. A committee has been set up under the Greater Hume Council. Daniel Nadebaum has been elected Chairman and Dan Mueller elected Secretary. An assyrian family of three have moved into Walla Walla and are working locally. There has been visits from other families. Meetings still held every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

### ***Facebook Page***

Facebook page name is "Walla Walla Community News" we have approx 900 people like our page at this stage. Some of our posts have reached over 4000 people.

### ***Skatepark***

Walla Walla may be able to get part of skateparks from Jindera & Henty as they are both getting new skateparks.

### ***Community Markets***

Community Markets are now held on the second Sunday of the month as Sunday is proving to be a better day for people and numbers are better.

### ***Welcome Packs***

Jenny Jacob and Leonie Carey will organise welcome packs for new residents of Walla Walla. Booklets and pamphlets relating to Walla Walla, Greater Hume Shire and Albury area are put in these packs.

### ***Silo Art***

It was put in newsletter asking residents if they would like to be a part of a committee to investigate the possibility of painting the Walla Walla silos or water tower. An inaugural meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and attended by Ross Krause, Virginia Scholz, Francoise McPherson, Karen Wenke, Dot Hoffmann, Phil Yeaxlee, Pat Yeaxlee, Mark Gilcrist, with an apology from Kirsten Isbister. Virginia Scholz agreed to be head of this committee and Karen Wenke agreed to take minutes. This group/committee will investigate the idea of painting our silos or water tower, they will talk to communities that have already painted silos, to see how this

was achieved. A draft letter from chairperson Virginia Scholz was tabled, which was a suggested letter to be sent to businesses & organisations in the Walla Walla area. This letter explains that there is an interest in the Silos being painted & how this can be achieved. Letter is also asking for donations from businesses and organisations in Walla Walla, as this will be an expensive process. This letter was discussed and meeting felt that more information was needed regards the costing for this project. Daniel Nadebaun will advise Virginia Scholz of our thoughts.

Blairs own silos and are happy for silos to be painted.

### ***Open community Meeting– Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019***

We held our yearly Open Community Meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Approx 50 residents attended the meeting, some councillors & Greater Hume Council staff. Guest speakers spoke on Childrens Services, Housing Development, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, St Paul’s College, Regional Bus Service, Community Markets, Doctor, Silo art for Walla Walla, Newsletter, Refugee Committee, Supermarket, Old School House and Sportsground new building. Meeting asks for suggestions to improve Walla Walla or something people would like to see in Walla Walla. These are suggestions made and in order of most popular – Supermarket 33 votes, Old School House 14, Silo Art 12, Track to Gum Swamp 12, Skate Park 7, Exercise Equipment 6, Basketball court at Pool 1.

***Ivy Barber Cookbook Money*** – Kim Lieschke checked with Barber Family and they would be happy for the money raised from this fundraiser to go towards part of the new Childcare Centre. We will acknowledge in some way, in the new building of this donation, by Barber Family.

## **REPORTS**

### **Treasurers Report**

Report tabled by Karen Schoff - S16 \$5256.09, S18 \$3714.45, S12 \$24528.37

\$10000.00 contribution was given to Greater Hume Council for the new Children’s Services building, as promised.

<b>Moved</b>	<b>Karen Schoff</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Janet Paech</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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## **CORRESPONENCE**

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| Out – | Letter of support – New Facility Walla Walla Sportsground  |
| In –  | Jenny Jacob – Advising Francoise McPherson is stepping down as Newsletter editor<br>Jenny Jacob – Walla Store opening hours over Easter<br>Herb Simpfendorfer – Dog droppings in front of Public School<br>Kim Lieschke – Projects for the SPC students<br>Jenny Jacob – Walla Walla Post Office delivering community newsletter for free<br>Greater Hume Shire – Council Meeting News – February, March, April<br>Virginia Scholz – silo committee - Draft letter requesting donations from community |

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Community Newsletter**

We have been advised that Francoise McPherson has requested to stand down as editor of the Walla Walla Community Newsletter. She advised that she will continue to produce the newsletter until a replacement can be found. At this meeting Ben Kotzur & Raquel Ortega-Zarco offered to take over as joint editors of Community Newsletter. Ben & Raquel were thanked for their offer and we advised that we would let Francoise and the Community Newsletter Committee know of this offer. The Community Newsletter Committee, according to the newsletter guidelines, are to appoint the new editors and then advise the Development Committee of this decision to be endorsed. We will ask the Community Newsletter committee to hold a meeting as soon as possible to consider approving the appointment of Ben & Raquel. This meeting agreed that Ben & Raquel would be a suitable choice to take over as new editors.

Moved we will forward nomination of Ben Kotzur & Raquel Ortega-Zarco to be considered by the Walla Walla Newsletter Committee

**Moved**                      **Karen Schoff**                      **Seconded**                      **Marj Rayner**                      **Carried**

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### **Walla Store**

Jenny Jacob advised by email of some community concern with the opening hours of Walla Store over the Easter weekend & Anzac Day weekend, with shop shutting at 11am. Meeting discussed and agreed there is nothing we can do regards opening times and how people run their businesses. Residents need to speak to business owner direct.

### **Dog droppings in front of Public School**

Herb Simpfendorfer advised by email of his concern of dog droppings especially in front of the Public School and also other places around town. Wondering how we can get dog owners to pick up droppings. Meeting discussed and did not come up with a solution to this problem. We will put a friendly reminder in Community Newsletter to ask residence to pick up after their dogs.

### **St Paul's College Students looking for a community project**

Kim Lieschke advised that Year 9 students from St Paul's College are looking for a community project they might be able to help with around the Walla Walla township. Some suggestions were – Church grounds, elderly people's gardens, Lions Park, Sportsground. Give some thoughts to any other projects you might think are suitable for students to help with.

### **Walla Walla Show & Shine – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Walbundrie Rand Walla Football Club and Walla Walla Car Club will again host the Walla Walla Show & Shine event on the Monday of the long weekend, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The organisers do a great job at organising this event and hope for another successful day.

### **New Community Development members**

Ben Kotzur and Raquel Ortega-Zarco advised they would be happy to join the Walla Walla Community Development Committee. We accept this nomination and look forward to working with Ben & Raquel.

**Meeting Closed – 9.00**

**NEXT MEETING – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019**



**MINUTES OF THE WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019 AT THE  
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**PRESENT**

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Councillors – Matt Hicks, Jenny O’Neill  
Visitors – Virginia Scholz

**APOLOGIES**

Andrew Kotzur, Cameron Odewahn, Mark Kirk, Elisa Bartholomaeus, Leon Schoff, Ben Kotzur, Raquel Ortega-Zarco, Denise Osborne

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

*Moved that the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 meeting as circulated be accepted.*

Moved                      Karen Wenke                      Seconded                      Kim Lieschke                      Carried

**Silo Art – Virginia Scholz & committee member Karen Wenke updated us on the progress of Silo Art investigation & working towards the painting of the silos.**

Leonie Carey first advised the following after talking to Suzanne Klemke, who oversees reference committees. Our committee is a reference committee. Advised her that a Silo Art group had been set up to investigate and work on getting the Silos painted in Walla Walla. She advised at this stage the group would not be a committee but an investigating/working group off this committee. Any decisions must be approved by our committee. Grants need to be applied for under the name of the Walla Walla Community Development Committee. Council need to be notified of any grants applied for. We are also required to have community consultation and involvement. We will need written confirmation from Balirs Produce, to advise they will allow the Silos to be painted. The insurance side needs to be worked out as it may be a bit tricky for Council as silos are not on Council land. Council will need to talk to Blairs Produce to see how insurance can be worked out. Leonie advised an official letter to Council has been written to advise them of the Silo Art Project. We will wait for the reply to see how the logistics of this project will work.

**Virginia & Karen told the meeting:-** That they had put an expression of interest for the Silo Art Project through Murray Arts, to see if they could find a suitable artist or artists for the project. Submissions for artists closed on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and approx. 8-10 artist have shown some interest. Consultation with artists to gauge estimate for painting Silos is approx. \$35,000 plus equipment hire, paint etc. Artist usually have their own insurance. Blairs Produce have written an email giving full support of this project. A Facebook page has been set up and is called “Walla Walla Silo Art Committee”. Donation tins have been placed around town. A raffle was held, with approx. \$1000 items donated by local businesses and approx. \$1000 was made towards fundraising. Les Collins won this raffle. A Trivia Night will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> September and some donations have been made by local clubs and businesses. The silo group has been asking around for donation of equipment for project e.g. cherry pickers, scaffolding etc.

The committee gave the Silo group some direction on letter requesting donations from businesses, groups and clubs.

Request that we open a special fundraising bank account to put fundraising money.

*Moved that we open an account to put fundraising money for the Silo Art Project. The account will be named Walla Walla Community Development Committee – Silo Art Project. This account will be two to operate and will have signatories of Daniel Nadebaum, Karen Schoff, Virginia Scholz, Karen Wenke*

Moved                      John Seidel                      Seconded                      Kim Lieschke                      Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING****Fundraising**

Battery Collection  
Sale of Stubby Holders

***Town Upkeep:***

If any areas of concern, we have been requested to talk to Greg Blackie. Mick Hughes is doing a good job keeping our town looking good.

Marj Rayner is resigning from the Bi-Centennial Park organiser/head. Looking for new person to take over lead position.

***Walla Walla Community Newsletter***

The Newsletter Committee have advised the Development Committee that they have appointed Ben Kotzur & Raquel Ortega-Zarco as joint editors of the Walla Walla Community Newsletter.

***Moved that the Community Development Committee ratify/endorse this appointment of Ben & Raquel as Community Newsletter joint editors.***

Moved	Marj Rayner	Seconded	Trevor Schroeter	Carried
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The Newsletter Committee going forward will be called Community Newsletter Support Team and will not be a committee but decisions will be made through the Development Committee. The support team is Herb Simpfendorfer, Jenny Jacob, Françoise McPherson, Elisa Bartholomaeus and Julie Barber, with Ben Kotzur & Raquel Ortega-Zarco as joint editors. Newsletter team will work on the Newsletter guidelines.

***Moved that the Newsletter Committee now be known at Walla Walla Newsletter Support Team.***

Moved	Jenny Jacob	Seconded	Daniel Nadebaum	Carried
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We are very happy with the first two editions, that have been produced by Ben & Raquel

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The question was asked again if we need to consider a Co-operative or Community based shop. We could consider inviting NSW Co-op head to a meeting, to see how this would work. Daniel Nadebaum to speak to Hotel, DJ's Fine Fast Food and Post Office to see what their businesses are prepared to supply. Trevor Schroeter has offered to talk to people if needed regards Co-operative or Supermarket.

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<b>Moved</b>	<b>John Seidel</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Kim Lieschke</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Out – Greater Hume Council – Advising about Silo Art project
- Virginia Scholz & Karen Wenke – Information on Silo Art project & raffle tickets
- In – Greater Hume Council – Max Trimble – Skate Park for Walla Walla
- Council News – May & July

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Walla Walla Gum Swamp**

John Seidel reported that Gum Swamp Committee are very active at the moment, working on fixing fences and keeping weeds under control.

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This service is being well supported and what a great service for our community.

**Words of encouragement**

Trevor Schroeter remarked, that even though projects sometimes move slowly, we are getting a lot achieved in our town, by constant communication with Council, getting behind projects and working towards a goal. The Committee should be proud of their efforts. A lot of Walla Walla residents are putting in a large effort to see projects finished, events held, keeping sporting clubs active and organisations viable.

**Meeting Closed – 9.00**

**NEXT MEETING – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**MINUTES OF THE WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 AT THE  
WALLA WALLA RTC AT 7.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

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Councillors –  
Visitors – Peter Graves

**APOLOGIES**

Andrew Kotzur, Cameron Odewahn, Mark Kirk, Elisa Bartholomaeus, Leon Schoff, Selina Kohlhagen, Denise Osborne, Jenny O’Neil, Matt Hicks

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

*Moved that the minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 meeting as circulated be accepted.*

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Marj Rayner \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_ Trevor Schroeter \_\_\_\_\_ Carried \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS ARISING*****Fundraising***

Battery Collection  
Sale of Stubby Holders

***Town Upkeep:***

If any areas of concern, we have been requested to talk to Greg Blackie. Mick Hughes is doing a good job keeping our town looking good.

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*Moved that we set the Silo Art group as a Sub-Committee of the Walla Walla Community Development Committee*

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Karen Schoff \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded \_\_\_\_\_ John Seidel \_\_\_\_\_ Carried \_\_\_\_\_

***Walla Walla Community Newsletter***

The Newsletter Committee going forward will be called Community Newsletter Support Team and will not be a committee but decisions will be made through the Development Committee. The support team is Herb Simpfendorfer, Jenny Jacob, Françoise McPherson, Elisa Bartholomaeus and Julie Barber, with Ben Kotzur & Raquel Ortega-Zarco as joint editors.

To deal better with advertising in Community Newsletter, Ben & Raquel produced an Advertising Application Form, which was tabled at this meeting, this form had been approved by the Newsletter Support Team and request official approval from Development Committee.

***Moved that the Advertising Application Form, tabled at this meeting be approved.***

Moved	Karen Wenke	Seconded	Kim Lieschke	Carried
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***Moved that we take a neutral attitude to the four proposed solar farms that some Greater Hume Council residents are working towards developing in the district.***

Moved	John Seidel	Seconded	Marj Rayner	Carried
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Moved Marj Rayner                      Seconded Kim Lieschke                      Carried

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Silo Art Project - \$2789.65

Check with Steve Pinnuck regards money from Ivy Barbers Cookbook. Has that been received?

*Moved that Daniel Nadebaum be the second authorisation for electronic transfers*

Moved            Kim Lieschke            Seconded            Trevor Schroeter            Carried

Report Moved            Karen Schoff            Seconded            Marj Rayner            Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Out –
- Grant support letter – Young people in Greater Hume Council becoming resilient adults
  - Grant support letter – Morgan’s Lookout, Walla Walla, New Toilets
  - Grant support letter – Walla Walla shared path project – to gum swamp
  - Grant support letter – The Red Bow Project
  - Daniel Nadebaum – email regards Solar companies attending Community meeting
- In –
- Walla Walla Community Markets – Request to hold a BBQ for fundraising
  - Trevor Barber – Advising funds Ivy Barber cookbook, to go into Childcare Centre
  - John Seidel – Advising re receiving funds for walking/cycling track to Gum Swamp
  - Steven Pinnuck – Greater Hume Council - Silo Art Project
  - Jenny Jacob – Independent Supermarket – Bernardi’s
  - Newsletter Support Team – approving new proposed form
  - Jenny Jacob – Proposed Solar farms
  - Susan Kane – Request for support letter – Young people becoming resilient adults
  - Kerrie Wise – Request for support letters – Toilets Morgan’s Lookout & Path to Gum Swamp
- Swamp
- Greater Hume council – Council news August & September
  - Raquel Ortega-Zarco – Christmas lights competition for Walla Walla
  - Monica Simpfendorfer – Defibrillators in Walla Walla

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the prize money this year and we will donate \$500 towards this community idea. Will advertise on Facebook site and Community Newsletter. Suggestion to also try and put lights on the water tower.

***Moved that the Community Development Committee put in \$500 for prizes to start the Christmas lights project, for this year.***

Moved Marj Rayner Seconded Karen Schoff Carried

### **Defibrillator**

Monica Simpfendorfer sent an email regards defibrillators in Walla Walla. Suggesting making people aware of the defibrillator on Police Station veranda, finding out where other defibrillators are in town and if available for use e.g sports pavilion, Walla Walla Bowling Club, College. The meeting suggested that Ben Kotzur ask Monica & Herb Simpfendorfer to compile a list of where the defibrillators are in town and then this can be put in newsletter, to let local know where defibrillators are located, if there is an emergency.

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**Meeting Closed** – 9.00

**NEXT MEETING** – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019



***Plaque for Children's Services Building in Walla Walla***

To acknowledge the monetary contribution towards the Children's Services building from the Barber cookbook sales, a small plaque is to be organised. GHC has indicated that they do not have any funds to cover such cost. The meeting agreed that the Community Development Committee could probably cover the cost but as a first step we would ask Kim Lieschke to get a quote and propose appropriate wording for the plaque.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

No treasurer report.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Out:

In: Greater Hume council – Council meeting news October

**GENERAL BUSINESS****Open Community Meeting 2020**

It was agreed that the Open Community Meeting should be held again next year on 24 February 2020.

Moved Jenny Jacob                      Seconded Karen Wenke                      Carried

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations 2019**

Trevor advised that the anniversary celebration events have come to an end and the 150<sup>th</sup> committee will work towards winding up by June 2020. Prior to winding-up the 150<sup>th</sup> committee will determine how any remaining funds will be spent within the community.

**Australia Day 2020**

Daniel encouraged people to nominate worthy recipients for Australia Day awards.

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**NEXT MEETING**

Chairman & secretary to organise date but needs to be prior to Open Community meeting.

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- Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Discussion Paper received 142 submissions which are currently under review.
- Over \$1B invested into drought recovery
- Demerger proposals for Cootamundra-Gundagai and Snowy Valleys Councils referred to Boundaries Commission.
- Review of the Code of Conduct underway to strengthen the powers.

### Minister Geoff Lee – Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education

- \$6.7M of smart skills courses funded into the Riverina.
- 32 Smart Skill training providers in the Riverina
- 90 TAFE campuses in the regions therefore it is difficult to provide courses of all trades in all areas. TAFES will need to specialise in certain areas and change to meet local demands (i.e. mining in mining areas).

### Minister Rob Stokes – Minister for Planning

- Planning is setting a regional office in Wagga Wagga.
- Agreed to review the Solar development guidelines to ensure that they plan for and are in the right areas. Needs to be balanced the rights of landowners to use their property as they see fit (e.g. electricity generation)
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- GM raised that issue of VPA's being included in the Development Consent to ensure enforceability. Deputy Mayor raised the issue of solar farms on prime agricultural land.
- In time the inter connector between NSW and SA will encourage solar development in the west of the State.

### Minister Paul Toole – Minister for Regional Roads

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- Road Reclassification Review – Committee announced, first meeting held and are currently finalising the principles of the review.
- Will look at taking roads back that have changed in nature (i.e. increased traffic, tourism etc.)
- Fixing Country Roads – Large number of applications which have been signed if this week with notifications to be made shortly.
- Safer Roads – Projects announced.
- Road freight task expected to increase by 30-40% over the next 10 years.



Minister Bronnie Taylor – Minister for Youth, Women and Mental Health

Unable to attend at late notice.

Minister Brad Hazzard – Minister for Health

- \$32B or one third of the State Budget goes into Health, 10<sup>th</sup> biggest business in the country.
- 134,000 staff
- Deputy Mayor raised the issue of lack of doctors in rural areas. Through COAG the Minister will be lobbying to ensure that doctors can be paid when working in local hospitals but also claim the Medicare rebate. The Minister commented that whether it is doctors or nurses local communities need to ensure that medical professionals are connected to the community.

Minister Adam Marshall – Minister for Agriculture

- Number of assistance measures available.
- Farm transport subsidies - 800 farmers in the Riverina
- Farm innovation loans \$43m in Riverina.\$9.5M in Greater Hume. Funds available in perpetuity.
- Optimistic that Governments (both State and Federal) can do drought recovery better than drought support
- Rural Counselling funded 75% Federal/25% State. Feds have recently announced an extra 11 financial counsellors.
- Younger farmers are coming back into agriculture.
- Developing a Young in Agriculture Policy. For example he is seeking an exemption of stamp duty for young people buying into agriculture.
- Deputy Mayor requested when the Important Agricultural Land mapping will be released. Minister committed to follow up.

Minister Melinda Pavey – Minister for Water, Property and Housing

- \$750M invested in ensuring town water supplies during the drought.
- GM supported comments from Coolamon Shire regarding the impact of the Biodiversity Conservation Act on housing developments in small country towns. REROC/RivJO to write to Minister for Environment.