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Ordinary Meeting of Greater Hume Council

Wednesday, 18 March 2020

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STEVEN PINNUCK
GENERAL MANAGER

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BUSINESS:

1. PRAYER

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

"I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri people, and pay my respect to elders both past, present and emerging".

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST (CONFLICT OF INTEREST)

4. APOLOGIES

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council – 19 February 2020

6. ACTION REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

7. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

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- Environment and Planning
- Governance
- Corporate and Community Services
- Engineering

PART B To Be Received and Noted

- Corporate and Community Services

PART C Items For Information

- Governance
- Corporate and Community Services
- Engineering
- Environment and Planning

PART D For Information

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OFFICERS' REPORTS – PART A - FOR DETERMINATION

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT GREATER HUME STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT

Report prepared by Director Environment and Planning - Colin Kane

REASON FOR REPORT

At the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 October 2019, Council received a report which advised of the preparation of the Draft Greater Hume Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS). In response to that report, Council resolved to exhibit the document for 28 days. This report will advise of the submissions that were received in response to the exhibition and recommend that Council adopt a modified version of the LSPS.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN

Nil.

DISCUSSION

As mentioned, at Ordinary Meeting on 23 October 2019 Council received a report which introduced the Draft LSPS a document that will set a framework for Greater Hume Council's economic, social and environmental land use needs over the next 20 years. It addresses the planning and development issues of strategic significance to the Council through planning priorities and actions, spatial land use direction and guidance.

In accordance with section 3.9(1) and Schedule 1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the LSPS was exhibited from Wednesday 13 November 2019 until the close of business on Monday 16 December 2019.

No submissions were received from the public however, submissions were received from the following government agencies:

- Department of Planning, Industry and Environment - Biodiversity and Conservation.
- Department of Primary Industries.
- Department of Premier and Cabinet Heritage – NSW.

These submissions provided detailed commentary on the draft LSPS and suggested that additional Planning Priority Actions be included within the draft LSPS. The suggestions have been reviewed by the author who considers that, in most cases, the ideas have merit. Unfortunately, in most instances it would be unlikely that Council would be able to achieve the proposed additional Planning Actions in a timely manner.

Consequently the draft LSPS has been amended (**refer to ANNEXURE 1**) to include an appendix that contains the suggested additional Planning Priority Actions as these could be considered further should Council receive additional resources, or Council includes them when redrafting the LSPS occurs as a result of its scheduled review.

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ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT GREATER HUME STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT
[CONT'D]

BUDGET IMPLICATION

There are no immediate/or adverse financial implications resulting from the development and subsequent implementation of the LSPS.

The LSPS does commit Council to the investigation, creation and delivery of the 'Priorities' via identified actions that are contained within the report. The financing of such actions are proposed to be through funding opportunities and via general revenue income.

CONCLUSION

The Greater Hume LSPS is a succinct and easy to understand document that permits residents to contribute and understand the future direction of land use in their area. It identifies nine planning priorities and explains how each of these are to be delivered, monitored and reported upon.

Since exhibition the document has been amended to include an appendix with additional Planning Priority Actions that can be included within the LSPS should additional resources become available, or when redrafting the LSPS occurs as a result of its scheduled review.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the amended Greater Hume Local Strategic Planning Statement and ensure that is published upon the NSW planning portal.

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GOVERNANCE

1. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE – PROPOSED CREATION OF GRANT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER POSITION

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

The Author is of the view that there is potential for unprecedented grant funding to be made available by both the Australian Government and the NSW State Government over the next few years. It is proposed that Council consider the appointment of a Grants Administration Officer for an initial fixed two year term to capitalise on these opportunities as they arise.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS

Nil

DISCUSSION

Over the last twelve months or so there has been an unprecedented number of grant programs. Generally these grant programs were to meet election commitments of the Australian and NSW State Government.

More recently funding has also been flowing to regional areas through drought and bush fire recovery programs and with a sluggish Australian economy and now the impact of the coronavirus it is anticipated that further funding programs will be released imminently and over the next twelve months or so.

This will provide opportunities both directly to Council but also to our numerous community organisations.

In recent times Council has managed this additional workload with a significant additional pressure on existing staff particularly Council's Tourism and Promotions Officer, Kerrie Wise in relation to the submission and monitoring Council funding applications and providing advice to community committees for Rounds one, two and three of the Stronger Country Communities Fund. In relation to other funding applications for other programs the responsibility often falls to a number of staff from the General Manager down.

This leads to a number of issues, including:

- Diverts staff from undertaking their predominant role (e.g. Tourism and Promotions Officer has had difficulty in progressing important projects such as website development)
- Lack of consistency in preparation of grant applications and supporting documentation
- Insufficient time committed to formulating applications reducing the prospects of success
- Applications not submitted for some programs due to lack of resources.

It is for these reasons that the Author is of the view that it is appropriate to consider the employment of a Grants Administration Officer for a fixed term period to ensure a results focussed initiative.

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ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE – PROPOSED CREATION OF GRANT
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER POSITION [CONT'D]

In recent years there has been considerable discussion around the capacity of smaller Councils to apply for funding and to project manage/administer grant programs. As a result most programs enable grant applicants to include project management/administration costs as eligible expenditure.

Council does not have the capacity within its existing budget for an additional position of this nature therefore the expectation is that if a Grants Administration Officer is appointed then the position will be self-funding through the inclusion of a project management/administration expenditure item of between 5% and 10% on future grant applications (where it is eligible expenditure).

It is anticipated that a Grants Administration Officer will need to secure additional funding in the range of \$1.5M to \$2M annually for the position to be self funding. The Author is of the view that a fixed term of two years will enable the submission of a sufficient number of grant applications to ensure an informed evaluation of the initiative can be undertaken. It is recommended that a preliminary review also be undertaken after 12 months.

Indicative key responsibilities of the position as listed below:

- Identifying available grants, funding opportunities, philanthropic trusts, sponsorships, private-public partnership opportunities and other sources of funds for Council and community groups.
- Preparing quality grants and funding submission and assisting others with same process, including research and analysis to support funding applications.
- Where necessary, obtaining Council approval, through Management and Council to submit funding applications.
- Completing or assisting with compliance, monitoring and acquittal processes of grant funding agreement.
- Manage and maintain a grants register
- Prepare information and compile reports for Council meetings as required.
- Develop and implement a review process for both successful and unsuccessful grant applications.
- Identify appropriate Council and community projects which may be eligible for funding and assist with applications when required.
- Build capacity of Council Officers and local community organisations to access funding for community based projects and initiatives
- Maintain a database of grant sources and resources for both Council and community groups
- Networking with potential stakeholders (both internal and external) to ensure awareness of the guidance and support available.

Under section 332 of the Local Government Act, 1993 (the Act) the General Manager has the authority to appoint staff within the resources allocated by Council. The General Manager must also consult Council prior to determining the organisation structure of the Council.

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The Act also requires that the organisation structure of the council is determined so as to give effect to the priorities set out in the strategic plans (including the community strategic plan) and delivery program of Council.

A number of actions within Council's operational plan rely on Council accessing external funding and/or assisting community groups to obtain funding including:

Delivery Plan/Operation Plan Action No.	Action
1.1.4.1	Lobby the Australian and State Government for increased funding
1.3.1.1	Acknowledge all volunteers and those providing welfare, and genuinely engage them in Council decisions, policy and meaningful dialogue to improve outcomes for those that are disadvantaged
2.3.1.1	Support self-help/support and interest groups such as men's sheds, friendly visiting, craft groups and service clubs to be sustainable, accessible and inclusive.
3.1.2.5	Council look for opportunities to address organic material in the waste service
3.2.1.2	Continue to support and develop sporting facilities and other community infrastructure
4.1.1.1	Identify opportunities for external grant funding
4.1.8.1	Implement strategies for identified in the adopted Flood Plain Risk Management Plans and Bushfire Risk Management Plans with successful funding applications.

In this instance, as the position is reliant on a self funding proposal it is considered prudent that the Author seeks the endorsement of Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The proposal is reliant on being self funding through the inclusion of a project management/administration charge in all funding applications where it is eligible expenditure. It is anticipated that additional external funding in the range of \$1.5M - \$2M will be required to generate sufficient income to fund the position.

CONCLUSION

Over the last twelve months or so there has been an unprecedented number of grant programs. Generally these grant program were to meet election commitments of the Australian and NSW State Government.

More recently funding has also been flowing to regional areas through drought and bush fire recovery programs and with a sluggish Australian economy and now the impact of the coronavirus it is anticipated that further funding programs will be released imminently and over the next twelve months or so.

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In this instance, as the position is reliant on a self funding proposal it is considered prudent that the Author seeks the endorsement of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council endorse the proposal to create a Grant Administration Officer up to a two year fixed term based on the position being self funded through the inclusion of a Project Management/Administration charge where it is deemed eligible expenditure.
2. a preliminary review of the position be undertaken after 12 months.

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2. DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (DCP) – PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

To advise that Council has been informed that the Culcairn Reinvigoration Plan will not be funded under the Drought Communities Program.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS

Objective: Our development and maintenance is sustainable, environmentally responsible, accessible and enjoyed by our community

Outcome 4.1: Infrastructure and facilities meet the needs of our communities

DISCUSSION

At the December 2019 and February 2020 Council meetings Council identified ten projects to be funded from the \$1M from the Drought Communities Fund. Subsequent to the February meeting the application was submitted to the Australian Government's Department of Industry, Innovation and Science for assessment.

During the assessment process Council was contacted and advised that the Culcairn Reinvigoration Plan did not meet the guidelines in that it was ineligible under point 5.4; undertaking studies or investigations. Whilst the Author made the case that it was not a study or an investigation but rather a plan for the future, it was clear that the emphasis of the Australian Government are more tangible projects that will stimulate spending in the economy immediately.

The Author has advised the Culcairn Community Development Committee of the decision of the Australian Government and Council will endeavour to identify other funding sources for the project.

Council will be required to nominate a new project or nominate an existing project(s) for additional funding. With this in mind the Author advised Councillors (via email) on 4 March 2020 seeking input. There was strong support from Councillors to increase the allocation to the Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre's (WEEC) toilet upgrade project which will reduce their reliance on loan borrowings.

In the circumstances it is recommended that the Drought Community Fund application be amended to include funding of \$50,000 (previously \$25,000) for the WEEC Toilet Upgrade project.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

It is anticipated that projects undertaken through Drought Communities Program will be cost neutral to Council.

CONCLUSION

It is unfortunate that the Culcairn Reinvigoration Plan will not be funded through the Drought Communities Fund Government and Council will endeavour to identify other funding sources for the project.

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DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (DCP) – ALLOCATION OF REMAINING FUNDS
[CONT'D]

Council will be required to nominate another project or nominate an existing project(s) for additional funding. With this in mind the Author advised Councillors (via email) on 4 March 2020 seeking input. There was strong support from Councillors to increase the allocation to the Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre's (WEEC) toilet upgrade project which will reduce their reliance on loan borrowings.

In the circumstances it is recommended that the Drought Community Fund application be amended to include funding of \$50,000 (previously \$25,000) for the WEEC Toilet Upgrade project.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Drought Communities Fund application be amended to delete the Culcairn Reinvigoration Plan and increases proposed funding for the WECC Toilet upgrade project to \$50,000 (previously \$25,000).

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**3. PROPOSED RENAMING OF THE COACH TERMINAL AREA TO ALLAN FIFIELD
AM PARK**

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

For Council to consider a proposal from the Culcairn Lions Club and the Culcairn Community Development Committee to rename the Coach Terminal area as Fifield Park.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS

Nil

DISCUSSION

Correspondence has been received from the Culcairn Community Development Committee (21 November 2019) and the Culcairn Lions Club (25 February 2020) requesting that Council consider renaming the Coach Terminal Area at Culcairn Fifield Park. Copies of the correspondence are included as **ANNEXURE 2** for Councillors' information.

The following is a precis of his obituary:

"Allan along with his brother Jack operated the family grocery store for a number of decades relocating and modernising the shop to keep abreast of changes in the industry until Allan sold the business on the corner of Balfour Street and Railway Parade in 1985 (now the site of the Culcairn Bakery).

Allan Fifield retired from business at the age of 55, but certainly not from public and community affairs.

Allan immersed himself in community affairs at a very early age becoming Secretary of the Culcairn Show Society at the age of 17, a position he held for 27 years. Allan's passion for the Culcairn Show Society continued well past his retirement from the position of secretary selling the lucky envelopes every year until very recently prior to his death in 2011.

In his formative years Allan was also appointed as Secretary of the Albury and District Football League, was a foundation member of the Culcairn ex Students Association and in his spare time was an accomplished football umpire and a keen tennis player.

Allan joined the Culcairn Fire Brigade in 1952 and became Captain 1967 holding the position until 1981.

Following a by-election in April 1966 Allan was elected to Culcairn Shire Council and serviced continuously for 38 years until the Council was dissolved in May 2004. Allan was Culcairn Shire Council's longest serving Shire President/Mayor holding the position of 17 terms.

A passion for local government and country people resulted in Allan being elected Chair of 'G' Division and a member of the Executive Council, of the Shires Association of NSW from 1979-1989, Vice president from 1981-1985 and President from 1985-1987.

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His contribution to Local Government also included appointment to the NSW 3 x3 Roads Trust Committee, Chairman and Judge of the AR Bluett Memorial Awards from 1985-2000, Judge of the Institute of Municipal Management /Sydney Morning Herald Management Excellence Awards 1991-1997 and a Director of Local Government Financial Services Pty Ltd from 1993-2000.

So varied were Allan's interests he was also elected Chair of Riverina Regional Library from 1999-2004.

Allan was held in such high esteem, his public life included a number of State and Federal appointments including a Commissioner of the NSW Local Government Grants Commission from 1986-1992 and Chairman from 1992-1997, Chair of the Albury-Wodonga (NSW) Corporation from 1998-2004 and a member of the Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation from 2004-2007, Member of the Murray Regional Development Board from 1988-2005.

Allan was honoured with the Award of Member, AM, the General Division of the Order of Australia on 26 January 1987 for services to Local Government and the community and Culcairn Shire Citizen of the Year in 1987.

In later years, being retired from business and with Council commitments decreasing Allan, a keen bowler, became involved in administration with the bowls section of the Licensed Club joining the Committee in 2003. Allan became Vice President in 2005 and took over as President in mid 2009.

Allan along with others like Don Lowe, Bruno Biti and Gil Bahr were instrumental in the establishment of the Kiltarn House Aged Care Hostel and shortly afterwards Allan assumed the role of Treasurer of the fundraising Committee to ensure that a nursing home was established as part of a renovated hospital to provide a multi purpose health service for the Culcairn and district community.

Whether it was the Culcairn Hall, Station House Museum or countless other community facilities and activities there isn't too many that haven't benefited from Allan's untiring love for his community.

Allan had a very caring and compassionate nature and despite his own personal achievements Allan was always eager to recognise the feats and contribution of others by nominating them for high honours and awards. Because of his standing in the community, the breadth of his knowledge and his wise counsel Allan was often sought out by local residents to provide advice and assistance on personal issues that they may have faced.

Even in his twilight years Allan made a significant contribution to Culcairn's 125 Year Birthday Celebrations in 2008 and was a regular contributor to Culcairn's community newsletter The Oasis writing obituaries, stories from yesteryear and unusual and humorous anecdotes.

Allan Fifield epitomised the 'can do' attitude of country people and today whilst there is sadness it is also a celebration of a journey that enriched the lives of so many."

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PROPOSED RENAMING OF THE COACH TERMINAL AREA TO ALLAN FIFIELD AM PARK
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It is clear that Allan Fifield AM has made a significant contribution to Local Government, the former Culcairn Shire and the Culcairn and district community and, in particular is worthy of being recognised by naming the Coach Terminal area in his honour. It is recommended however that area be proposed to be named Allan Fifield AM Park rather than Fifield Park to specifically recognise his outstanding contribution to the community over many decades.

It is further recommended that the proposal be publically exhibited for a period of 28 days seeking public comment.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Minor costs in renaming the Coach Terminal area which can be met from existing expenditure allocations.

CONCLUSION

Correspondence has been received from the Culcairn Community Development Committee (21 November 2019) and the Culcairn Lions Club (25 February 2020) requesting that Council consider renaming the Coach Terminal Area Fifield Park.

Allan Fifield AM has made a significant contribution to Local Government, the former Culcairn Shire and the Culcairn and district community and in particular is worthy of being recognised by naming the Coach Terminal area in his honour. It is recommended however that area be proposed to be named Allan Fifield AM Park rather than Fifield Park to specifically recognise his outstanding contribution to the community of many decades.

It is further recommended that the proposal be publically exhibited for a period of 28 days seeking public comment.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council propose renaming the Coach Terminal area in Culcairn Allan Fifield AM Park
2. the proposal be publically exhibited for a period of 28 days seeking comment.
3. should no adverse comment be made at the closure of the public exhibition period the Coach Terminal Area be renamed Allan Fifield AM Park.

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4. BUSHFIRE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUND

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

For Council to consider projects to form part of an application for funding under the Bushfire Community Resilience and Economic Recovery Fund (BCRERF).

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS

Nil

DISCUSSION

It was reported to the February meeting that Council had received correspondence from Deputy Premier, The Hon. John Barilaro MP announcing Phase 1 of the Bushfire Community Resilience and Economic Recovery Funds (BCRERF). Under this program Council will receive \$100,000 to develop programs for the immediate recovery needs of local communities. Applications must be lodged by 31 March with projects to be completed by 30 June 2020 or at the very least programs must be identified and in place by 30 June 2020.

The Author has consulted significantly with the Jingellic Local Recovery Committee which has representatives from Jingellic, Ournie, Talmalmo and Lankeys Creek.

Following these consultations the following projects/programs have been identified for Council's consideration.

Project	\$	Comments
Community Events (3)	\$20,000	Planned Events: Saturday 2 nd May Thank you to firies Saturday 15 th (TBC) August Upper Murray Beef Producers Dinner Saturday 10 th October Jamming@jingellic The funds will be used to expand existing events held in the area in preference to staging new events. This will enable the hiring of marquees etc. to increase participation, fund entertainment/speakers and keep ticket prices down.
Thank you event	\$10,000	Thank you event at Holbrook for firefighters and other volunteers.
Portable Coolroom for Jingellic Hub	\$5,000	Remainder of funding to be provided from other sources.
Improvements to the Lankeys Creek Hall	\$10,000	The Committee are aiming to update the kitchen at the Hall. The Hall is used by the Community for regular events (including happy hour) and the RFS during incidents.

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Project	\$	Comments
Trees and tree planting program for farmers	\$30,000	Could be Jointly funded from SVC/GHC BCRERF. Based on conversations at meeting would probably need to include access to native and non native trees. Proposed to use a voucher system. Amount would depend on how many impacted landowners nominated for assistance
Holbrook Landcare	\$10,000	On farm advice tree planting, erosion control etc. I have had some initial discussions with Holbrook Landcare and expect to receive a proposal by Friday 6 March.
Resilience and Wellness Programs	\$15,000	Actual form of programs to be developed
TOTAL	\$100,000	

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

It is anticipated that the projects will be cost neutral to Council.

CONCLUSION

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It is recommended that the projects/program outlined in the report be supported by Council.

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**BUSHFIRE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUND [CONT'D]
RECOMMENDATION**

That

1. the projects/programs listed in the table below be included in an application for funding under the Bushfire Community Resilience and Economic Recovery Fund.

Project	\$	Comments
Community Events (3)	\$20,000	Planned Events: Saturday 2 nd May Thank you to fires Saturday 15 th (TBC) August Upper Murray Beef Producers Dinner Saturday 10 th October Jamming@jingelic The funds will be used to expand existing events held in the area in preference to staging new events. This will enable the hiring of marquees etc. to increase participation, fund entertainment/speakers and keep ticket prices down.
Thank you event	\$10,000	Thank you event at Holbrook for firefighters and other volunteers.
Portable Coolroom for Jingelic Hub	\$5,000	Remainder of funding to be provided from other sources.
Improvements to the Lankeys Creek Hall	\$10,000	The Committee are aiming to update the kitchen at the Hall. The Hall is used by the Community for regular events (including happy hour) and the RFS during incidents.
Trees and tree planting program for farmers	\$30,000	Could be Jointly funded from SVC/GHC BCRERF. Based on conversations at meeting would probably need to include access to native and non native trees. Proposed to use a voucher system. Amount would depend on how many impacted landowners nominated for assistance
Holbrook Landcare	\$10,000	On farm advice tree planting, erosion control etc. I have had some initial discussions with Holbrook Landcare and expect to receive a proposal by Friday 6 March.
Resilience and Wellness Programs	\$15,000	Actual form of programs to be developed
TOTAL	\$100,000	

2. Three councillors be nominated to a working group along with the General Manager to finalise initiatives.

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5. ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES IN GREATER HUME COUNCIL AREA – SATURDAY, 25 APRIL 2020

Report by Executive Assistant Governance & Economic Development – Marg Killalea

REASON FOR REPORT

To report on Anzac Day services across the local government area and to determine Council's representation at each ceremony.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Nil.

DISCUSSION

Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

Set out below is a summary of 2020 Anzac Day ceremonies to be held in Greater Hume area on 25 April.

<p>Culcairn 10:15 – 10.30 March from Railway Parade Bus Terminal park 10:45 Service at Balfour Street Memorial 11:00 Lay of Wreaths 11:30am Post march service/function at Culcairn Memorial Hall Contact: John McLean 0478 605 303</p>	<p>Henty 10:00 Marchers gather at Ivor street between Sladen & Lyne Streets. 10:30 ANZAC Day march to Henty Memorial Park 11:00 Service and wreath laying at the Cenotaph Contact: Garry Kern 0414 812 741</p>
<p>Brocklesby 5:45 Dawn Service in Lowe Square 9:30 Service at Brocklesby War Memorial 10:00 Service at Oolong Aged Care Facility 11:00 Service at Howlong with morning tea provided in the Hall following. Contact: David Houghton 0428 768 199</p> <p>Cr Quinn has offered to attend this service</p>	<p>Holbrook <u>Saturday, 25 April</u> 5.45am Dawn Service, Cenotaph Ten Mile Creek Gardens 10.30am Gather on corner Hume/Albury Streets 10.45am March through Albury Street 11am Ceremony at Cenotaph Ten Mile Creek Gardens Contact: Kim Turner Secretary, Holbrook RSL SubBranch M: 0419 953 563</p>

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<p>Burrumbuttock 12:00 Service at Memorial Hall and stay afterwards for a cuppa and a chat. Contact: Jeff Litchfield 0438 293 227</p>	<p>Jindera 5:45 Dawn service at Memorial Park. Jindera Fire Brigade providing breakfast for a gold coin donation. 10:30 Service at the Memorial Park cnr Dight/Urana Streets. Followed by morning tea at the School of Arts. Please bring a plate. Contact: Dawn Service: Greg Finster 0417 412 639 Day Service: St Mary MacKillop College 6045 9422</p>
<p>Walla Walla 5:45 Dawn Service Cenotaph 10:00 gather Commercial Street opposite Kotzur 10:45 march to Bicentennial Park 11:00 Service with availability to purchase from a sausage sizzle afterwards. Contact: Dawn Service: John Seidel 6029 2381 Day Service: Graeme Cunningham 0427 296 104</p>	<p>Mullengandra 5:30 Dawn Service at Mullengandra Hall 7: 00 – 9:00 Breakfast Contact: Peter Artridge 0429 204 295</p>

Greater Hume Council has traditionally been represented at each of the respective Anzac Day ceremonies held on 25 April by a councillor who has laid a wreath on behalf of the Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil.

CONCLUSION

Anzac Day is the day we remember all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. Ceremonies are held in eight towns/villages in the shire to acknowledge the service of our veterans.

Council encourages all residents to not miss the opportunity to attend an Anzac Day ceremony in the shire.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council determine its representatives to attend the Anzac Day 2020 ceremonies to be held in Greater Hume Council area.

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6. THE RED BOW PROJECT – POSSIBLE CONTINUATION ACROSS GREATER HUME TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN 2020

Report by Executive Assistant Governance & Economic Development – Marg Killalea

REASON FOR REPORT

To provide Council with a report on the inaugural Red Bow Project which was conducted November/December 2019, timed to lift community spirit, support the buy local initiative and encourage shopping at local businesses during the Christmas retail period.

To inform Council of a proposed cost for 2020, should the Council wish to include the initiative in the budget for 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Objective We create healthy, inclusive and resilient communities, acknowledge our volunteers and value our youth

Outcome 2.3 Volunteering is inclusive, well acknowledged and supported

Objective We are revitalising our communities, welcoming visitors, growing our economy and promoting the lifestyle, culture and heritage offered in our community

Outcome 3.1 We have prosperous and diverse local businesses and a growing economy

DISCUSSION

In collaboration with community volunteers and Council's staff, the Red Bow Project was undertaken in Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook, Jindera and Walla Walla main streets during November/December period. Effective in delivering a red bow Christmas theme, the red 'street' bows made from rolls of red plastic fabric, made by volunteer teams and then erected either on unencumbered power poles, trees, or palms in the main streets of each town. Essential Energy provided an approval process for the use of certain power poles in Holbrook, Jindera and Walla Walla. A total of more than 150 bows were installed across the five towns.

To deliver the project, Council partnered with a number of volunteer community groups across the LGA, namely Rotary Club of Holbrook, Culcairn, Henty and Walla Walla Community Development Committees, Walla Craft Group and the Henty and Jindera Lions Clubs. Volunteers from these groups either made and/or helped to install the street bows.



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Grant funding amounting to \$3,726 was successfully applied for, through the Riverina Water Community Grants (auspiced by the Rotary Club of Holbrook). Further grant funding was also received via the Inland Rail Sponsorships and Donations Program totalling \$3,035 which provided funding to enable the purchase of a large Christmas tree for Culcairn and fairy lights for both Culcairn and Henty main streets.

It would be fair to say that the project, done as a pilot in 2019, resulting in bows worked effectively in four of five town towns (the bows didn't keep shape on narrow light poles in Sladen Street, Henty). If the project was deemed worthwhile by Council, staff would need to rethink the red bow application for Henty.

Essential Energy has provided its indicative approval for the use of power poles, with the same conditions as 2019, and is in support for the initiative should it be undertaken in 2020.

A review of Council expenditures (staff labour) for the project amounted to \$2,120, in addition to grant funds.

Council received a range of comments from residents about the project, with overwhelming majority in support of decorating our town's main streets for the festive season, many loved the 'red bow' concept. The Rotary Club of Holbrook did receive some negativity "they look great, shame they are plastic". Staff did receive some negative feedback and this is also documented. The main reason for using the red plastic fabric was due to cost, 30 metre roll cost \$20, which meant that the project could be undertaken within grant and budget parameters. With a degree of negativity regarding use of a 'plastic' material, Council has responded in a responsible manner, ensuring the discarded plastic material was recycled.

Red bows were removed in January, and the red plastic fabric recycled at Plastic Forests Albury, with the community being informed of this via community newsletters.

At the conclusion of the project, feedback has been sought from volunteer organisations, Council staff and others, and these comments are provided in **ANNEXURE 3**.

To offset the budget for future projects, Council could look to apply for community grant funding to offset costs of the project. Also the period of time that the red bows are erected could be tightened up, as the bows did appear to fade.

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Without grant funding it is estimated that to undertake the project utilising the same red plastic fabric, Council would need to make an annual allocation of \$5,000 to \$7,500 to cover materials and staff labour. There is a need to find a solution for the red bows for Sladen Street, Henty, which may require a netting red fabric (tulle) (priced around \$3 per metre) to be utilised.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Should Council support the continuation of the Red Bow Project in 2020, an allocation of between \$5,000 to \$7,500 will be required.

CONCLUSION

In collaboration with community volunteers and Council's staff, the Red Bow Project was undertaken in five towns of Greater Hume during late 2019. Anecdotal comments supported the enlivening of our streets. Feedback from community organisations suggests that the project was successful and there is support from communication organisations to assist with the project in 2020. Modifications are required to the material to be used for Sladen Street, Henty and this will need to be trialled.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council include an amount \$7,500 in the draft 2020/2021 budget for the Red Bow Project for consideration.

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7. MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS WORKING GROUP – TERMS OF REFERENCE

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

To provide Council with a draft Terms of Reference for the recently formed Marketing and Promotions Working Group, which now requires formal adoption by Council.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Objective We are revitalising our communities, welcoming visitors, growing our economy and promoting the lifestyle, culture and heritage offered in our community
Outcome 3.1 We have prosperous and diverse local businesses and a growing economy

DISCUSSION

In response to a Notice of Motion by Cr Lea Parker at the October 2019 meeting, Council resolved to form a Promotional Group for the benefit of the Greater Hume area.

Four councillors, being Crs Parker, O'Neill, Schilg and Weston were appointed to the working group. The General Manager, Executive Assistant Promotions and Tourism and the Executive Assistant Governance and Economic Development attend meetings in an advisory capacity.

Subsequently, two meetings of the working group have been held. A draft Terms of Reference was submitted to the second meeting on Thursday, 5 March.

It is appropriate that Council now formally adopt the Terms of Reference for the Marketing and Promotions Working Group, attached in **ANNEXURE 4**.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Unknown at this point of time, however, it is expected that activities for the working group will be funded from existing budgets, or new funding approved by Council or by promotional grants.

CONCLUSION

Council has resolved to establish a Promotions Working Group for the benefit of the Greater Hume Council area. The working group has met twice, with draft Terms of Reference now presented to Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the draft Terms of Reference for the Marketing and Promotions Working Group.

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. SHORT TERM LICENCE – LOT 169 DP 753730, CROWN RESERVE 41865

Report prepared by Manager Corporate Services – Suzanne Klemke

REASON FOR REPORT

To seek Council's approval to commence advertising for Expressions of Interest to enter into a short term licence for Lot 169 DP 753730, Crown Reserve 41865, Burrumbuttock comprising approximately 3.95ha.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Nil.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with the Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLM Act), Council as Crown land managers now manage Crown reserves as if the reserves are public land under the Local Government Act. This means that councils issuing or granting tenures over the Crown reserves do so in accordance with the requirements for either community or operational land, including any other requirements arising from or included in the CLM Act.

Council's approval is sought to commence advertising for Expressions of Interest to enter into a short term licence for Lot 169 DP 753730, Crown Reserve 41865, Burrumbuttock comprising approximately 3.95ha. A location plan of the subject land is included at **ANNEXURE 5**.

This parcel of land was previously licenced by Crown lands to an adjoining landowner however the licence has now terminated. Council has received enquiries from both adjoining landowners with regard to Council's intention to again offer this parcel of land under a licence arrangement.

The land is not currently used for Council purposes and issuing a licence will optimise the use of the land for the benefit of the community. The terms and conditions of the agreement provides for adequate fencing and the maintenance and control of weeds and pests.

In accordance with Council procedure, it would be appropriate that Council seek Expressions of Interest to enter into a licence for Lot 169 DP 753730, Crown Reserve 41865, Burrumbuttock for the purposes of grazing for a period of twelve months.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

No significant impact on Council's budget.

CONCLUSION

This report seeks Council's endorsement to advertise for Expressions of Interest to enter into a short term licence for Lot 169 DP 753730 Crown Reserve 41865, Burrumbuttock for the purposes of grazing for a period of twelve months.

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SHORT TERM LICENCE – LOT 169 DP 753730, CROWN RESERVE 41865 [CONT'D]

RECOMMENDATION

That Council seek Expressions of Interest for the short term licence for Lot 169 DP 753730, Crown Reserve 41865 Burrumbuttock for the purpose of grazing for a period of twelve months.

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ENGINEERING

1. JINGELIC ROAD – UPGRADE REPORT

Report prepared by Director Engineering – Greg Blackie

REASON FOR REPORT

To inform Councillors on the progress of the upgrading of Jingellic Road.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Objective Our development and maintenance is sustainable, environmentally responsible, accessible and enjoyed by our community

Outcome 4.1 Infrastructure and facilities meets the needs of our communities.

DISCUSSION

Jingellic Road is an important road in Greater Hume linking Holbrook to Jingellic and more regionally Southern NSW to the Upper Murray in Victoria. It is classified as a Regional Road on the Councils Road Network as it was formally a main road managed solely by the NSW Government before being handed to Council to maintain. It is part of Main Road 331 (MR331) that traverses west to east across the whole of Greater Hume. Council now only receives limited funding from the NSW government to assist in its ongoing maintenance and improvement.

Details

The section of Jingellic Road that Council maintains is 45.12 km in length commencing at Albury St in Holbrook and ending at Coppabella Creek (Bridge on Shire Boundary) near the intersection of MR 85 (Jingellic Road in Snowy Valleys Council). Traffic Counts taken recently indicate an average traffic volume of 418 AADT (Average Annual Daily Traffic) with 19% being heavy vehicles.

The most significant issue with the road is its narrow pavement and seal (6 to 6.5m wide), poor pavement and narrow shoulders, which causes issues with large vehicles such as trucks and school buses passing. Narrow bridge structures are also an issue. The road, also for a majority of its length, is in undulating or steep terrain, unlike a lot of other roads in Greater Hume which are in a less undulating environment.

Usage

Whilst the traffic volumes are lower than other Regional Roads in Greater Hume, there are specific events and times of the year that significant increases in traffic occur (ie School Holidays, Man from Snowy River Festival, Easter and traffic heading to the NSW ski fields). Also significant livestock, general agricultural traffic, and timber logging vehicles make up a significant component of the heavy and larger vehicle usage on the road. Three school buses also use the road from Holbrook to the Coppabella Road intersection every school day (morning and afternoon).

Recent upgrades

The most recent and significant upgrade to Jingellic Road was the construction of the Yarara Gap section of road completed in 2016 at a cost of \$3.7 Million funded by a combination of Council, NSW State and Australian Government funding. Since then resealing including heavy patching of the majority of the road has been undertaken.

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JINGELIC ROAD – UPGRADE REPORT [CONT'D]

Proposed upgrades

As reported to Council last year (May 2019) see **ANNEXURE 6**, Council has developed a Jingellic Road Upgrade Strategy. As stated in the strategy a three stage priority program to upgrade the entirety of Jingellic Road has been developed.

Stage 1 includes the reconstruction and widening of 10.6km along the Wantagong Valley including the replacement of four bridges and widening of the bridge of the Wantagong Creek, and reconstruction and widening of 3.1km from the top of Yarara Gap to Coppabella Road. Total Cost Approx \$13 Million.

Stage 2 includes the reconstruction and widening of 13.6 km from Coppabella Road to Coppabella Creek (Shire Boundary). Approx. Cost \$10 Million

Stage 3 includes the reconstruction and widening from Holbrook to the commencement of Stage 1 approximately 10.6km from Holbrook. Approx Cost \$7 Million

Total cost of all stages is \$30 Million in current dollars.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting in May 2019, Council adopted the following recommendations following the presentation of the report:

That Council:

1. *Endorse the Jingellic Road Upgrade Report as presented*
2. *Endorse the commencement of the detailed investigation and design for stage 1 of the works, and*
3. *Prepare detailed funding applications for Stage 1 of the works as detailed and lodge a fixing country road application and safer road application when completed.*

Since the May 2019 meeting, Council has completed the full survey and design of the section of Jingellic road from the top of the Yarara Gap to Coppabella Road, and lodged a Fixing Country Road (FCR) funding application for \$2.66 Million. Council is currently awaiting an announcement (due May) on the success of the application.

Survey and design of the replacement of four bridge structures (Serpentine Creek, Fish Creek, Scent Bottle Creek, and Spring Creek) and widening of the bridge over Wantagong Creek has been completed. A FCR application is currently being prepared and will be lodged in the next tranche of the FCR program (Tranche 3).

The reconstruction and widening of the 10.6km section of Jingellic Road in the “Wantagong Valley” is planned to commence in 2021/2022 as part of Council’s Regional Road Repair Program, and continue each year until completed (approximately 2km each year will be completed as funding is limited to approximately \$375k per year with Council matching the amount with a co contribution from the Regional Road Block Grant being used to make available \$750k each year).

Council also lodged a Safer Roads Application last year for the reconstruction of 13.7km (10.6km and 3.1km) of Jingellic Road Upgrade Program (Stage 1 excluding bridges) for \$10 Million, however we have been advised this has not been successful on this occasion.

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At the last Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council committed to replacing all of the existing wire fencing on the section of Jingellic Road from Coppabella Road to the shire boundary at Coppabella Creek to the value of \$227,290.00 from additional funds received for the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery Program. This work will be completed in the coming months

Council has undertaken significant works and planning and this will continue to be undertaken to ensure Jingellic Road is maintained to an appropriate standard. Also Council has undertaken survey and design for substantial further works, with the information to be used in current and future grant applications. Obviously without substantial grant funding, works can only be undertaken as Council's budget permits, however the author believes that with the continual process of grant submissions, associated with a Council commitment to part fund any associated grant works, and sustained lobbying of the Australian and NSW State Government Ministers and their associated departments, will lead to favourable outcomes that will allow the upgrade of the road to continue over time.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

As detailed in the report, substantial grant funding applications have been lodged with NSW State and Australian Government Programs with Council committing to part funding of the projects to enable the best chance of success. In future budgets it is proposed that Council will need to continue to commit funding as required where grant funding is sought. Council has committed to allocating all funding received through the Regional Road Repair Program and matching it with Block Grant Funding commencing in 2021/22 (approximately \$750K per year) to upgrade works on Jingellic Road in the Wantagong Valley until completed.

CONCLUSION

As shown Council has undertaken significant works and planning and this will continue to be undertaken to ensure Jingellic Road is maintained to an appropriate standard. Also Council has undertaken survey and design for substantial further works, with the information to be used in current and future grant applications. Obviously without substantial grant funding, works can only be undertaken as Councils budget permits, however the author believes that with the continual process of grant submissions, associated with a Council commitment to part fund any associated grant works, and sustained lobbying of Federal and State Government Ministers and their associated departments, will lead to favourable outcomes that will allow the upgrade of the road to continue.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the work undertaken on Jingellic Road to date.

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2. LOCAL ROAD RESHEETING PROGRAM CHANGES FOR 2019/2020

Report prepared by Director Engineering – Greg Blackie

REASON FOR REPORT

To nominate additional roads to be gravel resheeted under Councils 2019/2020 Local Road Gravel Resheeting Program, using savings achieved from works undertaken.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Objective Our development and maintenance is sustainable, environmentally responsible, accessible and enjoyed by our community

Outcome 4.1 Infrastructure and facilities meets the needs of our communities.

DISCUSSION

Council has an allocation in the 2019/2020 Delivery Program of \$1,225,000 to undertake gravel resheeting on Councils road network this financial year. It is also advised Council carried forward an extensive program of resheeting from the previous year as a majority of the work could not be completed due to a range of issues.

Council has now completed all resheeting projects from the current and previous year's programs, and has realised savings of approximately \$600,000. Approximately half of the savings has been achieved through the use of polymer treatments in lieu of gravel resheeting on low use local unsealed roads which has provided good results at a lower cost. Other savings have been achieved via a change in delivery practice whereby gravel is now supplied to the job on a tonnage basis not an hourly rate, which has increased efficiencies on the job.

It is now deemed appropriate that the savings are allocated to the resheeting of additional roads that can be completed this financial year.

Council staff have undertaken an assessment and have determined a list of roads that should be resheeted this year based on their current condition and are projects that are already nominated in next year's proposed resheeting program as discussed with Councillors at the recent Preliminary Roads Workshop. The roads have also been nominated on the basis that access is achievable to undertake the resheeting without impacting on other adjacent roads if inclement weather intervenes to ensure the works can be completed this financial year.

The following roads that have been nominated are:

1. Brocklesby – Goombargama Rd -Two sections from Balldale Walbundrie Road to start of sealed section (Ch0 to Ch1700 and Ch2000 to Ch3200) Total 2.9km \$115,000
2. Fielder Moll Rd –Full Length from Gerogery Road to Glenellen Road (Ch0 to Ch4545) Total 4.54km \$170,000
3. Howlong – Goombargama Rd From Brocklesby Balldale Rd for 1.62km (Ch15250 to Ch16870) Total 1.62km \$60,000
4. Mc Gormans Lane From Flaxvale Road to Balldale Walbundrie Road (CH3130 to Ch6130) Total 3km \$85,000
5. Taylors Rd End of seal to Coach Road (Ch2730 to Ch7000) Total 4.27km \$170,000

Total Length 16.33km - \$600,000

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LOCAL ROAD RESHEETING PROGRAM CHANGES FOR 2019/20 [CONT'D]

BUDGET IMPLICATION

No impact as savings have been achieved from the current resheeting program and associated budget.

CONCLUSION

Council has realised savings in the current Gravel Resheeting Program and it is now deemed appropriate to undertake additional gravel resheeting on 16.33km of local unsealed roads as detailed to ensure the road network is maintained to an appropriate standard.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council add the following roads to Council's 2019/2020 Gravel Resheeting Program:

1. Brocklesby – Goombargama Rd -Two sections from Balldale Walbundrie Road to start of sealed section (Ch0 to Ch1700 and Ch2000 to Ch3200) Total 2.9km \$115,000
2. Fielder Moll Rd –Full Length from Gerogery Road to Glenellen Road (Ch0 to Ch4545) Total 4.54km \$170,000
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ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO CLOSED COUNCIL

1. OFFER TO PURCHASE LOT 101 JARICK WAY - JINDERA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

For Council to consider an offer for Lot 101 comprising 15,000 sqm. at the Jindera Industrial Estate.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS

Objective We are revitalising our communities, welcoming visitors, growing our economy and promoting the lifestyle, culture and heritage offered in our communities.

Outcome 3.1 We have diverse local businesses and a growing economy. .

DISCUSSION

Lot prices were set by Council at the December 2016 Council meeting. A copy of the Lot Plan is attached as **ANNEXURE 7** for Councillors' information.

To date six (6) sales have been achieved without any advertising or involvement of real estate agents acting on behalf of Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

This sale will continue to improve Council's cash flow of this development and provide resources for developments in other parts of the shire.

CONCLUSION

As the negotiation of the sale of lots at the Jindera Industrial Estate outside the parameters determined by Council at the December meeting 2016 is of a confidential nature, it is recommended that the matter be referred to Closed Council in accordance with section 10 A (2) (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer an advantage on a person whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

RECOMMENDATION

That consideration of the offer to purchase Lot 101 comprising 15,000 sqm. at the Jindera Industrial Estate be referred to Closed Council in accordance with section 10 A (2) (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer an advantage on a person whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

REASON

On balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the offer to purchase Lot 101 comprising 15,000 sqm. at the Jindera Industrial Estate outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Council decision making because the disclosure of this information could compromise the commercial position of Council in any future sales.

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2. OFFER TO PURCHASE PROPERTY AT HENTY

Report prepared by Director Corporate & Community Services – David Smith

REASON FOR THE REPORT

For Council to consider an offer to purchase property at 11 Kierath Street Henty.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Objective We create healthy, inclusive and resilient communities, acknowledge our volunteers and value our youth

Outcome 2.2 We have services to promote and delivery Health & Wellbeing for all ages

DISCUSSION

As Councillors are aware, Greater Hume Children Services provides centre based long day care services from leased premises at 11 Kierath Street Henty. The property is owned by Albury Wodonga Community College (AWCC). The current lease concludes 13 January 2021 with an option to renew for a further period of one (1) year.

Council has received correspondence from AWCC detailing an offer to sell the property to Council. The provision of long day care services to families in Henty and the surrounding district is essential to ensure the future sustainability of the community and as such the opportunity to secure ownership of the current premises is considered a matter which Council should favourably consider.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION

The purchase of 11 Kierath Street Henty could be funded from the existing Greater Hume Children Services reserve which has a balance of \$565,270 as at 30 June 2019.

CONCLUSION

The provision of long day care services to families in Henty and the surrounding district is essential to ensure the future sustainability of the community and as such the opportunity to purchase 11 Kierath Street Henty is considered a matter which Council should favourably consider.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that consideration of the offer to purchase property to be referred to Closed Council for discussion, in accordance with the relevant section of the Local Government Act, 1993 section 10A (2)(d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

REASON FOR REFERRAL

On balance the confidentiality of the offer to purchase 11 Kierath Street Henty outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Council decision making because the disclosure of this information could compromise the commercial position of the person who made it and the position of Council in any future sale process.

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3. GENERAL MANAGER – SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Report prepared by Mayor - Cr Heather Wilton

REASON FOR REPORT

To report on the conduct of the General Manager's Performance Review for the six month period to 31 December 2019.

DISCUSSION

Council is aware that the six monthly review of the General Manager's Performance to 31 December 2018 took place on 24 February 2020, where the General Manager's Review Committee comprising Cr Doug Meyer OAM, Cr Annette Schilg, and Mayor, Cr Heather Wilton met with the General Manager, Steven Pinnuck, and discussed a number of items of interest.

RECOMMENDATION

That the matter of the General Manager's Performance Review is confidential in nature and that the matter be referred to Closed Council (Committee Of The Whole) for discussion, in accordance with the relevant section of the Local Government Act 1993 section 10a (2)(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

REASON

That the ability of councillors to discuss the performance of the General Manager in a full and frank manner outweighs the need for the report to be discussed in Open Council.

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**OFFICERS' REPORTS – PART B – TO BE RECEIVED AND NOTED
CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1. LAND VALUATIONS

Report prepared by Director Corporate & Community Services – David Smith

REASON FOR THE REPORT

To provide Council with further information regarding revised property valuations as determined by the NSW Valuer General.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Not Applicable

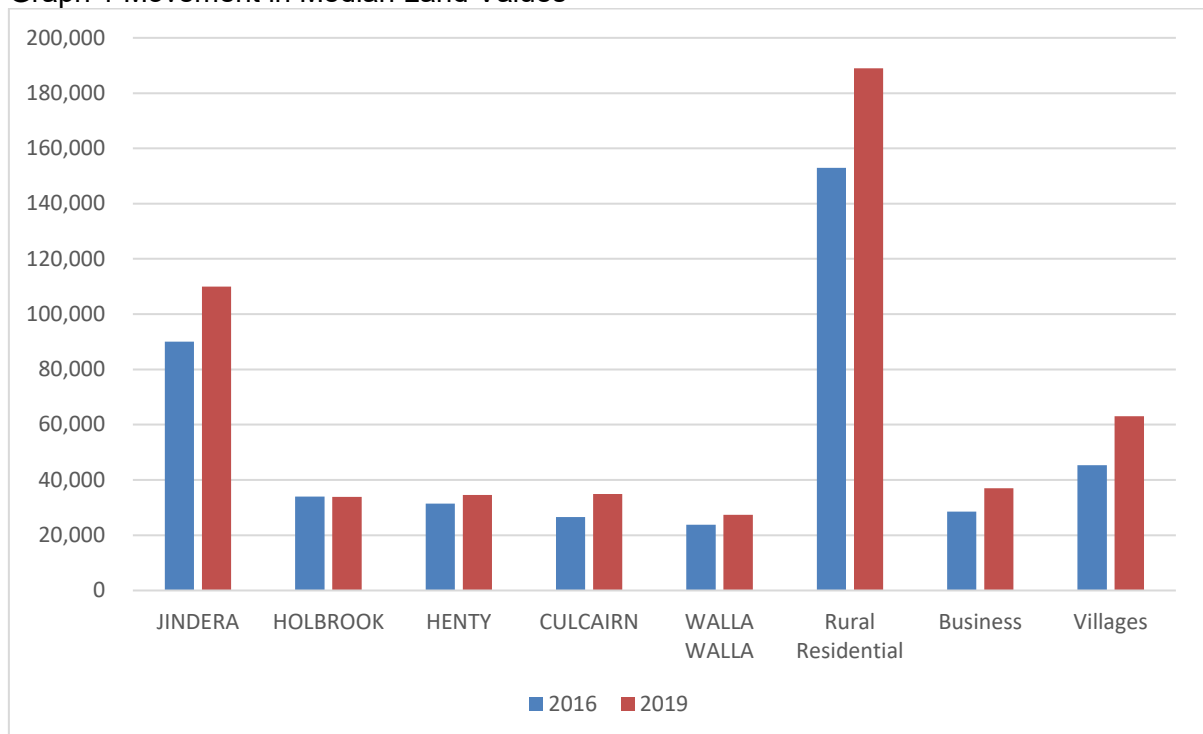
DISCUSSION

As reported to the February 2020 Council Meeting, the NSW Valuer General concluded the valuation of all rateable properties in Greater Hume Council in December 2019. The revised valuations will be used when determining Council's rating structure commencing 1 July 2020.

Further analysis of the revised valuations has been undertaken and the following information is provided to Councillors highlighting movements in property values across residential and farmland properties and the predicted impact on rates payable for the 2020/2021 year.

Graph 1 below shows the impact on median values for all categories in Greater Hume Council (excluding farmland which is discussed in more detail later in the report).

Graph 1 Movement in Median Land Values



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LAND VALUATIONS [CONT'D]

Residential

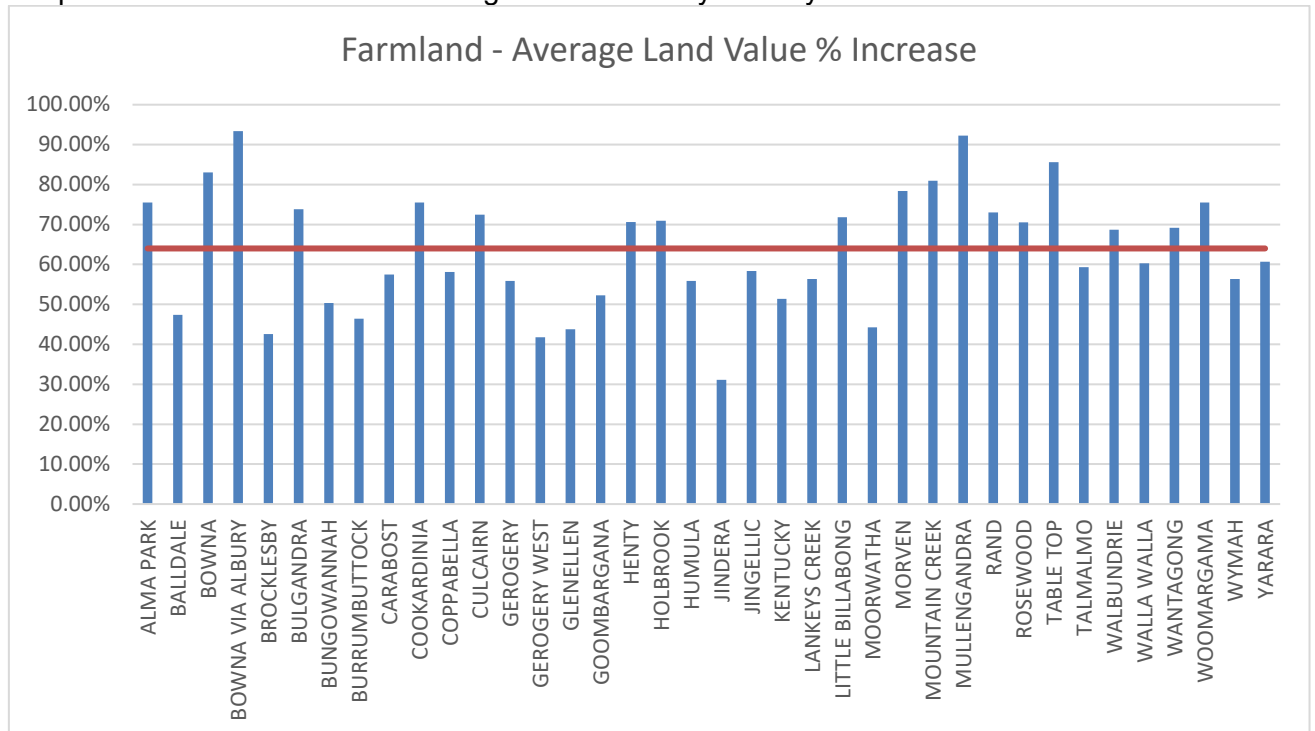
Table 1 below shows the anticipated impact on rates payable by properties on the median value in the residential category.

Location	2016	2019	%	2019/20 Rates	2020/21 Rates	\$ Variance	%	Variance resulting from	
								Valuer General's Valuation	Rate Peg (2.6%)
JINDERA	90,094	110,000	22%	1,138.03	1,206.15	68.12	6%	36.76	31.36
HOLBROOK	33,990	33,900	0%	672.83	648.44	-24.39	-4%	-41.25	16.86
HENTY	31,395	34,600	10%	651.32	653.57	2.25	0%	-14.74	16.99
CULCAIRN	26,600	34,900	31%	611.56	655.77	44.21	7%	27.16	17.05
WALLA									
WALLA Villages	23,800	27,400	15%	588.34	600.80	12.46	2%	-3.16	15.62
Villages	45,400	63,100	39%	562.70	591.16	28.46	5%	13.48	14.98

Farmland

The average value of Farmland has increased from \$692,060 to \$1,165,770 (68.45%). Graph 2 below shows the increase in average land value by locality. After taking into consideration the rate pegging increase of 2.6%, properties that have increased in land value by more than 64% will incur an increase in rates, whilst those which increase by a lesser % can expect a decrease.

Graph 2 Increase in Farmland Average Land Value by Locality



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LAND VALUATIONS [CONT'D]

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION

The revaluation of rateable properties does not in itself have any direct impact on Council's rate yield and therefore no budgetary implication.

CONCLUSION

As Councillors would be aware, Council's overall rate yield is governed by rate pegging parameters and as such significant increases in individual property valuations does not result in additional rate yield for Council. Councillors should note that the movements in property valuations and resulting predicted rates payable included in this report are indicative only at this stage pending finalisation of the 2020/2021 rating structure.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

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PART C - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

GOVERNANCE

1. WORKSHOP/BRIEFING SESSION SCHEDULE 2020/2021

REASON FOR REPORT

To inform Council and the community of upcoming workshop/briefing sessions which Councillors and senior staff attend and, where appropriate, stakeholders also attend. Workshops/briefing sessions are held in the absence of the public.

DISCUSSION

The current session dates are outlined in the table below.

Workshop/Briefing Session date	Topic
24 February 2020 (MONDAY)	Preliminary Roads Workshop
7 March 2020 (SATURDAY)	Shire Works and Roads Tour
11 March 2020	Preliminary Budget Workshop and consideration of Bush Fire Community Resilience & Economic Recovery Fund projects
25 March 2020	Final Roads Workshop
1 April 2020	Final Budget Workshop
6 May 2020	
3 June 2020	
1 July 2019	
5 August 2020	
2 September 2020	
7 October 2020	
4 November 2020	

The allocation of workshop/briefing sessions dates across the year is to ensure sufficient advance notice is provided to Councillors and staff.

Residents wanting to engage Council on a particular topic are invited to attend the Public Forum sessions held at the beginning of each monthly meeting. Meeting locations and dates are available on the website or by contacting any Council office.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONCLUSION For Councillors' information.

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4. OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CIRCULARS

REASON FOR REPORT

To ensure councillors are updated with changes to legislation or the strategic direction of Local Government in NSW.

DISCUSSION

Recent circulars issued are listed below. Circulars can be downloaded at <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/essential-information-and-publications/circulars-for-council>

<u>20-05 Release of councillor superannuation discussion paper</u> Council Circular	03 Mar 2020
<u>20-04 Land use planning changes to assist communities recover from NSW bushfires</u> Council Circular	21 Feb 2020

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW SOUTH WALES (LGNSW) – WEEKLY CIRCULARS

REASON FOR REPORT

To ensure councillors are updated with changes to legislation or the strategic direction of Local Government in NSW.

DISCUSSION

A listing of topics of interest from recent circulars issued during June is provided on the LGNSW website. Distribution of the LGNSW newsletters has now moved to an electronic format.

Councillors or interested community members can directly access the full weekly publications via <https://www.lgnsw.org.au/news/local-government-weekly>

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONCLUSION

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4. TOURISM AND PROMOTIONS OFFICER'S REPORT

Report by Tourism and Promotions Officer – Kerrie Wise

REASON FOR REPORT

To update councillors regarding working projects undertaken by the Tourism and Promotions Officer.

DISCUSSION

The report on projects being undertaken by the Tourism and Promotions Officer is attached at **ANNEXURE 8**.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONCLUSION

For Councillors' information.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. GREATER HUME CUSTOMER REQUEST MODULE – SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REQUESTS

For councillors' information, the Customer Request Module reports are **ENCLOSED SEPARATELY**.

2. STATEMENTS OF BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2020

The statements of bank balances and investment report as at 29 February 2020 are attached at **ANNEXURE 9**.

3. PEOPLE & CULTURE (HR) REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2020

REASON FOR REPORT

To advise councillors on human resources activities such as new staff, resignations and staff development programmes

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Objective We lead a vibrant, connected and inclusive community

Outcome 1.1 Leadership and advocacy is demonstrated and encouraged in our communities

LEGISLATION / POLICIES / PROCEDURES

Currently reviewing the policy register to identify amendments on a needs basis

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PEOPLE & CULTURE (HR) REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2020 [CONT'D]

PLANNING

- People & Culture Management System and Plan developed to guide future activities through a process of development, implementation, review and improvement
- Ongoing succession planning - Work Instructions being developed and documented for key activities performed by People & Culture
- REROC Workforce Development meeting - next meeting; 26 March 2020

RECRUITMENT

- Recruitment in progress:
 - 2x Civil Construction Trainees via ATEL – Jindera and Holbrook
 - Water and Waste Water Trainee via ATEL
 - Childcare Trainee via ATEL – Holbrook
 - Greater Hume Children Services Holbrook, Henty and Walla Walla – Childcare Educator, Early Childhood Educator and Early Childhood Teacher
 - Library Assistant via Personnel Group (Supported Work Program) – up to 12 Months Fixed Term
- New employees commencing with Council:
 - Naomi Parfitt – Playgroup Coordinator – Jindera
 - Kim Hawkins – Early Childhood Support Coordinator 12 Months Fixed Term – Jindera
 - Kerry Mulloy – Childcare Educator – Holbrook
 - Shannon Jackson - Childcare Educator – Holbrook
 - Jennifer Haines - Childcare Educator – Holbrook
 - Tess Mckenzie - Childcare Educator – Holbrook
 - Sarah Frost - Childcare Educator – Holbrook
 - Kimberly Jefferies - Childcare Educator – Holbrook
 - Cynthia Verriere – Early Childhood Educator – Walla Walla
 - Stephanie Olive - Early Childhood Educator – Holbrook
 - Rebecca Chapman - Early Childhood Educator – Holbrook
- Position/role changes with existing Council employees:
 - Lauren Colvin – Children Services Administration Support – 3 Months Fixed Term
- Employees ceasing duties with Council:
 - Erima Collins-Roe – Early Childhood Educator – Henty
 - Hunter Martin – Plant Operator Roller – Holbrook Maintenance
- Positions advertised:
 - Childcare Educator Round 2 Holbrook – applications closed 5 February – Interviewed 3, appointed 3
 - Early Childhood Educator Round 2 Holbrook – applications closed 5 February – Interviewed 1, appointed 1

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WORKPLACE RELATIONS

- Participate with Outdoor Staff quarterly meetings – meeting held on 13 June, All Staff Day held on 14 August, 12 September, 5 December; next Outdoor meeting 12 March 2020
- Coordinate and administer Consultative Committee – meeting held on 13 June, 12 September, 5 December; next meeting 12 March 2020
- Participate with Risk WHS Committee – meeting held 13 June, 12 September, 5 December; next meeting 12 March 2020

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & LEARNING

- Human Resources and Industrial Relations Mentoring – 1 participant

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

- Review of alternative Performance Appraisal processes used by other Councils and organisations with the intent to update/improve Council's existing process
 - Design and input of data in Performance Appraisal system, 'PULSE' is currently being undertaken. A timeline has been created to ensure desired implementation date of April/May 2020 is achieved

HEALTH & WELLBEING

- Coordination of Phase 2 of Align Work Health Early Intervention Onsite Health and Wellbeing program. Program consists of a Physiotherapist and Health and Wellness Consultant visiting one central location (Culcairn Office) for 3 hours on a fortnightly, rotating basis for 12 weeks
 - November review identified the need for a timeline to be created for 2020 worksite visits to align with operational projects to determine the capacity for worksite visits. Also, planning to begin office visits other than Culcairn on a needs basis

REVIEW & CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

- Daily reviews with Director Corporate & Community Services
- Monthly reviews with MANEX
- Networking with LG NSW HR Group & REROC Workforce Development Group

4. GREATER HUME LIBRARY SERVICES – REPORT FOR MARCH 2020

Report prepared by Library & Youth Services Team Leader – Susan Kane

REASON FOR REPORT

To inform Council on library membership and participation in library

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Objective	We create healthy and resilient communities, acknowledge our volunteers and value our communities
Outcome 2.5	Council provides learning and development opportunities for all

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GREATER HUME LIBRARY SERVICES – REPORT FOR MARCH 2020 [CONT'D]

DISCUSSION

Greater Hume Council Library Services continue to hold programs and services that meet the needs of the community.

Library & Youth staff members continuing to achieve recognition for work undertaken in council and the wider community. Staff member Emily Jones Youth Officer for the Greater Hume Council has been nominated for the NSW Ministers Local Government Week Awards. Emily will travel to Sydney on Tuesday to Parliament House for the Awards Ceremony in March 20.

The new staff member with a disability will work at the Culcairn and Henty Libraries for a total of 8 hours/week. A support worker from the Personnel Group will assist with any tasks undertaken during the new employee's time of employment that he is unable to complete independently.

Festival of Seniors Week 2020 was held at all Greater Hume Council Libraries in February 20 and was well attended by community members. Events organised were intergenerational and were held at the Culcairn, Henty, Jindera Libraries and Walla Walla Children Services in partnership with the Greater Hume Council's Children Services. Members from the Men's Shed, Garden Club, Knitters and Red Cross were invited to attend and take part in activities at different locations. The Holbrook Library held a storytime session and community entertainment afternoon.

All libraries organised events for Library Lovers' Day was held with successful movies held at Culcairn and Holbrook Libraries and Take a Book Home on a Blind Date held at Henty and Jindera.

Upcoming programs & events

Programs	Location	Date
CASP – Representation of a community Soul	Henty	Monday 16 March 20
Pocket Hearts The Vegetable Plot	Holbrook	Wednesday 22 April 20 Friday 17 April 20
Blow Painting Virtual Reality & Playstation 4 Sphereo Balls	Culcairn	Monday 20 April 20 All Holiday period Monday 20 April 20
Ninjas with Food Sphereo Balls	Henty	Thursday 23 April 20
Croc Cards Lego Fun	Jindera	Monday 20 April
Tech Savvy Seniors	Mobile Library Service	Monday 30 March Monday 6 April Monday 20 April Monday 27 April Monday 4 May

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GREATER HUME LIBRARY SERVICES – REPORT FOR MARCH 2020 [CONT'D]

Statistics Static Libraries - January – 9 March 20

Branch	Henty	Culcairn	Holbrook	Jindera
Loans	1581	1405	1821	405

Statistics Mobile Library Service January – 9 March 20

Location	Brocklesby	Burrumbuttock	Gerogery	Jindera	Walbundrie	Walla	Woomargama
Loans	25	95	86	181	182	217	52

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Operational costs for Council static and mobile library services are included in Council's recurrent budget.

CONCLUSION

The Greater Hume Council Libraries have undertaken a number of successful programs and services for towns and villages in the Greater Hume Council during February and March with further activities to be held at all libraries in April.

RECOMMENDATION

For Councillors' information.

5. GREATER HUME YOUTH PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Report prepared by Youth Officer – Emily Jones

REASON FOR REPORT

To inform Council on Youth events and programs presented to Council twice yearly

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Objective We create healthy, inclusive, and resilient communities, acknowledge our volunteers and value our youth

Outcome 2.1 Welcoming, resilient and involved communities

DISCUSSION

The Greater Hume Council Youth Services and Youth Advisory Committees organise events and programs throughout the year in order to address the cultural, educational, recreational needs of the community.

The Greater Hume Council has continued to build on the established partnerships with other Youth organisations and the local schools in order to reach a wider targeted audience and to have a larger untargeted impact. Six students from Billabong High School have received their letters of acceptance to join the Greater Hume Council Youth Advisory Committee and were publicly recognised in an official presentation at the Culcairn Library on 2 March. The students were treated to a special ceremony in which they were presented with their Youth Committee T-Shirts and their certificate of acceptance.

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GREATER HUME YOUTH PROGRAMS AND EVENTS [CONT'D]

The Greater Hume Youth Officer has successfully started the Seasons for Growth program at Billabong High School. The first eight-week course is being held for year 7 and 8 girls, with eight in the sessions each week. The program is designed to help and support young people through the process of grief and loss, especially throughout the effects of the drought and fires.

Preparations for Youth Week 2020 are currently underway. Through communications with the general public, Walla Walla College and Billabong High School there will be a variety of events taking place over the course of the school holidays and beginning of school term. The Festival of Possibilities will be moved to the Walla Walla Sportsground and will be tailored to the wants and needs of the St Pauls College Youth Week Committee. Totem Skateboarding School will be holding skating sessions at the Jindera Skate Park and the Holbrook Skate Park, the Holbrook event will also include a section in which those attending will create the Skate Park rules.

The promotion for all youth events is reaching great numbers on the Facebook page. There are currently 291 page likes and over 1500 followers and reactions to the material. The GHC_YAC Instagram page has 1,700 impressions, a reach of 3,000 and over 63 constant followers in the time it has been live.

Youth Events and Training implemented from the Youth Action Plan from February 2020 to March 2020

Program	Month	Location	Participants
Senior Youth Advisory Committee Meeting	February	Henty	6
REROC Youth Meeting	February	Wagga Wagga	2
Seasons For Growth Session	February	Culcairn	8
Seasons For Growth Session	February	Culcairn	8
Presentation of Acceptance certificates to Billabong Students	March	Culcairn	9
Greater Hume Pool Movie Nights	February, March	Jindera, Walla Walla	

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Future Actions to be implemented by 30 June 2020

Program	Month	Location
Girls Night In	TBD	Culcairn
Guys Night Out	TBD	TBD
Henty Filming Project	TBD	Henty
Seasons for Growth Courses	TBD	Culcairn
REROC Youth Meeting	April	TBD
Youth Week 2020	April	Holbrook, Walla, Culcairn
Take Charge Forum	May	Wagga Wagga
REROC Youth Meeting	June	TBD

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil. Works are funded from budget allocations.

CONCLUSION

The Greater Hume Youth is constantly working to remain up to date with the issues and opportunities surrounding our young people. As the 21st century continues to change so must council when designing programs or events and especially when approaching our schools and committees. The Greater Hume Council Youth Development Officers are proactive in finding opportunities for young people to grow and develop within their local communities and to promote their achievements on a greater stage allowing others to see the abilities and opportunities within the Greater Hume for young people.

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ENGINEERING

1. MARCH REPORT OF WORKS

Grants Program

State Roads Maintenance (RMCC):

Maintenance works, inspections and sign replacement on State Roads, Olympic Highway (MR78) and Tumbarumba Road (MR284) is continuing under the RMCC with Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) formerly Roads and Maritime Services.

Site preparation is continuing on MR78 north of Henty as part of the Henty Rail Crossing Project. Project has been delayed by ARTC/NBN/ Telstra issues.

Heavy patching has been completed on MR78 and MR284.

Resealing on MR78 and MR284 is nearing completion, with only one segment on MR284 to be sealed.

Regional Roads Block Grant:

General maintenance including guide post replacement is continuing on all Regional Roads.

Local Roads

Sealed:

General maintenance on local roads is continuing.

A culvert upgrade on Hawthorn Road has been completed.

Resealing on Burrumbuttock Brocklesby Road has been completed as part of Council's Resealing Program.

Rumble strips have been installed on Morven Cookardina Road near the intersection with Culcairn Holbrook Road to improve road safety.

Unsealed:

Resheeting has commence on Kendalls Road, this is the final road of the original 18/19 and 19/20 Resheeting Program to be undertaken.

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MARCH REPORT OF WORKS [CONT'D]

Maintenance grading has been carried out on the following roads during February.

- Astra Lane
- Back Ferndale Road
- Bedgood Road
- Benambra Road
- Bendermeer Road
- Bowlers Road
- Burma Road
- Camelot Lane
- Elmo Road
- Ferndale Boundary Road
- Ferndale Road
- Finlay Road
- Fischers Road
- Four Mile Lane
- Fullers Road
- Galena Hills Road
- Jennings Road
- Kiley Road
- Mirrabooka Road
- Mitchells Road
- Orange Flat Lane
- Plunkett Road
- Reapers Road
- Rockingham Road
- Ryan Stock Route
- Scheetz Road
- Scholz Road
- Shoemarks Road
- Stewarts Road
- Thornbury Road
- Weeamera Road
- Yarra Yarra Road

Urban Streets:

General maintenance of urban streets including mowing and weed spraying is continuing.

Street tree pruning was carried out in Sladen Street Henty.

Resealing on Henty Street West and Queen Street, Culcairn and Edward Street, Sunnyside Crescent, Victoria Street and Jacob Wenke Drive, Walla Walla has been completed.

Extensive street tree watering has been carried out throughout the month of February.

General:

General maintenance of public toilets and parks is continuing.

The installation of a new playground at Pioneer Park, Jindera is now complete.

General maintenance and replacement of signs on rural roads and urban streets is continuing.

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MARCH REPORT OF WORKS [CONT'D]

Monthly Works Maintenance Expenditure:

Local Roads Program	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Expenditure	YTD Variance	Comments
Urban Local Roads Maintenance	\$510,000.00	\$340,000.00	\$289,230.64	\$50,769.36	
Rural Roads Sealed	\$750,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$497,182.37	\$2,817.63	Ongoing monitoring
Rural Roads Unsealed	\$1,109,467.00	\$739,644.67	\$768,019.11	-\$28,374.44	Monitoring – over expenditure is reducing
Street Tree Maintenance	\$242,536.00	\$161,690.67	\$164,578.39	-\$2,887.72	Monitoring

Regional Roads Program	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Expenditure	YTD Variance	Comments
Regional Roads Maintenance	\$1,072,580.00	\$715,053.33	\$613,495.74	\$101,557.59	
Regional Roads Capital	\$1,734,000.00	\$1,156,000.00	\$524,783.29	\$631,216.71	

Sportsgrounds, Parks & Public Toilets	Original Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Expenditure	YTD Variance	Comments
Sportsground Maintenance	\$127,957.00	\$85,304.67	\$80,714.67	\$4,590.00	
Parks & Gardens Maintenance	\$284,251.00	\$189,500.67	\$197,804.77	-\$8,304.10	Additional watering over summer period, monitoring over expenditure
Public Toilets Maintenance	\$157,664.00	\$105,109.33	\$93,042.57	\$12,066.76	

NB : Sportsground Maintenance excludes annual GHC contribution payment

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2. WATER & SEWER REPORT – FEBRUARY 2020

Capital Works Program:

- Holbrook – sewer main relining – WIP
- Water main extension Stock Route, Culcairn – WIP

Operation & Maintenance:

- New water service connection – 3 Cade Crt, Jindera
- New water service connection – 12 Cade Crt, Jindera
- New water service connection – 18 Cade Crt, Jindera
- New water service connection – 18 Anvil Rd, Jindera
- New water service connection – 5 Frosty Lane, Jindera
- New water service connection – 17 Frosty Lane, Jindera
- New water service connection – 62 Mulgrave Rd, Jindera

- Water main repair – Dight St, Jindera
- Water main repair – Crn Fallon & Creek St, Jindera

- Repairs to Emsley Lane Standpipe, Walla Walla

- Sewer main choke – Henty St Lane, Culcairn
- Sewer main choke – 30A Rostier St, Henty
- Sewer rising main repair – Bath St, Holbrook

Other:

Drinking Water Management System (DWMS) water quality risk assessment review workshop was held at Culcairn in February with assistance from NSW Health.

Drinking Water Monitoring Program:

- 8 x Water samples for Microbial Water Analysis submitted in the month of February 2020 for Villages and Culcairn Water Supply have all complied with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

Water Quality Complaints

Date	Location	Problem	Action Taken
Nil to report			

Water Supply Sourced and Used

1 July 2019 – 29 April 2020	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
Culcairn Water Supply (ML)	99.24	127.11	122.42
Village Water Supply (ML)	284.12	347.64	374.45
Totals (ML)	383.36	474.75	496.87

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WATER & SEWER REPORT – FEBRUARY 2020 [CONT'D]

Drought Relief Assistance

2 new applications received – February 2020

Filling Stations Transactions

- Filling station sites - 15 transactions during the July 2019 period
- Filling station sites - 39 transactions during the August 2019 period
- Filling station sites -120 transactions during the September 2019 period
- Filling station sites - 299 transactions during the October 2019 period
- Filling station sites - 411 transactions during the November 2019 period
- Filling station sites - 596 transactions during the December 2019 period
- Filling station sites - 496 transactions during the January 2020 period
- Filling station sites - 299 transactions during the February 2020 period

Filling Stations Usage

Station	July 2019	Aug 2019	Sept 2019	Oct 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020
Culcairn	45.8	181.4	81.8	648.5	342.8	703.1	357.7	527.5
Jindera	37.6	72.9	214.8	1421.2	1471.7	1538.2	1300.4	795.8
Brocklesby	0.0	14.7	60.7	114.4	180.7	103.6	71.8	45.8
Burrumbuttock	1.3	0	41	69.4	80.1	328	445.9	28.1
Gerogery	0	0	18	1.6	9.4	47	49.3	3.5
Totals (KL)	84.7	269.0	416.3	2255.1	2084.7	2719.9	2225.1	1400.7

Filling Station Customer Usage

Customer	July 2019	Aug 2019	Sept 2019	Oct 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020
Council – Road Construction, Maintenance & Tree Watering	46.0	185.6	76.7	605.6	245.9	561.3	79.3	281.6
Contractors – Water Carters, Households & Roadworks	37.4	75.7	249.3	1371.2	1601.0	1474.6	1200.3	767.2
Residents	1.3	3.6	80.5	269.5	211.5	666.1	914.3	342.3
Fire Brigade (RFS)	0.0	4.1	9.8	8.8	26.3	17.9	31.2	9.6
Totals (KL)	84.7	269.0	416.3	2255.1	2084.7	2719.9	2225.1	1400.7

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ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED FOR THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY 2020

The schedule of development applications processed for the month of February 2020 is attached at **ANNEXURE 10**.

2. RANGER'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2020

COMPANION ANIMALS

No. of Complaints Received 17		Including: 5 barking dog, 10 roaming dogs, dealing with an aggressive dog, nuisance dogs, menacing and dangerous dog compliance checks	
No. of dog attacks:	1	Location: Henty	Dog attacking another dog. Dog surrendered and euthanased. Infringements issued.
	1	Holbrook	2 dogs attacking sheep, 1 sheep killed, 1 dog was menacing. 2 dogs were euthanased and infringements issued.
Comments:			
		Dogs	Cats
In Council's Facility at Beginning of Month			1
Captured & Returned to Owners		4	
Captured & Impounded		3	3
Released from Pound to Owners		1	1
Surrendered by Owners		3	2
Rehomed		1	
Euthanased		2	3
Remaining in Council's Facility at End of Month		2	2

FERAL CATS

No. of Complaints:	5
No. Feral Cats caught:	19

LIVESTOCK

	Cattle	Sheep	Horse	Goats	Other Alpacas
No. of Reports of Stock on Roads	2		1		
Instances - Returned to owners	2		1		
Impounded				1 sold	
Vehicle accidents involving stock					

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OTHER LIVESTOCK, WILDLIFE COMPLAINTS

2 injured kangaroos euthanased Holbrook area.

ABANDONED VEHICLES

- Jindera – impounded.
- The Rock – impounded.
- Culcairn / Burrumbuttock - removed by owner.
- 10 vehicles currently impounded.
- Holbrook - assisted in removing a bogged truck and trailer in the park beside the submarine that was taking photos.

POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS

Inspection conducted: Overgrown Vegetation Unsafe Land	Inspections being conducted. 2 NOI sent.
Pollution: Noise	Brocklesby – sound meter installed, issue assessed as not being a nuisance. Jindera – barking - warning issued and ongoing monitoring. Gerogery West – barking - warning issued and ongoing monitoring. Walla Walla – barking - warning issued and ongoing monitoring. Holbrook – barking dogs monitoring.
Pollution: Waste	Holbrook – waste left on nature strip. Removed by owner. Jindera - mattresses. Removed by Council.

ON-SITE SEWERAGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Inspection Type	Total	Pass	Fail
OSMS Compliance Inspections	1		1
Pre-Purchase Inspections	2	1	1
OSMS Orders issued	2		
OSMS Orders Compliance Inspections	6	6	
Plumbers Site Inspections			
OSMS Upgrade Applications Received	2		
OSMS Approvals To Do Works Issued	2		
OSMS Approvals To Operate Issued	7		
AWTS Service Contract Renewal Letters			
Local Government Application Approvals			
Local Government Approval Inspections			
Local Government Approval Soil Report Assessments			
OSMS Rate charge enquires			
Septic Enquiry			
Solicitors letter	1		

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OTHER WORKS CONDUCTED

- RID online (Report Illegal Dumping online) updating with data entry.
- Property inspections unsightly and excessive cars.
- Holbrook and Culcairn Landfill site works, asbestos inspections and refuelling conducted.
- Landfill cameras checks and relief landfill attendants work at several sites.
- Assist RSPCA with companion animal and stock welfare issue.
- Duck licences for Culcairn and Holbrook pools are currently active.
- Hoarders at Jindera, Orders issued and compliance checks. One hoarder cleaned up by rangers.
- Fencing Wymah cemetery.
- Drug and alcohol training.
- Henty Show amusement inspections.
- Business Firearms Licence police compliance inspection.
- Assistance dog enquiries.
- Preparation of court documents for infringement annulment hearing.
- Dispatching all the animal food donations from the fires.

3. SENIOR WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT- FEBRUARY 2020

Spraying of roadside shoulders has been completed on the following roads:

- Olympic Highway.
- Little Billabong Road.
- Tumbarumba Road.

Spraying of Silver-Leaf Nightshade, Khaki Weed, Bindi Weed, Blackberry and Sweatbriar and ants in parks and recreational grounds is ongoing throughout the council area.

Monitoring of Alligator Weed along Mountain Creek in the Woomargama area.

Controlling and monitoring of rabbit infestations throughout the council area.

General roadside and property inspections have been completed throughout the council area.

Attended RWAC and WAP meetings.

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PART D – COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS

Attached, in **ANNEXURE 11** are minutes of the following meeting:

- Minutes of Softwoods Working Group meeting held on 22 November 2019
- Minutes of Jindera Community Forum meeting held on 19 November 2019
- Minutes of Region 1 Murray Darling Association meeting held on 21 February 2020

DELEGATE REPORTS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That Part D of the Agenda be received and noted.