



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

- 4 JAN 2021

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23 December 2020

Dear Mr Pinnuck

2020-21 ALLOCATIONS – NSW RURAL FIRE FIGHTING FUND

The Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Honourable David Elliott MP, has approved allocations for the 2020-21 Rural Fire Fighting Fund, which supports volunteer brigades who protect your local community.

Following amendments to the *Rural Fires Act 1997* during 2017, the statutory contribution by relevant Councils is now determined by reference to the 'rural fire brigade funding target' defined in section 103 of the Act. For 2020-21 the funding target is \$563.189 million, an increase of \$168.652 million or 42.7% from the prior year.

The increase is principally explained by the impact of the introduction of the *Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment (Firefighters) Act 2018* (known as the 'presumptive legislation') which provides a presumption that where an employed or volunteer firefighter contracts one of twelve prescribed cancers, that cancer is a work related injury where the firefighter has met the minimum qualifying service period detailed in the Act for that type of cancer.

The 2019/20 bush fire season was the most challenging and devastating we have ever faced in NSW. The season was truly unprecedented in terms of the weather conditions, fire activity, the impact on communities and, of course, the loss of life and property.

Across the season, bush and grass fires burnt more than 5.5 million hectares and destroyed nearly 2,500 homes. Most tragically, there were 26 deaths this season, including three NSW RFS volunteers and three US aerial firefighters. Our thoughts will forever be with the families and loved ones of all those who lost their lives.

The NSW Government commissioned an independent NSW Bushfire Inquiry in January 2020, which examined the causes, preparation and response to the devastating 2019-20 bushfires.

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The Inquiry handed down its recommendations in August 2020 and the Government has accepted all 76 recommendations.

The Government has announced a number of funding packages to improve our preparedness and response to bush fires and support our volunteers, these include:

- \$34.4 million for an additional 120 new appliances and 70 refurbished appliances;
- \$10.3 million to modify safety components on NSW RFS appliances;
- \$21.4 million to employ an additional 100 mitigation work crew;
- \$36 million for a new first responder mental health strategy for emergency services;
- \$15 million for additional personal protective clothing for frontline firefighters;
- \$9.5 million to fund initial priority works for the fire trail network;
- \$2.5 million improvements to NSW RFS's Fires Near Me app.

These programs will also create hundreds of manufacturing and other jobs for regional economies, which have been hit hard by drought, fire and now a global pandemic.

In July I announced nine key priorities for the next 12 months. These important projects will ensure our members have the best equipment and technology for their role, and ensure that our people can effectively respond to incidents and get home safely.

➤ PPE - Head Protection and PPE - Respiratory Protection

Safety of our members is paramount and we understand that, when it comes to firefighting, personal protective equipment is not only imperative – it's personal. We have heard from our volunteers that it is time to reconsider head and respiratory PPE provided by the NSW RFS for use during firefighting, and we agree. We will determine and make available the most suitable face masks, goggles, and flash hoods to volunteers.

➤ Member Availability and Response System

Our shared purpose is to protect the community and our environment by minimising the impact of fire and other emergencies. To achieve this, operational response through effective support systems is vital. With over 70,000 members and 2,000 brigades, we know that a common system for members to signal their availability to attend an incident, be called upon to attend an incident, and accept the call to attend would be of great benefit. We will ensure that members have access to a standard availability and response system (where mobile phone coverage exists) that assists with seamless response to emergencies.

➤ Mobile Data Terminals for Firefighting Vehicles

Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) in firefighting vehicles will be implemented to support members in operational response. Members will be able to use a mounted MDT device to display the job they are attending, and they will have access to road and routing information. Information from the member availability and response system will show members allocated to attend, and job information in the system will automatically populate for completion of brigade incident reporting (BIRs).

➤ Integrated Dispatch System

We operate in a multi-agency emergency response environment in NSW, involving coordinated dispatch. There exists multiple dispatch systems across fire and emergency services agencies, and within the NSW RFS we store information across multiple systems to effect dispatch to emergencies. There is a real and pressing opportunity to integrate these systems for more simplified, transparent dispatch and reporting. We will implement a dispatch system that integrates with other fire agency systems and pushes data across to our internal support systems (ICON, MDTs, BIRs).

➤ Design of Fire Appliances

Given the unprecedented circumstances of last fire season, in particular the tragic loss of our members and the number of vehicles badly damaged, we need to ensure the design of our fire appliances is fit-for-purpose for the future. In particular, we need to consider cabin ability to withstand tree strikes, high pressure low volume pumps, tanker protection systems, and the viability and feasibility of lighter material.

➤ One NSW RFS Member Website

Now more than ever, it is apparent that timely access to information and new ways of staying connected are needed. We recognise that our members want access to relevant and up-to-date information to support them to deliver the best service to the community. We will deliver a NSW RFS Member Website that does just that – supports our members.

➤ Electronic Membership Application System

At the heart of our Service is our members – and the first experience many of our volunteers have with us is when they look to join a brigade. We know we need a better solution to support new members to become volunteers with us and existing members to change their membership status (i.e. transfer, dual) - and which helps brigades, districts and the Service manage volunteer applications in a timely and effective manner.

➤ Farm Fire Unit Integration

Farmers are a critical part of the firefighting effort, and an important partner in managing and responding to the threat of fire across our landscape. We will work together to ensure farming communities are well prepared, and will strengthen response communication with farm fire units to prioritise and protect important agricultural assets.

The Office of State Revenue has previously provided each Council with an Annual Assessment Notice that identified the amount of statutory contribution in respect of 2020-21.

As previously advised, the NSW Rural Fire Service moved to a percentage based allocation of the Rural Fire Fighting Fund in 2016-17. This has been used to determine the allocation by Council.

Shown at Appendix A is a schedule of key allocations including fire fighting appliances, infrastructure, equipment and grants that will be provided directly to your Council in the 2020-21 year. Attached at Appendix B, for relevant councils, is a schedule of approved Hazard Reduction works funding. Your attention to completing and claiming reimbursement for the outlined infrastructure and hazard reduction works listed in Appendix A & B during the 2020-21 year is requested.

RFS will seek to make payments to Council for the Maintenance and Repairs grant towards the end of 2020, provided Council has made all Rural Fire Fighting Fund contributions due to the Office of State Revenue at that time.

Council will continue to receive ongoing additional support to Rural Fire Districts including:

- **Training and Volunteer Support**
Costs associated with volunteer relations including the cadets program, work health and safety programs for volunteers, critical incident support, Chaplaincy, learning and development, volunteer training and competency.
- **Fire Mitigation Works**
Bush fire mitigation works including the Mitigation crews that operate across Local Government areas completing mitigation works, fire trail and hazard management works.
- **Insurances**
Volunteer workers compensation insurance and other insurances (excluding red fleet insurance).
- **Radio Communications**
Costs associated with communication assets, the private mobile radio network, the paging network and the Government Radio Network.
- **Emergency Fund**
Costs associated with responding to bush fire emergencies including out of area assistance.
- **Aviation and Other Operational Support**
Provision of the State Air Desk and aviation resources for emergency events, training and support of volunteers in aircraft operations and other operational support services such as Neighbourhood Safer Places, RART team and vulnerable communities support.
- **Engineering and Other Infrastructure**
Design and development of mobile infrastructure including tankers, other vehicles and fire fighting equipment. Insurance of the red fleet of fire fighting appliances. Development of designs and standards for the construction of brigade stations and fire control centres.
- **Communications and Public Awareness**
Management of media and corporate communications including the community advertising campaign, social media monitoring and provision of emergency messaging in emergency events.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Mr Myles Foley, Director, Finance and Procurement on (02) 8741 5523 or at myles.foley@rfs.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Rob Rogers AFSM
Commissioner

cc: Mayor
NSW RFS Area Director
NSW RFS Area Commander
NSW RFS District Manager

Appendix A

NSW Rural Fire Fighting Fund Allocation - 2020-21**Council: GREATER HUME****Infrastructure Projects**

| | | |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Brigade | - Little Billabong - Continuing | \$20,000.00 |
| Subtotal: Infrastructure Projects | | \$20,000.00 |

Appliances

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|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Thurgoona | Appliance - Cat 10 | \$480,000.00 |
| Jingellic | Appliance - Cat 7 SC | \$204,000.00 |
| Table Top | Appliance - Cat 7 SC | \$204,000.00 |
| Culcairn North West | Appliance - Cat 1 CC | \$368,000.00 |
| Morven | Appliance - Cat 1 SC | \$344,000.00 |
| Alma Park | Appliance - Cat 1 SC | \$344,000.00 |
| Brocklesby | Appliance - Cat 1 SC | \$344,000.00 |
| Jindera | Refurbished Appliance - Cat 1 CC | \$100,000.00 |
| Merri Meric | 2nd Hand Appliance - Cat 1 CC - (16-20 years old) | \$101,189.00 |
| Alma Park | 2nd Hand Appliance - CAT2 MP - (21-25 years old) | \$37,493.00 |
| Lankeys Creek | 2nd Hand Appliance - Cat 9 - (6-10 years old) | \$94,005.00 |
| Burrumbuttock | 2nd Hand Appliance - Cat 1 VII - (11-15 years old) | \$159,831.00 |
| Talmalmo | 2nd Hand Appliance - Cat 9 - (11-15 years old) | \$57,448.00 |
| Southern Border | Other Vehicle - Cat 16 - GO | \$70,000.00 |
| Outgoing Appliance | Thurgoona - BF05787 | -\$271,713.00 |
| Outgoing Appliance | Table Top - BF08363 | -\$94,005.00 |
| Outgoing Appliance | Burrumbuttock - BF07854 | -\$31,966.00 |
| Outgoing Appliance | Brocklesby - BF08929 | -\$37,493.00 |
| Outgoing Other Vehicle | Southern Border - BF01374 | -\$31,200.00 |
| Disposed Appliance | Merri Meric - BF05526 | \$0.00 |
| Disposed Appliance | Culcairn North West - BF02395 | \$0.00 |
| Disposed Appliance | Morven - BF02402 | \$0.00 |
| Disposed Appliance | Lankeys Creek - BF08453 | \$0.00 |
| Disposed Appliance | Talmalmo - BF05800 | \$0.00 |
| Disposed Appliance | Alma Park - BF05279 | \$0.00 |
| Disposed Appliance | Carabost - BF02300 | \$0.00 |
| Disposed Appliance | Alma Park - BF08824 | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal: Appliances | | \$2,441,589.00 |

Equipment

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| Fire Fighting Equipment | \$36,250.00 |
| Personal Protective Equipment | \$77,262.00 |
| Subtotal: Equipment | \$113,512.00 |

Hazard Reduction

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| Hazard Reduction Grant | \$20,000.00 |
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Maintenance and Repairs Grant**Appliances and Other Vehicles (not White Fleet)**

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Vehicle Service | \$100,000.00 |
| Vehicle Repair | \$90,000.00 |
| Fuel and Oil | \$40,050.00 |
| Registration | \$0.00 |
| Insurance Vehicles (Not Red Fleet) | \$0.00 |
| Vehicles Other | \$0.00 |

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| Subtotal: Appliances & Other Vehicles | \$230,050.00 |
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Stations and FCC

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| Maintenance & Repair Stn | \$5,000.00 |
| Maintenance & Repair FCC | \$8,300.00 |
| Pest Control Stn | \$0.00 |
| Pest Control FCC | \$0.00 |
| Cleaning Stn | \$0.00 |
| Cleaning FCC | \$0.00 |
| Security Stn | \$0.00 |
| Security FCC | \$0.00 |
| Insurance Stn | \$1,800.00 |
| Insurance FCC | \$0.00 |

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| Subtotal: Stations and FCC | \$16,100.00 |
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Utilities

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| Electricity Stns | \$42,500.00 |
| Electricity FCC | \$0.00 |
| Gas Charges Stn | \$0.00 |
| Gas Charges FCC | \$0.00 |
| Telephone Fixed Line Stn | \$18,800.00 |
| Telephone Fixed Line FCC | \$0.00 |
| Telephone Mobile (non RFS) | \$0.00 |
| Telephone Data (non RFS) | \$0.00 |

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| Subtotal: Utilities | \$61,300.00 |
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Radio

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| Insurance Radio | \$0.00 |
| Base Stn Site fees | \$0.00 |
| Maintenance & Repair Radio .+ | \$5,600.00 |

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| Subtotal: Radio | \$5,600.00 |
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Miscellaneous

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| Postage | \$2,500.00 |
| Printing | \$2,500.00 |
| Fee for Service (contracts) | \$2,250.00 |
| Other | \$2,000.00 |
| Training - Brigades | \$5,100.00 |

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| Subtotal: Miscellaneous | \$14,350.00 |
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| Total: Maintenance and Repairs | \$327,400.00 |
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Approved RFFF Hazard Reduction - 2020-21

Council: GREATER HUME

| ID | BRIMS HR# | LGA | Title | Selected Methods | Total Ground Cost |
|-------------------|---------------|--------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| FUND2020053112474 | HR08031228912 | Albury | Yambla Ave APZ | Mechanical Polygon 1 | \$20,000.00 |
| Totals | | | | | \$20,000.00 |

Appendix B



Mr Steven Pinnuck
General Manager
Greater Hume Shire Council

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Our ref: D2210985/FA1732

By email only

23 June 2022

Dear Mr Pinnuck

Rural Firefighting Equipment

I am writing to let you know that our Report to Parliament, 'Local Government 2021' was recently tabled and is available on our [website](#). This report brings together findings and recommendations from our 2020–21 financial audits of local councils and comments on financial reporting and performance, internal controls and governance, and areas of interest that are in focus during the conduct of our audits.

The intent of this letter is to draw your attention to the specific findings and recommendations reported to Parliament about rural firefighting equipment vested to councils. Please refer to the Appendix for the relevant extract from the Report.

Our management letters issued to councils on the 2020–21 financial audits included recommendations to undertake a stocktake of the rural firefighting equipment vested to councils and record the value in the council's financial statement. I trust these recommendations are being actioned. Please share this letter with relevant staff within your council to ensure they consider recommendations when preparing your financial statements for the 2021–22 financial year.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Aaron Green on 02 9275 7209.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Crawford
Auditor-General for New South Wales

APPENDIX

Sixty-one per cent of the total value of uncorrected errors was due to unrecorded rural firefighting equipment

In 2017, we recommended that OLG should address the different practices across the local government sector in accounting for rural firefighting equipment.

In 2020–21, 68 (2019–20: 68) councils did not record rural firefighting equipment in their financial statements estimated to be \$145 million (2019–20: \$119 million). Forty-one councils recognise this equipment in their financial statements with a total value of \$162.8 million, highlighting the inconsistent recognition practices across the local government sector.

The financial statements of the NSW Total State Sector and the NSW Rural Fire Service do not include these assets, as the State is of the view that rural firefighting equipment that has been vested to councils under section 119(2) of the *Rural Fires Act 1997* is not controlled by the State. In reaching this conclusion, the State argued that on balance it would appear the councils control the rural firefighting equipment that has been vested to them. It is important to note that there are only two parties to the agreements that govern the use of vested rural firefighting equipment, leaving only two parties who would be considered to control this equipment- the NSW Rural Fire Service in the State sector, or councils in the Local Government sector.

The Department of Planning and Environment (inclusive of the Office of Local Government) (the Department) confirmed in the 'Report on Local Government 2020' (tabled in Parliament on 27 May 2021) their view that rural firefighting equipment is not controlled by the NSW Rural Fire Service.

The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting confirms the State's view that it does not control these assets but provides that 'Councils need to assess whether they control any rural firefighting equipment in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards'. It would seem however, given the State's view that it does not control these assets, that these assets can only be controlled and therefore recognised by councils in the local government sector.

Despite this, many councils do not report these critical assets in their financial statements.

The continued non-recording of rural firefighting equipment in financial management systems of some councils increases the risk that these assets are not properly maintained and managed. Councils who have rural firefighting equipment vested from the NSW Rural Fire Service should recognise these assets in their financial management systems and consider their condition and useful life.

Recommendation to councils

Councils should perform a full asset stocktake of rural firefighting equipment, including a condition assessment for 30 June 2022 financial reporting purposes.

Consistent with the requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards, councils should recognise this equipment as assets in their 30 June 2022 financial statements.

The Department should intervene where councils do not recognise rural firefighting equipment

The Department, through the Office of Local Government, requires each council to prepare financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (accounting standards), as required by the LG Act. The State Government, through NSW Treasury (and in agreement with the Department), has concluded that under accounting standards rural firefighting equipment vested to councils is not controlled by the State, and further on balance that councils in the local government sector control this rural firefighting equipment.

The Department's role includes assessing whether intervention is appropriate with respect to council's compliance with and performance against legislative responsibilities, standards or guidelines. Given the State's clear position, it would appear that any council not recognising this equipment is non-compliant with the relevant accounting standards.

Having considered the accounting position papers prepared by the respective stakeholders, the Audit Office has advised councils and the Department that any council not recognising this equipment is not complying with the requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards.

The Department should now intervene to address this matter as a priority.

Recommendation to the Department

Consistent with the Department's role to assess council's compliance with legislative responsibilities, standards or guidelines, the Department should intervene where councils do not recognise rural firefighting equipment.

We acknowledge that the Department has committed to working closely with NSW Treasury to educate, guide and assist councils to understand the State's view regarding ownership and recognition of rural firefighting equipment in their financial statements.

Non-recognition of this equipment may impact the financial statements audit opinions of those councils. The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS), a state government entity, has spent in excess of \$1.1 billion over the past ten years on rural firefighting activities and equipment. While confirming the State Government's position that it does not control this equipment, the NSW RFS advised it has a complete listing of the rural firefighting equipment vested to councils under section 119(2) of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*, and has provided this to the Department. The NSW RFS also confirmed that as it does not control the equipment, it is unable to confirm its value or condition.

This raises two general questions: whether these assets are being properly managed as in some instances they are purportedly not controlled by any government sector and are not recorded in either the State or the local government sector financial records, and whether in these instances there is non-compliance with accounting standards if this equipment is not recorded in the financial statements of councils. This may impact audit opinions on the financial statements of councils.

The Audit Office is conducting performance audits of the NSW Rural Fire Service (Planning and managing bushfire equipment) and the Office of Local Government (the effectiveness of local government regulation and support).

TOURISM AND PROMOTIONS REPORT - JUNE 2022

Prepared by: Kerrie Wise, Executive Assistant, Governance, Tourism and Promotions

Greater Hume Council Websites

Delivery Plan - 1.1.2.1

Objective - Engagement by Council to demonstrate Council leadership. (Continued implementation of the GHC Communication Plan.) (Maintain and manage the Greater Hume Council suite of websites which are compliant with accessibility standards. Seamless CMS(OpenCities) is the provider of Council's websites – Greater Hume Council, Visit Greater Hume, Greater Hume Children Services and Town and Village websites.)

Comments

| | | Greater Hume greaterhume.nsw.gov.au | | GH Children Services ghchildren.com.au | | Visit Greater Hume visitgreaterhume.com.au | |
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| June 2022 | | 22 | 21 | 22 | 21 | 22 | 21 |
| Website Traffic | New | 3902 | 3197 | 754 | 358 | 771 | 468 |
| | Returning | 1876 | 1152 | 274 | 314 | 99 | 50 |
| Traffic Source | Organic | 3101 | 2802 | 744 | 358 | 408 | 274 |
| | Direct | 1019 | 692 | 259 | 256 | 117 | 86 |
| | Referral | 828 | 168 | 16 | 57 | 245 | 122 |
| | Social | 97 | 249 | 22 | 19 | 44 | 4 |
| Device Paths | Desktop | 2518 | 1933 | 414 | 331 | 382 | 240 |
| | Mobile | 2289 | 1752 | 609 | 335 | 373 | 208 |
| | Tablet | 158 | 161 | 5 | 6 | 40 | 26 |
| Bounce Rate | % | 58.51 | 58.21 | 73.35 | 53.27 | 71.53 | 65.93 |

www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au - top pages:

1. Your Greater Hume Council - Building and Development
2. Living in Greater Hume – Waste Facilities Opening Times Charges and Accepted Waste
3. Contact Us
4. Newsroom - Greater Hume Council Newsletters - Winter 2022
5. Your Greater Hume Council - Careers With Us

www.ghchildren.com.au – top pages:

1. News - Higher Child Care Subsidy and Removal of Annual Cap
2. Family Day Care
3. Contact Us
4. Holbrook Centre
5. Featured Content – Enrol Your Child/Our Services

www.visitgreaterhume.com.au – top pages:

1. Culcairn - Explore Eat Stay/ Culcairn Caravan Park
2. Featured Content - Revealing Histories
3. Natural Wonders - Wymah Ferry
4. Natural Wonders - Morgan's Lookout
5. Featured Content - Being Inspired

Social Media

Delivery Plan - 1.1.2.1

Objective - Engagement by Council to demonstrate Council leadership. (Continued implementation of the GHC Communication Plan.) Implement and enhance on line communication tools using technologies such as social networking mechanism.

Comments

- Instagram, #visitgreaterhume – 980 followers
- Individual facebook pages:
 - Greater Hume Council – 3000 followers
 - Visit Greater Hume – 596 followers
 - Holbrook Submarine Museum – 1195 followers
 - Greater Hume Children's Services – 923 followers
 - Greater Hume Youth Advisory Committee – 495 followers
 - Buy Local in Greater Hume – 578 followers

Greater Hume Council Newsletters

Delivery Plan - 1.2.1.1

Objective - Implement the planned community engagement processes using various communication strategies. (Develop four Council newsletters (Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer) and a rates notice insert whilst ensuring effective and targeted content.)

Comments

The Winter edition of GHC Newsletter, was send out first week of June. Articles included were Farewell to Steve Pinnuck, Opening of Holbrook Sporting Complex. Wirraminna Book Launch, Have Your Say, Riverina Water successful grants, Walla Walla Water Tower Mural completed alongwith regular articles.

Grants and Funding

Delivery Plan - 3.2.1.2, 4.1.1.1

Objective - Continue to support and develop sporting facilities and other community infrastructure. Identify opportunities for external grant funding.

Comments

Greater Hume has now partnered with GrantGuru to provide is the most comprehensive grants database in Australia that includes grants and assistance across all levels of government and the private sector (philanthropic grants), each summarised into a one-page template for easy comparison. This grant portal is available to Council staff, local businesses, community and sporting groups throughout Greater Hume. The following grant applications have been recently submitted:

| Name | About | Current |
|--|---|---|
| Austrade's Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery Grant – Stream One - \$30,000 – Greater Hume and Henty Machinery Field Days Promotional Production | This project will be developing and promoting the videos, photography, social media posts, advertising and Hume Highway signage in order to attract visitors both old and new to Greater Hume and Henty Machinery Field Days. | Austrade has granted an extension to this grant to end of 2022 to cover the Henty Machinery Field Days in Sept 2022. Additional filming is being planned in the Winter months by Angry Ant Marketing, Wagga Wagga. |
| Create NSW - Regional Cultural Fund - Digitisation Round – \$332,745 - In partnership with Albury City (lead agency)) - Murray Region Digitisation Hub | The Project involves the engagement of a Digitisation Project Officer and development of a Digitisation Hub (Thurgoona Collection Store, 2 Hoffman Road, Thurgoona) to implement professional training programs for individual museums and facilitating the digitisation of at least 400 objects. AlburyCity is lead agent. | Currently a number of sessions and workshops with museum volunteers, staff of Albury and Greater Hume on how to use scanners and cameras at the new Digitisation Hub. |
| NSW Government - Bushfire Local Economy Recovery Fund - \$451,054 – Hanel's Lookout | This project at Hanel's Lookout (Woomargama National Park) will create viewing platforms, walk ways, sealed car park, sealed Hanel's Road, toilet, picnic area and signage. | Australia Ramp and Access Solutions Albury appointed for construction of the walkway, viewing platform and toilets and Longford Civil appointed to construct the road, carpark and sealed footpath. National Parks and Wildlife Service are finalising the Environmental Assessment |
| Stronger Country Communities Fund - Round 4 | 11 applications were submitted from various community groups and 9 GH Council applications. Totaling \$3,224,567.00 | 4 Successful applications - GHC Culcairn Recreation Ground new playground, Billabong Little Athletics at Henty, Holbrook Gym Club and Jindera Netball Club. |
| Crown Reserves Improvement Grant | 4 applications from community groups were submitted. Two applications successful | Walbundrie Sportsground (\$192,129 new multipurpose shed) and Jindera Park (\$87,681 amenities block). |
| Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) program | Purchase of essential conservation materials for six community run museums to assist them to appropriately care for their collections. | Successful - \$12,727.98 - Conservation materials have been purchased and now working on acquittal. |
| Riverina Water | Painting and lighting for AE2 exhibition space. | Successful - \$20,000 - organising painters and lighting equipment. |

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| Cultural Tourism Accelerator Grant | Marketing of films developed in Let's Get Digital grant, see above. | Successful - \$10,000 - A 30sec television commercial is currently being aired on Prime Television until October. A 90sec social media video presentation is being organised and a paid social media campaign to be organised. |
| Reconnecting Regional NSW - Community Events Program | Greater Hume Council has been advised of an allocation of \$301,708 towards the NSW Government's Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Event Program. | Greater Hume Council endorsed the EOI's presented (following an initial assessment by Deputy Director, Regional NSW) at an Extraordinary Meeting to be held on 8 June. Greater Hume Council grant submission for 17 events is currently been developed for submission on 8 July. |

Greater Hume Tourism and Promotions

Delivery Plan - 3.3.1.1

Objective - Implement the Greater Hume Visitor Experience Plan which was endorsed March 2014 by Greater Hume Council.

Comments

- Monthly newsletters are sent to all Greater Hume Tourism Operators, providing latest information on tourism opportunities, marketing, social media and promotional campaigns as well as relevant contacts and statistics.
- Currently managing 160 Greater Hume ATDW Listings. The Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) is Australia's national platform for digital tourism marketing in Australia. Established in 2001, the ATDW is jointly owned and managed by all Australian state and territory government tourism bodies. ATDW distributes this information to over 60 partners' websites to support local tourism businesses in expanding their on line exposure, bookings and marketing.
- Scheduled another social media Welcome to Greater Hume campaign, providing reels, tours and ideas of what people can do in Greater Hume during 2022. There will be a particular emphasis on producing reels with our themes of history and heritage and natural environment. The average reach on our posts is currently 1500.
- Submitted visitor and What's On advertising in Out and About Winter 2022 Edition in Border Mail. The print run is 24,000, 14,000 are inserted into The Border Mail and the additional 10,000 distributed. Distribution is to all Visitor Information Centres through NE Victoria and South West NSW/Riverina plus Canberra and Melbourne. Other business (inc motels) and advertisers.
- Emailed (over 600) 'What's On in June 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.
- Wagga Wagga City Council (WWCC) partnership for an upcoming autumn marketing cooperative involving Lockhart, Narrandera, Coolamon, Junee, Cootamundra/Gundagai and the unique and authentic experiences we have here through day trip itineraries. Filming and photography shoot was held Wednesday 17 November at several locations throughout Greater Hume. The campaign was launched early April and will run until 30 June.
- Austrade's Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery Grant – Stream One - \$30,000 – Greater Hume and Henty Machinery Field Days Promotional Production - Austrade has given an extension to this grant to end of 2022 to cover the Henty Machinery Field Days in Sept 2022. Additional filming is being planned in the Winter months by Angry Ant Marketing, Wagga Wagga.
- COVID Recovery Funding - A Greater Hume promotional campaign in partnership with Murray Regional Tourism and Destination NSW has been developed and will now be rolled out late Winter into Spring 2022.

Visitor Information Centre and Submarine Museum

Delivery Plan - 3.3.1.1.06, 3.3.1.1.05

Objective - 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.

Comments

Visitor Information Centre Statistics:

June 2022 - Walk In – 1233, Phone Calls - 19, Emails – 1.

June 2018 - Walk In – 424, Phone Calls - 8, Emails – 0.

Submarine Museum Statistics:

June 2022 - Adult - 133, Child - 45, Concession - 115, Family - 62, Group - 122, Total - 477.

June 2018 - Adult - 19, Child - 89, Concession - 12, Family - 112, Group - 0, Total - 232.

Events

Delivery Plan - 3.3.1.1, 2.1.1.1

Objective - To assist with the promotion of Greater Hume's many and varied events. Encourage more residents to be involved in Greater Hume and events.

Comments

- Supporting the following events - Jindera Pioneer Museum, Walla Walla Show N Shine, Holbrook Sheep and Wool Fair, Henty Machinery Field Days and various other community events,

Australia Day

Delivery Plan - 1.1.2.7 and 2.1.1.1

Objective - Recognise community leaders and their efforts and encourage others in the community to take up leadership roles.

Comments

Currently advertising to community an Expression of Interest to host Australia Day in 2023. Working with a community to see if they are interested in hosting.

Signage

Delivery Plan - 3.3.1.1

Objective - Implement the Greater Hume Visitor Experience Plan which was endorsed March 2014 by Greater Hume Council.

Comments

Currently organising visit Greater Hume signage on Hume Highway and signage for Henty Sportsground and Showground Amenities Extension and Refurbishment Project.

Murray Regional Tourism (MRT)

Delivery Plan - 3.3.1.1

Objective - Implement the Greater Hume Visitor Experience Plan which was endorsed March 2014 by Greater Hume Council. (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.)

Comments

- Currently attending monthly zoom meetings with MRT and the VIC network group.
- Planning to extend the Love The Murray campaign and cooperative marketing initiatives.
- Tripadvisor Campaign - Murray Regional Tourism - The campaign will build the profile of the Murray River region and destinations through targeted ads and content creation with Tripadvisor. This campaign has 680,425 impressions across the Murray region. The Greater Hume sponsored page received 561 (out of 5214 across the Murray region) impressions with an engagement rate of 5% (the KPI for this campaign was 1% engagement rate).
- Attending the Good Food and Wine Show in June 2022 in Melbourne, three operators are attending, Flyfaire Wines, Wymah Organics and Lupins for Life.

Museums and Heritage

Delivery Plan - 3.3.1.1

Objective - Implement the Greater Hume Visitor Experience Plan which was endorsed March 2014 by Greater Hume Council. (GHC currently has 11 public or private museums and three historical societies. Museum Advisor (Vanessa Keenan) – In partnership with Albury City Council and Museums and Galleries NSW.)

Comment

The Museum Adviser has been reaching out to museums mostly relating to the two successful grants we have obtained (Let's Get Digital and Digitisation of Museums), see Grants and Funding for more information. All six museums are busy finalising their significant items digital information. Currently a number of sessions and workshops with museum volunteers, staff of Albury and Greater Hume on how to use scanners and cameras at the new Digitisation Hub. Revealing Histories adverts are currently airing on Prime Television showcasing the new videos until October 2022.

Murray Arts

Delivery Plan - 3.3.1.1

Objective - Implement the Greater Hume Visitor Experience Plan which was endorsed March 2014 by Greater Hume Council. (Murray Arts aim is to actively assist the ongoing development of, and participation in, arts and culture throughout the Border region.)

Comment

Have been appointed to the Murray Arts Strategic Advisory Council (MASAC), which meets twice a year and sits alongside the Murray Arts Board to guide the direction of the organisation towards achieving its goals.

GREATER HUME SHIRE COUNCIL

Schedule of the Director Corporate Community Services' Schedule of Information to Council Meeting -
Wednesday 20th July, 2022

COMBINED BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH ENDED 30th June, 2022***CASHBOOK RECONCILIATION***

| | General Fund | Trust Fund |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| General Ledger Cashbook Balance as at 1st June, 2022 | -231,117.76 | 43,137.62 |
| Cashbook Movement as at 30th June, 2022 | 137,426.05 | -599.70 |
| Less: Term Deposits included in Cashbook Balance (Trust only) | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| General Ledger Cashbook Balance as at 30th June, 2022 | -93,691.71 | 42,537.92 |

BANK STATEMENT RECONCILIATION

| | | |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|
| Bank Statement Balance as at 30th June, 2022 | NAB \$0.00 | 42,537.92 |
| | Hume \$1,291.05 | |
| | Bendigo \$0.00 | |
| | WAW \$0.50 | |
| | Total 1,291.55 | 42,537.92 |
| (LESS) Unpresented Cheques as at 30th June, 2022 | -94,989.14 | 0.00 |
| (LESS) Unpresented EFT Payments as at 30th June, 2022 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| PLUS Outstanding Deposits as at 30th June, 2022 | 6.80 | 0.00 |
| PLUS / (LESS) Unmatched Cashbook Transactions 30th June, 2022 | -0.92 | 0.00 |
| Cashbook Balance as at 30th June, 2022 | -93,691.71 | 42,537.92 |

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
1 July 2022

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GENERAL MANAGER

MAYOR

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Approved Between 1/06/2022 and 30/06/2022

05/07/2022

| Application No. | Location | Development Type | Est. Cost | Received | Determination | Total Elapsed Days | Stop Days | Adjusted Elapsed Days | |
|-----------------|--|--|-----------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|----|
| DA/2020/100 | Applicant: Malec Holdings Pty Ltd 13 Bond ST HOLBROOK Lot: 1 DP: 1067432 | Change of Use - Freight Transport Facility - Time Change | \$0 | 11/04/2022 | Withdrawn | 58 | 0 | 58 | |
| DA/2021/72 | Applicant: RJ Sinclair Pty Ltd Railway PDE HENTY Lot: 1 DP: 12560 Lot: 2 DP: 12560 Lot: 3 DP: 12560 | New Service Station - As Modified | \$0 | 13/05/2022 | Refused – Councillors | 41 | 0 | 41 | |
| DA/2021/249 | Applicant: Ten Mile Engineering 92 Racecourse RD HOLBROOK Lot: 109 DP: 753340 | New Entertainment Area & Storage Shed | \$110,000 | 10/12/2021 | Approved | 15/06/2022 | | | |
| DA/2022/6 | Applicant: Rob Pickett Design 15 Keighran ST HENTY Lot: 1 Sec: 1 DP: 758514 | Boarding Houses x 4 & Carport - As Modified | \$0 | 26/05/2022 | Approved | 17/06/2022 | 23 | 0 | 23 |
| DA/2022/36 | Applicant: J Ivill 41 Elizabeth ST GEROGERY Lot: 145 DP: 753339 | New Shed and Carport | \$100,000 | 24/02/2022 | Approved | 8/06/2022 | 29 | 76 | 29 |
| DA/2022/40 | Applicant: Eslers Land Consulting Bungowannah RD BUNGOWANNAH Lot: 2 DP: 259195 Lot: 4 DP: 259195 Lot: 5 DP: 259195 Lot: 1 DP: 1200110 Lot: 2 DP: 1200110 | Boundary Adjustment & Consolidation | \$0 | 2/03/2022 | Approved | 6/06/2022 | 97 | 0 | 97 |

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| Application No. | Location | Development Type | Est. Cost | Received | Determination | Total Elapsed Days | Stop Days | Adjusted Elapsed Days |
|-----------------|--|--|-----------|------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| DA/2022/65 | Applicant: I Muller 652 Alma Park RD WALLA WALLA Lot: 168 DP: 655526 | Demolition of Existing & New Dwelling & Garage - As Modified | \$456,500 | 17/06/2022 | Approved | 13 | 0 | 13 |
| DA/2022/82 | Applicant: Albury Wodonga Conquest 107 Pioneer DR JINDERA Lot: 2 DP: 286299 | New Swimming Pool | \$47,320 | 29/04/2022 | Approved | 18 | 39 | 18 |
| DA/2022/83 | Applicant: Eslers Land Consulting 203 Culcairn Holbrook RD HOLBROOK Lot: 1 DP: 392279 Lot: 1 DP: 215964 | Boundary Adjustment | \$0 | 27/04/2022 | Approved | 52 | 0 | 52 |
| DA/2022/86 | Applicant: Blueprint Planning Development 198 Humphreys RD BUNGOWANNAH Lot: 300 DP: 753749 | 2 Lot Subdivision | \$0 | 5/05/2022 | Approved | 29 | 0 | 29 |
| DA/2022/87 | Applicant: Habitat Planning 67A Bowler ST HOLBROOK Lot: 1 DP: 1277883 | 3 Lot Subdivision | \$0 | 5/05/2022 | Approved | 56 | 0 | 56 |
| DA/2022/88 | Applicant: M M Elliott 48 Wallace ST HOLBROOK Lot: 25 DP: 4045 | New Transportable Dwelling | \$344,690 | 6/05/2022 | Approved | 27 | 0 | 27 |
| DA/2022/92 | Applicant: SSF Super Fund Pty Ltd 12 King ST HOLBROOK Lot: 2 Sec: 9 DP: 758522 | Change of Use and New Shed | \$40,000 | 10/05/2022 | Approved | 18 | 14 | 18 |
| DA/2022/93 | Applicant: The Roofing Centre Albury 5 Britton CT JINDERA Lot: 13 DP: 1132425 | New Shed | \$26,489 | 12/05/2022 | Approved | 26 | 0 | 26 |

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| Application No. | Location | Development Type | Est. Cost | Received | Determination | Total Elapsed Days | Stop Days | Adjusted Elapsed Days |
|-----------------|--|---|-----------|------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| DA/2022/95 | Applicant: Laluz Pty Ltd 23 Balfour ST CULCAIRN Lot: 2 DP: 662349 | Change of Use, Demolition, Alterations & Additions to Existing Building Stg 1 | \$100,000 | 17/05/2022 | Approved | 38 | 0 | 38 |
| DA/2022/96 | Applicant: Gary West Pools 29 Rockow RD GLENELLEN Lot: 601 DP: 605711 | New Swimming Pool | \$54,971 | 20/05/2022 | Approved | 29 | 0 | 29 |
| DA/2022/101 | Applicant: S A Dickson 24 Wagner DR JINDERA Lot: 215 DP: 1280394 | New Shed | \$40,000 | 3/06/2022 | Approved | 28 | 0 | 28 |
| DA/2022/103 | Applicant: Macjac Sheds 20 Britton CT JINDERA Lot: 29 DP: 1132425 | New Shed | \$34,894 | 3/06/2022 | Approved | 27 | 0 | 27 |
| DA/2022/104 | Applicant: Greater Hume Council Billabong ST WALBUNDRIE PLT: 25 DP: 753763 | New Storage and Display Shed | \$200,000 | 8/06/2022 | Approved | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| DA/2022/105 | Applicant: G J Gardner Homes 286 Gerogery West RD GEROGERY Lot: 3 DP: 1182415 | New Dwelling & Garage - (Existing Dwelling to be Demolished) | \$564,819 | 3/06/2022 | Approved | 27 | 0 | 27 |
| DA/2022/110 | Applicant: Afonso Building Solutions 13 Wagner DR JINDERA Lot: 210 DP: 1280394 | New Dwelling and Garage | \$511,690 | 27/05/2022 | Approved | 28 | 0 | 28 |
| DA/2022/111 | Applicant: Davis Sanders Homes Pty Ltd 20 Wagner DR JINDERA Lot: 217 DP: 1280394 | New Dwelling and Garage | \$636,542 | 31/05/2022 | Approved | 24 | 0 | 24 |

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05/07/2022

| Application No. | Location | Development Type | Est. Cost | Received | Determination | Total Elapsed Days | Stop Days | Adjusted Elapsed Days |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|-----------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| CDC/2022/26 | Applicant: North East Sheds & Alfrescos 185 Bungowannah RD JINDERA Lot: 3 DP: 1130778 | New Carport | \$15,000 | 16/05/2022 | Approved | 24 | 0 | 24 |
| CDC/2022/32 | Applicant: G J Gardner Homes 6 Terlich WY JINDERA Lot: 121 DP: 1267384 | New Dwelling and Garage | \$382,817 | 3/06/2022 | Approved – Private Certifier | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| CDC/2022/33 | Applicant: C L Masland 4 Fourth ST HENTY Lot: 184 DP: 13288 | New Dwelling and Garage | \$421,305 | 1/06/2022 | Approved – Private Certifier | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| CDC/2022/34 | Applicant: Alatalo Bros 6 Rosler ST JINDERA Lot: 206 DP: 1280394 | New Dwelling and Garage | \$698,485 | 1/06/2022 | Approved – Private Certifier | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| CDC/2022/35 | Applicant: J G King Homes 49 Market ST WALLA WALLA Lot: 320 DP: 1231353 | New Dwelling and Garage | \$211,773 | 6/06/2022 | Approved – Private Certifier | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| CDC/2022/36 | Applicant: Bridgewood Homes 38 Mulgrave RD JINDERA Lot: 523 DP: 1236708 | New Dwelling & Garage Director Environment & Planning Greater Hume Shire Council | \$428,715 | 16/06/2022 | Approved – Private Certifier | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| CDC/2022/38 | Applicant: J & J Carroll Pty Ltd 12 Wagner DR JINDERA Lot: 221 DP: 1280394 | New Dwelling and Garage | \$433,209 | 24/06/2022 | Approved – Private Certifier | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Report Totals & Averages | | Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 857.00 | | | | | | |
| Total Number of Applications : 29 | | Total Calendar Stop Days: 129.00 | | | | | | |
| Total Estimated Cost : 5,859,219.00 | | Total Adjusted Calendar Days: 728.00 | | | | | | |

GREATER HUME COUNCIL
AUDIT, RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman's Report – 21 June 2022

External Audit

Brad Bohun of Crowe Horwath attended the meeting by Zoom and presented the Annual Engagement Plan, which was received and noted by the Committee. Of specific note for Greater Hume this year is the revaluation of water and sewer assets, which is not expected to present any particular problems.

From the Auditor-General there is the possibility of a late requirement for the revaluation of land assets given the significant increases since our last revaluation in 2019, notwithstanding the recent reductions that have been reported in the press. There was discussion around whether, although this may be significant in relation to land assets, any increase would be immaterial in relation to infrastructure or the Council's statements as a whole. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

RFS assets continues to be an issue, and the Auditor-General has flagged the possibility that the 2021/22 audit reports of some Councils may be qualified on the grounds that these assets have not been recognised. The Committee reviewed the situation and confirmed its view that Council does not control these assets within the meaning of the International Accounting Framework, and that they therefore do not qualify for recognition in Council's statements. Some months ago Council's Finance Manager, Dean Hart, wrote to RFS requesting sufficient information for inclusion of these assets in Council's asset register, and to date neither the requested information nor any other response has been received. This further strengthens the Committee's view that Council does not control these assets.

Accordingly, the Committee recommends that Council accepts and acknowledges that the Auditor-General may issue a qualified audit report in relation to the non-recognition of RFS assets.

Leeton Shire Council has been acting as the lead Council in pursuing this matter and we understand may be seeking contributions from other Councils towards the costs associated with its resolution. We recommend that Council assist in this area.

Internal Audit

Phil Swaffield of National Audits also attended by Zoom during the consideration of the forward internal audit program, which has been extended to 4 years in anticipation of the future requirements. The program adopted is listed in the resolution. The forward program is reviewed annually by the Committee and there is the possibility of changes to the future year program as circumstances require.

The ability of unauthorised persons – particularly malicious – to penetrate Council's IT systems is a constant threat, and testing of Council's defences is a specialist task. We understand that Statewide Mutual is investigating arranging this testing at a reduced cost to participating Councils, and staff have been asked to investigate this further.

Other Reports**Risk Officer Report**

This report included a summary of the high risk items in the Risk Register as it currently stands, completion of the asbestos register and progress on the review of other Council policies as scheduled. It also included information on public liability, motor vehicle and workers compensation claims. The Committee reflected that the low level of claims will have a commensurate effect on Council's premiums.

Review of Fraud Control Policy

It is understood that ARIC will be required to review Council's Fraud Control Policy and procedures on an annual basis, although Council has previously only been required to do so once every four years. No urgent issues were noted and member's comments will be taken into account in the scheduled review by Council in November this year.

Committee Operations**Audit Follow Up Matrix**

This matrix provides the mechanism whereby the Committee ensures that corrective actions, agreed to by management, are completed within a reasonable period of time. We noted a number of actions, particularly relating to engineering and planning matters, where delays seem to be exceeding those arising from Covid and other lack of resources. As the Committee cannot itself command attendance by specific staff members at a meeting, we have requested the General Manager to request the attendance of the respective Directors to provide more complete explanations of the delays.

Retirement of General Manager, Steven Pinnuck

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, thanked retiring General Manager, Steven Pinnuck, for his support and assistance to the Committee over the years of its existence and wished him well in his retirement. These sentiments were also conveyed to Steven by members individually after the meeting.

David G Maxwell
Chairman

MINUTES
GREATER HUME COUNCIL AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE,
HELD ON 21 JUNE 2022

Present: Mr David Maxwell – Independent Chairperson
 Mr John Batchelor – Independent Committee Member (via Zoom)
 Cr Heather Wilton – Greater Hume Council
 Mayor, Cr Tony Quinn – Greater Hume Council

Observers: David Smith – Director Corporate and Community Service, Greater Hume Council
 Steven Pinnuck – General Manager, Greater Hume Council
 Jackie Lister – Risk / WHS Coordinator, Greater Hume Council
 Dean Hart – Chief Financial Officer, Greater Hume Council
 Damien Connell – Statewide Mutual
 Phil Swaffield – National Audits Group (via Zoom)
 Brad Bohun – Crowe (via Zoom)

Apologies: Cr Lea Parker – Greater Hume Council

Meeting Commenced 10.02am

ITEM 1 Welcome and Apologies
RESOLVED [Cr Wilton / John Batchelor]

That the apology from Cr Parker be accepted

ITEM 2 Acknowledgement of Country
 The Chair offered an acknowledgement of Country

ITEM 3 Declarations of Interest
 Nil

ITEM 4 Confirmation of Minutes from the meeting held on 8 February 2022

RESOLVED [Cr Wilton / John Batchelor]

That the Minutes of the Greater Hume Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 8 February 2022 as printed and circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.

ITEM 5 Business Arising From Previous Minutes
 Nil

ITEM 6 External Audit
a. Presentation of Annual Engagement Plan 2022.
 Mr Brad Bohun presented the Annual Engagement Plan 2022.

RESOLVED [Cr Wilton / John Batchelor]

That the report on the Annual Engagement Plan be received and noted

RESOLVED [Cr Wilton / John Batchelor]

That:

1. Greater Hume Council reaffirm its position that Council does not control RFS assets and will not be recognising RFS assets in Council's financial statements

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GREATER HUME COUNCIL AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE,
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2. Greater Hume Council accept and acknowledge that the Audit Office may issue a qualified audit report in respect to the non-recognition of RFS assets.
3. Recommend that a contribution be made to Leeton Shire Council to assist with meeting legal and other costs associated with resolving the accounting treatment of RFS assets

ITEM 7 Internal Audit

a. Revise and Confirm 4-Year Forward Plan

The Committee discussed the current forward plan for internal audit projects and considered additional topics to be included in an updated Forward Plan.

RESOLVED [Mr Batchelor/Cr Wilton]

That the following Forward Plan be adopted:

2021/22

Developer Contributions

Infrastructure Identification & Useful Lives

Accounts Payable

2022/2023

EPA Act / Planning

Infrastructure Maintenance & Management Planning

Administration and management of external grants

2023/2024

Crown Land & Reserve Management

LTFP & Asset Management Planning

Procurement (other than tenders)

2024/2025

Payroll

Sundry Debtors

Staff Training & Workforce Planning

RESOLVED [Mr Batchelor/Cr Wilton]

That further information be sought from Statewide Mutual in relation to IT Penetration Testing

b. Review Internal Audit Performance

No action taken on this matter pending implementation of Internal Audit guidelines

ITEM 8 Reports from Other Agencies

a. Risk Officer Report

Jackie Lister tabled the Risk Officer Report and spoke to the major items

RESOLVED [Mr Batchelor/Cr Wilton]

That the Risk Officer's report be received and noted

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b. Review of Fraud Control Policy

RESOLVED [John Batchelor/Cr Wilton]

That the Committee's comments be considered when Council reviews this policy in accordance with Council's policy review schedule

c. Verbal report from General Manager

RESOLVED [Mr Batchelor/Cr Wilton]

That the General Manager's verbal report be received and noted

ITEM 9 Committee Operations

a. Committee Action Plan

No discussion

b. Audit Committee Follow up Matrix

RESOLVED [Cr Wilton/Mr Batchelor]

That:

1. The Follow-Up Matrix be received and noted
2. The the General Manager be asked to make the Directors of Engineering and Planning to next Committee meeting to provide further information as to why implementation of some recommendations has been delayed.

RESOLVED [David Maxwell/Mr Batchelor]

Motion of thanks to General Manager Steven Pinnuck for his support and assistance in the past and best wishes for his future retirement. **Carried by acclamation.**

Next meeting dates

Tuesday 2 August 2022

(NOTE: All meetings will commence 10am at the Culcairn Chambers)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.05pm

HENTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA 30/05/2022

Meeting Opened: 6.30PM

Present: Tayla Roulston, Yvonne Booth, Daphne Hannam, Julie Colley (Guest), Neil Meyer, Graham Klemke, Steph Bedggood, Garry Small, Dennis Kane, Deputy Mayor Annette Schilg

Apologies: Nil

Minutes of the last Meeting: 02-05-2022

Moved: Steph Bedggood Seconded: Tayla Roulston

Business Arising: General Business

Treasurers Report: **Steph Bedggood**

Attached Report. Closing Balance: 703.93 Overpayment from Greater Hume Council of \$350. Motion to return \$350 as requested

Moved: Steph Bedggood Seconded: Daphne Hannam

Correspondence:

IN: Emails have been continually forwarded during the month

- GHC “What’s On”
- GHC Tourism and Promotion E-News

OUT:

- Letter Colin Kane re Dog off leash area

Greater Hume Shire Council Report:

- New GM starts 11/7/2022. Evelyn Arnold, David Smith Acting GM from 30/6 to 11/7.
- Holbrook Sporting complex open and operating.
- GHC had 151 roads effected by floods/ weather events. GHC waiting on assessor so work can commence.
- 11 children services have been transferred from Albury council to Greater Hume. GHC has developed a successful business model.

General Business

1/ Off the Leash area Smith Street: **Letter to C Kane GHC only sent late May.**

2/ Facebook' page... an ongoing project.

Update: *Steph reported HCDC page continues to have good engagement.*

3/ Sign Railway Parade- Nothing new to report

4/ PROJECT: Cleanup Railway yard beside Dales Funeral Service and South side of Sladen Street

UPDATE: Museum Project

5/ *Welcome Packs* – Discussion re content- Approach retailers/businesses to provide vouchers etc., Information packs

UPDATE; Yvonne Booth : delivered one pack in May. Project 3 new residents will receive packs in June.

6/ Greater Hume Shire Australia day Citizen of the Year 2023.

Discussion: 2023 Possible more formal interview process by HCDC. Prepare nominations earlier and invite nominee's to HCDC meeting. Prepare application with nominee to ensure nothing is missed off their resume. N/A

7/ ANZAC Day ceremony 2023. Discussion scheduled for Feb 2023.

8/Henty Museum Project – N/A

9/ Doodle Cooma Swamp Wetlands Project Presentation – Kellie Penfold. Kellie presented Swamp Wetlands project initiated by Landcare. 2 stages: Firstly, put up signage for the swamp etc. Update: Nothing to report

10/ NEW Bins for Sladen Street. Awaiting installation

11/ Street party update: DK reported:

- Project Partners approached: HCDC, Greater Hume Council, HCFS Bendigo Bank, Henty Local Health Advisory Committee (LHAC), Henty Lions Club & River Life Church. All organization wholeheartedly supported project and have given letters of support for granting applications.
- Grant application submitted to Murrumbidgee health for 10K. (Response within next 4 weeks). Grant application submitted to Greater Hume council. Bendigo bank approached re-funding.
- Cost of event will be around \$25,000 based on previous event. Quotes from same vendors were sort for grant applications.
- DK had a meeting with 4 members of the Leadership program organized by Justin Clancy project. Steph Bedggood, Mel Klemke,

Mikaela Lieschke, & Raju. All indicated they were interested in heading up this event.

- Discussion at this meeting included possible forming sub-committee to organize event with 5 attendees (DK) plus one member from each partner group.
- Possible party dates, Nov 2022, or March 2023.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Residents who live near the block in Third street which resembles a tent city. Residents complained that Council had informed them that “nothing further can be done, and it is just bad luck”. Residents do not accept this. Discussion amongst committee agreed that council has a responsibility to ensure that this is not acceptable, and that council need to pursue an acceptable outcome for resident. HCDC do not accept a TENT CITY in our town. HCDC have concerns that if council do not act this situation will arise in other areas within the town. Motion DK: Send a letter to Colin Kane and express HCDC support for residents and request that council seek a satisfactory solution HCDC would prefer removal of “Tent City”.
Seconded Yvonne Booth. Carried.
- Discussion re- Refugees’ event in June. Marg Killalea
- Garry Small concerned about the condition of Sandbank Road (Back of Golf Course). Four-wheel drivers using road in the wet destroy road which makes road impassable at times. GS moved Motion to inform council. Seconded Graham Klemke. Carried.
Suggestion: Dry weather road only signs.

Committee discussed inviting Colin to next meeting.

- DK to investigate Xmas in July party at DCA for July meeting in leu of missing a HCDC Xmas party

Next Meeting: Monday 27th June 2022 6.30pm

Meeting Closed: 7.15pm

JINDERA COMMUNITY FORUM

MINUTES
19 April 2022

OPENING OF GENERAL MEETING: 7:30pm

CHAired BY: Pat Hayes

COVID REQUIREMENTS: Meeting was held at the Jindera Community Hub with the provision of hand sanitiser at the entrance and seating allowing for social distancing.

ATTENDANCE: Pat Lafferty, Pat Hayes, Kathy Anderson, Jenny O'Neill, Cheryl Ingrey, Betty McGrath, Bill McGrath, Ashley Lindner, Elaine Maling, Colleen Lord, Greg Finster, Bob Done.

APOLOGIES: Peter White, Monty Newman, Brad Hore, Emma Andrews.

Moved: R Done

2nd: P Lafferty

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Held on 15 March 2022.

Moved:

2nd:

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Flooding/Sewer – Manholes are still being assessed. Relief valves are to be stalled shortly. Relief tank is now in place.

Siren for Community Disasters – The siren is to be discussed with G Yensch and the Rural Fire Service which has a siren system in place.

Multi-Purpose Hall - The call for volunteers to be on the Multi-Purpose committee via the Jindera News had no response. P Hayes has talked to the existing committee with the suggestion that individual people be approached to join the committee. Further discussions outlined there is a need to ascertain which community groups would use the facility in addition to allowing for Albury residents to use the facilities (eg dances, functions, etc). Despite the lack of response from the community to date, there is a need to get the momentum going on the project. It was agreed that the facility be referred to as a hall rather than a multipurpose stadium. The next consideration is also to look to means of fundraising.

Seniors Festival at Museum – The festival appeared to be patronised despite the inclement weather.

Pioneer Drive Roundabout – Works have commenced and are to be carried out during school hours – 10am to 2pm to minimise disruption.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Email from Stephanie Odewahn (GHC) re March 2022 Council minutes and Council News (emailed)

Email from Stephanie Odewahn (GHC) re BCC going forward.

Email from Betty Chaloner (GHC) re holiday event at Jindera Community Hub (emailed).

Email from Kerrie Wise (GHC) re Event Funding Opportunity NSW Govt (emailed).

Email from GHC re old street signs available for sale.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Stephanie Odewahn (GHC) re lack of BCC on Council emails.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Event Funding Opportunity (NSW Govt) – The funding is Covid monies and eligibility requires that the event be free or at minimal fee to provide an activity for the community.

Parking Bay at Rec Ground (Urana St) – Tenders are currently out for these works.

Molkentin and Urana Road Intersection Works – Tenders are currently out for these works.

Footpath Molkentin Road – Tenders are currently out for these works.

Additional Toilets at Skate Park – An \$87,000 grant has been procured with quotes currently being sought.

Drone Survey – The drone survey associated with flood mitigation in Jindera has been carried out.

CCTV at Village Green – Council is currently looking into placing CCTV in the Village Green due to vandalism and undesirable behaviour.

Jindera Pool – Council has opted to repair the pool rather than replace.

Community Garden – To be ratified by Council as a Section 355 committee of Council.

Old Road Signs – Currently available for sale by Council.

Recreation Path – Albury City Council has resumed a working party on the rec path due to the invitation from Greater Hume Council (GHC) to carry out a feasibility study. Stuart Baker and Steve Bowen are to represent Albury CC and GHC are looking to funding options for the total amount – Rail Trails and Transport NSW being two options.

Sandbags – C Lord spoke to having sandbags available for future flooding. Forum to check with Council as to the availability at the Jindera depot.

Rural Care Link – C Lord is offering assistance to flood victims via RCL.

Mobile Reception in Jindera – Council has addressed the local member with Shire wide problems re mobile reception.

Wetlands – R Done gave a report on the wetlands.

Anzac Day – Two services at 5:40am (with breakfast) and 10:30am with morning tea.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:40pm

NEXT MEETING: 21 June 2022

NOTE – Proposed meeting dates for remainder 2022 – August 16, October 18.