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Ordinary Meeting of Greater Hume Council

Wednesday, 21 May 2025

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Colin Kane
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

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BUSINESS:

1. OPENING THE MEETING

2. PRAYER

3. 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".

4. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council – 19 April 2025

6. ACTION REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

8. MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

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- Governance
- Corporate and Community Services
- Engineering

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- Corporate and Community Services
- Governance

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- Corporate and Community Services
- Engineering
- Environment and Planning

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MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS – PART A - FOR DETERMINATION

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. CARABOST HALL DECOMMISSIONING

Report prepared by Manager of Waste and Facilities – James Waite

REASON FOR REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide information and a recommendation regarding the short-term future of the Carabost Hall.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS

Objective	Our leadership and communication cultivate confidence in our future direction
Outcome L3.1	Undertake integrated, long-term planning and decision making, reflective of community needs, resources and aspirations

DISCUSSION

Carabost Hall, 5 Carabost Hall Road Carabost Lot: 119 DP: 757219.

The Carabost Hall was built in 1927 and is located on Crown Land managed by Council.

The main hall is brick rendered with corrugated iron roof with a side meeting room and kitchenette. There is a set of brick toilets added to the rear of the building and a detached iron clad shelter.

Council's records indicate the Hall was flooded in 2010 resulting in an extensive clean-up cost (figures are unable to be accessed at this time)

The recent damage from the flood in October 2022 caused water damage to the floor and walls, and the building is currently inundated with mud and debris. Photographs are shown in **(ANNEXURE 01)**.

After a search of Council's records, it has been confirmed that the committee ceased functioning on 16 September 2020.

The Hall has not been used since the last flood and the use on a yearly basis by the community was minimal prior to this incident.

Management is requesting Council to consider the immediate closure of the Hall. This will include disconnection of power and security measures to restrict any access or use of the building. The disconnection of power to the hall has not been arranged previously, as underfloor exhaust fans had been in operation.

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CARABOST HALL DECOMMISSIONING [cont.]

The immediate savings to Council's budget whilst further investigations are undertaken is power savings approximately \$200 per quarter, and an annual building insurance cost of approximately \$1200.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Having the power connected is currently costing Council approximately \$200 per quarter and insurance of \$1132. This will be a saving of approximately \$2000 a year.

Future costings for community consultation and demolition and associated works to be addressed in a future Council report.

CONCLUSION

The Hall in its current condition is unfit for its intended purpose and should be made safe while further consideration by Council of its long-term future use, if any, is undertaken. The Hall has had very little use in the past several years and the cost to restore it to a satisfactory condition for any community use is considered to outweigh any community service obligation of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve that:

- 1) Works be undertaken on the Hall to restrict any access or use by the public- immediately.
- 2) Power to the Hall be disconnected by electrical provider immediately.
- 3) Initiate a community consultation process on the future of the Carabost Hall.

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Report prepared by Acting General Manager - Colin Kane and Town Planner – Gayan Wickramasinghe.

REASON FOR REPORT

To report on the outcomes of the resolution adopted by Council on 19 April 2023 concerning the above Development Application.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN

None relevant.

DISCUSSION

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 April 2025, Council received a report regarding Development Application 10.2025.22.1. **(ANNEXURE 02)** The application seeks approval for a forty-nine (49) lot Torrens Title subdivision, including three residual allotments, associated earthworks, road construction, and civil works, over the following properties:

- Lot 5122 and Lot 5123, DP 1310539
- Lot 4, DP 240938 Located in Jindera, NSW 2642

The application was lodged by Habitat Planning on behalf of the current landowners, namely:

- Mr and Mrs. Coulthard (Lot 4, DP 240938)
- Pioneer One Pty Ltd (known as Nordcon) (Lots 5122–5123, DP 1310539)

After considering the application, Councillors resolved the following:

“That the Report lay on the table to allow for further consideration and be brought before Council again at the Ordinary Meeting on the 21st May 2025.”

Following this resolution, Council staff liaised directly with both the applicant and the land developer and undertook a comprehensive review of the conditions of consent. The purpose of this review was to ensure that all concerns raised in public submissions were appropriately addressed. As a result of this process, additional and amended conditions have been proposed, which are highlighted in blue for ease of reference **(i.e. Conditions 5 and 23)**.

In addition, the applicant has provided Stage 3.1 subdivision works plans in further support of the application. Their email correspondence dated 28 April 2025 indicates that each of the properties along the northern boundary will have a grated property connection for internal drainage. This system is intended to capture all roof runoff and some overland flows. While the overall lot runoff will continue to fall to the north, as it currently does, the proposed measures aim to reduce the volume of surface water entering the adjoining northern properties.

It is important to note that, under the Greater Hume Council Community Participation Plan 2019 and relevant provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, this process does not
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require re-exhibition of the application to neighboring properties. However, in the interest of transparency, Council staff have issued separate notifications to all submission makers and the applicant advising them of the rehearing of the development application at the Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday, 21 May 2025.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

As outlined in the original assessment report, in the event that *Council approves* the development, the relevant Section 64 and Section 7.11 contribution payments are payable.

CONCLUSION

The original Development Application 10.2025.22.1 has been assessed in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act), with all relevant matters under Section 4.15(1) taken into consideration. These include the applicable environmental planning instruments, proposed instruments, development control plans, the likely impacts of the development, the suitability of the site, and the public interest.

It is considered that the amended consent sufficiently addresses the concerns raised by submission makers and provides a balanced outcome between those concerns and the planning objectives of the proposed development.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to:

1. Approve Development Application No. 10.2025.22.1 on Lot 5122-5123, DP 1310539, and Lot 4, DP 240938 at 29 Pfeiffer Street, Salzke Street, and 1085 Urana Road, Jindera NSW 2642 for a forty-nine (49) lot Torrens title subdivision, including three residual allotments, earthworks, road construction, and associated civil works in two (2) stages, subject to the conditions attached to this report pursuant to Sections 4.16 and Section 4.17 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Part A – GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Erection of signs

1. This section applies to a development consent for development involving building work, subdivision work or demolition work.
2. It is a condition of the development consent that a sign must be erected in a prominent position on a site on which building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out—
 - a. showing the name, address and telephone number of the principal certifier for the work, and
 - b. showing the name of the principal contractor, if any, for the building work and a telephone number on which the principal contractor may be contacted outside working hours, and
 - c. stating that unauthorised entry to the work site is prohibited.

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3. The sign must be—
 - a. maintained while the building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out, and
 - b. removed when the work has been completed.
4. This section does not apply in relation to—
 - a. building work, subdivision work or demolition work carried out inside an existing building, if the work does not affect the external walls of the building, or
 - b. Crown building work certified to comply with the Building Code of Australia under the Act, Part 6

Reason: Prescribed condition under section 70 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021.

2. Compliance With Plans and Conditions

Development must be carried out in accordance with the attached approved plans and the particulars and statements submitted with the development application receipted. The development must be carried out in accordance with Greater Hume Council's Engineering Guidelines for Subdivisions and Developments Standards and applicable conditions of this consent. All conditions of consent must be fulfilled at the expense of the applicant in conjunction with advice from Council.

In the event of any inconsistency with the approved plans and a condition of this consent, the condition prevails.

DA 10.2025.22.1 only approves Stage 3.1 and 3.2 of Heritage Park Estate, comprising 46 residential allotments and 3 residual allotments. A separate development application must be submitted to and approved by Council for any subsequent stages of the proposed subdivision.

Reason: To ensure the development is carried out as assessed.

PART B – BEFORE ISSUE OF A SUBDIVISION WORK CERTIFICATE

3. Subdivision Works Plans

Full Engineering Plans (Subdivision Works Plans) in respect to the provision of the following services must be submitted with the Subdivision Works Certificate Application for each stage:

- a) Road Design
- b) Sewer;
- c) Reticulated water;
- d) Stormwater Management;
- e) Environmental and sedimentation details
- f) Details of any fill material to be brought on site;
- g) Concrete footpaths (1.5m wide);
- h) Certified Essential Energy (electricity) plans;
- i) Speed zone;
- j) Street lighting;
- k) Indicative details of utilities (telecommunications);
- l) Cost summary report.

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These plans must be approved by Council prior to the release of the Subdivision Works Certificate for each stage.

Reason: To ensure the development is appropriately serviced.

4. Payment of Long Service Levy

A Subdivision Works Certificate will not be issued with respect to the plans and specifications for any subdivision work unless any long service levy payable under the *Building and Construction Industry Long Service Payments Act 1986* (or, where such a levy is payable by instalments, the first instalment of the levy) has been paid in accordance with the submitted cost summary report for each stage.

Reason: To comply with the Building and Construction Industry Long Service Payments Act 1986.

5. Soil Contaminated Report and Remediation Works

The applicant must engage a suitably qualified Site Auditor to undertake a Statutory Site Audit and prepare a preliminary soil contamination report for the following proposed allotments, as shown on the 'Overall Plan' prepared by JCA Land Consultants, dated 21 January 2025, Drawing No. 28776, Sheet 1 of 2:

1. Lot: 3220
2. Lot: 3221
3. Lot: 3222
4. Lot: 3223

If the findings of the preliminary soil contamination report indicate that remediation works are required, the applicant must undertake the recommended remediation and validation works.

Following completion of these works, the Site Auditor is to review the remediation and validation process and prepare a statement confirming that the works have been completed in accordance with:

- State Environmental Planning Policy No. 55 (Remediation of Land),
- Greater Hume Council Contaminated Land Management Policy, and
- The recommendations outlined in the preliminary soil contamination report.

This report must be submitted to Council for review and approval prior to the commencement of any development works on the subject allotments.

Reason: To ensure the site is suitable for the intended residential development and to comply with the State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021.

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PART C – BEFORE SUBDIVISION WORK COMMENCE

6. Subdivision Works Certificate

An application for a Subdivision Works Certificate must be **submitted to and approved by Council** for each stage prior to any subdivision works taking place. The Subdivision Works Certificate must be lodged via the [NSW Planning Portal](#).

Reason: To comply with the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#).

7. Notification and Appointment of a Principal Certifier

Prior to the commencement of any works, the person having benefit of the development consent must:

- a) appoint a Principal Certifier;
- b) the Principal Certifier has provided notification to Council of its appointment no later than two days before the subdivision work is proposed to commence; and
- c) the person having the benefit of the consent has given at least two days' notice to Council of the person's intention to commence the subdivision work.

Reason: To comply with Division 6.4 of the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#).

8. Erosion and Sedimentation Controls

The approved erosion and sedimentation controls must be installed and maintained on site in accordance with the approved plan for the duration of construction works. Erosion and sediment controls must be installed in accordance with: "[Erosion and Sediment Control – A Resource Guide for Local Councils](#)".

Reason: To prevent water pollution and protect the amenity of the adjoining area and to comply with the [Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997](#).

9. Temporary Water Closet Accommodation

A temporary water closet accommodation must be provided onsite during construction. This facility must be located onsite to not create a nuisance to any adjoining properties.

Reason: To ensure suitable facilities are provided for workers during construction and to comply with requirements for Work Health and Safety on worksites.

10. Demolition - Notice of Commencement for Demolition

At least one week before demolition work commences, written notice must be provided to council and the occupiers of neighbouring premises of the work commencing.

Reason: To advise neighbours about the commencement of demolition work and provide contact details for enquiries

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PART D – DURING SUBDIVISION WORK

11. Construction - Hours of Work

All construction works will be restricted to the following hours in accordance with the NSW Environment Protection Authority Noise Control Guidelines:

- a. Mondays to Fridays, 7.00am to 6.00pm
- b. Saturdays, 8.00am to 1.00pm
- c. No work is permitted on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Reason: To protect the amenity of the area and to comply with the Environmental Protection and Operation Act 1997.

12. Aboriginal Objects Discovered During Work

If any object having interest due to its age or association with the past is uncovered during the course of the work, all work must stop immediately in that area. The applicant must immediately notify Heritage NSW as soon as practical by calling 131 555 or emailing: info@environment.nsw.gov.au. Work may recommence in the affected area(s) if Heritage NSW advises that additional assessment and/or approval is not required in accordance with the [National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974](#).

Reason: To protect Aboriginal heritage and to ensure compliance with the [National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974](#).

13. Demolition

- a) Any essential service (e.g. water supply, sewer, gas, electricity, stormwater) must be appropriately disconnected/capped from the structure being demolished or removed in accordance with the requirements of the relevant authority.
- b) Demolition must be carried out in accordance with the provisions of AS 2601-2001 – *Demolition of Structures*.
- c) All works removing more than 10 square metres of non-friable asbestos or asbestos containing materials (ACM) must be carried out by a suitably licensed *asbestos* removalist duly licensed with SafeWorkNSW, holding either a Friable (Class A) or a Non- Friable (Class B) Asbestos Removal Licence which ever applies. All work must comply with the [Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017](#).
A copy of the relevant licence shall be made available to any authorised Council officer on request within 24 hours

Clearance Certificate: Upon completion of the demolition/asbestos removal works a duly qualified person is to confirm the site as being free from contamination and determined suitable for future use. This must be to the satisfaction of Council.

Note: Information on the removal and disposal of asbestos to landfill sites licensed to accept this waste is available from NSW EPA.

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- d) Demolition activity shall not cause damage to or adversely affect the structural integrity of adjoining buildings.
- e) No material is to be burnt onsite.

Reason: To ensure demolition is carried out in a safe manner and complies with the relevant Australian Standard as well as the requirements of SafeWorkNSW and NSW EPA.

14. Imported Fill Material

Any imported fill must comprise either uncontaminated Virgin Excavated Natural Material (VENM)(as defined within the [Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997](#)) or Excavated Natural Material (ENM)(as defined within the NSW EPA Resource Recovery Order '[The excavated natural material order 2014](#)').

Certification supporting any source fill material must be provided to Council for each stage.

Reason: To ensure fill which is placed on the site is not contaminated and to comply with relevant EPA requirements.

15. Soil Contamination - Unexpected Finds

A suitable soil chemical analysis and investigation report must be provided if any evidence of contamination is identified on the subject site during works, **excluding the land area already addressed under Condition 5**. If any evidence of contamination is found, all works at the location must cease immediately. If remediation works are required, works must not recommence on the subject site until Council is satisfied any required remediation techniques have been appropriately completed.

Reason: To ensure the subject site is not contaminated.

16. Compaction – Landfill

All fill including existing fill must be compacted in accordance with a compaction ratio of 98% as specified in Table 5.1 of Australian Standard AS3798 'Guidelines on Earthworks for Commercial and Residential Developments'.

Reason: To ensure the lots are filled and compacted.

17. Vehicles During Construction

Vehicles must be clean and free of debris prior to leaving the site during construction. Deposited material may be ordered to be removed at the applicant/operator's expense.

Reason: To ensure sediment is not trafficked onto Council's road network.

18. Disposal of Waste

Designated waste containment areas must be provided on site and must be maintained to prevent any windblown litter escaping from the site. The applicant must also ensure all waste generated from construction of the development is disposed of at a site which can lawfully accept the waste.

Reason: To comply with the requirements of the [Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997](#).

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19. Minimise Noise

The operating noise level of plant and equipment during subdivision works must not exceed 5dB(A) above the background noise level when measured at the boundaries of the premises. The provisions of the [Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997](#) apply to the development, in terms of regulating offensive noise.

Reason: To preserve the environmental health and amenity of the adjoining area.

20. Dust Control Measures

Adequate measures must be taken to prevent dust from affecting the amenity of the neighbourhood during construction. In particular, the following measures must be adopted;

- a) All materials must be stored or stockpiled at the best locations;
- b) The surface should be dampened slightly to prevent dust from becoming airborne but should not be wet to the extent runoff occurs;
- c) All vehicles carrying spoil or rubble to or from the site must at all times be covered to prevent the escape of dust or other materials;
- d) Cleaning of footpaths and roadways must be carried out regularly; and
- e) Rumble grids must be installed at access points to the site.

Reason: To preserve the environmental health and amenity of the adjoining area.

21. No obstruction of Road Reserve Permitted

The road reserve must not be obstructed by any materials, vehicles, refuse skips or the like, under any circumstances. All activities including loading/unloading of vehicles associated with this development must be undertaken within the subject site.

Reason: To protect the amenity of the area.

PART E – BEFORE ISSUE OF A SUBDIVISION CERTIFICATE

22. Subdivision Certificate

An application for a Subdivision Certificate must be submitted to and approved by Council for each stage. The Subdivision Certificate Application must be lodged via the [NSW Planning Portal](#).

The application must include formal subdivision plans, an Administration Sheet and relevant Instrument Sheet (if applicable). Easements must be shown over all services and covenants as required by the conditions of consent must be incorporated into the appropriate instruments.

The Subdivision Certificate for each stage is not released prior to all applicable conditions of consent for this development being complied with to the satisfaction of Council.

Reason: To comply with the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#).

23. Completion of Subdivision Works

A Subdivision Certificate for each stage cannot be issued prior to the completion of all subdivision works covered by Condition 2 of this consent and a satisfactory final inspection of the works by Council's Engineering Department for each stage.

Reason: To ensure the development is appropriately serviced.

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24. Boundary Fence

Prior to the issue of the Subdivision Certificate for each stage, a Colorbond fence, no higher than 1.8 metres above natural ground level and in a neutral colour, must be erected along the northern boundary of proposed **Lots 3101–3103 and 3201–3210**.

The applicant must obtain written consent from each owner of the existing allotments that adjoin the rear boundaries of the proposed lots. Written correspondence must be submitted to Council confirming how this condition has been complied with.

Reason: To minimise the potential for any adverse environmental impact(s).

25. Development Contribution

Section 7.11 Contribution under EP&A Act, Section 64 Contribution under Local Government Act and Landscape Contribution.

The payment of Section 7.11 Development Contributions in accordance with South Jindera Low Density Residential Precinct Plan, Section 64 sewerage, water headwork charges and landscape contribution fees are applicable and must be paid to Council prior to the release of the Subdivision Certificate for each stage. Contributions are calculated per allotment created. **The fees will be charged and calculated in accordance with Council's adopted Fees and Charges Policy at the time the application for Subdivision Certificate for each stage is lodged with Council.**

SECTION 7.11 Contribution under EP&A Act		
DEVELOPMENT	STAGE 1 '(3.1)'	STAGE 2 '(3.2)'
ROAD UPGRADE, ADMINISTRATION AND OPEN SPACE	Rate at time of SC lodgement per lot x 20	Rate at time of SC lodgement per lot x 26
TRUNK SEWER	Rate at time of SC lodgement per lot x 20	Rate at time of SC lodgement per lot x 26
STORMWATER & DRAINAGE	Rate at time of SC lodgement per lot x 20	Rate at time of SC lodgement per lot x 26
LANDSCAPE CONTRIBUTIONS (Per block for supply, planting and maintenance of a street tree).	\$200 X 20 = \$ 4,000	\$200 X 26 = \$ 5,200
SECTION 64 Contribution under Local Government Act		
DEVELOPMENT	STAGE 1 '(3.1)'	STAGE 2 '(3.2)'
SEWER (S64)	Rate at time of SC lodgement per lot x 20	Rate at time of SC lodgement per lot x 26
WATER (S64)	Rate at time of SC lodgement per lot x 20	1. Rate at time of SC lodgement per lot x 26 2. Connection fees - Rate at time of SC lodgement per lot x 26

Reason: To comply with Council's Development Contribution policies.

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26. Correspondence from Agencies

Prior to the issue of the Subdivision Certificate for each stage, the following documents must be submitted to Council to demonstrate that the requirements of the public utility services and recommended conditions outlined in the Government Department respective referral responses have been met;

I. Electricity

A Notification of Arrangements from the electricity supply authority (i.e. Essential Energy) must be supplied to Council confirming that electrical infrastructure has been installed and that satisfactory arrangements have been made for the supply of low voltage reticulated electricity to each proposed Lot;

II. Telecommunications and Fiber-ready Facilities

Certification from an approved telecommunications provider outlining satisfactory arrangements have been made for the installation of fibre-ready facilities to all residential allotments in the subdivision to enable fibre to be readily connected to any premises which is being or may be constructed on those lots. The development must demonstrate the carrier has confirmed in writing they are satisfied the fibre ready facilities are fit for purpose.

Reason: To ensure the development is carried out as assessed and the development site is appropriately serviced.

III. Street Address Numbers

An individual street address numbers must be assigned to the subject sites. Please contact Council's Engineering Department for more detail.

Reason: To ensure the allotments are appropriately identified.

IV. Compaction of Lots

Prior to the release of the Subdivision Certificate for each stage, the applicant must provide Council with the appropriate evidence outlining the entirety of each allotment has been filled and compacted to the relevant Australian Standards. This evidence must be to the satisfaction of Council.

Reason: To ensure the lots are filled and compacted.

V. Private Infrastructure

Any private services/assets or alike (i.e. water, stormwater, sewer etc.) which are located within the new allotments and benefit other allotments must be removed **OR** be shown within an appropriate easement to be registered. Any such easements must be shown on the formal subdivision plans prior to the release of the Subdivision Certificate.

Reason: To comply with the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#).

VI. Works as Executed Plans

Works as Executed (WaE) plans of all infrastructure and services (including all pipes and drainage structures are contained within the proposed drainage easements) must be provided to Council in

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electronic format (i.e. PDF and AutoCAD dwg. formats). The submitted WaE plans must be to the satisfaction of Council and must contain the true and correct locations and details of all installed infrastructure. The applicant must also provide Council with an asset value for all installed infrastructure which will be transferred to and/or managed by Council, along with street numbering shown on submitted plans.

Reason: To ensure Council receives true and correct details/location for all installed infrastructure and services in the form of Works as Executed plans.

VII. Defects Liability Period

The defects liability period for subdivision works shall be a minimum of twelve (12) months from the date of registration of the plan of subdivision at the Land Registry Services, upon which the subdivision road and associated infrastructure is dedicated to Council for each stage.

Reason: To comply with the requirements of Council's Engineering Department.

VIII. Defects Liability Bond (Security)

A defects liability bond to the value of 5% of the total cost of the subdivision works must be submitted to Greater Hume Council prior to issue of the Subdivision Certificate for each stage.

The bond will be held for the duration of the defect liability period.

During this period the developer shall be responsible to remedy any construction defects or omissions in the subdivision works. Note that the defects exclude general wear and tear due to use, damage caused by inappropriate use, vandalism or traffic accidents.

The bond is refundable on application to Council and upon satisfactory final inspection by Council.

Reason: To comply with the requirements of Council's Engineering Department.

IX. Repair of Public Infrastructure

Any damage or deterioration to any portion of the footpath and/or kerb and guttering or other Council property including road reserves, during construction must be reinstated to its original condition at the owner's expense to the satisfaction of Council.

Reason: To maintain safe access for pedestrians and to protect the amenity of the adjoining area.

ONGOING USE FOR SUBDIVISION WORK

X. Protection Of Vegetation

There must be no clearing of any vegetation (including within Council's road reserve).

Reason: To comply with the [Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016](#).

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ADVICE TO APPLICANT

- a. It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure compliance with the requirements of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (DDA). Note: Compliance with the Building Code of Australia does not necessarily meet the requirements of the DDA. You are advised to seek advice from the Australian Human Rights Commission (phone (02) 9284 9600) in respect of your application.
- b. The land subject to this consent may have restrictive private covenants applying to it. It is the responsibility of the Applicant and owner/builder to ensure private covenants are adhered to. Council does not enforce or regulate private covenants and therefore accepts no responsibility for checking the compliance of building design with such covenants.
- c. Underground assets may exist in the area subject to this application. In the interests of health and safety and to prevent damage to third party assets, please contact Dial Before You Dig at www.1100.com.au or telephone on 1100 before excavating or erecting structures. If alterations are required to the configuration, size, form or design of the development upon contacting the Dial Before You Dig service, an amendment to the development consent (or a new development application) may be necessary.

Individuals owe asset owners a duty of care which must be observed when working in the vicinity of plant or assets on the relevant property via contacting the Dial Before You Dig service in advance of any construction or planning activities.

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GOVERNANCE

1. ALBURY WODONGA HEALTH – NEW SITE NEW HOSPITAL OR REDEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING HOSPITAL

Report prepared by Acting General Manager – Colin Kane

REASON FOR REPORT

This report is a subsequent report to one that was presented to the Council at the March Ordinary Meeting that was held on the 19 March 2025 at Jindera and will enable the Council to make a resolution regarding whether to support a new hospital on a new site or the redevelopment of the existing hospital for Albury Wodonga Health.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN

Theme: Healthy Communities

Outcome: Our lifestyle and services nurture the health and wellbeing of the individual and community.

DISCUSSION

At the March Ordinary Meeting of the Council, a report (**ANNEXURE 03**) was presented which provided information to enable the Council to determine a position for Albury Wodonga Health as to whether support a new single hospital on a new site or the redevelopment of the current Albury Health Campus.

Prior to the March meeting Council received an online presentation from Better Border Health which outlined the case for a new hospital to be constructed on a new site. This presentation emphasised that a new hospital on a new site would be the superior option for the following reasons:

- Avoidance of adverse operational issues associated with the redevelopment of the hospital whilst it continues to provide hospital services.
- The new hospital would have operational efficiency through having all hospital services and facilities on one site:
- The new hospital would be of sufficient size to have the required number of beds for current needs and to allow for a growing population.

After considering the report to the March Ordinary Meeting, the Council made the following resolution:

6825 RESOLVED [Cr Lindner / Cr O'Neill]

That:

- Following on from briefing from Better Border health, I move a motion that we also receive a briefing from NSW Infrastructure. It is important that we take a balanced approach, ensuring we have all relevant information before making a decision that best suits our constituents' understanding from both perspectives will allow us to make an informed and responsible choice for our community.
- That the current motion be left on the table whole we seek a briefing from NSW Infrastructure to make a balanced well-informed decision.

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In accordance with the above resolution on the 17 April 2025 Councillors and staff received a briefing from NSW Health Infrastructure and from that briefing Council was advised that the advantages of the redevelopment of the existing hospital would be:

- The design of the hospital redevelopment has been completed, tenders will be called, and construction will commence later in 2025.
- The design includes contingency for future expansion.
- In comparison to the existing hospital careful consideration has been made to improve patient flow through the facility.
- Carparking issues have been resolved.
- The redeveloped hospital aligns with the current staffing capacity of Albury Wodonga Health.
- The funding available for the redevelopment of the current hospital is significant.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

No implications unless travel for advocacy is required.

CONCLUSION

Councillors and staff were impressed by the briefing from NSW Health Infrastructure and the information presented has led to a consensus that the Council considers the redevelopment of the existing hospital is currently the best option for Albury Wodonga Health.

RECOMMENDATION

Council resolves to.

Support the redevelopment of a new regional hospital for Albury Wodonga Health at the existing hospital located in Albury.

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2. TENANCY 31 BALFOUR STREET, CULCAIRN – FUTURE LEASE BETWEEN PROPRIETOR OF FEED THE SOUL CAFE AND GREATER HUME COUNCIL

Report prepared by Acting General Manager – Colin Kane

REASON FOR REPORT

To obtain Council approval to issue a letter attesting that Council would be prepared to enter into a lease with a future proprietor of a café at 31 Balfour Street Culcairn.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Nil.

DISCUSSION

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council which was held on the 19 February 2025 the Council considered a report concerning the purchase of 31 Balfour Street for the purposes of establishing a facility to provide allied health services. That report discussed that an existing café operated from the site and suggested that the retention of a café business on the site would be desirable because the rent income can be used to offset recurrent costs.

Subsequently the Council purchased the premises at 31 Balfour Street in April 2025 to support the Culcairn Community by providing a premises which can accommodate services offered by Allied Health Specialists. Part of the building currently houses Feed the Soul Café whose proprietor currently pays a weekly rent with no formal lease agreement in place.

This business is currently for sale and the owner of the Café would like to offer security to the purchaser by way of establishing that Greater Hume Council would be prepared to enter into a lease for the café tenancy. This proposal by the current café proprietor aligns with the Councils intention to retain a café at the premises and consequently a letter to the existing proprietor **(ENCLOSED SEPARATELY 1)** could be provided.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Ongoing maintenance costs and other outgoings will be subsidised by rental income from tenants of the Café (Feed the Soul).

CONCLUSION

Approval is now sought from Council to issue the existing proprietor of Feed the Soul Café a letter confirming that the Council would be prepared to enter into a lease for the café tenancy at 31 Balfour Street with a new proprietor.

RECOMMENDATION

The Council resolves:

1. Retain a Café tenancy within 31 Balfour Street Culcairn.
2. Issue a letter to the existing proprietor of Feed the Soul Café that Council would subject to terms be prepared to enter into a lease agreement with a new proprietor of the café tenancy.

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3. GREATER HUME COUNCIL DRAFT COMMUNICATIONS PLAN 2025

Report By – Acting General Manager – Colin Kane

REASON FOR REPORT:

To present the Council with the Greater Hume Council Draft Communications Plan 2025 (the Plan) and seek Council endorsement to place the document on exhibition for 28 days.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN

CSP Strategy: Support local decision making through transparent communication and inclusive community engagement.

Initiative: Establish relevant Communications Engagement and Events Policies and Process

DISCUSSION

A recent review of the Councils 2017 Communication and Implementation Plan has been completed in response to a recognition that the communities' expectation of Council communications has changed. Evidence of this change was noted through the results of the 2025 Community Satisfaction Survey which identified that Community satisfaction with Greater Hume Councils communication and engagement is mixed, with significant room for improvement.

As a result, the current methods of communication have been reviewed, and the Plan (**ANNEXURE 04**) outlines new forms of communication that are respondent to the feedback from our community. Key recommendations for the Plan are identified as:

- Creation of a rolling Content Plan (promotional plan) for all key workflows across the organisation that impact communications both externally and internally.
- Update our current website as a corporate publication with high visibility, ensuring accessibility meeting Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 standards and interactive features.
- Development of a social media guide to provide a guideline for the number of staff managing four Facebook pages.
- A revamped newsletter strategy which will result in redesigned print newsletters and a weekly Greater Hume Council Community Update, which will include job advertisements, weekly work programs, any items currently on exhibition, community and Council events and other updates as deemed appropriate.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil impacts

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The Plan is aligned with the Community Engagement Strategy and demonstrates how Councils many forms of communication link together to achieve specific objectives. It identifies actions to improve consistency and ensure the Council is communicating and engaging on issues of highest priority to the community, while catering for Greater Hume's diverse audience groups.

RECOMMENDATION

Council resolves to:

Place the Greater Hume Council Draft Communications Plan 2025 on public exhibition for 28 days.

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4. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE – AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Report prepared by Acting General Manager – Colin Kane

REASON FOR REPORT

Appointment of a Councillor to the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee, in accordance with section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS

Nil.

DISCUSSION

A Councillor was appointed by resolution to represent the Council to a range of organisations and Council Committees at the first meeting of the new Council 9 October 2025. Mayor Lea Parker was delegated to represent Council on the ARIC Committee. Council has since been advised that the mayor cannot represent Council on this committee as stated in the Guidelines for Risk Management and Internal Audit for Local Government, Core Requirement 1 **(ANNEXURE 05)**

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That.

A Councillor be appointed to be a non-voting member of the Greater Hume Council Audit Risk and Improvement Committee.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. POLICY DEVELOPMENT – REVIEW OF PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS’ POLICY

Report prepared by Director Corporate and Community Services – Louise Frichot

REASON FOR REPORT

To present new and revised policy for consideration.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Objective	Our leadership and communication cultivate confidence in our future direction.
Outcome	Our decision making is inclusive, collaborative and encourages ownership of the future.

DISCUSSION

At the March meeting of Council a draft Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors Policy (**ANNEXURE 06**) was presented for endorsement by Council prior to public exhibition. At that meeting the following was resolved:

That Council:

- 1. adopt the Draft Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors Policy and*
- 2. place the Draft Policy on public exhibition for 28 days and consider any submissions at the May 2025 Council meeting.*

Following the public exhibition and closure for submission the Author advises that no submissions or representations have been made to Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

An expenditure allocation is included in recurrent budgets for the payment of expenses and provision of facilities to the Mayor and Councillors.

CONCLUSION

There is no impediment to adopting the draft Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors Policy, as publicly exhibited.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Adopt the draft Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors Policy, as publicly exhibited.

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2. POLICY ADOPTION

Report prepared by Director Corporate & Community Services – Louise Frichot

REASON FOR REPORT

For Council to consider the adoption of the following updated policies:

- BYOD & Mobile Device Policy
- Bullying & Harassment Policy
- Workplace Grievance Policy
- Risk Management Policy

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS

Theme: Leadership & Communication

Objective: Our leadership and communication cultivate confidence in our future direction.

Outcome: Our decision-making is inclusive, collaborative and encourages ownership of our future.

DISCUSSION

Over the coming months officers will be conducting a review of policies as they fall due. The policies listed below have been reviewed and the recommended action is outlined in the table below;

Policy Name	Re-adoption/Rescission	Comment/Changes Made
BYOD & Mobile Device Policy	Re-adoption	Policy strengthened to cover ChildSafe and staff using Council owned devices as well as their own devices for work purposes.
Bullying & Harassment Policy	Re-adoption	Policy strengthened in alignment with SafeWork guidelines.
Workplace Grievance Policy	Re-adoption	Grievance Policy and Procedure separated and strengthened.
Risk Management Policy	Re-adoption	Policy revised to meet Internal Audit Guidelines that were adopted in 2024.

The Policies are attached as **(ANNEXURE 07)**

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct budget implications resulting from the adoption of the above policies.

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POLICY ADOPTION [cont.]

CONCLUSION

The continual review and development of Council policies is essential to ensure adequate internal control systems are in place and for Council to remain abreast of emerging trends and issues with the local government sector.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Adopt the updated policies as listed below:

- BYOD & Mobile Device Policy
- Bullying & Harassment Policy
- Workplace Grievance Policy
- Risk Management Policy

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3. WAW CREDIT UNION, WALLA WALLA SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

Report prepared by Director Corporate and Community Services – Louise Frichot

REASON FOR REPORT

To seek a resolution that WAW Credit Union, Walla Walla Service Level Agreement be reinstated and the General Manager act as Councils Authorised Representative to sign the Service Agreement.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Theme Growth & Prosperity

Objective Our community growth maximises our location and strengths to enable prosperity for all.

DISCUSSION

The Service Level Agreement (**ENCLOSED SEPARATELY 2**) outlines the terms and conditions for the provision of WAW Credit Union Walla Walla to perform services on behalf of Greater Hume Council. This agreement will enable the township of Walla Walla to receive many of the service's other townships in the Greater Hume Shire already receive via our Customer Service Centres located in Jindera, Culcairn, Holbrook and Henty.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Costs associated with the implementation of the Service Agreement are fully funded in current and future budget allocations.

CONCLUSION

WAW Credit Union, Walla Walla will provide a valuable service to residents of the Walla Walla township and surrounds, and it is recommended that Council endorse the Service Level Agreement to be signed.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Authorise the General Manager to sign the Service Level Agreement between Greater Hume Council and WAW Credit Union Walla Walla.

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4. INTERIM 2024/2025 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Report prepared by Chief Financial Officer – Dean Hart

REASON FOR REPORT

To present the Interim Budget Review as at 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Not Applicable – legislative requirement

DISCUSSION

The interim budget review as at 31 March 2025 is included for Councillors' perusal (**ANNEXURE 08**). The budget review, as presented, indicates that the projected 2024/2025 cash surplus will be \$141,077 which represents an increase of \$9,810 on the budget surplus of \$131,267 as at 31 December 2024.

OVERALL BUDGET REVIEW

Detailed below is a full review on a functional basis with comments. The commentary below provides an explanation of major variances (greater than \$5,000) except where offset within the same function.

GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Function and comment		Projected Budget Variance \$
Elected Members Expenses Satisfactory		Nil
Governance Expenses Budget transferred from engineering administration to allow for additional employment costs	-\$203,768	-\$221,227
Adjustment to budget allocation for leaseback on General Manager's vehicle	-\$ 9,598	
The remaining variance is accounted for through additional costs of advertising, legal fees, event costs and consultancy fees.		
Risk Management Satisfactory		Nil

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Corporate Services Administration Satisfactory Budget adjustment for a one-off energy rebate received by Council	+\$39,594	
Transfer of budget allowance for the replacement of Director Environment and Planning vehicle from the Health administration budget.	-\$60,000	-\$24,015
Budget adjustment for Holbrook Office Signage	-\$ 6,900	
Information Technology Services Satisfactory		Nil
Employment On-Costs Satisfactory		Nil
Engineering Administration Revenue from road opening permits and firewood reduced due to lower activity in this area	-\$7,000	
Budget for Asset Management salaries and wages transferred to Governance.	+\$203,768	+\$219,072
Budget for Jindera Bike Path feasibility study transferred to Jindera Adventure Park Shade sails project	+\$25,000	
Depot Administration and Maintenance Satisfactory		+\$3,995
Plant Operations		Nil
TOTAL GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION		-\$22,175

PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

Function and comment	Projected Budget Variance \$
Animal Control Satisfactory	+\$2,000
Fire Services Satisfactory	Nil
Emergency Services Satisfactory	Nil
TOTAL PUBLIC ORDER & SAFETY	+\$2,000

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HEALTH SERVICES

Function and comment		Projected Budget Variance \$
Health Administration Additional revenue from fees associated with the expansion of Lake Hume holiday park	+\$50,336	+\$119,545
Budget for replacement vehicle for Director Environment and planning deferred to 2025/2026 and will be utilised for replacement of General Manager's vehicle. The 2024-2025 budget has been transferred to Corporate administration to facilitate vehicle replacement in this area.	+\$60,000	
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES		+\$119,545

ENVIRONMENT

Function and comment		Projected Budget Variance \$
Waste Management Satisfactory		+\$403
Noxious Animals & Insects Satisfactory		Nil
Noxious Plants Satisfactory		Nil
Street Cleaning Satisfactory		Nil
Stormwater Maintenance & Drainage Additional drainage works required to complete the Balfour Street CBD upgrade funded from savings in Kerb and Gutter maintenance.		-\$23,201
TOTAL ENVIRONMENT		-\$22,798

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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND EDUCATION

Function and comment		Projected Budget Variance \$
Children Services Satisfactory		Nil
Preschools Satisfactory		Nil
Youth Services Satisfactory		Nil
Community Housing Satisfactory		Nil
Frampton Court Rental Units Satisfactory		Nil
Kala Court Rental Units Satisfactory		Nil
Kala Court Self-Funded Units Satisfactory		Nil
Aged Care Rental Units – Culcairn Satisfactory		Nil
Aged Care Rental Units – Howlong Satisfactory		Nil
Aged Care Rental Units – Jindera Satisfactory		Nil
Other Community Services Satisfactory		Nil
TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES & EDUCATION		Nil

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HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AMENITIES

Function and comment		Projected Budget Variance \$
Street Lighting Satisfactory		Nil
Public Cemeteries Satisfactory		Nil
Town Planning Budget for salaries and wages reduced as a result of the Director Environment and Planning acting as General Manager. This saving has been utilised to fund a relief Health, Building and Planning Services contractor in the building control area.		+\$41,120
Public Conveniences Satisfactory		Nil
Council Owned Housing Satisfactory		Nil
Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre Satisfactory		Nil
Other Community Amenities Satisfactory		Nil
TOTAL HOUSING & COMMUNITY AMENITIES		+\$41,120

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Function and comment		Projected Budget Variance \$
Public Halls Increase in water and electricity costs for halls. In addition significant additional maintenance costs have been budgeted for Mullengandra Hall to replace panic bars on the fire doors and repair safety steps (\$9k). This has been offset by savings in maintenance at other hall locations.		-\$11,200
Libraries Budget adjusted for a decrease in revenue from room hire and printing and photocopying activities. This has been offset by a lower contribution toward the operation of the Riverina Regional library. (\$51k)		+\$17,538

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Museums Satisfactory		Nil
Swimming Pools The swimming pool season concluded on 9 th March 2025. Revenue from admission and season tickets exceeded budget by \$16k. Maintenance budget for the five pools has been adjusted by \$61k due to a number of issues encountered during the pool season including the on-going issues with the Jindera pool leak, problems with the Holbrook pool filtration system, and adjustments to the Henty Pool pump to improve reliability. Additional costs have been budgeted to continue to operate pool equipment at a reduced capacity for Holbrook and Henty pools over winter which is required due to safety issues. Pool life guard wages exceeded budget by \$24k as a result of the higher utilisation of the pool facilities. This has been offset by lower electricity costs of \$36k. The budget was forecast on levels prior to the implementation of solar panels to enable repayment of the solar installation costs through budget savings. As this has now been fully repaid the pool facilities are enjoying the benefit of reduced power costs.		-\$33,541
Sporting Grounds & Recreation Reserves Budget for Jindera Bike Path feasibility study transferred to Jindera Adventure Park Shade sails project Budgeted operating costs increased due to increased water usage and electricity charges partially offset by a reduction in maintenance budget.	-\$25,000 -\$8,734	-\$33,734
Parks & Gardens Budget adjusted for increase in maintenance costs of Council's park facilities, partially resulting from vandalism damage (\$14k Ytd).		-\$25,000
Other Cultural Services		Nil
TOTAL RECREATION & CULTURE		-\$85,937

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MINING, MANUFACTURING & CONSTRUCTION

Function and comment		Projected Budget Variance \$
Building Control Revenue from construction certificates and building inspection fees are significantly below budget reflecting the downturn in building construction.	-\$35,000	-\$75,000
Budget allocation for relief Health, Building and Planning Services contractor offset by a reduction in salaries and wages budget in the town planning area as a result of the Director Environment and Planning acting as General Manager.	-\$40,000	
Quarries & Pits Satisfactory		Nil
TOTAL MINING, MANUFACTURING & CONSTRUCTION		-\$75,000

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Function and comment		Projected Budget Variance \$
FAG Grant – Roads Component Satisfactory		Nil
Urban Roads Local Over-expenditure on urban road reseals funded from saving on rural roads reseal projects.	-\$32,716	-\$72,716
Transfer of the 2024-2025 vote for PAMPs projects to the construction of shared path and carpark at Jindera Adventure playground.	-\$40,000	
Sealed Rural Roads – Local Savings in rural road reseal projects used to fund over-expenditure on urban road reseals.		+\$32,716
Sealed Rural Roads – Regional Satisfactory		Nil
Unsealed Rural Roads – Local Savings in unsealed roads gravel re-sheeting projects utilised to fund over-expenditure on the Holbrook Airpark runway gravel re-sheeting project.		+\$8,912

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Bridges Satisfactory		Nil
Kerb & Gutter Savings in kerb & gutter maintenance utilised to fund over-expenditure in footpaths Additional savings in kerb & gutter maintenance utilised to fund additional drainage works required in Balfour street	+15,000 +23,983	 +\$38,983
Footpaths Increase in budget allocation for footpath maintenance and over-expenditure on the Burrumbuttock walking track project funded from savings in kerb & gutter maintenance		-\$15,000
Aerodromes Over-expenditure on the Holbrook Airpark runway gravel re-sheeting project funded from savings in unsealed rural roads gravel re-sheeting projects.		-\$10,939
Bus Shelters Satisfactory		Nil
Ancillary Road Works The 2024-2025 vote for PAMPs projects has been transferred to the construction of shared path and carpark at Jindera Adventure playground. This replaces the allocation initially proposed to come from savings in Council's 2024-2025 road resealing budget which has been fully spent, leaving a final budget of \$278,194 for the Jindera project.		+\$40,000
State Roads RMCC Works Satisfactory		Nil
Natural Disaster Recovery Satisfactory		Nil
TOTAL TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS		+\$21,956

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INTERIM 2024/2025 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31 March 2025 [cont.]

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Function and comment		Projected Budget Variance \$
Jindera Medical Centre Satisfactory		Nil
Caravan Parks Increase in revenue from Caravan Park fees due to high occupancy rates. This is offset by increased operating costs of the caravan park including the park manager's costs, water charges and cleaning costs.		+12,177
Tourism Operations Satisfactory		Nil
Visitor Information Centre & Submarine Museum Satisfactory		+\$70
Economic Development Satisfactory		Nil
Community Development Projects Satisfactory		Nil
Real Estate Development Budget adjustment for increased costs associated with real estate held for lease and development including advertising, maintenance, water charges and mowing.		-\$10,109
Real Estate Sales Satisfactory		Nil
Private Works Satisfactory		Nil
TOTAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS		+\$2,138

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GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUES

Function and comment		Projected Budget Variance \$
FAG Grant – General Component The FAG grant amount for 2024-25 is above budget predictions. The budget has been adjusted to align with the estimate provided by the Office of Local Government.		Nil
Interest on Investments Satisfactory		Nil
Rates Adjustment to rates revenue totals following supplementary levy adjustments.	+\$9,370	+\$28,961
Adjustment to interest received on overdue rates	+\$19,591	
TOTAL GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUES		+\$28,961

SUMMARY OF BUDGET VARIATIONS

SUMMARY OF BUDGET VARIATIONS	+\$9,810
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WATER AND SEWERAGE

General income and expenditure figures appear to be satisfactory.

SUMMARY

The budget review, as presented, indicates that the projected 2024/2025 cash surplus will be \$141,077 which represents an increase of \$9,810 on the budget surplus of \$131,267 as at 31 December 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note and approve the Interim Budget Review Statement as at 31 March 2025.

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5. DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM, OPERATIONAL PLAN & RESOURCING STRATEGY

Report prepared by Louise Frichot – Director Corporate & Community Services

REASON FOR REPORT

This report seeks approval for public exhibition of the draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 incorporating draft Operational Plan 2025-2026 and budget, draft Resourcing Strategy 2025-2029 and draft Fees and Charges 2025-2026.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Objective Our Leadership and communication cultivate confidence in our future direction

Outcome L1 Our decision-making is inclusive, collaborative and encourages ownership of our future

DISCUSSION

Council is required to undertake corporate planning and reporting activities in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, and the NSW Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines and Handbook 2021, also referred to as the IP&R framework in this report. Under this legislation, Council is required to:

- engage with the community to review and prepare a revised 10-year Community Strategic Plan every four years, and before 30 June in the year following the election of a new Council
- prepare a 10-year Resourcing Strategy, reviewed every four years
- prepare a four-year Delivery Program for the term of elected Council, and review annually
- prepare an annual Operational Plan including budget and Fees and Charges
- publicly exhibit all of these documents for at least 28 days and invite submissions.

Council has previously adopted the Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 (CSP).

This report presents:

- draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 incorporating draft Operational Plan 2025-2026 and budget **(ANNEXURE 09)**
- draft Resourcing Strategy 2025-2029 **(ANNEXURE 10)**
- draft Fees and Charges 2025-2026 **(ANNEXURE 11)**

The Delivery Program and the Operational Plan have been prepared as a combined document which is structured around the same five pillars of the Community Strategic Plan.

The Delivery Program is a four-year plan that covers the term of an elected council and is reviewed annually. It includes strategies based on what Council can achieve over the next four years to bring Council closer to the community's objectives outlined in the Community Strategic Plan. Financial projections for the Delivery Program use a combination of detailed project and program information and assumptions.

The Operational Plan includes a list of actions and projects Council will undertake and aligns with the strategies of the Delivery Program. It incorporates an annual budget and projections for the term of the Delivery Program. The annual budget is determined from detailed information of projects and programs that are expected to be delivered within the 2025-2026 financial year and is connected to actions in the Operational Plan.

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DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM, OPERATIONAL PLAN & RESOURCING STRATEGY [cont.]

The fees and charges for various Council services are reviewed annually. Changes to fees and charges that have been requested for 2025-2026 are included in the annual budget.

Draft Budget 2025 – 2026

Highlights of the draft 2025 – 2026 budget include:

- \$47m total budget (excluding depreciation)
- Projected surplus of \$2,692 for 2025 - 2026
- \$16m capital works program
- \$8.10m for road, bridge and footpath projects
- \$4.79m for water and sewer projects
- \$1.45m for plant replacement

Resourcing Strategy

The Resourcing Strategy supports the Community Strategic Plan and explains how Council will help achieve the community's long-term objectives by applying its time, money, assets and people. It consists of the:

- 10-year Long-Term Financial Plan
- 10-year Asset Management Framework
- 4 - year Workforce Management Plan.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

All costs associated with preparing the draft IP&R documents have been met from existing budget allocations.

CONCLUSION

Council is required to undertake corporate planning and reporting activities in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, and the NSW Government's *Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines and Handbook 2021*.

The draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 incorporating draft Operational Plan 2025-2026 and budget, draft Resourcing Strategy 2025-2029, draft Fees and Charges 2025-2026 have been prepared following extensive community consultation, and it is recommended that the documents be placed on exhibition and that Council accepts submissions until Thursday 19th June 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Place the draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 incorporating draft Operational Plan 2025-2026 and budget, draft Resourcing Strategy 2025-2029, draft Fees and Charges 2025-2026 on public exhibition and accepts submissions until Thursday 19th June 2025
2. Staff prepare a further report outlining the outcomes of the public exhibition for presentation at the June 2025 Council Meeting.

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ENGINEERING

1. PROPOSED SPEED ZONE CHANGE – DIGHTS FOREST ROAD JINDERA

Report prepared by Director Engineering – Greg Blackie

REASON FOR REPORT

To inform Council of a proposed Speed Zone change from 100Kph to 80 Kph on Dights Forest Road, Jindera proposed by Transport for NSW (TfNSW), and advise of concerns that no community consultation has been undertaken by TfNSW of the proposed change.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

CSP Strategy N2 Our road and transport network is maintained and accessible

Initiative N2.1.1. Implement asset management and renewal programs in accordance with adopted budgets and capital works programs.

DISCUSSION

Council was advised in December 2024 that TfNSW had carried out a review of the current 100 kph speed zone on Dights Forest Road following concerns raised by a member of the public to TfNSW about safety entering and leaving their property located on Dights Forest Road.

From that review TfNSW advised Council that the entire length of Dights Forest Road from Jindera to Gerogery Road was to be reduced from 100kph to 80kph

As part of the review TfNSW advised they had “consulted” with the customer, NSW Police, Albury City, and Greater Hume Councils.

The consultation with Greater Hume consisted of an email advising they had done a review of the speed zone following a request by a member of the public and advised the outcome of the review was to lower the speed limit along the entire length of Dights Forest Road.

It is noted that Dights Forest Road is in both Greater Hume and Albury City Council LGA's and has a total length of 6km with 3.5km in Greater Hume and 2.5km in Albury City. It was noted the complainant was located in Albury City

Due to the probable impact of this proposal, staff advised TfNSW that Council objected to the proposal as it required further consultation to occur with the residents of Greater Hume prior to any implementation proceeding to ensure the community was informed of the decision, was able to comment on the proposal and say they were consulted.

Staff were also concerned that although development in Albury City had recently occurred along Dights Forest Road with a number of new properties developed, no significant development had occurred along Dights Forest Road in Greater Hume in many years and Council had not received any complaints about the current speed limit in place and the justification of the change did not seem warranted.

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PROPOSED SPEED ZONE CHANGE – DIGHTS FOREST ROAD JINDERA [cont.]

It is noted that traffic has increased following increased residential development in Jindera, leading to increased volumes on the Dights Forest Road, and there were no reported accidents on Council's section of Dights Forest Road

Recently TfNSW requested Greater Hume to install the 80kph signage to "activate" the new speed zone however as staff believed inadequate consultation has not been made that a meeting was requested with TfNSW staff, to why Council objection was not considered and if implemented residents would require justification of the change and why they weren't consulted from Council.

Staff then requested justification of the proposed change with advice that it would be forwarded to Council for consideration

Attached in **(ANNEXURE 12)** is the response from TfNSW from the meeting justifying the speed zone change.

Whilst noting that their correspondence now said five requests were made to TfNSW for a review it is believed that appropriate consultation has still not been done prior to the proposed implementation.

Whilst advising the review was undertaken using the NSW Speed Zone Standard, it is highlighted below from the standard that significant consultation should have occurred.

Section 6.6 Principle – Local government and the community shall be engaged in the speed zoning process.

Opportunities should be optimised to improve road user understanding of travelling at safe speeds and to foster positive and proactive local government and community engagement in speed management activities.

It is required that TfNSW in partnership with local government conduct engagement with local communities and road users during the speed zoning review process.

Engagement enables understanding of the change, expectations, and impacts. This level of engagement may differ depending on the review. Effective Communication and engagement can help achieve better outcomes for the community by increased acceptance of speed limits.

Engagement should assist in communication with local communities in understanding the long-term role of the road and speeding risk in setting safe speed limits to support all road users.

Section 8.4.6 Step 4: Comprehensive speed zone review

8.4.6.1 Community engagement assessment

Undertaking a speed zone review presents an opportunity to educate the community about safe speeds, why they are important and how safe speeds fit within the broader context of the safe Systems and Movement and Place Framework. Well managed engagement and planned communications can influence positive behaviours which are essential for speed zone changes and the broader success of speed management across the State.

Working with local government and engaging with the community on proposed speed zone changes allows the project team to demonstrate the rationale for and benefits of the change.

Practitioners shall undertake an engagement assessment as part of the speed zone review with their nominated CCE team. This assessment should be undertaken at the start of the speed zone review process to allow sufficient time for a communications and engagement plan to be developed. The plan

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shall document how TfNSW will work with road safety partners, such as local government, and set communications expectations.

The level of engagement required will be influenced by the complexity of the speed zone review. The outcome of the assessment shall be documented.

The engagement guidelines provide a guide for practitioners and the CCE team to assess and determine an appropriate level of engagement. The engagement guidelines provide considerations, tools and content to enable the CCE teams to deliver consistent, effective engagement and communications around speed zone changes on a statewide basis.

Once the level of engagement has been determined, the CCE team should develop a communications and engagement plan outlining all communications activities, the audiences and key messages.

It is considered that Council now request TfNSW withhold implementation of the speed zone until an appropriate level of consultation is undertaken with the community to ensure that the views of all concerned parties are considered and that the reasons for the change are articulated so the community is educated on the benefits of any change if that is the outcome (As detailed in the standards).

Unfortunately, most persons believe Council control speed limits however TFNSW has full control of the implementation of all speed zoning and Council can only request changes like residents.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

No cost to Council as the cost to implement the speed zone changes are paid for by TfNSW, including sign installation/changes that are done by Council but charged back to TFNSW.

CONCLUSION

It is disappointing that TfNSW has not undertaken an appropriate level of consultation of the speed zone change particularly with reference to their own standards as consultation is critical in educating and influencing the positive outcomes of such reviews.

Council's objection to the implementation of the proposed change is due to TfNSW inadequate consultation. Whilst some justification of why it is proposing the change has now been provided to Council, the lack of communication with Council is disappointing and leaves Council in a situation that Council has to justify to its residents of an outcome not initiated by Council and not requested by its residents.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Advise TfNSW that Council objects to the proposed speed zone change on Dights Forest Road proposed to be implemented due to inadequate consultation with the community.
2. Advise TfNSW to discuss with Council and formulate an appropriate level of engagement required with the community to discuss the proposed change and consider all submissions prior to any change being recommended or implemented.

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2. FINALISATION OF FUNKS PIT REHABILITATION

Report prepared by Director Engineering – Greg Blackie

REASON FOR REPORT

To update Council on the finalisation rehabilitation of “Funks Pit” on Red Hill Road Tabletop and approve funding to complete the remaining works.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

CSP Strategy N2 Our road and transport network is maintained and accessible

Initiative N2.1.1. Implement asset management and renewal programs in accordance with adopted budgets and capital works programs.

DISCUSSION

As advised to Council in March the rehabilitation of Funks Pit is continuing following the removal of the material as required by the Clean-up Notice issued by the EPA.

With all requirements of the cleanup notice being completed the EPA has advised by correspondence this matter is now closed.

The relocation of the material from Funks Pit to Walla Walla Landfill and subsequent sieving of the material produced a high-quality compliant material that was then utilised to complete the remediation of the Walla Walla Landfill, at substantial savings to the estimated cost to undertake this work. The remaining seeding of the landfill site to complete the remediation will be undertaken upon the arrival of appropriate rainfall.

See below for photo of completed remediation of the Walla Walla Landfill

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FINALISATION OF FUNKS PIT REHABILITATION [cont.]



Completed remediation at Walla Walla landfill

As advised to Councillors recently, staff investigated opportunities to obtain a replacement source of compliant material required for Funks Pit with investigations and testing being undertaken on several sites.

Subsequently staff determined a site close to Funks Pit and acquired the material and transported it to Funks Pit following approval from Council. Other tidy up work requested by the landowner of Funks pit has also been undertaken and the final revegetation work to complete the rehabilitation of the pit has been processed through Council's Procurement Process (Vendor Panel) of which Council received two submissions to undertake the work required for approximately \$130,000 each (Note this includes 12 months of maintenance of the vegetation). Further assessment is being undertaken of the quotes due to the competitive nature of both quotes.

The revegetation will be commenced upon appropriate conditions prevailing.

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FINALISATION OF FUNKS PIT REHABILITATION [cont.]

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Council has a reserve fund for the rehabilitation of existing Council quarries and gravel pits from which the cost of the required work will be funded from. Due to the screening process undertaken of the material removed from Funks Pit and the minor amount of contaminants found, has allowed the remediation of the Walla Walla Landfill to be completed at a price well less than the estimated costs. The costs now to complete the rehabilitation of Funks Pit and Walla Walla landfill remediation can be taken solely from the Gravel Pit Reserve rather than needing to be taken from the Landfill Remediation Reserve. This had led to savings of approximately \$650,000 (Estimated cost of Walla Walla landfill Remediation) to the landfill reserve.

A summary of costs is provided below:

Previously Approved Works

Removal of material from Funks Pit and screening / testing and reuse at Walla Walla Landfill	\$249,233
Bring in new replacement material to Funks Pit and level onsite	\$54,157
Total Completed Works	\$303,390*

Budget allocated (this budget did not allow for extensive testing undertaken to investigate sources of material and extensive testing of the removed material at Walla Walla Landfill of \$40,232)

	-\$270,000
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Additional budget required **\$33,390**

Remaining Works

Revegetation at Funks Pit	\$130,000
Revegetation at Walla	\$30,000
Total Remaining works	\$160,000

Total Required budget approval required is (33,390 + 160,000) = **\$193,390**

Funds available in Quarry Rehabilitation Reserve 24/25 **\$539,826**

Minus approved works completed **-\$270,000**

Total remaining funds in Quarry Rehabilitation Reserve for 24/25 **\$266,426**

Therefore, it is recommended that council approve the remaining estimated cost of the revegetation works at the Funks pit and Walla Walla Landfill, and additional testing costs undertaken of a total of \$193,390 to be funded from the Quarry Rehabilitation Reserve

As shown this would leave a reserve balance of (\$266,426 - \$193,390) \$73,036 for 24/25. Therefore there will be no impact on Councils budget position.

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FINALISATION OF FUNKS PIT REHABILITATION [cont.]

CONCLUSION

As advised to Council in March the rehabilitation of Funks Pit is continuing following the removal of the material as required by the Clean-up Notice issued by the EPA.

With all requirements of the cleanup notice being completed the EPA has advised by correspondence this matter is now closed.

The relocation of the material from Funks Pit to Walla Walla Landfill and subsequent sieving of the material produced a high-quality compliant material that was then utilised to complete the remediation of the Walla Walla Landfill, at substantial savings to the estimated cost to undertake this work.

Due to the savings, the remaining estimated cost of the revegetation works at the Funks Pit and Walla Walla Landfill, and additional testing costs undertaken of a total of \$193,390 can now be funded from the Quarry Rehabilitation Reserve.

Therefore, it is recommended that council approve the remaining estimated cost of the revegetation works at the Funks pit and Walla Walla Landfill, and additional testing costs undertaken of a total of \$193,390 to be funded from the Quarry Rehabilitation Reserve

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the work completed at both Funks Pit and Walla Walla Landfill in the rehabilitation and remediation of the facilities
2. Approve the additional allocation of \$193,390 from Councils Quarry and Rehabilitation Reserve to fund the additional testing undertaken and the proposed revegetation works to finalise the rehabilitation of Funks Pit and Remediation of The Walla Walla Landfill

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3. **DEED FOR RIGHT OF ACCESS – LOT 1 DP 1061549 PEDDLES HILL WALBUNDRIE TR 19598**

Report prepared by Engineering Admin Officer – Amanda Williams

REASON FOR REPORT

To obtain Council approval for the execution of Deed Agreement under the Council Seal for the right of access Peddles Hill Walbundrie TR 19598 (Lot 1 DP 1061549).

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Nil.

DISCUSSION

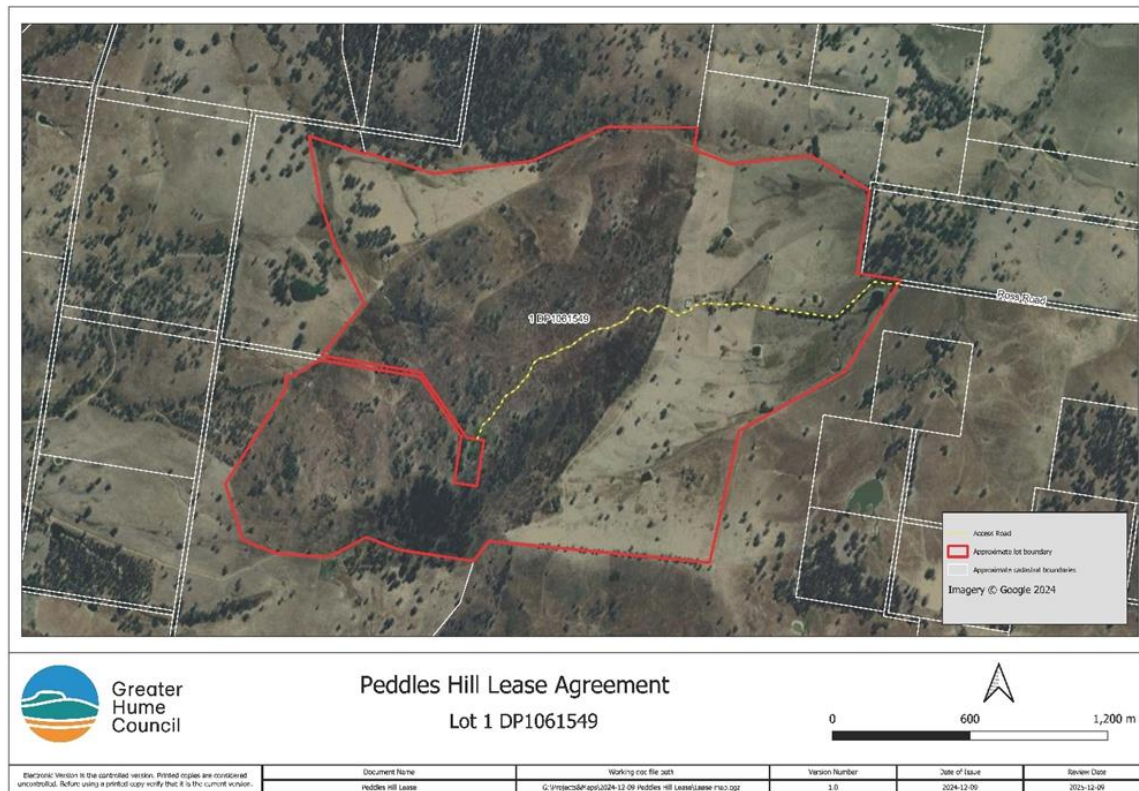
Council intends to enter into a Deed Agreement with the new landowner for the right of access to Peddles Hill TR 19598 (Lot 1 DP 1061549). This agreement will facilitate access for Council staff and contractors.

Key Details

- Term of Deed Agreement is 20 years, consistent with the current lease between Greater Hume Council and Crown Lands, which expired on April 30, 2025.
- Legal Requirement: The Deed must be executed under the Council Seal in accordance with Section 400 (4) of the Local Government Regulation Act 2021.

A sketch of the right of access area is below for Councillors' information, the yellow line is the access to Peddles Hill TR (Lot 1 DP 1061549)

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DEED FOR RIGHT OF ACCESS – LOT 1 DP 1061549 PEDDLES HILL TR 19598 [cont.]

BUDGET IMPLICATION

There are no budget implications associated with this Deed Agreement.

CONCLUSION

Council approval is sought to execute the Deed Agreement for right of access to Peddles Hill TR19598 ensuring access for Council and contractors

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Approve The Mayor and General Manager to execute the Deed Agreement for Right of Access to Peddles Hill TR 19598 under the Common Seal of Council.

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4. ENDORSEMENT OF COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION FOR HOLBROOK LEVEE & JINDERA FLOOD STUDY GRANTS

Report prepared by Director Engineering - Greg Blackie

REASON FOR REPORT

To seek Council endorsement for Council contributing funding for three Grant applications for Holbrook Levee and Jindera Flood Study projects.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

CSP Strategy N2 Our road and transport network is maintained and accessible

Initiative N2.1.1 Implement asset management and renewal programs in accordance with adopted budgets and capital works programs

DISCUSSION

Management is seeking endorsement for a Council contribution of funding for three Grant applications to assist with additional funding to complete the Holbrook Flood Levee Project and provide a revised Jindera Flood Study to enable strategic planning decisions to establish future zoning areas.

Two Grant applications are through NSW Floodplain Management Program - Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) for the Holbrook Flood Levee Project and a revised Jindera Flood Study & Flood Risk Management Study and Plan.

The third Grant application is through the Disaster Ready Fund, Round 3 (2025-26) from NSW Reconstruction Authority also for the Holbrook Flood Levee Project to complete Levee 3 of the overall project.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Council part funding is a requirement of the Grant applications:

Grant	Project	Council Contribution	Grant Funding	Total Project Amount
DCCEEW	Jindera Flood Study	\$50,600.00	\$202,400.00	\$253,000.00
DCCEEW	Holbrook Levee	\$413,400.00	\$1,653,600.00	\$2,067,000.00
Disaster Ready Fund	Holbrook Levee	\$413,400.00	\$1,653,600.00	\$2,067,000.00

It should be noted Council contribution for the above grants has been allocated in the proposed Draft Budget for 2025/2026.

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ENDORSEMENT OF COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION FOR HOLBROOK LEVEE & JINDERERA FLOOD STUDY GRANTS [cont.]

CONCLUSION

Management is seeking endorsement of a Council contribution for the Grants submitted for the amounts of:

1. \$50,600.00 for Jindera Flood Study (DCCEEW)
2. \$413,400.00 for Holbrook Levee (DCCEEW)
3. \$413,400.00 for Holbrook Levee (Disaster Ready Fund Round 3)

Council will not be notified of the Grant applications outcome until October/November 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

If the Grants are successful, Council contribute amounts of:

1. \$50,600.00 for Jindera Flood Study (DCCEEW)
2. \$413,400.00 for Holbrook Levee (DCCEEW) or \$413,400.00 for Holbrook Levee (Disaster Ready Fund Round 3)

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5. PROPOSED LEASE ROAD RESERVE - LOT 1 DP 770448 - 19 SHAE ROAD MULLENGANDRA

Report prepared by Engineering Admin Officer – Amanda Williams

REASON FOR REPORT

To seek Council approval to give public notice and to enter into a Lease on an unused road reserve between Greater Hume Council and the landowner of 19 Shae Road, Mullengandra (Lot 1 DP 770448).

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Nil.

DISCUSSION

Council has received correspondence from the landowner of the 19 Shae Road, Mullengandra, requesting consent to enter a Lease with Greater Hume Council over the road reserve adjoining 19 Shae Road Mullengandra (Lot 1 DP 770488) shown in map below.

The landowner has requested to construct a boundary fence. A Development Application will be submitted, however, permission to occupy the road reserve by way of a Lease will be required in the first instance.



Licence Area
Adjacent to Lot 1 DP770488



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Licence Area - Lot 1 DP770488	G:\Projects\Map\2025-03-18 19 Shae Rd Lease\Map.apx	1.0	2025-03-18	2026-03-18

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[cont.]

Council staff consider the road reserve is surplus to Council requirements and not needed for any current or future road network extensions. Council has no assets within the road reserve.

Before commencing a lease, Council must give public notice of its intention to do so in Councils case this is The Border Mail and the intention is also advertised on Council's website and Facebook page. The term of the lease, together with any option to renew, must not exceed five years and will be in accordance with the existing terms and conditions of Council Licence arrangements for Unused Roads.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

An annual rental fee of \$150.00 and one-off administration fee of \$280.00 will be invoiced in accordance with Councils Fees and Charges 2024/2025.

CONCLUSION

This section of unused road reserve is surplus to Council's needs and will have no impact on access to surrounding properties.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council.

1. Give public notice of its intention for the leasing of the road reserve adjoining 19 Shea Road Mullengandra (Lot 1 DP 770448).
2. Subject to no objections being received following public notice, Council enter a Lease with the landowner.
3. Authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the necessary documentation to affect the Lease under the Common Seal of Council.

OFFICERS' REPORTS – PART B – TO BE RECEIVED AND NOTED

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. COMBINED INVESTMENT ACCOUNT – MONTH ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

Report prepared by Senior Accountant/Finance Team Leader – Camilla Webb

REASON FOR REPORT

This report presents to Council details of all funds invested as at 30 April 2025 as required by the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

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

DISCUSSION

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Responsible Accountant must present to Council monthly the status of the investments held by Council. The Responsible Accountant must detail the investments held, and their compliance with both internal policy and external regulation under the Ministerial Order of Investments.

In accordance with the recommendations made by the Office of Local Government (OLG) Investment Policy Guidelines published in June 2010, the monthly Investments Reports are attached to the Council investment report.

Councillors should note that Council has engaged an external investment manager, Curve Securities, to source appropriate investment opportunities with the aim of transitioning Council's investment portfolio to meet the investment parameters as detailed in Council's revised Investment Policy. Curve Securities will work with Council to ensure that Council's overall investment portfolio is diversified across a wider spectrum of approved financial institutions thereby achieving improved security and asset protection. It should be noted that each individual investment is still held directly by Council with each financial institution.

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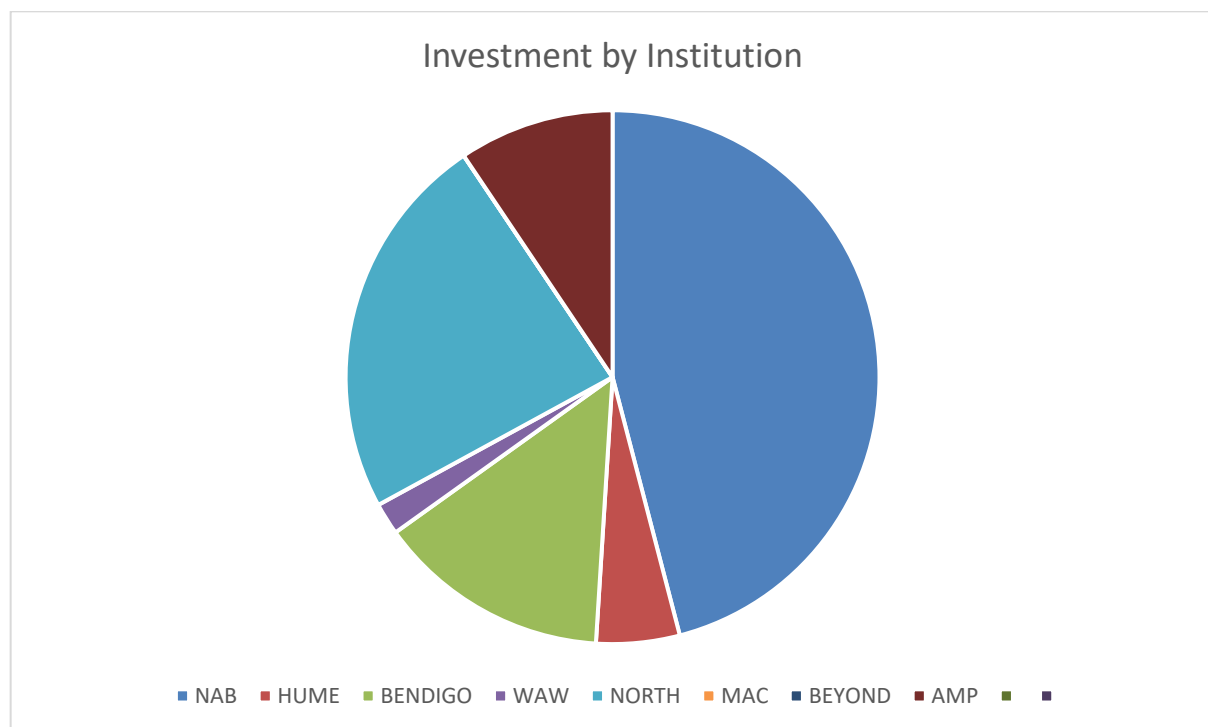
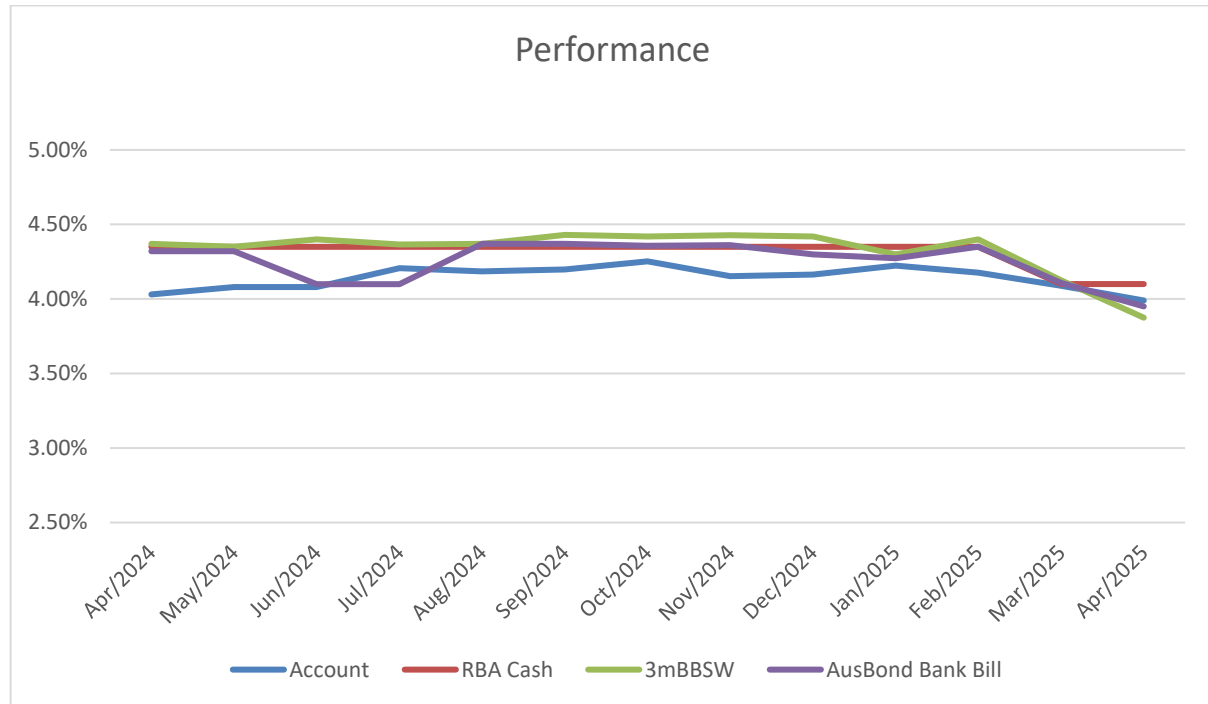
COMBINED INVESTMENT ACCOUNT – MONTH ENDED 30 APRIL 2025 [cont.]

Greater Hume's overall investment portfolio

Term Deposits and Treasury Bonds		
Balance held as at 31 March 2025	22	\$21,004,242.67
Add: New Investments this month	2	\$1,500,000.00
		\$22,504,242.67
Less: Matured Investments this month	5	\$4,019,489.73
Balance held as at 30 April 2025	19	\$18,484,752.94
At Call Account		
Account balance as at 31 March 2025		\$3,900,589.55
Add: Net movement to/from At Call account		\$1,860,417.68
Account balance as at 30 April 2025		\$5,761,007.23
Total Portfolio Value as at 30 April 2025		\$24,245,760.17
Investment Yield		
Weighted Average Yield (rolling 13 months)		5.79%
Reserve Bank Cash Rate		4.10%
Notes:		

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COMBINED INVESTMENT ACCOUNT – MONTH ENDED 30 APRIL 2025 [cont.]

Investment Register

Contract Number	ADI/Security Name	Amount	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Term in Days	Yield	Monthly Accrued Interest
72064	Hume Bank	\$46,751.06	2/05/2024	2/05/2025	365	5.20%	\$199.81
72069	Hume Bank	\$1,000,000	10/05/2024	10/05/2025	365	5.20%	\$4,273.97
81976	WAW Credit Union	\$411,143.90	9/02/2025	11/05/2025	91	4.50%	\$1,520.67
79227	NAB	\$2,000,000	12/09/2024	12/05/2025	242	4.95%	\$8,136.99
81677	Bank Of Queensland	\$1,000,000	10/02/2025	12/05/2025	91	4.55%	\$3,739.73
78549	AMP Bank	\$1,000,000	9/08/2024	5/06/2025	300	5.20%	\$4,273.97
56079	Northern Territory Treasury Corp	\$1,000,000	14/01/2022	15/06/2025	1,248	1.40%	\$1,150.68
81242	Bendigo And Adelaide Bank	\$2,000,000	15/01/2025	16/06/2025	152	4.90%	\$8,054.79
52490	Northern Territory Treasury Corp	\$1,500,000	27/05/2021	16/06/2025	1,481	1.10%	\$1,356.16
75895	Hume Bank	\$26,857.98	27/06/2024	27/06/2025	365	5.00%	\$110.38
82800	NAB	\$1,000,000	1/04/2025	1/07/2025	91	4.65%	\$3,821.92
81090	Bank Of Queensland	\$500,000	3/01/2025	2/07/2025	180	4.95%	\$2,034.25
81105	Bendigo And Adelaide Bank	\$1,000,000	6/01/2025	2/07/2025	177	5.00%	\$4,109.59
81240	AMP Bank	\$1,000,000	15/01/2025	14/07/2025	180	5.10%	\$4,191.78
81678	NAB	\$500,000	10/02/2025	11/08/2025	182	4.75%	\$1,952.05
82031	NAB	\$500,000	3/03/2025	1/09/2025	182	4.65%	\$1,910.96
82768	Bank Of Queensland	\$1,000,000	31/03/2025	29/09/2025	182	4.73%	\$3,887.67

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82940	Bank Of Queensland	\$500,000	8/04/2025	7/10/2025	182	4.63%	\$1,458.77
51782	Northern Territory Treasury Corp	\$2,500,000	15/04/2021	15/06/2026	1,887	1.30%	\$2,671.23
49570	NAB	\$5,761,007.23	30/04/2025	1/05/2025	1	4.40%	\$0
Total		\$24,245,760.17					\$58,855.37

Declaration

I, Dean Hart, as the Responsible Accounting Officer of Greater Hume Shire Council, hereby certify the investments listed in the attached reports have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 and Council's Investment Policy.

All investments have been appropriately recorded in Council's financial records and reconciled monthly.

CONCLUSION

As at 30 April 2025 total Investments held were \$24,245,760.17. The year-to-date accrued investment earnings for 2024/2025 was \$926,374.74. The rolling 13-month average investment yield is 5.79%.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Investment Balances Report for the month of April 2025.

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2. GRANT SUBMISSIONS/STATUS REPORT

Report prepared by Finance Team Leader – Camilla Webb

REASON FOR REPORT

This report provides Council with an overview of current grant projects in progress and recent grant submissions.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Theme: Leadership & Communication

Objective: Our leadership and communication cultivate confidence in our future direction.

DISCUSSION

Council relies on significant grant funding to complete a range of projects and deliver key services to our community.

The total grant and funding portfolio current consists of 57 active projects. Grant funding received to date totals \$21,008,765.45.

During April, Council has submitted the following grant applications:

- Disaster Ready Fund – Round 3 – Holbrook Levee Finalization
- NSW DCCEEW – Floodplain Management Program – Jindera Flood Study
- NSW DCCEEW – Floodplain Management Program – Holbrook Levee

During April, Council has been successful in the following grant applications:

- ECEC – Placement Development – Child Care Worker Training/Development
- EV Fleets – Kick Start Funding – Electric Fleet Vehicles

Council has also been unsuccessful in the following grant applications:

- EOI – National Water Grid Fund 2025 – Jindera Culcairn Water and Sewer Projects

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The Council currently has \$35,511,739 in grant funding budgeted for the 2024-25 year.

CONCLUSION

All current grants and programs are progressing and meeting their prescribed timelines.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Grant Progress and Submission report for April 2025.

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Project-based Grants as at April 2025							
Grant Program	Funding Body	Status of Grant Project	Completion Due Date	% Complete	% Spent	Total Grant Funding	Comments
Environment & Planning							
West Jindera Land Precinct	NSW Dept of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure	In Progress	31/08/2025	35	23	\$165,000	
Environment & Planning Sub Total						\$165,000	
Corporate Services							
Good Things Foundation - Get Online Week	Good Things Foundation	Yet to start	30/06/2025	0	0	\$4,000	
Good Things Foundation - Building Digital Skills	Good Things Foundation	Yet to start	30/06/2025	0	0	\$4,554	
Libraries - Tech Savvy Seniors	State Library - NSW	In Progress	30/06/2025	100	75	\$3,036	
Libraries - Local Priority Grant	Library Council of NSW	In Progress	30/06/2025	30	30	\$19,500	
EV Fleets - Kick Start Funding	DCCEEW	Yet to start	10/06/2025	0	0	\$22,000	Funding Deed to be Submitted by 13/5/25
ECEC Workforce Grant	Department of Education	Yet to start	30/06/2025	0	0	\$4,650	Workforce paid Practicum, Professional Development Grant
Culcairn Childcare - Start Stronger	NSW Dept of Education & Training	In Progress	30/06/2025	90	90	\$51,000	
Holbrook Childcare - Start Stronger	NSW Dept of Education & Training	In Progress	30/06/2025	90	90	\$195,000	
Walla Walla Childcare - Start Stronger	NSW Dept of Education & Training	In Progress	30/06/2025	90	90	\$25,370	

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Henty Childcare - Start Stronger	NSW Dept of Education & Training	In Progress	30/06/2025	90	90	\$27,025	
Walla Walla Childcare - Sustainability Grant	Department of Education, Skills and Employment	In Progress	30/06/2025	90	90	\$268,259	Funding Extended - 2 Years 26/27 & 27/28
Henty Childcare - Sustainability Grant	Department of Education, Skills and Employment	In Progress	30/06/2025	90	90	\$457,164	Funding Extended - 2 Years 26/27 & 27/28
Emergency Service Grant	Revenue NSW	In Progress	30/06/2025	100	58	\$30,445	
Public Library Infrastructure Grant	State Library - NSW	In Progress	31/12/2025	10	10	\$192,464	Works starting 12/5/2025.
Corporate Services Sub total						\$1,304,467	

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Project-based Grants as at April 2025 (cont'd)							
Grant Program	Funding Body	Status of Grant Project	Completion Due Date	% Complete	% Spent	Total Grant Funding	Comments
Engineering/Works (Roads)							
Natural Disaster Event Local Roads AGRN 1034	Transport of NSW	In Progress	30/06/2025	95	90	\$8,572,606	Work still to be completed - Extension till 30/06/2026.
Restart NSW Fixing Country Roads - Round 6 — FCR00088 - Wantagong 5 Bridges	Transport for NSW	In Progress	31/08/2026	100	100	\$1,800,000	Linemarking to be completed - Completion report to be submitted May 25.
Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund	Transport for NSW	In Progress	31/10/2027	80	80	\$9,130,569	Project proceeding as per submitted plans.
Fixing Local Roads Round 4 — FLR400093 Brocklesby Balldale Road Reconstruction - Stage 2	Transport for NSW	In Progress	1/03/2025	100	100	\$2,337,262	Extension submitted to 30 April 2025. Project completion report to be submitted May 25.
LRCIP Phase 4 - General - PART A - NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure							
National Flood Mitigation - NFMIP-0005	National Emergency Management Agency	In Progress	30/04/2025	95	85	\$4,580,000	Project nearing completion
LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Whitebox Woodlands Rehabilitation Project	In Progress	30/06/2025	50	50	\$50,000	Quotes obtained
LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Wallace Street Footpath: Albury to Peel Street	Complete	30/06/2025	100	100	\$85,000	

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LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Jindera Netball Facility Toilets	In Progress	30/06/2025	35	35	\$150,000	Work progressing
LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Brocklesby Tennis Club Upgrade Court Surface	In Progress	30/06/2025	80	80	\$35,000	Project nearing completion
LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Playground – Henty Showgrounds	Complete	30/06/2025	100	100	\$50,000	Project complete except for fencing
LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Brocklesby Recreational Ground - resealing	In Progress	30/06/2025	50	50	\$230,000	Quotes obtained
LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Culcairn Council Office & Memorial Hall	In Progress	30/06/2025	30	25	\$100,000	Painting progressing
LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Burrumbuttock Walking Track	Complete	30/06/2025	100	100	\$225,190	Project complete
LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Jindera Rec Ground – Inclusive Swing	In Progress	30/06/2025	50	50	\$80,000	Project to be completed May
LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Blacksmith Park Brocklesby Septic System	In Progress	30/06/2025	50	50	\$50,000	Quotes received
LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Culcairn Rec Ground Shade Sail/Park Furniture	Complete	30/06/2025	100	100	\$50,000	Project complete
LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Culcairn Jubilee Park Shade Sail	Complete	30/06/2025	100	100	\$50,000	Project complete
LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Jindera Adventure Playground Ramp & Shade	In Progress	30/06/2025	50	50	\$30,000	Project to be completed May

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LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Balfour Street Footpath - Culcairn	In Progress	30/06/2025	50	50	\$80,000	Project nearing completion
LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Woomargama Park Upgrade	In Progress	30/06/2025	50	50	\$50,000	Quotes received
LRCIP Phase 4 - General - PART B - NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure							
LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Clifton Ring Road Re-sheeting	Complete	30/06/2025	100	100	\$216,517	
LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Schoff Road Re-sheeting	Complete	30/06/2025	100	90	\$130,000	
LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Reapers Road Re-sheeting	Complete	30/06/2025	100	90	\$200,000	
LRCIP Phase 4 - General	Sherwyn Road Re-sheeting	Complete	30/06/2025	100	90	\$200,000	
LSCA Program - Albury	Playground Henty Showgrounds	Complete	30/06/2025	100	100	\$52,000	Fencing to be completed for acquittal.
Stronger Country Communities Fund - Round 5	Holbrook Dog Park	In Progress	30/06/2025	90	40	\$100,000	
Jindera Sewerage – Business Case	Restart NSW	In Progress	30/06/2025	100	100	\$360,000	*Revision in progress
Engineering/Works (Roads) Sub Total						\$28,994,144	
Total Project-based Grants						\$30,463,611	

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Recurrent Grant & Subsidy Funding as at April 2025

Grant Program	Funding Body	Status of Grant Project	Completion Due Date	% Complete	% Spent	Funding Amount	Comments
Financial Assistance Grant	OLG	In Progress	30/06/2025	N/A	N/A	\$7,286,936	
Roads to Recovery	Transport of NSW	In Progress	30/06/2025	30	30	\$1,685,452	\$1,685,452 allocated 24/25 and \$11,388,908 over 5 years. Grant is used for a combination of capital and operational expenses.
Libraries - Subsidy	Library Council of NSW	Complete	30/06/2025	100	100	\$73,543	Total funding for 2024-2025
RFS Annual Maintenance & repair Grant	NSW Rural Fire Service	In Progress	30/06/2025	n/a	n/a	\$348,517	RFS administer this funding.
Regional Roads Block Grant	Transport for NSW	In Progress	30/06/2025	85	85	\$2,422,000	
Street Light Subsidy	Transport for NSW	In Progress	30/06/2025	100	100	\$26,000	
2022 -2023 New Weed Incursion - Alligator Weed Response	Local Land Services	In Progress	30/06/2025	0	0	\$22,607	
CCS - Henty Childcare Subsidies	Department of Education, Skills and Employment	In Progress	30/06/2025	100	100	\$488,076	Reimbursement
CCS - Culcairn Childcare Subsidies	Department of Education, Skills and Employment	In Progress	30/06/2025	100	100	\$198,195	Reimbursement
CCS - Holbrook Childcare Subsidies	Department of Education, Skills and Employment	In Progress	30/06/2025	100	100	\$460,906	Reimbursement

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CCS - Walla Walla Childcare Subsidies	Department of Education, Skills and Employment	In Progress	30/06/2025	100	100	\$456,577	Reimbursement
Holbrook Childcare - ES	DETRCWS	In Progress	30/06/2025	100	100	\$838	Wages Subsidy
Walla Walla Childcare - ES	DETRCWS	In Progress	30/06/2025	100	100	\$4,664	Wages Subsidy
Culcairn Childcare - ES	DETRCWS	In Progress	30/06/2025	100	100	\$3,818	Wages Subsidy
Henty Childcare - ES	DETRCWS	In Progress	30/06/2025	100	100	\$2,982	Wages Subsidy
Road Safety Officer - Subsidy	Transport for NSW	In Progress	30/06/2025	100	100	\$85,976	Reimbursement
Total Recurrent Grants & Subsidy Funding						\$13,567,088	

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GOVERNANCE

1. RETURNS OF INTEREST – COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS

Report prepared by Acting General Manager – Colin Kane

REASON FOR REPORT

The report is the submission of the Returns of Interest – Councillors and Designated Persons in accordance with Schedule 2 of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW (the Model Code of Conduct).

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS

Statutory matter.

DISCUSSION

The Register of Returns of Interests, containing completed Returns of Interests for the period 30 June 2023 to 30 June 2024 for elected representatives as at 30 June 2024, and designated officers is to be tabled as required by Schedule 2 Form of Written Return of Interests Submitted under Clause 4.21.

The Register of Returns of Interests, containing completed Returns of Interests for newly elected Councillors or designated persons is submitted as required by Schedule 2 Form of Written Return of Interests Submitted under Clause 4.21.

Information contained in the returns made and lodged under clause 4.21 will be made publicly available and placed on Council's website, in accordance with the requirements of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2009.

Signatures on the returns have been redacted.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONCLUSION

A procedural matter only.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

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PART C - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

GOVERNANCE

1. TOURISM AND PROMOTIONS REPORT – APRIL 2025

Prepared by: Emily Jones, Tourism and Communications Coordinator

Greater Hume Council Websites

Outcome 4.2 - Our communication is open, effective and purposeful to connect and educate our community.

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 now Granicus) is the provider of Council's websites – Greater Hume Council, Visit Greater Hume, Greater Hume Children Services and Town and Village websites.

Comments

		greaterhume.nsw.gov.au		ghchildren.com.au		visitgreaterhume.com.au	
April 25		Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	Current
Website Traffic	New	9268	8205	385	403	1801	1965
	Returning	3666	2920	185	177	989	1128
Traffic Source	Organic	7172	6200	280	267	1106	1270
	Direct	1295	1234	96	119	206	154
	Referral	178	187	2	2	461	514
	Social	448	626	7	14	28	24
Device Paths	Desktop	2323	2003	132	157	576	508
	Mobile	3363	3336	166	140	853	1062
	Tablet	132	127	1	5	49	62

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

1. Events – Anzac Day Services in Greater Hume
2. Living in Greater Hume – Waste Facilities Opening Times
3. Your Greater Hume Council – Council Meetings
4. Your Greater Hume Council – Careers with Us
5. Contact Us

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www.ghchildren.com.au – top pages:

1. Family Day Care
2. Contact Us
3. Enrol Your Child – Family Day Care
4. About Us
5. Henty Centre

www.visitgreaterhume.com.au – top pages:

1. Culcairn - Explore Eat Stay/ Culcairn Caravan Park
2. Natural Wonders – Wymah Ferry
3. Natural Wonders- Table Top Reserve
4. Culcairn
5. Natural Wonders – Morgans Lookout

Social Media

Outcome 4.2 - Our communication is open, effective and purposeful to connect and educate our community.

Continued implementation of the GHC Communication Plan. Expand the information available to the community online and encourage online collaboration and self-serve service platforms

Comments

Instagram, #visitgreaterhume – 1210 followers

Individual Facebook pages:

- Greater Hume Council – 4209 followers
- Visit Greater Hume – 883 followers
- Holbrook Submarine Museum – 1372 followers
- Greater Hume Children's Services – 1100 followers
- Greater Hume Youth Advisory Committee – 483 followers
- Buy Local in Greater Hume – 679 followers

Greater Hume Council Newsletters

Outcome 4.2 - Our communication is open, effective and purposeful to connect and educate our community.

Develop quarterly Council newsletters and rates notice insert whilst ensuring effective and targeted content

Comments

The Winter edition will begin production in May, with the publication deadline being the start of June 2025. A subscription campaign will begin in May to encourage residents and community members to subscribe to our online newsletter database in preparation for the weekly Community Updates.

Greater Hume Tourism and Promotions

Outcome 2.3 - Our region's highlights are celebrated, maintained and promoted to enhance our visitor experience

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TOURISM AND PROMOTIONS REPORT – APRIL 2025 [cont.]

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.
- Managing over 250 Greater Hume ATDW Listings. The Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) is Australia's national platform for digital tourism marketing in Australia. ATDW distributes information to over 60 partners' websites to support local tourism businesses in expanding their online exposure, bookings and marketing.
- Submitted visitor and What's On advertising in Eat Play Autumn Edition 2025 plus the 2025 Hume League Draw. 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 May' 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 the shire.
- Currently redoing signage around Greater Hume, including visitor signage, tourist maps and billboard designs.
- Engaged local operators to attend Tourism Resilience workshops run by Destination NSW and Visit the Murray.
- Partnering with Murray Regional Tourism to host the May Tourism Managers Forum within Greater Hume.
- Developing TV tourism advert with WIN News to go live before Winter School holidays – 'Experience Something Great in Greater Hume this Winter'
- Developing radio advert to go live on HIT FM and Triple M over the football and netball season as well as in the lead up to the Winter School holidays.
- Currently developing Winter School holidays media releases to send to Bus companies and media outlets to drive visitation in the Winter months.
- Hume Highway Billboards are currently with graphic designers to develop concepts.
- Engagement in towns and villages to gauge interest in developing individual town and village 'touring' maps is currently being undertaken.

Visitor Information Centre and Submarine Museum

Outcome 2.3 - Our region's highlights are celebrated, maintained and promoted to enhance our visitor experience.

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.

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Comments

Visitor Information Centre Statistics:

Apr 25 - Walk In – 2619, Phone Calls - 41, Emails – 0.

Apr 24 - Walk In – 2405, Phone Calls - 37, Emails – 0.

Submarine Museum Statistics:

Apr 25 - Adult - 260, Child - 128, Concession - 238, Family - 142, Group - 98, Total - 866.

Apr 24 - Adult - 205, Child - 104, Concession - 323, Family - 106, Group - 131, Total - 869.

Events

Outcome 2.3 - Our region's highlights are celebrated, maintained and promoted to enhance our visitor experience

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

During this period, we have supported over 20 events across Greater Hume. We have supported the various Anzac Day ceremonies across Greater Hume, Table Top Mountain Charity Walk, art events within the Jindera Pioneer Museum and Easter activities across the region. We are currently supporting various services who are visiting our area including, Service NSW, the Red Cross, and Martinus (Inland Rail). We are also supporting various Library programs, Jindera Pioneer events, and West Hume Landcare events.

Australia Day

Outcome 1.1 - Our communities are welcoming and inclusive to support diversity and social connectedness

Comments

Australia Day 2026 is to be held in the Jindera Community. Preparations will begin October 2025 for this event.

Signage

Outcome 2.3 - Our region's highlights are celebrated, maintained and promoted to enhance our visitor experience

Comments

Tourism and Village Signage is being developed in Burrumbuttock, the Submarine Precinct and Gallipoli Park, Holbrook. The drafts of the Burrumbuttock signage have been sent to the Committee and mockups are currently being developed, the new signage at Gallipoli Park, Holbrook will be installed in early May and the Submarine Precinct signage is still being drafted.

Murray Regional Tourism (MRT)

Outcome 2.3 - Our region's highlights are celebrated, maintained and promoted to enhance our visitor experience

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.)

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Comments

- Currently attending monthly zoom meetings with MRT and the VIC network group.
- Staff are undergoing Social Media Training which begun February, led by Murray Regional Tourism. This training includes one on one mentoring sessions.
- Partnered with MRT to provide various programs to Greater Hume Tourism Operators. These have been promoted, supported and utilised by a variety of TOs over the year. Three more programs have just been launched for 2025.
- Murray Tourism have just released their new website. We are constantly connecting with MRT to ensure that the Greater Hume information listed on the website is up to date.
- Partnered with MRT in a Mates of the Murray Campaign that will be released in early May.
- Hosting the MRT May Tourism Managers Forum in Greater Hume.

Museums and Heritage

Outcome 1.3 - Our connection to the local culture and environment fosters positive relationships and learning for sustained health benefits.

GHC currently has 11 public or private museums and three historical societies. Museum Advisor (Maggi Solly) – In partnership with Albury City Council and Museums and Galleries NSW.

Comment

A new Community Museum engagement, training plan has been developed by the Museum Advisor. Staff are working towards completing this plan with Community Museum volunteers. Museums included within this program have been supported with grant applications, mission statements, collection support and community mapping programs. The third round of site visits will occur in early May for all participating Museums. Site visits will also include training and workshops for volunteers on developing and finalising their mission statements and continuing their work on Collection policies.

Greater Hume Community Museums now have an extensive library of objects on eHive, with over 250 objects now listed, (eHive is a web-based collection cataloguing system used worldwide by hundreds of museums, societies and private collectors to catalogue objects, store images, manage acquisition information and publish their collections online.) for those looking to learn more about some of the region's most significant objects/artefact's.

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. GREATER HUME CUSTOMER RELATIONS AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Report prepared by Acting Customer Relations Coordinator– Carly Toll

REASON FOR REPORT

To inform Council on library membership and participation in Greater Hume Council Libraries.
To inform Council on Youth Services programs and events held in Greater Hume Council

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS

Theme	Healthy Communities.
Objective	Our communities are welcoming and inclusive to support diversity and social connectedness. Our lifestyle and services nurture the health and wellbeing of the individual and community as a whole.

DISCUSSION

The Greater Hume Council Libraries and Youth Services continue to organise and facilitate programs and services that meet the needs and wants of the community.

Culcairn Public Library Infrastructure Grant

The Culcairn Public Library refurbishment project has begun at the Culcairn Library which will see a new Youth and Meeting room built and updating of the library space to modernise our Library.

NSW Rural Fire Service Bushfire Risk Management Plan

Culcairn Customer Relations Centre & Library has been displaying the current Bushfire Risk Management Plan and will continue to until mid-May 2025 to allow for public viewing and feedback.

LitUp

LitUp provides opportunities for more Australian schools and communities to host events with authors and illustrators. Launching this year with a pilot in New South Wales and Queensland, LitUp will support regional and outer-metropolitan communities to create and run sessions with authors and illustrators. The pilot will support 20 participating areas, with each author or illustrator selected for the program participating in multiple events during their visit.

Greater Hume Council has put forward a submission during April and should receive notification sometime in May/June to advise if we have been 1 of 20 successful applicants.

Library Programs- April 2025

Library Programs	Location	Event
Greater Hume Council Children's Services Excursion	Holbrook	Holbrook educators and children visited the library on an excursion; they came to talk about the importance of how to look after books and a song story was also enjoyed.
Wiggle & Giggle	Jindera	Intereach hold a wiggle and giggle session for approximately 1 hour each Tuesday morning for babies to preschool aged children.

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TOURISM AND PROMOTIONS REPORT – APRIL 2025 [cont.]

Book Nooks	Henty, Culcairn and Holbrook	Each month children's picture books and adult 'coffee table' nonfiction books are delivered to businesses and organisations. This continues to be popular.
Story Time	Henty, Culcairn, Holbrook and Jindera	Easter stories, craft and egg hunts were enjoyed across our 4 libraries during April. Participants include before school aged children, preschool and school students.
Culcairn Knitting Club	Culcairn	The Culcairn Knitting Club attend on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month for the bi – weekly gathering to share their blanket making & morning tea together
Jindera Knitting Group	Jindera	A group of 7 – 9 ladies gather weekly in our library for social and knitting for charity.
Jindera Craft Ladies	Jindera	A craft group has grown from 3 to now being 6 this month. Each participant engages in a variety of crafts including cross stitch, scrap booking, knitting, card making, flower making and pieces to go on gifts.
Vacation Care Programs	Henty, Culcairn & Holbrook	Vacation care children & their educators create 3D Easter bunnies during week 1 of the school holidays & pom pom during week 2.
School Holiday Program	Jindera, Henty, Culcairn & Holbrook	Easter bags were colored, and a little Easter treat was enjoyed by many children during the school holidays.

Upcoming Library Programs – May 25

Upcoming Programs	Location	Event Description
Billabong High School	Culcairn	Weekly volunteering from our students to assist residents with their tech needs.
Knitting Club	Culcairn	Bi-weekly visits to knit and connect with other group members.
Story Time	Henty, Culcairn, Holbrook & Jindera	Story time continues to be held at the libraries each month. Participants include before school aged children, preschool and school students.
National Simultaneous Story Time	Holbrook, Henty, Culcairn & Jindera	"The Truck Cat" will be read simultaneously in our libraries along with schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

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Library Statistics – April 25

Library Statistics – April 25	Henty	Culcairn	Holbrook	Jindera
Issues	199	269	521	123
Online Resources	159	175	220	49
Door Count	483	1708	1439	1468

(Please note Henty Library is only open 20 hours per week – Tuesday – Friday 12pm - 5pm. All other libraries are open Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5pm).

Please note a reduction in Door Count as we rectified an error in counting patrons in and out, rather than just once.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil. Works are funded from budget allocations.

CONCLUSION

Greater Hume Council continues to provide programs and services for all members of the community, a combination of events has led to an exceptionally busy period for the Customer Relations team, and they have managed the increased demand with dedication and efficiency.

2. STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

The statement of bank balances as at 30 April is attached **(ANNEXURE 13)**

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ENGINEERING

1. MAY 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).

TfNSW are continuing with the installation of new guardrail on MR284, as part of safety upgrades.

Tree removal is also being conducted on MR284.

Regional Roads

General maintenance is continuing on all Regional Roads.

Widening of Wantagong Creek Bridge on Jingellic Road (MR331) is complete.

Jingellic Road Rehabilitation is continuing at Wantagong.

Local Roads

Sealed:

General maintenance on local roads is continuing.

Brocklesby Balldale Road (Stage 2) Road reconstruction is continuing with only line marking to be carried out which will complete this project.

Unsealed:

Gravel resheeting as per Council's Resheeting Program on various local roads is complete.

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MAY REPORT OF WORKS [cont.]

Maintenance grading has been carried out on the following roads during April. See Map (ANNEXURE 14).

Road Name	Location	Length Graded (km)
ROAD NAME	LOCATION	APPROX. LENGTH
Beckett Road	Full length	1.8
Benambra Road	West of Weeamera Rd	3.2
Burma Road	Unsealed section to bridge	1
Chinatown Lane	Full length	0.9
Glossop School Road	Full length	0.6
Gluepot Road	From Sherwyn Rd	1.2
Groch Road	Full length	2.2
Halford Driver	Full length	1.5
Kendalls Road	Full length	5.5
Lennons Road	Full length	8.1
Morgans Road	Full length	3
Mullemlah Road	Full length	4.5
Mullers Road	Full length	2.4
Munyaplah Boundary Road	Full length	3
River Road	From Wymah end	10
Rockville Road	Full length	2.6
Ross Road	Full length	3.4
Schneiders Road	Full length	3.2
Wymah Road	Unsealed section near Wymah	1.7
Total		59.8 Km

Urban Streets:

General maintenance of urban streets including signage replacement is continuing.

Swift Street, Holbrook - Road rehabilitation and kerb & gutter/drainage installation project is complete.

Balfour Street, Culcairn (Federal St) – kerb & gutter/drainage installation project is complete.

Balfour Street, Culcairn (McBean St) – Footpath installation project is continuing.

General:

General maintenance of public toilets and parks is continuing.

Holbrook Flood Levy construction project is nearing completion.

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Monthly Works Maintenance Expenditure:

Local Roads Program	Current Budget	Monthly Budget to Date	YTD Expenditure	Monthly Budget Variance to Actual	Vandalism	Natural Disaster & Pothole Expenditure to Date	Comments
Urban Roads Maintenance	\$248,307	\$206,923	\$157,292	\$49,630		\$19,537	
Urban Roads Town Maintenance	\$439,945	\$366,621	\$397,169	-\$30,548	\$0	\$0	Over expenditure will be addressed in the quarterly budget review and monitored.
Rural Roads Sealed	\$1,011,459	\$842,883	\$926,176	-\$83,293	\$1,430	\$1,480,704	Over expenditure will be addressed in the quarterly budget review and monitored.
Rural Roads Unsealed	\$1,548,030	\$1,290,025	\$1,353,320	-\$63,295		\$637,785	Over expenditure will be addressed in the quarterly budget review and monitored.
Street Tree Maintenance	\$264,195	\$220,163	\$188,908	\$31,255	\$0	\$0	

Sportsgrounds, Parks & Public Toilets	Current Budget	Monthly Budget to Date	YTD Expenditure	Monthly Budget Variance to Actual	Vandalism	Natural Disaster & Pothole Expenditure to Date	Comments
Sportsground Maintenance	\$391,477	\$326,231	\$312,311	\$13,920	\$1,922	\$0	
Parks & Gardens Maintenance	\$307,863	\$256,553	\$255,065	\$1,487	\$14,251	\$0	
Public Toilets Maintenance	\$281,042	\$234,202	\$199,736	\$34,466	\$6,899	\$0	

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Major Projects Expenditure:

Project	Budget	YTD	Committed	Total	% Budget Expended	% Work Completed	Comments
2024-2025 Resealing Program	\$2,185,208	\$2,133,382	\$0	\$2,133,382	97.63%	100.00%	Resealing has been completed
2024-2025 Gravel Resheeting Program	\$1,706,700	\$1,350,034	\$356,666	\$1,706,700	79.10%	100.00%	Gravel Resheeting work has been completed and we are now waiting for the final invoices for the gravel to be presented for payment.
Brocklesby Balldale Road Rehab - Stage 1 & 2	\$4,671,579	\$4,838,622	\$85,000	\$4,923,622	103.58%	100.00%	Project is complete except for line marking and sign installation. Over expenditure is being funded from savings in the Gravel Resheeting Program
Regional Emergency Road Repair Program	\$9,130,569	\$7,376,729	\$0	\$7,376,729	80.79%	80.79%	Works are Progressing as per Approved Project Plan
Jingellic Road - 5 Bridges/culverts	\$4,520,000	\$4,733,122	\$0	\$4,733,122	104.72%	100.00%	Project is completed except for line marking. Over expenditure is being funded from savings in the Gravel Resheeting Program
Culcairn Residential Subdivision	\$3,217,391	\$2,712,235	\$38,255	\$2,750,490	84.30%	88.00%	External Fencing erected

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ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025

Attached as **ANNEXURE 15**

PART D

COMMUNITY MEETING- MINUTES

Attached in **ANNEXURE 16** are minutes of the following items:

- Culcairn Community Development Committee Minutes 15 April 2025
- Gerogery West AGM 15th July 2024
- Walla Walla Community Hall Committee Minutes 7th April 2025

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