

Ordinary Council Meeting

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Maclean - 27 June 2023 - 2:00pm



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ITEM 05.23.005 MAYORAL MINUTE CENTENARY OF GRAFTON CENOTAPH DEDICATION

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Submitted by	Cr Ian Tiley	
Attachments	Nil	

SUMMARY

The purpose of this Minute is to inform Council and to create awareness of support for and attendance by community at this special Centenary recognition and observance.

PROPOSED MOTION

That Council note, provide in-kind support and publicity for the centenary observance of the Grafton Cenotaph.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Society

Objective We will have proud and inviting communities

BACKGROUND

The Grafton Cenotaph, of concrete and granite, located in Memorial Park, in a garden/park setting in Prince Street Grafton was constructed after the First World War and dedicated on 11 November (Armistice Day) 1923. The centenary of this important event occurs on 11 November this year. The memorial was originally built to commemorate those who served in the First World War. An honour roll is inscribed on the sides of the pillar with plaques later added for the Second World War (1939-45), Korea 1950-53), Malaya (1964-65), and Vietnam (1965-72) conflicts.

The Clarence River Historical Society (President Steve Tranter), Mr Denis Benfield from the Grafton RSL Sib-branch, the mayor, and at my request Cr Johnstone (who is assisting with the centenary proposed observance) have now met informally as a non-Council Committee on three occasions, with Steve Tranter as Chairperson, to discuss the planning to recognise the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Cenotaph. The initial approach came to me from the Historical Society asking that this milestone be observed and promoted.

Proposal

The Society plans to prepare and show a display either at Schaeffer House or Grafton RSL Club. The Grafton RSL Sub-Branch will conduct its usual observance on Armistice Day, 11/11/2023. Immediately thereafter, at the Cenotaph, the Sub-Branch will conduct an official ceremony to recognise the 100th anniversary of the 1923 dedication of the Cenotaph and to honour the contributions of those who served and died in the several theatres of war.

It has been agreed that the Sub-branch will have the lead role in the proposed centenary ceremony. Various dignitaries are to be invited and that process has commenced.

A small booklet to mark the occasion is being drafted by the Historical Society and funding is to be sought from the Department of Veteran Affairs for this purpose.

Council's role will comprise in-kind support in the nature of letters of support and the like. Cr Johnstone has also engaged to assist with the associated tasks.

**ITEM 05.23.006 MAYORAL MINUTE
80TH ANNIVERSARY CUBS DROWNINGS 1943**

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Submitted by	Cr Ian Tiley	
Attachments	Nil	

SUMMARY

This Minute is intended to create awareness and to inform Council of planned events to mark the 80th anniversary of the drowning of 13 Grafton Scout cubs on 11th December 1943.

PROPOSED MOTION

That Council note the proposed plans and activities to recognise, on the December 11, 2023, the 80th anniversary of the drownings of 13 Grafton cub scouts and provide in-kind support and publicise the occasion.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Society

Objective We will have a safe, active and healthy region

BACKGROUND

The Clarence River Historical Society, Scouts Australia (Grafton), with in-kind support from Council, are planning to hold several events, including a memorial service on 11 December 2023 at Memorial Park, Grafton, which will be the principal event to mark this most solemn occasion.

On 11 December 1943, shortly before 5pm, 28 Scout (Cubs) and their three elders, (Cub Master and two Scouts) commenced a short boat return journey to Grafton from their picnic excursion held on Susan Island. A combination of unfortunate events including overcrowding, an unfamiliar vessel, and a storm, resulted in the punt being swamped. The children were also mostly wearing back packs which caused further difficulties.

In the ensuing calamity, rescue was effected with all manner of boats being rowed to the scene. Despite all efforts the eventual outcome was thirteen (13) young children drowning and the survivor's requiring resuscitation on the riverbank before being transported to the Grafton Base Hospital suffering from water ingestion, shock, and immersion. The last missing child was recovered shortly before 10pm that day.

The tragedy was described at the time as the biggest of its type ever in Australia and in the Empire. War time conditions and attitudes at the time have served to 'hide' the disaster from the public.

Observance of the 80th anniversary of the tragedy

There are proposed to be a number of events prior to the memorial service at 4pm on Monday 11 December 2023. Mr Steve Tranter of the Clarence Historical Society is undertaking a coordinating role and is chairing a recently formed community committee for that purpose. Cr Johnstone is participating on the committee and has kindly agreed to be involved in assisting the mayor and the planning for the occasion.

It has been decided to observe the 80th anniversary of this tragedy as there are very few remaining close relatives of those young boys who lost their lives, and, because of their advanced ages, this may well be the final opportunity for a suitable remembrance occasion.

It is intended to publish a booklet to mark the occasion, and to be launched on the day, outlining the events leading up to, the fateful day and the aftermath. Mr Tranter is undertaking that task with the Historical Society and Scouts support. I have written to the Prime Minister inviting him to attend and indicating that Council and community would be honoured if he could see fit to provide a foreword to the booklet. A similar invitation and request has been made of His Excellency, the Governor General (as the Chief Scout of Australia).

The Prime Minister's presence at this memorial service would have a very significant and positive impact on those present including Scouts and Girl Guides, members of the public, emergency services, military, and school children.

My belief and hope is that this will be a considerable event with a large attendance. It will also be an opportune time to demonstrate community gratitude to those who were instrumental in saving several of those young lives,

ITEM 05.23.007 MAYORAL MINUTE CLARENCE WATER SUPPLY SECURITY

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Submitted by	Cr Ian Tiley	
Attachments	Nil	

SUMMARY

During the NSW State election campaign, the Labor candidate for Clarence and the then Shadow Minister for Water made statements about the need for greater security for the Clarence water supply. This minute seeks to follow up with the incoming NSW Labor Government and obtain greater certainty regarding those plans.

Given the Director's advice I propose that the representations recommended in this minute, commence when the foregoing information is available. Pursuing the new Governments stated position regarding water filtration, including for Clarence LGA is important, as it is also that council make representations on this important matter.

PROPOSED MOTION

That Council make representations, through the Member for Clarence the Hon. Richie Williamson, to the NSW Minister for Water Ms Rose Jackson, for more information and support regarding the government's election undertaking to provide greater water security for the Clarence community, especially in the form of water filtration.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Environment

Objective We will preserve and enhance our natural environment

BACKGROUND

I recall as councillor (and Mayor) that when the Coffs- Clarence water supply was planned and under construction, consideration was given to providing water filtration. Because primarily of the very substantial cost of the \$181 million scheme, which included the 63km pipeline to Karangi dam at Coffs Harbour, coupled with the small 11 per cent grant contribution from the State Government, water filtration was unfortunately not possible at that time.

During the recent State election campaign, on 1st March 2023 the Clarence Valley Independent produced an article attributed to the Labor candidate for the seat of Clarence, Dr Ankersmit, which stated (direct quote) inter alia: -

"Fourteen years after the opening of Shannon Creek Dam, the Clarence Valley is desperate to finish the water security project that was started under a previous Labor government.

Now, Labor candidate for Clarence, Dr Leon Ankersmit, claims it will take another Labor government to finally deliver the long-awaited and much needed infrastructure that will secure Clarence's drinking water supply well into the future.

"The Level 4 (severe) water restrictions imposed across the Clarence Valley in recent weeks due to dirty water from both the water sources should be no surprise," says Dr Ankersmit.

"Both the Nymboida River and Shannon Creek Dam were too dirty to use for drinking water supply following rain events and the continued impact of the 2019 bushfires.

Dr Ankersmit said: "The National Party have been obsessed with agricultural water issues and left regional town water supplies to languish. By rights, the Clarence should already have a water filtration plant to ensure a clean water supply."

“The bad news is that 14 years after the dam was built and 12 years since the Nationals came into power in NSW no filtration plant has been funded. Not even a promise.

“If Labor is elected in March, we can expect priority investment for this project from the *Safe and Secure Water Program* in partnership with local councils and the Federal Government.

Shadow Minister for Water, Rose Jackson: “It is not only Clarence residents left without clean drinking water. Dubbo has also been on boiled water alerts recently, Bermagui almost ran out of drinkable water and Yass has brown, smelly water on a regular basis. This is a problem for much of regional NSW caused by a government that has neglected these basic essentials for the past 12 years.

“NSW Labor is developing water security policies to ensure priority investment in water infrastructure including water filtration plants can occur.” End media quote.

While it is acknowledged that the above statements were made during an election campaign, the matter of securing an effective water filtration for Clarence residents is a high priority and therefore the election undertakings should be pursued by Council.

I have been informed by Jamie Fleeting, Director Works and Civil that a report is coming to the June OCM with the outcome of the EOI/tender process, which will enable Council to progress the EIS for the filtration project. The financial modelling for water filtration is another task to be completed and which, I am advised will enable a better understanding of the implications on future fees and charges to fund the construction phase.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION**ITEM 06.23.007 NOTICE OF MOTION
REVIEW COUNCIL ADVERTISING**

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Submitted by	Cr William Day	
Attachments	Nil	

To the General Manager, Clarence Valley Council, I propose that the following report and notice of motion be submitted to Council.

SUMMARY

Council does not use the current advertising budget in the local 'free' Independent' newspaper as effectively as it should.

PROPOSED MOTION

Council redesign the current weekly 'banner' advertisement in the local Independent newspaper to include a basic listing for current Development Applications and important Council matters that require public notice or participation.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Society

Objective We will have access and equity of services

BACKGROUND

When the Daily Examiner was functioning as a printed daily newspaper Council spent substantial money advertising in it, including advertising Development Applications. However Council now spends significantly less money on a quarter page 'banner' advertisement in the Independent newspaper and that advertisement does not include a list of current DAs or notice of many important matters that require public notice or participation. Many local people do not use the internet on a regular basis and others appreciate notification via print media to alert them to check Council website. This issue has been highlighted to councillors and staff by Yamba CAN who are currently preparing a petition on the matter; by Valley Watch who recently emailed Council; and this matter was brought up during various Councillor Listening Tours. Around 12 months ago the issues were discussed at a Councillor Workshop and staff advised that the advertisement in the Independent would be revised to include this information but this has not occurred.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS**Budget/Financial**

N/A

Asset Management

N/A

Policy and Legislation

N/A

Consultation

These issues have been covered within a Councillor workshop; within Councillor listening tours; within correspondence from Valley Watch.

Legal and Risk Management

N/A

Climate Change

N/A

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENT

The weekly banner (9cm x 26cm) in the Independent costs \$20,000 pa.

The banner currently promotes a range of community focussed messages, the regularity of which may be impacted depending on the number of development applications to be advertised in any one week and whether “current Development Applications” or “important Council matters that require public notice or participation” are the priority focus of the proposed Motion.

The banner advertisement could be increased to half page at a further cost of \$10,000. However, without increasing the budget the program for advertising activities across alternative mediums and outlets will need to be reviewed and adjusted accordingly. Other activities include radio, electronic direct mail, newsletters, posters, flyers and other print collateral, targeted social media, Clarence Conversations and the Magazine.

ITEM 06.23.008 NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSAL FOR RENAMING "SHIRLEY WAY" TO "SHIRLEY ADAMS WAY"

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Submitted by	Councillor, Karen Toms	
Attachments	Nil	

To the General Manager, Clarence Valley Council, I propose that the following report and notice of motion be submitted to Council.

SUMMARY

To seek a review of the NSW Geographical Names Board (GNB) Policy by the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, The Hon. Jihad DIB, MP as the current policy does not permit "Shirley Way" to be renamed "Shirley Adams Way".

PROPOSED MOTION

That Council

1. seek a review of the Geographical Names Board Policy that restricts the use of a given or first names in conjunction with a surname.
2. write to the NSW Surveyor-General (Chair) Ms Narelle Underwood and the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, The Hon. Jihad DIB, MP to conduct the review.
3. advise the Minister that there are no houses or infrastructure on the section of road named Shirley Way, that could cause confusion (or delay) for Emergency Services, if it was named "Shirley Adams Way".
4. seek approval from the Minister to have "Shirley Way" renamed "Shirley Adams Way" as resolved unanimously by Council (resolution 07.20.013) September 2020 and supported by the broader community.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Society

Objective We will have proud and inviting communities

BACKGROUND

At the September 2020 ordinary Council meeting, a Notice of Motion was unanimously supported to name the roadway on the Summerland Way from the roundabout on Big River Way, South of Grafton to the traffic lights at the Clarence Street intersection" after the first female Mayor of Grafton City Council and the first Deputy Mayor of Clarence Valley Council. "Shirley Adams Way".

The motion included seeking approval from Transport for NSW and the Geographical Names Board NSW.

On 1 December 2022 the aforementioned road was unveiled as "Shirley Way". Whilst we recognise it was an honour meant to recognise Shirley Adams great achievements in our community across a vast array of organisations, there was great disappointment from her husband John Adams, their daughter, Virginia. and their family that Shirley's full name had been shortened to 'Shirley Way'.

Since the unveiling of the signage, the community have also expressed disappointment in the name, "Shirley Way" which does nothing to ensure Shirley Adams will be remembered in perpetuity. There are already people in the community who are asking who is Shirley?

KEY ISSUES

The Geographical Names Board Policy states that deceased persons are suitable for naming purposes if they have had two or more terms of office on the governing council and twenty or more years' association with a local community group or service club.

The issue is the Geographical Names Board of NSW has a new Policy that prevents the use of two names, which is why Shirley's surname was not included. There are many examples of two names being used in the past.

Council as an organisation have made both informal and formal requests (refer attached) for a review of the Geographical Names Board's decision which was denied.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

New signage could be met from existing budget allocations

Asset Management

N/A

Policy and Legislation

- Roads Act 1993
- Roads Regulation 2018
- NSW Geographical Names Board

Consultation

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 07.20.013

The proposed name "Shirley Adams Way" was on public exhibition for 28 days

Legal and Risk Management

N/A

Climate Change

N/A

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENT

It is understood that Transport for NSW (TfNSW) are also supportive of Council's application (on behalf of Shirley Adams family) to have this section of road renamed as 'Shirley Adams Way' for the reasons outlined in the notice of motion.

ITEM 06.23.009 RESCISSION MOTION LOWER CLARENCE FLOOD MODEL 2022

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Submitted by	Councillor, Karen Toms; Cr Debrah Novak; Cr Allison Whaites	
Attachments	Nil	

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 23 May 2023, a Motion to adopt the Lower Clarence Flood Model 2022 was lost (07.23.085) followed by a resolution to defer the matter pending further consideration by councillors and a councillor workshop being held.

As there was no new information forthcoming as a result of the workshop that would cause staff to recommend the matter be reconsidered, the Office of Local Government has proposed submission of a Notice of Motion signed by three councillors as a means of achieving the intended outcome of reconsidering the Lost Motion.

PROPOSED RESCISSION MOTION

That Council rescind its decision of 23 May 2023 in which the following Motion was Lost

That Council:

- engage an independent flooding consultant to undertake a high-level review and validation of the 2022 Flood Study update modelling methodology.
- subject to concurrence from DPE that the high level review (and validation) has not significantly altered the 2022 Flood Study update, adopt a final report addressing any comments-received from DPE and the peer review and place the final report on Council's website.
- endorse the revised flood model Climate Change 1 (RCP 4.5) as the basis for establishing flood planning levels (residential floor levels) in accordance with Council's existing floor heights policy (with the exception of North Grafton for the time being).
- note the extreme flood level requires further validation using a hydrologic assessment of the Probable Maximum Flood.
- prepare a planning proposal to amend the Clarence Valley Local Environmental Plan 2011 to replace the existing flood mapping with the revised flood mapping for Climate Change 1 (RCP 4.5) scenario, as contained in the Lower Clarence Flood Model Update 2022.
- commence preparation of a Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan in accordance with the NSW Floodplain Development Manual on receipt of the Final Flood Study report (as per dot point 2) noting that the process will also determine flood planning levels in North Grafton and the extreme flood/probable maximum flood.

And consider with minor amendment, the following Motion

That Council

- engage an independent flooding consultant to undertake a high-level review and validation of the Lower Clarence Flood Model Update 2022 modelling methodology.
- adopt a final report addressing any comments received from DPE and the peer review and place the final report on Council's website, subject to concurrence from DPE that the high level review (and validation) has not significantly altered the Lower Clarence Flood Model Update 2022.
- endorse the revised flood model Climate Change 1 (RCP 4.5) as the basis for establishing Flood Planning Levels (residential floor levels) in accordance with Council's existing floor heights policy (with the exception of North Grafton for the time being).
- note the Department of Planning & Environment has confirmed the Probable Maximum Flood (extreme flood) does not require further validation.
- prepare a planning proposal to amend the Clarence Valley Local Environmental Plan 2011 to update the Flood Planning Map and Flood Planning Level to incorporate the 1% AEP Climate Change 1 (RCP 4.5) scenario, as contained in the Lower Clarence Flood Model Update 2022.
- commence preparation of a Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan in accordance with the NSW Floodplain Development Manual on receipt of the Final Flood Study report (as per dot point 2) noting that the process will also determine flood planning levels in North Grafton and the extreme flood/probable maximum flood.

BACKGROUND

Unlike a Development Application, which Council is required to determine by refusal or approval, other matters can be dealt with by either approving/endorsing or by the Motion being Lost.

A Motion that is Lost could be perceived as tantamount to a decision not to adopt.

MOTION

Toms/Novak

That Council:

1. engage an independent flooding consultant to undertake a high-level review and validation of the 2022 Flood Study update modelling methodology.
2. subject to concurrence from DPE that the high level review (and validation) has not significantly altered the 2022 Flood Study update, adopt a final report addressing any comments-received from DPE and the peer review and place the final report on Council's website.
3. endorse the revised flood model Climate Change 1 (RCP 4.5) as the basis for establishing flood planning levels (residential floor levels) in accordance with Council's existing floor heights policy (with the exception of North Grafton for the time being).
4. note the extreme flood level requires further validation using a hydrologic assessment of the Probable Maximum Flood.
5. prepare a planning proposal to amend the Clarence Valley Local Environmental Plan 2011 to replace the existing flood mapping with the revised flood mapping for Climate Change 1 (RCP 4.5) scenario, as contained in the Lower Clarence Flood Model Update 2022.
6. commence preparation of a Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan in accordance with the NSW Floodplain Development Manual on receipt of the Final Flood Study report (as per dot point 2) noting that the process will also determine flood planning levels in North Grafton and the extreme flood/probable maximum flood.

Voting recorded as follows

For: Novak, Pickering, Toms, Whaites

Against: Clancy, Day, Johnstone, Smith, Tiley

The Motion was put and declared LOST

COUNCIL RESOLUTION – 07.23.085

Johnstone/Day

That the matter be deferred for one month to allow further consideration by councillors and a Councillor workshop be conducted prior to the June Council meeting.

Voting recorded as follows

For: Clancy, Day, Johnstone, Smith, Tiley

Against: Novak, Pickering, Toms, Whaites

CARRIED

As the Council also resolved to defer the matter for one month to allow further consideration by councillors and a councillor workshop to occur, it is clear that the Council contemplated revisiting the matter at its June meeting.

However, section 372 of the *Local Government Act 1993* provides that if a motion has been negated by a council (ie lost), a motion having the same effect must not be considered by the council within 3 months of the motion being negated unless a notice of motion is submitted signed by three councillors. A strict reading of section 372 would suggest that the Council cannot consider a motion at the June meeting that has the same effect as Cr Toms' and Novak's motion which was lost at the May meeting without a notice of motion signed by 3 councillors.

This Notice of Motion considers that the outcome of the workshop is reported elsewhere in the business paper and now seeks to revisit the Motion that was Lost at the May Ordinary Meeting.

Signed:

Cr Karen Toms

K. Toms.

Cr Debrah Novak

D. Novak

Cr Allison Whaites



**ITEM 06.23.010 NOTICE OF MOTION
PROPOSED NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK WORKSHOP "PLASTIC WASTE TO
RESOURCE"**

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Submitted by	Councillor, Karen Toms	
Attachments	Nil	

To the General Manager, Clarence Valley Council, I propose that the following report and notice of motion be submitted to Council.

SUMMARY

A plastic free community is something to strive for. It may seem impossible but until we change attitudes, stop using plastic, or see plastic waste as a valuable resource, we will continue to have plastic litter our waterways and oceans. This motion proposed a workshop on the circular economy of turning plastic waste into a resource, engaging Louise Hardman the Founder of Plastic Collective to facilitate.

Louise Hardman is a leading plastic educator, zoologist, science teacher, and long-time conservationist. Louise regularly speaks at international conferences and events about the need to address the global plastic waste epidemic.

PROPOSED MOTION

That Council

1. conduct an educational workshop on plastic waste as an event to celebrate National Science Week 2023 and engage Louise Hardman Founder of Plastic Collective and inventor of mobile recycling stations to facilitate the workshop on plastics demonstrating how it is possible to turn plastic waste in remote communities into a valued commodity.
2. liaise with facilitator, Louise Hardman on a date for the workshop during Science Week if possible or in the month of August 2023 if not.
3. register this workshop as an event to celebrate National Science 2023.
4. hold the workshop in council's Environmental Learning Facility (ELF) at Grafton Regional Landfill at 704 Armidale Rd, South Grafton.
5. invite council's Climate Change Committee and interested community members.
6. manage participants to the free community workshop through a booking management system.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Environment

Objective We will preserve and enhance our natural environment

BACKGROUND

The Founder of Plastic Collective, Louise Hardman's advocacy and understanding of the circular economy and appreciation of plastic as a reusable material continues to grow in Australia and overseas.

Louise is currently working with Indigenous Rangers and their communities in the Gulf of Carpentaria to remove plastic waste from their environment and ocean. Louise is also educating these rangers that the plastic rubbish they're collecting can be turned into a valued commodity. Creating an income for their communities from waste.

The proposed workshop is to celebrate National Science Week and to educate our community on the severity of plastic waste as a problem in a global sense and the solutions that are being undertaken in Australia and in our neighbouring Pacific Island Nations to establish plastic resource recovery operations, turning discarded plastic into a valuable resource.

Plastic litter is one of the most common items you'll find floating around our oceans and rivers, endangering marine life and the environment. Plastic Collective's work in the removal of plastic waste from oceans and beaches is remarkable but relatively unknown.

Recently (April 2023) Plastic Collective became a member of the Global Partnership on Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter, the premier global network for advancing solutions to reduce and eliminate plastic pollution and marine litter in our oceans.

"When people work together and collaborate, that's what will really change the world and change attitudes as well. We know the problem but now we need to focus on solutions and keep moving forward with those."
said Louise.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

PJ994425 Domestic Waste Education Operations funded by the Domestic Waste Revenue Reserve

Asset Management

N/A

Policy and Legislation

N/A

Consultation

N/A

Legal and Risk Management

N/A

Climate Change

N/A

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENT

The activity is achievable pending Louise Hardman's availability. If resolved, the transfer from Reserves will be reflected the 2023/2024 Q1 QBRs.

ITEM 06.23.011 NOTICE OF MOTION NORTHERN REGIONAL PLANNING POLICY AMENDMENT REQUEST

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Submitted by	Cr Steve Pickering	
Attachments	Nil	

To the General Manager, Clarence Valley Council, I propose that the following report and notice of motion be submitted to Council.

SUMMARY

Due to the scheduling of Council's Ordinary Meetings, the Regional Planning Panel Operational Procedures and the Northern Regional Planning Panel determination calendar, council staff cannot brief Council with an assessment report on significant projects referred by Council to the NRPP for determination. This Notice of Motion is to request the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, The Hon. Paul Scully MP, amend the Operational Procedures by extending the submission period of the Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP) to allow Clarence Valley Council time to make a submission to regionally significant DA's that the Northern Regional Planning Panel decide.

PROPOSED MOTION

That Council:

1. write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, The Hon. Paul Scully MP and the Chair of the Northern Regional Planning Panel, Diane Lesson, requesting a review of the Northern Regional Planning Panel Operational Procedures to accommodate an extended submission period to allow Clarence Valley Council time to express a view on Development Applications being decided by the Northern Regional Planning Panel.
2. advise council of the outcome of the request.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Leadership

Objective We will have an effective and efficient organisation

BACKGROUND

Proposed Development Applications (DA's) with a capital investment greater than \$30 million under Schedule 7(2) of the State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional) 2011 or development proposed by the council with an estimated cost of greater than \$5 million constitutes 'regional development' which requires referral to the Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP) for a determination. While Council officers are responsible for the assessment of the development application (DA), the NRPP is the determining authority.

Due to the scheduling of Council's Ordinary Meetings, the Regional Planning Panel Operational Procedures and the Panel determination calendar, council staff cannot brief Council on significant projects referred by Council to the NRPP for determination. Due to the time frames detailed within the Operational Procedures of the NRPP a Council assessment report is not able to be supplied to a council meeting prior to a determination by the NRPP.

The NRPP requires an Assessment Report be provided by Council staff no more than 14 days prior to the NRPP determination date, the timing of the NRPP determination meetings is greater than 14 days after an ordinary council meeting which does not allow the staff DA Assessment Report to be tabled at a council meeting before it is submitted to the NRPP for determination. This removes the opportunity for Council to make a submission or recommendation on a DA to the NRPP prior to determination.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

N/A

Asset Management

N/A

Policy and Legislation

N/A

Consultation

The mayor has previously discussed with the Chair of the NRPP, this has also been discussed at councillor workshops and Ordinary Council Meetings.

Legal and Risk Management

N/A

Climate Change

N/A

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENT

Council staff have previously raised concerns with the NRPP about the timing of Panel meetings. The Regional Planning Panel Operational Procedures are a matter for the Regional Planning Panel and the Department of Planning.

7. REPORTS

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

ITEM 07.23.086 RATE PEG METHODOLOGY REVIEW DRAFT REPORT SUBMISSION TO IPART

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	General Manager	
Prepared by	General Manager, Laura Black	
Reviewed by	General Manager, Laura Black	
Attachments	Nil	

SUMMARY

This reports seeks Council's support to lodge a submission to IPART's Review of the Rate Peg Methodology draft report, which results from IPART's Rate Peg Methodology review to which Council made a submission following its October 2022 Ordinary Meeting (Item 07.22.229). The submission is due by 4 July 2023 and the draft report can be found here <https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Local-Government/Review-of-rate-peg-methodology>.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council makes a submission to IPART's review of the rate peg methodology draft report including the matters detailed in the report.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Leadership

Objective We will have a strong, accountable and representative Government

KEY ISSUES

In response to submissions made by the sector to IPART's Review of the Rate Peg Methodology, IPART has drafted the following decisions on which it is seeking feedback. The draft decisions are provided in Table 1. with the recommended Council response.

Table 1. IPART draft decision summary (for more information the draft report should be read in full) and CVC recommended response.

IPART Draft Decision/Recommendation summary		CVC Recommended Response
Chapter 3. Improving how changes in councils' base costs are measured	Replace the LGPI with a base cost change model with 3 components: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Employee costs – considering Award increase Asset cost – considering RBA CPI forecasts Other operating costs – considering RBA CPI forecasts And weighting all against prior year actuals for 3 council groups:	Use of the prescribed LGNSW Award adjusted for change in the superannuation guarantee rate is more closely aligned to actual costs incurred by councils and is available at three year intervals by July at the latest each year and is therefore Council's preferred option for considering wage component of cost increases, Release of indicative rate pegs in September is supported as this forms the basis of draft budgets placed on public exhibition prior to adoption the following June and release of the rate peg in May allows for final adjustments in budgets prior to adoption in

	<p>a. Metropolitan councils – groups 1,2,3,6 & 7</p> <p>b. Regional councils – groups 4 & 5</p> <p>c. Rural councils – groups 8 -11.</p> <p>NB CVC is an OLG Group 4 council.</p> <p>Release of indicative rate pegs in September and release of final rate pegs in May.</p>	June, but does not allow time for public exhibition of impact.
<p>Chapter 4.</p> <p>Adjusting for the Emergency Services Levy</p>	<p>Inclusion of a separate adjustment factor in the rate peg methodology based on individual councils' contributions.</p> <p>Set the final rate peg in May once the ESL is known.</p>	The draft decision is supported noting that CVC does not cost share its contribution with another council.
<p>Chapter 5.</p> <p>Improving how external costs beyond councils' control are treated</p>	Maintain current approach to treatment of external costs and make adjustments on a needs basis to cover specific costs.	The draft decision is noted, CVC is supportive of establishing a process that is applicable to groups of council to increase rate peg to cover specific external costs such as operational and depreciation costs associated with gifted infrastructure, provision of community facilities not covered by developer contributions, delivery of new functions due to legislative changes.
<p>Chapter 6.</p> <p>Refining the population factor</p>	Deduction of prison populations from the population factor.	<p>The draft decision to remove the prison population from the population factor while retaining supplementary valuations is supported. As a council with developable land, supplementary valuations are a critical component in the population factor.</p> <p>Continued use of Special Schedule 2 is proposed.</p>
<p>Chapter 8.</p> <p>Transitional arrangements to implement decisions</p>	Rate peg methodology review every 5 years and timing of implementation.	As the change from LGCI to a BCC model is the most immediately impactful for councils it is recommended that implementation in 2024/2025 with a true catch up applied. Market volatility alongside a newly negotiated Local Government State Award, which proposes cost of living impact catch up for award paid staff and the impact the ESL increases risk of reduced services across the sector, without rate peg reform.
<p>Chapter 9.</p> <p>Improving the broader regulatory framework</p>	Broader reform of the regulatory framework.	The draft recommendation is noted and supported.

While the rate peg does provide protection to rate payers from excessive rate increases, it also continues the practice of delivery of services that fall short of the expectations of ratepayers. Comparison of any non-

metropolitan council customer satisfaction survey will typically show low satisfaction levels with road infrastructure, aged community facilities and those services such as planning and building services where professional staff shortages exist.

BACKGROUND

The role of the rate peg is to protect ratepayers from excessive rate increases, and to create a financial incentive for councils to improve their productivity and efficiency. However, it also needs to allow councils' rates income to vary annually to reflect, as far as possible, changes in the cost of providing services due to factors such as inflation and population growth. Otherwise, they may have to reduce the quality or scope of their services to their communities or seek other sources of income.

At its Ordinary Meeting held 21 April 2021, Council resolved to make a submission to IPART's review of the rate peg to include population growth. While in support of the inclusion, Council maintained that ABS population growth data, which is lagged by three years, is not an appropriate measure of population growth in the current year. And is therefore not an appropriate measure for considering rate peg to fund increased services and infrastructure to meet the demands of population growth.

At its Ordinary Meeting held 25 October 2022, Council resolved to make a submission based on the lag in application of population growth data, possible inclusion of real time data such as building approvals as an indicator of real time growth; over development approvals as these only indicate that a development is approved but are not indicative of construction commenced and occupied; population growth factor grouping of "like councils" together to weight the specific needs of types of communities such as coastal communities versus those west of the divide; and a review of IPART's expectation of productivity gains, which is unrealistic for non-metropolitan councils with comparatively smaller rate bases. Examples of key issues include:

- significant skills shortages across the sector result in costly competition to attract skilled labour to non-metropolitan councils;
- the greatest operational efficiencies require significant investment in IT systems, cloud migration and upskilling of staff and communities;
- skills shortages rely on outsourcing activity and functions for commercial rates.

Also raised in the submission was a required review of the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) as it is calculated on an historical cost basis, and a review of the weighting of the cost components of the LGCI is required as an example the proportion of Council's budget spent on roads and bridges (predominantly contractual arrangements) currently sits at approximately 40%, while the LGCI assumes 26.9% and the allocation to business services (consultants and professional services) was over 11.68%, while the LGCI assumes 6.2%. These allocations are subject to significant market variability that is well beyond the control of local government, as they are in high demand.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

Nil in relation to adopting the recommendation of this report.

Asset Management

Nil in relation to adopting the recommendation of this report.

Policy and Regulation

Nil in relation to adopting the recommendation of this report.

Consultation

Nil in relation to adopting the recommendation of this report.

Legal and Risk Management

Nil in relation to adopting the recommendation of this report.

Climate Change

Nil in relation to adopting the recommendation of this report.

ITEM 07.23.087 BULK WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	General Manager	
Prepared by	Manager Water Cycle, Greg Mashiah	
Reviewed by	Director Works & Civil, Jamie Fleeting	
Attachments	A. CHCC Business Paper 11 May 2023 - Regional Water Supply Joint Management Committee ↓ B. CHCC Resolution 11 May 2023 - Regional Water Supply Joint Management Committee ↓	

SUMMARY

At its meeting of 18 April 2023 Council resolution 07.23.049 established a Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement Advisory Committee, with Point 5 providing a sunset clause which dissolves the committee by 30 June 2023. The Bulk Water Supply Agreement discussions with Coffs Harbour City Council (CHCC) will not be completed by 30 June 2023, so it is recommended that the term of the advisory Committee be extended until 30 September 2023.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. extend the term of the Bulk Water Supply Agreement Advisory Committee to 30 September 2023
2. note that recommendations being made to each Council for endorsement on the final agreement will be by October 2023.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Leadership

Objective We will have a strong, accountable and representative Government

KEY ISSUES

An initial meeting of the Bulk Water Supply Agreement advisory committee was scheduled on Tuesday 30 May 2023. However, CHCC advised in correspondence dated 17 May (but not received until 29 May) that it would be unable to attend a meeting until 4 July 2023. While an earlier advisory committee meeting is trying to be arranged, the Committee will now be unable to come to agreement on draft Bulk Water Supply Agreement inclusions by 30 June 2023. CHCC considered this matter at their meeting on 11 May 2023 (see copy of business paper and resolution in attachments) and the CHCC resolution indicates they expect the advisory committee will operate until 30 September 2023. Extending the sunset clause will enable finalisation of discussions with CHCC on recommendations for endorsement to be made to both Council. It is therefore recommended the sunset clause be extended by 3 months to 30 September 2023.

BACKGROUND

The relevant sections of Resolution 07.23.049 were that Council:

3. *establish a Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement Advisory Committee (supported by two staff with technical expertise/responsibility for water supply functions), the membership of which includes the Mayor and a councillor nominated by the Council.*
4. *invite Coffs Harbour City Council to nominate its Mayor, an elected member and two staff with technical expertise/responsibility for water supply functions to join the Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement Advisory Committee.*
5. *note that the Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement Advisory Committee has a sunset clause that intends its dissolution by 30th of June 2023.*
6. *note that the sole purpose of the Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement Advisory Committee is to consider the draft Bulk Water Supply Agreement inclusions in a timely manner that supports a recommendation being made to each Council on the final agreement for endorsement by July 2023.*

Resolution 07.23.049a appointed Cr Pickering as the Councillor representative on the advisory committee.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

As outlined in the original report.

Asset Management

As outlined in the original report

Policy and Regulation

Local Government Act and Regulation

Consultation

CHCC was advised of the formation of the advisory committee and has nominated representatives.

Legal and Risk Management

As per the original report

Climate Change

As per the original report

SI23/12 REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Author:	Group Leader Water and Waste Services
Authoriser:	Director Sustainable Infrastructure
MyCoffs:	C.2 A natural environment sustained for the future
Attachments:	ATT1 SI23/12 Regional Water Supply Scheme Joint Management Committee - Terms of Reference 31 March 2023 ↓ ATT2 SI23/12 Clarence Valley Council's Correspondence 20 April 2023 ↓

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Clarence Valley Council (CVC) have invited the City of Coffs Harbour (City) to form a temporary Advisory Committee to consider the details of a draft Bulk Raw Water Agreement. The City proposes to continue with the previously workshopped and agreed structure of a Joint Management Committee under Section 355 of the *Local Government Act 1993* to oversee and manage the Regional Water Supply Scheme on an ongoing basis, rather than CVC's newly suggested temporary Advisory Committee, which will only consider a new Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement and will be disbanded by 30 June 2023. It's important to the City that the group engaged in updating any sections of the Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement will be the group operationalising the governance of this Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:**That Council:**

- 1. Decline Clarence Valley Council's invitation to join their temporary Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement Advisory Committee.**
- 2. Adopt the attached Terms of Reference for a Regional Water Supply Scheme Joint Management Committee under Section 355 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.**
- 3. Invite Clarence Valley Council to adopt the attached, previously workshopped Terms of Reference and to nominate representatives to form the Committee.**

REPORT**Description of Item:**

The City of Coffs Harbour (City) and Clarence Valley Council (CVC) are joint owners and operators of the Regional Water Supply Scheme (RWSS), which encompasses Nymboida Weir, Shannon Creek Dam, and the associated pumping stations and pipework. The RWSS provides raw water to both the City and CVC, and is currently managed in accordance with the Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement of 20 February 2004.

The City is seeking to improve the governance arrangements for the RWSS and CVC are also focussed on seeking to renew the Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement to better reflect their water supply needs and arrangements.

Issues:

The previous and current General Managers of the City and CVC have discussed forming a Joint Management Committee under Section 355 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The proposed Terms of Reference – Joint Management Committee for the Clarence Valley and Coffs Harbour RWSS are attached (Attachment 1). The purpose of the Joint Management Committee would be to oversee and

manage the RWSS in accordance with the Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement of 20 February 2004 and any future Joint Raw Water Supply Agreement. The Joint Management Committee is proposed to:

- be delegated specific functions by each Council;
- report to each elected Council;
- comprise two Councillors and the General Manager of each Council; and
- may be supported by a Technical Reference Group comprising of technical staff from each Council.

A meeting was held on 29 November 2022 to discuss the draft Terms of Reference for the Committee and a final version incorporating feedback was provided to CVC on 6 April 2023 for consideration. The General Manager of CVC advised on 13 April 2023 CVC's legal advice is not in favour of a Section 355 Joint Management Committee; however, this advice has not been provided or discussed with the City.

In November 2022, the City suffered fire damage to its Cochrane's Pool Pump Station on the Orara River, which along with the RWSS also supplies raw water to the City's Karangi Dam. CVC sought access to the City's water supply, from assets that belong to the City and do not form part of the RWSS. In accordance with the Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement, which was designed to provide access to raw water to the City, CVC was not entitled to access the City's raw water when there is sufficient water available to them from the Nymboida River and/or Shannon Creek Dam.

The purpose of the Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement is not to compensate for CVC's lack of investment in a water filtration plant over the past 19 years since the RWSS was established in 2004. Water quality issues with the RWSS raw water sources have been well known from reports since at least 2007.

Subsequently, CVC issued a notice of dispute to the City, which the City did not accept as legitimate and CVC subsequently abandoned, as per point 1 in their Council below:

*Clarence Valley Council – 18 April 2023
COUNCIL RESOLUTION - 07.23.049*

That Council:

- 1. note the issues raised with Coffs Harbour City Council in accordance with the dispute resolution procedures of the Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement are considered to have been concluded.*
- 2. note the advice from Marsdens Law Group that a formal agreement with Coffs Harbour City Council is the most appropriate governance arrangement for the Regional Water Supply, and*
- 3. establish a Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement Advisory Committee (supported by two staff with technical expertise/responsibility for water supply functions), the membership of which includes the Mayor and a councillor nominated by the Council.*
- 4. invite Coffs Harbour City Council to nominate its Mayor, an elected member and two staff with technical expertise/responsibility for water supply functions to join the Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement Advisory Committee.*
- 5. note that the Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement Advisory Committee has a sunset clause that intends its dissolution by 30th of June 2023.*
- 6. note that the sole purpose of the Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement Advisory Committee is to consider the draft Bulk Water Supply Agreement inclusions in a timely manner that supports a recommendation being made to each Council on the final agreement for endorsement by July 2023.*

Following an urgent meeting called by DPIE on 31 January 2023, in order to arrest a boil water alert for CVC's wider Local Government Area (LGA), the City agreed to enter into a supply arrangement of raw water from the City's Karangi Dam to CVC, despite the lack of access to the Cochrane's Pool Pump Station due to the fire damage, in order to help them prevent a wider boiled water alert for their LGA community.

CVC have now proposed forming a temporary Advisory Committee (Attachment 2 and above) to consider the details of a draft Bulk Raw Water Agreement prior to the agreement being considered

for adoption by each Council. This Committee is proposed to operate from 30 May 2023 until 30 June 2023, with the final agreement to be adopted by each Council in July 2023.

The formation of a temporary Advisory Committee, which will be disbanded a month from starting, does not satisfy the City's requirements for ongoing oversight of the RWSS and the City's substantial investment of approx. \$60m in RWSS assets, including:

- operations and associated cost sharing
- proactive asset management and associated shared investment
- long term strategic growth planning

Therefore, it is not recommended that the City participate in the proposed Advisory Committee, but rather invites CVC to continue with the previously workshopped and agreed structure of a Section 355 Joint Management Committee, in order to ensure the operationalising of the governance of the Agreement.

Currently there are lack of transparency and governance concerns, because the City has invested approx. \$60 million for the joint RWSS assets but the City does not have any visibility of the maintenance or operations of those assets from CVC.

In addition, as the infrastructure asset investment is recorded as an intangible asset, no revaluation increment has been able to be applied, despite the increased replacement cost of the assets.

It is worth noting that CVC is yet to invoice the City for its share of the purchase of the Nymboida assets from Essential Energy in 2021 and the City's share of the operating costs of the RWSS since 2019/20. There are also critical renewal works estimated in 2021 of \$4.1 million required for the Nymboida assets, which are outstanding. These specific matters have contributed to the City's determination to improve the RWSS governance arrangements.

Options:

Council has the following options in relation to this report:

1. Decline CVC's invitation to join their temporary Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement Advisory Committee and invite CVC to continue with the previously workshopped and agreed structure of a Joint Management Committee under Section 355 of the *Local Government Act 1993* in accordance with the attached Terms of Reference.
2. Accept CVC's invitation to join their temporary Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement Advisory Committee. Nominate the City's Mayor and one Councillor to join the committee. Authorise the General Manager to nominate two staff members with technical expertise/responsibility for the City's water supply functions to join the committee.
3. Another course of action as determined by Council.

Sustainability Assessment:

- **Environment**

The establishment of a Section 355 Joint Management Committee will ensure the RWSS is managed to meet the community's needs and protect public health and the environment.

- **Social**

The establishment of a Section 355 Joint Management Committee will ensure the RWSS is managed to meet the shared needs of both the Coffs Harbour and the Clarence Valley communities.

- **Civic Leadership**

A Section 355 Joint Management Committee will ensure the RWSS has the appropriate level of governance and civic leadership.

- **Economic – Broader Economic Implications**

A well-managed RWSS will ensure the City has a secure water supply to enable economic growth and facilitate CVC's access to the City's water at a time of drought.

- **Economic - Delivery Program/Operational Plan Implications**

A Section 355 Joint Management Committee will ensure the appropriate allocation of funding for the management and operation of the RWSS, a fair and reasonable allocation of costs between the City and CVC, contemporary asset management and long term growth planning for the RWSS.

The City has invested \$60 million for the joint RWSS assets. As at 30 June 2022, the City's approximate 45% investment in the RWSS is recorded at cost with a net book value of \$50.088 million.

The City contributed to the construction of the RWSS infrastructure assets that are not controlled by the City to secure water supply entitlements. The contributions are classified as an intangible asset with a definite life as the City has obligations to contribute to the operation and replacement of the RWSS infrastructure assets, which have limited effective economic lives. The intangible asset is currently amortised on a straight-line basis over 100 years.

Risk Analysis:

Using a temporary Advisory Committee to renew the Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement within a month is unsatisfactory and is not going to mitigate the governance risk concerns identified above. An ongoing Section 355 Joint Management Committee will ensure an appropriate level of governance and risk management in the development of a renewed Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement and the ongoing management and operation of the RWSS.

Consultation:

There has been ongoing discussions between the City and CVC at Mayoral, General Manager and officer level.

Related Policy, Precedents and / or Statutory Requirements:

Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement of 20 February 2004.

Implementation Date / Priority:

The Section 355 Joint Management Committee should be formed as soon as practical. The Section 355 Joint Management Committee will provide ongoing governance arrangements and determine the renewal of the Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement.

Conclusion:

This report is provided to Council to determine the most appropriate committee for the ongoing management and operation of the RWSS, including a renewed Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement.

SI23/12 REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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2023/81 RESOLVED (Cr Paul Amos / Cr Scott Wolgamot)

That Council:

1. Join the proposed Bulk Raw Water Supply Agreement temporary Advisory Committee with Clarence Valley Council (CVC). Nominate the City's Mayor and Councillor Wolgamot to join the Committee. Authorise the General Manager to nominate two staff members with technical expertise/responsibility for the City's water supply functions to join the Committee, noting the expectation that the Committee will operate until 30 September 2023, at which time a Regional Water Supply Scheme Joint Management Committee under Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 will take effect.
2. Adopt the attached Terms of Reference for the Regional Water Supply Scheme Joint Management Committee.
3. Provide the previously workshopped Terms of Reference to CVC for the ongoing Regional Water Supply Scheme Joint Management Committee and invite CVC to nominate two Councillor representatives to form the Committee by 1 October 2023.
4. Nominate Councillor Wolgamot and Councillor Pryce as the City of Coffs Harbour representatives on the Regional Water Supply Scheme Joint Management Committee.
5. Nominate Councillor Cecato as the alternate for the City of Coffs Harbour representative on the Regional Water Supply Scheme Joint Management Committee.

The Motion on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

CARRIED

ITEM 07.23.088 COUNCILLORS LISTENING TOURS

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	General Manager	
Attachments	Nil	

SUMMARY

A second Listening Tour was coordinated in May, this report provides an overview of the topics discussed at each location

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in the report be noted.

Report on the second May councillor listening tour – Ashby and Tullymorgan

Councillors present: Mayor Tiley, Cr Smith, Cr Toms and Cr Johnstone

Staff present: GM Black, Directors Fleeting and Cameron

About 15 residents attended our meeting in Ashby. Issues raised included road drainage, vegetation management and maintenance, inappropriate speed on the roads and overgrown hydrants. Residents noted their concerns about overdevelopment in Yamba, shortage of medical professionals and school places in the future. Most said they would generally like Ashby to remain as it is, but noted the differences in needs between different parts of the village, some wanted planning rules relaxed whilst others wanted them tightened. Flooding was discussed, particularly getting supplies when cut off, increasing the use of helicopters, the perception that flooding had been affected by the pacific highway and how to inform new residents of local flood knowledge and wisdom. Methods of communicating from and with council were mentioned, particularly "Report It", the weekly email newspaper, the quarterly Clarence Magazine and the council Facebook page.

Council staff discussed with residents their plans to improve road management, to introduce roving special maintenance teams to work in villages, the potential improvements that could be made with the proposed stormwater management charge and described the function of the Traffic Committee and the Safer Systems Working Group.

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING

ITEM 07.23.089 INFORMATION REPORT - NOTIFICATION OF NORTHERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL MEETING TO DETERMINE SUB2021/0042 - 336 LOT SUBDIVISION (329 RESIDENTIAL LOTS, 1 COMMERCIAL LOT, 4 DRAINAGE RESERVES AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AREAS - JAMES CREEK ROAD, JAMES CREEK

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Environment & Planning	
Prepared by	Acting Coordinator Development Services, James Hamilton	
Reviewed by	Director Environment & Planning, Adam Cameron	
Attachments	A. SUB2021-0042 - Submissions - First Round (Separate Cover) ⇒ B. SUB2021-0042 - Submissions - Second Round (Separate Cover) ⇒ C. SUB2021-0042 - Submissions - Third Round (Separate Cover) ⇒	

SUMMARY

<i>Applicant</i>	MPD Investments Pty Ltd
<i>Owner</i>	Kahuna No 1 Pty Ltd
<i>Address</i>	James Creek Road, James Creek being lot 104 DP 751388
<i>Submissions</i>	First Round - 58 submissions Second Round – 25 Submissions Third Round – 27 Submissions

The development application is Regionally Significant Development and has been referred to the Northern Regional Planning Panel (the Panel) as the determining authority for this application.

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that the development application will be scheduled by the Panel for determination on 28 or 29 June 2023. An elected Council may make a submission on a Development Application to be determined by the Panel up to seven days before the Panel meeting and may speak to this submission at the public determination meeting.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- note that a public determination meeting for DA2022/0237 will be scheduled by the Northern Regional Planning Panel on the 28 or 29 June 2023; and
- note that a Council Resolution is required should Council wish to make a submission about DA2022/0152 to the Northern Regional Planning Panel.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Leadership

Objective We will have a strong, accountable and representative Government

KEY ISSUES

Regionally Significant Development

The application is being referred to the Panel as the development is '*regionally significant development*', pursuant to Section 2.19(1) and Clause (2) of Schedule 6 of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021* as the proposed development has a capital investment value over \$30 million.

Considerations about making a submission

The application was advertised and placed on public exhibition in accordance with the Clarence Valley Council Community Participation Plan for the following timeframes:

- First advertising period – 9 November 2021 to 14 January 2022 – 58 submissions received objecting to the proposal,

2. Second advertising period – 12 August 2022 to 9 September 2022 - 25 submissions received objecting to the proposal, and
3. Third advertising period - 28 April 2023 to 15 May 2023 - 27 submissions received objecting to the proposal.

The submissions are provided as **Attachment A, B and C**.

The issues raised in the submissions are addressed in full in the Assessment Report to the Panel for consideration in the determination of the application.

Planning Panel Procedures

The development application is scheduled for determination on 28 or 29 of June 2023.

The Assessment Report and all supporting documents (including all development application documentation) will be uploaded between 7 and 14 days (by 21 June 2023) before Panel's determination meeting on the Sydney and Regional Planning Panel's web page <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/planning-panel/sub20210042-332-lot-subdivision-james-creek>

The assessment of this development application has been primarily undertaken by an independent third party (consultant planning firm) to ensure objectivity, with the full support and input of Council's staff.

An elected council may make a submission on a Development Application to be determined by the Panel up to seven (7) days before the Panel meeting and may speak to this submission at the public determination meeting. Alternatively, any person (including a Councillor, but in their capacity as a member of the community) may address the Panel and make representations about the development application.

BACKGROUND

Development Application

The site is zoned R1 General Residential, R3 Medium Density and B1 Neighbourhood Centre zone pursuant to Clause 2.3 of the Clarence Valley Local Environmental Plan 2011 (Figure 1). The proposal is permissible in the zone with consent.

The subject land was originally zoned RU1 Primary Production under the Clarence Valley Local Environmental Plan 2011 and was rezoned in June 2014 to the current mix of residential and business zones.

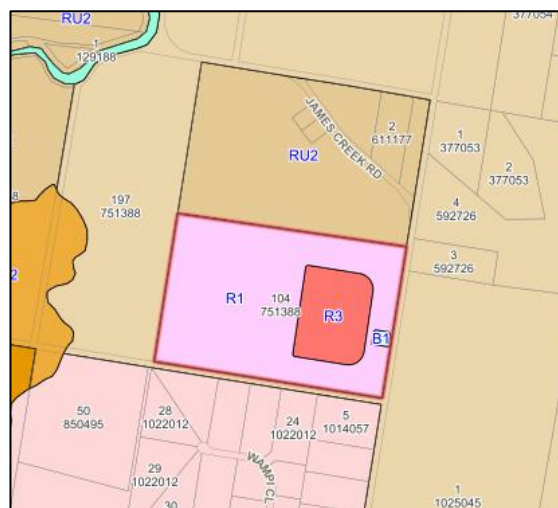


Figure 1: Zoning Map (Source: CVC Intramaps)

The proposal seeks consent for a 332 Lot subdivision and includes:

- 327 Residential Lots
- 1 Commercial Lot
- 4 Drainage Reserves
- Open Space Areas
- Construction of internal road network and associated subdivision works

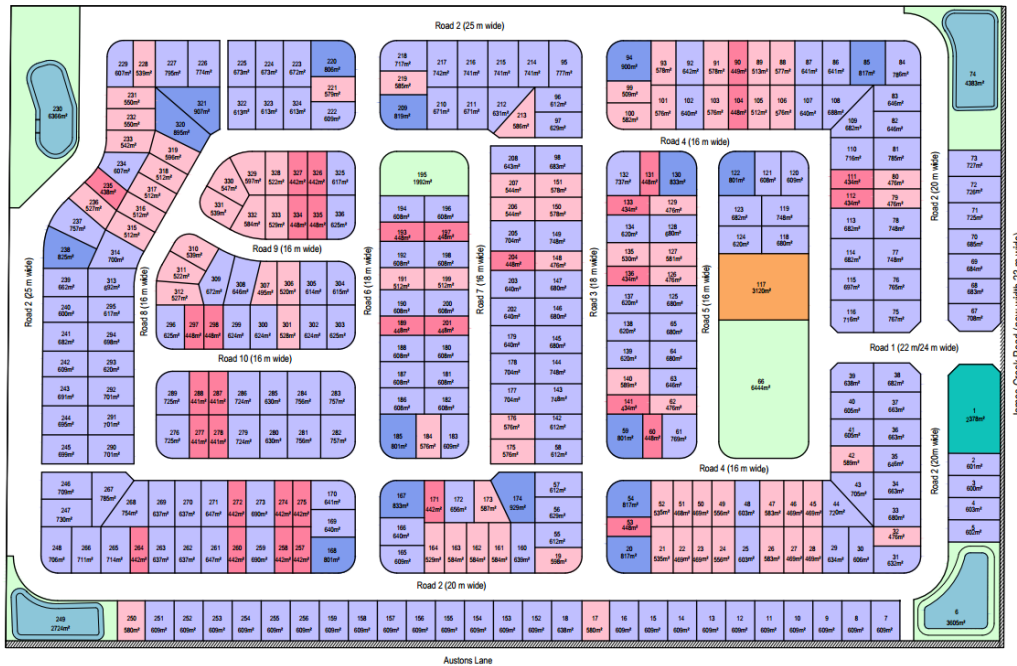


Figure 2: Proposed Subdivision Plan

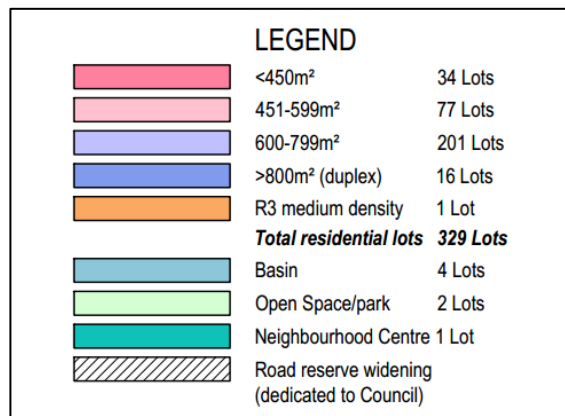


Figure 3: Legend for subdivision plan in Figure 2.

Key elements of the proposed subdivision are provided below:

- A single-entry point to James Creek Road which is designed as a heavily landscaped entrance to the estate comprising extra width in the road alignment for the establishment of a single-entry road and two exit lanes to James Creek Road. A secondary access is provided to Austons Lane.
- A circular road and internal circulation provide a high level of internal connectivity as well as opportunities for a future bus route through the site.
- The ‘Salt and Peppering’ of the different lot sizes throughout the estate. In several cases, smaller lots have been clustered with the intention to allow project builders to purchase a group of lots and efficiently development and construct housing product. The multi-unit site has been added in response to feedback provided from Council in response to delivering additional density and an efficient use of the R3 zoned land on the site.
- Lot 1, with a site area of 2,378m² is proposed as a commercial lot in response to the existing B1 Neighbourhood Centre zone land. Whilst this is not located wholly within the land zoned as B1, the lot size provides an equivalent area as demonstrated in Figure 5 below.
- Two (2) internal parks are proposed with area 6,444m² (Village Green) and 1,992m² (Pocket Park). These parks are located centrally within the estate and in the case of the larger eastern park, are highly visible and accessible.

- A series of key linear pathways are created within the proposed subdivision layout. The northern and western boundaries comprise wider road areas (25m) to address the visual amenity and bushfire separation requirements.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

The application was accompanied by all fees required to be paid by Council's Fees and Charges. Assessment of the application has been completed by staff and consultant utilising recurrent staffing budgets.

Asset Management

Should the application be approved new road, sewerage, water and drainage infrastructure including basins are constructed by the developer and accepted off maintenance, this infrastructure will become a Council asset and require ongoing maintenance to be met by Council's maintenance budget.

Policy and Regulation

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979

Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000

State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021

State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021

State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021

Clarence Valley Local Environmental Plan 2011

Residential Zones Development Control Plan (DCP)

Business Zones Development Control Plan (DCP)

Consultation

There were no concurrence requirements from external government agencies for the proposal and the application is not Integrated Development pursuant to Section 4.46 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* ('EP&A Act').

The development application was referred externally to the NSW Rural Fire Service, Essential Energy and Transport for New South Wales, no objections to the proposal have been raised by these agencies.

Relevant internal Council officers were consulted during the assessment of the application and have provided advice to the assessing officer and independent planning consultant. Full details are provided in the complete Assessment Report uploaded to Panel website.

Legal and Risk Management

Should the applicant be dissatisfied with Council's determination, the applicant may appeal to the Land and Environment Court. Further, any person may appeal the determination to the Land and Environment Court if they consider Council has not followed correct procedure in administration and assessment of the development application.

Climate Change

There will be additional assets, being the proposed road upgrades external to the site, that could be affected by climate change impacts as listed in Council's Disaster Resilience Framework.

Provision of a new residential subdivision and housing close to major towns and services and adjacent to existing settlements is more efficient and generates less greenhouse gases for the full life cycle of the development compared to more dispersed and fragmented forms of development. Further, future dwellings will need to be compliant with the NSW Government's building sustainability index in terms of thermal comfort, water efficiency and energy efficiency and achieving this certification makes new residential development more sustainable and less of a contributor to climate change compared to older forms of housing.

ITEM 07.23.090 UPDATE ON COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE OF WASTE AT GRAFTON REGIONAL LANDFILL

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Environment & Planning	
Prepared by	Manager Environment & Regulatory Services, Scott Lenton	
Reviewed by	Director Environment & Planning, Adam Cameron	
Attachments	A. Attachment - Correspondence from CHCC - May 2023 ↓	

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the most recent request from Coffs Harbour City Council (CHCC) for residual waste to be disposed at the Grafton Regional Landfill at a reduced cost to that informed by Clarence Valley Council's Solid Waste Management Strategy 2020-2027 and contained in Council's Fees and Charges and recommends Council continue implementation of its decision of April 2023 (item 07.23.051).

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. note the latest request from Coffs Harbour City Council seeking the dispose of 15,000 tonnes per annum of residual waste over 4 years from July 2023 at Grafton Regional Landfill, dated 16 May 2023.
2. defer any decision to endorse Coffs Harbour City Council's disposal of waste to landfill in the Clarence Valley until such time as the outcome of meetings initiated by Bellingen Shire council to achieve a regional waste solution, are known.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Infrastructure

Objective We will have communities that are well serviced with appropriate infrastructure

KEY ISSUES

Following its request to dispose of between 20,000 and 40,000 tonnes of waste at the Grafton Regional Landfill per annum for a period of 10 years in March 2023, Coffs Harbour City Council (CHCC) has requested Council's acceptance of 15,000 tonnes of residual waste per annum for four years from July 2023 until June 2027 (Attachment A).

In considering the previous request of CHCC, Council resolved to defer any decision until the outcome of discussions initiated by Bellingen Shire Council to achieve a regional waste solution were known.

To that end, the General Managers and relevant staff of Bellingen Shire, Nambucca Shire and Clarence Valley Council met on 9 June to discuss solutions for solid waste (to Landfill), green waste and recycling. A number of actions in relation to next steps for treatment of green waste and recycling as a regional approach were agreed for investigation and the next meeting of the group is scheduled for July 2023.

It is understood CHCC has resolved not to participate in these discussions.

The proposals from CHCC have been variable but do not offer sufficient detail for Council to be satisfied as to the implications of accepting residual waste at the Grafton Regional Landfill. Despite that uncertainty, in 2020 (08.20.009) Council did extend what is considered to be a reasonable and neighbourly offer of conditional acceptance of CHCC waste volumes of up to 20,000 for a period of 18 months, however this offer was rejected by CHCC.

The report to Council's April Ordinary Meeting (07.23.051) identified a number of key issues that Council should consider. And as such if it is the will of Council to accept solid waste from CHCC, it should be conditional on relevant impact assessments and subject to performance measures.

An alternative Motion follows, which also gives consideration to the current level of waste being disposed at Grafton Regional Landfill from commercial operators located and working in the Coffs Harbour LGA that are unable to access Englands Road Landfill:

That Council

1. write to the Coffs Harbour City Council (CHCC) advising that GRL will accept a maximum of 10,000 tonnes per annum for a maximum of four years in accordance with Council's adopted Fees and Charges and subject to:
 - i) the inclusion of agreed performance measures for the duration of the four years that GRL takes CHCC waste.
 - ii) CHCC preparing the following impact assessments
 - An environmental assessment along the proposed haul routes and impacted areas to determine any adverse noise and vibration, visual, air quality and amenity impacts. The environmental assessment should identify impacted residences and proposed management measures to mitigate any adverse environmental impacts.
 - A traffic, road safety, and pavement impact assessment that identifies potential impacts to the road network and how those impacts would be managed.
2. receive a further report, advising of CHCC's acceptance of this offer and including details of the agreed performance measures and scope of impact assessments.

BACKGROUND

Council considered a written request, dated 10 March 2023, from CHCC to accept between 20,000 and 40,000 tonnes per annum of residual waste for a 10-year period at the Grafton Regional Landfill at the Council meeting on 18 April 2023 and resolved unanimously as follows:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION - 07.23.051

Novak/Whaites

That Council defer any decision on the request by Coffs Harbour City Council (CHCC) to accept solid waste at the Grafton Regional Landfill from CHCC until the outcome of the meetings proposed by Bellingen Shire Council for a regional waste solution are known.

Voting recorded as follows

For: Clancy, Day, Johnstone, Novak, Pickering, Smith, Tiley, Toms, Whaites

Against: Nil

CARRIED

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

Council has previously provided conditional written acceptance of two CHCC proposals to dispose residual waste at the Grafton Regional Landfill, including but not limited to, payment of appropriate and reasonable waste disposal fees. The cost and resourcing burden of bringing forward Council's planning for a new landfill facility as well as additional waste processing and management demands should reasonably be recompensated by CHCC through appropriate waste disposal fees if Council endorses such waste disposal at the Grafton Regional Landfill. Council has a waste disposal fee within the CVCs adopted Fees and Charges for this purpose.

Asset Management

The Grafton Regional Landfill has a future life of 48 years and not 56 years as suggested by CHCC in their latest submission. Acceptance of additional residual waste from CHCC would substantially reduce the future life of the Regional Landfill and bring forward our need to plan for a new landfill facility. Commercial waste contractors operating within the Coffs Harbour LGA are already disposing 9,000 tonnes of waste per annum at the Grafton Regional Landfill.

Policy and Regulation

Clarence Valley Waste Management Strategy
Grafton Regional Landfill Environmental Protection Licence
Coffs Coast Waste Strategy

Consultation

The CCWS indicates that CHCC will plan for a new landfill facility. Recent requests from CHCC to other nearby local Councils to accept residual waste from the Coffs Harbour LGA would appear to be odds with the adopted Strategy. It is unknown what consultation with the CHCC community has occurred in making this change. It is clear that CHCC has not undertaken adequate prior consultation with nearby Councils to obtain acceptance for the apparent change in strategic direction.

Legal and Risk Management

Council's response to CHCCs requests to date has appropriately considered the risk to both Council and our community.

Climate Change

Waste to landfill is a major generator of greenhouse gas emissions. In global terms there is little difference between emissions generated at the CHCC landfill and the Grafton landfill. With additional waste directed to the GRL the landfill will generate additional emissions that will be counted as Clarence Valley Emissions. Meeting our adopted emissions reduction targets will therefore become harder.

COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL



16 May 2023

Ms Laura Black
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Dear Laura

Council Resolution – Landfill Access

I refer to my letter dated 10 March 2023 with regard to our formal request to use Clarence Valley Council's landfill facility for a period of 10 years, and your letter dated 20 April 2023.

Background

On 18 April 2023, Clarence Valley Council (CVC) considered a report regarding the City of Coffs Harbour (City's) request for CVC to consider the acceptance of residual waste from the City at mutually agreed terms. The request by the City for mutually agreed terms was made in light of the fact that CVC had resolved a special waste disposal rate applicable only for the City in its Fees and Charges from late 2020 onwards, of imposing a surcharge for the City on their regular waste fees available to members of their own community. The surcharge, including waste levy, proposed for 2023/24 is in the order of 50% - 60%.

In response to the City's request, CVC resolved at its meeting on 18 April 2023:

“That Council defer any decision on the request by Coffs Harbour City Council (CHCC) to accept solid waste at the Grafton Regional Landfill from CHCC until the outcome of the meetings proposed by Bellingen Shire Council for a regional waste solution are known.”

The City continues to collaboratively support CVC with access to quality raw water at times of need by CVC. In a reciprocal, neighbourly fashion, the City is requesting access to CVC's waste facility, taking into consideration the City's historical support with CVC's water needs and the fact that it has been reported that CVC has approximately 56 years of waste capacity. However, the fees should not be the highly surcharged ones currently included in CVC's Fees and Charges document.

The City also remains open to working towards a regional approach to Waste Processing and Disposal post 2027. However, the City's initial priority is to address its imminent residual red bin waste issue, which is being trucked 3 times per day, 6 days a week to Queensland.

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Resolution

At the City Council meeting on 11 May 2023, Council considered the correspondence and resolved to:

That Council:

3. *Request Clarence Valley Council accept up to 15,000 tonnes of the City's residual waste on an annual basis from July 2023 until June 2027, on mutually agreed terms, in their waste facility, which has been reported to have approximately 56 years of waste capacity.*

Given this more specific resolution of 11 May 2023, the City requests your consideration of accepting up to 15,000 tonnes of the City's residual waste at Grafton Regional Landfill on an annual basis for four (4) years from July 2023 until June 2027, and engage with the City to establish mutually agreeable terms that are consistent with fees paid by other users of the facility.

If you or your staff wish to discuss this matter, or require any further information to assist your Council's consideration, please do not hesitate to contact Andrew Beswick, Director Sustainable Infrastructure by email andrew.beswick@chcc.nsw.gov.au or mobile 0418 125 304.

Yours sincerely



Natalia Cowley
General Manager

ITEM 07.23.091 A STATE GOVERNMENT APPROACH TO NATIVE TITLE COMPENSATION AGREEMENT MAKING

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Environment & Planning	
Prepared by	Senior Strategic Planner (Public Land/Native Title), Dr Danny Parkin	
Reviewed by	Director Environment & Planning, Adam Cameron	
Attachments	A. Local Government Areas with a Native Title Claim and/or Determination ↓	

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's support to contact State Government and to submit a motion at the forthcoming Local Government Annual Conference to establish negotiated native title compensation procedures and agreements. An established, consistent approach across NSW local governments is required to provide consistency, certainty and the payment of compensation without unreasonable delay.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. writes to the Minister for Local Government, the Minister for Lands and Property, and local State Member(s):
 - a) advocating for a consistent process regarding approaches to assessing, valuing and resolving native title compensation;
 - b) affirming a methodology to determine the appropriate, just, and fair compensation to be awarded to native title holders for the impact of compensable acts on their distinct native title rights and interests; and
 - c) establishing negotiated compensation agreements on matters that are common across all Local Government areas to provide certainty for governments and native title parties, as far as is reasonably practicable.
2. tables a motion(s) at the 2023 Local Government Annual Conference that seeks to:
 - a) establish a native title network for NSW council staff to connect, share information and discuss local government issues regarding native title, future act notifications and the liability to pay compensation; and
 - b) advocate on behalf of NSW Councils for a consistent process within and across LGAs in regard to approaches to assessing, valuing and resolving native title compensation.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Leadership

Objective We will have a strong, accountable and representative Government

KEY ISSUES

The Bandjalang, Yaegl and Western Bundjalung People's all have had successful native title claims determined within or incorporating the Clarence Valley Local Government Area.

Native title claims and determinations currently affect 67 of the 128 Local Government Areas of NSW (**Attachment A**).

Any act that impacts or impairs traditional owner native title rights and interests is compensable under the Commonwealth's *Native Title Act 1993* (NT Act) and specific State legislation.

The *Crown Land Management Act 2016* (CLM Act) places the liability for compensation (or the requirement to contribute to or indemnify the State against any compensation payable by the State) for acts that impact or impair native title rights and interests on the person that engages in the 'relevant conduct'. Under the CLM Act 'relevant conduct' includes the conduct of a local council in connection with any dedicated or reserved Crown land for which it is or was a Crown land manager. This conduct includes Council's role as the land manager, such as maintaining and managing the land as public open space; the issuing of leases and

licences over the land; the construction of public infrastructure for the benefit of residents and visitors to the land and other conduct.

There is currently no clear process outlined under the CLM Act or any other law applicable to New South Wales for ascertaining the process for compensation payable for 'relevant conduct' under section 24JAA, 24KA, 24MD or 24NA of the NT Act or how a Council contributes to, or indemnifies the State against, any compensation payable by the State for compensation payable under section 24JB of the NT Act. Nor is there any statutory guidance on the process by which non-economic loss for cultural loss and loss of spiritual attachment is to be determined, regardless of whether the interest is held by a native title holder or another person claiming the loss. Council Crown land managers are left to negotiate in good faith with the relevant native title party, and their legal representative for a fair and just settlement. The exception being where disputes between the State and persons who engaged in the 'relevant conduct' concerning the allocation of responsibility for the payment of compensation for the impact of the conduct on native title rights and interests the CLM Act confers jurisdiction on the Land and Environment Court to resolve.

Council Crown land managers manage Crown land on behalf of the State. Rather than every council trying to negotiate a fair and just compensation outcome each time native title rights and interests are impacted or impaired because of routine matters such as leasing, licencing, minor public works (footpaths, picnic facilities) and the like, a consistent approach that increases efficiency and provides certainty is recommended for use by all NSW local governments. A standard unified approach that saves time, money and angst would be beneficial to all parties involved.

It is also lot easier to budget for and pay compensation upfront, than being handed a claim 5, 10, 20 or 30 years down the track. It is also very challenging to try and negotiate an equitable outcome on behalf of the public that local government serves, at the same time as being fair to traditional owners impacted by local government on behalf of its constituents.

The lack of clear procedures, accepted practice and statutory guidance around this issue is a risk for Council.

BACKGROUND

Clarence Valley LGA native title considerations

The Clarence Valley Local Government Area (LGA) has had eight native title claims determined by the Federal Court to date (**Table 1**) covering more-or-less the northern $\frac{1}{3}$ of the LGA (**Figure 1**).

Table 1: Native Title Determinations in the Clarence Valley LGA

Finalised Determinations	Determination date
Bandjalang People #1	2 December 2013
Bandjalang People #2	2 December 2013
Yaegl People #1	25 June 2015
Yaegl People #2	25 June 2015
Western Bundjalung People	29 August 2017
Yaegl People #2 Part B	31 August 2017
Western Bundjalung People Part B	27 June 2018
Bandjalang People No 3	30 April 2021

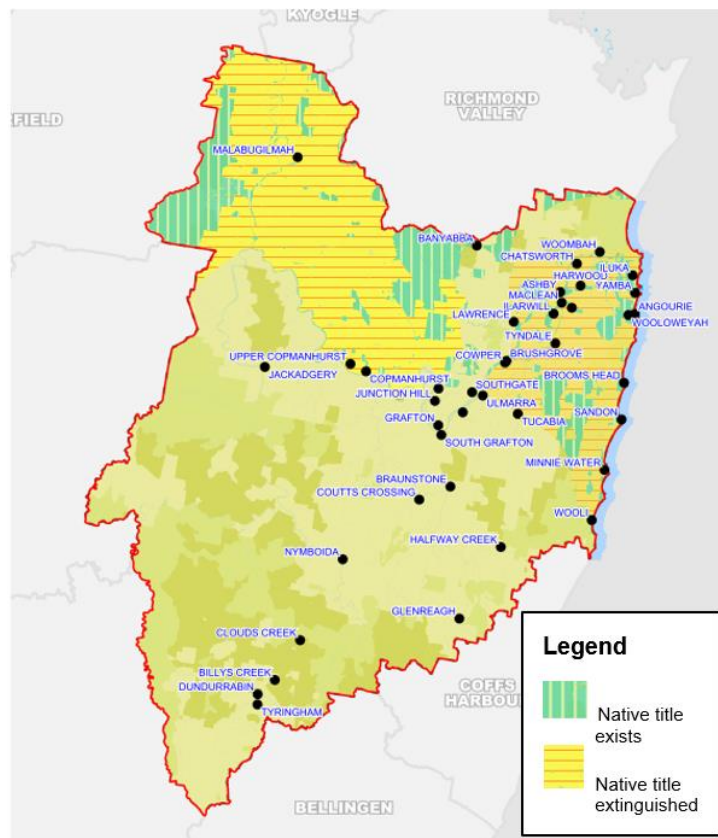


Figure 1: Extent of Clarence Valley LGA covered by a Federal Court determination of native title

In the remaining 2/3's of the LGA, until such time as a native title claim (or claims) have been lodged and determined by the Federal Court, the general rule of thumb is that native title exists until determined otherwise.

The liability to pay compensation for acts that impact or impair native title rights and interests

The NT Act establishes the right of traditional owners to seek compensation for any act that impacts or impairs their native title rights and interests. Under the NT Act the Commonwealth is liable to pay compensation for acts attributable to it, while the States and Territories are liable to pay compensation for such acts attributable to them. The NT Act also provides in some circumstances that where a law of the State or Territory provides that a person other than the Crown in any capacity is liable to pay the compensation—that person is liable to pay the compensation.

The NSW State Government has enacted several pieces of legislation passing on the compensation liability attributable to it under the NT Act onto ‘the person’ that actually engaged in the activity that impacted or impaired traditional owner rights and interests. Two of which are applicable to Council: the compulsory acquisition of easements over land or the land itself under the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* and activities associated with the care, control and management of Crown reserves under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

Under the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*, Council as an 'authority of the State' is required to comply with relevant procedures under the NT Act in regard to the valid acquisition of native rights and interests, including the payment of compensation when compulsory acquiring easements or land under the Act. For example, Council as the Local Roads Authority (under the *Roads Act 1993*) and as a Public Authority (undertaking, sewerage, water, stormwater, floodplain works, etc) is liable for compensation under the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* if Council is required to compulsory acquire an easement over the land or the land itself. This liability has existed since 1994.

Under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* Council as a ‘Crown land manager’ is also liable to pay compensation (or contribute to, or indemnify the State against, any compensation payable by the State) for the impact on or impairment of native title rights and interests caused by Council as Crown land manager of Crown reserves under its care, control and management. For example, Council issuing a lease or licence for the use of the land, or the construction of public infrastructure. This liability has existed since 1 July 2018.

Ensuring native title compensation is 'fair' and 'just'

Native title compensation is an emerging area.

The High Court handed down its historic decision on native title compensation in 'Timber Creek' [2019] HCA 7 (Timber Creek) on the 13 March 2019. This claim had been before the courts since its lodgement in 2011. Prior to this there has been only one case (in South Australia in 2013), in which native title compensation had been awarded – however, it was a confidential sum agreed between the parties in settlement of the litigation. There are currently 9 active compensation claims being considered by the Federal Court.

The High Court in handing down its compensation decision considered three matters in determining the compensation amount:

- Economic loss
- Interest, and the
- Loss of cultural connection.

[It is important to note that the High Court decision considered the compulsory acquisition and extinguishment of the claim group's non-exclusive native title rights and interests. It did not consider the context of non-exclusive native title rights and interests continuing albeit in a diminished way.]

The NT Act establishes that the determination of compensation is made by way of an application to the Federal Court. However, the NT Act also allows "*any jurisdiction of a court, person or body to hear appeals against, to review or otherwise to affect, a determination of compensation made in accordance with ...*" the Act.

In NSW, the Valuer General has developed and released a policy ([Compensation for Cultural Loss Arising from Compulsory Acquisition](#), March 2022) setting out the principles of assessing compensation for cultural loss in the context of compulsory acquisition and extinguishment of native title under the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1999*. This policy has been developed in the absence of any further legal principles being developed or determined post 'Timber Creek'. This policy also lacks consideration of where a compulsory acquisition process has been undertaken, but the process itself does not overly impact the non-exclusive native title rights and interests of the traditional owner group. (For example, the compulsory acquisition of easements over infrastructure that is located underground on which native title rights to enter on, traverse, camp, use the natural resources from, engage in cultural activities/practices, etc. are not overly impacted).

In contrast to the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*, there is no designated authority or agreed process for determining the compensation liability of Council Crown land managers under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. Council Crown land managers are left to negotiate in good faith with the relevant native title party, and their legal representative for a fair and just settlement. Considering that a Council could be accruing a compensation liability each time it issues a lease or licence for an activity, or builds a structure for the benefit of the public, a streamlined process is required.

In October 2021, Commonwealth, State and Territory ministers responsible for native title met formally to endorse, in principle, the [National Guiding Principles for Native Title Compensation Agreement Making](#) (National Guiding Principles). The National Guiding Principles have been developed as part of a coordinated cross-jurisdictional approach to native title compensation by governments. They include principles that support:

- good faith negotiations;
- consideration of the aspirations of native title parties; and
- consistency within and across jurisdictions in assessing, valuing and resolving native title compensation.

These principles also indirectly affirm that negotiated compensation agreements are required as far as is reasonably practicable to provide certainty for governments and native title parties. This would allow agreement benefits to be provided without unreasonable delay.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS**Budget/Financial**

N/A

Asset Management

Council as a Crown land manager has the care control and management of 157 Crown Reserves [including 87 Crown reserves in the Yaegl Peoples Determination Areas (#1; #2 & Part 2B); and nine Crown reserves in the Western Bundjalung Peoples Determination Areas (#1 & #2)]. In addition, Council as a Devolved Manager has the control of 38 Crown reserves [including 13 Crown reserves in the Yaegl Peoples Determination Areas (#1; #2 & Part 2B); and four Crown reserves in the Western Bundjalung Peoples Determination Areas (#1 & #2)].

Council as the Local Roads Authority owns all public roads within the local government area (other than freeways and Crown roads) (s145 *Roads Act 1993*).

Council as a public authority owns all works of water supply, sewerage and stormwater drainage installed in or on land by the council (whether or not the land is owned by the council) (s59A LG Act).

Policy and Regulation*Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)**Crown Land Management Act 2016**Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991**National Guiding Principles For Native Title Compensation Agreement Making (October 2021)**Compensation for Cultural Loss Arising from Compulsory Acquisition (March 2022)***Consultation**

Consultation has occurred between the General Manager, the Director Environment and Planning, the Manager Development and Land Use Planning and Council's Senior Strategic Planner (Public Land/Native Title).

Legal and Risk Management

Native title holders have a legal right to be compensated for certain acts that have extinguished or impaired (negatively impacted) their native title rights and interests. Compensation is supported by the NT act and under specific State legislation. In the High Court's 'Timber Creek' decision it considered acts that occurred up to 40 years previously in determining the amount of the compensation to be paid by the Northern Territory Government. Compensation can be claimed back to 31 October 1975. Council as a public authority and Crown land manager needs to ensure that any liability to pay compensation can be adequately provisioned for.

Climate Change

N/A

Local Government Areas with a Native Title Claim and/or Determination

Councils with a native title claim	Councils with a native title determination
Armidale Regional Council	Ballina Shire Council
Barcoo Shire Council	Balranald Shire Council
Bathurst Regional Council	Bellingen Shire Council
Bega Valley Shire Council	Bourke Shire Council
Blue Mountains City Council	Broken Hill City Council
Bogan Shire Council	Byron Shire Council
Bourke Shire Council	Central Darling Shire Council
Brewarrina Shire Council	Clarence Valley Council
Bulloo Shire Council	Cobar Shire Council
Campbelltown City Council	Glen Innes Severn Shire Council
Carrathool Shire Council	Kempsey Shire Council
Central Darling Shire Council	Kyogle Council
Cobar Shire Council	Lismore City Council
Coonamble Shire Council	Nambucca Valley Council
Dubbo Regional Council	Richmond Valley Council
Eurobodalla Shire Council	Tenterfield Shire Council
Gilgandra Shire Council	Tweed Shire Council
Glen Innes Severn Shire Council	Wentworth Shire Council
Gunnedah Shire Council	
Gwydir Shire Council	
Hawkesbury City Council	
Inverell Shire Council	
Lachlan Shire Council	
Lithgow City Council	
Liverpool City Council	
Liverpool Plains Shire Council	
Mid-Western Regional Council	
Moree Plains Shire Council	
Muswellbrook Shire Council	
Narrabri Shire Council	
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	
Quilpie Shire Council	
Shellharbour City Council	
Shoalhaven City Council	
Singleton Council	
Snowy Monaro Regional Council	
Sutherland Shire Council	
Tamworth Regional Council	
The Council of The Municipality of Kiama	
Upper Hunter Shire Council	
Uralla Shire Council	
Walcha Council	
Walgett Shire Council	
Warren Shire Council	
Warrumbungle Shire Council	
Wingecarribee Shire Council	
Wollondilly Shire Council	
Wollongong City Council	

ITEM 07.23.092 CALL TO PHASE OUT NATIVE FOREST LOGGING ON PUBLIC LAND - MOTION FROM BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Environment & Planning	
Prepared by	Natural Resource Management & Projects Coordinator, Reece Luxton	
Reviewed by	Director Environment & Planning, Adam Cameron	
Attachments	A. Biodiversity Advisory Committee - minutes of meeting #4 - 2 February 2023 ↓ B. correspondence - Clarence Environment Centre - call for end to native forest logging 20 August 2022 ↓	

SUMMARY

The issue of native forest logging on public land has been discussed at several meetings of the Biodiversity Advisory Committee (BAC), calling for phasing out logging of public native forests and to transition to sustainable plantation timber harvesting. Eurobodalla Shire Council, Bellingen Shire Council and Mid Coast Council have recently adopted resolutions to the same effect. At the fourth meeting of the BAC, a recommendation was adopted (refer to Attachment A). Council staff have now considered the recommendation and propose an Officer's Recommendation for Council's consideration.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. make a submission to the NSW Government Ministers, and relevant Shadow Ministers, responsible for forestry activities, biodiversity, tourism, finance, employment, climate mitigation and water management to requesting:
 - a. urgent development of a plan for the just transition of the native forest timber industry operating in state-owned forests, to an ecologically sustainable plantation base; and
 - b. enactment of the plan to manage our State Forests, in partnership with all North Coast communities and local councils, for their nature-based tourism assets, recreational opportunities, biodiversity values and for carbon sequestration;
2. seeks advice from Local Government NSW on the status of their advocacy following adoption of Motion 100 moved by Shoalhaven City Council at the November 2022 Local Government NSW Conference, "That Local Government NSW advocates for the ending of logging in NSW (public) Native Forests"; and
3. in making the above resolutions, notes the following:
 - a. the growing evidence that native forest logging by Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) in our State Forests is both economically and environmentally unsustainable;
 - b. that logging in our State Forests is incompatible with our region's investment in nature-based tourism enterprises, climate change mitigation (including Australia's international commitments to emissions reduction), the CVC's Biodiversity Management Strategy's aim to protect biodiversity, and the CVC's responsibility to provide quality drinking water to its residents;
 - c. that Eurobodalla, Bellingen and Mid Coast Councils have passed motions asking the NSW government to phase out logging in state forests in their respective shires;
 - d. that both the Western Australian and Victorian State Governments have announced such transitions and have provided end dates for native forest logging;
 - e. that the North East Forest Alliance, the North Coast Environment Council, the NSW Nature Conservation Council, the National Parks Association, the Clarence Environment Centre, and other NGO's, have long advocated for an end to logging in publicly owned State Forests and the creation of the Great Koala National Park;
 - f. the serious threats posed by climate change, and the urgent need for carbon sequestration, and to protect threatened species habitat; and
 - g. the supporting notes provided with the Biodiversity Advisory Committee's recommendation.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Environment

Objective We will preserve and enhance our natural environment

KEY ISSUES

The full BAC recommendation including supporting notes, is provided in the Background section of this report. The intent of the recommendation is clear and the justification is not repeated here in the Key Issues section.

Maintaining biodiversity is crucial for our own survival, a fact highlighted in Council's own *Biodiversity Strategy 2020-2025* which opens in the Foreword with the simple sentence: "*Human impact on the natural environment is having detrimental effects worldwide, with the decline of plants, animals and even insects at unprecedented levels*". Council should note that the Biodiversity Strategy aims to make a difference by recognising the number one threat to biodiversity is loss of vegetation and fragmentation of habitat.

Changes to the *Integrated Forests Operations* approval in 2017 are also likely to have contributed to water pollution through changes to forestry practices, including:

- reduction of buffer widths along all gullies/creeks/rivers, to as little as 5 metres on 1st order streams;
- a significant increase in logging intensity;
- significantly increased soil disturbance through use of industrial scale logging machinery that has been introduced in recent decades.

Extensive bushfire damage, in particular the 2019/20 fires across the catchment, has compounded these adverse effects.

The Officers Recommendation proposes a change in the ordering and wording of the BAC recommendation in an effort to ensure key action items are prioritised while retaining the overall intent.

BACKGROUND

Council received correspondence from the Clarence Environment Centre in August 2022 (refer to Attachment B) to seek assistance with the call to phase out native forest logging. It was determined that the Biodiversity Advisory Committee (BAC) should discuss the matter and make recommendations to Council.

The BAC's third meeting on 11 October 2022 considered the Environment Centre's correspondence and subsequently recommended *'that Council consider the recent notice of motion by Bellingen Shire Council for phasing out native forest logging'*. The Bellingen Shire Council motion was subsequently circulated to members with the minutes as a draft motion, with the motion redrafted and considered at the BAC's fourth meeting held on 2 February 2023 (refer to minutes at Attachment A).

At the BAC's February 2023 meeting, the Committee supported the following motion, based on a Draft motion that was circulated with the agenda for the February 2023 meeting:

Motion: That the Committee endorse the draft stop logging public native forests motion with removal of supporting note 3.

Consequently, the full wording of the draft motion that the BAC has endorsed is as follows:

That Council:

- 1. Notes the growing evidence that native forest logging by Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) in our State Forests is both economically and environmentally unsustainable;*
- 2. Notes that logging in our State Forests is incompatible with a. our region's investment in nature-based tourism enterprises, b. climate change mitigation, and Australia's international commitments to emissions reduction, c. the CVC's Biodiversity Management Strategy's aim to protect biodiversity. d. the CVC's responsibility to provide quality drinking water to its residents.*
- 3. Advocates to the NSW State government for the urgent development of a plan for the just transition of the native forest timber industry, operating in state-owned forests, to an ecologically sustainable plantation base.*

4. Notes that both the Western Australian and Victorian State Governments have announced such transitions and have provided end dates for native forest logging.
5. Notes the Shoalhaven Council's motion, to which CVC's Deputy Mayor spoke in support, that was passed at the Local Government NSW Conference in November, Motion 100 - Shoalhaven City Council - Logging in NSW native forests - "That Local Government NSW advocates for the ending of logging in NSW (public) Native Forests".
6. Notes also that Eurobodalla and Bellingen Shire Councils have already passed motions asking the state government to phase out logging in state forests in their respective shires.
7. Acknowledges the calls from the North East Forest Alliance, the North Coast Environment Council, the NSW Nature Conservation Council, the National Parks Association, the Clarence Environment Centre, and other NGO's, that have long advocated for an end to logging in publicly owned State Forests, and the creation of the Great Koala National Park.
8. Acknowledge the serious threats posed by climate change, and the urgent need for carbon sequestration, and to protect threatened species habitat.
9. Advocate that the NSW State government enact plans to manage our State Forests, in partnership with all north coast communities and local councils, for their nature-based tourism assets, recreational opportunities, biodiversity values and for carbon sequestration.
10. Write to the NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet, the Minister for Agriculture Dugald Saunders, and the shareholder Ministers for FCNSW the Treasurer and Minister for Energy Matt Kean, and the Minister for Finance and Employee Relations Damien Tudehope, along with the relevant Shadow Ministers, in accordance with item 3.

Supporting notes:

1. Acknowledge the evidence provided Australian National University researchers (Lindenmayer et al) showing that logging of native forests makes them more flammable (<https://baysidebush.org.au/system/files/articles/2020%20Recent%20Australian%20wildfires%20made%20worse%20by%20logging%20and%20associated%20forest%20management%20-NatureEcolEvol.pdf>)
2. Acknowledge the findings by the University of Newcastle that the creation of the Great Koala National Park would generate more than 9,800 extra full-time equivalent jobs across tourism, infrastructure, and science and education, and inject \$330 million in additional wages into the region, over the next 15 years. (www.hrf.com.au/gknp)
3. [Left intentionally blank as this note was not endorsed by the BAC]
4. Acknowledge the NSW Auditor General's performance audit finding, May 2011, that native forest operations were unsustainable, essentially finding that trees were being cut down faster than they were growing back, with then Forests NSW introducing its "net harvest area modifier project" and setting up a "Private Property Timber Supplementation business unit", to access private property timber resource to meet contract quotas. (https://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/439420/Performanceaudit-on-sustaining-native-forests-and-hardwood-plantations.pdf)
5. Acknowledge also the ongoing losses in Forestry Corporations native forest logging division, \$79m over the 7 years to 2015, while its plantation division made over \$300m. (<https://australiainstitute.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/P209-Money-doesnt-grow-ontrees-NSW-Forestry-Final-Final.pdf>)
6. Acknowledge the findings of the Australian State of the Environment Report 2021 that found "Our biodiversity is declining, and the number of threatened species is increasing". Also noting the role of Local Government in addressing the decline of threatened species including as Koalas, Glossy Black Cockatoos, Greater Glider, Yellow Belly Glider and Spotted Quoll which are found in the forests contained within the Clarence Valley LGA including its obligations under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and the Federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. (<https://soe.dcceew.gov.au/biodiversity/key-findings>)
7. Acknowledge the NSW Government's Natural Resources Commission's report. "Insights for NSW forest outcomes and management" - November 2022, predicting the business-as usual management of state forests would lead to "sub-optimal outcomes at best, or ecosystem and industry collapse under worst case scenario". <https://www.nrc.nsw.gov.au/news/62-insights-report>.
NRC's Key findings included:

- A detailed account of carbon stored in all NSW forests 1990 to the end of 2020 found that these forests are at risk of becoming net carbon emitters.
- Only 10 percent of forested vegetation in the NSW RFA areas are currently within their recommended fire frequency thresholds, with large areas at risk of a decline in plant biodiversity due to increased fire frequency.
- Catchment water flows have been declining in forested areas over the last 30 years, especially on the south coast of NSW. Almost half of the 90 catchments analysed showed statistically significant decreases in stream flows in this period.
- Total hardwood supply in the Coastal IFOA region declined between 2003-19 for both high and low-quality logs, with additional significant short-term reductions in hardwood supply and projected sustainable timber yields following the 2019-20 wildfires, particularly on the south coast.

8. Acknowledge the report given by CVC's Water Cycle Manager to the November meeting of the Water Efficiency Advisory Committee stating that turbidity levels in the Nymboida River have been steadily rising in recent years.

9. Finally, accepting all the threats that modern forestry poses to biodiversity, we should acknowledge "Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2010 –2030" - 1.1 Mainstreaming Biodiversity - Industries that have direct impacts (both positive and negative) on biodiversity (e.g., forestry) need to incorporate consideration of biodiversity into their decision-making processes, management activities and reporting.

https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0021/213717/BackgroundDocuments-Commonwealth-Biodiversity-Conservation-Strategy-2010.pdf

That document opens with: "It is worth remembering that our survival is critically dependent on looking after our natural environments and their biodiversity", pointing out that: "This web of life represents our store of natural capital and from it we get the things we take for granted each day: the clean air we breathe, the fresh water we drink and the variety of foods and fibres that we consume."

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

Actions recommended in the Officers Recommendation can be accommodated within existing Council budgetary resources.

Asset Management

N/A

Policy and Regulation

Council does not currently have a policy position relating directly to this matter. The CVC *Biodiversity Strategy 2020-2025* – contains priority actions for Council to work towards the following:

- a. an overall net gain in vegetation,
- b. an emphasis on connectivity,
- c. adequate design for development of land within remnant vegetation that protects and maintains a significant portion of that site,
- d. provision for the protection of endangered ecological communities and vegetated corridors that seek protection of native habitat and achieve net vegetation gain.

Consultation

Consultation has occurred directly with Clarence Environment Centre as initial proponents of the motion, as well as members of the Biodiversity Advisory Committee providing points of view through BAC conversations. No consultation has been made with Forest Corporation of NSW, the timber harvesting industry, or the wider Clarence Valley community.

Legal and Risk Management

The recommendation is seeking an improved land management outcome that is complementary to outcomes the Council's Biodiversity Strategy is seeking, as well as reducing risks to the quality of water extracted from the Nymboida River system for drinking water.

Climate Change

The world has been experiencing an increase in climate driven natural disasters that in conjunction with other impacts, are putting at risk the natural life support systems of the planet. The millennium drought (1999-2009), SE Australian drought (2014-2020), the catastrophic bushfires of 2019-20; and numerous serious flood and storm events have had an increasing impact on our biodiversity and in particular the habitats of our unique forest systems. Ceasing forestry operations in public native forests would remove one additional threat to the biodiversity support and climate mitigation role that such forests perform.



Clarence Valley Biodiversity Advisory Committee - Meeting #4 Minutes

9:30 am Thursday 2nd February 2023

CVC Council Chambers - 2 Prince Street Grafton

Present: Cr Greg Clancy (Chair), Cr Peter Johnstone, John Edwards, Laura Noble, Barbara Linley, Peter Lake, Krister Waern, Linda Wright, Adrian Deville, Phil Redpath, Reece Luxton (CVC Staff)

Apologies: Nigel Blake, Joanne Cunningham, Scott Lenton, Erin Brady (CVC Staff)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Responsible person & deadline</i>
1. Meeting opening – 9:35am Cr Greg Clancy as Chair opened the meeting and welcomed guest	Acknowledgement of Country Guest speaker - Devin Simpson – Manager Civil Services CVC – discussion on Roadside Vegetation Management Plan and impact on biodiversity	Cr Greg Clancy
2. Minutes of meeting #3 held 11 October 2022	Moved: John Edwards; seconded: Barbara Linley – all in favour - carried	* Acknowledge meeting scheduled 8 December 2022 did not proceed due to lack of quorum



<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Responsible person & deadline</i>
<p>3. Matters arising from previous meeting</p>	<p>1. Roadside vegetation management plan (RVMP) – Devin Simpson Background – maintained road network in Canada; started with CVC as Works Coordinator, went to TfNSW now Manager CS – was disappointed with current procedures, limited controls – developed RVMP to provide baseline support. Purpose – establish management zones – identified through range of GIS overlays - permitted activities noted for red/amber/green zones emphasising high conservation value vegetation with clearing allowances. Delivered through field Guide for staff. RVMP in draft form then Devin left role – now back and focus on implementing. Willing to share document with BAC for comment. LW – when will it roll out? This financial year – inductions and training PR – red zones – there should be a requirement for Council staff to report illegal clearing along fence lines – incorporate mandatory reporting? KW – roadside vegetation clearing – confirm that it is Council responsibility not LLS LW – issue in Lawrence – suggest letter to landholders advising responsibility near roadsides – whole of Council area? GC – issue of hazard reduction burns – existing plans used? Yes – eg considered CV Bush Fire Risk Management Plan, Nymboida RVMP</p>	<p>Ensure remain on agenda until dealt with (LN)</p> <p>To note – further advise required.</p> <p>Action – RL – feasibility of letter to landholders</p>



Item	Discussion	Responsible person & deadline
	<p>LN – compliment Tree Register/Significant Assets Register? There is limited information and maps relating to this so this will help</p> <p>KW – does it include all roads? No, only those on Transportation Asset Register</p> <p>PR – does Forestry have rights over timber on all roads?</p> <p>GC – need to ensure sections of the floodplain are included as high conservation value vegetation</p> <p>Devin concluded his presentation by offering to have the RVMP sent out to BAC members for comment – acknowledge feedback on the plan and that it will be a dynamic plan</p> <p>2. Policies – update on policy reviews – sent out to members for further comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Tree Management policy</i> – note comments sent with agenda; responses acknowledged from Council staff - <i>Beach Access policy</i> – NPWS staff unable to attend meeting, but address importance of shorebirds to be included in the plan as per previous comments <p>3. Koala management actions – RL updated BAC on upcoming projects relating to koala management – Koala habitat mapping project - development of detailed koala habitat maps in high priority areas which will result in a strategic koala conservation planning</p>	<p>To note – further advise required.</p> <p>Action – RL – send RVMP out to BAC members for comment</p> <p>Comments document adopted by BAC</p> <p>Comments document adopted by BAC</p>



<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Responsible person & deadline</i>
	instrument. BAC provided with Clarence Koala Food Tree list for consideration. Discussion on tallowwood being used as PKFT? JE confirmed scats in Tullymorgan area suggested as such. Also, a koala vehicle strike project to raise community awareness by creating 'Koala Zones' using pavement treatment and installation of Variable Message Sign (VMS) trailers. This will be to encourage drivers to slow down at key vehicle strike 'blackspots' and to create a procedure for project partners (WIRES) to assist with signage installation.	Action – RL to send out KFT list to BAC members for comment by 6/2/2023 Note additional species to be included – <i>Corymbia henryi</i> , <i>Casuarina/Melaleuca</i> ?
4. Item 1 – native forest logging in Clarence Valley	Follow up discussion based on redrafted motion forwarded with agenda Discussion on additional information from NRC and other Council's resolutions. Refer to supporting notes 3. – Cr Johnstone opposed to paragraph, suggesting professional roles may push out volunteer base and continued impact. JE countered those jobs to be created through various sources. PL suggested professional vs volunteers aren't mutually exclusive – there is ongoing need for staff – intent towards rapid response through professional measures. Employment suggested through move from native timber to plantation forest.	Note – previous motion revised for Council staff to review and present to Council Motion: That the Committee endorse the <i>draft stop logging public native forests</i> motion with removal of supporting notes 3. Moved: John Edwards; seconded: Barbara Linley – Carried.
5. Item 2 – Outcomes from 2022 Local Government NSW Conference	Noted as per attachments provided with agenda – Cr Greg Clancy identified the significant outcomes from motions adopted, particularly where it will tighten up Councils ability to protect the environment.	



Item	Discussion	Responsible person & deadline
Morning tea – 11:10 to 11:25am		
6. Update – CV Plant Id website project	<p>Erin Brady – Project Officer for project – apology for meeting but sent through update presented by RL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - website developer is on board to build the website – Adam Woodleigh, Yamba - Troy Brown, Wooloweyah is compiling a large excel spreadsheet of native plants in the Clarence Valley including a number of key categories that users will be able to use to search for plants. - Website development plan: Upload 100 plants to the website and test searchability. March: Finalise list of plants to be uploaded Write website copy - Source photos of plants April: Create PDF booklet – a planting guide to promote biodiversity in the Clarence Valley. Working with planners on making this a resource, not only for Clarence Valley residents, but as a guide for new developments/builds. May: Final work on website and planting guide. June: Deliver website - not all native plants in the Clarence Valley on the website. However looking to build in an interactive /citizen science feature where people can upload plants to be included. Content would need to be approved. Would like some feedback on this. 	<p>Ideas to name website – recommend CV native flora site</p> <p>See JE for photos of native plants – happy to contribute to project</p>
7. General business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Illegal land clearing – items raised at last meeting – Tullymorgan Road – reported to EnviroLine, although process clouded on who’s responsible; many delays in getting through to right section (BCD Compliance section). Identified many exempt activities, plus significant resourcing limitations – legislation needs to 	



<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Responsible person & deadline</i>
	<p>change. Outcome desired was for an agency to directly contact the landholders concerned to see if aware of clearing provisions. Need to increase awareness in the community that illegal clearing needs reporting. In regards to Council – fines don't cover enforcement action. Concern regarding the boundary clearing code under RFS Act – 25 m is far too much. Road reserve belongs to public – need to ensure compliance actions. Ensure contact made to mitigate further detrimental actions.</p> <p>2. Council's offset requirements – query relating to types of plant species recommended for planting when clearing approved as part of planning assessment process. When conditioned in approval – how is it checked up on? Discussion whether checks prior to DA; issue with zoning prior to DA. Not worth offsets in particular situations – eg one acre blocks in Clarenza?</p> <p>3. 30/30 targets and wildlife protection areas – provided as late agenda item – Cr Clancy to seek further advice required on this item and to be referred to next meeting</p>	<p>Note – addressed through motion to Local Govt Conference</p> <p>Action – develop position to deal with clearing complaints</p> <p>Action – JE to look at CVC Biodiversity Offset policy and BIFA</p>
8. Action List	<p>Action list to be noted</p> <p>Agenda items for next meeting to be forwarded up to 7 days before next meeting</p>	<p>Reece – with minutes of meeting</p>



<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Responsible person & deadline</i>
10. Meeting closed – 12:50pm	Next meeting – 5 th April 2023 – Clarence ELF, Armidale Road Elland (South Grafton)	Discussion on whether to hold monthly? Refer to sub-committees in between quarterly meetings

Minutes confirmed by Chair Cr Greg Clancy

Signature 

Date 17/2/2023

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Date: 20th August 2022

Dear General Manager, and Councillors,
Clarence Valley Council
Grafton

Dear General Manager and Councillors

Call for an end to native forest logging in the Clarence Valley

Eurobodalla Shire Council has just passed motions supporting the end of public native forest logging in its region, noting that, *“logging is incompatible with nature-based tourism enterprises, climate change mitigation and the protection of biodiversity”*.

This comes at a time when Forestry Corporation has been heavily fined for illegal logging activities in our own area at Wild Cattle Creek, and is currently under investigation over more allegations of illegal logging activity in Ellis and Bagwa State Forests. All of these forests lie in the catchment areas of rivers that flow into the Clarence, and whose water quality has worsened considerably in recent years, including the region’s drinking water.

Therefore, modern industrial style logging, which is notorious for its excessive soil disturbance and contribution to river pollution, is also incompatible with the need to provide clean drinking water in this LGA, along with all those other incompatible matters cited by Eurobodalla Council.

That Council also moved to seek support advocacy via this year’s Local Government NSW conference, for *“a just transition away from native forest logging into plantations”*,

It should be noted that all the above-named forests suffered greatly during the 2019-20 summer bushfires, which also decimated fauna populations across the board, requiring many decades to recover. As well, Forestry Corporation’s logging of state forests in NSW has cost taxpayers many tens of millions of dollars to cover losses over the past 20 years, to a point where native forest logging makes no environmental or economic sense at all!

Therefore, the Clarence Environment Centre formally requests that, Clarence Valley Council gives support to Eurobodalla Shire Council at the up-coming Local Government Conference, and likewise consider passing its own motion seeking an end to native forest logging in this LGA, particularly in those forests lying within the regional water supply catchment.

Yours sincerely

John Edwards (Honorary Secretary)

ITEM 07.23.093 REQUEST FOR ECOLOGIST POSITION IN COUNCIL - MOTION FROM BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Environment & Planning	
Prepared by	Natural Resource Management & Projects Coordinator, Reece Luxton	
Reviewed by	Director Environment & Planning, Adam Cameron	
Attachments	A. Biodiversity Advisory Committee #5 - minutes of meeting - 5 April 2023 ↓	

SUMMARY

At the fifth meeting of the Biodiversity Advisory Committee (BAC), the recommendation for employment of an ecologist by Council was discussed. The Committee is concerned that there are inadequate staff resources with attention of focus on ecological matters within Council. This view is also subject to discussions within the Natural Resource Management team with their Service Review (in process).

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the recommendation from the Biodiversity Advisory Committee for a qualified ecologist to be added to the Council's organisation structure.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Environment

Objective We will preserve and enhance our natural environment

KEY ISSUES

The concept of an ecologist role being included in Council's organisational structure is not new, with an ecologist employed by Council as recently as 2016. Recent Council initiatives, such as the draft *Green Infrastructure Strategy* and the internal *Environmental Management Audit 2022*, have again provided some attention to the need for ecological expertise to inform Council's operations.

Existing 'environmental' positions in Council do not adequately cover the scope of works that are provided by a specialist qualified ecologist. A number of staff across Council in various teams offer some input to ecological and environmental monitoring considerations, however they are not fully dedicated to that function.

The Biodiversity Advisory Committee (BAC) is specifically seeking a qualified ecologist to assist in the assessment of new development proposals and compliance of unauthorised vegetation removal, which the BAC believes is currently lacking.

There are a broad range of environmental matters under Council's responsibility that having an ecologist on staff may assist with, however it is not as simple as employing an ecologist. Further analysis is required to determine the best model for undertaking ecological-type functions across a range of activities, both regarding Council's on-ground civil works, assessment and monitoring of private development proposals, as well as implementation of Council's *Biodiversity Strategy 2020-2025*.

Employment of an ecologist is not likely to be the single fix required to properly address these requirements. More work is required to determine how ecological and environmental assessment and monitoring responsibilities are resourced. Work associated with development of an Environmental Management System as well as completion of the Environmental Audit and Compliance Strategy in the next financial year will contribute to resolution of this proposition.

BACKGROUND

An incident which sparked the interest from the BAC was the clearing of roadside vegetation and subsequent spraying of regrowth on a Council road reserve. In discussion with the BAC, it was determined that Council had a significant role to play with the compliance aspect. Council had investigated and identified limited scope for action, given the limitations of both legislative compliance opportunities as well as staffing resources in this space.

Due to concern about limited regulatory action in this area, and the BAC view that environmental law needs to be same as criminal law, the BAC has endorsed a recommendation for employment of an ecologist at Council. The full recommendation from the April 2023 meeting of the BAC is as follows:

That BAC to recommend Council employ a qualified ecologist responsible for advice on Development Assessments and investigation of vegetation clearing complaints.

Council removed a position of Environmental Officer (Ecology) from the organisational structure in 2016. This followed the identification of the NRM service as a 'discretionary service' during an organisation review in 2015.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

Council on occasions does procure ecological services from professional services contractors. An ecologist position is not in the current organisational structure and is therefore unfunded. It is acknowledged that employment of additional environmental resources like an ecologist at Council may offset some of the costs from the procurement of professional environmental services.

Asset Management

N/APolicy and Regulation

Section 223 of the Local Government Act specifies the role of the governing body.
Section 335 of the Local Government Act specifies the functions of the General Manager
CVC Biodiversity Strategy 2020-2025
Biodiversity Offsets Policy
Tree Management Policy
Community Strategic Plan - *The Clarence 2032*
Green Infrastructure Strategy (draft/in prep)

Consultation

Consultation has occurred directly with Biodiversity Advisory Committee as initial proponents of the motion. Informal discussion has occurred with staff in other sections of Council. A more thorough internal staff consultation process is appropriate to optimise the opportunity that this consideration provides.

Legal and Risk Management

Availability of ecological expertise and skills on staff may reduce a range of risks by improving access to reliable and timely information to promote better decisions around environmental management by Council. A specialist ecologist is likely to be part of this risk mitigation.

Climate Change

The effects of climate change are influencing a range of changes to our environment and a review of how we best addressed these through staff resourcing is warranted.



Clarence Valley Biodiversity Advisory Committee - Meeting #5 Minutes

9:30 am Wednesday 5th April 2023

Clarence Environment Learning Facility – Armidale Road

Present: Cr Greg Clancy (Alt), Cr Peter Johnstone (Chair), John Edwards, Laura Noble, Barbara Linley, Peter Lake, Linda Wright, Adrian Deville, Phil Redpath, Reece Luxton, Heather Mitchell. Pat Edwards (guest) Leonie Blane (Guest)

Apologies: Nigel Blake, Krister Waern, Joanne Cunningham, Scott Lenton, Erin Brady

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Responsible person & deadline</i>
1. Meeting opening – 9:30am Cr Peter Johnstone (Chair) opened the meeting and welcomed guests	Acknowledgement of Country Resignation received from member Joanne Cunningham – accepted by BAC. Advice from Governance section suggests the committee can still function with the current membership. Should there be more resignations then undertake EOI and further seek endorsement from Council.	Cr Peter Johnstone Motion: That a letter of thanks be sent to Joanne Cunningham and BAC to continue with current membership. Moved: PR 2 nd : BL – carried.
2. Minutes of meeting #4 held 2 February 2023	Moved: Phil Redpath; seconded: Barbara Linley – all in favour - carried	



<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Responsible person & deadline</i>
<p>3. Matters arising from previous meeting</p>	<p>1. Roadside vegetation management plan (RVMP) – update from previous meeting</p> <p>2. Animal Control Strategy – cat management (BL) – BL gave out the flyer from the Lions Group – ‘care for your cat’ – individuals putting them in letterboxes and also conducting a survey as cats are the only allowable roaming domestic animal. Issues regarding roaming and native wildlife.</p> <p>Animal Control Strategy (CVC) is to be developed by an external consultant. Scope has been developed and a request for tenders has been sent out. Umbrella document overarching the keeping of animal policy and procedures that the regulatory services staff implement.</p> <p>GC – upcoming council workshop in May to include ‘keeping of animals’. Post workshop will be able to define what we can and can’t do under the <i>Companion Animals Act</i>, and what lands can Council act on (wildlife protection zones).</p> <p>LN - motion to send to council to consider during Councillor workshop with content on ‘what council should do with cats’ = provided by Barbara Linley – as per PDF - cat control motion 1 and 2.</p> <p>3. Report – Tullymorgan Road – illegal clearing (JE)</p>	<p>Noted – no further action</p> <p>Cat controls letter</p> <p>Motion from Barbara Linley considered and recommend put to Councillors workshop to be held 2 May</p> <p>RL to follow up on progress of actions from LGNSW Annual Conference – range of motions with LGNSW</p> <p>To note – further advice required.</p>



<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Responsible person & deadline</i>
	<p>JE – someone now spraying regrowth on Council side of fence. In a rural landscape, best recourse is Enviroline – NSW BCD has the compliance aspect. Council has investigated and identified limited scope for action, nothing in legislation allowing on the spot fines. Went to LGNSW Conference to follow up on changing legislation to allow an increase in fines and on the spot fines.</p> <p>Discussion regarding clear pathway for illegal clearing – JE call has been forwarded to EPA as timber on the ground was thought to be PNF.</p> <p>AD - Vegetation that has been picked up in the RVMP as important, adjacent landholders to be sent a letter (as opposed to the rates notice which is going online)</p> <p>PR – concern about limited regulatory action in this area – environmental law needs to be same as criminal law.</p> <p>4. Report – Offsets (JE) – as per tabled document with meeting papers.</p> <p>5. Update – 30/30 and wildlife protection areas (GC) Deferred to next meeting.</p> <p>6. Request to support end to native forest logging – Council meeting to note report.</p>	<p>Motion: That BAC to recommend Council employ a qualified ecologist responsible for advice on Development Assessments and investigation of vegetation clearing complaints –</p> <p>Moved: JE Sec: PR – carried.</p> <p>Report noted – consider Biodiversity Offset Policy to be reviewed next meeting</p> <p>Action – next meeting</p> <p>Noted.</p>



<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Responsible person & deadline</i>
<p>4. Item 1 – misuse of CVC land</p> <p>- notification in rates notice (refer draft motion in attachments)</p>	<p>Identify how unauthorised clearing on council land inc. road reserves can be prevented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion from Laura - attachments - Request from Linda – email <p>RL – contacted CVC comms team –looking at community engagement tools such as IAP2 – develops and suggests a range of different actions to take. Suggest development of subcommittee</p>	<p><i>Action:</i> Subcommittee to develop messages to get out to community with appropriate tools – RL/BL and others interested</p>
<p>5. Item 2 – Update on Council Actions</p> <p>- biodiversity projects – koala/flying fox</p> <p>- CV Plant Id website project</p>	<p>Information update from NRM staff</p> <p>Reece/Heather – koala projects</p> <p>Heather – LGNSW Susan Island Restoration Flying-fox</p> <p>Plant ID - Erin Brady – Project Officer for project – refining list of 350 plants to launch the website – for regeneration and backyard garden projects, with list growing with more data added through time. Also will include a citizen science page on Clarence Conversations too.</p>	
Morning tea – 11:00 to 11:15am		
<p>6. Item 3 – draft CVC strategy – Green Infrastructure</p>	<p>RL presented information provided by Murray Lane – GI Strategy on exhibition for comment until 21st April. Committee members encouraged to review individually, as BAC will not have reconvened for next meeting before the end of the exhibition period.</p>	<p>Jasmine Oakes and Murray Lane – apologies for meeting and provided draft notes</p>



<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Responsible person & deadline</i>
7. General business	1. BL – Beach Policy – current status 2. LN – Significant Tree Register – possibility of mapping these trees – if opportunity to fund arises, this action is on the list to enact.	RL to find out where the Beach Policy is up to
8. Action List	Action list to be noted Agenda items for next meeting to be forwarded up to 7 days before next meeting	Reece – with minutes of meeting
10. Meeting closed – 12:05pm	Next meeting – 14 June 2023 – CVC Council chambers, Grafton	

Minutes confirmed by Cr Greg Clancy

Signature 

Date 5 May 2023

END

ITEM 07.23.094 GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Environment & Planning	
Prepared by	Strategic Planner, Jasmine Oakes	
Reviewed by	Director Environment & Planning, Adam Cameron	
Attachments	A. Final Clarence Valley Green Infrastructure Strategy (Separate Cover) ⇒ B. Full Submissions - Green Infrastructure Strategy (Separate Cover) ⇒ C. Submissions Analysis - Green Infrastructure Strategy (Separate Cover) ⇒	

SUMMARY

This report recommends that Council adopt the Clarence Valley Green Infrastructure Strategy (the Strategy). The Strategy has been amended in response to public feedback and the seven (7) submissions received during the public exhibition of the draft Strategy between 3 March and 30 April 2023.

This Strategy will assist Council to improve environmental, landscape and open space outcomes within our existing urban areas and future development areas. It will inform decision making for land use planning, development applications and resource allocation over the next 20 years.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. adopt the Clarence Valley Green Infrastructure Strategy – June 2023 (Attachment A);
2. delegate authority to the General Manager to make minor amendments to the Green Infrastructure Strategy for publishing purposes.
3. note the seven (7) submissions received and the resulting improvements made to the Strategy, and thank those that took time to make a submission.
4. issue the Clarence Valley Green Infrastructure Strategy – June 2022 to the Department of Planning and Environment for endorsement and publish on Council's website and the NSW Government Planning Portal.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Environment

Objective We will foster a balance between sustainable development and the environment considering climate change impacts

KEY ISSUESFinal Green Infrastructure Strategy

The Green Infrastructure Strategy (**Attachment A**) provides direction to decision makers regarding the design and maintenance of development and public works in the Clarence Valley. This includes our network of green spaces, natural systems and semi-natural systems and includes waterways, bushland, tree canopy and green ground cover, along with parks and open spaces and active transport links that are strategically planned, designed and managed to support a good quality of life in our urban environments. The final Strategy has been updated in response to submissions received to provide clearer direction to ensure better outcomes and ensure that proposed future actions are implemented as intended.

Community engagement and submissions analysis

At the 28 February 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting it was resolved ([Item 07.23.008](#)) to place the draft Green Infrastructure Strategy on public exhibition for a minimum of six (6) weeks between Friday 3 March and Friday 21 April 2023. This timeframe was extended to Monday 1 May 2023 to accommodate a submission from the Clarence Valley Conservation Coalition.

Seven (7) submissions (including 2 separate submissions from the one submitter) were received which broadly supported the rationale for the Strategy and to achieve the overarching policy objectives. Submissions also recommended changes and improvements. A complete set of the redacted submissions is

included in **Attachment B**. A submissions analysis is included in **Attachment C** which summarises feedback and recommended changes in response to these submissions.

A common theme from community feedback was that the draft Strategy was not clear enough on whether it included existing urban areas, given that is where many impacts and opportunities exist. Consequently, the Strategy has been amended to make it clear that there is a focus on existing urban areas where appropriate.

Summary of key amendments to the draft Strategy in response to feedback

- Inclusions and rewording throughout the Strategy to ensure green infrastructure elements are considered in existing urban areas as well as new development areas, including the following actions:
 - *Section 3.2 Priority Areas* – Priority Area 2
 - *Quick Wins* – Priority Area 1, Priority Area 3.
- Inclusion of *Table 1 Current Council strategies related to green infrastructure and their status* - to explain the relationship between the Green Infrastructure Strategy and other existing Strategies that also guide Council in the management of green infrastructure.
- Addition to *Green Infrastructure is a major contributor to our community wellbeing* – stating that green infrastructure also supports active lifestyles and helps improve overall health, including reducing rates of obesity.
- Addition to *Framework for valuing green infrastructure* – noting that valuation of green assets should not solely be based on financial criteria.
- Rewording of Action 4 of *Table 3 Biodiversity and sensitive urban design outcomes* section to be clearer – Review and audit the implementation of Council’s existing Biodiversity Offset Scheme.

BACKGROUND

The Green Infrastructure Strategy is a planned strategy that is identified as action 9.3: *“Investigate opportunities for the provision of ‘green infrastructure’ through land use decision making, design, and operation of council assets, as well as its integration with recreation and open space planning”* in our Local Strategic Planning Statement and has been included in Council’s 2022 - 2023 Operation Plan: *“Prepare a strategy to review the green infrastructure outcomes for development.”*

The Strategy will form part of an overall growth management strategy for the Clarence Valley, which is consistent with our Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program. The Strategy will form part of our local growth management strategy along side the Employment Lands Strategy (June 2022), Rural Lands Strategy (June 2022) and Housing Strategy (currently being developed) to inform decision making for land use planning, development applications and resource allocation over the next 20 years.

Importance of Green infrastructure in the Clarence Valley

Green Infrastructure is the network of green spaces, natural systems and semi-natural systems that support sustainable resilient communities and includes waterways, bushland, tree canopy and green ground cover, along with parks and open spaces and active transport links that are strategically planned, designed and managed to support a good quality of life in our urban environments. While the majority of our local government area is covered by national parks and rural areas, the focus of this strategy is on improving ‘green infrastructure’ outcomes in both new and existing development areas.

Green infrastructure is essential infrastructure and should be accounted for in asset management plans and considered an asset in its own right. Better planning offers multiple benefits to our environment, but also asset management, natural hazard resilience and sustainability and more enjoyable places and spaces for our communities. The ecosystem services that green infrastructure delivers, such as water purification, air quality, soil formation, food production, space for recreation, and climate mitigation and adaptation are vital for resilience.

The Strategy provides a framework that Council, community and stakeholders can rely on as an agreed approach about green infrastructure outcomes, especially for new development, that best meets the needs of the Clarence Valley community over the next 20 years.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

Council's 2022 - 2023 Operation Plan budget allocated \$35,000 for the development of a Green Infrastructure Strategy. This budget was used to contract a specialised consultant to develop the Strategy within this financial year. The public exhibition of the draft Strategy and associated community engagement was undertaken within existing operational and staff budget.

The implementation of Actions in the Strategy may have a wide range of budget implications, however any future activity associated with implementing the plan will be subject to the normal operational plan considerations and prioritisation, including seeking endorsement by Council.

The Strategy also aims to provide leverage and support for State and Federal Government grant funding to deliver improved green infrastructure outcomes across the Clarence Valley.

Asset Management

The Green Infrastructure Strategy discusses the importance of valuing Council's green infrastructure assets similar to traditional infrastructure assets, however, does not commit specific funding or actions of Council.

An overall outcome of the Strategy is to inform changes to Council's development standards and controls to achieve better development outcomes in our new urban areas that ensures the design, construction and hand over of green infrastructure assets are more sustainable and efficient to maintain into the future.

Policy and Regulation

- *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*
- *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*
- North Coast Regional Plan 2041
- Clarence Valley Local Strategic Planning Statement
- Clarence Valley Council Community Participation Plan

Consultation

In developing the Strategy, engagement occurred with various stakeholders across Council, the community, the development industry, local environmental groups and Council's Biodiversity Advisory and Climate Change Adaptation Committees.

Industry stakeholder workshop

Council and the consultant led a workshop targeted at the local planning and development industry on 15 September 2022. The invitation was distributed to over 100 local industry stakeholders, with seven (7) attendees and various follow up emails and conversations outside of the workshop. The aim of this workshop was to facilitate collaboration of ideas around green infrastructure provision and better new urban development outcomes across the Clarence Valley.

Council staff consultation

Two workshops and numerous meetings were held with a broad cross section of Council staff during the development of the Strategy. Council sections that have been involved in these consultation processes include staff from Strategic Planning, Development Services, Water Cycle, Environmental Services, Open Spaces, Natural Resource Management, Strategic Infrastructure, Civil Services and Waste and Sustainability.

Advisory Committees

The draft Strategy was tabled at Council's Biodiversity Advisory Committee meeting (Wednesday 5 April 2023) and Climate Change Adaptation Committee meeting (Friday 28 April 2023) to ensure the committees had an opportunity to provide meaningful input and to make a formal submission. Note because of discussions at the Climate Change Adaptation Committee meeting, the exhibition timeframe was extended to Monday 1 May 2023, to accommodate a submission from the Clarence Valley Conservation Coalition.

Community engagement

Engagement with the wider community was also undertaken through two (2) community engagement pop-in sessions, with hard copies of the draft Strategy on display:

Where	When	Aware	Support	Comments
Yamba Farmers Market	Wednesday 29 March, 7am – 11am	21	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need it, I assumed we had it We need more street trees and connection between existing suburbs and services / schools Recommend use of fruit trees for street trees to provide food for less fortunate people Better resilience planning is needed for existing and new development areas
Grafton Twilight Market	Thursday 30 March, 3pm – 6pm	7	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for more street trees in existing urban areas Stop broadscale clearing and maintain existing trees and waterways in new development areas Improve connectivity, (footpaths) between new development areas and existing urban areas Need improvement to town entrances, and green screening particularly Big River Way Industrial Precinct

As detailed in the Key Issues section of this report, the draft Strategy was placed on public exhibition for a minimum of six (6) weeks in compliance with Council's Community Participation Plan. The draft Strategy was exhibited on Council's On Exhibition webpage between Friday 3 March to Friday 21 April 2023 (with an extension to Monday 1 May 2023) and with hard copies of the document accessible at Council's Grafton and Maclean administration offices and Iluka and Yamba Regional Libraries.

Legal and Risk Management

The strategy does not contain prescriptive or site-specific actions or priorities that can or should be used by investors, businesses or individuals.

The draft Strategy however proposes future changes to Council's Local Environmental Plan and Development Controls, which will be reported to Council for decision and further considered at that time.

Climate Change

Green infrastructure helps to make our communities more resilient. It enhances the capacity of our communities to manage the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events. It also supports our native wildlife, giving our unique biodiversity the best chance of adapting to a changing climate. Green infrastructure can also help mitigate the impacts of natural hazards, such as flooding, bushfire, coastal erosion and extreme heat.

Consequently, the Strategy aims to improve planning outcomes and the delivery of green infrastructure in our existing and new urban release areas to improve liveability by creating safer, greener and more connected sustainable resilient communities.

Council's recently developed Physical Climate Risk Assessment - Summary for Policy makers, along with our knowledge of natural hazards such as bushfire, flooding, sea level rise and the like have also been used to inform the development of the Strategy.

CORPORATE & COMMUNITY

ITEM 07.23.095 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	General Manager	
Attachments	A. Climate Change Advisory Committee Minutes Meeting 28 April 2023 ↓	
	B. Access Advisory Committee Minutes 17 May 2023 ↓	
	C. Letter to Premier re Tranche 2 RHP final with crest SIGNED ↓	

SUMMARY

Correspondence and committee minutes attached for noting.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Items for Information as listed below be noted

- Climate Change Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes: 28 April 2023
- Access Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes: 17 May 2023
- Letter to Premier re Tranche 2: 15 June 2023



CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

9:30 am Friday 28 April 2023 – CVC Maclean Office - Chambers

50 River Street Maclean

Present : Cr Greg Clancy (Chair), Judith McNeill, Leonie Blain, Stephen Fletcher, Nicholas Reeve, Phillip Hocking, Janet Cavanagh, Geoff Little, Robert Mylchreest, Clair Purvis, Richard Roper (CVC Staff), Ken Wilson (CVC Staff), Ben Ellis (CVC Staff), James Ribton Turner

Apologies : Scott Lenton, Helen Granleese, Lynette Eggins, Adam Cameron (Director CVC)

Item	Discussion	Responsible person & deadline
1. Welcome and Apologies	Cr Greg Clancy as Chair welcomed the Committee members and gave an acknowledgement to Country. Apologies were noted.	
2. Ian Gailard - resignation	Ken Wilson was contacted by Ian and he advised that unfortunately he was unable to continue being a member of the committee. Motion: Moved by Robert Mylchrest “to accept the resignation” Motion Seconded: Leonie Blain	
3. New Climate Change Officer	Introduction of James Ribton-Turner. Main role is to implement the Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Strategy. Starts Monday 8 th May 2023. Full time, 3 year position.	
4. Adoption of previous minutes from 3 rd February 2023	Motion: Moved by Janet Cavanagh “to accept minutes” Motion Seconded: Steve Fletcher Resolved: Carried	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decorative Street Lighting • Nuclear Free Zone • Cathedral Lighting • Development on the Flood Plain 	<p><i>2/ Vegetation cleared during clearing activities should be mulched for use in erosion and sediment control during construction of the dwelling.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Clancy – Clearing for development is a big issue which this committee can not resolve, but to ensure sustainable development need to limit or eliminate any clearing. <p>There was general discussion about clearing controls.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Fletcher advised that the decorative lights have softened to a yellowish light, so problem solved. • Ken Wilson advised that a Council report had been drafted for the May meeting. • Ken Wilson advised there the issue has not been finalised, looking into various options to minimise costs. <p>WYURA (West Yamba Urban Release Area). At the April Council Meeting Cr Clancy put up a notice of motion regarding rezoning undeveloped land in the WYURA due to filling and flooding concerns. The motion was not supported.</p> <p>Leonie Blain considered that one of the issues was that no other Council's had ever done this which caused uncertainty for Councillors. She also expressed that Council should be listening to community groups and the community on this issue.</p>	
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	<p>Clair Purvis – Rezoning may make future developers nervous, also rezoning will not be a CVC decision, it will be a State Government decision and they would be liable to legal action, not CVC.</p> <p>Janet Cavanagh – can this committee recommended a moratorium on DA approvals in west Yamba until all the relevant studies are complete?</p> <p>Motion – to be dealt with during general business</p>	
6. LEMO Presentation Robyn Monk	<p>Ken Wilson introduced Robyn Monk who is the CVC Coordinator Emergency Management & Resilience. Robyn gave an overview of her role and gave a presentation on the responsibilities of various agencies involved in emergency management and addressed some of the learnings from recent flood and bushfire events.</p>	
7. Green Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation cancelled due to staff being unavailable. Janet raised issue that the consultation period had closed. Ken advised that any submission received on Monday 1st May would be considered. 	
8. Morning Tea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leonie Blain – Thanked Ken Wilson who is retiring soon for his work over many years and presented him with a card and letter from committee members. 	
9. Development Offsetting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idea raised by Robert Mylchreest. Concept is that offsetting GHGE from new developments, especially if large amounts clearing, transport or concrete used. Money raised could be used to help other areas such as offshore pacific countries dealing with sea level rise. • General discussion regarding the carbon market and how such a system could work. • Robert would like this idea to go to the LG Conference • The issue was deferred until next CC meeting when CVC planning representatives may be available to provide advice. 	<p>CVC Planning Manager to be invited to the next meeting</p>



<p>10. Gas Appliance Ban for new developments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept raised by Robert Mylchreest. Basix may cover this issue however is there an option to promote more efficient development (electric over gas) through the development application process? • Ken Wilson - Basix is the legislative requirement so CVC can not impose a higher standard. It would not be possible for Council to ban certain appliance. Promoting electrification over other fossil fuel appliances will be a project undertaken as part of implementing the CV Community Emissions Reduction Strategy. • Robert could draft a fact sheet for the next meeting? <p>Motion: Moved by Janet Cavanagh “That Council develop an information package for new developments to encourage electricity over gas appliances.</p> <p>Motion Seconded: Robert Mylchreest</p> <p>Resolved: Carried</p>	<p>Prepare fact sheet for DA pack Re – Electricity over gas.</p>
<p>11. Energy Efficiency Caravan Parks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet Cavanagh- At our last meeting a list of energy efficient projects was tabled. The list did not include many CVC caravan parks and Caravan parks use a lot of LPG to heat water. Has CVC looked at economics and Saul Griffiths work to electrify and or use heat pumps rather than gas? • Ken Wilson– Correct not a lot of work in this area. Caravan parks are generally shady areas so solar is difficult and many sites are subject to redeveloped proposals such as Calypso. Possible project for James the new climate change officer. • Geoff Little gave overview of heat pumps (good and bad) and summary of their emissions. Where you can not use solar should use heat pumps. • Ken Wilson – To raise the issue with CVC Caravan Park Coordinator. 	<p>Discuss with CVC Caravan Park Coordinator.</p>
<p>12. New Waste Contract - Janet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised by Janet Cavanagh– Lots of talk about this especially changes to bulky waste. Will the MRF be fixed? • Ken Wilson – In 2022 CVC accepted a tender from JRR to provide waste collection, recycling and organics processing for the next 10 years. Start 1st July 	



	<p>2023. No real change to service delivery except new bulky waste dial up service. New efficient collection trucks with lots of new technology in the trucks to assist drivers and the call centre in the event of an issue. MRF will be updated and operational by start of contract. This will now be operated by subcontractor Re-Group a very large waste processing company. Other change is the organic's facility will be the construction of an additional composting tunnels to cater for future growth.</p>	
<p>13. Waste Education - Recycling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet Cavanagh questions about waste education. • Ken Wilson - Yes waste education is a key function of the waste team. Schools are starting to get back into excursions after COVID. Low contamination rate around 4-6 % in recycling and less than 1% in organics which is good. Batteries are a big issue especially lithium-ion batteries which cause fires. Some examples of education work include this weekend at ELF composting workshop, next week CV home schoolers, Grafton High School year 12, then Tafe Horticulture students so lots happening. 	
<p>14. General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development on the Floodplain 	<p>Janet Cavanagh has 2 motions.</p> <p>Motion: Moved by Janet Cavanagh <i>'Regarding the west Yamba rezoning notice of motion put to the April Council meeting. The Climate Change committee would like to thank councillors Clancy and Smith for supporting this motion and speaking well on this important issue.</i></p> <p>Motion Seconded: Robert Mylchreest</p> <p>Resolved: Carried</p> <p>Motion: Moved by Janet Cavanagh <i>"That Council and the Planning Panel recognise they currently lack necessary data on flood behaviour in the west Yamba area to make decisions consistent with the objective of clause 7.3 of the Clarence valley LEP</i></p>	<p>Report resolution to Council</p>



<p>Smoke from Woodfires</p> <p>EV Charging Stations</p>	<p>2011(Floodplain Planning). As such it would be premature to approve more residential development in this area until a comprehensive floodplain study is available. In the interim, development applications must include up to date information which takes into account the 2022 flood, likely impact on flood behaviour, and likely social and economic costs to the community as a result of flooding”.</p> <p>Motion Seconded: Clare Purvis</p> <p>Resolved: Carried</p> <p>Cr Clancy—Raised an issue regarding the nuisance that household woodfires can be in an urban environment. General discussion regarding wood fires and approvals.</p> <p>Robert Mylchreest – Raise the issue of charging stations and how this can affect local businesses and tourism. What is CVC doing in this space?</p> <p>Ken Wilson advised that under the green infrastructure strategy there is a proposal to have an electric vehicle charging strategy developed in 2023. There is currently a lot more happening in EV charging infrastructure. NRJO has funding to help role our charging stations in north coast Council areas</p>	
<p>15. Action List</p>	<p>Action list to be updated</p>	
<p>16. Date and venue of next meeting</p>	<p>Friday 28 July 2023 at Environmental Learning Facility – Grafton Regional Landfill</p>	
<p>17. Close</p>	<p>Meeting closed at 1pm</p>	

**Clarence Valley Access Committee
Held in the Maclean Committee Room and via Teams
On Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 11am – 1pm
Minutes**

Attendance:

Chair: Cr Karen Toms

Minute Taker: Erin Brady (CVC)

Attendees: Cr Karen Toms, Cr Steve Pickering, Laura Smith-Khan, Angela Berry, Erin Brady (CVC), Alana Brooks (Road Safety Officer CVC), Andy Seaman (CVC). On Teams: Jason Kingsley, Dave Moran, Cr Steve Pickering, Laura Black, Stephen Timms.

Apologies: Kate Begbie, Justin Putze, Jennifer O'Brien, Jody O'Brien, Zoe Goodsell

ACKNOWLEDGEMNT TO COUNTRY by

We acknowledge the Bundjalung, Gumbaynggirr and Yaegl people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we live and work. We honour the First Nations peoples culture and connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DECISION FOR ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY
Minutes previous meeting – Moved: Laura Smith-Khan Second: Dave Moran		



<p>Conflict of Interest: Cr Steve Pickering advised potential non-significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in agenda item, Footpath Trading Policy.</p>		
<p>Previous Business:</p>		
	<p>New Committee Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formally welcomed new member, Angela Berry 	
	<p>Memorial Park new toilets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andy Seaman talked about versions of plans for the 8x16m footprint and explained that the original building on the footprint will be demolished. General Manager Laura Black encouraged the committee to think of the project as a blank canvas, and an opportunity to deliver an inclusive and accessible amenities facility – something unique on the North Coast. Asked - What do you want to see? Committee agreed it was an opportunity to install a Changing Places facility - Changing Places toilets are larger than standard accessible toilets which provide people with disability and high support needs access to suitable, safe, and private bathroom facilities including a height-adjustable adult-sized change table and a constant-charging ceiling track hoist system Cr Toms – council has a blank canvas so we need to do this right. Cr Pickering – There isn't a Changing Places facility between Ballina and Foster. It would be the only public facility along a 450km stretch of coast – what an opportunity. Jason Kingsley – Commended General Manager for taking this opportunity to consider a fully accessible option. A Changing Places room would be fantastic. Modifications have been made to change room at South Grafton Pool and Gym but this would be publicly available. Encourages that all the toilets in this facility should be fully accessible. In his experience, during events, people use the first bathroom they get to, which in many cases is 	

	<p>an accessible bathroom, so people with disability have to line up with able-bodied people to use accessible toilets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angela Berry agreed – it was common for PWD to have to queue with able-bodied people for accessible toilets at events. Also gave example of friends changing teenage boys in cars because no adults change facilities. Changing Places facility would be amazing. - Cr Karen Toms – questioned rowing club storage area in facility plans. Andy Seaman – in the current building the rowing club lease space to store equipment – in particular when in flood. - Jason Kingsley – Accessible tourism is its own industry. In the Clarence we're slowly chipping away at making ourselves more accessible. The more we can do in the space the better – delivers important economic benefits to local economies. - Cr Karen Toms – could we consider putting Changing Places facility into new Treelands Drive plan? Is it possible or too late? Laura Black- will ask the question. <p>- Motion Jason Kingsley – That the Access Committee endorses the inclusion of a changing places facility within Memorial Park new toilet block and recommends all cubicles are accessible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Second – Laura Smith-Kahn <p>Carried unanimously.</p>	<p>EB: Report to Council</p>
	<p>Change accessible carparks:</p> <p>MacNaughton Place Alana Brooks – Completed</p>	

	<p>Memorial Park, Grafton – Alana Brooks – Suggested with the new Memorial Park toilet plans to be determined, need to look at it this site holistically and be very clear when we do the planning for toilets – that there’s enough parking. Can work in accessible parking space with new toilet and footpaths etc. Committee agreed.</p> <p>Prince Street – Will discuss during planned walk through of Prince Street.</p>	<p>EB: Add to agenda – things to look at with Stephen Timms</p>
	<p>William Agar path connecting to Pippi Beach toilet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Angela Berry – On William Agar path – have to walk on road at Convent end. It’s quite sloped. Dangerous. - Alana Brooks – Council doing plan to link platform up to the pathway. - Cr Karen Toms – the planned second pathway takes you to viewing platform so you can get on and go other way. - Angela Berry – it’s better than it was. Any thoughts for disabled parking at top of Convent Beach where they park nose in? It links you to start of that path and eventually gets you to toilet? Could we consider? Alana Brooks said it would be a good idea and would investigate. - Erin Brady provided feedback from Open Spaces re linking path and accessible parking for planned Pippi Beach toilet access. Waiting on feedback from Contractor. Should be budget to link to William Agar path. TBC 	<p>Alana Brooks – investigate disabled parking spot at Convent Beach southern end carpark.</p> <p>EB: Follow up with Open Spaces.</p>
	<p>Footpath Trading Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stephen Timms – introduced himself and presented overview of new policy. Staff have consolidated a range of policies into one for a whole lot of different things that effect the footpath. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Showed preview of draft footpath trading policy. - Keen to get buy in from committee and get it right. - Happy to do a walk around with anyone who wants to talk in specific details. - Putting out fact sheets on specific things like outdoor dining etc. - Laura Smith-Khan – how did you come up with distances? - Stephen Timms – State Government guidance. - Laura Smith-Khan – Have they changed distances to encourage outdoor dining etc? - Stephen Timms – Distances haven’t really been changed. Mainly it wasn’t being enforced and many different policies. Once settled we can go on and educate, engage and enforce etc. - Laura Smith-Khan – how is it enforced? - Stephen Timms – at the moment we don’t have a position in council to enforce. Currently outdoor dining goes through Industry Engagement Officer, who works with other council staff on permits etc. This could be a catalyst to do some action in this space and identify who’s responsible to enforce in this space. - Stephen Timms - We want to work alongside committee to support programs such as Access at Glance program. - Cr Steve Pickering – Vibrant Places promoted cross pollination of businesses. Does this policy continue that? ST – yes. - Cr Karen Toms – suggest council do some education through the Chambers once policy is finalised. We don’t want to come out with a big stick. We do want them to comply. - Laura Black – Yes, Stephen Timms is the right person to go along and talk about it with Chambers. (LB left meeting at 11:46am). - Laura Smith-Khan – having fact sheets on specific items in the policy is good idea – it complements the policy. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stephen Timms – Will get draft policy to committee and can endorse it at next meeting. - Dave Moran – Is council going to adopt the policy of a cleared shoreline through the valley. - Stephen Timms - yes- Only exception is businesses with existing dining in place – we will work with them to improve. - Jason Kingsley – Keen to do walk through with ST and Dave Moran. - Stephen Timms – can talk about this policy and changes to Prince Street parking. - Cr Karen Toms – let’s do invite to access committee to do walk through. 	<p>EB to work with ST to provide draft policy to committee and invite committee members who wish to attend Prince Street walkthrough. Also invite AB.</p>
	<p>Prince Street Parking trial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In accessible parking spots - Alana Brooks has looked at opportunities to take away planter boxes and have wheel stops – will give extra 1.5m here. Is aware some small cars have parked in shared spaces. Could mark this so cars won’t park there. - Jason Kingsley – Would like to consider a long-term fix – need to look at it from permanent point of view. - Alana Brooks – won’t make changes until the walk around. Recommends having walkthrough meeting sooner rather than later. 	<p>Alana Brooks to attend Prince Street walkthrough to discuss further onsite.</p>
	<p>Accessible Tourism – Urunga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jason Kingsley spoke about recent experience holidaying in Bellingen Shire. Bellingen Shire Council have an accessible document. Not great but it’s ok. Stayed at Urunga for work. Several businesses couldn’t speak highly enough about level of support from council to support accessible tourism. They have really accessible footpaths, beach access map permanently 	<p>JK to send accessible document to EB</p>

	<p>there, wharf that goes out over water is very accessible, and boardwalk there (needs upgrading) over 1km long. A lot of foresight from council and fact council is working closely with business is great. Never experienced tourism operators who go beyond the minimum standard – was impressed. Holiday park has multiple fully accessible cabins including a new cabin that is one of the premiums right on the waterfront. More than just a token. Jason thinks CVC could learn a lot from Urunga – especially with master plans for Yamba and access on the beach.</p>	
	<p>Access at a Glance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No update. 	<p>EB and JK to catch up.</p>
	<p>DIAP Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback from consultation has been handed over to specific Managers. Managers to provide objectives and actions early May. - Cr Steve Pickering deferred a motion to advise that council staff provide report to council on possibility of including universal design principles in all future council projects. Decided to defer until committee has seen draft DIAP actions. - Committee spoke about the definition of Universal Design and what it means to communities and council projects. - Cr Karen Toms – gave example of new park in Yamba on river near Co-Op– the concrete slab is not long enough so people in wheelchair have to sit on grass at the end of table – should be on slab with everyone else. Want action in DIAP to include concrete pads are long enough at picnic areas. Whenever we’re doing new tables, need to ensure the concrete pad is big enough for wheelchairs to fit on. Need to fix communications breakdown. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andy Seaman – suggested there needed to be training for staff on the ground doing these jobs to be aware of accessibility and know these principles. Need to pass it down to staff further down. - Jason Kingsley – it needs to be included in the DCP. - Stephen Timms – could consider a line in reporting for staff. 	
Correspondence	n/a	
DAs for Consultation	n/a	
General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee member, Jody O'Brien has let committee know she's stepping down. Cr Karen Toms acknowledged Jody's work with access committee and will ask Jody if she'd like to be in a photo and include her story in DIAP or magazine. Cr Pickering recommended a letter of thanks would be nice thing to do. - Jennifer O'Brien hopes to continue but is very unwell at present. - Cr Karen Toms acknowledged it was Wear Orange Wednesday, and acknowledged the work SES volunteers do in our community. - Next meeting – Invite guest speaker David Thorpe – Carers NSW - Invite Holly Weston along to next meeting. She's interested in joining the access committee and would like to experience a meeting. 	<p>EB to invite David Thorpe and Holly Weston to next Access Committee.</p> <p>EB to prepare letter.</p>
Guest Speaker –	- n/a	
Meeting closed	12.59pm	
Next Meeting	11:15am 21 June 2023, Grafton Council Chambers.	



Cr Karen Toms
24/05/23



15th June 2023

The Honourable Chris Minns MP for Kogarah
Premier of New South Wales

Dear Premier,

We the elected representatives of the Northern Rivers are writing to you to ask you to deliver on tranche two of the Resilient Homes program (RHP) as soon as possible.

Our communities need to know that the funding they believed would come is definitely coming and that the RHP as promised will be completed.

The RHP was initially given funding of \$750 million, but when officially drawn up and presented to Cabinet the figure stood at \$1.5 billion. A decision was made by cabinet to fund the first tranche and any commitment to the second tranche would follow.

The then Premier Dominic Perrottet assured us MPs and Mayors of this, and also the affected communities.

You will recall this, as yourself as Opposition Leader stated that you would back in what had been done and committed to the region we all represent and then again as Premier on your early visit to Lismore.

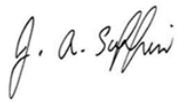
We are now asking for tranche two to come sooner than later so that the RHP can be completed.

Some nearly 16 months on from the humanitarian disaster that engulfed our communities we need to know that as promised we will not be forgotten and that we can recover to bring more stability into our communities.

Further to our request for tranche two funding to complete the RHP we request to meet you in person to discuss this matter and the overall matters impacting the flood recovery and rebuild, including the NRRC and its remit. It is fair to say we were disappointed with their 'maps' release.

We look forward to your response and working with you on this in a collaborative way that we work together on seminal issues that impact our community.

Yours sincerely



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Member for Lismore



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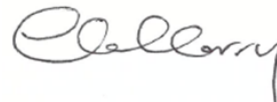
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ITEM 07.23.096 COUNCIL MEETING CHECKLIST - UPDATE ON ACTIONS TAKEN

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Corporate & Community	
Prepared by	Corporate Support, Michelle West	
Reviewed by	General Manager, Laura Black	
Attachments	A. Completed Checklist (Separate Cover) ⇒ B. Outstanding Checklist (Separate Cover) ⇒ C. Rolling Checklist from 2019-2021 (Separate Cover) ⇒	

SUMMARY

This report updates councillors on actions taken to implement resolutions of previous Council meetings.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the schedule of actions taken on Council resolutions be noted and those resolutions marked as complete be removed from the rolling checklist.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Leadership

Objective We will have a strong, accountable and representative Government

KEY ISSUES

A checklist is issued to Managers and relevant staff after each Council meeting to enable them to provide comments on the status of resolutions adopted by Council. The attached checklist contains actions taken on all Council resolutions from the previous month's meeting and the status/progress on all Council resolutions that have not yet been fully implemented. Those items marked as complete will not appear on any future checklists if the officer's recommendation is adopted.

BACKGROUND

A formal monthly report is required for each Council meeting, including the full checklist from the previous month and any outstanding actions from earlier meetings.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS**Budget/Financial**

N/A

Asset Management

N/A

Policy and Regulation

Local Government Act 1993 S355 (1)

Consultation

Staff, Managers

Legal and Risk Management

N/A

Climate Change

N/A

ITEM 07.23.097 POLICY REPORT

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Corporate & Community	
Prepared by	Coordinator Corporate & Customer Experience, Lynette Burley	
Reviewed by	Director Corporate & Community, Alex Moar	
Attachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Environment Management Policy V1.0 [Draft] ↓ B. Recycled Water Policy V5.0 [Draft] ↓ C. Water Management Policy V5.0 [Draft] ↓ D. Structures and Vegetation in Close Proximity to Flood Levees V3.0 [Draft] ↓ E. Borrowing Policy V9.0 [Draft] ↓ 	

SUMMARY

This report asks that Council place one (1) new policy on exhibition and three (3) revised Council policies on exhibition and, subject to there being no submissions that change the intent of the policies, that they be adopted.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Place the following policies on exhibition and, subject to there being no submissions that change the intent of the policies, that they be adopted:
 - a) Environment Management Policy V1.0 [Attachment A]
 - b) Recycled Water Policy V5.0 [Attachment B]
 - c) Water Quality Management Policy V5.0 [Attachment C]
 - d) Structures and Vegetation in Close Proximity to Flood Levees V3.0 [Attachment D]
 - e) Borrowing Policy V8.0 [Draft] (Attachment E)
2. Note the adopted Policies that have now been uploaded to the website, the details of which are contained in report.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Leadership

Objective We will have a strong, accountable and representative Government

KEY ISSUES

1. New and Revised policies to be placed on exhibition

1a. Environmental Management Policy V1.0 [Draft] (Attachment A)

This new policy is in response to the internal Environmental Management Compliance Audit commissioned by Council and prepared by Centium's Internal Audit Service provider in November and December 2022.

The scope of the Environmental Management Compliance Audit was to assess compliance by Clarence Valley Council's outdoor workforce with environmental management plans and practices. This included all teams and activities in the Council's Civil Services directorate (not including Sewerage Treatment Plants that are subject to Environmental Protection Licences issued by NSW Environmental Protection Authority) as well as the weed management activity completed by the NRM team in the Environment and Regulatory Services Section.

One of the priority recommendations of the Audit was for Council to establish an Environmental Management Policy. Hence, consistent with that recommendation, this policy has been developed to include a framework for setting environmental objectives for future environmental management by Council in consideration of International Standard ISO 14001 –Environmental management systems – Requirements with guidance for use.

This will enable the development of the Environmental Management System to enhance processes, procedures and best practices in environmental management for Council's activities and workforce.

1b. Recycled Water Policy V5.0 [Draft] (Attachment B)

This policy has been amended to include the relevant link to Council's Community Strategic Plan and to include updates to amended legislative requirements.

1c. Water Quality Management Policy V5.0 [Draft] (Attachment C)

This policy has been amended to include the relevant link to Council's Community Strategic Plan and to include updates to amended legislative requirements. In addition, to Council's process for managing turbidity prior to distribution has been added, namely: If raw water quality from all sources is unacceptable for extraction, it is processed through a settling pond to remove suspended particles before it is added to raw water storage.

1d. Structures and Vegetation in Close Proximity to Flood Levees V3.0 [Draft] (Attachment D)

This policy has been amended to provide clarity in relation to the Community in relation to the maintenance of levees on private land.

1e. Borrowing Policy V9.0 [Draft] (Attachment E)

This policy is due for renewal. In January 2023, Council received a submission concerned about this policy given changed macroeconomic (fiscal) circumstances. These concerns, tabulated with responses (below) have been taken into consideration in the significantly revised policy, which has also removed historical 'background' information that was informed by the NSW Government's 'Fit for the Future' reform process that is no longer relevant.

Other substantive changes to the policy are:

- Policy Statement: Clearly defines what Council borrows for i.e., income generating and for assets that provide long term benefits to the community.
- Issues: Removed all reference to the EY engagement as it indicates that we have capacity to borrow more (current debt balance \$87m).
- Procedures: Removed reference to special rates/charges, not relevant if we want to focus on external borrowings. Additionally, the suggestion that Council moves to interest-only loans removed.
- Financial Indicators: All references to Debt service ratio have removed, keeping the focus on Debt service cover ratio.

Submitter	Submission	Observations/changes to Draft Policy
<p>John Hagger Waterview Heights</p>	<p>The Current Debt Ceiling was set when the official cash rate was at an historical low. Those lows were intended to encourage borrowing and stimulate the economy. We now have significant, and growing, inflation and CPI (very different to the LGCI). Chances are by the time you read this, the official cash rate will have increased again. These cash rate increases are intended to reduce borrowing and reduce inflation. CVC's debt ceiling, and borrowing policy, need to reflect the financial and economic conditions we currently live in. There is a Huge difference between an official cash rate of 0.1% and 3.1% (expected to become 3.35% in 1 week). Please do Not re employ the same agency that recommended CVC invest, Public Money, in the Commercial Bank of China.</p>	<p>All noted and considered in revising the policy.</p>

BACKGROUND

Background to the policies for public exhibition is outlined above.

At the April Ordinary Council Meeting Council resolved to place the following policies on exhibition and subject to there being no submissions that change the intent of the policies that they be adopted:

- a. Conflicts of Interest: Development Applications (DAs) Policy V1.0
- b. Roads Policy V4.0
- c. Roadside Memorials Policy V4.0

No submissions were received. Minor updates were made to some definitions in the Road Policy that do not change the intent of this policy. The policies are therefore adopted and are uploaded to the Clarence Valley Council website.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

N/A

Asset Management

N/A

Policy and Regulation

As outlined

Consultation

Internal staff in the key subject matter areas

Legal and Risk Management

As outlined

Climate Change

N/A



Policy

Environmental Management Policy

Responsible Manager (Title)	Manager of Environment & Regulatory Services		
Adopted by Council	Date	Minute Number	
File Reference Number	DWS	Version DV1.0	Review Due
Document(s) this policy Supersedes			
Community Plan Linkage	Environment - To protect and enhance our natural environments, ecosystems and native flora and fauna		

1 Purpose

Clarence Valley Council is committed to protecting our diverse natural surroundings so that current and future generations can enjoy and benefit from a healthy environment. Council is responsible for delivering a variety of services concerned with protecting, conserving and rehabilitating the natural and built environment. Activities undertaken by Council also have considerable potential for adverse impacts on a healthy natural environment if not managed appropriately.

This policy outlines Council's commitment to the environment by providing leadership and direction for improved environmental management performance and more sustainable outcomes to mitigate risk to the natural environment as a result of Council's works.

2 Definitions

Audit means a systematic, independent, and documented process for obtaining evidence and evaluating it objectively to determine the extent to which the audit criteria are satisfied and identification of actions to maintain and/or achieve acceptable outcomes within particular timeframes

Council means Clarence Valley Council

Environmental Management System means Council's adopted system for the management of the interaction between its activities and the environment

Environmental Impact is any change to the environment, wholly or partially resulting from an organisation's activities.

Natural Environment means the living and nonliving things in an area of the earth. The natural environment both enables human life and is affected by human activity.

Risk is often characterised by reference to potential events and consequences or a combination of these.



Outsource is to plan to have an external organisation perform parts of an organisation's function or process

Process is a set of interrelated or interacting activities which transform inputs into outputs. A process can be documented or not.

Sustainable means meeting Council's needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs and continually improving how activities are performed as new information becomes available.

3 Background/legislative requirements

The Clarence Valley local government area is diverse and covers an extensive geographic area encompassing natural bushland, agricultural land, forestry, waterways and wetlands, urban lands and infrastructure assets, such as transport links. The area has a strong residential base centred in the five major towns of Grafton, South Grafton, Maclean, Yamba and Iluka and supports a variety of villages. These are serviced by a mixture of retail, commercial and industrial businesses, as well as recreational and community facilities.

Council's responsibilities include

1. regulating environmental policy and standards.
2. waste, water, and sewerage management.
3. construction and maintenance of public infrastructure and assets,
4. land use planning and management; and
5. providing public amenities, including but not limited to parks, swimming pools, and other recreational and sporting facilities.

Council is committed to responsible and sustainable management of the natural environment of the Clarence Valley local government area. To achieve this commitment, Council will be directed by an Environmental Management System of which this policy will form a part.

To understand Council's priorities for improved environmental management, external consultants completed an environmental audit of Council's operational or field-based activities and made recommendations.

This policy has been developed considering the following legislation and associated documents

1. AS/NZS ISO 14001 – Environmental Management Systems and all applicable environmental legislation
2. Clarence Valley Council's Enterprise Risk Management Plan
3. Local Government Act 1993 and Regulations
4. Environmental Planning 7 Assessment Act 1979 and Regulation
5. Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
6. Biodiversity Conservation Act 2017
7. Fisheries Management Act 1994
8. Water Management Act 2000
9. Council's Internal Environmental Audit 2022



4 Policy statement

Clarence Valley Council is committed to achieving improved environmental impact and reducing risk to the natural environment through a systematic and sustainable approach to managing its activities and responsibilities. Council's responsibilities are limited, and actions by Council under this policy will be within the scope of that responsibility.

Council is committed to empowering its employees to assume accountability and responsibility for continuously improving its environmental performance by creating and promoting a culture of participation and by providing a robust monitoring, auditing, reporting and review process.

Council is committed to achieving improved environmental impact through a sustainable approach to the planning, design assessment, procurement and delivery of its services and assets. Preparation of an Environmental Management System and implementation actions to address the Internal Environmental Audit 2022 recommendations and complementary management strategies and actions will be key to demonstrating this commitment. Strategies and actions will be reviewed regularly, and new strategies and actions to demonstrate continual improvement will be developed on a need basis.

Progress in addressing recommended actions of the Internal Environmental Audit 2022 will be reported to the Council's Audit and Risk Improvement Committee.

Provision of resources to ensure the satisfaction of Council's commitment to reducing the risk of adverse environmental impact and improving the condition of the natural environment is an essential component of successfully implementing this, Policy. Council will explore opportunities to maintain appropriate resources for this purpose.

5 Implementation

This policy covers personnel employed by Council, any person or organisation contracted to or acting on behalf of Council, and any person or organisation employed to work on Council premises or facilities for all activities of Council.

Council will prepare an Environmental Management System and implement all recommendations from the internal environmental audit 2022 to achieve improved management of Council's activities and their potential impact on the natural environment.

The Environmental Management System will include preparing a transparent audit process to be implemented for each of the strategies identified in the policy.

Managers, Supervisors, and employees will be responsible for implementing specific strategies as outlined in this policy

Where there is an inconsistency between this policy and another CVC policy or procedure, then the provisions of the Policy shall generally be preferred unless there is a legislative or personal safety reason where that is not appropriate.

6 Strategies

The following strategies are identified as key priorities for implementation under this Policy:



1. Prepare, implement, and continually improve Council's Environmental Management System for all Council activities with an initial focus on Council's operational or field-based activities. The Environmental Management System shall be consistent with ISO14001 and related Standards.
2. Determine the preferred resourcing and internal administrative structure for ongoing implementation and management of the Environmental Management System and related activities.
3. Inspect and audit Council activities, works and facilities and implement corrective action where activities do not satisfy acceptable standards and/or the Environmental Management System.
4. Establish consistent procedures to ensure Council's environmental incidents are properly reported (both internally and/or externally as applicable), and action/s within Council's responsibility are implemented to reduce future risk of such incidents recurring and adverse environmental impact on the natural environment.
5. Determine environmental training needs for all staff and implement a program to address training requirements. Training shall be ongoing on a needs basis to support changing of staff and the Environmental Management System.
6. Actively consult with government agencies, organisations and the community, as appropriate, in the process of developing procedures and management plans related to this Policy;
7. Develop, review and adopt working practices in accordance with the recommendations of the Internal Environmental Audit 2022, Council's Environmental Management System, and legislative requirements that minimise the adverse environmental impacts that Council has on the environment and encourage improved condition of the natural environment
8. Promote Council's environmental management initiatives and activities to encourage better environmental practice within private businesses and the community

7 Appeal/objections process

Any Appeal or objection in relation to this policy shall be directed to the General Manager for consideration

8 Related Documents

Internal Environmental Audit 2022

All CVC Policies, Procedures and safe work statements

9 Attachments

Nil



Policy

Recycled Water

Responsible Manager (Title)	Manager Water Cycle Technical Services		
Adopted by Council	Date: TBA	Minute Number: TBA	
File Reference Number	ECM: TBA	Version: V5.0	Review Due: TBA
Document(s) this policy Supersedes	V4.0 – 15/06/2018 – 15.106/18		
Community Plan Linkage	4.4 Environment - Action that maintains the health of our coastline and waterways and natural environment		

1 Purpose

To provide an organisation commitment to the safe and sustainable management of recycled water. The policy provides a basis for the development and operation of recycled water management schemes involving Clarence Valley Council’s wastewater treatment facilities.

2 Definitions

recycled water – Water generated from sewage and treated to a standard that is appropriate for its intended use.

risk management – The systematic evaluation of the recycled water supply system, the identification of hazards and hazardous events, the assessments of risks [likelihood and consequence of a hazard causing harm], and the development and implementation of preventative strategies to manage the risks.

3 Background/legislative requirements

This Policy is supported by the following regulations and documentation:

- [Local Government Act 1993](#)
- [Plumbing Code of Australia](#)
- [Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling: Managing Health and Environmental Risks \(Phase1\) \(EPHC, 2006\)](#)
- [NSW Guidelines for Recycled Water Management Systems \(2015\)](#)



4 Statement

Recycled water is increasingly recognised as a valuable resource in the urban water cycle management. There are two distinct applications for the beneficial use of recycled water. The first is providing an additional (or alternative) supply of high quality water in uses where drinking (potable) water is not required such as for road construction, toilet flushing and watering of gardens. The use of recycled water in these applications can directly reduce demand on natural water supplies.

The second type of application is minimising the release of recycled water to the environment including the ocean, groundwater and rivers by applying it to land via irrigation of agriculture, playing fields and other open spaces. Land application schemes have been in place for many years in Australia including locally at the Yamba, Iluka, Maclean and Coutts Crossing Golf Clubs. Both public health and environmental risks need to be considered in the design and operation of these schemes. Schemes such as dual pipelines for new subdivisions are increasingly being considered, however, often require increased treatment and disinfection of recycled water to protect public health.

A range of State and Federal Government guidelines have been developed to assist water authorities in the development and management of recycled water schemes. More recent guidelines (EPHC, 2006) place increased emphasis on health risk management similar to the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (2011). The 2008-2006 recycled water guidelines encourage water authorities to develop a robust management framework including clear statement of goals/values, scheme development processes and having appropriate operating and management practices in place. A well defined policy, development and management framework will be essential in gaining NSW Government and community approval/support for new schemes.

5 Recycled Water Management Policy

Clarence Valley Council will responsibly manage recycled water by:

- Ensuring that protection of public health, environment and water resources are ~~of prime importance;~~ **prioritised**
- Working with our employees, the Clarence Valley community, regulators and other stakeholders to ensure recycled water schemes are planned, constructed and operated consistently with industry best practices.
- Adopting a risk management approach to ensure that potential risks are made explicit, are understood, managed and accepted by customers and other stakeholders.
- Regularly monitoring and reporting of control measures and recycled water quality to promote confidence in recycled water supply and its management.
- Maintaining and enforcing Council's trade waste policy to protect the quality of recycled water produced.
- Ensuring that Council staff and agents are appropriately trained, and recipients of recycled water are educated, in the safe and efficient operation of recycled water schemes.
- Ensuring that recipients of recycled water are trained and/or educated in the safe efficient use of the water.
- Promoting community participation in decision-making processes and the ensuring that community expectations are considered.



- Promoting the use of recycled water within Clarence Valley Council and the types of recycled water activities that can be safely and appropriately undertaken.
- Clarence Valley Council will sustainably manage recycled water by:
- Ensuring schemes proposed are consistent with Clarence Valley Water's long-term strategic plans including the IWCM Strategy.
- Giving due consideration to all relevant Clarence Valley Council policies throughout the life cycle of a recycled water scheme.
- Assessing all proposed schemes and initiatives consistent with Council's sustainability framework.
- Reporting regularly to stakeholders on the activities of our recycled water business.
- Aiming to recognise and capture the economic value of recycled water over the long term by applying appropriate cost recovery principles in line with Government policies. This will include recognition that some recycled water users have undertaken substantial capital investment to use recycled water compared with other sources.
- Agreeing to the level of service to be provided with users of a recycled water scheme as part of the process of formulating agreements with end-users of recycled water.
- Promoting the efficient use of recycled water products including restricting non-essential demand during periods of drought or restriction of supply if required.
- Continuing to substitute recycled water supplies for potable water where appropriate.

6 Implementation

Clarence Valley Council will support this Policy by:

- Maintaining robust guidelines for assessing and developing new recycled water schemes.
- Implementing appropriate operations and management procedures for all recycled water schemes.
- Reporting on outcomes of its recycled water management schemes.

7 Related Documents

This is a policy document only and is supported by the following guidelines that pertain to the design and management of recycled water schemes:

- Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling: Managing Health & Environmental Risk (EPHC, 2006⁸)
- Guidelines for Sewerage Systems: Recycled Water (NHMRC, 2000)
- Environmental Guidelines: Use of Effluent by Irrigation (NSW DEC, 2004)
- [NSW Guidelines for Recycled Water Management Systems \(NSW DPI, 2015\)](#)

This policy is also supported by the following Council documents:

- Water Strategic Business Plan
- Water Efficiency Strategy ~~2008~~
- Sewerage Strategic Business Plan
- Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan

8 Access and Consumption

There is a Recycled Water Irrigation fee listed in Council's fees and charges.



9 Review

The Recycled Water Policy and associated development guidelines will be reviewed on a periodic basis and particularly where new guidelines and/or management information dictates.

10 Application of Sustainability Principles

The policy will permit the conservation of the Valley's water resource allowing more water to remain in the environment

Policy

Water Quality Management

Responsible Manager (Title)	Manager Technical Services Water Cycle		
Adopted by Council	Date: TBA	Minute Number: TBA	
File Reference Number	ECM: TBA	Version: V5.0	Review Due: TBA
Document(s) this policy Supersedes	V4.0 – 23/07/2019 – 6c.19.026		
Community Plan Linkage	Select a theme 2.3 Infrastructure - Communities that are well serviced with essential infrastructure (including transport services, water and sewage systems and public amenities)		

1 Purpose

To provide an organisation commitment to responsible management of drinking water quality.

2 Definitions

Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG) – are the primary guidance document on drinking water quality in Australia. They are designed to provide an authoritative reference on what defines safe, good quality water, how it can be achieved and how it can be assured.

Drinking Water Management System (DWMS) - A DWMS consists of documents, procedures and other supporting information for the safe supply of drinking water. The DWMS addresses the elements of the Framework provided in the ADWG relevant to the operations of the supplier. At the heart of the framework are Critical Control Points (CCP). A CCP is an activity, procedure or process that is critical to control a water quality hazard (for example chlorination).

Turbidity – Turbidity is caused by the presence in water of fine suspended matter such as clay and other microscopic organisms. Turbidity is a measurement of the light scattering property of water measured as NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units).

Potable Water Supply – This policy only applies to the potable water supply areas where water is being supplied at a standard suitable for drinking. This policy does not apply in the untreated water supply areas between Nymboida to Rushforth and Karangi where water is supplied with the understanding that it is not suitable for drinking.

3 Water Quality Management Policy

Council will follow its Drinking Water Management System to provide a safe supply of drinking water.

Council will responsibly manage water quality issues by:



- Extracting water from the source only when water quality is acceptable and maximise use of stored water during such events.
- If raw water quality from all sources is unacceptable for extraction, it is processed through a settling pond to remove suspended particles before it is added to raw water storage.
- Managing stored water to improve water quality.
- Use pipe materials to minimise water quality impacts.
- Flush potable water supply mains as required to clean mains when dirty water is reported and more regularly in areas where regular reports are received. Dirty water reports are encouraged via Council's main phone line and after hours if considered urgent. Flushing after hours will occur when there is-are more than two consumers affected or the quality of water is considered undrinkable.
- Inform consumers on suitable pipe types for their own plumbing and how to flush their own pipes when required.
- In the unfortunate event that dirty water affects washed clothes, creating dirty washing, Council will assist with education on how to minimise the risk of staining and provide sodium dithionite to assist with the removal of iron and manganese marks.

4 Implementation

Clarence Valley Council will support this Policy by:

- Providing information on the web-site re the causes of dirty water and the responsibilities of Council and the Consumer.
- Implementing appropriate operations and management procedures for minimising dirty water events and reaction when they occur.
- Reporting on water quality statistics and dirty water customer reports.

5 Related Documents

This is a policy document only and is supported by the following guidelines that pertain to the water quality management of drinking water:

- Australian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines
- Clarence Valley Council ~~Drinking Water Management System~~
- Water Strategic Business Plan
- ~~Drinking Water Management System~~
- Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan

6 Review

The Water Quality Management Policy and associated procedures and plans will be reviewed on a periodic basis and particularly where new guidelines and/or management information dictates.



Policy

Structures and vegetation in close proximity to flood levees

Responsible Manager (Title)	Floodplain Coordinator Manager Water Cycle		
Adopted by Council	Date: TBA	Minute Number: TBA	
File Reference Number	ECM: TBA	Version: V3.0	Review Due: TBA
Document(s) this policy Supersedes	V2.0 – 18/09/2018 – 15.149/18		
Community Plan Linkage	Select a theme 2.4 Infrastructure - Floodplain and drainage infrastructure that is maintained in a way that improves amenity and liveability		

1 Purpose

Council's Development Control Plans require that all buildings must be setback from the outside masonry levee wall or from the toe of any levee wall as follows;

- R1, R2 and R3 Residential and Business zones – 1.5 metres
- R5 Large lot residential and Rural zones – 3.5 metres.

This policy also applies to levees located in other zonings. This policy has been prepared to provide additional guidance regarding building any structure in close proximity to Council's constructed levees and areas of natural high ground. Structures on constructed levees and natural high ground can impact ~~on~~ the performance of each by concentrating flows and causing scour points. This policy ~~is written to ensure~~ [ensures](#) that the structural integrity of Council's constructed levees and natural high ground ~~are is~~ maintained. It will also ensure that Council maintains reasonable access to its constructed levees and areas of natural high ground to enable maintenance, repairs and /or possible replacement in perpetuity.

2 Definitions

'Constructed Levee' means a structure typically constructed from earth, concrete (cast-in-situ or pre-cast) or concrete block.

'Natural High Ground Levees' means land that does not contain a constructed levee but ~~instead~~ has an elevation at or above the surrounding leveed areas. Natural high ground provides the same function as constructed levees and is essential for the levee network.

'Structures' include but are not limited to utility lines, pipes, boat docks, stairs, decks, homes, swimming pools, power poles, roads, irrigation ditches and fence posts.

'Vegetation' in this Policy can also mean shrub or other plant.



3 Background

Council has a duty of care to maintain flood mitigation works in effective operational order, ~~and~~ ensure they present minimal hazards to landowners and provide protection to communities

4 Policy ~~statement~~Statement

Structures generally should not be constructed within 1.5 metres of constructed levees (or 3.5 metres in R5 and rural zonings). However, it is recognised that [there may be justification for varying this blanket exclusion in some circumstances](#)~~in some circumstances there may be justification for varying this blanket exclusion.~~ This policy outlines how applications for building in close proximity to a Council constructed levee, or natural high ground will be considered. Council will treat each application on its merits, but applicants should not assume that consent for construction over or near constructed levees or natural high ground will be automatically granted.

5 Procedures

Council is to be notified at least 48 hours ~~prior to~~[before](#) commencement of any work in close proximity to constructed levees or natural high ground and arrangements made for inspection during construction by Council staff.

5.1 Easements

If part of any proposal for structures is in close proximity to a constructed levee, the developer/owner will be required to provide an easement over any existing or proposed constructed levees if an easement is not already registered. The minimum width of the easement for a concrete block levee shall be 3.0 metres (but in some instances, [it](#) may be varied depending on the site and location), ~~and for.~~ [For an earth levee](#)s, the easement width may be variable depending on site conditions. The easement is to include the levee footing. [Although an easement is not required for natural high-ground areas](#)~~For natural high-ground areas, although an easement is not required,~~ Council will initiate negotiations and encourage the provision of an easement.

5.2 Building within 1.5 meters of existing levees

Council [does](#) not permit any new structures to be supported by any part of the constructed levee. Construction of new structures with footings within 1.5 metres of [the](#) constructed levee (or 3.5 metres in R5 and rural zonings) may only be considered when a [S](#)tructural [E](#)ngineer's certificate (if requested) is submitted to Council prior to [the](#) issue of the construction certificate to verify the proposed structure near the constructed levee shall not affect the structural integrity of the constructed levee or place additional load on the constructed levee.

Access to the constructed levees or natural high ground is required for regular inspections and maintenance/repairs by Council staff. Inspection may be required during flood events as well as for routine asset condition assessment. [The p](#)rovision for easy access by Council staff for inspections needs to be



incorporated into any proposed structure (e.g. by using lightweight materials, screwed / ~~removable/ cantilevered~~~~removable/cantilevered~~ decking, etc.). The property owner shall be responsible for the cost of any dismantling and reassembling of structures necessary to undertake the levee inspection.

5.3 Relocating levees

Where a developer proposes to ~~relocate/realign~~~~relocate/realign~~ the levee to suit their development requirements, ~~it will be at the landowner's cost if approved~~~~if this is approved it will be at the landowner's cost~~. A condition of approval may require a hydraulic assessment to determine ~~the~~ impacts of the proposed alteration. Any proposed relocation of levees shall require approval of a Development Application and Construction Certificate. ~~Survey~~~~A survey~~ will be ~~required~~~~necessary~~ to ensure ~~the~~ levee design height is maintained. The developer shall meet the requirements of 4.1.1 and if an easement is already granted, then shall meet the costs for amendments to the easement.

5.4 Heavy Machinery and Earthworks Near Levees

Works around constructed levees or natural high ground, even when not within the prescribed setback distances, must be carried out in such a way as ~~to not~~~~not to~~ interfere with the levee (e.g., heavy machinery shall not be permitted ~~to track across earth levees during construction repeatedly~~~~to repeatedly track across earth levees during construction~~). A dilapidation survey will be required prior to works, and any damage ~~that occurs to levees is required to~~~~to levees must~~ be restored to Council's satisfaction.

5.5 Unauthorised ~~works~~~~Works~~ to Council Levees

Landowners should be aware that they ~~are obligated not to interfere with or damage flood mitigation works and may have civil liability for damage that detrimentally affects their operation and consequently~~~~have an obligation to not interfere or damage flood mitigation works, and may have civil liability for damage that detrimentally affects their operation and consequently~~ causes loss to other people or interests.

5.6 Fill Between House and Levee or between Levee and River

For these requests, Council will require that vegetation and non-structural material ~~is to~~ be stripped from the surface of the constructed levee where fill is to be placed prior to placement and compaction. Fill is to be clean and suitable for compaction. The fill must not affect adjoining landowners in any way, such as creating ponding problems, concentrating ~~rainfall runoff~~~~rainfall-runoff~~ (erosion) or affecting any plantings. All work is to be carried out without any adverse effect on the existing levee, and any damage is to be repaired to the satisfaction of Council at no cost to Council. ~~A~~~~s~~ Survey may be required to ensure ~~that~~ design heights ~~is~~~~are~~ maintained. The finished surface is to be graded such that any run-off is not concentrated at any point and ~~cause~~~~causes~~ damage to the levee or batters. The disturbed area is to be turfed on completion of earthworks and watered until fully established. No vegetation other than grass is to be grown in the fill area.

5.7 Excavating or Boring in or adjacent to Levees

Excavating, for installing pipes and cables, can severely weaken the structural integrity and slope stability of constructed levees or natural high ground and create zones of turbulence. This turbulence may displace rock, pull bedding material out under bank protection or cause erosion of the levee to the point that a failure



could occur. The developer must provide detailed designs, geotechnical analysis, structural engineer's certificate and construction procedures for these activities. Where Council consent is given for excavation, development conditions may include all or some of the following:

- No pits are to ~~be~~ left in a levee
- No granular material is allowed as backfill within the excavated notch. Backfill material shall be either:
 - High ~~clay content~~~~clay-content~~ soil
 - Existing material treated with a ~~polymer-based~~~~polymer-based~~ dam or pond sealant
- The fill soil is to be compacted with a trench roller. If the ~~depth of the trench~~~~trench depth~~ exceeds 150mm, the material shall be compacted in two or more layers; the minimum thickness of each layer shall be 150mm.
- Trenches shall be compacted to obtain a relative compaction of at least 98% of maximum dry density throughout.
- Moisture content of fill material shall not be less than 2%
- After works are complete, all exposed earth is to be turfed with ~~a~~-suitable grass.

For Boring, conditions may also include that the annular space between the bore and sleeve shall be pressure grouted with bentonite or other suitable ~~cementitious~~~~cementitious~~ flowable grout approved by Council. The density of bentonite solution should be checked during boring operation to ensure ~~compliance~~~~compliance to with~~ specifications.

5.8 Fencing

~~Council may approve fencing in proximity to levees~~ ~~Fencing in proximity to levees may be approved by Council~~ on the conditions that access to the levee for regular inspections and maintenance/repairs is maintained, rural fences are designed in a way that can exclude cattle during prolonged wet weather periods and flood events, and fencepost are drilled rather than punched into the levee.

Placing new longitudinal fencing along the crest of a constructed levee should be avoided, as the potentially large number of posts placed into a levee may compromise its integrity and would require unnecessary additional maintenance.

5.105.9 Other Considerations

It is possible that constructed levees or natural high ground may be raised in future, ~~therefore~~. ~~Therefore, the proposed developments~~ may need to be altered in future (at the ~~owners~~~~owner's~~ cost); ~~it is possible that the levee may be overtopped in a major flood event, and~~ ~~The development~~ should be designed ~~in such a way that allows to allow~~ free passage for floodwaters down either side of the development in a flood that overtops the levee.

5.115.10 Vegetation around Levees

The primary purpose of managing vegetation around constructed levees and natural high ground is to preserve levee integrity, scour protection during ~~times of~~-flooding, visibility and access. Healthy grass covers are ideal. However, overly long grass cover reduces the level of scour protection; ~~as and~~ ~~such Council recommends~~ ~~requires~~ regular mowing ~~by the private landowners where the levee is located on their private property~~. Clarence Valley Council will maintain levees and other floodplain assets on land owned by Clarence Valley Council as well as ~~council-owned~~~~council-owned~~ infrastructure located on private land and ~~pathways that provides~~~~provide~~ access to floodplain ~~infrastructure / assets~~~~infrastructure/assets~~.



Woody vegetation causes problems for levees as it:

- Reduces inspection visibility and vehicle access
 - Weaken or causes breaches in levees when trees are toppled during a storm or flood event
- Creates scour points when levees are overtopped, causing erosion and possible ~~failure of the levee~~ levee failure.

The expected root zone of trees, shrubs and other woody plants is not permitted to extend into the levee's constructed levee easement zone (or zone of influence) ~~constructed levee easement zone (or zone of influence) of the levee~~. Should Council staff identify vegetation that threatens the constructed levee or natural high ground integrity Council will discuss removal with the property owner the owner's. Vegetation is to be assessed for heritage or environmental significance. Approvals are required before a tree can be removed or trimmed if it is a threatened species, or is within a heritage conservation area, has European heritage significance or has Aboriginal heritage value. Trees, shrubs and ground covers, such as reeds and rushes, may be suitable for planting at some locations where the expected root zone is outside the easement zone (or zone of influence) to prevent erosion of stream banks. Council can advise of suitable species and locations.

As per 5.5 above, landowners should be aware that if they refuse Council's request to remove vegetation (at the owner's cost???) and this vegetation affects the constructed levee or natural high ground operation during a flood, causing loss to other people or interests, they may have civil liability for that loss.

6 Appeal/objections process

Council acknowledges that ~~there may be some situations that~~ some situations may not fall neatly into the categories detailed in this policy, ~~therefore.~~ Therefore, property owners who believe this is the case or feel there are extenuating circumstances can contact Council staff to have their unique situation brought before Council for determination.



Policy

Borrowing

Responsible Manager (Title)	Manager Finance & Systems Supply		
Adopted by Council	Date: TBA	Minute Number: TBA	
File Reference Number	ECM: TBA	Version: 8 9.0	Review Due: TBA
Document(s) this policy Supersedes	V7.0 – 15/12/2020 – 6c.20.187 V8.0 – 25/05/2021 – 6c.21.052		
Community Plan Linkage	Leadership - An effective and efficient organisation that operates in a financially responsible and sustainable manner		

1 Purpose

To ensure Council has a structured and disciplined approach to borrowing of funds for the purpose of funding new infrastructure and renewal of existing infrastructure as outlined in Council's long-term financial plan.

2 Definitions

Minister	Refers to the NSW Minister for Local Government.
Borrowing(s)	Includes conventional loans, deferred payment arrangements, finance leases and any other forms of raising new capital funds. From 1 July 2019 as per Australian Accounting Standard AASB 16 Leases, operating leases will be recognised as borrowings.
Debt Service Ratio	This is an indicator of the extent to which council's operating revenue is committed to servicing both interest and the repayment of principal on existing borrowings.
Debt Service Cover Ratio	This is an indicator that assesses the impact of principal and interest repayments on borrowings on the discretionary revenue of council.
Finance Lease	Leases of property, plant and equipment where Council, as lessee, has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.
Operating Lease	Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are not transferred to Council as lessee.



3 Background/legislative requirements

3.1 Local Government Act 1993 – Part 12 – Loans

- *Section 621* - When and for what may a council borrow?

A council may borrow at any time for any purpose allowed under this Act.

- *Section 622* – What form may a council borrowing take?

A council may borrow by way of overdraft or loan or by any other means approved by the Minister.

- *Section 623* – Security for borrowings

1. A council may give security for any borrowing in such manner as may be prescribed by the regulations.
2. All such securities rank on any equal footing, despite any other Act.

- *Section 624* – Are there any restrictions on a council borrowing?

The Minister may, from time to time, impose limitations or restrictions on borrowings by a particular council or councils generally despite the other provisions of this Part.

- *Part 3 Delegation of functions, Section 377* - General power of the council to delegate

A council may not delegate to the general manager or any other person or body (not including another employee of the council) the borrowing of money.

3.2 Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

- *Clause 229* – Loan to council to be charged on the council's income.

The repayment of money borrowed by a council (whether by way of overdraft or otherwise), and the payment of any interest on that money, is a charge on the income of the council.

- *Clause 230* – General Manager to notify borrowings to Director-General

1. Within seven (7) days after a Council borrows money under a loan contract, the General Manager must notify the Director-General of the borrowing.
2. This clause extends to further advances made to a Council under an existing loan contract but does not apply to a borrowing by a Council by way of overdraft.

3.3 Ministers Borrowing Order (as per Section 624 of the Local Government Act 1993)

The Ministers Borrowing Order states that a council shall not borrow from any source outside the Commonwealth of Australia nor in any currency other than Australian currency.



4 Policy statement

Council recognises that borrowings for capital works are an important funding source for Local Government and the full cost of infrastructure should not be borne entirely by present-day ratepayers, but be contributed to by future ratepayers who will also benefit. This principle is known as inter-generational equity.

Council will restrict all borrowings to fund the delivery of capital projects that ~~are considered by Council to be of the highest priority can generate recurrent revenue streams or provide long term intergenerational benefits to the community, such as aquatic centres~~ To meet the principle of inter-generational equity, the repayment period should not exceed the useful life of the asset, ~~and which are unable to be funded from general revenue. Under no circumstances should~~ Council should not borrow funds for recurrent expenditure ~~or where there is a negative impact on Council's debt servicing ratios.~~

Council will ensure the cost of borrowings is sustainable in terms of ~~Council's~~ its ability to meet future repayments within budgetary constraints identified within the long term financial plan

5 Issues

The report 'Revenue Framework for Local Government' by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal states that the financial position of a council is considered to be healthy when financial liabilities, including debt, are at levels where council's activities and the cost of servicing the debt can be met comfortably from its existing annual operating revenue. ~~Ideally, council should be a modest debtor with loans comprising a minority of the total capital invested in its infrastructure and other assets.~~ The report goes on to say that as a general guideline, councils should have a combination of debt and revenue funding for capital purposes and that additional debt may be justifiable if a council is committed to reducing operating expenses or is willing and able to progressively increase its revenue over time.

To address the significant shortfall between what Council is currently spending on maintaining and renewing its asset base and what is required, Council engaged consultants Ernst & Young in ~~February~~ 2015 and 2021 to complete a review of Council's current debt management practices to identify potential savings from improved debt management. ~~The review was a 2 stage process.~~

~~Firstly the review conducted an evaluation of Council's current debt portfolio and financing strategy. The key findings of this stage of the review process were:~~

~~A revised borrowing philosophy be implemented, focussing on a sustainable target debt level which incorporates a transition to interest only ("I/O") debt.~~

~~Refinancing where possible immediately after the review to take advantage of favourable market conditions which will drive interest savings.~~

~~The next stage of the review involved market testing of the above findings, and evaluation of responses. The key findings of this stage of the review process were:~~

~~Partial transition to new borrowing philosophy being a combination of I/O on both fixed and floating rate basis for new debt may provide the following key benefits~~

- ~~○ Asset / liability matching~~
- ~~○ Surplus cash~~
- ~~○ Flexibility~~



~~○ Access to other debt sources and structures~~

~~○ Operational efficiency~~

~~— Partial refinancing of existing debt may achieve interest savings~~

~~The review found that Council's current debt levels are high as suggested by the credit metrics/Key Financial Indicators (KFIs) and market feedback from banks and it was recommended that Council's total debt over the long term to be managed within a sustainable target debt range as determined through revised KFI's used by the Office of Local Government and Moody's credit rating agency.~~

~~At the 18 October 2016 Ordinary Council meeting (Item 15.112/16) in response to a report from Ernst and Young (EY) titled 2016 Debt Review Update, Council resolved 'That Council update its Loan Borrowing Policy to reflect the increased Sustainable Debt Level of \$131M.'~~

~~At the 27 April 2021 Ordinary Council meeting (Item ??) Council considered an updated review of Council's current debt position by Ernst & Young (titled Debt Review Update 9 March 2021) and resolved 'That Council update its Loan Borrowing Policy to reflect the increased Sustainable Debt Level of \$197M.'~~

~~EY's 2021 report stated that the proposed \$92.2M increase in Council's assessed sustainable debt level is explained by Council's reduced debt position through amortisation repayments to \$104M (as at 30 June 2020), whilst improving its earnings through cumulative rate increases of approximately 25% over the last 3 years combined with \$6M annual savings through a cost reduction program.~~

~~EY's updated 2021 Debt Review report supports an additional \$24M in borrowings on a consolidated basis to fund infrastructure upgrades to the Clarence Coast Holiday Parks. Based on analysis of the General Fund sustainable debt level by EY (utilising consistent methodology to that employed on a consolidated basis) is at \$101M (as at 30 June 2021), representing an increase of \$35M from the level of 2015/16 and 2016/17. With existing debt of \$15.3M, this suggests the General Fund has additional debt capacity of up to \$86.1M on a standalone basis.~~

~~Applying Moody's credit rating methodology EY assess the credit profile of Council to be Aa2 which translates to rated as 'high quality and very low credit risk'. This rating is one notch above the assessment from the 2016 EY Report (Aa3) and is 2 notches below the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of NSW (both triple A rated).~~

~~Key principles for Council to keep focus on in relation to Council's capacity to increase borrowing going forward, include:~~

- ~~▪ Council's sustainable debt levels should be assessed on a regular basis given Council's sustainable debt levels may fluctuate over time due to the interrelationship between financial performance (i.e. revenues, operating result, efficiency) and the ability to service debt obligations (i.e. interest and principal payments).~~
- ~~▪ Increased sustainable debt levels may be achieved via operational and financing efficiencies and increased revenues over time.~~
- ~~▪ Debt levels above the sustainable debt range may be justified in the short term to support essential capital works given Council's strong credit profile (Aa2), however it is suggested that where this is the case a clear plan be implemented to reduce debt levels back to within the target range benchmark.~~



- ~~• Forecast sustainable debt level analysis is subject to the risk of Council achieving its financial forecasts.~~
- ~~• Whilst the General Fund has additional debt capacity on a standalone basis, it is prudent to consider this in the context of Council's consolidated sustainable debt level.~~

~~The Key Financial Indicator (KFI) Council has adopted in its current Financial Planning Policy to measure debt management performance is the Debt Service Ratio (DSR). The DSR measures how much Council is spending servicing debt as a percentage of operating revenue. Up until 30 June 2013 this was the NSW Office of Local Government (OLG) accepted KFI, and the OLG accepted benchmarks for the DSR were as follows:~~

- ~~— Less than 10% — satisfactory~~
- ~~— Between 10% and 20% — fair~~
- ~~— Over 20% — could be of concern~~

~~Council has adopted the following DSR benchmarks per the Financial Planning Policy at the 26 June 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting.~~

General Fund	Less than 12%
Water Fund	Less than or equal to 50%
Sewer Fund	Less than or equal to 50%

Applicable from the 2013/14 financial year the OLG introduced the Debt Service Cover Ratio (DSCR). The DSCR measures the operating results before capital excluding interest and depreciation divided by debt servicing costs. The OLG benchmark for the DSCR is greater than 2, regardless of the fund. Council's Financial Planning Policy has been revised to reflect this new OLG debt management performance Key Financial Indicator (KFI).

6 Procedures

- 6.1 All borrowings will be subject to Council approval and should be in accordance with the Revenue Policy within the adopted Operational Plan.
- 6.2 Council will not borrow money to fund operating expenditure. This type of expenditure should be funded through operating revenue.
- 6.3 Before borrowing, a complete analysis of all funding options as outlined in Council's Long Term Financial Plan is required, including a forward program of capital works identified as part of Council's long term management of its infrastructure assets, to determine borrowing requirements.
- 6.4 Where a capital project for a service that is funded by user charges (e.g., Water, Sewer, Domestic Waste) is determined to be funded by way of borrowings, the user charge should reflect the cost of providing the service (including any borrowing repayments).



- 6.5** Other specific capital projects, not funded by user charges, should only be considered for borrowings when all alternate funding sources have been exhausted.
- 6.6** Borrowings for infrastructure that provides a revenue stream to Council will take priority over borrowing for other assets.
- 6.7** The term of any borrowings should not exceed the expected economic life of the asset being funded.
- 6.8** Prior to undertaking any borrowings, Council shall assess its capacity to repay the borrowings by factoring the associated debt service costs into the long term financial plan.
- ~~**6.9** Funds raised for a specific purpose as the result of levying a special rate or charge, are not to be re-allocated to other areas without justification in terms of service provision and compliance with internal loan requirements, which require Council to obtain approval from the Minister of Local Government.~~
- ~~**6.10.9** The nature of any borrowings (short or long term) and the interest rate (fixed, variable or a combination of fixed and variable), if applicable, will take into account the purpose of the borrowings and seek to minimise interest rate exposure.~~
- ~~**6.11.10** Council's goal for the General Fund Debt Service Ratio is to achieve a financial indicator of less than 12% and for the Water and Sewer Fund an upper limit of 50% for each Fund. Council's goal is to maintain a Debt Service Cover Ratio of greater than 2.0 across all funds.~~
- ~~**6.12** Council maintains a portfolio approach towards debt management and targets a long term sustainable debt range of \$197,000,000.~~
- ~~**6.13** Council transitions its loan portfolio from principal and interest repayment loans to interest only loans over time.~~

7 Overdraft Facilities

Council has an overdraft facility with the Commonwealth Bank. The overdraft facility is to be utilised for short term, unavoidable and essential cash flow requirements only. Use of the overdraft facility is to be minimised by employing careful cash management practices that ensure sufficient cash at bank to satisfy daily expenditure requirements

8 Determination of appropriate lending institution

- 8.1** Once a borrowing has been approved by Council, an 'Expression of Interest' (EOI) process will be conducted whereby appropriate lending institutions (Authorised Deposit Taking Institutions for loan borrowings) will be invited to submit written quotations on Council's borrowing requirements.
- 8.2** Written quotations for loan borrowings must include the:
- Interest rate and whether the rate is fixed, variable, or a combination of fixed and variable
 - Term of the loan



- Repayment intervals (monthly, quarterly, etc.)
 - Interest only repayment instalment amount
 - Any applicable fees.
- 8.3 A minimum of three (3) written quotations will be obtained for Council's approved loan borrowing from Authorised Deposit Taking Institutions.
- 8.4 Appropriate and acceptable documentation must be provided to Council by any prospective lender during the EOI process.
- 8.5 The calculation process for any loan break costs must be clearly set out in the loan documentation.
- 8.6 The General Manager has authority to accept loan offers, subject to the loan borrowing amount being previously approved by Council and the requirements of the 'Borrowing Policy' being adhered to.

ITEM 07.23.098 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK 2023/2024

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Corporate & Community	
Prepared by	Manager Finance & Systems, Kate Maginnity	
Reviewed by	Director Corporate & Community, Alex Moar	
Attachments	Nil	

SUMMARY

Each year Council prepares a draft Operational Plan and accompanying documentation under the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework (IP&R), which is enacted under the Local Government Act 1993 and supported by the Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines issued by the Office of Local Government.

The documentation underpins the activities of the Council, achieves the direction set by the elected members in the Delivery Program and the aspirations identified by the community in the Community Plan, Clarence 2032. The accompanying documentation also includes an annual budget and the resourcing strategy and revenue policy including fees and charges. Public exhibition of the draft documentation has now been completed and post exhibition period adjustments are presented for adoption.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. note the public exhibition period submissions contained within the report in summary and attached to the report in full
2. Adopt the following:
 - a. the Operational Plan 2023/2024
 - b. the Resourcing Strategy incorporating:
 - i. the Long Term Financial Plan (2023/2024 to 2032/2033)
 - ii. the Workforce Management Strategy (2022/2023-2025/2026)
 - iii. the Asset Management Strategy (2022/2023 – 2031/2032)
3. adopt the 2023/2024 Fees and Charges (Attachment A)
4. delegate authority to the general Manager to make minor amendments to the Integrated Planning & Reporting suite of documents for publishing purposes.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Leadership

Objective We will have a strong, accountable and representative Government

KEY ISSUES

The Operational plan 2023/2024 for adoption can be located here - [Operational Plan 2023/2024](#)

The following submissions were made during the public exhibition phase

Name and suburb	Feedback	Council comment
James Synott Coutts Crossing 2460	In December 2022 I enquired regarding the reduction in the speed limit on Armidale Rd to 80km/h and was advised by council "The reduced speed limit for this section of road has been assessed to be more appropriate for the current road environment. The reduction is temporary, while a plan is developed and implemented for safety improvements that will include a full road reconstruction and widening" In the Draft Operational Plan and Budget - Infrastructure, IN1.3 the stated action is to investigate transfer of Armidale Rd to the State Gov. and there is no indication for any funding in the Draft Capital Works Program 2023/2024 to 2026/2027 for	This section of Armidale Road did not qualify for Black Spot nomination. Full reconstruction and widening is estimated to be \$3M however this section of road does not meet the crash history requirement to support external road safety grant nomination. Following consultation with CVC, TfNSW reduced the speed limit to

	<p>this section of Armidale Rd. If the State Gov do take responsibility for Armidale Rd does this mean rate payers and the community have to wait more than 4 years for this road to brought up to a safe standard as per council response at the time of the speed reduction? In 2022 in council meeting minutes it was stated that Armidale Rd was councils priority for maintenance responsibility to revert to the NSW government. Has council had any response from the state government regarding progress on these changes?</p>	<p>80 km/h temporarily to improve safety.</p> <p>The road is scheduled to be re-classified and transferred to TfNSW.</p> <p>Negotiation around timing of which is underway.</p>
Henry Fenner Yamba 2464	<p>While I appreciate Grafton Pool is high on the priorities list, the focus must remain on all good projects, not one or the other. The netball courts in Maclean have been needing an upgrade for years, the current season is at risk. There are no publicly available netball courts in Yamba - a town of nearly 7,000 people - should have at least two publicly available lighted netball courts.</p>	<p>Major reconstruction works are scheduled in the forward capital works program to commence in 2024/2025.</p>
Geoff Shepherd Grafton 2460	<p>I am a ratepayer and Director of Clarence Village Limited. I object to the Sewerage Connection Charges outlined in the Draft Budget 2023/2024 on the grounds: It is discriminatory in that it imposes charges that, in the case of Clarence Village will result in charges on residential property are vastly in excess of all other residential properties and that are vastly in excess of the cost of providing connection to Sewerage. Court proceedings have commenced that seek a declaration that the charges levied for 2022/2023 were invalid and the Draft Budget proposes charges be levied on the same basis for 2023/2024. Any action to make and levy connection charges that are ultimately held to be invalid would be irresponsible.</p>	<p>Following a review in accordance with best practice (Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste Price Guidelines), Council's Revenue Policy adopted in June 2022 now levies water supply and sewer connection annual charges in accordance with the Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste Pricing Guidelines (DWE, 2002) Clarence Village Limited is one of six property holdings affected by the change in July 2022. As Clarence Village Limited has now taken legal action against Council for applying the charge, the matter is currently with Council's appointed Legal Service – Local Government Legal and will be resolved in the LEC.</p>
Henry Fenner Yamba 2464	<p>Yamba Breakers netball club is seeking \$20,000 to start the process to establish netball courts in Yamba. Currently there are no publicly available netball courts in Yamba. The \$20,000 is to get the project to "shovel ready" stage by undertaking: consultation / location selection / detailed design / Council endorsement and any approvals. After which external funding will be sought. The benefits to the community include: • Increased active participation – particularly for girls - as there will not be a need to travel to Maclean to train - no need to pay extra for training (have to pay to train at RLC) - availability – no need to compete with other sports to use RLC - opportunity to see and subsequently develop the game in home town • Social and community boost to Yamba by having more girls playing sport • Economic Boost – through the ability to attract and host carnivals and events Naturally any ToR must include a focus on inclusiveness and a specific focus on increasing participation for indigenous players.</p>	<p>There are four courts within the Raymond Laurie Sports Centre for competition use. Future planning for additional courts around the centre is possible if the Club can demonstrate need and demand. Estimates of demand need to informed based on club members, participation numbers and future growth potential, which would bring forward construction, which is currently identified in the current 7.11 Contributions Plan as an 'E' priority to be completed before 2032.</p>
Christine Preston Yamba 2464	<p>On behalf of dog owners in Yamba and Maclean, we would like to submit plans for a dog park. They seem to work well in other towns and hoping the same can happen for the Clarence Valley also. If you can advise on any additional information we may need.</p>	<p>Review of the Open Spaces Strategy has been deferred to 2023/2024, the request for a dog park in the Lower Clarence will be considered in the review.</p>

		One location for a Lower Clarence dog park could be part of the eastern side of Wherrett Park.
Janette Nethercott Grafton 2460	<p>1. Dobie/ Villiers Street Roundabout Travelling frequently up Dobie Street through the roundabout on Villiers Street, I have noticed several near car collisions. Heading up Dobie Street, you cannot see the approaching traffic moving onto the roundabout coming down Dobie Street. The height of the soil, the rocks and the large plants obscure any view approaching the roundabout. It would be great if all the traffic approaching the Dobie/ Villiers Streets roundabout had clear sight lines and the height of said roundabout would be greatly shortened.</p> <p>2. Footpath in Dobie Street between Villiers and McHugh Streets Dobie Street is a very busy thoroughfare. Mobility scooters and people with babies in prams are often put in jeopardy trying to find a navigable place to move from the road when traffic approaches. It's a hairy walk along there. A footpath along that stretch would save lives in the long term.</p> <p>3. Dog Agility Park As a dog owner and walker in Grafton, there is nowhere to let dogs run off-leash. The area that IS available supposedly at Corcoran Park is hard to figure out where it begins and ends and is highly impractical as it stands. I realise that Kevin Hogan made an announcement that an agility park was being given grant money and was being built up the hill behind Corcoran Park, but I have heard nothing since? There are small parks around The Dovedale area that could be fenced off and would make ideal dog running areas. # Jaycee Park down the end of Dobie Street # The land behind the Jacaranda Park Playground toward the end of Prince Street has a large area that runs alongside the childcare driveway on one side. It's only used for people to drive onto and park.</p> <p>4. Fairy Lights on the trees in Prince Street The lights on the trees in See Park (at the Jacaranda Festival) are beautifully lit. The trees in the main street (Prince Street), although being pretty, are not very well executed. The lights could extend up into the canopy and be wrapped more neatly.</p>	This location has not previously been identified as a safety concern. The location will be investigated including site inspection, review of crash history and the item taken to the Safe Systems Working Group for consideration. The footpath network review as part of the Active Transport Strategy has identified the footpath along Dobie Street to be extended between Villiers to Kent Street at this stage. The community will be invited to comment on the draft network as part of the public exhibition of the Strategy.
Duncan McKimm Grafton 2460	Please find attached submission in opposition to the 2023/24 Operational Plan - lodged on behalf of the residents of Clarence Village Limited as resolved by the members of the Self-Care Committee. The resident representatives of the Self-Care Committee object to Clarence Valley Council's charging of sewer access charges that unfairly results in the pensioners of Clarence Village paying more per resident per year than the average rate payer.	Following a review in accordance with best practice (Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste Price Guidelines), Council's Revenue Policy adopted in June 2022 now levies water supply and sewer connection annual charges in accordance with the Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste Pricing Guidelines (DWE, 2002) Clarence Village Limited is one of six property holdings affected by the change. As Clarence Village Limited has now taken legal action against Council for applying the charge, the matter is currently with Council's appointed Legal Service – Local Government Legal and will be resolved in the LEC.
Tonia Fitzcosta	Dear Councillor, Clarence Village is a charity that provides affordable housing and aged care to seniors. I don't think our	Following a review in accordance with best practice (Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste Price

Via Email to Councillors	<p>community should be making Clarence Village's task harder by increasing their sewer access charges by \$190,000 per year. I object to Council's operational plan for 2023/24, which would see these charges levied for a second year running. I don't think it's right that seniors in affordable housing should pay more than residents of a nearby manufactured home estate for the same service.</p> <p>I think our community urgently needs the affordable housing development Clarence Village wants to build in South Grafton. Increasing sewer charges on that development from \$1,218 to \$39,000 every year will stop it dead in its tracks.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this matter.</p>	<p>Guidelines), Council's Revenue Policy adopted in June 2022 now levies water supply and sewer connection annual charges in accordance with the Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste Pricing Guidelines (DWE, 2002)</p> <p>Clarence Village Limited is one of six property holdings affected by the change.</p> <p>As Clarence Village Limited has now taken legal action against Council for applying the charge, the matter is currently with Council's appointed Legal Service – Local Government Legal and will be resolved in the LEC.</p>
Mark Dougherty Grafton	<p>The proposed method of charging individual dwellings for sewer access on single rateable parcels of land containing Independent Living Units is totally unjust when compared to manufactured home estates. The policy has also been applied in an ad hoc manner and has been inconsistently applied within the Clarence Valley Council LGA. The policy is out of line when compared to other Councils who do not charge the individual sewer connection fee. To my knowledge the residents of Clarence Village Limited (CVL) have been singled out for no known or explained reason. CVL is a public charity providing affordable housing in Grafton since the early 1970's. I wish to formally object to this policy being included the 2023/2024 Operational Plan for CVC.</p>	<p>Following a review in accordance with best practice (Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste Price Guidelines), Council's Revenue Policy adopted in June 2022 now levies water supply and sewer connection annual charges in accordance with the Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste Pricing Guidelines (DWE, 2002)</p> <p>Clarence Village Limited is one of six property holdings affected by the change.</p> <p>As Clarence Village Limited has now taken legal action against Council for applying the charge, the matter is currently with Council's appointed Legal Service – Local Government Legal and will be resolved in the LEC.</p>
Kerry Wilsmore 2469 Via Email to Councillors	<p>Dear Ian,</p> <p>As discussed, I attach the letter from your Council dated 2017 noting the desire by CVC to construct cycleway areas when upgrading Iluka Road. Karen Toms noted that over \$1 million will be spent on an upgrade to Iluka Road in the near future.</p> <p>Thanks for meeting with members of the Woombah Community.</p> <p>We note the following matters were also discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Hall- Ideal venue is Woombah Park. Council to investigate if there is any Indigenous constraints to the site. Letter of support from CVC to aid grant funding. 2. Woombah Boat Ramp- need for Council to investigate whether Open Spaces can include as part of their monthly mow of Woombah Park and footpaths. Need a letter of support from CVC to assist in securing Pontoon and Fishing table funding. 3. Cycleway and extension of pathway to Woombah Woods as a staged development. 4. Movement of the 80km sign to a new 50km to stop speeding, overtaking, killing of wildlife on their traditional 	<p>Cycleway facilities along Iluka Road, Woombah will be identified and prioritised as part of the development of the Active Transport Strategy. Cycleway facilities were not part of the proposed scope of works funded by the road safety improvement project.</p> <p>TfNSW has undertaken a speed zoning review along Iluka Road at Woombah and advised that speed and traffic data indicates that all speed zones on Iluka Road are in good operation. Taking this data into account, it would be a significant departure from the NSW Speed Zoning Guidelines to change the speed zones. As such the outcome of the investigation is that they will be maintained.</p>

	<p>pathways across Iluka Road. Approx. 100m extension of 50km zone.</p> <p>5. Dual occupancy allowing clearing of trees in Woombah. The WRA executive will be in contact with your Council on follow ups to the above stated concerns.</p> <p>WRA member.</p>	<p>The boat ramp is now included as part of the mowing schedule and demand and need for fish cleaning facilities can be assessed, considered and supported for full funding under the NSW Government Recreation Fishing Trust. A pontoon at this location is not identified in the Council adopted strategy giving rise to construction of such infrastructure - the Clarence River Masterplan II.</p>
<p>Jason Connell Great Marlow 2460</p>	<p>After reading thought the charges proposed charges I don't agree with the proposed water increase as over the last 12 months the water quality on the unfiltered water is average and the increase is unjustified on this basis, the total land value charge is also unbalanced as how can yamba residents only pay a proposed charge of 0.0016281 and you expect Grafton and junction hill residents pay 0.0058806, as these properties all are offered all the same council services but council wants to charge over 3 times as much, these charges need to be brought in line,.</p>	<p>Water Annual Charges are a standard increase pa.</p> <p>%Yield per Category is maintained at a similar rate each year, with rate in the dollar being adjusted (taking into consideration Land Value) to ensure that residents across the Valley are paying similarly for the same services.</p>
<p>Wendy Browne 2460</p>	<p>Clarence Village is a charity that provides affordable housing and aged care to seniors. I don't think our community should be making Clarence Village's task harder by increasing their sewer access charges by \$190,000 per year. I object to Council's operational plan for 2023/24, which would see these charges levied for a second year running. I don't think it's right that seniors in affordable housing should pay more than residents of a nearby manufactured home estate for the same service. I think our community urgently needs the affordable housing development Clarence Village wants to build in South Grafton. Increasing sewer charges on that development from \$1,218 to \$39,000 every year will stop it dead in its tracks. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.</p>	<p>Following a review in accordance with best practice (Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste Price Guidelines), Council's Revenue Policy adopted in June 2022 now levies water supply and sewer connection annual charges in accordance with the Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste Pricing Guidelines (DWE, 2002) Clarence Village Limited is one of six property holdings affected by the change.</p> <p>As Clarence Village Limited has now taken legal action against Council for applying the charge, the matter is currently with Council's appointed Legal Service – Local Government Legal and will be resolved in the LEC.</p>
<p>Sarah Eifermann Maclean 2463</p>	<p>Nothing in there for Brooms Head Foreshore that could be easily seen. No real allocation or strategic pathway for development of business community other than relying on Chambers. The LGA needs a dedicated Business Program, which includes Strategic Advisory and relationship building. If part of the 2032 plan is to develop a location that people want to visit, why is this not a priority. Maclean for example is losing businesses regularly with rising operational costs and a lack of cashflow planning and management.</p>	<p>The Brooms Head Plan of Management that captures the foreshore area is in the planning phase. A modelling study is also to be completed to complete the final stage of coastal planning for the location to assess beach erosion impacts. Outcomes of these planning projects will inform what works and priorities take place at Brooms Head Reserve foreshore area.</p>
<p>Tarina Morgan Dilkoon 2460</p>	<p>The planning proposal should have a policy relating to the increase death rate in our shire since 2021, or at least mention the massive impact this is having finding workers. All cause mortality is up 4 standard deviations, heart attacks up 600%, miscarriage up 200%, birth rates down 40%. This is the biggest social change our shire has ever seen and it isn't mentioned once. Schools now have defibs and Grafton hospital has a sign saying heart attacks are not just for old</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

	<p>people any more. I understand council cannot look at the correlation with the 2021 forced pharmaceutical intervention and 2021 increase in dearth rates, however we should acknowledge more young people are dying than ever before, and our economy cannot withstand this health care load. Please at least comment on the largest social change our community has ever seen so we can prepare for the increase in death rates and decrease in labour supply.</p>	
<p>Daniel Fahey Grafton 2460</p>	<p>Take existing assets and transform them. Old jail, now new cultural centre, function centre, gallery, museum and performing space. Old council nursery, now new community garden. New community garden, now Botanic Gardens. Old Ag research station, now new suburb: flood-free, fire-free, purpose built. Old Coutts Xing rodeo ground, now includes 9 more golf holes and more riverbank parklands. Choose a site for university campus, not just an office. Create opportunities, take existing assets and make them gateways to open-ended futures. Apply insight and wisdom combined with practicality to create plans of action- not dogmatic and obstructionist naysaying, not politicking and horsetrading, not narrow-minded turf wars, or principled stances that achieve nothing. If you are thinking about the cost of all these ideas, you know nothing of the value of them, and are undeserving of being a councillor or employee of council of the good and fine citizens of the Clarence Valley.</p>	<p>Council has a significant amount of assets to manage and upkeep, with a large area and small rate base the Delivery Program and operational plan are planned within the annual budget and Councillor's priorities. Council has a very large capital works program and is continuing to manage its current assets under the asset management plan and in accordance with priorities identified in the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan.</p>
<p>Karen Hall Maclean 2463</p>	<p>Please can we have some thought go into a fenced off leash area for dogs separate for large and small breeds. Would be nice to have a separate are for dogs in training that are being taught to socialise. I believe there should be a separate area than a high used walk area for the general public. A large enough area to throw a ball would be good. A voiceteress area would be a well used area as some dogs no matter how they've been trained, rehomed or just their instinct will never always get on with every dog or aggressive humans. Maybe even a larger friendly area marked for only training so people are aware. I suggest the already of leash area at Wherret Park upgraded with fences, tap and either doggies poo bags or bring your own.</p>	<p>Will be reviewed when the Open Spaces Strategy is revised.</p>
<p>Nicole Foster Maclean 2463</p>	<p>Dog park in maclean please</p>	<p>Will be reviewed when the Open Spaces Strategy is revised.</p>
<p>Shelly White Yamba 2464</p>	<p>Lower Clarence Netball Courts (5) at Wherrett Park, Maclean have serious pavement subsidence due to subsoil movement which has been amplified further with the recent flooding of the courts. Unfortunately, the most affected courts in their current state are 'not fit for purpose' and cannot be used therefore limiting the operations of the facility. Council is supporting netball with some repair works however this is short term at best and a renewal of the courts will be the most likely outcome. Lower Clarence Netball looks to work in partnership with Council to address this renewal challenge by requesting in the first instance a \$80k budget allocation for investigation and design in the 2023-24 Budget. This investigation and design will produce an estimate of probable costs for which Lower Clarence Netball Association and Netball NSW can then work with Council to seek grant funding to complete the renewal. This is a very similar process used for the rebuild and modernisation of the recently completed Grafton Netball Courts. Lower Clarence Netball Association appreciates Council consideration for this item</p>	<p>The Maclean Netball Courts underwent a major repair about 10 years ago that prolonged their life. Consideration for the asset will be made in the future in the asset management plan/Capital Works Program</p>

<p>Laura Noble Grafton 2460</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision – would like to see an emphasis please to “protect and nurture our natural environment”. Your wording we live in harmony with our environment, does not necessarily mean our native flora and fauna. • SO10, Environment, IN4: Develop a management plan for “Flood resilience or recovery” which includes funding for weed control. • Need the employment of at least one ecologist/botanist or with equal skills. • Lobby government for funding for a full time Pest Animal Officer for cat and Indian Myna control. • Lobby government to allow Council to have the ability to withdraw or reassess approvals of DA sites within 5-10 years if no substantial development has commenced. • EN2: Lobby government to have DAs necessary when altering the current use of the rural land (regardless if RU1 or RU2) to intensive agriculture eg bush block or grazing land to large scale agriculture. DAs will enable assessment of vegetation before clearing and the agricultural/horticultural business should submit the viability that the property can support such a business eg its water capacity/availability and allowable dam size. • Ensure GIS is continually reviewed, environment mapping updated and referred to prior to any work or decision. • Improving delivery and action of residents’ issues. Important that enquiries/situations raised by residents be directed to the correct department particularly when there may be a need for immediate action to prevent further damage or issues. • Review work/training processes for staff and contractors in all departments so best practices occur. • LE7: Regularly follow-up Motions to be actioned with State and Federal governments. 	<p>Noted, these comments relation to the Community Strategic Plan and the Delivery Program – they will be passed onto Councillors who develop the Delivery Program.</p>
<p>Robyn Smith Grafton 2460</p>	<p>Request to include upgrade / repair/ replace signage on Council area boundaries. Currently, the welcome to our Council area signs are missing, mouldy, damaged, obscured by vegetation and overall a sad reflection on our Valley. The Clarence Valley Council area is a unique pristine environment which should welcome visitors and express a genuine invitation to share our beautiful Valley. I’ve tried to attach some photos of the current signage which has been in place which highlights my concerns, but system doesn’t appear to upload. Even if the current signs are maintained and reflect a pride in the region it would be a start</p>	<p>Current signage program – signs being updated currently and will continue into 2023/2024</p>
<p>Tamara Prentice South Grafton 2460</p>	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft CVC Operational Plan for 23/24. I write representing the user groups of Hawthorne Equestrian Park, South Grafton and note that \$100,000 has been allocated this financial year with provision for \$500,000 next financial year. We note the intention of these funds is to design and construct in accordance with the Masterplan. While we appreciate that sentiment the grounds desperately need maintenance to enable ongoing usability while the staged design and construction is undertaken. We have made numerous requests to Council for these works but are continuously advised there is no budget, as such we ask for additional funds to be specifically allotted for urgent maintenance. For example, the shower blocks have tiles falling off them, broken taps and broken soap dispensers. The entrance road is full of pot holes, to the point vehicles are travelling on the fields. The maintenance works suggested will not impinge on implementation of the Masterplan as they are part of the later stages or not proposed to be changed at all.</p>	<p>Council does undertake maintenance of the Hawthorne Park facility within allocated budgets and addresses matters that are unsafe. Sports Committee funding is also available for use by the Group or individual sports clubs. Recent grant funding has been obtained to upgrade drainage at the facility. The football grounds playing surface has a higher mowing regime required than Hawthorne Park simply due to the nature of football and ball sport being played. Hawthorne Park is also grazed under a Pony Club lease across most of the facility.</p>

	<p>It is requested that additional funds be allocated for urgent maintenance works in 23/24. If no additional funds are available our preference is these works are completed in 23/24 in lieu of masterplan design work. There is no point designing a new grandstand when there are no functional toilets to service it! It is also requested that Councils financial system is amended to provide separate budgeting for the Hay St Rugby Fields from the Equestrian Grounds. Currently it is unable to be determined how much maintenance is being spent on the Equestrian Grounds as opposed to the Rugby Fields. There is a clear divergence between maintenance schedules (rugby mowed every week or two, equestrian grounds 2 times per year), yet we are consistently told we have no money. Transparency needs to be provided and this is not possible while council continues to conflate these two grounds for financial purposes.</p>	
<p>Jeff Smith Grafton 2460</p>	<p>The Old Grafton Gaol (the remaining structures and land that have not been assigned to other organisations) is an asset that could be of great benefit to Grafton and the Clarence Valley. I'd like to see an amount of money (\$20k to \$30k) set aside to investigate and scope the possibilities and costing for the asset including feedback and input from the Community. Ideas already floated include tourism, gallery/museum space and accommodation. If managed correctly this is a visionary opportunity for the whole valley</p>	<p>Community request for Councillors to consider</p>
<p>James Allan Yamba 2464</p>	<p>This submission to the draft operational plan is from the Yamba Chamber of Commerce. We request that funds be directed towards operations concerned with town beautification and general upkeep of Yamba business districts. The business districts of Yamba require a higher level of attention in matters of general street upkeep, cleanliness and the upkeep of gardens and trees in town. This is a list of just some of the issues that require attention, residents, business owners and tourists have brought these to our attention. ● Public toilet signage. The need for toilets to be open longer, especially when events are on in town. Recent complaints have been made by visitors unable to locate public facilities. ● Town signage as well as directional signs in need of repair ● Landscaping on Clarence, Coldstream and Yamba Streets, which are looking unkempt and dirty. ● Roundabout tidy - the sails on the "sculptures" are tired and broken ● More bike racks and bike paths – Yamba is a biker's paradise. We encourage to Council to support more bike use with facilities. ● Industrial area signage, trees and road repairs ● Public seats and viewing areas – ie Pilot Hill and beach lookouts ● More Trees ● Dirty bricks on the pavements ● In the past rotted power poles have had to be fixed and replaced on the initiative of a business owner in town. ● The issue with streets and drains not being cleaned and cleared regularly is also an ecological one as any rubbish in those drains eventually finds its way to the river. Improved upkeep will make Yamba a more pleasant experience for visitors and also make doing business in town more positive and more efficient. It is our hope that you will resolve to allocate more resources to the upkeep of Yamba business districts. We look forward to working with Council in order to make Yamba, the tourism centre of the Clarence Valley, a more beautiful place to live, work and visit. The Yamba Chamber of Commerce thanks you for your consideration.</p>	<p>Council is working on the following that address these areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Active Transport Plan - Additional funds for 2023/2024 for a town maintenance/beautification team - Signage update program 2022/2023 continuing into 2023/2024
<p>Fiona Levin</p>	<p>It would appear that the council has a once in a life time opportunity to establish a legacy of pride for our community. Whilst there is always the ongoing repair, implementation of</p>	<p>Additional funds for 2023/2024 for a town maintenance/beautification team</p>

<p>Alumy Creek 2460</p>	<p>infrastructure that is part of its annual financials I do believe we need to reallocate money to create a permanent legacy. As the oldest city on the north coast it would be significant to establish recognition of so many “firsts “ that have born from the Clarence Valley. Two initial ideas 1. In the year of the “Voice” to acknowledge the southern entrance of where Grafton sits Topographically for the Bungalong Nation . Bronze statues of the brothers and or mother or grandmother depending on accurate folk law who historically are the founders of our “Bungalong” Nation be commissioned along side a bronze of “Sir Earl Christmas Page” with a plaque saying something like. “ Sorry for the Past” “Unity for our Future”. Perhaps even a donation vessel for a nominated philanthropic cause related to unification in our Valley. 2. Many other bronze statues ideas to recognise the wealth of historical importance we have in our valley. I.e. horses from the Whalers to the first racehorse “Yataden” from Rammornie Station. Would welcome further discussion if council agrees with some type of permanent legacy to be established. The pride and acknowledgment on so many levels is important to our communities self respect and patriotism.</p>	<p>Signage update program 2022/2023 continuing into 2023/2024 Council continues to work with and build relations with our First Nations Community</p>
<p>Thomas Searles Dilkoon 2460</p>	<p>I would like to address a serious omission from your operational plan. The document makes almost no reference to farming or agriculture. The word ‘farm’ is used twice, both times to discuss solar farm policies and ‘agriculture’ is only used in conjunction with a single policy for the sale yards. There is no reference to ‘primary industry’ although a dozen tourism policies are addressed. One quarter of all businesses in the Clarence Valley are agricultural and the agricultural sector is the third largest employer in the LGA bringing in over \$100m annually. The fact that one of the 5 strategic themes was ‘economy’ yet the agricultural sector was somehow missed from the 300+ strategies/actions is bewildering. The valley is dependant on the agricultural sector and attached to council by way of social, lifestyle, economic, resilience, flood and fire management and many other programs, policies and strategies. I propose council make themselves clear that they support agriculture, in particular meat agriculture which makes up over 50% of the agricultural economy. I propose the following discussion and inclusion into the plan; 1. A public statement of support for the agricultural sector including meat agriculture. 2. A Right to Farm policy. Council need to discuss a right to farm for the Clarence Valley. The state government right to farm policy does not state a right to farm, but rather comments on councils capacity to infringe on agricultural state planning policy. Council should include the Right To Farm into other policies. 3. An Agricultural Officer should be employed to represent the agricultural sector. The officer would ideally be local, have a background in agriculture, resilience and community projects. The officer should be offered the opportunity to review policy relating to its effect on the sector and report to the community.</p>	<p>CVC Rural Land Strategy and Regional Economic Development Strategy has been updated and actions will be incorporated in Operational Plans as appropriate.</p>
<p>Katherine Clancy South Grafton 2460</p>	<p>I would like to make a submission for council to action the following recommendations from their CVC Rural Land Strategy. Recommendation 8: Establish a ‘Sustainable Agricultural Officer’ within Council Recommendation 22: Consider opportunities for, and where viable develop an ‘Agricultural Hub’ to benefit a wide spectrum of rural activities Recommendation 23: Establish a basis for industry specific and shared infrastructure opportunities I</p>	<p>CVC Rural Land Strategy and Regional Economic Development Strategy has been updated and actions will be incorporated in Operational Plans as appropriate.</p>

	<p>would also like to make a request CVC increase the saleyards maintenance budget by \$100K as increased numbers caused by natural disasters over past years, have applied pressure to the current facilities and in order for the saleyards to hold livestock in these events continued maintenance is a must and the increase economy of scale suggests more funds are required within the current budget.</p>	
<p>Daniel Fahey Grafton 2460</p>	<p>Just get the old jail across to local hands. Take a public asset and make it a local community asset. For cultural purposes. Entry fees for tourists would produce any amount of revenue, if there are any reflexive naysayers reading this.</p>	<p>Note feedback to other old jail submission</p>
<p>Duncan McKimm Grafton 2460</p>	<p>Re: Objection to draft sewer Charges in Council’s 2023/24 Operational Plan and Budget I wish to raise an objection to Council’s draft 2023/24 Operational Plan, exhibited for public display currently. Specifically, I object to the proposed sewer residential connected charges for properties exempt from all rates except for water supply special rates and sewerage special rates under section 556 of the Local Government Act. Background on Clarence Village Clarence Village Limited is a public charity that is a non-registered community housing provider and aged care provider. It has been in operation since 1970 in Grafton and was formed with the assistance of the then Grafton City Council. Clarence Village currently accommodates around 230 seniors across its sites in Grafton and employs 120 staff to operate and maintain its facilities. Background on methodology used to levy sewer access charges in previous years Clarence Village’s properties are exempt from all rates except water and sewer special rates under clause h) of section 556 as they are “land that belongs to a public benevolent institution or public charity and is used or occupied by the institution or charity for the purposes of the institution or charity”. In Clarence Valley Council’s 2021/22 Operational Plan – the sewer access charge for non-rateable properties was set out in a footnote to Table 1: Charges for 2021/22 on pages 109-110 (emphasis added): 3. The non-rateable properties (per connection) charge applies to all non-rateable properties exempt under Section 555 [sic] of the Local Government Act, 1993, within the Sewerage Access area and connected to the sewer. Under this policy, Clarence Village was levied \$10,692 in sewer access charges – being 9 x the connection charge of \$1,188. One charge for each parcel of rateable land. This is a method of levying sewer charges that had been used by Clarence Valley Council over many previous years. Objection to Operation Plan – change to methodology made in 2022/23 operational plan In its 2022/23 Operational Plan, Council made an amendment to the wording of this section. The language adopted in that year is also used in the draft 2023/24 plan in the footnote to Table 1: Charges for 2023/24 on p13 (emphasis added): 3. Residential properties and properties exempt from general rates in accordance with Section 556 of the Local Govt Act 1993 are charged the Sewer Residential Connected Charge per connection or separate occupation, within the Sewerage Access area and connected to the sewer Under this revised wording in 2022/23, Clarence Village was levied \$196,733 in sewer access charges, an increase of almost \$190,000 from the 2021/22 charges. Clarence Valley Council levied a sewer charge on each unit it assessed to be within Clarence Village’s properties. Clarence Village was not aware of the amendment to the wording of this section prior to receiving</p>	<p>Noted above</p>

rates notices in 2022. Challenging validity of sewer charges under new methodology Clarence Village has received legal advice (subsequently provided to Clarence Valley Council) that questions the validity the charges levied under this amendment. To briefly summarise, Section 501 of the Local Government Act states that a Council may make an annual charge for sewerage services, but under clause 3 of that section: An annual charge may be levied on each parcel of rateable land for which the service is provided or proposed to be provided. Clarence Village believes Clarence Valley Council's 2022/23 charges resolution was invalid and of no effect on the grounds that it levied a charge multiple times on each parcel of rateable land. As this wording is also in the proposed Operational Plan for 2023/24, we believe it will also breach section 501 of the Local Government Act by levying a charge multiple times against a single parcel of rateable land. Effect of proposed sewer charging on affordable housing for seniors in Clarence Valley Rents on the affordable housing properties Clarence Village leases to pensioners are calculated based on a fixed percentage of their household income (pension) plus 100% of Commonwealth Rent Assistance. Clarence Valley Council's operation plan in 2022/23 changed the cost basis of our operations significantly - increasing the costs associated with operating an affordable housing property in a retirement living setting by several orders of magnitude. This operational plan repeats that impost. Committed as we are to charging rents on those properties at affordable rates, Clarence Village has no ability to pass on these costs to the end-user either legally or morally. Unless amended, Clarence Village will need to allocate more of its properties on a market rent basis, reducing the number of properties it offers for affordable housing. The outcome of adopting this pricing regime will therefore be to reduce the supply of affordable housing in the Clarence Valley. Obligation to consider social implications of price movements Clarence Valley Council's draft Operational Plan & Budget 2023/24 shows it intends to pay a dividend of \$1.572m from the sewer fund to general funds out of surplus funds raised in 2023/24. To do so, Council needs to demonstrate substantial compliance with the NSW Government Department of Water and Energy Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines 2007. These guidelines require Clarence Valley Council to have a transparent tariff structure and price levels that "Have due regard for the social implications of price/tariff movements in terms of impacts on "vulnerable" customers" (p7). We contend the proposed plan will not sufficiently demonstrate due regard for the vulnerable customers described in this guideline until this issue is addressed. The social implications of reducing the supply of affordable housing in the current social environment are significantly negative. Proposed Amendments to the Operational Plan 2023/24 To address the issues outlined in this submission, Clarence Village proposes that Clarence Valley Council make one of the following amendments to its Operational Plan 2023/24: 1. Amend the footnote to Table 1: Charges for 2021/22 on page 13 to read: 3. The non-rateable properties (per connection) charge applies to all non-rateable properties exempt under Section 556 of the Local Government Act, 1993, within the Sewerage Access area and connected to the sewer; or 2. Create a separate charge for properties exempt from rating under section 556 (h)

	<p>(public benevolent institutions) which would levy charges on the same basis as manufactured home estates and other such non-residential properties – ie an access charge and usage charge; or 3. Any other amendment that results in sustainable cost recovery for Clarence Valley Council and equitable charges for seniors residing in Clarence Village. We believe the scale of relief we seek is immaterial in relation to the surplus CVC plans to distribute from the sewer fund in the coming year. The capacity to address this issue exists. The opportunity to work together to generate an acceptable outcome for the community is still present. Should Council officers or Councillors wish to discuss anything in this submission further please contact me directly.</p>	
<p>Gavin Rayward Big River Canoe Club 0467819769</p>	<p>I had a look on the Council's Website on Tuesday and again tonight to make a submission on the "Integrated Planning & Reporting Documents 2023-24". However, I could not find it. Please accept this email as my submission on behalf of the Big River Canoe Club.</p> <p>Stage 1 of the Grafton Waterfront Precinct is starting to come together and looking good. I am looking forward to seeing the many benefits that this will bring to the community and tourists alike. In relation to the area around the sailing club, the formalised boat ramp and landscaping will tidy up the area nicely, and I understand assist with the Dragon boaters access. However, I believe that it may impact negatively on the area that the sailing club has to rig and launch their boats. The flooding and associated soil deposits over the last few years and general lack of vegetation management in the area has also meant that the reeds have encroached significantly on the boating area directly in front of the building. There is currently barely enough area to launch one boat at a time in front of the sailing club.</p> <p>The first and most important request is that better boating access is provided. This could be achieved by removing the reeds from in front of the club and filling in the dip and boggy area near the water. The area is currently also quite muddy, this may be addressed by placing sand in the boating area as required. I'm not sure of the purpose of or what can be done with the spit (rock and geofabric), but it is slippery to walk on and the rocks are hazardous to the fins and hulls of our boats. This requires discussion and further consideration before any action is taken in this area.</p> <p>The Grafton Waterfront Precinct Masterplan indicates that it wishes to improve street access (which I took to be access), as well as better access to the water from the club with additional paved area.</p> <p>Our second request is that the street access is improved. The recent heavy vehicle movements has caused the road to the sailing club to subside significantly on one side. This should be addressed, before access is lost altogether.</p> <p>Our third request is that access to the waterfront from the club is improved. This area is often underwater during high tides and remains wet due to poor drainage. I understand that Council are looking to replace the existing concrete apron in front of the shed, and lift it up to provide a constant grade to the river. This sounds like a sensible idea and is</p>	<p>Civil Services team will investigate the various issues and prepare a response.</p>

	<p>likely to prevent the water from ponding. However, the masterplan indicates additional paved area. I am not sure if that suits the sailing club, but the canoe club would prefer a grassed area against the concrete apron. This allows us to place our boats on the grass (rather than a gravel hardstand where they would get damaged). The pervious nature of the grassed area would also allow the water used to wash the boats down to drain into the soil rather than form a more concentrated flow path. Before Stage 2 of the Grafton Waterfront Precinct commences, I suggest we have a planning session with the sailing club, dragon boaters, the canoe club and any surf club that may be using the area to agree on the plans. Safe and easy access for water craft is an imperative outcome.</p> <p>The fourth and final request of this submission is that the area is left in a manner that is easy to maintain, and that it is maintained at a frequency that ensures that the area stays neat and tidy as well as usable.</p> <p>I am sure that members of the sailing and canoe club would be willing to volunteer their time and skills to make this area more usable. If you would like us to make a submission to the sports council, whereby materials will be paid for under the sports council and labour provided by the clubs, please let me know, and I will ensure that one of the clubs gets a submission infor the next round of funding.</p> <p>If you wish to discuss anything in this email further, please reach out to me.</p>	
<p>Saleyard Committee</p>	<p>Cr Novak – Stakeholder motion to allocate 25k to commence the survey & preliminary design of the roof. Motion moved by Mitch Donovan. Seconded by Geoff Brown</p>	<p>Included in the Capital Works program for 2023/2023.</p>

Post-exhibition updates made to the plan as follows

Formatting, graphics and additional information added to the first part of the plan (pages 1-29)

The table below notes updates made post exhibition to the Operational Plan 2023/2024

<p>Society</p>
<p>SO2.1 - Action updated to Implement the signage strategy</p>
<p>SO4.2 - Delete double up of get connected for the library services</p>
<p>SO7.2 - additional action added Finalise the Clarence DCP</p>
<p>Infrastructure</p>
<p>IN1.2 – Action updated to Implement inline with migration to the cloud and Corporate Systems upgrade – primary responsibility Information Technology and Corporate Systems</p>
<p>IN1.3 update this road to Viaduct Road</p>
<p>IN3.4 – the EIS for Rushforth Road will be over the full year – updated sharded area</p>
<p>IN4.3 – this is currently blank. Add action “Engage with LGNSW and Floodplain Management Authority to lobby for increase in funding” with the responsibility to be Floodplain & Estuary Management</p>
<p>IN5.2 – Actions 2, 3 and 4 have been removed and will be completed in 2024/2025 due to the majority of the flood recovery works will be completed</p>
<p>IN10.4 – this is currently blank. Add action “Prepare Floodplain Risk Management Study and Floodplain Risk Management Plan”. This would be over the full year, with the responsibility to Floodplain & Estuary Management.</p>

IN10.5– this is currently blank. Add action “Prepare Floodplain Risk Management Study and Floodplain Risk Management Plan”. This would be over the full year, with the responsibility to Floodplain & Estuary Management.
IN6.2 Action added
IN7.3 Action added
IN9.2 Action added
IN10.2 Action one wording updated; Action 2 updated to primary responsibility to Road and Drainage Infrastructure Delivery
IN10.3 – Action wording updated
Economy
EC2.3 Action updated to Develop and promote the Dark Skies project
EC5.1 Action added - Finalise a Housing Strategy for the Clarence Valley
EC6.1 Action 1 – updated to development and building services
EC4.2 – Action added
Environment
EN1.1 – additional action added “Include seagrass loss risk assessment in Estuary Coastal Management Program Hazard Study”. This would be over the full year, with the responsibility to Floodplain & Estuary Management.
EN1.2 – wording updated
EN1.3 – first action updated to “Finalise Coastal Management Program for whole LGA coastline” – the Coastal Management Program will not be completed until around May 2024 and will be implemented in the 2024/2025 financial year
EN1.3 second action responsibility updated
EN1.3 removed action 11 to SO7.2 and EC6.1
EN4.3 – second action removed Q1-Q4 and what is noted in brackets same for 3 rd and 4 th action
Leadership
LE3.3 Update action 10 to People and Culture
Strategy LE1.4 to LE4.1
LE4.1 – Action eight moved to more appropriate strategy

Revenue Policy 2023/2024

Amendments made to this Policy include updates to water and sewer charges to align with best practice. For specific details for rates and changes for 2023/2024 refer to the rates and changers report as found in the June 2023 business papers.

Capital Works Program

The post exhibition period Capital Works Program has increased from \$208M to \$210M, increasing the overall general fund impact by \$490K. The changes to the Capital Works Program are summarised below:

2023/24 Exhibited Capital Works Program		\$208,361,176
Project / Program	Change Description	23/24 Value of Works
Playground Equipment	Add: Woombah Playground Upgrade	\$250,000
Park Improvement Program	Add: Townsend Community Hub – Design & Construct Stage 1	\$200,000
Parks & Reserves – Access Pavement & Carparks	Add: Rushforth Park Carpark	\$309,332
Footpaths & Cycleways – School Zones	Remove: Coutts Crossing Stage 2 – School Zone Program – awaiting funding advice.	(\$600,000)
	Add: Bent St South Grafton Footpath / Cycleway	\$578,450
Park Improvement Program	Add: Grafton Waterfront Precinct – All Accessible Amenities Block – design and construct	\$434,000
		\$42,881

	Add: additional budget for Corcoran Park Flood Recovery works due to additional funding received	
Natural Disaster Repair Works Program	Add: Tallawudja Creek Box Culvert – Flood damage repair works	\$528,000
Watercycle Treatment	Add: Water Treatment Plant – Coutts Crossing – detailed design	\$100,000
2023/24 Capital Works Program		\$210,203,839

Historically, Council's resourced capacity to deliver is approximately \$60M. The substantial 2023/2024 Capital Works Program results from a continued significant increase in receipt of grant funding, in particular it includes \$69M of grant funded Natural Disaster Repair Works required to repair the damage of the February 2022 Flood event. A further \$36M of this program reflects deferred works from 2022/23 that were unable to be completed due to limited availability of contractors and/or specialist staff to deliver the projects in the initial timeframe.

While it is recommended Council adopt the Capital Works Program, it should do so recognising that variations to funding agreements yet to be negotiated will result in budget variations throughout the 2023/2024 financial year to postpone completion and realign deliverables into future years.

Our Financial Summary

The post exhibition period 2023/2024 Net Budget Result (after capital works, loan repayments and transfers from Reserves) has increased from a \$14,375 deficit to a \$30,526 deficit. The exhibition period changes are summarised as follows

2023/2024 Exhibited Net Budget Result (deficit)		\$14,375
Project / Program	Change Description	General Fund Impact
Capital Works Program	Change in Net General Fund Impact	\$490,000
Grafton High & Public Schools - concept design for 5 intersections	New Grant Funded Project – Get Active 23-24 (\$98,000)	\$0
Emergency Services levy	Additional budget required to cover advised 23/24 levy	\$504,434
Emergency Services Operations	Additional budget	\$10,000
Salaries & Wages	Reduce estimated wage cost by 1% based on current value advised in draft Local Government Award (to be ratified 26 June 2023)	(\$378,283)
DA Planning Fee Revenue	Increased based on fee unit increase and estimated yield	(\$100,000)
Cemetery Fee Revenue	Increased based new fee structure and estimated yield	(\$10,000)
Interest Income	Increase expected interest income yield based on current average returns	(\$500,000)
2023/2024 Net Budget Result (deficit)		\$30,526

Resourcing Strategy: No submissions received. No updates made to the Workforce Management Strategy, Asset Management Strategy and Long-Term Financial Plan. Minor updates were made to dates and graphics.

The updated Resourcing Strategy 2022/2023 for adoption can be found here [CVC Resourcing Strategy 2023/2024](#)

2023/2024 Fees and Charges: Updates as listed below and the updated 2023/2024 Fees and Changes for adoption can be found here: [2023/2024 Fees and Charges](#)

Fee Name	2022/2023 Fee	2023/2024 Fee	% Increase
	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)	(incl. GST)
Clarence Valley Council Building/Development (i) Building Certificates			
Building Certificates Additional Inspection	\$90.00	\$190.30	111.44%
Clarence Valley Council Camping in Council Parks			
Unpowered site – Self Contained Recreation Vehicles Only – Maclean Showground	\$15.00	\$20.00	33.33%
Unpowered site – Self Contained Recreation Vehicles Only – Not Maclean Showground	\$15.00	\$20.00	33.33%
Clarence Valley Council Caravan Park, Camping Ground or Manufactured Home Estate Approval Fees			
Notice of Completion of Installation (MH, Associated Structure, Caravan or rigid annex per item)	\$100.00	\$200.00	100.00%
Clarence Valley Council Cemetery Fees Interment Rights			
Interment Right - Lawn Cemeteries - memorial shrub, first ash interment	\$528.00	\$1,250.00	136.74%
Interment Right - Clarence Lawn - rose garden	\$528.00	\$1,250.00	136.74%
Interment Right - Lawn Cemeteries - memorial garden	\$528.00	\$1,250.00	136.74%
Interment Right - Columbarium wall (lower half), single or double, first interment	\$739.00	\$1,114.00	50.74%
Interment Right - Rural cemeteries , columbarium wall, first interment	\$739.00	\$1,114.00	50.74%
Clarence Valley Council Cemetery Fees Interment Activity Fees Burials			
Clarence Lawn Reopen	\$2,206.00	\$3,578.00	62.19%
Maclean Lawn Reopen	\$2,206.00	\$3,578.00	62.19%
Rural Cemeteries Reopen	\$2,468.00	\$3,618.00	46.60%
Clarence Lawn Triple Depth First Interment	\$2,732.00	\$4,000.00	46.41%
Grafton Cemetery Second Interment	\$2,521.00	\$3,618.00	43.51%
South Grafton Cemetery Second Interment	\$2,521.00	\$3,618.00	43.51%
Maclean Cemetery Second Interment	\$2,521.00	\$3,618.00	43.51%
Clarence Lawn First Interment	\$2,521.00	\$3,578.00	41.93%
Maclean Lawn First Interment	\$2,521.00	\$3,578.00	41.93%
Rural Cemeteries First Interment	\$2,581.00	\$3,618.00	40.18%
Grafton Cemetery First Interment	\$2,837.00	\$3,618.00	27.53%
South Grafton Cemetery First Interment	\$2,837.00	\$3,618.00	27.53%
Maclean Cemetery First Interment	\$2,837.00	\$3,618.00	27.53%
Clarence Lawn Children's Section (casket larger than 1.1m)	\$2,400.00	\$3,000.00	25.00%
Maclean Lawn Children's Section (casket larger than 1.1m)	\$2,400.00	\$3,000.00	25.00%
Clarence Valley Council Cemetery Fees Interment Activity Fees Ash Interment - Clarence Lawn			
Internment of ashes in lawn - existing grave, no plaque	\$859.00	\$2,000.00	132.83%
Internment of ashes in lawn - existing grave, new plaque	\$1,366.00	\$2,800.00	104.98%
Memorial shrub – additional interments	\$964.00	\$1,660.00	72.20%
Internment of ashes in lawn - new grave	\$1,681.00	\$2,800.00	66.57%

Columbarium Double Ashes – double niche, one plaque	\$1,996.00	\$2,910.00	45.79%
Columbarium Single Niche	\$1,156.00	\$1,660.00	43.60%
Columbarium Second Interment	\$1,208.00	\$1,660.00	37.42%
Memorial shrub – first interment	\$1,261.00	\$1,660.00	31.64%
Columbarium First Interment - double niche	\$1,313.00	\$1,660.00	26.43%
Clarence Valley Council Cemetery Fees Interment Activity Fees Ash Interment - Maclean Lawn			
Interment of ashes in lawn – existing grave, no plaque	\$859.00	\$2,000.00	132.83%
Interment of ashes in lawn – existing grave, new plaque	\$1,366.00	\$2,800.00	104.98%
Memorial shrub – additional interments	\$964.00	\$1,660.00	72.20%
Interment of ashes in lawn - new grave	\$1,681.00	\$2,800.00	66.57%
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Memorial shrub - first interment	\$1,261.00	\$1,660.00	31.64%
Columbarium single plaque - no niche	\$1,072.00	\$1,400.00	30.60%
Columbarium First Interment - double niche	\$1,313.00	\$1,660.00	26.43%
Clarence Valley Council Cemetery Fees Interment Activity Fees Ash Interment - Old Grafton & Maclean Cemeteries			
Interment of ashes - existing grave	\$840.00	\$1,500.00	78.57%
Interment of ashes - new grave	\$1,156.00	\$2,050.00	77.34%
Clarence Valley Council Cemetery Fees Interment Activity Fees Ash Interment - Rural Cemeteries			
Interment of ashes - existing grave	\$840.00	\$1,500.00	78.57%
Interment of ashes - new grave	\$1,156.00	\$2,050.00	77.34%
Columbarium Second Interment	\$1,156.00	\$1,710.00	47.92%
Columbarium double ashes - double niche one plaque	\$1,786.00	\$2,500.00	39.98%
Columbarium double plaque no ashes double niche	\$1,786.00	\$2,500.00	39.98%
Columbarium double plaque no niche	\$1,208.00	\$1,660.00	37.42%
Columbarium First Interment - double niche	\$1,261.00	\$1,710.00	35.61%
Clarence Valley Council Cemetery Fees Other Cemetery Fees Miscellaneous			
Reservation Fees – Non-refundable columbarium niche	\$268.00	\$360.00	34.33%
Clarence Valley Council Construction Activity Permits on Public Land			
Hoarding Inspection Fee	\$153.20	\$197.90	29.18%
Clarence Valley Council Grafton Regional Gallery Venue hire			
Courtyard Function Space - (118sqm, 55 - 200 people) - Commercial/Private - Per full day	\$250.00	\$650.00	160.00%
Artists Cottage Accommodation - (2 people, per night) - Public Holiday rate	\$214.85	\$430.00	100.14%
Artists Cottage Accommodation - (2 people, per night)	\$165.00	\$330.00	100.00%
Courtyard Function Space - (118sqm, 55 - 200 people) - Commercial/Private - After hours	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	100.00%
Courtyard Function Space - (118sqm, 55 - 200 people) - Commercial/Private - Public holidays	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	100.00%

Courtyard Gallery (65 sqm, 30 - 100 people) - Commercial/Private - Public holidays	\$350.00	\$500.00	42.86%
Meeting Room 1 (10 sqm, 5 - 8 people) - Community - Per full day	\$35.00	\$46.00	31.43%
Clarence Valley Council Public Health – General			
Notification Fee - commencement of food business	\$50.00	\$65.00	30.00%
Clarence Valley Council Public Health – Fixed Food Premises (includes commercial or home-based)			
Inspection fee - Large Commercial food premises (Coles Woolworths etc) > 50FTE	\$387.00	\$652.50	68.60%
Clarence Valley Council On-Site Sewage Management			
Pre-purchase Inspection Urgency Fee (for service within 5 business days)	\$366.00	\$556.30	51.99%
Clarence Valley Council Waste Disposal Eco Recycling Crates			
Eco Recycling Crates	\$15.00	\$20.00	33.33%
Clarence Valley Council Waste Disposal Grafton Regional Landfill			
Mattresses per tonne	\$600.00	\$950.00	58.33%
Tyres: Bulk Tyres – Per tonne	\$886.00	\$1,200.00	35.44%
Clarence Valley Council Cemetery Fees Interment Rights			
Interment Right - All Cemeteries first interment (burial) single or double	\$2,111.00	\$1,375.00	-34.86%
Interment Right - Lawn Cemeteries Triple Depth, first Interment	\$3,167.00	\$1,400.00	-55.79%
Clarence Valley Council Saleyards			
Sundry Charges – Hire of facilities for approved events	\$809.00	\$146.00	-81.95%

Fee/Charge	NEW Fee 2023/24 (GST Incl)
Clarence Valley Council Building/Development (m) Miscellaneous Development Advice	
Development Application Lodgement / Planning Portal Concierge Meeting (1 hour)	\$190.30
Clarence Valley Council Building/Development (m) Miscellaneous Rezoning Applications	
Preliminary Investigation Meeting	\$334.56
Clarence Valley Council Caravan Park, Camping Ground or Manufactured Home Estate Approval Fees	
Installation of Manufactured Home, Relocatable Home or Associated Structure more than 1 Storey or on Flood Liable Land	\$150.00
Notice of Completion of Installation/Manufactured Home (Manufactured Home in a Manufactured Home Estate or Similar)	\$244.80

BACKGROUND

Preparation of the IP&R documentation is the responsibility of Council's senior management team in consultation with Councillors and staff. In October 2021 the Office of Local Government updated the IP&R Handbook and Guidelines. This year's IP&R documentation has been developed with the updated handbook and guidelines. The documentation incorporates the following four key documents:

- Community Strategic Plan – “The Clarence 2032” (adopted by Council May 2022 07.22.086)
- Delivery Program 2022/2023 – 2024/2025
- Operation Plan 2023/2024
- Resourcing Strategy comprising
 - 2023/2024 – 2032/2033 Long Term Financial Plan

- Workforce Management Strategy
- Asset Management Strategy

Preparation of the 2023/2024 documents considers Council's financial position, resourcing and the continuing journey toward a sustainable future.

The Operational Plan 2023/2024 has been reviewed to include:

- Actions for 2023/2024 to meet the strategies as outlined in the Delivery Program 2022/2023 to 2025/2026
- Revenue Policy identifying own source revenue
- Annual Budget identifying income and expenditure by service and a consolidated income and expenditure statement.

Clause 201 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 provides that Council's draft Revenue Policy must include a statement of the types of fees proposed to be charged by the Council, the amount of each fee, estimated yield and the proposed pricing methodology for each fee. Generally, where permissible, the majority of Council's fees and charges have been increased by an estimated CPI amount of 4.0% (rounded). A separate document titled 'Fees and Charges', provides the detail of fees charged by Council for individual services.

The 2023/2024 Fees and Charges contains a total of 1,758 fees, including 120 new fees. Major increases in fees or significant variations to previous year fee structures are as follows:

- The building and development section have made considerable changes to better reflect the work that they undertake on individual aspects of building application processing. Significant impacts are seen in the following fees and charges: building certificates additional inspection (increase of 111%) & pre-purchase inspection urgency fee (increase of 52%).
- Holiday park fees have been restructured to better reflect service offerings for seasonal trends along with concessional discounts. This has resulted in 70 new fees being included
- Cemetery internment fees have been adjusted to accommodate regulatory changes
- Waste disposal fees for mattresses have increased by 58%, this is a result of the increased costs associated with recycling
- Grafton regional gallery fees for artists cottage accommodation have changed to reflect changes to minimum night stay. In addition to this, fees for the courtyard function space have increased to reflect the costs associated with removing and general set-up of exhibitions
- Golf course fees have been updated to offer a greater range of services withing the Lawrence Gold and Sporting Club
- The environmental and regulatory section have made changes to environmental health fees for inspection of large commercial premises to cover the increased costs of required administrative tasks. This has resulted in an increase of 69%. In addition to this, notice of completion of installation fees have increased by 100% to include an inspection fee element.

The 2023/2024 budget proposes a net deficit result of \$30,526, after loan repayments, transfers from Reserves and a Capital Works Program totalling \$210M.

The 2023/2024 Rates income has been indexed by 5.4% (IPART Rate Peg). 2020/2021 was the last year of the 3 year Special Rate Variation granted by IPART in 2018. However additional funds raised through the increased yield are still identified separately and allocated to roads and infrastructure asset renewals in line with our IPART SRV Application. In 2023/24 this yield amounted to \$5.701M. The total permissible income for 2023/2024 amounts to \$41,283,737

The budget is included in the Operational Plan 2023/2024 and presented as follows:

- a) A Summary Income Statement by Fund and Consolidated
- b) An Income and Expenditure by Service

The **Resourcing Strategy** is a holistic document that details the provision of resources required to implement the Community Strategic Plan. It covers three key areas Long Term Financial Planning, Workforce Management Planning and Asset Management Planning.

The Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) presents a path based upon historical trends and future forecast which indicates that Council is currently able to meet sustainability obligations in 2023/2024 and over the long term. 2020/21 was the last year of the SRV granted by IPART in 2018 however, additional funds raised through the increased yield are still identified separately and allocated to improved management of assets, through increased expenditure on renewal and maintenance programs as identified in the Capital Works Program.

The Workforce Management Strategy 2021 to 2025 focusses on retaining existing staff as well as attracting new employees to ensure an organisation as the right number of people with the right skills in the right jobs at the right time.

The revised Asset Management Strategy 2023/2024 – 2032/2033 provides a framework to guide planning, construction, maintenance and operation of Council's physical assets. The current draft estimates the replacement value of Council's assets at over \$2.1 billion, the most significant asset type is the road network. The Asset Management Strategy states that the majority of Council's assets are in good to fair condition.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

Adoption of this report puts into effect the budget and proposed activity to be completed in 2023/2024. The Long Term Financial Plan details the effect of this budget on Council's long term financial sustainability.

Asset Management

Adoption of the recommendation of this report relates to Council's future funding and management of assets.

Policy and Regulation

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework (IP&R) is enacted under the Local Government Act 1993

Consultation

The documents were all out for public submission. Minimal submissions were received during public exhibition and are provided in detail in the report.

Legal and Risk Management

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework (IP&R) is enacted under the Local Government Act 1993.

Climate Change

Consideration the effect of climate change is given at the individual project level.

ITEM 07.23.099 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - MAY 2023

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Corporate & Community	
Prepared by	Financial Accountant, Nick Harvey	
Reviewed by	Director Corporate & Community, Alex Moar	
Attachments	A. Movement of Funds Between Months - May 2023 ↓	

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the details of Council's investment funds at the end of each month.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the report indicating Council's funds investment position as at 31 May 2023 be noted.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Leadership
Objective We will have an effective and efficient organisation

KEY ISSUES**Source of Funds Invested**

The funds invested are funds held under internal and external restrictions. External restrictions are primarily from Sewer & Water, Granting Bodies and Developer Contributions. Internal restrictions are primarily sourced from General Revenue Funding and Unspent Loans.

Based on the audited 30 June 2022 figures, funds have been sourced from the following areas:

External Reserves		Internal Reserves	
Sewerage Funds	6.08%	Fleet Plant Reserve	4.15%
Water Supply Funds	23.10%	Regional Landfill Reserves	1.73%
Developer Contributions	20.67%	Fin. Assist Grants paid in advance	5.75%
Unexpended Grants	17.96%	Waste Mngmt / Commercial Waste	5.09%
Domestic Waste Management	0.36%	Infrastructure Assets Renewals	1.77%
Holiday Parks	3.98%	Employee Leave Entitlements	2.56%
Deposits, Retentions and Bonds	1.72%	Other (refer attachment for further detail)	3.80%
Other External	1.26%		
	<u>75.15%</u>		<u>24.85%</u>
		Total External & Internal Reserves	<u>100.00%</u>

Portfolio Credit Limits

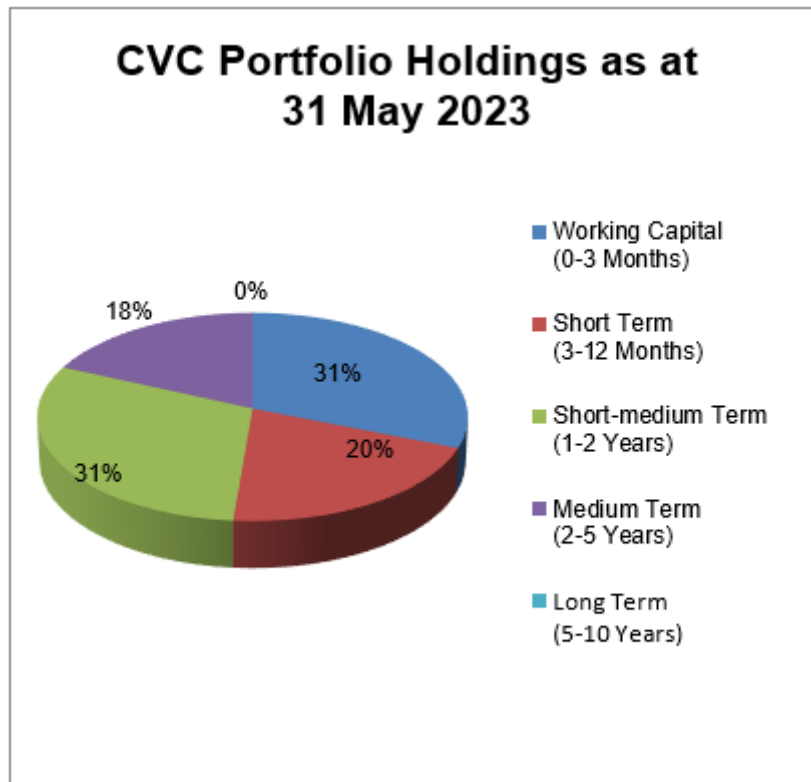
Tabled below is a summary of Council's investments as at 31 May 2023, which details compliance with Council's Investment Policy Portfolio Credit Limits.

Portfolio Credit Limits as at 31 May 2023				
Credit Rating Long Term	Investment Policy Maximum Holding	Total Investments Held	% of Total Investments	Complies with Policy (yes/no)
AAA	100.00%	4,500,000	3.07%	Yes
AA	100.00%	54,722,870	37.37%	Yes
A	60.00%	20,250,000	13.83%	Yes
BBB	50.00%	66,978,955	45.73%	Yes
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		146,451,825	100.00%	

Note, a permanent cap of \$250,000 per person per institution on deposits is guaranteed by the Federal Government under the Financial Claims Scheme and hence receives a rating of AAA.

Portfolio Holdings by Maturity

Illustrated and tabled below is a summary of Council’s investments by maturity as at 31 May 2023. Excluding “at-call” working capital, 20% of Council’s investments are maturing within the next twelve months.



Individual Institution or Counterparty Limits

Tabled below is a summary of Council’s investments as at 31 May 2023 which details compliance with Council’s Investment Policy Counterparty Limits.

Individual Institution or Counterparty Limits as at 31 May 2023					
Financial Institution	Credit Rating Long Term	Investment Policy Maximum Holding	Total Investments Held	% of Total Investments	Complies with Policy (yes/no)
TERM DEPOSITS					
AMP	BBB	15.00%	8,000,000	5.46%	Yes
BoQ	BBB+	15.00%	8,000,000	10.93%	Yes
ME Bank	BBB+		8,000,000		
CBA	AA-	30.00%	3,000,000	2.05%	Yes
Defence	BBB	15.00%	11,000,000	7.51%	Yes
ING Direct	A	15.00%	16,000,000	10.93%	Yes
MyState	BBB+	15.00%	7,000,000	4.78%	Yes
NAB	AA-	30.00%	17,000,000	11.61%	Yes
NTTC	AA-	30.00%	3,000,000	2.05%	Yes
P&N	BBB	15.00%	18,000,000	12.29%	Yes
RaboDirect	A+	15.00%	3,000,000	2.05%	Yes
Suncorp	A+	15.00%	2,000,000	1.37%	Yes
Westpac	AA-	30.00%	12,000,000	8.19%	Yes
TOTAL TERM DEPOSITS			116,000,000	79.21%	
FUNDS AT CALL					
AMP	BBB	15.00%	8,659,699	5.91%	Yes
AMP	BBB	15.00%	1,069,256	0.73%	Yes
ANZ	AA-	30.00%	6,978,115	4.76%	Yes
CBA	AA-	30.00%	11,900,194	8.13%	Yes
CBA	AA-	30.00%	1,844,561	1.26%	Yes
TOTAL FUNDS AT CALL			30,451,825	20.79%	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS			146,451,825	100.00%	

Register of Investments - Clarence Valley Council as at 31 May 2023					
Financial Institution	Total Investments Held	% of Total Investments	Maturity Date	Investment Return	Credit Rating Long Term
WORKING CAPITAL (0-3 MONTHS)					
T-CorpIM Cash Fund	-	0.00%	At-Call	0.00%	AAA
AMP Bank Ltd	8,659,699	5.91%	At-Call	4.30%	BBB
AMP Bank Ltd	1,069,256	0.73%	At-Call	0.50%	BBB
ANZ Banking Group Ltd	6,978,115	4.76%	At-Call	4.05%	AA-
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	11,900,194	8.13%	At-Call	3.70%	AA-
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	1,844,561	1.26%	At-Call	0.25%	AA-
AMP Bank Ltd	2,000,000	1.37%	02/06/2023	1.00%	BBB
Defence Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	20/06/2023	4.00%	BBB
ING	3,000,000	2.05%	20/06/2023	4.00%	A
ME Bank Ltd	1,000,000	0.68%	06/07/2023	3.80%	BBB
MyState	2,000,000	1.37%	07/07/2023	3.80%	BBB
National Australia Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	05/06/2023	0.55%	AA-
National Australia Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	15/06/2023	0.55%	AA-
	44,451,825	30.35%		3.29%	
SHORT TERM (3-12 MONTHS)					
AMP Bank Ltd	1,000,000	0.68%	31/08/2023	0.75%	BBB
AMP Bank Ltd	3,000,000	2.05%	01/09/2023	4.25%	BBB
Bank Of Queensland Ltd	2,000,000	1.37%	21/08/2023	3.60%	BBB+
Bank Of Queensland Ltd	3,000,000	2.05%	21/02/2024	1.71%	BBB+
Defence Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	01/12/2023	4.60%	BBB
MyState	2,000,000	1.37%	05/03/2024	1.70%	BBB
National Australia Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	10/08/2023	0.60%	AA-
National Australia Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	10/09/2023	0.05%	AA-
P&N Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	11/12/2023	1.25%	BBB
P&N Bank	3,000,000	2.05%	12/02/2024	1.73%	BBB
RaboDirect (Australia) Ltd	1,000,000	0.68%	17/08/2023	3.40%	A+
RaboDirect (Australia) Ltd	2,000,000	1.37%	19/09/2023	3.40%	A+
Suncorp	2,000,000	1.37%	04/12/2023	4.40%	A+
Westpac Bank	3,000,000	2.05%	14/11/2023	1.22%	AA-
TOTAL SHORT TERM (3-12 MONTHS)	30,000,000	20.48%		2.34%	

Financial Institution	Total Investments Held	% of Total Investments	Maturity Date	Investment Return	Credit Rating Long Term
SHORT - MEDIUM TERM (1-2 YEARS)					
AMP Bank Ltd	2,000,000	1.37%	14/11/2024	4.70%	BBB
Bank Of Queensland Ltd	2,000,000	1.37%	02/12/2024	1.60%	BBB+
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	3,000,000	2.05%	10/05/2024	3.60%	AA-
Defence Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	21/11/2024	4.55%	BBB
Defence Bank	1,000,000	0.68%	5/12/2024	4.70%	BBB
Defence Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	03/03/2025	5.00%	BBB
Defence Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	11/03/2025	4.90%	BBB
ING	3,000,000	2.05%	10/05/2024	3.66%	A
ING	2,000,000	1.37%	13/05/2024	3.66%	A
ING	3,000,000	2.05%	15/05/2024	3.66%	A
ING	2,000,000	1.37%	03/03/2025	5.10%	A
ING	2,000,000	1.37%	13/03/2025	4.95%	A
ME Bank Ltd	2,000,000	1.37%	18/07/2024	4.26%	BBB
MyState	3,000,000	2.05%	14/06/2024	4.45%	BBB
National Australia Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	08/07/2024	0.80%	AA-
National Australia Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	06/03/2025	4.93%	AA-
P&N Bank	3,000,000	2.05%	14/06/2024	4.53%	BBB
P&N Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	16/09/2024	4.40%	BBB
P&N Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	29/11/2024	1.70%	BBB
P&N Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	17/12/2024	1.62%	BBB
P&N Bank	1,000,000	0.68%	13/03/2025	4.75%	BBB
TOTAL SHORT-MEDIUM TERM (1-2 YEARS)	45,000,000	30.73%		3.86%	
MEDIUM TERM (2-5 YEARS)					
Westpac Bank	1,000,000	0.68%	20/06/2024	0.85%	AA-
Westpac Bank	3,000,000	2.05%	15/10/2024	1.00%	AA-
Westpac Bank	1,000,000	0.68%	15/11/2024	1.63%	AA-
Westpac Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	18/11/2024	4.55%	AA-
Westpac Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	02/12/2024	4.41%	AA-
Bank Of Queensland Ltd	1,000,000	0.68%	06/08/2025	4.09%	BBB+
ING	1,000,000	0.68%	05/10/2027	5.00%	A
ME Bank Ltd	5,000,000	3.41%	09/06/2027	4.50%	BBB
National Australia Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	12/01/2026	1.00%	AA-
National Australia Bank	3,000,000	2.05%	22/02/2027	2.40%	AA-
Northern Territory Treasury Corp	3,000,000	2.05%	15/12/2026	1.50%	AA-
P&N Bank	2,000,000	1.37%	16/06/2025	4.67%	BBB
P&N Bank	1,000,000	0.68%	16/02/2026	2.49%	BBB
TOTAL MEDIUM TERM (2-5 YEARS)	27,000,000	18.44%		2.98%	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	146,451,825	100.00%		3.21%	

BACKGROUND

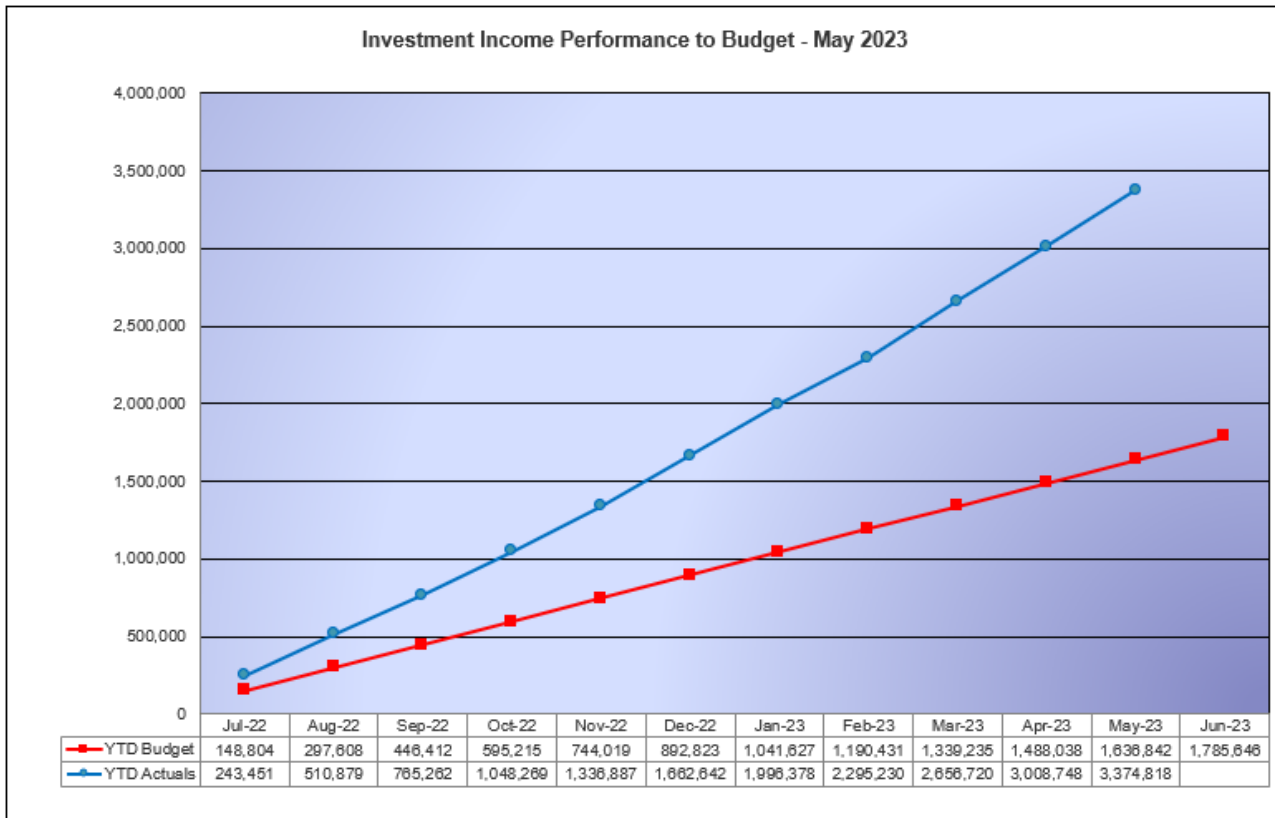
This report has been completed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, part 9, Division 5, Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General Regulation 2005)*, and Council's Investment Policy, which requires a monthly report to Council. The report is to include the source and amount of funds invested, terms of performance, and a statement of compliance in relation to the *Local Government Act 1993*.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

Portfolio Investment Returns to 31 May 2023			
	Actual	Budget 2022/23	Over/(Under)
This Month			
Cash Deposits & FRNs	\$366,070	\$148,804	\$217,266
Managed Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$366,070	\$148,804	\$217,266
Year to Date			
Cash Deposits & FRNs	\$3,374,629	\$1,636,844	\$1,737,785
Managed Funds	\$189	\$0	\$189
	\$3,374,818	\$1,636,844	\$1,737,974

- Actual results have shown that total interest income to 31 May 2023 is \$1.738M above the 2022/2023 YTD budget of \$1.637M.

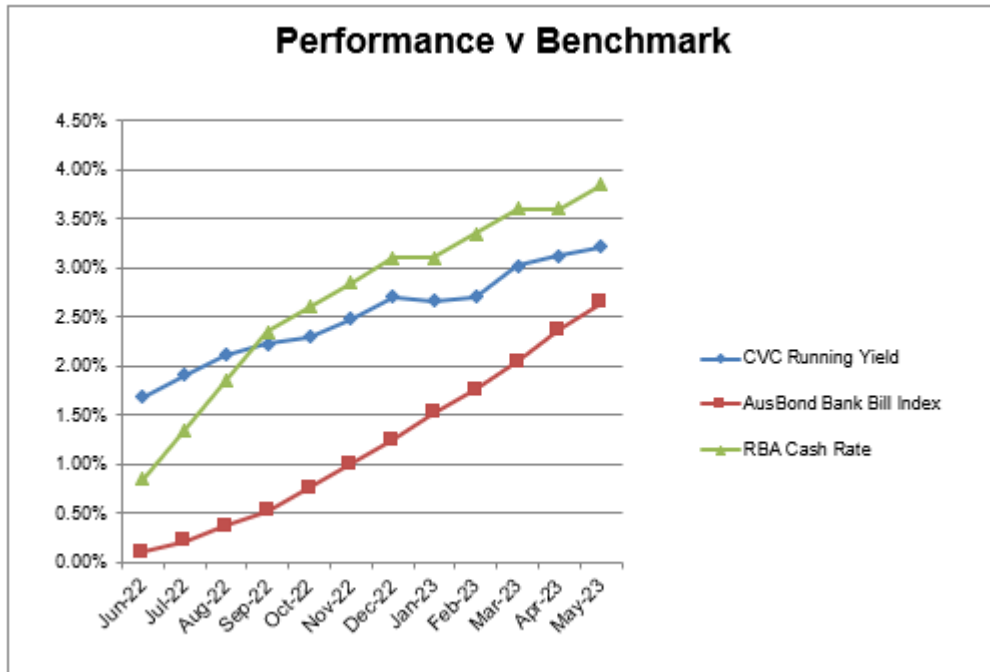


Running yields* to 31 May 2023 have been:

AMP Business	0.50%
AMP 31 Day Notice	4.30%
ANZ Premium Business	4.05%
CBA General	3.70%
24hr Call Account	0.25%
Term Deposits	3.10%
Total	3.21%

- Running yield is a measure of the return (before costs) that would be earned from current positions if there were no trades and no fluctuation in market yields.

- The RBA cash rate at the end of May was 3.85%. The benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index was 2.64% for May.
- The current running yield of the total investment portfolio now stands at 3.21% (April 3.13%). The RBA cash rate increased to 3.85%. The CVC running yield has therefore fallen below the RBA cash rate by 0.64%.



The following investments were transacted during May:

- MyState Bank \$2,000,000 TD matured 4th May 2023 – Redeemed
- Suncorp \$2,000,000 TD matured 11th May 2023 - Redeemed

Asset Management

N/A

Policy and Regulation

- Local Government Act 1993
- Part 9, Division 5, Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
- Investment Policy

Consultation

N/A

Legal and Risk Management

N/A

Climate Change

Climate change impacts of the current investment portfolio are now being considered as each investment matures. In line with section 5.11 of the current Investment Policy, preference is given to Financial Institutions that publicly state that they do not invest in nor finance the fossil fuel industry. It should be noted that investments under this section of the policy will only be made providing that the rate of return is equivalent or more favourable and that the investment does not increase the overall risk of Council’s investment portfolio. Total value of investments currently held with Financial Institutions that do not invest nor finance the fossil fuel industry remains at \$12.0M.

Movement of funds between months

Portfolio Credit Limits - movement over the reporting month						
Credit Rating Long Term	Total Investments Held (Current Month)	% of Total Investments (Current Month)	Total Investments Held (Previous Month)	% of Total Investments (Previous Month)	Movement \$	Movement %
AAA	4,500,000	3.07%	4,500,000	3.19%	-	-
AA	54,722,870	37.37%	45,153,895	32.06%	9,568,975	21.19%
A	20,250,000	13.83%	22,250,000	15.80%	(2,000,000)	(8.99%)
BBB	66,978,955	45.73%	68,947,756	48.95%	(1,968,801)	(2.86%)
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	146,451,825	100.00%	140,851,651	100.00%	5,600,174	3.98%

Individual Institution or Counterparty Limits - movement over the reporting month						
Financial Institution	Total Investments Held (Current Month)	% of Total Investments (Current Month)	Total Investments Held (Previous Month)	% of Total Investments (Previous Month)	Movement \$	Movement %
TERM DEPOSITS						
AMP	8,000,000	5.46%	8,000,000	5.68%	-	-
BoQ	8,000,000	5.46%	8,000,000	5.68%	-	-
CBA	3,000,000	2.05%	3,000,000	2.13%	-	-
Defence	11,000,000	7.51%	11,000,000	7.81%	-	-
ING Direct	16,000,000	10.93%	16,000,000	11.36%	-	-
ME Bank	8,000,000	5.46%	8,000,000	5.68%	-	-
MyState	7,000,000	4.78%	9,000,000	6.39%	(2,000,000)	(22.22%)
NAB	17,000,000	11.61%	17,000,000	12.07%	-	-
NTTC	3,000,000	2.05%	3,000,000	2.13%	-	-
P&N Bank	18,000,000	12.29%	18,000,000	12.78%	-	-
RaboDirect	3,000,000	2.05%	3,000,000	2.13%	-	-
Suncorp	2,000,000	1.37%	4,000,000	2.84%	(2,000,000)	(50.00%)
Westpac	12,000,000	8.19%	12,000,000	8.52%	-	-
TOTAL TERM DEPOSITS	116,000,000	79.21%	120,000,000	85.20%	(4,000,000)	(3.33%)
FUNDS AT CALL						
AMP	8,659,699	5.91%	8,628,954	6.13%	30,745	0.36%
AMP	1,069,256	0.73%	1,068,802	0.76%	454	0.04%
ANZ	6,978,115	4.76%	6,951,450	4.94%	26,665	0.38%
CBA	11,900,194	8.13%	2,358,276	1.67%	9,541,918	404.61%
CBA	1,844,561	1.26%	1,844,169	1.31%	392	0.02%
TOTAL FUNDS AT CALL	30,451,825	20.79%	20,851,651	14.80%	9,600,174	46.04%
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	146,451,825	100.00%	140,851,651	100.00%	5,600,174	3.98%

Other Internal Reserves (detail)

Other Internal Reserves	
Coastal and estuary management	0.19%
Community cultural and heritage programs	0.01%
Council s7.11 development funds	0.02%
Election cost reserve	0.06%
Emergency services reserves	0.42%
Environmental and noxious weeds projects	0.35%
Floodplain management reserves	0.19%
Insurance reserves	0.13%
Maclean and district improvements	0.38%
Other parks improvements	0.31%
Public pool improvements	0.11%
Public toilet refurbishment program	0.07%
Regional development and tourism projects	0.01%
Roads reserves	0.56%
Saleyard's asset replacement	0.10%
Software implementation reserves	0.44%
Sporting facilities improvements	0.19%
Strategic development programs	0.24%
Unspent general loans	0.02%
Total Other Internal Reserves	3.80%

ITEM 07.23.100 2022/2023 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - MAY 2023

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Corporate & Community	
Prepared by	Financial Accountant, Nick Harvey	
Reviewed by	Director Corporate & Community, Alex Moar	
Attachments	A. 2022-23 Monthly Income & Expenditure Statements by Service ↓ B. Monthly Grant Application Summary - May 2023 ↓ C. 2022-23 Deferred Capital Project Listing ↓	

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide financial data at the end of each month for actual income and expenditure, for all funds and provide advance notice of potential budget variations. This report is submitted to Council in addition to the statutory reporting requirements of the Quarterly Budget Review Statements.

Budget variations identified in this report impact the General Fund end of year result by \$30,000. The reserve fund variations identified in this report will decrease the balance of the Financial Reserves by \$141,628.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. note the monthly financial information report for May 2023 attached to this report.
2. endorse the proposed General Fund variations as set out in this report totalling \$30,000, which will be included in the 2022/2023 General Purpose Financial Statements Refer to Audit report.
3. endorse the proposed variations, which decrease the Financial Reserves by \$141,628, which will be included in the 2022/2023 General Purpose Financial Statements Refer to Audit report.
4. note and endorse the grant applications as identified in Attachment B.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Leadership

Objective We will have an effective and efficient organisation

KEY ISSUES**Major Budget Variations Proposed**

Following is a list of the major proposed variations identified during the month of May 2023.

Sub Service	Variation Comments	Net Impact to General Fund Decrease / (Increase)	Net Impact to Reserves Decrease / (Increase)	Previous Council Resolution
340	Service – Open Spaces & Facilities Sub-Service – Open Spaces and Facilities Allocate funding to Ulmarra Riverside Precinct Project to enable completion of CBD upgrade (funded from S94 funds)	\$Nil	\$141,628	6a.21.028
395	Service – Floodplain Services Sub-Service – Floodplain Infrastructure & Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocate grant funding to the Esk River Flood Monitoring noting grant funding ratio is 2:1 – total project value \$90,000 	\$30,000	\$Nil	N/A
Various	Service – Various Sub-Service – Various			

Sub Service	Variation Comments	Net Impact to General Fund Decrease / (Increase)	Net Impact to Reserves Decrease / (Increase)	Previous Council Resolution
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove budgets for projects that have now been deferred and included in the 23-24 Capital Works Program – (\$36,333,680) Refer Attachment C. This listing includes projects where work has either not yet started on the project or a particular stage and works have now been completed in 2023-24. 	\$Nil	\$Nil	N/A
	TOTAL Proposed General Fund / Reserve Balance Impact	\$30,000	\$141,628	

Explanation of Attachment

Income and Expenditure Statements (attachment A) are included for the information of Councillors. It should be noted that the reports include actual monthly transactions with the exception of:

- Accruals for depreciation, staff entitlements and reserve interest are estimated only based on the adopted budget, with actual accruals calculated and adjusted end of year.

BACKGROUND

Section 202 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* requires that the responsible accounting officer of a council must:

- Establish and maintain a system of budgetary control that will enable the council's actual income and expenditure to be monitored each month and to be compared with the estimate of the council's income and expenditure, and*
- If any instance arises where the actual income or expenditure of the council is materially different from its estimated income or expenditure, report the instance to the next meeting of the council.*

The attachment to this report incorporates a monthly transactional summary of operational and capital income and expenditure by sub service for all Funds. Included in this summary are actual loan repayments transacted and estimated accruals for depreciation, staff entitlements and interest, with these being confirmed at end of year. Reserve interest is excluded, as this is transacted annually.

The report table below highlights any proposed budget variations that staff have become aware of during the past month that may affect the 2022/2023 budget. The mechanism for revising the adopted budget is the Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs) in compliance with Clause 203 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

QBRs reports are submitted to Council in October, February (in the absence of a January meeting) and April of each year, with annual financial information being reported in October (Refer to Audit and Pre-Audit Budget V Actual Result) and November (Annual Financial Statements).

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

General Fund Budget (Surplus)/Deficit

Original Budget Adopted by Council June 2022	\$36,052	Deficit
Q1 Revised Budget - September	\$60,000	Deficit
Q2 Revised Budget – December	\$0	Deficit
Q3 Revised Budget – March	(\$250,000)	Surplus
Q4 Proposed Budget Variations – April	\$40,000	Deficit
Q4 Proposed Budget Variations – May	\$30,000	Deficit
Proposed Movement of General Fund 2022/2023 Budget Result May 2023	(\$83,948)	Surplus

Proposed Impact on External and Internal Financial Reserve Funds Result

Reserve Movements

Original Budget Adopted by Council June 2022	\$20,511,903	Decrease
Q1 Revised Budget – September	\$48,000	Decrease
Q2 Revised Budget – December	\$938,974	Decrease
Q3 Revised Budget – March	(\$250,000)	Increase
Q4 Proposed Budget Variations – April	\$397,297	Decrease
Q4 Proposed Budget Variations – May	\$141,628	Decrease
Proposed Movement of Reserve Funds 2022/2023 Budget Result May 2023	\$21,787,802	Decrease

Asset Management

N/A

Policy and Regulation

Section 202 of the Local Government (General) Regulation

Consultation

This report has been prepared in consultation with the Management Accounting Team and relevant Budget Managers

Legal and Risk Management

N/A

Climate Change

N/A

Clarence Valley Council

Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 1000 - Office of General Manager



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	0	0
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	0	(5,032)
Other Revenue	0	0
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	0	(5,032)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	578,094	535,397
Other Employee Costs	4,000	4,593
Borrowing Costs	0	0
Materials	8,668	7,269
Contracts & Consultancies	120,455	83,148
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	682	568
Insurance Expenses	0	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	0	0
Other Operating Expenses	0	0
Subscriptions & Memberships	0	(4,113)
Internal Expenses	8,000	1,364
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	719,899	628,227
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	719,899	623,196
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	719,899	623,196
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	0
Depreciation	(682)	(568)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	(555,841)	(509,521)
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	(556,523)	(510,089)
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	0	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	0	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	163,376	113,106

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Clarence Valley Council

Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 1010 - Elected Members



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	0	0
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	0	0
Other Revenue	0	0
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	0	0
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	898	4,449
Other Employee Costs	40,000	2,417
Borrowing Costs	0	0
Materials	0	6,721
Contracts & Consultancies	1,958	189
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Insurance Expenses	0	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	336,200	263,541
Other Operating Expenses	0	17,135
Subscriptions & Memberships	57,098	57,353
Internal Expenses	8,000	7,910
Internal Plant Hire	0	160
Total Expenditure	444,154	359,876
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	444,154	359,876
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	444,154	359,876
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	238,521	218,644
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	238,521	218,644
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	133,333	133,333
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	133,333	133,333
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	816,008	711,853

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 2000 - Corporate & Governance



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	0	0
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	0	0
Other Revenue	0	0
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	0	0
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	748,244	611,833
Other Employee Costs	600	32
Borrowing Costs	0	0
Materials	0	(41)
Contracts & Consultancies	14,023	57,623
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	148	123
Insurance Expenses	0	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	0	0
Other Operating Expenses	0	0
Subscriptions & Memberships	2,983	3,258
Internal Expenses	24,000	29,333
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	789,998	702,162
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes	789,998	702,162
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	789,998	702,162
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	0
Depreciation	(148)	(123)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	(587,091)	(538,167)
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	(587,239)	(538,290)
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	0	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	0	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	202,759	163,872

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 2100 - Finance Control & Compliance



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	(37,383,061)	(36,494,386)
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	(154,000)	(99,048)
General User Fees	(42,692)	(40,352)
Interest Income	(1,175,296)	(3,750,892)
Operating Grants & Contributions	(9,220,116)	(5,488,943)
Other Revenue	(240,075)	(220,354)
Internal Income	(1,328,954)	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(49,544,194)	(46,093,974)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	1,764,914	1,274,624
Other Employee Costs	11,500	44,227
Borrowing Costs	0	111,548
Materials	11,321	13,848
Contracts & Consultancies	383,015	390,271
Legal Expenses	200,000	230,843
Depreciation	344	287
Insurance Expenses	0	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	593,525	230,002
Other Operating Expenses	2,340	4,362
Subscriptions & Memberships	0	11,900
Internal Expenses	59,300	54,358
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	3,026,259	2,366,269
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes	(46,517,935)	(43,727,705)
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	(46,517,935)	(43,727,705)
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	0
Depreciation	(344)	(287)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	(3,654,574)
Employee Leave Paid	0	4,184,242
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	0	277,589
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	(1,712,736)	(1,570,008)
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	(1,713,080)	(763,038)
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	5,642,162	5,561,467
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	5,642,162	5,561,467
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	(42,588,853)	(38,929,276)

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 2110 - Financial Analysis & Business Support



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	0	0
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	0	0
Other Revenue	0	0
Internal Income	(5,424,168)	(4,019,963)
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(5,424,168)	(4,019,963)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	5,656,454	5,119,691
Other Employee Costs	303,155	185,370
Borrowing Costs	0	0
Materials	741	2,623
Contracts & Consultancies	150,741	12,919
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Insurance Expenses	0	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	0	0
Other Operating Expenses	0	0
Subscriptions & Memberships	3,900	0
Internal Expenses	250,500	245,542
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	6,365,491	5,566,145
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	941,323	1,546,183
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	941,323	1,546,183
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	6,172
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	(808,703)	(741,311)
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	(808,703)	(735,140)
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	0	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	0	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	132,620	811,043

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 2200 - Information Services & Corporate Systems



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	0	0
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	0	0
Other Revenue	0	0
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	0	0
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	1,356,112	940,348
Other Employee Costs	0	4,208
Borrowing Costs	3,665	2,592
Materials	0	0
Contracts & Consultancies	265,000	114,260
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	480,526	400,438
Insurance Expenses	20,141	22,887
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	69,641	35,977
Other Operating Expenses	2,764,525	2,450,218
Subscriptions & Memberships	0	2,600
Internal Expenses	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	4,959,610	3,973,529
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	4,959,610	3,973,529
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	4,959,610	3,973,529
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	20,299
Capital Works - Upgrade	80,000	(47,301)
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	468,710	281,344
Depreciation	(480,526)	(400,438)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	8,274	7,144
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	(2,253,827)	(2,066,008)
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	(2,177,369)	(2,204,961)
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	0	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	0	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	2,782,241	1,768,568

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 2300 - Corporate & Customer Experience



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	(63,900)	(50,142)
General User Fees	0	(68)
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	0	0
Other Revenue	(61,500)	0
Internal Income	0	(120)
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(125,400)	(50,330)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	1,629,238	1,464,701
Other Employee Costs	5,000	1,838
Borrowing Costs	479	106
Materials	10,000	3,623
Contracts & Consultancies	64,979	38,214
Legal Expenses	34,875	19,224
Depreciation	456	380
Insurance Expenses	973,281	1,775,005
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	62,608	51,775
Other Operating Expenses	0	2
Subscriptions & Memberships	18,227	15,780
Internal Expenses	8,000	12,667
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	2,807,143	3,383,315
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	2,681,743	3,332,985
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	2,681,743	3,332,985
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	0
Depreciation	(456)	(380)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	2,225	2,595
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	(1,868,639)	(1,712,919)
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	(1,866,870)	(1,710,705)
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	0	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	0	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	814,873	1,622,281

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
 Service: 2310 - People & Culture



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	0	0
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	(186,290)	(34,499)
Other Revenue	0	0
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(186,290)	(34,499)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	541,016	475,974
Other Employee Costs	284,000	367,415
Borrowing Costs	0	0
Materials	0	1,232
Contracts & Consultancies	30,301	38,424
Legal Expenses	50,000	57,220
Depreciation	361	301
Insurance Expenses	0	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	49,007	134,991
Other Operating Expenses	0	0
Subscriptions & Memberships	32,500	43,665
Internal Expenses	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	987,185	1,119,221
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	800,895	1,084,722
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	800,895	1,084,722
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	0
Depreciation	(361)	(301)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	(995,805)	(912,821)
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	(996,166)	(913,122)
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	0	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	0	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	(195,271)	171,600

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 2320 - Safety & Risk



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	0	0
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	(117,000)	(121,767)
Other Revenue	0	0
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(117,000)	(121,767)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	393,182	1,009,264
Other Employee Costs	3,000	777
Borrowing Costs	0	0
Materials	0	447
Contracts & Consultancies	70,000	12,760
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Insurance Expenses	0	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	0	0
Other Operating Expenses	0	0
Subscriptions & Memberships	0	0
Internal Expenses	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	466,182	1,023,247
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes	349,182	901,480
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	349,182	901,480
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	(339,363)	(311,083)
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	(339,363)	(311,083)
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	35,000	35,000
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	35,000	35,000
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	44,819	625,397

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 2020 - Community & Industry Engagement



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	0	0
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	0	(293,072)
Other Revenue	(1,281)	(1,120)
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(1,281)	(294,192)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	636,189	520,965
Other Employee Costs	1,050	380
Borrowing Costs	300	66
Materials	126,116	57,540
Contracts & Consultancies	104,889	188,950
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	10,034	8,362
Insurance Expenses	0	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	135,000	288,199
Administration Expenses	167,354	92,477
Other Operating Expenses	0	0
Subscriptions & Memberships	25,210	79,620
Internal Expenses	25,520	20,409
Internal Plant Hire	0	2,222
Total Expenditure	1,231,662	1,259,190
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes	1,230,381	964,997
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	(15,000)
NET RESULT	1,230,381	949,997
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	37,714
Depreciation	(10,034)	(8,362)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	1,390	1,621
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	(56,200)	(51,517)
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	(64,844)	(20,543)
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	0	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	0	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	1,165,537	929,454

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 4010 - Community Development



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	(20,566)	(29,263)
Interest Income	(27,318)	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	(96,231)	(124,456)
Other Revenue	0	0
Internal Income	0	(83)
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(144,115)	(153,802)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	874,892	626,022
Other Employee Costs	0	2,739
Borrowing Costs	0	0
Materials	25,439	52,533
Contracts & Consultancies	111,800	147,146
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	149,258	124,382
Insurance Expenses	28,008	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	100,000	80,794
Administration Expenses	24,381	17,033
Other Operating Expenses	13,465	5,527
Subscriptions & Memberships	27,055	22,727
Internal Expenses	10,250	10,650
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	1,364,548	1,089,553
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	1,220,433	935,751
Capital Grants & Contributions	(951,648)	(548,215)
NET RESULT	268,785	387,536
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	100,000	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	0
Depreciation	(149,258)	(124,382)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	296,235	271,549
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	246,977	147,167
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	0	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	978,966	523,749
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	978,966	523,749
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	1,494,728	1,058,453

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
 Service: 4020 - Library Services



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	(10,300)	(15,760)
Interest Income	(10,019)	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	(488,167)	(414,584)
Other Revenue	(5,364)	(5,148)
Internal Income	(1,169,113)	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(1,682,963)	(435,491)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	1,564,952	1,294,886
Other Employee Costs	3,800	3,512
Borrowing Costs	1,885	1,360
Materials	37,015	27,733
Contracts & Consultancies	100,545	61,097
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	382,663	318,886
Insurance Expenses	34,430	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	27,527	19,199
Other Operating Expenses	181,583	184,564
Subscriptions & Memberships	106,045	116,588
Internal Expenses	1,207,614	31,973
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	3,648,059	2,059,798
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	1,965,096	1,624,307
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	1,965,096	1,624,307
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	75,998
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	345,000	243,843
Depreciation	(382,663)	(318,886)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	4,132	3,494
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	(5,151)
Net ABC Recovery	432,759	396,696
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	399,228	395,994
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	0	0
External Reserves	102,287	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	102,287	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	2,466,611	2,020,300

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 4030 - Cultural Services



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	(83,440)	(126,512)
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	(225,833)	(250,167)
Other Revenue	(43,047)	(39,429)
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(352,320)	(416,108)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	440,549	347,431
Other Employee Costs	0	371
Borrowing Costs	6,367	3,734
Materials	100,750	90,290
Contracts & Consultancies	227,988	211,850
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	4,578	3,815
Insurance Expenses	19,038	8,049
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	26,000	24,761
Administration Expenses	34,206	24,300
Other Operating Expenses	49,566	73,616
Subscriptions & Memberships	4,824	6,854
Internal Expenses	19,886	11,211
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	933,752	806,282
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	581,432	390,174
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	581,432	390,174
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	24,000	19,845
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	22,440
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	0
Depreciation	(4,578)	(3,815)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	36,317	9,594
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	106,649	97,762
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	162,388	145,826
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	0	0
External Reserves	114,414	1,091
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	114,414	1,091
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	858,234	537,091

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 3000 - Works & Civil Management



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	(41,734)	(488)
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	0	0
Other Revenue	(265,214)	(182,712)
Internal Income	(1,525,325)	(1,293,326)
Internal Plant Hire	(7,976,273)	(8,805,600)
Total Income	(9,808,546)	(10,282,126)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	1,130,483	978,761
Other Employee Costs	8,000	410
Borrowing Costs	556	401
Materials	3,868,736	3,699,503
Contracts & Consultancies	446,872	406,979
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	2,980,727	2,483,939
Insurance Expenses	588,222	483,281
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	0	0
Other Operating Expenses	45,047	30,164
Subscriptions & Memberships	1,250	1,250
Internal Expenses	171,400	149,468
Internal Plant Hire	23,575	25,295
Total Expenditure	9,264,868	8,259,450
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	(543,678)	(2,022,675)
Capital Grants & Contributions	(200,600)	(300,000)
NET RESULT	(744,278)	(2,322,675)
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	202,000	55,000
Capital Works - Upgrade	200,600	272,781
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	5,396,986	2,386,077
Depreciation	(2,980,726)	(2,483,939)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	1,218	1,030
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	(1,535,117)	(193,224)
Net ABC Recovery	151,076	138,487
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	1,436,037	176,211
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	(638,942)	0
External Reserves	512,219	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	(126,723)	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	565,036	(2,146,464)

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 3010 - Emergency Services



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	0	0
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	(597,320)	(114,163)
Other Revenue	0	(2,320)
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(597,320)	(116,484)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	159,462	582,151
Other Employee Costs	0	3,184
Borrowing Costs	1,051	758
Materials	460,906	3,864,539
Contracts & Consultancies	274,557	8,747,368
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	171,877	143,231
Insurance Expenses	39,062	1,307
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	1,212,160	1,224,755
Administration Expenses	19,849	2,210
Other Operating Expenses	90,168	49,438
Subscriptions & Memberships	1,272	0
Internal Expenses	38,119	292,615
Internal Plant Hire	0	615,962
Total Expenditure	2,468,483	15,527,516
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	1,871,163	15,411,033
Capital Grants & Contributions	(10,028,571)	(2,100)
NET RESULT	(8,157,408)	15,408,933
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	2,200
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	2,100
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	10,028,571	1,095,525
Depreciation	(171,877)	(143,231)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	2,302	1,946
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	537	491
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	9,859,533	959,031
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	0	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	(31,996)	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	(31,996)	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	1,670,129	16,367,964

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
 Service: 3020 - Strategic Infrastructure



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	0	0
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	(56,305)	(228,354)
Other Revenue	0	0
Internal Income	0	(15,841)
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(56,305)	(244,195)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	638,154	703,869
Other Employee Costs	0	4,180
Borrowing Costs	0	0
Materials	3,857	617
Contracts & Consultancies	71,296	1,700
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Insurance Expenses	0	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	0	0
Other Operating Expenses	0	12,250
Subscriptions & Memberships	0	0
Internal Expenses	48,500	54,458
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	761,807	777,074
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	705,502	532,879
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	705,502	532,879
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	17,833	41,924
Depreciation	0	0
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	55,702	51,060
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	73,535	92,985
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	0	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	0	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	779,037	625,864

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 3100 - Roads Infrastructure



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	(89,600)	(58,976)
General User Fees	(1,773,196)	(1,759,701)
Interest Income	(79,028)	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	(8,203,596)	(3,966,000)
Other Revenue	(30,000)	(13,499)
Internal Income	0	(460,553)
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(10,175,420)	(6,258,729)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	6,731,365	3,662,201
Other Employee Costs	4,000	3,922
Borrowing Costs	407,859	244,632
Materials	2,883,213	1,899,023
Contracts & Consultancies	2,346,648	4,868,973
Legal Expenses	0	12,756
Depreciation	20,811,627	17,343,542
Insurance Expenses	2,587	18,200
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	0	7,581
Other Operating Expenses	460,782	425,472
Subscriptions & Memberships	4,550	4,640
Internal Expenses	334,015	1,768,310
Internal Plant Hire	3,020,912	2,912,234
Total Expenditure	37,007,558	33,171,486
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	26,832,138	26,912,756
Capital Grants & Contributions	(58,428,138)	(5,363,524)
NET RESULT	(31,596,000)	21,549,232
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	2,122,843	998,190
Capital Works - Upgrade	33,397,194	12,626,575
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	36,766,764	18,944,848
Depreciation	(20,811,625)	(17,343,022)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	1,318,375	1,026,477
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	(9,360)
Net ABC Recovery	1,973,431	1,808,979
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	54,766,982	18,052,686
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	(5,583,125)	0
External Reserves	(28,050)	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	(5,967,573)	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	(204,805)	98,552
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	(11,783,553)	98,552
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	11,387,429	39,700,471

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 3110 - Regional Airport



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	(36,452)	(23,802)
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	(17,565)	(6,254)
Other Revenue	(3,056)	(5,334)
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(57,073)	(35,389)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	162,157	83,873
Other Employee Costs	0	0
Borrowing Costs	22,758	10,275
Materials	3,023	2,893
Contracts & Consultancies	15,546	53,042
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	215,588	179,657
Insurance Expenses	3,603	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	0	557
Other Operating Expenses	14,459	5,678
Subscriptions & Memberships	2,153	2,550
Internal Expenses	17,445	32,687
Internal Plant Hire	0	465
Total Expenditure	456,732	371,677
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	399,659	336,288
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	399,659	336,288
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	33,000
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	0
Depreciation	(215,588)	(179,657)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	115,670	127,609
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	20,613	18,895
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	(79,305)	(153)
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	0	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	0	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	320,354	336,135

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 3120 - Quarries



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	(6,140)	0
Interest Income	(3,628)	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	0	0
Other Revenue	0	0
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(9,768)	0
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	128,401	43,637
Other Employee Costs	0	0
Borrowing Costs	0	0
Materials	29,129	132
Contracts & Consultancies	324,500	0
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	29,443	24,536
Insurance Expenses	0	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	0	0
Other Operating Expenses	0	0
Subscriptions & Memberships	0	0
Internal Expenses	15,818	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	527,291	68,306
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	517,523	68,306
Capital Grants & Contributions	(24,563)	0
NET RESULT	492,960	68,306
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	41,000	0
Depreciation	(29,443)	(24,536)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	9,161	8,398
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	20,718	(16,138)
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	(538,241)	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	24,563	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	(513,678)	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	0	52,167

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 3200 - Parks & Open Spaces



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	(273)
General User Fees	(645,927)	(234,904)
Interest Income	(3,084)	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	0	(38,200)
Other Revenue	(152,447)	(161,613)
Internal Income	(1,190,500)	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(1,991,958)	(434,989)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	2,550,629	2,438,241
Other Employee Costs	0	2,133
Borrowing Costs	80,257	47,539
Materials	305,833	432,361
Contracts & Consultancies	3,173,170	2,414,749
Legal Expenses	0	1,933
Depreciation	2,531,997	2,109,997
Insurance Expenses	231,282	37,609
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	29,527	37,027
Administration Expenses	6,224	5,890
Other Operating Expenses	116,696	122,205
Subscriptions & Memberships	1,737	168
Internal Expenses	871,217	1,343,200
Internal Plant Hire	896,000	1,472,750
Total Expenditure	10,794,569	10,465,801
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	8,802,611	10,030,812
Capital Grants & Contributions	(12,213,259)	(3,162,076)
NET RESULT	(3,410,648)	6,868,736
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	3,679,000	904,351
Capital Works - Upgrade	5,849,125	5,187,220
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	4,231,989	1,216,335
Depreciation	(2,531,997)	(2,109,998)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	226,477	222,213
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	834,046	764,542
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	12,288,640	6,184,663
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	(1,219,694)	130,000
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	(212,828)	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	707,436	572,397
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	(725,086)	702,397
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	8,152,906	13,755,796

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 3220 - Buildings & Facilities



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	0	0
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	0	0
Other Revenue	(198,478)	(192,600)
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(198,478)	(192,600)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	797,816	401,361
Other Employee Costs	0	3,548
Borrowing Costs	11,687	6,852
Materials	3,072	44,365
Contracts & Consultancies	86,447	814,980
Legal Expenses	22,909	5,152
Depreciation	1,287,114	1,072,595
Insurance Expenses	171,516	12,875
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	288	0
Other Operating Expenses	305,724	140,013
Subscriptions & Memberships	0	0
Internal Expenses	409,079	87,570
Internal Plant Hire	0	1,906
Total Expenditure	3,095,652	2,591,219
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	2,897,174	2,398,618
Capital Grants & Contributions	(1,678,689)	(4,778,871)
NET RESULT	1,218,485	(2,380,253)
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	50,000	50,050
Capital Works - Upgrade	2,393,689	725,247
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	1,099,499	609,972
Depreciation	(1,287,115)	(1,072,595)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	33,321	32,861
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	(82,898)	(75,990)
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	2,206,496	269,544
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	(1,264,499)	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	(500,000)	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	(1,764,499)	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	1,660,482	(2,110,709)

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 3240 - Cemeteries



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	(618,460)	(533,564)
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	0	0
Other Revenue	(1,309)	(1,520)
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(619,769)	(535,084)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	356,178	200,302
Other Employee Costs	0	257
Borrowing Costs	300	66
Materials	209,586	61,673
Contracts & Consultancies	74,688	120,895
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	33,950	28,292
Insurance Expenses	1,095	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	0	0
Other Operating Expenses	0	0
Subscriptions & Memberships	0	0
Internal Expenses	78,215	129,004
Internal Plant Hire	1,800	14,507
Total Expenditure	755,812	554,995
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	136,043	19,911
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	136,043	19,911
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	20,000	5,088
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	0
Depreciation	(33,949)	(28,292)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	1,390	1,621
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	51,652	47,348
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	39,093	25,765
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	(20,000)	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	(20,000)	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	155,136	45,676

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 3250 - Saleyards



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	(289,988)	(227,736)
Interest Income	(4,607)	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	0	0
Other Revenue	(1,288)	(1,070)
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(295,883)	(228,806)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	156,636	66,237
Other Employee Costs	0	36
Borrowing Costs	2,996	663
Materials	5,181	18,065
Contracts & Consultancies	102,061	87,861
Legal Expenses	0	800
Depreciation	105,504	87,920
Insurance Expenses	4,210	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	0	0
Other Operating Expenses	10,522	5,804
Subscriptions & Memberships	1,944	0
Internal Expenses	24,127	58,735
Internal Plant Hire	0	40
Total Expenditure	413,181	326,161
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes	117,298	97,355
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	(100,000)
NET RESULT	117,298	(2,645)
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	400
Capital Works - Upgrade	158,000	(61,244)
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	728
Depreciation	(105,504)	(87,920)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	13,906	16,216
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	22,072	20,233
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	88,474	(111,587)
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	(205,772)	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	(205,772)	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	0	(114,232)

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 2010 - Property Services



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	0	(341)
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	(17,405)	(6,374)
Other Revenue	(495,824)	(20,980)
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(513,229)	(27,696)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	252,961	230,841
Other Employee Costs	0	266
Borrowing Costs	199	143
Materials	0	0
Contracts & Consultancies	50,061	34,388
Legal Expenses	23,973	11,906
Depreciation	0	0
Insurance Expenses	19,973	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	0	3,000
Other Operating Expenses	5,045	4,876
Subscriptions & Memberships	0	932
Internal Expenses	27,302	2,257
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	379,514	288,610
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	(133,715)	260,914
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	(133,715)	260,914
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	435	368
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	(905,000)
Net ABC Recovery	9,686	8,879
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	10,121	(895,753)
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	(66,039)	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	(66,039)	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	(189,633)	(634,840)

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 3260 - Holiday Parks



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	(4,250,284)	(7,926,330)
Interest Income	(57,730)	(8,575)
Operating Grants & Contributions	(25,224)	(24,289)
Other Revenue	0	0
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(4,333,238)	(7,959,193)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	119,179	127,060
Other Employee Costs	0	1,400
Borrowing Costs	0	0
Materials	210,415	244,619
Contracts & Consultancies	2,614,342	2,138,784
Legal Expenses	198	59,508
Depreciation	698,477	582,064
Insurance Expenses	39,900	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	430,663	109,815
Administration Expenses	107,644	78,699
Other Operating Expenses	378,045	431,823
Subscriptions & Memberships	8,673	168
Internal Expenses	1,496,978	221,595
Internal Plant Hire	2,370	799
Total Expenditure	6,106,884	3,996,335
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	1,773,646	(3,962,858)
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	1,773,646	(3,962,858)
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	205,000	5,044
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	3,180,000	1,129,403
Depreciation	(698,477)	(582,064)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	124,164	113,817
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	2,810,687	666,200
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	0	0
External Reserves	(4,584,333)	71,167
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	(4,584,333)	71,167
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	0	(3,225,490)

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 3300 - Watercycle



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	(2,575,008)	(2,832,999)
User Charges	(15,764,000)	(8,925,904)
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	(40,700)	(15,155)
General User Fees	(2,292,235)	(901,245)
Interest Income	(632,081)	(49,449)
Operating Grants & Contributions	(2,319,347)	0
Other Revenue	(140,596)	(164,592)
Internal Income	(727,573)	(77,487)
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(24,491,540)	(12,966,832)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	3,244,701	2,043,982
Other Employee Costs	400	2,691
Borrowing Costs	1,546,764	1,275,294
Materials	1,332,054	2,374,543
Contracts & Consultancies	1,583,047	1,064,088
Legal Expenses	7,000	22,936
Depreciation	6,688,985	5,574,154
Insurance Expenses	81,888	44,313
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	24,839	3,499
Other Operating Expenses	258,258	463,887
Subscriptions & Memberships	17,143	168
Internal Expenses	912,274	547,308
Internal Plant Hire	579,750	560,855
Total Expenditure	16,277,103	13,977,716
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	(8,214,437)	1,010,884
Capital Grants & Contributions	(2,259,796)	(1,729,525)
NET RESULT	(10,474,233)	(718,641)
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	3,270,000	2,249,329
Capital Works - Upgrade	877,000	644,155
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	11,404,761	8,803,892
Depreciation	(6,688,986)	(5,574,154)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	1,086,588	1,257,822
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	(449,382)	0
Net ABC Recovery	2,559,113	2,345,854
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	12,059,094	9,726,898
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	0	0
External Reserves	(2,844,657)	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	1,259,796	1,130,303
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	(1,584,861)	1,130,303
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	0	10,138,560

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 3310 - Sewer Services



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	(18,610,383)	(20,138,371)
User Charges	(2,240,000)	(1,339,923)
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	(40,400)	(27,484)
General User Fees	(636,757)	(391,800)
Interest Income	(230,286)	(65,615)
Operating Grants & Contributions	(366,690)	0
Other Revenue	(25,285)	(10,377)
Internal Income	(496,028)	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(22,645,829)	(21,973,570)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	1,180,407	1,176,506
Other Employee Costs	0	3,322
Borrowing Costs	3,797,628	2,982,567
Materials	1,467,000	1,286,616
Contracts & Consultancies	1,249,000	981,774
Legal Expenses	100,000	7,500
Depreciation	9,112,699	7,593,916
Insurance Expenses	0	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	576	411
Other Operating Expenses	682,795	905,694
Subscriptions & Memberships	0	168
Internal Expenses	285,782	584,099
Internal Plant Hire	598,815	513,095
Total Expenditure	18,474,702	16,035,668
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	(4,171,127)	(5,937,901)
Capital Grants & Contributions	(1,442,787)	(1,089,782)
NET RESULT	(5,613,914)	(7,027,684)
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	2,626,358	662,694
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	34,541
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	3,025,510	1,604,642
Depreciation	(9,112,700)	(7,593,916)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	5,247,500	4,574,028
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	(193,863)	0
Net ABC Recovery	36,918	33,842
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	1,629,723	(684,169)
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	0	0
External Reserves	2,541,404	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	1,442,787	1,096,854
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	3,984,191	1,096,854
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	0	(6,614,999)

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 3320 - Floodplain & Estuary Management



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	0	0
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	(491,200)	(416,157)
Other Revenue	0	0
Internal Income	(97,883)	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(589,083)	(416,157)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	863,284	518,156
Other Employee Costs	0	352
Borrowing Costs	40,287	19,301
Materials	74,610	37,080
Contracts & Consultancies	460,136	338,546
Legal Expenses	0	500
Depreciation	1,699,557	1,416,298
Insurance Expenses	0	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	288	0
Other Operating Expenses	6,944	26,428
Subscriptions & Memberships	2,266	1,591
Internal Expenses	33,916	126,747
Internal Plant Hire	0	142,843
Total Expenditure	3,181,288	2,627,841
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	2,592,205	2,211,684
Capital Grants & Contributions	(2,477,805)	0
NET RESULT	114,400	2,211,684
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	30,000	44,696
Capital Works - Upgrade	300,000	661,767
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	2,377,805	490,127
Depreciation	(1,699,557)	(1,416,298)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	215,265	108,516
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	208,235	190,882
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	1,431,748	79,691
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	(116,000)	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	(116,000)	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	1,430,148	2,291,375

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 4000 - EP&C Management



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	0	0
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	0	0
Other Revenue	0	0
Internal Income	(43,304)	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(43,304)	0
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	431,842	408,645
Other Employee Costs	0	3,709
Borrowing Costs	0	0
Materials	0	0
Contracts & Consultancies	0	0
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Insurance Expenses	0	39,977
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	0	0
Other Operating Expenses	0	0
Subscriptions & Memberships	0	0
Internal Expenses	8,000	7,333
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	439,842	459,664
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	396,538	459,664
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	396,538	459,664
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	5,330	4,886
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	5,330	4,886
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	(129,911)	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	(129,911)	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	271,957	464,550

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
 Service: 4120 - Environmental Services



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	(398,309)	(414,364)
General User Fees	(1,150)	(130)
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	0	0
Other Revenue	(11,109)	(3,034)
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(410,568)	(417,527)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	548,235	292,545
Other Employee Costs	0	147
Borrowing Costs	0	0
Materials	1,200	0
Contracts & Consultancies	255,000	44,416
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Insurance Expenses	0	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	0	0
Other Operating Expenses	0	0
Subscriptions & Memberships	0	639
Internal Expenses	35,000	32,083
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	839,435	369,830
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	428,867	(47,697)
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	428,867	(47,697)
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	378,129	346,618
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	378,129	346,618
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	(443,347)	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	(150,000)	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	(593,347)	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	213,649	298,921

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
 Service: 4110 - Regulatory Services



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	224
General User Fees	0	0
Interest Income	0	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	(75,000)	0
Other Revenue	(122,654)	(108,274)
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(197,654)	(108,050)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	878,998	549,080
Other Employee Costs	0	18,721
Borrowing Costs	978	355
Materials	14,507	11,059
Contracts & Consultancies	160,200	223,696
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	698	582
Insurance Expenses	259	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	0	4,869
Other Operating Expenses	5,318	7,839
Subscriptions & Memberships	0	0
Internal Expenses	104,028	92,854
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	1,164,986	909,055
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	967,332	801,005
Capital Grants & Contributions	(290,000)	0
NET RESULT	677,332	801,005
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	10,000	121,258
Capital Works - Upgrade	290,000	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	(1,046)
Depreciation	(699)	(582)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	3,854	4,299
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	151,546	138,917
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	454,701	262,846
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	0	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	(10,000)	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	(10,000)	0
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	1,122,033	1,063,852

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 4200 - Building & Planning Services



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	(2,251,750)	(2,359,797)
General User Fees	(108,749)	(151,476)
Interest Income	(30,627)	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	0	0
Other Revenue	(11,762)	(29,191)
Internal Income	0	(25,398)
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(2,402,888)	(2,565,862)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	2,764,075	2,127,834
Other Employee Costs	0	3,939
Borrowing Costs	0	0
Materials	6,581	161
Contracts & Consultancies	88,431	50,620
Legal Expenses	46,451	66,450
Depreciation	12,111	10,093
Insurance Expenses	0	3,312
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	178,823	105,025
Administration Expenses	0	1,815
Other Operating Expenses	0	0
Subscriptions & Memberships	11,796	12,160
Internal Expenses	69,500	77,020
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	3,177,768	2,458,428
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	774,880	(107,434)
Capital Grants & Contributions	(216,191)	(209,542)
NET RESULT	558,689	(316,976)
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	0
Depreciation	(12,111)	(10,093)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	755,321	692,378
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	743,210	682,285
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	(15,000)	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	246,818	163,342
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	231,818	163,342
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	1,533,717	528,651

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 3210 - Natural Resource Management



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	0
General User Fees	0	0
Interest Income	(51,807)	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	(357,000)	(655,177)
Other Revenue	0	0
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(408,807)	(655,177)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	576,571	429,222
Other Employee Costs	1,800	656
Borrowing Costs	0	0
Materials	250,566	36,898
Contracts & Consultancies	277,833	123,331
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	288	240
Insurance Expenses	0	0
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	0	11,000
Other Operating Expenses	0	0
Subscriptions & Memberships	0	500
Internal Expenses	16,000	135,741
Internal Plant Hire	107,800	101,012
Total Expenditure	1,230,858	838,600
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes	822,051	183,423
Capital Grants & Contributions	(131,000)	(159,562)
NET RESULT	691,051	23,861
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	131,000	124,600
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	0
Depreciation	(288)	(240)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	129,441	118,654
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	260,153	243,014
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	43,386	121,807
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	(25,000)	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	18,386	121,807
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	969,590	388,682

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Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 3230 - Waste Services



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	(10,255,117)	(10,322,990)
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	0	217
General User Fees	(5,836,055)	(5,466,096)
Interest Income	(184,679)	(33,812)
Operating Grants & Contributions	(186,100)	0
Other Revenue	(782,235)	(357,385)
Internal Income	(3,338,971)	(1,069,701)
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(20,583,157)	(17,249,766)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	1,320,475	675,069
Other Employee Costs	0	237
Borrowing Costs	331,477	255,371
Materials	308,290	197,721
Contracts & Consultancies	9,977,435	5,454,074
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	1,260,217	1,050,181
Insurance Expenses	20,470	1,658
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	3,227,017	2,804,707
Administration Expenses	13,222	2,498
Other Operating Expenses	86,769	66,902
Subscriptions & Memberships	45,496	334,906
Internal Expenses	3,235,888	1,143,982
Internal Plant Hire	203,975	11,320
Total Expenditure	20,030,731	11,998,625
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes		
	(552,426)	(5,251,141)
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	(300,000)
NET RESULT	(552,426)	(5,551,141)
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	5,603,320	5,531,189
Capital Works - Upgrade	2,468	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	120,000	0
Depreciation	(1,260,218)	(1,050,181)
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	609,751	680,446
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	(141)	0
Net ABC Recovery	513,669	470,864
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	5,588,849	5,632,318
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	(1,739,138)	4,196,297
External Reserves	(3,297,285)	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	0	0
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	(5,036,423)	4,196,297
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	0	4,277,474

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Clarence Valley Council

Monthly Income & Expenditure Statement - May 2023
Service: 4100 - Land Use Planning



Description	Adopted Annual Budget	Actual YTD Figures
Income		
Rates Income	0	0
Annual Charges	0	0
User Charges	0	0
Statutory & Regulatory User Charges	(142,700)	(1,721)
General User Fees	0	0
Interest Income	(1,044)	0
Operating Grants & Contributions	(172,879)	(193,696)
Other Revenue	(2,773)	0
Internal Income	0	0
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Income	(319,396)	(195,417)
Expenditure		
Salaries, Wages & Oncosts	1,048,120	818,147
Other Employee Costs	300	1,319
Borrowing Costs	0	0
Materials	41,675	55,169
Contracts & Consultancies	441,000	79,924
Legal Expenses	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Insurance Expenses	0	13,580
Donations, Contributions & Taxes	0	0
Administration Expenses	0	7,886
Other Operating Expenses	0	0
Subscriptions & Memberships	0	168
Internal Expenses	48,000	54,503
Internal Plant Hire	0	0
Total Expenditure	1,579,095	1,030,695
Net Operating Result for the year before Grants & Contributions provided for capital purposes	1,259,699	835,279
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0
NET RESULT	1,259,699	835,279
Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments		
Capital Works - New	0	0
Capital Works - Upgrade	0	0
Capital Works - Expansion	0	0
Capital Works - Renewal	0	0
Depreciation	0	0
Employee Leave Accruals	0	0
Employee Leave Paid	0	0
Loan Funds Received	0	0
Loan Repayments (Principal Only)	0	0
Long Term Debtor Repayments	0	0
Net Gains from Disposal of Assets	0	0
Net ABC Recovery	127,860	117,205
Total Balance Sheet Movements / Non-Cash Adjustments	127,860	117,205
Adjust for Transfers to/from Reserves		
Internal Reserves	0	0
External Reserves	0	0
Unspent Loans	0	0
Unexpended Grant Reserves	0	0
S64 / S94 Contribution Reserves	(61,743)	8,910
Total Transfers to/from Reserves	(61,743)	8,910
ADJUSTED NET RESULT	1,325,816	961,394

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Grant Application Summary – May 2023

This document aims to summarise the current grant application activities during the month ended 30 May 2023.

Proposed Grant Applications

There are currently no proposed grant applications requiring endorsement by Council.

Grant Applications Pending Announcement

The following grants have been applied for and Council is currently awaiting announcement as to whether we have been successful in our bid to source these funds.

Grant: DPE – Strong Start Cadetship Program - \$75,000

To support councils in overcoming the planning skills shortage, the department has designed Strong Start, a statewide program to support NSW councils in connecting with and investing in new planners to grow the pipeline of planners in the NSW labour market. Council has lodged 3 separate applications under this program in an attempt to secure at least one of the available sixty four \$25,000 grants being offered in 2023/2024

Should Council be successful, Council will receive \$25,000 per successful application. In each case, the grant funding is to be used to pay for the tuition fees associated with the employment of a Planning Cadet as required by the grant program.

Successful Grant Applications

Council has been successful in the following recent grant applications:

Grant: DPE - Flood Management Program – Esk River Monitoring - \$60,000

Council has been successful in securing funding to provide a flood monitoring process on the Esk River at Iluka. The total project cost is \$90,000 with \$60,000 being funded by this floodplain management program grant.

This project will involve the installation of two static LED sign panels at each end of Iluka Rd, and a water level measurement station including radar type water level sensors that can accurately monitor the water surface. Measurements taken from this site will then activate various LED message panels on the signs located at both the eastern and western ends of the road warning motorists of the flooded road hazard when applicable.

2022-23 Capital Projects Deferred

#	Project - Location	Project Description	Amount
1	Grafton - Regional Aquatic Centre	Renew, upgrade & Add Facilities - Stage 1 Site Prep & Demo, Splash Pad, indoor heated 25m pool, Indoor Program pool, Ancillary Substation/Plant Room,shade, Refurbish Existing Entry. Stage 2 - 50m Outdoor Pool, New Granstand (Pending Approved Grant Funds) Stage 3 - Water Slides (Pending Approved Grant Funds)	1,453,482
2	Macleean - Showground - Main Arena	Lighting Upgrade	220,000
3	Grafton - Corcoran Park	Stage 2 - Shelters, Roadways, Amenities, Access Pathways, Boat ramps	2,242,881
4	Grafton - Corcoran Park	Regeneration & Dog Park	200,000
5	Rushforth Park Carpark	Parks & Reserves - Access Pavement & Carparks	309,332
6	Macleean - Civic Centre Hall	Construct Stage 1 - Clarence Valley Cultural & Community Precinct	35,000
7	Yamba - Community Centre	Treelands Drive Community Hub - Upgrade & New Library	12,713,776
8	Macleean - Visitors Centre	Cane Barge & Ashby Ferry Removal	150,000
9	Ewingar - Ewingar Hall	New RFS Station & Helipad	829,286
10	Grafton - Kirchner St Depot	Depots - Kirchner St Works & Civil Layoff Area	40,000
11	Grafton - Alice Street	Levee Rehabilitation	802,000
12	Iluka - Esk River Bridge	Flood Monitoring	60,000
13	CVC Wide	Quarry Rehabilitation	30,000
14	CVC Wide	Bus Stop Accessibility Upgrades	37,000
15	Palmers Island - Yamba Road/Yamba St & school Road	Construct - Realignment & Intersection Upgrade (previously planned roundabout)	348,479
16	Iluka - Iluka Road	Design - Safety Works	290,000
17	Lawrence - Pringles Way	Realignment Works	750,000
18	Iluka - Spencer Street	Construct - Safety Improvements	705,000
19	Macleean - River St - Yamba Road	Safety Improvements	1,055,000
20	Iluka Road Esk River Approaches	Design & Construct - Road betterment - Raise road	250,000
21	CVC Wide	Intersection upgrade, footpath connections	50,000
22	Townsend Industrial Estate	Construct - Upgrade	280,000
23	Glenreagh	Town entry statements	50,000
24	Grafton - Bacon Street - Turf St to Garden St	Construct- PAMP Footpaths with crossing point	65,000
25	Macleean - Cameron Drive - Jubilee to CBD (Woombah st to Showground)	Construct - PAMP Footpath	165,000
26	Yamba - Claude St	Design - Missing Link Coldstream St to Wooli St	5,000

#	Project - Location	Project Description	Amount
27	Yamba - Claude St	Construct - Missing Link Coldstream St to Wooli St	85,000
28	Yamba - Gumnut Drive	Design - PAMP Footpath - Connecting The Halyard & Mainbrace to Shores Drv	37,000
29	Yamba - Gumnut Drive	Construct - PAMP Footpath - Connecting The Halyard & Mainbrace to Shores Drv	916,700
30	Coutts Crossing Stage 2	Stage 2 Construct - School Zone	295,500
31	Jackadgery-Lilydale Road - Winters Bridge	Replacement Winters Bridge	815,000
32	Coaldale - Barretts Ck Bridge, Coaldale Road	Replacement Barretts Creek Bridge	1,000,000
33	Nymboida - Billys Ck bridge, Armidale Road	Replacement Billys Creek Bridge	2,184,252
34	Glenreigh - Brennans Road Bridge No2	Replacement Brennans Road Bridge	392,000
35	Ulmarra - Coldstream River Bridge, Franklins Road	Replacement Coldstream Bridge	341,823
36	Halfway Creek - Dundoo Floodway Bridge, Kungala Road	Replacement Dundoo Floodway Bridge	1,955,169
37	Fortis Ck, Greberts Road - Fortis Creek Bridge	Replacement Fortis Creek Bridge	200,000
38	Koukandowie Armidale Road - No 2 Bridge	Replacement Koukandowie Bridge 2	480,000
39	Coutts Crossing - McIntosh Ck Bridge, Black Swan Drive	Replacement McIntosh Creek Bridge	435,000
40	Blaxlands Creek - Skinners Swamp Bridge , Armidale Rd	Replacement Skinners Swamp Bridge	1,000,000
41	Stockyard Creek - White Swamp Bridge, Stockyard Creek Road	Replacement White Swamp bridge	55,000
42	Wintervale Ck Bridge, Old Glen Innes Raod	Replacement Wintervale Creek Bridge	1,560,000
43	McLachlan Park	Road Repairs	600,000
44	Grafton Regional Landfill	Solar Farm	200,000
45	Grafton Waste Transfer Station	Redevelopment Waste Transfer Station	48,000
46	Maclean Waste Transfer Station	Redevelopment Waste Transfer Station	72,000
47	Wooli - Water Intake	Water Intake Upgrade	325,000
48	Iluka - Iluka Holiday Park	Cabin Substructure Renewals	200,000

Total Deferred Project Value \$36,333,680

ITEM 07.23.101 2023/2024 RATES AND CHARGES

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Corporate & Community	
Prepared by	Revenue Coordinator, Paula Krahe	
Reviewed by	Director Corporate & Community, Alex Moar	
Attachments	Nil	

SUMMARY

This report contains recommendations regarding the making and levying of the Rates and Charges for 2023/2024.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council in accordance with the provisions of Sections 493, 494, 496, 501, 502, 503, 542, 552 and 553 of the Local Government Act of 1993 (NSW) make and levy the following Rates and Charges for the year commencing 1 July 2023 and ending 30 June 2024.

1. Ordinary Rates (Section 494)

- (i) A Residential Rate of 0.32661 cents in the dollar on the Rateable Land Value of all rateable land categorised as Residential with a minimum rate of Seven Hundred and Twelve Dollars (\$712.00), in respect of any separate parcel of rateable land. Land that has been identified as "Residential-Flood Prone Land" the minimum rate/base amount will not apply. The Rate to be known as the "Residential Rate".
- (ii) A Residential Rate of 0.19966 cents in the dollar on the Rateable Land Value of all rateable land in the coastal villages of Angourie, Brooms Head, Diggers Camp, Iluka, Minnie Water, Sandon River, Woolli and Wooloweyah categorised as Residential, sub-category "A", with a minimum rate of Seven hundred and twelve dollars (\$712.00). The rate to be known as the Residential Rate "A".
- (iii) A Residential Rate of 0.21824 cents in the dollar on the Rateable Land Value of all rateable land within the towns of Maclean and Townsend categorised as Residential, sub-category "B", with a Base Amount of Five Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$540.00). The revenue from the base amount to be approximately 44.14% of the revenue from this rate. The rate to be known as the "Residential Rate B".
- (iv) A Residential Rate of 0.16281 cents in the dollar on the Rateable Land Value of all rateable land in the town of Yamba categorised as Residential, sub-category "C", with a Base Amount of Five Hundred and Forty (\$540.00). The revenue from the base amount to be approximately 32.44% of the revenue from this rate. The rate to be known as the "Residential Rate C".
- (v) A Residential Rate of 0.588060 cents in the dollar on the Rateable Land Value of rateable land in the city of Grafton and village of Junction Hill categorised as Residential, sub-category "E" with a Base Amount of Five Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$540.00). The revenue from the base amount to be approximately 36.20% of the revenue from this rate. The rate to be known as the "Residential Rate E".
- (vi) A Business Rate of 0.3773 cents in the dollar on the Rateable Land value of all rateable land with a Base Amount of Five Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$540.00) for all land categorised as Business. The revenue from the base amount to be approximately 28.17% of the revenue from this rate. The rate to be known as the "Business Rate".
- (vii) A Business Rate of 0.41829 cents in the dollar on the Rateable Land Value of all rateable land in the Maclean CBD categorised as Business, subcategory "B" with a Base Amount of Five Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$540.00). The revenue from the base amount to be approximately 18.63% of the revenue from this rate. The Rate to be known as the "Business B-Maclean CBD". A map showing this CBD boundary is found in Attachment A.
- (viii) A Business Rate of 0.41829 cents in the dollar on the Rateable Land Value of all rateable land in the Maclean/Townsend area other than the Maclean CBD area, categorised as Business, sub-category "B" with a Base Amount of Five Hundred and Twelve Dollars (\$540.00). The revenue from the base amount to be approximately 18.63% of the revenue from this rate. The Rate to be known as the "Business B – Maclean/Townsend Other Business". A map showing this CBD boundary is found in Attachment A.

- (ix) A Business Rate of 0.28437 cents in the dollar on the Rateable Land Value of all rateable land in the Iluka Industrial area categorised as Business, sub-category "C" with a Base Amount of Five Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$540.00). The revenue from the base amount to be approximately 16.50% of the revenue from this rate. The rate to be known as the "Business Rate C – Iluka Industrial". A map showing this CBD boundary is found in Attachment A.
- (x) A Business Rate of 0.28437 cents in the dollar on the Rateable Land Value of all rateable land in the town of Iluka other than the Iluka Industrial area, categorised as Business, sub-category "C" with a Base Amount of Five Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$540.00). The revenue from the base amount to be approximately 16.50% of the revenue from this rate. The rate to be known as the "Business Rate C – Iluka Other Business". A map showing this CBD boundary is found in Attachment A.
- (xi) A Business Rate of 0.2809 cents in the dollar on the Rateable Land Value of all rateable land in the Yamba CBD (including the Treelands Drive business area) categorised as Business, sub-category "D" with a Base Amount of Five Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$540.00). The revenue from this base amount to be approximately 16.70% of the revenue from this rate. This rate to be known as "Business Rate D – Yamba CBD". A map showing this CBD boundary is found in Attachment A.
- (xii) A Business Rate of 0.2809 cents in the dollar on the Rateable Land Value of all rateable land in the town of Yamba other than the Yamba CBD categorised as Business, sub-category "D" with a Base Amount of Five Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$540.00). The revenue from this base amount to be approximately 16.70% of the revenue from this rate. This rate to be known as "Business Rate D – Yamba Other Business". A map showing this CBD boundary is found in Attachment A.
- (xiii) A Business Rate of 1.73226 in the dollar on the Rateable Land Value of all rateable land in the Grafton and South Grafton CBD, categorised as Business, sub-category "E" with a Base Amount of Five Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$540.00). The revenue from the base amount to be approximately 8.41% of the revenue from this rate. The rate to be known as "Business Rate E – Grafton & South Grafton CBD". A map showing this CBD boundary is found in Attachment A.
- (xiv) A Business Rate of 0.67746 cents in the dollar on the Rateable Land Value of all rateable land in the areas of Junction Hill, Trenayr and Koolkhan and the city of Grafton other than the Grafton and South Grafton CBD, categorised as Business, sub-category "F" with a Base Amount of Five Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$540.00). The revenue from the base amount to be approximately 18.39% of the revenue from this rate. The rate to be known as "Business Rate F – Grafton & South Grafton Other Business". A map showing the Junction Hill, Trenayr and Koolkhan boundary found in Attachment A
- (xv) A Business Rate of 1.55896 cents in the dollar on the Rateable Land Value of all rateable land categorised as Business with a minimum rate of Sixty-Five Dollars (\$65.00) where the parcel of rateable land is rated separately and determined as a jetty or pontoon. The rate is to be known as "Business-Jetties".
- (xvi) A Farmland Rate of 0.18796 cents in the dollar on the Rateable Land Value of all rateable land categorised as Farmland with a Base amount of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$350.00). The revenue from the base amount to be approximately 18.99% of the revenue from this rate. The rate to be known as "Farmland".

2. Sewer Availability Charges (Section 501)

- (i) A Special Charge for all land categorised "Residential" and rateable to a sewerage system, the charge being One Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-Six Dollars (\$1,276.00) per land parcel excepting any parcel in respect of land not built upon and not connected to the Council sewerage system in which case the charge shall be Seven Hundred and Thirty Seven Dollars (\$737.00) to be known as the "Clarence Valley Council Sewerage Charge".
- (ii) A Special Charge to be known as the "Clarence Valley Council Sewerage Charge" for all land parcels categorised "Residential" which have additional connections to a premise which can be subject to separate and permanent occupation. The charge to be calculated by multiplying the occupied charge in Item 2(i) (\$1,276.00) by the number of separate occupations per property which can be occupied separately on a permanent basis.
- (iii) A Special Charge to be known as the "Clarence Valley Council Sewerage Charge" for all land categorised "Residential" and connected to a pressure sewerage system, the charge being One Thousand Two hundred and Fifty One Dollars (\$1,251.00) per land parcel excepting any parcel in respect of land not built upon and not connected to the Council sewerage system in which case the charge shall be Seven Hundred and Thirty Seven Dollars (\$737.00). If the properties are subject to separate and permanent occupation, the charge to be calculated by multiplying the

- occupied charge of (\$1,251.00) by the number of separate occupations per property which can be occupied separately and on a permanent basis.
- (iv) A Special Sewer access charge based on water meter size for all land parcels categorised “Business” (i.e. Non-Residential) and connected to a sewerage system prior to 1 July 2021. The charges to be as follows:
- a. A charge of \$1,276.00.00 for a 20mm service.
 - b. A charge of \$1,276.00 for a 25mm service.
 - c. A charge of \$1,887.00 for a 32mm service.
 - d. A charge of \$2,948.00 for a 40mm service.
 - e. A charge of \$4,606.00 for a 50mm service.
 - f. A charge of \$11,792.00 for an 80mm service.
 - g. A charge of \$18,425.00 for a 100mm service.
 - h. A charge of \$41,456.00 for a 150mm service.
- excepting any parcel in respect of land not built upon and not connected to the Council sewerage system prior to 1 July 2021 in which case the charge shall be Seven Hundred and Thirty Seven Dollars (\$737.00) to be known as the “Clarence Valley Council Sewerage Charge”.
- (v) A Special Sewer access charge based on water meter size for all land parcels categorised “Business” (i.e. Non-Residential) that are connected to a pressure sewerage system prior to 1 July 2021. The charges to be as follows;
- a. A charge of \$1,251.00 for a 20mm service.
 - b. A charge of \$1,251.00 for a 25mm service.
 - c. A charge of \$1,862.00 for a 32mm service.
 - d. A charge of \$2,923.00 for a 40mm service.
 - e. A charge of \$4,581.00 for a 50mm service.
 - f. A charge of \$11,767.00 for an 80mm service.
 - g. A charge of \$18,400.00 for a 100mm service.
 - h. A charge of \$41,431.00 for a 150mm service.
- excepting any parcel in respect of land not built upon and not connected to the Council sewerage system prior to 1 July 2021 in which case the charge shall be Seven Hundred and Thirty Seven Dollars (\$737.00) to be known as the “Clarence Valley Council Sewerage Charge”.
- (vi) A Special Sewer Access charge for all Residential Properties exempt from Ordinary Rates in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993 but within the Sewerage Access area and connected to the Council sewerage system, will be charged the “Clarence Valley Council Sewerage Charge”. If the properties are subject to separate and permanent occupation, the charge to be calculated by multiplying the occupied charge (\$1,276.00) by the number of separate occupations per property which can be occupied separately and on a permanent basis. Otherwise, the charge is to be calculated at (\$1,276.00)
- (vii) A Special Sewer Access Charge for all Residential Properties exempt from Ordinary Rates in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993 but within the Sewerage Access area and connected to a pressure sewerage system prior to 1 July 2021 will be charged \$25 less than the “Clarence Valley Council Sewerage Charge”. If the properties are subject to separate and permanent occupation, the charge to be calculated by multiplying the occupied charge (\$1,251.00) by the number of separate occupations per property which can be occupied separately and on a permanent basis. Otherwise, the charge is to be calculated at (\$1,251.00)
- (viii) A Special Sewer access charge based on water meter size for all land parcels exempt from Ordinary Rates excluding residential properties, connected to a sewerage system prior to 1 July 2021. The charges to be as follows:
- a. A charge of \$1,276.00 for a 20mm service.
 - b. A charge of \$1,276.00 for a 25mm service.
 - c. A charge of \$1,887.00 for a 32mm service.
 - d. A charge of \$2,948.00 for a 40mm service.
 - e. A charge of \$4,606.00 for a 50mm service.
 - f. A charge of \$11,792.00 for an 80mm service.
 - g. A charge of \$18,425.00 for a 100mm service.
 - h. A charge of \$41,456.00 for a 150mm service.
- excepting any parcel in respect of land not built upon and not connected to the Council sewerage system prior to 1 July 2021 in which case the charge shall be Seven Hundred and Four Dollars (\$737.00) to be known as the “Clarence Valley Council Sewerage Charge”.
- (ix) A Special Sewer access charge based on water meter size for all land parcels categorised “Non Rateable” and excluding non-rateable residential properties that are connected to a pressure sewerage system prior to 1 July 2021. The charges to be as follows;
- a. A charge of \$679.00 for a 20mm service.

- b. A charge of \$1,075.00 for a 25mm service.
- c. A charge of \$1,777.00 for a 32mm service.
- d. A charge of \$2,791.00 for a 40mm service.
- e. A charge of \$4,375.00 for a 50mm service.
- f. A charge of \$11,239.00 for an 80mm service.
- g. A charge of \$17,575.00 for a 100mm service.
- h. A charge of \$39,575.00 for a 150mm service.

excepting any parcel in respect of land not built upon and not connected to the Council sewerage system prior to 1 July 2021 in which case the charge shall be Seven Hundred and Thirty Seven Dollars (\$737.00) to be known as the "Clarence Valley Council Sewerage Charge".

- (x) A meter installed as a fire service to a property is exempt from availability charges.
- (xi) Onsite Sewage Management Charge A Special Charge for all occupied land parcels not receiving a Sewerage service. The charge to be Forty-Six Dollars (\$46.00) for each rateable parcel. The charge to be known as "Residential Onsite Wastewater Management Charge".
- (xii) Backflow Prevention Device Annual Charge An annual charge of \$65.00 for all properties that have containment backflow prevention devices that are required to be annually tested and certified in accordance with Council's Backflow prevention and cross connection control policy. The charge to be known as "Non Residential Backflow Prevention Device Charge"

3. Sewer Consumption Charges (Section 502)

- (i) A Consumption Charge of Three Dollars and Eighty Seven Cents (\$3.87) per kilolitre will be charged on all Non-Residential and Non-Rateable properties. The charge for Non-Residential properties will be based on water consumption of the previous trimester and affected by a Sewerage Discharge Apportionment Factor. The non-residential sewer charge is the sum of the access charge and the generation charge, with a minimum charge of the residential charge (\$1,276.00 in 2023/24). This charge to be known as the "Sewerage Consumption Charge".
- (ii) The Non-Residential High Consumption Sewerage Generation Charge (for development approved after 1 July 2021) for sewerage generation above 0.74kl/day per billing period in the Grafton, Junction Hill & Coutts Crossing locality be charged a rate of \$6.00/kl.
- (iii) The Non-Residential High Consumption Sewerage Generation (for development approved after 1 July 2021) for sewerage generation above 0.74kl/day per billing period in the Maclean, Townsend, Illarwill, Lawrence, Iluka and Yamba localities be charged a rate of \$7.67/kl

4. Waste Disposal Charges (Section 496 & Section 501)

- (i) Domestic Waste Charge (Excluding Green Waste -2 Bin Service) An annual charge of Three Hundred and Thirty Seven Dollars (\$337.00) per service, for the collection, disposal, recycling and management of Domestic Waste generated on all residential properties including premises which can be subject to separate occupation, receiving or situated in a location where the collection service is available. This charge to be known as "Domestic Waste 2 Bin"
- (ii) Domestic Waste Charge (Including Green Waste - 3 Bin Service) An annual charge of Three Hundred and Ninety Dollars (\$390.00) per service, for the collection, disposal, recycling and management of waste generated on all residential properties, including premises which can be subject to separate occupation, receiving or situated in a location where the collection service is available. This charge to be known as "Domestic Waste 3 Bin".
- (iii) Non-Residential Waste Charge (Excluding Green Waste – 2Bin Service) An Annual Charge of Three hundred and Eight Dollars (\$337.00) per service, for the collection, disposal, recycling and management of waste generated on property categorised "Business" receiving a service similar to that provided in (4.i).
- (iv) Non-Residential Waste Charge (Including Green Waste – 3 Bin Service) An Annual Charge of Three Hundred and Ninety Dollars (\$390.00) per service, for the collection, disposal, recycling and management of waste generated on property categorised "Business" receiving a service similar to that provided in (4.ii).
- (v) Domestic Waste Charge (Additional Red Bin service) An annual charge of Two Hundred and Eight Dollars (\$208.00) per additional red bin supplied to a property receiving a 2 Bin or 3 Bin Service but requiring an additional red bin. This charge to be known as "Domestic Waste Additional Red Bin".
- (vi) Domestic Waste Charge (Additional Yellow Bin service) An annual charge of One hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$115.00) per additional yellow bin supplied to a property receiving a 2 Bin or 3 Bin Service but requiring an additional yellow bin. This charge to be known as "Domestic Waste Additional Yellow Bin".

- (vii) Domestic Waste Charge (Additional Green Bin service) An annual charge of One Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$115.00) per additional green bin supplied to a property receiving a 3 Bin Service but requiring an additional green bin. This charge to be known as “Domestic Waste Additional Green Bin”.
- (viii) Domestic Waste Charge – Vacant An annual charge of Thirty Seven Dollars (\$37.00) for all parcels of rateable vacant property which would receive a collection service when becoming occupied or located where the service is available. This charge to be known as “Domestic Waste Vacant”.
- (ix) Waste Management levy An annual charge of Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) for all rateable properties in the Clarence Valley Council area. This charge to be known as “Waste Management Levy”.

5. Water Availability Charges (Section 501)

- (i) An annual charge of \$185.00 for all unconnected land which is situated within 225 metres of a Council water main and can be connected to the water main.
- (ii) An annual charge of \$136.00 for all land which has a 20mm connection to the water main.
- (iii) An annual charge of \$213.00 for all land which has a 25mm connection to the water main.
- (iv) An annual charge of \$348.00 for all land which has a 32mm connection to the water main.
- (v) An annual charge of \$544.00 for all land which has a 40mm connection to the water main.
- (vi) An annual charge of \$850.00 for all land which has a 50mm connection to the water main.
- (vii) An annual charge of \$2,176.00 for all land which has an 80mm connection to the water main.
- (viii) An annual charge of \$3,400.00 for all land which has a 100mm connection to the water main.
- (ix) An annual charge of \$7,650.00 for all land which has a 150mm connection to the water main.
- (iv) An annual charge of \$68.00 for all land provided with untreated (Raw) water with a 20mm connection to the water main.
- (v) An annual charge of \$106.50 for all land provided with untreated (Raw) water with a 25mm connection to the water main.

6. Water Consumption Charges (Section 502)

A Water Consumption charge of Two Dollars and Seventy-Eight Cents (\$2.78) per kilolitre for all residential properties, applying to the daily average water consumption below 1.233kL/day per billing period.

A Water Consumption charge of Four Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$4.17) for all residential properties with a water consumption category of residential applying to any daily average water consumption exceeding 1.233 kl per day, per billing period.

A Water Consumption charge of Two Dollars and Seventy Eight Cents (\$2.78) per kilolitre for all non-residential properties. This charge to be known as the “Water Usage Non-Residential”.

A Water Consumption charge of Ten Dollars and Eight Two Cents (\$10.82) per kilolitre for all water usage registered on a meter installed as a fire service to the property where the consumption has been for purposes other than for fire service purposes as a disincentive for using the service for incorrect purposes. This charge to be known as the “Water Usage Fire Service”.

A Water Consumption charge of One Dollar and Thirty Nine Cents (\$1.39) per kilolitre for all properties connected to Untreated (Raw) Water. This charge to be known as the “Water Usage Untreated (Raw) Water”.

A Non-Residential High Consumption charge (for Development approved after 1 July 2021) for average daily water consumption above 1.233kl/day per billing period of Seven Dollars and Eighty Three Cents (\$7.83) per kilolitre. This charge to be known as the “Non Residential High Consumption”.

7. Interest on overdue rates

That the interest rate on overdue amounts applicable to outstanding rates and charges for 2023/2024 be the maximum rate of 9% for the period 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 as set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) accruing on a daily basis.

8. Small Balance Rates & Charges write off

That in accordance with Clause 131 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 the General Manager be authorised to approve the write off of small rate balances up to a maximum of \$3.00 per assessment at the conclusion of the rating year.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Leadership

Objective We will have a strong, accountable and representative Government

KEY ISSUES

The recommended rate structure for 2023/2024 was included in Council's Draft 2023/2024 Operational Plan for exhibition.

This report recommends the proposed rate structure for 2023/2024 be based on Council's existing rate structure as levied for 2022/2023 and indexed by the Rate Peg of 5.4% approved by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) on the 29 September 2022.

The proposed structure includes changes to the following Base Amounts and Minimums:

- Yamba, Maclean & Townsend, Grafton and Junction Hill Residential Categories Base Amount increases from \$512 to \$540
- All Business Rating Categories Base Amount increases from \$512 to \$540
- Farmland Rating Category Base Amount increases from \$330.00 to \$350.00
- Residential "Outside Town Areas" and Residential A – "Coastal Villages" minimum rate increases from \$676.00 to \$712.00
- Business Jetties incurred a newly created minimum of \$65.00

Land Valuations

Council applies property land valuations from the NSW Valuer General. These values are available for rating as at 1 July 2022 and Council will use them to levy the rates for the 2023/2024 financial year.

Proposed 2023/2024 Rate Levy

The Rate Levy tabled below is a summary of the recommended Rates Structure for 2023/2024 which includes the 5.4% Rate Peg as approved by IPART.

Rates Structure 2023/2024

5.4% Rate Peg – General Rates

	Category	Number of Properties	Rate in \$	Minimum	Base Amount	Income from Base	Ad Valorem Rate Yield	Total Yield
1	Farmland	2279	0.0018796		\$ 350.00	\$ 797,650	\$ 3,401,558	\$ 4,199,208
2	Residential – Ashby, Chatsworth, Copmanhurst, Brushgrove, Gulmarrad, Harwood, Illarwill, Lawrence, Palmers Island, Coutts Crossing, Woombah, Cowper, Glenreagh, Swan Creek, Tucabia, Ulmarra, Waterview, Seelands, Eatonsville, Illarwill, Tyndale plus rural residential areas. This includes residential flood prone land (15 properties)	8129	0.0032661	\$ 712.00	0	0	\$ 9,095,085	\$ 9,095,085
2(i)	Residential A – Angourie, Brooms Head, Diggers Camp, Iluka, Sandon River, Minnie Water, Wooloweyah, Wooli	2286	0.0019966	\$ 712.00			\$ 3,002,872	\$ 3,002,872
2(ii)	Residential B – Maclean, Townsend	1659	0.0021824		\$ 540.00	\$ 895,860	\$ 1,133,544	\$ 2,029,404
2(iii)	Residential C – Yamba	3509.56	0.0016281		\$ 540.00	\$ 1,895,162	\$ 3,946,632	\$ 5,841,794
	Residential E – Grafton, Junction Hill	7887.02	0.00588060		\$ 540.00	\$ 4,258,991	\$ 7,504,509	\$11,763,500
3	Business	226	0.003773		\$ 540.00	\$ 122,040	\$ 311,070	\$ 433,110
3(i)	Business B – Maclean Business B – Maclean, Townsend Other Business	168	0.0041829		\$ 540.00	\$ 90,720	\$ 396,011	\$ 486,731
3(ii)	Business C – Iluka Industrial Business C – Iluka Other Business	57	0.0028437		\$ 540.00	\$ 30,780	\$ 154,837	\$ 185,617
3(iii)	Business D – Yamba CBD (Includes Treelands Drive) Business D – Yamba Other Business	284.44	0.002809		\$ 540.00	\$ 153,598	\$ 765,643	\$ 919,241
	Business E – Grafton & South Grafton CBD	378.29	0.0173226		\$ 540.00	\$ 204,277	\$ 2,224,257	\$ 2,428,533
3(v)	Business F – Grafton & South Grafton Other Business	302.69	0.0067746		\$ 540.00	\$ 163,453	\$ 725,028	\$ 888,481
	Jetties	76	0.0155896	\$65.00		\$ -	\$ 4,128	\$ 4,940
3(vi)	Total Ordinary Rates	27242				\$ 8,612,530	\$ 32,665,176	\$41,278,517

Water Charges

The requirements of best practice pricing for water include having one price for both residential and non residential consumers and acquiring 25% of income from fixed charges and 75% of income from consumption charges. Where a property has multiple meters, the property is only charged for the single largest meter until the end of the phase-in period. While the 5 year phase-in period concluded in 2009/10, it is proposed to commence charging the access charge per meter effective 01 July 2025 with property owners being notified of Councils intention during the 2023/2024 rating year so that property owners have been given adequate time to assess the need for each meter and reduce the number of meters where necessary, noting that a fixed charge per water meter will be introduced in the 2025/2026 rating year.

Water Charges 2023/2024

The requirements of best practice for water include having one price for both residential and non-residential consumers and acquiring 25% of income from fixed charges and 75% of income from consumption charges.

To calculate Residential Water charges for 2023/2024, the 2023/2024 access and consumption charges were indexed by 4%. A Non-Residential High Consumption Charge will apply to non-residential properties with development approval issued after 1 July 2021. The Non-Residential High Consumption Charge is calculated by amortising the Section 53 Developer Charge for water over 40 years with a cost of capital of 5% and a forecast escalation of developer charges of 2.5% and then divided by 230kl/year (the NSW Water Directorate's adopted value of the annual water consumption per ET). Adding this result to the Consumption Charge gives the High Consumption Charge as shown in Table 1. The charges for 2023/2024 are shown in Tables 1 and 2:

Table 1: 2023/2024 Water Consumption Charges

	2022/23 Charge	2023/24 Charge	Estimated 2023/24 Yield
Consumption	\$2.65	\$2.78	\$13.21M
Residential inclining block for average daily water consumption above 1.233kl/day per unit or residence per billing period	\$3.98	\$4.17	
Fire Service consumption - water usage registered on fire service meter that was not for the purpose of the fire service charged per kl	\$10.60	\$10.82	
Consumption Untreated (Raw) Water	\$1.33	\$1.39	
Non-residential High Consumption Charge (for developments that were approved after 1 July 2021) for average daily water consumption above 1.233kl/day per billing period.	\$7.49	\$7.83	

Table 2: (Access) Water Charges for 2023/2024

Charge Description/Meter Size	2022/2023 Charge	2023/2024 Charge	2023/2024 Yield
Water Vacant	\$177.00	\$185.00	3.33M
Residential Water 20mm	\$130.00	\$136.00	
Residential Water 25mm	\$203.00	\$213.00	
Residential Water 32mm	\$333.00	\$348.00	
Residential Water 40mm	\$521.00	\$544.00	
Residential Water 50mm	\$814.00	\$850.00	
Residential Water 80mm	\$2,083.00	\$2,176	
Residential Water 100mm	\$3,254.00	\$3,400	
Untreated Water 20mm	\$105.00	\$111.00	
Untreated Water 25mm	\$178.00	\$153.00	
Water Non-Residential 20mm	\$130.00	\$136.00	
Water Non-Residential 25mm	\$203.00	\$213.00	
Water Non-Residential 32mm	\$333.00	\$348.00	
Water Non-Residential 40mm	\$521.00	\$544.00	
Water Non-Residential 50mm	\$814.00	\$850.00	
Water Non-Residential 80mm	\$2,083.00	\$2,176	
Water Non-Residential 100mm	\$3,254.00	\$3,400	
Water Non-Residential 150mm	\$7,323.00	\$7,650	

* The access charge for meter sizes greater than 20mm is calculated on the square of the meter size compared with a 20mm meter

Water consumption that is registered through a Fire Service meter and used for purposes other than fire service purposes will be charged \$10.82 per kilolitre. The fire service connected to a property is to be used for fire purposes only and this charge will be a disincentive for consumers to use this meter for incorrect purposes.

Untreated water consumers supplied direct from trunk mains prior to treatment are charged at half of the above access charges. Council does not approve any additional untreated water connections.

As previously mentioned, best practice pricing requires a single charge for both residential and non-residential consumers and based on the adopted phase-in path, charges for 2023/2024 are likely to be in accordance with Table 3.

Table 3: Proposed future consumption charges

Consumption Charge	2022/23	2023/24
Consumption \$/kl	\$2.65	\$2.78

Council reviews its 30 Year Financial Model for the Water Fund each year. The proposed future consumption charges listed in Table 3 above are considered to be conservative estimates and may change when the 30 year Financial Model is reviewed.

Sewer Charges 2023/2024

In May 2004, the then Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability (DEUS) released guidelines for the Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage. The guidelines require Council to charge a uniform sewerage bill for residential properties, a two part tariff comprising an annual access charge and a uniform sewer usage charge per kilolitre (kL) for non-residential properties and appropriate liquid trade waste fees and charges. In April 2005, Council resolved to adopt best practice pricing for sewerage with common sewerage charges across the Council area, and best practice pricing was implemented in the 2005/2006 financial year.

A Non-Residential High Consumption Charge will apply to non-residential properties with development approval issued after 1 July 2021. The Non-Residential High Consumption Charge is calculated by amortising the Section 64 Developer Charge for sewer over 40 years with a cost of capital of 5% and a forecast escalation of developer charges of 2.5% and then divided by 138kl/year (the NSW Water Directorate's adopted value of the annual water consumption per ET multiplied by a sewage discharge factor of 60%). Adding this result to the Consumption Charge gives the High Consumption Charges as shown in Table 1. Table 1 below shows the sewerage charges for 2023/2024 and Table 2 shows the access charge for Non-Residential properties for 2023/2024.

Table 1: Charges for 2023/2024

Charge Description	Adopted 2022/23 Charge	Proposed 2023/24 Charge	Estimated Yield 2023/24
Sewer Residential Connected Charge	\$1,218	\$1,276 As per Table 1 ¹	\$16.84M
Sewer Residential Connected Pressure System	\$1,193 As Per Table 1 ²	\$1,251 As Per Table 1 ²	\$1.78M
Sewer Availability Charge	\$704	\$737	\$387,162
Non-residential Access Charge	As per Table 1 ²	As per Table 1 ²	
Non-residential Sewerage Generation Charge	\$3.69	\$3.87	
Properties exempt from Rating under Sec 556 Sewerage Generation Charge	\$3.69	\$3.87	
Properties exempt from Rating under Sec 556 Sewer Connection Charge (per connection or separate occupation)	\$1,218 1 ³	\$1,276 1 ³	
Non-residential High Consumption Sewerage Generation Charge (for development approved after 1 July 2021) for sewerage generation above 0.74kL/day per billing period – Grafton, Junction Hill & Coutts Crossing	\$5.72/Kl	\$6.00/Kl	
Non-residential High Consumption Sewerage Generation (for development approved after 1 July 2021) for sewerage generation above 0.74kL/day per billing period – Maclean, Townsend, Ilarwill, Lawrence, Iluka, Yamba	\$7.32/Kl	\$7.67/Kl	

1. Properties within a pressure sewer zone are charged \$25 less than properties in a gravity sewer zone to reflect the average cost of pressure pump electricity consumption which is paid for by the property owner.
2. The non-residential sewer charge is the sum of the access charge and the generation charge, with a minimum charge of the residential charge (\$1,276 for 2023/2024). As meters are read tri-annually, the minimum non-residential charge will be calculated on an equivalent charge of \$3.34 per day.
3. Residential properties are charged the Sewer Residential Connected Charge per connection or separate occupation, within the Sewerage Access area and connected to the sewer. In respect of Residential Flat Buildings or properties under separate occupation, the sewer residential connected charge will be equal to the number of residential flats or separate occupation multiplied by the Sewer Residential Connected Charge for a single connection.
4. Properties exempt from Ordinary Rates in accordance with the Local Government Act are charged the Non-Rateable Sewer Connection Charge per connection or separate occupation, within the Sewerage Access area and connected to the sewer. In respect of Residential Flat Buildings or properties under separate occupation, the Non-Rateable Sewer Connection Charge will be equal to the number of residential flats or separate occupation multiplied by the Non-Rateable Sewer Connection Charge for a single connection

Table 2: Fixed (Access) Sewer Charges for 2023/2024

Charge Description / Water Meter Size*	2022/23 Fixed Charge	2023/24 Fixed Charge	Estimated Yield 2023/24
Sewer Non-Residential Availability Charge	\$704	\$737	\$1.43M
Sewer Non-Residential 20mm	\$1,217.00	\$1,276	
Sewer Non-Residential 25mm	\$1,217.00	\$1,276	
Sewer Non-Residential 32mm	\$1,261	\$1,887	
Sewer Non-Residential 40mm	\$2,817	\$2,948	
Sewer Non-Residential 50mm	\$4,401	\$4,606	
Sewer Non-Residential 80mm	\$11,267	\$11,792	
Sewer Non-Residential 100mm	\$17,604	\$18,425	
Sewer Non-Residential 150mm	\$39,610	\$41,456	
Sewer Non-Res 20mm Pressure System	\$1,192	\$1,251	
Sewer Non-Res 25mm Pressure System	\$1,192	\$1,251	
Sewer Non-Res 32mm Pressure System	\$1,236	\$1,862	
Sewer Non-Res 40mm Pressure System	\$2,792	\$2,923	
Sewer Non-Res 50mm Pressure System	\$4,376	\$4,581	
Sewer Non-Res 80mm Pressure System	\$11,242	\$11,767	
Sewer Non-Res 100mm Pressure System	\$17,579	\$18,400	

* The access charge for meter size greater than 20mm is calculated on the square of the meter size compared with a 20mm meter

Liquid trade waste fees and charges are shown in the fees and charges section.

As noted above, the non-residential sewer charge will be the greater of:

- fixed (access) charge plus sewer generation charge, or
- daily charge of \$3.34

Waste Management Charges

The Domestic Waste Management (DWM) charge must be determined each year pursuant to Section 496 of the Local Government Act, 1993. The charge for the provision of domestic waste management services is for each parcel of rateable land for which the service is available.

Council also levies a waste management charge pursuant to Section 501 of the Act on all rateable properties. The levy contributes to the cost of developing waste management infrastructure such as waste transfer stations, landfills, composting facilities, recycling centres and other services such as litter collection.

The 2023/2024 levy has increased from \$67 to \$70. The increase recognises the additional cost of providing waste management services, especially waste transfer stations. The waste management charges from 2022/2023 - 2023/2024 are detailed below:

Domestic Waste Charge (s.496)	2022/2023 Charge	2022/2023 Yield	2023/2024 Charge	2023/2024 Yield
3 Bin Service	\$375	\$6,826,125	\$390	\$7,148,310
2 Bin Service	\$308	\$1,207,052	\$337	\$1,347,663
Vacant Land	\$35	\$59,395	\$37	\$61,531
Additional Red Bin	\$200	\$55,400	\$208	\$67,392
Additional Yellow Bin	\$110	\$6,380	\$115	\$7,360
Additional Green Bin	\$135	\$6,615	\$115	\$6,900
Waste Management Charge (s.501)	2022/2023 Charge	2022/2023 Yield	2023/2024 Charge	2023/2024 Yield
Waste Management Charge	\$67	\$1,807,392	\$70	\$1,911,070

Stormwater Annual Charge

The annual charge for the provision of stormwater management services in accordance with Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993 is for each eligible urban property. These charges are set out in the Table below:

Description	Charge
Stormwater Management Charge – Residential	\$25.00
Stormwater Management Charge – Strata	\$12.50
Stormwater Management Charge – Business	\$25.00

On-Site Effluent Disposal Systems

The annual charge to fund the required level of auditing of the 9,311 on-site sewerage management systems has been indexed by 5% to \$46.00 for 2023/2024 (\$44.00 2022/23). The fee is levied on all properties with on-site effluent disposal systems.

Backflow Prevention Device Annual Charge

An annual charge of \$65 for 2023/2024 is to fund the administration of the backflow prevention device programme. The charge is levied on properties that have containment backflow prevention devices that are required to be annually tested and certified in accordance with Council’s Backflow prevention and cross connection control policy. The charge is per annum per containment device.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, Council is required to make and levy its rates and Charges prior to 31 July. This report complies with these legislative requirements.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

The Rates Structure for 2023/2024 is based on the Rate Peg of 5.4% as determined by IPART. This will be an increase of \$2,101,131 on that levied for the 2022/2023 rating year.

Set out below is a summary of Council’s total permissible rate income for 2023/2024:

TOTAL PERMISSIBLE INCOME FOR 2023/2024	
2022/2023 Notional General Income	\$38,909,825
Plus: IPART approved Rate Peg 5.4%	\$2,101,131
Plus: Net Catchup 2022/2023 (Schedule 3)	\$272,781
Total Permissible Income 2023/2024	\$41,283,737

The estimated yield by rate category will be:

Business	\$5,346,655
Farmland	\$4,199,208
Residential	<u>\$31,737,874</u>
Total 2023/2024	\$41,283,737

Asset Management

N/A

Policy and Regulation

Sections 493, 494, 496, 501, 502, 542, 552 and 553 of the Local Government Act of 1993 (NSW)

Consultation

The report has been prepared in consultation with Council's Manager Finance & Systems and Manager Water Cycle

Legal and Risk Management

The Water and Sewer Connections Annual Charges for 2023/2024 has been reviewed by Local Government Legal and recommended changes incorporated in the current Revenue Policy.

Climate Change

N/A

ITEM 07.23.102 SPECIAL EVENT SPONSORSHIP REQUEST - ROUND ONE 2023/24

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Corporate & Community	
Prepared by	Event Development Officer, Deb Merritt	
Reviewed by	Director Corporate & Community, Alex Moar	
Attachments	A. 2023_24 Round 1 Event Sponsorship_recommendations ↓	

SUMMARY

This report summarises sponsorship applications received under Round One of the Special Events Sponsorship 2023/2024 program, the criteria applied in the assessment of the applications and recommendations for the allocation of funding.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the recommendations for the provision of funding to applicants as listed in the attached schedule to the value of \$59,750 and authorise the processing of these sponsorships in accord with the adopted Event Sponsorship Policy.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Economy

Objective We will have an attractive and diverse environment for business, tourism and industry

KEY ISSUES

The 15 requests are listed in the attachment with a recommended sponsorship amount.

Should Council adopt the officer's recommendations, the financial commitment will total \$59,750.

BACKGROUND

Applications for sponsorship Council's Events Sponsorship Program opened on 1 March 2023 and closed on 30 April 2023. The funding program was promoted through social media, CVC Noticeboard and Council's website. Emails were also sent to all previous applicants.

All applications were completed and submitted online via the Smartygrants software program. A total of 15 applications were received, requesting a total of \$83,610 in sponsorship.

All events are assessed against the following criteria as set out in program guidelines:

- eligibility to apply
- making a positive contribution to the local economy
- acknowledgement of Council's sponsorship
- benefit to the community
- evidence of support from groups that benefit from the event
- promotes and encourages positive exposure of the Clarence Valley
- strengthens and celebrates our community
- the organisations financial viability
- demonstrated marketing strategy, post-evaluation and income generation plan
- consideration of environmental impacts

All events are assessed against this criteria, however different request levels have particular criteria weighted more heavily, again as stated in the guidelines:

Level One \$1,500 and under	New events or in their infancy Small events that attract some visitors from outside the Clarence Valley
Level Two \$1,500 to \$5,000	Attract day visitors from outside of the Clarence Valley Have a marketing plan Are unique or promote unique characteristics of the Clarence Valley
Level Three Over \$5,000	Attract overnight visitors Have a marketing plan Are unique or promote unique characteristics of the Clarence Valley Generate an income stream to reinvest in their event Contribute significantly to the local economy

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

The total cost of recommendations for Round One of the Special Event Sponsorship program in 2023/2024 is \$59,750. The total budget allocation for the two rounds within this program is \$91,690. The recommended amount falls within the current budget allocation for the program.

The allocated amount of \$59,750 is estimated to bring in approximately 36,710-day visitors and 11,050-overnight visitors, contributing around \$6,863,380 to our local economy. Keeping in line with the development plan's KPI for "Economic Benefit from Sponsored Events – Overnight Visitors" >4.8M

Asset Management

Policy and Regulation

Event Sponsorship Policy

Consultation

Consultation occurred within the Industry Engagement Team.

Legal and Risk Management

N/A

Climate Change

N/A

2023/24 Special Events Sponsorship - Round 1						
Event	Applicant Organisation Name	Event Start Date	Event End Date	Sponsorship Request	Recommended Sponsorship	Assessment
Grafton Jacaranda Festival	GRAFTON JACARANDA FESTIVAL INC	27/10/2023	2/11/2023	\$40,000	\$33,000	Request is higher than previous years, usually a sponsorship of \$28,000 is provided (\$16,000 cash and \$12,000 in-kind). The festival is a major tourist event for the Clarence Valley and continues to attract increased numbers of overnight visitors. The recommended sponsorship amount of \$33,000 (\$17,000 cash, \$16,000 in-kind) includes an increase of \$1,000 cash and \$4,000 to contribute to additional expenses relating to Council expenses such as park fees, staffing and waste services.
Yamba Ocean Swim 2024	YAMBA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC	7/01/2023	7/01/2023	\$1,500	\$1,500	Meets criterial for level 1 event. Same as previous years request.
Yamba Bowling Club Euchre Tournament	Yamba Bowling Club Euchre Tournament	21/10/2023	22/10/2023	\$750	\$750	Meets criteria for level 1, attracts small number of visitors, relatively new event.
Grafton December Weekend of Rowing	Graton Rowing Club Inc	2/3 Dec or 9/10 Dec 2023		\$1,500	\$1,500	Meets criteria for level 1 event. Same as previous years request.
Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club - Motorfest 23	Grafton Vintage Motor Vehicle Club	27/08/2023	27/08/2023	\$1,500	\$1,500	Meets criteria for level 1 event. Same as previous years request.
Yamba Veterans Golf	Yamba Veterans Golf Club	13/08/2023	18/08/2023	\$1,000	\$1,000	Meets criteria for level 1 event. Same as previous years request.
Maclean Women's Golf	Maclean Golf Club	25/09/2023	26/09/2023	\$500	\$500	Meets criteria for level 1 event. Same as previous years request.
Clarence Valley Country Muster - Christmas Concert	Clarence Valley Country Muster	9/12/2023	9/12/2023	\$1,500	\$1,500	Meets criteria for level 1 event. Recommended sponsorship is based on similar events with a similar return of investment. Event is trying to make a recovery after Covid 19 affected them.
Christmas together late night shopping Maclean	Maclean District Business Chamber	15/12/2023	15/12/2023	\$1,500	\$1,500	Meets criteria for level 1 event. Event has run for two years, however the Maclean Chambers are trying to expand the event with the assistance of Council. Sponsorship is inline with similar event sponsorships.

A Christmas Spectacular	Rotary & Accent Productions	2/12/2023	2/12/2023	\$15,000	\$1,500	Increased sponsorship request of \$13,500 is not justified by a corresponding projected increase in visitors to the Clarence Valley. Meets the criteria for a level 1 event, in regards to day and overnight visitors. Event has a community focus rather than a tourism focus.
Yamba Rod Run	Borderline hotrods	11/11/2023	11/11/2023	\$1,500	\$1,500	Meets criteria for level 1 event. Same as previous years request.
GBomb 23 -Mountain Bike Event	Grafton Cycle Club Inc.	30/09/2023	2/10/2023	\$4,500	\$4,000	The recommended sponsorship is line with events at a similar stage of development. Meets strategic intent in The Clarence - River Way II in developing opportunities in the Wilderness Arc surrounding the Valley that value add to the Clarence. Event is trying to make a recovery after 2019-20 bushfires that damaged all the trails and closed access to this area.
Flow	Northern Rivers Performing Arts Inc	1/11/2023	10/11/2023	\$5,000	\$5,000	Meets criteria for level 3 event. Meets strategic intent in The Clarence - River Way II to develop tourist hubs between Grafton and Yamba. Event has a targeted audience of tourists and local residents with a focus on sharing First Nations knowledge. Meets Operational Plan to engage with the Aboriginal Traditional Owners to grow and understanding of culture.
Love Sweet Love	Yirrma and band Australian Tour	10/01/2024	10/01/2024	\$7,860	\$5,000	Meets criteria for level 3 event. Meets strategic intent in The Clarence - River Way II to reposition Grafton as a tourist destination. Event has a targeted audience of tourists and local residents with a focus on First Nations knowledge. Meets Operational Plan to engage with the Aboriginal Traditional Owners to grow and understanding of culture. Inline with similar event sponsorships.
			TOTAL	\$83,610	\$59,750	
Centenary Iluka Soldiers Memorial Hall	ILUKA HISTORY GROUP INCORPORATED	29/09/2023	2/10/2023	\$1,500	\$0	Ineligible. The event is not designed to increase tourism overnight, sits well with the Community Initiatives Program and a recommendation has been made for the organisers to apply via this grant.

ITEM 07.23.103 2023/2024 COMMUNITY INITIATIVE PROGRAM ROUND 1

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Corporate & Community	
Prepared by	Project Officer, Lainie Edwards	
Reviewed by	Director Corporate & Community, Alex Moar	
Attachments	A. 2023_24 CIP R1 Recommendations ↓	

SUMMARY

This report summarises the assessment of applications received from community organisations for a donation from Council as part of the 2023/2024 Community Initiatives Program - Round 1.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve donations under the 2023/2024 Community Initiatives Program – Round 1 to the value of \$63,975.49 in accordance with the recommendations set out in the attached schedule.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme	Society
Objective	We will have proud and inviting communities

KEY ISSUES

Budget and equity considerations mean that it is not possible to fund all requests fully and as a result, in some cases, a smaller than requested donation has been allocated as reflected in the attached schedule.

Council received a submissions from Reknigh for workshops in Maclean and Grafton High Schools, which was deemed ineligible under the policy guidelines and an application from Copmanhurst Pre School, which was withdrawn.

BACKGROUND

Organisations seeking a donation from Council are asked to apply for Community Initiatives Program funding. Round 1 of the program was open for 8 weeks from 1 March to 30 April 2023, and promoted through local media, on Council's website, and via email notification through the Community Projects Officer's extensive database of contacts.

Applications were submitted online via the Smarty Grants link on Council's website, with applications from 42 organisations received. Applications were considered in line with the Program Guidelines and Donations Policy and recommendations for funding have been made in relation to each one.

Objectives of Council's adopted Donations Policy are:-

- *To establish guidelines for determining donations to be made by Council within the adopted budget allocation.*
- *To establish an annual calendar for the processing of all donation requests.*
- *To provide clear guidance on the criteria by which donation applications will be assessed and allocations determined.*

Applications under the program are assessed against one or more of the criteria detailed at Section 6 of the Donations Policy. The most relevant criteria for each applicant is shown on the attached recommendations schedule.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS**Budget/Financial**

The proposed 2023/2024 Donations budget allocation is \$100,000 (Service 4010, Sub Service 410 Community Development PJ# 997113-7353-2534), to be confirmed when the draft budget is approved at the June Council meeting.

This budget is for donations granted through the Community Initiatives Program Rounds 1 and 2, the Sport & Cultural Trust fund, and DA fee waiver requests received throughout the year.

The recommended donations contained in the Schedule total \$63,975.49 leaving a balance of \$36,024.51 to be available for Round 2 allocations in December 2023, Sport & Cultural Trust fund applications and DA fee waiver requests throughout the year.

Rates and fee waiver recommendations shown in the attached schedule are estimates only. Actual donation amounts may differ slightly once the annual budget is approved, and actual rates levied, and fees and charges are known.

Asset Management

N/A

Policy and Regulation

Donations Policy

Community Initiatives Program guidelines

Consultation

Internal consultation has been undertaken to ensure compliance with the current Donations Policy with particular reference to only approving one donation per financial year and not funding retrospectively.

Legal and Risk Management

N/A

Climate Change

N/A

Schedule of Recommendations

Community Initiatives Program 2023/2024 Round 1

Organisation Name	Funding Category	Brief Project Description	Assessment Criteria	Link to Community Plan	Requested	Recommended
Baryulgil Charity Sports Club	Rates	To cover the cost of general rates component for Property 100984, Baryulgil Hall, 7139 Clarence Way, Baryulgil	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$525.00	\$566.71
Birrigan Gargle Local Aboriginal Land Council	Cash	Contribution towards the cost of a NAIDOC Week lunch gathering for up to 100 elders and emerging elders in Yamba. Initiative will centre around storytelling and a photographer will be engaged to capture the day in order to create a record of the stories as well a planned craft activities.	6.1 Organisations involved in cultural development within the Clarence Valley; 6.4 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.1.4 Encourage greater awareness of our earliest communities and inhabitants, in partnership with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Blicks Community Inc	Cash	To cover the costs associated with the creation, printing and distribution of 180 - 200 copies of the monthly community Newsletter - Blicks Bulletin during the 2023/24 financial year. Including the cost of time to compile, postage, printing, Mailchimp and hand delivery.	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$4,624.00	\$624.00
Carrs Creek School of Arts Inc.	Cash, Rates	Cash: (\$1776) towards 120 year celebrations of hall Rates: (est.\$550) Property No. 101846 Carrs Creek School of Arts, 189 Drake Street, Carrs Creek	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$2,326.00	\$1,081.53
Chatsworth Island CWA	Fee Waiver	To waive the hire fees for the Chatsworth Island Community Hall for the Monthly CWA Meetings on the 1st Wednesday of each month during the 2023/24 financial year period.	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$500.00	\$500.00
City of Grafton Eisteddfod Society	Cash	Towards the cost of prizes and scholarships for the 2024 Grafton Dance Eisteddfod from 13 April 2024 - 21 April 2024 at- South Grafton High School Auditorium.	6.4 Organisations involved in cultural development within the Clarence Valley	1.3.1 Supports arts, learning, cultural services and festivals	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Copmanhurst Preschool Inc	Cash	Ver1: Upgrade failing septic system at an estimated \$30,00-40,000 due to updated waste water management regulations since the installment of our system.	Ineligible: 7.4 for capital works and major building repairs (as opposed to minor maintenance).	Withdrawn	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
Copmanhurst Preschool Inc	Cash	Ver2: Backyard Recovery project - To upgrade children's play area damaged from constant rain events. Replace lifting/damaged pavers with turf, add garden beds, stepping stones and repaint shed.	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$2,514.50	\$1,000.00
Coutts Crossing Coronation Hall Inc	Rates	To cover the cost of general rates component for the Property 124864, Coutts Crossing Hall 7 Armidale Road, Coutts Crossing	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.1.1 Encourage vibrant and welcoming towns and villages	\$1,067.38	\$1,119.62
Criterion Theatre Grafton	Rates	To cover the cost of general component of Council rates for Property No. 109322 Criterion Theatre 149 Oliver St, Grafton for the 2023/24 financial year period.	6.4 Organisations involved in cultural development within the Clarence Valley	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$2,000.00	\$2,319.25
CWA of NSW Maclean Branch	Rates	To cover the cost of general rates component for Property 114243, 40 River Street, Maclean for the 2023/24 financial year	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$2,190.00	\$2,258.08
CWA of NSW, Glenreagh Branch	Rates	To cover the cost of rates for the CWA Meeting Rooms, 72 Coramba St, Glenreagh, Property: 122176	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$1,600.00	\$1,345.17
Eatonsville Public Hall	Cash	To contribute to the cost of 'Project Possum': the relocation of possums living in the Hall ceiling to purpose built possum boxes to be constructed by the Men's Shed per NSW Government guidelines. Installation of Exclusion Screens to prevent re-entry. Landcare Representative/s will deliver an educational talk on fauna care and biodiversity at a catered event to mark the opening of the initiative. Plus promotional activity.	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Organisation Name	Funding Category	Brief Project Description	Assessment Criteria	Link to Community Plan	Requested	Recommended
Elevation Church Yamba	Cash	To contribute to the cost of hiring Maclean Sports Centre each Friday during the two terms from July - Dec 2023 for the purpose of holding sport and games activities for youth overseen by the church and youth leaders.	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.2.1 Provides, maintains and develops sport and recreation facilities and encourages greater utilisation and participation	\$898.00	\$898.00
Glenreagh Creative Group Inc	Cash	To contribute to the cost of venue hire for the weekly meeting of the Glenreagh Creative Group held at Glenreagh School of Arts during the 2023/24 financial year	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.4.3 Fosters an inclusive and equitable community	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Glenreagh Preschool	Rates	To cover the cost of rates for Property: 122111, Glenreagh Preschool. 17 Dorrigo St, Glenreagh	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.3.1 Supports arts, learning, cultural services and festivals	\$1,000.00	\$1,834.93
Grafton Camera Club	Cash	To cover the costs of the room hire at the Joan Muir Community Centre for monthly meetings and photographic workshops during 2023/2024.	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need/benefit	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$360.00	\$360.00
Grafton Community Shed Inc	Cash	To assist with the costs to purchase a number of Ryobi cordless powered tools incl batteries and chargers as a safer option than power tools for their older members.	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.4.1 Provides quality community care, ageing and disability services	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Grafton District Services Bowling Club Inc	Cash	To contribute towards the costs of awards and trophies for 2023 Carnival in Grafton 2/3 Sep 2023	6.3 Sporting Association to assist with sponsorship of an event or an award	1.2.1 Provides, maintains and develops sport and recreation facilities and encourages greater utilisation and participation	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Grafton District Services Women's Bowling Club	Cash	Sponsorship towards the cost of prizes for the 2023 Jacaranda Carnival on 31 October 2023 at the Grafton District Services Club.	6.3 Sporting Association to assist with sponsorship of an event or an award	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Grafton High School	Educational Institutions	Contribution towards the cost of purchasing book vouchers for School Presentation Night to be held between 1/7/2023 - 19/12/2023	6.2 Educational Institution for award presentation only	1.3.1 Supports arts, learning, cultural services and festivals	\$100.00	\$100.00
Grafton Senior Citizens Inc	Cash	Cover the cost of meeting room rental at Clarence River Jockey Club during 2023/24 financial year to conduct recreational activities and meetings five days per week. Rental of premises commencing 21/07/23	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
Harwood Island Public Hall Reserve Land Manager	Rates	Rates (estimate) - Property No. 120169 Harwood Hall River Street, Harwood plus water rates & garbage collection - organisation incurs a cost from maintaining toilets for public access	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$1,121.25	\$1,250.00
Iluka History Group Inc	Cash	To contribute to special events held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Iluka Soldiers Memorial Hall to be held between the 29 September 2023 - 1st October 2023	6.6 Organisations the provide valuable service of benefit for which there are no alternative funding sources	1.3.1 Supports arts, learning, cultural services and festivals	\$1,551.00	\$1,551.00
Lawrence Community Preschool	Cash	Contribute towards the cost of installing a hot water system to efficiently reduce costs and reducing environmental impact. (Total cost \$5410.00)	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need/benefit	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Lawrence Historical Society Inc.	Cash, Rates	CASH: \$862.00 to purchase/and install 2 x solar flood lights with remote control to be installed on the museum building exterior RATES: \$1423.00 Lawrence Museum, 2 Merton Street, Lawrence Property 110853	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.1.1 Encourage vibrant and welcoming towns and villages	\$2,285.00	\$1,574.50
Lawrence Public Hall Reserve Trust	Rates	Rates (estimate) - Property No. 121333 Lawrence Public Hall, 33 Bridge St, Lawrence, plus water rates - organisation incurs a cost from maintaining toilets for public access	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need/benefit	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$2,500.00	\$2,619.85
Lower Clarence Community Radio Inc.	Rates	To cover the cost of the general component of Council rates for Lot 27 2 Clarence St. Yamba, Property No. 129099	6.4 Organisations involved in cultural development within the Clarence Valley	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$1,479.00	\$652.22
Maclean & District Orchid Society Inc.	Cash	Contribution towards the Society's Spring Show, Maclean Showground, 22-24 September 2023 and Autumn Show, Maclean Showground, 2-4 May 2024	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.3.1 Supports arts, learning, cultural services and festivals	\$1,448.69	\$1,200.00

Organisation Name	Funding Category	Brief Project Description	Assessment Criteria	Link to Community Plan	Requested	Recommended
Maclean District Historical Society Inc.	Rates	Property No. 113272 Stone Cottage & Bicentennial Museum, 19-21 Grafton St Maclean. Payment of rates, water, Electricity, pest control, fire extinguisher, phone rental, insurance of Council Owned buildings	6.4 Organisations involved in cultural development within the Clarence Valley	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$2,600.94	\$3,098.55
Maclean Rotary Club Inc.	Cash	To cover the cost of hiring the Yamba Sports Centre for 2 days for the Clarence Valley Rotary Youth Driver Awareness on the 24th and 25th August 2023 + catering for volunteers.	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.2.4 With our partners, promotes community safety	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
McAuley Catholic College	Educational Institutions	Towards the cost of gifts and prizes for annual Awards Ceremony 2023.	6.2 Educational Institution for award presentation only	1.3.1 Supports arts, learning, cultural services and festivals	\$100.00	\$100.00
Mudyala Aboriginal Corporation	Cash	Contribution towards the costs of organising The Lower Clarence NAIDOC Week celebration of Aboriginal culture at the Raymond Laurie Sports Centre on the 5th July 2023 - including Welcome to country, bus hire, dance performance, catering, workshops and entertainment.	6.1 Organisations involved in cultural development within the Clarence Valley; 6.4 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.3.2 Supports a diverse and rich local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Northern NSW Helicopter Rescue Service Limited	Cash	Contribution toward the cost of purchasing a scissor lift trolley to be used at their Lismore airbase at Krauss Avenue, Lismore, from the 1st July 2023.	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.2.2 Improves outcomes for the Clarence Valley through partnerships with key agencies and community organisations	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Reknighted	Cash	To pay for the cost of delivering The Reknighted Workshops to South Grafton High School and Maclean High School. The proposed dates are the: 3rd to 7th July & 10th to 14th July.	Ineligible: 7.1 for community initiatives or events that generate financial profits for commercial companies and/or individuals,	Ineligible	\$6,590.00	\$0.00
Rotary Club of Iluka Woombah Inc.	Cash, Fee Waiver	CASH (\$4000): To contribute toward the costs of running the Iluka Mermaid Festival FEE WAIVER (\$885) for Council venues (Ken Lessen Fields, Winfield Park, Iluka Community Hall, Main Beach) for Festival events to be held in Iluka between 23 September and 2 October.	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$4,885.00	\$2,000.00
Rotary Club of Yamba	Cash	To contribute toward the cost of organising three events: Eat Street Yamba 1st October 2023. Twilight Markets - 1st January 2024 Family Fun Day - 14th January 2024	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need/benefit	1.1.1 Encourage vibrant and welcoming towns and villages	\$3,500.00	\$2,500.00
St Josephs Parent Forum (P&C) Maclean	Cash	To contribute toward the cost of entertainment, raffle prizes and show bags for the St Josephs Winter School Fete on 26th August 2023. Fundraiser for the school canteen upgrade.	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need/benefit	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$4,000.00	\$250.00
St Vincent de Paul Society	Fee Waiver	To waive the fee for the use of Treelands Drive Community Centre for the purpose of the quarterly meeting of the Lower River Interagency during for the 2023/24 period	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.2.2 Improves outcomes for the Clarence Valley through partnerships with key agencies and community organisations	\$201.60	\$201.60
The New School of Arts Neighbourhood House Inc.	Rates	To cover the cost of general rates component for The New School of Arts Neighbourhood House 87-89 Skinner St; 86-92 Spring St & 25 Skinner St, South Grafton. Property Nos 106812, 106729, 108680, & 106730	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$15,750.00	\$11,271.88
Woombah Residents Association	Cash, Fee Waiver	CASH \$1762 for costs Woombah Carols on the 3rd December 2022 (stage hire & market equipment) FEE WAIVER \$1448 Woombah Park hire for 23/24 community engagements 6 events @ \$128 ie markets 29/7, 30/9, 30/10, 8/12, 30/3, 29/6 (6 x \$128 = \$768)	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.1.1 Encourage vibrant and welcoming towns and villages	\$3,210.00	\$2,000.00
Yamba Patchwork and Art Group	Fee Waiver	To waive the fees of hiring Woolli Street Hall (ground floor) for the weekly meetings of the Yamba Patchwork and Arts Group during 2023/24	6.6 Organisation that provide valueable service or benefit for which there are no alternative funding sources	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$676.00	\$676.00
Yamba Toy Library	Fee Waiver	To waive the cost to hire Woolli Street Hall for the weekly Friday morning Toy Library during 2023/24.	6.1 NFP organisation providing a community service where there is a demonstrated need / benefit	1.1.3 Support, encourage and celebrate community participation, community organisations and volunteerism	\$522.60	\$522.60

Organisation Name	Funding Category	Brief Project Description	Assessment Criteria	Link to Community Plan	Requested	Recommended
					\$124,125.96	\$63,975.49

Note: Rates and Fee waiver request calculation are based on 22/23 fees and charges. Recommendations have been made on estimated CPI increases for 23/24 fees and charges. To be confirmed/adjusted with the adoption of the 23/24 Operations Plan and Budget

ITEM 07.23.104 2023 CULTURAL AND SPORTS TRUST FUND

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Corporate & Community	
Prepared by	Project Officer, Lainie Edwards	
Reviewed by	Director Corporate & Community, Alex Moar	
Attachments	Nil	

SUMMARY

Requests for assistance from the Clarence Valley Cultural and Sports Trust fund have been received on behalf of Martina Williams.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve donations from the Clarence Valley Cultural and Sports Trust Fund as follows:

1. \$300 to assist Martina Williams, who has been selected in the 2023 Hockey NSW U18's Women's State Team to compete at the Australian National Championships in Hobart from the 29th June – 9th July 2023.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Society

Objective We will have a safe, active and healthy region

KEY ISSUES

The Trust provides financial support, in any calendar year, to a maximum of \$300 for individuals to attend one event at national level and \$550 per individual for one event at international level. The application as submitted meets the criteria for financial assistance from the Fund.

BACKGROUND

Martina Williams has been selected in the 2023 Hockey NSW U18's Women's State Team to compete at the Australian National Championships in Hobart from the 29th June – 9th July 2023. This funding will assist with player levy, travel, accommodation, and competition costs.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS**Budget/Financial**

The annual budget allocation for donations held in Sub Service 410 Community Development, Financial Project 997113 Community Donations Programs is \$100,000. From this, \$5,000 has been reserved for Sport & Cultural Trust Fund donations during 2022/2023.

Asset Management

N/A

Policy and Regulation

Cultural and Sports Trust Fund Policy V6.0

Consultation

N/A

Legal and Risk Management

N/A

Climate Change

N/A

ITEM 07.23.105 DA FEE WAIVER - GRAFTON ROWING CLUB

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Corporate & Community	
Prepared by	Project Officer, Lainie Edwards	
Reviewed by	Director Corporate & Community, Alex Moar	
Attachments	A. Letter for consideration of donation ↓	

SUMMARY

A request has been received from Grafton Rowing Club for Council consideration for a donation to cover the Development Application (DA) fees for DA2023/0262.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in accordance with the Clarence Valley Council Donations Policy, waive 50% of the Grafton Rowing Club DA fee being \$3127.11

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Society
Objective We will have proud and inviting communities

KEY ISSUES

The Grafton Rowing Club has requested Council consider a donation towards the DA fees for the Grafton Rowing Club redevelopment project located upon Memorial Park, Grafton. The total DA fees for the project are \$10,034.22. The total breakdown for the DA fee structure is as follows:

DA Fee \$6,030.57

Plan First Fee \$3,530.00

Archiving Fees \$ 40.00

Formatting Fees \$ 83.65

Notification Fees \$ 100.00

Advertising Fees \$ 250.00

Total DA Fees \$10,034.22

The request for a DA fee waiver complies with Clause 8.1 of Council's Donation Policy as it is a building located on Crown Land and for the exclusive use of a non-profit organisation. Clause 8.1 also states that Council will not donate any portion of these fees that relate to Building and Construction Industry long service leave contributions, advertising or Plan First contributions.

The Plan First Contribution and Advertising fee components of the Grafton Rowing Club DA come to \$3,780. In accordance with the Donations Policy these components of the fees are required to be paid in full by the applicant in all circumstances. The remaining DA fee is \$6,254.22

BACKGROUND

Under Clause 8.1 Donations via the reduction/waiving of Council DA Fees it states that Council will consider applications to donate DA, CC archive and compliance and occupation certificate fee as follows:

- 8.1.1 in respect of buildings on Council owned land or Crown land by community based non-profit organisations –
- 8.1.1.1 - where the facility is for the exclusive use of the organisation – 50% donation, and
 - 8.1.1.2 - where the facility is for the general public use – 100% donation.
- 8.1.2 in respect of buildings on private property by community based non-profit organisations – 30% donation, and
- 8.1.3 in respect of Rural Fire Service brigade sheds – 100% donation.

The Grafton Rowing Club redevelopment project qualifies under para 8.1.1.1 and therefore can be considered for up to a 50% fee waiver. The 50% fee waiver is equal to \$3,127.11.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS**Budget/Financial**

Should Council approve this donation request, there are sufficient funds held in Cost Centre 4010, Sub Service 410 PJ# 997113-7069-2534

Asset Management

N/A

Policy and Regulation

N/A

Consultation

Internal consultation has taken place

Legal and Risk Management

N/A

Climate Change

N/A

Grafton Rowing Club Inc.

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24 May 2023

The General Manager
Clarence Valley Council
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Dear Madam,

D/A 2023/0262 - Refund of Fees

Grafton Rowing Club has recently lodged the abovementioned D/A for Improvement works to the Rowing Boathouse adjacent to Memorial Park, Grafton, within Reserve RE85477 and has incurred and paid D/A Lodgement fees of \$9,560.57.

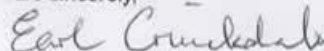
Work envisaged under the project is to be divided into the three following stages:

- Stage 1 – upper floor public area and roof (excluding the enclosure of the function/meeting room). Lower floor unisex amenities and the lift.
- Stage 2 – the mezzanine level facilities and part/full enclosure of the function meeting room.
- Stage 3 – the lower floor boatshed level, storage extensions and upper level function room.

Grafton Rowing Club secured a Grant of \$1.8M under the Bushfire Relief and Economic Recovery Fund and funding available under the grant will only facilitate Construction of Stage 1 works, so that all works are to a public area and roof.

Grafton Rowing Club has no funding source beyond the approved grant for these works and costs of those works are forecast to have escalated significantly due to the delay from Covid and Flooding events over the site. The support of Council is earnestly requested to refund D/A Lodgement fees so that Grant funding can be applied solely to construction work.

Yours sincerely,



Earl Cruikshank

WORKS & CIVIL**ITEM 07.23.106 TENDER RFT 22-47 REGIONAL ROADS REHABILITATION**

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Works & Civil	
Prepared by	Manager Civil Services, Devin Simpson	
Reviewed by	Director Works & Civil, Jamie Fleeting	
Attachments	Nil	

SUMMARY

This report presents the tender outcome for RFT22-47 Regional Roads Rehabilitation in accordance with Council Resolution 07.23.080 where at the May ordinary meeting the General Manager was delegated to award this tender to expedite restoration works.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the tender award for RFT22-47 Regional Roads Rehabilitation to Stabilcorp Pty Ltd for an upper limit fee of \$13,126,230.50.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Infrastructure

Objective We will have communities that are well serviced with appropriate infrastructure

KEY ISSUES

Tenders were assessed by a Tender Evaluation Committee (TEC) using a weighting of 60% price and 40% non price.

Six (6) tender submissions were received, two (2) were deemed non-conforming with four (4) progressing through to the detailed evaluation process.

The TEC considered that, in accordance with Clause 178(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation*, the Tender which having regard to all the circumstances (price and non-price) appeared to be the most advantageous to Council is from Stabilcorp Pty Ltd.

BACKGROUND

Several regional roads in the Clarence Valley were severely damaged by the February 2022 rain event. The damage ranges from small potholes to rutting and shoves and in some cases pavement damage is confined to a small area (less than 500m²) right up to both lanes of the road formation over a 5000m² area.

The roads below have been approved to be rehabilitated via in-situ stabilisation as per TfNSW specification R75 Insitu Stabilisation Using Slow Setting Binders, M250 Heavy Patching and R76 Insitu Stabilisation Using Foam Bitumen.

Sections of roads approved by TfNSW include the following:

- Clarence Way
- Eight Mile Lane
- Iluka Road
- Lawrence Road
- Wooli Road
- Yamba Road

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

The restoration of the 6 Regional Roads will be fully funded by the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)

Asset Management

The Regional Roads approved for restoration works will be repaired in line with the nominated Pavement Design with the aim to increase the assets life to 20 years.

Policy and Regulation

The tendering process followed is consistent with the requirement of the Local Government Act and Regulation and Council's Sustainable Procurement Policy – Supporting Local Business.

In accordance with Council's Sustainable Procurement Policy the following processes were undertaken:

- Tender specifications were structured so local suppliers and/or contractors were not excluded from being the prime supplier/contractor.
- The tender specification requested tenderers to identify the local suppliers/contractors that would be involved in delivering/constructing the project and the tender assessment included a 15% weighting of the total tender score for local supplier content. The Tender Evaluation Plan contains details of the local supplier content for each tenderer.

Consultation

An application was submitted to TfNSW who approved the works as being eligible for funding under the DRFA. This has allowed council to seek a market response in order to formalize an upper limit funding schedule

On Tuesday 6 June 2023 TfNSW reviewed the tender evaluation and approved a funding limit based on Council's recommendation. Following this approval, a funding deed was subsequently issued to council.

Legal and Risk Management

The Tendering process has followed the requirements of the Local Government Act and Regulation

Climate Change

N/A

ITEM 07.23.107 CLARENCE AND LOWER CLARENCE SPORTS COMMITTEES

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Works & Civil	
Prepared by	Parks & Recreation Officer, Gavin Beveridge	
Reviewed by	Director Works & Civil, Jamie Fleeting	
Attachments	A. Minutes - Clarence Sports Committee - Monday 15 May 2023 ↓ B. Minutes - Lower Clarence Sports Committee - Monday 15 May 2023 ↓	

SUMMARY

This report provides a copy of the minutes of the meetings and recommendations from the Clarence and Lower Clarence Sports Committees held on Monday 15 May 2023 for consideration.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive and note the Minutes from Monday 15 May 2023 Clarence Sports Committee and Lower Clarence Sports Committee meetings.
2. endorse the recommendation by the Clarence Sports Committee that \$8,216.00 (ex GST) is allocated to the Grafton Netball Association for New Shelters and Seating at Westward Park, Grafton.
3. endorse the recommendation by the Clarence Sports Committee that \$26,850.00 (ex GST) is allocated to the Clarence Valley Council for Aluminium Grandstands at Westward Park, Grafton.
4. endorse that \$403.10 of unallocated grant funding (PJ 541500) to the Clarence Sports Committee be returned to Council's Sportsground Income Reserve Account (RA11035).
5. endorse the recommendation by the Lower Clarence Sports Committee that \$12,669.31 (ex GST) is allocated to the Maclean Show Society for Grandstands Concrete Pads, Stable Gates & Fridge at Maclean Showground, Maclean.
6. endorse the recommendation by the Lower Clarence Sports Committee that \$5,000.00 (ex GST) is allocated to the Maclean Football Club for Replace Football Goal Posts at Wherrett Park, Maclean.
7. endorse the recommendation by the Lower Clarence Sports Committee that \$5,400.00 (ex GST) is allocated to the Lawrence Rodeo for Upgrade Arena Panels at Maclean Showground, Maclean.
8. endorse the recommendation by the Lower Clarence Sports Committee that \$2,093.18 (ex GST) is allocated to the Lower Clarence Cricket Association for Replace Wickets Covers at Wherrett Park, Maclean and Yamba Oval, Yamba.
9. endorse the recommendation by the Lower Clarence Sports Committee that \$6,613.64 (ex GST) is allocated to the Yamba Buccaneers Rugby Club for Supply of Storage Shed at Yamba Oval, Yamba.
10. endorse the recommendation by the Lower Clarence Sports Committee that \$6,159.10 (ex GST) is prioritised from the 2023/24 Lower Clarence Sports Committee Funding and allocated to the Yamba Buccaneers Rugby Club for Concrete Works & Installation of Storage Shed at Yamba Oval, Yamba.
11. endorse that \$2,089.38 of unallocated grant funding (PJ 540112) to the Lower Clarence Sports Committee be returned to Council's Sportsground Income Reserve Account (RA11035).
12. accept and endorse the application for membership to the Clarence Sports Committee received from the South Grafton Ex-servicemen's Motorcycle Club.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme	Society
Objective	We will have proud and inviting communities

KEY ISSUES**Summary of General Business**

A summary of the matters discussed at each Committee is as follows –

Clarence Sports Committee

- Sports Awards 2023 – report from Sub-Committee
- Sports Committee Funded Projects – update from delegates
- Regional Sport Facility Fund – Round 2

- NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund (Round 4)
- Carpark upgrade – Rushforth Park
- 2022/23 (Round 2) Sports Committee Funding
- Rubbish at Sports Facilities
- Sport Priority Needs Program
- Application for Membership
- General Business

Lower Clarence Sports Committee

- Sports Awards 2023 – report from Sub-Committee
- Showgrounds Stimulus Funding Program: Maclean Showground
- NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund (Round 4)
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- NSW Country Rugby Union Under 12s and 13s Country Championship
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Sports Committee Funding

Clarence Sports Committee

There is currently \$35,469.10 grant funding available for the 2022/23 (Round 2) Sports Committee Funding projects. Two applications were received for the Lower Clarence Sports Committee requesting a total of \$35,066.00 (ex GST) in funding. If all the recommendations of the committee are endorsed by Council, this will leave a balance of \$403.10 grant funding to be returned to Council's Sportsground Income Reserve Account (RA11035) in accordance with Council's adopted application guidelines.

Table 1. Summary of Funding Applications to the Clarence Sports Committees

Organisation	Project	Funding Amount (ex GST)	Officer Recommendation
Grafton Netball Association	Shade Shelter and Seating	\$8,216.00	Supported
Clarence Valley Council	Aluminium Grandstands	\$26,850.00	Supported
Total		\$35,066.00	(balance \$403.10)

Lower Clarence Sports Committee

There is currently \$34,074.83 grant funding available for the 2022/23 (Round 2) Sports Committee Funding projects. Five applications were received for the Lower Clarence Sports Committee requesting a total of \$31,985.45 (ex GST) in funding. If all the recommendations of the committee are endorsed by Council, this will leave a balance of \$2,089.38 grant funding to be returned to Council's Sportsground Income Reserve Account (RA11035) in accordance with Council's adopted application guidelines.

Table 2. Summary of Funding Applications to the Lower Clarence Sports Committees

Organisation	Project	Funding Amount (ex GST)	Officer Recommendation
Maclean Show Society	Grandstands Concrete Pads, Stable Gates & Fridge	\$12,669.31	Supported
Maclean Football Club	Replace Football Goal Posts	\$5,000.00	Supported
Lawrence Rodeo	Upgrade Arena Panels	\$5,400.00	Supported
Lower Clarence Cricket Association	Replace Wickets Covers	\$2,093.18	Supported
Yamba Buccaneers Rugby Club	Supply of Storage Shed	\$6,613.64	Supported
Total		\$31,985.45	(balance \$2,089.38)

Sports Committee Membership

Membership is available to the Sports Committees for all sports, as stated in their adopted Terms of Reference. The Clarence Sports Committee received one nomination for membership at the meeting held on Monday 15 May 2023. The committee recommended that Council accept and endorse the application for membership to the Clarence Sports Committee received from the South Grafton Ex-servicemen's Motorcycle Club.

BACKGROUND

Council supports two advisory sports committees in the Clarence Valley, being the Clarence Sports Committee and Lower Clarence Sports Committee. The committees are appointed to advise Council on sporting interests in the Clarence Valley area, manage and maintain satisfactory sporting fields and facilities within the Clarence Valley, liaise with sporting groups, promote and encourage sporting activities and make recommendations on annual sporting grant funding program.

The Clarence Sports Committee and the Lower Clarence Sports Committee make recommendations to Council for the annual sporting grant funding program (currently \$40,000.00 per committee) for projects of a capital nature that enable the participation in sport in the Clarence Valley. Applications received after assessment by Council Officers against the Application Guidelines and Criteria for Sports Committee Funding, will be reported to, and considered at, the next available sports committee meeting. Recommendations made by the sports committees are then reported to Council for consideration and endorsement at the next available meeting of Council.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

Council has allocated an amount of \$40,000.00 grant funding (PJ 541500) to the Clarence Sports Committee and an amount of \$40,000.00 grant funding (PJ 540112) to the Lower Clarence Sports Committee to undertake capital works. Funding is on a dollar for dollar (1:1) basis with applicants.

It is recommended that the any balance of remaining funds after 2022/23 (Round 2) Sports Committee Funding allocations be returned to Council's Sportsground Income Reserve Account (RA11035) in accordance with Council's adopted application guidelines.

Asset Management

Application Guidelines and Criteria for Sports Committee Funding specify that funded projects will remain the property of Clarence Valley Council at all times. Council sporting assets are managed in the Open Spaces Assessment Management Plan and Swimming Pool Asset Management Plan.

Funding applications that align with Councils strategic planning documents (Clarence Valley Open Space Strategic Plan; Clarence Valley Sports Facilities Plan; Clarence Valley Council's Disability Action Plan) will have a higher priority when considering projects for recommendation. Ongoing maintenance is required at many of Council's sporting facilities, however, applications for funding through the sports committee must be made by the individual sports.

Policy and Regulation

The following references and documents are applicable to this report:

- Asset Management Policy V 4.0
- Clarence Valley Sports Facilities Plan – November 2011
- Clarence Sports Committee Terms of Reference
- Lower Clarence Sports Terms of Reference
- Application Guidelines and Criteria for Sports Committee Funding

Consultation

Consultation occurred with delegates at the Clarence Sports Committee and Lower Clarence Sports Committee meetings on Monday 15 May 2023, along with further routine correspondence.

Legal and Risk Management

Risk around the governance of advisory committees is monitored and managed by the Governance Officer in consultation with Open Spaces and Facilities staff.

Climate Change

N/A



Minutes - Clarence Sports Committee Meeting -2 Prince Street, Grafton - Monday 15 May, 2023 - 4.30pm to 6:00pm

		Sport	Sport Delegate		Alternate 1		Alternate 2		Alternate 3	
Cr Debrah Novak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CR Cricket & Jnr Cricket	Judy Disson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bret Loveday	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adam Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brendan Palmer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cr Allison Waites	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CR Sailing Club	Dennis Boyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Fish	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Peter Birch	<input type="checkbox"/>	CR Yacht Club	Max Dickson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alex Purvis	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/>	CV BMX Club	Marnie Brighton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carlie Bullen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ammie McGregor	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Rachelle Passmore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Coutts Xing Croquet	Marilyn Wilson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Helyn Davidson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Schofield	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Andrew Auglys	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coutts Xing Football	Mitch Henwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
Gavin Beveridge	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coutts Xing Recreation Inc	Wayne Burke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julie Burke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Natalie Sear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gtn Athletics	Lynn Rudder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Terry West	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other Attendees		Gtn AFL F/Ball-Tigers	James Hourigan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke Stanford	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rachael Sheather	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
NCF - David Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gtn Basketball	Kate Unitt	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patrick Hagan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gtn City Tennis	Ayesha Beckman	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kerry Godwin	<input type="checkbox"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gtn Dragon Boats	Judy Keeley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marianne Ross	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Sports Awards Bruce Carle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gtn Ghosts RLFC	Riley Law	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Grafton Pony Club Alan Watkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gtn Hockey	Rick Sampson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kerry Barton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gtn Netball	Brooke Burton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rhiannon Searle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Joel Diblasio – Sth Gtn Ex	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gtn Rowing Club	Michael Collins	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ivan McLennan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dennis Darke	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Servicemen’s Motorcycle Club		Gtn Pistol Club	Matthew Morris	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Wood	<input type="checkbox"/>				
		Supa Oldie Soccer	Michael Woodward	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Bryant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amy Morgan	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Lesley White – Gtn Athletics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hawthorne Users	Alan Dixon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ralph Connors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Ricketts	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		J/Hill Tennis Club	Megan Albert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kim Lysaught	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sue Albert	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		Rushforth Town Clubs	Brett Reynolds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lynn Rudder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
		Grafton Touch Assoc Inc	Craig Nipperess	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amber Watters	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leanne Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>		
		Grafton Vintage MVC	Doug Clarke	<input type="checkbox"/>						
		Ulmarra C/Draft Show	Scott Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alan Watkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
		Big River Canoe Club	Gavin Rayward	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adrian Stackman	<input type="checkbox"/>				
		Westlawn Tigers FC	Christina Costello	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brad Hickman	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brayden Richardson			
		Bush n Beach Orienteering	Gavin Rayward	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keelan Birch	<input type="checkbox"/>				
		Sth Gtn Rebels Jnr RLFC	Andrew Jabour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shanon Tough	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
		Gtn Redmen Rugby Union	Gary Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tony King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

Item	Discussion/Comments	Reporting Officer	Actions	Action Officer
7.01	<p>Sports Awards 2023 – Report from Sub-Committee</p> <p>Had first meeting on 27/4/2023. The ten year anniversary of the awards, will be held in February 2024 in Yamba. Committee are finalising dates and venue.</p> <p>They are already discussing special guests and possibly having the award winners from past ten years attend and also naming legends of the decade.</p>	Lynn Rudder	Encouraging clubs to keep nominating people each month.	All
08	Sports Committee Funded Projects - Status			
8.01	<p><u>2020/21 (Round 1) Projects</u></p> <p>Clarence River Cricket Association – Improve Practice Nets</p> <p>Council endorsed the Committee’s recommendation at its June 2021 meeting (Item 6a.21.023) \$372.27 Ex GST – Improve practise nets at Ellem Oval, Grafton.</p> <p>Project Status: Completed. Final report required.</p>	Delegate		
8.02	<p><u>2021/22 Sports Committee Funding</u></p> <p>Shed Improvements – Grafton Dragon Boat Club</p> <p>Council endorsed the officer’s recommendation at its March 2022 meeting (Item 07.22.056) \$527.28 Ex GST – For storage shed improvements at Corcoran Park, Grafton.</p> <p>Project Status: Completed. Final report received</p>	Delegate	Remove from agenda	RP
8.03	<p><u>2022/23 (Round 1) Sports Committee Funding</u></p> <p>Restoration of playing surface – Coutts Crossing Croquet</p> <p>Council endorsed the officer’s recommendation at its December 2022 meeting (Item 07.22.297) \$3,530.90 Ex GST – For restoration of croquet playing surface at Wajard Park, Coutts Crossing.</p> <p>Project Status: Project is underway an extension has been approved to complete the work at the end of the winter when grass is growing again.</p>	Marilyn Wilson		

Item	Discussion/Comments	Reporting Officer	Actions	Action Officer
8.04	<p><u>2022/23 (Round 1) Sports Committee Funding</u></p> <p>Drainage works – Junction Hill Tennis Courts</p> <p>Council endorsed the officer's recommendation at its December, 2022 meeting (Item 07.22.297) \$1,000 Ex GST – For drainage works to the tennis courts, Barnier Park, Junction Hill.</p> <p>Project Status: Drainage works are completed on the outside of the courts, the rain tonight will help to confirm if the works are successful and confirm completion.</p>	Megan Albert	Submit final report and invoice when project completed	JH tennis
8.05	<p><u>Regional Sport Facility Fund – Round 2</u></p> <p>Redevelopment of the Grafton Netball courts, Westward Park. The project includes eight new outdoor netball courts and LED lighting.</p> <p>The project is completed – April 2023</p> <p>Planning is currently underway for an official opening event on 24 June, 2023.</p> <p>The committee has received great feedback from players about the surface, the colours of the courts and they now have over 400 registered players and growing.</p>	Rachelle Passmore Brooke Burton	Remove from agenda	RP
8.06	<p><u>NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund (Round 4)</u></p> <p>Project updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yamba Sports Complex, Yamba soccer - change room renovation Completed March 2023. 2. Hawthorne Park, Roy Hawthorne Stand - replacement and aluminium grandstand installation Lighting installation is completed, aluminium grandstands delivered onsite. \$15K remaining, awaiting variation from funding body to complete project. 3. JJ Lawrence Field - basketball court replacement Completed March 2023. 	Rachelle Passmore	Remove Projects 1 (Yamba) and 3 (JJ Lawrence) from agenda	RP

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	<p>Aluminium Grandstands</p> <p>It is recommended that aluminium grandstands are purchased for Westward Park with the remaining sports committee funding. Quotes are currently in progress.</p> <p>Recommendation: That Council endorse \$26,850 Ex GST to purchase aluminium grandstands at Westward Park, Grafton.</p> <p>Moved: J Burke Seconded: B Reynolds CARRIED</p>	Rachelle Passmore		
9.02	<p><u>Rubbish at Sports Facilities</u></p> <p>Sporting Groups are reminded that they are responsible for the rubbish at Sporting Facilities. Sporting Groups should encourage their players, officials and spectators to use the bins provided and look after the facilities and the environment.</p>	Cr Novak	All sports to ensure the facilities are clean and free of rubbish at the conclusion of training and games.	All
9.03	<p><u>Sport Priority Needs Program</u></p> <p>Council was successful with an application to the NSW Office of Sport through the <i>Sport Priority Needs Program</i> to deliver drainage and asset improvements at the following sporting facilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$499,796 – Rushforth Park, South Grafton 2. \$384,935 – Barnier Park, Junction Hill 3. \$100,596 – Yamba Sports Complex, rugby league field 4. \$283,798 – Hawthorne Rodeo Park <p>Projects have not commenced and stakeholders will be consulted in the planning stage.</p>	Rachelle Passmore	Council Project Managers to contact stakeholders when the project are ready to move forward.	
10	<p>General business</p> <p>General Business to be limited to an update of sports club / association business only.</p> <p>All operational items to be directed to Council via (02) 6643 0200 or council@clarence.nsw.gov.au</p>			

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	<p>R Sheather – Grafton Tigers AFL – Into round 4 of season. The club has three senior teams two junior teams, all is going well.</p> <p>M Brighton - BMX – Have strong numbers and all going well.</p> <p>B Burton - Grafton Netball Association – Thank you for approving shelter funding. Playing this weekend. Wanting to thank Rachelle for all of the work on the courts project, it is a great project. Player numbers keep improving. Having a carnival soon with many different associations attending from the North Coast.</p> <p>K Barton - Grafton Hockey Association –U18s boys travelled away and won their division. U18s Girls travel away next weekend. U15 girls championships are being held in Grafton this year. Annual <i>Doin' it for Holly</i> round will be held on 24 June 2023, raising awareness for blood donations and donations for rare cancers charities. Currently discussing a celebrity guest and possibly the mobile blood bus (to be confirmed). There are games in Coffs that weekend and the Coffs Association will promote the round also. Emphasis of this day has always been about having fun.</p> <p>J Keeley – Grafton Dragonboats – Attended first regatta for the year in Urunga recently and had a great time. The club had such an excellent response from the March regatta held at Corcoran Park and have decided to keep the regatta at Corcoran Park in March each year rather than during Jacaranda Festival. There may be some issues with upgrades of Corcoran Park but that work has not been programmed yet.</p> <p>P Hagen – Grafton Basketball – Started a Saturday morning comp last summer and participation numbers went from 40 to 120 kids. Currently holding rep trials and are expecting to have between 8 - 10 rep teams. Congratulations to CVC for JJ Lawrence basketball courts, they will be using them for training.</p> <p>L White – Grafton Athletics Club – Currently off season, the school athletics carnivals will start in June.</p> <p>W Burke - CCRI – Doing what they can with clubs - cricket 2nd grade men won & juniors did well, golf, squash, tennis, croquet all going well.</p> <p>M Albert - Junction Hill Tennis – Hard Courts resurfaced, awesome to play on but there already some minor cracks, the contractor is coming to inspect/repair. Club getting stronger with night comp being used Monday and Wednesdays. Juniors are growing - coach is at capacity. Official opening fro court upgrades scheduled for Friday 2 June</p> <p>M Wilson - Croquet Club - The Club played pennants teams competition and had some pleasing results, this involves quite a lot of travelling. About to start with club championships. The pennants games at Coutts have received a lot of positive comments about the lawns.</p> <p>I McLennan- Grafton Rowing Club – There are a few things happening, the Brisbane Boys college came down to prepare to represent Australia at an event in England. A Club member received a grant to write up the Grafton Rowing Club history (2nd oldest rowing club in Australia). The book is being produced by Wendy Ford and will be launched on 27/5/2023 at the Grafton Rowing Club. The books will be available for sale at \$40 each. Students from Grafton & South Grafton High Schools attended state championships in Sydney and represented the club really well.</p> <p>Rowing Club is concerned about the dismantling of the water brigade building – can Council hold off demolition until the Rowing Club has finished their renovations (maybe 2 years). Council has done a great job with the foreshore – sand worked well but the first big rain event washed the sand away.</p> <p>A Watkins – Grafton Pony Club – Doing well, the Big River Campdraft had big weekend recently and left a lot of hay and manure all over the grounds afterwards.</p> <p>A Dixon - HPEUG – Everything is going well. The arena 1 lighting project once finished it will be great for Hawthorne Park.</p>			

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D	<p>R Connors - HPEUG – Campdraft was very successful and was at maximum capacity. Lots of favourable comments regarding Hawthorne Park. A defibrillator was put into place at the park, this defibrillator now requires the pads to be replaced. Who is responsible for the replacement of the consumables? Netball and Athletics advised that they pick up this cost. Would Council pick up this cost? RP – no whoever puts in place needs to look after the consumables.</p> <p>C Costello - Westlawn Tigers FC – Currently looking for quotes for Canteen revamp. Mini Roos and Tiger Cubs (3-11y/o) have started in the last fortnight. Women’s are playing on Tuesday nights now and this frees up parents for Saturdays.</p> <p>S Tough – Sth Grafton Rebels – Numbers have grown, registrations have just hit 301 for the junior club. Running out of space at McKittrick Park. Fielding a senior women’s tackle side (currently with the juniors). The seniors and juniors have over 500 registered players. Trying to work out how to make more space at McKittrick Oval – looking for space for an U10s field, would like to move the fence they could shuffle the main field closer to the canteen and create an U10s field closer to JJ Lawrence side of the oval. RP advised that CVC can facilitate a meeting with all stakeholders to discuss.</p> <p>D Anderson - NCF – Competition is up and running really well, state teams are playing in Newcastle every second weekend and this is going very well and is a big commitment from parents.</p> <p>Brett Reynolds – RPTC – Great to be at one venue and participation numbers are similar to last year.</p> <p>Gary Powell – Grafton Redmen Rugby Union – In week 4 of season and numbers strong with two senior men’s teams and senior women’s teams are really strong. Just about to undertake work at the facility to upgrade the changerooms to accommodate women and a storage shed, and upgrade the lighting to LED.</p> <p>M Henwood - Coutts Cougars FC – The club has two women’s teams for first time and have salvaged the women’s competition that has been moved to a mid week comp. Big thanks to Lynn and Brett from RPTC for accommodating the club at Rushforth Park on Tuesdays. Men’s teams going well and the club now have a cubs team for the first time in a few years. Would love to have field lighting out at Wajard Park one day.</p> <p>J Diblasio - Sth Grafton Ex Servicemen’s Motorcycle Club – Have had a better start to the year and have started up some week day coaching and have had recreational practice days this year. The last day had 120 people attend. Last year only 44 members attended one competition day. This year the club has scheduled five competition days and is hoping to build up this year. The track is holding up and CVC have provided material from the flood clean-up last year.</p> <p>A Watkins – Ulmarra Show & Campdraft – Campdraft will be held on 3/6/23 but there is a lot of gravel and sand in the public areas that needs to be moved to allow access for all participants.</p>			
11	<p>Time, date and venue of next meeting: Monday 14 August, 2023 – Prince Street Council Chambers, Grafton</p>			<p><i>Bookings made - 2023</i> <i>14 August</i> <i>13 November</i> <i>5 Feb, 2024</i> <i>6 May, 2024</i> <i>5 Aug, 2024</i> <i>4 Nov, 2024</i></p>

Item	Discussion/Comments	Reporting Officer	Actions	Action Officer
	Meeting closed:	Closed 5.26pm		



**Lower Clarence Sports Committee Meeting
Maclean Chambers, 50 River Street, Maclean – Monday 15 May 2023 - 7.00pm to 8:30pm**

Minutes

Attendance CVC	Sport	Sport Delegate	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	Other
Rachelle Passmore (CVC)	<input type="checkbox"/> BR Sailing Club	Hariet Woodrow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cr Debrah Novak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CC Dragon Boat Club	Wayne Sutton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graham Dunford	<input type="checkbox"/> Lynda Leslie	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cr Allison Whaites	<input type="checkbox"/> CC Magpies Jnrs	Raymond Wiblen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belinda Martyn	<input type="checkbox"/> John Elisaia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gavin Beveridge (CVC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CR U3A Croquet Group	Richard Robertson	<input type="checkbox"/> Ros Higgins	<input type="checkbox"/> Morna Doyle	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peter Birch (CVC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Harwood Cricket Club	Tim McMahon	<input type="checkbox"/> Dane Mitchell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Moss	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrew Auglvs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iluka Cricket Club	Jon McEwen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darren Sevier	<input type="checkbox"/> Josh Gapps	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Iluka Football Club	Ken Nicholl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawrence Golf & Sports	Kerri Robinson	<input type="checkbox"/> Robvn Barlow	<input type="checkbox"/> Colin Wheeler	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lawrence Rodeo	Michelle Firth	<input type="checkbox"/> Shane Want	<input type="checkbox"/> Tracy Moran	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> LC Cricket Assn	Jon McEwen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim McMahon	<input type="checkbox"/> Ashley Moss	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Attendees	<input type="checkbox"/> LC Magpies RLFC	Tim Ryan	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt Hatton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ian Hope
Andrew Woodward (NFC)	<input type="checkbox"/> LC Netball Assn	Henry Fenner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelly White	<input type="checkbox"/> Kvm Clifton	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alison Derrick (Good Sports)	<input type="checkbox"/> LC Pony Club	Tracy Moran	<input type="checkbox"/> Robbie Sutherland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melinda Lee	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> LC Tennis Assn	John Porter	<input type="checkbox"/> Peter Rose	<input type="checkbox"/> Ross McCann	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maclean Dirt Bike Club	Ken Roots	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emma Killick	<input type="checkbox"/> Charlie Emery	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maclean Football Club	Garv Carmichael	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt Farrell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Foulds	<input type="checkbox"/> C Davies & F Marsh
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maclean Show Society	Tracy Moran	<input type="checkbox"/> Robbie Sutherland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maclean Swim Club	Hughie Stanley	<input type="checkbox"/> Gary Carmichael	<input type="checkbox"/> Raymond Wiblen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yamba Dog Sports	Kristy Ensby	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yamba Football Club	Mark Skippings	<input type="checkbox"/> Anton Sluvers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yamba Rugby Club	Dane Mitchell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adrian Miller	<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yamba Cycling Club	Andrew Ford	<input type="checkbox"/> Tara Lennon	<input type="checkbox"/> Richard Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yamba Touch Assn	Tim Ryan	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Hope	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOUR NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE ATTENDANCE SHEET IT WILL NOT BE NOTED ON THESE MINUTES THAT YOU ATTENDED – THIS MAY AFFECT YOUR ORGANISATION’S ABILITY TO OBTAIN FUNDING. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU SIGN THE SHEET



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7.01	<p><u>Sports Awards 2023 – Report from Sub-Committee</u></p> <p>Had first meeting on 27 April 2023. The ten-year anniversary of the awards will be held in February 2024 in Yamba. Committee are finalising dates and venue. They are already discussing special guests, possibly of having the award winners from past ten years attend and naming legends of the decade.</p>	Sub-Committee	Encouraging clubs to keep nominating people each month.	All
7.02	<p><u>Showgrounds Stimulus Funding Program: Maclean Showground</u></p> <p>Project: Clydesdale Building modifications; Arena lighting renewal.</p> <p>Project Status: Clydesdale Building: Faircloth and Reynolds will be installing the back splashes and range hood on 12th Friday, with the remainder of the kitchen the following week, this will complete the works on the building. Arena Lighting Renewal: The RFT responses were double the budget, exploring viability of lighting re-design and use of the existing poles. Existing poles being inspected for soundness, plan to retender.</p>	Gavin Beveridge	Status update for next meeting.	GB
7.03	<p><u>NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund (Round 4)</u></p> <p>Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF), Round 4 closed in June 2021 projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. McKittrick Park - change room and public toilet renovation: Completed. 2. Yamba Sports Complex, Yamba soccer: Completed. 3. Hawthorne Park, Roy Hawthorne Stand - replacement and aluminium grandstand installation: Lighting installation is completed, aluminium grandstands delivered onsite, \$15K remaining, awaiting variation from funding body to complete project. 4. JJ Lawrence Field - basketball court replacement: Completed. 	Gavin Beveridge	Remove Projects 1, 2 & 4 from agenda.	GB
08	Sports Committee Funded Projects - Status			

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8.01	<p><u>2020/21 (Round 1) Projects</u></p> <p>Lawrence Rodeo Committee</p> <p>Council endorsed the Committee's recommendation at its December 2020 meeting (6c.20.188) for \$3,431.82 (ex GST) to the Lawrence Rodeo Committee for Lawrence Rodeo Arena Upgrade at Maclean Showground.</p> <p>Project Status: No delegate.</p>	Delegates	<p>Request update from Lawrence Rodeo Committee.</p> <p>Add agenda item for August meeting regarding project timeframes and return of funding.</p>	<p>Club</p> <p>GB</p>
8.02	<p><u>2021/22 Projects</u></p> <p>Harwood Cricket Club - Synthetic Pitch</p> <p>Council endorsed the Committee's recommendation at its September 2021 meeting (6c.21.118) that \$8,862.83 (ex GST) is allocated to Harwood Cricket Club for Synthetic Pitch at Harwood Oval.</p> <p>Project Status: Fencing, laser levelling and seeding completed fence, need to finalise the pitch.</p>	Delegate	Status update for next meeting.	Club
8.03	<p><u>2021/22 Projects</u></p> <p>Lower Clarence Tennis Association - Upgrade Surface of Two Tennis Courts</p> <p>Council endorsed the Committee's recommendation at its September 2021 meeting (6c.21.118) that \$8,200.00 (ex GST) is allocated to Lower Clarence Tennis Association for Upgrade Surface of Two Tennis Courts at Ryan Park Tennis Complex.</p> <p>Project Status: No delegate.</p>	Delegate	Status update for next meeting.	Club

Item	Discussion/Comments	Reporting Officer	Actions	Action Officer
8.04	<p><u>2021/22 Projects</u></p> <p>Maclean Dirt Bike Club - Replace Canteen Roof</p> <p>Council endorsed the Committee's recommendation at its September 2021 meeting (6c.21.118) that \$2,815.00 is allocated to Maclean Dirt Bike Club for Replace Canteen Roof at Flood Refuge Reserve, Townsend.</p> <p>Project Status: Project has not commenced.</p> <p>Maclean Dirt Bike Club - ongoing Crown lands / native title issues with lease leading to uncertainty, poor communication from Crown lands, negotiations with NTSCorp, last stakeholder meeting held in June 2020. The club has been operating on the site for approximately 40 years and currently has 150 members. In terms of a Plan B, difficult to find a suitable location, especially with noise issues, consulting with Council staff.</p>	Delegate	<p>Add agenda item for August meeting regarding project timeframes and return of funding.</p> <p>Council to raise lease issue with Crown lands.</p>	<p>GB</p> <p>GB</p>
8.05	<p><u>2021/22 Projects</u></p> <p>Maclean Manta Rays Swimming Club - Electronic Timing System</p> <p>Council endorsed the Committee's recommendation at its March 2022 meeting (07.22.056) that \$18,217.59 is allocated to Maclean Manta Rays Swimming Club for Electronic Timing System at Maclean Centenary Pool, Maclean.</p> <p>Project Status: Project completed.</p>	Delegate	Submit final report and invoice.	Club
8.06	<p><u>2021/22 Projects</u></p> <p>Yamba Football Club - Electrical Upgrade to the Clubhouse</p> <p>Council endorsed the Committee's recommendation at its March 2022 meeting (07.22.056) that \$2,485.50 is allocated to Yamba Football Club for Electrical Upgrade to the Clubhouse at Yamba Ngayundi Sports Complex, Yamba.</p> <p>Project Status: work in progress, electrician has been engaged and commenced works, project to be finished in the next couple of weeks.</p>	Delegate	Status update for next meeting.	Club

Item	Discussion/Comments	Reporting Officer	Actions	Action Officer
8.07	<p><u>2022/23 (Round 1) Sports Committee Funding</u> Lawrence Golf and Sports Club - Topdressing, Drainage and Access to Croquet Courts</p> <p>Council endorsed the Committee's recommendation at its December 2022 meeting (07.22.297) that \$2,423.00 (ex GST) is allocated to the Lawrence Golf and Sports Club for Topdressing, Drainage and Access to Croquet Courts at Lawrence Sportsground.</p> <p>Project Status: No delegate, email project completed.</p>	Delegate	Submit final report and invoice.	Club
8.08	<p><u>2022/23 (Round 1) Sports Committee Funding</u> Big River Sailing Club - Riverbank Stabilisation</p> <p>Council endorsed the Committee's recommendation at its December 2022 meeting (07.22.297) that \$2,490.35 (ex GST) is allocated to the Big River Sailing Club for Riverbank Stabilisation at Big River Sailing Club.</p> <p>Project Status: DA approved, required to take it back to Crown Lands for final approval, consulted with the Yaegl prior to commencement.</p>	Delegate	Status update for next meeting.	Club
8.09	<p><u>2022/23 (Round 1) Sports Committee Funding</u> Yamba Football Club - Yamba Sports Complex Football Facilities</p> <p>Council endorsed the Committee's recommendation at its December 2022 meeting (07.22.297) that \$1,011.82 (ex GST) is allocated to the Yamba Football Club for Yamba Sports Complex Football Facilities at Ngayundi Yamba Sports Complex.</p> <p>Project Status: Project completed.</p>	Delegate	Submit final report and invoice.	Club
9	Business for this meeting:			

Item	Discussion/Comments	Reporting Officer	Actions	Action Officer
9.01	<p><u>2022/23 (Round 2) Sports Committee Funding</u></p> <p>Online applications for 2022/23 (Round 2) Sports Committee Funding are now open through the Smarty grants system.</p> <p>2022/23 Round 2 Funding Available: \$34,074.83 (ex GST)</p> <p>Closed: Monday 1 May 2023</p> <p>A total of 5 applications were received totalling \$31,985.45 (ex GST), if the committee recommends support for all applications this would be leave an unallocated amount of \$2,089.38 (ex GST).</p>	Gavin Beveridge		
9.02	<p><u>2022/23 (Round 2) Sports Committee Funding</u></p> <p><u>Maclean Show Society - Grandstands Concrete Pads, Stable Gates & Fridge</u></p> <p>Funding request: \$12,669.31 (ex GST)</p> <p>Total project: \$25,338.62 (ex GST)</p> <p>Officer Recommendation: Support.</p> <p>Committee Recommendation: That Council endorse that \$12,669.31 (ex GST) is allocated to the Maclean Show Society for Grandstands Concrete Pads, Stable Gates & Fridge at Maclean Showground, Maclean.</p> <p>Moved: Matt Farrell Seconded: Wayne Sutton</p>	Delegate	Report recommendation to Council.	GB

Item	Discussion/Comments	Reporting Officer	Actions	Action Officer
9.03	<p><u>2022/23 (Round 2) Sports Committee Funding</u> <u>Maclean Football Club - Replace Football Goal Posts</u> Funding request: \$5,000.00 (ex GST) Total project: \$10,000.00 (ex GST) Officer Recommendation: Support. Committee Recommendation: That Council endorse that \$5,000.00 (ex GST) is allocated to the Maclean Football Club for Replace Football Goal Posts at Wherrett Park, Maclean. Moved: Matt Farrell Seconded: Wayne Sutton</p>	Delegate	Report recommendation to Council.	GB
9.04	<p><u>2022/23 (Round 2) Sports Committee Funding</u> <u>Lawrence Rodeo - Upgrade Arena Panels</u> Funding request: \$5,400.00 (ex GST) Total project: \$10,800.00 (ex GST) Officer Recommendation: Support. Committee Recommendation: That Council endorse that \$5,400.00 (ex GST) is allocated to the Lawrence Rodeo for Upgrade Arena Panels at Maclean Showground, Maclean. Moved: Matt Farrell Seconded: Wayne Sutton</p>	Delegate	Report recommendation to Council.	GB

Item	Discussion/Comments	Reporting Officer	Actions	Action Officer
9.05	<p><u>2022/23 (Round 2) Sports Committee Funding</u> <u>Lower Clarence Cricket Association - Replace Wickets Covers</u> Funding request: \$2,093.18 (ex GST) Total project: \$4,186.36 (ex GST) Officer Recommendation: Support. Committee Recommendation: That Council endorse that \$2,093.18 (ex GST) is allocated to the Lower Clarence Cricket Association for Replace Wickets Covers at Wherrett Park, Maclean and Yamba Oval, Yamba. Moved: Matt Farrell Seconded: Wayne Sutton</p>	ALL	Report recommendation to Council.	GB
Late Item	<p><u>2022/23 (Round 2) Sports Committee Funding (Late)</u> <u>Yamba Buccaneers Rugby Club – Storage Shed</u> Funding request: \$12,777.28 (ex GST) Total project: \$25,554.55 (ex GST) Officer Recommendation: Support. Committee Recommendation: That Council endorse that \$6,613.64 (ex GST) is allocated to the Yamba Buccaneers Rugby Club for Supply of Storage Shed at Yamba Oval, Yamba. Moved: Matt Farrell Seconded: Wayne Sutton</p> <p>Committee Recommendation: That Council endorse that \$6,159.10 (ex GST) is prioritised from the 2023/24 Lower Clarence Sports Committee Funding and allocated to the Yamba Buccaneers Rugby Club for Concrete Works & Installation of Storage Shed at Yamba Oval, Yamba. Moved: Matt Farrell Seconded: Wayne Sutton</p>			

Item	Discussion/Comments	Reporting Officer	Actions	Action Officer
9.06	<p><u>Rubbish at Sports Facilities</u></p> <p>Sporting Groups are reminded that they are responsible for the rubbish at Sporting Facilities. Sporting Groups should encourage their players, officials and spectators to use the bins provided and look after the facilities and the environment.</p> <p>Matt Farrell - rubbish bins have been removed at Wherrett Park.</p> <p>Andrew Auglys - this was in response to neighbouring properties disposing of residential waste, more bins to be provided at renewed playground.</p> <p>Raymond Wiblen - no matter how many bins are provided, people still rubbish.</p> <p>Anton Sluyters - provision of yellow bins, locals at sports events would recycle.</p> <p>Cr Novak - market experience is contamination is the issue, not viable.</p> <p>Andrew Auglys - JR Richards & Sons refuse to collect due to contamination.</p>	Cr Novak	All sports to ensure the facilities are clean and free of rubbish at the conclusion of training and games.	All
9.07	<p><u>Sport Priority Needs Program</u></p> <p>Council was successful with an application to the NSW Office of Sport through the Sport Priority Needs Program to deliver drainage and asset improvements at the following sporting facilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$499,796 – Rushforth Park, South Grafton 2. \$384,935 – Barnier Park, Junction Hill 3. \$100,596 – Yamba Sports Complex, Rugby League Field 4. \$283,798 – Hawthorne Rodeo Park <p>Projects have not commenced, and stakeholders will be consulted in the planning Stage.</p>	Gavin Beveridge	For information.	

Item	Discussion/Comments	Reporting Officer	Actions	Action Officer
9.08	<p><u>NSW Country Rugby Union Under 12s and 13s Country Championships</u></p> <p>The Yamba Buccaneers Rugby Club was recently awarded the right to host the NSW Country Rugby Union Under 12s and 13s Country Championships.</p> <p>This event will feature up to 18 teams and will bring about 1500 people to Yamba on the weekend of 9 and 10 September 2023. A working committee has been formed and is being supported by Council. Dane is coaching U13's team.</p> <p>Cr Novak – congratulations to the club on being awarded the rights to host.</p>	Dane Mitchell	For information.	

Item	Discussion/Comments	Reporting Officer	Actions	Action Officer
10	<p>General business</p> <p>General Business to be limited to an update of sports club / association business only.</p> <p>All operational items to be directed to Council via (02) 6643 0200 or council@clarence.nsw.gov.au</p> <p>Macleean Show Society – the Show is done and run, numbers were down on last year despite a reduced gate entry fee. Motorbike event could not perform due to weather, committee workers did an excellent job and supported the Grafton Show. Man from Snowy River was performed in honour of the late Bruce Green with 3 generations of the family performing. Macleean Show Society Campdraft to be held on the June long weekend with nominations opening tomorrow, cattle will be an issue, large donation of \$5,000 as prizemoney for the novice event.</p> <p>Macleean Dirt Bike Club – lease issue, see Item 8.04, disheartening.</p> <p>Iluka Football Club – numbers are down to 50 members, change in demographics of Iluka, there is currently only 70 children attending the school.</p> <p>Yamba Football Club – good start to season, good numbers in the U12’s-U14’s, reduced numbers in U15’s-U16’s, one Senior team.</p> <p>CC Dragon Boat Club – going well with new members, currently looking at a shed plan for a potential new location. Regatta held in Urunga, usually attend 4 regattas in a year, monthly meet with Grafton with Corcoran Park providing a good location. Club is going fine.</p> <p>Macleean Football Club – big increase in numbers for ages U6’s-U10’s, numbers reducing in other age groups. Mens Championship, Premier and 2nd Division Teams, Womens Premier and 2nd Division Teams. Tuesday night Womens competition with 4 teams competing, competition going well and providing a social event. Secretary Belinda Skelton working tirelessly to promote women’s football, the first club in the Clarence to work through the accreditation Level 1 Game Changer accreditation, accreditation allowed opportunity to apply to be flag bearers at the FIFA Women’s World Cup. Dads and daughters playing on Monday nights.</p> <p>Harwood Cricket Club – presentation held on the weekend, Tim McMahon received an award. Numbers were down this year especially for the Juniors, overall an enjoyable year. Good year for infrastructure, with the new ground providing the room for more matches to be played.</p> <p>Yamba Buccaneers Rugby Club – more juniors than ever, U6’s are having a run around on Fridays, U8’s, U9’s, U11’s, U13’s, U16’s Boys teams and Senior Mens team. U13’s and U16’s Girls teams, with 30 girls currently training / playing Rugby. Youth are moving to Yamba, and currently have great coaching staff.</p> <p>LC Cricket Association – grand finals run and won, some were weather interrupted, with all ending up being played at Wherrett Park. Presentation held at the end of April with 150 people attending at Macleean Bowling Club. Life Membership board established to honour all our past and present Life Members. Season over.</p> <p>Macleean Swim Club – season finished.</p> <p>CC Magpies Jnrs – lots of members up to the ages of U11’s, 3 rounds in and going pretty well.</p> <p>LC Netball Assn – membership is strong, new lighting being installed around the courts, hosting a Junior come and try clinic. Representative teams in training for state carnivals to be held in June and July. Shout out to CVC Open Spaces staff for facilities maintenance.</p>			

Item	Discussion/Comments	Reporting Officer	Actions	Action Officer
11	Time, date and venue of next meeting: Monday 14 August 2023 – Maclean Chambers, 50 River Street, Maclean			2023 Bookings made 14 August 13 November
	Meeting closed:	Closed 8:15 pm		

ITEM 07.23.108 OUTCOME REPORT 22/43 - DOG PARK CONSTRUCTION, CORCORAN PARK, GRAFTON

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Works & Civil	
Prepared by	Senior Parks & Recreation Officer, Rachele Passmore	
Reviewed by	Director Works & Civil, Jamie Fleeting	
Attachments	Nil	

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on negotiations in relation to RFT22/43 dog park construction, Corcoran Park, Grafton.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council note that Boyds Bay Landscaping Services Pty Ltd has been engaged for the construction of the dog park at Corcoran Park, Grafton with negotiated amendments within scope for \$898,171.31 (including GST).

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Society

Objective We will have a safe, active and healthy region

KEY ISSUES

Boyds Bay Landscaping Services scored the highest in the price and non price criteria, therefore negotiations commenced with this tenderer with a view to deliver the project within scope and available budget. Referees for Boyds Bay from clients on other projects have been received and are extremely positive.

Boyds Bay Landscaping were forthcoming with ideas on scope amendments, budget reductions and delivery outcomes to ensure the project will meet the objectives of the BLERF agreement and community expectations.

A summary of the amendments are:

- Deleted asphalt from the car park, retained road base, wheel stops
- Reduced path on external of park fence, internal pathways retained
- Accessible car park amended from asphalt to concrete
- Reduced soil depth to 50ml
- Changed grass species from kikuyu to couch
- Changed mulch from cypress to hardwood chip
- Changed hydroseeding to seed spreading
- Council to procure park furniture, Boyds Bay to install
- Removed establishment/maintenance period from scope – to be undertaken by Open Spaces team
- Removed top dress turf – to be undertaken by Open Spaces team.

BACKGROUND

The outcome of the tender process was reported to the April 2023 with the following resolution:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION - 07.23.065

That Council;

- 1. decline to accept the tender offers for RFT 22/43 Dog Park Construction Corcoran Park Public as the tenders received were higher than anticipated and greater than the project budget allocation.*
- 2. not invite fresh tenders, as it is considered that inviting fresh tenders would not attract additional suitable vendors over and above those that have responded to this tender.*
- 3. delegate the General Manager to enter negotiations with any person with a view to entering into a contract on terms that are appropriate in relation to the subject matter of the tender.*
- 4. delegate the General Manager to negotiate, execute, and administer the contract relating to the tender.*
- 5. Receive a report following the outcome of the negotiations once complete.*

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

Boyd's Bay Landscaping provided a price update based on the reduced scope for \$816,516.37 (ex GST).

The available budget is \$845,000.00.

The remaining budget will be allocated to purchasing park equipment that Boyd's Bay Landscaping will install as per the scope of works.

The project is funded through the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund.

Asset Management

The new assets will be added to Council's Open Spaces Asset Management Plan.

Policy and Regulation

The tender process complied with the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (Regulation).

Consultation

Community and stakeholder consultation occurred during the development of the Corcoran Park masterplan as well as the detailed design phase of the project.

Internal consultation has also occurred during the project development with Civil Services, Open Spaces, Watercycle, Strategic Infrastructure and Planning departments.

Legal and Risk Management

Native Title advice regarding the project was received during the development of the detailed design for the project.

Climate Change

N/A

ITEM 07.23.109 FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 15 MAY MEETING

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Works & Civil	
Prepared by	Manager Water Cycle, Greg Mashiah	
Reviewed by	Director Works & Civil, Jamie Fleeting	
Attachments	A. Floodplain Risk Management Committee Meeting 15 May 2023 - Draft Minutes and Presentations (Separate Cover) ⇨	

SUMMARY

The Advisory Floodplain Risk Management Committee (FRMC) meeting of 15 May 2023 made three recommendations to Council. One of the recommendations (adoption of the Flood Study) is the subject of a separate report, and the other two recommendations (changing the meeting frequency to quarterly and making representation to the Joint Organisation (JO) regarding the Drainage Reset Program) are reported to Council for consideration.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. notes the draft minutes of the 15 May 2023 Floodplain Risk Management Committee
2. makes representation through the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation regarding concerns with the rollout of the State Government's "Drainage Reset" program.
3. notes the Floodplain Risk Management Committee's request to meet quarterly.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Infrastructure

Objective We will have communities that are well serviced with appropriate infrastructure

KEY ISSUES

The first recommendation of the FRMC regarding adoption of the 2022 Flood Study update is the subject of a separate report to Council.

The FRMC expressed concerns regarding the rollout of the State Government's "Drainage Reset" Program. This program, which was announced in February 2023, indicated there would be \$5 million across the seven Northern Rivers Councils to undertake works on rural floodplain drainage. The announcement indicated a co-contribution was required from Councils, but no further information on the program has been provided since the announcement. Three proposed projects which were nominated by Clarence Valley with support from the Clarence Canegrowers Cooperative were Taloumbi Ring Drain, Narho Creek at Harwood and renewal of rural flood drain headwalls (with Edwards Creek as a priority). There are two particular concerns regarding the drainage reset program:

- The lengthy state government statutory approval process for rural floodplain drainage projects which involves both Crown Lands and NSW Fisheries. If the work were to be undertaken by a state agency the approval process is much shorter.
- The co-contribution, as no details were provided as to the form this would take. The announcement mentioned "in kind" contributions, but where Council is providing plant or labour to undertake works it needs to be funded from a budget and would divert funds from other floodplain projects. While landowners through which rural floodplain drains are located could potentially undertake works as an "in kind" contribution, an issue is that Work Health & Safety (WHS) and environmental management responsibility (and liability) would continue to lie with Council.

As the drainage reset program is for the seven Northern Rivers Council, the FRMC recommended that Council make representations regarding its concerns through the Northern Rivers JO, and this recommendation is supported by staff.

The FRMC terms of reference adopted by Council at its meeting of 22 February 2022 (Resolution 07.22.012) indicates the Committee "meets at least twice per year". The FRMC is recommending to Council that it

meets quarterly. While an increased meeting frequency is in accordance with the FRMC's terms of reference which do not need to change, in accordance with good governance it is recommended that Council note the FRMC's recommendation to meet quarterly as there will be increased staff costs.

BACKGROUND

The FRMC met on Monday 15 May 2023.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

The FRMC's proposal to increase meeting frequency to quarterly will have minor increased staff costs. These costs are covered by existing budgets.

Asset Management

The "drainage reset" program provides a funding source for renewal of rural flood drain headwalls which are near the end of their life.

Policy and Regulation

Floodplain Development Manual

Consultation

N/A

Legal and Risk Management

Under the "drainage reset" program, there are risks to Council if the "in kind" contribution is provided by property owners. As the work is being undertaken on a Council asset, Council retains WHS responsibility and liability and likewise Council would also retain responsibility and liability for any alleged breaches of environmental approvals.

Climate Change

N/A

ITEM 07.23.110 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES SEWER AND WATER PROGRAM - MALABUGILMAH SEWER PUMP STATION AND RETENTION POND UPGRADE

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Works & Civil	
Prepared by	Manager Water Cycle, Greg Mashiah	
Reviewed by	Director Works & Civil, Jamie Fleeting	
Attachments	A. DPE Water Concurrence to Ecoteam engagement ↓	

SUMMARY

Council operates sewer and water services to the Aboriginal Community of Malabugilmah with funding administered by the Department of Planning and Environment – Water (DPE – Water). Ecotechnology Australia Pty Ltd (Ecoteam) operate the water and sewer system at Malabugilmah under contract to Council, and were requested to provide a proposal to renew the sewer pump station and retention ponds. The Ecoteam proposal exceeds the amount stipulated in the Local Government Act for calling of Tenders. It is considered that extenuating circumstances exist such that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders and, as the Ecoteam proposal is assessed by Council and DPE-Water as providing value for money and DPE-Water has indicated it approves and (subject to approval from the program steering committee) will fund the works, it is recommended that the proposal from Ecoteam be accepted.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council considers, due to the need for continuity of water services to the Malabugilmah community and the requirement for concurrence from the Local Aboriginal Land Council for undertaking the work, extenuating circumstances exist under Section 55 of the Local Government Act in that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for undertaking the Malabugilmah Sewer Pump Station and Retention Ponds upgrade.
2. Subject to funding for the project being approved by the Aboriginal Communities Sewer and Water Program steering committee, the proposal from Ecotechnology Australia Pty Ltd to undertake the Malabugilmah Sewer Pump Station and Retention Ponds upgrade in the amount of \$316,329.55 (including GST) be accepted and funded from Financial Project 902081.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Society

Objective We will have a diverse and creative culture

KEY ISSUES

The proposal from Ecoteam exceeds the amount stipulated in Section 55 of the Local Government Act for calling of Tenders (\$250,000 including GST); however, Section 55(3)(i) provides the following exemption to calling Tenders:

a contract where, because of extenuating circumstances, remoteness of locality or the unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers, a council decides by resolution (which states the reasons for the decision) that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders.

It is considered that the following extenuating circumstances exist for the Malabugilmah Aboriginal community Sewer Pump Station and retention pond upgrade:

- Ecoteam is currently engaged by Council under Contract 21/10 awarded in June 2021 to undertake operation of the Malabugilmah sewerage system.
- The Malabugilmah sewerage system is owned by the Malabugilmah Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC). The owner has previously advised that, as the system is located on their property, they also have a concurrence role. It is therefore essential that the contractor have a good working relationship with the owner and be experienced with working in Aboriginal Communities. Ecoteam has established

an excellent working relationship with the owner and, as they are currently undertaking the operation of the system, already have the owner's concurrence,

- The Community is relatively remote. As Ecoteam are able to absorb some travelling costs in their current services contract, it is considered unlikely that calling Tenders would result in significant cost savings compared with the Ecoteam proposal,
- DPE-Water has approved the Ecoteam proposal (see attachment), and
- There is a need to ensure continuity of water service to the Community during the works.

Council does not currently have resources to manage a separate contractor undertaking the installation of the remote Malabugilmah project.

DPE –Water and Council staff have assessed the Ecoteam proposal and consider it provides value for money.

Directors of Ecotechnology Australia Pty Ltd are Keith and Lise Bolton.

BACKGROUND

In July 2008, the NSW State Government commenced a program to improve the standard of water supply and sewerage services in selected Aboriginal Communities. The program is jointly funded by the State and the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, and the parties agreed to commit \$200 million over a 25 year period. Under the program, Clarence Valley Council has been providing sewer and water services to the Malabugilmah Community since 2013 using contractor Ecoteam. At its meeting of 22 June 2021 Council awarded a two-year operations contract (with three one year extension options) to Ecoteam (Resolution 6e.21.011).

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

The Aboriginal Communities Sewer and Water program aims to be “cost neutral” for Council, with DPE-Water reimbursing Council's costs plus a 10% management fee for Council on the Contractor's costs. To date the management fee has more than covered Council's costs. The Aboriginal Communities Sewer and Water Program steering committee is considering funding for this project at its next meeting in July and it is recommended that the tender only be awarded if the project funding is approved.

Asset Management

Nil. Ownership of Malabugilmah sewer and water assets remain with the LALC.

Policy and Legislation

Under Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act Council can engage Ecoteam without calling Tenders, subject to the resolution indicating the reasons why a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders. The local supply provisions of the Procurement Policy were assessed by the Project Manager as not being relevant due to the specialist nature of the goods/services being sourced by the tender.

Consultation

DPE-Water (see attached concurrence)

Legal and Risk Management

Funding for the project is yet to be approved by the Aboriginal Communities Sewer and Water Program steering committee, which next meets in July. To address the risk of the steering committee not approving funding, it is recommended that the tender award be subject to funding approval. Having Council determine to proceed subject to funding approval will enable the project to commence as soon as the funding approval is received.

Climate Change

Not relevant to this engagement.

From: Tom Attwood
Sent: Monday, 19 June 2023 11:29 AM
To: Greg Mashiah
Cc: Andrew Potter
Subject: Ecoteam Proposal 21103.1 Malabugilmah SPS and Retention Pond Upgrade

Hi Greg,

To clarify; DPE confirms that, subject to our steering committee approving funding, we concur with CVC engaging Ecoteam for the Malabugilmah Sewer Pump Station and Retention Pond Upgrades in the tendered amount of \$316,329.55 (inc GST).

Cheers,

Tom Attwood
Senior Project Officer, Aboriginal Communities Water & Sewerage Program (ACWSP)

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The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment acknowledges that it stands on Aboriginal land. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and we show our respect for elders past, present and emerging through thoughtful and collaborative approaches to our work, seeking to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to providing places in which Aboriginal people are included socially, culturally and economically.

ITEM 07.23.111 TENDER RFT22-44 RUSHFORTH ROAD WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTRATION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Works & Civil	
Prepared by	Manager Water Cycle, Greg Mashiah	
Reviewed by	Director Works & Civil, Jamie Fleeting	
Attachments	A. Tender RFT22-44 Tender Evaluation Committee report (Confidential)	

SUMMARY

On 24 April 2023 Council called tenders for preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a filtration plant at the Rushforth Road Water Treatment Plant, which closed on 26 May 2023. Four (4) complying tenders were received. The Tender Evaluation Committee (TEC) considers, having regards to all the circumstances, that the tender from Epic Environmental Pty Ltd is the most advantageous for Council and recommends that this tender be accepted.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council awards Tender RFT22/044 Rushforth Road Water Treatment Plant Filtration Environmental Impact Statement to Epic Environmental Pty Ltd in the amount of \$296,010.00 (including GST), to be funded from Financial Project 902255 (Rushforth Rd Treatment Plant Filtration Works).

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Infrastructure

Objective We will have communities that are well serviced with appropriate infrastructure

KEY ISSUES

At the closing date and time Council received four tenders:

Tenderer	ABN	Address
Environmental Engineers International Pty Ltd	87 151 668 665	Unit 56, 12 St George's Terrace, Perth, WA 6000
Epic Environmental Pty Ltd	54 169 579 275	Suite 5, Level 9 189 Kent Street, Sydney NSW 2000
McGloin Baker Pty Ltd	71 659 353 509	39 Reef Water Cct, Bogangar, NSW, 2488
Ramboll Australia Pty Ltd	49 095 437 442	Level 2, Suite 18 Eastpoint, 50 Glebe Road, The Junction NSW 2291

Tenders were assessed by a TEC comprising Water Cycle staff using a weighting of 60% price and 40% non-price criteria. A detailed report from the TEC is included in the Confidential Attachments. The TEC considers that, in accordance with Clause 178(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation, 2021* the Tender which having regard to all the circumstances (price and non-price) appears to be the most advantageous to Council is from Epic Environmental Pty Ltd and recommends that this tender be accepted.

The Directors of Epic Environmental Pty Ltd are listed in the confidential attachment.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 28 February 2023 Council resolved (Resolution 07.23.024):

That Council:

1. *Notes the Rushforth Road Water Treatment Plant Masterplan.*
2. *Commence the planning approval process for future construction of a filtration plant by calling open tenders to undertake an Environmental Impact Statement.*

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

At its 13 December 2022 meeting Council resolved to allocate \$1 million to undertake capital works to address the temporary filtration works at RRWTP (Resolution 08.22.009). Report 07.23.024 to the 28 February 2023 Council meeting noted that:

“this funding is also proposed to be used to commence the EIS process”.

Asset Management

The filtration plant, if constructed, will be a new asset. As noted in Report 07.23.04 to the 28 February 2023 Council meeting:

An EIS will not commit Council to undertaking future works, but once approved will permit works to commence.

Policy and Legislation

The tendering process followed is consistent with the requirement of the Local Government Act and Regulation and Council's Sustainable Procurement Policy – Supporting Local Business. In accordance with Council's *Sustainable Procurement Policy* the following processes were undertaken:

- Tender specifications were structured so local suppliers and/or contractors were not excluded from being the prime supplier/contractor.

The local supply provisions of the Policy were assessed by the Project Manager as not being relevant due to the specialist nature of the goods/services being sourced by the tender.

Consultation

Nil

Legal and Risk Management

As noted in Report 07.23.04 to the 28 February 2023 Council meeting, recent (September 2022) changes to the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines introducing “Health Based Targets” (HBT) are unlikely to be met without filtration. Since February NSW Health has advised that any water treatment plant upgrading will include a condition in the Section 60 approval requiring the water treatment plant to meet HBTs.

Planning approval of a filtration plant via an EIS may create a community expectation that filtration is to be constructed immediately.

Climate Change

With predicted climate change impacts including more frequent intense rainfall events and increases in bushfires, it is likely that climate change impacts will be higher turbidity and longer incidence of turbidity above the current water extraction limit. Filtration will enable a higher turbidity extraction limit.

ITEM 07.23.112 LOWER CLARENCE FLOOD MODEL 2022 COUNCILLOR WORKSHOP OUTCOME

Meeting	Council	27 June 2023
Directorate	Works & Civil	
Prepared by	Manager Water Cycle, Greg Mashiah	
Reviewed by	Director Works & Civil, Jamie Fleeting	
Attachments	A. Councillor Workshop 6 June - Questions on Notice and responses ↓ B. Lower Clarence Flood Model Update 2023 - Draft Report V3 (Small) (Separate Cover) ⇒	

SUMMARY

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 23 May 2023, a Motion to adopt the Lower Clarence Flood Model 2022 was Lost and Council resolved (07.23.085) to defer consideration of the study for one month to allow further consideration at a Councillor workshop.

As there was no new information forthcoming as a result of the workshop that would cause staff to recommend reconsideration of the Lost Motion, a Notice of Motion has been lodged to enable Council to reconsider the matter.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the Clarence Flood Study presentation to the 6 June 2023 Councillor workshop.

LINKAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Infrastructure

Objective We will have communities that are well serviced with appropriate infrastructure

KEY ISSUES

A Councillor workshop was held on 6 June 2023 to allow further consideration of the Lower Clarence Flood Model Update 2022.

Both Barry Rodgers of BMT and Toong Chin of the Department of Planning & Environment were in attendance to answer questions.

A copy of responses to Councillor questions on notice is included in the attachments.

BACKGROUND

Consultants BMT have been engaged to update the current Lower Clarence Flood Model, which was last updated in 2013. The flood study update accounts for changes to the floodplain since 2013, including the new Pacific Motorway and the second bridge at Grafton. The model has also been calibrated against the March 2021 and March 2022 floods.

The updated model uses a much finer modelling grid, which enables the model to more accurately simulate flood behaviour and areas of inundation. The study has also considered two climate change scenarios, being the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Representative Concentration Pathways (RCP) RCP 4.5 (more likely, middle range scenario) and RCP 8.5 (less likely, worst-case scenario). The extreme flood in the model is under review using a hydrologic model validation of the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) in consultation with the Department of Planning and Environment. However, all other aspects of the model have high confidence and can proceed to the next stage. Determining the PMF is a technical requirement that does not need to delay the rest of the model.

A copy of the Lower Clarence Flood Model Update 2022 is attached to the report and the following points were discussed in the staff report tabled at the May Ordinary Meeting.

1. Clarence Flood Model Update

The revised flood model has resulted in some minor changes to the 1% Average Exceedance Probability, or AEP (i.e. the event which has a 1% chance of occurring in any given year and commonly, though incorrectly, referred to as a 1 in 100yr flood) flood levels.

While the changes in the 1% AEP flood level upstream of Maclean are relatively minor, the 1% AEP flood levels in the Lower Clarence have decreased compared to the previous 2013 model. This is because the main influence of flood levels in the lower Clarence is the ocean level. The 2013 flood model used a very conservative 1% AEP storm tide of **2.6m** Australian Height Datum (AHD). The flood model revision has adopted a peak 1% AEP storm tide of **1.62m** AHD based on Council's recently completed Climate Change Impact Assessment by Risk Frontiers, including the *Climate Change Risk Assessment* Sea-level rise and coastal flooding technical report (refer Council report 26 April 2022 - Item 07.22.070). The Risk Frontiers' assessment is similar to the current day AHD peak 1% AEP storm tide of **1.55m** suggested by state guidelines.

2. Climate Change

The revised flood study has considered two climate change (CC) scenarios – CC1 (RCP 4.5) and CC2 (RCP 8.5).

The predicted 1% AEP peak storm tide under RCP4.5 is 2.38m AHD and under RCP8.5 is 2.71m AHD. The Risk Frontiers' *Physical Climate Risk Assessment – Summary for Policymakers* indicates (p10):

The highest GHG scenario is RCP 8.5 and represents a worst-case scenario where GHG emissions continue to increase, and global mean temperature increase exceeds 4°C. RCP 4.5 is a middle-of-the-road GHG emission scenario where some mitigation of GHG emissions occurs, and global mean temperature increase is between 2-3°C. RCP 8.5 is currently considered to be less likely than RCP 4.5.*

* Greenhouse Gas

RCP 4.5 is described by the IPCC as a moderate scenario in which emissions peak around 2040 and then decline. RCP 8.5 is the highest baseline emissions scenario in which emissions continue to rise throughout the twenty-first century.

As the Risk Frontier's report indicates that RCP 8.5 is a worst-case scenario and is considered to be less likely than RCP 4.5, and in line with the IPCC's guidance, it is recommended that the CC1 (RCP 4.5) scenario be adopted as the basis for establishing flood planning levels, with the exception of North Grafton (refer point "4" below). This is consistent with previous Council decisions to approve the Risk Frontiers report.

3. Probable Maximum Flood/Extreme Flood

The Lower Clarence Flood Model 2022 does not have a hydrologic model and relies on flood frequency techniques to derive design inflows to calculate an "extreme flood". In simple terms, the previous model calculated the 1% AEP flood event and multiplied that by a factor of 1.53 to determine an extreme flood level. More recent data and flood modelling techniques indicate a scaling factor greater than 1.53 is needed, and this could be up to 3 times. Given the size and complexity of the Clarence River catchment, the application of a simplified scaling factor of the 1% AEP flood event may not result in an inaccurate estimations of an extreme flood event.

4. Planning Impacts

Clauses 5.21 and 7.4 of the Clarence Valley Local Environmental Plan 2011 (the LEP) identify various flood considerations that apply to development applications. The clauses apply to land identified in the 'Flood Planning Area' and the 'Flood Planning Map' associated with the LEP, being land affected by the 1% AEP flood event and the PMF planning level. Council's current 'Flood Planning Level' is the 1% AEP plus 500mm freeboard.

Adoption of the revised flood model will adjust the area to which these levels apply, which relies on the current (2013) flood model. A planning proposal to update the Flood Planning Map and Flood Planning Level to incorporate the 1% AEP Climate Change 1 (RCP 4.5) scenario into the LEP is needed to ensure our planning controls are updated consistent with the Lower Clarence Flood Model Update 2022.

As noted in point “3” it is proposed that the extreme flood/PMF be determined through the Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan and subsequent changes to the LEP are made when the PMF is resolved.

The current adopted flood planning level in North Grafton is 6.4m AHD, which is less than the current 1% AEP flood level. This flood level was previously adopted following consideration of various issues through the Floodplain Risk Management process. It is recommended that the North Grafton flood planning level be updated and the level determined through the Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.

5. Floodplain Risk Management Committee

Council's Floodplain Risk Management Committee (FRMC) considered this report at their meeting of 15 May 2023 and endorsed the officer's recommendation. The minutes of the FRMC are being reported to this meeting as a separate item and the attachments to that report include BMT's presentation to the FRMC.

6. Methodology

Consultants BMT have undertaken an update of the Lower Clarence Flood Model. As part of this study the flood model was updated with more accurate information, including updated hydrographic and LIDAR survey. The model includes various changes to the floodplain which have occurred since the 2013 model. As there was extensive flood level data available from the March 2021 and March 2022 flood, the model has been calibrated against those events. The modelled hydrographs are considered to correlate highly with the recorded hydrographs at all stations.

COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Financial

N/A relating to the recommendation of this report.

Asset Management

N/A

Policy and Regulation

N/A

Consultation

Floodplain Risk Management Committee, Council's Development and Land Use Planning Section (which assisted with the preparation of the May 2023 report).

Legal and Risk Management

Section 733 of the Local Government Act provides:

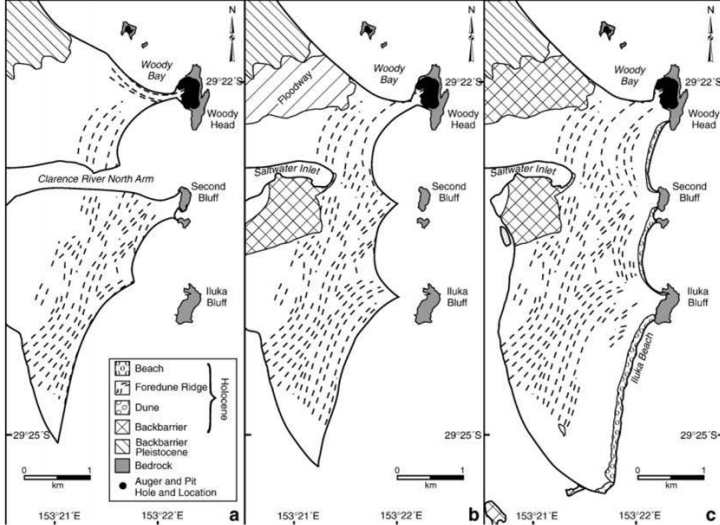
- (1) *A council does not incur any liability in respect of:*
 - (a) *any advice furnished in good faith by the council relating to the likelihood of any land being flooded or the nature or extent of any such flooding, or*
 - (b) *anything done or omitted to be done in good faith by the council in so far as it relates to the likelihood of land being flooded or the nature or extent of any such flooding.*
- (4) *Without limiting any other circumstances in which a council may have acted in good faith, a council is, unless the contrary is proved, taken to have acted in good faith for the purposes of this section if the advice was furnished, or the thing was done or omitted to be done, substantially in accordance with the principles contained in the relevant manual most recently notified under subsection (5) at that time.*
- (5) *For the purposes of this section, the Minister for Planning may, from time to time, give notification in the Gazette of the publication of:*
 - (a) *a manual relating to the management of flood liable land*

The NSW Government's Floodplain Development Manual: the management of Flood Liable Land (April 2005) is the current manual referred to in Section 733(5) and the process followed to date is in accordance with the manual. Adopting the updated flood study, which is the best available information, is considered to be a demonstration of acting in "good faith".

Climate Change

As outlined above, the Flood Study has considered two climate change scenarios – RCP 4.5 and RCP 8.5. Based on the information in Risk Frontiers' *Physical Climate Risk Assessment – Summary for Policymakers* it is recommended that the RCP 4.5 scenario be adopted.

Councillor Workshop 6 June 2023 – Questions on Notice and Staff Response

Flood Study Update (Councillor questions)	Staff Response
<p>We have heard the Prime Minister and State Premiers say that we should no longer allow development on floodplains in NSW and throughout Australia.....if the definition of a floodplain is the land inundated in an “extreme” flood event: what impact would that have on development in and around Yamba; Iluka; Maclean, Ulmarra and Grafton (including lands currently ‘protected’ by levee walls)?</p>	<p>The impact would be that development would only be possible on Yamba, Maclean and South Grafton hills as the majority of Yamba, Iluka, Maclean and Grafton are inundated in an extreme flood. An issue with modelling an extreme flood is that the model has to assume the floodplain is static; however with flood flows of such a magnitude there would be significant changes to the floodplain (e.g. new river channels or a new entrance created for the to the Clarence River). As a test of the model sensitivity BMT has undertaken a model run of the extreme flood with a new entrance to the Clarence north of the Iluka breakwall and the extreme flood level in the model was around 1m lower at Yamba than the ‘static’ case. An example of entrance changes is a 2006 study by Goodwin et al “Wave climate, sand budget and shoreline alignment evolution of the Iluka–Woody Bay sand barrier, northern New South Wales, Australia, since 3000 yr BP” which suggests that about 1600 years ago the Clarence River North arm discharged to the ocean between Woody Head and Second Bluff:</p>  <p>Figure 2.3: Configuration of the coastline and Clarence River entrances at (a) 1600 yr BP, (b) 1500 yr BP, and (c) 1000 BP. Dashed lines indicate relic foredune ridge crests, showing the successive position and shape of the shoreline. Source: Goodwin <i>et al.</i>, 2006, p. 136.</p>

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<p>Is it desirable or achievable to prohibit development on such a flood plain area?</p>	<p>The NSW Flood Prone Land policy (as outlined in the draft <i>Flood Risk Management Manual</i> - https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research-and-publications/publications-search/flood-risk-management-manual) indicates that the primary objective of the policy recognises that:</p> <p><i>flood prone land is a valuable resource that should not be ‘sterilised’ by unnecessarily precluding its development</i></p> <p>The policy further indicates (emphasis added):</p> <p><i>a merit-based approach to the selection of appropriate flood planning levels (FPLs). This recognises the need to consider the risks associated with the full range of flooding, up to and including the probable maximum flood (PMF). Note that with few exceptions, it is neither feasible nor socially or economically justifiable to use the PMF as a basis for determining FPLs. Determining the FPL for typical residential development should generally start with a defined flood event (DFE) of the 1% annual exceedance probability flood plus an appropriate freeboard (typically 0.5 metres)</i></p>
<p>Rather than a blanket ‘zero-development-on-floodplain’ policy.....should CVC assess the level of risk for development at set stages of flood inundation (and associated floor level standards) and then ensure that the community and future land purchasers are effectively advised of the estimated risk levels at each stage?</p>	<p>This is the process recommended in the current and draft Floodplain Development Manual.</p>
<p>Figure 5.1 of the flood study, do the data points refer to actual floods, or simulations from the model?</p>	<p>Figure 5.1 is the rating curve developed for the 2004 Flood Study with the data points relating river height at the Prince Street gauge to flow volumes at Mountainview. (This is also known as a “stage-discharge curve”). The data points are derived from simulations using the model. The process used to develop the ratings curves shown in Figure 5.1 was described in Section 4.2.2 of the 2004 Flood Study Review:</p> <p><i>To produce each rating curve a number of flood simulations were carried out with a range of peak inflows at Mountain View. These inflows range from 5,700m³/s to 26,100m³/s.</i></p> <p><i>From each flood simulation, the peak flow at Mountain View and the peak level at Prince Street Gauge were derived. This data was then plotted to derive ‘rating curves’ between recorded flood level at the Prince Street gauge and peak inflows at Mountain View.</i></p>

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<p>There are quite a few in the Grafton community that state their belief that the second Grafton bridge causes a significant increase in river depth upstream of the bridges in a flood. Do the flood study figures support or refute this view?</p>	<p>The second Grafton bridge causes an increase in river depth upstream of the bridges; this increase is called “afflux”. In conjunction with construction of the new bridge TfNSW was required to raise the levee height on the upstream side of the bridge so that the levee in the section where afflux occurred would only be overtopped in the same size flood as it would have before the new bridge was constructed.</p> <p>The Grafton Bridge project was subject to a detailed flood impact investigation. The placement of bridge piers in the waterway causes an increase in upstream flood level (afflux) although this was only in the order of 20mm to 40mm in the 1% AEP event. To avoid this increase in water level causing additional water to overtop the levee system, levee surveys were undertaken and some work was undertaken to increase the levee height at localised low points.</p> <p>The updated flood model includes the new Grafton Bridge and updated levee details. As part of the Grafton Bridge project, detailed bathymetric survey was captured for the Clarence River in the vicinity of Grafton. This dataset is also included in the updated model.</p>																									
<p>Should councillors consider raising the heights of the levees and in which case, which ones? Or would we be better to aim for a mitigation strategy?</p>	<p>Raising levees will provide greater flood immunity; in addition to cost there are a range of factors which need to be considered including technical feasibility and impact on property owners. (Council does not own easements over all the levees and there is currently no statutory right of access for building and maintaining a flood levee). Raising levees may be identified in the next phase of the Flood Planning process as a desirable strategy but it is unknown whether this is technically achievable and affordable.</p> <p>The higher the levee the greater the flood immunity but unless a levee is constructed at the extreme flood level/PMF it will be overtopped one day. For the four urban levees and from Table 6.3 in the flood study:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Town</th> <th>Current Immunity</th> <th>Raising for 2%</th> <th>Raising for 1%</th> <th>Raising for CC1</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Grafton</td> <td>~5%AEP</td> <td>270mm</td> <td>330mm</td> <td>610mm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ulmarra</td> <td>~10%AEP</td> <td>480mm</td> <td>520mm</td> <td>760mm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maclean</td> <td>~3%AEP</td> <td>110mm</td> <td>250mm</td> <td>702mm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Iluka</td> <td>Between 2% & 5%</td> <td>250mm</td> <td>350mm</td> <td>550mm</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The current Yamba Floodplain Management Plan (which will be subsumed into the Lower Clarence Floodplain Management Plan in the current flood planning process) identified a levee around Yamba as an option but considered it was unlikely to be technically feasible and affordable.</p>	Town	Current Immunity	Raising for 2%	Raising for 1%	Raising for CC1	Grafton	~5%AEP	270mm	330mm	610mm	Ulmarra	~10%AEP	480mm	520mm	760mm	Maclean	~3%AEP	110mm	250mm	702mm	Iluka	Between 2% & 5%	250mm	350mm	550mm
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<p>One of the scary things about the Lismore flood was people having to swim for their lives out of their houses at night when there was little warning what was going to happen. Should we consider installing a gauge and camera somewhere like the Clarence Gorge and up the Orara that could give us 3 – 5 hours warning (assuming the river velocity would be 3 – 7 m/s upstream of Grafton) in Grafton that the levees would be likely to be breached and/or a life-threatening flood was going to hit?</p>	<p>There is a service level specification for flood warning in NSW which can be viewed on the BoM website at http://www.bom.gov.au/nsw/NSW_SLS_Current.pdf. Page 19 (p21 in the pdf) specifies that for the Clarence River the BoM's target is to provide predictions of levee overtopping in Grafton, Ulmarra and Maclean 24 hours in advance and for greater than moderate floods provide flood level predictions 6 hours in advance. (Note for Lismore the BoM's target warning time is much less at 12 hours).</p> <p>Existing Clarence flood gauges are listed on p31 and 32 of the document. There are two automatic gauges between the Clarence Gorge and Grafton – one at Lilydale and one at Rogans Bridge. The automatic gauge at Lilydale can be viewed on the WaterNSW website at https://realtimedata.watarnsw.com.au/ or via their "Water Live" phone app and the gauge at Rogans Bridge (along with other gauges in the estuary) can be viewed at https://mhlfit.net/Home (and are updated every 15 minutes). The flood gauge levels are also shown on BoM website at http://www.bom.gov.au/cgi-bin/wrap_fwo.pl?IDN60140.html and rainfall (updated every 3 hours) is shown at http://www.bom.gov.au/cgi-bin/wrap_fwo.pl?IDN60168.html. Council also has flood cameras accessible through the website at https://www.clarence.nsw.gov.au/Emergency-management/Preparing-for-an-emergency/Flood-monitoring-stations showing Lilydale bridge and Rogan's bridge as well as various other locations.</p>
<p>Does the Oyster channel bridge act as a dam to prevent flood outflow from the Wooloweyah lagoon, or is the bridge wide enough to make this insignificant?</p>	<p>Flood behaviour in the lower river is dominated by tides, with the ocean level being a significant factor in the flood level at Yamba. The Oyster Channel bridge provides a minor restriction on both inflow to and outflow from the Wooloweyah lagoon; Palmers Channel also provides a flow path between the river and Lake Wooloweyah. In the February/March 2022 floods Figure A.3 Event Sheet 3 of the draft Flood Study shows very similar hydrograph shapes and flood levels at Oyster Channel bridge and in Lake Wooloweyah which indicates the impact of the bridge was insignificant in that event.</p>
<p>Are there ways the DCP could be altered in low lying areas to design flood resistance and mitigation into new buildings?</p>	<p>Section J2.1.2 of the <i>Floodplain Development Manual, 2005</i> (https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/-/media/OEH/Corporate-Site/Documents/Water/Floodplains/floodplain-development-manual.pdf) outlines measures which could be included in DCPs to provide building flood resilience.</p>

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Flood Study Update (Councillor questions)	Staff Response
<p>Some have suggested that dry dams may be the solution suggested for the Richmond river in Lismore. With the higher flow rate in a Clarence flood, I suspect that this would not be feasible for us. What do others think?</p>	<p>Section J4.1 of the Floodplain Development Manual 2005, indicates regarding dry dams: <i>The mitigating effects of a large dam on a major flood is often surprising small for the following reasons:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The volume of water in a major flood may be much greater than the storage capacity of even a large dam</i> • <i>The dam may be nearly full at the start of a flood, and</i> • <i>Floods may result from rainfall in parts of the catchment that are not commanded by dams.</i> <p><i>With regard to the final point, it may be uneconomic to construct dams on all tributaries of a river system and it is generally rare to find a suitable dam site that commands a significant number of tributaries.</i></p> <p><i>Consequently the benefit of flood mitigation dams are generally limited to mitigating the effects of a flood generated in only one portion of the catchment.</i></p> <p>Regarding the first dot point about storage capacity, as an example the peak flood flow at Mountain View in a 1% event (19,460m³/s from Table 5.4 in the Flood Study) would completely fill Shannon Creek Dam from empty in under 26 minutes</p> <p>Regarding the second dot point, about a dam being nearly full at the start of an event, as shown in Figure A.3 Event Sheet 1 of the draft Flood Study, in the February/March 2022 flood there was a flood peak of around 4.3m AHD at Grafton on 25/02 and then the major flood peak four days later on 01/03. Had a “dry dam” been provided as a flood mitigation measure it would have been nearly full from the first flood before the second more significant flood event occurred.</p> <p>Regarding the third dot point there are three main tributaries which form the Clarence – the Orara, the Nymboida/Mann and the main arm. In addition, tributaries in the lower Clarence River floodplain have also contributed up to 25% of the total river flow during historic major floods.</p> <p>One other issue if dry dam(s) were provided is it is likely there would be pressure for the dam to also be used for diversion to west of the dividing range; Councils west of the range have previously unsuccessfully moved motions at the LGNSW Conference to have diversion adopted as policy. Council’s current policy position which was adopted at its meeting of 18 October 2006 (Resolution 12.005/06) opposed damming or diversion of the Clarence River and this has been reaffirmed by resolutions 05.006/07, 10.017/10, 15.081/16 and most recently by Resolution 6a.20.036 at its meeting of 22 September 2020.</p>

8. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

9. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

10. LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS AND MATTERS ARISING

11. CLOSE OF ORDINARY MEETING