



SNOWY VALLEYS COUNCIL MEETING
BUSINESS PAPER
16 SEPTEMBER 2021

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2.00PM
VIA VIDEO LINK

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests at meetings (extract from the Code of Conduct – Section 4)

4.28 Councillor or a council committee member who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the council is concerned, and who is present at a meeting of the council or committee at which the matter is being considered, must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.

4.29 The councillor or council committee member must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the council or committee:

- (a) at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the council or committee, or
- (b) at any time during which the council or committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

4.30 In the case of a meeting of a board of a joint organisation, a voting representative is taken to be present at the meeting for the purposes of clauses 4.28 and 4.29 where they participate in the meeting by telephone or other electronic means.

4.31 Disclosure made at a meeting of a council or council committee must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Disclosure of Political Donations and Gifts

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* places obligations on Councillors, staff, applicants and any person who makes a public submission, to disclose information relating to political donations and gifts during the environmental plan making or development assessment process.

The fact that political donations or gifts have been made by applicants / proponents of a planning application should not affect whether an application is approved or refused. Political donations or gifts should not be relevant in making a determination. The matter should be determined on its merits. Nor do they provide grounds for challenging the determination of any applications.

For further information, visit www.planning.nsw.gov.au/donations

Furthermore, for each planning decision made at a Council or Committee Meeting, the names of Councillors who supported the decision and those that oppose the decision must be recorded. (*Sec. 375A of the Local Government Act 1993*)

Use of mobile phones and the unauthorised recording of meetings (extract from the Code of Meeting Practice – Section 15)

15.21 Councillors, council staff and members of the public must ensure that mobile phones are turned to silent during meetings of the council and committees of the council.

15.22 A person must not live stream or use an audio recorder, video camera, mobile phone or any other device to make a recording of the proceedings of a meeting of the council or a committee of the council without the prior authorisation of the council or the committee.

15.23 Any person who contravenes or attempts to contravene clause 15.22, may be expelled from the meeting as provided for under section 10(2) of the Act.

15.24 If any such person, after being notified of a resolution or direction expelling them from the meeting, fails to leave the place where the meeting is being held, a police officer, or any person authorised for the purpose by the council or person presiding, may, by using only such force as is necessary, remove the first-mentioned person from that place and, if necessary, restrain that person from re-entering that place for the remainder of the meeting.

Livestreaming of Meetings (extract from the Code of Meeting Practice – Section 5)

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5.19 All meetings of the council and committees of the council are to be webcast on the council's website.

Photography

Flash photography is not permitted at a meeting of the Council or a Committee of the council without the consent of the Chief Executive Officer.

Public Forum (extract from the Code of Meeting Practice – Section 4)

4.1 The Council may hold a public forum prior to each Ordinary Council meeting for the purpose of hearing oral submissions on items of business to be considered at the meeting.

4.2 Public forums are to be chaired by the mayor or their nominee.

Those attending must comply with the terms and conditions of the Code of Meeting Practice which can be viewed on Councils website;

<http://www.snowyvalleys.nsw.gov.au/Council/Governance/Policies>



Thursday 16 September 2021
Snowy Valleys Council Chambers
Via Video Link
2.00pm

AGENDA

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and pay respects to Elders past and present.

2. APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND REMOTE ATTENDANCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Pursuant to Section 4 of the Code of Conduct, Councillors are required to declare any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any matters being considered by Council.

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5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Ordinary Meeting - 19 August 2021

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 August 2021 be received and confirmed as an accurate record

**THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA VIDEO LINK, ON THURSDAY
19 AUGUST 2021 COMMENCING AT 2.01pm**

PRESENT: Mayor James Hayes (Chair), Councillor Cate Cross, Councillor Julia Ham, Councillor Margaret Isselmann, Councillor Geoff Pritchard, Councillor Cor Smit, Councillor Bruce Wright.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive Officer Matthew Hyde, Executive Director Infrastructure Heinz Kausche, Executive Director Community and Corporate Paul Holton, Executive Chief of Staff Shelley Jones, Chief Financial Officer Susanne Andres and Executive Assistant Jeannie Moran-Fahey.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

An acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land was delivered by the Mayor James Hayes.

2. APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND REMOTE ATTENDANCE

M160/21 RESOLVED:

That the Leave of Absence request from Cr Andrianna Benjamin and Cr John Larter be received and granted.

Cr Bruce Wright/Cr Margaret Isselmann

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor, Cr James Hayes declared a pecuniary interest in relation to report # 11.3 SVC Community Grants due to being a Board member for Adelong Community Bank and will leave the room during discussion. Cr Julia Ham to Chair the meeting during consideration of this item.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**5.1 MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING - 15 JULY 2021****M161/21 RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 July 2021 be received.

Cr Margaret Isselmann/Cr Geoff Pritchard

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/PETITIONS

Nil.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION/NOTICE OF RECISSION

Nil.

8. MAYORAL MINUTE**8.1 SNOWY MOUNTAINS SPECIAL ACTIVATION PRECINCT - REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CLOSING DATE BY SVC ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE****M162/21 RESOLVED:****THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the Mayoral Minute on the request for an extension on the submission closing date for the Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct;
2. Contact the NSW Planning Department and request a 1 month extension to allow the Snowy Valleys Aboriginal Liaison Committee to lodge a submission.

Cr James Hayes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M163/21 RESOLVED:

That Council move into Confidential to consider the Mayoral Minute listed as confidential in accordance with Section 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 for the reasons specified.

13.4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW – 1 JULY 2020 TO 30 JUNE 2021

Item 13.4 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A 2 (a) as it relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Cate Cross

At this stage, the time being 2.07pm Council went into Confidential.

Cr Cate Cross left the meeting, the time being 02:19 pm and returned to the meeting at 02:21 pm.

13.4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW – 1 JULY 2020 TO 30 JUNE 2021**M164/21 RESOLVED:**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Note that the Chief Executive Officer, Matthew Hyde is personally performing at a high level and his leadership of the organisation is commended;
2. Consider and select no more than seven major projects and priorities for inclusion in the Chief Executive Officer's 2021/22 Performance Agreement.

Cr James Hayes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M165/21 RESOLVED:

That at this stage, the time being 2.21pm Council return to Open Council.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Bruce Wright

9. URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil.

10. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**10.1 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION'S REGIONAL FORUM AND 27TH NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY, CANBERRA, 20-23 JUNE 2021 - DELEGATES REPORT**

M166/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Australian Local Government Association's Regional Forum & 27th National General Assembly, Canberra, 20-23 June 2021 – Delegates Report.
2. Approve relevant brochure and flyer information collected from the Exhibitors Hall which will be provided to relevant Directorates for their review and consideration.

Cr Cate Cross/Cr Cor Smit

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M167/21 RESOLVED to move into Committee of the Whole.

Cr Margaret Isselmann/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M168/21 RESOLVED to move out of Committee of the Whole.

Cr Margaret Isselmann/ Cr Bruce Wright

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 SECTION 218CC LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT PROPOSALS FOR DE-AMALGAMATIONS

M169/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Section 218CC Local Government Act Proposals for de-amalgamations;
2. Continues to provide services and facilities for the whole of the Snowy Valleys community and endorses the great work that staff and volunteers continue to do for our community;
3. Write to the NSW Minister for Local Government and request:
 - a. a copy of the Boundaries Commission Terms of Reference (ToR)

- b. that the ToR be expanded to include provisions relevant to fully evaluate the opportunity for a council to apply for a de-amalgamation and that this evaluation be at no cost to ratepayers of the Snowy Valleys Council;
 - c. that on finalisation of the ToR the Minister immediately appoint Commissioners that have expertise to fulfill the role expected under the ToR;
4. Request the Office of Local Government finalise the guideline/s and receive a report once this and the ToR have been published.
 5. Authorise the development of this resolution (broadened to provide relevance to all amalgamated Local Governments in NSW), into a motion to be considered at the LGNSW Annual Conference 2021.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Cate Cross

Division	
For	Abstain
Cr Cross	Cr Pritchard
Cr Ham	
Cr Hayes	
Cr Isselmann	
Cr Smit	
Cr Wright	

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CARRIED

M170/21 RESOLVED: to move into Committee of the Whole.

Cr Cate Cross/Cr Julia Ham

Division	
For	Abstain
Cr Cross	Cr Pritchard
Cr Ham	
Cr Hayes	
Cr Isselmann	
Cr Smit	
Cr Wright	

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CARRIED

M171/21 RESOLVED to move out of Committee of the Whole.

Cr Bruce Wright/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 2020/21 OPERATIONAL PLAN FOURTH QUARTER REPORT

M172/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on 2020/21 Operational Plan Fourth Quarter Report.
2. Note the comments made by responsible council officers in the attachment report for the 2020/21 Operational Plan Fourth Quarter update.
3. Adopt the 2020/21 Operational Plan Fourth Quarter Report.

Cr Cate Cross/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 INTERIM FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

M173/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Interim Financial Performance as at 30 June 2021.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Margaret Isselmann

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.5 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - JULY 2021

M174/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Statement of Investments – July 2021.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Cor Smit

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.6 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2020/2021 REVOTES

M175/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on the Review and Approval of 2020/2021 Revotes;
2. Approve the 2020/21 revotes and increase the capital budget 2021/22 by \$641,904;
3. Note the carry forward projects of \$1,285,038 for expenditure in 2021/22.

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Cate Cross

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

11.1 TUMBARUMBA MENS SHED

**M176/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive this report on the request from Tumbarumba Men's Shed for support to construct a new club facility adjacent to the Tumbarumba Rail Trial Carpark;
2. Note that the new facility will be owned, operated and maintained by the Tumbarumba Men's Shed Inc.
3. Approve the transfer of the management of the Crown Land on which the new facility will be located from Council managed Crown land to Tumbarumba Men's Shed Inc managed Crown Land, subject to the Men's Shed securing funding for the construction of the new facility;
4. Delegate the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and progress the transfer of the management of the Crown Land on which the new facility will be located from Council managed land to Tumbarumba Men's Shed Inc managed land;
5. Write to the Tumbarumba Men's Shed advising them of the decision of Council;
6. Approve making the existing Council owned building, currently utilised by the Tumbarumba Men's Shed, available to other community groups through an expression of interest process, subject to the Tumbarumba Men's Shed vacating the existing building.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Bruce Wright

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 DRAFT SNOWY VALLEYS COUNCIL CHILD SAFE ORGANISATION POLICY AND CHILD SAFE FRAMEWORK - FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

**M177/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on the Draft Snowy Valleys Council Child Safe Organisation Policy SVC-COR-PO-125-01 and Snowy Valleys Council Child Safe Framework SVC-COR-PO-126-01;
2. Note the report on the Draft Snowy Valleys Council Child Safe Organisation Policy SVC-COR-PO-125-01 and Snowy Valleys Council Child Safe Framework SVC-COR-PO-126-01;
3. Release the Draft Snowy Valleys Council Child Safe Organisation Policy SVC-COR-PO-125-01 and Snowy Valleys Council Child Safe Framework SVC-COR-PO-126-01 for public exhibition for a period of 28 days;

4. Adopt the Draft Snowy Valleys Council Child Safe Organisation Policy SVC-COR-PO- 125-01 and Snowy Valleys Council Child Safe Framework SVC-COR-PO-126-01 if no submissions are received on the day after the completion of the public exhibition.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Cate Cross

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3 SVC COMMUNITY GRANTS

M178/21 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Snowy Valleys Council Community Grants.
2. Endorse the projects recommended for funding by the Community Strengthening Grant Assessment Panel, being:
 - a. Adelong Alive Museum - \$2,730
 - c. Batlow Men's Shed - \$10,000
 - d. Courabyra Hall Committee - \$9,397
 - e. Enterprising Batlow - \$9,430
 - f. Lacmalac Memorial Hall - \$870
 - g. Montreal Community Theatre - \$10,000
 - h. Three Bridges - \$2,500
 - i. Tumbarumba Golf Club - \$10,000
 - j. Tumut Anglican Church - \$10,000
 - k. Tumut Potters - \$2,996
 - l. Tumut Croquet Club - \$1,045
3. Endorse the projects recommended for funding by the Capital Sports Grant Assessment Panel, being:
 - a. Adelong Golf Club - \$10,000
 - b. Batlow Golf Club - \$7,148
 - c. Tumbarumba Tennis Club - \$3,250
 - d. Tumbarumba Golf Club - \$3,600
 - e. Tumbarumba Adult riding Club - \$6,000
 - f. Tumut Rugby Union Club - \$10,000

Cr Cate Cross/Cr Geoff Pritchard

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Cr James Hayes left the meeting, the time being 3.29 pm. Cr Julia Ham assumed the position of Chair.

11.3 SVC COMMUNITY GRANTS**M179/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on Snowy Valleys Council Community Grants;
2. Endorse the projects recommended for funding by the Community Strengthening Grant Assessment Panel, being:
 - b. Adelong Enterprises - \$10,000

Cr Bruce Wright/Cr Cate Cross

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Cr James Hayes returned to the meeting at 03:31 pm and reassumed the position of Chair.

12. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**12.1 MINUTES - ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING - 16 JUNE 2021****M180/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on the Minutes - Aboriginal Liaison Committee Meeting - 16 June 2021;
2. Note the Minutes of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee meeting held on 16 June 2021;
3. Adopt the following recommended in the minutes:

Changes to the Terms of Reference

- Meeting frequency to be changed from bi-monthly to 10am – 12 pm quarterly at the Riverina Highland Building Tumut or Council Chambers Tumbarumba.
- The addition of Community Transport use to convey attendees to meetings to item 9 in the Terms of Reference 'Support and Resourcing'.

Cr Geoff Pritchard/Cr Cate Cross

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2 MINUTES - AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - 04 AUGUST 2021**M181/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on the Minutes – Audit Risk and Improvement Committee – 04 August 2021;
2. Note the Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 04 August 2021;
3. Adopt the Audit Matrix Business Rules SVC-GOV-PR-074-02.

Cr Cate Cross/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**12.3 MINUTES - DISABILITY INCLUSION ACCESS REFERENCE GROUP MEETING - 22 JULY 2021****M182/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on the Minutes - Disability Inclusion Access Reference Group Meeting - 22 July 2021;
2. Note the Minutes of the Disability Inclusion Access Reference Group meeting held on 22 July 2021.

Cr Cate Cross/Cr Margaret Isselmann

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**12.4 MINUTES - GLENROY HERITAGE RESERVE COMMITTEE - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 25 JULY 2021****M183/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report Minutes - Glenroy Heritage Reserve Committee Meeting – AGM – 25 July 2021;
2. Note the minutes of the Glenroy Heritage Reserve Committee Meeting AGM held on the 25 July 2021;
3. Endorse the nominations of the following committee members:
 - Interim President Neil Christie,
 - Interim Secretary Colleen McAuliffe,
 - Committee Members Anne Thoroughgood, Stephen Weeks, Brenda Wiggett

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Bruce Wright

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.5 MINUTES - GLENROY HERITAGE RESERVE COMMITTEE - GENERAL MEETING - 25 JULY 2021**M184/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report Minutes - Glenroy Heritage Reserve Committee - General Meeting - 25 July 2021;
2. Note the minutes of the Glenroy Heritage Reserve Committee Ordinary Meeting held on the 25 July 2021.

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**12.6 MINUTES - TOOMA RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE - 15 JULY 2021****M185/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on the Minutes - Tooma Recreation Reserve Committee –15 July 2021;
2. Note the Minutes of the Tooma Recreational Reserve AGM meeting held on 15 July 2021.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Margaret Isselmann

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**12.7 MINUTES - RRL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - 31 MARCH 2021****M186/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on Minutes - Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee Meeting – 31 March 2021;
2. Note the Minutes of the Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee Meeting held on 31 March 2021.

Cr Cate Cross/Cr Margaret Isselmann

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillors confirmed their ability to consider the following confidential items in privacy.

9. CONFIDENTIAL**M187/21 RESOLVED:**

That Council move into Confidential to consider the matters listed in the confidential section of the agenda in accordance with Section 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 for the reasons specified.

- 13.1 TUMUT AERODROME - PROPOSED FIRE CONTROL CENTRE
Item 13.1 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A 2 (c) as it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.
- 13.2 RFT 2021/05 - RECONSTRUCTION OF THE OURNIE COMMUNITY HALL
Item 13.2 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A 2 (d)i and (d)ii as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.
- 13.3 REQUEST FOR ROAD CLOSURE AND SALE - GOOBARRAGANDRA ROAD, GOOBARRAGANDRA
Item 13.3 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A 2 (a) as it relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Cate Cross

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At this stage, the time being 3.45pm Council went into Confidential.

13.1 TUMUT AERODROME - PROPOSED FIRE CONTROL CENTRE**M188/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive this report on the proposal to locate a Rural Fire Service Fire Control Centre at the Tumut Aerodrome
2. Note the facility upgrade would entail an investment by the Rural Fire Service of approximately \$7 - 9 million and include:

- a. District Office and Fire Control Centre,
 - b. Aviation Support Brigade facility
 - c. Retardant Base
 - d. Aviation Hangar facility suitable for the storage and maintenance of aviation assets particularly helicopter firefighting and support assets when operating in the area
3. Provide in principle support for making suitable land available at the Tumut Aerodrome to accommodate a RFS Fire Control Centre, noting the proposal raises several matters for Council. These include, but not limited to:
- a. potential cost for Council and the community relating to the depreciation and ongoing maintenance and operation of the facility
 - b. loss of rental income related to the office space currently leased by RFS in the Riverina Highlands Building
 - c. loss of income that may be otherwise generated from the land made available to the RFS for the new facility
 - d. costs for the provision of services such as water, sewer and upgrades to the power and communications network that may be required to support the proposed fire control centre
 - e. availability of suitable land within the confines of the aerodrome site and potential impacts on current users and neighbours
 - f. impact on the current masterplan for the aerodrome and potential to expand the aerodrome to accommodate additional hangar space and an airpark
 - g. limitations around being able to utilise the site for other emergency services such as floods, requiring duplicate facilities
 - h. impact on the Tumut aerodrome improvement project
4. Note that the overall financial benefit from the new RFS facility in relation to improved fire preparedness and firefighting capacity along with protection of life, property and the environment is not known at this stage, but will likely exceed the cost liabilities
5. Receive a further report providing additional information on the proposed Fire Control Centre including, but not limited to the items raised in item 3(a to h) above

Cr Cate Cross/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2 RFT 2021/05 - RECONSTRUCTION OF THE OURNIE COMMUNITY HALL**M189/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive this report on the Request for Tender (RFT 2021/05) - for the Reconstruction of Ournie Community Hall at Ournie
2. Resolve in accordance with Section 55 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993 to accept the tender of Sustainabylt for the Reconstruction of the Ournie Community Hall in Ournie for the lump sum amount of \$749,930 including GST
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Sustainabylt for the Construction of Ournie Community Hall in Ournie
4. Write to the unsuccessful tenderers advising of the outcomes of the tender process
5. Note a further report will be provided for the consideration of Council on the ongoing ownership and management arrangements for the new hall, taking into account the whole of life costs for the facility

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Margaret Isselmann

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**13.3 REQUEST FOR ROAD CLOSURE AND SALE - GOOBARRAGANDRA ROAD, GOOBARRAGANDRA****M190/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report for the request for road closure and sale of part of Goobarragandra Road, Goobarragandra.
2. Approve the partial road closure and sale of the formed lot within Lot 6 DP1027218 subject to the terms of sale being met including:
 - I. compliance with the legislative framework for the closing of public roads contained within the Roads Act 1993, and sale of land contained within the Real Property Act 1900
 - II. sale price to be determined by an independent land valuation and all survey, administration and application fees applicable to be covered by the purchaser upon settlement
 - III. parties to meet own legal costs
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to obtain an independent valuation of the road corridor and negotiate the sale of the land

4. Delegate to the Mayor and Chief Executive Office to affix Council seal and execute documents relevant to the closure of the road reserve and sale of the land

Cr Cor Smit/Cr Cate Cross

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M191/21 RESOLVED:

That at this stage, the time being 3.57pm Council returned to Open Council.

Cr Bruce Wright/Cr Margaret Isselman

The CEO read aloud the resolutions for the confidential items.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 4.03pm.

8. MAYORAL MINUTE**8.1 PUBLIC FORUM - ELLIOTT WAY CLOSURE AND THE SNOWY MOUNTAINS SPECIAL ACTIVATION PRECINCT - 1 SEPTEMBER 2021****REPORT AUTHOR:** MAYOR JAMES HAYES**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:** MAYOR JAMES HAYES**Purpose**

Councillors ran a Public Forum on the night of 1 September in an online format on the issues of the Elliott Way Closure and the Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct (SAP).

Given the short notice the forum was well attended by over 70 people. Council invited guest speakers from Ngarigo People, NSW Parks and Wildlife Service to talk on Elliott Way and Kosciuszko National Park Plan of Management and Regional NSW on the Special Activation Precincts, Snowy Hydro and the Members for Wagga Wagga and Albury.

Councillors committed to taking action regarding the matters discussed at the forum to advocate for the needs of the communities of the Snowy Valleys.

RECOMMENDATION:**That Council:**

- 1. Write to the Minister for Energy & Environment to:**
 - a. thank him for his departmental staff presentation on repairs to the Elliott Way to the Public Forum;**
 - b. request the Department make available regular fortnightly updates through local media on progress of the Elliott Way road and bank stabilisation works to the public recognising that it has significant economic disadvantage to the Snowy Valleys community while the road remains closed;**
 - c. request that the Department look to procurement methods that allow important projects to be expedited, noting that Council has the capacity and is well experienced to undertake emergency and scheduled works for other agencies under a cost-plus arrangement, similar to that which is currently in place for Alpine Way with Transport for NSW;**
 - d. request consideration of the opening of the whole route be made a priority noting the economic disadvantage currently experienced by preventing the link of local businesses to Snowy 2.0 opportunities;**
 - e. request the access to O'Hare's be opened as soon as practical as a goodwill gesture to support community wellbeing**
- 2. Write to the Minister for Energy and Environment and the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces:**
 - a. thanking them for their departmental staff presentation on the Special Activation Precincts at the Public Forum;**

10. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**10.1 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 4 DECEMBER 2021**

REPORT AUTHOR: EXECUTIVE CHIEF OF STAFF
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Mayoral elections are conducted in accordance with the Schedule 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (the Regulation)*.

This report outlines the procedures for the election of the positions of mayor and deputy mayor for the period up until the next local government election, scheduled for 4 December 2021.

The NSW Government has confirmed that due to the ongoing COVID situation in New South Wales, the local council elections scheduled for 4 September 2021 would be postponed until 4 December 2021, with councillors continuing to hold civic offices until the rescheduled elections take place.

Further, advice from the NSW Government was received in August in relation to the position of mayor and deputy mayor, whereby an election must be held in September 2021 where the mayoral term expires for mayors elected in September 2019.

The civic offices of mayors and deputy mayors elected by councillors in September 2021 will expire on election day being 4 December 2021.

The Snowy Valleys Council Deputy mayor has consistently been appointed for a 1-year term, the last election being held in September 2020, deeming a deputy mayor election necessary as the term has expired.

Schedule 7 of the Regulation prescribes three methods of election of mayors (and deputy mayors) being an open ballot (e.g. a show of hands), an ordinary ballot, or a preferential ballot.

Open ballots can be undertaken remotely where a council is conducting its meetings by audio visual link. Ordinary and preferential ballots are secret ballots and councillors will need to attend the meeting in person if the election is to be held by way of an ordinary or preferential ballot. There is provision in the current Public Health Order for attendance in person for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1. Receive the report on the election of mayor and deputy mayor for the period ending 4 December 2021.**
- 2. That the election of the mayor and deputy mayor for the period ending 4 December 2021 proceed by voting in the event of there being more than one candidate by way of either:**
 - a. Ordinary ballot, or**
 - b. Preferential ballot, or**
 - c. Open voting by way of show of hands, noting that an open ballot is required should Council choose to meet virtually and not in person.**

3. **Invite nominations for the election of mayor and deputy mayor for the period ending 4 December 2021 or for a maximum period of one year ending on the next date of the NSW Local Government Elections.**
4. **Conduct the election for mayor and deputy mayor in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 Schedule 7.**
5. **Elect a mayor in accordance with Sections 227 and 230 of the Local Government Act for the period ending 4 December 2021 or for a maximum period of one year ending on the next date of the NSW Local Government Elections.**
6. **Elect a deputy mayor in accordance with Section 231 of the Local Government Act for the period ending 4 December 2021 or for a maximum period of one year ending on the next date of the NSW Local Government Elections.**
7. **Confirm the successful candidates by resolution.**
8. **Following the election, approve for all nomination documents (and ballot papers if used) used in connection with the election of the mayor and deputy mayor be destroyed.**
9. **The Chief Executive Officer advise the NSW Office of Local Government and Local Government NSW of the result of the election.**

BACKGROUND:

Under the Local Government Act 1993 (amendments 2016) the term of office for a mayor elected by Councillors is for 2 years. Council has traditionally elected a deputy mayor for a single year period.

At the September 2019 Ordinary Meeting of Council, councillors elected Cr James Hayes OAM as Mayor for the mayoral term of two (2) years which expires in September 2021.

Similarly, at the September 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council, councillors elected Cr John Larter as deputy mayor for the term of one (1) year which expires in September 2021.

In response to the COVID pandemic situation in NSW, the Minister for Local Government announced the postponement of the Local Government elections from 4 September to 4 December 2021.

Advice from the NSW Office of Local Government confirms that councils whose mayoral terms expire in September 2021 must hold mayoral elections for the period ending 4 December 2021 (election date). The recommendation in the report also provides for any further extension for up to a year, which is considered prudent given the nature of the current pandemic afflicting the state.

Councils are not required to have a deputy mayor under legislation. For deputy mayors whose terms expire in September 2021, Council needs to either proceed with a deputy mayoral election as recommended in this report or resolve not to have someone in the role for the relevant period.

Nominations for both mayor and deputy mayor can be made prior to the meeting or from the floor on the day.

REPORT:

Sections 230(1) and 290(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993 prescribe the term for which a Mayor is elected and when this election is to be held.

Section 231 of the Local Government Act 1993 states that Councillors may elect a person to be the deputy mayor, and this may be for the mayoral term or for a shorter term.

Whilst the deputy mayor has no statutory authority other than that conferred by the mayor, Council has always elected a deputy mayor undertake civic duties when the mayor is absent and/or to chair various meetings should the mayor not be present at such meetings.

Both the election of the mayor and deputy mayor is covered by the provisions of Schedule 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

If only one nomination for the office of mayor or deputy mayor is received, the Returning Officer (Chief Executive Officer) will declare the name of the Councillor elected to the office of mayor or deputy mayor for the period determined by Resolution. The declaration will be recorded in the minutes.

If two or more nominations are received, an election is required. The Council must resolve the method to be used for the election.

In addition to the requirements of the Regulation, Councils have received further advice on the conduct of the election and the method of voting from the Office of Local Government in the current COVID-19 circumstances.

Legal advice was obtained from LGNSW in 2020 to confirm the voting requirements and whether a 'polling' function could be utilised if Council chose to meet virtually to undertake the election process. The advice confirmed that "Zoom Polling" was not an acceptable method of voting.

Nomination forms have been prepared for the election of mayor and deputy mayor. These have been distributed to Councillors by the Chief Executive Officer. Councillors are requested to complete nomination papers prior to the meeting and hand them to the Chief Executive Officer (Returning Officer) by 1.30 pm on the day of the Council meeting.

The nomination is to be made in writing by two or more councillors, (one of whom may be the nominee), and is not valid unless the nominee has indicated consent to the nomination in writing (emailing is considered sufficient).

Schedule 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* prescribes three methods of voting:

- open ballot (i.e. a show of hands)
- ordinary ballot, or
- preferential ballot.

Open ballots can be undertaken remotely where a council is conducting its meetings by audio visual link. Council has been meeting virtually in response to the current Public Health Orders and in accordance with the requirements as prescribed by the Office of Local Government.

Ordinary and preferential ballots are secret ballots and councillors will need to attend the meeting in person if the election is to be by way of an ordinary or preferential ballot.

If more than one Councillor is nominated, Council is to resolve whether the election is to proceed by preferential ballot, by ordinary ballot, or by open voting. Traditionally Council has resolved to vote by ordinary ballot, which is a secret ballot.

In the event that Council resolves to proceed with an ordinary ballot, then the only disclosure to be made by the Returning Officer will be the name of the elected candidate. If Council wishes individual votes to be known then it should resolve to vote by open voting.

On completion of voting the Returning Officer will declare the result (which will be recorded in the Minutes). At this point the recommendation authorising the destruction of nomination papers and any ballot papers should be considered for resolution by council.

The Regulation provides for the Office of Local Government and Local Government NSW to be informed of the results of the election.

LINKS TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

CSP Outcome 2028

Theme 4: Communication & Engagement

Delivery Outcomes

4.3 Council has sound organisational health and has a culture which promotes action, innovation, accountability and transparency

Operational Actions

Choose Operational Plan Activity

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:**Financial and Resources Implications**

Provision has been made in the 2021-2022 budget for the mayoral allowance, and any amount payable to the deputy mayor will be deducted from the budget amount for mayor. There is no additional allowance paid to the position of deputy mayor and any arrangements to remunerate the deputy mayor for periods of carrying out acting mayoral duties must be by arrangement between the mayor and deputy mayor.

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- (1) *A council must pay the mayor an annual fee.*
- (2) *The annual fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the mayor as a councillor.*
- (3) *A council may fix the annual fee and, if it does so, it must fix the annual fee in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Remuneration Tribunal.*
- (4) *A council that does not fix the annual fee must pay the appropriate minimum fee determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.*
- (5) *A council may pay the deputy mayor (if there is one) a fee determined by the council for such time as the deputy mayor acts in the office of the mayor. The amount of the fee so paid must be deducted from the mayor's annual fee.*

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Section 230 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, prescribes the period for which a mayor is elected. Section 290 of the *Local Government Act 1993* prescribes when an election of a mayor by councillors is held.

In accordance with Section 231 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, councillors may elect a person to be the deputy mayor, and this may be for the mayoral term or for a shorter term.

Elections must be conducted in accordance with *Local Government Regulation 2005 - Schedule 7 - Election of mayor by councillors, Clause 394*.

The fees to be paid to the mayor and deputy mayor are prescribed by s249 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which is reproduced below.

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

Should Council choose to undertake the voting for the election of mayor and deputy mayor by ordinary or preferential ballot, Council will need to reconvene in person for the purpose of the election.

In deciding which voting method to use for the mayoral election, councils should consider the personal circumstances of councillors to ensure that all councillors can participate in the mayoral election.

Councillors may attend council meetings in person under the *Public Health (COVID-19 Gathering Restrictions) Order (No 2) 2021* and the *Public Health (COVID-19 Additional Restrictions for Delta*

Outbreak) Order 2021 (Public Health Orders) for the purposes of participating in a mayoral election and staff may attend for the purposes of conducting the election.

In areas subject to stay at home restrictions under the Public Health Orders a person may leave their home for the purpose of undertaking any legal obligations and a person engaged in local government elections is an “authorised worker” for the purpose of the Public Health Orders.

Councils must comply with the Public Health Orders when holding a mayoral election and should observe appropriate social distancing and take any other steps necessary to minimise the risk of infection by the COVID-19 virus and to ensure the health and safety of all attendees.

OPTIONS:

The decision to elect a deputy mayor is optional. Council could opt to not have a deputy mayor for the remainder of the mayoral term.

Council can choose the method of voting for the election.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Legal advice was obtained from LGNSW in 2020 to confirm the voting requirements and whether a ‘polling’ function could be utilised if Council chose to meet virtually to undertake the election process.

The *Local Government Act 1993*, *Local Government Regulation 2005* and Office of Local Government websites were accessed for additional information.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 OLG Circular 21-24 13 August 2021 - 21-20 Postponement of the local government elections to 4 December 2021 (under separate cover) [⇒](#)
- 2 OLG Fact Sheet for conducting mayoral elections (under separate cover) [⇒](#)
- 3 SVC Election of Mayor or Deputy Mayor Form (under separate cover) [⇒](#)

10. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**10.2 VOTING DELEGATES AND PROPOSED MOTIONS FOR THE LG NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021**

REPORT AUTHOR: EXECUTIVE CHIEF OF STAFF
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference is the primary policy making event for the New South Wales local government sector. LGNSW member councils are invited each year to submit motions for discussion and debate to the conference.

Those motions that are resolved at the Conference will inform the update of the LGNSW Policy Platform which guides LGNSW in its advocacy on behalf of the local government sector.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. **Receive the report on Voting Delegates and Proposed Motions for the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference 2021.**
2. **Authorise the mayor and deputy mayor as Snowy Valleys Council's voting delegates for the LGNSW Board Elections and the LGNSW Annual Conference.**
3. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to advise LGNSW of the voting delegates.**
4. **Approve the following motions for submission to the LGNSW Annual Conference 2021:**
 - a. **That LGNSW calls on the NSW Government to acknowledge the long term financial sustainability challenges of local government, and to specifically address:**
 - i. **The detrimental impacts on council financial sustainability as a result of cost shifting to local government by both the Federal and NSW Governments, such as:**
 - (1) **The transfer of the emergency services levy to Councils**
 - (2) **The requirement to provide concessions (eg. pensioner concessions) without adequate compensation payments**
 - (3) **The failure to provide appropriate indexation for fees and charges prescribed under State legislation**
 - (4) **The vesting of Rural Fire Service assets in council, leaving councils to bear the cost burden of depreciation**
 - (5) **The transfer of management of Crown Lands to local councils without appropriate compensation to alleviate the financial and resource burden on councils for the development of Plans of Management**

- ii. **The antiquated rating system and its restrictions on council's ability to raise appropriate levels of revenue to fund the provision of an increasing range of services to their communities**
 - iii. **The impediment of maintaining Rural Centre employment numbers for merged councils in achieving long term efficiencies and savings**
 - iv. **The lack of ongoing operational funding for new and upgraded assets once they are commissioned under a capital funding stream**
 - v. **The inequity of taxation distribution among the 3 tiers of Australian government, including the reduction of the Financial Assistance Grants Scheme grant as a percentage of total taxation revenue**
- b. **That LGNSW calls on the NSW Government to clarify and expedite the matters relating to the Boundaries Commission independent statutory review announced on 20 July 2021:**
- i. **The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Boundaries Commission be placed on Public Exhibition and the Minister's intent on the purpose and role be made clear in an attached briefing paper;**
 - ii. **The Minister include a section in the ToR relating to the evaluation of De-amalgamation under Section 218CC and that this be at no cost to the ratepayers of the Council making the request;**
 - iii. **The Minister expedite the finalisation of the ToR once public exhibition is complete;**
 - iv. **The Minister immediately seeks expressions of interest for members for the Boundaries Commission and fill any vacancies with persons suitably qualified to fulfill the roles expected under the ToR.**

BACKGROUND:

Member councils are required to nominate voting delegates for the upcoming Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Board Elections and the LGNSW Annual Conference.

The LGNSW Annual Conference is the pre-eminent policy making event for the local government sector. Resolutions of the Conference help determine the policies and priorities for LGNSW and the sector.

It is a key event for local government where councillors come together to share ideas and consider issues that shape the way the sector functions and is governed.

LGNSW member councils are invited to submit motions to the Conference to advance the sector wide policy agenda.

Motions are strategic local government issues which affect members state-wide and introduce new or emerging policy issues and actions.

REPORT:

The following motions are proposed by Snowy Valleys Council for submission to the LGNSW Conference, being consistent with Council's identified sustainability challenges and adopted Sustainability Plan, and the following resolution from the 19 August 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting:

M169/21 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Section 218CC Local Government Act Proposals for de-amalgamations;
2. Continues to provide services and facilities for the whole of the Snowy Valleys community and endorses the great work that staff and volunteers continue to do for our community;
3. Write to the NSW Minister for Local Government and request:
 - a. a copy of the Boundaries Commission Terms of Reference (ToR)
 - b. that the ToR be expanded to include provisions relevant to fully evaluate the opportunity for a council to apply for a de-amalgamation and that this evaluation be at no cost to ratepayers of the Snowy Valleys Council;
 - c. that on finalisation of the ToR the Minister immediately appoint Commissioners that have expertise to fulfill the role expected under the ToR;
4. Request the Office of Local Government finalise the guideline/s and receive a report once this and the ToR have been published.
5. Authorise the development of this resolution (broadened to provide relevance to all amalgamated Local Governments in NSW), into a motion to be considered at the LGNSW Annual Conference 2021.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Cate Cross

Division

For

Cr Cross
Cr Ham
Cr Hayes
Cr Isselmann
Cr Smit
Cr Wright

Abstain

Cr Pritchard

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CARRIED

The proposed motions for consideration are:

Topic	Proposed Motion	Alignment with LGNSW Policy Platform
Long Term Sustainability of Local Councils	That LGNSW calls on the NSW Government to acknowledge the long term financial sustainability challenges of local government, and to specifically address:	Economic policy affecting local government

Topic	Proposed Motion	Alignment with LGNSW Policy Platform
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The detrimental impacts on council financial sustainability as a result of cost shifting to local government by both the Federal and NSW Governments, such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Transfer of emergency services levy to Councils b. The requirement to provide concessions (eg. pensioner concessions) without adequate compensation payments c. The failure to provide appropriate indexation for fees and charges prescribed under State legislation d. the vesting of Rural Fire Service assets in council, leaving councils to bear the cost burden of depreciation e. The transfer of management of Crown Lands to local councils without compensation to alleviate the financial and resource burden for the development of Plans of Management 2. The antiquated rating system and its restrictions on council's ability to raise appropriate levels of revenue to fund the provision of an increasing range of services to their communities 3. The impediment of maintaining Rural Centre employment numbers for merged councils in achieving long term efficiencies and savings 4. The lack of ongoing operational funding for new and upgraded assets once they are commissioned under a capital funding stream 5. The inequity of taxation distribution among the 3 tiers of Australian government, including the reduction of the Financial Assistance Grants Scheme grant as a percentage of total taxation revenue 	
Boundaries Commission	<p>That LGNSW calls on the NSW Government to clarify and expedite the matters relating to the Boundaries Commission independent statutory review announced on 20 July 2021:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Boundaries Commission be placed on Public Exhibition and the Minister's intent on the purpose and role be made clear in an attached briefing paper; 2. The Minister include a section in the ToR relating to the evaluation of De-amalgamation under Section 218CC 	Local government is democratically elected to shape, serve and support communities.

Topic	Proposed Motion	Alignment with LGNSW Policy Platform
	<p>and that this be at no cost to the ratepayers of the Council making the request;</p> <p>3. The Minister expedite the finalisation of the ToR once public exhibition is complete;</p> <p>4. The Minister immediately seeks expressions of interest for members for the Boundaries Commission and fill any vacancies with persons suitably qualified to fulfill the roles expected under the ToR.</p>	

LGNSW requests that Councils consider the alignment of any proposed motions against the LGNSW Fundamental Principles and Position Statements (attached).

Motions are to be submitted in accordance with the LGNSW 2021 Annual Conference Submission Guide (attached).

LINKS TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework: CSP Outcome 2028

Theme 4: Communication & Engagement

Delivery Outcomes

4.6 Council builds strong relationships with other organisations to advocate for our communities

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

The proposed motions articulate the endemic sustainability issues for local councils, the intent of which is to bring to the attention of the NSW Government for acknowledgement and action.

Financial and Resources Implications

There are no costs associated with the submission of motions to the conference.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Motions for the LGNSW Annual Conference should align with LGNSW Fundamental Principles and Position Statements and be consistent with the Conference Motions Submissions Guide (attached).

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

Nil

OPTIONS:

Council can opt to remove, add or amend the proposed motions.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

The proposed motions are informed by Councillor engagements with staff, the adopted Sustainability Plan and the communities of the Snowy Valleys.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Conference Motions Submissions Guide (under separate cover) [⇒](#)

10. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**10.3 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AS AT 31 JULY 2021**

REPORT AUTHOR: COORDINATOR MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The report provides a review of Council's income and expenditure against budget for the period from 1 July 2021 to 31 July 2021. Monthly financial reporting keeps Council informed of the progress that has been made in relation to the budget and allows for timely corrective action if required. Finance officers are currently reviewing the regular financial reporting and aim to continuously improve future reports

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on financial performance as at 31 July 2021.

REPORT:

A summarised financial report for Council is provided below for July 2021, comparing the operating year to date (YTD) actuals against the YTD budget. This report provides a point in time report for the financial year, noting that more adjustments may be made. The purpose of this report is to provide an indication of Council's financial performance at a particular point in time.

**Year to Date Result for July 2021****Overall Council Summary**

Account Description	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	% Variance YTD	\$ Variance YTD	Original Budget 21PJBD
Income					
Rates, Levies & Annual Charges	18,275,733	18,474,229	-1.07%	(198,496)	18,529,229
User Charges & Fees	573,412	522,785	9.68%	50,627	16,545,892
Interest & Investment Revenue	15,771	34,167	-53.84%	(18,396)	410,000
Other Income	237,066	209,291	13.27%	27,774	817,289
Operating Grants & Contributions	392,093	382,625	2.47%	9,468	10,740,156
Capital Grants & Contributions	24,480	25,500	-4.00%	(1,020)	19,053,000
Internal Income	327,799	819,366	-59.99%	(491,566)	8,313,727
Loss on Sale/Disposal	0	833	-100.00%	(833)	10,000
Total Income	19,846,354	20,468,797	-3%	-622,443	74,419,294
Expenses					
Employee Costs	1,144,060	1,230,597	7.03%	86,537	15,866,459
Materials & Contracts	1,318,730	1,524,281	13.49%	205,551	18,569,822
Depreciation & Impairment	902,083	902,083	0.00%	0	10,825,000
Other Expenses	521,097	645,453	19.27%	124,356	5,850,776
Interest & Investment Losses	44,618	46,354	3.74%	1,735	367,055
Internal Expense	319,128	595,165	46.38%	276,037	5,401,218
Loss on Sale/Disposal	0	0	0.00%	0	0
Total Expenses	4,249,716	4,943,933	14%	\$694,217	56,880,330
Operating Result	15,596,638	15,524,864	0%	71,774	17,538,964
Result after Capital Items	15,572,158	15,499,364	0%	72,794	(1,514,036)

Income:

Rate, Levies & Annual Charges are below YTD budget \$198K (1.07%).

User fees and charges income is above YTD budget by \$50K (9.68%).

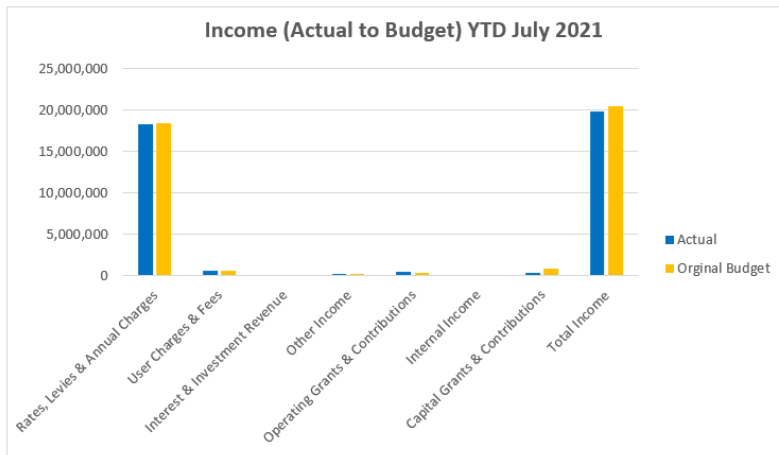
Investment revenue is below YTD budget by \$18K (53.8%) due timing of interest paid and a difficult investment environment.

Other Income is above YTD budget by \$27.7K (13.2%). Legal fees recovered not budgeted.

Operating Grants is above YTD budget by \$9K (2.4%).

Capital Grants income is below YTD budget by \$1K (4%).

Internal Income and Expense. These lines show the internal charging between departments. Income is greater than expense as capital expenses is not reported in this operating report.



Expenditure:

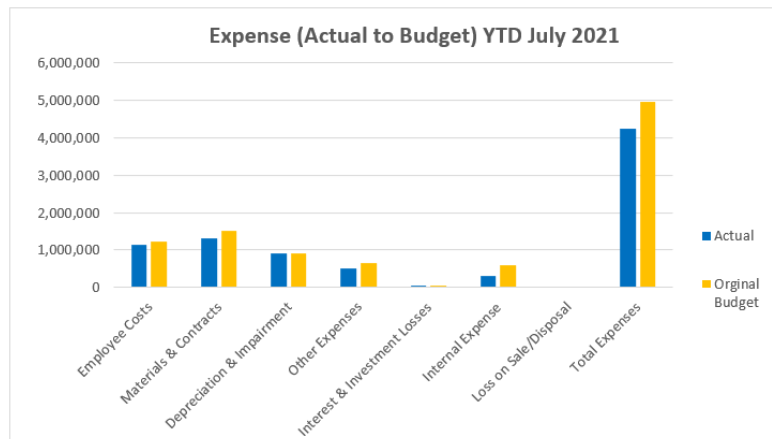
Employee costs are below YTD budget by \$86K (7%). This is due to Staff taking winter TOIL.

Materials and Contracts expenditure is below YTD budget by \$205K (13.4%). This is due to Staff taking winter TOIL

Other Expenses is below YTD budget by \$124K (19.2%).

Interest & Investment Expense is below YTD budget by \$1K (3.7%).

Internal Income and Expense. These lines show the internal charging between departments. Income is greater than expense as capital expenses is not reported in this operating report.



LINKS TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:**Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:****CSP Outcome 2028**

Theme 4: Communication & Engagement

Delivery Outcomes

4.3 Council has sound organisational health and has a culture which promotes action, innovation, accountability and transparency

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

N/A

Financial and Resources Implications

N/A

Costs and Benefits:

N/A

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

N/A

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

Monthly reporting informs Council and the community of the financial performance in comparison to budget at a point in time.

OPTIONS:

N/A

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Matters arising from the report that require further communication will be addressed at the meeting or taken on notice and a response will be provided.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

10. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**10.4 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - AUGUST 2021**

REPORT AUTHOR: FINANCE OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an overview of Council's cash and investment portfolio performance as at 31 August 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on Statement of Investments – August 2021.

BACKGROUND:

Nil

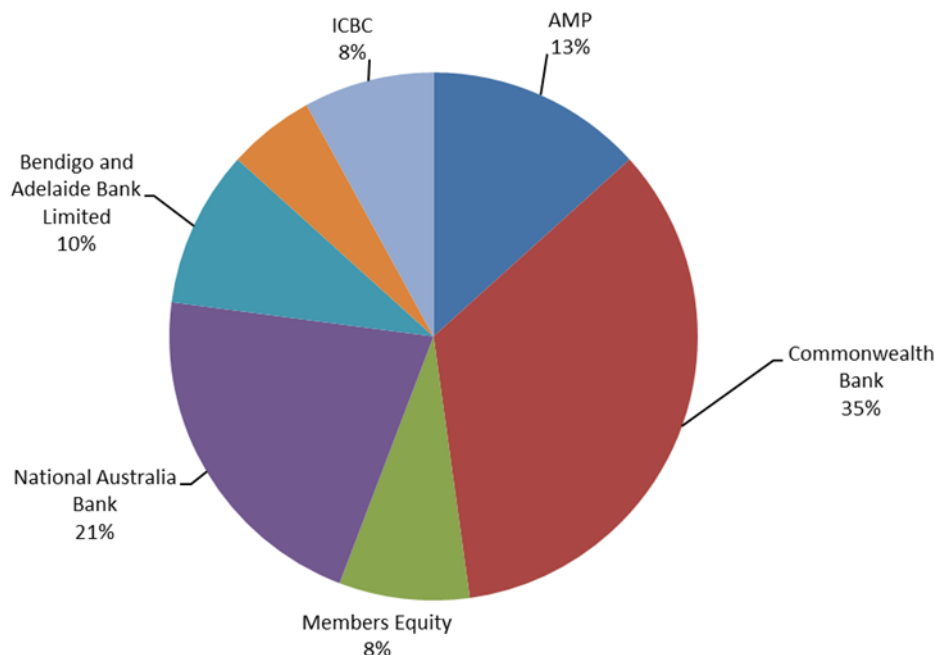
REPORT:

In accordance with Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, a monthly report is required to be submitted to Council detailing all investments of Council.

Combined Cash & Investments Table		31/08/2021				
Cash & 11am at call Accounts	Current Month	Last Month	Movement	Type	Interest Rate%	
Commonwealth Bank	\$ 5,119,575	\$ 581,965	\$ 4,537,610	W/Acct	0.10%	
Commonwealth Bank	\$ 7,841,532	\$ 8,839,713	-\$ 998,181	At Call (BOS)	0.20%	
Commonwealth Bank	\$ 5,591	\$ 3,613	\$ 1,978	Gen-Roth	0.10%	
Total Cash & At Call Investments	\$ 12,966,699	\$ 9,425,291	\$ 3,541,408		0.16%	
Term Deposits	Current Month	Last Month	Movement	Lodgement Date	Interest Rate%	Maturity Date
National Australia Bank	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	-\$ 1,000,000			
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	7/09/2020	0.75%	7/09/2021
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	7/09/2020	0.75%	7/09/2021
Members Equity	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	22/09/2020	0.65%	22/09/2021
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	25/11/2020	0.50%	25/11/2021
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	25/11/2020	0.50%	25/11/2021
AMP	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	7/12/2020	0.75%	7/12/2021
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited	\$ 1,057,811	\$ 1,057,811	\$ -	6/01/2021	0.45%	6/01/2022
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited	\$ 1,057,811	\$ 1,057,811	\$ -	6/01/2021	0.45%	6/01/2022
AMP	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	15/01/2021	0.75%	15/01/2022
Members Equity	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	19/02/2021	0.50%	19/02/2022
AMP	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	18/03/2021	0.75%	18/03/2022
ICBC	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	8/04/2021	0.65%	11/04/2023
ICBC	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	8/04/2021	0.85%	18/04/2024
National Australia Bank	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	27/04/2021	0.35%	27/04/2022
National Australia Bank	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	28/06/2021	0.60%	28/06/2023
National Australia Bank	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	15/07/2021	0.65%	17/07/2023
Westpac Banking Corporation	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	30/07/2021	0.32%	29/07/2022
National Australia Bank	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	30/07/2021	0.65%	31/07/2023
National Australia Bank	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	30/07/2021	0.31%	29/04/2022
Total Term Deposits	\$ 24,615,623	\$ 25,615,623	-\$ 1,000,000		0.58%	
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 37,582,321	\$ 35,040,914	\$ 2,541,408		0.44%	

% of Portfolio

Snowy Valleys Council August 2021 Total Cash and Investments



It is hereby certified that the above investments have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 and the regulations thereunder, and in accordance with the Snowy Valleys Council Investment Policy.

Cash and Investments increased \$2.5M during August 2021.

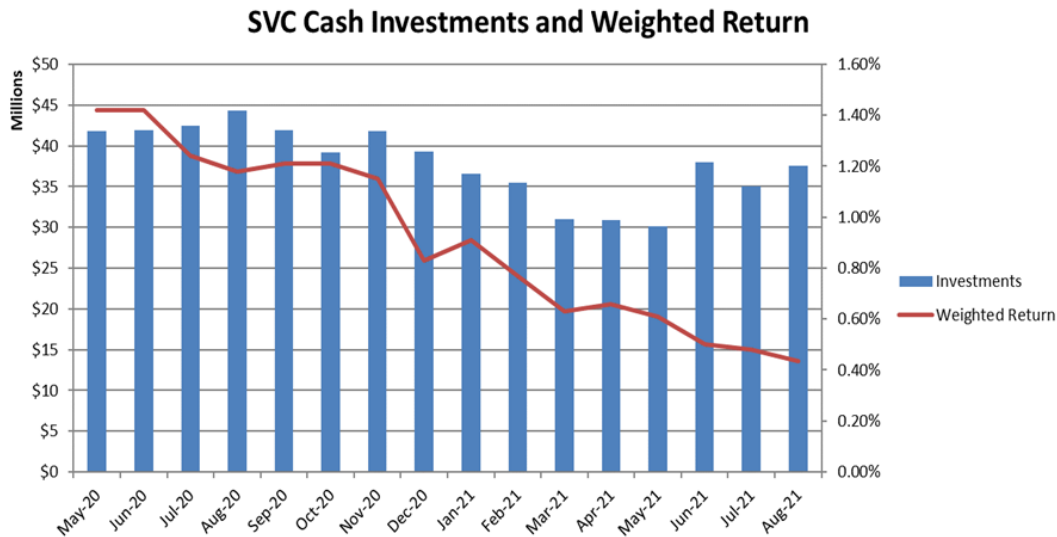
Major **cash receipts** received during August in addition to payment of the 1st instalment rates notices included:

- Transport NSW – Alpine Way Remediation \$928K
- Department of Industry – Financial Assistance Grant (FAGS Quarter 1) \$802K
- Transport NSW – RMS Block Grants/Restoration Works \$629K
- Rural Fire Service – Bombowlee Hanger/Tooma, Tumorrana, Darlow & Bombowlee Station Claim \$239K

Main **cash disbursements** (excluding employee costs) during the month included:

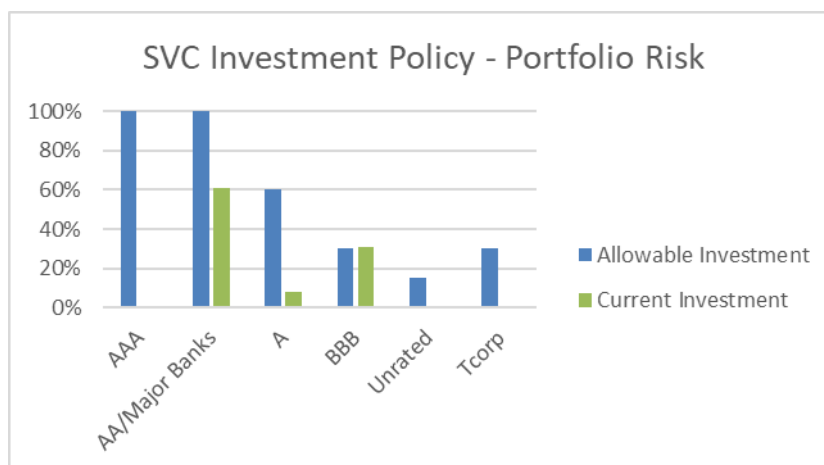
- 2021/22 Insurance Premiums \$665K
- FOGO Project \$638K
- Brindabella Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement \$246K
- Withers Bridge Replacement \$265K

Cash investment rates continue to fall due to the uncertain economic environment and long-term outlook. Council's investment policy requires Council officers to minimise investment risk by spreading investments across several institutions (institutional credit framework) as well as within its investment portfolio (overall portfolio credit framework). These risk minimisation measures impact the achievable rate of return. Council officers continue to monitor the investment market and regularly receive updates from Council's financial advisors.



This month the report includes a focus on portfolio risk, one of the 3 risks addressed in Council’s Investment Policy. Portfolio risk refers to the overall risk of the portfolio of investments, this includes the combined risk of each individual investment. The different components of the portfolio and their weightings contribute to the extent in which the portfolio is exposed to risk.

To control the credit quality on the entire portfolio, Council limits the percentage of the portfolio exposed to any particular credit rating category. The maximum percentage of the total portfolio that can be held within any one credit rating category is outlined in the investment policy. At the end of August, applying long-term ratings, Council held a 1% overweight position in BBB grade investments. Overall, the portfolio was lightly diversified across the investment grade spectrum, with no exposure to unrated investments. The following graph depicts Council’s portfolio exposure at 31 July 2021:



LINKS TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

**Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:
CSP Outcome 2028**

Theme 4: Communication & Engagement

Delivery Outcomes

4.3 Council has sound organisational health and has a culture which promotes action, innovation, accountability and transparency

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:**Financial and Resources Implications**

Investments are undertaken based upon the best rate on the day and after consideration of spreading Council's investment risk across various institutions as per the Investment Policy and section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

Costs and Benefits:

N/A

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

The information provided complies with Council's Investment Policy and Sections 625 of the Local Government Act 1993.

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

Monthly reporting of investments keeps Council informed of current cash holdings and return on investments.

OPTIONS:

N/A

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Matters arising from this report that require further communication will be addressed at the meeting or taken on notice and a response will be provided.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**11.1 DA2020/0191 - CARAVAN PARK - 30 PADDY RIVER FALLS ROAD BURRA**

REPORT AUTHOR: ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

An integrated development proposal for a caravan park at 30 Paddy River Falls Road, Burra has been received and assessed by Council, and includes 15 caravan sites, 3 moveable dwellings, a visitor centre with shared facilities and small shop, amenities block and ancillary access, earthworks and landscaping.

The proposal has been reported to Council due to the number of submissions received (6). The proposal is recommended for approval based on the s4.15 Development assessment report.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. **Receive the report on DA2020/0191 – Caravan Park – 30 Paddys River Falls Road, Burra.**
2. **Approve DA2020/0191, subject to conditions of consent.**

BACKGROUND:

The proposed development for a caravan park at 30 Paddys River Falls Road, Burra includes 15 caravan sites, 3 moveable dwellings, a visitor centre with shared facilities and small shop, amenities block and ancillary access, earthworks and landscaping. The development is integrated development, requiring the concurrence of the Rural Fire Service (RFS). RFS concurrence was obtained, subject to conditions.

The development was publicly notified and six (6) submissions were received in the relation to the proposed development. The issues raised in the submissions included traffic generation and safety of local road network, land use conflict with existing uses, impact on views, privacy and noise generation. These issues have been satisfactorily addressed by the applicant.

The assessment has been completed following a number of requests for additional information, addressing issues identified above, general planning requirements and from internal comments from Council Engineering staff.

REPORT:

The following matters have been assessed with regard to the proposed development:

(1)(a)(i) The provision of any Environmental Planning Instruments

The provisions of Tumbarumba Local Environmental Plan 2010 (the LEP) are applicable to the subject site. The site is zoned RU1 Primary Production under the land zone mapping of the LEP. The proposed land use of a caravan park is considered to be permissible with consent within the RU1 Primary Production zone.

A portion of the subject site is also identified on the Biodiversity mapping for the LEP, however the siting of the park will not impact on the biodiversity values identified by this layer.

The development is considered to be generally consistent with the provisions of the Tumbarumba LEP 2010.

Regional Environmental Plans or State Environmental Planning Policies

A number of State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs) are considered to be relevant to the proposed development. The key relevant SEPP is considered to be SEPP 21 – Caravan Parks. The proposal is considered to be consistent with the provisions of this SEPP. The proposal is considered to be consistent with all other relevant SEPPs as applicable.

(1)(a)(ii) Any proposed instrument that is or has been the subject of public consultation under the Act or the Provisions of any Draft Environmental Planning Instruments

There is no proposed or draft planning instrument that is considered to be applicable to the subject site or the proposed development.

(1)(a)(iii) Development Control Plans

The Snowy Valleys DCP 2019 is applicable to the proposed development, specifically Chapter 3 – Requirements Applying to All Types of Development. The proposed development has been assessed to be consistent with the controls of the DCP, not requiring any variations to controls. It is considered that the proposal is generally consistent with the objectives and controls of the DCP.

(1)(a)(iiia) Any Planning Agreement or Draft Planning Agreement that has been entered into

No planning agreement or draft planning agreement has been entered into or has been proposed by the development.

(1)(a)(iv) Any Matters Prescribed by the Regulation

The development is subject to consideration of the Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2005. This regulation sets out certain requirements for caravan parks under Division 3. In assessing the proposal against the requirements of the Regulation, it is considered that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of the Regulation.

(1)(b) The likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environment, and social and economic impacts in the locality

The overall impact of the proposal is considered to be generally minimal, given the existing state of the site, the locality and the social and economic impacts. An overview of the anticipated impacts is provided in the sections below.

Environmental:

Generally minimal environmental impact. The key built environmental impacts are limited to the generation of noise and traffic as a result of the development. Noise generation is considered to be able to be managed through management procedures for the development. Traffic impacts have been assessed and found to be acceptable for the level of infrastructure already in place in the area.

The key environmental impacts are considered to be the threat of bushfire to the development, impacts to existing views and vistas, and the large amount of earthworks required to facilitate the development. The bushfire hazard can be managed, in accordance with the conditions imposed on the development by the RFS. The amount of earthworks proposed by the development are considered to be required due to the topography of the site. The earthworks are to be suitably retained by engineered retaining walls.

The visual impacts have been assessed to be minimal, when viewed from the nearest public domain, being Paddys River Falls Road. The site currently has existing roadside vegetation providing some screening to the site when viewed from this location. Some visual impact is anticipated when viewing the site from other angles, due to the location of the development on the ridgeline. As the view from the site is considered to be one of the unique aspects of the development, it is not considered appropriate to require visual screening to the southern aspect of the development.

Social:

The proposed development is not considered to have a significant social impact, as the proposal will not increase antisocial behaviour in the area. There are no long-term sites or residences proposed that would see the introduction of residents to the site or area. The development will be privately accessed for paying users and will not offer general community facilities that will benefit local residents.

Economic:

The anticipated economic benefit in the locality is generally considered to be positive, supporting the tourist industry of the local government area. The development may attract tourists to visit support local businesses with additional opportunities to display and sell local made goods in the private convenience store or visitor centre.

(1)(c) Suitability of the site for the development

The site is generally considered to be suitable for the proposed development. There are no considerations under the EP&A Act that would deem the site to be unsuitable for the proposed development.

(1)(d) Any submission made in accordance with the Act or Regulations

Consideration of the submissions received from the public during the notification period has been completed. The relevant planning matters raised during consultation include:

- Traffic generation and safety of local road network
- Land use conflict
- Existing views and privacy
- Noise generation
- Right to farm/forest

The site is considered to be suitable for the proposed development, with the proposed and required adequate mitigation measures.

(1)(e) Public interest

The proposed development will not unacceptably impact on matters pertaining to the public interest, as determined by this assessment.

LINKS TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:**Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:****CSP Outcome 2028**

Theme 1: Towns and Villages

Delivery Outcomes

1.9 Provide a planning and development framework which protects the local amenity while supporting sustainable growth and an appropriate balance of land use

Operational Actions

1.9.3 Receive, assess, prepare and issue planning-related applications and certificates within legislated timeframes

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

N/A

Financial and Resources Implications

Minimal financial or resource implications

Costs and Benefits:

N/A

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

The assessment of the development application has been conducted in accordance with s4.15 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

A determination may be issued under s4.16 of the EP&A Act 1979 by the Council.

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

N/A

OPTIONS:

Council has the following options with regard to DA2020/0191:

1. Approve the application.
2. Defer approval of the application pending provision of additional information
3. Refuse the application

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

The development was referred internally to Councils Coordinator Survey & Design for review of the potential traffic impacts to Paddys River Falls Road and the Tooma Road intersection. Following extensive consultation and the provision of additional information in the form of a Traffic Impact Assessment, it was agreed that the existing infrastructure had the capacity to accommodate the potential increase in traffic generated from the development.

The development was also referred to RFS as integrated development. The RFS has provided their approval, along with a number of conditions that are to be included as conditions of development consent.

In addition to the above, the development was notified in accordance with the procedure required by the Snowy Valleys DCP 2019. Following this notification, 6 submissions were received. One of these submissions was in support of the proposal. 5 of these submissions objected on land use conflict, visual impact, noise generation, traffic generation and right to farm issues. It is considered that these concerns have been adequately addressed by the development.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**11.2 COMMUNITY RECOVERY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2021**

REPORT AUTHOR: COMMUNITY RECOVERY OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update on Community Recovery across the Local Government Area.

The transition of bushfire recovery within SVC to the current model occurred on 1st July 2020. Under the current model Resilience NSW funded a Community Recovery Officer to support recovery in the LGA. In May 2021, the program was extended for a further twelve months to 30 June 2022.

There are seven key deliverables that the Community Recovery Officer must complete in this timeframe.

Deliverable 1: Establish a Community Resilience Network

Deliverable 2: Facilitate Community Recovery Events

Deliverable 3: Develop a Local Recovery Action Plan incorporating community needs and activities

Deliverable 4: Provide access to relevant and timely recovery information

Deliverable 5: Develop a Local Recovery Plan

Deliverable 6: Develop a Transition Plan

Deliverable 7: Other deliverables, activities or initiatives as identified by Council

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1. Receive and note the Community Recovery Report September 2021.**
- 2. Authorise the CEO to write to NSW State Government Emergency Management Committee requesting that the Local Recovery Plan Template be approved in the immediate future.**

BACKGROUND:

Post the bushfires, recovery support for our communities which were impacted commenced immediately. In February 2020 a formal approach was coordinated by Resilience NSW whereby support agencies across Social, Economic, Built and Environmental recovery were brought into support. In July 2020 the current model was put in place.

The Community Recovery Officer has been tasked with seven key deliverables as outlined above.

The following report provides a summary of progress made against the key deliverables and an overview of recovery initiatives being implemented across SVC by a range of stakeholders including Council.

REPORT:Overview

The need for support in our impacted communities remains strong and is a continued focus for Council.

Since the Black Summer Bushfires of 2019/2020 Snowy Valleys' Local Government Area has also had flooding events and the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Recovery support is continually moving to meet the current needs of the community. An example of this is the clean-up of damaged and destroyed properties in the ensuing months post bushfires, once the clean-up was completed. The needs of those impacted most focused on rebuilding and repairing properties. Council continued to support those residents by providing a separate stream for development approvals for fire impacted residents. This ensured that we were able to prioritise these applications and separate them from what is considered business as usual.

The current focus in recovery is looking at a whole of community approach and what is required to support all our towns and villages across the greater LGA.

These initiatives are as follows:

- Disaster Preparedness. Response and Recovery planning at a grass roots level.
- Building capacity within communities to provide input into the plans.
- Embedding Mental Health and wellbeing programs into the LGA.
- Providing activities and events to promote social connectedness post disaster and Covid lockdown.
- Rehabilitating public spaces to provide safe access for communities.
- Assisting our Rural Communities with the removal of destroyed fencing debris from their properties.
- Environmental recovery programs which are community driven.
- Creating Community Activation Plans for the bushfire impacted towns. These plans will be produced after consultation and collaboration with the communities of Adelong, Batlow and Tumbarumba.
- Delivering the Ournie Hall rebuild.
- A round of Recovery Assistance Points in Adelong, Batlow and Tumbarumba, these assistance points will be used as a way of "checking in" with those impacted communities who may need further agency or council support.

Dealing with recovery has been difficult given the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions that we need to adhere to. With social connectedness of communities being one of the foundations in recovery best practice the restrictions have stunted the social recovery initiatives such as community engagement in preparedness, response and recovery plans.

Deliverable 1: Establish a Community Resilience Network

Ongoing work to establish a Community Resilience Network is being undertaken. Covid restrictions have impeded the implementation however planning is happening to move to online meetings initially.

A hybrid version of a CRN has been established in Batlow and held its first meeting in August 2021 prior to the current lockdown.

Forty-five (45) members made up of Community members and support agencies attended the meeting hosted by Dr Joe McGirr and Kristy McBain.

All the local Batlow Community Groups were represented, and the meeting provided them all with the opportunity to outline their objectives, projects and aspirations for Batlow.

The next meeting is scheduled for November.

Community Resilience Network rollouts will continue post Covid lockdowns.

Deliverable 2: Facilitate Community Recovery Events

Community engagement during Covid-19 restrictions has proven challenging. Recovery was treated as an essential service during the 2020 lockdowns however, this limited the amount of face-to-face contact that could be achieved with our impacted communities.

Gather

Once restrictions eased in late 2020 Council, in conjunction with the Primary Health Network, hosted five events called 'Gather'.

The Gather events took place in Adelong, Batlow, Tumbarumba and Tumut in November and December 2020. A cross border collaboration with Towong Shire was held in Jingellic in March 2021. The events focused on the importance of social connectedness post disaster and allowed our communities to come together and reconnect, be entertained and allow themselves some time and space to have some fun.

One of the highlights of the events was in Tumbarumba where Magda Szubanski and Will (Egg Boy) Connolly attended the event and spoke to the audience about the impact of trauma on people's wellbeing and to introduce the Regeneration Project which uses art as a medium to help with overcoming trauma associated with the impact of the bushfires.

Attendees' feedback from the events was very positive and highlighted a feeling of connectedness that they had not felt since the fires.

A Night on The Couch

Providing a space for the community to come together and share their experiences post the bushfires was an important part of their recovery journey.

The evening was attended by 85 local Tumbarumba residents who listened to five locals who shared their experiences post the fires and how they reached out for help and found support.

We successfully connected the attendees through a shared experience and destigmatised mental health support.

Further nights on the couch are planned across the LGA over the next nine months.

Upcoming Events

With the current lockdown situation in NSW, event planning is being cautiously undertaken.

The author has met with support agencies to commence the preparation of a calendar of events that are planned over the next nine months.

These include early planning of the following recovery initiatives:

Activate Snowy Valleys

A health and wellbeing morning for young mothers to take some time out, do some exercise and relaxation and attend a 2-hour workshop on trauma first aid and awareness.

These sessions will take place across the LGA.

Snowy Valley Outdoor and Wellness Expo

Based loosely on a field day, the Outdoor and Wellness Fair will showcase all of the activities that you can do during the Spring and Summer months within the Snowy Valleys such as Bike Riding, Hiking, Fishing, Camping etc. This will be combined with the health and wellbeing agencies who will be on hand to provide information on self-care and promoting the services available to our communities.

Whilst the target demographic is young males, the day will provide activities and entertainment for the whole community.

The planning is in the early stages and reliant upon Covid restrictions being lifted.

Support Agency Events

Murrumbidgee Primary Health and Murrumbidgee Local Health District Bushfire support have provided funding to organisations to continue to support our communities in various ways.

Events planned across the LGA by these organisations include. Fire Shed Fridays, Children's Creative Arts Programs, Music Programs, Movie Presentations, Beef Producers Dinner and many more.

These events are not Council run however we will provide promotion and logistical support where necessary.

The agencies involved in the social recovery domain have been provided with substantial financial support from both the State and Federal Government to continue to deliver services to our Bushfire impacted communities.

The Community Recovery Officer will continue to work with these agencies to ensure we get the best outcome for our communities.

Deliverable 3: Develop A Local Recovery Action Plan Incorporating Community Needs and Activities

The local recovery action plan has been developed and is utilised to highlight the ongoing needs of the community.

All actions in the initial recovery action plans have been completed.

Deliverable 4: Provide Access to Relevant and Timely Recovery Information

Council has continued to support the communities in providing information regarding recovery.

This has now reverted as business as usual for Council where information is distributed through numerous mediums such as local newspapers, social media and website.

Community Recovery Officer has provided weekly radio segments on Sounds of The Mountains Radio. This is now being done on an ad-hoc basis as required.

Deliverable 5: Develop A Local Recovery Plan

Development of the Local Recovery Plan has been delayed as the template for the plan is yet to be signed off by the NSW State Government Emergency Management Committee (SEMC).

This plan is an important deliverable set by Resilience NSW however, progress has been halted due to the lack of endorsement by the SEMC.

It is imperative that Council advocates for these templates to be released in the immediate future.

Deliverable 6: Develop A Transition Plan

Not scheduled to commence. However, it should be noted that the recent round of Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Funding Grants has provided recipients to June 2023 to deliver their projects and there are numerous projects external to Council that will require ongoing support and oversight by Council.

The Community Recovery Officer role is due to end in June 2022, support for these projects and the organisations that are delivering them will need transition to the relevant departments of Council.

Deliverable 7: Other Deliverables, Activities or Initiatives As Identified By Council

Case Management Support

Case management and support of our communities is being undertaken by Recovery Support Services which is a State Government funded program as well as being supported by non-government organisations such as Anglicare.

This collaborative approach to case management has provided continued support to our impacted residents since March 2020. These services will continue until December 2021. Anglicare have committed support until June 2023.

The case management support is now providing assistance with social support related to the Covid-19 pandemic by providing referrals for wellbeing support for those residents who require it.

Positive outcomes have been achieved with residents being provided local housing alternatives, additional financial support and direct access to mental health counselling.

Environmental Impact

Council completed the removal of damaged and destroyed vegetation from 350km of bushfire impacted road reserves across the region. This project resulted in multiple local contractors being engaged, in turn providing ongoing employment and economic benefit to our local government area. The funding for the project was extended until 30th June 2021 and work was completed within this timeframe.

The impact on our environment is considered extreme and Council is continuing to work with Landcare, Local Land Services and the Environmental Protection Authority to come up with ways to repair the damage, rejuvenate our road reserves and public lands and make them safe for public use. The recovery of our natural environment will be long term and is considered of utmost importance to our community.

Council has made application via the EPA Bushfire Grant funding to support rehabilitation works on Council Managed/Crown Land reserves such as Weemala Lookout and Walking Tracks, Paddys River Falls and Reedy Creek. The outcome of these applications is anticipated by October 2021. Without this funding, Council's ability to undertake this work and re-establish these reserves for public access will be compromised. Council is continuing to advocate for financial assistance to support environmental recovery initiatives.

Council has also made application under the EPA bushfire program to continue supporting our rural landholders in the removal and recycling of their bushfire impacted fencing debris. This initiative has seen council contractors going “farm to farm” to pick up and remove this debris. Should the funding application be successful, Council will roll out a program to provide continued support to our rural communities. All materials need to be recyclable and free of any non-recyclable materials.

Housing Rebuilds

Rebuilds of lost homes have commenced with 25% of properties that were lost applying for Development Approvals. A continued focus around educating the community of the approval process as well as offering tailored support for our residents to guide them through the process is available.

To date Council has waived in excess of \$140,000 in fees relating to the rebuilding of dwellings or out-buildings that were damaged or destroyed by the bushfires.

Council continues to support all residents who lost their properties, and it should be noted that a considerable number of impacted residents have purchased other properties within the Snowy Valleys LGA.

Data in respect of bushfire affected areas across NSW indicates that the average number of rebuilds 5 years after a bushfire event is approximately 20%.

The author has considered this statistic and whilst it is important to provide as much support those residents wishing to rebuild, it is equally important to understand that not everyone is prepared to rebuild their homes but would rather take an alternative approach.

Council's focus is to continue to assist in providing the relevant support to those residents who are seeking to rebuild their dwellings and out-buildings.

Rate Relief

At the time of this report, a total of \$367,915.70 has been provided to eligible residents in rate relief. A further six months of rate relief has been announced and Council is awaiting the payment from the State Government. Once this has been received it will be passed on to the property owners.

Rate relief has been provided for all residents who lost their homes in the Bushfires. The State Government has announced a further 6 months relief for those residents however this has not been extended to the farming community who received more than 75% of damage to their farms.

Council, as part of the Canberra Joint Organisation of Councils are advocating strongly for the farmers to be included in the rate relief program and a joint letter has been sent to the Minister for Local Government (attached Doc ID 3125514) outlining their concerns and asking for farmers and rural landholders to be included in the rate relief program.

Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Funding

Council received \$250,000 as part of the State and Federal Governments' Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Funding (Stream 1).

The funding has been applied to the following initiatives:

Reedy Park Rehabilitation

Initially this project was scoped to rehabilitate the Weemala Lookout in Batlow. After consultation with the Batlow community, it was agreed that these funds would be used to clean up Reedy Park.

The damaged Bridge in Reedy Park has now been removed however, works to remove damaged and destroyed vegetation have not commenced due to the wetter than average conditions experienced through Winter. These works are planned to commence in late September 2021.

Hello Snowy Valleys – Community Voices Project

A series of writing workshops have been delivered and twenty local people were engaged to tell their stories in a performance at the Batlow Literary Institute. Rehearsals were underway but unfortunately the current Covid lockdown restrictions forced the postponement of the shows that were scheduled.

It is anticipated the performances will be rescheduled to early 2022.

Community Activation Plans

Procurement of external consultants has been completed.

SVC – Community Recovery and Resilience Grants

Council awarded a total of \$62,500 to 16 community groups.

Snowy Valleys Bushfire Recovery Hub

A notable recipient of BCRRF (Stream 2) was Do It for Batlow Inc who agreed to auspice the grant to commence a community led and driven Snowy Valleys Bushfire Recovery Hub located in Batlow.

The Hub will be established to provide ongoing support and assistance to the impacted communities and residents within the Snowy Valleys.

The Hub will provide a physical space for use by agencies and support services to use as well as being able to host workshops, meetings and presentations.

It is an aspiration of the Do It for Batlow committee that this project will eventually morph into a sustainable ongoing hub for all of our communities to access for support.

Sculptures by the Sea

Sculptures by the Sea were successful in receiving funding to bring a Sculpture Trail to the Snowy Valleys region.

The Sculpture Trail will see sculptures installed in Adelong, Batlow, Tumbarumba and Tooma. The trail will attract visitors both locally and internationally to the region to visit the displays.

The Sculptures by the Sea group have established a local community advisory group who will be assisting them with this project.

University Of NSW

The University of New South Wales received funding to deliver community Preparedness, Response and Recovery plans to the Snowy Valleys' Communities.

This project will help build resilience within our communities to survive, adapt and grow in the face of challenges both expected and unimagined.

This project will help to build the resilience of our towns to fires, floods, and other emergencies by supporting community members, community sector organisations, businesses, Council to enhance disaster recovery, preparedness, mitigation, and prevention strategies.

Developing practical, community-owned measures will be the central focus and will include plans such as risk assessments, awareness-raising, participatory 'action-planning' workshops, scenario planning and business continuity planning.

For resilience to work it must prioritise people. The project is about developing locally owned activities, whatever they may be, based on local knowledge and experience to help build that culture of resilience.

Financial and Resources Implications:

Funding provided by Resilience NSW

POLICY, LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC

N/A

OPTIONS:

N/A

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Rates Relief - Correspondence from CRJO to Minister for Local Government - Doc ID 325514 (under separate cover) [⇒](#)

11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**11.3 20/21 SNOWY VALLEYS COUNCIL LOCAL HERITAGE GRANTS**

REPORT AUTHOR: PROGRAM MANAGER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report seeks the endorsement of Council for the allocation of funding under the 2021/22 Local Heritage Grants Program as detailed in this report.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. **Receive the report on 20/21 Snowy Valleys Council Local Heritage Grants.**
2. **Endorse the projects recommended for funding through the 20/21 SVC Local Heritage Grants program, being:**
 - a. **22-24 Neill St, Adelong - \$3,000**
 - b. **243 East Grahamstown Rd, Adelong - \$5,000**
 - c. **84 Tumut St, Adelong - \$1,400**
 - d. **72 Gilmore St, Adelong - \$3,000**
 - e. **31-33 Carey St, Tumut - \$1,350**

BACKGROUND:

Snowy Valleys Council has made funds available for this financial year under its Local Heritage Grants Program to encourage the conservation of heritage items within the Snowy Valleys Local Government Area and promote a positive community attitude to heritage conservation.

The total available funds for this year's grant program are \$13,750 (\$7,700 from Snowy Valleys Council and \$6050 from the Office of Environment and Heritage NSW).

The grant program opened on 21st June and closed on 23rd July 2021.

REPORT:

Funding is available for 'Listed' heritage items and buildings in the Heritage Conservation Areas in the Tumut and Tumbarumba Local Environmental Plans, or a building supported by Council's heritage advisor as being of heritage significance. Further to receipt of Applications to Snowy Valleys Local Heritage Fund, on review of the seven (7) applications received the following comments are provided.

2021-22/01 Repairs and external painting to former Methodist Manse, Adelong

Submission for the proposed external repairs repainting to this locally listed Heritage Item (I14) "former Wesleyan Parsonage" at 22-24 Neill St, Adelong. On review the works proposed suits the criteria of the local heritage fund, with Council approval needed under LEP Clause 5.10 (3).

Recommendation is for the repairs and external painting to this important 'residence' to be undertaken in accordance with heritage advisor recommendations with funding of \$3,000 (incl GST) from Council's LHF acceptable for this project.

2021-22/02 Repairs to chimney & re-roofing to 'Gibraltar' 243 Grahamstown Rd, Adelong

Submission for the proposed roof replacement and chimney repairs to be undertaken to this locally listed Heritage Item (I40) "Gibraltar" (former mine manager's residence). This project suits the criteria of the fund with approval from Council as per LEP Clause 5.10 (3) required prior to works commencing on site.

Recommendation is for the roof replacement project and for the chimney repairs/reconstruction to be undertaken as per heritage advisor recommendations, with funding of \$5,000 (incl GST) from Council's LHF acceptable for this heritage project.

2021-22/03 Verandah repairs / restoration to Cottage, 21 Wynyard St, Tumut

Submission regarding the restoration and replacement of rotted timbers at the verandah to the locally listed Heritage Item (I86) "Residence" at 21 Wynyard St, Tumut and located within the Tumut Heritage Conservation Area and on review the works proposed suits the criteria of the local heritage fund. Council approval will be needed under LEP Clause 5.10 (3).

Discussion with owner after submission and on not receiving quotations has decided to withdraw the application, with intention to meet with the heritage advisor later this year to discuss this and other restoration projects at the cottage.

2021-22/04 Signwriting to Adelsonia Theatre, 16 Tumut St, Adelong

Submission received for the proposed signwriting to the front of the Adelsonia Theatre, to this mainstreet building. The "Adelsonia Theatre" is a locally listed Heritage Item (I20) and located within the Adelong Heritage Conservation Area and on review the works proposed suits the criteria of the local heritage fund. Approval for the works is required from Council as per LEP Clause 5.10 (3) prior to works commencing on site.

Recommendation for the signwriting to the front of the Adelsonia Theatre to be funded from Council's LHF as it's an important project that will improve the streetscape. The works to be undertaken to Heritage Advisor recommendations with funding of \$1,400 (incl. GST) acceptable for this project.

2021-22/05 Roof restoration to former 'Rectory' 72 Gilmore St, Adelong

Submission for the proposed restoration and repainting of roofing to the former "Rectory" at 72 Gilmore St, Adelong a locally listed Heritage Item (I4) and on review the works proposed suits the criteria of the local heritage fund. Council approval will be needed under LEP Clause 5.10 (3).

Recommendation is for the roof restoration and repainting to former "Rectory", Adelong to be funded from Council's LHF as it is an important heritage project. The works shall be undertaken in accordance with heritage advisor recommendations with funding of \$3,000 (incl GST) acceptable for this project.

2021-22/06 Fence restoration to Catholic Church, 31 Carey St, Tumut

Submission for the upgrading, repairs and maintenance to the front fence to Capper Street frontage at the "Immaculate Conception Catholic Church", a locally listed Heritage Item (I55) and on review the works proposed suits the criteria of the local heritage fund. Council approval will be needed under LEP Clause 5.10

Recommendation is for the fence upgrading project at the Capper Street frontage to be funded from Council's LHF. The works to be undertaken as per heritage advisor recommendations, with funding of \$1,350 (incl GST) acceptable for this important heritage project.

2021-22/07 External upgrade to shop in mainstreet at 12-14 The Parade, Tumbarumba

Submission for the proposed external / street facade upgrade and repainting to the "Ride Tumba" shop in mainstreet at 12-14 The Parade, Tumbarumba, and on review the works proposed suits the criteria of the local heritage fund.

Although the project for the external / street facade upgrade and repainting of the building in the main street of Tumbarumba suits the criteria of the local heritage fund, due to the number of applications received and its rating/ranking unfortunately this project cannot be funded. This project ranked lower as it is not a heritage item within a heritage conservation area as Tumbarumba does not have a Heritage Conservation Plan. It is not a requirement that buildings be listed on Council's Local Environmental Plan (LEP) however preference is given to those buildings included on the LEP.

Recommendations for Funding

As per the level of funding allocated to each project within the Local Heritage Grant Guidelines it states:

"Generally, the level of funding per project will be \$1,000, with a maximum amount of \$5,000 for a major project. Applicants will be required to provide at least matching finance for the projects. Due to the competitive nature of the program, Council may offer funding less than the requested amount. There will clearly be cases where you may wish to contribute more to the project".

Preference then is to provide monies where applicable to ranking and availability of funds and try and give most projects some money, with the lower ranking projects receiving a lesser amount of funds.

LINKS TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

CSP Outcome 2028

Theme 1: Towns and Villages

Delivery Outcomes

1.1 Create welcoming towns and villages that are vibrant, accessible and foster a sense of community

Operational Actions

1.1.2 Facilitate delivery of Council funded Community Grant Programs

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Positive	Negative
Social	Funding to enable owners of heritage buildings to conserve heritage items within the Snowy Valleys Local Government Area	Limited funds making some projects difficult to be delivered.
Environmental	Nil	Nil
Economic	Providing funds enable owners of heritage buildings to undertake conservation works	Limited funds making some projects difficult to be delivered.

	Positive	Negative
Governance	Council provides clear guidelines for the Local Heritage Grants Program	Minority of customers may not want to abide by the Local Heritage grant guidelines

Financial and Resources Implications

The Local Heritage Grants have allocated funds within the 21/22 financial year budget and are also partly funded by Office of Environment and Heritage NSW.

Costs and Benefits:

The program provides kick start funding to encourage a number of projects. In the process, it is hoped that this will engender greater interest for conservation of heritage items within the local government area.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Community Grants are delivered according to Snowy Valleys Community Grant Program Guidelines and the Local Heritage Grants Guidelines.

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

Nil

OPTIONS:

Council can choose not to fund the recommended projects and provide feedback to the Local Heritage advisor.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Applications were invited through advertising in traditional and digital media and on Council's website and facebook page.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Local Heritage Grant 2021-22 - Applications Summary - Council Report (under separate cover) [⇒](#)
- 2 Heritage Grant Application Assessments_2021-22 (under separate cover) - Confidential

12. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**12.1 MINUTES - RRL ADVISORY COMMITTEE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING - 22 JULY 2021**

REPORT AUTHOR: MANAGER CUSTOMER AND TECHNOLOGY
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The RRL Advisory Committee Extraordinary meeting was held on 22 July 2021. WWCC, as the Executive Council adopted the minutes at their 9 August 2021 Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1. Receive the report on Minutes - Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee Extraordinary Meeting – 22 July 2021.**
- 2. Note the Minutes of the Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee Extraordinary Meeting held on 22 July 2021.**
- 3. Note that SVC will not be submitting an Expression of Interest for the role of Executive Council of RRL.**

BACKGROUND:

The RRL operates under two primary pieces of legislation – the Local Government Act 1993 and the Library Act 1939.

As a member Council of RRL and signatory to the RRL Deed of Agreement 2018 – 2022, Snowy Valleys Council has appointed two delegates, one of which is an elected person, to be members of the RRL Advisory Committee.

Wagga Wagga City Council (WWCC) undertakes the role of 'Executive Council' under the current RRL Deed of Agreement, and RRL operates under the policies of the Executive Council in order to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act. An advisory committee, known as the RRL Advisory Committee, provides advice and recommendations to the Executive Council on matters pertaining to RRL.

REPORT:

The RRL Advisory Committee Extraordinary meeting was held on 22 July 2021. WWCC, as the Executive Council adopted the minutes at their 9 August 2021 Council Meeting.

COMMITTEE MINUTES**M-1 RIVERINA REGIONAL LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING - 22 JULY 2021****21/270 RESOLVED:**
On the Motion of Councillors V Keenan and D Tout**That Council receive and endorse the minutes of the RRL Advisory Committee
Extraordinary Meeting held on 22 July 2021.****CARRIED****RECORD OF VOTING ON THE MOTION**For the MotionY Braid OAM
G Conkey OAM
D Hayes
V Keenan
R Kendall
T Koschel
K Pascoe
D ToutAgainst the Motion

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Acknowledgment – Cr Dallas Tout

Cr Dallas Tout resigned from the position of Chairperson of the RRL Advisory Committee on 16 July 2021. The position of Chairperson will be filled by Deputy Chairperson Cr Pam Halliburton, Junee Shire Council, until Local Government Elections are held in December 2021 and elections for Advisory Committee held at the following RRL Advisory Committee Meeting scheduled for March 2022.

Position Statement

Noting that WWCC is currently reviewing its provision of library services, support, and recognition for RRL delivery of exemplary service and model of local government collaboration over its 43-year history was put on record. A working party was formed to examine options for the ongoing sustainable delivery of RRL to all member councils.

Purchase of the RRL Administration Centre

Discussions will continue with WWCC for the purchase of the RRL Administration Centre building at 2 Galing Place, Wiradjuri. In conjunction with this a cost analysis will also be undertaken on all outgoings associated with 2 Galing Place, Wiradjuri. A request has been made to WWCC for this information.

RRL Executive Council

Expressions of interests have been sought from RRL member councils to undertake the role of Executive Council for the period of 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2026 in accordance with the RRL Deed of Agreement.

SVC will not be submitting an Expression of Interest for the role of Executive Council of RRL.

Crown Solicitor Advice

The RRL Executive Director has been authorised to seek advice for the Crown Solicitor through the Library Council of NSW in relation to the RRL Deed of Agreement 2018-2022, with a report to be presented to the October 2021 Advisory Committee Meeting.

LINKS TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:**Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:****CSP Outcome 2028**

Theme 1: Towns and Villages

Delivery Outcomes

1.2 Provide accessible services and initiatives which support and contribute to wellbeing across all stages of life

Operational Actions

1.2.5 Provide a contemporary library to the community through libraries at Adelong, Batlow, Tumbarumba, Tumut, Talbingo.

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:**Financial and Resources Implications**

SVC has an operating budget for 2021/2022 of \$872,673.

Costs and Benefits:

Nil

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Library Act 1939

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

Should WWCC choose to exit RRL, there is a potential reputational risk between Wagga Wagga City Council and the other RRL member councils.

OPTIONS:

Nil

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

12. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**12.2 MINUTES - DISABILITY INCLUSION ACCESS REFERENCE GROUP MEETING
- 26 AUGUST 2021**

REPORT AUTHOR: MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1. Receive the report on the Disability Inclusion Access Reference Group Meeting - 26 August 2021**
- 2. Note the Minutes of the Disability Inclusion Access Reference Group Meeting - 26 August 2021**

BACKGROUND:

The Disability Inclusion Access Reference Group (DIARG) was formed as an action of the Snowy Valleys Council, Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) to advise and support the achievement of the actions in the plan.

The DIAP is a legislated plan for Public Authorities under the Disabilities Act 2014.

The DIARG meetings assist in monitoring the progress of the DIAP.

REPORT:

At the 26 August 2021 meeting the following items were discussed:

DIA10/21 RESOLVED:

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The following amendment was requested. The street name of where the footpath is required is in 'Currawong' Road not 'Kurrajong' Road.

That the minutes of the Disability Inclusion Access Reference Group Meeting held on 22 July 2021 be received.

Martin Brown / Clr. Cate Cross
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DIA11/21 RESOLVED:

The agenda for the Disability Inclusion Assess Reference Group Meeting held on 26th August 2021 be accepted.

Martin Brown / Clr. Cate Cross
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DIA12/21 RESOLVED:

Frequency of DIARG Meetings: to revert to bi-monthly as per the Terms of Reference, instead of monthly as currently being held. Committee members advised they were agreeable to change the days/dates to ensure there was a quorum as required.

Martin Brown / Clr. Cate Cross
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Business Arising

Footpath at Currawong Road near the Bull Paddock: it was explained Council has received the request regarding a footpath on Currawong Road near the Bull Paddock (Tumut). This request is currently in the process of being costed.

Footpath Gilbert Street, Tumbarumba (East side): it was previously raised at the former Tumbarumba MSO Welfare Committee of the need for a footpath to be established on the east side of Gilbert St between Regent and Bridge Street. It was discussed Council is currently completing water pipe laying at this location. Chair to contact Council regarding the previous request to see where it has progressed too.

DIARG Survey Questions: The committee members were presented with the developed questions discussed at the last meeting. Feedback was provided for questions one and three. It was explained the DIAP survey would be created and distributed via Survey Monkey. It was requested for a paper copy to be made available to those residents who don't have access to the survey online.

General Business

A request was made for the minutes of the DIARG meetings to be distributed to the Tumut Community Association. Manager Community Services to follow up on this action.

An employee from Flourish Australia would like to join the DIARG Committee. Possible member details to be forwarded to representative Council staff.

Snowy Valleys Council has been chosen to develop a Collaborative Care project looking at how regional residents can access services and work together. A member of the DIARG is invited to join the working group to assist with the development. Further information about the working group and the project to be forwarded to representative Council staff to distribute to all committee members.

Next Meeting: Thursday 28th October 2021, 11.00am via Zoom.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 11.34am

LINKS TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

CSP Outcome 2028

Theme 1: Towns and Villages

Delivery Outcomes

1.2 Provide accessible services and initiatives which support and contribute to wellbeing across all stages of life

Operational Actions

1.2.1 Continue delivery of current Disability Inclusion Access Plan ongoing activities and develop and adopt a new Disability Inclusion Action Plan

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

Nil.

Financial and Resources Implications

Nil.

Costs and Benefits:

The cost and benefits of the DIARG are intangible and contribute to enhancing the welfare and social inclusion of people with disability in the Snowy Valleys Council local government area.

Tangible actions realised, are those actions of the Snowy Valleys Council Disability Inclusion Action Plan achieved.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

In accordance with the Disability Inclusion Act 2014, Division 3 Disability Inclusion Action Plan, 12. Requirements for Disability Inclusion Action Plans. Councils as a *public authority* must have a plan that sets out specific measures to include people with a disability.

In accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993, 375 Minutes, requires Councils' *'to keep full and accurate minutes'*.

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

Nil.

OPTIONS:

Nil.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 20210826 - Minutes - Disability Inclusion Access Reference Group (under separate cover) [↔](#)

13. CONFIDENTIAL

The Local Government Act provides that Council may close to the public that part of the meeting that deals with matters of a confidential nature. Section 10(2) lists such matters.

The grounds on which a meeting is closed to the public must be specified in the decision to close the meeting and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Recommendation:

That Council move into Confidential to consider the matters listed in the confidential section of the agenda in accordance with Section 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 for the reasons specified.

13.1 WRITE-OFF OF DEBTS

Item 13.1 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A 2 (b) and (e) as it relates to discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer and information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

13.2 REQUEST FOR TENDER 2021/06 - DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF AERONAUTICAL GROUND LIGHTING (APL/PAPI) - TUMUT AERODROME

Item 13.2 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A 2 (d)i and (d)ii as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

13.3 REQUEST FOR TENDER 2021/08 - SUPPLY OF BULK MATERIALS

Item 13.3 is confidential under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A 2 (d)i and (d)ii as it relates to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.