



SNOWY VALLEYS COUNCIL MEETING
BUSINESS PAPER
17 FEBRUARY 2022

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2.00PM
IN THE TUMBARUMBA COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIA VIDEO LINK

Statement of Ethical Obligations

Councillors are reminded of the oath or affirmation of office they made under section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993 and the obligation under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

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

This meeting is live streamed on Council's website to allow the community to follow Council debates and decisions without the need to attend meetings in person. Members of the public attending or speaking at a meeting agree to have their image, voice and personal information (including name and address) recorded and publicly broadcast. Snowy Valleys Council does not accept liability for any defamatory remarks or inappropriate comments that are made during the course of a meeting. Any part of the meeting that is held in closed session will not be streamed.

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 Council's website;

[Council Meetings - Snowy Valleys \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://www.snowyvalleys.nsw.gov.au)



Thursday 17 February 2022
Snowy Valleys Council Chambers
Bridge Street, Tumbarumba and 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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NIL

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5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Ordinary Meeting - 20 January 2022

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 January 2022 be received and confirmed as an accurate record

**THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
BRIDGE STREET TUMBARUMBA AND VIA VIDEO LINK, ON THURSDAY 20
JANUARY 2022 COMMENCING AT 2.05PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Ian Chaffey (Chair), Councillor Johanna (Hansie) Armour, Councillor Julia Ham, Councillor James Hayes, Councillor Sam Hughes, Councillor Michael Ivill, Councillor John Larter, Councillor Brent Livermore, Councillor Trina Thomson.

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.

2. APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND REMOTE ATTENDANCE

There were no apologies or Leave of Absence received. Councillor Larter and Councillor Hayes attended remotely via video link.

M7/22 RESOLVED:

A motion was moved and seconded that the request from Councillors Larter and Hayes to attend the 20 January 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council remotely via video link be received and granted.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Sam Hughes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**5.1 ORDINARY MEETING - 18 NOVEMBER 2021****M8/22 RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 November 2021 be received.

Cr John Larter/Cr James Hayes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 EXTRAORDINARY MEETING - 11 JANUARY 2022**M9/22 RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 11 January 2022 be received.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Brent Livermore

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 BUSINESS ARISING

Councillors raised various items of Business Arising from the previous minutes and no resolutions were made.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/PETITIONS

Nil.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION/NOTICE OF RESCISSION

Nil.

8. MAYORAL MINUTE**8.1 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PREVIOUS COUNCILLORS****M10/22 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

Receive and note the Mayoral Minute 'Acknowledgement of Previous Councillors'.

Cr Ian Chaffey

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of the Meeting of the Snowy Valleys Council held in the Council Chambers Bridge Street Tumbarumba and Via Video Link on Thursday 20 January 2022

9. URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil.

M11/22 RESOLVED:

To move item 11.1 Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee to beginning of meeting.

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr Johanna (Hansie) Armour

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report on Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee.
2. Determine not to establish a Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee.
3. Continue addressing matters through actions included within the Operational Plan.

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr Julia Ham

AMENDMENT

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report on Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee.
2. Continue addressing matters through actions included within the Operational Plan.
3. Snowy Valleys Council establish a Climate Change Adaptation Committee.

The amendment was put and was carried.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Brent Livermore

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M12/22 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report on Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee.

2. Continue addressing matters through actions included within the Operational Plan.
3. Snowy Valleys Council establish a Climate Change Adaptation Committee.

The amendment became the motion and was put and carried.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Brent Livermore

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

10.1 2022 SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND TIMES

MOTION

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on the 2022 Schedule of Ordinary Council meeting dates.
2. Determine a Schedule of Ordinary Council Meeting dates and times for 2022, ensuring that the requirements of s.365 of the Local Government Act 1993 are adhered to.
3. Approve the following Ordinary Council meeting dates for 2022 commencing at 2pm to be held in the Tumut Council Chambers:

Thursday 17 February 2022

Thursday 17 March 2022

Thursday 21 April 2022

Thursday 19 May 2022

Thursday 16 June 2022

Thursday 21 July 2022

Thursday 18 August 2022

Thursday 15 September 2022

Thursday 20 October 2022

Thursday 17 November 2022

Thursday 8 December 2022

Cr Julia Ham/Cr John Larter

AMENDMENT

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 - Thursday 17 November 2022
 - Thursday 8 December 2022

The amendment was put and carried.

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr Brent Livermore

Division**For**

Cr Armour
Cr Chaffey
Cr Ham
Cr Hughes
Cr Ivill
Cr Livermore
Cr Thomson

Against

Cr Larter
Cr Hayes

7/2

CARRIED

M13/22 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on the 2022 Schedule of Ordinary Council meeting dates.
2. Determine a Schedule of Ordinary Council Meeting dates and times for 2022, ensuring that the requirements of s.365 of the Local Government Act 1993 are adhered to.
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The amendment became the motion and was put and carried.

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr Brent Livermore

Division

For

Cr Armour
Cr Chaffey
Cr Ham
Cr Hughes
Cr Ivill
Cr Livermore
Cr Thomson

Against

Cr Larter
Cr Hayes

7/2

CARRIED

10.2 2022 MEETING CALENDAR**M14/22 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on 2022 Meeting Calendar as at 20 January 2022.
2. Endorse the 2022 Meeting Calendar as at 20 January 2022.
3. Add the Ordinary Council meeting dates as resolved at this meeting.
4. Amend any dates or times that may conflict with proposed Ordinary Council meetings.

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**10.3 COMMITTEES AND NOMINATION OF DELEGATES FOR 2022-2024****M15/22 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on Committees and Nomination of Delegates for 2022-2024.
2. Review and nominate councillor delegates and alternate delegates to each of the Committees where a delegate is required as indicated in the attachment.
3. Remove the following committees from the list for the reasons listed below:

Children's Services Committee–Snowy Valleys – this is not a formal committee.

RMS Consultative Committee – This committee is no longer active.

South East Australian Transport Strategy Inc – Membership of Committee has not been current since 2019.
4. Advise each committee of their councillor and/or staff delegate for the 2022-24 period as follows:

Section 355 Community Committees

- Adelong Showground Committee: Cr Hayes
- Glenroy Heritage Reserve Committee: Cr Ham; Cr Livermore as alternate
- Tooma Recreation Reserve Committee – Cr Livermore; Cr Ham as alternate

Internal Advisory Committees

- Aboriginal Liaison Committee: Cr Hughes; Cr Larter as alternate
- Audit Risk and Improvement Committee: Cr Ham; Cr Livermore
- Australia Day Committee: Cr Thomson

- Chief Executive Officer Review Committee: Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Ham
- Climate Change Adaptation Committee: Cr Armour; Cr Hughes as alternate
- Disability Inclusion Access Reference Group: Cr Thomson
- Tumbarumba RSL Memorial Hall Management Committee: Cr Livermore
- Tumut Aerodrome Committee: Cr Ivill; Cr Larter
- Tumbarumba Region Youth Council: Cr Hughes
- Tumut Region Youth Council: Cr Hughes

Working Groups

- Pratt Foundation Steering Group: Cr Chaffey; Cr Hayes; Cr Thomson; Cr Larter
- Snowy Valleys Community Grants Assessment Panel: Mayor; Deputy Mayor

External Committees with Council Representation

- Adelong Progress Association: Cr Hayes
- Brindabella Economic Group: Cr Armour
- Canberra Region Joint Organisation: Mayor; Cr Hayes as alternate
- Humelink Community Consultative Group: Cr Ham; Cr Armour as alternate
- Interagency Forum: Cr Thomson
- Southern Regional Planning Panels: For later review
- Local Emergency Management Committee: Review the opportunity for a Councillor Delegate to be appointed to the Committee and bring a report on this to a future meeting of Council
- Local Traffic Committee: Cr Hayes; Cr Ivill
- Riverina Regional Library Service: Cr Ham
- Softwood Working Group: Mayor; Cr Ham; Cr Thomson as alternate
- Tumut Chamber of Commerce: Cr Thomson
- Tumbarumba Chamber of Commerce: Cr Ham, Mayor as alternate
- Visy Community Consultative Committee: Cr Hayes; Cr Larter as alternate

Cr James Hayes/Cr Michael Ivill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M16/22 RESOLVED to move into Committee of the Whole

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Michael Ivill left the meeting, the time being 03:07 pm.
Cr Michael Ivill returned to the meeting, at 03:08 pm.

M17/22 RESOLVED to move out of Committee of the Whole

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4 DELEGATIONS FROM COUNCIL TO THE GENERAL MANAGER, MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MOTION:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Delegations from Council to the General Manager (Chief Executive Officer), Mayor and Council Committees.
2. Revoke any previous delegations to the General Manager (Chief Executive Officer), Mayor and Council Committees.
3. Delegate to the General Manager, the Mayor and the Council Committees, the delegations as provided in the “Delegations from Council to the General Manager, Mayor and Council Committees” document attached to this report.

Cr John Larter/Cr Julia Ham

M18/22 RESOLVED to move into Committee of the Whole

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr Johanna (Hansie) Armour

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M19/22 RESOLVED to move out of Committee of the Whole

Cr Julia Ham/Cr John Larter

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M20/22 RESOLVED:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Delegations from Council to the General Manager (Chief Executive Officer), Mayor and Council Committees.
2. Revoke any previous delegations to the General Manager (Chief Executive Officer), Mayor and Council Committees.
3. Delegate to the General Manager, the Mayor and the Council Committees, the delegations as provided in the “Delegations from Council to the

General Manager, Mayor and Council Committees” document attached to this report.

Cr John Larter/Cr Julia Ham

Division

For

Cr Chaffey
Cr Ham
Cr Hayes
Cr Hughes
Cr Ivill
Cr Larter

Against

Cr Armour
Cr Thomson
Cr Livermore

6/3

CARRIED

10.5 DRAFT CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

M21/22 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Code of Meeting Practice – For Public Exhibition
2. Consider and provide feedback on the sections of the Code of Meeting Practice, if required.
3. Place the Draft Code of Meeting Practice on public exhibition for 42 days.
4. Report to be presented to council prior to 30 June 2022 for adoption.
5. Following adoption, the document is communicated throughout Council ensuring staff and Councillors are aware of the revised document.

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.6 CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDEES, VOTING DELEGATES AND MOTIONS FOR LGNSW CONFERENCE 28 FEBRUARY - 2 MARCH 2022

MOTION:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Confirmation of attendees, voting delegates and motions for LGNSW Conference 28 February – 2 March 2022 in Sydney.
2. Confirm councillor attendees for the LGNSW Conference.
3. Confirm the two (2) voting delegates for voting on motions as being the mayor and deputy mayor.
4. Review and confirm the following motions as resolved at September 2021 ordinary meeting of council (M199/21):

- 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 (e.g. 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 218C 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.

5. Consider the following additional motion for submission to the LGNSW Conference:
 - a. That the NSW Government facilitate a comprehensive review of the structural, regulatory and funding frameworks for streetlighting including:
 - i. A review of the pricing framework;
 - ii. A review of the current code for the provision of Public Lighting;
 - iii. Support for progressing smart innovation and new technologies;
 - iv. Quality assurance for billing to eliminate discrepancies and errors;
 - v. A review of the current ownership and maintenance arrangements for street lighting across the State, noting the complexities of the existing arrangements and the cost and resource liabilities currently imposed on Local Councils associated with the management of these assets.

Cr James Hayes/Cr Julia Ham

M22/22 RESOLVED to move into Committee of the Whole

Cr Brent Livermore/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M23/22 RESOLVED to move out of Committee of the Whole

Cr Sam Hughes/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Put the Motion.

Cr James Hayes

Division**For**

Cr Hayes
Cr Larter

Against

Cr Armour
Cr Chaffey
Cr Ham
Cr Hughes
Cr Ivill
Cr Livermore
Cr Thomson

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LOST

AMENDMENT:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Confirmation of attendees, voting delegates and motions for LGNSW Conference 28 February – 2 March 2022 in Sydney.
2. Authorise all councillors to attend the LGNSW Conference if they choose to do so.
3. Confirm the two (2) voting delegates for voting on motions as being the mayor and deputy mayor.
4. Review and confirm the following motions as resolved at September 2021 ordinary meeting of council (M199/21):
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 - 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
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 - iii. Support for progressing smart innovation and new technologies;
 - iv. Quality assurance for billing to eliminate discrepancies and errors;

- v. A review of the current ownership and maintenance arrangements for street lighting across the State, noting the complexities of the existing arrangements and the cost and resource liabilities currently imposed on Local Councils associated with the management of these assets.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Sam Hughes

The amendment was put and carried.

Division	
For	Against
Cr Armour	Cr Hayes
Cr Chaffey	Cr Larter
Cr Ham	
Cr Hughes	
Cr Ivill	
Cr Livermore	
Cr Thomson	
7/2	
CARRIED	

M24/22 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Confirmation of attendees, voting delegates and motions for LGNSW Conference 28 February – 2 March 2022 in Sydney.
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Cr Julia Ham/Cr Sam Hughes

The amendment became the motion and was put and carried.

Division

For

Cr Armour
Cr Chaffey
Cr Ham
Cr Hughes
Cr Ivill
Cr Livermore
Cr Thomson

Against

Cr Larter
Cr Hayes

7/21

CARRIED

10.7 BUDGET 2022/23 - BUDGET PRINCIPLES

M25/22 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Budget 2022/23 – Budget Principles.
2. Adopt the Budget Principles as follows:
 - a) Council is committed to pursue a sound and sustainable fiscal policy;
 - b) Performance, evaluation, and value for money are integral to the budget process and Council's financial management;
 - c) The budget presents a comprehensive, accurate and reliable account of Council finances;
 - d) Operational budgets are closely aligned with Council's medium-term strategic priorities;
 - e) Capital budgets align with Council's strategic asset management plans and long-term strategic priorities;

- f) Council facilitates public engagement and inclusive, participative, and realistic debate on budgetary choices;
 - g) Budget execution is actively planned, managed, and monitored;
 - h) Council actively advocates for operational support from other levels of government.
3. Request the CEO to present a balanced budget for the 2022/23 financial year for adoption by Council prior to the beginning of the financial year.

Cr Michael Ivill/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.8 APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL RATE VARIATION 2022/23 AND 2023/24

**M26/22 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on Application for Special Rate Variation 2022/23 and 2023/24.

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.8 APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL RATE VARIATION 2022/23 AND 2023/24

**MOTION:
THAT COUNCIL:**

2. Receive the community engagement outcomes report on Council's proposed Special Rate Variation Application.
3. Acknowledge the feedback received from the community during the community engagement and public exhibition process in 2021 and provide this to IPART as part of the Special Rate Variation application.
4. Adopt the updated Long-Term Financial Plan 2021/32 after public exhibition in October/November 2021, noting that no public submissions were received.
5. Proceed with a permanent Special Rate Variation application for the purpose of maintaining existing services, enhancing financial sustainability, and funding infrastructure maintenance and renewal.
6. Make an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) under section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993 for increases to the ordinary rate income of 15.7% in 2022/23 (including the rate peg) and 17.5% in 2023/24 (including the rate peg), representing a total cumulative increase of 35.95% over the two-year period, to be a permanent increase retained within the rate base.

7. Adopt the submission to IPART, consisting of IPART application form Part A Special Variation 2022/23 and IPART Application form Part B Special Variation 2022/23.
8. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake any necessary minor administrative or editorial changes to the submission to IPART.
9. Consider the implementation of the Special Rate Variation (if successful) during the deliberations of Council's Delivery Program, operational plan and budget 2022/23.

Cr John Larter/Cr Trina Thomson

M27/22 RESOLVED to move into Committee of the Whole.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Sam Hughes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Cr Ian Chaffey left the meeting, the time being 03:51 pm and Deputy Mayor Cr Thomson assumed the role of Chair.

Mayor Cr Ian Chaffey returned to the meeting, at 03:54 pm and returned to the role of Chair. Deputy Mayor Cr Thomson resumed her position.

Point of Order

A Point of Order was called by Cr Thomson that Cr Hayes was being disrespectful.

Point of Order upheld by Chair with request for Cr Hayes to rephrase his comments.

M28/22 RESOLVED to move out of Committee of the Whole

Cr James Hayes/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENDMENT

THAT COUNCIL:

2. Receive the community engagement outcomes report on Council's proposed Special Rate Variation Application.
3. Acknowledge the feedback received from the community during the community engagement and public exhibition process in 2021 and provide this to IPART as part of the Special Rate Variation application.
4. The introduction of any Special Rate Variation, if approved by IPART, shall not be implemented until such time as Council has given adequate consideration to all other opportunities for productivity improvements and

Council will not endorse reductions in service levels or sale of assets without further community consultation.

5. Proceed with a permanent Special Rate Variation application for the purpose of maintaining existing services, enhancing financial sustainability, and funding infrastructure maintenance and renewal.
6. Proceed with an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) under Section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993 for increases to the ordinary rate income of 12.5% in 2022/23 (including the rate peg limit) and 12.5% in 2023/24 (including the rate peg limit), representing a cumulative increase of 26.66% over the two year period to be a permanent increase retained within the rates.
7. Adopt the updated Long Term Financial Plan for 2021/32 to incorporate the amendments as resolved by Council after consideration of the impacts of the introduction of a Special Rate Variation of 12.5% each year for two years being a cumulative increase of 26.66%.
8. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake any necessary minor administrative or editorial changes to the submission to IPART.
9. Consider the implementation of the Special Rate Variation (if successful) during the deliberations of Council's Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Budget 2022/23.

Cr Brent Livermore/Cr Trina Thomson

M29/22 RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned for a short break.

Cr James Hayes/Cr Michael Ivill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 4.15pm. The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 4.32pm.

M30/22 RESOLVED to move into Committee of the Whole.

Cr Johanna (Hansie) Armour/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M31/22 RESOLVED to move out of Committee of the Whole

Cr John Larter/Cr James Hayes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENDMENT**THAT COUNCIL:**

2. Receive the community engagement outcomes report on Council's proposed Special Rate Variation Application.
3. Acknowledge the feedback received from the community during the community engagement and public exhibition process in 2021 and provide this to IPART as part of the Special Rate Variation application.
4. The introduction of any Special Rate Variation, if approved by IPART, shall not be implemented until such time as Council has given adequate consideration to all other opportunities for productivity improvements and Council will not endorse reductions in service levels or sale of assets without further community consultation.
5. Proceed with a permanent Special Rate Variation application for the purpose of maintaining existing services, enhancing financial sustainability, and funding infrastructure maintenance and renewal.
6. Proceed with an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) under Section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993 for increases to the ordinary rate income of 12.5% in 2022/23 (including the rate peg limit) and 12.5% in 2023/24 (including the rate peg limit), representing a cumulative increase of 26.66% over the two year period to be a permanent increase retained within the rates.
7. Adopt the updated Long Term Financial Plan for 2021/32 to incorporate the amendments as resolved by Council after consideration of the impacts of the introduction of a Special Rate Variation of 12.5% each year for two years being a cumulative increase of 26.66%.
8. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake any necessary minor administrative or editorial changes to the submission to IPART.
9. Consider the implementation of the Special Rate Variation (if successful) during the deliberations of Council's Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Budget 2022/23.

Cr Brent Livermore/Cr Trina Thomson

The amendment was put and lost.

For	Division	Against
Nil		Cr Armour Cr Chaffey Cr Ham Cr Hayes Cr Hughes Cr Ivill

Cr Larter
Cr Livermore
Cr Thomson

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LOST UNANIMOUSLY

M32/22 RESOLVED

THAT COUNCIL:

2. Receive the community engagement outcomes report on Council's proposed Special Rate Variation Application.
3. Acknowledge the feedback received from the community during the community engagement and public exhibition process in 2021 and provide this to IPART as part of the Special Rate Variation application.
4. Adopt the updated Long-Term Financial Plan 2021/32 after public exhibition in October/November 2021, noting that no public submissions were received.
5. Proceed with a permanent Special Rate Variation application for the purpose of maintaining existing services, enhancing financial sustainability, and funding infrastructure maintenance and renewal.
6. Make an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) under section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993 for increases to the ordinary rate income of 15.7% in 2022/23 (including the rate peg) and 17.5% in 2023/24 (including the rate peg), representing a total cumulative increase of 35.95% over the two-year period, to be a permanent increase retained within the rate base.
7. Adopt the submission to IPART, consisting of IPART application form Part A Special Variation 2022/23 and IPART Application form Part B Special Variation 2022/23.
8. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake any necessary minor administrative or editorial changes to the submission to IPART.
9. Consider the implementation of the Special Rate Variation (if successful) during the deliberations of Council's Delivery Program, operational plan and budget 2022/23.
10. Not implement the introduction of any Special Rate Variation, if approved by IPART, until such time as Council has given adequate consideration to all other opportunities for productivity improvements and not endorse reductions in service levels or sale of assets without further community consultation.

Cr John Larter/Cr Trina Thomson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.9 DISCLOSURE OF POLITICAL DONATIONS AND ELECTORAL EXPENDITURE FOR COUNCILLORS**M33/22 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive the report on Disclosure of Political Donations and Electoral Expenditure for Councillors.
2. Note the disclosure obligations of elected officials as requested by the NSW Electoral Commission.

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr Julia Ham

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**10.10 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - NOVEMBER 2021****M34/22 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

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

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Michael Ivill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**10.11 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - DECEMBER 2021****M35/22 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:**

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

Cr Trina Thomson/Cr Michael Ivill

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

It was resolved via M10/22 to move Item 11.1 '*Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee*' to the beginning of meeting.

12. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**12.1 MINUTES - DISABILITY INCLUSION ACCESS REFERENCE GROUP MEETING - 2 NOVEMBER 2021**

M36/22 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive and note the report on the Minutes of the Disability Inclusion Access Reference Group meeting held on 2 November 2021.

Cr Julia Ham/Cr Johanna (Hansie) Armour

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2 MINUTES - LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - 25 AUGUST 2021

M37/22 RESOLVED:
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on the Minutes – Local Traffic Committee – 25 August 2021
2. Note the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 25 August 2021
3. Adopt the following recommendation/s from the minutes:

a) Item 4.1 – McAuley School Bus Routes:–

- I. Receive the report on McAuley School, Capper Street Bus Routes
- II. Recommend that the bus zone at McAuley Catholic Central School be moved from the East side of Capper Street to the North Side of Carey Street Tumut after the successful application to reroute bus routes.

b) Item 4.2 – McAuley Catholic Central School Upgraded Pedestrian Crossing:–

- I. Receive the report on McAuley Catholic Central School, Upgraded Pedestrian Crossing.
- II. The pedestrian crossing at McAuley Catholic Central School across Capper Street Tumut be upgraded subject to funding according to the plans linked to the funding application.

c) Item 4.3 – McAuley Traffic Arrangements Student Dropoff and Pick Up Zone:-

- I. Receive the report on McAuley Traffic Arrangements Student Dropoff and Pick up Zone
- II. Install a Student Drop Off and Pick up Zone “Kiss and Drop Zone” on the East Side of Capper Street Tumut at McAuley Catholic School

subject to successful application to reroute bus routes, the relocation of the bus zone and available funding.

d) Item 4.4 – Driver Reviver Site, Fitzroy Street Tumut:-

- I. Receive the report on the Driver Reviver Site, Fitzroy Street, Tumut.
- II. That the upgraded Driver Reviver site be installed.
- III. Negotiate with Transport for NSW for necessary permits for access to the site from the Snowy Mountains Highway.

e) Item 4.5 – Event Snowy Valleys Challenge:-

- I. Receive the report on Snowy Valleys Cycle Challenge.
- II. Support the application for the event of the Snowy Valleys Cycle Challenge when Transport for NSW gives concurrence in response to requests for further information.

Cr Sam Hughes/Cr Trina Thomson

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 5.09pm.

10. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**10.1 COUNCILLORS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES - LGNSW COURSES FOR COUNCILLORS**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Cr Hughes and Cr Ham have both notified the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of training courses offered by Local Government NSW (LGNSW) that they wish to undertake within this financial year.

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of these upcoming training opportunities tailored for councillors through LGNSW, to seek approval for the attendance of Cr Hughes and Cr Ham to their nominated training courses, and to discuss and / or approve the attendance of additional councillors to the below-mentioned training courses offered through LGNSW.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. **Receive the report on Councillors Training Opportunities – LGNSW Courses for Councillors.**
2. **Approve the attendance of Cr Hughes at the following courses, provided there is sufficient funds within his budget allocation at the time of registering his attendance:**
 - a. **“Understanding LG Finances for Councillors”, offered online.**
 - b. **“Communicating Council Information – Priorities & Initiatives”, offered online.**
 - c. **“Chairing & Effective Meeting Procedures for Councillors”, offered online.**
 - d. **“Personal Branding for Career Success”, offered in-person.**
3. **Approve the attendance of Cr Ham at the online LGNSW course “Speed Reading”, provided there is sufficient funds within her budget allocation at the time of registering her attendance.**
4. **Discuss and confirm the attendance of additional councillors for any of the abovementioned LGNSW courses, provided it is within the councillor’s budget allocation at the time of registering attendance.**

BACKGROUND:

The LGNSW Learning & Development Team provide a wide range of short training courses aimed at enhancing the skills of elected members. The courses are available via either online or face-to-face delivery. A list of available courses is available on the LGNSW website.

On Tuesday 25 January the CEO provided to all councillors a list of online training opportunities offered by LGNSW, with a request to submit interest in courses by Wednesday 2 February 2022.

Cr Hughes advised his interest in the courses “Chairing & Effective Meeting Procedures for Councillors”, “Communicating Council Information – Priorities & Initiatives”, “Personal Branding for Career Success”, and “Understanding LG Finances for Councillors”.

Cr Ham advised her interest in the course “Speed Reading”.

REPORT:

The courses offered by LGNSW facilitate professional and leadership development in a variety of areas, thereby enabling elected members to effectively represent their community. The courses of interest to Cr Hughes and Cr Ham are:

Understanding LG Finances for Councillors (Cr Hughes)

Online 9:00am – 12:30pm; Next Available Dates: 9 March + 6 April 2022; Cost \$440 incl GST

This workshop assists councillors and senior managers to interpret financial information received and to make informed decisions about strategic financial issues facing Council.

Communicating Council Information – Priorities & Initiatives (Cr Hughes)

Online 9:00am -12:30pm; Next Available Date: 17 March 2022; Cost \$440 incl GST

This workshop assists councillors in learning how to convert complex topics into easy to digest information that engages non-technical audiences.

Chairing & Effective Meeting Procedures for Councillors (Cr Hughes)

Online 9:00am -12:30pm; Next Available Date: 20 May 2022; Cost \$440 incl GST

This workshop is designed to assist councillors in gaining the skills and confidence required to effectively chair, participate in, and contribute to council meetings.

Personal Branding for Career Success (Cr Hughes)

Full Day Workshop; No Dates Scheduled; Cost \$770 incl GST

This workshop provides participants with an understanding of the psychology of dress. 'Enclothed cognition' is used to describe the effect what we wear has on psychological processes such as emotions, self-evaluation, attitude, and interaction with others.

This workshop is only conducted in-person, either at a regional location or at the council office. If held at a central regional location, travel and accommodation costs may also be incurred.

Speed Reading (Cr Ham)

Online 9:00am -12:30pm; Next Available Dates: 30 March + 28 June 2022; Cost \$440 incl GST

This workshop assists participants to increase their reading speed and improve comprehension.

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

Theme 4: Communication & Engagement

Delivery Outcomes

4.5 Council demonstrates strong leadership through a governance framework which drives progress towards achieving the community vision

Operational Actions

4.5.1 Implement a Councillor Professional Development Program

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:**Financial and Resources Implications**

Provisions within Council's 2021/22 Operational Budget have been made for the attendance at conferences and training courses by councillors.

At the commencement of this current term, a pro-rata amount of \$36,557 was allocated for training and conference attendance by the Mayor and councillors, as per below:

Mayor	\$6,016
Deputy Mayor	\$4,627
Councillors	\$3,702 each

The current balance for each councillor and the impact of the costs incurred through attending the training proposed in this report is below:

Councillor	Opening Balance	Costs committed for LGNSW Special Conference	Costs Proposed In This Report (excl GST)	Closing Balance
Mayor Chaffey	\$6016.00	\$2000.00		\$4016.00
Dep Mayor Thomson	\$4627.00	\$2000.00		\$2627.00
Cr Hughes	\$3702.00	\$2000.00	\$1900	-\$198.00
Cr Ham	\$3702.00		\$400	\$3302.00
Cr Hayes	\$3702.00			\$3702.00
Cr Armour	\$3702.00			\$3702.00
Cr Livermore	\$3702.00			\$3702.00
Cr Ivill	\$3702.00			\$3702.00
Cr Larter	\$3702.00			\$3702.00

As identified in the table above, Cr Hughes has separately indicated that he also wishes to attend the LGNSW Special Conference scheduled for 28 February – 2 March 2022. Resolution M24/22 from the ordinary council meeting on 20 January 2022 approved the attendance of all councillors to this conference. It is estimated that the cost of attending the Special Conference will be approximately \$2000 per councillor.

Council approval for conference / course attendance is conditional on adequate funds being available. Budget projections highlighted in the above table indicate that Cr Hughes' budget will most likely not extend this financial year to allow the attendance at all four above-nominated courses plus the LGNSW Special Conference.

Despite this approval is sought for the attendance to all nominated courses, with the condition that registration will only proceed if sufficient funds to cover all costs are available within Cr Hughes' budget.

Costs and Benefits:

The duration of each course and their respective costs are outlined in the Report section above.

This is Cr Hughes' inaugural term as a Snowy Valleys councillor. Council has a legislated obligation to promote and provide tailored individual professional development opportunities to all councillors, particularly those councillors new to local government. The nominated courses will enhance Cr Hughes' ability to effectively undertake his role as councillor and serve the community.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Council's *Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors Policy* requires Council to make resolution on training / conference attendance for those seeking Council's financial support to attend.

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

Nil

OPTIONS:

Council can choose to approve the attendance of Cr Hughes and Cr Ham individually at one or more of their nominated courses, provided the funds are available in their budget at the time of registering attendance with LGNSW.

Council can choose to not approve the attendance of either councillor at their nominated courses.

Council can choose to approve the attendance of additional councillors at the nominated courses, provided funds are available within the respective councillor's budgets at the time of registering attendance with LGNSW.

Councillors can opt to forfeit all or part of their training allocation to another councillor.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Overview of Nominated Training Courses - LGNSW (under separate cover)
- 2 Summary of LGNSW Courses for Councillors (under separate cover)

10. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**10.2 2021/22 DELIVERY PROGRAM HALF YEARLY PROGRESS REPORT (JULY - DECEMBER 2021)**

REPORT AUTHOR: ACTING CORPORATE PLANNER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: EXECUTIVE CHIEF OF STAFF

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council's Operational Plan is prepared annually and supports the Delivery Program (2018-2021). The Operational Plan articulates the detail of the Delivery Program by capturing those individual projects and activities that will be undertaken for the year to achieve the commitments made in the Delivery Program.

Council is required under the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) s.404(5) to provide a report that details progress every six months.

This progress report demonstrates achievements for the period ending 31 December 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1. Receive the report on 2021/22 Delivery Program Half Yearly Progress Report (July–December 2021)**
- 2. Endorse the 2021/22 Delivery Program Half Yearly Progress Report (July–December 2021)**

REPORT:

A Delivery Program Progress Report must be provided to the elected council every six months and report on the progress against the principal activities of the delivery program as a result of projects, programs and actions identified in the annual Operational Plan. Due to the delay in elections causing the Delivery Program review to be delayed until the new Council was in place, Council's Operational Plan 2021-22 continued to reflect the principal activities defined in the Delivery Program (2018-2021).

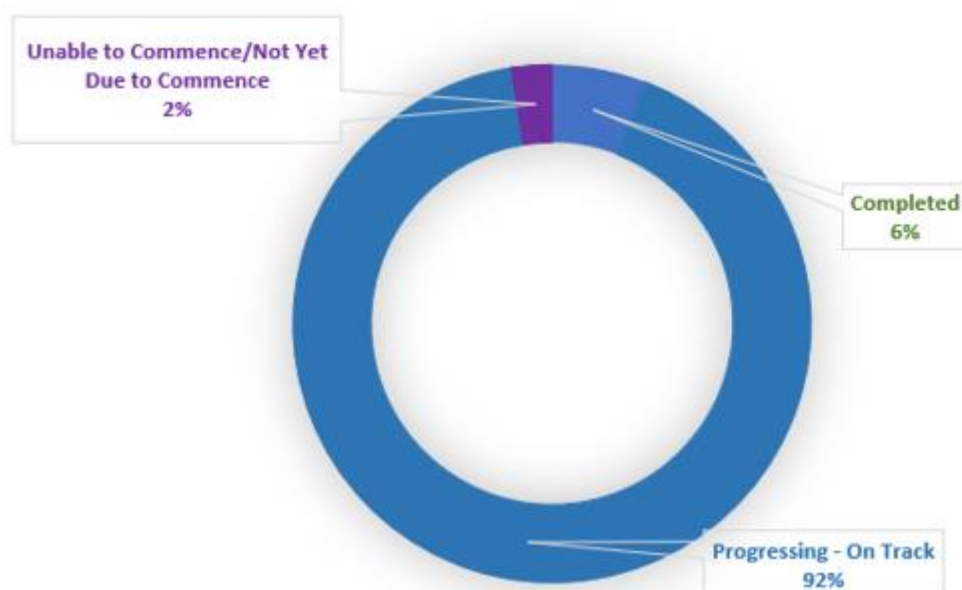
Council's Half Yearly Progress Report is developed according to the guidelines provided by the NSW Office of Local Government that states the Half Yearly Plan Progress Report is to include (but is not limited to) the following items:

- Notable highlights achieved during the 6-month period against the Delivery Program
- The ratio of projects, programs and services on target against the total project', programs and services
- Projects, programs and services that are not running to time/budget
- Progress report on Capital Projects – Traffic light system to illustrate how the projects are progressing.
- A summary of progress in relation to the budget, as reported in the quarterly budget review statements and a copy of the audited Half Yearly Operational Budget.

In summary, the Operational Plan 2021-22 contains:

- 120 Action items detailing the delivery of Council's service to the community
- 49 Capital Work Projects with expenditure of \$8,604,145 (to 31 December 2021)

Overall, at the halfway mark of the reporting period, Council is tracking well against targets in all categories.



120 Operational Plan Actions Status	No. of Actions	%
Completed	7	6
Progressing – On Track	110	92
Progressing – behind schedule	0	0
Not Progressing	0	0
Unable to Commence/Not Yet Due to Commence	3	2

Three actions of the 2021-22 Operational Plan were marked as 'unable to commence/not yet due to commence' at the end of this period due to the following reason:

Delivery Program Theme	OP Code	Directorate	Action	Reason
Our Natural Environment	3.2.1	Infrastructure	Deliver a community Waste Education Program, including the promotion of the Zero Waste Strategy and FOGO, via schools and events	Unable to enter NSW Schools due to Covid restrictions, which delayed and/or cancelled the implementation of the Community waste education program
Communication & Engagement	4.5.1	CEO Office	Implement a Councillor Professional Development Program	Council election deferred to 4 December 2021. Onboarding for councillors planned for January - March 2022; professional development plans to be developed by 30 June 2022
Communication & Engagement	4.5.8	CEO Office	Review and update the Advocacy Plan as part of the Delivery Program	The review of advocacy priorities will be undertaken with the

Delivery Program Theme	OP Code	Directorate	Action	Reason
				new council in Quarter 3/4 as part of the Delivery Program preparation.

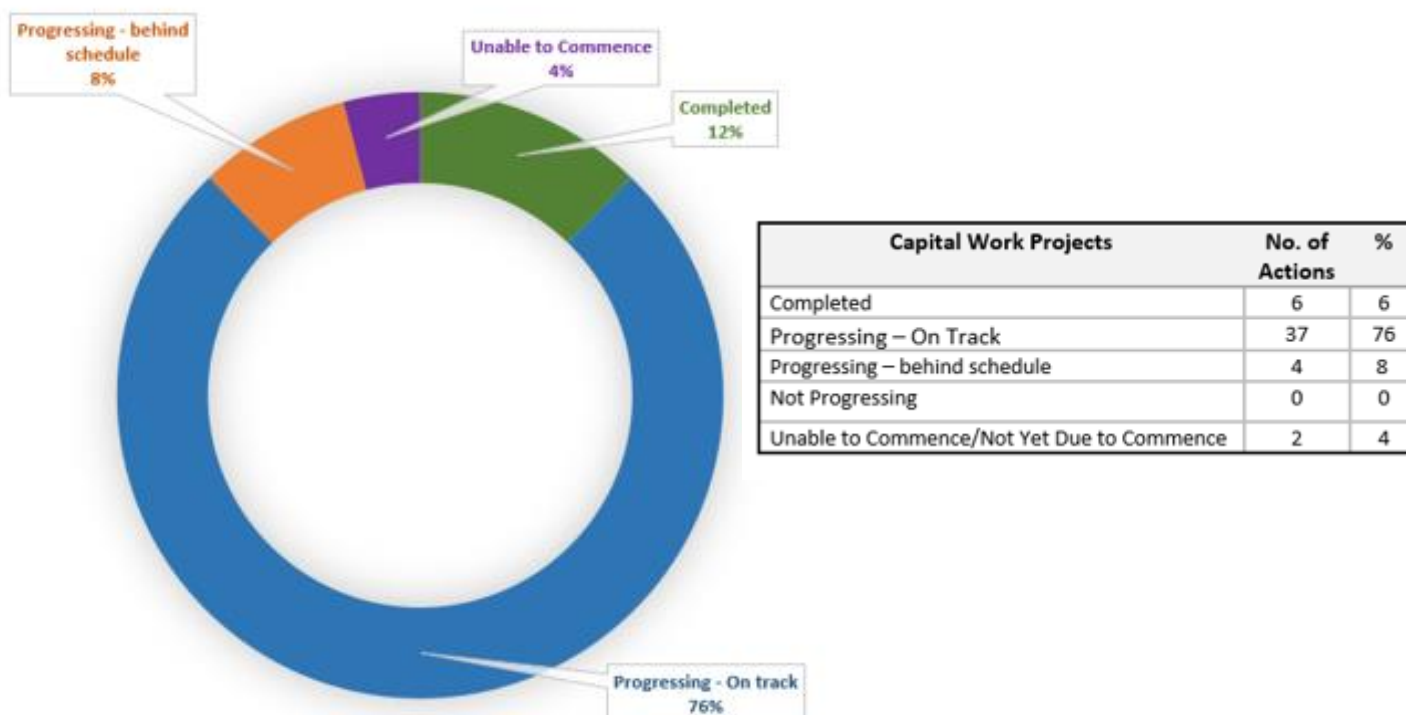
Capital Work Projects

43 of the 49 of Capital Works projects are either in progress (on track) or have been completed.

Major disruptions to the Capital Works program schedule were experienced due to the wet weather pattern (La Nina) impacting work plans and the availability of staff due to COVID-19 isolating requirements.

Most projects are currently now On Track for completion in 2021-22, though pending on weather conditions and staff availability, there is a risk for some Capital Works Projects that may continue as a project in the 2022-23 Operational Plan.

A further 12 additional Capital Works projects worth \$8,869,986 were added to the 2021/22 financial year Capital Works budget. From the additional projects, 2 proposals worth a total of \$4,536,212 has been deferred to 2022/23. The remaining 10 projects have been considered as progressing (on track) or completed.



Two Capital Work Projects have been flagged as 'Unable to Commence' or 'On Hold' for the following reasons:

Project Name	Description	Project Status	Reason
Electronic Information Screens	Installation of information screens at various locations	Unable to Commence	COVID restrictions and unable to access RHB Building due to flooding
Council Offices at Tumbarumba & Tumut	Renewals/ Upgrades - Toilets, Office Layout,	On Hold	Sourcing extra funds.

Project Name	Description	Project Status	Reason
(Building Refurbishments)	Meeting Room Technology Upgrade		Design has been completed for RHB toilets, though scope was adjusted to include urgent repairs to the roof of the SVC Council Office, Tumbarumba Refurbishment of the amenities in the Riverina Highlands Building has been put on hold.

LINKS TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

CSP Outcome 2028

Theme 4: Communication & Engagement

Delivery Outcomes

4.5 Council demonstrates strong leadership through a governance framework which drives progress towards achieving the community vision

Operational Actions

4.2.1 Deliver proactive, deliberate and sustained communication to the community about Council's services, projects and events across digital communication channels

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Positive	Negative
Social	Ensuring adequate services are provided to the community and transparent reporting provides confidence in Council's ability to deliver on the community's priorities.	Some projects and initiatives have not been able to be delivered as originally intended due to the weather pattern (La'Nina) impacting work plans and the availability of staff due to COVID-19 isolating requirements.
Environmental	Reporting on the provision of service that improve environmental outcomes within Council's area of influence.	Nil
Economic	The Operational Plan progress report assists in improving community and investor confidence in the region through demonstration of gradual improvement in delivery and of key economic initiatives.	Nil
Governance	This report is required to demonstrate to the community and Government the appropriateness and transparency of Council's decision-making process.	Transparency and accuracy of reporting may be a source of community criticism.

Financial and Resources Implications

The activities and initiatives contained in the 2021-22 Operational Plan are funded in the corresponding Operational Annual Budget.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

Nil

OPTIONS:

No options considered necessary as 6 monthly reporting of the Operational/Delivery Program is a requirement under the Local Government Act 2021.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:**Internal Consultation**

Relevant Information regarding the progress of Council's Operational Plan actions, has been collated from the SVC Management and key responsible Council officers.

External Consultation

The half year Operational Plan progress update, once endorsed by Council, will be made available to the community through Snowy Valleys Council website under Strategies Plans and Reporting and promoted to the community.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 2021/22 Operational Plan Half Yearly Progress Report (under separate cover)

10. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**10.3 REVIEW OF PROCUREMENT POLICY - FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

REPORT AUTHOR: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council's Procurement Framework has been reviewed to address issues raised by the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC). Updated legislation and information from a number of statutory bodies has been incorporated in the updated Procurement Policy which will be put on public exhibition following Council approval.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1. Receive the report on the Review of Procurement Policy – for Public Exhibition;**
- 2. Approve the updated Procurement Policy SVC-FIN-PO-049-02 for Public Exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days;**
- 3. Note that if submissions are received during the exhibition period, a further report will be provided to Council on the submissions and any proposed amendments to the policy;**
- 4. Adopt the policy if no submissions are received on the day after the completion of the public exhibition period.**

BACKGROUND:

Council procurement is regulated within the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government General Regulation 2021 and a number of other regulations and guidelines. Procurement is generally considered a high-risk activity and Council mitigates risk in this area through the application of a robust procurement framework.

REPORT:

The Procurement Policy was established in 2018 through an internal working group. Upon review of a number of external documents, ARIC in late 2019 requested that the NSW Capital Expenditure Guidelines 2010, Tendering Guidelines 2009 and the Guidelines on the Procedures and Processes in Public-Private Partnerships 2005 be better referenced within Council's procurement framework as well as tendering thresholds and purchase order processing be reviewed.

In recent years, a number of other publications and guidelines relating to procurement matters have been published by Office of Local Government (OLG), the NSW Audit Office, Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) and Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC). These publications have been considered in the procurement framework review.

The updates to the Procurement Policy revolve around defining policy scope, updates to definitions, clarifying tax thresholds, the inclusion of important matters such as risk management and competitive local business, as well as adopting a first nations procurement statement as required under Council's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). The capital expenditure guidelines and public private partnerships are referenced as requested by ARIC.

The updated Procurement Policy is attached to this report. Council's Procurement Management Framework is also attached to provide further information.

LINKS TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework: CSP Outcome 2028

Theme 4: Communication & Engagement

Delivery Outcomes

4.5 Council demonstrates strong leadership through a governance framework which drives progress towards achieving the community vision

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Positive	Negative
Social	Supporting local employment, local business and first nations enterprises. Ensure fair and transparent procurement processes.	Nil
Environmental	Council officers consider environmental impact when making procurement decisions.	Nil
Economic	Consideration of operational, maintenance and other whole-of-life costs when procuring goods and services.	Nil
Governance	Legislative compliance.	Nil

Financial and Resources Implications

Effective procurement activities and contract management provide assurance that Council's restricted resources are utilised in the most appropriate manner. Procurement activities are undertaken within existing, approved budgets.

Costs and Benefits:

Council's adoption of the updated Procurement Policy provides a clear statement of Council's commitment to ensuring procurement practices result in best value for money whilst meeting the expectations of the community and legislative requirements.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

The Policy was drafted and updated with regards to the following legislation:

- Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
- Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009
- State Records Act 1998
- Tendering Guidelines for NSW Local Government – October 2009
- Work Health & Safety Act 2011

- NSW Capital Expenditure Guidelines 2010
- Guidelines on the Procedures and Processes to be followed by Local Government in Public Private Partnership 2005

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

The Procurement Policy is an important part of managing risk in this area and ensuring that Council gets best value for money.

OPTIONS:

Council may endorse, amend or decline the recommendations made in this report.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal consultation was undertaken during 2021.

The Policy, as per the recommendation, will be advertised for a minimum of 28 days for public feedback.

Any relevant and applicable feedback will be collated by Council Officers and returned to Council.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Updated Procurement Policy for public exhibition SVC-FIN-PO-049-02 (ID3149499) (under separate cover)
- 2 SVC Procurement Management Framework - (ID3149498) (under separate cover)

10. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**10.4 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE POLICY - FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

REPORT AUTHOR: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Council's community assistance framework has been reviewed and a Community Assistance Policy drafted to allow transparent, fair and consistent community assistance and support that aligns with Snowy Valleys community's cultural, economic and other strategic goals. The Community Assistance Policy is a critical document considered in budget preparation and it is noted that Council through the budget process ultimately decides on community assistance programs.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1. Receive the report on the Community Assistance Policy – for Public Exhibition;**
- 2. Approve the Community Assistance Policy SVC-FIN-PO-127-01 for Public Exhibition for a period of no less than 28 days;**
- 3. Note that if submissions are received during the exhibition period, a further report will be provided to Council on the submissions and any proposed amendments to the policy;**
- 4. Adopt the policy if no submissions are received on the day after the completion of the public exhibition period.**

BACKGROUND:

Council currently has a number of policies and procedures that revolve around community assistance and support, some of which contradict each other, overlap, don't align, and expose Council to unacceptably high risk.

REPORT:

During the past months, an internal working group reviewed all policies relating to community assistance and support. These include the Athletes Assistance Policy, Community Grants Policy, Donations Policy, Event Sponsorship Policy and Banners Policy. It was recommended that rather than separate policies for each area, an overarching Council policy supported by relevant procedures was to be implemented. This will benefit Council and the community through consistency and guidance across all support areas.

In view of Council's sustainability drive, a well-designed assistance framework and program will allow for prudent management of limited Council resources while continuing to support the community, organisations and individuals in undertakings that benefit the region, and align assistance with the community's cultural, economic, and other strategic goals.

The attached Community Assistance Policy serves as the overarching policy and will be supported by the underlying procedures and forms for each specific area (including grants, donations, event sponsorships, banners, and scholarships). Athlete's assistance has been removed from the framework as there is no longer a sports committee to oversee this area. The art & cultural

development grants were integrated into the Community Strengthening Grants a few years ago and are no longer included as a separate category.

The Community Assistance Policy is a critical document considered in budget preparation and it is important to note that Council decides on what community organisations and initiatives it wishes to support through the annual budget adoption.

LINKS TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework: CSP Outcome 2028

Theme 4: Communication & Engagement

Delivery Outcomes

4.5 Council demonstrates strong leadership through a governance framework which drives progress towards achieving the community vision

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Positive	Negative
Social	Supporting local organisations, individuals and initiatives.	Nil
Environmental	Council considers environmental impact when supporting community initiatives.	Nil
Economic	Ensure fair and transparent use of limited Council resources.	Nil
Governance	Legislative compliance and consistent internal processes.	Nil

Financial and Resources Implications

All community assistance is approved through Council's annual budget process ensuring prudent management of Council resources.

Costs and Benefits:

Council's adoption of the Community Assistance Policy provides a clear statement of Council's commitment to ensuring fair, transparent and consistent dealings with community organisations and individuals.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

The Policy was drafted with regards to the following legislation:

- Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2021

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

Prudent management of public funds.

OPTIONS:

Council may endorse, amend or decline the recommendations made in this report.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Internal consultation was undertaken in between October 2021 and January 2022.

The Policy, as per the recommendation, will be advertised for a minimum of 28 days for public feedback.

Any relevant and applicable feedback will be collated by Council Officers and returned to Council.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Community Assistance Policy - SVC-FIN-127-01 (ID3153021) (under separate cover)

10. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

10.5 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - JANUARY 2022

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 January 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

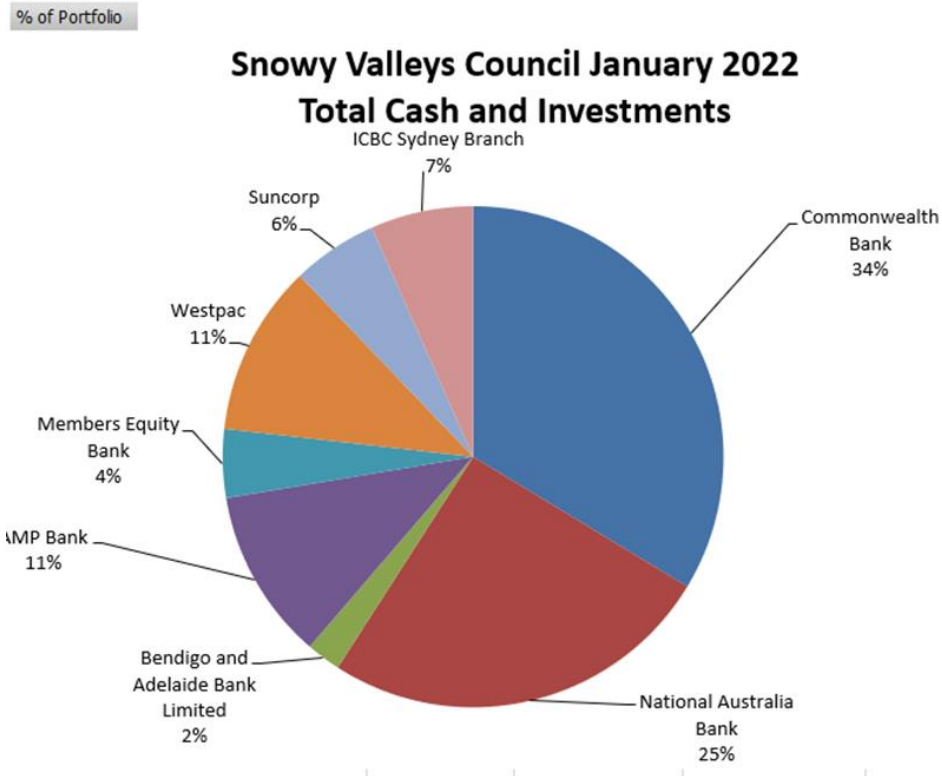
THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive the report on Statement of Investments – January 2022.

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.

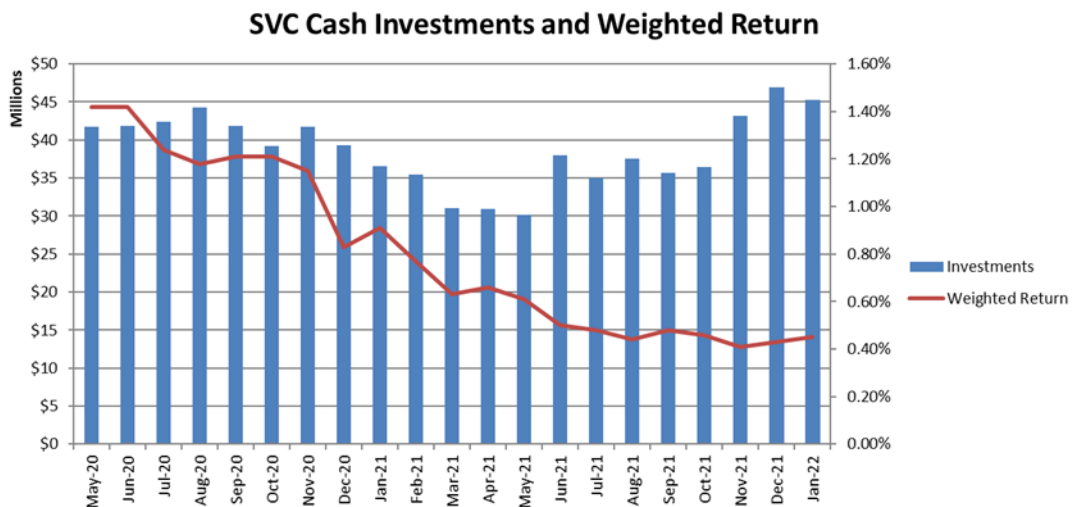
Combined Cash & Investments Table		31/01/2022				
Cash & 11am at call Accounts	Current Month	Last Month	Movement	Type	Interest Rate%	
Commonwealth Bank	\$ 8,965,643	\$ 8,525,378	\$ 440,265	W/Acct	0.10%	
Commonwealth Bank	\$ 6,247,412	\$ 6,246,351	\$ 1,061	At Call (BOS)	0.20%	
Commonwealth Bank	\$ 13,734	\$ 10,282	\$ 3,452	Gen-Roth	0.10%	
Total Cash & At Call Investments	\$ 15,226,789	\$ 14,782,011	\$ 444,778		0.14%	
Term Deposits	Current Month	Last Month	Movement	Lodgement Date	Interest Rate%	Maturity Date
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 Bank	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	-\$ 1,000,000	15/01/2021	0.75%	14/01/2022
Members Equity Bank	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	19/02/2021	0.50%	21/02/2022
AMP Bank	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	18/03/2021	0.75%	18/03/2022
National Australia Bank	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	27/04/2021	0.35%	27/04/2022
National Australia Bank	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	30/07/2021	0.31%	29/04/2022
National Australia Bank	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	1/12/2021	0.40%	1/06/2022
Westpac	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	30/07/2021	0.32%	29/07/2022
National Australia Bank	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	7/09/2021	0.35%	7/09/2022
Suncorp	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	22/09/2021	0.35%	22/09/2022
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	25/11/2021	0.50%	25/11/2022
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	25/11/2021	0.50%	25/11/2022
Suncorp	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	1/12/2021	0.52%	1/12/2022
AMP Bank	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	7/12/2021	1.00%	7/12/2022
AMP Bank	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	17/01/2022	1.10%	17/01/2023
ICBC Sydney Branch	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	8/04/2021	0.65%	11/04/2023
Westpac	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	1/12/2021	0.88%	1/06/2023
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
National Australia Bank	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	30/07/2021	0.65%	31/07/2023
ICBC Sydney Branch	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	8/04/2021	0.85%	8/04/2024
Westpac	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	7/09/2021	0.78%	9/09/2024
Total Term Deposits	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 32,115,623	-\$ 2,115,623		0.56%	
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 45,226,789	\$ 46,897,633	-\$ 1,670,844		0.45%	



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.

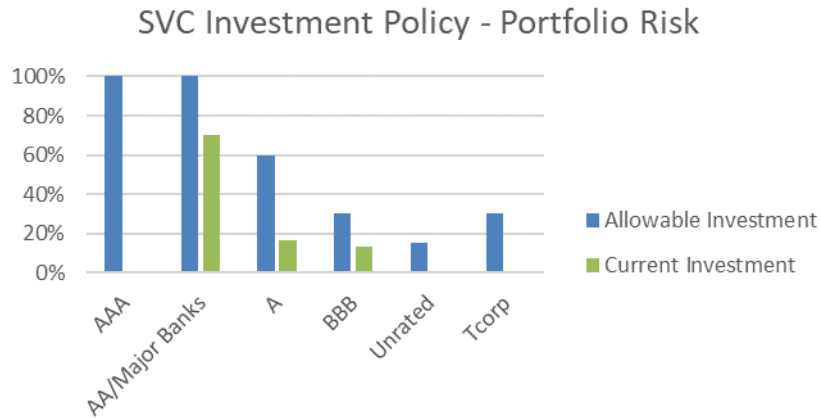
Cash and investments decreased \$1.67M during January 2022.

Cash investment rates are starting to level out with the market factoring in forward expectations of rate hikes and longer-term rates increasing. 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 three 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 January, Council held all counterparty positions within policy limits. Overall, the portfolio is lightly diversified across the investment grade spectrum, with no exposure to unrated investments. The following graph depicts Council’s portfolio exposure at 31 January 2022:



ATTACHMENTS

Nil

10. GOVERNANCE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**10.6 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides a summary of Council's financial performance against budget as at 31 December 2021. Council's projected result shows an increase of income of \$6M (offset by capital expenditure and operational expenditure) and an increase of operational expenditure of \$4.7M compared to the September adjusted budget.

The original budget forecast a surplus of \$17M including capital grants, and a deficit of \$1.8M after capital items. Capital items consist of income received for the purpose of building new or replacement assets and the offsetting capital expenditure is not reported in the operating result. After the proposed adjustments in the attached quarterly report, the projected result is forecast to be a surplus of \$25M and a loss of \$3.4M after capital items. Unrestricted cash reserves are estimated to be satisfactory at year end.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1. Receive and adopt the Quarter Budget Review as at 31 December 2021.**
- 2. Adopt the Revenue, Expenditure and Capital Budget adjustments as noted in the December Quarterly Budget Review.**

BACKGROUND:

Clause 203 (1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 requires Council's Responsible Accounting Officer to prepare and submit a quarterly budget review statement to the governing body of Council. The Quarterly Budget Review Statement is designed to reflect the information normally prepared annually as part of the financial statements on a quarterly basis.

All directors and managers are required to monitor their budgets on a continual and frequent basis throughout the financial year and adjustments are recommended as required.

The 2021/22 annual budget was adopted on 17 June 2021.

REPORT:

This report is prepared on an accrual basis, which is the standard accounting method used to rectify financial events by matching revenues with expenses. Projected income may not be received within this accounting period and likewise some expense incurred will not be paid during this accounting period.

Council adopts its original budget in June each year, forecasting the known income, operational expenses, and capital works for the coming financial year. The original 2021/22 budget forecast a surplus of \$17M, including income received as grants for the purpose of building new or replacement assets. Funding received for capital items is reported in Council's overall operational result. When excluding funding received for capital grants, the original budget forecast a deficit of \$1.8M.

Through the Quarterly Budget Review process reported to Council, Council reviews and adjusts the original budget in order to manage variations that occur as a result of:

- Receiving grant funding
- Recognising increased/decreased expenditure and income
- Council resolving to adjust expenditure.

This report provides a summary of Council's financial performance against budget as at 31 December 2021. At the end of quarter two, the proposed adjustments (detailed in the attached quarterly report) total:

\$6M in additional income

- \$4.5M EPA Bushfire Green Waste Clean-Up Grant
- \$320K EPA Bushfire Recovery Grant
- \$276K Road Safety Grants
- \$910K Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI) Grants

\$175K in additional expenditure

- \$4.5M EPA Bushfire Green Waste Clean-Up Grant
- \$150K technology uplift phase 2
- \$25K development of Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP)

\$6.3M in additional capital expenditure

- \$320K EPA Bushfire Recovery Grant
- \$275K Road Safety Grants
- \$910K LRCI Grants
- \$11K Elm Drive Public Toilets

As a result, the projected 2021/22 result is forecast to be a surplus of \$25M and a loss of \$3.4M after capital items.

Unrestricted cash reserves are estimated to be \$2.9M at year end, which is within Council policy requirements.

Summary of Council's operating position at end of December 2021

Council's income at end of December 2021 was trending to budget, while expenditure was 5% below budget. Both income and expenditure are considered satisfactory having a variation being 5% or less of original budget.

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



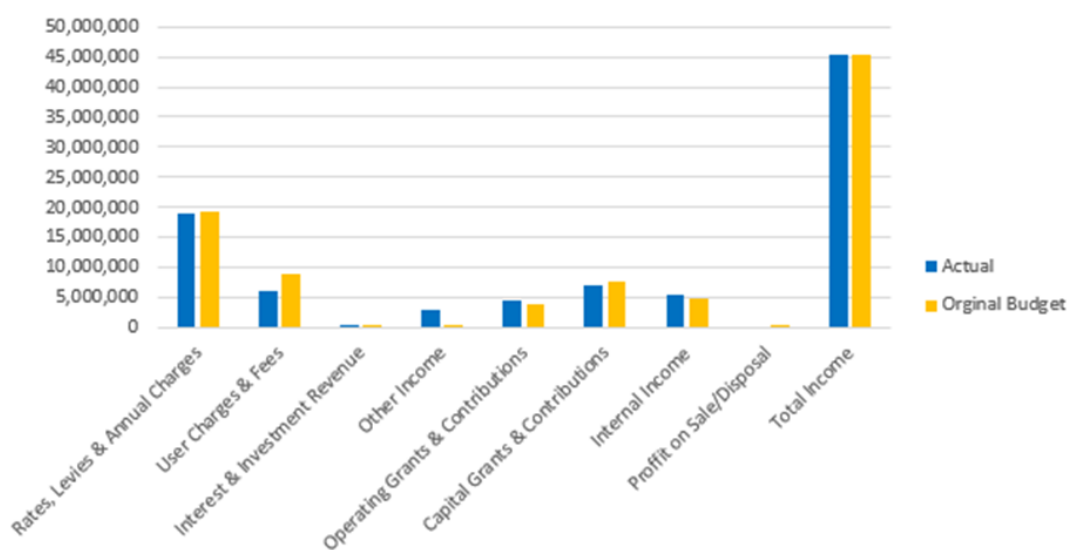
Year to Date Result for December 2021

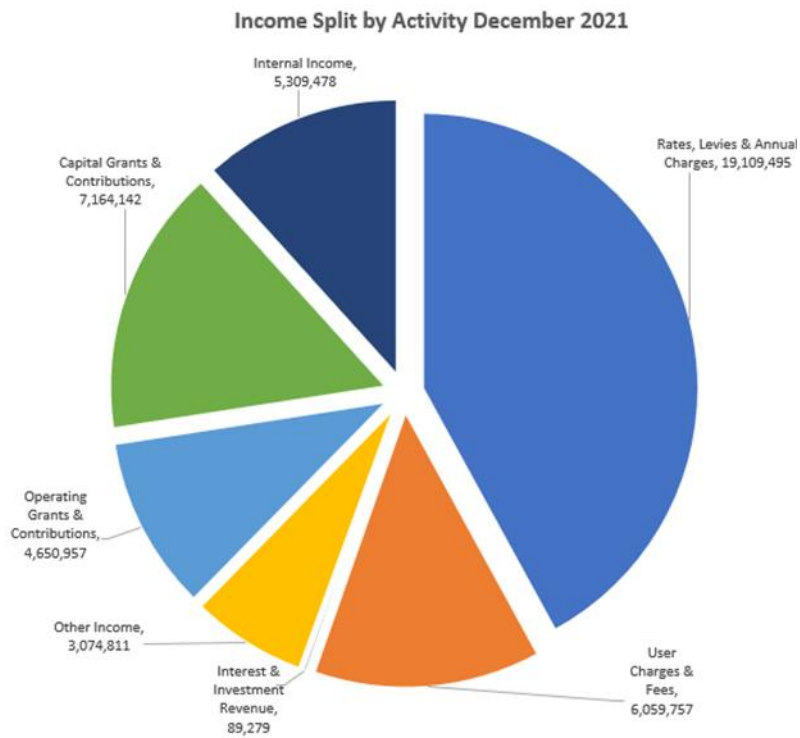
Overall Council Summary

Account Description	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	% Variance YTD	\$ Variance YTD	Original Budget 21PJBD
Income					
Rates, Levies & Annual Charges	19,109,495	19,153,706	-0.23%	(44,211)	18,529,229
User Charges & Fees	6,059,757	8,820,994	-31.30%	(2,761,236)	16,545,892
Interest & Investment Revenue	89,279	220,000	-59.42%	(130,721)	410,000
Other Income	3,074,811	521,645	489.45%	2,553,166	817,289
Operating Grants & Contributions	4,650,957	3,942,578	17.97%	708,379	10,740,156
Capital Grants & Contributions	7,164,142	7,699,500	-6.95%	(535,358)	19,053,000
Internal Income	5,309,478	4,916,196	8.00%	393,282	8,013,727
Profit on Sale/Disposal	0	5,000	-100.00%	(5,000)	10,000
Total Income	45,457,919	45,279,617	0%	178,301	74,119,293
Expenses					
Employee Costs	10,026,111	7,758,667	-29.22%	(2,267,444)	16,301,088
Materials & Contracts	9,964,088	12,733,063	21.75%	2,768,975	18,569,822
Depreciation & Impairment	5,674,604	5,921,750	4.17%	247,146	10,825,000
Other Expenses	3,304,861	3,529,732	6.37%	224,872	6,388,776
Interest & Investment Losses	211,025	273,696	22.90%	62,671	367,055
Internal Expense	4,855,304	5,892,463	17.60%	1,037,159	4,428,402
Loss on Sale/Disposal	253,294	0	0.00%	(253,294)	0
Total Expenses	34,289,286	36,109,371	5%	\$1,820,086	56,880,143
Operating Result	11,168,633	9,170,246	22%	1,998,387	17,239,150
Result after Capital Items	4,004,491	1,465,746	-173%	(1,354,721)	(1,823,850)

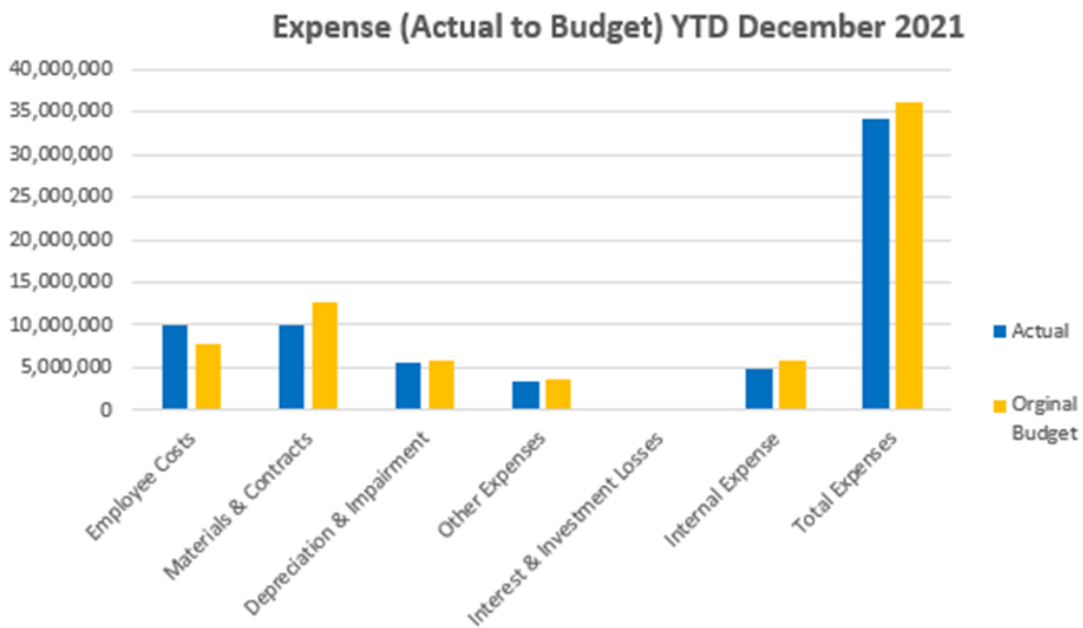
Income

Income (Actual to Budget) YTD December 2021

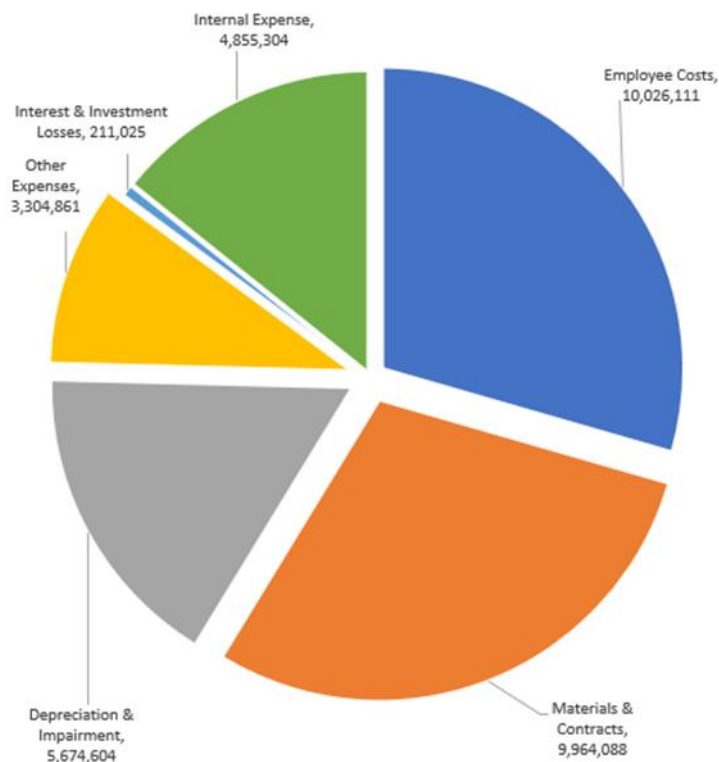




Expenditure



Expenditure Split by Activity December 2021



Capital

18% of the projected capital budget has been expensed at the end of December 2021. A number of capital grant funded projects have been received and it is anticipated these projects will be completed in the second half of the financial year.

Water Fund

The Water Fund Income is 2% below budget and expenditure is 7% below budget.

Sewer Fund

The Sewer Fund Income is 4% above budget while expenditure is 2% below budget.

Unrestricted Cash

The unrestricted cash position at 31 December 2021, and projected at financial year-end is satisfactory. Unrestricted cash is to be available to cover unexpected and emergency expenses that are not provided for in the annual budget or an available reserve. The level of unrestricted cash fluctuates during the year depending on cash receipts and cash payments, adherence to capital budget plans and Council decisions where reserve funding is allocated.

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

4.3.9 Report on financial outcomes compared to industry benchmarks

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

N/A

Financial and Resources Implications

Monitoring of the Quarterly Budget Review enables timely financial management.

Costs and Benefits:

N/A

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Clause 203 (1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires Council's responsible account officer to prepare and submit a quarterly budget review statement to the governing body of Council.

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

Quarterly reporting allows Council to keep informed of the progress of the budget to actual income and costs.

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

- 1 Quarterly Budget Review Statement 01/10/21 to 31/12/21 (under separate cover)

11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**11.1 KHANCOBAN VACANT LAND - LOTS 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 AND 16 OF DP220570 - REQUEST FOR PURCHASE**

REPORT AUTHOR: PROPERTY AND TRANSPORT PARTNER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report seeks the approval of Council to sell Council owned vacant land in Khancoban described as lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 of DP220570.

The subject land is identified as operational and surplus to Council needs. Council has owned the properties since 1994 as part of the handover from the Snowy Hydro and has not developed or leased the properties.

Council has received interest into the purchase of vacant land within the township of Khancoban. These properties are freehold and is currently unoccupied.

Approval is sought from Council to the sale of the lots through and Expression of Interest process.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1. Receive this report on Khancoban Vacant Land – Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of DP220570 – Request for Purchase**
- 2. Approve the sale of Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of DP220570 through an Expression of Interest process**
- 3. Approve the delegation of authority to the Chief Executive Officer and Mayor to assess and determine the successful expression of interest bids for the sale of the land as described in item 2 above.**
- 4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the sale price of the parcels of land as described in item 2 above, noting that all parties will meet own legal costs, to a value within 20% of the market appraisal.**
- 5. Approve the delegation of authority to the Chief Executive Officer and Mayor to execute all sale documents and affix the Council seal to documentation required to complete the sale of the parcels.**

BACKGROUND:

The subject land is identified as operational and surplus to Council needs. Council has owned the properties since 1994 as part of the handover from the Snowy Hydro. In this time Council has maintained the lots however it has not been developed or leased resulting in unnecessary expenditure.

REPORT:

Council has received a request from interested parties regarding the purchase of land within Khancoban. The parcels identified have access to services (water, sewer and power).

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

1.7 Manage Council's resources in a manner which is equitable and ensures organisational sustainability

Operational Actions

1.7.1 Manage Council's investment portfolio to optimise investment returns within Council Policy requirements

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Positive	Negative
Social	Encourage new member into the community.	No foreseen impact
Environmental	Nil increased benefits	No significant issues
Economic	Disposal of surplus assets provides a means of reducing risk and provide income, including rates.	No foreseen impact
Governance	Asset Management Principle encourage the regular consideration of assets with regards to their disposal if they are surplus to the organisation needs or do not have strategic value.	No foreseen impacts

From a sustainability perspective, the table above provided a summary of the positives and negatives associated with the overall project.

Financial and Resources Implications

Council will need to undertake an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the lot sale which will be prepared and advertised with cost to be borne by Council.

Processing of the sale of the land will be undertaken by Council Solicitors and fees are to be covered by the sale of the lots.

Costs and Benefits:

Financial Costs	Financial Benefits	Benefits	Opportunities
List Direct Costs	Savings/Efficiencies	Community Benefits	Future projects to be funded from savings
List indirect costs	Reduced insurance premiums	Organisational Benefits	Reputational improvements
Initial Costs	Ongoing Benefits	Other Non-financial benefits	Further enhancements

Council will be responsible for its own conveyancing costs for the land sale, which are estimated, which are estimated at approximately \$2000. The cost of conveyancing would be absorbed from the proceeds of the land sale and would not require budget allocation.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

The sale of freehold property is governed by the Conveyancing Act 1919, specifically Part 4 Division 8. A suitably qualified solicitor will be engaged to oversee the process of the lot sale to ensure all statutory compliance is met.

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

There are no foreseen significant risks to Council with the recommendation in relation to the process of sale. There would be a reputational risk regarding the sale of Council assets which is being mitigated by the EOI process.

A risk is present that the market appraisal has overpriced the value of the properties, and the parcels do not gain interest during the advertising process. Negotiation to a set percentage of the market appraisal will provide some flexibility to mitigate this risk. To mitigate the risk, we can expand the advertising to other markets.

OPTIONS:

1. Council endorses the recommendations
2. Council does not provide approval for the sale of the properties

Sale of the properties through direct offer is not recommended on the basis that the recommended process provides transparency and equal opportunity to purchase a lot.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

Yes

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Direct contact by way of letter to direct neighbouring properties and interested parties will be forwarded advising of Council's resolution of the matter, inviting interested parties to lodge an expression of interest under the guidelines.

The sale of the properties will be subject to an Expression of Interest process, which will be publicly advertised on Council's website and the local paper. Those parties lodging a submission will be notified of the outcome of the assessment.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Map - Khancoban DP220750 Mcillree Street Khancoban (under separate cover)
- 2 Market Appraisal - Mcillree Street Khancoban NSW 2642 (under separate cover) - Confidential
- 3 Costello Market Appraisal - Mcillree Street Khancoban (under separate cover) - Confidential
- 4 20210830 - Inquiry - Empty Block Enquiry - Mcillree Street Khancoban (ID3123760) (under separate cover) - Confidential

11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**11.2 SALE OF WATER RACE - WITHIN LOT 1 DP 791035 - TUMBARUMBA**

REPORT AUTHOR: PROPERTY AND TRANSPORT PARTNER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Snowy Valleys Council has received a request to purchase part of a water race of approximately 568 square metres enclosed within Lot 1 DP 791035 Tumbarumba. This is an old water race and is unused by Council.

The proposed area of the old water race divides the two sides of the owners lot and is of no economic value to any other owner.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1. Receive the report on the Sale of Water Race – within Lot 1 DP791035 – Tumbarumba.**
- 2. Approve the sale of the reserved water race contained within Lot 1 DP 791035 Tumbarumba.**
- 3. Approve the landowner to pay all costs associated with the sale and transfer of reserved water race, and that the nominal sale price will be \$1.**
- 4. Approve the delegation to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to affix Council seal and execute documentation required to complete the sale of the reserved water race.**

BACKGROUND:

Water supply infrastructure has significantly improved with the use of water tanks and also via piped network and consequently water races became redundant, however they remain in the ownership of Council.

The sale of unused water races has precedence as per Council meeting dated 23 June 2016 Council resolved:

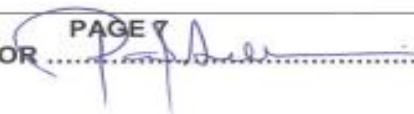
PURPOSE OF REPORT: To facilitate the sale of redundant Council **water races** in the Batlow township.

M46/16 RESOLVED that the Council:

1. Approve the sale of the reserved water races contained within the following properties:

Property Description	Property Address
Lot 2 on DP311892	26 Bartlett Street BATLOW NSW 2730
Lot 17 on DP873555	Bogong Avenue BATLOW NSW 2730
Lot 11 on DP774286	Bogong Avenue BATLOW NSW 2730
Lot 5 on DP17105	14 Tumbarumba Road BATLOW NSW 2730
Lot 6 on DP11588	1 Batlow Road BATLOW NSW 2730
Lot 11 on DP631255	1 Batlow Road BATLOW NSW 2730

2. Require the landowner/s to pay all costs associated with the sale and transfer of reserved water races, and that the nominal sale price will be \$1.00, and

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approve the future sale and transfer of remaining reserved water races under the same terms.

3. Sign and Affix the seal of Council to all contract and transfer documentation associated with the facilitation of the sale.

REPORT:

In the early 20th century, the Council constructed water races that collected and transported surface run off water onto properties. Council resumed land for race construction in the early 1900's.

Water supply infrastructure has significantly improved with the use of water tanks and also via piped network and consequently the water races have become obsolete.

This report seeks to formalise the sale of this land.

LINKS TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

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Theme 3: Our Environment

Delivery Outcomes

3.4 Protect and manage local environment including air quality, waterways, rivers and streams

Operational Actions

3.4.1 Maintain Council's Water supply systems in accordance with industry standards and relevant environmental legislation

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

Nil

Financial and Resources Implications

Nil, preliminary advice to the purchaser has been that Council will agree to the sale of the race for a nominal cost of \$1 and legal costs for the transfer to be borne by the purchaser.

Costs and Benefits:

This will increase the land valuation of the parcel of land.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

Nil

OPTIONS:

Council has the option to:

- Approve the sale of the water race as per the recommendations described in this report.
- Amend the recommendations made in this report.
- Defer or reject this report and not sell the water race land

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

Yes

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Purchase Request - Lot 1 DP791035 -3 Reservoir Lane Tumbarumba water race (ID3131673) (under separate cover)

11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**11.3 REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF COUNCIL ROAD RESERVE - ADELONG ROAD, TUMUT**

REPORT AUTHOR: PROPERTY AND TRANSPORT PARTNER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Snowy Valleys Council has received an expression of interest from TFA Project Group, acting on behalf of the owners and developers of 67 Adelong Road, Tumut, to purchase a part section of the Adelong Road reserve.

The road reserve is currently unused and there are no future plans to develop into the road reserve by SVC. In order to dispose of the road reserve it will be necessary to close the public road, subdivide the land for future sale.

This report seeks the approval of Council to proceed with this request.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. **Receive this report for the request for partial road closure, subdivision and sale of the part road reserve fronting number 67-69 Adelong Road, Tumut .**
2. **Approve the partial road closure, subdivision and sale of the formed lot subject to the terms of sale being met including:**
 - I. **Compliance with the legislation 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. **Delegate to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to affix Council seal and execute document relevant to the closure of the road reserve and sale of the land.**

BACKGROUND:

Snowy Valleys Council received an email from TFA Project Group on the 15th September 2021 requesting that the council road corridor Adelong Road be partially closed enabling purchase by said landowner.

The applicant has recently applied for development consent proposing the creation of a truck stop on Adelong Road, opposite the saleyards. Adelong Road is a state Controlled Highway Corridor.

Under the current development application, the closure of the road, subdivision and subsequent sale of the land would be necessary.

There had been a previous development application which had been subsequently withdrawn. The previous application had been for a 7 lot subdivision. Council resolved to consult with Transport NSW (then Road & Maritime Services) on the proposed road closure.

In Council meeting dated 22 March 2016 Council resolved as per below:

MINUTES of the ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING held on TUESDAY, 22 MARCH, 2016 in the TUMUT/RIVERINA ROOM, 76 Capper Street Tumut NSW 2720

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORTS:

DES 1 - Request for Purchase of Council Road Reserve - Adelong Road, Tumut

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To report on a proposal from a local land owner to purchase a parcel of Council Road Reserve.

145 RESOLVED that the Council;

1. Undertake consultation with Roads and Maritime Services seeking concurrence to the proposed disposal and sale of the part road reserve fronting number 67 Adelong Road, Tumut.
2. There being no formal objections from consultation, The General Manager be authorised to seek closure of the part road reserve fronting number 67 Adelong Road, Tumut.
3. There being no formal objections from consultation, The General Manager be authorised to seek transfer of the part road reserve from road reserve to freehold land
4. There being no formal objections from consultation, The General Manager be authorised to seek land valuation advice, with a further report to be provided to Council to set a price for sale.

Cr J Hayes/Cr P Cross

Subsequently no further consultation had been undertaken with Transport NSW. In considering the current recommendations this consultation process will need to be satisfied.

REPORT:

The section of road corridor that is proposed to be closed is part of the Snowy Mountains Highway infrastructure.

The part section of road reserve proposed for purchase is not developed and is well offset from the shoulder of Adelong Road. The likely impacts, a closure of this part of the road reserve will have on the transport network, are considered to be very low given the extent of width of road reserve along this section of the corridor. There are no foreseeable opportunities for Council to develop this section of road reserve in the future.

Attachment 1 to this report shows the location of the partial road closure.

Preliminary investigation indicates that there is no infrastructure affected by this proposed road closure and no known legal assets affected by this sale.

Council will need to undertake an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the lot sale which will be prepared and advertised with cost to be borne by Council.

Processing of the sale of the land will be undertaken by Council Solicitors and fees are to be covered by the sale of the lots.

The approved purchaser must provide written agreement to Councils terms as described in this report before proceeding with the road closure and subdivision. An independent valuation will be used to determine the land sale value with all applicable survey, administration and application fees to be finalised at settlement.

It is anticipated that Councils legal costs to facilitate the sale will be under \$2,000.

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Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework: CSP Outcome 2028

Theme 1: Towns and Villages

Delivery Outcomes

1.7 Manage Council's resources in a manner which is equitable and ensures organisational sustainability

Operational Actions

1.7.1 Manage Councils investment portfolio to optimise investment returns within Council Policy requirements

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Positive	Negative
Social	The section of reserve subject to the proposal does not impact on any neighbouring properties, not prevent access to the public	Nil
Environmental	Nil foreseeable environmental impacts	Nil
Economic	Purchase price, survey, application and administration fees to be finalised by purchase at time of settlement	Council responsible for own legal fees
Governance	No foreseen impact	No foreseen impact

Financial and Resources Implications

Council will have a small outlay for legal costs for the transfer of the land. The resources allocated to process this will be mostly internal and mainly sourced from the Infrastructure Directorate.

Council will need to undertake an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the lot sale which will be prepared and advertised with cost to be borne by Council.

Processing of the sale of the land will be undertaken by Council Solicitors and fees are to be covered by the sale of the lots.

Costs and Benefits:

It is anticipated that Council costs will be under \$2,000.00. Council has a nominated budget for legal fees in relation to road closures which will be used for this process.

Once converted to freehold land, the parcel will be rateable as Rural Class 5 land and sold for the nominated value provided by the independent valuation

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Legislative framework for the closing of public roads is contained within the Roads Act 1993, and sale of land contained within the Real Property Act 1900. Council will facilitate the process of sale through Council's solicitors.

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

Investigation of the request and recommended actions has not identified any significant risks.

Council may endorse the recommendations as described in this report or alternatively decline the request.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

Yes

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Road closures and gazettal's are required to be advertised in accordance with the Roads Act 1993 and the Road Transport (General) Regulation 2005.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 67-69 Adelong Road Tumut Map (under separate cover)

11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**11.4 REQUEST FOR PARTIAL ROAD CLOSURE AND SALE - 17 YORK STREET, TUMBARUMBA**

REPORT AUTHOR: PROPERTY AND TRANSPORT PARTNER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Snowy Valleys Council received a request to partially close and purchase part of Council's Road corridor in York Street, Tumbarumba. This report seeks the approval of Council to proceed with this request.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive this report on partial road closure and sale at York Street, Tumbarumba.
2. Approve the partial road closure and sale of formed lot adjacent to Lot 5 DP759003, 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 application fees applicable to be covered by the purchaser upon settlement.
 - III. Parties to meet own legal costs
3. Authorise the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to affix Council seal and execute documents relevant to the closure of the road reserve and sale of the land.

BACKGROUND:

Snowy Valleys Council received a letter from a neighbouring landowner, on the 21 October 2021 requesting that the council road corridor at York Street, Tumbarumba be partially closed enabling purchase by said landowner. It is intended that the sale price will be determined by an independent land valuation and all applicable survey, administration and application fees will be covered by the purchaser upon settlement

REPORT:

The section of road corridor that is proposed to be closed exists as a "paper road" only, with no plans to develop the corridor in the future.

Attachment 1 to this report shows the location of the partial road closure.

Preliminary investigations indicate that there is no infrastructure affected by this proposed road closure and no known legal assets affected by this sale.

The proposed partial closure of the road corridor will not impact on access to any lots and there is no foreseeable need for placement of easements or right of carriageway identified.

By partially closing, subdividing and selling the road corridor, Council would be disposing of an unmanaged/unmaintained asset.

Council is required to adhere to 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 should the sale of the land be progressed.

The Roads Act stipulates that a Council proposing to close a council public road must advertise notice of proposal in the local newspaper and provide written notification to all adjoining landowners and notifiable authorities with a 28 day submission period. All valid submissions received will be reviewed and determined by Council Officers.

The approved purchaser must provide written agreement to Councils terms as described in this report before proceeding with the road closure and subdivision. An independent valuation will be used to determine the land sale value with all applicable survey, administration and application fees to be finalised at settlement.

It is anticipated that Councils legal costs to facilitate the sale will be under \$2,000.

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Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

CSP Outcome 2028

Theme 1: Towns and Villages

Delivery Outcomes

1.7 Manage Council's resources in a manner which is equitable and ensures organisational sustainability

Operational Actions

1.7.1 Manage Councils investment portfolio to optimise investment returns within Council Policy requirements

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Positive	Negative
Social	No foreseen impact	No foreseen impact
Environmental	Council will be disposing of an unmaintained asset whilst ensuring continued access through appropriate instrument	No foreseen impact
Economic	Purchase price, survey, application and administration fees to be finalised by purchaser at time of settlement	Council responsible for own legal fees.
Governance	No foreseen impact	No foreseen impact

Financial and Resources Implications

Council will have a small outlay for legal costs for the transfer of land, The resources allocated to process this will be mostly internal and mainly sourced from the Infrastructure Directorate.

Costs and Benefits:

It is anticipated that Council costs will be under \$2,000.00. Council has a nominated budget for legal fees in relation to road closures which will be used for this process. Once converted to freehold land, the parcel will be rateable land and sold for the nominated value provided by the independent valuation.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Council currently has no policy position on the retention or sale of undeveloped road corridors.

Legislative framework for the closing of public roads is contained within the Roads Act 1993, and sale of land contained within the Real Property Act 1900. Council will facilitate the process of sale through Council's solicitors.

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

Investigation of the request and recommended actions has not identified any significant risks

OPTIONS:

Council may endorse the recommendations as described in this report or alternatively decline the request.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

Yes

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Road closures and gazettal's are required to be advertised in accordance with the Roads Act 1993 and the Road Transport (General) Regulation 2005

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Map - York Street Tumbarumba - Lot 5 Sec 24 DP759003 (ID3141244) (under separate cover)
- 2 Request to acquire council road - 17 York Street Tumbarumba - (ID3133867) (under separate cover) - Confidential

11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**11.5 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR COUNCIL MANAGED COMMUNITY CROWN RESERVES**

REPORT AUTHOR: PROPERTY AND TRANSPORT PARTNER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Crown Land Management Act 2016 (the CLM Act) authorises local councils appointed to manage dedicated or reserved Crown Land (Council Crown Land Managers) to manage that land as if it were public land under the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act). Under the LG Act a Plan of Management (POM) must be adopted by Council for all community land.

The purpose of this report is to request Council endorsement for the draft Council Managed Crown Land Plan of Management (**Attachment 1**) to be submitted to Crown Lands (Department of Planning, Industry and Environment) (the Department) in accordance with legislative requirements, and subject to any amendments directed by the Department, to place the draft POM on public exhibition.

There is a total of 116 Crown reserves which Council manages in total.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1. Receive this report for the Plan of Management for Council Managed Community Crown Reserves.**
- 2. Approve the draft Council Managed Crown Land Plan of Management to be forwarded to the landowner, Crown Lands (NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment), seeking endorsement to proceed to public exhibition of the draft Plan of Management.**
- 3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to revise the draft Council Managed Crown Land Plan of Management in accordance with any direction received from Crown Lands, prior to placing on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days and inviting the public to make submission over a period of 42 days.**
- 4. Bring the final version of the Council Managed Crown Land Plan of Management to a future Council meeting for consideration and adoption.**

BACKGROUND:

A Plan of Management (POM) is a statutory instrument that provides strategic planning and governance for the management and use of land.

POMs set out objectives and performance targets for community land and provide for active land management and use, including the requirements for the issuing of tenures over the land. POMs for Crown reserves typically provide significant information about the reserves.

Under the amendments to the Crown land management system in 2018, councils in NSW have responsibility to manage some areas of Crown Land, generally in the same way that they manage some areas of Crown Land, generally in the same way that they manage their own community land under the Local Government Act 1993. The draft SVC Council Managed Crown Land POM applies to all Council managed Crown land that has been classified as 'Community' land within Snowy Valleys Council local government area.

Community Land ordinarily comprises land used as a public park (i.e. public reserve), public library etc while Operational Land ordinarily comprises land held as a temporary asset or land which facilitates the functions of the council, such as a works depot or council garage.

REPORT:

Whilst remaining as Crown land reserves, the Crown Land Management Act 2016 established the process to facilitate the land essentially being managed by Council as if it were Council's land. This means that the Crown land reserves are being classified and categorised for the first time. All land that is classified as Community land requires a POM to guide future use and management of the land to ensure that Crown land is lawfully used and occupied, which is an essential part of Council's role as the manager of Crown land.

The POM addresses the history of the subject lands, its current development and uses and establishes directions for future management and use of these important public resources to meet the diverse needs of the community. The POM also authorises Council to renew and enter into future leases and licences over the subject lands, where certain conditions can be met.

Since the Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLM Act) came into effect in 2018, Council has been working through a series of stages for developing a POM for the Council Managed Land Reserves.

Figure 1 below details the legislative stages of this process.



Stage 1- Legislation

The CLM Act came into effect on 1 July 2018 and amended the way in which councils manage the Crown lands of which they were previously (in most cases) appointed as Trust Manager. The CLM Act does not require Council to develop a POM for those Crown Reserves that have been devolved to Council as these are managed with less autonomy under the CLM Act. Many of the devolved reserves include the cemeteries in the local government area and have typically been managed by Council for many years within a POM.

Stage 2 – Classification

Section 25 of the *Local Government Act 1993* stipulates that all public land must be classified. There are two classifications as set out at Section 26; 'Community' and 'Operational'. Classification as 'Community' land reflects the importance of the land to the community and is land intended for public access and use, or obligation to maintain public access.

'Community' land cannot be sold, leased, licenced or have any other estate granted for more than 30 years and must have a POM adopted for its management. 'Community' land must also have a

category assigned that most closely aligns with the purpose(s) for which the Crown land was reserved and preserves and facilitates the ongoing use of the land.

Stage 3 – Plan of Management

Land classified as 'Community' is then guided by a site specific or generic POM, describing the land and associated management processes.

In late 2020 Council engaged Locale Consulting to develop a generic POM for all SVC Managed Crown Land. The draft POM is attached to this report

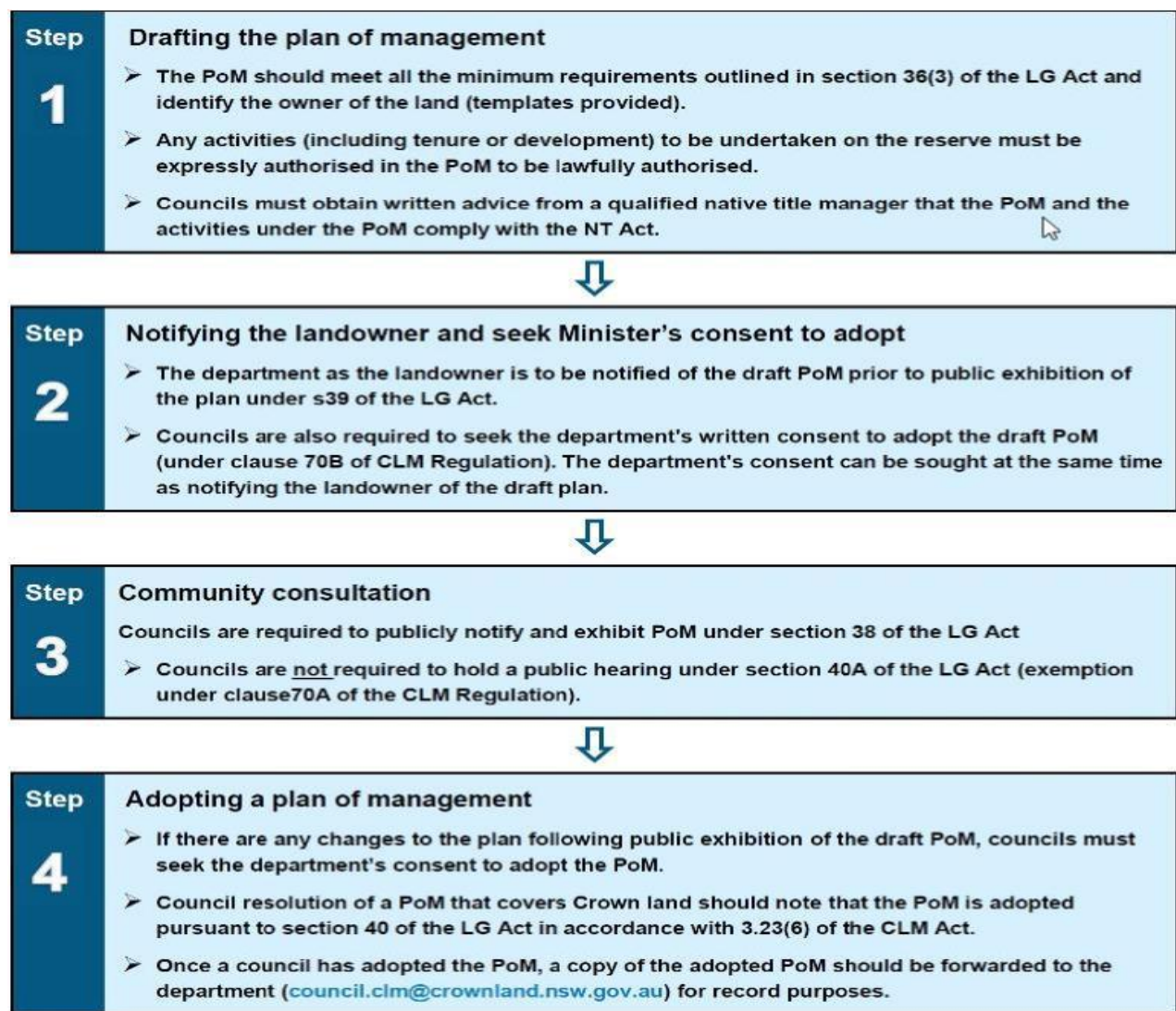
(Attachment 1) for Council's consideration and endorsement for submission to Crown Lands at the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, and then public exhibition, in accordance with legislative requirements.

Figure 2 below provides a pictorial overview of the POM adoption process. The light blue box indicates where SVC is currently positioned in relation to the adoption of the POM process.

Overall, the attached POM allows Council to meet the legislative obligations for the management of Crown reserves where Council is the appointed Crown Land Manager, and which is classified as "Community" land.

Figure 2: Overview of the POM adoption process

Council has completed Step 1 of the process below and this report seeks Council endorsement to move to Step 2.



Stage 4 - Categorisation

'Community' land is required to be further 'categorised' in accordance with the LG Act. These categories must also be aligned to the Crown land reserve "purpose/s" that give direction to how this land may be used. The initial categorisation of the land has been received from Crown land and the POM reflects these directions.

The *Crown Land Management Amendment (Plan of Management) Regulation 2021*, effective from 4 June 2021, provides an exemption from the requirement of the CLM Act for Council to adopt the POM prior to 30 June 2021, which was the original deadline for adoption. Under the same amending Regulation Council does not have to hold a public hearing as would typically be required under s40A of the LG Act and as previously required under the CLM Act.

Native Title Assessment

Before the POM is provided to the Department it must be reviewed by a Native Title Manager and the outcome of that review must accompany the POM on submission. This review has been undertaken by a specialist consultant, Lands Advisory Services

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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

1.1.4 Partner with Communities to develop Place Plans that support the Community Strategic Plan

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Positive	Negative
Social	POM's are designed to enable public land & services provided on crown lands meets the community expatiations	Nil
Environmental	POM's promote sustainable use of public lands for future generations to enjoy	Nil
Economic	POM's balance the needs of the community for open space with services provided	The Cost of maintaining Crown Managed Land is funded by Council
Governance	POM's are statutory instruments that provides strategic planning and governance for the management and use of land	Nil

Financial and Resources Implications

The costs associated with the development of the POM have been included in the 2020-21 and 2021-2022 budgets.

Council received \$80,000 in funding from the Office of Local Government towards the cost of preparing the POM. Council receives no additional funding for the maintenance of Crown Managed Land.

As the POM does not propose any future development that has not already been adopted by Council, there are no financial and economic implications in relation to the endorsement of the POM.

Costs and Benefits:

No costs associated with accepting the recommendations associated with this report and the benefit would be meeting the statutory obligations.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

The attached POM has been prepared in accordance with relevant legislation primarily relating to the CLM Act 2016 and the LG Act 1993. These Acts provide the core framework to enable the future management and improvement of the 'Community' land to which this POM applies.

A range of other legislation also applies to the management of public land. Application of these will typically depend on the activities or used being undertaken, and the attributes of the land – for example, the presence of native vegetation or proposed use. Legislation that is typically relevant to the land management process includes:

- *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* and the Environmental Planning Instruments (EPIs) that it enable including:
 - *Snowy Valleys Council Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020*
 - *Tumbarumba Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2010*
 - *Tumut LEP 2012*
 - *Snowy Valleys Development Control Plan (DCP) 2019*
 - relevant State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs), including *SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007* and *SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008*
- *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*
- *Rural Fires Act 1997* – Council may be required to manage vegetation within reserves via means of mechanical control and/or hazard reduction burns for the purpose of satisfying bush fire mitigation responsibilities and preventing bushfires governed by Section 63 of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*
- *National Parks & Wildlife Act 1974*
- *Heritage Act 1977*
- *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth)*.

Following adoption, it is recommended that the POM be reviewed every 2 years to ensure it remains current in capturing the current uses and improvements on the reserves included in the POM according to all the current SVC strategic plans.

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

There are no risks associated with accepting the recommendations.

There is a risk of not complying with the statutory obligations if the POM is not submitted.

OPTIONS:

Council can either endorse the draft Council Managed Crown Land POM or request amendments to the draft, prior to its submission to Crown Lands for endorsement.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Community engagement and participation opportunities undertaken in accordance with Council's adopted policies and processes.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Draft Plan of Management - Crown Land POM - Crown Reserves (ID3150453) (under separate cover)
- 2 Draft Plan of Management - Appendix A - Adelong Area (ID3150436) (under separate cover)
- 3 Draft Plan of Management - Appendix A - Batlow Area (ID3150449) (under separate cover)
- 4 Draft Plan of Management - Appendix A - Other Isolated & Rural Reserves (ID3150450) (under separate cover)
- 5 Draft Plan of Management - Appendix A - Tumbarumba Area (ID3150451) (under separate cover)
- 6 Draft Plan of Management - Appendix A - Tumut Area (ID3150452) (under separate cover)

11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**11.6 IN PRINCIPLE SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW PRE SCHOOL IN TUMBARUMBA**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report recommends that Council provide “In Principle” support for a project to establish a new preschool in Tumbarumba. The project is the initiative of a group of local parents who see an opportunity to increase preschool places in Tumbarumba by applying for funding through the Start Strong Capital Works Grants Program.

The proposed facility would be Community owned and operated however, Councils in principle support is required particularly in relation to providing access to Council owned or managed land for the establishment of the facility.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1. Receive the report on In Principle support for the establishment of a new preschool in Tumbarumba.**
- 2. Provide In Principle support for the establishment of a New Pre School in Tumbarumba.**
- 3. Determine In Principle, to make Council controlled land available for the establishment of a new Pre School in Tumbarumba.**
- 4. Authorise the CEO to write a letter outlining Councils In Principle support for the establishment of a new Pre School in Tumbarumba, to accompany the application for funding to the Start Strong Capital Works Grants Program.**

BACKGROUND:

A group of parents in Tumbarumba have applied for registration as an Incorporated Association with the aim of establishing a new Pre School in Tumbarumba. The group will make an application for project funding to the Start Strong Capital Works Grants Program.

REPORT:

The project seeks to address the need for increased children’s services for young children and families in and around Tumbarumba. The project aims to work with existing children’s services providers to enhance what is currently available and alleviate the current waiting list. It is vital that all children have access to Early Childhood Education for at least 15 hours per week in the two years prior to the start of primary school.

If successful with the grant, Tumbarumba would have a new, purpose-built 2-unit preschool providing 40 new places for 3,4 and 5 years old during the school term. The desired outcome is to enable all children access to different modes of Early Childhood Education.

The group is asking for in-principle agreement from Snowy Valleys Council to help find suitable Council or Crown Land for the establishment of the preschool. Similar projects have required an area of land up to 2,400 square metres.

The application process requires a first phase “expression of interest” to be submitted by 4 March 2022. To be successful in this phase an in-principle agreement regarding ownership, formal lease, or other arrangements regarding access to a proposed site over a ten-year period is needed.

General endorsement from all stakeholders involved in the delivery of the project will also support the application when submitted.

Should the expression of interest be successful the group will be invited to submit a full application for funding.

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

1.2.3 Implement year one of the 2021-22 actions and outcome principles of the Childrens Services Strategy

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Positive	Negative
Social	Provision of Children’s Early Learning facilities to meet demand will result in positive social outcomes.	Nil
Environmental	N/A	N/A
Economic	Provision of Children’s Early Learning facilities to meet demand will create opportunities for families to participate in the workforce.	Nil
Governance	N/A	N/A

Financial and Resources Implications

Financial and Resources implications in respect of the recommendations in this report are minimal.

Costs and Benefits:

Community initiatives of this nature can result in beneficial outcomes with minimal cost to Council.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

N/A

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

Nil

OPTIONS:

Council may determine not to provide in principle support for the establishment of a new pre school in Tumbarumba.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Council has not undertaken any engagement of communication in respect of this request for in principle support.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**11.7 SNOWY VALLEYS COUNCIL MOVE TO THE SOUTH-EAST AND TABLELANDS PLANNING AREA****REPORT AUTHOR:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Department of Planning and Environment have written to Council on 1 February 2022 to finalise the matter of Snowy Valleys Council moving from the Riverina Regional Plan Area to the South-East and Tablelands Planning Area.

This request follows a condition from the Deputy Premier at the time that Snowy Valleys had a proclamation to be formally included in the Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CRJO).

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1. Receive the report on Snowy Valleys Council move to the South-East and Tablelands Planning Area;**
- 2. Advise the Department of Planning and Environment that it supports the move of Snowy Valleys to the South-East and Tablelands Planning area;**
- 3. Request that as Snowy Valleys is a border community between two planning areas that Snowy Valleys remain involved in planning for the Riverina Planning Area.**

BACKGROUND:

On 8 November 2021, Council again wrote to the Department of Environment and Planning requesting that it be moved from the Riverina Regional Plan area to the South-East and Tablelands Regional Plan area. This follows significant and regular negotiations since 2017.

Council has requested this change as it feels it is more aligned with the South-East and Tablelands Region group (particularly Snowy Monaro Council) in terms of partnerships, projects and regional issues such as (forestry, renewable energies, high country tourism, the natural environment - Kosciuszko National Park, bushfire recovery and Snowy Hydro 2.0).

Council is already a member of the Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CRJO) which includes all councils in the South-East and Tablelands regional planning boundaries.

In 2019, the NSW Government granted Snowy Valleys Council an exemption from the Joint Organisation (JO) criteria requiring them to sit within the regional planning boundaries for JO membership. This enabled them to join the CRJO as a full member. This decision was based on the strong links between Council and CRJO member councils. Wagga Wagga City Council is an associate member and partners in all CRJO projects.

Council believes it has gained much benefit from partnering with other Councils in the CRJO and believes its resources are currently duplicated across two regions which is not conducive to efficient and effective operation on behalf of their community.

REPORT:

In 2018 Council made a presentation to the Canberra Region JO about being a full member following a resolution of Council. Following this, the JO Councils all wrote to the Deputy Premier recommending Council be allowed to join the Canberra Region JO as an exception to the requirements of being in the same planning region. The Deputy Premier granted this request and advised Council would then have to change Planning regions for which Council agreed.

Additional matters in order of importance – similarities more to the South-East planning region at the time were presented as:

- Forestry and forest processing
- Renewable energies
- High country tourism
- Natural Environment – Kosciuszko National Park

Since that time the following collaborative matters demonstrate the consistency in working together across the same group of Councils:

- Participation in the South-East Tablelands Regional Leadership Executive Meetings (SET RLE)
- Participation in the Snowy Special Activation Precinct
- Worker accommodation issues consistent with Snowy Monaro Regional Council
- South-East Regional Bushfire Recovery Councils – Council joined this group for consistency in approach given Riverina Planning region had only minor impacts
- Snowy 2.0 Regional Co-ordination Group – member with two other Councils – Snowy Monaro and Queanbeyan Palarang – both in South-East Planning Region
- PIPE infrastructure Prospectus with other Canberra Region JO councils
- Contaminated Lands partner with other Canberra Region JO councils
- Recovery and Waste partner with other Canberra Region JO councils
- Bushfire Recovery partner with other Canberra Region JO Councils

It is noted that Council will always be a border community and need to participate with both planning regions however the similarities and consistency with other working groups with the South-East means this is where Council will invest most of its effort. To fully invest in two planning regions is not possible for a rural regional Council with limited resources.

Currently Council is participating in the Riverina Regional Plan and the next plan to launch is the South-East and Tablelands Regional Plan. It is important that Snowy Valleys priorities are represented in both documents.

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

Theme 2: Growth through Innovation

Delivery Outcomes

2.1 Develop strong relationships with local industry, organisations and government to ensure a sustainable local economy

Operational Actions

2.2.1 Maintain regular contact and representation with major industry, agencies, regional bodies and chambers of commerce to identify, advocate and promote economic opportunities and work together on targeted initiatives

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Positive	Negative
Social	Links occur in both South-East Tablelands and Riverina.	Links occur to both South-East Tablelands and Riverina.
Environmental	Similar environs (Kosciuszko National Park) in Snowy Valleys to Snowy Monaro Council and less to the broadscale cropping and natural environment in the Riverina.	Small proportion of the southern end of the Snowy Valleys relates more to the Riverina region.
Economic	Significant economic links to Snowy Hydro and Kosciuszko National Parks. Agricultural has similarities in different parts of the Snowy Valleys to both regions but majority relates more to South-East Tablelands. Business linkages and opportunities greater in the South-East and Tablelands Region.	Linkages to both Wagga Wagga and Albury for business and health services.
Governance	Council has insufficient resources to fully commit to both regions and many similarities are found in existing Canberra Region JO projects totalling in lower workload. Council has the added benefit of being one of the smaller councils and has the benefit of learning and resources of a larger council taking the majority of commitment to projects and input.	Council has few relationships to the Riverina region in joint planning. These would have to be reformed and being one of the larger Council's the resource contribution would be anticipated to be much larger.

Financial and Resources Implications

No current financial implications unless there is a condition that if permission is not granted that we move Joint Organisations. This will need significant resourcing and membership costs are likely to be higher.

Costs and Benefits:

N/A

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

Consistency in Regions will provide a much easier process.

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

N/A

OPTIONS:

Council could request to stay in the Riverina Planning Region. This is likely to cause duplication of resourcing and consistent and strong leadership from Snowy Valleys which may not be able to be sustained.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

This is an internal governance process that does not require specific community input. Timing request from the State does not allow.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Map - Regional Boundaries NSW (under separate cover)

11. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**11.8 DESTINATION NETWORK BOUNDARY CHANGES**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report outlines changes to the current Destination Network Boundaries that were announced on 26 November 2021. These changes will result in Snowy Valleys being removed from the Destination Riverina Murray network and subsequently included in the Destination Southern New South Wales network.

The changes will take effect on 1 July 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. **Receive and note the report on Destination Network Boundary Changes.**

BACKGROUND:

On 26 November 2021 Ministers Paul Toole and Stuart Ayres issued a joint press release announcing changes to the current Destination Network Boundaries. The changes announced included advice that Snowy Valleys are to be included in the Destination Southern NSW (DSNSW) Tourism Network rather than the current inclusion within Destination Riverina Murray (DRM) as of 1 July 2022.

REPORT:

On 30 November 2021, Council staff met with the Chair, GM and Business Development Manager of Destination Riverina Murray and the General Manager of Destination Southern NSW to discuss the implications of this change.

The following points provide some insight into why the changes were made and how the key stakeholders will manage the changes to secure the best outcome for all parties affected by the changes.

- The rationale behind the decision was to achieve alignment with SVC's current association and membership of the Canberra Joint Organisation of Councils.
- Destination Riverina Murray will continue to work with SVC on projects and grant funding opportunities that are currently underway.
- The development of new Destination Management Plans (DMP's) is scheduled to commence in 2022. Given the announced changes the Snowy Valleys DMP will be developed by Destination Southern NSW however, Destination Riverina Murray and SVC will be key stakeholders in the development of that plan.
- Destination Riverina Murray will continue to maintain a strong relationship with SVC.
- There are significant opportunities to leverage new markets for the Snowy Valleys through Destination Southern NSW particularly in Canberra and as the Special Activation Precinct in the Jindabyne/Kosciuszko area starts to take shape.
- All three organisations (SVC, DRM and DSNSW) are committed to working together to achieve better outcomes for all.

- Destination Riverina Murray and Destination Southern NSW have made it clear that they intend to work collaboratively to ensure the best possible outcomes for the Snowy Valleys region.
- Destination NSW Networks are being encouraged to work more collaboratively across the board to identify and utilise potential synergies between regions.
- The SVC Tourism and Marketing team will work constructively with all stakeholders to build the Visitor Economy in the Riverina Murray and Southern NSW destination networks for the benefit of Snowy Valleys.

LINKS TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

CSP Outcome 2028

Theme 2: Growth through Innovation

Delivery Outcomes

2.2 Encourage sustainable tourism initiatives which create employment and boost the local economy

Operational Actions

2.1.3 Continue to partner with Destination NSW and Riverina Murray to grow the tourism industry in our region

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

	Positive	Negative
Social	Growth in the Tourism sector provides opportunities for the establishment of new and expansion of existing businesses. Leading to increased social sustainability through employment opportunities.	Nil
Environmental	N/A	N/A
Economic	Growth in the Tourism sector provides opportunities for the establishment of new and expansion of existing businesses. Leading to increased economic sustainability.	Nil
Governance	Inclusion in Destination Networks is a matter determined by the State Government.	Nil

Financial and Resources Implications

There are no additional resource or financial implications associated with the changes outlined in this report.

Costs and Benefits:

Costs and Benefits associated with the change outlined in this report will remain consistent with the cost and benefits associated with the arrangements currently in place.

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

N/A

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

N/A

OPTIONS:

Council may seek to reverse the decision made by the Minister to move Snowy Valleys from the Destination Riverina Murray network to the Destination Southern New South Wales network.

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

There has been no Community Engagement undertaken by SVC in relation to this matter.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 20220131 - Media Release - New Destination Network Structure to Grow Regional Visitor Economy - Ministers Toole and Ayres (ID3153610) (under separate cover)
- 2 20211125 - Destination Network Boundary Changes - Presentation (ID3153607) (under separate cover)

12. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**12.1 MINUTES - LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - 24TH NOVEMBER 2021**

REPORT AUTHOR: ROAD SAFETY OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT COUNCIL:**

1. Receive this report on the Minutes – Local Traffic Committee – 24 November 2021
2. Note the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 24 November 2021
3. Note the following recommendations from the minutes, noting that the special event applications referred to in items 4.4 and 4.5 are being advised in retrospect of the events being held and item 4.10 has been completed:
 - a. **Item 4.1 - Special Event Application - Tumut Cycle Classic**
 - i. Receive the report on the Special Event Application for the 2022 Tumut Cycle Classic.
 - ii. Support the Special Event Application for the 2022 Tumut Cycle Classic to enable this event to go ahead, subject to Council's standard conditions.
 - b. **Item 4.2 - Special Event Application - Snowy Valleys Challenge**
 - i. Receive the report on the Special Event Application for the 2022 Snowy Valleys Challenge.
 - ii. Support the Special Event Application for the 2022 Snowy Valleys to enable this event to go ahead, subject to Council's standard conditions.
 - iii. Endorse the Special Event application subject to receipt of Road Occupancy License, concurrence from TfNSW and approval from NSW Police.
 - c. **Item 4.3 - Special Event Application - Lifestyles Snowy Valley**
 - i. Receive the report on the Special Event Application for the Lifestyles Snowy Valley.
 - ii. Support the Special Event Application for the Lifestyles Snowy Valley to enable this event to go ahead, subject to Council's standard conditions.
 - iii. Endorse the Special Event application subject to receipt of completed risk assessments, Traffic Guidance Scheme and approval from NSW Police.
 - d. **Item 4.4 – Special Event Application - Tumbarumba Rodeo Reunion Parade**
 - i. Receive the report on the Special Event Application for the 2021 Tumbarumba Rodeo Reunion Parade.
 - ii. Support the Special Event Application for the 2021 Tumbarumba Rodeo Reunion Parade to enable this event to go ahead, subject to Council's standard conditions.

- iii. **Endorse the Special Event application subject to receipt of Road Occupancy License, concurrence from TfNSW and approval from NSW Police.**
- e. **Item 4.5 – Special Event Application - Tumbarumba Community Main Street Christmas Carnival**
 - i. **Receive the report on the report on the Special Event Application for the 2021 Tumbarumba Community Main Street Christmas Carnival.**
 - ii. **Support the Special Event Application for the 2021 Tumbarumba Community Main Street Christmas Carnival to enable this event to go ahead, subject to Council’s standard conditions.**
 - iii. **Endorse the Special Event application subject to receipt of Road Occupancy License, concurrence from TfNSW and approval from NSW Police.**
- f. **Item 4.6 – Special Event Application – Zone 20 Pony Club Street Parade**
 - i. **Receive the report on Zone 20 Pony Club Street Parade.**
 - ii. **Support the Special Event Application for the 2022 Zone 20 Pony Club Street Parade to enable this event to go ahead, subject to Council’s standard conditions.**
 - iii. **Endorse the Special Event application subject to receipt of Road Occupancy License, concurrence from TfNSW and approval from NSW Police.**
- g. **Item 4.7 – Special Event Application Tumberfest**
 - i. **Receive the report on the Special Event Application for the 2022 Tumbafest.**
 - ii. **Support the Special Event Application for the 2022 Tumbafest to enable this event to go ahead, subject to Council’s standard conditions.**
 - iii. **Endorse the Special Event application subject to receipt of Road Occupancy License, Traffic Guidance Scheme for the event, Temporary Bus Zone approvals, concurrence from TfNSW and approval from NSW Police.**
- h. **Item 4.8 – Special Event Application – Batlow Ciderfest 2022**
 - i. **Receive the report on Special Event Application for the 2022 Batlow Ciderfest.**
 - ii. **Support the Special Event Application for the 2022 Batlow Ciderfest to enable this event to go ahead, subject to Council’s standard conditions.**
- i. **Item 4.9 - Goobragandra Road Advisory Speed Signs**
 - i. **Receive the report on Goobragandra Road Advisory Speed Signs.**
 - ii. **Request Transport for NSW to conduct a Vericom analysis of the Goobragandra Road to determine recommend advisory speeds for the curves and review the speed zone for Walls Creek Road.**

- iii. **3. Investigate the installation of road advisory signs for curves with appropriate speeds along the Goobragandra Road.**
 - j. **Item 4.10 - McAuley Catholic Central School, Upgraded Pedestrian Crossing**
 - i. **Receive the report on McAuley Catholic Central School, upgraded pedestrian crossing.**
 - ii. **Endorse the pedestrian crossing at McAuley Catholic Central School across Capper Street be upgraded.**
 - k. **Item 4.11 - McAuley School, Capper Street Bus Routes**
 - i. **Receive the report on McAuley School, Capper Street Bus Routes.**
 - ii. **Recommend that the bus zone at McAuley Catholic Central School be moved from the East side of Capper Street to the North Side of Carey Street before the construction of the roundabout at the intersection of Gocup Road, Snowy Mountains Highway and Capper Street.**
4. **Note the general business items raised at the meeting:**
- a. **Tumbarumba Hospital, No Parking Zone along Mitchell Street - consultation is required between Council and Murrumbidgee Health and NSW Ambulance regarding the request for a No Parking Zone along the East Side of Mitchell Street, Tumbarumba.**
 - b. **Bridge Street, Tumbarumba - requests be made to Transport for NSW to evaluate the installation of flashing lights for school zones. Traffic data needs to be collected by council for traffic along Bridge Street and Selwyn Street and submitted to Transport for NSW to support the evaluation. The proposed traffic calming project (Safer Roads Project 5124) is acknowledged and will be considered in the application for the flashing lights for school zones.**
 - c. **Safer Roads Submissions for Tooma Road and Grahamstown Road - Council has requested and received Road Safety audits for Tooma Road between the Elliott Way and Tumbarumba as well as Grahamstown Road between Quartz Street, Adelong and the Boundary of the LGA. Treatments for the outcomes of the audits have been suggested. Application towards the Federal funded Safer Roads program are in process.**

BACKGROUND:

The Local Traffic Committee is primarily a technical review committee with representatives from Transport for NSW, NSW Police, representatives of elected Members of Parliament and council representatives related to traffic control devices, facilities and events related to roads and transport within the Local Government Area that are not State nor Federal Roads.

REPORT:

A copy of the Local Traffic Committee Minutes are attached to this report.

The next meeting of the Local Traffic Committee is scheduled for the 23 February 2022. This meeting will be held in Tumbarumba with TEAMS Access.

LINKS TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND DELIVERY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework:

CSP Outcome 2028

Theme 5: Our Infrastructure

Delivery Outcomes

5.3 Provide and partner with other agencies to deliver an effective, safe local transport network

Operational Actions

5.3.1 Deliver a Road Safety Program in partnership with neighbouring Councils and Transport for NSW

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

Sustainability assessments for each of the items considered by the Local Traffic Committee are referenced in the specific reports presented to the committee.

Financial and Resources Implications

Internal resources are utilised to prepare the reports for the Local Traffic Committee and the provision of executive support of the committee.

The delivery of traffic safety initiatives proposed by the Local Traffic Committee are subject to the availability of funding. Council has an allocated budget for the commencement of some road safety initiatives. The items outlined in this report will be actioned as time and resources are available.

Costs and Benefits:

Nil

Policy, Legal and Statutory Implications:

The requirements for Council to maintain a Local Traffic Committee are pertained within the Roads Act 1993, with Terms of Reference being provided by Transport for NSW (A Guide to the Delegation to Councils for the Regulation of Traffic (including the operation of Traffic Committees) RTA 2009).

RISK MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS RISK/WHS/PUBLIC:

Risk Management Assessments are provided with Special Event Applications.

Risk Management is considered as part of the initiatives by the Local Traffic Committee.

OPTIONS:

Council may choose to:

- Endorse the recommendations made by the Local Traffic Committee as described in this report and its attachments.
- Endorse the recommendations made by the Local Traffic Committee as described in this report and its attachments with amendments.
- Reject or defer the report

COUNCIL SEAL REQUIRED:

No

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION:

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 20211124 - Minutes - Local Traffic Committee (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 RFT2021/09 - CONSTRUCTION OF HUME & HOVELL
COPPABELLA CREEK TUMBARUMBA SUSPENSION
BRIDGE

Item 13.1 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.

13.2 RFT2021/10 - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE
BATLOW & TUMUT UPGRADED LEARN TO SWIM AND
WATER PLAY POOLS

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.