

Richmond  
Valley  
Council



# **AGENDA**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

**I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:**

**Date: Tuesday, 17 August 2021**

**Time: 5.00pm**

**Location: Council Chambers  
10 Graham Place, Casino**

**Vaughan Macdonald  
General Manager**

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**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Mayor will provide an Acknowledgement of Country by reading the following statement on behalf of Council:

*"Richmond Valley Council recognises the people of the Bundjalung Nations as Custodians and Traditional Owners of this land and we value and appreciate the continuing cultural connection to lands, their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region in the past, present and future."*

**2 PRAYER****3 PUBLIC ACCESS AND QUESTION TIME****4 APOLOGIES**

## **5 MAYORAL MINUTES**

### **5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - ROUS FUTURE WATER PROJECT**

**Author: Robert Mustow, Mayor**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Notes the resolution of the Rous County Council 21 July 2021 Extraordinary Meeting regarding the Future Water Project;
2. Writes to Rous County Council expressing its concern with the decision;
3. Notes that the Dunoon Dam proposal was identified in the draft Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy as an option for further consideration;
4. Seeks support from the Deputy Premier, the Hon. John Barilaro MP and the Minister for Water the Hon. Melinda Pavey MP, to complete the detailed cultural heritage and biodiversity assessments associated with the proposed Dunoon Dam, in consultation with relevant Traditional Custodians, prior to finalisation of the Regional Water Strategy;
5. Supports the calls by our local member Chris Gulaptis MP and the Parliamentary Secretary for Water Infrastructure, Sam Farraway MLC for an independent study to investigate water storage and security, flood mitigation, river health and water quality in the area serviced by Rous County Council.
6. Requests the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Shelley Hancock MP and the Minister for Water, the Hon. Melinda Pavey MP undertake a review of the Rous Water Integrated Water Cycle Management planning process to determine if Rous County Council has:
  - a) Complied with its legislative responsibilities, specifically in regard to community consultation and its decision making processes on behalf of its constituent Councils;
  - b) Appropriately addressed water security risk management within its area of operations.

#### **REPORT**

At its Extraordinary Meeting on 21 July 2021, Rous County Council (RCC) resolved to adopt its revised Integrated Water Cycle Management strategy, based on future water supply from groundwater, desalination and potable re-use, despite the recommendations of RCC's technical officers and significant community support for further investigations into the Dunoon Dam proposal.

This decision was not unanimous. As Richmond Valley Council's delegates to Rous, both Cr Sandra Humphrys and I felt that we could not support this recommendation, as it was not in keeping with the policy direction of our Council, nor in the best long term interests of the Richmond Valley and Northern Rivers communities.

Long-term water security is vital to the future of every community on the Far North Coast. In Richmond Valley, we must ensure that the Mid-Richmond communities continue to receive a safe, affordable drinking water supply and that the future of the Casino water supply is secured and protected from a changing climate. Council is currently undertaking detailed studies into future options for the Casino supply, which will include potential connection to the Rous County Council system. The July decision from RCC places that option at risk. The long-term direction to make the Mid-Richmond communities more heavily reliant on ground water supplies is also of concern and not supported by many in our community.

While Richmond Valley Council is yet to form a position on the merits of the Dunoon Dam proposal, we have always maintained that the necessary investigations should be undertaken to allow an informed decision as to whether or not the dam should proceed.

The July resolution ensures that this work will not be carried out as part of the Future Water Project. I am deeply disappointed by this decision and the manner in which it was made. As delegates to Rous County Council, I believe it is our duty to consider the views of the community and to give due regard to the feedback received. It was clear from the consultation results that the majority of respondents favoured continued investigation into the Dunoon Dam proposal.

RCC received petitions with 10,208 signatures calling for the Dunoon Dam proposal to be reconsidered. This, along with written and online surveys, represents the highest response to any one project or issue that the council has received. However, Councillors resolved by a 5-3 majority not to proceed with critical cultural heritage and ecological investigations into this proposal, despite a written request from representatives of the Widjabul Wia-bal Native Title claim group to commission a qualified archaeologist to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage assessment.

As Council would be aware, the Dunoon Dam proposal was included amongst the Long List Options of the draft Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy, publicly exhibited last year. Clearly the NSW Government believes there is sufficient merit in the proposal to at least warrant further investigation. I believe the only way we will ever know if this proposal is both viable and acceptable is to undertake the relevant cultural heritage and ecological investigations. Only then will we have the evidence we need to make an objective and informed decision. If Rous County Council is unwilling to proceed with this work, then I would seek Council's support to approach the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Water to have the necessary studies completed as part of the Regional Water Strategy finalisation process, in consultation with the traditional custodians of the land. I believe this is the best way forward to achieve a transparent decision on behalf of the Northern Rivers community.

As a delegate to Rous County Council, I have been concerned by the number of community members who have expressed their disappointment to me about the Rous IWCM process and the manner in which this decision was made. I believe that as elected representatives we should always be willing to hold ourselves up to the scrutiny of the public and the industry regulators who are charged with ensuring due process is observed.

In light of these community concerns, I would seek Council's support to request a review of Rous County Council's management of the IWCM process and the conduct of the July Extraordinary meeting by the relevant Ministers and their agencies. I believe this is the only way that we can reassure our community that these important issues that are so vital to our future have been adequately addressed.

## **ATTACHMENT(S)**

**Nil**

**6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**6.1 MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 20 JULY 2021**

**Author: Vaughan Macdonald, General Manager**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20 July 2021.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

- 1. Unconfirmed Minutes Ordinary Meeting 20 July 2021 (under separate cover)**

**6.2 INTERNAL AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES 3 AUGUST 2021**

**Author: Ryan Gaiter, Director Organisational Services**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the Minutes of the Internal Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 3 August 2021.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

- 1. Internal Audit and Risk Committee Minutes 3 August 2021 (under separate cover)**

**7 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**8 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

(Councillors to specify details of item and nature of interest)

**9 PETITIONS**

Nil

**10 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**11 MAYOR'S REPORT****11.1 MAYORAL ATTENDANCES 14 JUNE - 12 JULY 2021****Author: Robert Mustow, Mayor****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's attendance report from 13 July – 9 August 2021.

**REPORT****July**

- 13<sup>th</sup> Helen Trustum book launch "Memories of Home"
- 13<sup>th</sup> Casino Chamber President meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> NSW State Dog Trails Rappville Sportsground
- 18<sup>th</sup> Presentation - NSW State Dog Trails Rappville Sportsground
- 18<sup>th</sup> Evans Head Casino Surf Life Saving Club presentation evening
- 20<sup>th</sup> Marine Rescue Evans Head – new rescue vessel delivery with Chris Gulaptis MP
- 20<sup>th</sup> Funding announcement Jumbunna Community Preschool with Chris Gulaptis MP and Kevin Hogan MP
- 20<sup>th</sup> Richmond Valley Council Ordinary Meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> Rous County Council Extraordinary Council meeting
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Mid-Richmond Historical Society Annual General Meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> Chris Gulaptis MP – announcement of release of affordable housing project in Casino
- 27<sup>th</sup> Regional Joint Planning– Draft Action Plan Presentation
- 28<sup>th</sup> Northern Rivers Service Level Agreement Annual Review
- 30<sup>th</sup> Northern Rivers Joint Organisation board meeting
- 31<sup>st</sup> Casino Quota Club Annual Craft Fair
- 31<sup>st</sup> NRLX All Breeds Bull and Heifer Sale

**August**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Evans Head Library and Administration Centre opening
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Richmond Valley Council, Internal Audit and Risk Committee meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Richmond Valley Council, Councillor Information Session
- 6<sup>th</sup> Junbung Walk Opening Casino
- 8<sup>th</sup> Military Museum Regional meeting
- 8<sup>th</sup> St Marks Anglican Parish Church Final Service at Rappville

**ATTACHMENT(S)****Nil**

**12 DELEGATES' REPORTS****12.1 DELEGATES' REPORT SUBMITTED TO AUGUST 2021 ORDINARY MEETING****Author: Robert Mustow, Mayor****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the Delegates' Report for the month of July 2021.

**REPORT**

Council delegates are required to report on meetings/forums attended on Council's behalf.

The following information has been provided regarding meetings/functions attended by Councillors.

**Rous County Council**

Cr Robert Mustow and Cr Sandra Humphrys have provided the following summary of the main items of business for the Rous County Council Extraordinary Meeting held on 21 July 2021.

Correspondence received from Rous County Council referring to the adoption of a three stage Future Water Project 2060 also follows.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

- 1. Rous County Council meeting summary 21 July 2021**
- 2. Rous County Council letter - 28 July 2021**



**Summary of main items of business for  
Extraordinary Council meeting  
21 July 2021**

Following are the outcomes from Council's July Extraordinary Council meeting:

- **Rous Regional Water Supply – revised draft Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy adoption (Future Water Project 2060)**

Council resolved to:

1. Receive and note the public exhibition review document attached to the report entitled 'Future Water Plan 2060 Public Exhibition of revised Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy outcomes June 2021' prepared by Vaxa Group, in relation to the revised draft Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy placed on public exhibition for 8 weeks from 1 April 2021 to 28 May 2021.
2. Note that copies of submissions received during the public exhibition period are available on the Rous County Council website.
3. Thank all persons and organisations that provided a submission to, or engaged in, the public exhibition and consultation process.
4. Adopt and confirm the revised IWCM Strategy as resolved at the Extraordinary meeting on 17 March 2021.
5. (a) Receive and note the letter dated 30 June 2021 from NTSCorp regarding various matters associated with the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Group and the Dunoon dam project Aboriginal cultural heritage report.  
(b) Receive a response from management on the matters outlined in the NTSCorp letter mentioned above at 5(a).  
(c) Enter into genuine consultations with the relevant traditional custodians including Widjabul Wia-bal Native Title Claim Group prior to any decision being made by Rous in relation to the Dunoon Dam project area.
6. Defer the report outlining options for dealing with land owned by Rous identified as part of the proposed Dunoon dam that was resolved by Council at its meeting of 16 December 2020 (resolution [61/20] Item 2), until after the next scheduled revision of the IWCM.

*Crs Cadwallader, Humphrys and Mustow voted against.*

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- **Transfer of Marom Creek Water Treatment Plant to Rous County Council**

Council resolved:

1. As part of its water security risk mitigation approach under the Future Water Project 2060, confirms that its:
  - (a) **Preferred option** is to acquire the Marom Creek Water Treatment Plant, including ancillary infrastructure and assets, and the Ellis Road and Lindendale groundwater access licenses ('The Property'), owned by Ballina Shire Council.
  - (b) **Second preferred option** is to develop a groundwater treatment plant for Rous' bores located at Alstonville.
  - (c) **Third preferred option** is to develop a groundwater treatment plant for Rous' bores located at Woodburn.
2. Direct the General Manager to write to the General Manager of Ballina Shire Council requesting that Ballina Shire Council not progress any of the planned upgrade works to the Marom Creek Water Treatment Plant, until Ballina Shire Council has resolved its position in relation to Rous' **Preferred option** (1(a)).
3. In the event that The Property acquisition does not proceed, confirm that the General Manager is authorised to progress the **Second preferred option**.
4. Note that the preferred aquifer to source future groundwater supplies for the **Preferred and Second preferred** options is the Clarence Moreton Basin.
5. Authorise:
  - (a) The General Manager to progress the **Preferred and Second options** concurrently and negotiate the purchase of The Property as described in the body of the report.
  - (b) The Chair and General Manager to sign necessary documentation under seal to affect the purchase and transfer of The Property to Rous County Council.
6. With reference to the 16 December 2020 resolution [61/20] "*Note the progress of discussions with Ballina Shire Council regarding the potential transfer or lease of Marom Creek WTP and that a further report will be provided*", note that this report satisfies the requirement to provide a further update on the progress of discussions with Ballina Shire Council.

*Cr Cadwallader voted against.*

*For a copy of the draft minutes for this meeting and the business paper please go to Council's website [www.rous.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rous.nsw.gov.au)*

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Dear Vaughan

**Adoption of the *Future Water Project 2060***

At an extraordinary meeting on 21 July 2021, Rous County Council adopted a three-stage *Future Water Project 2060* ('*FWP 2060*') to secure its regional water supply.

The *FWP 2060* was subject to two extensive public exhibition periods during 2020/2021 prior to its adoption by the Council.

We especially appreciate the significant contribution made by Richmond Valley Council staff and councillors in helping to shape a robust regional water security plan.

Stages 1 and 2 of the *FWP 2060* focus on sourcing groundwater from the Clarence-Moreton Basin (deep below Alstonville's aquifer) as well as the Tyagarah area's underground aquifer to boost Council's regional supply and meet forecast demand over the next 20 years.

The project's first two stages also prioritise the continued implementation of more innovative water conservation measures to better manage regional demand.

Stage 3 of the *FWP 2060* will depend on the outcome of extensive investigations into the potential use of purified recycled water, desalination and more groundwater schemes as additional sources beyond 2040.

With a clear strategic direction set for securing the regional water supply, Council can now commence the key works and other actions needed to ensure increasing demand is met from 2024.

Should you wish to discuss any of the above further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly on 0427 073 440.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phillip Rudd".

Phillip Rudd  
General Manager

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**13 MATTERS DETERMINED WITHOUT DEBATE**

Each Councillor is given the opportunity to indicate which items they wish to debate or question. Item numbers identified for debate or questioning will be read to the Meeting.

Following identification of the above items a motion will be moved in regard to the balance of items being determined without debate.

**13.1 MATTERS TO BE DETERMINED WITHOUT DEBATE****RECOMMENDATION**

That items identified be determined without debate.

## **14 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS**

### **14.1 DELIVERY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT 1 JANUARY 2021 TO 30 JUNE 2021.**

**Author:** Ryan Gaiter, Director Organisational Services

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council adopted the revised 2017/2022 Delivery Program in June 2021. In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* the General Manager must ensure that progress reports are provided to the Council reporting on the progress of all principal activities detailed in the Delivery Program at least every six months. This report relates to and provides information about the achievements of the targeted outcomes prescribed in the Delivery Program.

The report is presented in a traffic light indicator format and provides commentary on the progress of all Delivery Program actions and milestones and progress against the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) performance measures for each community objective within the four priority areas of the CSP. The report represents the results at the end of year four of the Delivery Program.

A dashboard has been provided to summarise Council's overall performance in meeting its four-year targets. The number of completed traffic lights (93%) demonstrates a solid performance for this period of the extended five-year program.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the Progress Report on the Delivery Program for 1 January to 30 June 2021.

#### **DELIVERY PROGRAM LINKS**

Making Council Great

CS1: Leading and Advocating for our Community

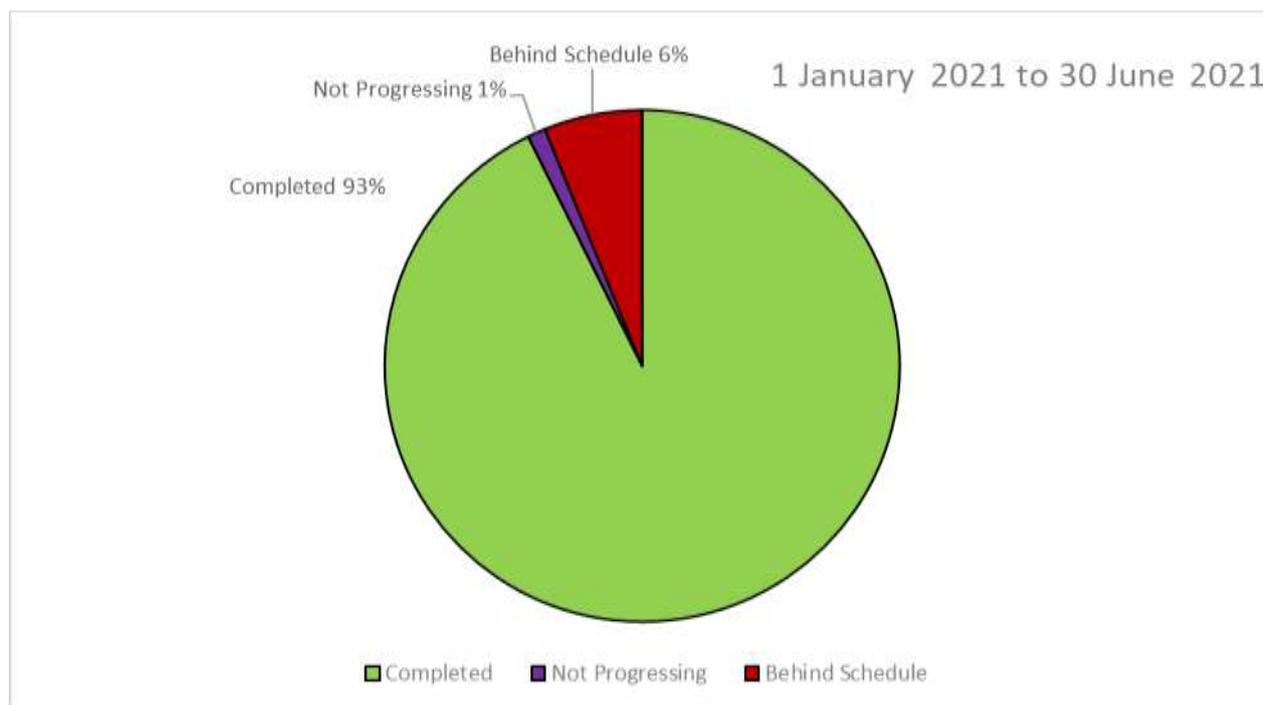
CS1.1: Improve decision making by engaging stakeholders and taking community input into account

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

The Delivery Program is implemented in line with Council's annually approved budget and Long-Term Financial Plan.

#### **REPORT**

Figure 1 represents Council's overall performance during the 6 months 1 January 2021 and 31 June 2021 of the fifth year of the Delivery Program 2017/2022 by providing a summary of the completion rate for each activity as reported in the accompanying table. The number of completed Delivery Program activities demonstrates that in this period of the now five-year program, Council is making solid progress in achieving the outcomes identified in the Delivery Program. Of the 178 Delivery Program actions 165 are completed or 93%.



The Delivery Program report is presented in individual tables containing the progress towards completion of all Delivery Program activities and targets against the four priority areas in the Community Strategic Plan.

The status is defined as:

Green: The action or milestone has been completed.

Amber: The action or milestone is on schedule and is being actively managed.

Blue: The action or target is not due to commence in the reporting period.

Purple: The action is not progressing.

Red: The action or milestone is behind schedule.

The progress report relates to quarters three and four of the 2020/2021 financial year.

### **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS BEHIND SCHEDULE**

The following table summarises the intended date of completion for actions with a status of 'behind schedule'.

<b>Action Code</b>	<b>Action Name &amp; Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Target for completion</b>
PP1.5.3	Review Cemetery Strategy and deliver project plans accordingly.  (Manager Infrastructure Services)	The Cemetery Strategy Review has commenced. Investigations into historical burial rates and future burial demand has been undertaken and is informing the strategy. The Strategy will be completed by June 2022, for consideration by Council.	30 June 2022
<b>Action Code</b>	<b>Action Name &amp; Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Target for completion</b>
PP2.1.1	Develop a Road Management Strategy which provides long-term direction and information on sustainability of road network including assessment of bridges affected by load limits (Manager Asset Planning)	Council is currently undertaking a comprehensive review of its Asset Management Plans as part of the next integrated planning and reporting process.  This work will set the direction for long-term investment in maintenance and renewal of key community infrastructure. A roads and bridges asset management plan will be completed by 30 June 2022.	30 June 2022
PP2.2.5	Completion of Capital Works Program  (Manager Infrastructure Services)	Not all capital works projects have been completed in accordance with the program this financial year. Interruptions have been caused by staff movements, Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements priorities and private works opportunities that have been delivered. These delays and subsequent budget adjustments have been regularly reported to Council.	30 June 2022
EC1.7.2	Local Environmental Plan review  (Manager Development & Certification)	Local Environmental Plan Health Check is ongoing with continual review of the document. Changes to the LEP are likely due to the Regional Jobs Precinct (RJP) Program. Minor amendments are scheduled to be undertaken by mid-2022 when the outcomes of the RJP work are known.	30 April 2022
EC1.7.5	Contributions Plan Review  (Manager Development & Certification)	The review of the Contributions Plan is a joint exercise between several sections of Council. New Asset Management Plans are being developed and when completed the information will feed into the Contributions Plan Review. The aim is to	30 December 2022

EC1.8.1	Implement the Local Growth Management Plan to provide for an adequate supply of residential land  (Manager Development & Certification)	Consultants have been engaged to draft an Urban Growth Management Strategy. The draft is scheduled to be completed by December 2021 with the aim of having and exhibited document to Council for a resolution to adopt by mid-2022. This strategy will inform the Casino Town Plan which is part of the Regional Jobs Precinct Program.	30 April 2022
EC1.8.2	Develop growth management strategies as an input into the LEP for zoning land for the required residential, rural residential, commercial and industrial land uses whilst maintaining environmental sustainability  (Manager Development & Certification)	The draft Urban Growth Management Strategy will address the future needs of Richmond Valley in relation to the supply of residential land and employment generating land. The strategy is scheduled to be completed by mid-2022 for consideration by Council.	30 April 2022
EH1.4.1	Develop and implement capping plans  (Manager Infrastructure Services))	The Nammoona capping plan has been included in the Cell 6 design project. A tender for both Cell 6 and the capping projects will be issued by the end of 2021.	December 2021
EH1.8.3	Energy and Carbon emission reduction program will be investigated within Water & Sewer, and implemented if proven to be beneficial  (Manager Infrastructure Services)	Solar energy has been successfully implemented at Council's Casino Water Treatment Plant. Council is negotiating acquisition of land to enable a solar system for the Casino Raw Water Pump Station. The aim is to have this project concluded by 31 December 2022.	30 June 2022
EH 1.8.4	Review current water sewer infrastructure and develop improvement plan  (Water and Sewer Engineer)	Council opted to be part of DPIE trial project for a more cost effective and streamlined IWCM process which should start in 2021/2022.	June 2022
EH1.8.5	Investigate an alternative water source for water supply security to Casino in emergencies	Funding for this investigation was secured under the NSW Government's Safe and Secure program.	30 October 2021

**Legal**

In accordance with *the Local Government Act 1993* the General Manager must ensure that progress reports are provided to Council with respect to the principal activities detailed in Council's Delivery Program, at least every six months. The report represents the period 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 which is in accordance with the requirements under the Act.

**CONSULTATION**

The progress report has been compiled in consultation with management and staff.

**CONCLUSION**

Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting framework consists of a range of plans and reports, including an extended five-year Delivery Program. This report provides a progress report to the Council with respect to the principal activities detailed in the Delivery Program in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act*.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. **Delivery Program Progress Report (under separate cover)**

## 14.2 RAPPVILLE SEWERAGE SCHEME UPDATE

**Author:** Ben Zeller, Director Projects & Business Development

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the aftermath of the 2019 bushfires, Council developed a Recovery Plan to highlight ways that Rappville could 'build back better'. A sewerage scheme for Rappville formed part of this Recovery Plan, and through the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund (BLERF), funding of \$3M was secured to deliver this project.

Community consultation has been a critical element of the project thus far with the results of a recent survey showing support for the scheme and a preference for Option A2: a Centralised Treatment Plant – Pressure Sewer System (Oxidation Pond Irrigation). Public Works cost estimates reveal a likely budget shortfall to achieve delivery of the desired sewerage scheme option, so consideration needs to be given to Councils risk appetite for executing a funding agreement.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Notes the update on the Rappville Sewerage Scheme;
2. Authorises the General Manager to execute the grant funding agreement with Public Works Assurance and Regional NSW for the Rappville Sewerage Scheme project, noting a potential shortfall between the grant amount and the projected capital cost of the project, which if realised will require funding from the Sewer Fund as set out in this report;
3. Notes the results of the Rappville Sewerage Scheme community survey and the 68% positive response rate for a sewerage scheme in Rappville.

### DELIVERY PROGRAM LINKS

Looking after our Environment

EH1: Managing our Waste and Water

EH1.8 Provide compliant, continuous and cost-effective water supplies and sewerage services

### BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Under the NSW Government Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund (BLERF), Council was successful in securing \$3M for the Rappville Sewerage Scheme project. An options report completed by the Public Works has estimated the preferred sewerage scheme option of a Centralised Treatment Plant and Pressure Sewer System with pond irrigation, to cost approximately \$3.6M.

Negotiation with Regional NSW has resulted in a commitment of an extra \$250,000 in resourcing support from the NSW Government. If the projected costs were realised, this would result in a funding shortfall of approximately \$350,000 which would need to be funded by Council which the NSW Government has encouraged us to do given the funding support they have provided our community under the BLERF.

It should also be noted that the estimated project cost of \$3.6M includes a 15% contingency (approximately \$260,000). Every effort will be made to deliver the project within the \$3.25M funding provided by the NSW Government.

**REPORT**

With the Government's commitment to 'Building back better' in mind, Council included a concept for a sewerage scheme for Rappville in its Recovery Plan in the aftermath of the 2019 bushfires. High level investigations were undertaken at the time with a figure of \$3 million being estimated, to provide a reticulated sewerage treatment solution for Rappville.

Council secured funding of approximately \$21 million under the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund (BLERF) for three major projects, including \$3 million for the Rappville Sewerage Scheme. As part of this funding program, a pilot program has been introduced whereby project management input from Public Works Advisory is mandated.

Given the investigations for this project were conducted at a high level for inclusion in the Recovery Plan, there was no decision point sought as to the optimal type of sewerage solution. Much of the interaction between Public Works and Council's Project Management Office since the funding announcement has been concentrated on executing a funding agreement and carrying out more detailed investigations on the most suitable type of system.

In March 2021, Public Works Advisory engaged their principal wastewater engineer, to produce an options analysis on the various types of potential sewerage solutions for Rappville. The intention of the analysis was that the options considered would be subject to a community consultation process where the Rappville residents had a say in the future of the village.

In summary, the options report highlighted three main solutions:

**Option A1** – *Centralised Treatment Plant – Pressure Sewer System (Oxidation Pond Evaporation)*

***Estimated cost - \$4,517,097***

**Option A2** – *Centralised Treatment Plant – Pressure Sewer System (Oxidation Pond Irrigation)*

***Estimated cost - \$3,559,251***

**Option B** – *On-site Sewage Management system upgrades (Upgrade/establish on site aerated systems on existing and vacant properties)*

***Estimated Cost - \$1,921,875***

Option A2 was identified in the options study as the most suitable, from both an operational and capital cost perspective and that it satisfies the intention of building back better with a satisfactory public health and environmental outcome.

To address a potential funding shortfall of \$600,000, discussions were held with Regional NSW where it has been agreed in principle that a further \$250,000 be funded by the Department for this project. If the project cost of \$3.6M is realised, a funding source would need to be found by Council in the amount of approximately \$350,000. The estimated cost of the preferred option \$3.6M includes a 15% contingency amounting to approximately \$260,000.

Potential sources for the budget shortfall are the sewer fund reserve (projected balance 30 June 2022 \$12.2M), borrowings, or from our discretionary grant funding pool.

Council's Risk Framework identifies that our Risk Appetite for Projects and Business activities is in the 'Open to Adventurous' while for Infrastructure council is open to exploring new technologies, construction techniques and designs, it will also be diligent in ensuring that infrastructure is safe, fit for purpose, sustainable and affordable for our community. With this in mind, the project aims to improve the Rappville village's:

- Future growth prospects
- Development potential
- Environmental outcomes and property amenity
- Flood resilience of sewerage systems
- Property price growth

The transition from an on-site system to the centralised sewerage system will be a challenge for some existing residents who will face an increase in their costs for managing their wastewater. A couple of residents have invested in improving their systems in recent years and are justifiably concerned that the investment is now wasted. Council may need to consider some transition mechanisms for those residents who can prove they are unable to meet an increase in charges. However, this must be weighed up against the financial and other benefits each property owner will receive as listed above.

This funding is a 'once in a century' opportunity for the village of Rappville to benefit from improved core infrastructure that will support more investment in the community to improve its viability and liveability. Significant investment is going into this community with the rebuild of the Rappville Hall, improvements to tennis courts, improved pathways, new Rural Fire Service facilities and improved Sportsground facilities. Businesses like the O'Connor Saw Mill and the Rappville Pub are investing, which all adds to the future sustainability of this community. If it doesn't happen now, the village is likely to remain unsewered for decades.

A timely decision on executing the funding agreement will enable Public Works Assurance to proceed with the significant planning, investigation and design elements still required to activate the project. The main consideration in the early stages, is identifying and acquiring an available, flood free land parcel on which to situate the treatment plant, oxidation ponds and irrigation areas.

## CONSULTATION

Council's Project Management Office and Public Works Advisory have been facilitating a community consultation program through the Rappville Advisory Group. Meetings have been held before and after the Options Report to discuss both the scope of the report and the findings. An Information Sheet was produced that outlined the preferred option, ongoing costs and a frequently asked questions section. On review of the Information Sheet, the Advisory Group indicated its support generally for a sewerage scheme in Rappville and acknowledged the preferred option (A2).

To gauge the support or otherwise of the greater Rappville community, a survey and the information sheet were distributed to all affected lot holders. The survey was in circulation for three weeks and significant effort was made by Council staff via phone calls to follow up on non-returned surveys. The results of the survey are summarised here:

Surveys Distributed	<b>52</b>
Surveys Received	<b>19</b>
Received %	<b>37%</b>
Not Received %	<b>63%</b>
Positive responses overall proposal	<b>13</b>
Positive responses %	<b>68%</b>
Neutral or Negative overall proposal	<b>6</b>
Neutral or Negative responses %	<b>32%</b>
Positive responses Option A2	<b>12</b>
Positive responses A2 %	<b>63%</b>
Neutral or Negative responses Option A2	<b>7</b>
Neutral or Negative responses A2 %	<b>37%</b>
Highest ranked benefit	Future growth prospects
Biggest concern	Odour / Sewerage Annual Charge

A follow up discussion with the Rappville Advisory Group members was scheduled for 10 August in person, but due to COVID restrictions, was conducted by telephone. The members provided positive feedback on the survey results and indicated they were fully supportive of the project moving to the next phase.

**CONCLUSION**

The community survey results, albeit on a low response rate, show majority support for a Centralised Treatment Plant – Pressure Sewer System (Oxidation Pond Irrigation) in Rappville. To progress the project to the next stage, the General Manager will need to execute the funding agreement deed, on the understanding that there will likely be a budget shortfall in the amount of up to \$350,000. As the project was identified in the original Recovery Plan, developed in the wake of the 2019 bushfires, Council has a unique opportunity to help Rappville build back better by ensuring this project proceeds and fulfil its commitment with the Federal and NSW Governments to 'Build back better'.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

Nil

**14.3 CASINO SHOWGROUND PRECINCT PROJECT UPDATE**

**Author:** Ben Zeller, Director Projects & Business Development

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has secured \$9.2M in funding for the upgrade of the Casino Showground Precinct. A Masterplan was adopted for the Showground and most elements will be delivered under this funding by the required date of 30 June 2023. Features such as the grass and sand track upgrade, the day stalls and the truck and float parking area will be managed internally by our own works crews and directly appointed contractors. The remaining inclusions will form part of a Design and Construct Tender process, made necessary by unsuccessful negotiations with design only contractors failing to meet budget expectations for the design element of the project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Notes the outcome of negotiations for Tender VP242344 – Detailed Design of Casino Showground Precinct which has not resulted in a suitable design contractor being engaged;
2. Notes that a Design and Construct tender process for the Casino Showground Precinct project is now being pursued;
3. Notes that a future report on this tender process will be provided for Council's consideration.

**DELIVERY PROGRAM LINKS**

Connecting People and Places

PP1: Fresh and Vibrant Community

PP1.3: Provide clean, safe and accessible open spaces and recreational services to the community and visitors

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Council has executed funding agreements totalling \$9.2M to develop the Casino Showgrounds Precinct. Funding has been committed under the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund (\$8.2M) and the NSW Showgrounds Stimulus Funding Program – Phase Two (\$1M).

The funding commitments were based on a business case developed by Council in 2018 which defined the key objectives for an upgrade. From the business case, a masterplan was developed, and cost estimates were attached to the main build elements.

Council advertised expressions of interest for the detailed design in April 2021 and called for tenders in May 2021. All submissions were declined as the prices supplied were well above the amount budgeted for design. Council resolved in June for the Project Management Office to negotiate with the tenderers to achieve a satisfactory outcome, but this approach has proven unsuccessful as the resubmitted prices were also above expectation.

**REPORT**

Council endorsed the recommendation of Tender VP242344 – Detailed Design of Casino Showground Precinct at the June Council meeting. The recommendation was as follows:

That Council

1. Decline all submissions received for Tender VP242344 – Detailed Design of Casino Showground Precinct due to all submissions being higher than the budget allocated for the works.
2. Determine not to call fresh Tenders, as submissions received were of sufficient number and quality to make a new tender process unwarranted.
3. Apply Clause 178 (3e) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* to authorise the General Manager to enter into direct negotiations with nominated tenderers, with a view to obtaining works within the available budget, and to finalise the terms of the contract or agreement, including affixing the seal of Council where necessary.
4. Note that the outcomes of the negotiations be reported to Council for information.

Due to the commercial in confidence nature of the information, the recommendation was considered in Closed (confidential) Council. A copy of that report can be made available to Councillors upon request.

Council received five (5) submissions for Tender VP242344, all of which were above the allocated budget for the design element of the project. As per the resolution, Project Management Office staff commenced negotiations with the nominated tenderers to obtain the works within the available budget.

These negotiations have proven unsuccessful as the best resubmitted price is still well above the allocated budget. Following negotiations, it was considered that a better outcome may be achieved if Council offered a Design and Construct model rather than a separate design then construct approach.

Project Management Office staff have considered the required delivery timeframes and can determine no discernible difference in delivery date if we were to change approach and begin a Design and Construct tender process.

Given the original Masterplan for the Showgrounds contained many build elements, it was considered at the time that a design then construct model would provide us with a better gauge upfront of the expected total project cost. It would also provide us with a full design which could be used to secure future funding for features not able to be completed under the current budget. Subsequent discussions with industry experts and previously engaged contractors have revealed that a Design and Construct would likely engage a wider range of contractors with efficiencies to be gained by having both design and construction capabilities in house. An example of a successful use of this method was achieved with the Northern Rivers Livestock Exchange upgrade project.

As a result, the Project Management Office is currently preparing an open Design and Construct Tender for the Showgrounds project, with a release in the week of 16 August 2021.

In the meantime, work on the in-house project elements, being the upgrade to the sand and grass tracks and the truck parking area will commence when the current quote request processes have concluded. The funding agreements require a completion date of 30 June 2023 which can still be achieved under the proposed approach.

**CONSULTATION**

As part of the greater management of this project, significant stakeholder consultation has occurred. Representatives from Showgrounds user groups have met regularly with the Project Management Office where inclusions and layout discussions have informed both the masterplan and future designs.

During the Expression of Interest period for the detailed design, some contractors questioned the approach to separate the design and construct elements of the project. This message was echoed by other contractors contacted who suggested it may reduce the number of responders to a straight design tender.

The market response to the design tender was acceptable with five (5) submissions received, however the prices lodged gave credence to the contractor feedback and raised consideration of a new Design and Construct Tender release.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Project Management Office has tested the market via a tender process for the detailed design of the Casino Showgrounds Precinct and is not satisfied with the outcomes. Feedback from the negotiations and from discussions with industry participants and from our own experience in managing projects of this nature, indicates that cost savings and build methodology advantages can be achieved from a Design and Construct process. There will be no impact on the delivery timeframe requirements by pursuing the Design and Construct methodology.

### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

**Nil**

**15 FINANCIAL REPORTS****15.1 FINANCIAL ANALYSIS REPORT - JULY 2021**

**Author:** Dean Fordham, Manager Finance and Procurement

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the status and performance of its investment portfolio in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* s.625, Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 cl.212, Australian Accounting Standard (AASB 9) and Council's Investment Policy.

The value of Council's Investment Portfolio as at 31 July 2021 is shown below:

Bank Accounts	Term Deposits	Floating Rate Notes	TCorp IM Funds	Total
\$16,501,440	\$21,000,000	\$4,750,390	\$15,605,440	\$57,857,270

The weighted average rate of return on Council's investments for July 2021 was 5.85% which was above the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index for July of 0.00%, which is Council's benchmark.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopts the Financial Analysis Report detailing investment performance for the month of July 2021.

**DELIVERY PROGRAM LINKS**

Making Council Great

CS1: Leading and Advocating for our Community

CS1.4: Provide high level financial and business analysis advice to monitor performance

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

As at 31 July 2021, Council has earned \$4,769 in interest and \$248,551 in fair value gains for total investment revenue of \$253,320 against an annual budget of \$850,000 (which equates to 29.80% after only one month). Council currently receives a return of 0.35% on its Macquarie CMA Account and Council's financial advisors receive a commission of 0.05%. Commissions for the 2021/2022 financial year to 31 July 2021 total \$425.

Future fair value gains or losses will continue to be monitored and reported to Council.

**REPORT****Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) Cash Rate Update**

The RBA maintained the cash rate at 0.10% per annum at its July meeting.

**Rate of Return**

The weighted average rate of return on investments in July 2021 was 5.85%, an increase of 172 basis points from the previous month. The rate of return is 585 basis points above the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index of 0.00% which is Council's benchmark. Council's Financial Management team continually looks for investments, within the adopted investment policy, that will give Council the most advantageous return.

Council's NSW Treasury Corporation IM Funds returned net gains of \$248,551 during July 2021. This is a very pleasing return for the month, however it is important to note that these are long term

investments with returns being subject to market volatility, particularly in times of economic uncertainty.

Term deposits and floating rate notes continue to offer low rates of returns with some banking institutions still limiting the amount of deposits they will accept and others not accepting any deposits at present. In many cases Council's bank accounts are returning a higher rate of interest than what is being offered for term deposits and floating rate notes.

### Council's Investment Portfolio

The Investment Portfolio balance at 31 July 2021 of \$57,857,270 is made up of Council's Business Online Saver Account (\$5,705,000), Macquarie Cash Management Account (\$10,003,397), Term Deposits (\$21,000,000), Floating Rate Notes (\$4,750,390), NSW Treasury Corporation Investments (\$15,605,440) and other bank accounts (\$793,043).

Council's investment portfolio had maturity dates ranging from same day up to 1,742 days. Term deposits and floating rate notes of \$25,750,390 represented 44.51% of the total portfolio as at 31 July 2021.

Council did not make any new investments nor had any investments mature during July 2021. The next term deposit due to mature is on 30 August 2021.

Council's cash and investments reduced by \$3,997,109 from the balance of \$61,854,379 held at 30 June 2021. Council's payments to suppliers are always significant in volume in July in relation to final invoices for works undertaken in the previous financial year as well as some annual invoices being paid at the commencement of each new financial year. In addition, the next rates instalments are not due until 31 August 2021.

Council had \$15,605,440 in longer term investments being the Medium Term Growth Fund and Long Term Growth Fund held with NSW Treasury Corporation as at 31 July 2021. The investment values and fair value returns are shown below:

Investment Holding	Fair Value 31 July 2021	Fair Value Gain/(Loss) July 2021	Fair Value Gain/(Loss) YTD
Medium Term Growth Fund	\$12,527,343	\$190,039	\$190,039
Long Term Growth Fund	\$3,078,097	\$58,512	\$58,512
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,605,440</b>	<b>\$248,551</b>	<b>\$248,551</b>

### Environmentally Sustainable Investments (ESIs)

Council's portfolio of \$57,857,270 at 31 July 2021 includes \$35,355,440 or 61.1% with no direct investment in the fossil fuel industry.

These include Council's investments with NSW Treasury Corporation.

NSW Treasury Corporation has a stewardship approach (attached) to ESIs which focuses on managing environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities, particularly climate change which is expected to impact portfolios over the long term. The stewardship policy states NSW Treasury Corporation believes incorporating these principles into investment decisions results in better risk-adjusted financial outcomes. Even though NSW Treasury Corporation takes this stewardship approach, their monthly reporting only highlights the different asset classes, not individual investments and their level of investment in the fossil fuel industry.

**CONCLUSION**

During the month of July 2021 Council's investments have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

As at 31 July 2021 Council's cash and investments totalled \$57,857,270 with \$16,501,440 of this being funds held in bank accounts. The weighted average rate of return was 5.85% for the month of July and total investment revenue equals 29.80% of budgeted revenue for the year to 31 July 2021.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. **Investment Report Pack - July 2021 (under separate cover)**
2. **Stewardship Policy (under separate cover)**

**16 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**17 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION****RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended that the following reports submitted for information be received and noted.

**17.1 NRLX STATISTICS AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

**Author: Bradley Willis, NRLX Operations Manager**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the NRLX Statistics and Financial Performance Report as at 30 June 2021.

**REPORT**

This report provides an update on the Northern Rivers Livestock Exchange (NRLX) financial performance as at 30 June 2021, as well as monthly throughput information from 2015 to 2021 and comparatives of averages. The forecast throughput for 2020/2021 was budgeted at 125,000 head however this target was not achieved.

NRLX throughput for the financial year was 103,436 head, 83% of projected throughput which is 940 head below the nine-year rolling average of 104,376 head. The total value of throughput for the financial year was \$143,216,075 exceeding the previous record by \$29.6M and the previous nine-year average of \$74M by \$69M. This is a remarkable achievement for NRLX, the vendors and the broader community. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, which led to a business operating environment no one could have predicted, this result was a significant contribution to the financial stability and recovery of the region. In small regional communities like ours, this business activity is paramount, supporting local traders and maintaining local jobs. The flow on effects from such a successful year for producers will continue to ripple through the local economy for some time.

Income from user charges and fees was \$1,535,908 and 94% of the projected yearly budget. The addition of \$217,636 in revenue from the Bio-solids project, \$46,565 from the sale of recycled materials and \$47,213 from the LIRS subsidy increased revenue to \$1,847,323. This is an increase of \$256,376 or 16.1% from the 2019/2020 financial year however it is 4.85% below budget. The Vendor Capital Works levy is \$40,800 under budget due the lower throughput.

The budget throughput of 125,000 was not achieved with 103,436 head processed. Due to the current strong market and the new vendor fee structure additional income has been generated as the average per head value is \$1,384, placing most stock sales in the higher vendor fee category. Income from new resources such as increased rentals and the new fee structure have supported turnover through lower sale numbers. Total revenue including the capital works levy saw NRLX break the \$2M mark at a total of \$2,039,433.00. This is an 11% increase in revenue from last year

NRLX sales figures continued to break records through the year including the highest dollar value individual sale on record at a staggering \$5.8M. The highest dollar value week on record across three sales totalling \$10.4M and the highest dollar value month on record at \$23.08M surpassing last years \$22.4M, also occurred this financial year. The injection and flow on effects into the Richmond Valley economy is significant.

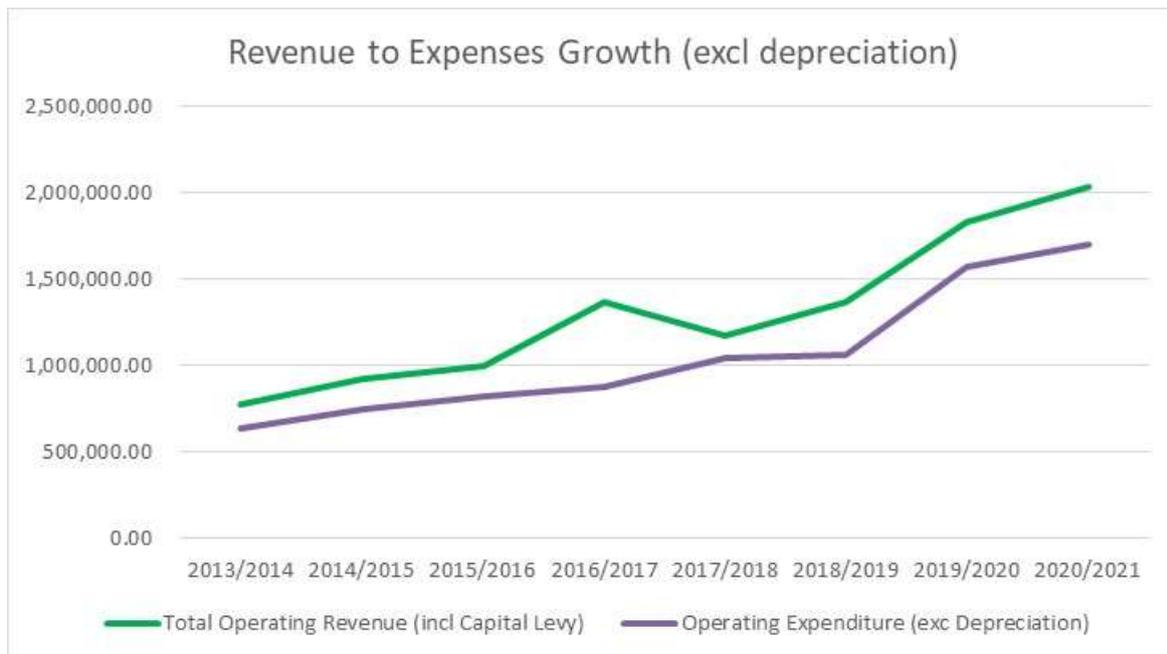
Operating expenditure was \$2,177,330. Included in this total expenditure was Depreciation of \$473,848 and the Bio Solids project expenditure of \$223,517. This contributed to an Operating Loss of \$330,007 as at 30 June 2021. The program cash result (adds back depreciation) was a surplus of \$143,841. Overall, Operating Expenditure was \$57,176 (2.7%) over budget with materials and contracts \$82,542 over budget. Several other budgeted expenses came in under budget for the year.

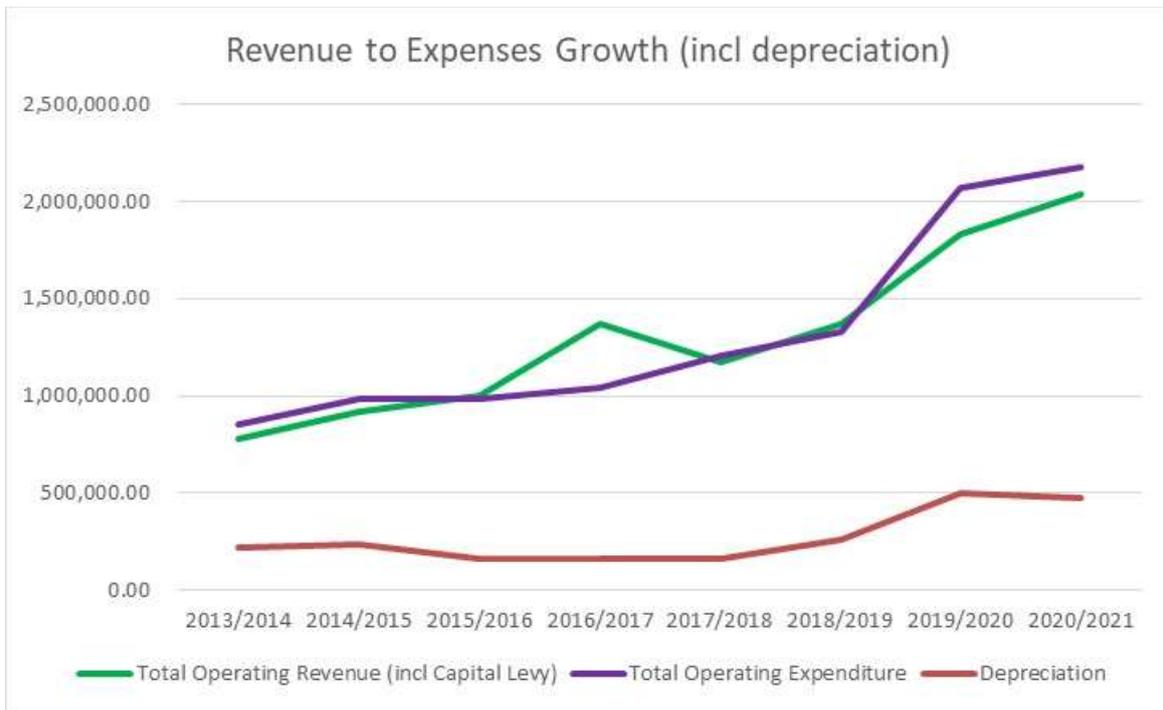
Environmental considerations required significant expenditure due to several events including an EPA Pollution Reduction Program imposed on the facilities environmental licence conditions, requiring an Effluent Irrigation Management Plan review. This was completed in the March quarter and delivered prior to the EPA deadline with a total cost of \$21,000. The significant rainfall events during the March quarter, necessitated many sampling events resulting in additional expenses in the amount of \$13,000.00. Total environmental related expenses for the financial year topped \$114,317 or 7.75% of operational expenditure. It is noted there will be considerable ongoing costs required for environmental management of the site and imminent costs for maintenance of the Effluent Pond System that is now 24 years of age and requiring significant maintenance.

The NRLX is a new facility and this was the first full financial year post construction. Refinements and learning best practice regarding maintenance of the facility and improved operations will contribute to more accurate forecasting of budget expenditure in future years. It is acknowledged that improvements need to be made financially to ensure the NRLX reserve builds substantial funds to support future asset maintenance and renewals to avoid the need for future reliance on grant funding.

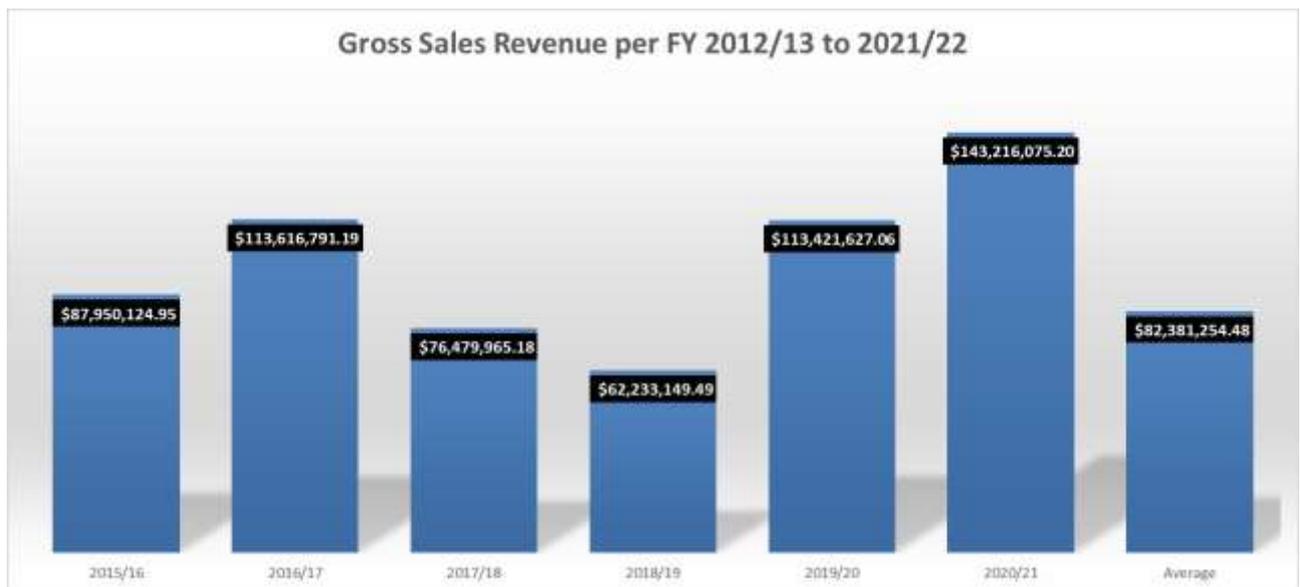
The NRLX business is evolving and has continued to make significant progress in line with the 2020 Strategic Business Plan and its vision statement.

*“Aspiring to be the pivotal leader for the beef industry of Northern NSW. An organisation committed to innovation, technology, collaboration and authentic relationships with all stakeholders to deliver sustainable growth and value. A new vision of service for regional agriculture”.*





	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Average
July	\$ 8,101,470.47	\$ 10,642,411.29	\$ 6,977,242.66	\$ 5,795,434.62	\$ 6,664,327.92	\$ 10,936,864.01	\$ 7,477,087.67
August	\$ 6,640,966.21	\$ 9,196,675.48	\$ 3,616,011.37	\$ 3,883,430.74	\$ 5,798,487.83	\$ 7,534,475.39	\$ 4,871,711.99
September	\$ 6,496,790.42	\$ 5,812,186.83	\$ 3,760,967.97	\$ 3,890,886.51	\$ 5,503,979.64	\$ 8,349,471.59	\$ 4,680,405.22
October	\$ 3,787,727.56	\$ 6,724,112.28	\$ 2,960,182.74	\$ 3,662,640.64	\$ 5,882,485.83	\$ 7,897,165.01	\$ 4,313,570.06
November	\$ 6,132,370.95	\$ 9,807,217.89	\$ 8,547,596.34	\$ 5,852,566.22	\$ 10,564,797.20	\$ 12,685,784.68	\$ 6,810,760.74
December	\$ 3,245,828.52	\$ 4,468,183.06	\$ 4,943,159.82	\$ 3,407,654.38	\$ 2,051,678.17	\$ 5,627,057.54	\$ 3,205,803.28
January	\$ 5,740,708.52	\$ 6,430,003.65	\$ 4,736,358.00	\$ 4,877,892.34	\$ 5,011,828.02	\$ 8,652,704.48	\$ 5,169,594.09
February	\$ 9,844,324.58	\$ 10,265,040.60	\$ 8,773,989.23	\$ 5,358,020.35	\$ 11,340,663.22	\$ 19,665,086.92	\$ 8,949,575.87
March	\$ 12,297,982.34	\$ 16,831,681.23	\$ 15,531,518.26	\$ 6,382,257.33	\$ 22,420,167.02	\$ 23,024,099.85	\$ 13,419,726.53
April	\$ 7,394,426.15	\$ 11,127,695.15	\$ 5,844,719.38	\$ 5,391,493.31	\$ 11,992,802.81	\$ 16,190,827.32	\$ 7,988,895.84
May	\$ 6,946,953.29	\$ 12,174,786.77	\$ 5,461,183.07	\$ 8,169,308.47	\$ 12,441,703.68	\$ 6,908,617.85	\$ 7,154,494.13
June	\$ 11,320,575.94	\$ 10,136,796.96	\$ 5,327,036.34	\$ 5,561,564.58	\$ 13,748,705.72	\$ 15,743,920.56	\$ 8,339,629.07
	<b>\$ 87,950,124.95</b>	<b>\$ 113,616,791.19</b>	<b>\$ 76,479,965.18</b>	<b>\$ 62,233,149.49</b>	<b>\$ 113,421,627.06</b>	<b>\$ 143,216,075.20</b>	<b>\$ 82,381,254.48</b>







<b>NRLX Income and Expenditure (excludes committed orders)</b>	<b>Actual 30-Jun-21 (\$)</b>	<b>Current Budget (\$)</b>	<b>Proposed Budget %</b>	<b>Actual 30-Jun-20 (\$)</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>				
Fees & Rent	1,535,908	1,634,243	93.98%	1,569,745
LIRS Subsidy	47,213	47,213	100.00%	55,950
Sale of Scrap Metal	8,946	0	0.00%	0
Sale of Recycled Materials	37,620	0	0.00%	0
Biosolids Project	217,636	40,000	544.09%	0
Other Contributions	0	0	0.00%	19,091
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>1,847,323</b>	<b>1,721,456</b>	<b>107.31%</b>	<b>1,644,786</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Salaries and On costs	629,449	680,286	92.53%	635,517
Materials and Contracts	345,620	263,078	131.38%	921,786
Interest on Loans	47,227	75,225	62.78%	83,788
Depreciation	473,848	472,023	100.39%	499,970
Electricity Charges	48,618	33,600	144.70%	78,190
Telephone Charges	4,628	6,754	68.52%	6,879
Insurance Charges	10,683	10,304	103.67%	8,296
Advertising Costs	10,079	15,000	67.19%	12,648
Printing and Stationery	8,423	2,800	300.81%	8,898
Licence Fees	7,198	8,645	83.26%	7,106
Subscriptions	6,590	3,700	178.10%	6,552
Security Charges	4,415	3,844	114.86%	3,258
Staff Training	0	0	0.00%	0
Software Licences	44,080	7,000	629.72%	28,105
Other General Expenses	17,290	2,555	676.73%	11,580
Biosolids Project	223,517	220,000	101.60%	0
Internal Charges	295,666	315,340	93.76%	323,341
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>2,177,330</b>	<b>2,120,154</b>	<b>102.70%</b>	<b>2,635,914</b>
<b>Operating Result - Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(330,007)</b>	<b>(398,698)</b>	<b>82.77%</b>	<b>(991,128)</b>
<b>Operating Cash Result - Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>143,841</b>	<b>73,325</b>	<b>196.17%</b>	<b>(491,157)</b>
<b>Capital Income</b>				
<b>Capital Grants &amp; Contributions/Loan Funding</b>				
Capital Works Levy	192,111	232,955	82.47%	244,276
NRLX Upgrade Federal Grant	0	0	0.00%	160,386
Other Capital Contributions	0	0	0.00%	27,273
<b>Total Capital Income</b>	<b>192,111</b>	<b>232,955</b>	<b>82.47%</b>	<b>431,935</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>				
Plant Purchases	34,422	42,391	81.20%	55,892
Technology Upgrades	11,055	6,370	173.54%	35,112
NRLX Upgrade - Stage 2	0	0	0.00%	442,089
Administration Building & Agents Office Upgrades	0	0	0.00%	126,320
Transit Yards	114,101	90,000	126.78%	0
Shed	8,926	8,926	100.00%	4,545
Equipment Purchases	4,500	0		1,553
Furniture Purchases	10,669	3,630	293.92%	11,113
Office Equipment Purchases	4,434	5,000	88.68%	7,992
Loan Principal Repayments	349,664	349,664	100.00%	336,742
<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>537,771</b>	<b>505,981</b>	<b>106.28%</b>	<b>1,021,359</b>
<b>Program Result - Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(675,667)</b>	<b>(671,724)</b>	<b>100.59%</b>	<b>(1,580,552)</b>
<b>Program Cash Result - Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(201,819)</b>	<b>(199,701)</b>	<b>101.06%</b>	<b>(1,080,582)</b>

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

Nil

**17.2 RICHMOND-UPPER CLARENCE REGIONAL LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021**

**Author:** Gary Ellem, Manager Regional Library

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the Richmond-Upper Clarence Regional Library 2020/2021 Annual Report which highlights the important services provided across the Richmond Valley and Kyogle areas.

**REPORT**

In accordance with Clause 4.7 of the Richmond-Upper Clarence Regional Library Agreement dated 2017, between Richmond Valley Council (the administering council) and the Kyogle Council (the delegating council) an annual report is required to be prepared for the Regional Library service.

In accordance with the agreement and as the administering Council, Richmond Valley Council has prepared a report and provided a copy to Kyogle Council.

The report includes details of the activities of the Regional Library Service and a report outlining the services provided throughout the 2020/2021 financial year.

A copy of the audited statement of accounts, also required to be provided in the agreement, will be consolidated into the Richmond Valley Council Financial Statements which will be available at a future council meeting.

In addition, the report outlines a number of highlights during the 2020/2021 period. The main highlights are summarised below:

- A quality library service delivered despite COVID-19 continuing to cause restrictions;
- 16,338 registered members of the Regional Library;
- 793 new members joined the library during the period;
- The library ran 818 programs during the year;
- 3,248 attended 169 children/youth events held across the region;
- 649 successful adult programs including Tech Savvy for Seniors, Create, Make, Share craft programs, adult colouring-in, book clubs, book launches and author visits both in the libraries and online;
- Justice of the Peace Service was used 602 times;
- 39,450 information and customer service requests;
- 8714 internet bookings and 6,946 Wi-Fi connections;
- The seed library continued to be popular with 4,185 seed loans;
- Richmond Valley Council was informed of a successful Public Library Infrastructure Grant Application for the Casino Community Courtyard;
- Kyogle Council was informed of a successful Public Library Infrastructure Grant Application for Solar Panels for the Mobile Library; and
- Work commenced on the Evans Head Library Project.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. RUCRL Annual Report 2020/2021 (under separate cover)

**17.3 GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION REPORT - JULY 2021****Author: Dean Fordham, Manager Finance and Procurement****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the Grant Application Information Report for the month of July 2021.

**REPORT**

This report provides information on grant applications that have been approved, grants that have been received, grant applications that were unsuccessful and grant applications that were submitted for the month of July 2021.

During the reporting period, one grant was approved, and Council received funding for five grants totalling \$680,432. Council was not notified as being unsuccessful with any grant applications and five grant applications were submitted.

***Grants that have been approved***

<b>NSW Storms and Floods March 2021 AGRN960</b>	
Project ID	10436
Funding Body	Transport for NSW
Funding Name	Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)
Government Level	State
Project Value (excl GST)	\$5,800,000
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$5,800,000
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 0
Date Application Submitted	N/A
Date Approved	1 July 2021
Comment (if required)	Council's claim under AGRN943 (December 2020) for Essential Public Asset Reconstruction Works (EPAR) has been reassessed under AGRN960 following re-damage in the March 2021 event. 15 work packages have been approved totalling \$5,800,000 on various roads and bridges. Previously approved for \$4,193,000 however additional road damage has been included in this claim.

***Grants that have been received***

<b>Bruxner Highway - Colches St to Centre St Shared Pathway</b>	
Project ID	10349
Funding Body	Transport for NSW
Funding Name	Active Transport Program - 2020/21 Walking and Cycling Program
Government Level	State
Project Value (excl GST)	\$487,993

Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$487,993
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 0
Date Application Submitted	21 February 2021
Date Received	\$410,633 received 28 July 2021
Total Funds Received To Date	\$487,993 (total funding received)
Comment (if required)	N/A

#### MR145 Woodburn-Coraki Road Major Upgrade

Project ID	10382
Funding Body	Transport for NSW
Funding Name	N/A
Government Level	State
Project Value (excl GST)	\$10,000,000
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$10,000,000
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 0
Date Application Submitted	N/A
Date Received	\$250,663 received 28 July 2021
Total Funds Received to Date	\$1,000,000
Comment (if required)	N/A

#### National Backyard Cricket Country Libraries Grants Program

Project ID	10439
Funding Body	Friends of Libraries Australia
Funding Name	Country Libraries Grants Program
Government Level	Other
Project Value (excl GST)	\$1,000
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$1,000
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 0
Date Application Submitted	May 2021
Date Received	\$1,000 received 9 July 2021
Total Funds Received to Date	\$1,000 (total funding received)
Comment (if required)	Funding will be used to run programs to enhance inclusion for children with disability or development delay and their families.

<b>MR145 Regional Roads REPAIR Program 2020/21 – 14.3km to 15.2km east of Casino</b>	
Project ID	N/A
Funding Body	Transport for NSW
Funding Name	MR145 Regional Roads REPAIR Program 2020/21
Government Level	State
Project Value (excl GST)	\$326,428
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$163,214
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$163,214
Date Application Submitted	N/A – Annual allocation
Date Received	\$9,636 received 28 July 2021
Total Funds Received To Date	\$163,214 (total funding received)
Comment (if required)	Council share funded from Regional Roads Block Grant

<b>Vegetation Removal at Woodburn Public School</b>	
Project ID	N/A
Funding Body	Transport for NSW
Funding Name	Safer Roads Program
Government Level	State
Project Value (excl GST)	\$9,350
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$9,350
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 0
Date Application Submitted	April 2021
Date Received	\$8,500 received 28 July 2021
Total Funds Received To Date	\$8,500
Comment (if required)	N/A

### ***Grant Applications Submitted***

<b>Bushfire Generated Green Waste Clean-Up and Processing</b>	
Project ID	10434
Funding Body	NSW Environment Protection Authority
Funding Name	Green Waste Clean-up and Processing Program
Government Level	State
Project Value (excl GST)	\$998,551
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$968,945
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 29,606
Date Application Submitted	1 July 2021

Comment (if required)	If successful, this funding will provide beneficial reuse options of damaged and burnt green waste generated from the 2019 bushfires. The aim is to reduce the overall fuel load for potential future fires, keep local communities safe from damaged or hazardous trees and enhance the natural environment whilst diverting green waste products from our local waste facilities. The areas that would be cleaned up are around Rappville and Bungawalbin.
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### Coraki Ellangowan Road Rehabilitation

Project ID	10435
Funding Body	Transport for NSW
Funding Name	Fixing Local Roads – Round 3
Government Level	State
Project Value (excl GST)	\$2,100,000
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$1,575,000
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 525,000
Date Application Submitted	5 July 2021
Comment (if required)	If successful, this funding will be used to rehabilitate 2.7km of road pavement, along with improvements to culverts and roadside drainage. This will address safety, access and flooding issues for all road users and heavy vehicles. These works would be undertaken in the 2022/2023 financial year.

### School Zone Infrastructure Program

Project ID	10437
Funding Body	Transport for NSW
Funding Name	School Zone Infrastructure Program
Government Level	State
Project Value (excl GST)	\$211,664
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$211,664
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 0
Date Application Submitted	13 July 2021
Comment (if required)	If successful, this funding will be used to improve paths, install wombat crossings and improve pavement markings at various schools in the Richmond Valley LGA.

### Benns Road Rehabilitation

Project ID	10438
Funding Body	Transport for NSW
Funding Name	Fixing Local Roads – Round 3

Government Level	State
Project Value (excl GST)	\$1,386,000
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$1,039,500
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 346,500
Date Application Submitted	15 July 2021
Comment (if required)	If successful, this funding will be used to rehabilitate three sections of Bennis Road with works to be undertaken in the 2022/2023 financial year.

<b>Safer Roads Program Casino Coraki Road</b>	
Project ID	10440
Funding Body	Transport for NSW
Funding Name	Safer Roads Program
Government Level	State
Project Value (excl GST)	\$493,102
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$493,102
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 0
Date Application Submitted	16 July 2021
Comment (if required)	If successful, this funding will be used to improve the super elevation on a corner, widen the shoulder, repair pavement defects and upgrade the seal on a 0.378km section of Casino Coraki Road, 800m north of Coopers Lane at Tatham.

**ATTACHMENT(S)****Nil**

**17.4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2021 TO 31 JULY 2021**

**Author:** Andy Edwards, Manager Development & Certification

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the Development Application report for the period 1 July 2021 to 31 July 2021.

**REPORT**

This report provides a summary of development activity on a monthly basis. All Development Applications determined in the month are outlined in this report, including Section 4.55 approvals, applications which were refused and withdrawn, and applications with no development value, such as subdivisions.

Council receives a fortnightly summary of the status of applications (including all received) and notifications of all determinations of Development Applications are included in the Community Newsletter on a monthly basis.

The total number of Development Applications and Complying Development Applications determined within the Local Government area for the period 1 July 2021 to 31 July 2021 was 31, with a total value of \$13,683,823.53.

The graph below shows the number of development applications processed by Council over five financial years.

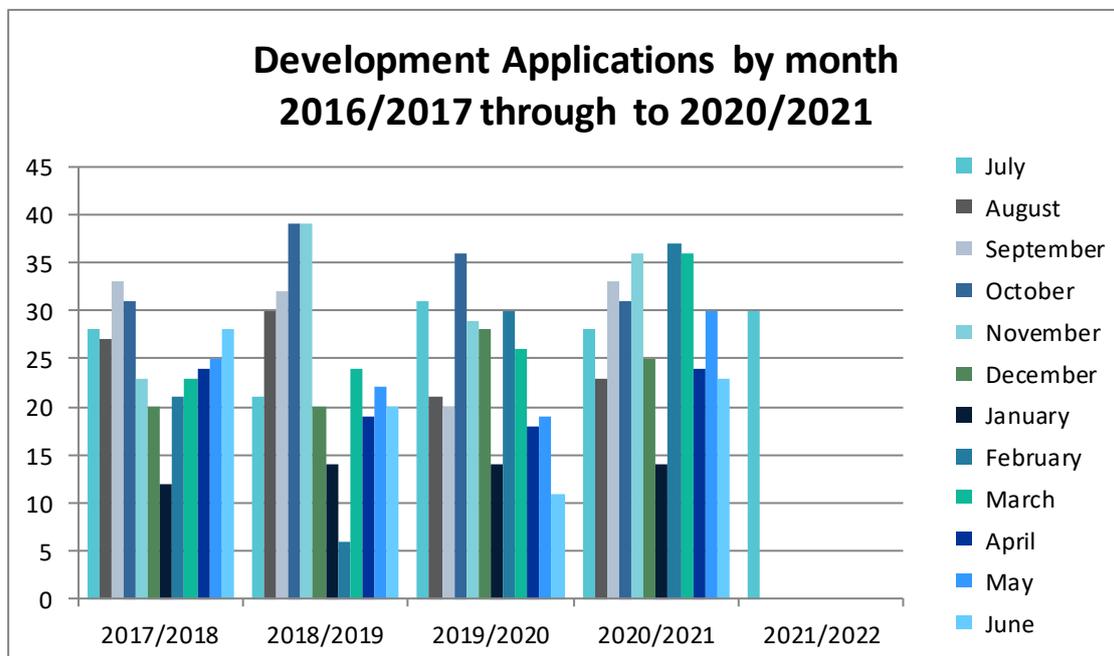
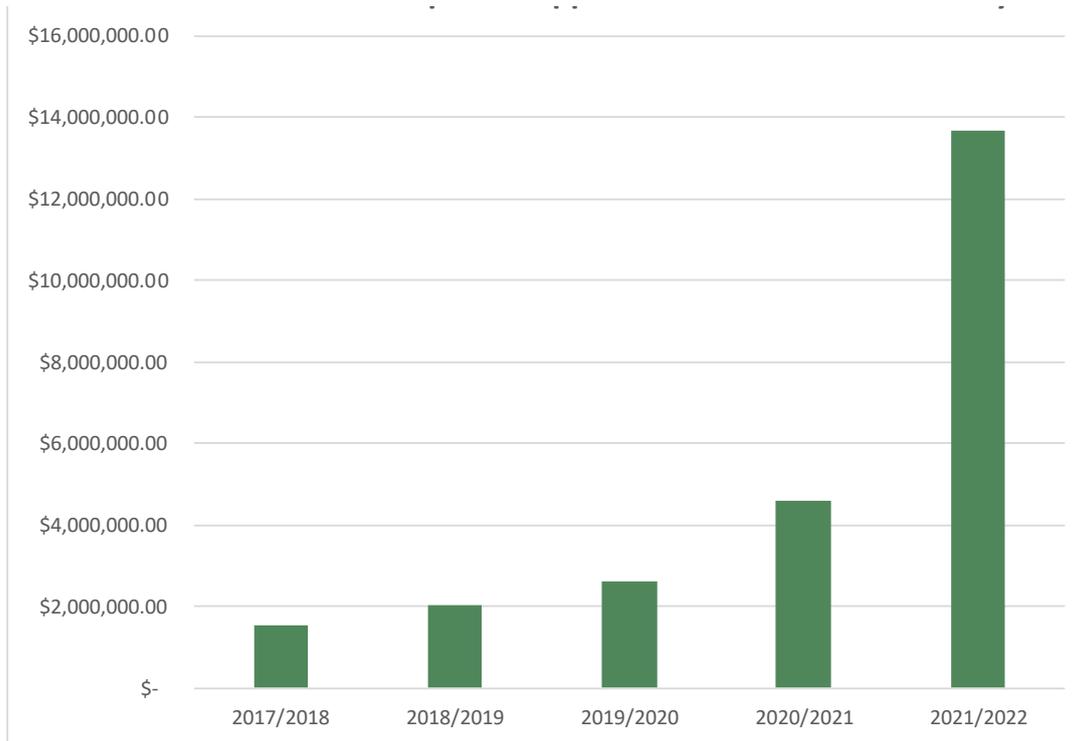


Figure 1: Monthly number of development applications processed by Council over five financial years.

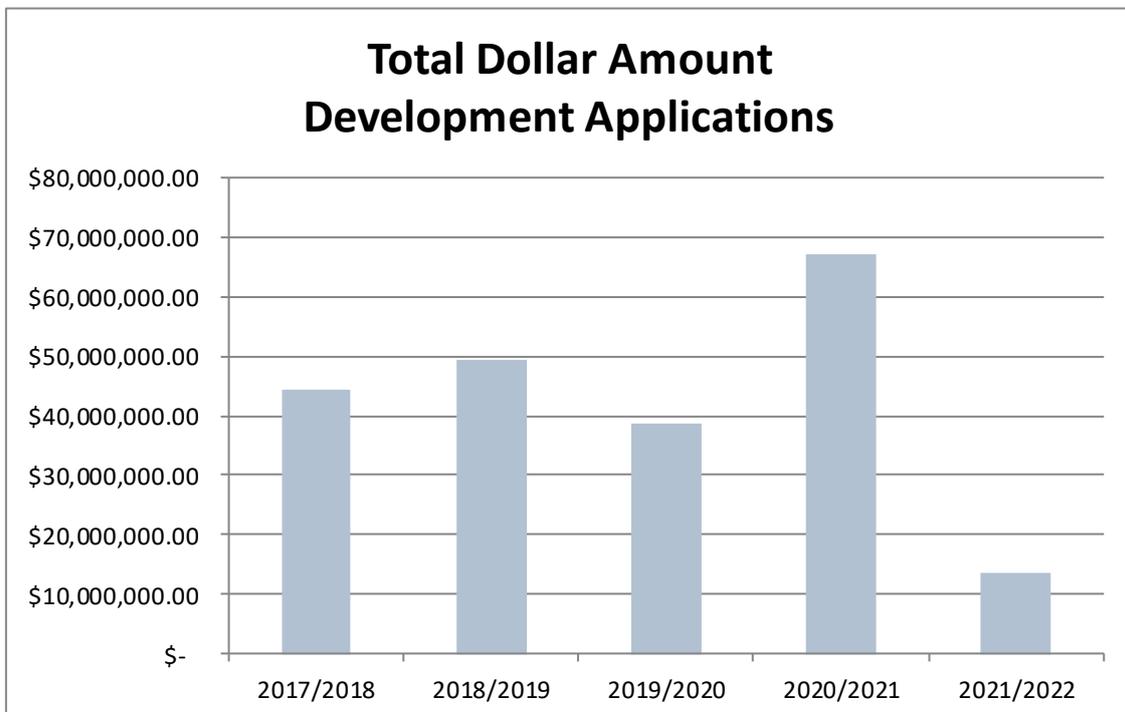
Figure 2 graph provides the annual value of Development Consents issued by Council over five financial years and Figure 3 provides a detailed review of the value for the reporting month of July 2021.

**Value of Development Applications for the month of July**



*Figure 2: Value of development for the month of July.*

**Total Dollar Amount Development Applications**



*Figure 3: Annual value of development.*

**Number of Development Applications**

The number of applications received by Council does not necessarily reflect the value of developments, as single large developments can be equivalent in value to a large number of more standard type developments such as sheds, dwellings and small commercial developments.

Figures 4 and 5 detail the number of applications determined by Council over the past five years.

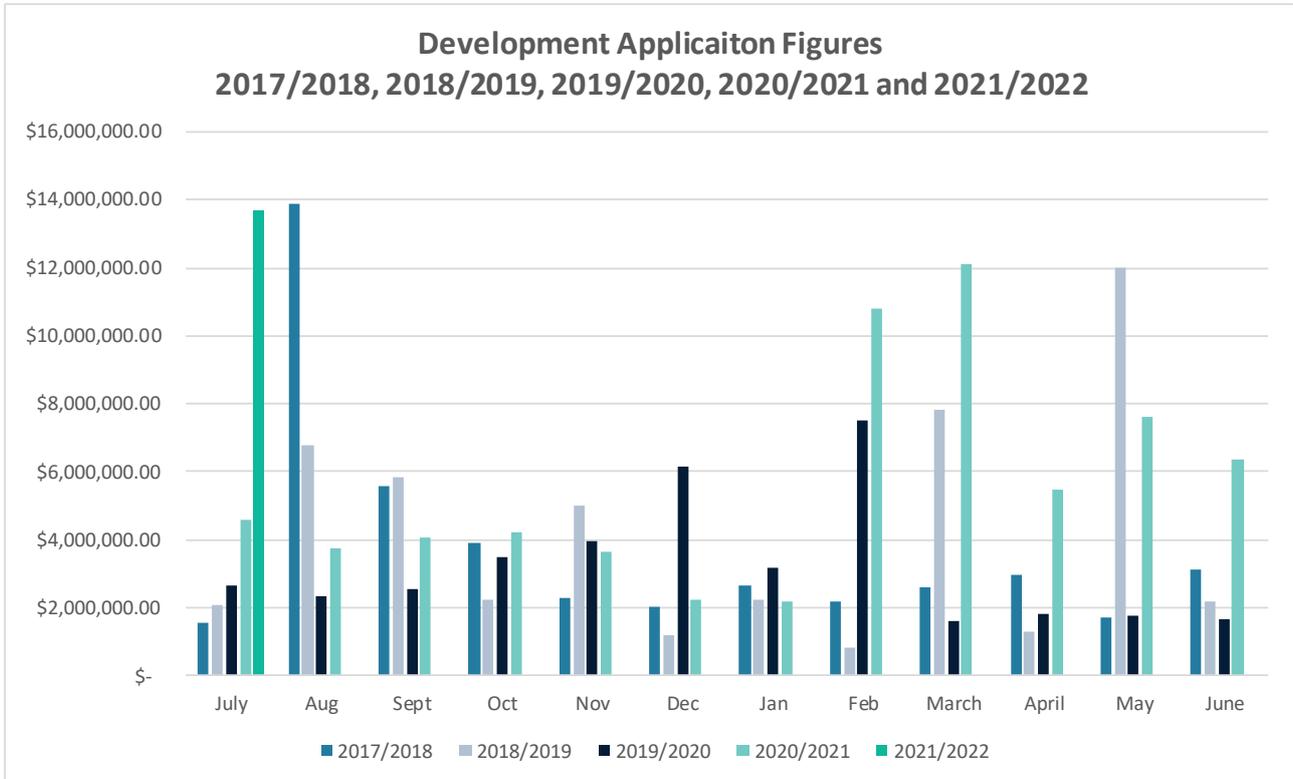


Figure 4: Value of development applications per month over five financial years.

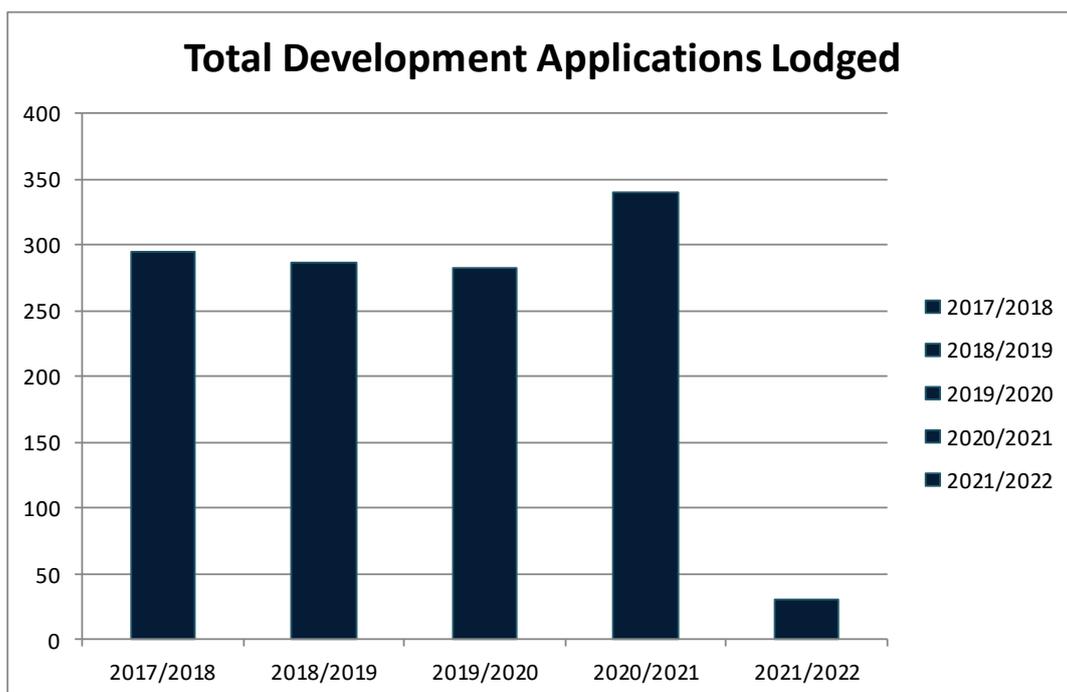


Figure 5: Number of Development Applications per annum over five financial years.

**Activity for the month of July 2021**

General Approvals (excluding Subdivisions, Section 96s)	26
Section 4.55 amendments to original consent	3
Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP) determined	1
Subdivision	
Refused	
Withdrawn	
Complying Development (Private Certifier Approved)	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Average assessment days for applications determined in July 2021</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>No. of Integrated development applications determined in July 2021</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>No. of building/ compliance inspections undertaken in July 2021</b>	<b>103</b>

**DELIVERY PROGRAM LINKS**

Growing our Economy

EC1: Driving Economic Growth

EC1.6: Improved customer satisfaction with the DA process

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**Summary of Development Applications determined under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act  
for the period 1 June 2021 to 30 June 2021**

Application ID	Applicant	Owners	Location	Development	Date Lodged	Determination Date	Estimated Cost
DA2021/0209	GM Project Development & Management	KWK Holdings Pty Ltd	770 Myrtle Creek Road, Myrtle Creek	Sawmill including mobile sawmill facilities and associated works	12/02/2021	3/06/2021	\$ 30,000.00
DA2021/0236	Newton Denny Chapelle	AE & MJ Moss	133 Woodburn Street, Evans Head	Strata title subdivision to create two lots Lot 1 (343.1m2) and Lot 2 (392.3m2)	22/03/2021	3/06/2021	\$ -
DA2021/0239	Newton Denny Chapelle	DJ Endres & M & M Hammond	12 & 14 Forest Grove, Fairy Hill	Torrens Title Subdivision from two lots to create 3 lots being Lot 1 (1.449ha) Lot 2 (1ha) and Lot 3 (1ha)	22/03/2021	3/06/2021	\$ -
DA2021/0266	IJ Conte	C J & IJ Conte	62 Currajong Street, Evans Head	Construction of an outbuilding along the western side of an existing dwelling	20/04/2021	24/06/2021	\$ 15,900.00
DA2021/0275	SW Lancaster	SW Lancaster & RL Stanford	21 Forest Street, Coraki	Inground fibreglass swimming pool & cabana with associated pool fencing	29/04/2021	1/06/2021	\$ 45,000.00
DA2021/0147.01	Northern Co-Operative Meat Co Ltd	Northern Co-Operative Meat Co Ltd	10615 Summerland Way, Casino	Section 4.55(1A) Modification to approved building to prepare retail ready products seeking internal and external changes including extension of mezzanine level, new service platform, awnings and window	4/05/2021	15/06/2021	\$ 4,960,224.00
DA2021/0279	TM Baker	T M Baker	56 Diary Street, Casino	Shed	6/05/2021	16/06/2021	\$ 19,970.00
DA2021/0281	North Coast Sheds & Garages Pty Ltd	HE Subasing Gamachchige	639 Lagoon Road, West Coraki	Shed	11/05/2021	11/06/2021	\$ 24,700.00
DA2021/0282	Metricon Homes QLD Pty Ltd	MJ & R Opryszko	6 Collins Road, Fairy Hill	Dwelling	12/05/2021	1/06/2021	\$ 306,843.00
DA2021/0283	DC Jeffree & MC Smith	DC Jeffree & MC Smith	76 Lennox Street, Casino	Colorbond gable carport with one gable infill and curtain wall	12/05/2021	1/06/2021	\$ 10,105.00
DA2021/0284	AGS Commercial Pty Ltd	JP Wall	45 North Street, Casino	Shed	13/05/2021	9/06/2021	\$ 18,166.00
DA2021/0285	AGS Commercial Pty Ltd	PJ Richardson & ZM McMahon	26-30 Cook Street, Broadwater	Shed	13/05/2021	7/06/2021	\$ 19,749.00
DA2021/0287	RLE Bryant	RLE Bryant	130 Brazels Road, Bentley	Farm shed	14/05/2021	1/06/2021	\$ 148,530.00

**Summary of Development Applications determined under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act  
for the period 1 June 2021 to 30 June 2021**

Application ID	Applicant	Owners	Location	Development	Date Lodged	Determination Date	Estimated Cost
DA2021/0288	BJ Northam	BJ & A Northam	75 Bruton Street, Casino	Pergola extension to existing shed	18/05/2021	3/06/2021	\$ 10,000.00
DA2021/0290	PB & SJ Cosgrove	PB & SJ Cosgrove	Woodburn Coraki Road, Swan Bay	Shed with bathroom	19/05/2021	23/06/2021	\$ 35,000.00
DA2021/0291	RM Harding	RM Harding	34 Ironbark Place, Naughtons Gap	Farm shed	19/05/2021	16/06/2021	\$ 16,660.00
DA2021/0292	KL & S McClure	KL & S McClure	114 Woodburn Street, Evans Head	Installation of fibreglass composite inground swimming pool & associated fencing	20/05/2021	1/06/2021	\$ 42,600.00
DA2021/0293	LS & KL Clapham	LS & KL Clapham	10 Camille Court, Spring Grove	Colorbond steel shed	20/05/2021	9/06/2021	\$ 41,454.00
DA2021/0294	BA Harley	AJ Cohen	450 Manifold Road, North Casino	Construction of new dwelling to create a detached dual occupancy	21/05/2021	22/06/2021	\$ 244,500.00
CDC2021/0026	T & D Building Consultants	NSW Land and Housing Corporation	12 William Street, Casino	Demolition of fire damaged dwelling	27/05/2021	7/06/2021	\$ 20,000.00
DA2021/0297	Metricon Homes QLD Pty Ltd	GR & GB B Esteban	63 Canning Drive, Casino	New Single Dwelling	28/05/2021	29/06/2021	\$ 272,593.00
DA2021/0299	TJ Lockhart	TJ & AL Lockhart	95 Imesons Road, Yorklea	Dwelling extension of a free standing sun room	2/06/2021	29/06/2021	\$ 45,000.00
DA2021/0300	Atlas Awnings	SJ & LE Murray	46 Canning Drive, Casino	Insulated Flyover Patio	2/06/2021	24/06/2021	\$ 33,780.00

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

**Nil**

**17.5 CORRESPONDENCE - TRANSPORT FOR NSW REGARDING EVANS HEAD BREAK WALL**

**Author:** Vaughan Macdonald, General Manager

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the correspondence received from the Minister for Transport and Roads regarding the maintenance of the Evans Head Break walls.

**SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE**

A copy of correspondence provided to the Minister for Transport and Roads, together with the response received is attached. Council continues to pursue funding options to upgrade the break walls.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. **Minister Constance Breakwall funding**
2. **Transport for NSW response**



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**Telephone Enquiries to:**  
Vaughan Macdonald

3 June 2021

The Hon. Andrew Constance MP  
Minister for Transport and Roads  
GPO Box 5341  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Minister

I write on behalf of Richmond Valley Council to seek your assistance in clarifying responsibilities for ongoing maintenance of the northern and southern break walls at Evans Head. Council is of the understanding that Transport for NSW is responsible for this work, however, to date, we have been unable to resolve this matter and the condition of the break walls continues to deteriorate.

The Evans Head break walls were extended to their current length in the 1950's to provide important coastal protection and safe access to and from the Evans River. They were constructed on Crown Land and are currently under the management of Transport for NSW

In the past, Richmond Valley Council has maintained both the southern and northern break walls under a contractual arrangement with the former Roads and Maritime Services NSW (RMS). Unfortunately the contract and funding for maintenance of these assets did not transition over to Transport for NSW, Maritime Infrastructure when the departments merged in 2019, and Council has been unable to satisfactorily resolve this issue, despite numerous requests to TfNSW.

Of particular concern to Council is the current condition of the pedestrian pathway along the southern break wall. The pathways on both break walls attract heavy usage from visitors and residents and Council has received numerous complaints regarding the safety of the southern break wall pathway. As the photos below indicate, the southern pathway was bitumen sealed and has been subject to the impacts of tidal erosion. The northern break wall concrete pathway offers a far more durable surface that requires limited maintenance.

*Love where we live and work*





*Southern break wall, damaged bitumen pavement*



*Northern break wall concrete pathway*

In the absence of support from TfNSW, Council has had no alternative but to undertake urgent safety repairs to the southern pathway at its own expense. However, the pathway

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has now deteriorated to the point where complete resurfacing is required and Council is unable to carry out this work without appropriate funding and approvals from the NSW Government, as asset manager.

As you would be aware, our local government area has experienced significant challenges over the past two years, with the devastating bushfires of 2019, three major flood events and the economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on our tourist industry. Our community is working hard to recover from these events and rebuild our economy with the support of the Federal and NSW Government which is appreciated.

Council is seeking your support, as Minister for Transport and Roads, to rectify the unwillingness of TfNSW to accept maintenance responsibilities for the Evans Head break walls and to adequately fund the resurfacing of the southern break wall pathway to the required safety standards.

Richmond Valley Council has recently invested in upgrading the facilities at Sharks Bay near the southern break wall and resurfacing of the pathway would complement these works, while significantly improving safety and reducing long-term maintenance costs.

Council looks forward to your support and assistance in this matter. Should you require any further information you or your staff can contact me directly on 0415 155 257.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vaughan Macdonald', written in a cursive style.

Vaughan Macdonald  
**General Manager**

Cc Mr Chris Gulaptis, Member for Clarence



Our Ref: 01277373

Mr Vaughan Macdonald  
General Manager  
Richmond Valley Council  
council@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Macdonald

Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for Transport and Roads about the Evans Head breakwaters. As you may appreciate, the Minister receives thousands of items of correspondence each year. Transport for NSW is therefore responding to you directly.

As you may be aware, responsibility for the breakwaters was transferred from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to Transport for NSW in July 2020. I am advised that prior to this, there was no contractual arrangement between Richmond Valley Council and Transport for NSW, or any previous transport agency, regarding maintenance of the breakwaters, and no such agreement has been made since that time.

You may be assured that Transport for NSW accepts and discharges its responsibilities as the asset owner of the breakwaters. These include sealing the crests to make access to the structures easier for the public where possible. However, breakwater crests are not pedestrian walkways and are not constructed or maintained as such. I am advised that crest of the southern breakwater is not unsafe at this time.

As you may also be aware, the Minister for Transport and Roads announced a \$205 million investment in maritime infrastructure and safety upgrades in October 2020, which includes an allocation of approximately \$2.7 million for breakwater crest sealing and repairs. Transport for NSW's Maritime Infrastructure Delivery Office (MIDO) will scope potential repairs to the Evans Head southern breakwater and determine whether the work can be accommodated within the available funding.

If council staff would like to stay up to date with this work, the MIDO team can be contacted by email to [MIDO@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:MIDO@transport.nsw.gov.au).

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry McSweeney'.

19/07/2021

**Terry McSweeney**  
**Principal Manager**  
**Ministerial Correspondence**

Transport for NSW  
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transport.nsw.gov.au | ARN 18 804 239 802

**18 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil

**19 QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING (IN WRITING)**