

Richmond
Valley
Council



AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Date: Tuesday, 21 September 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**

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 17 AUGUST 2021

Author: Vaughan Macdonald, General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17 August,2021.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- 1. Unconfirmed Minutes Ordinary Meeting 17 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**10.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - EVANS HEAD AMBULANCE STATION**

I, Councillor Daniel Simpson give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 21 September 2021, I intend to move the following motion:

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Council writes to the Member for Clarence, Chris Gulaptis MP, to express its concern at staffing arrangements for the Evans Head Ambulance Station and the reported increase in waiting times for 000 calls.

RATIONALE

Emergency ambulance services are critical to the Evans Head community, as there is no hospital facility within the town. Residents rely on the ability of the ambulance service to respond quickly to emergencies and provide transfer to nearby hospitals as required.

I have been advised that the Evans Head Ambulance station currently has sufficient paramedics to provide 24-hour coverage for one ambulance. The station has two work shifts per day, with two crew members in the ambulance vehicle and a third crew member remaining at the station.

However, when these crews are required to attend routine matters, such as patient transfers outside of the area, there are concerns that there may not be sufficient capacity to respond to emergency calls. There are no nearby stations to quickly divert resources to Evans Head emergencies.

Community members have reported increased waiting times of up to 45 minutes for 000 calls and raised concerns about the level of resourcing at the station.

It is understood that there are alternative resources available within the NSW Health system to support non-urgent patient transfers, without diverting emergency crews to this task.

Given the critical importance of these services to the community, I believe it is appropriate that Council should seek support from the Member for Clarence to raise this matter with the Minister for Health, the Hon Brad Hazzard MP and seek a review of emergency ambulance service arrangements for the Evans Head and nearby communities.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Nil

11 MAYOR'S REPORT**11.1 MAYORAL ATTENDANCES 10 AUGUST - 13 SEPTEMBER 2021****Author: Robert Mustow, Mayor****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's attendance report from 10 August – 13 September 2021.

REPORT**August**

- 17th Richmond Valley Council Ordinary meeting via Zoom

September

- 7th Richmond Valley Councillor Information Session via Zoom
- 10th Governor-General and Mrs Linda Hurley discussion with Mayor and General Manager via Zoom

ATTACHMENT(S)**Nil**

12 DELEGATES' REPORTS

Nil

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 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Author: Vaughan Macdonald, General Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 231 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (The Act) provides for Councillors to elect a Deputy Mayor for the mayoral term or for a shorter term. The current Deputy Mayor's term of office is due to conclude this month. However, with the postponement of the local government elections until December 2021, for Council to continue to have a Deputy Mayor, there is a requirement to elect a new Deputy Mayor for the additional period.

Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (The Regulation) outlines the method of conducting the election of Deputy Mayor. Under the Regulation, nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor are to be made in writing by two or more councillors (one of whom may be the nominee) and delivered to the returning officer.

If more than one candidate is nominated, the Regulation provides for the election to be conducted by either preferential ballot, ordinary ballot or open voting. Following public declaration of the election result, nomination forms and any ballot papers used in the election may be destroyed.

It is recommended that the method of conduct for the election of Deputy Mayor be by open voting

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council elects a Deputy Mayor for the duration of the current electoral term;
2. Nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor be submitted in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Schedule 7;
3. The method of conduct for the election of Deputy Mayor be by open voting;
4. Following declaration of the election result, nomination forms be destroyed;
5. Notification of the result be made to the Office of Local Government and LGNSW.

DELIVERY PROGRAM LINKS

Making Council Great

CS1: Leading and Advocating for our Community

CS1.3: Ensure transparency and accountability in council's operations

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

No fee is specifically payable to the Deputy Mayor. Should Council determine that a fee be payable, the mayoral allowance would need to be reduced by the same amount.

REPORT

Section 231 of The Act provides for the following in relation to the position of Deputy Mayor:

- "(1) The councillors may elect a person from among their number to be the deputy mayor.*
- (2) The person may be elected for the mayoral term or a shorter term.*
- (3) The deputy mayor may exercise any function of the mayor at the request of the mayor or if the mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising the function or if there is a casual vacancy in the office of mayor.*

- (4) *The councillors may elect a person from among their number to act as deputy mayor if the deputy mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising a function under this section, or if no deputy mayor has been elected."*

Schedule 7 of The Regulation outlines the requirements for conducting the election of Deputy Mayor. Under the Regulation, the General Manager, or a person appointed by the General Manager, acts as the returning officer for the election.

Nominating candidates

The Regulation provides for a councillor to be nominated without notice for the role of Deputy Mayor. Nominations must be made in writing by two or more councillors (one of whom may be the nominee). The nomination is not valid unless the nominee consents to the nomination in writing. Nominations are then delivered to the returning officer and he or she announces the names of the nominees at the council meeting at which the election is to be held.

If only one councillor is nominated, he or she is elected. If more than one councillor is nominated, Council then determines by resolution whether it will use open voting, ordinary ballot or preferential ballot for the election. The election must be conducted at the same meeting.

Deciding by open voting

Should Council decide to undertake the election via the open voting method, the preferred candidate is selected by show of hands.

If there are three or more candidates, the one with the lowest number of votes is excluded and the show of hands is taken repeatedly, using the same process, until there are only two candidates remaining. The person with the highest number of votes at the final poll is elected. If the final poll is a draw, the successful candidate is selected by lot.

Deciding by ordinary ballot

Should Council decide to undertake the election via ordinary ballot, the returning officer decides the manner in which votes are to be marked on the ballot paper. He or she then determines if all the ballot papers received are formal votes (using the guidance in cl 345 of the Regulation) and excludes any informal ballot papers. If there are only two candidates, the one with the highest number of votes is elected. If there are three or more candidates in the election, the one with the lowest number of votes is excluded after the first poll. The poll is then taken repeatedly, using the same process, until there are only two candidates remaining. The person with the highest number of votes at the final poll is elected. If the final poll is a draw, the successful candidate is selected by lot.

Deciding by preferential ballot

Generally, the preferential ballot system is only applied in larger councils, when there are more than two candidates for the role. Should council decide to use this method councillors are asked to mark their votes by placing the numbers 1, 2, 3 and so on against the various names on the ballot paper to indicate their order of preference for all the candidates. If a candidate has an absolute majority (more than half the first preference votes), that candidate is elected. If not, the candidate with the least number of first preference votes is excluded and his or her votes are transferred to those marked as the second preference on the ballot paper/s. This process continues until one of the candidates has an absolute majority. If, at the final count, there are only two candidates left, each with the same number of votes, the successful candidate is selected by lot.

Choosing by lot

To choose a candidate by lot, the names of the candidates who have equal numbers of votes are written on similar slips of paper by the returning officer, the slips are folded by the returning officer so as to prevent the names being seen. The slips are then mixed, and one is drawn at random by the returning officer. The candidate whose name is on the drawn slip is chosen.

Declaring the result

The Regulation requires the returning officer to declare the results of the election, including the name of the successful candidate, at the council meeting where the election is held. The result must also be sent to the Office of Local Government and LGNSW.

CONSULTATION

Nomination forms have been provided to each Councillor.

CONCLUSION

This report provides details of the process required for the election of Deputy Mayor. Nomination forms for the position of Deputy Mayor have been forwarded to each Councillor.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Nil

14.2 NSW REGIONAL LOCKDOWN RATING RELIEF

Author: Ryan Gaiter, Director Organisational Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Richmond Valley community continues to experience significant impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, having recently completed five weeks of lockdown where many local businesses were unable to trade. The Northern Rivers region has been particularly affected by the Queensland border closures and continues to face uncertainty around possible future lockdowns. As a result, some ratepayers are experiencing difficulties in meeting their quarterly rates payment. During the 2020 lockdown period, the NSW Government placed a freeze on interest charges for outstanding rates across all NSW councils. This requirement has not been imposed for 2021, however Council may wish to take the lead by offering an interest-free period to assist the Richmond Valley community.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts an interest free period from 1 October 2021 to 1 January 2022 for outstanding rates and annual charges to assist community members and businesses impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.

DELIVERY PROGRAM LINKS

Making Council Great

CS1: Leading and Advocating for our Community

CS1.3: Ensure transparency and accountability in council's operations

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on existing outstanding payments, withholding interest charges for a three-month period is estimated to cost approximately \$18,000.

REPORT

Council was quick to respond to impacts of the COVID pandemic last year, approving a community assistance package at its Extraordinary Meeting on 7 April 2020. This package included an interest free period for outstanding rates and annual charges. The program was scheduled to conclude on 30 September 2020, with an estimated budget of \$85,000. However, the interest free period was subsequently extended to 31 December by the NSW Government with the total impact of the extended program estimated at \$102,000.

On 9 August 2021, a second period of lockdown commenced for the Richmond Valley and its neighbouring LGAs, after COVID cases were detected in Byron Bay who had recently visited the Richmond Valley LGA. The lockdown was subsequently extended to all LGAs in Regional NSW, with restrictions beginning to ease in the Northern Rivers from 10 September. This extended period of stay-at-home orders has had a significant impact on the local economy, particularly the hospitality, tourism and retail sectors. The Queensland border closure has also affected businesses within the Richmond Valley, with reports of difficulty in obtaining supplies and accessing specialist trades. The most recent Jobseeker and Youth Allowance figures for the Richmond Valley show that 10.9% of the working-aged population is currently receiving assistance, compared to 7.9% in Regional NSW and 6.1% statewide.

While the Australian and NSW Governments have provided assistance in various ways to local families and businesses, the State has not mandated an interest free period for rates and annual charges at this stage. Given the significant impacts on our community, it is recommended that Council considers a three-month interest free period from 1 October 2021 to 1 January 2022.

CONSULTATION

Council has received a number of enquiries for financial hardship support as a result of the ongoing economic impacts from COVID-19 and it is expected that these will increase in the coming months. Council has been assisting residents and businesses to access support from various Government programs and is also hosting a business mentoring service, promoting a Shop Local campaign, and providing support to local businesses by distributing COVID safety packs on behalf of Resilience NSW.

CONCLUSION

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have significant impacts on the Richmond Valley community and the Northern Rivers economy. Council has provided direct assistance in the past through interest free periods for outstanding rates and annual charges. It is recommended that a further interest-free period be offered to assist those affected by the most recent lockdown and border closures.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Nil

14.3 COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCE ADVERSE EVENT PLAN

Author: Kelly Moroney, Recovery Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

With the series of natural disasters that the Richmond Valley Council local government area has experienced in recent years it is evident that our region cannot be insulated from future adverse events. Council needs to ensure appropriate planning is undertaken so the community is better prepared, and can then recover more quickly from the shocks that a disaster brings to the social, economic, and built environment.

The Community Preparedness and Resilience Adverse Event Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Drought Communities Program as a requirement for funding acquittal. This plan will provide a framework for increasing resilience to the likely and potential adverse events that may occur in the future. The plan aims to improve preparation and recovery from adverse events.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council approves public exhibition of the draft Richmond Valley Community Preparedness and Resilience Adverse Event Plan for a period of at least 18 days.
2. Following consideration of any submissions received, the draft plan be presented to Council's 19 October 2021 Ordinary Meeting for adoption.

DELIVERY PROGRAM LINKS

Connecting People and Places

PP1: Fresh and Vibrant Community

PP1.9: Planning, preparedness, response and recovery to Emergency Services

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The actions proposed in the plan will largely be funded through existing budget allocations or grant funding. Council will seek further funding opportunities to support delivery of the plan.

REPORT

Local Government plays a key role in helping local communities prepare for adverse events, such as bushfires, floods, storms, and pandemics, and supporting the recovery process.

Councils work within the emergency management framework by assuming planning and preparedness functions which aim to build capacity and resilience within the community. The draft Community Preparedness and Resilience Adverse Event Plan has been prepared to provide a framework for managing the impacts of potential adverse events which may threaten the Richmond Valley local government area. The draft plan does not replace the Local Emergency Management Plan (EMPLAN), it complements the existing emergency management documents by providing Council with a strategic framework and actions to build resilience.

Resilience is defined by the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience as "the ability of a system, community or society exposed to hazards to resist, absorb, accommodate, adapt to, transform and recover from the effects of a hazard in a timely and efficient manner, including through the preservation and restoration of its essential basic structures and functions through risk management".

The plan identifies a number of actions to reduce or eliminate the likelihood of an incident and to assist communities to prepare for future disasters. There are four stages of the plan:

- Prevention – actions taken to eliminate or reduce the likelihood of an incident
- Preparedness – steps taken to effectively anticipate the impacts of disasters
- Response – contain, control and/or manage the immediate impacts of an incident
- Recovery – coordinated process of supporting community, businesses, and government to manage the impacts after a disaster.

Council's Recovery Manager position is funded by Resilience NSW until 30 June 2022. The key performance indicators for this position will include the actions that are outlined in this plan. Once adopted the Recovery Manager will take the lead role in liaising with Council staff, the community and relevant stakeholders and provide a quarterly progress report to Council.

The draft plan has been prepared with assistance from the Commonwealth Drought Communities Program \$1million grant, received last year. As part of the funding conditions of the grant, Council is required to prepare and adopt an Adverse Event Plan. The attached draft Plan meets the acquittal requirements of this funding.

CONSULTATION

The plan has been developed in accordance with local emergency management plans such as the Northern Rivers Local Emergency Management Plan and the Northern Rivers Local Recovery Plan and is an interconnected link focusing on building resilience in the community, the economy and the environment. The draft plan will be placed on exhibition for 18 days and once the period has expired submissions will be considered prior to adoption of the plan.

CONCLUSION

The Community Preparedness and Resilience Adverse Event Plan aims to improve preparation and recovery from adverse events and to build resilience within the community. The plan aims to provide a practical approach for how Richmond Valley Council could undertake prevention, preparedness, response and recovery tasks within its existing responsibilities from a range of adverse events which may affect the community.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. **DRAFT Richmond Valley Council Adverse Event Plan (under separate cover)**

14.4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS - UPDATE TO PROCEDURE AND ANNUAL DESIGNATED PERSON RETURNS

Author: Kate Alder-Conn, Governance Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopts the revised Disclosure of Interests Procedure; and
2. Notes the Returns for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

REPORT

In accordance with the Model Code of Conduct and Council's Disclosure of Interests Procedure, Councillors and Designated Persons were required to lodge their completed disclosure of pecuniary interest returns by 30 September 2021.

A Councillor or Designated Person must make and lodge with the General Manager a return in the form set out in Schedule 2 of the Code of Conduct, disclosing the Councillor's or Designated Person's interests as specified in Schedule 1 of the Code within three months of:

- Becoming a Councillor or Designated Person;
- 30 June each year; or
- The Councillor or Designated Person becoming aware of an interest they are required to disclose under Schedule 1 of the Code that has not been previously disclosed in a return.

A review of the list of Designated Person positions held for the period ending 30 June 2021 was conducted in April 2021 with the staff holding those positions being required to complete a return. All of the required disclosures have been received from Councillors and Designated Persons. The disclosures are tabled for the information of Council and will be made available on request to any member of the public at Council's Casino Administration Office.

In September 2019, the Office of Local Government issued Council Circular 19-21 '*Release of Information and Privacy Commission (IPC) Guideline 1 Returns of Interest*'. The circular outlines an obligation for councils to publish designated persons' returns of interest on their websites. In circumstances where a council believes there is an overriding public interest against the disclosure of some of the information contained in the return, the council can elect to redact some information prior to publishing. The decision to redact personal information is made on a case-by-case basis by applying the public interest test.

The Information and Privacy Commission NSW (IPC) undertook a desktop audit of 52 councils' compliance with the Disclosure of Interests requirements earlier this year. The councils were selected to provide representation across metropolitan, regional and rural areas. Richmond Valley Council was one of those selected for the review, however participants did not receive individual performance results. The overall findings were published in July 2021. The report outlined a number of recommendations designed to improve compliance across the local government sector. In response to this report, Council has reviewed its Disclosure of Interests Procedure, making the following changes:

- Update to Annexure A – List of Designated Persons:
 - amend job titles for positions: Manager Development and Certification, Manager Community Connection; and
 - add new positions: Manager Finance and Procurement, Manager Environment, Health and Sustainability, Manager Commercial Services.
- Inclusion of a 'Consideration of Personal Information' section to outline:

- the obligation on a designated person to keep returns up to date;
 - the obligation on Council to assess each return individually when applying the public interest test with regard to redaction of personal information; and
 - to outline the department within Council that handles the issue and collection of returns on the General Manager's behalf.
- Update of 'Disclosure of Interests – Initial, Annual & Incidental' to highlight the obligation to lodge an updated return where new interests arise.
 - Update to 'References' to include the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*.

A copy of the revised Disclosure of Interest Procedure, together with the IPC's GIPA Compliance Report, July 2021, is attached.

DELIVERY PROGRAM LINKS

Making Council Great

CS1 Leading and Advocating for our Community

CS1.2 Facilitate Council's compliance with legal and governance requirements, including risk and insurance

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONSULTATION

Nil

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. **Revised Disclosure of Interest Procedure (under separate cover)**
2. **Information and Privacy Commission Report: Local Government Sector - Disclosure of Information (Returns Disclosing the Interest of Councillors and Designated Persons) July 2021 (under separate cover)**

15 FINANCIAL REPORTS**15.1 FINANCIAL ANALYSIS REPORT - AUGUST 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 cash and 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 cash and investments at 31 August 2021 is shown below:

Bank Accounts	Term Deposits	Floating Rate Notes	TCorp IM Funds	Total
\$22,988,556	\$21,000,000	\$4,750,390	\$15,770,968	\$64,509,914

The weighted average rate of return on Council's cash and investments for August 2021 was 3.65% which was above the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index for August of 0.00%, which is Council's benchmark.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Financial Analysis Report detailing the performance of its cash and investments for the month of August 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 August 2021, Council has earned \$21,790 in interest and \$414,079 in fair value gains for total interest and investment income of \$435,869. This equates to 51.28% of the annual budget for interest and investment income of \$850,000 after two months. 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 August 2021 total \$760.

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 August meeting.

Rate of Return

The weighted average rate of return on cash and investments in August 2021 was 3.65%, a decrease of 220 basis points from the previous month. The rate of return is 365 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 \$165,528 during August 2021. This is another pleasing return for the month following the performance in July, 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 some 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 Cash and Investments Portfolio

Council held cash and investments of \$64,509,914 at 31 August 2021. This was made up of Council's Business Online Saver Account (\$8,665,000), Macquarie Cash Management Account (\$10,003,397), Term Deposits (\$21,000,000), Floating Rate Notes (\$4,750,390), NSW Treasury Corporation Investments (\$15,770,968) and other bank accounts (\$4,320,159).

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 39.92% of the total portfolio as at 31 August 2021.

Council made the following new investment during August 2021:

Banking Institution	Investment Type	Environmentally Sustainable Investment	Amount Invested	Investment Term
AMP Ltd	Term Deposit	N	\$1,000,000	3 months
Total			\$1,000,000	

Council had the following investment maturity during the month of August 2021:

Banking Institution	Investment Type	Environmentally Sustainable Investment	Amount Invested	Interest Earned
AMP Ltd	Term Deposit	N	\$1,000,000	\$7,934
Total			\$1,000,000	\$7,934

Council's cash and investments increased by \$6,652,644 from the balance of \$57,857,270 held at 31 July 2021. Cash held in bank accounts increased significantly to \$22,988,556. This was mainly a timing issue where Council received grant payments of \$2,795,889 from Transport for NSW on 31 August 2021, along with significant levels of cash being received for payments of the first rates instalment which was due 31 August 2021.

Council had \$15,770,968 in longer term investments being the Medium Term Growth Fund and Long Term Growth Fund held with NSW Treasury Corporation as at 31 August 2021. The investment values and fair value returns are shown below:

Investment Holding	Fair Value 31-Aug-21	Fair Value Gain/(Loss) Aug-21	Fair Value Gain/(Loss) YTD	Fair Value Gain/(Loss) Life of Investment
Medium Term Growth Fund	\$12,635,306	\$107,963	\$298,001	\$1,630,277
Long Term Growth Fund	\$3,135,662	\$57,565	\$116,078	\$135,662
Total	\$15,770,968	\$165,528	\$414,079	\$1,765,939

Environmentally Sustainable Investments (ESIs)

Council's cash and investments portfolio of \$64,509,914 at 31 August 2021 includes \$35,520,968 or 55.1% 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 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, its monthly reporting only highlights the different asset classes, not individual investments and the level of investment in the fossil fuel industry.

Question from August 2021 Ordinary Meeting

Following a question from Cr Jill Lyons at the August 2021 Ordinary Meeting, NSW Treasury Corporation was asked for an itemised breakdown on non-fossil fuel investments. TCorp has advised Council that it does not provide fund manager names to clients, however clarified the stewardship approach to ESIs and provided further advice detailed below.

Sustainable investing is a core NSW Treasury Corporation belief and a part of the way it manages its investments and aligns with the NSW Government's 2050 net zero emissions goals. To that end, TCorp halved the carbon intensity of its developed markets share portfolios relative to the broad global sharemarket index during the June 2021 quarter. Furthermore, TCorp is developing an infrastructure strategy aligned to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

NSW Treasury Corporation advised that it typically designs its own strategy with fund managers. These include managing climate related risk across portfolios and employing carbon reduction strategies, allocating funds to renewables and other technologies that contribute towards a low carbon economy. NSW Treasury Corporation seeks to understand each company's risk to climate and encourage best practice governance at the Board level to address these risks on behalf of shareholders.

NSW Treasury Corporation is an active member of the Investor Group on Climate Change (IGCC). IGCC is a collaboration of Australian and New Zealand investors focusing on the impact that climate change has on the financial value of investments. IGCC represents institutional investors, with total funds under management of over \$2 trillion and others in the investment community interested in the impact of climate change on investments. NSW Treasury Corporation is a member of two working groups:

Physical Risk and Resilience Working Group

This group is focused on developing solutions to enable investors to integrate physical risk and resilience into portfolio management and drive more investment into adaption solutions

Transparency and Thought Leadership Working Group

This group works to increase climate-related reporting and transparency across corporate Australia.

CONCLUSION

During the month of August 2021 Council's investments have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policy which was adopted in May 2021.

As at 31 August 2021 Council's cash and investments totalled \$64,509,914 with \$22,988,556 of this being funds held in bank accounts. The weighted average rate of return was 3.65% for the month of August and total investment revenue equals 51.28% of budgeted revenue for the year to 31 August 2021.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- 1. Investment Report Pack - August 2021 (under separate cover)**

16 GENERAL BUSINESS**16.1 ROAD WIDENING - NAUGHTONS GAP ROAD**

Author: Matt Kinkead, Coordinator Project Development and Design

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received funding from the Safer Roads Program for improvements to approximately 900 metres of Naughtons Gap Road, from Rambaldinis Road, north to 925 Naughtons Gap Road. The works include surface corrections and improvements to the geometric shape of the road. During discussions with one of the adjoining property owners, an offer of road widening was proposed on the northern most corner adjacent to 925 Naughtons Gap Road to allow for the road alignment to be adjusted and widen the road pavement.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Authorises the road widening plan for Naughtons Gap Road, as outlined in this report, under the Common Seal of Council (where required)
2. Authorises the General Manager to sign all required documentation in relation to the road widening plan.

DELIVERY PROGRAM LINKS

Connecting People and Places

PP2: Getting Around

PP2.1: Improve Road Management practices at Richmond Valley Council

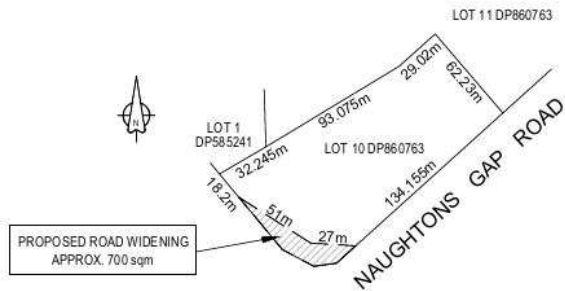
BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

All works are being funded from the Safer Road Program grant.

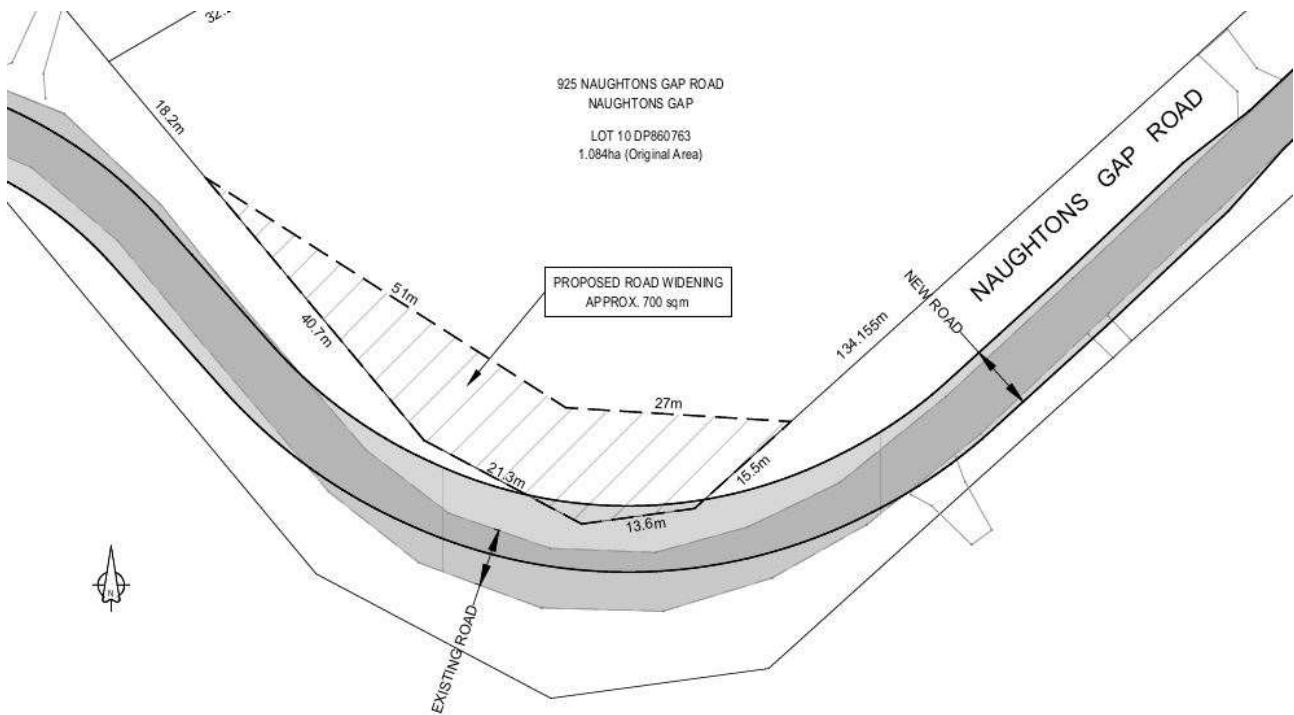
REPORT

During the investigation stage of the road design, Council officers met with the owner of a rural property along the western side of Naughtons Gap Road. The owner identified a location where numerous traffic incidents had occurred near his residence and indicated that he was willing to give Council some of his land to allow for an improvement in the curve alignment.

Subsequently the design was refined to improve the curve alignment in the vicinity of 925 Naughtons Gap Road. Council officers marked out the proposed road centreline and road batters onsite. The extent of the required road widening was determined onsite and agreed with the property owner. The area of road widening is approximately 700sqm, with the dimensions subject to the final survey. Council will meet the cost of preparation and registration of a road widening plan to formally acquire the land for the purpose of a public road and will also provide fencing for the new property boundary.



LOCATION DIAGRAM



CONSULTATION

Council officers have had several discussions and meetings with the property owner to arrive at an agreed area for road widening.

CONCLUSION

An opportunity has been provided to improve the road alignment on a notorious bend on Naughtons Gap Road. The ability to realign a substandard bend in conjunction with the proposed road surface improvements is a great outcome for this project. The improved curve geometry is in accordance with current best practices to improve the road safety at this location.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Nil

16.2 PROPOSED ROAD NAMING

Author: Kim Anderson, Coordinator Property and GIS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is a Roads Authority, under Section 7 of the *Roads Act 1993*, and is responsible for formally naming public roads in accordance with the Act and Regulation.

Council has undertaken public exhibition of proposed names for two roads, one in Yorklea and the other in Broadwater, in accordance with Section 162 of the *Roads Act 1993* and Part 2 of the Roads Regulation 2018. Details of the community consultation are outlined within this report.

The proposed road names were presented to Council from affected residents during previous public consultation which resulted in further public exhibition of the new names. The two road names subject to this report did not receive any objections during the public exhibition period.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council formally adopts the following road names: Aberfoyle Road, and Travellers Arm Lane.

DELIVERY PROGRAM LINKS

Connecting People and Places

PP2: Getting Around

PP2.1: Improve Road Management practices at Richmond Valley Council

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

REPORT

Council is a Roads Authority, under Section 7 of the *Roads Act 1993*, and is responsible for formally naming public roads in accordance with the Act and Regulation.

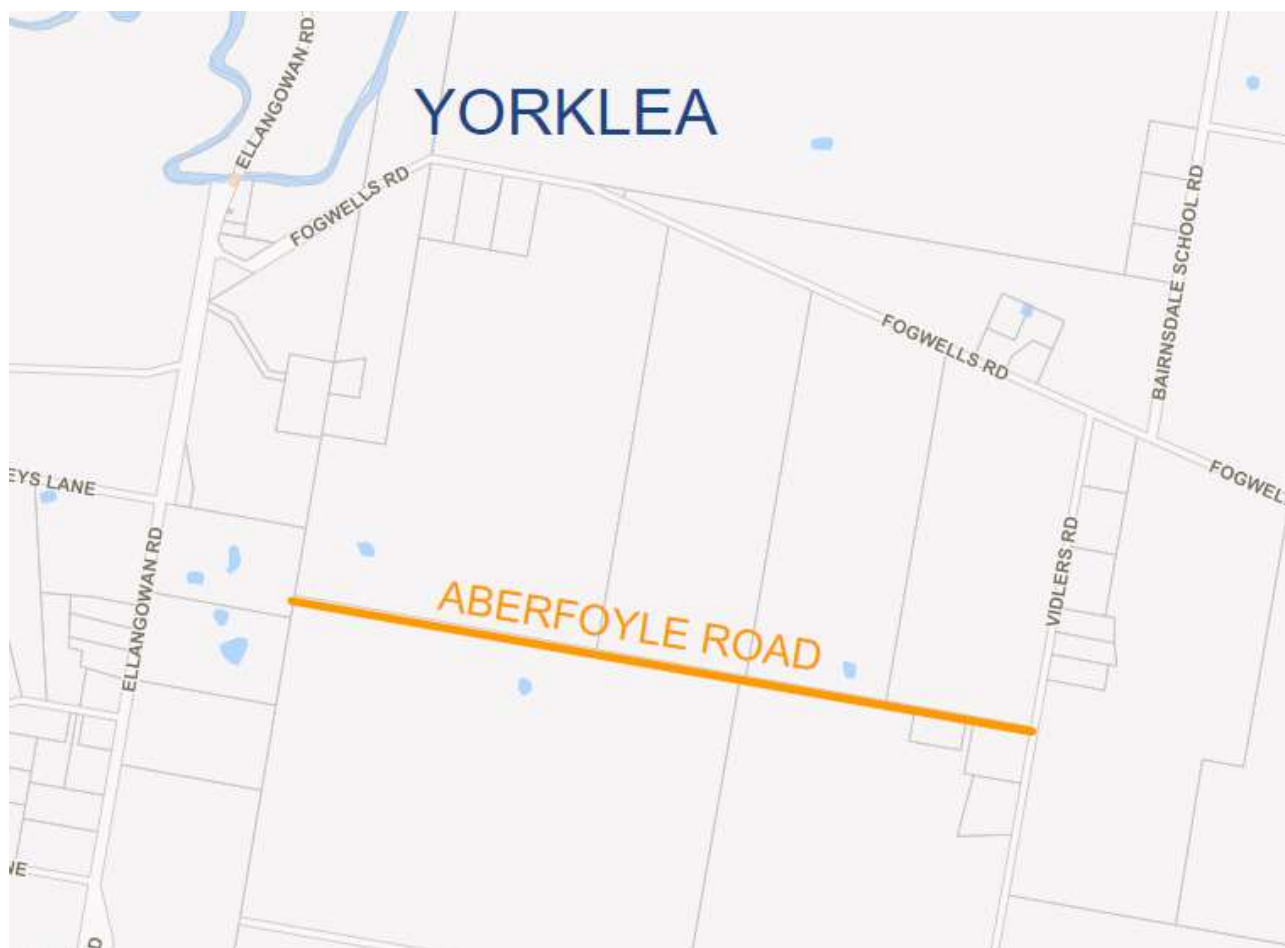
One road name was identified to avoid addressing confusion as result of a subdivision. Two road names were identified to resolve addressing issues as a result of the realignment of the Pacific Highway upgrade. Issues with addressing can impact on residents' service delivery and result in possible delays in emergency response.

Aberfoyle Road, Yorklea (Map 1)

Aberfoyle Road commences at Vidlers Road, Yorklea and traverses west to the end of the road.

This road has been previously known as 'Aberfoyle Road', by local residents however never formally adopted. The origin of the name dates back to the Aberfoyle family which lived on properties adjoining the road approximately 100 years ago.

This proposed road name has pre-approval from the Geographical Names Board of NSW. No public objections were received during public exhibition of the proposed road name.



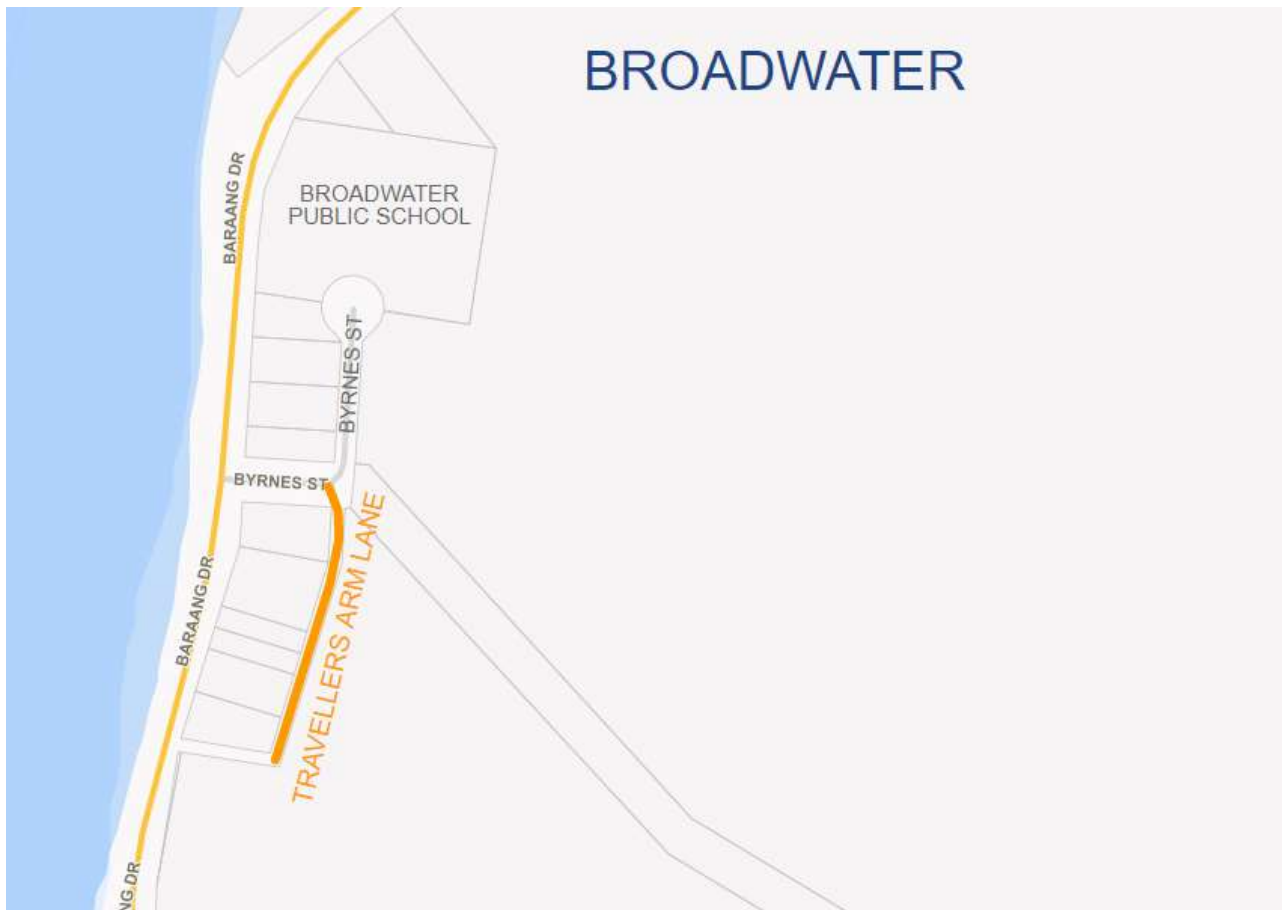
Map 1 – Showing location of proposed road name 'Aberfoyle Road'.

Travellers Arm Lane, Broadwater (Map 2)

Travellers Arm Lane commences at Byrnes Street, Broadwater, and travels south to the end of the laneway.

The name relates to the historical access to the Travellers Arm Hotel which was located at the end of the laneway. The name was suggested during community consultation to keep the historical context and name the lane accordingly.

This proposed road name has pre-approval from the Geographical Names Board of NSW. No public objections were received during public exhibition of the proposed road name.



CONSULTATION

In accordance with Clause 7 of the Roads Regulation 2018 and NSW Road Naming Policy, each proposed road name has undertaken the following advertising and consultation.

- Publishing notice on Council's website.
- Serving notice of the proposal on the prescribed authorities listed in Clause 7.1
- Written notification to affected residents

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council, as the road naming authority formally adopts the proposed road names.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Nil

16.3 ROAD MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES REVIEW UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

Author: David Timms, Manager Infrastructure Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the March 2017 Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved to adopt the recommendations of the Road Maintenance and Construction Services Review. Up to September 2019 update reports on actioning the recommendations had been provided to Council at six monthly intervals. In September 2019, Council resolved that the reporting period change to yearly and in September 2020, Council resolved that a final progress report be submitted in August 2021.

This report provides commentary on the actions undertaken in response to the recommendations made in the report through to 31 August 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the final progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Road Maintenance and Construction Services Review.

DELIVERY PROGRAM LINKS

Connecting People and Places

PP2: Getting Around

PP2.1: Improve Road Management practices at Richmond Valley Council

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

REPORT

At the March 2017 Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved to adopt the recommendations of the Road Maintenance and Construction Services Review and to report to Council every six months on the progress of the implementation of the recommendations.

Reports were provided at six monthly intervals up to September 2019, when a resolution was passed to change the reporting to an annual basis. In September 2020 Council resolved that a final report be provided in August 2021.

This report provides commentary on the actions undertaken in response to the recommendations made in the report, through to 31 August 2021.

The table below represents the final update to Council on the implementation of the recommendations of the Road Maintenance and Construction Services Review.

KR = Key Recommendation from the Review

AR = Additional Recommendation from the Review

Recommendation from Report	Actions to Date
KR 1. Increased communication with the Richmond Valley Council community	Information on works continues to be included in the regular community newsletters and on Council's Facebook page and website. Individual staff continue to provide a high level of customer service and communication with residents regarding works and any queries they might have. MyRoadinfo continues to be the single source of truth for road

	closures and project information and is updated based on the Weekly Works Program.
KR 2. Improved communication, consultation and team meetings among Council administrative and field staff	The ongoing COVID-19 restrictions made it difficult to have team meetings, however with a different format a round of meetings with field staff took place in April and May 2021. In addition to these several meetings have been held throughout the year at all depots with the General Manager, Directors and Managers attending. Supervisors continued to communicate items which were raised in the Weekly Works Meetings to their staff and the People & Culture team regularly visited field staff regarding work health & safety matters and initiatives.
KR 3. In-house staff for road inspections and road conditioning	This recommendation has been finalised previously and reported on.
KR 4. Additional funding to extend design lead times	No additional funding was allocated for 2020/21. Designs are being delivered ahead of time. The restructure of directorates in 2021 has resulted in the Coordinator Project Development and Design reporting to the Manager Infrastructure Services. This new reporting structure will assist in ongoing open communication about design lead times for projects and ensuring they are delivered in a timely manner.
KR 5. Council to make a budget assessment on highlighted maintenance issues	Budget allocations for 2021/22 have increased/decreased from 2020/21 as follows: Urban Road Maintenance: \$689,910 to \$764,436 Sealed Rural Local Roads: \$632,559 to \$600,710 Unsealed Road Grading: \$966,076 to \$979,351 Street Cleaning: \$358,494 to \$363,172
KR 6. Assessment of options for increased access to Technology in the field	New tablets continue to be rolled out to staff in the field with pre-installed applications that make it easier to report observations, conduct toolbox talks, risk assessments and perform pre-start procedures. These tablets are delivered to site by the People & Culture team and staff are trained in the field with real world scenarios. These tablets will continue to be rolled out as funds become available.
AR 7. Change to working hours for maintenance crews	Rural grading teams, Water & Sewer Construction Team (Casino) and the Open Spaces Team in Coraki all continue to work four (4) day weeks. The Electrical team reverted to a 9-day fortnight roster in August 2021. Flexible arrangements for other crews remain in place depending on the specific projects being undertaken and timeframes for delivery.
AR 8. Documentation provided to plant operators detailing workshop servicing	The mechanical workshops continued to provide a high level of communication to internal staff and external customers e.g. Rural Fire Service. A Service Level Agreement for servicing and maintenance of the Rural Fire Service trucks and

	plant has been drafted but not yet signed and implemented. Communication to operators regarding services is consistent and occurring frequently such that complaints continue to be extremely rare.
AR 9. Improved budgeting and reduced carry over works	A variety of pressures on the delivery of projects in 2020/21, including natural disaster recovery works, has resulted in a request to carry over funds which will be considered by Council at its October meeting.
AR 10. Re-allocate funding from sealing unsealed laneways to the specific problem areas in key recommendation 5	As previously reported funds have been reallocated to the maintenance items (shoulder grading, vegetation management etc.) from the current works program. Josephs Lane in Coraki is due to be sealed in 2021/22.
AR 11. Use of GPS and cameras to protect Council assets	The Coordinator Fleet & Procurement continues to work on options for GPS tracking of fleet with a trial being undertaken of the EROAD system. This was done in conjunction with the Coordinator Workshops & Fleet and Finance as it is a system that can provide data to the workshop on upcoming scheduled services and data to finance that assists with the fuel tax credits. The regulatory team also investigated funding for a portable camera system that can be used in 'hot spot' locations as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour and vandalism.
AR 12. Additional Safety Audits	The People Safety Coordinator and People Safety Support Officer continue to engage with the field staff and perform safety audits of depots, facilities and work sites. The reports from the regular audits are logged in Vault and corrective actions assigned to staff responsible for attending to them. Updates on the number of outstanding actions are addressed weekly in the Works Meeting and discussed if necessary. The Vault reporting system has proven popular and is being embraced by the field staff.
AR 13. Morning warm-ups	Morning warm ups continue to be a regular activity at works depots with individual crews and teams.

CONCLUSION

The recommendations from the 2017 Road Maintenance and Construction Services Review continue to be actioned by Council officers. The review has driven many worthwhile and important improvements that have made the delivery of maintenance and infrastructure safer, more efficient and to a higher standard for the Richmond Valley community.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Nil

16.4 REVIEW OF ASSET PLANNING POLICIES

Author: Andrew Leach, Manager Asset Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of Council's ongoing policy review process, a review has been undertaken of five Asset Planning Policies.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the following updated Asset Planning Policies:

1. CPOL 13.5 Roadside and Reserve Memorials
2. CPOL 11.2 Bitumen Sealing adjacent to Residences on Unsealed Roads
3. CPOL 11.3 Contributions for Kerb and Guttering and Footpath Paving
4. CPOL 11.8 Use of Council Aerodromes
5. CPOL 13.1 Naming of Public Parks, Reserves, Sporting Fields and Council Facilities

DELIVERY PROGRAM LINKS

Making Council Great

CS1: Leading and Advocating for our Community

CS1.2: Facilitate Council's compliance with legal and governance requirements, including risk and insurance

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

REPORT

Council has conducted an internal review of the five policies noted in the recommendation. The purpose of the review was to ensure accurate and up to date policies are available for both staff and members of the community. The reviews were minor in nature (for example, updates to reference and formatting), with the exception of CPOL 11.8 Use of Council Aerodromes – wherein the review removed references to the Evans Head Aerodrome and increased the public liability limit to \$20 million, in line with current insurance standards.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council adopts the revised Asset Planning Policies so that up to date information may be available for both staff and the community.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. CPOL13.5 Roadside and Reserve Memorials (under separate cover)
2. CPOL11.2 Bitumen Sealing adjacent to Residences on Unsealed Roads (under separate cover)
3. CPOL11.3 Contributions for Kerb and Guttering and Footpath Paving (under separate cover)
4. CPOL11.8 Use of Council Aerodromes (under separate cover)
5. CPOL13.1 Naming of Public Parks, Reserves, Sporting Fields and Council Facilities (under separate cover)

17 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**RECOMMENDATION**

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

17.1 NORTH COAST ALTERNATE WASTE SOLUTIONS PROJECT UPDATE AND NSW ENERGY FROM WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Author: Vaughan Macdonald, General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the information on the next steps to seek Alternate Waste Treatment solutions for landfill and recyclable waste streams for councils along the North Coast and the recently announced NSW Energy from Waste Infrastructure Plan.

REPORT

Richmond Valley Council has been working with the other 12 councils along the North Coast from the Tweed to the Mid-Coast Council area, supported by the Department of Regional NSW, to prepare the North Coast Region Waste Investment Report available at <https://www.investregional.nsw.gov.au/news/nsw-north-coast-waste-investment-review/>). It provides the information base for councils to test the market for Alternate Waste Treatment solutions for all waste streams that are environmentally, economically and socially acceptable to the North Coast communities. A market sounding process is currently being prepared to issue to the market for alternate waste treatment solutions for landfill and recyclable waste streams by November 2021.

The NSW Government has released a new Energy from Waste Infrastructure Plan to support the NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041. See <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/our-work/environment-energy-and-science/waste-and-sustainable-materials-strategy>

The Plan recognises that thermal treatment of waste will form part of the future solution for managing residual waste in NSW, providing an opportunity to replace less environmentally sound energy sources, such as coal-fired power stations, and avoid methane emissions from landfill. It identifies four priority areas where future energy recovery facilities may be located in NSW, including the Richmond Valley Regional Jobs Precinct.

The Richmond Valley's selection reflects the findings of the NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy, which identified the Hunter and Northern Rivers regions as areas that would require either extra landfill capacity or a medium-scale energy from waste facility to manage residual waste in the future. In coastal areas, such as Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour, landfill capacity is likely to be reached by 2030. Richmond Valley Council's Nammoona Resource and Recovery Centre is also nearing capacity, with a new landfill cell estimated to cost at least \$10 million.

The inclusion of a Northern Rivers site in the EfW Infrastructure Plan complements the findings of the North Coast Region Waste Investment Report which includes a stocktake of current waste types and volumes in each local government area and highlights the need to develop long-term infrastructure solutions to divert residual waste from landfill.

Nine of the councils involved in the project, including Richmond Valley Council, have decided to progress with further investigation into these options. The group has engaged a consultant to undertake market sounding, calling for expressions of interest from commercial entities to establish regional waste facilities. This could include a range of options, such as recycling facilities and alternative waste treatment technologies. The recent decision on Energy from Waste priority areas provides more certainty on Government policy on this matter and may help to attract potential investors to the region.

Although Australia has been slow to adopt energy from waste technologies, with only two facilities currently being constructed in Western Australia, the process is widely used in Europe and Asia, with more than 300 facilities operating in Japan and over 12 in France. The EfW Infrastructure Plan takes a precautionary approach to ensure that social and human health risks are addressed and that facilities are located strategically to meet future waste management demand. Only four possible locations will be considered over the next four years:

- Richmond Valley Regional Jobs Precinct
- Parkes Special Activation Precinct
- Southern Goulburn Mulwaree Precinct
- West Lithgow Precinct

The Infrastructure Plan identifies the Reynolds Road industrial precinct in Casino as the most suitable site for a future facility and, should a proposal come forward, the work currently being undertaken for the Regional Jobs Precinct initiative will help to ensure that planning, environmental and community considerations are adequately addressed.

Any proposals within the priority infrastructure areas would be required to comply with current planning and environmental legislation and policies, including the NSW Government's Policy Statement on Energy from Waste Facilities (see <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/waste/waste-facilities/energy-recovery>). This policy statement, released in June 2021, provides for extensive community consultation and includes some of the most rigorous environmental controls in the world. Under the Policy, proposals must:

- Meet current international best practice techniques, including emissions controls
- Use technologies that are proven, well understood and capable of handling the waste inputs
- Meet technical, thermal efficiency and resource recovery criteria
- Undertake monitoring with real-time feedback.

If a facility was approved, the planning consent and Environment Protection Licence would set out the conditions for operating, monitoring and reporting.

Although the current level of market interest in establishing an Energy from Waste facility in the region is yet to be determined, the Richmond Valley's designation as a priority area in the Infrastructure Plan will provide long term certainty for potential investors and ensure the community and the region is well placed to benefit from the additional jobs, infrastructure and business growth that all waste treatment facilities can provide.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Nil

17.2 OUTCOME OF CASINO DRILL HALL MEMORIAL WALK AND CORONATION PARK VIEWING PLATFORM TENDER NEGOTIATIONS

Author: Ben Zeller, Director Projects & Business Development

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the outcome of the Casino Drill Hall Memorial Walk and Coronation Park Viewing Platform tender and the appointment of Boyds Bay Group as the project contractor.

REPORT

Council resolved at its May 2021 Ordinary Meeting to:

1. *Decline the tender submission for the construction of the Casino Drill Hall Memorial Walk, Coronation Park and Viewing Platform as the price was in excess of Council's allocated budget,*
2. *Authorise the General Manager to enter into negotiations with suitably qualified contractor/s with intent to reach a deliverable solution. Following successful negotiations, enter into contractual agreement to deliver works, and*
3. *Receive a further report on the outcome of the negotiations.*

As only one tender was received for the original tender submission, the Evaluation Panel considered entering into further negotiation with two organisations. Both organisations had attended the mandatory onsite tender meeting and were offered the opportunity to negotiate an outcome of better value for Council. These organisations were:

- AGS Commercial
- Boyds Bay Group

Both were asked to provide revised prices (where applicable) for the following components:

- Options to consider earth batters, where possible to remove retaining walls.
- Alternative options for water feature.
- Cost saving options for construction of the Trenches while maintaining original theme.
- Changing all stainless options to galvanised steel (stainless steel to remain at water feature).
- Alternative options for ribbon feature tiles.
- Reducing the size of garden beds and plantings.
- Considering alternative options for landing area at Coronation Park in lieu of retaining walls.
- Demolition of all park structures will now be sourced by Council.
- Providing two pricing options for width of the Memorial Walk:
 - Option 1 – 12m wide as per original plans
 - Option 2 – 10m wide alternative

The Evaluation Panel carefully considered all submissions and selected Boyds Bay Group as the preferred provider. The revised estimates for the work are now within the allocated budget.

Boyds Bay Group specialises in landscaping and land development projects throughout New South Wales and Queensland and has wide experience in working with local government. Boyds Bay Group has delivered successfully for Council Woodburn Riverside Park landscaping and park improvements, Evans Head Surf Club lawn landscaping, Crawford Square formal entry and the

Evans Head Cemetery entrance. Similar nature memorial projects completed by Boyds Bay Group include Agnes Water Cenotaph (Gladstone Regional Council) and Wallumbilla Town Square and Cenotaph (Maranoa Regional Council).

It was therefore the recommendation of the Evaluation Panel that the General Manager approve the engagement of Boyds Bay Group to complete the Casino Drill Hall Memorial Walk and Coronation Park Viewing Platform in accordance with Council's delegation. A contract has been signed and works have now commenced.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Nil

17.3 NAUGHTONS GAP ROAD LANDSLIP UPDATE

Author: Ben Zeller, Director Projects & Business Development

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Naughtons Gap Road Update report.

REPORT

Richmond Valley Council engaged Civil Consult to plan and undertake a geotechnical site investigation and assessment of the landslide affecting Naughtons Gap Road. The landslide, which began in March 2021 following significant rain events, required the closure of Naughtons Gap Road between Rambaldini's Road and Stones Road to prevent public access to the road due to safety concerns.

Civil Consult provided a report to Council's Assets team which identified two major periods of movement following the rain events. The report identifies two potential slope stabilisation options and mentions a third option being total road realignment from Powell's Road to Rambaldini's Road. At this stage, the realignment option is being disregarded due to probable cost, land ownership issues and the projected timeframe for completion being unacceptable.

The report concludes the presence of 'a large scale reactivated, complex, wet, translational, advancing earth slide style slope failure.' It recommends additional geotechnical investigation and instrumentation be carried out to monitor future potential mobilisation of the landslide both prior to and during remediation works.

While the report was being developed and delivered, Council officers have been in discussions with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) on details regarding project management and natural disaster funding. TfNSW and Council Officers met onsite last week and have made an in-principle agreement to fund Civil Consult to perform the further Geotechnical studies. Civil Consult has also provided a cost estimate on the two repair options that TfNSW has agreed to fund under Natural Disaster funding, noting that the cost may escalate once the repair contract is tested by the market. TfNSW is reviewing the options and will communicate its preference soon.

Once the preferred option is selected, Council will call for design quotes and select an appropriate designer.

Civil Consult estimates a further three months of geotechnical monitoring and survey investigation will need to occur in parallel to the detailed design. This is necessary to ensure that the design meets the altering condition of the ground.

Geotechnical investigations and some design elements of the preferred option can happen concurrently, but final design will be determined only after the investigations are complete. Once the design has been finalised, a construction tender and decision on an appropriate commencement for construction can be made after assessing the conditions as it could pose a high risk if attempted to be undertaken in the wetter months of the year.

TfNSW has agreed that Council will project manage the design and construction programs which will all be claimed under Natural Disaster funding.

Estimated Timeline:

Action	Estimated Date
TfNSW approval and Option selection	17/09/21
Start geotechnical works	20/09/21
Release of survey/design request for quote	30/09/21
Engage design consultant	18/10/21
Design and geotechnical investigation period	17/9/21 to 24/1/22
Approve design, prepare and advertise construction tender	24/01/22
Tender close and assessment	25/02/22
Report to council	15/03/22
Contract awarded and decision on works commencement*	1/04/22
<i>Important note - weather and ground condition permitting</i>	

A timely solution to the Naughtons Gap Road landslip is a critical priority for Council. The reports received thus far and future geotechnical investigation will confirm this as a high-risk project. The timeline outlined above will be monitored diligently and reported to the Executive, Councillors and the community as it progresses.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Nil

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

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

During the reporting period, three grants were approved and Council received funding for ten grants totalling \$3,886,596. Council was not notified as being unsuccessful with any grant applications and one grant application was submitted.

Grants that have been approved

NSW Bushfires 31 August 2019 onwards AGRN871 – Emergency & Immediate Reconstruction Works	
Project ID	10390
Funding Body	Transport for NSW
Funding Name	Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)
Government Level	State
Project Value (excl GST)	\$1,571,490
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$1,489,162
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 82,328
Date Application Submitted	N/A
Date Approved	20 August 2021
Comment (if required)	Council's second progress claim for emergency works (extension 1) included bushfire vegetation works of \$89,544 which has now been approved, taking the total event claim to \$1,489,162.

NSW Storms and Floods 10 December 2020 onwards AGRN943 – Emergency & Immediate Reconstruction Works	
Project ID	10420
Funding Body	Transport for NSW
Funding Name	Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)
Government Level	State
Project Value (excl GST)	\$406,444
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$315,041

Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 91,403
Date Application Submitted	N/A
Date Approved	19 August 2021
Comment (if required)	Council's second progress claim for emergency and immediate reconstruction works has been approved for \$173,968, taking the total event claim to \$315,041.

NSW Storms and Floods 10 March 2021 onwards AGRN960 – Essential Public Asset Reconstruction Works

Project ID	10441
Funding Body	Transport for NSW
Funding Name	Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)
Government Level	State
Project Value (excl GST)	\$1,852,850
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$1,852,850
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 0
Date Application Submitted	N/A
Date Approved	10 August 2021
Comment (if required)	This approval relates to re-damaged assets from previous natural disaster events now rolled into AGRN960. These works include Codrington Lane, Gores Road, Upper Cherry Tree Road, 2 Crown Roads and Busbys Flat Bridge.

Grants that have been received

Summerland Way Shared Pathway Connection Eccles to Light Street Casino

Project ID	10350
Funding Body	Transport for NSW
Funding Name	Active Transport Program - 2020/21 Walking and Cycling Program
Government Level	State
Project Value (excl GST)	\$181,832
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$143,332
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 38,500
Date Application Submitted	25 February 2020 (approved 5 February 2021)
Date Received	\$62,500 received 31 August 2021
Total Funds Received To Date	\$62,500
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 (over 3 years 2020/2021 to 2023/2024)
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$10,000,000
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 0
Date Application Submitted	N/A
Date Received	\$927,410 received 31 August 2021
Total Funds Received to Date	\$1,927,410
Comment (if required)	N/A

NSW Bushfires 31 August 2019 onwards AGRN871 – Essential Public Asset Reconstruction Works	
Project ID	10391
Funding Body	Transport for NSW
Funding Name	Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)
Government Level	State
Project Value (excl GST)	\$1,476,500
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$1,476,500
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 0
Date Application Submitted	N/A
Date Received	\$61,132 received 31 August 2021
Total Funds Received to Date	\$120,611
Comment (if required)	Payment for progress claim on Camira Creek Bridge

NSW Storms and Floods 15 January 2021 onwards AGRN898 – Essential Public Asset Reconstruction Works	
Project ID	10392
Funding Body	Transport for NSW
Funding Name	Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)
Government Level	State
Project Value (excl GST)	\$685,000
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$685,000
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 0
Date Application Submitted	N/A

Date Received	\$4,255 received 31 August 2021
Total Funds Received to Date	\$6,155
Comment (if required)	Payment for progress claim on Ainsworth Road

Rappville Community Hall Project

Project ID	10430
Funding Body	Business Council of Australia
Funding Name	Biz Rebuild – Rebuilding for a Stronger Australia
Government Level	Other
Project Value (excl GST)	\$1,454,545
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$ 454,545
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$1,000,000
Date Application Submitted	13 November 2020
Date Received	\$90,909 received 25 August 2021
Total Funds Received to Date	\$90,909
Comment (if required)	N/A

NSW Storms and Floods 10 March 2021 onwards AGRN960 – EPAR Packaged Works 1-15

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 Received	\$626,985 received 31 August 2021
Total Funds Received to Date	\$626,985
Comment (if required)	N/A

NSW Storms and Floods 10 March 2021 onwards AGRN960 – Essential Public Asset Reconstruction Works

Project ID	10441
Funding Body	Transport for NSW
Funding Name	Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)
Government Level	State

Project Value (excl GST)	\$1,852,850
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$1,852,850
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 0
Date Application Submitted	N/A
Date Received	\$444,143 received 31 August 2021
Total Funds Received to Date	\$444,143
Comment (if required)	Payment for progress claim on Busbys Flat Bridge

Regional Roads Block Grant 2021/2022

Project ID	N/A
Funding Body	Transport for NSW
Funding Name	Regional Roads Block Grant 2021/2022
Government Level	State
Project Value (excl GST)	\$920,000
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$920,000
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 0
Date Application Submitted	N/A – Annual allocation
Date Received	\$459,000 received 31 August 2021
Total Funds Received To Date	\$459,000
Comment (if required)	N/A

Financial Assistance Grant 2021/2022

Project ID	N/A
Funding Body	NSW Local Government Grants Commission
Funding Name	Financial Assistance Grant
Government Level	Federal
Project Value (excl GST)	\$5,553,335
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$5,553,335
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 0
Date Application Submitted	N/A – annual allocation
Date Received	\$711,219 received 18 August 2021
Total Funds Received To Date	\$3,419,715
Comment (if required)	Council's 2021/2022 entitlement is \$5,468,186 plus a CPI/population adjustment of \$85,149. Council received \$2,708,496 in advance in June 2021.

Roads to Recovery Program 2019/2020 – 2023/2024	
Project ID	N/A
Funding Body	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Funding Name	Roads to Recovery Program
Government Level	Federal
Project Value (excl GST)	\$5,011,072
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$5,011,072
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 0
Date Application Submitted	N/A – annual allocation of \$1,002,214
Date Received	\$497,043 received 20 August 2021
Total Funds Received To Date	\$2,501,472
Comment (if required)	N/A

Grant Applications Submitted

Casino Scenic Walk	
Project ID	10442
Funding Body	Regional NSW
Funding Name	Regional Tourism Activation Fund
Government Level	State
Project Value (excl GST)	\$190,000
Grant Funding (excl GST)	\$190,000
Council Funding (excl GST)	\$ 0
Date Application Submitted	10 August 2021
Comment (if required)	If successful, this funding will address accessibility issues on the existing footpath under the Irving Bridge that connects Casino and South Casino. The pathways under the bridge require appropriate fencing, engineered block retaining walls and 100m of concrete footpath to bring the passages to appropriate standards.

ATTACHMENT(S)**Nil**

17.5 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT 2021/2022**Author: Dean Fordham, Manager Finance and Procurement****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives and notes the Financial Assistance Grant 2021/2022 report.

REPORT

The NSW Local Government Grants Commission has notified local councils of their Financial Assistance Grant entitlements for the 2021/2022 financial year.

Local Government Financial Assistance Grants are paid to local councils to help them deliver services to their communities. Allocations are paid quarterly and councils are free to use these funds at their discretion.

There are two components to the Financial Assistance Grant. The General Purpose Component is distributed to the States on a population basis and it is then allocated by the NSW Local Government Grants Commission on the basis of the National Principles under Federal legislation in the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*. The NSW Government's policy is to allocate grants, as far as possible, to councils with the greatest relative disadvantage. The Local Roads Component is distributed based on a fixed formula. The allocation of 93% of the grant is based on a split of 80% on road length and 20% on population. The remaining 7% of the grant is based on bridge length.

Richmond Valley Council's Financial Assistance Grant entitlement for 2021/2022 is detailed below:

Financial Assistance Grant	General Purpose	Local Roads	Total
2021/2022 Entitlement	\$3,765,645	\$1,702,541	\$5,468,186
add: CPI/population adjustment	\$60,088	\$25,061	\$85,149
Total Grant Allocation	\$3,825,733	\$1,727,602	\$5,553,335
Less: Advance Payment June 2021	(\$1,856,288)	(\$852,208)	(\$2,708,496)
Remaining Payments 2021/2022	\$1,969,445	\$875,394	\$2,844,839

Council's total grant allocation for 2021/2022 is \$5,553,335 after factoring in Consumer Price Index (CPI) and population adjustments. The Commonwealth Government's estimate of the CPI for 2020/2021 was revised upwards, with the total national grant allocation increasing by 2.2% from the previous year.

This year, the Commonwealth Government decided to retain the practice of advance payments of approximately half of the grant entitlement, with Council having received \$2,708,496 in June 2021. This leaves \$2,844,839 to be paid over the remainder of the 2021/2022 financial year.

The total grant allocation of \$5,553,335 is \$219,629 higher than Council's original budget of \$5,333,706. Council's budget assumes that the Commonwealth Government will continue to pay 50% of the Financial Assistance Grant in advance, however this is unknown until a decision is made in the May 2022 Federal Budget. As a result, it is not considered prudent to adjust the budget at this point in time.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Nil

17.6 CORRESPONDENCE - LETTER OF RESPONSE DEPUTY PREMIER, CASINO ANZ BANK CLOSURE

Author: Vaughan Macdonald, General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the correspondence received from the Deputy Premier regarding the pending closure of ANZ Bank in Casino.

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of correspondence provided to the Deputy Premier and the response received follows:-

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Letter to Deputy Premier - closure of ANZ Bank Casino
2. Letter from Deputy Premier - ANZ Bank Closure



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24 May 2021

The Hon John Barilaro MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Deputy Premier

Banking services in Regional NSW

At its 18 May 2021 meeting, Richmond Valley Council resolved for me to write to you on behalf of Council and our community to seek your support in addressing the increasing loss of banking services in Regional NSW

Last month, the ANZ Bank announced it will be closing its Casino branch in September 2021, with the loss of much needed local employment and banking services for our community. At a time when the Big Four Banks are achieving record profits and paying increasing dividends to shareholders, people in country communities are missing out on the banking services they need and deserve.

Regional towns such as Casino rely on local banks to provide employment, attract investment and support the regional economy. These services are particularly important for local small businesses. Sadly, those ANZ customers who need the most support with banking services, such as the elderly or people with a disability, will now face a 60km round trip to Lismore to get the help they need once the Casino branch closes.

We are fortunate that three of the Big Four banks still remain in Casino, but Council is concerned that they too may join the increasing trend of branch closures in the future. The major banks maintain that branches are no longer required because customers favour on-line services. However, as you would know, internet and mobile coverage in Regional NSW is often unreliable, and many members of our community are unable to afford these services.

Council believes that maintaining accessible banking is vital to the future of country towns. It is disappointing that financial institutions whose success has been built on the loyalty and support of farming communities over the years are now turning their backs on those same communities for the sake of greater profits. We would seek your support in encouraging the Big Four Banks to continue to invest in Regional NSW and maintain these vital community banking services.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Macdonald".

Vaughan Macdonald
General Manager

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The Hon. John Barilaro MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Regional New South Wales
Minister for Industry and Trade

Ref:MF21/1742

Mr Vaughan Macdonald
General Manager, Richmond Valley Council
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Dear Mr Macdonald

Thank you for your letter regarding banking services in regional NSW.

Let me assure you, the NSW Government is committed to ensuring the people of regional NSW have the best access to essential services and the announcement of the ANZ Bank's Casino branch closure is a shared disappointment.

I am however pleased to be advised that you and the team at Richmond Valley Council have been working closely with my department on the Richmond Valley Regional Jobs Precinct. The Precinct will create new jobs in the agricultural, manufacturing and renewable energy sectors by streamlining planning processes and unlocking investment and growth opportunities.

The precinct will assist with business diversification by identifying value-adding opportunities for existing industries and local producers. I understand the draft Action Plan and Investment Attraction Report have been developed and further outcomes are expected in early 2022. Access to local to banking and financial services will be crucial for both businesses and individuals to capitalise on these opportunities.

As the Minister for Regional NSW, I am committed to supporting the wellbeing and growth of our regional communities and will continue to advocate for essential services, including banking.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Mrs Jillian Fryer, A/Director Regional Development North Coast, on 0412 901 084 or at jillian.fryer@regional.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Barilaro'.

The Hon. John Barilaro MP
Deputy Premier
Minister for Regional New South Wales
Minister for Industry and Trade

CC: The Hon. Chris Gulaptis MP, Member for Clarence

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17.7 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT FOR THE PERIOD 1 AUGUST 2021 TO 31 AUGUST 2021

Author: Andy Edwards, Manager Development & Certification

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Development Application report for the period 1 August 2021 to 31 August 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 August 2021 to 31 August 2021 was 22, with a total value of \$2,675,148.00.

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

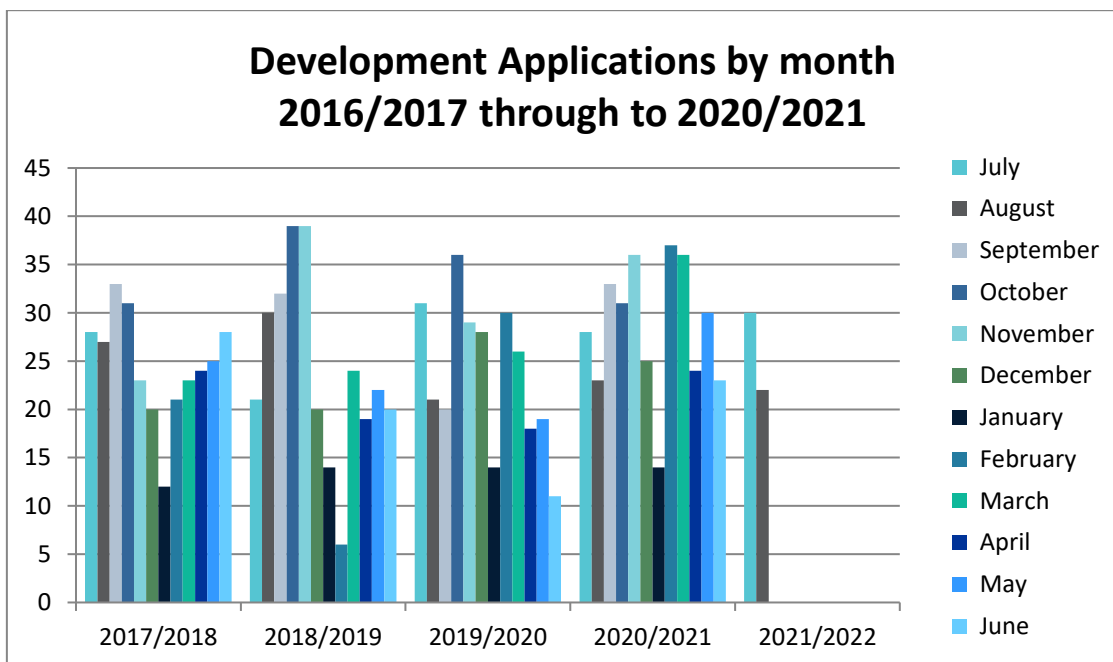


Figure 1: Monthly number of development applications processed by Council over five financial years.

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 August 2021.

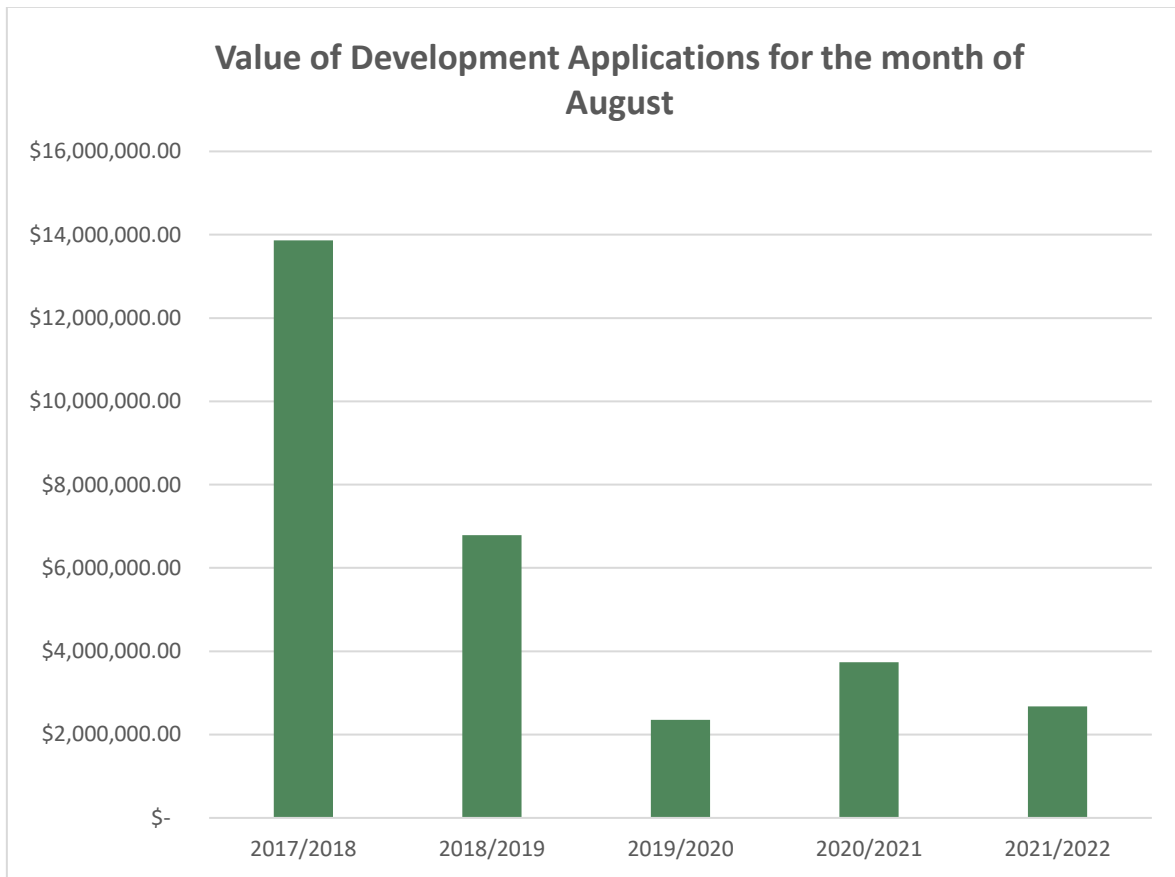


Figure 2: Value of development for the month of August.

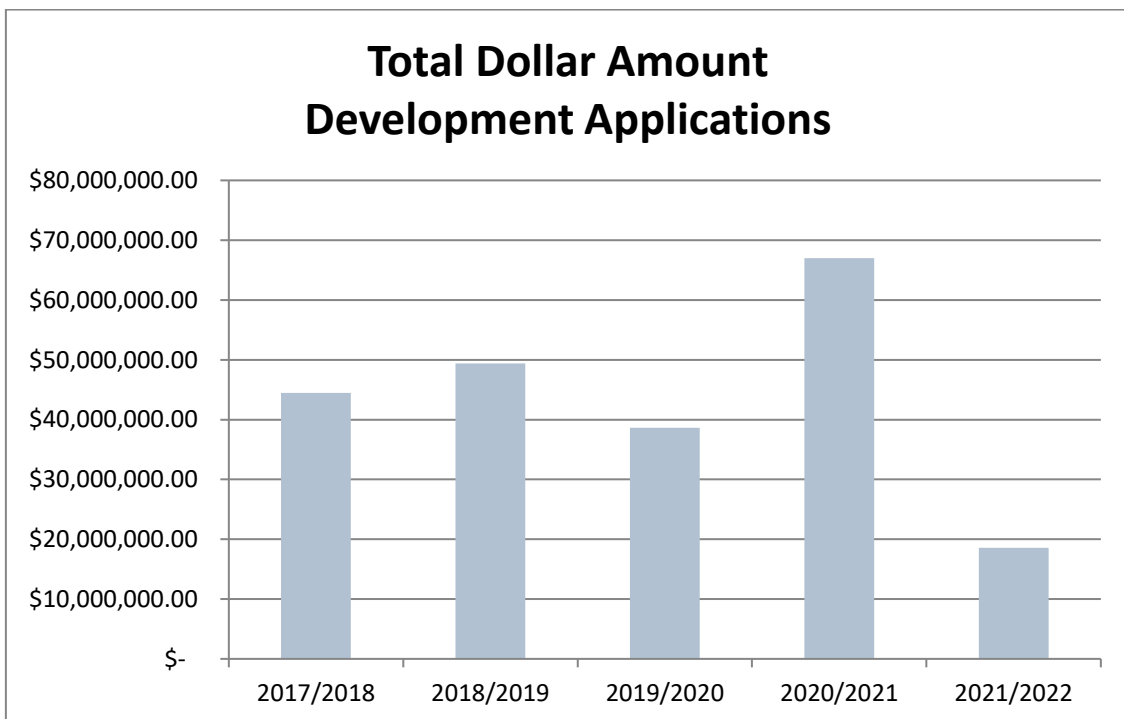


Figure 3: Annual value of development.

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.

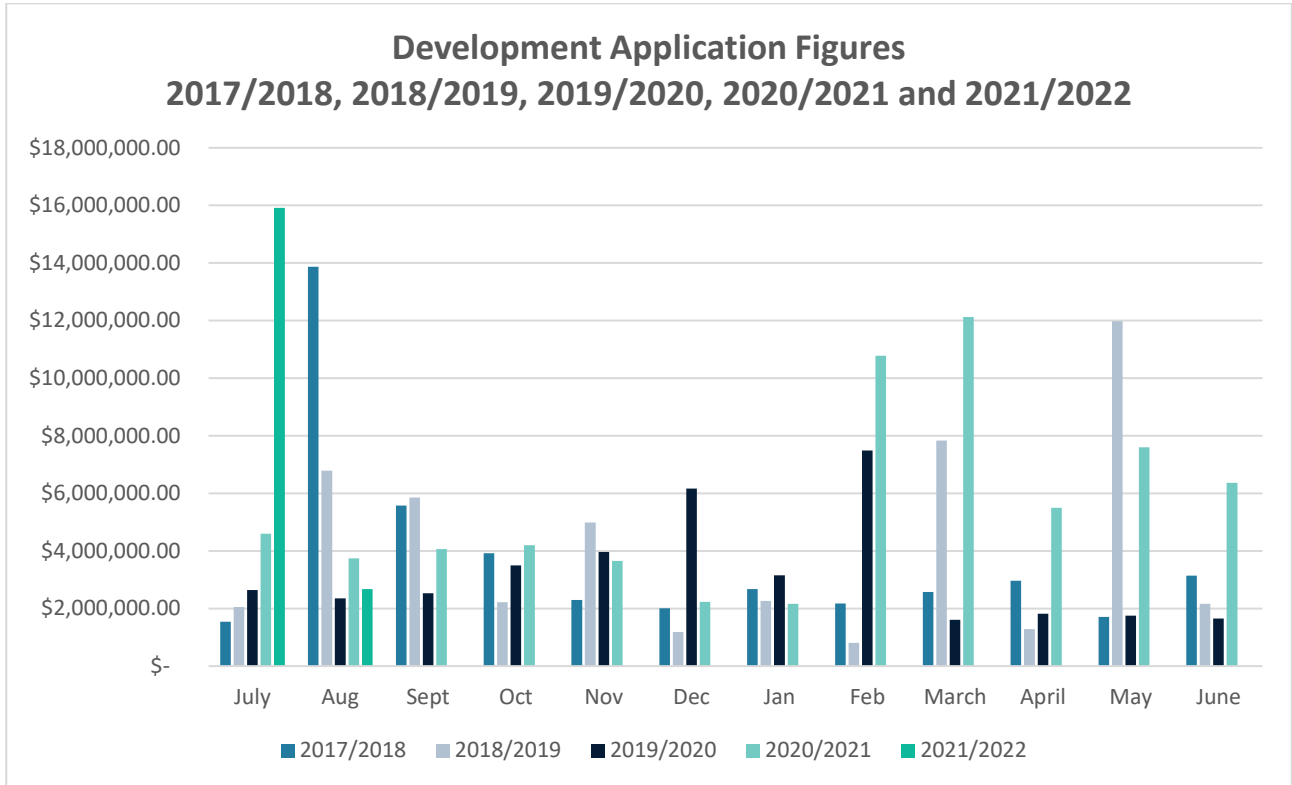


Figure 4: Value of development applications per month over five financial years.

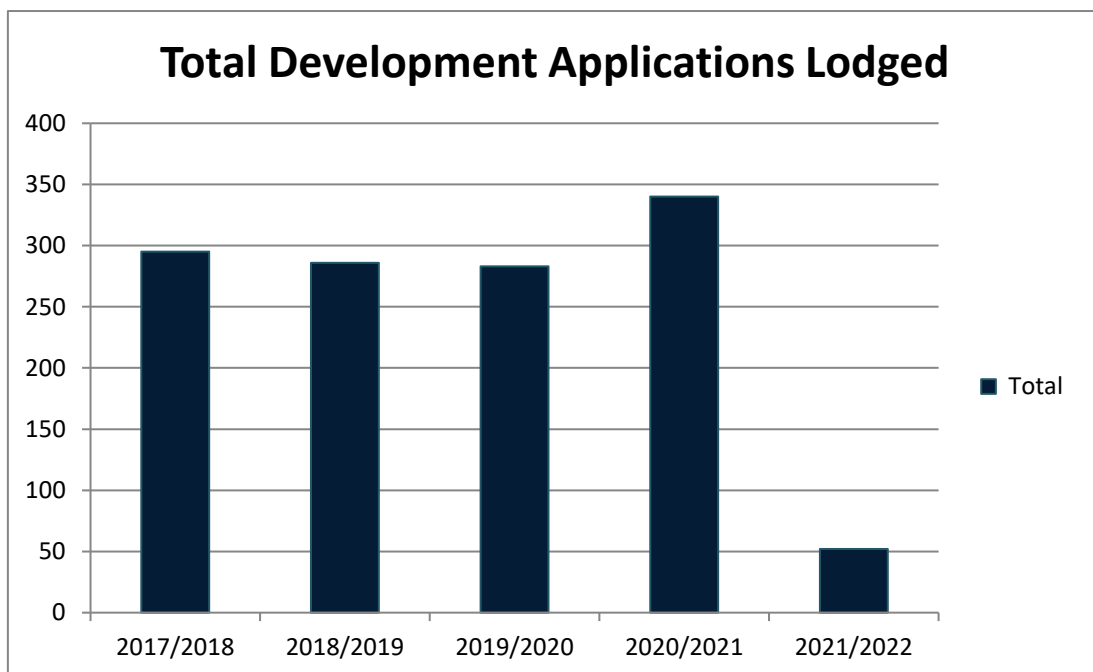


Figure 5: Number of Development Applications per annum over five financial years.

Activity for the month of August 2021

General Approvals (excluding Subdivisions, Section 4.55)	18
Section 4.55 amendments to original consent	1
Subdivision	2
Refused	
Withdrawn	
Complying Development (Private Certifier Approved)	1
TOTAL	22
Average assessment days for applications determined in August 2021	27
No. of Integrated development applications determined in August 2021	0
No. of building/ compliance inspections undertaken in August 2021	83

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 August 2021 to 31 August 2021**

Application ID	Applicant	Owners	Location	Development	Date Lodged	Determination Date	Estimated Cost
DA2021/0286	Ardill Payne & Partners	CK McGeary & KM Grainger	15 Alfred Street Woodburn	Torrens Title Subdivision to create 3 lots being Lot 1 (718m ²), Lot 2 (788m ²), Lot 3 (1022m ²)	13/05/2021	26/08/2021	\$ 30,000.00
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
DA2021/0296	Hayes Building Consultancy	CL Angus	815 Bungawalbin Whiporie Road Bungawalbin	Alterations and additions to an existing partially built four (4) bedroom dwelling in association with the existing as built one (1) bedroom habitable structure to form a detached dual occupancy development and associated works	28/05/2021	5/08/2021	\$ 400,000.00
DA2021/0321	SJ & KA Yager	SJ & KA Yager	640 Swan Bay New Italy Road New Italy	As built swimming pool & associated fencing	25/06/2021	3/08/2021	\$ 25,000.00
DA2021/0323	Hayes Building Consultancy	PS & AM Plummer & DB Faulkner	37 Woodburn Street Woodburn	New two storey dwelling & shed with bathroom	28/06/2021	17/08/2021	\$ 600,000.00
DA2021/0326	AJ & M Gaiter	AJ & M Gaiter	18 Wharf Street Broadwater	Demolition of deck, new deck and roof, inground pool and associated fencing, lean to attached to existing dwelling	29/06/2021	30/08/2021	\$ 85,000.00
DA2021/0331	Clovass-McKees Hill Soldiers Mem & Comm Hall Inc	Clovass-McKees Hill Soldiers Mem & Comm Hall Inc	1639 Bruxner Highway McKees Hill	As built shipping container to be used for the purpose of storage	30/06/2021	2/08/2021	\$ 10,000.00
DA2022/0001	Evoke Pools	SA & IJ Hancock	2 North Street Casino	Installation inground fibreglass swimming pool & associated fencing	1/07/2021	4/08/2021	\$ 43,350.00
DA2022/0004	IG & ML Gemmell	IG & ML Gemmell	44 Cassia Street Evans Head	Inground swimming pool & associated fencing	6/07/2021	6/08/2021	\$ 49,700.00
DA2021/0276.01	Professional Planning Group - PPlan	BW & MJ Smith	4A Wills Place Casino	S4.55 (1A) Modification to shift the single storey dwelling with attached garage 500mm to the west and relocation and size increase of ensuite window	7/07/2021	5/08/2021	\$ -
DA2022/0007	SD Henderson	AJ & AW Gill	14 Cashmore Street Evans Head	Alterations & additions to residential development	8/07/2021	3/08/2021	\$ 48,200.00
DA2022/0009	B & T Garages & Sheds Pty Ltd	HJ Dennis & KD Hancock	241 Manifold Road North Casino	Shed	12/07/2021	5/08/2021	\$ 34,560.00
DA2022/0010	The Shed Company	MJ & R Opryszko	6 Collins Road Fairy Hill	Construction of colorbond steel shed	13/07/2021	6/08/2021	\$ 19,700.00
DA2022/0011	EA Wheatley	EA & MC Wheatley	12 Tareeda Court Spring Grove	Alterations & additions to existing dwelling including renovations to laundry, new master bedroom with ensuite, bar/brew area, rumpus/games room, veranda and deck	14/07/2021	10/08/2021	\$ 249,000.00

**Summary of Development Applications determined under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act
for the period 1 August 2021 to 31 August 2021**

Application ID	Applicant	Owners	Location	Development	Date Lodged	Determination Date	Estimated Cost
DA2022/0016	Newton Denny Chapelle	LM Northfield	44 Ivory Circuit Casino	Torrens Title Subdivision to create two lots being Lot 1 (673.36m2) & Lot 2 (603.62m2)	20/07/2021	12/08/2021	\$ -
DA2022/0018	SE Lambeth-Mackney & TJ Felsch	SE Lambeth-Mackney & TJ Felsch	54 Shannonbrook Road Shannon Brook	Construction of a steel three bay shed	21/07/2021	17/08/2021	\$ 23,950.00
DA2022/0019	Perry Homes (Aust) Pty Ltd	RL & GP Barton	49 Eucalypt Drive Swan Bay	Single dwelling	22/07/2021	16/08/2021	\$ 426,761.00
DA2022/0022	Evoke Pools	BC & DL Cowan	29 Woodburn Street Woodburn	Installation inground fibreglass swimming pool & associated fencing	27/07/2021	30/08/2021	\$ 40,925.00
DA2022/0023	D Paelongan	D Paelongan	20 Little Pitt Street Broadwater	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling being bathroom extension, toilet, bedroom and stairway	28/07/2021	30/08/2021	\$ 48,000.00
DA2022/0025	Perry Homes (Aust) Pty Ltd	SA Troy & AC Chamberlain	Eucalypt Drive Swan Bay	Dwelling	28/07/2021	20/08/2021	\$ 457,802.00
DA2022/0026	B & T Garages & Sheds Pty Ltd	KL & DMA Williams	5 Harvest View Place Fairy Hill	Shed	29/07/2021	30/08/2021	\$ 26,945.00
DA2022/0028	The Shed Company	DA Gillespie & ME Pignat	19 Short Street Coraki	Shed	29/07/2021	31/08/2021	\$ 36,255.00

ATTACHMENT(S)

Nil

18 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

19 QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING (IN WRITING)

20 MATTERS REFERRED TO CLOSED COUNCIL**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

20.1 Tender VP259162 Detailed Design and Construct Casino Showground Precinct

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

20.2 Casino Industries Activation - Power Infrastructure Tender

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d)(i) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

21 RESOLUTIONS OF CLOSED COUNCIL