#### Meeting commenced at 2.00pm.

#### **BUSINESS:**

- 1) Election of Chairperson
- 2) Apologies
- a. Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.
  - b. Matters arising out of Minutes. (Not elsewhere reported)
- 4) Correspondence
  - a. Agenda A (Information Only)
  - b. Agenda B
- 5) General Manager's Report
  - 5.1 General Manager's Report
  - 5.2 Executive Manager, Corporate & Community Services' Report
  - 5.3 Executive Manager, Engineering & Technical Services' Report
  - 5.4 Executive Manager, Development & Environmental Services' Report
- 6) Reports: Delegates/Mayor/Councillors
- 7) Minutes of the Noxious Weeds Meeting of Coolamon, Junee & Temora held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

PRESENT: Clrs David McCann, Jeremy Crocker, Steven Jones, Colin McKinnon, Kathy

Maslin and Alan White.

**STAFF:** Tony Donoghue, General Manager;

Courtney Armstrong, Executive Manager, Corporate & Community

Services;

Tony Kelly, Executive Manager, Engineering & Technical Services;

Colby Farmer, Executive Manager, Development & Environmental

Services;

**APOLOGIES:** Clr John Seymour, Clr Bruce Hutcheon and Clr Kerrilee Logan.

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#### 1) **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Maslin and seconded by Clr White that Clr David McCann be elected Chairperson for the meeting in the absence of both Mayor, Clr John Seymour and Deputy Mayor, Clr Bruce Hutcheon. 60/04/2018

#### 2) APOLOGIES

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr White and seconded by Clr McKinnon that the apologies of Clr Seymour, Clr Hutcheon and Clr Logan be accepted. 61/04/2018

# 3a) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Crocker and seconded by Clr Maslin that the Minutes of the Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 as circulated be confirmed and adopted. 62/04/2018

#### 3b) MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising out of the Minutes.

#### 4) CORRESPONDENCE

#### AGENDA A (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

#### 1a) INFORMATION PAPERS

- The following papers have been **distributed** with Council's supplementary material as being matters of information/interest to Councillors. If Councillors desire any further information on the matters distributed then that can be raised with the General Manager. Attachment No. 1
  - 1) Minutes of the Advance Ganmain Committee Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.
  - 2) Minutes of the AGM and Ordinary Meeting of the Advance Ardlethan Committee held 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.
  - 3) Minutes of the Advance Marrar Committee Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

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#### 2a) ACTIVITY REPORTS

- 1) Operating Statistics of the Coolamon Shire Library for March 2018.
- 2) Community Development Officer's Report for March 2018.

#### **General Manager's Note**

The above reports are operating reports only for use by Senior Staff. They are submitted to Council as part of Agenda A for information only. Attachment No. 2

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr White and seconded by Clr McKinnon that the Correspondence listed Agenda A be received and noted. 63/04/2018

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#### 5) GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

#### 5.1 GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

#### GM1) EASTERN RIVERINA ARTS – MEMBER UPDATE (A.10-02, SC32)

Coolamon Shire Council has received the results of the Eastern Riverina Arts Postal Ballot to adopt the new Constitution. Council will remember that the draft document and resolution was presented to Council at its Meeting of the 19th October, 2017. Council resolved to support the resolution as has been adopted.

In accordance with the request by Scott Howie the Executive Director, Council has completed the appointment form and returned by the nominated date being the 20th April, 2018. As this was prior to the Council Meeting but in accordance with Council's previous resolution, it was done under the delegation of the General Manager.

Please note that Council's Community Development Officer, Jess Inch will be Council's delegate on the Regional Advisory Committee.

#### Recommendation

For Council information.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Maslin and seconded by Clr Crocker that the report be received and noted. 64/04/2018

#### GM2) COOLAMON CHEESE COMPANY PTY LTD (LD226, LF377)

#### **BACKGROUND**

Coolamon Shire Council entered into a Deed of Agreement with Coolamon Cheese Company Pty Ltd in March 2015. Within this Deed there were three (3) components:

- 1) Section 4 Lease
- 2) Section 5 Put/Call
- 3) Section 6 Lending Arrangements

Coolamon Cheese Company were required to pay a commercial lease at the premises and also undertook building work to ensure compliance with the Building Code of Australia. This required building work was paid for by Council, with the arrangement that those costs be included in the amount in any purchase price.

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In addition to this commercial lease arrangement, Council entered into a Put/Call arrangement under the Deed. In effect, this was agreeing that the Coolamon Cheese Company could purchase the building from Council at an agreed amount (purchase price plus required structural work on building and legals) estimated at approximately \$350,000 (excluding GST) at the time of signing the Deed. The Coolamon Cheese Company had the option to call for the settlement date at any time up until the last date of the Call option. This being the 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. Council had the option to put the sale option to Coolamon Cheese for the three (3) months after the closing of that date – up until the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. This being the Put option.

#### **PUT/CALL AGREEMENT**

Council has since received correspondence from Coolamon Cheese Company advising that they will not exercise the Call option prior to the expiry date but request that Council exercise the Put option at the expiry date. Attachment No. 3

As identified in the correspondence, this request is an extension of time to allow Coolamon Cheese Company to undertake the management changes proposed, and it is assumed it would also push the sale into the next financial year.

Whilst Coolamon Cheese Company is currently located within a building owned by Council, it is not our long term goal to own this premises, nor to operate a commercial cheese business. Accordingly, Council should proceed with the Put option.

As part of the Put/Call option under the Deed of Agreement, Council also agreed to enter into a Loan Agreement with Coolamon Cheese Company to fund the balance of the purchase. The Deed under Clause 6.2 sets out:

- > the loan amount
- > the term (10 years)
- > interest set as a percentage above the Reserve Bank of Australia cash rate
- repayments
- > insurance, and
- security

#### **REASONING**

The Coolamon Cheese Company was supported as an iconic business and anchor tenant to the main street supporting tourism development within the Coolamon Shire. This business had opportunities to create interest and growth for the commercial precinct enhancing or value add on existing business without conflicting or draining on their existing market share. Council held a long term goal of

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transferring ownership to the Company whilst still delivering a commercial return to Coolamon Shire Council. It is believed that the first goal has been undertaken and that Council should exercise the Put term to commence the sale of the building to Coolamon Cheese as per the Deed of Agreement.

#### Recommendation

- 1) That Coolamon Shire Council exercise their terms of Agreement under 5.5 to commence the sale of 87 Cowabbie Street to Coolamon Cheese Company.
- 2) That the Seal of Council be affixed to any documents necessary to transfer this building.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr White and seconded by Clr Maslin: 65/04/2018

- 1) That Coolamon Shire Council exercise their terms of Agreement under 5.5 to commence the sale of 87 Cowabbie Street to Coolamon Cheese Company.
- 2) That the Seal of Council be affixed to any documents necessary to transfer this building.

#### Clr Jones entered the Chambers at 2.15pm.

## GM3) PLAINS WATER – DROUGHTMASTER PROJECT REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION (W.01-01, SC473)

Attached to the report is a request from Plains Water for Council to consider participation in an application for funding to support new water infrastructure. Plains Water has also made the same request to Narrandera Shire Council and Bland Shire Council. Plains Water has advised that Bland Shire Council resolved to participate in the consortium but Narrandera did not move the motion to participate. Attachment No. 4

Plains Water will be applying for funding from both the Commonwealth and State Government prior to Council's meeting and their application will indicate that they have sought the participation of the Coolamon Shire Council.

#### Recommendation

For Council consideration.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr McKinnon and seconded by Clr Maslin that the report be noted. 66/04/2018

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## GM4) MATTHEW LEVY OAM, 2013 COOLAMON SHIRE AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR (A.13-01, SC38)

Councillors may recall that in 2013, Matthew Levy was the Ambassador at the Australia Day Celebrations held in Coolamon. Matthew has cerebral palsy and a vision impairment due to being born 15 weeks premature.

Matthew has competed at the 2004, 2008, 2012 & 2016 Paralympics and at a number of IPC Swimming World Championships. He was award a Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2014 Australia Day Honours "for service to sport as a Gold Medallist at the London 2012 Paralympic Games."

Most recently, Matthew competed at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games where he won a gold medal in the S7 50m Freestyle.

#### **Recommendation**

That Council forward a letter of congratulations to Matthew Levy.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr White and seconded by Clr Jones that Council forward a letter of congratulations to Matthew Levy. 67/04/2018

# GM5) DRAFT 2018/2022 DELIVERY PROGRAMME AND 2018/2019 OPERATIONAL PLAN (S.11-06, SC516)

The Draft 2018/2022 Delivery Programme and 2018/2019 Operational Plan are presented for the information of Council. Attachment No. 5.1

Attachment No. 5.2

Once again Council is presented with a strong and robust document that continues Council's stable financial management incorporating the ongoing cost of Asset Management and larger capital projects.

The Long Term Financial Plan incorporates a 10 year forecasted budget that ensures the long term viability of Council is secured. The Delivery Programme focuses on a 4 year budgetary cycle that defines the more short term objectives of the current Council. The Operational Plan is the immediate budget that indicates what is proposed for the next financial year.

The proposed increase to general rates is in accordance with the IPART rate peg of 2.3% for 2018/2019. The same increase has been applied for Years 2-4 and for the remaining six years of the Long Term Financial Plan the increase has been set at 3% per year.

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In line with previous years, the Financial Assistance Grant for Year 1 (2018/2019) has been set at the same amount as the current year's entitlement. An increase of 1% has then been applied to Years 2-10. The Operational Plan assumes that there will be no pre-payment of the Financial Assistance Grant.

Salary & Wage related costs have been increased uniformly by 2.5% for each year of the Long Term Financial Plan, with utility costs having a 3% increase applied each year.

The budget has allowed for additional depreciation expenditure relating to buildings that is expected to be incurred as a result of the revaluation of this class of assets that is currently being undertaken.

Council's Capital budget for the 2018/2019 financial year indicates that \$11.2 million will be spent. Of this approximately \$3.4 million could be considered as recurrent capital replacement/refurbishment whilst the remaining \$7.8 million will be spent on major capital projects including the Ardlethan Sewerage Scheme (\$3.3 million), \$824,000 on Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 1 Projects, \$595,190 on Bygoo Road Realignment, \$350,350 on Smokey Creek Bridge Refurbishment and \$1.2 million to commence the establishment of a dedicated industrial precinct in Coolamon.

In summary, Council continues to be in a healthy financial position and will be able to meet existing and future needs of the community.

#### Recommendation

That Council place the Draft 2018/2022 Delivery Programme and 2018/2019 Operational Plan on public display.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Crocker and seconded by Clr White that Council place the Draft 2018/2022 Delivery Programme and 2018/2019 Operational Plan on public display. 68/04/2018

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#### GM6) HISTORIC FIRE ENGINE MUSTER (R.09-19, SC350)

Over the past several October long weekends, the owner of the Fire Museum Collection has held a public event known as the Annual Historic Fire Engine Muster. This has been a privately run event and not run under any organisation or by Council.

The Museum has now developed an association with the Lions Club of Coolamon to help with insurance and running the event.

Council has subsequently received correspondence from the Coolamon Lions Club seeking a waiver from Council for the costs associated with closing Cowabbie Street for the day. A copy of the request has been attached. Attachment No. 11

As mentioned this is an event not conducted by Coolamon Shire Council and falls into the same category as the recent requests from the Ganmain Showground in regard to support for their event.

There are many events run by the community that are outside Council's direct control and the closing of roads is an expense that they bare. The precedence of approving this request would see those others provide similar requests to Council. The closure of roads is an expense that needs to be factored into the costs of running such an event.

Council has an Event Fund that provides support for events that meet the eligibility. It is thought appropriate that the applicant be advised they take the opportunity to apply for funding through this programme.

#### Recommendation

That Council decline the request, but advise the Lions Club of the opportunity to seek funding from the Shire Event Fund

Due to pecuniary interests of Clr McCann and Clr White this agenda item was deferred to a future meeting of Council.

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# 5.2 EXECUTIVE MANAGER, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES' REPORTS

#### CS1) FINANCE REPORT

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Jones and seconded by Clr Maslin that the report be received and adopted.  $\boxed{69/04/2018}$ 

DATE INVESTED	INSTITUTION	RATING	INVESTMENT TYPE	AMOUNT INVESTED	TERMS (days)	RATE	MATURITY DATE
2/05/2017	Beyond Bank	A2/BBB	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	365	2.80%	2/05/2018
8/05/2017	Beyond Bank	A2/BBB	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	365	2.80%	8/05/2018
15/06/2017	AMP	A1/A	Term Deposit	\$ 2,000,000	365	2.60%	15/06/2018
19/06/2017	AMP	A1/A	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	365	2.60%	19/06/2018
8/08/2017	AMP	A1/A	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	273	2.60%	8/05/2018
9/09/2017	Beyond Bank	A2/BBB	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	365	2.70%	9/09/2018
14/09/2017	Beyond Bank	A2/BBB	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	365	2.70%	14/09/2018
26/09/2017	AMP	A1/A	Term Deposit	\$ 500,000	273	2.60%	26/06/2018
1/03/2018	NAB	A1+/AA-	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	182	2.50%	30/08/2018
23/09/2017	Beyond Bank	A2/BBB	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	365	2.50%	23/09/2018
24/10/2017	NAB	A1+/AA-	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	365	2.50%	24/10/2018
10/11/2017	Beyond Bank	A2/BBB	Term Deposit	\$ 2,000,000	365	2.70%	10/11/2018
21/12/2017	Beyond Bank	A2/BBB	Term Deposit	\$ 1,700,000	365	2.75%	21/12/2018
			TOTAL INVESTED	\$ 15,200,000			

I hereby certify that the above investments have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council's Investment Policies.

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(Samantha Jennings, Finance Manager)

#### RESTRICTED CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS & INVESTMENTS

EXTERNAL RESTRICTIONS AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2017		
Allawah Lodge - Accommodation Bonds/Payments	\$	3,706,673.19
Allawah Village - Loan-Licence	\$	2,977,399.15
Section 94 Contributions	\$	•
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants & Contributions & Other Funding	\$	305,461.01
Sewerage Fund	\$	1,879,720.20
Waste Management	_\$_	944,034.25
	\$	9,813,287.80
INTERNAL RESTRICTIONS AT 30TH JUNE, 2017		
Asset/Plant Replacement	\$	1,000,000.00
Employees Leave Entitlements	\$	970,000.00
Deferred Works	\$	739,000.00
Ardlethan Preschool	\$	17,791.45
Asset Management (inc. unrestricted cash)	\$	1,110,298.78
Allawah Lodge Asset Mgt Reserve	\$	602,759.22
Allawah Village Asset Mgt Reserve	\$	260,407.31
CECC Asset Mgt Reserve	\$	203,907.81
Finanicial Assistance Grant	\$	1,683,001.00
Swimming Pools	\$	-
Rehabiliation of Gravel Pits	\$	152,000.00
	_\$_	6,739,165.57

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### COOLAMON SHIRE COUNCIL INCOME STATEMENT

for the period 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018 2017/2018 2016/2017 **MARCH 2018** FEBRUARY 2018 **JANUARY 2018** BUDGET **ACTUAL** Income from continuing operations Revenue: 3,342,541.82 3 420.354.90 3.421.156.84 3,420,395.26 3,410,000.00 Rates & annual charges 1,991,951.86 2,813,000.00 2,931,783.71 2,271,738.53 2,667,071.24 User charges & fees 74,980.20 404,000.00 448,073.57 114,803.33 106.284.11 Interest and investment revenue 490,999.87 491,000.00 771,690.93 597.757.53 521,171.85 Other revenues Grants & contributions provided for operating 4,122,000.00 8,416,616.93 3,191,902.98 2,449,643.23 3,671,264.03 Grants & contributions provided for capital 972,692.51 614,253.89 3,429,000.00 1.354.954.49 purposes 1,070,594.51 Internals 0.00 0.00 0.00 Other income: 684,679.48 190.000.00 0.00 Net gain from the disposal of assets 828,724.44 684,679.48 17,265,661.45 Total revenues from continuing operations 12,370,569.98 11,169,626.30 9,726,903.79 14,859,000.00 **Expenses from continuing operations** 5,043,000.00 5,348,989.28 3,155,125.70 Employee benefits and on-costs 4,043,783.62 3,580,832.15 6,611.07 5,251.85 2,811.94 30,000.00 70.026.65 Borrowing costs 3,300,065.85 2,397,000.00 Materials & contracts 2,038,886.91 1,794,026.79 1,657,096.17 3.022.000.00 2.790.897.03 Depreciation, amortisation & impairment 2,372,808.12 2,125,268.09 1,877,518.72 1,390,196.61 Other expenses 1,128,994.03 1,048,867.56 952,448.09 1,578,000.00 Net loss from the disposal of assets 222,922.14 12,070,000.00 7,645,000.62 Total expenses from continuing operations 9,591,083.75 8,554,246.44 13,123,097.56 2,789,000.00 4,142,563.89 2,779,486.23 2,615,379.86 2,081,903.17 Operating result from continuing operations Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital

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CHAIRPERSON / MONTH GENERAL MANAGER.

### COOLAMON SHIRE COUNCIL INCOME STATEMENT BY FUND

March 2018

	CONSOLIDATED					
	GENERAL FUND	SEWERAGE FUND	TOTAL			
Income from continuing operations						
Revenue:						
Rates & annual charges	2,903,018.84	517,336.06	3,420,354.90			
User charges & fees	2,658,935.24	8,136.00	2,667,071.24			
Interest and investment revenue	113,051.38	1,751.95	114,803.33			
Other revenues	585,992.53	11,765.00	597,757.53			
Grants & contributions provided for operating						
purposes	3,573,657.70	97,606.33	3,671,264.03			
Grants & contributions provided for capital						
purposes	1,036,823.03	33,771.48	1,070,594.51			
Internals	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Other income:						
Net gain from the disposal of assets	828,724.44	0.00	828,724.44			
Total revenues from continuing operations	11,700,203.16	670,366.82	12,370,569.98			
Expenses from continuing operations						
Employee benefits and on-costs	3,930,966.20	112,817.42	4,043,783.62			
Borrowing costs	6,611.07		6,611.07			
Materials & contracts	1,880,197.21	158,689.70	2,038,886.91			
Depreciation & amortisation	2,239,691.21	133,116.91	2,372,808.12			
Other expenses	1,100,481.02	28,513.01	1,128,994.03			
Total expenses from continuing operations	9,157,946.71	433,137.04	9,591,083.75			
Operating result from continuing operations	2,542,256.45	237,229.78	2,779,486.23			
Net operating result for the year before grants						
and contributions provided for capital						
purposes	1,505,433.42	203,458.30	1,708,891.72			

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CHAIRPERSON / MANAGER. GENERAL MANAGER.

### COOLAMON SHIRE COUNCIL BALANCE SHEET

for the period 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018

	MARCH 2018	FEBRUARY 2018	JANUARY 2018	2017/2018 BUDGET (ADJ FOR OPENING BALS)	2016/2017 ACTUAL
ASSETS					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	1,167,560.55	839,209.22	(328,803.43)	1,807,816.66	1,352,453.37
Investments	15,200,000.00	15,200,000.00	16,200,000.00	15,900,000.00	15,200,000.00
Receivables	1,236,748.48	1,356,025.40	1,688,026.06	438,603.96	938,409.07
Inventories	1,286,304.29	1,306,256.85	1,300,773.29	368,169.98	1,383,565.16
Other					
Total current assets	18,890,613.32	18,701,491.47	18,859,995.92	18,514,590.60	18,874,427.60
Non-current assets					
Investments					
Receivables	3,925.13	3,925.13	3,925.13		3,925.13
Inventories	102,397.55	102,397.55	102,397.55	2,000.00	1,941.00
Infastructure, property, plant & equipment	216,387,983.86	216,007,651.33	215,573,514.41	228,691,172.68	212,611,209.09
Accumulated Dep'n - Infrastructure, PP&E	(44,907,016.49)	(44,988,179.05)	(44,740,429.68)	(49,374,774.74)	(43,473,384.70)
Accumulated Imp't - Infrastructure, PP&E Other	(1,456,499.18)	(1,456,499.18)	(1,456,499.18)	(156,499.18)	(1,456,499.18)
Total non-current assets	170,130,790.87	169,669,295.78	169,482,908.23	179,488,195.89	167,687,191.34
Total assets	189,021,404.19	188,370,787.25	188,342,904.15	198,002,786.49	186,561,618.94
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities					
Payables	6,883,001.59	6,399,200.71	6,902,558.57	7,585,387.96	7,191,922.68
Overdraft					
Interest bearing liabilities	1,157.00	1,157.00	1,157.00	1,846.00	1,157.00
Provisions	1,562,494.14	1,559,784.45	1,562,020.18	1,557,596.01	1,573,274.03
Total current liabilities	8,446,652.73	7,960,142.16	8,465,735.75	9,144,829.97	8,766,353.71
Non-current liabilities					
Payables	990.91	990.91	990.91	798.98	990.91
Interest bearing liabilities	1,448.86	1,448.86	1,448.86	(2,179.14)	1,448.86
Provisions	1,095,890.93	1,095,890.93	1,095,890.93	1,099,682.86	1,095,890.93
Total non-current liabilities	1,098,330.70	1,098,330.70	1,098,330.70	1,098,302.70	1,098,330.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES	9,544,983.43	9,058,472.86	9,564,066.45	10,243,132.67	9,864,684.41
Net assets	179,476,420.76	179,312,314.39	178,778,837.70	187,759,653.82	176,696,934.53
EQUITY					
Retained earnings	87,481,961.02	87,317,854.65	86,784,377.96	89,685,581.01	84,702,474.79
Reserves	91,994,459.74	91,994,459.74	91,994,459.74	98,074,072.81	91,994,459.74
Internal Assets/Liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Total equity	179,476,420.76	179,312,314.39	178,778,837.70	187,759,653.82	176,696,934.53

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### COOLAMON SHIRE COUNCIL BALANCE SHEET BY FUND

March 2018

	March 2018		
	CONSOLIDATED	SEWERAGE	COOLAMON
	GENERAL FUND	FUND	SHIRE TOTAL
ASSETS		,	
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	(919,849.61)	2,087,410.16	1,167,560.55
Investments	15,200,000.00		15,200,000.00
Receivables	1,097,834.06	138,914.42	1,236,748.48
Inventories	1,286,304.29		1,286,304.29
Other			0.00
Total current assets	16,664,288.74	2,226,324.58	18,890,613.32
Non-current assets			
Investments			0.00
Receivables	3,925.13		3,925.13
Inventories	102,397.55		102,397.55
Infastructure, property, plant & equipmen	200,157,943.20	16,230,040.66	216,387,983.86
Accumulated Depreciation	(38,873,604.56)	(6,033,411.93)	(44,907,016.49
Accumulated Impairment	(1,456,499.18)	-	(1,456,499.18
Other			0.00
Total non-current assets	159,934,162.14	10,196,628.73	170,130,790.87
Total assets	176,598,450.88	12,422,953.31	189,021,404.19
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities	6 002 001 50	0.00	C 003 001 E0
Payables	6,883,001.59	0.00	6,883,001.59 0.00
Interfunding	4 457 00		1,157.00
Interest bearing liabilities	1,157.00		1,157.00
Provisions	1,562,494.14	0.00	8,446,652.73
Total current liabilities	8,446,652.73	0.00	8,440,032.73
Non-current liabilities		No.	
Payables	990.91		990.91
Interest bearing liabilities	1,448.86		1,448.86
Provisions	1,095,890.93		1,095,890.93
Total non-current liabilities	1,098,330.70	0.00	1,098,330.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES	9,544,983.43	0.00	9,544,983.43
Net assets	167,053,467.45	12,422,953.31	179,476,420.76
FOLUTY			
EQUITY	01 056 570 00	6,425,383.02	87,481,961.0
Retained earnings	81,056,578.00		91,994,459.74
Reserves	85,996,889.45	5,997,570.29	
Internal Assets & Liabilities	0.00	42 422 052 24	0.00
Total equity	167,053,467.45	12,422,953.31	179,476,420.76

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### COOLAMON SHIRE COUNCIL INTERNAL & EXTERNAL RESTRICTIONS

for the period 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018

	for the period 1303	uly 2017 to Soth June .	2018	017/2018 BUDGET	
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	MARCH 2018	FEBRUARY 2018	JANUARY 2018	BALS)	2016/2017 ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND					
EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED					
Grants & Susidies & Other	215,118.64	221,370.38	236,541.35	305,461.01	305,461.01
Waste Management	1,102,826.00	1,151,925.23	1,099,770.50	970,303.67	944,034.25
Allawah Lodge Accommodation Payments	3,537,982.19	3,257,406.56	3,367,638.56	3,799,148.19	3,706,673.19
Allawah Village Loan-Licence	3,600,181.00	3,015,181.00	3,123,852.00	3,087,162.15	2,977,399.15
	8,456,107.83	7,645,883.17	7,827,802.41	8,162,075.02	7,933,567.60
INTERNALLY RESTRICTED					
Plant Replacement Reserve	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Employees Leave Entitlements Reserve	970,000.00	970,000.00	970,000.00	980,000.00	970,000.00
Stormwater Management Reserve	22,815.86			-32,725.00	
Swimming Pools Reserve				0.00	
Deferred Works Reserve	116,636.68	119,700.00	120,000.00	679,000.00	739,000.00
Ardlethan Preschool	35,026.30	44,682.67	55,087.11		17,791.45
Financial Assistance Grant					1,683,001.00
Community Housing Programme Reserve				0.00	
Allawah Lodge Asset Mgt Reserve	388,728.08	579,774.20	634,900.50	714,334.75	602,759.22
Allawah Village Asset Mgt Reserve	209,956.39	220,158.79	248,093.43	371,162.15	260,407.31
CECC Asset Mgt Reserve	278,265.14	277,217.99	252,995.21	212,964.81	203,907.81
Gravel Pits Rehabilitation Reserve	152,000.00	152,000.00	152,000.00	167,000.00	152,000.00
	3,173,428.45	3,363,533.65	3,433,076.25	4,091,736.71	5,628,866.79
Asset Management/Available for Working Funds	2,650,614.11	2,960,205.84	2,577,874.32	953,450.52	1,110,298.78
Total Cash Balance - General Fund	14,280,150.39	13,969,622.66	13,838,752.98	13,207,262.25	14,672,733.17
SEWERAGE FUND					
Sewerage Fund	2,087,410.16	2,069,586.56	2,032,443.59	1,937,371.83	1,879,720.20
Sewerage rand	2,087,410.16	2,069,586.56	2,032,443.59	1,937,371.83	1,879,720.20
Total Cash Balance - Sewerage Fund	2,087,410.16	2,069,586.56	2,032,443.59	1,937,371.83	1,879,720.20
TOTAL CONSOLIDATED CASH	16,367,560.55	16,039,209.22	15,871,196.57	15,144,634.08	16,552,453.37
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RATE COLLECTIONS

		LEVIES INC.		COLLECTIONS TO		ADJUSTMENTS INC.			COLLECTABLE
	ARREARS BFWD	INTEREST	TOTAL	DATE	% TO TOTAL	PENS CONCESSIONS	ADJ TOTAL	% TO TOTAL	BALANCE
31/03/2004	280,098.47	2,042,530.43	2,322,628.90	1,643,550.53	70.76%	119,446.23	2,203,182.67	74.60%	559,632.14
31/03/2005	181,374.69	2,090,183.53	2,271,558.22	1,610,038.03	70.88%	107,409.99	2,164,148.23	74.40%	554,110.20
31/03/2006	163,566.58	2,168,380.12	2,331,946.70	1,665,566.12	71.42%	107,515.78	2,224,430.92	74.88%	558,864.80
31/03/2007	185,519.90	2,260,153.99	2,445,673.89	1,697,005.69	%68'69	108,908.33	2,336,765.56	72.62%	639,759.87
31/03/2008	236,912.33	2,424,028.49	2,660,940.82	1,842,237.22	69.23%	124,195.98	2,536,744.84	72.62%	694,507.62
31/03/2009	277,343.62	2,505,620.97	2,782,964.59	1,927,325.78	69.25%	125,166.76	2,657,797.83	72.52%	730,472.05
31/03/2010	239,371.45	2,595,555.85	2,834,927.30	1,954,008.36	%86.83%	122,591.09	2,712,336.21	72.04%	758,327.85
31/03/2011	309,194.09	2,732,515.59	3,041,709.68	2,099,148.45	69.01%	171,329.03	2,870,380.65	73.13%	771,232.20
31/03/2012	239,162.46	2,877,024.02	3,116,186.48	2,248,787.28	72.16%	129,355.07	2,986,831.41	75.29%	738,044.13
31/03/2013	207,935.41	3,042,729.02	3,250,664.43	2,332,395.85	71.75%	127,977.11	3,122,687.32	74.69%	790,291.47
31/03/2014	230,807.22	3,153,398.26	3,384,205.48	2,422,743.00	71.59%	124,598.22	3,259,607.26	74.33%	836,864.26
31/03/2015	263,562.88	3,303,946.20	3,567,509.08	2,519,377.73	70.62%	122,649.25	3,444,859.83	73.13%	925,482.10
31/03/2016	335,520.44	3,419,374.08	3,754,894.52	2,685,892.91	71.53%	123,943.17	3,630,951.35	73.97%	945,058.44
31/03/2017	300,944.76	3,505,970.79	3,806,915.55	2,728,939.80	71.68%	123,555.38	3,683,360.17	74.09%	954,420.37
2017-2018									
31/07/2017	303,728.87	3,573,820.19	3,877,549.06	172,064.39	4.44%	114,532.52	3,763,016.54	4.57%	3,590,952.15
31/08/2017	303,728.87	3,567,981.97	3,871,710.84	1,194,571.78	30.85%	116,519.77	3,755,191.07	31.81%	2,560,619.29
30/09/2017	303,728.87	3,557,918.45	3,861,647.32	1,379,589.62	35.73%	116,266.64	3,745,380.68	36.83%	2,365,791.06
31/10/2017	303,728.87	3,562,633.59	3,866,362.46	1,444,201.69	37.35%	117,122.89	3,749,239.57	38.52%	2,305,037.88
30/11/2017	303,728.87	3,565,800.57	3,869,529.44	1,927,430.49	49.81%	117,922.90	3,751,606.54	51.38%	1,824,176.05
31/12/2017	303,728.87	3,567,187.50	3,870,916.37	2,074,337.04	53.59%	117,732.28	3,753,184.09	55.27%	1,678,847.05
31/01/2018	303,728.87	3,571,577.54	3,875,306.41	2,121,682.19	54.75%	117,563.53	3,757,742.88	56.46%	1,636,060.69
28/02/2018	303,728.87	3,574,224.52	3,877,953.39	2,617,048.00	67.49%	118,069.79	3,759,883.60	%09.69	1,142,835.60
31/03/2018	303,728.87	3,576,653.01	3,880,381.88	2,766,747.07	71.30%	118,594.79	3,761,787.09	73.55%	995,040.02

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#### CS2) QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 31 MARCH 2018 (F.02-02, SC178)

→ Enclosed with the attachments is the Quarterly Budget Review Statements to the 31st March 2018 for Council's information. The Review reveals a change in Council's anticipated operating result after capital amounts from a surplus of \$2,788,559 to a surplus of \$1,512,187. Attachment No. 6

Council's anticipated nett cash position has decreased from a deficit of \$1,320,888 to a deficit of \$1,004,742 being a favourable variance of \$316,146.

The following items have been subject to material forecast changes since the last budget review:

### Administration *Income*

Item	Original	YTD	Amended	Variance	Variance
	Budget	31/03/18	Budget	(\$)	(%)
GWCC Traineeship Subsidy	0	12,500	12,500	12,500	

• **GWCC Traineeship Subsidy** – Council received the final payment relating to a joint traineeship between Council and Goldenfields Water County Council.

#### Expenditure

Item	Original Budget	YTD 31/03/18	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Chambers – Electricity	26,500	5,438	15,000	11,500	43.4 F
Chambers – Water	12,240	716	1,500	10,740	87.7 F

- Chambers Electricity based on year to date expenditure the amended budget allocation has been reduced
- Chambers Water based on year to date expenditure the amended budget allocation has been reduced

### Public Order & Safety *Income*

Item	Original Budget	YTD 31/03/18	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Companion Animals	3,000	6,142	6,142	3,142	104.7 F
Dog Impounding Fees	1,200	6,345	6,345	5,145	428.7 F

• **Companion Animals** — Based on year to date income the amended budget has been increased

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 Dog Impounding Fees - Based on year to date income the amended budget has been increased

#### Environment

#### Income

Item	Original	YTD	Amended	Variance	Variance
	Budget	31/03/18	Budget	(\$)	(%)
Biodiversity Officer Cont	0	0	37,903	37,903	F

• **Biodiversity Officer Contribution** — this contribution was not included in the original budget. It is offset by matching expenditure.

#### **Expenditure**

Item	Original Budget	YTD 31/03/18	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Biodiversity Officer Exp	0	0	37,903	37,903	U
Street & Gutter Cleaning	22,000	24,400	35,000	17,000	77.3 U
Organics Expenditure	52,000	50,558	64,000	12,000	23.1 U

- **Biodiversity Officer Expenditure** this expenditure was not included in the original budget. It is offset by matching income.
- **Street & Gutter Cleaning** based on year to date expenditure the amended budget has been increased
- Organics Expenditure based on year to date expenditure the budget allocation has been increased.

#### **Community Services & Education**

#### Income

Item	Original Budget	YTD 31/03/18	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
HCP Subsidy & User Fees	73,277	91,307	112,000	38,723	52.9 F
CECC ISS & Viability Support	30,000	50,242	50,242	20,242	67.5

- HCP Subsidy & User Fees additional users have increased the expected incomes from offering Home Care Packages. This is offset by additional expenditure. A backpay in subsidy was also received for expenditure incurred in the 2016/2017 financial year.
- **CECC ISS & Viability Support Income** based on year to date incomes these allocations have been increased.

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Expenditure

Item	Original Budget	YTD 31/03/18	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
HCP Expenditure	67,449	64,204	85,856	18,407	27.3 U
CECC Superannuation	38,500	35,152	46,660	8,160	21.2 U

- **HCP Expenditure** additional users have increased the expected expenditure from offering Home Care Packages. This is offset by additional income.
- **CECC Superannuation** based on year to date expenditure the original allocation will be exceeded.

#### Housing & Community Amenities Income

Item	Original Budget	YTD 31/03/18	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Development Application Fees	15,000	34,607	34,607	19,607	130.7 F
Subdivision Fees	500	6,294	6,294	5,794	1,158.8 F
Cemeteries Income	80,000	79,585	85,000	5,000	6.25 F

- Development Application Fees & Subdivision Fees year to date development applications (including subdivisions) have resulted in higher than anticipated incomes to be received.
- **Cemeteries Income** based on year to date income the amended budget has been increased.

## Recreation & Culture *Income*

Item	Original	YTD	Amended	Variance	Variance
	Budget	31/03/18	Budget	(\$)	(%)
Library Grant	25,399	0	30,574	5,175	20.4 F
Contributions UTDS	0	3,017	3,017	3,017	F
Community Centre Rents	10,400	12,228	12,228	1,828	17.6 F
Coolamon Showground LLS	0	24,454	24,454	24,454	F
Grant					

- **Library Grant** the amended budget has been increased to reflect the actual amount to be received in the current financial year
- **Contributions UTDS** Council's original budget did not allow for any income to be received.
- Allawah Community Centre Rents additional rental income have been received year to date

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 Coolamon Showground LLS Grant – Council was successful in obtaining grant funding for works at the Coolamon Showground. This will be offset by expenditure.

**Expenditure** 

Item	Original	YTD	Amended	Variance	Variance
	Budget	31/03/18	Budget	(\$)	(%)
Sporting Grounds – M&R	11,000	1,694	35,454	24,454	222.3 U

• **Sporting Grounds M&R** – Additional expenditure will be incurred as part of the Coolamon Showground LLS grant.

### Mining, Manufacture & Construction *Income*

Item	Original Budget	YTD 31/03/18	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Construction Certificates	15,000	33,883	33,883	18,883	125.9 F
Building Inspection Fees	10,000	20,720	20,720	10,720	107.2 F
Sundry Income	400	7,039	7,039	6,639	1,659.8 F

- Construction Certificates & Building Inspection Fees additional development within the shire has resulted in addition income to be generated
- **Sundry Income** Council staff have been undertaking fee-for-service work for adjoining Council's resulting in additional income

### Transport & Communication *Income*

Item	Original	YTD	Amended	Variance	Variance
	Budget	31/03/18	Budget	(\$)	(%)
Roads to Recovery	1,076,328	1,143,914	1,152,979	76,651	7.12 F
Regional Roads Block Grant	1,091,000	834,000	1,132,000	41,000	3.8 F
NDRRA Crown Roads	0	0	103,848	103,848	F

- Roads to Recovery This has been increased due to additional work being undertaken as part of Council's Roads to Recovery works.
- **Regional Roads Block Grant** This has been increased to the actual grant amount to be received for the current year. This is offset by additional expenditure
- NDRRA Crown Roads Council has been approved to undertake disaster recovery works on a crown road. This will be offset by expenditure

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Expenditure

Item	Original Budget	YTD 31/03/18	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Regional Roads Expenditure	350,000	326,438	391,000	41,000	11.71 U
NDRRA Crown Roads	0	0	103,848	103,848	U

- **Regional Roads Expenditure** The additional grant funds to be received in the current year will be expended on Regional Roads.
- NDRRA Crown Roads Expenditure to match grant funding to be received for disaster recovery works on a crown road.

## Economic Affairs *Income*

Item	Original Budget	YTD 31/03/18	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Commercial Premises Incomes	63,142	70,669	70,669	7,527	11.9 F
Private Works	30,000	60,644	60,644	30,644	102.1 F
Allawah Lodge Donations	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	F

- Commercial Premises Incomes This has been increased based on year to date income
- Private Works Income This has been increased based on year to date income
- Allawah Lodge Donations Council's original budget did not allow for the receipt of donations.

**Expenditure** 

Item	Original	YTD	Amended	Variance	Variance
	Budget	31/03/18	Budget	(\$)	(%)
Coolamon Caravan Park	24,000	2,189	10,000	14,000	58.3 F
Electricity					
Council Property NEI – M&R	6,000	14,168	15,000	9,000	150 U
Private Works Expenditure	20,000	46,327	46,327	26,327	131.6 U
Allawah Lodge Agency Fees	0	182,781	200,000	200,000	U
Allawah Village M&R	30,000	61,016	65,000	35,000	116.7 U

- Coolamon Caravan Park Electricity Based on year to date expenditure this allocation has been reduced
- **Council Property NEI** the removal of the old building at the Mullins Centre has contributed to this over expenditure.
- **Private Works Expenditure** based on year to date expenditure this allocation has been increased, it is offset by additional income.

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- Allawah Lodge Agency Fees Council's original budget did not allow for expenditure on agency fees. Engagement of a contractor to review resident ACFI classifications is expected to increased subsidy income by \$410,000 in the current financial year.
- Allawah Village M & R refurbishment works for the year have been costed as operating expenditure. This has been offset by a reduction in capital expenditure

Capital Incomes & Gains/(Losses)

Item							
item	Original	YTD					
	Budget	31/03/18	Budget	(\$)	(%)		
Gain/Loss on Sale of Real	152,870	143,311	181,305	28,435	18.6 F		
Estate							
Liquor & Gaming – Skate	45,800	0	0	45,800	100 U		
Parks							
CWA Contribution	0	11,778	11,778	11,778	F		
Regional Roads Repair	200,000	0	207,191	7,191	3.6 F		
NDRRA	1,300,000	0	1,090,499	209,501	16.11 U		
Fixing Country Roads	878,300	251,119	312,000	566,300	64.5 U		
Section 94 Contributions	328,155	11,538	11,538	316,617	96.5 U		
Stronger County	254,258	0	0	254,258	F		
Communities Round 1							

- Gain/Loss on Sale of Real Estate additional allotments have been contracted for sale.
- **Liquor & Gaming Skate Parks** this grant will not be received in the current year and has been included in the 2018/2019 draft operational plan.
- **CWA Contribution** Council has received funds following the sale of the Marrar CWA rooms which will be used for works at the Marrar Bicentennial Park.
- **Regional Roads Repair** Council has been approved for additional funding. This will be offset by additional expenditure.
- NDRRA it is expected that some disaster recovery works will be deferred to the 2018/2019 financial year.
- **Fixing Country Roads** the realignment of Bygoo Road has been delayed. These funds and associated expenditure have been included in the 2018/2019 draft operational plan.
- **Section 94 Contributions** Based on year to date income this budget allocation has been reduced. Expenditure has also been reduced.
- Stronger Country Communities Council has invoiced the first milestone relating to the Parks & Halls projects but it is expected that these funds will be carried over to be spent in the 2018/2019 financial year.

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#### Investing Activities Expenditure

Item	Original	YTD	Amended	Variance	Variance
	Budget	31/03/18	Budget	(\$)	(%)
Office Furniture/Computers	20,000	11,660	43,321	23,321	116.6 U
Tractor	125,000	0	107,000	18,000	14.4 F
Truck	69,000	0	57,768	11,232	16.3 F
Utility	39,000	0	30,713	8,287	21.2 F
Council House	240,000	390,826	390,826	150,826	62.8 U
Workshop Washdown Bay	50,000	0	0	50,000	100 F
Swimming Pool Amenities	304,000	536,941	536,941	232,941	76.6 U
Repair Program	400,000	260,811	414,382	14,382	3.6 U
Roads to Recovery	1,076,328	962,091	1,181,719	105,391	9.8 U
Fixing Country Roads	1,148,300	429,502	628,190	520,110	45.3 F
NDRRA Disaster Recovery	1,300,000	722,704	1,131,499	168,501	13.0 F
Section 94	328,155	0	0	328,155	100.0 F
Town Works Priorities	176,906	23,600	69,000	107,906	61.0 F
Allawah Village	35,000	0	0	35,000	100.0 F
Refurbishment					
DWM Transfer Stations	80,000	0	0	80,000	100.00 F

- Office Equipment/Computers Council staff are currently investigating compliant software for Building Professional Board reporting. Current quotations indicate that Council will have to undertake upgrades in the current financial year.
- Tractor/Truck/Utility all three items of plant have been ordered and quotations were less than the original budget.
- **Council House** the construction has been completed with reserve funds transferred from the previous financial year offsetting this over expenditure.
- Workshop Washdown Bay this item will be deferred during the current year and will be included in the 2018/2019 budget with the funds being reserved.
- **Swimming Pool Amenities** the construction has been completed. The original budget allowed for the project to be completed over two years.
- **Repair Program** expenditure increased to meet additional grant funding.
- Roads to Recovery expenditure increased to meet grant funding.
- Fixing Country Roads deferral of Bygoo Road to the 2018/2019 budget.
- NDRRA Disaster Recovery current estimates has the majority of works being completed in the current financial year with remaining works included in the 2018/2019 budget.
- **Section 94 Expenditure** Council will not be undertaking any of the Section 94 works in the current financial year.

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- Town Works Priorities the upgrade to Lions Park has been deferred for the current year and will be included in the Stronger Country Communities works in the 2018/2019 financial year.
- Allawah Village Refurbishment refurbishment works have been costed as operational/maintenance during the current financial year.
- **DWM Transfer Stations** the CDS implementation has required a review of the operation of Council's Waste management facilities so the works have been deferred pending Council's decision.

#### Responsible Accounting Officer Statement

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review as presented to Council for the quarter ended 31st March 2018 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30th June 2018 will be satisfactory, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

#### Recommendation

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statements as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 be received and noted and the revised budgeted income and expenditure be voted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Jones and seconded by Clr White that the Quarterly Budget Review Statements as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 be received and noted and the revised budgeted income and expenditure be voted. 70/04/2018

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#### 5.3 EXECUTIVE MANAGER, ENGINEERING & TECHNICAL SERVICES' REPORTS

#### **ES1) SHIRE ROADS RESHEETING, STABILISATION AND MAINTENANCE**

The following roads have received maintenance attention:

- Pamandi Road (Boundary to boundary)
- Flanigans Lane (Canola Way to boundary)
- Carlisle Park Road (End bitumen to Tilyards Lane)
- > Tilyards Lane (Carlisle Park Road to Rannock Road)
- Ashbridge School Lane (Matong North to Ashbridge Road)
- Winrows Lane (Ashbridge Road to Devlin Road)
- Redrops Lane (Devlin Road to Dullah Road)
- Devlin Road (Ashbridge Road to Redrops Lane)
- > Holgates Lane (Flanigans Lane to Deepwater Road)

The extended dry conditions is having a detrimental impact on Council's Gravel Road Network with many roads displaying raw or powder qualities. Council's three Grader Gangs are currently on the Gravel Road Network performing gravel resheets or maintenance. With limited water reserves and rainfall, some of the higher traffic volume roads continue to dust up following maintenance. Council will modify its practices according to the conditions of the road presented and revise priority works programme as required. As with all roads motorists are to always drive to the existing conditions.

#### ES2) ROADS TO RECOVERY PROGRAMME 2017/2018

#### LONDON HILL ROAD (1.62-2.04KMS) 0.42KMS

Realignment works to remove the 90 degree bend with a 300m radius curve has been completed. Works included construction of a new formation and pavement, stabilization, seal, fencing, vegetation clearing and reinstatement of property accesses.

#### **ES3) REPAIR PROGRAMME**

#### MARY GILMORE WAY (1.47-2.47KMS) 1.0KMS

Reconstruction works involving formation corrections, stabilization and seal have now been completed on this section of Council's Regional Road Network.

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#### **ES4) RURAL LOCAL SEALED ROADS**

#### **WALLEROOBIE ROAD**

Sealing of nine (9) sections of patch rehabilitation has been completed following culvert repairs and pavement stabilization.

#### **ES5) BLOCK GRANT – PATCH REHABILITATION PROGRAMME**

Patch rehabilitation works have been completed on Ardlethan Road at Cowabbie Creek Bridge and three sections along Coolamon Road.

#### **ES6) TOWN WORKS**

#### 1) ROUNDABOUT DRAINAGE

Council Staff and Contractors are progressing well with additional drainage network at the Roundabout to alleviate the impact during heavy rainfall events. Additional inlets, piped drainage lines and alternate discharge point have been created to reduce the load on the main drainage discharge line. Many other services are located in the vicinity of the works and great care has been taken to ensure they have not been affected and has impacted design options.

#### 2) TOWN RESEALS

Streets within the Towns/Villages of Ardlethan, Coolamon, Ganmain and Marrar have received reseal works and brings the urban reseal programme to a conclusion.

#### 3) PRIVATE WORKS

85m of Boundary Street, Ardlethan from Mullins Street to Emerald Grain entrance has been sealed. These works are in addition to DA conditions implemented by Council, were at the request of Emerald Grain and will ease road condition and dust concerns of nearly residents.

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#### **ES7) PLANT - GRADER PURCHASE**

Council can be advised that it has taken delivery of its new John Deere 770GP Grader with the Westrac 2009 Caterpillar 12M Grader being traded in. This brings an end to a trying period with the 12M, Council can be satisfied that the John Deere is a proven machine and the issues of the 12M are now behind them.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Maslin and seconded by Clr Crocker that the Executive Manager, Engineering & Technical Services' Reports (ES1 to ES7) be received and noted. 71/04/2018

#### ES8) NOXIOUS WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT (N.02-01)

#### **Noxious Weeds Officer Reports**

- Hot, dry no new growth, no new weeds
- Jeremy attended the Regional Landcare meeting
- Fierce Thornapple identified and treated. Marrar South Road. Sites on Marrar Rd will benefit from burning of old growth in the winter.
- Normal high-risk inspection program continuing.
- Newell Highway high risk inspection completed
- Jeremy attended the Riverina LLS Draft Vertebrate Pest Management Plan launch.
- Both Weeds Officers attended a DPI field day update on Silverleaf Nightshade management and control
- Weeds Officers attended a meeting /workshop sponsored by DPI to promote cooperation between LCA staff and Landcare operators and coordinators. Weed Bio Control is an area Landcare is seeking to promote with the help of LCA weeds Officers. Landcare has a number of new personnel across the Region so it was a good opportunity to meet new staff and discuss shared objectives.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr White and seconded by Clr Jones that the report be received.  $\overline{72/04/2018}$ 

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## ES9) ARDLETHAN SEWERAGE SCHEME - PROJECT STATUS REPORT (S.03-02, SC361)

#### **Project Status**

A project inception meeting and site inspections were held with the design consultant on 6th and 7th December 2017. Following the meeting and site inspection, the design consultant has prepared a preliminary concept layout for the gravity reticulation system. The process design and pond sizing for the sewerage treatment plant has been completed. A concept layout and 3D model for the plant have been developed. These will be completed after the results of the geotechnical investigation on the site are available.

A joint inspection was undertaken on 2nd February 2018 to determine the viability of the proposed reticulation layout and to make amendments to avoid obstructions and minor refinements to improve the layout from a construction and maintenance perspective.

Further refinements have been made to the design to improve constructability, reduce depth of infrastructure and cost. Geotechnical sampling was undertaken during the week starting 5th March 2018. Laboratory analysis of the samples taken commenced in the week starting 12th March and were scheduled to take 2-3 weeks to complete.

Survey commenced on 3rd April 2018. Fieldwork will be completed by 20th April 2018 with collation and drafting of survey to be completed by the end of April 2018. This will allow detailed design to commence on the various elements once the concept designs have been reviewed and approved by Council and NSW DPI Water.

#### **Time**

The design consultant's current program indicates that the design will be complete and tenders for construction may be called in June 2018. Some time has been lost due to shutdowns over the Christmas and New Year period and unavailability of staff. There is the potential to recover some of the lost time in the review and feedback of designs and associated documentation. To this end, the focus on a collaborative approach to design development will be increased to ensure that review is undertaken and comments provided progressively to minimise the time associated with review on completion of the concept design.

#### Quality

The brief for the RFQ referenced the relevant codes, standards and agency requirements, and subsequently forms part of the design contract. The design

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consultant, Cardno, is extremely experienced in this type of work. They have assembled a highly qualified and experienced team for the project.

#### Risk

Issues Register	
Issue	S60 Approval
Actions to Date	<ul> <li>Contact made with NSW DPI Water Manager Water and Sewerage and Regional Manager Water and Sewerage.</li> <li>Nil feedback or input provided to date despite numerous attempts to make further contact.</li> <li>S60 approval process requirements incorporated into design brief.</li> <li>Relevant NSW DPI Water contact details provided to the design consultant.</li> </ul>
Further Actions	Ongoing liaison between design consultant, project manager and NSW DPI Water.
Issue	Rail Crossing
Actions to Date	<ul> <li>Contact made with John Holland Rail regarding requirements for rail line service crossings.</li> <li>Engineering standards provided to the design consultant.</li> <li>John Holland Rail contact details provided to the design consultant.</li> </ul>
Further Actions	<ul> <li>Obtain 3rd Party Application Form and provide to design consultant for reference.</li> <li>Ongoing liaison between design consultant, project manager and John Holland Rail.</li> </ul>
Issue	Rail Crossing
Actions to Date	Nil
Further Actions	Contact to be made with NSW Roads and Maritime Services to ascertain engineering standards and requirements
Issue	Acquisition of Land for Pump Station
Actions to Date	<ul> <li>Critical dates for finalisation of pump station location incorporated into design brief.</li> <li>The proposed location of the pump station site has been amended to refine the design, reduce cost and use already available land negating the requirement for further acquisition.</li> </ul>
<b>Further Actions</b>	Confirm site
Issue	Bygoo Road Realignment Project
Actions to Date	<ul> <li>Design requirements around the road realignment project, including critical dates, incorporated into design brief.</li> <li>Image of road realignment plan overlaid on aerial imagery incorporated into the design brief.</li> </ul>

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	Project deferred due to land acquisition issues.
	> Refinements made to the concept design to minimise the
	number of crossings of the new road alignment.
Further Actions	> Design to be reviewed progressively during its development
	to ensure that the sewer is set at a level so that it does not
	clash with the road or table drains and so that it does not
	impact unduly on constructability of the road
	>
Issue	Flood Works Approval for Treatment Plant
Actions to Date	Research requirements for flood works approval.
	Local analysis of flood extent and depth at treatment plant
	location.
	Advice obtained from GHD regarding flood behaviour at
	treatment plant site (flood fringe low hazard and flood free).
	> Concept process design and layout indicate that the
	treatment plant can be accommodated on the available land
	outside of the 1 in 100 year flood extent.
Further Actions	Finalise concept layout and confirm that a flood works
	approval is not required or take steps to mitigate against the
	requirement for approval and the need to complete and
	Environmental Impact Statement if the layout encroaches on
	flood affected land.
Issue	Availability of Suitable Contractors
Actions to Date	Contact made with potential design consultants to ascertain
	interest in bidding for and completing the work.
	> Design contract awarded to a suitably qualified and
	experienced consultant.
Further Actions	Contact to be made with potential construction contractors
	to gauge interest, capability and capacity on completion of
	the detailed design.

#### **Procurement**

The consultant has reviewed the existing draft Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the project. Given the time that has elapsed since the draft REF was prepared (12 years) and changes in legislation, it will require the preparation of a new REF. A number of specialist studies are required to inform the new REF. Cardno will conduct the required Ecological Impact Assessment for the fee and obtain quotes for the Heritage Assessment. Council staff will also obtain a quote for the Heritage Assessment from Council's Heritage Advisor.

#### **Activities Since Last Report**

Survey has commenced and is scheduled for completion by the end of April.

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#### **Upcoming Activities**

- Review of Environmental Factors.
- Finalisation of concept design and submission to NSW DPI Water for review and comment.
- Development of detailed design.

#### **Project Management Hours**

Since last report 22.5 Total

200.5

#### **Recommendation**

For Council information.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Maslin and seconded by Clr Jones that the report be received. 73/04/2018

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# 5.4 EXECUTIVE MANAGER, DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' REPORTS

# HS1) DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2018 (B.05-03, SC58)

#### **SUMMARY**

This report advises of the Development Application activity for the month of March 2018.

#### **Development Activity Table**

Application Number	Туре	Address	Determination	Value
DA 2018/14	New Shed	25 Davies Drive, Coolamon	Approved	\$40,000.00
DA 2018/15	Consolidation of 4 Lots into 2 Lots	24-26 and 28 Ariah Street, Beckom	Approved	N/A
DA 2018/16	New Transportable Dwelling	30-32 Langham Street, Ganmain	Approved	\$129,446.00
DA 2018/18	New Horse Stables	60 Wildman Street, Coolamon	Approved	\$25,000.00
DA 2018/20	New Single Dwelling	19 Baker Street, Coolamon	Approved	\$650,000.00
DA 2018/17	New Shed	12 Hakea Drive, Coolamon	Approved	\$10,000.00
DA 2018/19	New Shed	47 Don Street, Marrar	Approved	\$22,000.00
DA 2018/21	New Single Dwelling & Shed	57 Davies Drive, Coolamon	Approved	\$415,000.00
DA 2018/22	New Shed	27 Moore Street, Ganmain	Approved	\$6,864.00
DA 2018/11	New Shed	112 Wallace Street, Coolamon	Approved	\$7,500.00
DA 2018/23	Change of Use – Beauty Salon	117 Cowabbie Street, Coolamon	Approved	N/A
DA 2018/25	New Shed	Kingdon Drive, Coolamon	Approved	\$15,000.00
CDC 2018/01	New Single Dwelling	47 Campbells Lane, Coolamon	Approved	\$464,800.00
DA 2018/26	New Single Dwelling	153 Wallace Street North, Coolamon	Approved	\$264,460.00
DA 2018/27	Alterations & Additions to Dwelling	60 Learys Lane, Coolamon	Approved	\$120,000.00
DA 2018/28	New Shed	42 Lewis Street South, Coolamon	Approved	\$5,130.00
CDC 2018/02	New Shed/Garage	Coopers Lane, Coolamon	Approved	\$9,500.00
TOTAL: 17			17	\$2,184,700.00

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#### **Financial Implications**

There are nil financial implications to Council as a result of this report.

#### Consultation

Applications have been notified and exhibited in accordance with Council's Development Control Plan as required.

#### **Recommendation**

That Council receive and note this report on development activity for the period up to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr White and seconded by Clr Crocker that Council receive and note this report on development activity for the period up to  $31^{st}$  March, 2018. 74/04/2018

#### HS2) DRAFT AWNINGS POLICY (P.12-01, SC316)

#### **Summary**

This report provides information on the public exhibition of the Draft Coolamon Shire Council Awnings Policy and recommends that the Policy be adopted by Council.

#### **Background**

The draft Coolamon Shire Council Awnings Policy was presented to the February 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting where it was resolved that Council:

Note the report on the Draft Coolamon Shire Council Awnings Policy and endorse the public exhibition of the Plan for a period of 28 days.

As a result the draft plan was placed on public exhibition from 23 February 2018 – 24 March 2018.

#### **Objectives**

The objectives of this draft policy are to:

 Raise awareness of the need for owners to regularly monitor the safety of their awnings;

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- Implement an awnings awareness program framework for owners of awnings within the Coolamon Sire Local Government Area;
- Promote an increased level of protection of public health and safety by reducing the risk of harm, injury or death which may result from the failure of an awning overhanging the Council's footways.

#### **Financial Implications**

There are no adverse financial implications resulting from the development and subsequent implementation of the policy. Any financial implications would be considered positive, as by implementing a policy framework that encouraged awnings to be routinely inspected for structural adequacy by qualified structural engineers, it would reduce the likelihood of death or injury to members of the community who use Council's road reserve over which awnings are located and thus reduce financial liability issues for Council.

#### Consultation

Internal consultation has occurred with relevant staff members.

The Draft plan was publicly exhibited for a period of 28 days from 23 February 2018 – 24 March 2018.

No public submissions were made during the exhibition period.

#### **Proposed Policy Amendment**

Council staff suggest the inclusion of a small amendment that addresses the issue of ongoing and routine maintenance of awnings located over public roadways. It is proposed to include the following provision in the draft policy:

#### Ongoing and routine maintenance

The ongoing and routine maintenance of awnings is the responsibility of the owner. Routine maintenance includes, but is not limited to, inspection of awning structures, painting, and replacement of light fittings. Prior to undertaking maintenance works, owners should contact Council to ensure that such works do not require development or other approvals and to ensure that such works are in keeping with applicable council requirements.

#### **Attachments**

Draft Awnings Policy. Attachment No. 7

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#### **Recommendation**

That Council note the report on the public exhibition of the Draft Awnings Policy and adopt the Policy subject to the inclusion of the amendment addressing Ongoing and Routine Maintenance.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Crocker and seconded by Clr Maslin that Council note the report on the public exhibition of the Draft Awnings Policy and adopt the Policy subject to the inclusion of the amendment addressing Ongoing and Routine Maintenance. 75/04/2018

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### COOLAMON SHIRE COUNCIL AWNINGS POLICY

Date Adopted	26 April 2018			
Council Minute	75/04/2018	75/04/2018		
Version	1.0			
Policy Responsibility	Executive Manager Planning and Environmental Services			
Review Timeframe	Every four (4) years or in the first twelve months of the new term of			
	Council, whichever is the earliest.			
Last Review Date	N/A	Next Scheduled	January 2021	
		Review Date		

#### TITLE

Coolamon Shire Council Awnings Policy.

#### Introduction

The Coolamon Shire Council Local Government area has many shops and commercial buildings that have awnings which project over public footways.

It is not compulsory for shops and commercial buildings to have awnings. However, they provide many benefits to the public, including protection from heat and rain, shading the premises and providing opportunities for advertising.

Some awnings are supported by steel tension rods connected to the building's facia. These rods can fail over time for various reasons including corrosion, adverse wind and weather conditions, poor maintenance, illegal use and loading, build-up of debris inside the structure, failure at the façade or awning connection, impact by a motor vehicle, demolition of an adjoining building or awning and other reasons. The failure of a tension rod can result in an awnings collapse which can cause property damage, personal injury or death.

Many modern awnings are constructed with cantilevered beams which are integral to the structure of the building. Cantilevered awnings are much less likely to suffer catastrophic collapse. However, the legal obligations of the owner are identical to those of awnings with tension rods.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this policy are to:

- raise awareness of the need for owners to regularly monitor the safety of their awnings;
- implement an awnings awareness program framework for owners of awnings within the Coolamon Shire Local Government Area;
- promote an increased level of protection of public health and safety by reducing the risk of harm, injury or death which may result from the failure of an awning overhanging the Council's footways.

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#### **SCOPE/ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

The policy applies to all land within the Coolamon Local Government Area.

The responsibility of this policy lies with the Coolamon Shire Council, specifically the Executive Manager of Planning and Environmental Services, in partnership with owners of those buildings that have an awning attached or located on land.

#### **POLICY**

#### **Legal Context**

Awnings are regulated under the following -

- Roads Act 1993 (Roads Act)
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EPA Act)
- Local Government Act 1993 (LGA Act)
- NSW Planning Circular entitled "Safety of Awnings Over Public Lands", dated 8 March 2013

#### **Approval Requirements**

Approvals required for an awning may include a:

- consent for the purposes of complying with s 138 of the Roads Act,
- development consent under the EPA Act for the erection or future continued use of an awning where required by the applicable planning controls, and
- building certificate under the EPA Act for existing awnings for which there is no record of a
  development consent for the erection of the awning.

An application for a new awning is to comply with:

- Australian Standard 1170.0 Structural Design Actions General Principles,
- Australian Standard 1170.1 Structural Design Actions permanent, Imposed and other Actions,
- Australian Standard 1170.2 Structural Design Actions Wind Actions.

An application is also to comply with this Policy.

#### General

The owner of an awning is encouraged to obtain and provide to Council a structural engineering report from a suitable engineering expert demonstrating that the awning is structurally sound and safe:

- Upon adoption of this policy;
- on a recurrent five (5) year basis; and
- for all awnings more than 10 years old.

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Council may require an owner to obtain structural certification from a suitably qualified engineering expert following a severe storm event, flood, fire or accident which damages the awning and in the opinion of the Council is likely to be unsafe.

Awnings owners are encouraged to comply with Practice Note 18 'Inspection and Assessment of Existing Tied Awnings' issued in July 2008 by the Association of Consulting Structural Engineers of NSW.

Council recommends that the gutters and downpipes of awnings be cleaned of all leaf debris on a regular basis. The most appropriate time for removal of such debris is between May to August each year. During May to August of each year, awning owners will not be required to obtain a hoarding permit for the explicit activity of cleaning the gutters/downpipes of awnings. Awning owners should reference the Safe Work Australia publication entitled "Managing the Risk of Falls at Workplaces" prior to undertaking any work at height in association with the cleaning of awnings.

The owner of an awning is to bear the cost of any inspection of the awning for the purposes of this policy.

Council will make a notation on section 149(5) planning certificates for those properties that contain an awning, noting that:

- Awnings owners are encouraged to comply with Practice Note 18 'Inspection and Assessment of Existing Tied Awnings', issued in July 2008 by the Association of Consulting Structural Engineers of NSW; and
- all owners must comply with the provisions of this policy.

#### **Implementation**

The Council -

- intends to establish a 'base-date' record (Register) of all awnings over public roads;
- will identify the location and ownership of all existing awnings by searching the available records and undertaking street and other inspections where necessary or desirable; and
- will send a letter to all awning owners on an annual basis advising owners of their responsibility to maintain their awnings and have inspected those awnings for structural suitability on a regular basis.

#### **Specific Provisions**

#### **Public liability insurance**

The owner of an awning which overhangs a public footway/road reserve or space is required to ensure that they hold appropriate insurance to the value of \$20 million in respect of an awning noting the Council's interest as party on the certificate of currency.

#### Access to premises

The Council may enter premises supporting an awning in order to inspect and make an assessment of the structural adequacy and safety of the awning.

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The Council has the power to enter premises for this purpose under s 191 and 192 of the Local Government Act.

The Council may authorise persons other than Council officers for this purpose.

#### Ongoing and routine maintenance

The ongoing and routine maintenance of awnings is the responsibility of the owner. Routine maintenance includes, but is not limited to, inspection of awning structures, painting, and replacement of light fittings. Prior to undertaking maintenance works, owners should contact Council to ensure that such works do not require development or other approvals and to ensure that such works are in keeping with applicable council requirements.

#### REVIEW

This policy may be reviewed at any time or as required in the event of legislative changes. Unless otherwise required the policy will be reviewed at least once during a term of Council.

#### Appendix 1 - Annual Awnings Awareness Letter

**Contact:** Insert Contact Officer **Ref:** Annual Awnings Awareness Reminder

Date

Address Line 1 Address Line 2 Address Line 3

Dear Sir/Madam

#### Re: Safety of Awnings over Public Land

I am writing to you to bring your attention the potential safety issues related to awnings over public lands. This advice is consistent with the provisions of a NSW Department of Planning circular issued to councils expressing concern over the safety of these structures.

Awnings are owned by the building owner to which the awning is connected. They remain the responsibility of the building owner despite overhanging a public footway.

Coolamon Shire Council seeks to ensure that sufficient measures are in place and necessary steps taken to ensure that users of the footways within the Coolamon Local Government Area are protected from injury that may result from the structural failure of awnings. Awning failures generally occur as a result of there being no regular inspection and maintenance regime.

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It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that appropriate action is taken to avoid the risk associated with potential collapse or failure of awnings. Accordingly, all building owners with awnings attached to their building, or overhanging a public place are encouraged to take appropriate action. This may include seeking legal advice on the potential liability for any failure or collapse of their awning. You are further reminded that as an owner of an awning which overhangs a public footway/road reserve or space that you must ensure that you hold appropriate insurance to the value of \$20 million in respect of an awning noting the Council's interest as party on the certificate of currency.

To assist with reducing the risk and incidence of awning collapse, Council recommends that the gutters of awnings be cleaned of all leaf debris on a regular basis. The most appropriate time for removal of such debris is between May to August each year. During May to August of each year, awning owners will not be required to obtain a hoarding permit for the explicit activity of cleaning the gutters of awnings. Awning owners should reference the Safe Work Australia publication entitled "Managing the Risk of Falls at Workplaces" prior to undertaking any work at height in association with the cleaning of awnings. Please see the following link for further information —

Insert Link to WEBPAGE AND POLICY DOCUMENT

Awning owners can obtain further safety advice by contacting WorkCover direct, on 13 10 50.

Council would also strongly encourage owners of awnings, particularly those more than 10 years old, to have those awnings inspected by a professional engineer for structural adequacy. I would also request, that the results of any such inspection and any action taken as a result of such an inspection be communicated to Council.

If you have any further inquiries in relation to this matter please contact (insert name) on (02) 6930 1800, during normal business hours.

Yours sincerely

**Executive Manager Planning and Environmental Services** 

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### HS3) DRAFT LOCAL COMPANION ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (A.08-02, SC22)

# **Summary**

This report provides information on the public exhibition of the Draft Local Animal Management Plan and recommends that the Plan be adopted by Council.

#### **Background**

The draft Coolamon Shire Council Local Companion Animals Plan was presented to the February 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting where it was resolved that:

Council note the report on the Draft Local Companion Animals Management Plan (LCAMP) and endorse the public exhibition of the Plan for a period of 28 days.

As a result the draft plan was placed on public exhibition from 23rd February 2018 to 24th March 2018.

#### **Local Animal Management Plan**

A Local Companion Animals Management Plan (LCAMP) is a document, which provides a means to assist Council to fulfil its responsibilities under the Companion Animals Act 1998 by determining relevant objectives and priorities along with a clear program of implementation.

The LCAMP is divided into two parts:

- ➤ Part 1 (Sections 1-4) is titled Strategic Framework. It examines relevant issues and responsibilities in relation to companion animal management. It culminates in a goal and aims of the LCAMP.
- Part 2 (Section 5) is entitled Action Plans. It outlines the actions necessary for Council to reach and achieve the goal and aims as outlined in the Strategic Framework.

This Plan integrates the developing of expertise in companion animal management around Australia, to create a program of future strategic actions to be considered and implemented by Council.

Relevant issues include those prescribed under relevant legislation as well as the generally understood notion of socially responsible pet ownership. The plan is confined to an examination of domestic dogs and cats.

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### **Financial Implications**

There are minimal financial implications resulting from the development and subsequent implementation of the plan. The most significant financial implication resulting from the plan is the proposed review and redevelopment of the existing pound facility however associated costs for such a project have been catered for in Councils budget.

#### Consultation

Internal consultation has occurred with relevant staff members.

The Draft plan was publicly exhibited for a period of 28 days from 23rd February 2018 to 24th March 2018.

There was one (1) submission received during the exhibition period. The submission was in support of the plan.

#### **Attachments**

Draft Local Companion Animals Management Plan (LCAMP). Attachment No. 8

#### **Recommendation**

CHAIRPERSON

That Council note the report on the public exhibition of the Draft Local Companion Animals Management Plan (LCAMP) and adopt the Plan.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Jones and seconded by Clr Maslin that Council note the report on the public exhibition of the Draft Local Companion Animals Management Plan (LCAMP) and adopt the Plan. 76/04/2018

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# COOLAMON SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL COMPANION ANIMALS MANAGEMENT PLAN

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Coolamon Shire Council has identified the need to develop a Local Animal Management Plan to improve outcomes in the area of companion animal's management. New legislation and changing community expectations mean new approaches are now required. In addition, there is increasing recognition that enforcement approaches will not, on their own, result in lasting changes in human behaviour. They need to be supplemented by a range of other tools that focus on passive and voluntary approaches to achieving responsible pet ownership.

Investigations include a detailed examination of the issues (Section 2) and analysis of the existing situation in the Coolamon Shire Council area (Section 3). Part 1 culminates in a description of the Strategic Framework including the goal and aims. The Action Plans are contained in Part 2. They have been grouped into twelve key issue areas i.e.:

- · Identification and registration;
- Dogs in public areas;
- Faeces management;
- Wandering dogs;
- · Excessive barking;
- Dangerous dogs and restricted breeds;
- Cat management;
- Animal welfare and safety;
- · Recognising the benefits of pet ownership;
- Enforcement

- Education and dissemination, and
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#### PART 1: STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Local Companion Animals Management Plan

The Companion Animals Act 1998 introduced changes to the way dogs were managed by local authorities and, for the first time, introduced controls over domestic cats.

A Local Companion Animals Management Plan (LCAMP) is a document, which provides a means to assist Council to fulfil its responsibilities under the Companion Animals Act 1998 by determining relevant objectives and priorities along with a clear program of implementation.

#### 1.2 Outline of this Plan

The LCAMP is divided into two parts:

Part 1 (Sections 1-4) is titled Strategic Framework. It examines relevant issues and responsibilities in relation to companion animal management. It culminates in a goal and aims of the LCAMP.

Part 2 (Section 5) is entitled Action Plans. It outlines the actions necessary for Council to reach and achieve the goal and aims as outlined in the Strategic Framework.

#### 1.3 Scope of the Plan

This Plan integrates the developing of expertise in companion animal management around Australia, to create a program of future strategic actions to be considered and implemented by Council.

Relevant issues include those prescribed under relevant legislation as well as the generally understood notion of socially responsible pet ownership. The plan is confined to an examination of domestic dogs and cats.

#### COMPANION ANIMALS MANAGEMENT: A NEW AGENDA FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT?

The Companion Animals Act 1998 (the Act) heralded a new era for Council's management of domestic cats and dogs. The days when animal control consisted largely of dog registrations and pound management have ceased. Today's management environment consists of both dogs and cats and includes a wider range of issues including the environment, animal welfare, removal of dog faeces, the question of on- and off-leash areas, and an apparently higher incidence of barking dog complaints. What was once a relatively straightforward part of Council activity is now highly emotive, attracting interest from both pet owners and non-pet owners alike.

Reliance on laws will probably always be the backbone of companion animal management, however, there is now more emphasis on the development of non-regulatory approaches such as public education. The NSW State Government have developed Statewide education campaigns, however Council can develop its own education programs if it has different priorities or if it wishes to supplement the work of the State Government.

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There is also a role for the use of design of both domestic dwellings and public open space to help people to be responsible pet owners and to reduce the incidence of conflict. This implies a role for Council in disseminating appropriate design guidelines but also in modifying the planning and design of public parks.

The following section examines key issues in greater depth:

2.1 Registration and Identification of Companion Animals

(Companion Animals Act 1998, Sections 8 & 9)

Registration and identification are crucial components of animal management because they provide:

- · A database for returning lost pets;
- A method of identifying offending animals;
- · A way to communicate with pet owners; and
- · A source of funds for education and enforcement.

Under the Act, a companion animal must be microchipped from 12 weeks of age (Section 8). A companion animal must be registered at six months of age (Section 9). An early priority of the Plan should focus on raising the level of both dog and cat registrations.

#### 2.2 Dogs

#### 2.2.1 Off-Leash Areas

(Companion Animals Act 1998, Section 13)

Council can declare a public place to be an off-leash area. Such a declaration can be limited so as to apply during a particular period or periods of the day or to different periods of different days. However, there must at all times be at least one public place in any Local Government Area that is an off-leash area.

Council has previously resolved that the off lead area is bound by Wallace Street, Furner Street and Mirrool Street and is signed accordingly to inform community members that the land can be used as an off leash area for registered dogs. However a recent Council subdivision has extinguished this previously identified off leash area and Council needs to investigate alternate options for the provision of such space.

The popularity of dog ownership in Australia has resulted in the following issues:

- Dogs need to be socialised around other dogs and humans;
- Exercise and outings play a part in alleviating unwanted behaviours in the home such as excessive barking and some forms of aggression;
- There are benefits for humans exercise, socialising with other dog owners (this is well
  documented) and the fact that for some people a dog is their main form of recreation;
- To avoid concentration of off-leash activity in one or a small number of areas; and
- As a compliance tool by providing reasonable off-leash opportunities, Council can expect
  and appeal for compliance with leash requirements in other areas.

However, concerns have been expressed about risks from dog attacks and Council's exposure to an unreasonable level of public liability claims. It is important to understand the reason why dog's won't necessarily behave in the same way in the neutral territory of a public park. Attacks on private

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property frequently occur when a dominant, protective or injured dog is not adequately supervised with children and visitors. These triggers are not present in the neutral territory of a public park when a dog is with its owner. Most data collected on this issue suggests that dog attacks are more likely to occur in and around the family home or another home.

Preliminary advice from the Local Government and Shires Association suggests that:

- Providing proper consideration is paid to sitting issues (including signage), a Council which
  complies with a statutory requirement to provide a facility is less likely to be exposed to
  liability risk than a Council which provides such facilities of its own initiative;
- The Act places liability for such claims with the offending dog owner; and
- Section 731 of the Local Government Act gives protection to Councils and their officers for acts done in good faith for the purpose of executing that or any other Act.

The publication 'Public Open Space and Dogs' makes suggestions for planning parks and dogs in mind. Water for swimming, earth mounds, hills and gullies are ideal for free running dogs and can be created artificially if not occurring naturally. Other design features could include ramps, hurdles, tyres, tipped logs, boulders and other agility equipment. Sandpits, while ideal for dogs, are not recommended because of their inevitable attraction to children. Some Council's in Australia have developed formal dog agility courses.

The off-leash parks could be provided on a time-share arrangement (i.e. dogs are allowed off-leash at certain times of the day — usually early morning and evening).

However Council must, at all times, provide at least one off-leash area within its Local Government Area. Time-share works well, however it is important to recognise its advantages, as follows:

- It concentrates potential problems into a restricted number of hours;
- · Unremoved dog faeces may be a problem at other times; and
- Some dog owners may be disadvantaged if they work irregular hours or have small children.
   Timeshare may also not suit the elderly who wish to use time available during the day.

# 2.2.2 Public Places where Dogs would be Excluded

(Companion Animals Act 1998, Section 14)

Under the Act, dogs are also prohibited in the following public places:

- In or within 10m of any children's play areas;
- Food preparation and/or consumption areas (unless it is a public thoroughfare such as a road, footpath or pathway);
- Recreation areas where dogs are declared prohibited;
- Public bathing areas where dogs are declared prohibited;
- School grounds (unless with the permission of the person controlling the grounds);
- Child Care centres (unless with the permission of the person controlling the centre);
- Shopping areas where dogs are prohibited (unless secured in a vehicle, with the permission
  of the person controlling the place or going to or from a vet or pet shop); and
- Wildlife protection areas.

Thus, Council can prohibit dogs from particular recreation areas, public bathing areas, shopping centres and wildlife protection areas.

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#### 2.2.3 Dog Faeces

(Companion Animals Act 1998, Section 20)

Un - retrieved dog faeces present problems for health, environmental and amenity reasons. Under the Act, owners are required to remove their dogs' faeces immediately and properly dispose of them. In practice, this is extremely difficult to enforce and may need to be an early priority for any public education activities.

Council must provide sufficient rubbish receptacles for owners to dispose of their dogs' faeces in areas that are commonly used for exercising dogs. At a minimum, leash free areas would need to be provided with suitable rubbish receptacles.

#### 2.2.4 Nuisance Dogs

(Companion Animals Act 1998, Section 21)

Under Section 21 of the Act a dog is a nuisance if it:

- · Is habitually at large;
- Makes a noise by barking or otherwise, that persistently occurs or continues to such a
  degree or extent that it unreasonably interferes with the peace, comfort or convenience of
  any person in any other premises;
- Repeatedly defecates on another person's property;
- · Repeatedly chases any person, animal or vehicle;
- · Endangers the health of any person or animal; or
- Repeatedly causes substantial damage to anything outside the property on which it is ordinarily kept.

Inadequate fencing in rural and semi-rural areas makes it difficult for owners to responsibly confine their dogs. In urban areas, no or low front fence requirements make it difficult for owners to confine their dogs to their property.

Complaints relating to barking problems are often not easy to resolve and consume large amounts of Council officers' time.

Since nuisance problems are often difficult to define and measure, they can prove difficult to enforce. The words 'repeatedly' and 'habitually' are important in determining if a nuisance exists.

#### 2.2.5 Dangerous Dogs

(Companion Animals Act 1998, Sections 34 and 51)

An authorised officer of a Council may declare a dog kept in the area as dangerous. Once a dog is declared dangerous, the owner must comply with specified conditions including keeping the dog in a childproof enclosure.

#### 2.2.6 Restricted Dogs

(Companion Animals Act 1998, Sections 55 and 56)

The Act states that the following are restricted dogs:

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- Pit bull terriers
- · American Pit Bull Terriers;
- Japanese Tosas;
- · Argentinian fighting dogs;
- Brazilian fighting dogs; and
- Any other dog of a breed, kind or description prescribed by the regulations as restricted for the purposes of this Division (e.g. dogs used as guard dogs by security personnel could be prescribed as restricted dogs).

The owner of a restricted dog must also comply with specified conditions including keeping the dog in a childproof enclosure.

- Any other dog of a breed kind or description whose importation into Australia is prohibited by or under the Customs Act 1901.
- Any other dog declared by an authorised officer of a Council under Division 6 of Part 5 of the Act.

#### 2.3 Cats

The issues of cat management relate predominantly to the impact of cats on wildlife. Cats can also be a nuisance to surrounding neighbours. A distinction needs to be made between feral cats and owned domestic cats.

Council can prohibit cats from entering public places. Other options for protection of wildlife include:

- Cat curfews
- · Education to encourage people to keep their cat indoors;
- Cat proof fences and enclosures; and
- · Use of housing design to help owners to responsibly confine their cat.

#### 2.3.1 Areas Where Cats Would Be Prohibited (Companion Animals Act 1998, Section 30)

Under the Act, owned domestic cats are prohibited in the following public places:

- Food preparation or consumption areas; and
- Wildlife protection areas (unless it is a public thoroughfare such as a road, footpath or pathway)

A wildlife protection area is a public place that has been declared by Council for the protection of wildlife.

2.3.2 Nuisance Cats (Companion Animals Act 1998, Section 31)

A cat is a nuisance if it:

- · Makes a persistent noise; or
- Repeatedly damages anything outside the property on which it is ordinarily kept.

This will be similar to handling nuisance dog complains, although cats are more difficult to confine to a property than dogs. It is envisaged that each complaint will need to be examined on a case by case basis.

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#### 2.4 Enforcement or Education

An ongoing debate in animal management is the relative merits of enforcement versus education. Laws will probably always be the backbone of the management task. However, the advantages of taking a legal approach should not blind us to its shortcomings. The legal approach is sometimes inefficient and apart from consuming resources in maintaining an enforcement presence it may only achieve compliance for a short period of time.

By contrast, voluntary compliance, if it can be achieved will just about always provide more meaningful, lasting changes in behaviour. It depends more on overcoming ignorance, indifference and incompetence than in prescribing concrete forms of acceptable behaviour. However education changes behaviour slowly, it can be expensive and is hard to evaluate.

Neither approach should be regarded as a panacea. A combination will just about always be appropriate. The secret is to understand the strengths and weaknesses of each and how they operate in different policy contexts.

The Act anticipates that the State Government will undertake community education from the money allocated to the Companion Animals Fund. Council may also wish to undertake its own education programs either to augment the message of the statewide campaign or where its priorities vary from those of the State Government.

#### 2.5 Recognising the Benefits of Pet Ownership

The health and social benefits of owning pets are now well understood and have been documented in numerous scientific studies. At one level this means a balanced approach to managing domestic pets.

At another more implicit level, there is an emerging understanding that pets contribute to quality of life, a positive that could perhaps be fostered by Local Government.

At this stage, fostering the positives in an explicit way would still be something of a quantum leap, focused as local government is on handling complaints. However over time the Plan could be adjusted to integrate an explicit consideration of the benefits of owning pets.

Part of the challenge involves removing barriers to owning pets. The Petcare Information and Advisory Service has published brochures for landlords and tenants outlining rights and responsibilities of people wishing to own pets in rental accommodation. As an early initiative, Council could make these brochures available for the local community.

Other initiatives could be explored in the development of local public health initiatives.

#### 3. THE LOCAL CONTEXT

#### 3.1 Coolamon Shire Council

The Coolamon Local Government Area (LGA) covers 2,433 square kilometres. The LGA has a population of approximately 4,315 with the town of Coolamon having a population of 2,199. The primary land uses are agricultural and farming.

3.2 Animal Management in the Coolamon Shire Council Area

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The Planning and Environmental Services Section of Council implements and undertakes animal management in the Coolamon Shire Council area.

Council operates an animal facility, off Loughnan Street, Coolamon. Impounded dogs are either released to the owner, sold, destroyed or released to registered charities for re-homing. Council policy restricts the sale of large hunting or savage stray dogs from the pound.

#### 3.3 Relevant Policies and Plans

The Coolamon Shire Council's Local Companion Animal Management Plan (L.C.A.M.P) outlines the actions required by Council to fulfil and implement the requirements of the Companion Animals Act 1998. Part 2 of the L.C.A.M.P. details the actions required to fulfil the aims of the plan. All actions are prioritised and responsibility for their implementation are assigned. It also recognises that it is a continuing process and the plan allows for amendment through reviews by Council and the community. Other relevant policies and plans in the Coolamon Shire Council area are:

- Local Environment Plan 2011
- Development Control Plan 2015

#### 4. GOAL AND AIMS

The goal for the Coolamon Shire Local Companion Animals Management Plan is:

 To promote and facilitate responsible ownership of dogs and cats, animal welfare, and the benefits of animal companionship.

The aims of the Plan are:

- To ensure Council meets its obligations under the Companion Animals Act 1998;
- To investigate the best mix of regulatory and non-regulatory approaches to achieving responsible pet ownership in the Coolamon LGA;
- To establish priorities for companion animals management for the next three to five years;
- To consider ways Council could harness the benefits of owning pets.

The Action Plans are practical actions that Council can undertake to ensure these aims materialise. These are set out in Part 2 and have been grouped into twelve key issue areas.

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# PART 2: ACTION PLANS

#### 5. KEY ISSUE AREAS

The key issue areas include:

- Identification and registration;
- Dogs in public places;
- Faeces management;
- Wandering dogs;
- Excessive barking;
- · Dangerous dogs and restricted breeds;
- Cat management;
- Animal welfare and safety;
- Recognising the benefits of pet ownership
- Enforcement
- · Education and dissemination; and
- Funding and review.

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#### 5.1 Identification and Registration

Identification and registration is important for reunion of lost pets with their owners and as a source of funding for animal management programs. It also provides a database for Council to communicate with its pet owning population.

STRATEGIC ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TARGET/PERFORMANCE
Educate the community about the importance and need for micro chipping and registering dogs and cats.	High	Coolamon Shire Council	<ul> <li>Issue 2 newsletters items regarding animal registration and identification in the Community Newsletter per year.</li> <li>Boost registrations through enforcement and other animal management activities.</li> </ul>

#### 5.2 Dogs in Public Places

Dogs and their owners are significant users of public open space, however some dogs cause problems for other park users and the environment.

Council needs to decide if additional off leash areas should be provided and if so, how many and where. There may be a case to prohibit dogs from some public places. These issues need to be decided in consultation with the local community.

The provisions relating to dogs' access to public open space need to be disseminated widely to the community. Appropriate signage is essential.

Off-leash areas need to be protected from conflicting uses or development. This is best done by integrating the provisions into relevant plans of management.

Over time, improved planning and design can be used to reduce conflicts between different public open space users and resources.

STRATEGIC ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TARGET/PERFORMANCE
Undertake a review of on and off leash provisions and areas from which dogs (and cats) might be prohibited.	Low	Coolamon Shire Council	Review completed following consultation with the community. New off leash area created. Appropriate declarations and orders made under S13 (6) and S14 (1) of the Companion Animals Act, 1998.
Seek advice on appropriate risk	Low	Coolamon Shire Council	Relevant advice received.

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management strategies in public places.			
Disseminate leash provisions and publish prohibited areas.	Medium	Coolamon Shire Council	Strategy for dissemination is developed and implemented.
In order to optimise the dissemination and enforcement effort, hold a training seminar to brief relevant staff.	Medium/High	Coolamon Shire Council	Seminar held.
Advise relevant Council departments, adjacent Council's and other relevant stakeholders of the leash provisions.	Medium/High	Coolamon Shire Council	Advice forwarded.
Consider leash provisions in the development of Plans of Management for public open space.	Medium	Coolamon Shire Council	Draft Plans of Management to be referred for comment to Authorised Officer.

#### 5.3 Faeces Management

Removal and disposal of dog faeces by dog owners is required under Section 20 of the Companion Animals Act 1998. It is important for environmental, health and amenity reasons. However it is recognised that this requirement is difficult to enforce. Encouraging owners to pick up and remove their dog's faeces could be an early priority for public education.

Although it is Council's duty to provide sufficient rubbish receptacles for the disposal of dog faeces in areas commonly used for exercising dogs (pursuant to Section 20), the current situation with "offleash" areas in the Coolamon Local Government Area does not permit this to occur, unless specific areas in the villages are declared by Council to be "off-leash" areas.

STRATEGIC ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TARGET/PERFORMANCE
Investigate the installation of sufficient rubbish receptacles for the disposal of dog faeces should any village areas be declared as "off-leash" areas.	Medium-High	Coolamon Shire Council	Options for disposal of dog faeces reviewed.
Decide on procedures for enforcing the requirement for people to remove and dispose of their dog faeces.	Medium-High	Coolamon Shire Council	Enforcement procedures created and adopted.

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Educate the community about the importance of removing and disposing of dog faeces and options available.	High	Coolamon Shire Council	Input into the public education campaign as an early priority.
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#### 5.4 Wandering Dogs

Dogs wandering at large contribute significantly to the dog management task.

Identification and registration are central to management of wandering dogs.

Housing and boundary design may also have a role to play in helping owners to properly confine their dogs on their property.

STRATEGIC ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TARGET/PERFORMACE
Educate the community about the importance of properly confining their dogs.	High	Coolamon Shire Council	Input into education campaign as an early priority. Promote and enforce identification and state registration of dogs (and cats) to enable safe return of companion animals.

#### 5.5 Excessive Barking

Barking complaints are problematic due to their inherent subjectivity and the fact that they are not easily resolved.

Options for improvement include use of a diary system by complainants, staff training in negotiations and the introduction of a referral system to a specialist animal behaviourist.

STARTEGIC ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TARGET/PERFORMANCE
Review procedures for dealing with barking complaints.	Medium-High	Coolamon Shire Council	All barking dog complaints dealt with in accordance with standard operating procedure.

#### 5.6 Dangerous Dogs and Restricted Breeds

The Companion Animals Act 1998 provides special procedures for dealing with dangerous dogs and restricted breeds.

Both categories of dog are required to be kept in a child-proof enclosure. Council needs to determine appropriate specifications for a child-proof enclosure. A suggested definition is an enclosure which is sufficient to restrain the dog and will prevent a child from having access to the dog.

STRATEGIC ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TARGET/PERFORMANCE
Review procedures for	Medium-High	Coolamon Shire	In accordance with standard
dealing with dangerous		Council	operating procedures.

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dogs and restricted breeds.			
Identify and make available for affected dog owners designs for suitable child-proof enclosures.	Medium-High	Coolamon Shire Council	Prototype design approved and develop pamphlet to disseminate to public.

#### 5.7 Cat Management

Newborn cats are now required to be identified and registered under the Companion Animals Act 1998

Council can prohibit cats from entering specified public places. There are also procedures for dealing with nuisance cats.

Some of the options proposed in other areas (eg, cat bans, cat curfews, etc.) are extremely difficult and expensive to enforce. Public education is required to increase awareness of the need to identify and register cats and about responsible cat ownership.

STRATEGIC ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TARGET/PERFORMANCE
Establish procedures for dealing with nuisance cats and where applicable for dealing with cats entering wildlife protection areas	Medium-High	Coolamon Shire Council	Procedures established in accordance with standard operating procedures.
Educate the community about responsible pet ownership and the need to identify and register their cats.	High	Coolamon Shire Council	Input into education program as an early priority.

#### 5.8 Animal Welfare and Safety

Animal management needs to ensure appropriate animal welfare and safety.

Of particular importance is to promote de-sexing of non-breeding pets.

STARTEGIC ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TARGET/PERFORMANCE
Promote de-sexing of companion animals.	High	Coolamon Shire Council	Input into education program.
Promote and enforce identification and registration of dogs and cats to enable safe return of companion animals.	High	Coolamon Shire Council	Input into education program.

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Review existing holding	Medium-High	Coolamon Shire	Animal facility review
facility arrangements		Council	completed and new facility
for compatibility with			erected.
new responsibilities.			

#### 5.9 Recognising the Benefits of Pet Ownership

Local government could have a role to play in promoting the health and social benefits of owning domestic pets.

STRATEGIC ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TARGET/PERFORMANCE
Consider the health benefits of owning pets in the local community.	Low	Coolamon Shire Council	Health benefits of pet ownership included in brochures to the local community.
Assist tenants and landlords with queries relating to owning pets in rental accommodation.	Low	Coolamon Shire Council	Distribute literature on keeping pets in rental accommodation to the local community.

#### 5.10 Enforcement

While Council already has enforcement procedures in place, these should be subject to ongoing review as circumstances change and better approaches become evident.

STRATEGIC ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TARGET/PERFORMANCE
Review all enforcement procedures and protocols for operational improvements and gaps.	Medium	Coolamon Shire Council	Annual Review

#### 5.11 Education and Dissemination

Education is the key to voluntary changes in human behaviour. It involves education of animals, their owners and prospective owners. It also involves showing non-pet owners, especially children how to behave around animals. To be effective, education needs to be designed and implemented with great care, taking into account identified priorities and programs being implemented by the State Government. Developing a comprehensive education program should be an early priority.

The education program should consider educational courses, brochures, communication in media, etc. and may require staff training in dealing with the community in their day to day patrols.

STRATEGIC ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TARGET/PERFORMANCE
Plan a comprehensive campaign involving all stakeholders to identify education priorities and appropriate action.	High	Coolamon Shire Council	Education campaign implemented.

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#### 5.12 Funding and Review

Once adopted, the Plan needs to be subject to ongoing review as new issues and priorities emerge.

A detailed record system is important to ensure Council can accurately track trends in registrations, complaints, infringements and orders and pound activity.

Animal management activities will not be funded from registrations and fines alone. Council needs to consider other possible sources of revenue to help fund animal management. The Plan should be completely reviewed within three to five years.

STRATEGIC ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TARGET/PERFORMANCE
Ensure the LCAMP is implemented and reviewed.	Medium- High	Coolamon Shire Council	LCAMP completely reviewed within three to five years.
Review records system.	Medium- High	Coolamon Shire Council	Audit record system to ensure detailed records are kept on all animal management activities.

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# HS4) COOLAMON SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2011, MINOR AMENDMENTS GROUP PLANNING PROPOSAL - PUBLIC EXHIBITION REPORT (P.03-03, SC299)

### Report

The planning proposal received Gateway Determination to proceed to public exhibition, which has now been carried out as per the Gateway Determination conditions. This report summarises the submissions received and recommends the planning proposal be approved as exhibited and the plan be made using the General Manager's delegated authority.

# **Background**

At its meeting held on 17th August 2017, Council resolved to forward a Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning and Environment to amend and rectify inappropriate zoning, amend a minor mis-description of a heritage item, adjust land use tables and to insert new LEP clause to make provision for development proposed in the vicinity of sewerage treatment and landfill facilities within the Coolamon Local Environmental Plan 2011.

Public exhibition and community consultation was carried out in accordance with Section 3.34 (2) (c) and (d) and Section 3.35 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) and the Gateway Determination issued by the Department of Planning and Environment.

#### **Exhibition and Notification**

The planning proposal was placed on public exhibition for 28 days from 19th September 2017 until 16th October 2017 (inclusive). An advertisement was placed in the local 'Weekend Advertiser' on 30th September 2017 and the Temora Independent for various dates commencing on 22nd September 2017.

In accordance with the Gateway Determination, Council placed the following material on exhibition:

- The Planning Proposal as approved for exhibition by Councillors
- The Council report and minutes resolving to proceed with the planning proposal
- Draft Maps as approved by Council
- Gateway Determination

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The information was made available for viewing at Council's Customer Service Centre located in the Council's Coolamon Office and was also available on Council's website.

In addition to the public exhibition identified above, the planning proposal was also provided to the following public authorities in accordance with the Gateway Determination:

- Department Primary Industries (DPI) Water
- Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH)

Council also forwarded the Planning Proposal to APA Gas for comment as the Junee to Griffith main pipeline traverses part of the site that relates to the rezoning component of planning proposal.

Each public authority/agency was provided with a copy of the planning proposal and relevant supporting material and given 21 days (as required by the Gateway Determination) to comment on the proposal.

#### **Submissions**

No written submissions were received from any member of the public relating to the Planning Proposal.

All Agencies consulted on the Planning Proposal made submissions. Below is a summarised table of the submissions received for this proposal and a response to submissions received:

Submission No.	Issues	Response
1.DPI	Requested that Council consider water supply requirements to any future allotments that may be created in area identified for rural residential rezoning.	Any future rural residential subdivision will be required to ensure that potable reticulated supply is available to any created allotment. The relevant water utility has confirmed capacity for augmentation/supply to such lots, at cost of applicant.
2.NSW Heritage Council	No issues raised in relation to rectification of errors and updating of existing details and descriptions within Schedule 5 of the CLEP.	Not required.
3.OEH	Raised issues in regards to Jerricks Lane rezoning component of the Planning Proposal.  Requested that Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 matters be	Council worked the applicant who submitted a revised proposed future subdivision lot layout with building envelopes identified that ensured that there would be no need for the removal of vegetation from the site.

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Submission No.	Issues	Response
	considered and requested that further assessment of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage significance at the site of proposed rezoning be investigated.  OEH also requested that the proposal address the relevant provisions of Ministerial Direction 117 Direction 4.3 'Flood Prone Land'.	Any future proposed subdivision consent would ensure that covenants were imposed with Council empowered to uplift that required approval from relevant agency prior to any proposed removal of vegetation from the site. OEH are now satisfied in respect of this matter.
	OEH raised no other matters in regards to the Group Planning proposal.	The applicant arranged with the Local Aboriginal Land Council for a site assessment, with a report confirming that there was no Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Significance at the site. OEH are now satisfied in respect of this matter.
		Council amended the Planning Proposal to ensure that commentary on the flood prone land aspect of the proposal was address. The proposal is considered to be consistent with the aims of Flood Prone Land SEPP. Lots 278 and 279 are affected by an overland stormwater flow path. No physical works are proposed as a result of this planning proposal. A condition of consent was placed on a recent subdivision application for the affected lots requiring a covenant to be placed over land identified as being flood prone to restrict building over such flood affected land. Future development in the form of application to erect a dwelling house on lots affected by flooding will be subject to assessment under the flooding provisions of the LEP but it is anticipated that with appropriate site and construction controls there will be no adverse impacts in terms of such future development of the subject land. OEH are now satisfied in respect of this matter.
4. APA	APA had no objection to the Planning Proposal / rezoning component and its proximity to main pipeline infrastructure as it is protected by an easement.	Not required.

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It is recommended that the Planning Proposal be adopted as exhibited with minor amendment that captures the abovementioned matters as applicable.

# **Budget**

There are nil adverse financial implications to the Community or Council as a result of this report.

#### **Policy**

There are no Council Policies applicable to or affected by this report.

# **Impact on Public Utilities**

There are impacts resulting from this report on Public Utilities. The public utility impacts will result from the rezoning component of the planning proposal and the potential future subdivision that may occur. Any future subdivision will result in the need for lots to be serviced by water, gas, electricity and telecommunications.

These impacts are considered acceptable and achievable.

#### Risk Management and Work Health and Safety Issues for Council

There are no risk management or Work Health and Safety Issues to Council resulting from this report.

# **Internal / External Consultation**

Internal consultation has been undertaken with relevant sections of Council.

In accordance with the Gateway Determination conditions, consultation with the required public authorities under Section 3.34 (2)(d) of the EP&A Act was undertaken and community consultation was undertaken as required under section 3.34 (2)(c) and 3.35 of the EP&A Act.

# **Attachments**

- 1. The Planning Proposal with minor wording amendments that address Agency submissions. Attachment No. 9.1
- 2. Department of Planning's 'Gateway Determination'. Attachment No. 9.2
- 3. Planning Proposal for Zone Amendment from Iris Planning. Attachment No. 9.3
- 4. Agency Submissions. Attachment No. 9.4

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# **Recommendation**

#### That Council:

- 1) Note the report on the Public Exhibition of the Coolamon Shire Council Local Environmental Plan 2011, Minor Amendments Group Planning Proposal; and
- 2) Pursuant to Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, proceed to request that the Minister legally draft the amendments to the Coolamon Local Environmental Plan 2011, in accordance with this report and the exhibited planning proposal.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr White and seconded by Clr McKinnon that Council: |77/04/2018

- Note the report on the Public Exhibition of the Coolamon Shire Council Local Environmental Plan 2011, Minor Amendments Group Planning Proposal; and
- 2) Pursuant to Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, proceed to request that the Minister legally draft the amendments to the Coolamon Local Environmental Plan 2011, in accordance with this report and the exhibited planning proposal.

The Chairperson called for a division. Those voting in favour: All present Those voting against: Nil

HS5) DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2018/30: DEPOT AND OFFICE FOR EARTHMOVING BUSINESS (CONTINUED USE OF TWO MACHINERY STORAGE SHEDS AND LOCATION OF TRANSPORTABLE OFFICE) (RT1002927)

Applicant	D and L McCallum Pty Ltd	
Owner	Leonie McCallum	
Development Cost	\$35,000.00	
Development	The development involves the use of the site as a depot, continued use of two machinery storage sheds (one for repair of vehicles and the other for storage) and location	

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### Description

of two demountable buildings that will be joined to create an office. The current owner operates an earthworks business which has grown over the last few years and now seeks to obtain required development consent for the use of the site as a depot.

The two existing sheds that will be used for storing machinery/plant are 32 m x 19.6 m and 30 m x 19 m in size. The largest shed will be used to store company vehicles and plant and the second shed will be used for maintenance and repairs of vehicles and plant.

The location of an office structure in the form of the combining of two demountable buildings is also proposed under this application.

# **Key Considerations**

- The use is permitted in the RU1 (Primary Production) Zone with Council consent.
- Non Compliance with Side Set Back/Building Line Requirements.
- Access Considerations from Tooyal Road.

#### **Assessment**

# **Criteria for the Development Application Report**

# **Determination Body Reason**

The application has been referred to Council for determination as it does not comply with the Building Setback Requirements provided for under Section 15.3 of the Coolamon Shire Council Development Control Plan 2015.

Section 15.3 of the Development Control Plan requires that in the Primary Production Zone (RU1) the side setback between a boundary and a structure is to be 10 metres.

The existing sheds are located at 3.5 metre and 5.9 metre setbacks and the office building is proposed to be located at 6.9 metres from the southern boundary.

# Consultation

The application was not notified to adjoining land owners in accordance with Section 14.2 of the CDCP 2015.

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Internal Consultation has occurred with Council Staff.

# **Reasons for Approval (Summary)**

The Staff assessment has identified that:

- The application is for a use which is permitted in the RU1, Primary Production Zone.
- The two shed components of the development have been previously erected.
  These sheds currently exist in noncompliance with side setback requirements
  and Council has received no complaints from adjoining property owners in
  relation to this.
- The proposed office building maintains a consistent building line pattern along the southern boundary of the site.
- Adjoining land along the southern boundary is used for agricultural purposes with minimal potential for any adverse amenity impacts arising from non compliance with building line standards.
- It is considered that impacts identified during the assessment process are acceptable and can be addressed via conditions of development consent.
- It is considered that the potential benefits of the proposed development will outweigh any potential negative impacts associated with subject approval.
- It is considered that the proposed development has the potential to positively contribute to the social and economic viability of the locality.
- The development complies with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and will not compromise the outcomes sought for the Coolamon Local Environmental Plan 2011 and Coolamon Development Control Plan 2015.

#### Site Location

The subject site is located at Lot: 21 DP: 1076243, 2366 Tooyal Road, Coolamon, NSW.

The site is approximately 3.6 hectares in size and appears to have been created as a concessional allotment under a previous planning instrument. The site is irregular in shape and has dual road frontages; to the Coolamon Road and Tooyal Road with the remaining boundary adjoining agricultural land. The site has commenced use as a depot and the applicant now seeks to formalise this use given that operations have

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been expanded.

A dwelling and associated outbuildings are located on the site in addition to the two large plant/machinery sheds.

The site is relatively flat and undulating and is serviced by electricity mains infrastructure only. Water and sewerage infrastructure appears to be provided by on site mechanisms.

The site appears to be serviced by both Tooyal and Coolamon Road accesses.





# **Policy**

Coolamon Local Environmental Plan 2011 Coolamon Development Control Plan 2015

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### **Quadruple Bottom Line Analysis**

For a complete analysis of the social, environmental and economic considerations please refer to the Section 4.15 Assessment Report, attached.

#### **Risk Management Issues from the Council**

Refusal of the application on unjustified grounds or approval of the application without adequate statutory planning or impact considerations may result in an appeal process in the Land and Environment Court which will have to be defended by Council.

# **Internal / External Consultation**

See the Section 4.15 Assessment Report for full details of all consultation.

#### **Attachments**

- 1. Site Plan Attachment No. 10.1
- 2. Statement of Environmental Effects Attachment No. 10.2
- 3. Plans and Engineers Certification Attachment No. 10.3
- 4. Section 4.15 Assessment Report Attachment No. 10.4

#### Recommendation

That Council approve Development Application 2018/30 for a Depot and Office associated with an Earthmoving Business (Continued Use of two Machinery Storage Sheds and location of Transportable Office), subject to the conditions listed in the attached Section 4.15 Assessment Report.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Crocker and seconded by Clr White that Council approve Development Application 2018/30 for a Depot and Office associated with an Earthmoving Business (Continued Use of two Machinery Storage Sheds and location of Transportable Office), subject to the conditions listed in the attached Section 4.15 Assessment Report. 78/04/2018

The Chairperson called for a division. Those voting in favour: All present

Those voting against: Nil

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# HS6) CHINA NATIONAL SWORD POLICY (G.01-08, SC197)

#### **Summary**

This report provides information to Council on China's National Sword Customs Inspection Program.

#### **Background**

Until recently, China was a large importer of recyclable materials, accepting more than 30 million tonnes of waste from all over the world every year. Australia alone sent 1.25 million tonnes of recycled material to China in 2016-17 which is now impacted by National Sword. At the start of January 2017, however, China began to stringently enforce restrictions on the importation of recycled materials under its National Sword policy. This policy has impacted the global market for recyclable material, including the recyclable material that is currently collected in NSW.

#### **Implications**

RECYCLING contracts in Australia are under threat and a crisis is looming after China implemented its National Sword policy on January 1, which restricts the import of 24 categories of solid waste and limits contamination of those materials to less than 0.5%.

The restrictions are already being felt in the sector, with stockpiling beginning and waste collectors across the country trying to find new markets to prevent a disruption of kerbside collection services. Some Recyclers have put a halt to the processing of materials from some councils.

Implications include the defaulting on recycling contracts or their cancellation. Preliminary solutions, include; the renegotiation of contracts between local governments and recycling providers to improve risk sharing and lower contamination, increasing stockpiling allowances where environmentally safe, and making Commonwealth assistance available to open new export markets.

There are no immediate implications to Coolamon Shire Council as we currently operate under a contract with Elouera Material Recovery Processing facility and have received no advice that processing/disposal costs are to be increased. This recycling is source separated at the facility of which Council pays a waste contamination charge for the waste bye products that are generated. This should essentially provide a cushioning to any adverse financial implications being created as a result of the implementation of Chinese National Sword Policy. However as previously mentioned there does still exist the potential for disposal charges to be increased as

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a result of the reduction in market disposal opportunities now that China is 'out of the recycling game'.

#### **NSW Government Response**

In March, the NSW Government announced a support package of up to \$47 million to help local government and industry to respond to these global changes.

The support package is being funded by the Waste Less, Recycle More initiative and provides a range of short, medium and long-term initiatives to ensure kerbside recycling continues and to promote industry innovation.

# The funding will:

- enable councils to off-set some extra costs associated with kerbside recycling collections subject to guidelines
- improve council tendering processes to increase the production and use of recycled products
- fund community education initiatives to reduce kerbside recycling contamination.

The package also includes \$4.5 million to support co-investment in infrastructure projects to improve the quality of recycled materials produced by MRFs and reduce the amount of unrecyclable material left at the end of the recycling process, and \$5 million to fund grants and programs that identify new uses for recyclable materials and increase the production and use of recycled products.

Applicants seeking funding will need to meet certain guidelines to ensure that initiatives best address the China National Sword issue, represent better value for money and demonstrate clear benefits to the community such as increased levels of service.

#### **Recommendation**

That Council note the Report and in the event that recycling facility costs increase for the Coolamon LGA, investigate the lodging of a funding application under the Waste Less, Recycle More Funding initiative.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr McKinnon and seconded by Clr White that Council note the Report and in the event that recycling facility costs increase for the Coolamon LGA, investigate the lodging of a funding application under the Waste Less, Recycle More Funding initiative. 79/04/2018

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# HS7) 'NO TIME TO WASTE' RURAL & REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE (R.06-04, SC530)

#### Summary

This report provides information to Council on an upcoming Waste Management Conference – 'No Time to Waste' Conference.

#### **Background**

The Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) has arranged for a Waste Management Conference to be held on Wednesday, 6th June 2018.

The conference is an annual conference that has been held in past years with great success and provides an opportunity for Councils to participate in an event that provides up to date information on waste management developments and innovations on a variety of waste management related topics. Conference presenters include leading industry and local government speakers.

This year's event will be held at the Rules Club, Fernleigh Road in Wagga.

Council staff will be in attendance and there is opportunity for interested Councillors to also attend.

Conference topics include:

- State of Waste, CDS and China's National Sword
- Asbestos Waste Management & the Model Asbestos Policy for Councils
- The City of Wagga Wagga Don't Dump, It's Dumb The City of Wagga Wagga's campaign on illegal dumping
- Trade Stand Panel
- Container Deposit Scheme
- Drone data: A powerful tool in landfill management
- CDS Refund Sharing Agreements
- NSW Domestic Waste and Recycling Data
- Netwaste Engaging community through Waste2Art
- MRI E-cycle Solutions E-waste Update Bans, Reviews

# Attachments Attachment No. 12

- Conference Programme
- Speaker Information

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### <u>Recommendation</u>

That Council note the report on the upcoming Waste Management Conference and consider nominating a Councillor(s) delegate to attend.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr White and seconded by Clr Crocker that Council note the report on the upcoming Waste Management Conference and that Clr Crocker and Clr Maslin be registered to attend. 80/04/2018

# 6) REPORTS: DELEGATES/MAYOR/COUNCILLORS

Clr Crocker advised of the recent meeting between the Regional SES Staff and the Local SES Volunteers. This revolved essentially around training requirements and volunteering expectations.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Crocker and seconded by Clr White: 81/04/2018

- That Council write to Gary Billingham and Barry Holden thanking them for their service to the State Emergency Service and invite them to attend a Council meeting.
- 2) That Council write to Steph Cooke MP regarding the training requirements for the volunteers.

# 7) MINUTES OF THE NOXIOUS WEEDS MEETING OF COOLAMON, JUNEE & TEMORA HELD 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Maslin and seconded by Clr Jones that the Minutes of the Noxious Weeds Meeting of Coolamon, Junee & Temora held 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 be received and accepted. 82/04/2018

# Meeting Closed at 3.45pm

Confirmed and signed during the Meeting held this 17th day of May, 2018.
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#### **BUSINESS:**

- 1) Present and Apologies.
- 2) Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.
- 3) Matters arising from Previous Minutes.
- 4) Correspondence
- 5) Agenda Items
  - 5.1) Rob Ferguson Management Pty Ltd Quarterly Report
  - 5.2) Project Officer Status
  - 5.3) WAP Report and 17/18 Funding Distribution
    - Current & Future Management Structures (LLS, Project Officers & LG)
  - 5.4) Inspection Areas
  - 5.5) General Business
  - 5.6) RENWA Contract
  - 5.7) Next Meeting

PRESENT:

Tony Kelly, Coolamon Shire Council David Carter, Junee Shire Council

Robert Ferguson, Robert Ferguson Management Pty Ltd

Kris Dunstan, Temora Shire Council Graham Sinclair, Temora Shire Council

**APOLOGIES:** 

Clr John Seymour, Coolamon Shire Council Clr Colin McKinnon, Coolamon Shire Council

James Davis, Junee Shire Council

#### 1) APOLOGIES

RESOLVED that the apologies of Clr John Seymour, Coolamon Shire Council, Clr Colin McKinnon, Coolamon Shire Council, Will Barton, Junee Shire Council be received and accepted.

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- CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 5 December, 2017.
   RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held 5 December, 2017 be received.
- 3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES HELD 5 December, 2017. There were no matters arising.
- 4) CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

#### 5) AGENDA ITEMS

#### 5.1) RENWA Report

- RENWA now at 2 full time staff
- St Johns Wort control activities undertaken in Temora, Junee and Coolamon Shires.
- Silverleaf Nightshade control activities undertaken in Temora and Coolamon Shires
- Tiger Pear control carried out in Temora Shire. More cactus control to follow in Temora and Junee.
- High risk pathways and sites in the RENWA area inspected in January. No new incursions sighted.
- Continuing discussion with land managers discussion and explaining the 'no weeds list, risk-based legislation'. A difficult concept after generations of prescriptive legislation.
- Attended the Riverina LLS Regional Weeds Committee meeting at Binya.
- DPI confirmed they are seeking additional funding for 2018/2019.

#### 5.2) RENWA Tender Outcome

Recommendation is that RENWA Councils endorse Robert Ferguson Management Services as the successful tender for the provision of noxious weed services from 1 April 2018 – 30 June 2020.

RENWA Councils to present reports to their April Council meetings to permit signing of contract by the end of April.

#### 5.3) Project Officer Status

Current project officer will be in place up to 30 June 2018 with LLS indicating they will be advertising in March for the new position.

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#### 5.4) Weed Action Plan Report

WAP attached

#### 5.5) Local Weeds Priorities and Local Weed Plan

RENWA staff to explore the development of simple risk based assessment sheets. Sample sheets to be developed for the weeds of St Johns Wort, Khaki weed, Silverleaf Nightshade and African Boxthorn and presented at next quarterly report for consideration.

# 5.6) Riverina Regional Weeds Committee/LLS – Binya Meeting

- Rex Stanton has been appointed interim Chair for a term of 14 months.
- Rex is an independent chair with previous work experience at DPI as a research scientist. RENWA staff members raised concerns over 26% decrease in funding in future years and impact this will have on on-ground operations.
- DPI and the State Weeds Committee are having a compliance standard for weed management developed. At this time there has not been consultation with or input sought from Riverina Local Control Authorities.
- The Riverina LLS sought to update the terms of reference for the Riverina Regional Weeds Committee. In that process, the LLS proposed to delete the LCA representative from the Executive Management Team. That move was defeated and LCA's remain on the Executive Team.
- LLS accountability to Weed Action Program partners was discussed with Ray Willis (LLS) and he agreed its importance. At this time there is no detail available regarding the LLS co-ordination role. No proposal as to how accountability is shown was put forward. It will be pursued at future meetings.

#### 5.7) Inspection Areas

Previous inspections have been on high risk areas which are now complete. RENWA staff will now focus on a more random approach.

#### 5.8) General Business

Rob advised of a recommendation from DPI that inspectors are to carry hard ID cards (credit card style). It was determined by RENWA members that this is only a recommendation and that laminated cards with the required information is suffice.

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# 6) NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next Meeting be held on Tuesday, 12 June 2018 at 2.00pm at Coolamon Shire Council.

Meeting Closed at 3.20 p.m.

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# WAP Budget Table - Murray & Riverina WAP Components extracted from NSW DPI version presented 15/9/15

2015-16					
State allocation - \$9,600,000					
LLS Region	2015-16 requested	2015-16 allocation	Variation Request	% reduction	
Murray	\$599,103	\$539,720	-\$59,383	9.91%	
Riverina	\$792,655	\$781,292	-\$11,363	1.43%	

		2016-17			
	State pr	ediction - \$9,60	00,000		
LLS Region	2016-17 requested	2016-17 prediction	Variation Request	% reduction	
Murray	\$614,081	\$463,496	-\$150,585	24.529	
Riverina	\$812,478	\$710,869	-\$101,609	12.51%	

		2017-18			
	State pr	ediction - \$9,60	00,000		
LLS Region	2017-18 requested	2017-18 prediction	Variation Request	% reduction	
Murray	\$629,433	\$457,344	-\$172,089	27.34	
Riverina	\$832,795	\$748,742	-\$84,053	10.09%	

		2018-19		
	State pr	rediction - \$9,60	00,000	
LLS Region	2018-19 requested	2018-19 prediction	Variation Request % reduction	
Murray	\$645,169	\$426,073	-\$219,096	33.96%
Riverina	\$853,620	\$748,092	-\$105,528	12.36%

		2019-20			
	State pr	ediction - \$9,60	00,000		
LLS Region	2019-20 requested	2019-20 prediction	Variation Request	% reduction	
Murray	\$661,298	\$394,803	-\$266,495	40.30%	
Riverina	\$874,967	\$747,442	-\$127,525	14.57%	

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#### ATTACHMENTS FOR THE MEETING HELD 26TH APRIL, 2018

#### ITEMS DISTRIBUTED WITH THE AGENDA

- 1) INFORMATION PAPERS:
  - 1) Minutes of the Advance Ganmain Committee Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.
  - 2) Minutes of the AGM and Ordinary Meeting of the Advance Ardlethan Committee held 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.
  - 3) Minutes of the Advance Marrar Committee Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. Refer Correspondence Item (1a).
- 2) ACTIVITY REPORTS

- 1) Operating Statistics of the Coolamon Shire Library for March 2018.
- 2) Community Development Officer's Report for March 2018. Refer Correspondence Item (2a).
- Correspondence from Coolamon Cheese regarding the Put/Call Agreement for 87 Cowabbie Street, Coolamon Refer General Manager's Report (GM2), [File No. LD226, LF377].
- 4) Correspondence from Plains Water for Council to consider participation in an application for funding to support new water infrastructure. Refer General Manager's Report (GM3), [File No. W.01-01, SC473]
- 5) A copy of the Draft 2018/2022 Delivery Program & 2018/2019 Operational Plan & Long Term Financial Plan Books 1 and 2.
  Refer General Manager's Report (GM5), [File No. S.11-06].
- 6) A copy of the Quarterly Budget Review Statements to the 31st March 2018. Refer Executive Manager, Corporate & Community Services' Report (CS2), [File No. F.02-02].
- A copy of the Draft Awnings Policy.
   Refer Executive Manager, Development & Environmental Services' Report (HS2), [File No. P.12-01, SC316].
- 8) A copy of the Draft Local Companion Animal Management Plan.
  Refer Executive Manager, Development & Environmental Services' Report (HS3), [File No. A.08-02, SC22].
- 9) Correspondence in regard to the Public Exhibition Report on the Coolamon Shire Council Local Environmental Plan 2011, Minor Amendments Group Planning Proposal. Refer Executive Manager, Development & Environmental Services' Report (HS4), [File No. P.03-03, SC299].
- 10) Correspondence in regard to Development Application 2018/30 Depot and Office for Earthmoving Business.
  Refer Executive Manager, Development & Environmental Services' Report (HS5), [File No. RT1002927].

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11)	Correspondence from the Coolamon Lions Club regarding the annual Historic Fire
	Engine Muster.
	Refer General Manager's Report (GM6), [File No. R.09-19].

12) Correspondence regarding the report on the "No time to Waste" Rural & Regional Waste Management Conference.

Refer Executive Manager, Development & Environmental Services' Report (HS7), [File No. R.06-04].

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