

**BUSINESS:**

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Innovation Fund

**PRESENT:** Clrs John Seymour, David McCann, Jeremy Crocker, Steven Jones, Colin McKinnon, Kathy Maslin and Bruce Hutcheon.

**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 Alan White and Clr Kerrilee Logan.

**1) APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED on the motion of Clr McCann and seconded by Clr McKinnon that the apologies of Clr White and Clr Logan be received and accepted.** 80/06/2017

**2) INNOVATION FUND (G.03-01, SC201)**

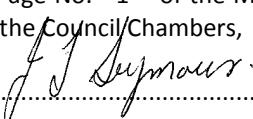
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**Summary**

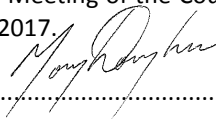
This report presents information to Council on the current round of Innovation Funding made available by the NSW Government and seeks Council's endorsement for the lodging of a funding application.

**Background**

The Innovation Fund provided by the NSW Government under the auspices of *Fit for the Future* is a targeted program that aims to improve small council's performance and benefit local communities. Councils are asked to develop ideas that would improve delivery of services, use new technologies or install innovative infrastructure.

  
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### **Council's application/project**

Council will be applying for \$150,000 in funding to undertake works including items such as:

- An energy audit to build a clear picture of how we consume energy and where savings can be made.
- Retrofitting energy efficient lighting throughout council facilities.
- Photovoltaic Systems (Solar Energy Initiates).
- Energy efficient pumps.

The Energy audit identified above will develop a clear picture as to the specific details of the projects identified above and allow Council to obtain value for money with regard to the project.

### **Financial implications**

As part of the funding requirements, Council will need to make a co-contribution of 30%. This can be cash, in kind or other resources. Total project cost will be \$214 000 with Councils contribution to be \$64 000 (up to 30% in kind and up 20% as project management costs).

Long term, it is anticipated that this project will see a reduction in operating costs and allow better delivery of services, it will also allow innovative ideas and technology to be showcased to our community encouraging them to adopt similar practices.

### **Consultation**

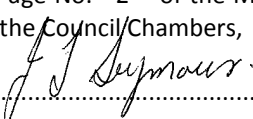
The Funding application has been discussed with a number of internal stakeholders. Council staff have consulted with contractors and consultants to obtain information about how to maximise efficiency gains with available resources, and make best use of funding.

### **Recommendation**

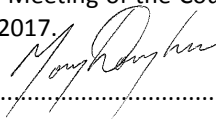
That Council note the report on the proposed Innovation Funding Grant Application and endorse the submission of an application which will commit Council to a maximum funding contribution of \$64,000.

**RESOLVED on the motion of Cllr McCann and seconded by Cllr Hutcheon that:**

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- 1) Council note the report on the proposed Innovation Funding Grant Application and endorse the submission of an application which will commit Council to a maximum funding contribution of \$64,000.
- 2) Council investigate opportunities for a joint Application with Junee Shire and if appropriate submit. Should it be deemed appropriate, Council will allocate the funds required to meet the funding criteria for a joint submission.

***Meeting Closed at 4.07pm***

Confirmed and signed during the Meeting held this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

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