

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF COOLAMON
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COOLAMON ON THE 16TH NOVEMBER 2023.

Meeting commenced at 3.00pm.

BUSINESS:



- 1) Apologies
- 2) Declarations of Interest.
- 3)
 - a. Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting held 19th October, 2023.
 - 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

PRESENT: Clr David McCann, Clr Alan White, Clr Bronwyn Hatty, Clr Wayne Lewis, Clr Colin McKinnon, Clr Kathy Maslin, Clr Bruce Hutcheon and Clr Jeremy Crocker.

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 Garth Perkin.

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.......... MAYOR..........GENERAL MANAGER.

1) APOLOGIES

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Crocker and seconded by Clr White that the apology of Clr Garth Perkin be received and accepted. 189/11/2023

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Clr Hutcheon declared a non-pecuniary interest in GM8.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr White and seconded by Clr McKinnon that declaration of interest be received. 190/11/2023

3a) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19TH OCTOBER 2023.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Crocker and seconded by Clr White that the Minutes of the Meeting held 19th October 2023 as circulated be confirmed and adopted. 191/11/2023

3b) MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising out of the Minutes.

4) CORRESPONDENCE

AGENDA A (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

1a) ACTIVITY REPORTS

1) Operating Statistics of the Coolamon Shire Library for October 2023.

Attachment No. 1.1

2) Community Development Officer's Report for October 2023.

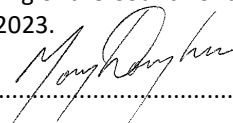
Attachment No. 1.2

3) Tourism and Business Development Officer's Report for October 2023.

Attachment No. 1.3



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.....GENERAL MANAGER.

- 4) Road Safety Officer's Activity Report for October 2023.
Attachment No. 1.4
- 5) Allawah Community Care Report for October 2023.
Attachment No. 1.5

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.

2a) 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.

- 1) Minutes of the Riverina Joint Organisation (RIVJO) Board Meeting held 23rd June 2023. Attachment No. 2.1
- 2) Draft Minutes of the Riverina Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) Board Meeting held 25th August 2023. Attachment No. 2.2
- 3) Minutes of the Advance Ganmain Committee meeting held 4th October 2023. Attachment No. 2.3
- 4) Coolamon Traffic Committee Report, meeting held 2nd November 2023.
Attachment No. 2.4

Note: The Minutes of the Section 355 Committees are for notation only and this does not necessarily mean any action recommended has been endorsed by Council. The Section 355 Committee will need to follow the appropriate due process to action any recommendations.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Hutcheon and seconded by Clr Hatty that the Correspondence listed in Agenda A be received. 192/11/2023

AGENDA B

1b) RIVERINA REGIONAL LIBRARY (L.03-03, SC269)

Enclosing a copy of their Annual Report for 2022-23.

General Manager's Note

- A copy of the report is **tabled** for the information of Councillors.

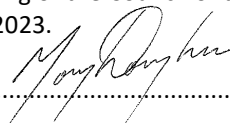
2b) LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023 (L.07-04, SC484)

- ➔ The Annual Conference sessions and Motions are provided electronically for your information. [Attachment No. 3](#)

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr White and seconded by Clr Maslin that Council note the items and write to LGNSW congratulating Clr Turley on her re-election and provide feedback about the conference. [193/11/2023](#)



..... MAYOR.....



.....GENERAL MANAGER.

5) GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

5.1) GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

GM1) PRESENTATION OF 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS INCLUDING COUNCIL'S AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2023 (A.12-01)

GM2) REROC AGM (R.06-01, SC329)

GM3) COOLAMON CARAVAN DUMP POINT (C.01-01, SC63)

GM4) SHOWER FACILITIES FOR CONTRACT TRUCK DRIVERS (H.02-01, SC486)

GM5) COOLAMON PRESCHOOL – REQUEST FOR DONATION (C.04-03, SC77)

GM6) MAVIS FURNER COLLECTION (H.04-12, SC237, LD177, LF462)

GM7) DECEMBER MEETING (C.11-04, SC140)

GM8) DAVIES DRIVE SUBDIVISION (DA 2023/53)

GM9) STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUNDING ROUND 5 & LOCAL ROADS & COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

GM1) PRESENTATION OF 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS INCLUDING COUNCIL'S AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2023 (A.12-01)

- ➔ The General Purpose Financial Statements, Special Purpose Financial Statements and Special Schedules in respect of the financial year ending 30th June, 2023 are provided. Attachment No.4.1

In accordance with Section 418(3) of the Local Government Act, 1993, Council has given Public Notice regarding the presentation of the Financial Statements and Auditor's Reports and has not yet received any submissions under Section 420 of the act with respect to the Statements or Auditor's Reports. The closing date for submissions is Thursday, 23th November 2023.

The Independent Auditor's Report for the General Purpose Financial Statements includes a qualified option with the basis for that option being the non-recognition of rural fire-fighting equipment.

- ➔ Also attached, is the Engagement Closing Report from the NSW Audit Office detailing the high risk issue of rural fire-fighting equipment not recognized in the financial statements as identified by the NSW Audit Office. The Engagement Closing report includes management's response to this issue. Attachment No. 4.2

Please note that Nirupama Mani from NSW Audit Office will be an apology and that Jason Gilbert from Crowe will present the report via Zoom.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Maslin and seconded by Clr Crocker that:

- 1) **The report be noted; and**
- 2) **Council write to the NSW Audit Office to convey Council's displeasure that the NSW Audit Office has not been present to deliver the annual audit address to Council over the past two years given that we have recieved the qualified audit opinion.** 194/11/2023

GM2) REROC AGM (R.06-01, SC329)

The Annual General Meeting of REROC was conducted on the 27th October 2023 with the following Executive returned:

- Chairman – Mayor Rick Firman, Temora Shire
- Deputy Chairman – Mayor Brian Monaghan, Bland Shire
- Treasurer – Tony Donoghue, General Manager, Coolamon Shire Council

REROC continues to operate in a healthy financial position and providing services to the Region. It should be noted that during this meeting the current CEO Julie Briggs advised of her impending departure from the role. Julie has held this role since 1997 as the inaugural Chief Executive Officer.

Julie has been a resourceful, conscientious, hard working and exceptional leader of this well respected Regional Organisation. She will be sorely missed.

REROC will now commence the job of finding a replacement CEO for REROC.

General Manager's Note

- A copy of the Annual report is tabled at this meeting and has been included as an attachment and provided to each of the Councillors.

Recommendation

For Councils information.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Hutcheon and seconded by Clr Hatty that the report be noted. 195/11/2023

GM3) COOLAMON CARAVAN DUMP POINT (C.01-01, SC63)

As per the request from last Council Meeting, Staff have investigated some options around the provision of Caravan dump points within the Coolamon Township.

From a Shire wide perspective, there are currently three caravan dump points in the Coolamon Shire, those being:

- Ardlethan – Located opposite the Ardlethan Pool, free for all users and Council managed.

- Coolamon – Located within the Coolamon Caravan Park. Free to all Caravan Park users, a fee of \$5.00 is charged to non-caravan park users. Council managed through contractor.
- Ganmain – Located in the Showground as part of the Camping Facilities there. Managed by the Ganmain Show Society.

Council has no current method of determining the amount of use for the Ardlethan and Ganmain facility.

Coolamon Shire Council has not received many requests for the provision of these services across the Shire but provides them as a service for travelers that add to the tourist dollar.

Council's philosophy in relation to the Coolamon Caravan Park has been to keep fees low for an overnight stay at the Caravan Park, to tempt people into staying in town. Previous discussions have indicated that this would be a better or more desired outcome than having a free campsite available around town.

The cheap camp sites at Coolamon allow travelers to use the dump point for free effectively. It just means staying overnight, which is what we are trying to encourage.

This is in direct contrast to Ardlethan where the free stay offer has been seen as an incentive to make travelers stop and is part of the free campsite incentive.

Discussions with the Caravan Park Contractors have indicated that the \$5.00 fee per use is taken up about once every 3 months. This indicates that there is minimal need for such a service, or that people either keep travelling through to the next free sight or decide to stay the night.

In order to do some costs around providing a free dump point, it must be remembered Council allowed \$10,000 for the site in Ardlethan when it was constructed in 2020. Any new facility would depend on access to sewer, location of the dump point and off road parking areas, access to water (including meter) and ability for ongoing management/cleaning. Location around town would need to be assessed should this be the decision.

Access close to the sewerage treatment plant is not considered ideal, as Council provides a service for contractors to dump septic waste at a cost and does not wish to undermine this. Obviously, opposite a new subdivision or near houses would be met with pushback as there may be amenity issues of Caravan Parking or dump point use.

Council does have the option of considering providing a service as part of the new facilities at the Showground. There will be primitive camping facilities designed within the new complex for people staying over on equine related uses. A dump point could be incorporated into this design.

In summary the options this gives Council is:

- 1) Continuing as currently.
- 2) Removing the fee at the Coolamon Caravan Park.
- 3) Providing a free facility into the Coolamon Showground when it is developed.

Recommendation

That the new facilities at the Showground incorporate a dump point that Council offers as a free service.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr White and seconded by Clr Maslin that:

- 1) **The new facilities at the Showground incorporate a dump point that Council offers as a free service and**
- 2) **Council trial the suspension of the existing fee to use the dump point at the Coolamon Caravan Park.** 196/11/2023

GM4) SHOWER FACILITIES FOR CONTRACT TRUCK DRIVERS (H.02-01, SC486)

Recently enquiries were made at Council, requesting information around how this Council is dealing with contract truck drivers and their need for shower facilities.

This service is normally provided by private business, either as facilities provided by the farmer or person who has contracted them, or as part of a service station or truck stop catering to these needs. This is the result of businesses trying to attract this type of cliental.

Whilst Council accepts that showering and personal hygiene are a normal daily activity, the question arises as to if, or why Council is required to step into the provision of this service.

Within the Shire, there is a service provided at the Beckom Roadhouse and this is probably justified through its exposure on the Newell Highway to year round truck movements.

Generally the times that this is most relevant to the remaining sections of the Shire is during harvest when contract grain carters are engaged. This can range from a fortnight to 6-8 weeks depending on the season. The increasing size of trucks and headers is showing a more intense but quicker harvest periods. These truck contractors are being engaged by the farming community.

Council provides toilets throughout the Communities at public parks, however no shower facilities currently exist.

Prior to undertaking a full costing of such a proposal Council should consider the implications and reasons for doing so.

- Is this to be provided year round?
- Construction costs.
- Consider the costs of cleaning/maintaining (additional contract).
- At all toilet facilities across the Shire – or just the main centers, Ardlethan, Coolamon, Ganmain.
- Is this being provided to anyone or just truck drivers.
- Are there other options – Business, Caravan Park, service station, pub, etc.

Should Council provide the service at the Caravan Park, we need to consider when people will be using the facilities. Generally truck drivers working the harvest work until sundown and then finish for the day. The Coolamon Caravan Park finishes at 5pm and this may limit access. The Caravan Park hours would be extended and a potential impost on the caretakers operation.

Recommendation

For Council consideration

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Hutcheon and seconded by Clr Lewis that the report be received. 197/11/2023

GM5) COOLAMON PRESCHOOL – REQUEST FOR DONATION (C.04-03, SC77)

➔ An outcome of the August 2023 Council meeting was for the General Manager to meet with representatives of the Coolamon Preschool to discuss the issue of the request for a donation and to provide some context of the situation they are in.

Attachment No. 5

As was mentioned in the previous report, funding was received for \$639,000, however by the time that the Tenders were received the price to build was close to \$1,000,000. This left the Preschool with a \$360,000 shortfall. At this point this does not include quotes currently being sought to:

- Demolish the existing building.
- Undertake landscaping.
- Carpark construction.

The Preschool Committee have been fundraising and saving money over the last several years and have some funds available but will not cover all of the above.

In addition to the above dilemma of funding there is also a timeframe issue, related to when transitioning from operating within the existing building to moving into the new building. There is a close down from the 15th December 2023 to the 26th January 2024, which is a relatively short timeframe for this to occur.

The original request was for Council support through a variety of suggestions being:

- Waiving of the funds equivalent to the development application fees – Approximately \$7,000.
- Waiving of rubbish removal fees associated with demolishing – unknown.

From the meeting there is no doubt that the Preschool are undertaking every step to undertake the work within their means. The increase in building cost has been due to a sharp rise in inflation that Coolamon Shire Council has experienced with its jobs as well.

They have advised that they have the funds to do the construction work.

In addition, the Preschool Committee have been seeking further grants and funding opportunities and actively looking for other areas to find savings or allocate money to work required.

Coolamon Shire Council had an assessment and report done in 2019 in regard to asbestos in the building. This report indicated that there is small sections below the soffit in the verandah. Council is currently getting a cost for this to be removed and disposed of at Council landfill.

In regard to the request for support from Council, the Committee advised that they would be happy for any support that could be given.

Initially it is felt that Council can sort out the Asbestos matter and this will reduce the potential cost of demolition.

The three matters that require funding are yet to have determined cost, therefore support would just be a donation and the Pre-School would work out where best to spend it.

Recommendation

1. That Council undertake the removal and disposal of Asbestos at the Coolamon Pre-School.
2. That Council consider a donation towards the Coolamon Pre-School.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr White and seconded by Clr Hutcheon that Council undertake the removal and disposal of Asbestos at the Coolamon Pre School. 198/11/2023

GM6) MAVIS FURNER COLLECTION (H.04-12, SC237, LD177, LF462)

Council staff have been working with members of the Mavis Furner Committee to establish how this collection is to be managed moving forward.

The original members are aging and having difficulty managing the collection now and it is seen as a good time to work through the issues of succession and responsibility.

In order to do this staff have reviewed the memorandum of Understanding and would like to put it to the members of the family.

➔ Memorandum of Understanding Attachment No. 6

Recommendation

For Council sign the memorandum of understanding

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Maslin and seconded by Clr Hatty that Council sign the memorandum of understanding. 199/11/2023

GM7) DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING (C.11-04, SC140)

This year the December meeting is scheduled to occur on Thursday the 21st. Due to the timing of this year's calendar that will be the second last day of the year before holidays commence.

Council may wish to consider moving the meeting forward one week to hold the meeting on Thursday the 14th December 2023. This will allow staff to put in place any actions or outcomes of the meeting.

The third Thursday in November is on the 16th (early in the month) and will see a four week period before the next Council meeting.

Recommendation

For Council consideration

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Hutcheon and seconded by Clr Maslin that the December 2023 Council meeting be held on Thursday 21 December 2023. 200/11/2023

Clr Hutcheon declared a non-pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 3.48pm

GM8) DAVIES DRIVE SUBDIVISION (DA 2023/53)

Developer Request

➔ Council has received the above mentioned subdivision for 27 Lots and are currently carrying out the assessment.

As part of the application Council also received a request from the applicant seeking an exemption for the infrastructure provision imposed on the subdivision, this request included other matters and is attached. Attachment No. 7.1

As can be seen there are 3 issues noted:

- 1) Water location along Campbells Lane.
 - Council support subject to Goldenfields approval

2) Reduction in Road width along proposed Allen Close.

- Not Supported. This is now a public road and not a personal driveway and Council requires minimum width for traffic movement. This would be outside Guidelines and pose a safety risk.

3) Consideration of an exemption from the Section 7.11 Contribution Costs.

- Any development in Coolamon that requires subdivision will have a Section 7.11 contribution apply. This is a fee that supports the increase in population created by the development.

The requirement to build the road is specific to this development and increases the lot yield for the developer. This should be a cost that is borne by the development and does not relate to the amount to be spent.

The Applicant is asking that they be exempted from the Section 7.11 contribution in line with providing a bike track within the old section of Campbells Lane.

Council believes that the idea presented by the applicant is a good one and Council should include it into the S 7.11 for future works.

We would probably extend the track to include Bartletts Lane and link to the current end of the track at the corner of Campbells Lane and Rannock Road.

Without a costing for this work it is not appropriate to agree to this request and that Council should require payment of the Section 7.11 contribution.

Road Naming Request

The development proposes the subdivision of 1 allotment into 27 allotments with a minimum lot size of 2 Ha, for large lot residential purposes. See attached

The majority of new allotments would be rectangular in shape with a handful of lots being irregular and two lots being 'battle-axe' type allotments with access handles from public roads. The existing dwelling would be retained on one of the new allotments, and an existing machinery shed on the site will be demolished as part of the development.

The subdivision would include the construction of two new public roads with Road 1 running east-west connecting Davies Drive to the portion of Campbell's Lane

which runs north-south. This road would provide frontage to the proposed northern-most allotments.

Road 2, which would be 20 metres wide, would provide local access from the east-west portion of Campbells Lane to three of the new allotments as shown in the accompanying subdivision plan. The road reserve for proposed Road 1 would be 20 metres in width to contain the road pavement as well as swale drains on either side.

The accompanying civil works concept plans prepared by Spiire provide further detail in relation to the proposed infrastructure and are generally accepted in principle by council.

Part of the north-south portion of Campbell's Lane bounding the eastern side of the site would be widened to 20 metres to accommodate the road pavement and associated swale drains on either side of this. [Attachment No. 7.2](#)

A right of carriageway would be created over a portion of the site to provide shared access to proposed lots 46, 47 and 49. [Attachment No. 7.3](#)

The applicant proposes the following road names for the 2 new roads:

- Proposed Road 1 = Austral Eden Drive. That is the name of the existing property/farm and has historical significance as one of the first working farms within the locality. It was originally one of the three orchards that supplied Coolamon with fruit.
- Proposed Road 2 = Allen Close. This name has been selected in honour of an unreturned soldier from World War 1. It is also understood that a returned soldier named Allen drew the land/farm as a soldier settler block.

Council already has an Allens Lane within the Coolamon Marrar district and a new name will need to be determined

Recommendation

- 1) That Council require payment of the Section S7.11 contribution for this development.
- 2) That Council include bike paths around the Davies Drive Subdivision in the contributions plan.
- 3) The proposed road name of Austral Eden in the subdivision be approved.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr White and seconded by Clr Hatty that:

- 1) That Council require payment of the Section S7.11 contribution for this development.
- 2) That Council include bike paths around the Davies Drive Subdivision in the contributions plan.
- 3) The proposed road name of Austral Eden Road and Cholerton Close (Information Attached) in the subdivision be approved. 201/11/2023

The Mayor called for a division.

Those voting in favour of the motion: All those present

Those voting against the motion: Nil

Clr Hutcheon returned to the meeting room at 3.56pm.

GM9) STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUNDING ROUND 5 & LOCAL ROADS & COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME ROUND 4 (G.03-58 & G.03-72-04)

Councillors will recall reports presented to the September 2022 and July 2023 Council meeting relating to proposed applications/project nominations for the two grant rounds.

[Attachment No. 12.1](#) [Attachment No. 12.2](#)

Unfortunately, the cabins at the Coolamon Caravan Park proposed for the LRCIP4 allocation do not meet the funding guidelines and Council has been required to reconsider it's priorities.

Council staff suggested that the construction of the cabins at the caravan park could be substituted for the construction of the multipurpose exhibition centre at the Coolamon Showground. Staff have lodged a variation requesting this substitution and the Department of Regional NSW have requested evidence of community consultation in relation to this. Council staff have replied to this request with references to the Coolamon Shire Community Strategic Plan.

Applications have previously been made under Crown Reserves Improvement Funding and Building Better Regions Fund for the cabins at the Coolamon Caravan Park as well as the project being put forward for Council consideration a number of times for previous SCCF and LRCIP rounds.

As Councillors would be aware, the Shire and region is experiencing housing stress with low rental vacancies and increasing property prices. Council and other local

employers including the Coolamon-Ganmain Multi-Purpose Service and the Coolamon Regional Medical Service are also experiencing difficulties in recruitment which is closely related to the housing stress. Without having available housing option, prospective employees from outside of the Shire are unable to relocate. To alleviate the problems with recruitment, Council and other employers are relying on agency staff who also need to be accommodated. Council has been accommodating agency staff in the Aitken Logan wing of Allawah Lodge whilst these beds have been temporarily closed.

It is seen that the construction of these cabins could help to alleviate some of the housing stress related to the engagement of agency staff whilst the housing market has the opportunity to even out.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the variation requests to substitute to the Coolamon Caravan Park Cabins with the Coolamon Showground Multipurpose Exhibition Centre for SCCF5 and LRCIP4.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Hatty and seconded by Clr Maslin that Council endorse the variation requests to substitute to the Coolamon Caravan Park Cabins with the Coolamon Showground Multipurpose Exhibition Centre for SCCF5 and LRCIP4. 202/11/2023

**5.2 EXECUTIVE MANAGER, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES'
REPORTS**

CS1) FINANCE REPORT AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2023.

CS2) QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 (F.02-02, SC178)

This is Page No. 18 of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the Shire of Coolamon held in the Council Chambers, Coolamon on the 16th November 2023.

..... MAYOR..... GENERAL MANAGER.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO MEETING HELD 16TH NOVEMBER, 2023.

CS1) FINANCE REPORT AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2023.

NO.	DATE INVESTED	INSTITUTION	RATING	INVESTMENT TYPE	AMOUNT INVESTED	TERMS (days)	RATE	MATURITY DATE
11	2/05/2023	NAB	A1/A+	Term Deposit	\$ 500,000	184	4.50%	2/11/2023
20	9/05/2023	AMP	A2/BBB+	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	182	4.90%	7/11/2023
22	9/05/2023	Bank of Queensland	A2/BBB+	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	184	4.75%	9/11/2023
1	13/02/2023	NAB	A1/A+	Term Deposit	\$ 2,000,000	273	4.55%	13/11/2023
15	25/11/2022	AMP	A2/BBB+	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	364	4.60%	24/11/2023
2	1/02/2023	NAB	A1/A+	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	365	4.50%	1/02/2024
14	2/03/2023	Beyond Bank	A2/BBB	Term Deposit	\$ 1,001,512	366	4.20%	2/03/2024
4	26/07/2023	NAB	A1/A+	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	273	5.40%	24/04/2024
23	24/07/2023	Bank of Queensland	A2/BBB+	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	275	5.35%	24/04/2024
7	19/05/2023	AMP	A2/BBB+	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	364	5.10%	17/05/2024
24	29/05/2023	AMP	A2/BBB+	Term Deposit	\$ 500,000	365	5.20%	28/05/2024
6	7/07/2023	AMP	A2/BBB+	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	336	5.75%	7/06/2024
23	13/06/2023	AMP	A2/BBB+	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	365	5.45%	12/06/2024
21	24/07/2023	AMP	A2/BBB+	Term Deposit	\$ 500,000	364	5.75%	24/07/2023
3	3/08/2023	AMP	A2/BBB+	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	365	5.45%	2/08/2024
10	9/09/2023	Beyond Bank	A2/BBB	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	365	5.00%	9/09/2024
17	15/09/2023	Beyond Bank	A2/BBB	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	365	5.20%	15/09/2024
25	14/09/2023	NAB	A1/A+	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	365	5.15%	13/09/2024
12	23/09/2023	Beyond Bank	A2/BBB	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	365	5.00%	23/09/2024
5	1/10/2023	Beyond Bank	A2/BBB	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	365	5.00%	1/10/2024
8	4/10/2023	NAB	A1/A+	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	365	5.20%	3/10/2024
9	12/10/2023	AMP	A2/BBB+	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	365	5.10%	11/10/2024
13	19/10/2023	Beyond Bank	A2/BBB	Term Deposit	\$ 750,000	365	5.00%	18/10/2024
16	25/10/2023	AMP	A2/BBB+	Term Deposit	\$ 500,000	365	5.15%	24/10/2024
TOTAL INVESTED					\$ 22,751,512			

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 2021 and Council's Investment Policy.

(Samantha Jennings, Finance Manager)

RESTRICTED CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS & INVESTMENTS (as at 30 June 2023)

External Restrictions - included in liabilities

Specific purpose unexpended grants	3,798,939.85
Allawah Lodge Bonds & Payments	3,502,694.29
Allawah Village Loan Licences	4,041,621.84
Home Care Packages	49,513.09
	11,392,769.07

External Restrictions - other

Developer contributions - general	139,656.28
Specific purpose grants (recognised as revenue)	2,653,181.85
Sewerage Services	2,016,545.83
Domestic Waste Management	719,971.97
Stormwater Management	-
Other - Community Transport	312,753.25
	5,842,109.18

Internal Restrictions

Plant & vehicle replacement	-
Employees Leave Entitlements	1,700,000.00
Deferred Works	358,615.60
Ardlethan Preschool (non-grant)	81,592.02
Asset management/replacement	-
Financial Assistance Grant Advance	4,762,788.00
Swimming Pools	75,000.00
Rehabilitation of Gravel Pits	215,000.00
Coolamon Early Childhood Centre	234,788.87
Allawah Lodge	946,927.52
Allawah Village	457,619.43
	8,832,331.44

TOTAL RESTRICTIONS

26,067,209.69

UNRESTRICTED

813,460.41

TOTAL CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS & INVESTMENTS

26,880,670.10

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..... MAYOR..... GENERAL MANAGER.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO MEETING HELD 16TH NOVEMBER, 2023.

COOLAMON SHIRE COUNCIL					
INCOME STATEMENT					
for the period 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024					
	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	AUGUST 2023	2023/2024 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2022/2023 ACTUAL
Income from continuing operations					
Rates & annual charges	4,318,291.17	4,319,754.42	4,248,514.77	4,272,318.00	4,148,709.85
User charges & fees	1,992,706.53	1,611,181.48	1,058,281.08	6,855,626.77	5,846,808.28
Other revenues	164,186.48	87,529.50	73,610.63	417,818.84	458,659.60
Grants & contributions provided for operating purposes	867,917.69	181,780.94	173,090.94	8,950,627.74	11,873,448.50
Grants & contributions provided for capital purposes	158,566.08	55,873.67	42,939.68	3,379,682.21	2,323,859.66
Interest and investment revenue	5,933.23	(146,253.01)	(276,227.11)	773,622.30	761,695.85
Other income	152,109.63	118,635.94	92,386.17	394,859.64	383,364.53
Net gain from the disposal of assets	41,000.00	41,000.00	41,000.00	396,712.09	124,095.50
Internals	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Total income from continuing operations	7,700,710.81	6,269,502.94	5,453,596.16	25,441,267.59	25,920,641.77
Expenses from continuing operations					
Employee benefits and on-costs	2,618,724.85	1,905,184.23	1,302,775.49	7,034,510.00	7,691,499.55
Materials & services	2,685,457.32	2,146,288.31	1,436,556.48	9,162,114.54	6,657,687.18
Borrowing costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	65,197.21
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,807,353.10	4,528,903.07
Other expenses	257,833.68	184,697.94	101,597.38	462,597.25	475,405.71
Net loss from the disposal of assets					
Total expenses from continuing operations	5,562,015.85	4,236,170.48	2,840,929.35	21,476,574.89	19,418,692.72
Operating result from continuing operations	2,138,694.96	2,033,332.46	2,612,666.81	3,964,692.69	6,501,949.05
Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	1,980,128.88	1,977,458.79	2,569,727.13	585,010.48	4,178,089.39

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..... MAYOR..... GENERAL MANAGER.

COOLAMON SHIRE COUNCIL			
INCOME STATEMENT BY FUND			
October 2024			
	CONSOLIDATED GENERAL FUND	SEWERAGE FUND	TOTAL
Income from continuing operations			
Rates & annual charges	3,573,240.92	745,050.25	4,318,291.17
User charges & fees	1,992,706.53	0.00	1,992,706.53
Other revenues	162,484.96	1,701.52	164,186.48
Grants & contributions provided for operating purposes	867,917.69	0.00	867,917.69
Grants & contributions provided for capital purposes	68,620.63	89,945.45	158,566.08
Interest and investment revenue	4,694.76	1,238.47	5,933.23
Other income	152,109.63		152,109.63
Net gain from the disposal of assets	41,000.00	0.00	41,000.00
Internals	20,513.00	(20,513.00)	0.00
Total income from continuing operations	6,883,288.12	817,422.69	7,700,710.81
Expenses from continuing operations			
Employee benefits and on-costs	2,561,171.95	57,552.90	2,618,724.85
Materials & services	2,611,067.47	74,389.85	2,685,457.32
Borrowing costs	0.00		0.00
Depreciation & amortisation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other expenses	257,833.68	0.00	257,833.68
Total expenses from continuing operations	5,430,073.10	131,942.75	5,562,015.85
Operating result from continuing operations	1,453,215.02	685,479.94	2,138,694.96
Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	1,384,594.39	595,534.49	1,980,128.88

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO MEETING HELD 16TH NOVEMBER, 2023.

COOLAMON SHIRE COUNCIL					
BALANCE SHEET					
for the period 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024					
	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	AUGUST 2023	2023/2024 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2022/2023 ACTUAL
ASSETS					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	3,611,340.43	3,268,652.45	4,529,637.22	6,717,652.68	6,379,157.77
Investments	22,751,512.33	22,751,512.33	21,751,512.33	18,501,512.33	20,501,512.33
Receivables	4,787,484.29	4,180,862.99	4,365,543.69	2,617,990.07	2,615,951.33
Inventories	5,234,103.05	5,210,185.52	5,216,777.76	4,234,861.38	5,205,458.88
Other					
Total current assets	36,384,440.10	35,411,213.29	35,863,471.00	32,072,016.46	34,702,080.31
Non-current assets					
Investments					
Receivables	280,092.35	280,092.35	280,092.35	239,087.35	280,092.35
Inventories	429,149.05	429,149.05	429,149.05	429,149.05	429,149.05
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	274,071,297.24	273,679,491.78	273,375,433.02	281,750,825.79	272,521,728.89
Accumulated Dep'n - Infrastructure, PP&E	(59,686,402.88)	(59,686,402.88)	(59,686,402.88)	(64,493,755.98)	(59,686,402.88)
Accumulated Imp't - Infrastructure, PP&E	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total non-current assets	215,094,135.76	214,702,330.30	214,398,271.54	217,925,306.21	213,544,567.41
Total assets	251,478,575.86	250,113,543.59	250,261,742.54	249,997,322.67	248,246,647.72
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities					
Payables	8,260,981.72	7,853,488.56	7,423,483.98	9,492,636.94	7,988,636.94
Contract Liabilities	4,746,030.99	3,891,921.55	3,894,602.70	117,783.32	3,924,801.06
Borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Employee benefit provisions	2,154,446.40	2,156,379.23	2,152,567.26	2,232,354.50	2,153,354.50
Provisions	31,445.95	31,445.95	31,445.95	0.00	31,445.95
Other	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)	1,433.38	1,433.38
Total current liabilities	15,192,905.01	13,933,235.24	13,502,099.84	11,844,208.14	14,099,671.83
Non-current liabilities					
Payables	4,347.14	4,347.14	4,347.14	4,347.14	4,347.14
Borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Employee benefit provisions	113,447.98	113,447.98	113,447.98	113,447.98	113,447.98
Provisions	535,030.89	535,030.89	535,030.89	545,030.89	535,030.89
Total non-current liabilities	652,826.01	652,826.01	652,826.01	662,826.01	652,826.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES	15,845,731.02	14,586,061.25	14,154,925.85	12,507,034.15	14,752,497.84
Net assets	235,632,844.84	235,527,482.34	236,106,816.69	237,490,288.52	233,494,149.88
EQUITY					
Retained earnings	115,352,720.35	115,247,357.85	115,826,692.20	117,210,164.03	113,214,025.39
Reserves	120,280,124.49	120,280,124.49	120,280,124.49	120,280,124.49	120,280,124.49
Internal Assets/Liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Trust Transfer					
Total equity	235,632,844.84	235,527,482.34	236,106,816.69	237,490,288.52	233,494,149.88

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..... MAYOR..... GENERAL MANAGER.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO MEETING HELD 16TH NOVEMBER, 2023.

COOLAMON SHIRE COUNCIL			
BALANCE SHEET BY FUND			
October 2023			
	CONSOLIDATED GENERAL FUND	SEWERAGE FUND	COOLAMON SHIRE TOTAL
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	1,298,490.26	2,312,850.17	3,611,340.43
Investments	22,751,512.33		22,751,512.33
Receivables	4,340,719.40	446,764.89	4,787,484.29
Inventories	5,234,103.05		5,234,103.05
Other			0.00
Total current assets	33,624,825.04	2,759,615.06	36,384,440.10
Non-current assets			
Investments			0.00
Receivables	280,092.35		280,092.35
Inventories	429,149.05		429,149.05
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	250,398,009.86	23,673,287.38	274,071,297.24
Accumulated Depreciation	(50,972,651.13)	(8,713,751.75)	(59,686,402.88)
Accumulated Impairment	0.00		0.00
Total non-current assets	200,134,600.13	14,959,535.63	215,094,135.76
Total assets	233,759,425.17	17,719,150.69	251,478,575.86
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Payables	8,260,981.72	0.00	8,260,981.72
Contract Liabilities	4,746,030.99		4,746,030.99
Interfunding			0.00
Interest bearing liabilities	0.00		0.00
Employee benefit provisions	2,154,446.40		2,154,446.40
Provisions	31,445.95		31,445.95
Other	(0.05)	0.00	(0.05)
Total current liabilities	15,192,905.01	0.00	15,192,905.01
Non-current liabilities			
Payables	4,347.14		4,347.14
Interest bearing liabilities	0.00		0.00
Employee benefit provisions	113,447.98		113,447.98
Provisions	535,030.89		535,030.89
Total non-current liabilities	652,826.01	0.00	652,826.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES	15,845,731.02	0.00	15,845,731.02
Net assets	217,913,694.15	17,719,150.69	235,632,844.84
EQUITY			
Retained earnings	105,270,935.97	10,081,784.38	115,352,720.35
Reserves	112,642,758.18	7,637,366.31	120,280,124.49
Internal Assets & Liabilities	0.00		0.00
Trust Transfer			0.00
Total equity	217,913,694.15	17,719,150.69	235,632,844.84

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..... MAYOR..... GENERAL MANAGER.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO MEETING HELD 16TH NOVEMBER, 2023.

COOLAMON SHIRE COUNCIL					
INTERNAL & EXTERNAL RESTRICTIONS					
for the period 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024					
	OCTOBER 2023	SEPTEMBER 2023	AUGUST 2023	2023/2024 BUDGET (ADJ FOR OPENING BALS)	2022/2023 ACTUAL
<i>EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED</i>					
Contract Liabilities	2,504,606.89	3,809,771.66	3,809,771.14	-8,077.62	3,798,939.85
Allawah Lodge Accommodation Payments	4,296,793.62	3,899,018.00	3,499,018.00	4,702,694.29	3,502,694.29
Allawah Village Loan-Licence	3,912,121.84	3,912,121.84	3,912,121.84	4,345,621.84	4,041,621.84
Home Care Packages	9,596.65	9,596.65	49,513.09	49,513.09	49,513.09
Developer Contributions	208,208.39	160,809.50	156,500.51	130,351.76	139,656.28
VPA Contributions					
Grant Revenues	2,205,405.13	2,350,903.85	2,466,581.87	2,653,181.85	2,653,181.85
Sewerage Fund	2,312,850.17	2,274,479.93	2,263,823.73	2,078,612.30	2,016,545.83
Waste Management	911,867.65	906,229.55	895,156.14	752,207.58	719,971.97
Stormwater Management Reserve	27,347.40	31,392.67	44,172.50	25,775.00	0.00
Other - Community Transport	341,166.06	341,166.06	355,098.96	315,144.82	315,144.82
	16,729,963.80	17,695,489.71	17,451,757.78	15,045,024.92	17,237,269.82
<i>INTERNALLY RESTRICTED</i>					
Plant Replacement Reserve	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00
Employees Leave Entitlements Reserve	1,700,000.00	1,700,000.00	1,700,000.00	1,735,000.00	1,700,000.00
Deferred Works Reserve	301,887.81	301,887.81	330,462.81	300,825.63	358,615.63
Ardlethan Preschool	81,592.02	81,592.02	81,592.02	102,531.02	81,592.02
Asset Management	4,500,000.00	4,500,000.00	3,000,000.00	564,091.41	0.00
Financial Assistance Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,762,788.00	4,762,788.00
Swimming Pools Reserve	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
Gravel Pits Rehabilitation Reserve	215,000.00	215,000.00	215,000.00	255,000.00	215,000.00
CECC Asset Mgt Reserve	248,364.48	254,003.12	265,769.40	217,713.09	234,788.87
Allawah Lodge Asset Mgt Reserve	449,132.53	808,537.91	1,197,881.71	946,515.52	946,927.52
Allawah Village Asset Mgt Reserve	369,216.89	379,638.01	404,808.10	429,681.61	457,619.43
	8,940,193.73	9,315,658.87	8,270,514.04	9,389,146.28	8,832,331.47
Unrestricted	692,695.23	(990,983.80)	558,877.73	811,068.81	811,068.81
TOTAL CONSOLIDATED CASH	26,362,852.76	26,020,164.78	26,281,149.55	25,245,240.01	26,880,670.10

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO MEETING HELD 16TH NOVEMBER, 2023.

RATE COLLECTIONS									
	ARREARS BFWD	LEVIES INC. INTEREST	TOTAL	COLLECTIONS TO DATE	% TO TOTAL	ADJUSTMENTS INC. PENS CONCESSIONS	ADJ TOTAL	% TO TOTAL	COLLECTABLE BALANCE
31/10/2003	280,098.47	2,027,632.31	2,307,730.78	857,746.23	37.17%	102,580.86	2,205,149.92	38.90%	1,347,403.69
31/10/2004	181,374.69	2,089,378.64	2,270,753.33	833,155.25	36.69%	106,390.81	2,164,362.52	38.49%	1,331,207.27
31/10/2005	163,566.58	2,161,087.40	2,324,653.98	854,022.98	36.74%	106,595.28	2,218,058.70	38.50%	1,364,035.72
31/10/2006	185,519.90	2,240,125.29	2,425,645.19	840,742.52	34.66%	106,570.62	2,319,074.57	36.25%	1,478,332.05
31/10/2007	236,912.33	2,413,436.48	2,650,348.81	954,343.56	36.01%	118,883.99	2,531,464.82	37.70%	1,577,121.26
31/10/2008	277,343.62	2,494,636.91	2,771,980.53	952,397.05	34.36%	120,425.91	2,651,554.62	35.92%	1,699,157.57
31/10/2009	239,371.45	2,597,036.84	2,836,408.29	987,381.20	34.81%	121,497.64	2,714,910.65	36.37%	1,727,529.45
31/10/2010	292,105.99	2,709,127.81	3,001,233.80	1,042,643.73	34.74%	125,062.93	2,876,170.87	36.25%	1,833,527.14
31/10/2011	239,162.46	2,859,628.99	3,098,791.45	1,119,459.58	36.13%	125,040.19	2,973,751.26	37.64%	1,854,291.68
31/10/2012	207,935.41	3,022,197.05	3,230,132.46	1,202,563.74	37.23%	127,580.85	3,102,551.61	38.76%	1,899,987.87
31/10/2013	230,807.22	3,134,372.75	3,365,179.97	1,208,882.77	35.92%	124,161.24	3,241,018.73	37.30%	2,032,135.96
31/10/2014	263,562.88	3,292,140.97	3,555,703.85	1,291,979.03	36.34%	121,405.48	3,434,298.37	37.62%	2,142,319.34
31/10/2015	335,520.44	3,407,861.74	3,743,382.18	1,408,399.46	37.62%	123,775.98	3,619,606.20	38.91%	2,211,206.74
31/10/2016	300,944.76	3,493,051.04	3,793,995.80	1,388,403.60	36.59%	124,149.25	3,669,846.55	37.83%	2,281,442.95
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
31/10/2018	319,410.16	3,669,568.75	3,988,978.91	1,488,272.81	37.31%	115,319.36	3,873,659.55	38.42%	2,385,386.74
31/10/2019	368,193.86	3,782,998.90	4,151,192.76	1,577,874.73	38.01%	115,986.06	4,035,206.70	39.10%	2,457,331.97
31/10/2020	342,642.82	4,023,871.76	4,366,514.58	1,685,841.25	38.61%	122,810.66	4,243,703.92	39.73%	2,557,862.67
31/10/2021	190,868.79	4,114,469.66	4,305,338.45	1,830,243.25	42.51%	122,237.48	4,183,100.97	43.75%	2,352,857.72
31/10/2022	126,583.34	4,219,009.64	4,345,592.98	1,925,993.96	44.32%	122,533.90	4,223,059.08	45.61%	2,297,065.12
2023/2024									
31/07/2023	142,153.16	4,382,873.66	4,525,026.82	308,451.91	6.82%	120,099.99	4,404,926.83	7.00%	4,096,474.92
31/08/2023	142,153.16	4,383,909.09	4,526,062.25	1,515,924.65	33.49%	121,534.36	4,404,527.89	34.42%	2,888,603.24
30/09/2023	142,153.16	4,385,615.64	4,527,768.80	1,758,091.76	38.83%	122,018.73	4,405,750.07	39.90%	2,647,658.31
31/10/2023	142,153.16	4,390,966.56	4,533,119.72	1,851,869.09	40.85%	122,524.98	4,410,594.74	41.99%	2,558,725.65

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..... MAYOR.....GENERAL MANAGER.

Recommendation

That the Finance Report as at 31 October 2023 be received and noted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr White and seconded by Clr McKinnon that the report be noted. 203/11/2023

CS2) QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 (F.02-02, SC178)

➔ Enclosed with the attachments is the Quarterly Budget Review Statements to the 30 September 2023 for Council's information. The Review reveals a change in Council's anticipated operating result after capital amounts from an original surplus of \$4,064,688 to a surplus of \$4,674,346. Attachment No.8

Council's anticipated nett cash position has decreased from an original deficit of \$45,508 to a deficit of \$2,106,247 being an unfavourable variance of \$2,060,739.

Council held restricted funds totaling \$6,452,122 in relation to grant projects at the commencement of FY2024. Some of these grant funds had been spent in prior years but can only be accounted for as income when the project has been acquitted. Other grant funds amounted to the remaining funds of the grant left to spend. Where required, the spending of or accounting as income of these funds has been incorporated into the proposed variances with the restricted funds anticipated to decrease to \$3,611,110 by the end of FY2024.

Council also had raised invoices during the FY2023 financial year for various grant programs where the money had not been received prior to the end of the year. Variances allowing for the receipt of these monies has been included in the proposed variances.

The following items have been subject to material forecast changes:

Income
Administration

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Financial Assistance Grant	4,392,262	63,340	253,360	-2,659,887	91.30 U
Interest on Investments	360,700	-153,755	464,000	103,300	28.64 F

Financial Assistance Grant – The Federal Government advance payment of the FY2024 grant in FY2023 has resulted in this unfavourable variance.

Interest on Investments – As a result of increased investment rates, the income expected to be achieved from interest on investments has increased.

Environment

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Sale of Recyclables	30,000	1,095	64,934	34,934	116.45 F

Sale of Recyclables – Council has received funds relating to the black metal contract that were not included in the original budget.

Community Services & Education

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Ardlethan Preschool Quality & Participation Grant	0	0	15,000	15,000	F
SCCF3 "Skill Up" Funding	0	0	142,743	142,743	F
Reconnecting Regional Events	0	0	119,826	119,826	F
CBP – Allawah Community Centre Freezer	0	0	19,465	19,465	F

Ardlethan Preschool Quality & Participation Grant – Councils staff successfully applied for grant funds for playground improvements and IT resources.

SCCF3 "Skill Up" Funding – this grant will be acquitted in the current year and the income associated with the project will be accounted for.

Reconnecting Regional Events – this grant program will be finalized and acquitted in the current year and all income associated with the project will be accounted for.

CBP – Allawah Community Centre Freezer – this grant will be acquitted in the current year and the income associated with the project will be accounted for.

Housing & Community Amenities

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Council Flats & Dwellings	11,960	5,235	51,710	39,750	332.36 F
Planning Portal API Funding	0	0	80,000	80,000	F

Council Flats & Dwellings – the construction of 14 Dunrobin Street and leases of both it and 12 Wright Street have attributed to this favourable variance.

Planning Portal API Funding – this grant will be acquitted in the current year and the income associated with the project will be accounted for.

Sewerage

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Community Contributions	0	31,095	89,945	89,945	F

Community Contributions – these funds are a result of additional sewer connections relating to subdivisions and development.

Recreation & Culture

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
SCCF3 Heritage Mural Funding	0	0	93,225	93,225	F
SCCF3 – Coolamon Pump Track	0	0	64,182	64,182	F

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..... MAYOR..... GENERAL MANAGER.

SCCF3 Heritage Mural Funding – this grant will be acquitted in the current year and the income associated with the project will be accounted for.

SCCF3 Coolamon Pump Track - this grant will be acquitted in the current year and the income associated with the project will be accounted for.

Transport & Communication

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
FLR Potholes 1	240,000	0	0	-240,000	100.00 U
Regional & Local Repair – Potholes 2	1,276,000	0	0	-1,276,000	100.00 U
Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund	0	0	3,575,713	3,575,713	F
Regional Repair Program	224,220	0	0	-224,220	100.00 U
Section 7.11 Contributions	39,957	21,153	68,552	28,595	71.56 F

FLR Potholes 1 – Council received these funds in FY2023 and accounted for the entire grant as income in that year. Expenditure relating to this program will be completed in FY2024. Council's internal restriction will be reduced by the expenditure incurred in FY2024.

Regional & Local Repair – Potholes 2 – Council received these funds in FY2023 and accounted for the entire grant as income in that year. Expenditure relating to this program will be completed in FY2024. Council's internal restriction will be reduced by the expenditure incurred in FY2024.

Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund – Council will receive these funds in FY2024 and will account for the entire grant as income. Expenditure will be spread over four years with an internal restriction being held for unspent funds.

Regional Repair Program – The State Government has suspended the Repair program for 4 years. Council will be able to allocate funding from the Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund for proposed works.

Section 7.11 Contributions – Additional development and subdivision applications have resulted in this favourable variance.

Economic Affairs

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Drought Resilience Funding	0	0	100,000	100,000	F
RNSW – Coolamon Industrial Estate Funding	0	0	1,970,000	1,970,000	F
Allawah Lodge Resident Income	876,403	168,784	828,071	-48,332	5.51 U
Allawah Lodge Subsidy	2,317,200	474,015	2,446,996	129,796	5.60 F
Allawah Lodge RN Supplement	269,750	0	179,833	-89,917	33.33 U
Allawah Lodge Interest on Investments	130,780	0	177,000	46,220	35.34 F
Allawah Village Interest on Investments	161,991	0	180,000	18,009	11.12 F

Drought Resilience Funding - this grant will be acquitted in the current year and the income associated with the project will be accounted for.

RNS – Coolamon Industrial Estate - this grant will be acquitted in the current year and the income associated with the project will be accounted for.

Allawah Lodge Resident Income – The staged re-population of Allawah Lodge has resulted in this unfavourable variance

Allawah Lodge Subsidy – The staged re-population of Allawah Lodge has resulted in this unfavourable variance.

Allawah Lodge RN Supplement – This income has been reduced as Council has not been able to secure 24/7 RNs for the facility in the first three months of the financial year.

Allawah Lodge/Allawah Village Interest on Investments - As a result of increased investment rates, the income expected to be achieved from interest on investments has increased.

Operating Expenditure

Administration

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
REROC Membership	24,761	0	38,000	-13,239	53.47 U

REROC Membership – REROC changed the contribution calculation method to be a flat rate per member. Council's original budget allowed for a combined flat rate/per capita calculation

Governance

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
RivJO Membership	19,427	0	0	19,427	100.00 F

RivJO Membership – As a result of the RivJO Board resolving that the organization go into hiatus, Council will not be required to contribute for FY2024.

Health

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Employee Oncosts	-236,000	-48,338	-192,000	-44,000	18.64 U

Employee Oncosts – Based on year to date results, the recovery of oncosts is now expected to be lower than the original budget allowance.

Community Services & Education

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Ardlethan Preschool Quality & Participation Grant Expenditure	0	0	15,000	15,000	U
Reconnecting Regional Events Expenditure	0	3,320	63,994	63,994	U

Ardlethan Preschool Quality & Participation Grant Expenditure – Councils staff successfully applied for grant funds for playground improvements and IT resources. This unfavourable variance is offset by the additional income received.

Reconnecting Regional Events Expenditure – Council staff applied for a variation to extend the period over which these funds could be spent.

Housing & Community Amenities

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Council Flats & Dwellings	18,866	7,710	38,979	-20,113	132.51 U

Council Flats & Dwellings – The construction of 14 Dunrobin Street and additional expenditure resulting relating to the fit-out and operational expenditure has resulted in this unfavourable variance.

Sewerage

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Depreciation – Infrastructure	276,292	0	230,790	-46,139	16.66 U

Depreciation - Infrastructure – The indexation of infrastructure assets was not considered when the original budget allocation was determined.

Recreation & Culture

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Coolamon Showground Business Plan & Strategy	488,273	0	359,172	129,101	26.44 F

Coolamon Showground Business Plan & Strategy – Council had spent more funds than anticipated in the FY2023 financial year leaving the remaining funds available for FY2024.

Mining, Manufacture & Construction

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Building Control Sundry	2,000	26,711	27,000	-25,000	1250.00 U

Building Control Sundry – The engagement of temp staff to support the planning department has resulted in this unfavourable variance.

Transport & Communication

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
FLR Potholes 1	240,000	0	0	240,000	100.00 F
Regional & Local Repair – Potholes 2	1,276,000	38,634	1,182,573	93,427	7.32 F

FLR Potholes 1/Regional & Local Repair – Potholes 2 – Following the determination of a works schedule for these programs and after accounting for works completed in FY2023, expenditure has been split between operating and capital works.

Economic Affairs

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
Drought Resilience Plan	0	0	100,000	-100,000	U
Allawah Lodge Salaries &	2,144,200	223,644	1,955,234	188,966	8.81 F

Wages					
Allawah Lodge Agency Staff	0	213,173	350,000	-350,000	U
Allawah Lodge Superannuation	319,000	45,760	302,241	16,759	5.25 F
Allawah Lodge Other Employee Costs	11,000	3,020	84,800	-73,800	670.91 U
Allawah Lodge Oncosts	-156,500	-49,530	-180,000	23,500	15.02 F

Drought Resilience Plan – This grant project will be finalized in the current year.

Allawah Lodge Salaries & Wages – as a result of unsuccessful recruitment and a large number of vacant positions including RNs it is anticipated that a favourable variance will be achieved. Council staff continue to actively recruit to fill vacant positions and Council's partnership with Groworx will see an additional 10 employees commencing in November.

Allawah Lodge Agency Staff – Council have been engaging agency staff to fill the vacant positions. The engagements cost more than Council actually employing the staff. The employment of the additional 10 employees should negate the further engagement of care staff but Council will still be utilizing agency RNs until these positions can be filled.

Allawah Lodge Superannuation – reduced staffing over the first three months has resulted in this favourable variance.

Allawah Lodge Other Employee Costs – costs associated with the Groworx partnership and immigration requirements have resulted in this unfavourable variance.

Allawah Lodge Oncosts– based on year to date allocations it is expected that oncosts will be higher than originally anticipated.

Capital Expenditure

Item	Original Budget	YTD 30/09/2023	Amended Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
LRCIP3 – Matong Hall	0	11,770	168,480	-168,480	U
Dwelling 14 Dunrobin Street	400,000	456,478	630,000	-230,000	57.5 U
Regional Roads (Block & Repair)	1,007,532	0	783,212	224,200	24.03 F
Roads to Recovery	601,492	8,460	774,181	-172,689	28.71 U
Gravel Resheeting	484,573	294,106	558,257	-73,684	15.21 U
Town Reseals	107,477	3,132	209,959	-102,482	95.35 U
Town Works Priorities	344,428	36,954	519,157	-174,729	50.70 U
LRCIP3 – K&G & drainage works	0	73,992	264,551	-264,551	U
FLR – Potholes	0	3,823	322,804	-322,804	U
Regional & Local Roads Repair – Potholes 2	0	0	862,005	-862,005	U
Coolamon Industrial Estate	57,050	91,509	323,541	-266,491	21.41 U

LRCIP3 - Matong Hall – The construction of the hall was anticipated to be completed in FY2023 when the budget was formulated.

Dwelling 14 Dunrobin Street – The accepted tender price was above Council's original budget allocation

Regional Roads (Block & Repair) – As a result of the suspension of the Repair program these works have been removed from the budget and funds returned to the Block grant program.

Roads to Recovery – As a result of a number of works not being completed in the FY2023 financial year, Council's remaining allocation from the 5 year Roads to Recovery program are required to be spent in the current year.

Gravel Resheeting – a number of works were deferred from FY2023 resulting in this unfavourable variance.

Town Reseals – Council deferred a large proportion of the FY2023 reseal program to be undertaken in FY2024.

Town Works Priorities – a number of projects were deferred from FY2023 resulting in this unfavourable variance.

LRCIP3 – K&G & Drainage Works – When the budget was formulated it was anticipated that these works would have been completed.

FLR Potholes 1/Regional & Local Repair – Potholes 2 – Following the determination of a works schedule for these programs and after accounting for works completed in FY2023, expenditure has been split between operating and capital works.

Coolamon Industrial Estate – Council still has a number of contract payments that need to be made to finalize this project.

Responsible Accounting Officer Statement

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review as presented to Council for the quarter ended 30th September 2023 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30th June 2024 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 30th September 2023 be received and noted and the revised budgeted income and expenditure be voted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Crocker and seconded by Clr Lewis that the Quarterly Budget Review Statements as at 30th September 2023 be received and noted and the revised budgeted income and expenditure be voted. 204/11/2023

5.3 EXECUTIVE MANAGER, ENGINEERING & TECHNICAL SERVICES' REPORTS

ES1) SHIRE ROAD RESHEETING, STABILISATION AND MAINTENANCE

ES2) COOLAMON BUSINESS PARK (I.03-14, SC1066)

ES3) FLR POTHOLE REPAIR & REGIONAL & LOCAL ROADS REPAIR PROGRAM (POTHOLES 1 & 2) (R.07-11, SC1256)

ES4) BIOSECURITY WEEDS REPORT (N.02-01, SC284)

ES5) SPEED ZONE ASSESSMENTS (R.09-03, SC337)

ES1) SHIRE ROAD RESHEETING, STABILISATION AND MAINTENANCE (R.09-01, SC502)

The following roads have received maintenance attention:

1) MAINTENANCE

- Billingham's Lane (Willows Lane to Gate/Boundary)
- Willows Road (Newell Hwy to Boundary)
- McDougall's Lane (Irish Jims Lane to Uley Road)
- Uley Lane (Ardlethan Road to McDougalls Lane)

Council's third grader gang is continuing with unsealed maintenance and is currently tending to roads in the Ardlethan region.

ES2) COOLAMON BUSINESS PARK (I.03-14, SC1066)

The concrete contractor has returned to the site and completed installation of kerb blisters and stencil infill. These are the final work for this contractor, a local concrete contractor has been sourced to install the major concrete drainage channel and will commence in the coming weeks.

Fencing contractors are continuing with the installation of boundary fence.

ES3) FLR POTHOLE REPAIR & REGIONAL & LOCAL ROADS REPAIR PROGRAM (POTHOLES 1 & 2) (R.07-11, SC1256)

Council and contractors are continuing with heavy patch rehabilitation program across Council Regional and Local sealed roads networks. Roads that have received attention are as follows and include 169 patches treatments and 37,665m².

- Coolamon Road
- Canola Way, east and west
- Millwood Road
- Mary Gilmore Way
- Ardlethan Road
- Marrar South Road
- Curtis Street, Coolamon
- Thompsons Lane, Coolamon
- Walleroobie Road
- Methul Road
- Yarranjerry Exchange Road

- Beckom South Road
- Beckom Road
- Bygoo Road
- Matong North Road
- Ashbridge Road

Council acknowledges harvest is now in full operation, these works will result in short term delays in heavy vehicle movements but Council also have a limited window to perform works and ultimately will result in an improved network for motorists into the future.

A number of culvet structures have also been repaired/renewed prior to heavy patch rehabilitation to avoid ongoing failure of pavement.

Contractor grader crew are also continuing with smoothing of unsealed roads with the following receiving attention:

- Johnsons Hill Road (McNabbs to Kinilibah School Lane)
- Kinilibah School Lane (Johnsons Hill Lane to Lynham Lane)
- Croziers Lane (Halbischs Lane to Kockibitoo Road)
- Halbischs Lane (Canola Way North to Pritchards Lane)
- Ceelys Lane (Canola Way North to Ashbridge Road)
- Brills Lane (Ashbridge Road to Brills Lane)
- Derrain North Rd

Excavation contractor has also returned to Council and will recommence clearing of culvet inlet/outlets on the sealed road network.

Recommendation

That the Executive Manager, Engineering & Technical Services' Reports (ES1 to ES3) be received and noted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Lewis and seconded by Clr McKinnon that:

- 1) The Executive Manager, Engineering & Technical Services' Reports (ES1 to ES3) be received and noted and,**
- 2) Council's appreciation be passed on to the Works Staff regarding the excellent condition of Council's roads and the recent works that have been undertaken. 205/11/2023**

ES4) BIOSECURITY WEEDS REPORT (N.02-01, SC284)

Biosecurity Weeds Officer Reports

Activities

- Private property inspections carried out with a focus on emerging St John's Wort.
- WAP reporting complete.
- WAP planning for the current period delayed due to DPI and LLS locking the system and not providing funding.
- High risk roadways inspected across the Shire.
- Staff have completed inspections of high-risk pathways and sites.
- Early spraying of St John's Wort undertaken, expected to be a significant germination.
- One staff member attended a bio-control workshop in Orange.
- Working with a company developing electronic weed control, early stages but could be a promising technique if we lose some of our chemicals to bans.

WAP targets addressed:

- 1.1 High risk species and pathways identified and managed
- 1.22 Discussion of High Risk Weeds list at Regional level
- 2.1 Timely detection of new incursions
- 2.11 Regional inspection program implemented. High-risk sight inspection
- 4.3.2.2 Work collaboratively with other agencies

Recommendation

For Council information.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr McKinnon and seconded by Clr White that the report be received. 206/11/2023

ES5) SPEED ZONE ASSESSMENTS (R.09-03, SC337)

Following request for speed zone reduction by Community and Councillors at the October Meeting of Council, three locations were presented to the Traffic Committee for assessment. The Traffic Committee comprises representatives of Council, State Local Member, Police and TFNSW who are the authority for speed zones.

In all cases, justification for change to speed zones were unsuccessful with TFNSW concluding "the request to change this speed zone is not consistent with the

current guidelines". For the full Coolamon Traffic Committee Report, held 2nd November 2023, Refer Agenda B, 2a, No. 4.

Recommendation

For Council information.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Hutcheon and seconded by Clr Crocker that:

- 1) The report be received and that Council continue advocacy through REROC and,**
- 2) The General Manager write to Transport for NSW regarding the speedzone guideline requirements. 207/11/2023**

5.4 EXECUTIVE MANAGER, DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' REPORTS

- HS1) DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST OCTOBER, 2023 (B.05-03, SC58)
- HS2) EXHIBITION AND ADOPTION REPORT COOLAMON DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2015 AMENDMENTS (P.03-02, SC389)
- HS3) EXHIBITION AND ADOPTION REPORT COOLAMON SHIRE COUNCIL AMENDED KEEPING OF HORSES WITHIN THE COOLAMON SHIRE POLICY (A.08-07, SC27, SC617)
- HS4) LAND USE PLANNING AS A MECHANISM TO ADDRESS NSW HOUSING SHORTAGE (P.03-01, SC297)
- HS5) ALCOHOL FREE ZONE RE-ESTABLISHMENT (A.07-02, SC20)

HS1) DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST OCTOBER, 2023 (B.05-03, SC58)

Summary

This report advises of the Development Application activity for the month of October 2023.

Development Activity Table

Application Number	Type	Address	Determination	Value
CDC 2023/19	New Dwelling	40 Kurrajong Street, COOLAMON	Approved 17/10/2023	\$507,936
DA 2023/30	New Farm Building	5871 Newell Highway, ARDLETHAN	Approved 19/10/2023	\$897,000
DA 2023/56	Single Storey Residential Dwelling	60 Lewis Street North, COOLAMON	Approved 10/10/2023	\$740,000
DA 2023/58	Garage & Carport	3120 Coolamon Road, COOLAMON	Approved 05/10/2023	\$11,900
DA 2023/59	Alts & Adds to Beckom Road House	7452 Newell Highway, BECKOM	Approved 03/10/2023	\$248,743
DA 2023/60	Residential Dwelling	66 Cains Lane, COOLAMON	Approved 10/10/2023	\$307,000
DA 2023/61	Shed/Garage	99-101 Waterview Street, GANMAIN	Approved 03/10/2023	\$36,000
DA 2023/62	Single Storey Residential Dwelling	28 Kurrajong Street, COOLAMON	Approved 05/10/2023	\$680,000
DA 2023/63	Subdivision	84 Wallace Street South, COOLAMON	Approved 12/10/2023	\$5,000
TOTAL:				\$3,433,579.00

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 31st October, 2023.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr White and seconded by Clr McKinnon that Council receive and note this report on development activity for the period up to 31st October, 2023. 208/11/2023

HS2) EXHIBITION AND ADOPTION REPORT COOLAMON DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2015 AMENDMENTS (P.03-02, SC389)

Summary

This report presents the draft amended 'Coolamon Development Control Plan 2015', post exhibition, to Council for adoption.

Background

As Council may recall, a draft amended 'Coolamon Development Control Plan 2015' was presented to the Ordinary Council Business Meeting held on the 21st September 2023, where it was resolved that Council:

1. Note the Report titled 'Coolamon Development Control Plan 2015 Amendments'; and
2. Endorse the public exhibition, for a period of 28 days, the amendments of the Coolamon Development Control Plan 2015, seeking public submissions.

As a result the policy was publicly exhibited for a period of 28 days allowing a 42 day submission period from the 22nd September 2023 until the 20th October 2023 (exhibition) and the 22nd September 2023 until the 3rd of November 2023 (submissions).

Proposed Amendments

The proposed amendments to the DCP, relate to:

- Introduction of R5 Large Lot Residential Zone Development Controls;
- Legislative Amendments; and
- General housekeeping amendments.

Legislative Implications

The Amendments to the Coolamon Development Control Plan 2015 have been prepared in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and Environmental Planning and Environmental Planning 2021.

Financial Implications

There are no adverse financial implications to Council or the community resulting from this report.

Consultation

In accordance with the Environmental Planning and Environmental Planning 2021, the draft DCP was exhibited for a period of 28 days allowing a 42 day submission period from the 22nd September 2023 until the 20th October 2023 (exhibition) and the 22nd September 2023 until the 3rd of November 2023 (submissions).

Nil submissions were received in relation to the proposed amendments.

➔ This report requests that Council adopt the amended DCP in full. Attachment No. 9

Recommendation

That Council note the Report titled 'Exhibition and Adoption Coolamon Development Control Plan 2015 Amendments' and adopt the amended plan in full.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Hatty and seconded by Clr White that Council note the Report titled 'Exhibition and Adoption Coolamon Development Control Plan 2015 Amendments' and adopt the amended plan in full. 209/11/2023

HS3) EXHIBITION AND ADOPTION REPORT COOLAMON SHIRE COUNCIL AMENDED KEEPING OF HORSES WITHIN THE COOLAMON SHIRE POLICY (A.08-07, SC27, SC617)

Summary

This report presents the draft amended 'Keeping of Horses within the Coolamon Shire Policy', post exhibition, to Council for adoption.

Background

As Council may recall, a draft amended 'Keeping of Horses within the Coolamon Shire Policy' was presented to the Ordinary Council Business Meeting held on the 21st September 2023, where it was resolved:

1. That Council note the report on the Draft Amended Keeping of Horses within the Coolamon Shire Policy and endorse the public exhibition of the Policy for a period of 28 days. (163/09/2023).

As a result the policy was publicly exhibited for a period of 28 days allowing a 42 day submission period from the 22nd September 2023 until the 20th October 2023 (exhibition) and the 22nd September 2023 until the 3rd of November 2023.

Proposed Amendments

As previously conveyed to Council, a recent amendment to the Coolamon Local Environmental Plan 2011, has resulted in a need to amend the current policy version to include the newly introduced R5 Large Lot Residential Zone within this policy.

The proposed amendment has captured the new R5 Zone within the policy.

Financial Implications

There are no adverse financial implications resulting from the amendment of the policy.

Consultation

Internal consultation has occurred with relevant staff members.

- The Draft amended policy was publicly exhibited for a period of 28 days allowing a 42 day submission period from the 22nd September 2023 until the 20th October 2023 (exhibition) and the 22nd September 2023 until the 3rd of November 2023. Nil submissions were received during the submission period. [Attachment No. 10](#)

Recommendation

That Council note the report on titled 'Exhibition and Adoption Report Amended Keeping of Horses Policy' and adopt the amended policy in full.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Crocker and seconded by Clr Hutcheon that Council note the report on titled 'Exhibition and Adoption Report Amended Keeping of Horses Policy' and adopt the amended policy in full. [210/11/2023](#)

HS4) LAND USE PLANNING AS A MECHANISM TO ADDRESS NSW HOUSING SHORTAGE (P.03-01, SC297)

Summary

- Council has received correspondence from the Hon. Paul Scully MP, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, dated the 30th October 2023 regarding the provision of more housing options in low and medium density land use zones across Australia. [Attachment No. 11](#)

Background

The NSW Government is seeking to address the housing shortage via working with local Councils to review their local land use policy settings and approaches in the interests of creating greater housing supply. The NSW Government is seeking to expand the types of residential accommodation types that are permitted in the R2 Low Density Residential and R3 Medium Density land use zones.

The Coolamon Shire does not employ the use of the above-mentioned zones, It should be noted that Coolamon Shire utilises the RU5 Village Zone as its residential zone within the Coolamon Local Environmental Plan 2011, and that this zone provides a flexibility and permissibly for a range of housing types, this is also supported by the Coolamon Development Control Plan.

Recommendation

That the correspondence be tabled and noted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr White and seconded by Clr Lewis that:

- 1) Council note the report and
- 2) Council write to the Minister of Planning expressing support for the idea but his assistance with freeing up of crown land for housing would work better in Rural Circumstances. 211/11/2023

HS5) ALCOHOL FREE ZONE RE-ESTABLISHMENT (A.07-02, SC20)

Summary

This report advises Council that the Alcohol Free Zones located in Coolamon and Ganmain expire on 22 November 2023 and seeks Council's consideration to re-establish the zones for a period of 3 years.

Background

The drinking of alcohol is prohibited in an alcohol-free zone that has been established by a Council. Public places that are public roads, footpaths or public car-parks may be included in a zone. Alcohol-free zones promote the use of these roads, footpaths and car-parks in safety and without interference from irresponsible street drinkers.

- ➔ The zones are indicated on the attached maps and do not require amendment.
[Attachment No. 13](#)

Legislative Implications

Alcohol-Free Zones prohibit the drinking of alcohol in public places such as roads or car parks under Part 4 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, Sections 642 - 649. The purpose of these zones is to create a safe environment in which individuals may move about without interference from irresponsible street drinkers. Alcohol Free Zones operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Section 644B 'Establishment of alcohol-free zones' of the *Local Government Act 1993*, provides:

- (1) *After complying with the procedures set out in sections 644 and 644A, the council may, by resolution, adopt a proposal (with or without modifications) to establish an alcohol-free zone.*
- (2) *The resolution has the effect of establishing the alcohol-free zone in accordance with the terms of the resolution.*
- (3) *After making the resolution, the council must, by notice published in a newspaper circulating in the area as a whole or in a part of the area that includes the zone concerned:*
 - (a) *declare that an alcohol-free zone has been established, and*
 - (b) *specify the period (or, in the case of a zone established for one or more special events, the day or days) for which the alcohol-free zone is to operate.*
- (4) *An alcohol-free zone may be re-established from time to time, in accordance with this Part, for further periods each not exceeding 3 years.*

Financial Implications

The financial implications to Council or the community resulting from this report are updating signage.

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1) Note the report on Alcohol Free Zone Re-establishment;
- 2) Proceed to re-establish the zones for a 3 year period 22 November 2023-22 November 2026.

RESOLVED on the motion of Clr Crocker and seconded by Clr Hatty that:

- 1) **Note the report on Alcohol Free Zone Re-establishment;**
- 2) **Proceed to re-establish the zones for a 3 year period 22 November 2023-22 November 2026.** 212/11/2023

6) REPORTS: DELEGATES/MAYOR/COUNCILLORS

1. Clr McCann reported that the staff for Allawah Lodge from the Philippines have arrived safely in Coolamon. They are currently undergoing training before they commence at Allawah Lodge. Thanks to the General Manager and staff for the work undertaken to secure the staff over the past 18 months.
2. Clr McCann reported that the Matong Memorial Gates were officially opened. The funds supporting the relocation were sourced from the Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Programme.
3. Clr McCann reported that the Ganmain Bowling Green was opened with Steph Cooke in attendance. Funds to construct the bowling green were from the Stronger Country Communities Fund.
4. Clr McCann reported that he and the General Manager attended the LGNSW Annual Conference.
5. Clr McCann reported that he and the General Manager will be attending the Country Mayors AGM next week as well as appearing at the Government Select committee on Health.
6. Clr McCann reported that the Premier, Mr Minns has announced changes to the funding of the ESL. Clr McCann detailed that Council should continue the push to ensure that ESL applies to all land as all landholders across the entire state require/benefit from the emergency services.
7. Clr McCann reported on the recent media reports regarding the railway crossing in Coolamon and Council's previous representations regarding the need for a second railway crossing for both emergency services and as an economic benefit.
8. Clr McKinnon reported on the openings of the Matong Memorial Gates and the Ganmain Bowling Green thanking Council's staff for assisting with the openings.

9. Clr Hatty reported that she has been contacted by Steph Cooke regarding policing in rural areas and that she provided a number of instances where crime in Ganmain had not been reported. Clr Hatty had been advised by the police that the position in Coolamon has been filled. Clr Hatty would like to promote to the general community to report crime to the police.

10. Clr Maslin reported some vandalism in Beckom relating to street signs.

Next Meeting: 21st December 2023

Meeting Closed at 4.35pm

Confirmed and signed during the Meeting held this 21st day of December 2023.

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MAYOR

ATTACHMENTS FOR THE MEETING HELD 16TH NOVEMBER, 2023

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED WITH THE AGENDA

- 1) Activity Reports:
 - 1) Operating Statistics of the Coolamon Shire Library for October 2023.
 - 2) Community Development Officer's Report for October 2023.
 - 3) Tourism and Business Development Officer's Report for October 2023.
 - 4) Road Safety Officer's Activity Report for October 2023.
 - 5) Allawah Community Care Report for October 2023.Refer Correspondence Item (1a).
- 2) Information Papers:
 - 1) Minutes of the Riverina Joint Organisation (RIVJO) Board Meeting held 23rd June 2023.
 - 2) Draft Minutes of the Riverina Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) Board Meeting held 25th August 2023.
 - 3) Minutes of the Advance Ganmain Committee meeting held 4th October 2023.
 - 4) Coolamon Traffic Committee Report, meeting held 2nd November 2023.Refer Correspondence Item (2a).
- 3) Agenda B:
 - 2) LGNSW Annual Conference 2023 Business Paper. ***(Electronic copy available through the Business paper, hard copies will be made available upon request)***Refer Agenda B
- 4) Presentation of 2023 Financial Statements:
 - 1) The General Purpose Financial Statements, Special Purpose Financial Statements and Special Schedules in respect of the financial year ending 30th June 2023.
 - 2) Engagement Closing Report from the NSW Audit Office including management response.Refer General Manager's Report (GM1), [File No. A.12-01].
- 5) Correspondence from Coolamon Preschool regarding their Request for Donation.
Refer General Manager's Report (GM5), [File No. C.04-03].
- 6) Memorandum of Understanding, Mavis Furner Collection. Refer General Manager's Report (GM6), [File No. H.04-12, LF462].
- 7) Davies Drive Subdivision Information
 - 1) Correspondence regarding Davies Drive Subdivision. Refer General Manager's Report (GM8), [DA2023/53].
 - 2) Stage 2 Proposal Plan
 - 3) Stage 2 Proposal Plan Aerial View
- 8) Quarterly Budget Review Statements as to the 30 September 2023. Refer General Manager's Report (CS2), [File No. F.02-02]. ***(Electronic copy available through the Business paper, hard copies will be made available upon request)***
- 9) Coolamon Development Control Plan 2015 Amendments. Refer General Manager's Report (HS2), [File No. P.03-02].

- 10) Coolamon Shire Amended Keeping of Horses Policy. Refer General Manager's Report (HS3), [File No. A.08-07].
- 11) Correspondence received from Hon. Paul Scully MP. Refer General Manager's Report (HS4), [File No. P.03-01].
- 12) Stronger Communities Funding. Refer General Manager's Report (GM9), [File No. G.03-58 & G.03-72-04]
 - 1) Council Report No. GM4 – September 2022 Council Meeting
 - 2) Council Report No. GM4 – July 2023 Council Meeting
- 13) Alcohol Free Zone Re-establishment. Refer General Manager's Report (HS5), [File No. A.07-02].

ITEMS TABLED AT THE MEETING

- 1) Riverina Regional Library Annual Report 2022-23. Refer Agenda B, Item 1b.
- 2) REROC Annual Report. Refer General Manager's Report (GM2), [File No. R.06-01].

APPENDIX 1

No 6039 Private Thomas Edward Cholerton

21st Battalion 1st AIF

Thomas Cholerton was a respected employee of the Coolamon Shire Council where he held the position of Sanitary Inspector, a position similar to that of the modern Environmental Health Officer. Detail of his time at Coolamon is scant, but it is known that he was held in high regard during his tenure in the Shire. Prior to the outbreak of war, Thomas Cholerton resigned his position at Coolamon and took up a similar position with the Manly Council. During this time he was married. News of his nuptials was reported in the *Coolamon Farmers Review* thus:

'Two officers of the Coolamon Shire Council (Mr R G Jamison Shire Clerk) and Mr T Cholerton (Sanitary Inspector) are still at Manly. Mr Cholerton evinces every symptom that married life agrees with him. He has a nice home and he also enjoys the full confidence of the Manly Shire Council'

On 17th July 1916 Thomas Cholerton enlisted for service overseas and was allocated to the 17th Reinforcements of the 21st Battalion. He sailed from Sydney on board 'HMAT Afric' on the 3rd of November 1916, arriving in England 10th January 1917. Thomas had been promoted to Acting Corporal for the journey to England but reverted to the rank of Private after arriving at the 6th Australian Training Battalion. After receiving further training in trench warfare, Thomas Cholerton and his companions in the 17th Reinforcements joined the 21st Battalion in France.

After evacuation from Gallipoli in December 1915, the 21st Battalion arrived in France in March 1916. In April, it was the first Australian battalion to commence active operations on the Western Front. During the battle of Pozières it was engaged mainly on carrying duties but suffered its heaviest casualties of the war during the fighting around Mouquet Farm.

In early May 1917, the battalion fought at Bullecourt, and then in October participated in the 3-kilometre advance that captured Broodseinde Ridge, east of Ypres. Like the rest of the AIF the battalion saw out the year recuperating from the trials of the Ypres sector.

After helping to blunt the German spring offensive of April 1918, the 21st battalion participated in the battles that would mark the beginning of Germany's defeat – Hamel, Amiens and Mont St. Quentin.

As part of the final throes of the British Army's Arras offensive, a renewed attempt was made to secure the fortified village of Bullecourt in the period 3-17 May. The Australian 2nd Division (5th and 6th Brigades) and the British 62nd Division attacked at 3.45 am on 3 May 1917. The Australians penetrated the German line but met determined opposition which frustrated the envelopment plan. Drawing more and more forces in, renewed efforts on 7 May succeeded in linking British and Australian forces but inspired a series of ferocious and costly German counter-attacks over the next week and a half. Following the repulse of the counter-attack of 15 May, the Germans withdrew from the remnants of the village. Although the locality was of little or no strategic importance, the actions were nevertheless extremely costly: AIF casualties totalled 7,482 from three Australian Divisions.

Thomas Cholerton was wounded in action on the 3rd of May 1917, sustaining a gunshot wound to his right leg during the battle at Bullecourt. He was evacuated to the 3rd Australian Casualty Clearing Station and eventually taken to England where he was admitted to the War Hospital at Stafford-on-Avon. Thomas was born in Sheffield, England and lived there for a period of time before

leaving England to settle in Australia. So it was that he was able to be visited by his mother and other relatives while in hospital. Unfortunately, his condition was such that he did not recover from his wounds and died on the 9th of May 1917. His mother, sister and brother were present at his military funeral.

The news of the death of Thomas Cholerton was received by telegram by his wife. The Coolamon community received the news of the casualty which was reported as an obituary in the *Coolamon Farmers Review*:

'One whom we knew and respected locally, Private T E Cholerton as a former health officer in the Coolamon Shire Council, has paid man's most glorious debt to his fellow creatures, only last week. Private Cholerton had formerly seen service in his Majesty's Navy on the China Station for a number of years. He was appointed Sanitary Inspector to the Coolamon Shire in June 1913. He resigned the position after eighteen months service and left for Sydney where he was appointed health Inspector at Manly. During his residence in Coolamon the deceased soldier made many friends and he carried out the duties connected with his office in a manner satisfactory to the council and the ratepayers. He was a member of a number of institutions in the town and at public entertainments his services as an entertainer were very much in demand. He was a fine type of athletic manhood, kindly and considerate, upright and honourable, and the news of his death was received with great regret. Over two years ago he married Miss Lohman of Melbourne.

A widow and infant daughter are left to mourn another Empire's loss and our deepest sympathy is hereby extended to them.

Speaking of the late Private Cholerton the *Manly Daily* says: "Mr Thos Cholerton made his name in Manly when he succeeded Mr L S Crachenthorp as the Inspector of Nuisances. Coming to Manly from Coolamon Shire he soon proved himself an efficient and enthusiastic officer. Before arriving in Australia he had spent many years in China and numerous reminiscent stories of his sojourn in the east were well worth listening to. During his two years occupancy of the Inspector of Nuisances chair he did splendid service to the ratepayers of Manly and to his credit it must be said that the Chinese dynasty would also be in debt to the deceased soldier for service rendered. Private Cholerton left Sydney about November 1916 and the only news received of him at the front was that he had been killed.

Mr R G Jamison, Shire Clerk at Warringah and formerly of Coolamon and a personal friend of the deceased soldier, writes us: "*Poor Cholly has gone the way of a man. I received a couple of letters from him but did not know that he had reached the front. Cholly's straight dealing; plain speaking and manliness had won him much regard in Manly both from the Council and from residents. I understand that Mrs Cholerton is living with her mother in Melbourne.*"

Private Thomas Edward Cholerton is listed on the Coolamon War memorial as having been Killed in Action.