



**murray river  
council**

# **AGENDA**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday, 23 November 2021**

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

**Date: Tuesday, 23 November 2021**

**Time: 2pm**

**Location: Council Chambers  
Moama Administration Office  
52 Perricoota Road, Moama**

**Terry Dodds  
Chief Executive Officer**



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- 1 OPENING MEETING**
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**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY MEETING OF MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL HELD ON 26 OCTOBER 2021 AND EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2021**

**File Number:** -

**Author:** Lindy Leyonhjelm, Executive Assistant

**Authoriser:** John Harvie, Acting Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council held on 26 October 2021 and extra Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council held on 4 November 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**DISCUSSION**

Murray River Council held its Ordinary Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 26 October 2021, commencing at 2:00pm in the Council Chambers (Lower Level), Moama Administration Office, 52 Perricoota Road, Moama.

Murray River Council held its Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council on Thursday 4 November 2021, commencing at 10:00am in the Council Chambers (Lower Level), Moama Administration Office, 52 Perricoota Road, Moama.

A copy of the draft minutes is attached for ratification by the Council at this meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. **MINUTES\_ Ordinary meeting 26 October 2021** [!\[\]\(09885fa7dbc7efea01a3982f2e00fbcd\_img.jpg\)](#) 
2. **MINUTES\_ EXTRA Ordinary meeting 4 November 2021** [!\[\]\(bd36bd94469b708b49ad0a25da1193a1\_img.jpg\)](#) 

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**MINUTES OF MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MOAMA ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 52 PERRICOOTA  
ROAD, MOAMA  
ON TUESDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2021 AT 2PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Chris Bilkey (Mayor), Cr Gen Campbell (Councillor), Cr Nikki Cohen (Deputy Mayor), Cr Tony Aquino (Councillor), Cr Ann Crowe (Councillor), Cr Neil Gorey (Councillor), Cr Alan Mathers (Councillor), Cr Thomas Weyrich (Councillor), Cr Geoff Wise (Councillor)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Terry Dodds (Chief Executive Officer), John Harvie (Director Community and Economic Development), Lindy Leyonhjelm (Executive Assistant), Rod Croft (Director Planning & Environment), Stephen Fernando (Director Corporate Services), Jack Bond (Director Infrastructure)

## **1 OPENING MEETING**

The Mayor held a short appropriate prayer.

## **2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Mayor opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.

## **3 APOLOGIES & APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

## **4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY MEETING OF MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2021**

#### **RESOLUTION 011021**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey  
Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council held on 28 September 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

Questions without notice arising from minutes of previous meeting/s

Questions regarding the Community consultation regarding the Barham Abattoir and has it occurred. Confirmed that it has not occurred and advised it is a DA

## **5 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

There were no conflict of interests declarations received from Councillors or staff on any matter within the meeting.

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At 2:12pm Ellen Hinchclife commenced her deputation regarding Item 9.4.2 DA 10.2021.142.1 Deferred commencement condition – construction of dwelling house and detached shed – 57 Riverview Drive, Barham of the Director Planning and Environment Report and Supplementary Matters Report. Her time was completed at 2:18pm.

**7 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)**

Nil

**8 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Nil

**9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL****9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS****9.1.5 AMENDING THE DATE OF PROPOSED DECEMBER 2021 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING****RESOLUTION 021021**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

1. That the Ordinary Meeting of the Murray River Council planned for Tuesday 14 December, 2021 be rescheduled to an Extra Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 11 January, 2022.
2. That the January Ordinary Council Meeting be scheduled for Tuesday 25 January, 2022.
3. The Council schedule the remainder of Council meeting dates (up to and including September 2022) and times at the 25 January 2022 meeting.

**CARRIED****9.1.1 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES - 11 NOVEMBER 2021****RESOLUTION 031021**

Moved: Cr Nikki Cohen

Seconded: Cr Thomas Weyrich

1. That the Mayor, or a representative, attend and lay a wreath at the Remembrance Day Service in Mathoura at the War Memorial, Soldiers Memorial Gardens on Thursday 11 November 2020, commencing at 10:45am.
2. That the Mayor, or a representative, attend and lay a wreath and be guest speaker at the Cenotaph, Kerrabee Soundshell Moama on Thursday 11 November 2021, commencing at 10:30am.

Mayor Chris Bilkey has been approached to be the guest speaker at the Cenotaph, Kerrabee Soundshell Moama on Thursday 11 November 2021.

Crs Weyrich and Cohen will be attending the Mathoura Remembrance Day Services.



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Approach the Barham, Wakool and Moulamein sub-branches of RSL for a wreath to be laid and attendance of Councillors.

**CARRIED****9.1.2 COUNCIL OPERATIONS SHUTDOWN - CHRISTMAS 2021 / NEW YEAR 2022 PERIOD****RESOLUTION 041021**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich

Seconded: Cr Tony Aquino

That the Council notes the action of the Chief Executive Officer in making appropriate arrangements for Council's operational shutdown over the Christmas 2021/New Year 2022 period, to the public, from close of business on Tuesday 21 December 2021 to business open on Tuesday 4 January 2022 inclusive. Staff will be attending a Council wide Christmas function on Wednesday 22 December and shutdown will commence as of close of business that day.

**CARRIED****9.1.3 RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL - RESOLUTION TRACKER & INFOCOUNCIL ACTION REPORTS****RESOLUTION 051021**

Moved: Cr Tony Aquino

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That the Council receives and notes the status of previous resolutions of Council (in open and closed Council) contained in the Monthly Operation Report including the Resolution Tracker Reports.

Cr Campbell moved a motion on 27 July of acquittal of donations or contributions – clarification on actions taken and report. Further report presented to Council on 28 September, Item 10.5.6 MRC Community Financial Assistance Program Framework – update.

**CARRIED****9.1.4 MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT****RESOLUTION 061021**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That the Officer's report on Monthly Operational Report as of 14 October 2021 be received and the information noted by the Council.

**CARRIED**

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9.2 DIRECTOR SHARED SERVICES REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

## 9.2.1 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS &amp; DESIGNATED PERSONS RETURN

**RESOLUTION 071021**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Tony Aquino

That Council notes that the Disclosures of Interest by Councillors and Designated Persons Returns have been tabled.

**CARRIED**

## 9.2.2 DELEGATIONS FROM COUNCIL TO THE CEO - DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD

**RESOLUTION 081021**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That Council delegate all delegable functions to the CEO for the period between election day and the first meeting of the Council following the election.

In Favour: Crs Chris Bilkey, Nikki Cohen, Tony Aquino, Ann Crowe, Neil Gorey, Alan Mathers, Thomas Weyrich and Geoff Wise

Against: Cr Gen Campbell

**CARRIED 8/1**

## 9.2.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

**RESOLUTION 091021**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That That the Officer's report on Financial Statements and Investments as at 30 September 2021 be received and the information noted by the Council.

1. The report detailing the Council's Position of \$ 49,897,671.09 as at 30 September 2021 is received.
2. The report detailing Council's Investment balance of \$ 48,932,501.30 as at 30 September 2021 received.

**CARRIED**

## 9.3 DIRECTOR OPERATIONS AND MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

Nil

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**9.4 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS****9.4.1 MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL FINAL COMPANION ANIMAL BREEDING POLICY****RESOLUTION 101021**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That Council:

1. Adopt the Final Murray River Council Companion Animal Breeding Policy; and
2. Authorise Council staff to complete all actions to amend Council's Development Control Plans (DCPs) to reference the adopted Final Murray River Council Companion Animal Breeding Policy (the Final Policy).

At 2:45 pm, Cr Gen Campbell left the meeting.

At 2:47 pm, Cr Gen Campbell returned to the meeting.

**CARRIED****9.4.2 DA 10.2021.142.1 DEFERRED COMMENCEMENT CONDITION - CONSTRUCTION OF DWELLING HOUSE AND DETACHED SHED - 57 RIVERVIEW DRIVE, BARHAM****MOTION**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

1. The Officers Report be received and noted.
2. Council uphold the existing adopted planning measures and controls for development on riverfront lots to retain the riverine amenity and enhance the character of the neighbourhood through positive planning outcomes, by requesting the Applicant provide amended plans detailing materials and finishes which are the same as the recently approved dwelling house.

In Favour: Crs Chris Bilkey, Ann Crowe, Neil Gorey and Alan MathersAgainst: Crs Gen Campbell, Nikki Cohen, Tony Aquino, Thomas Weyrich and Geoff Wise**LOST 4/5****9.5 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS****9.5.1 MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM, 2021-22 - ROUND 1 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS****RESOLUTION 111021**

Moved: Cr Ann Crowe

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That:

1. Council funds the below projects under Round 1 of the 2021-22 Community Grants Program.

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2. Council allocates the additional \$699 needed, from the 2021-22 Quick Response Grant Funding

Full Name	Project Title	Total Amount Requested	Total Project Cost	Amount Recommended
Murray Haven Homes Ltd	Teaching old dogs new Tech.	\$2,927.00	\$2,927.00	\$2,927.00
Moulamein Men's Shed & Rice Museum	Renew & Upgrade PPE for the Moulamein Men's Shed	\$1,905.00	\$1,905.00	\$1,905.00
Moama Lions Club	Upgrading of Chip Fryer	\$2,000.00	\$3,080.00	\$2,000.00
Gonn Mellool Rural fire brigade	Project Watertank	\$3,000.00	\$4,010.00	\$3,000.00
Community Living & Respite Services Inc.	Johnno's Run at Home	\$3,000.00	\$25,147.00	\$2,000.00
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve Committee	Moulamein Community Gym split system	\$3,000.00	\$3,795.00	\$3,000.00
Kyalite Progress & Recreation Reserve Association	Kyalite Strategic Plan Development	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
Moama Anglican Grammar	Indigenous Awareness Garden	\$3,000.00	\$3,514.00	\$1,500.00
Echuca Moama Little Athletics Centre	Little Athletics Equipment	\$3,000.00	\$3,369.00	\$1,869.00
Womboota School of Arts / Hall Committee	Table Tennis (exercise, communication, mental health)	\$2,998.00	\$2,998.00	\$2,998.00
Wakool Soldier Settlers Memorial Walk Action Group	Preserving History of Wakool and the Local District	\$2,276.00	\$6,401.00	\$1,500.00
St John's Anglican Parish	St John's Community Garden	\$2,707.00	\$3,157.00	\$2,500.00
Moama Cricket Club Inc	Inaugural Moama Womens Cricket Team	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
Deniliquin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Upgrade and Maintenance of Four Post Caravan & Camping	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$30,699.00</b>

**CARRIED****9.5.2 COVID 19 SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY NOT FOR PROFIT GROUPS****RESOLUTION 121021**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich

Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That Council

1. Approve the addition of the Murray River Council COVID Support Grant to the MRC Financial Assistance Program.

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2. Re-allocate, \$16,000 from 2021/22 MRC Annual Allocations and \$7,000 from the 2021/22 MRC Quick Response Grants to fund the new grant.
3. Suspend the next round of the Community Grants Program pending a review of requests for assistance at that time and a further report being provided to the February 2022 council meeting.
4. Agree to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the CEO or his delegate forming a committee to consider requests for assistance and make recommendations of funding to council.

**CARRIED****9.5.3 SECTION 355 COMMITTEE REPORT - OCTOBER 2021****RESOLUTION 131021**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise  
Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That Council receive the report on Section 355 Committee Minutes and note the items highlighted under conclusion.

**CARRIED****9.5.4 COUNCIL OWNED LAND - PLANNING PROPOSALS****RESOLUTION 141021**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey  
Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Council

1. Council agrees to commence the process of re-classification, of Lot 3 DP813704 Line Road Moama and Lot 1 DP793207 Cobb Highway Moama, from Community to Operational land.
2. Receive a further report at the completion of the process for each parcel of land.

In Favour: Crs Chris Bilkey, Ann Crowe, Neil Gorey, Alan Mathers and Geoff Wise

Against: Crs Gen Campbell, Nikki Cohen, Tony Aquino and Thomas Weyrich

**CARRIED 5/4****CARRIED****9.5.5 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - SOUTHERN 80****RESOLUTION 151021**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich  
Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That Council approve the request, by Moama Water Sports Club:

1. For the continuation of in-kind support for satellite events hosted in Moama during the annual Southern 80 Water Ski Race.
2. For the continuation of annual event sponsorship of \$10,000 (plus GST).

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3. To provide financial assistance of \$2,500 (plus GST) to support additional costs that will be incurred to meet NSW Government COVID-19 requirements; and

Point 4 was removed from motion due to the road works currently under construction and the intersection will be under control of Transport for NSW. Mr Bond to approach TfNSW to find out what traffic control can be undertaken by them for the Southern 80 event.

**CARRIED****9.6 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT****9.6.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT****RESOLUTION 161021**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich

Seconded: Cr Tony Aquino

That the Correspondence Report be received and the information noted by the Council.

**CARRIED****9.7 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT****9.7.1 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT****RESOLUTION 171021**

Moved: Cr Ann Crowe

Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers

That the Sundry Delegates Report of the Mayor and Councillors for the period 28 Sept 2021 to 25 October 2021 be received and the information noted by the Council; and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

Cr Cohen unable to attend Murray Liquor Accord. Addition to Cr Cohens report - interviewed by 2GB 25 October regarding successful vaccinations.

**CARRIED**

**Councillor Ann Crowe** reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 23 Sept: Meeting with Helen Dalton – Border Inn Moama
- 28 Sept: Council Debriefing and Ordinary Meeting of Council – Moama
- 6 Oct: Goodnight Hall AGM – Goodnight
- 7 Oct: Community Grants – Online. AGM/Backroads Trail – Online
- 20 Oct: Fortnightly Councillor Update - Online

**Councillor Tony Aquino** reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 23 Sept: Meeting with Helen Dalton – Border Inn Moama
- 28 Sept: Council Debriefing and Ordinary Meeting of Council – Moama
- 6 Oct: Goodnight Hall AGM – Goodnight
- 7 Oct: Community Grants meeting

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**10 NOTICE OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE****10.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCIL RECEIVE AN EXPLANATION FROM MURRUMBIDGEE LOCAL HEALTH AS TO THE DOWNSCALING OF DISTRICT NURSE SUPPORT ACROSS MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL****RESOLUTION 181021**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich

Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That Council receive an update and explanation from Murrumbidgee Local Health as to the downscaling of district nurse support across the Murray River Council Area.

**CARRIED**

Cr Weyrich asked that Mr Dodds write to Jill Ludford CEO of Murrumbidgee Local Health and receive explanation to find out what the plans are with regards to the information of downscaling district nurse support. Mr Harvie confirmed that Mr Dodds has sent a letter to CEO Jill Ludford seeking confirmation of the changes that have taken place and understanding of why they have been implemented.

Mr Harvie has confirmed they have been in contact with Jill Ludford and are waiting on a return phone call from the Manager of Community Nursing. Face to face meeting would be preferred. Mr Harvie will communicate any updates and arrange for a meeting with Councillors and community members.

**10.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCIL MAKE PUBLIC THE CENTIUM REPORT OF PART THERE OF INTO MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL AND THE PROPOSED ETHANOL PLANT PAID FOR BY RATEPAYERS****RESOLUTION 191021**

Moved: Cr Nikki Cohen

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

Move this report into confidential.

In Favour: Crs Chris Bilkey, Nikki Cohen, Ann Crowe, Neil Gorey, Alan Mathers and Geoff Wise

Against: Crs Gen Campbell, Tony Aquino and Thomas Weyrich

**CARRIED 6/3****CARRIED**

Cr Weyrich presented 1,055 signatures to have the report being made public and requests further discussion for public interest.

**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich

Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell

That Council make public the Centium report of part thereof, into Murray River Council and the proposed ethanol plant paid for by Murray River Council ratepayers.

In Favour: Crs Gen Campbell, Tony Aquino and Thomas Weyrich

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Against: Crs Chris Bilkey, Nikki Cohen, Ann Crowe, Neil Gorey, Alan Mathers and Geoff Wise

**LOST 3/6****RESOLUTION 201021****FORESHADOWED MOTION**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich

Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That the recommendations of actions that are listed in the report to be taken be made public.

In Favour: Crs Chris Bilkey, Gen Campbell, Nikki Cohen, Tony Aquino, Neil Gorey, Alan Mathers and Thomas Weyrich

Against: Crs Ann Crowe and Geoff Wise

**CARRIED 7/2****CARRIED****RESOLUTION 211021**

Moved: Cr Nikki Cohen

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

Move into open Council at 4:14pm

**CARRIED**

**10.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL TO DONATE \$10,000 TO WESTERN MURRAY LAND IMPROVEMENT GROUP FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARING A POSITION STATEMENT FOR THE KOONDROOK-PERRICOOTA FOREST IN READINESS FOR THE NSW UPPER HOUSE LEGISLATIVE INQUIRY INTO THE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF THE TIMBER AND FOREST INDUSTRY.**

**RESOLUTION 221021**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Thomas Weyrich

That Council donate \$10,000 to Western Murray Land Improvement Group for the purpose of preparing a position statement for the Koondrook-Perricoota Forest in readiness for the NSW Upper House Legislative Inquiry into the long-term sustainability of the timber and forest industry.

**CARRIED****RESOLUTION 231021**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION**

An acquittal to be provided within 60 days of completion.

**CARRIED**



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**10.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - THAT MRC LOBBY ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA'S ADJACENT TO THE MURRAY RIVER, TO REQUEST A FULLY INDEPENDENT REPORT INTO THE CAUSES AND LONG-TERM IMPACTS OF EROSION AND BANK SLUMPING WHICH IS OCCURRING ALONG THE LENGTH OF THIS RIVER.****MOTION**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey  
Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That Council lobby all Local Government Area's adjacent to the Murray River, to request a fully independent report into the causes and long-term impacts of erosion and bank slumping which is occurring along the length of this river.

At 4:29 pm, Cr Tony Aquino left the meeting.

**RESOLUTION 241021**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey  
Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

Council seek a report identifying the causes and extent of long term erosion and bank slumping with a view to seeking funds for reparation of the same.

In Favour: Crs Chris Bilkey, Nikki Cohen, Ann Crowe, Neil Gorey, Alan Mathers, Thomas Weyrich and Geoff Wise

Against: Cr Gen Campbell

**CARRIED 7/1****CARRIED****11 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS****MOTION**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich  
Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That Council moves out of Open Council into Closed Council at 5:01pm.

Mr Dodds to take on notice the questions from Cr Campbell regarding why Item 11.2 is in Closed Council and the classification of land when Murray River Council took ownership of the property in question.

Cr Wise has agreed to withdraw Item 11.2 Notice of Motion - Rezone and sell Lot 3 DP813704 Line Road Moama and leave current lease in place until rezoning is completed.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**11.1 Section 355 Committee Report - October 2021**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

**11.2 Notice of Motion - Rezone and sell Lot 3 DP813704 Line Road Moama and leave current lease in place until the sale is completed**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c and d(ii) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council. **WITHDRAWN**

**11.3 Mayoral Minute - Council endorse the appointment of an interim Chief Executive Officer to cover for leave taken by Mr Terry Dodds, CEO Murray River Council**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

**RESOLUTION 251021**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 5:31pm.

**CARRIED****RESOLUTION 261021**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That Council brings forward the resolutions from Closed Council into Open Council and these be read aloud.

**CARRIED**

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**11 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS****11.1 SECTION 355 COMMITTEE REPORT - OCTOBER 2021****RESOLUTION 271021**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Council receive the report on Section 355 Committee Minutes and note the items highlighted under conclusion.

**CARRIED****11.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - REZONE AND SELL LOT 3 DP813704 LINE ROAD MOAMA AND LEAVE CURRENT LEASE IN PLACE UNTIL THE SALE IS COMPLETED****MOTION**

That Council:

1. Agree to rezone and sell Lot 3 DP813704 Line Road Moama as industrial land.
2. Leave the current lease in place until the sale is completed.

**Motion withdrawn****11.3 MAYORAL MINUTE - COUNCIL ENDORSE THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO COVER FOR LEAVE TAKEN BY MR TERRY DODDS, CEO MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL****RESOLUTION 281021**

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Council endorse the appointment of an interim acting personnel in the position of Chief Executive Officer during the period that Mr Terry Dodds is on leave.

That Council:

1. Endorse the appointment of Mr John Harvie as interim Chief Executive Officer for the period from November 12 until November 21, 2021.

In Favour: Crs Chris Bilkey, Nikki Cohen, Ann Crowe, Neil Gorey, Alan Mathers, Thomas Weyrich and Geoff Wise

Against: Cr Gen Campbell

**CARRIED 7/1****CARRIED**

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12 CONCLUSION OF MEETING

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5:32pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council will be held on Tuesday 23 November 2021, commencing at 2pm, in Council Chambers, Moama Administration Office, 52 Perricoota Road, Moama.

THESE MINUTES ARE SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL HELD ON 26 OCTOBER 2021, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL ON 23 NOVEMBER 2021.

  
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MAYOR

  
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CEO

**MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL Extraordinary Council Meeting Minutes****4 November 2021**

**MINUTES OF MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL  
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MOAMA ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 52 PERRICOOTA  
ROAD, MOAMA  
ON THURSDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 10AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Chris Bilkey (Mayor), Cr Gen Campbell (Councillor), Cr Nikki Cohen (Deputy Mayor), Cr Tony Aquino (Councillor), Cr Ann Crowe (Councillor), Cr Alan Mathers (Councillor), Cr Thomas Weyrich (Councillor), Cr Geoff Wise (Councillor)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Terry Dodds (Chief Executive Officer), John Harvie (Director Community and Economic Development), Lindy Leyonhjelm (Executive Assistant), Rod Croft (Director Planning & Environment), Stephen Fernando (Director Corporate Services), Jack Bond (Director Infrastructure), Sandra Gordon (Manager Governance & Risk)

**1 OPENING MEETING**

The Mayor held a short appropriate prayer.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Mayor opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.

**3 APOLOGIES & APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr Neil Gorey (Councillor)

**4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

There were no conflict of interests declarations received from Councillors or staff on any matter within the meeting.

**5 REPORTS TO COUNCIL****5.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**

Nil

**5.2 DIRECTOR SHARED SERVICES REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**

Nil

**5.3 DIRECTOR OPERATIONS AND MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**

Nil

**5.4 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**

**MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL Extraordinary Council Meeting Minutes****4 November 2021****5.4.1 AMENDMENT 15 OF MURRAY LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2011 - PLANNING PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE AT LOT 17 DP258661, 17 MAIDENSMITH DRIVE, MOAMA FROM 3000M2 TO 1000M2****RESOLUTION 011121**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers

That Council

1. Endorse staff to finalise proposed Amendment 15 of the Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011 including any alteration to the Planning Proposal which may be required throughout the course of the LEP amendment process

Cr Campbell discussed access road to access housing blocks as part of the planning proposal.

In Favour: Crs Chris Bilkey, Gen Campbell, Nikki Cohen, Tony Aquino, Ann Crowe, Alan Mathers, Thomas Weyrich and Geoff Wise

Against: Nil

**CARRIED 8/0****CARRIED**

At 10:10 am, Cr Alan Mathers left the meeting.

**5.4.2 AMENDMENT 5 OF THE WAKOOL LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2013 - PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR THE RECLASSIFICATION OF LAND FROM 'COMMUNITY' TO 'OPERATIONAL' AT LOT 1 DP1267277, GONN ROAD, BARHAM****RESOLUTION 021121**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Tony Aquino

That Council

1. Endorse staff to finalise proposed Amendment 5 of the Wakool Local Environmental Plan 2013 including any alteration to the Planning Proposal which may be required throughout the course of the LEP amendment process

In Favour: Crs Chris Bilkey, Nikki Cohen, Ann Crowe and Geoff Wise

Against: Crs Gen Campbell, Tony Aquino and Thomas Weyrich

**CARRIED 4/3**

Cr Campbell wanted on record that she did support the modular abattoir, original grant and support for the micro abattoir as it was presented initially.

**CARRIED**

At 10:27 am, Cr Alan Mathers returned to the meeting.

**5.5 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

Nil

**MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL Extraordinary Council Meeting Minutes****4 November 2021****5.6 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT**

Nil

**6 NOTICE OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE****6.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - SECTION 355 COMMITTEE  
THE MOAMA LIONS COMMUNITY VILLAGE COMMITTEE STRONGLY REQUEST  
THAT THEIR FINANCIAL REPORT BE DISCUSSED IN CONFIDENTIAL****MOTION**

That Council discuss the Moama Lions Community Village Committee Financial Report be discussed in Confidential if need be and not included in the general agenda papers of Council.

**RESOLUTION 031121**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell  
Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That Council in future receive the report of the Moama Lions Community Village Committee Section 355 report in confidential and not included in the open section of the Agenda.

**CARRIED****7 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS****RESOLUTION 041121**

Moved: Cr Nikki Cohen  
Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Council moves out of Open Council into Closed Council at 10:33am.

**CARRIED****RECOMMENDATION**

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

**S.1 Award of tender MRC 2114 – Creative & Design – Moama Lights Event**

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

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Moved: Cr Nikki Cohen

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 11:02am.

**CARRIED****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council brings forward the resolutions from Closed Council into Open Council and these be read aloud.

**CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS BROUGHT FORWARD****RESOLUTION 061121**

Moved: Cr Tony Aquino

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Council

1. Award contract MRC 2114 – Creative & Design – Moama Lights to Mandylights Pty Ltd for the lump sum price of \$1,618,414 ex GST commencing in 2022 and ending in 2026.
2. Authorise the CEO to sign and apply the council seal to the contract documents when deemed appropriate.

**CARRIED****AMENDEMENT TO MOTION – ITEM 2****RESOLUTION 071121**

Moved: Cr Thomas Weyrich

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

2. Authorise the CEO to sign and apply the council seal to the contract documents when deemed appropriate.

**CARRIED**



MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL Extraordinary Council Meeting Minutes4 November 2021**8 CONCLUSION OF MEETING**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11:02am.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council will be held on Tuesday 23 November 2021, commencing at 2pm, in the Council Chambers, Moama Administration Office, 52 Perricoota Road, Moama.

THESE MINUTES ARE SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2021, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL ON 23 NOVEMBER 2021.

  
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MAYOR

  
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CEO





Questions without notice arising from minutes of previous meeting:

**5 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

**6 DEPUTATIONS**

**7 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)**

Nil

**8 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Nil

## 9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

#### 9.1.1 RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL - RESOLUTION TRACKER & INFOCOUNCIL ACTION REPORTS

**File Number:** -

**Author:** Lindy Leyonhjelm, Executive Assistant

**Authoriser:** John Harvie, Acting Chief Executive Officer

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Council receives and notes the status of previous resolutions of Council (in open and closed Council) contained in the Monthly Operation Report including the Resolution Tracker Reports.

#### BACKGROUND

All resolutions of Council in Open and Closed council, including completed actions within the previous 6 weeks, are now shown in the Monthly Operation Report under their relevant section and responsible person.

In November 2018, Council introduced a software program called InfoCouncil. Resolutions of the Council that require action/s after each Council Meeting are automatically generated in InfoCouncil to the relevant Council officer for their action and comment.

#### DISCUSSION

The **Resolution Tracker Open Report** and the **Resolution Tracker Closed Action Report** contain 'active' resolutions respectively from open and closed meetings of the Council held since November 2018 that require action by Council's officers. The **Resolution Tracker Completed Actions Report** shows all actions that have been completed in the previous 6 weeks.

Comments for the action are shown in the Monthly Operations Report under each division and allocated responsible person. Resolutions that are reported by Council's officers as complete will drop off the 'active' list.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

5 - Strategic Theme 5: Leadership and Governance

5.1 - An effective, efficient and progressive Council that provides leadership to the community

5.1.1 - Council decision making takes into account the needs and priorities of our local communities and the longer term social, cultural, economic and environmental viability and sustainability of our region

#### BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

#### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

#### LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

- **What can happen?**  
Council's officers do not action the resolutions of the Council.
- **How can it happen?**  
Resolutions from Council Meetings not being recorded in a systematic fashion.
- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**  
Actions, because of the resolutions of the Council, not being completed in a timely manner or at all.
- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**  
Low.
- **Adequacy of existing controls?**  
Use of the report and minute system, InfoCouncil, which automatically forwards actions (as a result of the resolutions of the Council) from Council Meetings to the relevant Council officer (report writer) after the completion of the minutes of a Council Meeting. A report can then be generated on the status of incomplete/outstanding actions.
- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**  
Due diligence undertaken by Council's officers (administration and report writers).

**CONCLUSION**

The Resolution Tracker and Action Reports are presented to Councillors for information in the Monthly Operation Report.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**9.1.2 MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT****File Number:** -**Author:** Susan Briggs, Manager Organisational Development**Authoriser:** John Harvie, Acting Chief Executive Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Officer's report on Monthly Operational Report as of 12 October 2021 be received and the information noted by the Council.

**DISCUSSION**

The Monthly Operating Report is being made available as a Work in Progress. This tool provides clarity and aligns, individual Accountability with our 4 Year Delivery Plan and 1 Year Operational Plan so we can measure and monitor our progress.

This report will replace many of the existing reports and give greater detail of the activities that are currently underway, the active projects and the status of each project. It shows the improvements that are underway that have been highlighted in the CEO's KPI's and the steps, outcomes, and status for each business unit.

Attached are the final documents for your review and discussion.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. MOR October 2021 Final (under separate cover) 

## 9.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

### 9.2.1 DRAFT MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL 2020/21 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**File Number:** -

**Author:** Kris Kershaw, Manager Finance

**Authoriser:** Stephen Fernando, Director Corporate Services

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Council accept this report in relation to the Draft Murray River Council General Purpose Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, and authorise:

- (a) the signing of the Statements by Councillors and Management; and
- (b) the signing of the documents by the Chief Executive Officer and the Responsible Accounting Officer.

#### BACKGROUND

Council is required (under section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 (the **Act**)) to provide two statements as part of the auditing of its Annual Financial Statements to confirm:

- the reports present fairly the operating results and financial positions for each of the Councils' declared Business Activities for the period, and accord with the Councils' accounting and other records; and
- Council is not aware of any matter that would render the reports false or misleading in any way.

The Statements are required to be submitted to Council's Auditors prior to the completion of the audit process, which is currently being undertaken. The two Statements (Attachments 1 and 2) are:

1. A statement (required by Councillors and Management) advising the Annual Financial Statements of the Murray River Council have been drawn up in accordance with:
  - (a) the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended), and the Regulations made thereunder,
  - (b) the Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting, and confirms:
    - (i) the reports present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, in accordance with Council's accounting and other records.
    - (ii) Council is not aware of any matter that would render the reports false or misleading in any way.
2. A statement by Councillors and Management is also required to be attached to the Special Purpose Financial Reports of the Murray River Council, advising that they have been prepared in accordance with:
  - (a) the NSW Government Policy Statement *Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government*.
  - (b) the Division of Local Government's Guidelines *Pricing & Costing for Council Businesses*:



*A Guide to Competitive Neutrality.*

- (c) *the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting; and*
- (d) *the NSW Office of Water, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines.*

## DISCUSSION

At the time of compiling this report (11 November 2021), the Audit Committee has met on the 10 November 2021 to review and consider the draft financial statements and provide verbal feedback on the information contained with the financial statements and review the overall completeness and presentation of the financial statements.

The external audit process commenced in late October and will continue into the month of November. Council is required under section 416 the **Act** to have its financial accounts and procedures examined and reported by the NSW Audit Office annually, and within 4 months of end of financial year (i.e., 31 October 2021). As a result, a request has been lodged with the Office of Local Government (under Section 416(2) of the **Act**) to seek for an extension until the 30 November 2021, which request has been duly approved. A copy of the approval is provided at Attachment 3.

A copy of the 2020/21 General Purpose Financial Statements (**Unaudited Draft**) and 2020/21 Special Purpose Financial Statements (**Unaudited Draft**) as presented to the internal and external audit are available at Attachments 4 and 5 respectively. It should be noted that as a result of the audit process, these statements may be subject to change. The final audited statements will be presented to Council once the audit process has been completed.

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

5 - Strategic Theme 5: Leadership and Governance

5.1 - An effective, efficient and progressive Council that provides leadership to the community

5.1.2 - Council acts in a financially responsible manner to ensure delivery of safe and sustainable services to the community

## BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

## LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

## RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**

Failure to lodge audited accounts within the requisite period would represent a breach of the **Act**.

- **How can it happen?**

Lack of access to skilled resources to complete the process.

- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**

This would constitute a breach of the **Act** which could impact on the Council's reputation.






- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**  
Low to Moderate – need to further develop internal process to manage this.
- **Adequacy of existing controls?**  
Below adequate.
- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**  
Ensure adequate resources are available.

## CONCLUSION

Council accepts this report on the General-Purpose Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, for Murray River Council and authorise:

- (c) the signing of the Statements by Councillors and Management; and
- (d) the signing of the documents by two Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer, and the Responsible Accounting Officer.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. **Attachment 1 - GPFS Statement by Councillors and Management** [!\[\]\(c6a8736a601a632e2c96605cf66055ed\_img.jpg\)](#) 
2. **Attachment 2 - SPFS Statement by Councillors and Management** [!\[\]\(9ba1c633ca37327550476fd7d0d00348\_img.jpg\)](#) 
3. **Attachment 3 - Audit Extension Granted from Office of Local Government** [!\[\]\(81ed9b526bb4d794d4b41c492b59462a\_img.jpg\)](#) 
4. **Attachment 4 - Draft 2020/21 General Purpose Financial Statements (under separate cover)** 
5. **Attachment 5 - Draft 2020/21 Special Purpose Financial Statements** [!\[\]\(8e3c070538b017ee3f9ae5ec34168d7e\_img.jpg\)](#) 

## Murray River Council

### General Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Statement by Councillors and Management

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Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) (as amended)

**The attached General Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:**

- the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) (as amended) and the regulations made there under,
- the Australian Accounting Standards and other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board
- the *Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting*.

**To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:**

- present fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year
- accord with Council's accounting and other records.

**We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.**

**Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 23 November 2021.**

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Chris Bilkey

**Mayor**

23 November 2021

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Nikki Cohen

**Councillor**

23 November 2021

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Terry Dodds

**CEO and Responsible Accounting Officer**

23 November 2021

## Murray River Council

### Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2021

### Statement by Councillors and Management

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#### Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

The attached Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- the NSW Government Policy Statement '*Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government*',
- the Division of Local Government Guidelines '*Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses – A Guide to Competitive Neutrality*',
- the Local Government *Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting*,
- the NSW Office of *Water Best-Practice Management of Water and Sewerage Guidelines*.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:

- present fairly the operating result and financial position for each of Council's declared business activities for the year, and
- accord with Council's accounting and other records.
- present overhead reallocation charges to the water and sewerage businesses as fair and reasonable.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 23 November 2021.

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Chris Bilkey

**Mayor**

23 November 2021

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Nikki Cohen

**Councillor**

23 November 2021

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Terry Dodds

**CEO and Responsible Accounting Officer**

23 November 2021



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Mr Terry Dodds  
General Manager  
Murray River Council  
Email: [kkershaw@murrayriver.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kkershaw@murrayriver.nsw.gov.au)

22 October 2021

Dear Mr Dodds

Thank you for your letter of 14 October 2021 seeking an extension of time for the lodgement of Murray River Council's 2020-21 Financial Statements.

I have noted Council's issues and complexities involved with the recent revaluation of transport assets and the ability to inspect the assets, COVID travel restrictions with staff located in three sites as well as internal resourcing.

The *Local Government Act 1993* (Act) authorises me to grant an extension of time to a council for the preparation and auditing of annual financial statements that form part of a council's annual report (section 416(5)).

Having considered the information provided to me, I have approved an extension to 30 November 2021 for Council to complete its 2020-21 Financial Statements.

Should you need to discuss this further, please contact the Office of Local Government's Performance Team on (02) 4428 4100.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ally Dench'.

**Ally Dench**  
Executive Director Local Government



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## Murray River Council

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 30 June 2021

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## Murray River Council

### Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2021

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#### Background

- i. These Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared for the use by both Council and the Office of Local Government in fulfilling their requirements under National Competition Policy.
- ii. The principle of competitive neutrality is based on the concept of a 'level playing field' between persons/entities competing in a market place, particularly between private and public sector competitors.

Essentially, the principle is that government businesses, whether Commonwealth, state or local, should operate without net competitive advantages over other businesses as a result of their public ownership.

- iii. For Council, the principle of competitive neutrality and public reporting applies only to declared business activities.

These include **(a)** those activities classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as business activities being water supply, sewerage services, abattoirs, gas production and reticulation, and **(b)** those activities with a turnover of more than \$2 million that Council has formally declared as a business activity (defined as Category 1 activities).

- iv. In preparing these financial statements for Council's self-classified Category 1 businesses and ABS-defined activities, councils must **(a)** adopt a corporatisation model and **(b)** apply full cost attribution including tax-equivalent regime payments and debt guarantee fees (where the business benefits from Council's borrowing position by comparison with commercial rates).

## Murray River Council

### Special Purpose Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2021

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#### Statement by Councillors and Management made pursuant to the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

The attached Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- the NSW Government Policy Statement '*Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government*',
- the Division of Local Government Guidelines '*Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses – A Guide to Competitive Neutrality*',
- the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting,
- the NSW Office of Water Best-Practice Management of Water and Sewerage Guidelines.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these statements:

- present fairly the operating result and financial position for each of Council's declared business activities for the year, and
- accord with Council's accounting and other records.
- present overhead reallocation charges to the water and sewerage businesses as fair and reasonable.

We are not aware of any matter that would render these statements false or misleading in any way.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Council made on 23 November 2021.

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Chris Bilkey  
Mayor  
23 November 2021

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Nikki Cohen  
Councillor  
23 November 2021

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Terry Dodds  
CEO and Responsible Accounting Officer  
23 November 2021



Murray River Council | Income Statement of water supply business activity | For the year ended 30 June 2021

## Murray River Council

Income Statement of water supply business activity  
for the year ended 30 June 2021

\$ '000	2021	2020
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>		
Access charges	2,863	2,720
User charges	2,081	1,923
Fees	61	37
Interest	82	188
Grants and contributions provided for non-capital purposes	402	102
Other income	161	100
<b>Total income from continuing operations</b>	<b>5,650</b>	<b>5,070</b>
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>		
Employee benefits and on-costs	1,748	1,698
Borrowing costs	—	1
Materials and services	1,229	839
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	1,231	1,226
Water purchase charges	152	151
Loss on sale of assets	23	14
Calculated taxation equivalents	15	26
Other expenses	444	349
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>	<b>4,842</b>	<b>4,304</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>766</b>
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	1,057	868
<b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>1,634</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>1,634</b>
Less: corporate taxation equivalent [based on result before capital]	(210)	(211)
<b>Surplus (deficit) after tax</b>	<b>1,655</b>	<b>1,423</b>
<b>Plus accumulated surplus</b>	<b>50,137</b>	<b>48,500</b>
<b>Plus/less: prior period adjustments</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:</b>		
– Corporate taxation equivalent	210	211
<b>Closing accumulated surplus</b>	<b>52,001</b>	<b>50,137</b>
<b>Return on capital %</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
<b>Subsidy from Council</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Calculation of dividend payable:</b>		
Surplus (deficit) after tax	1,655	1,423
Less: capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions)	(1,057)	(868)
<b>Surplus for dividend calculation purposes</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>555</b>
<b>Potential dividend calculated from surplus</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>278</b>

Murray River Council | Income Statement of sewerage business activity | For the year ended 30 June 2021

## Murray River Council

Income Statement of sewerage business activity  
for the year ended 30 June 2021

\$ '000	2021	2020
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>		
Access charges	2,628	2,493
User charges	120	13
Liquid trade waste charges	212	211
Fees	7	9
Interest	105	214
Grants and contributions provided for non-capital purposes	479	336
Other income	241	62
<b>Total income from continuing operations</b>	<b>3,792</b>	<b>3,338</b>
<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>		
Employee benefits and on-costs	822	948
Materials and services	888	535
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	970	956
Loss on sale of assets	4	4
Calculated taxation equivalents	5	9
Other expenses	308	248
<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>	<b>2,997</b>	<b>2,700</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations before capital amounts</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>638</b>
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	361	250
<b>Surplus (deficit) from continuing operations after capital amounts</b>	<b>1,156</b>	<b>888</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit) from all operations before tax</b>	<b>1,156</b>	<b>888</b>
Less: corporate taxation equivalent [based on result before capital]	(207)	(175)
<b>Surplus (deficit) after tax</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>713</b>
<b>Plus accumulated surplus</b>	<b>39,326</b>	<b>38,438</b>
<b>Plus adjustments for amounts unpaid:</b>		
– Corporate taxation equivalent	207	175
<b>Closing accumulated surplus</b>	<b>40,482</b>	<b>39,326</b>
<b>Return on capital %</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
<b>Subsidy from Council</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Calculation of dividend payable:</b>		
Surplus (deficit) after tax	949	713
Less: capital grants and contributions (excluding developer contributions)	(361)	(250)
<b>Surplus for dividend calculation purposes</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>463</b>
<b>Potential dividend calculated from surplus</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>232</b>

Murray River Council | Statement of Financial Position of water supply business activity | For the year ended 30 June 2021

## Murray River Council

Statement of Financial Position of water supply business activity  
as at 30 June 2021

\$ '000	2021	2020 <sup>1</sup>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	533	3,689
Investments	7,788	5,108
Receivables	1,149	1,164
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>9,470</b>	<b>9,961</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	47,247	44,213
Intangible assets	1,800	1,771
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>49,047</b>	<b>45,984</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>58,517</b>	<b>55,945</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Payables	347	104
Income received in advance	30	—
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>58,140</b>	<b>55,841</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Accumulated surplus	52,001	50,137
Revaluation reserves	6,139	5,704
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>58,140</b>	<b>55,841</b>

(1) See Prior Period Adjustment Note for details regarding restatement.

Murray River Council | Statement of Financial Position of sewerage business activity | For the year ended 30 June 2021

## Murray River Council

Statement of Financial Position of sewerage business activity  
as at 30 June 2021

\$ '000	2021	2020 <sup>1</sup>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	756	3,709
Investments	12,210	7,316
Receivables	363	345
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>13,329</b>	<b>11,370</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	39,640	40,037
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>39,640</b>	<b>40,037</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>52,969</b>	<b>51,407</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Payables	88	36
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>52,881</b>	<b>51,371</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Accumulated surplus	40,482	39,326
Revaluation reserves	12,399	12,045
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>52,881</b>	<b>51,371</b>

(1) See Prior Period Adjustment Note for details regarding restatement.

## Note – Significant Accounting Policies

A statement summarising the supplemental accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the special purpose financial statements (SPFS) for National Competition Policy (NCP) reporting purposes follows.

These financial statements are SPFS prepared for use by Council and the Office of Local Government. For the purposes of these statements, the Council is a non-reporting not-for-profit entity.

The figures presented in these special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement criteria of relevant Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and Australian Accounting Interpretations.

The disclosures in these special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (Act), the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* (Regulation) and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

The statements are prepared on an accruals basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, fair value of non-current assets. Certain taxes and other costs, appropriately described, have been imputed for the purposes of the National Competition Policy.

The Statement of Financial Position includes notional assets/liabilities receivable from/payable to Council's general fund. These balances reflect a notional intra-entity funding arrangement with the declared business activities.

### National Competition Policy

Council has adopted the principle of 'competitive neutrality' in its business activities as part of the National Competition Policy which is being applied throughout Australia at all levels of government. The framework for its application is set out in the June 1996 NSW Government Policy statement titled 'Application of National Competition Policy to Local Government'. *The Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses – A Guide to Competitive Neutrality* issued by the Office of Local Government in July 1997 has also been adopted.

The pricing and costing guidelines outline the process for identifying and allocating costs to activities and provide a standard for disclosure requirements. These disclosures are reflected in Council's pricing and/or financial reporting systems and include taxation equivalents, Council subsidies, and returns on investments (rate of return and dividends paid).

### Declared business activities

In accordance with Pricing and Costing for Council Businesses – A Guide to Competitive Neutrality, Council has declared that the following are to be considered as business activities:

#### Category 1

(where gross operating turnover is over \$2 million)

##### a. Water Supply

Provision and distribution of water to the towns within the boundaries of the Council.

##### b. Sewerage

Treatment of wastewater to the towns within the boundaries of the Council.

#### Category 2

(where gross operating turnover is less than \$2 million)

Council has no Category 2 Businesses.

### Taxation equivalent charges

Council is liable to pay various taxes and financial duties. Where this is the case, they are disclosed as a cost of operations just like all other costs.

However, where Council does not pay some taxes which are generally paid by private sector businesses, such as income tax, these equivalent tax payments have been applied to all Council-nominated business activities and are reflected in Special Purpose Financial Statements.

For the purposes of disclosing comparative information relevant to the private sector equivalent, the following taxation equivalents have been applied to all Council-nominated business activities (this does not include Council's non-business activities):

#### Notional rate applied (%)

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## Note – Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Corporate income tax rate – 27.5%

Land tax – the first \$692,000 of combined land values attracts 0%. For the combined land values in excess of \$692,001 up to \$4,231,000 the rate is 1.6% + \$100. For the remaining combined land value that exceeds \$4,231,000 a premium marginal rate of 2.0% applies.

Payroll tax – 5.45% on the value of taxable salaries and wages in excess of \$850,000.

In accordance with Crown Lands and Water (CLAW), a payment for the amount calculated as the annual tax equivalent charges (excluding income tax) must be paid from water supply and sewerage business activities.

The payment of taxation equivalent charges, referred to in the NSW Office of Water Guidelines to as a 'dividend for taxation equivalent', may be applied for any purpose allowed under the *Local Government Act, 1993*.

Achievement of substantial compliance to the NSW Office of Water Guidelines is not a prerequisite for the payment of the tax equivalent charges, however the payment must not exceed \$3 per assessment.

### Income tax

An income tax equivalent has been applied on the profits of the business activities.

Whilst income tax is not a specific cost for the purpose of pricing a good or service, it needs to be taken into account in terms of assessing the rate of return required on capital invested.

Accordingly, the return on capital invested is set at a pre-tax level - gain/(loss) from ordinary activities before capital amounts, as would be applied by a private sector competitor. That is, it should include a provision equivalent to the corporate income tax rate, currently 27.5%.

Income tax is only applied where a gain/ (loss) from ordinary activities before capital amounts has been achieved.

Since the taxation equivalent is notional – that is, it is payable to Council as the 'owner' of business operations - it represents an internal payment and has no effect on the operations of the Council. Accordingly, there is no need for disclosure of internal charges in the SPFS.

The rate applied of 27.5% is the equivalent company tax rate prevalent at reporting date. No adjustments have been made for variations that have occurred during the year.

### Local government rates and charges

A calculation of the equivalent rates and charges for all Category 1 businesses has been applied to all assets owned, or exclusively used by the business activity.

### Loan and debt guarantee fees

The debt guarantee fee is designed to ensure that council business activities face 'true' commercial borrowing costs in line with private sector competitors.

In order to calculate a debt guarantee fee, Council has determined what the differential borrowing rate would have been between the commercial rate and Council's borrowing rate for its business activities.

#### (i) Subsidies

Government policy requires that subsidies provided to customers, and the funding of those subsidies, must be explicitly disclosed. Subsidies occur where Council provides services on a less than cost recovery basis. This option is exercised on a range of services in order for Council to meet its community service obligations. The overall effect of subsidies is contained within the Income Statements of business activities.

#### (ii) Return on investments (rate of return)

The NCP policy statement requires that councils with Category 1 businesses 'would be expected to generate a return on capital funds employed that is comparable to rates of return for private businesses operating in a similar field'.

Such funds are subsequently available for meeting commitments or financing future investment strategies. The actual rate of return achieved by each business activity is disclosed at the foot of each respective Income Statement.

## Note – Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The rate of return is calculated as follows:

**Operating result before capital income + interest expense**

**Written down value of I,PP&E as at 30 June**

As a minimum, business activities should generate a return equal to the Commonwealth 10 year bond rate which is 0.88% at 30/6/20.

### (iii) Dividends

Council is not required to pay dividends to either itself (as owner of a range of businesses) or to any external entities.

Local government water supply and sewerage businesses are permitted to pay an annual dividend from its water supply or sewerage business surplus.

Each dividend must be calculated and approved in accordance with the Department of Industry – Water guidelines and must not exceed:

- 50% of this surplus in any one year, or
- the number of water supply or sewerage assessments at 30 June 2021 multiplied by \$30 (less the payment for tax equivalent charges, not exceeding \$3 per assessment).

In accordance with the Department of Industry – Water guidelines a Dividend Payment form, Statement of Compliance, Unqualified Independent Financial Audit Report and Compliance Audit Report are required to be submitted to the Department of Industry – Water.

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**9.2.2 ANNUAL REPORT, STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT AND END OF TERM REPORT****File Number:** -**Author:** Sandra Gordon, Manager Risk**Authoriser:** Stephen Fernando, Director Corporate Services**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Annual Report, State of the Environment Report and End of Term Report be received and the information noted by the Council.

**DISCUSSION**

The Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) Part 4 Section 428 (as shown below) set out Council's obligations in preparing and publishing our Annual Report.

**428 Annual reports**

- (1) Within 5 months after the end of each year, a council must prepare a report (its *annual report*) for that year reporting as to its achievements in implementing its delivery program and the effectiveness of the principal activities undertaken in achieving the objectives at which those principal activities are directed.
- (2) The annual report in the year in which an ordinary election of councillors is to be held must also report as to the council's achievements in implementing the community strategic plan over the previous 4 years.
- (3) An annual report must be prepared in accordance with the guidelines under section 406.
- (4) An annual report must contain the following—
  - (a) a copy of the council's audited financial reports prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting* published by the Department, as in force from time to time,
  - (b) such other information or material as the regulations or the guidelines under section 406 may require.
- (5) A copy of the council's annual report must be posted on the council's website and provided to the Minister and such other persons and bodies as the regulations may require. A copy of a council's annual report may be provided to the Minister by notifying the Minister of the appropriate URL link to access the report on the council's website.

Point 2 (above) indicates that Council must prepare an End of Term Report as we are in the last year of the term of the present Council.

In addition, the Office of Local Government requires that Council prepare and publish a State of the Environment Report in the last year of the Council term. This report will be incorporated into the Annual Report with the Financial Statement prior to being published on the website.

The 2020/2021 Financial Statements will be included in the Annual Report when the final copy is available.

Courtney Dean Council's Communication Officer is to be commended for her excellent publishing skills allowing Council to produce such professional documents.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. **2020-2021 Annual Report (under separate cover)** 
2. **2017-2021 State of the Environment Report (under separate cover)** 
3. **2017-2021 End of Term Report (under separate cover)** 



**9.2.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2021****File Number:** -**Author:** Abbas Mehr, Financial Accountant**Authoriser:** Stephen Fernando, Director Corporate Services**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Officer's report on Financial Statements and Investments as at 31 October 2021 be received and the information noted by the Council

1. The report detailing the Council's Position of \$ 47,145,328.49 as at 31 October April 2021 is received.
2. The report detailing Council's Investment balance of \$ 46,432,501.30 as at 31 October 2021 received.

**BACKGROUND**

The Officer Reports the Cash and Investment position of the Council as at 31 October 2021 as below

**DISCUSSION**

Shown below are the Financial Statements, Bank Reconciliations and Investments for the period ending 31 October 2021.

**STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2021 OF COUNCIL'S COMBINED ACCOUNTS**

DETAILS	AUGUST 2021	SEPTEMBER 2021	OCTOBER 2021
Cash Book Balance B/Fwd	\$952,629.04	\$3,979,075.49	\$464,301.89
Add income for month	\$11,904,406.49	\$5,791,003.10	\$1,832,460.57
Deduct expenditure for month	\$6,890,237.31	\$8,304,908.80	\$4,083,935.27
<b>CASH AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$5,966,798.22</b>	<b>\$1,465,169.79</b>	<b>(\$1,787,172.81)</b>
Redeem/(Purchase) Investments	(\$2,000,000.00)	(\$500,000.00)	\$2,500,000.00
<b>CASH BOOK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$3,966,798.22</b>	<b>\$965,169.79</b>	<b>\$712,827.19</b>
Add investments	\$48,430,728.08	\$48,932,501.30	\$ 46,432,501.30
<b>CASH POSITION</b>	<b>\$52,397,526.30</b>	<b>\$49,897,671.09</b>	<b>\$47,145,328.49</b>
As per Bank Statements	\$3,979,075.49	\$464,301.89	\$712,827.19

**INTERNAL CASH BOOK BALANCES**

FUNDS	AUGUST 2021	SEPTEMBER 2021	OCTOBER 2021
General Fund	\$27,661,295.58	\$25,259,842.67	\$22,689,735.88
Water Supply Fund	\$9,697,093.83	\$11,446,918.00	\$11,192,140.94
Sewerage Fund	\$12,039,281.68	\$13,190,910.42	\$13,263,451.67
	<b>\$49,397,671.09</b>	<b>\$49,897,671.09</b>	<b>\$47,145,328.49</b>

FUNDS BREAKDOWN - OCTOBER 2021				
COMPONENTS	GENERAL FUND	WATER SUPPLY	SEWERAGE	TOTAL
Unrestricted Cash	\$231,062.05	\$6,084,358.00	\$5,947,746.95	<b>\$12,263,167.00</b>
Externally Restricted Funds	\$8,679,632.42	\$419,338.75	\$938,057.99	<b>\$10,037,029.16</b>
Internally Restricted Funds	\$13,779,041.41	\$4,688,444.19	\$6,377,646.73	<b>\$24,845,132.33</b>
	<b>\$22,689,735.88</b>	<b>\$11,192,140.94</b>	<b>\$13,263,451.67</b>	<b>\$47,145,328.49</b>

**OVERDRAFT LIMITS:** Bank Overdraft - \$ 650,000.00

I hereby certify that the Cashbook of the various funds of Council has been reconciled, with the appropriate Pass Sheets as at 31 October 2021.

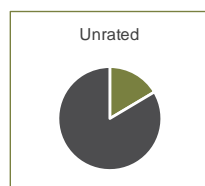
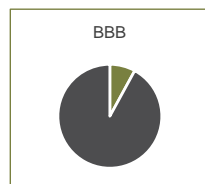
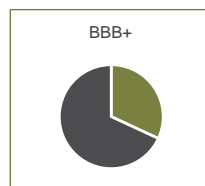
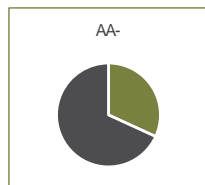
Stephen Fernando  
Director Corporate Services

**REPORT INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2021**

As required by Section 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 and Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, the details of Council's surplus funds invested, totalling \$ 46,432,501.30 are listed below.

Murray River Council  
Investment Portfolio Report - October 2021

PAGE No	DATE START	DATE MATURE	BANK	TYPE	AMOUNT INVESTED	INTEREST RATE	TERM DAYS	TOTAL DUE BY DATE	S&P Long Term
P3	11-Dec-20	01-Nov-21	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	TD	\$750,000.00	0.50%	325	\$753,339.04	AA-
P2	07-Dec-20	11-Nov-21	AMP BANK LTD	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.75%	339	\$1,006,965.75	BBB
P10	20-May-21	15-Nov-21	BANK OF QUEENSLAND	TD	\$500,000.00	0.45%	179	\$501,103.42	BBB+
P3	11-Dec-20	15-Nov-21	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	TD	\$750,000.00	0.50%	339	\$753,482.88	AA-
P3	25-Nov-20	25-Nov-21	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.55%	365	\$1,005,500.00	AA-
P6	25-Nov-20	25-Nov-21	WAW CREDIT UNION	TD	\$700,000.00	0.85%	365	\$705,950.00	Unrated
P6	30-Nov-20	30-Nov-21	WAW CREDIT UNION	TD	\$500,000.00	0.85%	365	\$504,250.00	Unrated
P3	04-Feb-21	09-Dec-21	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.37%	308	\$1,003,122.19	AA-
P3	08-Feb-21	13-Dec-21	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	TD	\$500,000.00	0.35%	308	\$501,476.71	AA-
P4	14-Dec-20	14-Dec-21	BANK OF AUSTRALIA	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.70%	365	\$1,007,000.00	BBB
P3	05-Feb-21	23-Dec-21	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.37%	321	\$1,003,253.97	AA-
P8	31-Mar-21	24-Dec-21	BENDIGO & ADELAIDE BANK	TD	\$504,641.10	0.35%	268	\$505,937.96	BBB+
P10	19-Feb-21	06-Jan-22	BANK OF QUEENSLAND	TD	\$500,000.00	0.40%	321	\$501,758.90	BBB+
P2	05-Jan-21	07-Jan-22	AMP BANK LTD	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.70%	367	\$1,007,038.36	BBB
P10	22-Mar-21	10-Jan-22	BANK OF QUEENSLAND	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.40%	294	\$1,003,221.92	BBB+
P3	22-Mar-21	20-Jan-22	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	TD	\$500,000.00	0.32%	304	\$501,332.60	AA-
P3	26-Feb-21	24-Jan-22	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.35%	332	\$1,003,183.56	AA-
P10	06-Apr-21	03-Feb-22	BANK OF QUEENSLAND	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.40%	303	\$1,003,320.55	BBB+
P10	30-Jun-21	03-Feb-22	BANK OF QUEENSLAND	TD	\$500,000.00	0.45%	218	\$501,343.84	BBB+
P6	06-Apr-21	07-Feb-22	WAW CREDIT UNION	TD	\$300,000.00	0.60%	307	\$1,005,635.62	Unrated
P10	30-Jun-21	17-Feb-22	BANK OF QUEENSLAND	TD	\$500,000.00	0.45%	232	\$501,430.14	BBB+
P10	14-Apr-21	17-Feb-22	BANK OF QUEENSLAND	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.75%	309	\$1,006,349.32	BBB+
P9	04-May-21	03-Mar-22	SUNCORP BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.33%	303	\$1,002,739.45	A+
P6	08-Mar-21	08-Mar-22	WAW CREDIT UNION	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.60%	365	\$1,005,635.62	Unrated
P10	13-May-21	21-Mar-22	BANK OF QUEENSLAND	TD	\$500,795.21	0.40%	312	\$502,507.52	BBB+
P6	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-22	WAW CREDIT UNION	TD	\$1,200,000.00	0.60%	365	\$1,207,200.00	Unrated
P3	19-Apr-21	19-Apr-22	ME BANK	TD	\$800,000.00	0.45%	365	\$803,600.00	BBB+
P3	03-May-21	03-May-22	ME BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.45%	365	\$1,004,500.00	BBB+
P9	10-May-21	21-Feb-22	SUNCORP BANK	TD	\$500,000.00	0.33%	287	\$501,297.40	A+
P9	10-May-21	17-Mar-22	SUNCORP BANK	TD	\$500,000.00	0.33%	311	\$501,405.89	A+
P10	20-May-21	04-Apr-22	BANK OF QUEENSLAND	TD	\$500,000.00	0.40%	319	\$501,747.95	BBB+
P2	17-May-21	13-Apr-22	AMP BANK LTD	TD	\$700,000.00	0.55%	331	\$703,491.37	BBB
P3	19-May-21	28-Apr-22	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	TD	\$500,000.00	0.32%	344	\$501,507.95	AA-
P6	17-May-21	17-May-22	WAW CREDIT UNION	TD	\$515,379.68	0.75%	365	\$519,245.03	Unrated
P3	27-May-21	12-May-22	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.32%	350	\$1,003,068.49	AA-
P3	25-May-21	26-May-22	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	TD	\$772,275.24	0.35%	366	\$774,985.61	AA-
P9	15-Jun-21	30-May-22	SUNCORP BANK	TD	\$500,000.00	0.33%	349	\$501,577.67	A+
P12	16-Jun-21	09-Jun-22	MACQUARIE BANK	TD	\$500,000.00	0.40%	358	\$501,961.64	A+
P12	16-Jun-21	14-Jun-22	MACQUARIE BANK	TD	\$500,000.00	0.40%	363	\$501,989.04	A+
P3	15-Jun-21	23-Jun-22	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	TD	\$1,005,620.00	0.35%	373	\$1,009,216.81	AA-
P3	24-Jun-21	30-Jun-22	ME BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.50%	371	\$1,005,082.19	BBB+
P3	30-Jun-21	30-Jun-22	ME BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.45%	365	\$1,004,500.00	BBB+
P3	09-Jul-21	30-Jun-22	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.35%	356	\$1,003,413.70	AA-
P10	06-Sep-21	01-Jul-22	BANK OF QUEENSLAND	TD	\$500,000.00	0.40%	298	\$501,632.88	BBB+
P8	24-Aug-21	01-Jul-22	BENDIGO & ADELAIDE BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.35%	311	\$1,002,982.19	BBB+
P6	30-Jun-21	07-Jul-22	WAW CREDIT UNION	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.75%	372	\$1,007,643.84	Unrated
P12	05-Aug-21	14-Jul-22	MACQUARIE BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.40%	343	\$1,003,758.90	A+
P8	20-Aug-21	21-Jul-22	BENDIGO & ADELAIDE BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.85%	335	\$1,007,801.37	BBB+
P12	24-Aug-21	28-Jul-22	MACQUARIE BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.40%	338	\$1,003,704.11	A+
P10	17-Aug-21	18-Aug-22	BANK OF QUEENSLAND	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.45%	366	\$1,004,512.33	BBB+
P6	19-Aug-21	25-Aug-22	MACQUARIE BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.75%	371	\$1,007,623.29	Unrated
P8	17-Sep-21	29-Aug-22	BENDIGO & ADELAIDE BANK	TD	\$1,006,780.07	0.30%	346	\$1,009,643.19	BBB+
P3	30-Aug-21	04-Aug-22	MACQUARIE BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.40%	339	\$1,003,715.07	AA-
P3	02-Sep-21	11-Aug-22	MACQUARIE BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.40%	343	\$1,003,758.90	AA-
P3	02-Sep-21	01-Sep-22	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.35%	364	\$1,003,490.41	AA-
P3	02-Sep-21	08-Sep-22	NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	TD	\$1,000,000.00	0.35%	371	\$1,003,557.53	AA-
P6	16-Sep-21	15-Sep-22	WAW CREDIT UNION	TD	\$700,000.00	0.50%	364	\$703,490.41	Unrated
P6	20-Sep-21	22-Sep-22	WAW CREDIT UNION	TD	\$725,000.00	0.50%	367	\$728,644.86	Unrated
Shares			STRA TEGIC PURCHASE	Shares	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00	
Shares			WAWCU	Shares	\$10.00			\$10.00	
					\$46,432,501.30			\$47,344,639.33	



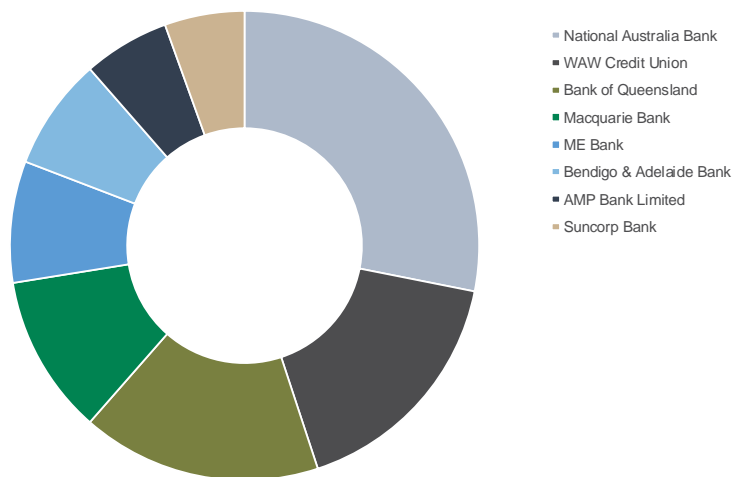
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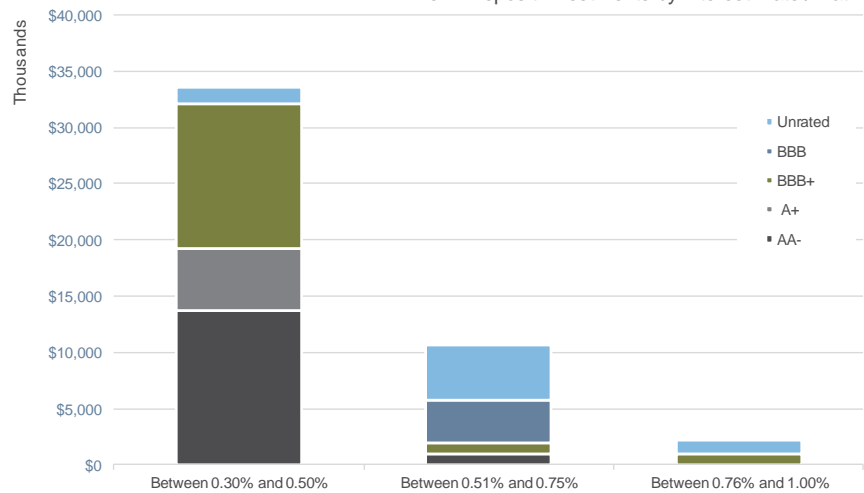
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Murray River Council  
Term Deposit Investments  
as on 31 October 2021

Term Deposit Investments by Financial Institution



Term Deposit Investments by Interest Rate / Rating



November '21



December '21



January '22



February '22



March '22



April '22



May '22



June '22



Maturity FY 2021-22



July '22



August '22



September '22



Maturity FY 2022-23



## Term Deposit Investments Summary

October  
2021

## Term Deposit Investments by Financial Institution

Financial Institution	Principal	Rating	%age
National Australia Bank	\$ 12,777,895.24	AA-	27.52%
WAW Credit Union	\$ 7,640,389.68	Unrated	16.46%
Bank of Queensland	\$ 7,500,795.21	BBB+	16.15%
Macquarie Bank	\$ 5,000,000.00	AA-	10.77%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank	\$ 3,511,421.17	BBB+	7.56%
ME Bank	\$ 3,800,000.00	BBB+	8.18%
AMP Bank Limited	\$ 2,700,000.00	BBB	5.82%
Suncorp Bank	\$ 2,500,000.00	A+	5.38%
Bank of Australia	\$ 1,000,000.00	BBB	2.15%
	<b>\$ 46,430,501.30</b>		<b>100.00%</b>

## Term Deposit Investments by Rate of Return / Rating

Rate of Return	AA-	A+	BBB+	BBB	Unrated
Between 0.30% and 0.50%	\$ 13,777,895.24	\$ 5,500,000.00	\$ 12,812,216.38	\$ -	\$ 1,425,000.00
Between 0.51% and 0.75%	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 3,700,000.00	\$ 5,015,379.68
Between 0.76% and 1.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000.00
	<b>\$ 14,777,895.24</b>	<b>\$ 5,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,812,216.38</b>	<b>\$ 3,700,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,640,379.68</b>
	31.83%	11.85%	31.90%	7.97%	16.46%

## Term Deposit Investments by Maturity Month / Financial Year

Maturity	Principal	% of Portfolio	Maturity by Financial Year		
November 2021	\$ 5,200,000.00	11.20%			
December 2021	\$ 4,004,641.10	8.63%			
January 2022	\$ 4,000,000.00	8.62%			
February 2022	\$ 3,800,000.00	8.18%			
March 2022	\$ 4,200,795.21	9.05%	<b>FY 2021-22</b>	<b>\$ 32,498,711.23</b>	<b>69.99%</b>
April 2022	\$ 2,500,000.00	5.38%			
May 2022	\$ 3,787,654.92	8.16%			
June 2022	\$ 5,005,620.00	10.78%			
July 2022	\$ 5,500,000.00	11.85%			
August 2022	\$ 5,006,780.07	10.78%	<b>FY 2022-23</b>	<b>\$ 13,931,780.07</b>	<b>30.01%</b>
September 2022	\$ 3,425,000.00	7.38%			
	<b>\$ 46,430,491.30</b>				

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

## 5 - Strategic Theme 5: Leadership and Governance

5.1 - An effective, efficient and progressive Council that provides leadership to the community

5.1.2 - Council acts in a financially responsible manner to ensure delivery of safe and sustainable services to the community

### **BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

Continual low interest rates may have a negative impact on the expected interest value.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Investments are made in accordance with the Council's Investment Policy which was adopted on the 27 October 2020

### **LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993  
Regulation 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005  
Trustees Act 1925 Section 14

### **RISK ANALYSIS**

- **What can happen?**  
Imprudent use of council's financial resources
- **How can it happen?**  
Not following investment rules, policies or mandates
- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**  
Potential loss of financial resources
- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**  
Low
- **Adequacy of existing controls?**  
Good
- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**  
Responsible management of financial resources invested in accordance with Council's investment policies and mandate.

### **CONCLUSION**

Murray River Council's liquidity is in a satisfactory position at 31 October 2021.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil



**9.2.4 CENTIUM REPORT ON MURRAY RIVER ENERGY - DISCLAIMER**

**File Number:** -

**Author:** Sandra Gordon, Manager Risk

**Authoriser:** Stephen Fernando, Director Corporate Services

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Centium Report on Murray River Energy - Disclaimer be received and the information noted by the Council.

**DISCUSSION**

The information below is the final page of the Centium Report on Murray River Energy

**attachments** 45

**DISCLAIMERS**

This report is prepared on the basis of the following:

- **Management Responsibility:** Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining an effective system of internal control over its operations and financial reporting. This includes without limitation, systems designed to assure the achievement of its control objectives and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
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## ATTACHMENTS

Nil

**9.3 DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS****9.3.1 MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE****File Number:** -**Author:** Jan Donald, Executive Administration Officer**Authoriser:** Jack Bond, Director Infrastructure**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note the **DRAFT (unapproved) minutes** of the Murray River Council Local Traffic Committee meeting held on Wednesday 18 August 2021.

**BACKGROUND**

The Murray River Council Local Traffic Committee is a technical review committee that is required to advise Council on traffic related matters.

**DISCUSSION**

At the meeting of the Murray River Council Local Traffic Committee held on Wednesday 18 August 2021, the following actions were noted:

1. TfNSW to provide details of responsible person in relation to change of bus routes (Aberdeen Way).
2. Council to set up traffic counter in Cobwell Street Barham due to notification of speeding vehicles by a member of the public.
3. Footpath safety Meninya Street – area of concern to be determined by Council.
4. TfNSW to check process of notification of change of speed zones and review size of signage to meet regulations.
5. TfNSW to review Cobb Highway and Barham Road intersection. Council to review the turning lane into Barham Road.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

1 - Strategic Theme 1: Built/Physical Environment

1.2 - Improve and maintain our road and transport network

1.2.1 - Develop long-term plans for maintenance and construction of town streets and the rural road network - with priorities established in conjunction with the community

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS****RISK ANALYSIS**

- What can happen?

Speeding and road safety concerns.

- **How can it happen?**

Speeding motorists.

- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**

Injury

- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**

Moderate

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

Increase NSW Police Patrols.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Murray River Council Local Traffic Committee supports the actions as outlined above and notes these for Council information.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. **MRC Local Traffic Committee Minutes 18082021**  



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## Minutes

<b>Meeting title</b>	Local Traffic Committee		
<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 18 August 2021	<b>Time</b>	10am – 11.30am
<b>Location</b>	Microsoft Teams / Moama Council Chambers		
<b>Invitees</b>	Mayor Chris Bilkey – Council Delegate (CB) - <i>Chair</i> Cr Tom Weyrich – Council Delegate (TW) Greg Minehan – TfNSW (GM) Nicole Campi – Local State Member Representative (NC) Sergeant Peter Kirk – NSW Police (PK) Ken Spence – Murray River Council (KS) Ricki Thompson – Murray River Council (RT) Colin Smith – Observer NSW Police (CS) Jan Donald (minute taker) (JD)		
<b>Apologies</b>	Cr Gen Campbell – Observer (GC)		

### No. Description

#### 1. Minutes of previous meeting of 4 February 2021 for confirmation

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Local Traffic Committee held on 4 February 2021 were confirmed.

Moved: Sgt Peter Kirk                      Seconded: Cr Weyrich

#### . Review of action sheet / business arising:

##### 2.1 Tataila Road speed reduction (Hollara Drive to Gulvan Road)

Updated traffic counts and speed statistics were circulated with the meeting papers. The average daily traffic count is 335 combined which indicates that the area is not a heavy traffic area. NSW Police increased patrols and have not identified any speeding / hooning activities. Walking path has since been built along Tataila Road which therefore reduces the issue with pedestrians. TfNSW believes no speed zone review is required.

*Closed.*

##### 2.2 Parking issues Mathoura (Livingstone & Mathoura Streets)

MRC Compliance Officers have located and removed all unregistered vehicles. Traffic cameras are being utilised on known heavy vehicles in the area.

*Closed.*



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2.3 Parking at Murray River Tea Rooms

No further action at this time.

*Closed.*

2.4 Reduced speed limit on Cobb Highway

At the meeting of 4 February, the committee agreed to support the relocation of the 50km / 80km speed transition zone and compression braking signage to north of Kiely Road. As the speed zone review is a Transport for NSW (TfNSW) matter and not within the jurisdiction of the Local Traffic Committee, the issue will be deferred to TfNSW for a decision.

*Closed.*

2.5 Aberdeen Way Moama Bus Access

Formal correspondence was sent to Newton's Bus Service requesting the Aberdeen Way bus stop be removed due to not meeting compliance and safety requirements and the Shetland Drive / Orkney Court bus stop be utilised. No response has been received to date from Newtons. Ken has phoned Newtons on several occasions and acknowledgment of the letter has been received. Newtons have advised they are waiting on feedback from TfNSW in order to change the bus route.

**Action: TfNSW to provide details of responsible person for bus routes to KS**

*Open.*

2.6 Heavy vehicle access to Jones Street Mathoura

Meeting to be scheduled for landowner with Acting Manager Transport Services to review access options.

*Open.*

2.7 Meeting with TfNSW on traffic management and future bridge closures

MRC previously made representation to the Victorian Government regarding border closures and traffic management issues. Council would be seeking reassurance that this does not occur again.

Separately there has been several meetings scheduled with TfNSW for project walk-throughs over the next six months of the new Echuca-Moama Bridge Project. Discussions continue in relation to the future ownership of Meninya Street, Old Moama Flood Bridge and the current Echuca Moama Iron Bridge.

*Closed.*

2.8 Cobwell Street Barham

Times of speeding vehicles are yet to be determined. Council will place a traffic counter in Cobwell Street in order to provide more detail.

**Action: Council to set up traffic counter in Cobwell Street Barham**



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Open.

**3. Parking issues / Special events:**

Nil

**4. Traffic Control Plans / Safety Issues:**

**4.1 Footpath safety – Meninya Street Moama – for approval**

A request from a Moama business owner was received in relation to utilising a stencil on the footpath to ensure pedestrian safety. No decision reached until such time as more information can be obtained.

**Action: MRC to follow up with business owner to determine area of concern (JD)**

**5. General Business (Informal items):**

**5.1 Barnes Crossing reduction in speed limit – no notification received**

Reduction in the speed limit at the Barnes railway crossing occurred as a result of the 2018 Centre for Road Safety Investigated crashes at active rail crossings. Minimum distance for a speed reduction zone is 2km, subsequently this is the distance of the 80km zone.

**Action: TfNSW to check process of notification of change of speed zones and review size of signage to ensure they meet current regulations. (GM)**

**5.2 Cobb Highway and Barmah Road intersection safety concerns**

Cr Weyrich raised concerns in relation to the intersection and particularly if the coffee van is operating the safety of pedestrians crossing the highway. NSW Police to monitor pedestrians accessing the coffee van when in operation. TfNSW will review the intersection and provide further information back to the committee. Council to review the left hand turning lane into Barmah Road (heading South) and provide further information.

**Action: TfNSW to review Cobb Highway and Barmah Road intersection (GM)  
MRC to review the turning lane into Barmah Road (KS)**

**5.3 Stop sign Lawrence Street Mathoura**

NSW Police continue to maintain patrols and monitor vehicles at the stop sign at the Lawrence Street railway crossing when possible.

**6. Next meeting:**

To be confirmed

**7. Meeting closed:**



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Meeting closed at 10.50am

#### ACTION LIST

No.	Meeting Date	Title	Action	Responsible person	Comment	Status
1	28/05/2020	Tataila Road Speed Reduction (Holara Drive to Gulval Road)	Monitor incidents, speed and number of vehicles on a yearly basis	FG / KS	Prepare report on next 12 months for May 2021	Closed
2	04/02/2021	Parking issues – Moama	Murray River Tea Rooms location of carpark	GC	Formal notification to Committee	Closed
3	04/02/2021	Cobb Highway / Nicholas Drive	Provide confirmation from TfNSW to move signage	FH	To reduce excessive engine brake noise	Closed
4	04/02/2021	Cobb Highway / Nicholas Drive	Increase Highway Patrol visibility	PK	To reduce vehicles speeding	Closed
5	04/02/2021	Aberdeen Way Moama Bus Access	TfNSW to provide Ken with details of responsible person for bus routes	GM	To assist in change of bus routes	Open
6	04/02/2021	Jones Street Mathoura entry to Cobb Highway	Investigate whether an entrance can be granted	FH	To reduce using road not gazetted for over 4.5T	Open
7	04/02/2021	Traffic Management for any future bridge closures	Meet with TfNSW to develop a better strategy	MRC	To assist with better traffic management in and around Moama	Closed
8	04/02/2021	Cobwell Street Barham speeding vehicles	Traffic counter to be set up	KS	In order to determine speeding vehicles	Open
9	18/08/2021	Footpath Safety – Meninya Street Moama	Contact business owner	JD	To determine areas of concern	Open
10	18/08/2021	Barnes Crossing	Review process of notification to Council of change of speed zone and	GM	Council not advised of change to speed zone	Open

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			review size of signage			
11	18/08/2021	Cobb Highway & Barmah Road intersection	TfNSW to review intersection  MRC to review left hand turning lane into Barmah Road	GM  KS	Safety concerns raised at intersection	Open

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**9.4 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**

Nil

## 9.5 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

### 9.5.1 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE RESTORATION AND STEAM TRAIN EXCURSIONS

File Number: -

Author: John Harvie, Director Community and Economic Development

Authoriser: Terry Dodds, Chief Executive Officer

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Engage with Echuca Moama & District Tourism Association the Victorian Goldfields Railway, Steam Rail Victoria, and the Seymour Railway Heritage Centre to bring regular heritage trains to Echuca Moama and
2. Engage with Edward River Council, Echuca Moama & District Tourism Association, the Victorian Goldfields Railway, Steam Rail Victoria, and the Seymour Railway Heritage Centre to run regular heritage trains from Echuca Moama to Deniliquin via Mathoura.

#### BACKGROUND

Council, at its monthly meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 considered two notices of motions and resolved as follows:

*1 That re-engage with Campaspe Shire to refurbish the steam locomotive located in the wharf area and we cc neighbouring shires with a view to participation and engagement in controlling said locomotive, ultimately owning and running it in a joint agreement as a tourist attraction and*

*1 That Council engages with our Tourism bodies, Campaspe Shire Council, the City of Greater Bendigo, Regional Development Victoria, and Edward River Council, to collaborate in the development of regular Heritage Rail (Steam Train) services between Melbourne / Bendigo and Deniliquin.*

*2 Those stakeholders develop bookable products that include overnight stays and after dark entertainment.*

#### DISCUSSION

Council has contacted Campaspe Shire Council in relation to the refurbishment and use of the steam locomotive located at the port of Echuca.

Campaspe Shire Council believe that the work being done by Echuca Moama & District Tourism Association in conjunction with the Victorian Goldfields Railway, Steam Rail Victoria, and the Seymour Railway Heritage Centre to bring regular heritage trains to Echuca Moama is sufficient to deliver the outcomes that MRC is seeking to achieve.

Campaspe Shire Council also believe that as these specialist organisations are undertaking these investigations with existing refurbished locomotives and rolling stock, it is felt that consideration of a further entrant into this space is unnecessary at this time.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

4 - Strategic Theme 4: Economic Growth

4.2 - Continue focus on strong and vibrant tourism

4.2.2 - Work with neighbouring councils to develop a connected tourism industry, infrastructure and promotion

### **BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

By working with Echuca Moama & District Tourism Association and steam train operators, council can achieve its desired outcomes without committing additional funds.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

### **RISK ANALYSIS**

- **What can happen?**  
Nil
- **How can it happen?**  
Nil
- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**  
Nil
- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**  
Nil
- **Adequacy of existing controls?**  
Nil
- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**  
Nil

### **CONCLUSION**

MRC tourism team will engage with Echuca Moama & District Tourism Association to attract steam train excursions from Melbourne via Bendigo to Echuca.

The team will also engage with Edward River Council in relation to developing an itinerary for local train trips between Echuca and Deniliquin via Mathoura.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. **CSC Letter**  
2. **Letter to Echuc Moama Tourism**  

KO



18 October 2021

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Dear John

**Re: Restoration of Steam Locomotive**

I write in response to your letter of October 12 seeking Campaspe Shire Councils opinion regarding the restoration of the steam engine located at the Port of Echuca and then using the engine as a tourist attraction running between Echuca, Bendigo and Deniliquin.

I raised this matter at Councils Briefing Session last Wednesday, 13 October for Councillors consideration. As you may be aware, Echuca Moama & District Tourism Association is presently working with the Victorian Goldfields Railway, Steam Rail Victoria and the Seymour Railway Heritage Centre, to bring regular heritage trains to Echuca Moama. Given that these specialist organisations are undertaking these investigations with existing refurbished locomotives and rolling stock, it is felt that consideration of a further entrant into this space is unnecessary at this time.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Oberin", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**KEITH OBERIN**  
**GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY**



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Ms. Kathryn McKenzie  
Chief Executive Officer  
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ECHUCA VIC 3564

Dear Kathryn

**RE: STEAM TRAIN EXCURSIONS TO ECHUCA MOAMA AND DENILIQUN**

At Murray River Councils monthly meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021, council resolved as follows:

*'That council re-engage with Campaspe Shire to refurbish the steam locomotive located in the wharf area and we cc neighboring shires with a view to participation and engagement in controlling said locomotive, ultimately owning and running it in a joint agreement as a tourist attraction' and*

*'That Council engages with our Tourism bodies, Campaspe Shire Council, the City of Greater Bendigo, Regional Development Victoria, and Edward River Council, to collaborate in the development of regular Heritage Rail (Steam Train) services between Melbourne / Bendigo and Deniliquin' and*

*'Those stakeholders develop bookable products that include overnight stays and after dark entertainment'.*

Campaspe Shire Council has indicated that its preference is to work with Echuca Moama & District Tourism Association and existing steam train operators to negotiate regular excursions to Echuca Moama rather than refurbish its existing locomotive.

A further report on the matter has been prepared for council and I would like to meet with you to discuss current arrangements for steam train excursions to Echuca Moama and the possibility of running side excursions to Deniliquin via Mathoura.

Please let me know a time that suits you to meet to discuss.

Regards

**John Harvie**  
Director of Community and Economic Development.

**9.5.2 SECTION 355 COMMITTEE REPORT - NOVEMBER 2021**

**File Number:** -

**Author:** Jaclyn Blaswick, Administration Officer

**Authoriser:** John Harvie, Acting Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive the report on Section 355 Committee Minutes and note the items highlighted under conclusion.

**BACKGROUND**

Council Section 355 Committees are to provide minutes of each committee meeting to keep Council informed of the committee's activities.

**DISCUSSION**

The Economic Development and Tourism teamwork with all committees to help them meet their obligations as required by S355 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The minutes received by Council during the period July-November are attached for Council's information.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

5 - Strategic Theme 5: Leadership and Governance

5.1 - An effective, efficient and progressive Council that provides leadership to the community

5.1.3 - Build and maintain strong partnerships and relationships with all stakeholders especially our local communities, while also building effective working relationships with our neighbouring councils

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS****RISK ANALYSIS**

- **What can happen?**  
N/A
- **How can it happen?**  
N/A
- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**  
N/A
- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**  
N/A

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**  
N/A
- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**  
N/A

## CONCLUSION

Council staff highly engaged with Section 355 Committees with scheduled monthly face to face meetings.

The following items have been noted at recent committee meetings:

- Murray Shire Hall Committee:
  - Concern has been raised about the poor condition of the façades of the previous Council Offices and Shire Hall and request it be considered for improvements/ upgrades to take place
  - Committee has requested booking procedure for Shire Hall be explained to staff at the Mathoura Visitor Information Centre
- Barham Recreation Reserve:
  - At the AGM an election of office bearers was held, and a new Treasure has been appointed.
- Moulamein Men's Shed – Caretakers of the Old Moulamein Courthouse
  - At the AGM the office bearers agreed to accept vacant positions for another term
  - Christine Neish has expressed interest in becoming the caretaker/ tour guide
- Murray Downs Riverside Park Management Committee have been liaising with the Council on the below matters:
  - Committee have been in contact regarding the removal of the RS temporary yard at the bridge
  - Looking for guidance from Council for obtaining a defibrillator for the area

## ATTACHMENTS

1. **Section 355 Committee Report - November 2021** [!\[\]\(0f48f43ebd21f231a458c96216dbf4d1\_img.jpg\)](#) 



# **MURRAY SHIRE HALL COMMITTEE**

## **Minutes of Meeting Held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Present:** Ian Fisher, Betty Murphy, Cr Geoff Wise, Allison McKean, Bronwyn Eddy, Heidi Glenn, John Harvie

**Apologies:** Margaret Watson, Linda McGuinness

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Moved Betty, seconded Geoff, that the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 are true and correct. Carried

**Business Arising:**

1. Council Building/Hall front Facade: to be discussed in General Business
2. Hall Budget: See Correspondence

**Treasurers Report:** No Treasurers report available. Bank Balance \$10,897.96 as per last meeting

**Correspondence:** Email from John Harvie advising: "The \$10,000 allocated each year is for minor CAPEX works on Work Order 13803. The roof was also budgeted for separately in 20/21 year"

**General Business:**

1. Twilight Ball: Ian advised that the Ball held in May was very successful and that the 56 attendees appreciated the evening time slot. Heidi commented that although the supper was a simpler affair, with only 3 Committee ladies helping, they were very busy. Ian also advised that the monthly Sunday afternoon dances will recommence in October, covid permitting.
2. Big Morning Tea: a large number of people enjoyed the Big Morning Tea held in the Hall recently. Alisha Laws did a very good job preparing for and promoting the event and the Hall was left clean.
3. Hall/Council Building Front Façade: Betty Murphy again raised her concern that the front of the building is looking very tired and in need of a serious upgrade. Furthermore, she is concerned that Council may not give it a priority because it is only a branch office now.
4. John Harvey explained the procedure Council follows for allocating funds for projects. In the case of the Hall the preferred procedure is for a recommendation to be included in the Minutes which in turn will be brought forward for consideration by Council by either the Economic Development representative or the Council delegate.  
In view of this it was moved by Betty Murphy, seconded Heidi Glenn, that Council be advised of our concern with the poor condition of the facade of the previous Council Offices and Shire Hall, and they be requested to consider options and costs to improve the front of the building. Carried  
Cr Wise offered to take this to Council.
5. Hall Booking Procedure: Heidi Glenn explained the current Hall Booking procedure and requested that staff at the Mathoura Business and Information Centre be instructed on this procedure.
6. Australian Flag: Ian advised that the Australian flag on the pole at the front of the offices has not been taken down for several weeks. John Harvey offered to correct this.
7. Election Raffle, Brown Eddy requested that the Mathoura RSL be granted permission to conduct a raffle on Council Election Day this year, assuming that there will be an election. The meeting agreed to her request.

**Next Meeting;** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MOULAMEIN SOUTH  
RECREATION RESERVE HELD AT THE MOULAMEIN SPORTING COMPLEX ON  
THE 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021 COMMENCING AT 5.36PM**

**Present:** Colleen Wilson, Kathy Munro, Rossy Main, Shantal Sherman, Amy Lolicato, Garry Russell and Alan Mathers.

**Apologies:** Debbie Polkinghorne, John Harvie and Kirsty Harris.

**Minutes of the previous meeting as tabled:**

Moved Colleen Wilson

Seconded Kathy Munro

That the minutes from the general meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 be accepted. **Carried**

**Business arising:**

- 1 Filing Cabinet – purchased.
  - Rossy Main to provide a photo (from Facebook BSS page) and confirmation text for her to be reimbursed.

Moved Shantal Sherman  
Seconded Colleen Wilson  
That Rossy be reimbursed after proof of purchase is provided **Carried**
- 2 Mower still to be looked at by Ernie and Hooker – although they feel they may as well stick with mower they have rather than getting a second hand one. Colleen to speak to the boys
- 3 Dog Trials – postponed to 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October

**Treasurers Report:**

- Books to be sent to MRC auditor for annual audit.
- Financial Statement attached

Moved Shantal Sherman

Seconded Garry Russell

That the Treasurer's Report as tabled be accepted. **Carried**

**Correspondence:**

**Out:** Nil

**In:** WAW bank statements x 2

MRC – audit request

Email MRC Council grants

MRC – request for committee information (already provided in March 2021)

MRC – confirmation of solar panel letter that was sent

Invoice – MoulBar (fuel)

**General Business**

- 1 MRC Grant Applications (\$3000) - Amy
  - Gym – split system air conditioning
  - Complex building – split system air conditioning
    - Colleen to obtain quotes
    - If successful, a letter is to be sent to the 200 Club seeking a donation towards this.

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- Decision was made to leave tv grant to a later date and investigate a more appropriate unit eg interactive board for a more multipurpose function
  - Discussion was held regarding a large multipurpose building being built on bottom tennis courts and the process relating to this.
- 2 Gym Financials – Gym books are also to be audited (seek information as to their status as a Section 355 committee).
- NB Gym has their own committee and their own bank account.
- 3 Council elections – postponed to 4<sup>th</sup> December
- Allan will not be standing at this election and encouraged all to canvas for some new young blood to represent Moulamein.
  - Allan spoke about a referendum within Council to do with maintaining current Wards, he is in favour of maintaining the current structure.
  - Colleen to stay in contact with Allan regarding putting an advert in Wongi regarding possible candidates.

**Meeting Closed** at 6.40pm.

**Next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 5.30pm.**

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Rossy Main  
Hon. President

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Colleen Wilson  
Hon. Secretary

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*Barham Recreation Reserve Committee Inc.*

### ***Annual General Meeting***

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**Commenced:** 6:30 pm, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021, Barham Recreation Reserve.

**Present** Tim Coote, Brian O'Farrell, Sandy Lang, Bobbie Eaton, Neil Gorey, Julie Frankling, Paul Robinson, Melissa Davis, Ian Sampson

**Apologies** Greg Lake (KBFNC)

**Business arising from last minutes:**

- None

**Correspondence in:**

- No correspondence

**Correspondence Out:**

- Koondrook Barham Bridge – advert for AGM

Moved by Julie Frankling

Seconded by Tim Coote

**Treasurers Report: presented by Banny O'Farrell**

- NAB Acc: 082 572 509610290 - \$31 897.42
- Books at MRC, not received back yet

Moved by Banny O'Farrell

Seconded by Sandy Lang

**Chairman's Report:**

- Not available

**Election of Office Bearers:**

Paul passed chair to Neil Gorey, to declare all positions vacant, elections commenced.

*Neil thanked all members within the committee over past year and noted that the committee is well regarded within MRC as a strong Section 355 Committee adhering to the policies and procedures set by council.*

**Chairperson**

Nominations called for:

Paul Robinson, nominated by Banny, seconded by Melissa

No other nominations, voting, **All in Favour**

**Congratulations to Paul Robinson as Chairperson**

**Secretary**

Nominations called for:

Julie Frankling, nominated by Bobbie, seconded by Tim

No other nominations, voting, **All in Favour**

**Congratulations to Julie Frankling as Secretary**

**Treasurer**

Nominations called for:

Michelle Robinson, nominated by Julie Frankling, seconded by Banny

As Michelle was not present, Paul made a call and Michelle accepted to meeting by phone.

No other nominations, voting, **All in Favour**

**Congratulations to Michelle Robinson**

The committee of the Barham Recreation Reserve will be formed by a representative of user groups, and those present this evening, including Greg Lake (KBFNC).

**Murray River Council Representative:** as appointed and directed by council.

Neil passed Chair back to Paul Robinson as the reappointed Chair of BRRC.

**General Business:**

- Change contact on NAB Acc: 082 572 509610290 from MR William Harman to Barham Recreation Reserve Committee Attn; Treasurer, PO Box 81 Barham NSW 2732

Meeting closed: 6.50pm

TBC and advertised.

BARHAM SCHOOL OF ARTS HALLMINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Started- 8:07pm.**

**PRESENT:** CHAIR: G Cook.

G Barker, J Boyd, B Campbell, J Griffin, P Williamson, B Brookes, C Pye, J Pye, A Millar, R Millar, P Lloyd, T Barker,  
L Sheldrick, E McConnell, A Mathers, J Whelan.

**APOLOGIES:** G Minnis, D Burbury, R Daws, R Salter, B Rash.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Robin May – Barham Local Health Medical Trust.

Chair Garry welcomed Robin to the Meeting. Robin gave a brief explanation of the Trusts aims and said that since the Trust was formed they have raised around \$750,000.00. to operate and support the Clinic. She explained that due to the uncertainty around COVID restrictions the Trust have decided to forgo their usual Annual Fundraising Event and have decided to go with an event that can easily comply with whatever restrictions that may be in place at that time. Robin spoke at length about the Trusts upcoming Fundraising Event “A Virtual Walk from Barham 2 Broome and back” starting on 1<sup>st</sup> November and culminating on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021. They want people to walk a set distance each day and donate \$1.00 for each kilometre walked with the aim of raising at least \$15000.00.

The Lions Club have agreed to cook the BBQ. **STARTING TIME-10am.**

**MATTERS ARISING:** Nil.

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

**Moved:** A Mathers **Seconded:** C Pye

*“That the minutes of the Business Meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting”.* **Carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** From 13<sup>th</sup> July to

**OUT:**

Sent to:

PDG Norm Walkington  
NDCH (Denise)  
Kerry Wilkinson  
NDCH (Denise) x 2  
Cab. Treasurer Peter  
Lynn Fredericks  
Barham Art Group  
Mandy Champion  
Arbuthnot SawMill  
Membreys Auto Electrics  
Greg Green (MBMC)  
Zone Chair Rose  
Margaret Poels (JPS Chair)  
Cab. Sec. Clinton x 2  
Sharon Westcombe (MRC)

Regards

Thank you for Inducting Incoming Committee  
Requesting update Bathroom Modifications  
Battery Collection Paperwork  
Bathroom Inspection/Finalising Approval  
Acquittal 201V6 Foundation Grant  
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Confirmation \$200.00 Donation Painting Items  
Thank you for Donating Battery Collection Signs  
Thank you for Donating Firewood  
Thank you for \$500.00 Donation (Battery Collection)  
Confirm Breakfast (Subject to COVID Restrictions)  
Club Activities for Zone Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept  
Hold over JPS Fees  
Incorrect Convention Delegate Votes  
Requesting Copy SOA Financials.

**IN:**

**Received from:**

**Concerning:**

**Result**

1. Bendigo Bank	Bank Statements x 4	Forwarded Treasurer
2. ROAR Editor	July/August/Sept/Oct.	Forwarded Members
3. JPS Chair x 3	Final Extension / Cancellation / Holdover Fees	
4. NDCH (Denise) x 2	Finalising Bathroom Reno.	Treasurer
5. Murray River Meats/Newsagent Trending Now (\$200.00 Voucher)	Tax Invoices	Forwarded Treasurer
6. Marie Furze (Cakes/Mints) x 3	Changes Prices/Ordering	Forwarded Treasurer
7. ALDAF	ALWF Handbook	Forwarded Members
8. Lions Australia x 7	Club News July/ Aug./Sept/ Email Scam Alert	Forwarded Members
9. Murray River Council	COVID Funding	Forwarded Members
10. Murray River Council	COVID Business Seminar	Forwarded Members
11. Murray River Council	NSW Business Financial Support	Forwarded Members
12. Murray River Council	Regional COVID Update	Forwarded Members
13. Murray River Council	Nominations 2022 Aust. Day Awards	Forwarded Members
14. Murray River Council	COVID Vaccination Pop up Clinics	Forwarded Members
15. Murray River Council	Business/Grants Update	Forwarded Members
16. Councillor Mathers	MRC Vaccination Rates	Forwarded Members
17. Lions International	Club Digest July/Aug./Sept/Oct.	Forwarded Members
18. Lions International	Registration LCIcon 2022	Forwarded Members
19. Vic. Dept. Justice	WWCC A Millar/ B Rash	Filed
20. Office of Childrens Guardian	WWCC J Whelan	Filed
21. Infrabuild Recycling x 2	Receipt Batteries	Filed
22. Zone Chair Rose	Zone Meeting	Forwarded Info.
23. Lions Hearing Dogs	Newsletter	Forwarded Members
24. Lions Hearing Dogs	Sponsor Patch	Rose Millar
25. Lions Wellness Foundation x 2	Changes to Constitution/Donation	
26. Lions Wellness Foundation	Newsletter	Forwarded Members
27. LCIF Chair	Newsletter July/Au/Sept.	Forwarded Members
28. Paul Shortis	EMIBooks	Have 100
29. Cab. Sec. Clinton	Weekly Mailouts 2-8	Forwarded Members
30. Cab. Sec.	Cab. Treasurer Address	Forwarded Treasurer
31. Cab. Sec.	Cancellation District Changeover	Forwarded Members
32. Cab. Sec.	Convention Motions/Nominations	Forwarded Members
33. Cab. Sec.	Donations to V6 Foundation	Forwarded Treasurer
34. Cab. Sec.	Convention Details/ Voting	
35. Cab. Sec. x 2	Convention Delegate Votes	Advised Incorrect
36. Cab. Sec.	Convention Postponed	Forwarded Members
37. CareFlight x 2	Seeking Donation	
<b>Moved:</b> A Millar	<b>Seconded:</b> T Barker	<b>"That the Lions Club donate \$200.00". Carried.</b>
38. Kerry Wilkinson	Battery Collection Paperwork	Forwarded Chris Pye
39. Greg Green x 2	Fundraising Opportunity	Forwarded Members
40. Barham Art Group	Requesting \$200.00 Donation	Executive Approved
<b>Moved:</b> B Campbell	<b>Seconded:</b> R Millar	<b>"That this meeting ratify the Executive decision to donate \$200.00". Carried.</b>
41. Cab. Sec.	Convention Deferred Feb.	Forwarded R & A Millar
42. ALCCRF	Sept. Newsletter	Forwarded Members
43. Koondrook Primary School	Community Calendar	
<b>Moved:</b> J Pye	<b>Seconded:</b> J Boyd	<b>"That we advertise our weekly Bingo". Carried.</b>
44. Karen @ BOYDS Barham	Bingo Roster	Forwarded Members
45. Past International President	September Campaign 100	Forwarded Members
46. Swan Hill Scrap Metal x 3	Receipts Batteries/Remittance Advice	Forwarded Treasurer

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| 47. Salvation Army             | Donations for Needy Families | Tabled            |
| 48. Kerang Happenings          | Recycling                    | Forwarded Members |
| 49. Local Health Medical Trust | Upcoming Fundraising.        |                   |
- Moved:** A Mathers      **Seconded:** B Campbell "That we support the Medical Trust in this Fundraising venture".
- Carried.**
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| 50. Tracey Davis    | Requires Accommodation Info.    | Forwarded Members |
| 51. J Boyd          | Section 355 SOA Committee Audit | Filed             |
| 52. Lions Australia | COVID 19 Management Advice      | Filed             |
- Moved:** J Griffin      **Seconded:** A Mathers
- "That the Inward Correspondence be accepted and Outward Correspondence be endorsed". **Carried.**

#### TREASURERS REPORT:

A Report was circulated to all Members present (copies attached).  
As usual the Treasurer presented a detailed Report (19 pages plus 2 pages SOA Financial report).  
Geoff spent some time explaining the new Financial Program he is now using.

**Moved:** G Barker      **Seconded:** B Brookes  
"That this Meeting ratify the Accounts paid and accept the Financial Reports circulated as a true and accurate record of this Clubs Financial state and dealings". **Carried.**

#### REPORTS:

##### Section 355 LGA Barham School of Arts Hall Committee Report:

**J Boyd\* Hall-** Very quiet due to the restrictions. Copy of Section 355 Committee Audit for Club Records.  
Finances- Balance 30/09/2021- \$15089.64.

#### FURTHER REPORTS:

##### J Boyd\*

**Bingo-** 4 games in July, then a break due to COVID until 6<sup>th</sup> October. Bingo \$420.00. Raffle \$180.00.  
Very small number of Players in July due to Victorian COVID restrictions.  
New Roster out. Often wonders what category of meeting Bingo comes under **BUT** COVID restrictions are rigidly enforced.  
Explaining a donation he made to Lions was the sale of some Orchids and donated the proceeds to the Lion Club.

**P Williamson\*** Unavailable for his weekly Bingo duties this week.

**B Brookes\*** Where will the Motor Cycle Club BBQ be held? Decision to be made.

**C Pye\*** Battery Collection going very well. He and Jenny took another 2 loads to Swan Hill last week. Needs more pamphlets to distribute.

**J Pye\*** Delivered a load of wood to a lady in Kerang, Kerang Lions helped unload.  
During our Changeover Dinner A Lion Mascot went missing. After some photos of him having a great time surfaced it was realized he had been Lion napped and now the culprits (Gunbower Lions) are demanding a ransom for his release. If not paid they are threatening to auction him off.  
She asked could some of the younger Members of the Community sing at the Ceremony. Definitely yes.

**A Millar\*** He and Rose are joint Zone Chairs for this year only.

**Australia Day-** Murray River Council contacted him asking would the Event be happening. He replied the subject to COVID regulations it will proceed as normal. He is arranging Guest Speakers for this and also the upcoming Dinners. We need someone to volunteer for this position as both he and Rose are going to ease off on their workload. Will we nominate any person/organisation for the Awards?



**L Sheldrick\*** Suggested the Exercise Group. Alan suggested that she prepare the information applicable to the Nomination.

**E McConnell\*** Her tomatoes are flowering.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**G Barker\*** Suggested that Lions make donation to start off the Barham 2 Broome and Back and then maybe pooling what Members raise and presenting it at the final day.

**Moved:** J Boyd      **Seconded:** A Mathers "That the Lions Club donate \$500.00 to the Local Health Medical Trusts Barham 2 Broome and Back Appeal". **Carried.**

**J Boyd\*** Will we hold the Christmas Mardi Gras this year? Meeting agreed to proceed but with a smaller raffle. New Years Eve at Koondrook as usual. Due to the success of last years Easter Mardi Gras the decision was made to hold it again.

Discussion followed concerning helping less fortunate people in our Community over the Christmas period.

**Moved:** J Boyd      **Seconded:** R Millar "That the Lions Club donate \$2000.00 to the Barham Vinnies Conference to provide vouchers to those in need". **Carried.**

**J Pye\*** District Governors visit on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. will be a combined evening with Murrabit Lions. Dinner will be in the Hall. October Dinner at the Fly Wheelers Museum on 25<sup>th</sup> Oct.

What has happened to the EFPOS Machine.

**G Barker\*** A work in progress.

**R Millar\*** People asking when is Alan getting his hair cut. At the Perth Convention.

Mick (A fellow Lions Caravaner) shaved his beard off and raised \$1500.00 at the last Convention. He has decided to repeat the process and grow his beard again so Alan has decided to grow his hair and they will shave it off/ have a haircut then. They are raising money for the Childhood Cancer Foundation.

**A Millar\*** A lot of new Residents in the Community, he suggests that we see if any have an interest in joining Lions. Lyn suggested that we actually invite some to a Dinner.

Very interested in the Recycling Flyer recently distributed. Will speak about it next meeting.

Knows somebody that attended their local Landfill and removed the brass fittings from discarded gas bottles, a good financial return on the sale of the brass.

When booking dates for the Raffles make sure that the Long Paddock is open, usually a good crowd.

**A Mathers\*** Barham Koondrook show is being advertised on Facebook as going ahead. Definitely cancelled

**T Barker\*** Kerang Rotary have \$500.00 vouchers for needy Farmers, if you know of any needing help contact Tammys office.

**G Cook\* Christmas Raffle-** Barham Newsagent the best place for selling tickets, 6-30am is a great starting time. Also IGA and Koondrook P.O. Doesn't want to flood the Towns with too many dates so as to give other Organisations a fair chance.

He thinks our Fees are getting too high.

**MEETING CLOSED-10:05PM.**



## **MOULAMEIN MEN'S SHED MEETINGS**

12/ 10/2021



**Meeting declared open @ 7.00 pm.**

**PRESENT :-** Peter Redfearn, Alan Fielding, Clarrie DeTravers, Noel Sutton, Colin Adams, Don Garrett, Rick Harris, Sam Hunter, Steve Birchall, Lee Stroobants.

**APOLOGIES:-** Richard Redfearn,

### **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING :-**

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Accepted by :- Colin

Seconded by :- Clarrie.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

\* The Battery collection day went ahead as proposed with an exceptional response resulting in about 14 tonnes of batteries being collected..

### **TREASURES REPORT :-**

The treasurers report was read and tabled. ( copy attached)

Accepted by :- Peter .

Seconded by :- Alan

### **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & SENT:-**

IN:- \* AMSA newsletters, Blogs and announcements.

OUT:- Nil

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:-**

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS :-

- Once again it was confirmed to proceed with our Australia Day nomination, Colin to collect more information regarding the nomination.
- Colin to contact Terry Wright of Wright's Metal Recyclers—Mildura to arrange a date to collect the batteries collected.
- Drew Harris has been approached with consideration of the Men's Shed restoring the Howard Park sign. The members all agreed to proceed.
- Drew inquired about the Men's Shed completing the fence around the Mou-lamein Heritage village. Noel thought that the fence no longer needed replacing as the timber colour was now even throughout. However the fence needs inspecting to determine how many damaged boards require replacing.
- Christine Neish 0458486586 who sometimes cleans the old Courthouse has expressed an interest in becoming the caretaker/ tour guide.
- A proposed meeting with representatives from Murray River Council to discuss changes at the old courthouse has been scheduled for Friday Oct 22nd.

**The meeting declared closed at 7.51 pm.**



The meeting was declared closed at 7,51 pm.

Colin Adams

Secretary / Public Officer



**MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>, OCTOBER 2021**

**VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS AT 6.00PM**

**COMMENCED: 6.00PM – 7.40PM**

**Opening and welcome:** Brenten Hogan – Chairperson

**PRESENT:** Brenten Hogan, Cr. Anne Crowe, Cr. Neil Gorey, Ken and Glenys Smith, Pauline Dorigo, Jo Jeans and Nonie Domaille.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** John Harvie.

**APPROLOGIES:** Onesimo Mudoki, Rod Croft and Luke Keogh.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

Resolved that the Minutes of the previous committee meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 via Microsoft Teams be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**Moved:** Pauline Dorigo

**Seconded:** Nonie Domaille

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Outward:**

20/09/2021: Murray Downs Riverside Park – To Luke Keogh from Brenten Hogan

21/09/2021: Murray Downs Reserve – To Luke Keogh from Brenten Hogan

4/10/2021: Telecommunications Issues Murray Downs – To John Harvie from Brenten Hogan

20/10/2021: Update on Murray Downs Riverside Park and RMS - To Onesimo Mudoki from Brenten Hogan

**Inward:**

20/9/2021: Line Marking and Street Signs – To Pauline Dorigo from Jan Donald

21/09/2021: Murray Downs Reserve – To Brenten Hogan from Luke Keogh

21/09/2021: Murray Downs Reserve, REF and Support from Committee – To Brenten Hogan from Onesimo Mudoki

**Moved:** Cr. Anne Crowe

**Seconded:** Pauline Dorigo

**BUSINESS ARISING/TASKS TO BE DONE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

1	Seeking better service for maintaining the walking track and grass on the roadside.	<p>17/03/2021: Ongoing discussions with Rod Croft</p> <p>Create a list to pass onto Luke Hartshorn and his group to see what can be achieved and maybe as a community we may be able to assist with some of the clean-up.</p> <p>Requests to be made for the entrance of Mark McNeils Property to follow up on its developments. The RMS site was discussed to see what can be done.</p> <p>15/5/2021:</p> <p>This will form part of the Operational Plan. Waiting on Rod Croft for a template to complete the plan.</p> <p>19/05/2021:</p> <p>Brenten Hogan has been working tirelessly on an Operational Plan of Management for the Murray Downs Riverside Park area and surrounds.</p> <p>16/06/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>21/07/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>Brenten has photos of the conditions of the road after a grater cleaned up along the side of the road. After the sides have been graded, they have been left soft, slippery and vulnerable for drainage issues when it rains. Brenten and his son Jye have been clearing and cleaning along the roadside.</p> <p>Ann and Brenten discussed the possibility the piles of debris be removed or destroyed (burnt). Pending permission from the council and the local CFA.</p> <p>Brenten and Luke Keogh discussed maintenance and the condition of the walking tracks coming from Swan Hill to Murray Downs and the vacant open grazing land area.</p> <p>The fence was removed to open this area so it can be mowed and maintained.</p> <p>Luke mentioned that the council were in the process of purchasing larger mowers and equipment which will make it a lot easier and quicker to do this job.</p> <p>Ann will be meeting with Chris Kershaw (MRC) to discuss the allocation within the budget for the outdoor maintenance for the Murray Downs area. Ann mentioned that at</p>
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	General condition of the Murray Downs community	<p>the end of the month there will be a new Director of Corporate nominated.</p> <p>18/08/2021: Brenten Hogan informed the committee that he had been In contact with council in regards to the trees along the reserve neighbouring fences, trees on the track, walking path, the removal of the sapling trees and the storm water drainage on the walking path in the reserve.</p> <p>Anne informed the committee that in the July business paper Murray Downs has been allotted \$191,000 under the cycle path heading for 2200m Swan Hill Road.</p> <p>Ken suggestion that the community be notified about this on our face book page or our community data base.</p> <p>The community has been asking about when the path be extended or completed. It was also suggested that the minutes of our committee's meeting be circulated to our community data base.</p> <p>Anne will seek councils' approval to get permission to do so.</p> <p>14/02/2021: Completed</p> <p>A working bee was scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> of February,2021. There was a good attendance with locals cleaning the distance as fa as from the Bridge to Felton Lane.</p> <p>15/02/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>Brenten Hogan sent a letter to David Wilkinson regarding these matters.</p> <p>17/03/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>Brenten and Rod discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Roads and walking paths.</li> <li>• The clean-up of paths.</li> <li>• Fallen Tree Branches on walking track.</li> <li>• The sapling Trees.</li> <li>• The Reserve.</li> </ul> <p>15/04/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>Brenten will take photos to demonstrate the specific issues. We will create a list from Bridge to the Club with specific issues.</p> <p>19/05/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>16/06/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>21/07/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>18/08/2021: Brenten Hogan has been in contact with council informing them of a local working bee the community held and</p>
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		<p>about the ongoing repairs and maintenance of the Murray Downs community.</p> <p>15/09/2021: Brenten has spoken to Luke Keogh about other matters that will be added to the Plan of Management.</p> <p>27/10/2021:</p> <p>Brenten has been in contact with Luke Keogh and Luke Hartshorn to schedule a meeting on Monday November 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss maintenance and improvements to the Murray Downs and surrounding areas.</p> <p>Rick Rundell- Gordon and Graham Cox has requested some maintenance to be done at the entrance of Sandpiper Drive.</p> <p>They have suggested some grass be planted to improve the appearance of the entrance to the estate and they have agreed to maintain this area.</p> <p>Pauline Dorigo requested that whilst Brenten and Luke are meeting they discuss the vacant grass area alongside the boundary fence of the neighbouring properties to the reserve be maintained by council as this poses as a fire hazard and a area for snakes.</p> <p>Luke has informed Brenten that there has been another person employed to maintain the area.</p> <p>John Harvie will follow up the removal of the saplings and Stage 1 on the progress of the reserve with Rod Croft, Luke Keogh and Onisimo Mudoki.</p> <p>John explained that the council have several projects that they are currently working on and that the size of the minutes are a credit to the our committee, but most of the projects planned by council have to be budgeted for.</p> <p>Onisimo informed John that most of the planned works for the reserve have not yet been budgeted for.</p> <p>The information on the committee's monthly minutes informs the council of the commitment and enthusiasm that the members of our committee have to the Murray Downs and surrounding areas.</p> <p>John mentioned that the council go into budget deliberations in six weeks. The council take into consideration the committee's and residents requests for the</p>
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		<p>future planning of the Murray Downs and surrounding area.</p> <p>The reserve will be considered high on the priority list for future council budgets.</p> <p>As the section 355 committee allocation is new to the Murray Downs area and to council it is an opportunity for the committee to communicate with council and the residents of the ideas and future planning and necessary improvements that together we can make to the Murray Downs and surrounding areas.</p> <p>John Mentioned that these projects will be conducted all in due cause and not to get desponded and that there are protocols and processes to follow in order to have projects work successfully.</p> <p>Projects such as these are all funded by grants.</p>
2	<p>Speed zones between the bus stops on Murray Downs Drive:</p> <p>The Committee forwards a letter to council requesting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signs to be installed notifying drivers of the times of that the school bus will picking and dropping off school children. This has been deemed as an OH&amp;S issue for the children.</li> <li>• A barrier or railing to be installed near the bus shelter to assist with restricting children from getting too close to the road.</li> </ul> <p>Seeking a permanent speed reduction from 80km/h to 50km/h</p>	<p>14/02/2021:</p> <p>Anne has assisted with forwarding on a letter to Ken Spence the Road Safety Officer and Murray River Council to contact New South Wales Transport.</p> <p>17/3/2021:</p> <p>We are waiting for a response.</p> <p>15/4/2021:</p> <p>We are waiting for Ken Spence Murray River Council – Road Safety Officer, to come and lay the traffic classifiers. They will give us an idea of the speeds, volumes of vehicles and times of the day of usage. From this information we will be able to make decisions in conjunction with Ken about how to address the problems. It was also noted that Councils in NSW are not delegated to change speed limits.</p> <p>19/05/2021:</p> <p>Brenten Hogan contacted Ken Spence to discuss this matter. Ken informed Brenten that any changes in speed zones along that straight stretch of road will not be considered for change until there are more intersection created along that road.</p> <p>The speed will remain 80km zone until there are new developments on either side of the road.</p> <p>16/06/2021:</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>21/07/2021: Brenten will contact Ken Spence to see how this is progressing.</p>

		<p>18/08/2021: Brenten has contacted Ken Spence several time but has not yet received a response.</p> <p>15/09/2021: Brenten has contacted Ken Spence and is waiting for a reply.</p> <p>The speed zones may not change in the immediate future, but the possibilities of barriers be installed for our children's safety around the bus stops.</p> <p>27/10/2021:</p> <p>Brenten and Luke will be discussing this matter within their meeting.</p> <p>Brenten update John on communications that he had previously with Ken Spence and that he was meeting with Luke to discuss this matter further. John agreed that he will also follow this up.</p>
3	Removal of sapling trees from the Murray Downs Riverside Park Reserve	<p>17/03/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>Rod and Brenten walked through this area before the meeting to discuss.</p> <p>The committee is to prioritise the demands of each project and to seek approvals for us to assist within the Murray Downs Reserve. Within the next committee meeting we will discuss submitting requests to the Murray River Council for funding to assist with the removing process of the saplings and undersized trees in the reserve.</p> <p>15/4/2021:</p> <p>Rod Croft and Brenten have discussed that this will be one of the priorities for the new Operational Plan. Footts have quoted approximately \$13,000 to remove saplings and clean up. Saplings would be put in pile then chipped. John Harvie pointed out that because the quote is over \$5000 in value, we would need to get two more quotes.</p> <p>19/05/2021</p> <p>Rod Croft will be sending a planning permit form to be complete for submission to Council.</p> <p>Within the Plan of Management, the committee needs to decide on a list of priorities.</p> <p>If the saplings are the priority this will go the planning department and this task will be considered first for the area to go forward.</p> <p>Within the application it is essential to include all valid reasons for the permit application, such as to gain access for the</p>

		<p>removal of the debris, thorns, dead wood and to eliminate snakes in the area.</p> <p>The council will enlist an arborist to attend the site to decide and mark which trees are to remain.</p> <p>The trees are classed at 200mm at 1 Metre high.</p> <p>Being that there will be a lot of the trees in area that will remain depending on size and location.</p> <p>The Committee members are considering the planting of screening plants along the neighbouring boundary fence be the first task the committee attend too.</p> <p>16/06/2021:</p> <p>Brenten spoke to Luke Keogh and he is planning to attend the reserve area to access the sapling trees. Luke will have a gentleman with him that will be accessing the native grasses. After the area is approved the sapling trees that will remain can then be marked.</p> <p>They will also consider the schedules within our Operational Plan such as the screening trees on the neighbouring fences and the locations of the path so these areas will fit within the stages of the planned for the reserve.</p> <p>Luke has spoken to Rod Croft and Luke Hartshorn about the box thorn problem in the reserve and have given the committee permission to proceed with their removal.</p> <p>Ann Crowe mentioned that she had read an article in the local land services newsletter about the removal of box thorns in the district and that the Murray River Council did own a box thorn puller.</p> <p>Anne will provide the committee with additional information about the procedures and equipment necessary.</p> <p>Brenten will be contacting Rick Harding to have a lock put on the access gate so we can gain access to the reserve.</p> <p>21/07/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>Brenten and Luke spoke about how best approach the removal of the saplings. The marking of the tree that are to remain, when this will be done and the method of removal and disposal.</p>
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	<p>The committee is hoping that this matter be finalised before the fire season and the hot weather starts.</p> <p>18/08/2021: Brenten Hogan has contacted Luke Keogh to inform him about the quotes he has received from Anthony Foote for approximately \$11,500 to remove the saplings trees and level the land off. Danial Crowe has been assisting Brenten with suggestions to how best successfully remove the trees. Brenten can get a quote for \$4,900 for a tractor come in and cut off the trees but this may be a struggle with the skinner trees. The members of the community are wanting to assist to save costs, but we will still need to do further works to get this sorted. Ideally a dozer would be the best bet.</p> <p>The committee have planned that after the bulk of the clearing has been done and piled members of the Murray Downs CFA will assist us with burning them. We are hoping that we can have this project completed before the fire restrictions come in October. The council's assistance would be appreciated in this matter. Neil mentioned that there is currently a change of staff positions within council soon so to be patient.</p> <p>15/09/2021: Brenten spoke to Luke Keogh to arrange a time for him to come to the reserve and mark the trees to remain on site.</p> <p>Mark Robinson, Tony Frankel, Chris Hulland and Jim Crowe have offered to give us some assistance with the removal of the sapling trees.</p> <p>An excavator will give us the best result. We will need at least two to complete the project.</p> <p>Christian Devlin has offered his.</p> <p>27/10/2021:</p> <p>Brenten has been informed by Onisimo that the council will need to conduct a REF (Review of Environmental Factors) of the reserve area before any work can commence.</p> <p>Onisimo also informed Brenten that the scheduled time for Stage 1, the boat ramp was intended to commence construction in November will most likely be postponed as</p>
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		<p>they have not yet secured a contractor to take on the project.</p> <p>Onesimo will update Brenten in the following months with further news on the project.</p>
4	<p>Line marking at the intersections of Kidman Reid Drive and Murray Downs Drive and Cygnet Lane and Swan Hill Road.</p> <p>There is no signage displayed at either intersection informing drivers to Stop or Give Way.</p>	<p>17/03/2021: Ongoing.</p> <p>A letter to be written and submitted to Ken Spence about this matter.</p> <p>Brenten said he was scheduling a meeting in the area with Ken Spence to run him through the issues.</p> <p>15/04/2021:</p> <p>Brenten Hogan to follow up with Ken Spence</p> <p>20/05/2021:</p> <p>Pauline Dorigo placed a request for service with Murray River Council for these two intersections be inspected and considered for line marking and signage. (Stop or Giveaway)</p> <p>As both intersections are quite busy with either residents and families of the area or heavy vehicles with trailers, we felt signage and line marking will provide guidance and reduce the speed of entering and exiting vehicles, illuminate vehicles cutting corners and inform the traffic of the road rules that apply.</p> <p>16/06/2021:</p> <p>Pauline has not received a response from the Council. She will resubmit and request for service to council for this matter to be addressed.</p> <p>18/06/2021:</p> <p>Pauline resubmitted a request for service application.</p> <p>A YES response was received soon after.</p> <p>21/07/2021:</p> <p>Pauline resubmitted a request for service application.</p> <p>A YES response was received soon after.</p> <p>18/08/2021:</p> <p>Pauline resubmitted a request for service application.</p> <p>A YES response was received soon after.</p> <p>19/08/2021: Brenten contacted Onesimo with the concerns the entire community shared about the lack of line marking and signage at the Kidman Reid Drive and Cygnet Lane Intersections and the potential of an incident happening.</p>

		<p>1/09/2021: Pauline received a response from Jan Donald (Executive Administration Officer, MRC Moama) she had requested that a works coordinator attend these sites to review the intersections and provide some feedback on a solution.</p> <p>15/09/2021: Pauline sent a follow up email to Jan Donald regarding the line marking and signage.</p> <p>16/09/2021: Pauline sent Jan Donald a email requesting an update on these matters.</p> <p>20/09/2021: Pauline received a response from Jan Donald and some of the line marking had been completed but the signage is yet to be installed in the coming weeks.</p> <p>27/10/2021:</p> <p>Pauline informed the committee that the line marking at the intersections of Cygnet Lane and Swan Hill Road and Swan Hill Road and Murray Downs Drive have been completed but the Murray Downs and Kidman Reid Drive intersection has had no works of signage put in place.</p> <p>Brenten and Luke will be discussing this matter within their meeting.</p>
5	The removal of the RS temporary yard at the bridge on the New South Wales side.	<p>18/02/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>Brenten Hogan wrote a letter to Scott Barber with the request that the temporary fencing be relocated.</p> <p>15/4/2021:</p> <p>Being used now so need to follow up at a later time</p> <p>19/05/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>This area is still being utilized by Roads and Maritime Services.</p> <p>16/06/2021:</p> <p>The RMS have reduced the size of the barriers within the area whilst the bridge work has paused.</p> <p>21/07/2021:</p> <p>Brenten will contact Scott Barber to discuss what the plans are for this area in the future.</p> <p>18/08/2021: Anne notified the committee that Scott Barber no longer held this position in council and to contact Onesimo in regard to this matter. Brenten to contact Onesimo</p>

		<p>15/09/2021: Brenten sent an email to Onesimo containing photos requesting that the RMS building not being utilized be removed. Onesimo agreed and will contact RMS. He will let us know their response.</p> <p>27/10/2021: Brenten sent Onesimo an email including photos of the RMS buildings which remain on this site and was instructed to contact Jack Bond in regard to the removal of the buildings. Anne said that she would contact Jack to discuss the matter.</p>
6	Vehicle Speed within Kidman Reid Estate	<p>18/02/2021: Ongoing Brenten Hogan wrote a letter to Ken Spence out laying the concerns that the residents had about the speeding vehicles in the area. Ken responded letting Brenten know that there will be tapes placed across the road to obtain information and patterns of the vehicles entering. A recommendation will be made once the data has been collected.</p> <p>15/04/2021: Brenten Hogan to follow up with Ken Spence once again.</p> <p>19/05/2021: Ken Spence discussed this matter with Brenten Hogan and was informed that until last week Kidman Reid Drive was considered a 100km zone. This will be altered to a 50km zone and sign will soon be displayed. Ken informed Brenten that the speed of some vehicles driving in this is more of a Police matter not that of Council. Brenten explained that if we had the strips laid in Kidman Reid Drive we can then show the results to the Police as evidence of speeding vehicles. Ken informed Brenten that there will be traffic strips laid on Kidman Reid Drive once they become available. They are being utilized elsewhere at the moment.</p> <p>16/06/2021: The traffic strips are still being utilized elsewhere so they have not yet been laid on Kidman Reid Drive.</p> <p>21/07/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>18/08/2021:</p>



		<p>Brenten is waiting for a response from Ken Spence.</p> <p>15/09/2021: Brenten is waiting for a response from Ken Spence.</p> <p>27/10/2021: Ken Spence informed Brenten that the tapes are currently being used elsewhere and that the council are aware of the residents' concerns and they will tend to the area at a later date.</p> <p>John mentioned that he was a little disappointed that nothing had eventuated after all the request that had been made by the committee. He will speak to Ken Spence for an update on this matter.</p> <p>Brenten will discuss this with Luke.</p>
7	Create an Operational Works Plan for the Murray Downs Riverside Park and Community	<p>15/04/2021: Rod Croft to send a template for an operational plan for the area. John Harvie said that Onesimo could overlay his works for the park very easily and pass that on to Committee. As a group we need to identify the types of activities that we could complete ourselves such as the weed management of the blackberries, construction of walking path, tree planting for neighbours on the boundary fences. We will meet on site to identify these works.</p> <p>The rabbit problem was brought up. Ann Crowe said she felt the lack of co-ordination between all landholders, Local Land Services and Council was part of the problem. It needs to be a concentrated effort when the baiting is done.</p> <p>19/05/2021: Ongoing Brenten is in the process of designing a Operational Plan of Management.</p> <p>16/06/2021: Brenten provided a copy of the Operation Plan of Management to Luke and Rod and they have provided Brenten with some advice to assist with the future planning going forward. This is something the committee will revisit each month to update.</p> <p>Incorporating access for Emergency vehicle within the plans for the reserve.</p> <p>21/07/2021: Brenten spoke to Luke and he was satisfied with the Plan of Management for the</p>

		<p>reserve. Brenten was to add that the walking track entrance to the reserve be user friendly for wheelchairs, prams and walkers.</p> <p>Brenten will begin to send out these plans to keep them updated on any task fulfilled and for any additional tasks.</p> <p>18/08/2021: Brenten will be adding information about the walking track to document.</p> <p>15/09/2021: Brenten will be adding information about the roadside conditions and maintenance required and will then send to all once completed.</p> <p>27/10/2021:</p> <p>Brenten will send to the members of the council and committee an updated version of the Operational Works Plan.</p> <p>Completed.</p>
8	Possible Treasurer for the MD Riverside Park Committee	<p>15/04/2021:</p> <p>The transfer of funds from Murray Downs Advancement Group will be happening very soon. Ann asked if we could have a Secretary/ Treasurer as she felt there would not be many transactions in the coming months. Ann will be happy to do Treasurer when there are regular transaction's to be managed.</p> <p>19/05/2021:</p> <p>A treasurer will be decided once a decision are made on the final naming of the Murray Downs Riverside Park.</p> <p>16/06/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>21/07/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>18/08/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>05/09/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>27/10/2021: Ongoing</p>
9	Bank Account for our Riverside Park Committee at Bendigo Bank in Swan Hill	<p>19/05/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>Anne Crowe will tend to a new bank account once a final decision has been made on a name for the Murray Downs Riverside Park.</p> <p>16/06/2021:</p> <p>Anne will proceed with opening a new bank account under the name of Murray Downs Riverside Park Management Committee.</p> <p>21/07/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>18/08/2021: Anne will proceed with opening a bank account in the name Murray Downs Riverside Park Committee of</p>

		<p>Management. Signatories are to be Brenten Hogan, Anne Crowe and Pauline Dorigo.</p> <p>Three signatories with a minimum of two for signatures will be required.</p> <p>27/08/2021: Anne set up a new Bank Account at the Bendigo Bank in Swan Hill.</p> <p>30/08/2021: Pauline went into the Bendigo Bank and supplied her information.</p> <p>15/09/2021: Anne has not received any correspondence from the Bendigo Bank yet.</p> <p>27/10/2021:</p> <p>The bank account is now operating. Completed.</p>
10	The Old Wakool Shire Sign	<p>19/05/2021:</p> <p>Anne Crowe has suggested that the committee address the possible refurbishment or redesign of the old Wakool Shire sign between The Federal Hotel and Anne's driveway.</p> <p>The signage displays the facilities and distance of facilities available in the Murray Downs area.</p> <p>Action: Brenten Hogan will contact Luke Keogh to discuss possible solutions.</p> <p>16/06/2021:</p> <p>Brenten has spoken to Luke Keogh but has not yet provided photos of the sign.</p> <p>Action: Anne Crowe will apply for request for service to have the sign assessed for future improvements.</p> <p>21/07/2021: Anne sent off a request for service to council. She hasn't received a response.</p> <p>18/08/2021: Anne submitted a request for service in June. Anne received a response from Courtney Dean apologizing for the delayed response and informing her that the tourism team will be replacing all of the town signs and the Murray Downs will be included. Beck Heywood also contacted Anne to inform her that the council is in the process of updating and finalising the designs and will send these designs through to Anne for her approval.</p> <p>15/09/2021: Ongoing</p> <p>27/10/2021:</p> <p>Anne received a message from council about the industrial signage and Wakool</p>

		<p>signage. Anne discussed that two signs were not necessary and that all the areas information could be displayed on one sign. Anne questioned John to see if he had been consulted on signage for the area. John said that there have also been requests made from Greg Roberts the CEO of the Murray Downs Golf and Country Club for the signage be updated for the Club, Golf Club and The Resort.</p> <p>Anne will follow this up with council to see what they decide.</p>
11	Mobile Library Service	<p>18/05/2021:</p> <p>Anne Crowe received a message from John Harvie regarding the Mobile Library Service. John was enquiring about a suitable location which is equipped to provide all the necessary demands that this service will require.</p> <p>The area will need to be accessible to the public and have Internet connectivity for the Mobile Library Service to function. The Federal Hotel car park, Murray Downs Golf and Country Club car park or The Murray Downs Fire Shed are some of the considered locations.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>The Murray Downs Riverside Committee recommends that the most suitable location for the Mobile Library to be located at the Murray Downs Fire Shed as this facility was purposely built for the community.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Ken Smith</p> <p><b>Seconded:</b> Glenys Smith</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>Brenten Hogan will contact John Harvie to research the requirements for the Mobile Library Services to connect to the internet.</p> <p>16/06/2021:</p> <p>Brenten contact John to discussion what necessary requirements the Mobile Library Service will need.</p> <p>Ann Crowe suggested that on occasion the Mobile Library Service setup facilities alongside the Federal Hotel on the vacant block for travellers passing by to see these services are available in our area.</p>

		<p>Anne will investigate whether the service will have the infrastructure to setup anywhere.</p> <p>21/07/2021: Ann made enquiries about the Mobile Library and found that it is fully self-sufficient and independent. Power, internet etc.</p> <p>The committee is hoping that this service is available very soon as it will be a huge advantage to all.</p> <p>18/08/2021: Ann and Neil inspected the new mobile Library service when they were in Moama last week and they were both extremely impressed with the facilities. This will be a great asset the community.</p> <p>15/09/2021: We look forward to this service coming to our community.</p> <p>27/10/2021: Anne mention that the CEO Cr. Chris Bilkey of council has placed an operational report in every paper which will include information about the mobile library service.</p> <p>The driver now has the appropriate licence to drive the bus to the various locations. The mobile library will be attending the Murray Downs area to check the connectivity of the internet and will set up at The Federal Hotel car park.</p>
12	Defibrillator for the area - Grant	<p>The committee discussed the possibility of submitting a Community Grant application for a defibrillator for the Murray Downs area.</p> <p>Anne and Neil said that there have been several Community Grant applications approved for these units.</p> <p>The committee discussed the ideal location for the unit to be positioned and decided that outside of the fire shed would be best as this is located centrally between the residential precincts.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> The Murray Downs Riverside Park Committee apply for grants to purchase a defibrillator for the Murray Downs community to be based at the Murray Downs Fire shed/Community Centre.</p> <p><b>Moved: Brenten Hogan</b> <b>Seconded: Glenys Smith</b></p>

		<p>Ken Smith suggested that we discuss this with a representative of the Murray Downs Fire Brigade to see if they have or have applied for a defibrillator unit.</p> <p>15/09/2021: Brenten spoke to Cayle McLean and they are more than happy for us to place a defibrillator unit at the Community Centre alongside the Murray Downs Fire Shed.</p> <p>Brenten will make enquiries to where and how it will cost to purchase a unit. Jo suggested to contact St Johns Ambulance. Anne suggested to contact John Harvie to enquire where we could obtain a unit from. Jo suggested to call Judy Cameron who had previously purchased a unit for a local football club.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Brenten will research the purchase of a defibrillator unit to be based at the Murray Downs Fire Shed/Community Centre.</p> <p>27/10/2021:</p> <p>Brenten asked Anne who he should contact within council make an enquiry. Anne said we could ask John as it is on his Economic Development Report.</p> <p>Anne will speak to John.</p>
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**VOLUNTEER HOURS:**

Murray Downs Committee Section 355 for the Month of September 2021:

Total: 8 Hours and 43 Minutes

Community Garden Volunteer time for the Month of September 2021:

Total: 101 Hours

Total thus far for the Year: 508 Hours and 49 Minutes

**AGENDA ITEMS:****Telecommunications Review Survey results.**

With the 2021 Regional Telecommunications Review currently taking place the committee wanted to support the issues and challenges that the residents of Murray Downs and the surrounding area face with their telecommunications services. The committee sent out a survey to the community asking questions about their telecommunications experience. We received a positive response from the community and the results of the survey were forwarded to John Harvie.

**Response to Facebook link sent to residents.**

The committee sent out to the Murray Downs and surrounding area a link to the Murray Downs Facebook page so as the community can be kept up to date with what is happening and information about the area.

This provides the community an opportunity to add comments, like or share any information.

**The renaming of the reserve.**

The committee invited all the Murray Downs and surrounding area the opportunity to partake in the final naming decision of the Reserve.

We received a positive response from the community and appreciate all the suggestions. But we could only pick one.

The most requests names were for the following:

Murray Downs Millewa Park

Murray Downs River Precinct

Murray Downs Riverbend Park

Murray Downs Community Park

Murray Downs Riverview Park

The committee will continue to discuss the options for the new name for the reserve in their next month meeting.

The committee will consult a representative of Wamba Wamba before any final decisions are made public. Col or Anthony Jones.

John instructed us to include this information within our minutes and make a request to the Murray River Council for their approval once the new name has been decided.

**Mail Delivery Service for Murray Downs for residents.**

The resident of Murray Downs and surrounding areas do not have a mailing delivery service in the area. As this is a rapidly growing area this service could be an advantage to residents.

Previously the Murray Downs Advancement Group along with Australia Post invited residents to partake in a survey to see if this is a service that the area would like to see in the future.

As there were a lack of responses to the survey, Australia Post decided that this service was not currently needed in the area.

It was discussed that early next year we could revisit this for the Murray Downs and surrounding area.

**Trees planted on the Dorigo boundary fence.**

Joe and Pauline Dorigo were extremely grateful for the kind donation from Murray River Council for some screening plants for along their boundary fence to the reserve.

A big thanks to Luke Keogh and Luke Hartshorn also for organising and delivering the plants.

Kim and Nyree Renney neighbouring residents assisted The Dorigo's with the planting of the trees and they also donated bails of vetch as a ground cover to eliminate weeds and protect the trees.

**Housing Strategy Survey**

The committee sent a Murray River Council Housing Strategy Survey link to members of the community for their consideration. The survey invites the community to place pins on various locations of local maps of areas that they would like to see developed or become residential. The survey also welcomes feedback and suggestions for future venture.

<https://yoursay.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/housing-strategy>

The survey results assist the council with the demand for housings, forms of housing and services for consideration.

The answers and feedback for Phase 1 of consultation will help the council plan for the future. Consultations will be available until 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2021. After that, the council start drafting a Housing Strategy for us to have a look at and provide further feedback as part of Phase 2.



**GENERAL ITEMS:**

Emails sent out to our mailing list:

17/09/2021: Murray Downs telecommunications Survey

19/09/2021: Community Newsletter

19/09/2021: Facebook link

4/10/2021: Survey – Murray Downs Riverside Park – Re – Naming of the Park

19/10/2021: Housing Strategy link

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

John Harvie informed the committee that the Murray River Council have had internal planning meetings in relation to the acquisition of the land for business. The council has appointed a legal company to deal with the historical matter of the land. The council have received letter of no objection from the state and the Aboriginal Land Council and from the Local Aboriginal Land Council.

The council legal team are looking at the compulsory acquisition side of it. John has spoken with Crown Lands and local Land Services.

They are working together and are currently discussing an operational plan for the Murray Downs and Surrounding area.

John Harvie informed us that there has been interest shown towards plans for a caravan park or resort accommodation and truck stop service station incorporating a small grocery/convenience store in the area alongside the Federal Hotel.

These areas are currently zoned not permissible but, the council is working through this to correct it.

If the LEP is not completed by that time the council will look at gateway determinations department to have this rezoned. The council planners are currently working on this project and are looking at the possibility of a village along the front facing the Moulamein Road and possible industrial retail. Such as small motor repairs and the bigger block at the back could be fabricators and different types of industry in this area.

John and his associates are working together with the planners to get this fixed.

The council plans to begin preparing these sites for the infrastructure for future planning.

The housing strategy survey for Murray Downs has given the community the opportunity to have their say and have input in what they would like to see happen in Murray Downs area in the future.

John attended a meeting to discuss the issue of land and to create an Operational Plan the area.

There has also been interest shown to purchase the vacant land at Murray Downs which is currently being considered for residential estates and subdivision.

Anne expressed her gratitude on the committee's behalf to John for his work and committed dedication he has shown to the Murray Downs area.

The committee is working together with council to provide the residents of Murray Downs and surrounding area the facilities that will improve the area and make the area attractive for all to enjoy. The committee don't want to disappoint the community with delays and broken promises.

Anne said that she feels quite confident that when project such as the boat ramp are completed that there will be many local and Swan Hill residents utilize these areas.

John reassures us all that with Cr. Anne and Cr. Neil along with our committee members the Murray Downs and surrounding areas are well represented.

The council are working on rectifying the LEP situation at Murray Downs to do so the council have had to conduct a Local Strategic Planning Statement and a Housing Strategy.

John and his team are producing the latest Economic Development Strategy, and this will be included in the industrial Land Strategy. Once the need has been identified across the footprint this will mean the council can then go to the Community and the department for the approval.

#### NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>, November 2021 at the Murray Downs Fire Shed at 6.00pm.

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# Friends of Old Moama

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday 2<sup>ND</sup> November 2021

**Venue:** Council Offices - Moama

**Present:** Sue Shaw, Mary Ledwidge, Eric McConnachy, Shirley Durrant, Carolyn rolls

**Apologies:** Heather Rendle, Brian Ellis, Judy McCleary

**Opened:** 10.15am

### PREVIOUS MINUTES

**Approve minutes 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021**      **Moved: Shirley**      **2<sup>nd</sup> : Eric**

### FINANCE REPORT:

\$2818.57      **Moved: Shirley**      **2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary**

### CORRESPONDENCE:

#### Incoming:

1) Council – Nominations for Australia Day

#### Outgoing:

1) Council – nomination for Australia Day

### BUSINESS ARISING –

Item 1 - Jinker – any update - next agenda

Item 2 - Research committee - suggestions for further research in 2022 on Soldiers from Moama area.

Family History group have already some collected. Approach RSL club to help with finances needed to set up display.

Item 3 - Mae Robson - Sue has further information from newspapers of the time with info about Mae's life. Suggestion for Mae Robson Film night – invite John Hardie to February meeting to provide info on Council and bridge work plans for the Art precinct

Item 4 - Insurance - Any update on insurance at OTS and CC – next agenda

Item 5 - Council records of history – any update on finding old records – next agenda

Item 6 - Open day for Echuca Moama Family History Group – latest plans – working bee has sorted out more boxes. Possible open day after Christmas – open extra days during January

Item 7 - Picture railing in Captains Cottage – any update – next agenda

Item 8 - Signage for OTS in Shaw Street - any update-next agenda

Item 9 - OTS toilets – any update on cleaning out septic tank – next agenda

### GENERAL BUSINESS

Item A - End of Year gathering - no December meeting – plan for sharing at first meeting next year in February - our annual meeting - notify of arrangements next year

Item B - Membership drive - discuss next meeting

Item C - Any other business -

Meeting closed:      **Next meeting: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at 10am – further plans to be confirmed**

**9.5.3 LEASE OF ROOM - MENINYA STREET OFFICE**

**File Number:** -

**Author:** John Harvie, Director Community and Economic Development

**Authoriser:** Terry Dodds, Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

1. Offer office space at the former council offices in Meninya Street Moama to the Murray Darling Association, for a period of up to six months at market rates.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to agree on terms and conditions of lease and sign and apply the council seal to the lease document.

**BACKGROUND**

The Murray Darling Association has written to council seeking a Co-location of two officers for a period of six months.

The need for office accommodation has become necessary following the resignation of the organisations Chief Executive Officer.

**DISCUSSION**

Once the organisation has finalised the recruitment process for a new CEO they will be in a position to determine where the organisations office will be located.

It is proposed to offer an office with external access at the former Murray River Council offices in Meninya Street subject to council's approval.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

5 - Strategic Theme 5: Leadership and Governance

5.3 - Communication and collaboration identifies and meets community needs

5.3.1 - Council clearly identifies and promotes simple, effective communication, consultation and participation for community

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil Adverse

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS****RISK ANALYSIS**

- **What can happen?**  
NA
- **How can it happen?**

NA

- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**

NA

- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**

NA

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Adequate

- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**

Manage

## **CONCLUSION**

The former council offices in Meninya Street has vacant office space which could be let to MDA.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. **MDA Letter** [↓](#) 

**From:** Emma Bradbury <[e.bradbury@mda.asn.au](mailto:e.bradbury@mda.asn.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 8 November 2021 4:51 PM  
**To:** Terry Dodds <[tdodds@murrayriver.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tdodds@murrayriver.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Murray Darling Association / Murray River Council co-location initiative

Good afternoon Terry

Further to our earlier discussion on the matter, I would like to formally ask the Murray River Council to consider hosting two MDA staff within your offices, possibly more in the future, with the co-location to be effective from December 10<sup>th</sup> 2021, or before.

I believe that a co-location partnership between the MRC and local MDA staff will be a strong incubator for the proposed Local Government Centre for Excellence, for which we have also sought additional funding. Location of the Centre of Excellence on the NSW Riverine border would provide critical leadership, and education opportunity to the region.

The Murray Darling Association is a leader of Basin councils and communities, forging collaborative initiatives across local government in water sharing, education, science, leadership, policy, agricultural innovation, regional and economic development.

#### **Growing local jobs!**

Communities across the Murray-Darling Basin find themselves in an unprecedented era of change, with difficulties compounded by changes to agricultural practice and water availability. Some communities are adapting their economies and social cohesion more easily in response to these changes while others are struggling to keep pace. The proposed co-location and subsequent Centre of Excellence will assist our communities to develop jobs and enterprise in the region.

The Murray Darling Association (MDA) has identified the Riverina and the Murray River Council region as a key conduit between the Northern and Southern Basin. Moama's centralised place and confluence of social, environmental, economic and agricultural interest within the Murray-Darling Basin makes it a compelling choice for the Centre's location. The initial co-location and subsequent Local Government Centre of Excellence will benefit the region and the Basin community

- Acting as a centre for regional economic diversification and innovation in agriculture and irrigation efficiencies.
- Further enhancing the credentials of the Murray River Council as a leader within the Basin for development and representation of national scale policy initiatives for local government and communities.
- Creation of new jobs within the local community as the Centre of Excellence grows and expands.
- Attraction of national science, education and water management agencies to the area such as CSIRO, Charles Sturt University, Murray-Darling Basin Authority.
- Elevating local and regional priorities.

- Strengthening the capacity and profile of economic development and diversification initiatives in the local area and region.
- Further develop the alignment between MDA and MRC of objectives and initiatives that can be pursued through existing partnerships with the CSIRO, Charles Sturt University and the MDBA.
- Providing a location and profile for the MDA that strongly reflects the values and the commitments of our organisation to maintain a healthy, balanced river system that supports thriving communities, economic development, innovation in agriculture and sustainable productivity.

The MDA/MRC co-location and subsequent Centre of Excellence aligns strongly with the Murray River Council in its goal to “encourage and support economic development across a range of sectors”. A key objective of Centre of Excellence is to support and strengthen the capacity and profile of economic development and diversification initiatives in the local area and at the Basin scale.

This initiative will support The MRC’s commitment to implement the strategies including:

- Identification of new opportunities and actively encourage investment in agriculture, agribusiness, value added manufacturing, alternate and renewable energy, health, wellbeing, aged care, and education, and
- Advocate for water to support the region’s critical agricultural base.

The MDA has workstations, furniture and equipment sufficient for up to 6 staff, and meeting spaces. This may also provide an opportunity to attract other peaks and agencies to the incubator to stimulate both ideas, initiative and revenues for council.

Could you please advise if you have space available, and proposed costs. Please also feel free to give me a call to discuss if you would like any further information in support of the request.

Kindest regards

Emma



Chief Executive Officer

**Emma Bradbury**

**Murray Darling Association**

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***Murray Darling Association acknowledges the traditional owners & custodians of country and pay our respects to the people, cultures and elders past, present and emerging.***

Please know that I honour and respect boundaries around personal time, well-being, and rest. Should you receive correspondence from me during a time that you’re engaged in any of the above, please protect your time and wait to respond until you’re next working in front of a computer.



## 9.6 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

### 9.6.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

**File Number:** -

**Author:** Lindy Leyonhjelm, Executive Assistant

**Authoriser:** John Harvie, Acting Chief Executive Officer

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Correspondence Report be received and the information noted by the Council.

#### DISCUSSION

Due to the volume of correspondence that Council receives from Government Agencies, each Councillor has been forwarded the emails directly. As per resolution 290921 at the September 28, 2021 meeting, incoming emails from Government Agencies will not be included in this report unless by exception, only outgoing correspondence is recorded in the report.

#### GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

- Edward River Gardens Letter to Dr Thomas Douch MLHD NSW Gov – 18 October 2021
- Edward River Gardens Letter to Jill Ludford MLHD NSW Gov – 18 October 2021
- Letter regarding MLHD NSW Government – 12 Nov 2021

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Edward River Gardens letter to Dr Thomas Douch MLHD NSW Government 18 October 2021 [!\[\]\(569ff5d1aa9137b5defb690d1175fea6\_img.jpg\)](#) 
2. Edward River Gardens letter to Jill Ludford MLHD NSW Government [!\[\]\(dd83808d77658902b474c9e02c5f52d1\_img.jpg\)](#) 
3. Letter regarding MLHD NSW Government 12 November 2021 [!\[\]\(81fa0003d5fda42e000d07b0ffc66c38\_img.jpg\)](#) 



## EDWARD RIVER GARDENS

18/10/2021

To Dr Thomas Douch  
Board Chair Murrumbidgee Local Health District

I am writing on behalf of the board of Directors for Edward River Gardens to express our concern over the reduction of hours to the community nursing services to Moulamein.

With the nearest hospital and doctor's clinic located over 60km's away the Moulamein LHAC health service is an integral service not just for our facility but for the wider community.

Edward River Gardens would like to pledge our support to Moulamein LHAC health service and hope for a swift resolution to address these concerns.

If you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to call on (03) 5888 9555.

Kind regards,

Lauren Patten  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

### Moulamein Retirement Village Inc.

38 Turora Street, Moulamein, NSW 2733  
ABN: 63 848 623 948

*Hon. President: Neville Willox*

*Hon. Secretary: Karen Buckley*

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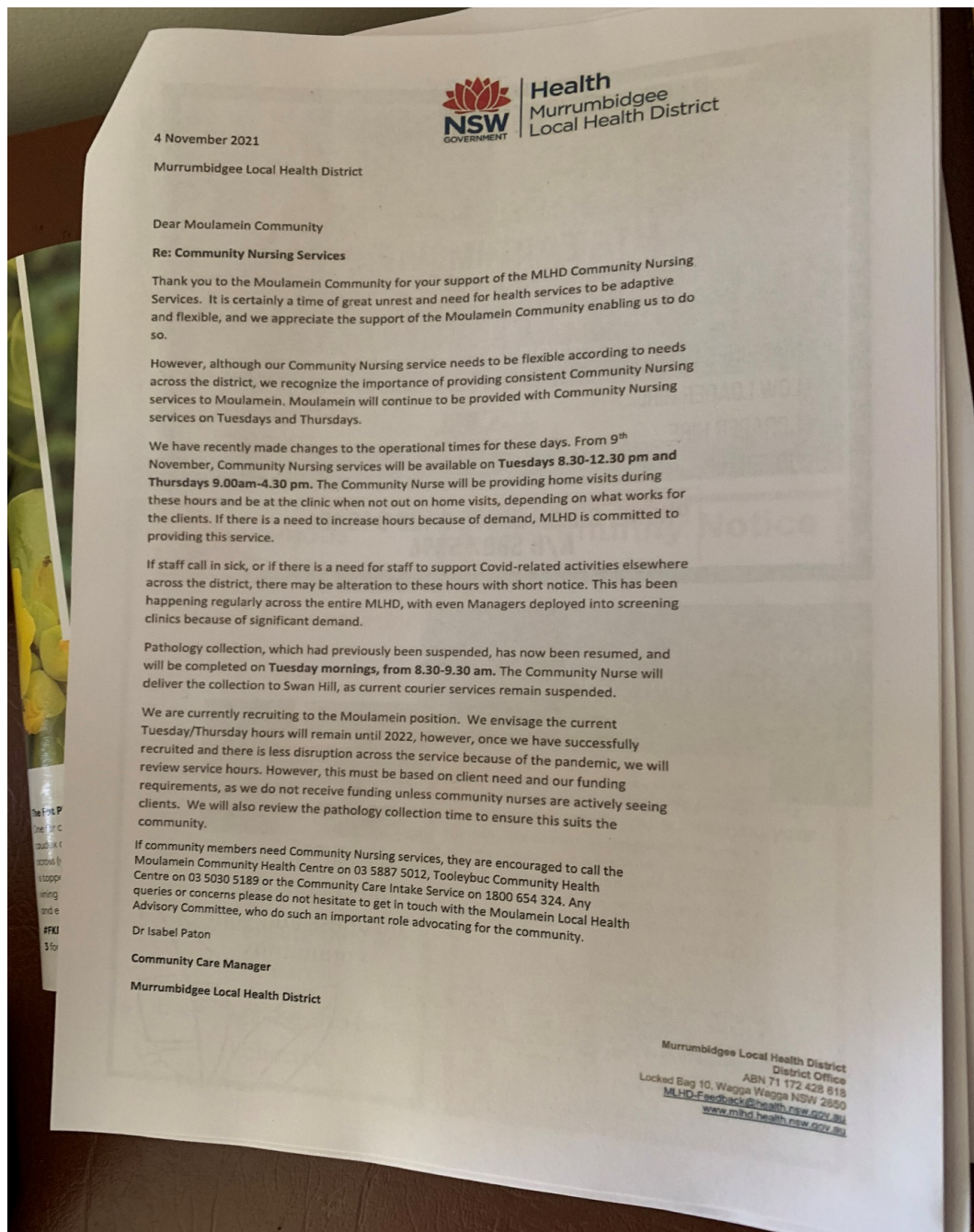
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Email: [manager@mri.com.au](mailto:manager@mri.com.au)



Hi John

I would appreciate your input into the attach regarding the part closure of the Community Nursing facility at Moulamein.

Moulamein Retirement Village (ERG) Board have written two letters of concern with no response at this point,(however a media release is attached as appeared in the Wongi)  
ERG have registered nurses working at the facility for our residents , the letters where mainly raising concerns for our community residents.

Local knowledge is that the community nurse is working in other areas being Mathoura & Moama on the remaining three days of each week.

I have not confirmed this with Murrumbidgee Local Heath, if true is this fair when both Mathoura & Moama have easy access to a Doctor/Hospital and ambulance services?

Moulamein area is remote in regards to medical/health services and we rely heavily on the community nurse as the only option.

I feel that once again the rural area of Moulamein and our elderly resident who wish to remain in their own homes are penalised for the budget  
Restraints of the health service.

I would appreciate it if you brought this to the attention of Councillors and hopefully raise my concern with Council at the next meeting.

Regards

Barb Whitfield

Concerned resident of Moulamein & District

## 9.7 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT

### 9.7.1 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT

**File Number:** -

**Author:** Lindy Leyonhjelm, Executive Assistant

**Authoriser:** John Harvie, Acting Chief Executive Officer

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Sundry Delegates Report of the Mayor and Councillors for the period 26 Oct 2021 to 22 November 2021 be received and the information noted by the Council; and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

#### DISCUSSION

The **Mayor, Councillor Chris Bilkey** reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 26 Oct: Pre-Council Briefing and Ordinary Meeting of Council - Moama
- 27 Oct: Interview with 2QN, Barham Timber meeting & EMT meeting
- 28 Oct: RAMJO Water discussion – MS Teams, Radio interview & MSEAT Zoom meeting
- 29 Oct: TfNSW briefing on Swan Hill/Murray Downs Bridge Project
- 3 Nov: Yarrawonga to Torrumbarry River Reach Stakeholder Group (YTRRSG)
- 4 Nov: Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council - Moama
- 5 Nov: Country Mayors Association Meeting – online
- 8 Nov: Citizenship Ceremony – Moama
- 9 Nov: Meeting with Moama RSL Sub-Branch President, ONE Basin CRC: All Partner Meeting - Bid Update & QuickStart Project Proposals
- 10 Nov: Interview with 2QN
- 11 Nov: Moama RSL Sub-Branch Remembrance Day Ceremony
- 11 Nov: Workshop 1 Community Strategic Plan Development of Themes and Goals - Moama
- 12 Nov: Radion interview EMFM
- 16 Nov: Western Regional Planning Panel – determination, OLG Interview, EMT AGM
- 16 Nov: Office of Local Government (OLG) Interview with Angus Broad – Moama
- 17 Nov: Interview with 2QN, assessment of Covid Support Grants, Fortnightly Councillor update with CEO
- 18 Nov: Water Subgroup RAMJO meeting
- 19 Nov: RAMJO Board meeting - Albury

The **Deputy Mayor, Councillor Nikki Cohen** reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 26 Oct: Pre-Council Briefing and Ordinary Meeting of Council – Moama
- 9 Nov: Moama Recreation Reserve Committee meeting – Moama

- 11 Nov: Remembrance Day Ceremony – Mathoura
- 11 Nov: Workshop 1 Community Strategic Plan Development of Themes and Goals - Moama
- 16 Nov: Office of Local Government (OLG) Interview with Angus Broad – Moama
- 16 Nov: Echuca Moama Tourism AGM – RSL Moama
- 17 Nov: Covid Support Grants assessment - Moama

**Councillor Tony Aquino** reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- No report was supplied for this period.

**Councillor Gen Campbell** reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- No report was supplied for this period.

**Councillor Alan Mathers** reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 26 Oct: Pre-Council Briefing and Ordinary Meeting of Council – Moama
- 4 Nov: Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council – online
- 8 Nov: Moulamein Recreation Reserve Meeting Moulamein
- 11 Nov: Workshop 1 Community Strategic Plan Development of Themes and Goals - Moama
- 15 Nov: Wakool Hall committee meeting – Wakool
- 16 Nov: Office of Local Government (OLG) Interview with Angus Broad – Moama
- 16 Nov: Western Murray Regional Planning Panel, via Teams

**Councillor Ann Crowe** reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 26 Oct: Pre-Council Briefing and Ordinary Meeting of Council – Moama
- 27 Oct: Murray Downs Riverside Park Committee of Management – online
- 29 Oct: TfNSW Swan Hill Bridge Briefing – online. Presentation of timeframes and information about design and construction of new bridge.
- 4 Nov: Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council – online
- 11 Nov: Workshop 1 Community Strategic Plan Development of Themes and Goals - Moama
- 16 Nov: Office of Local Government (OLG) Interview with Angus Broad – Moama
- 17 Nov: Fortnightly Councillor Update – Online.

**Councillor Neil Gorey** reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 26 Oct: Pre-Council Briefing and Ordinary Meeting of Council – Moama
- 27 Oct: Barham Timber and products inquiry meeting
- 29 Oct: TfNSW Swan Hill Bridge Briefing – online. Presentation of timeframes and information about design and construction of new bridge.
- 10 Nov: MRC Audit and Risk Committee meeting – online

- 17 Nov: Office of Local Government (OLG) Interview with Angus Broad – Moama

**Councillor Thomas Weyrich** reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 26 Oct: Pre-Council Briefing and Ordinary Meeting of Council – Moama
- 8 Nov: Mathoura Retirement Village meeting
- 11 Nov: Remembrance Day Ceremony – Mathoura
- 17 Nov: Office of Local Government (OLG) Interview with Angus Broad – Moama

**Councillor Geoff Wise** reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- No report was supplied for this period.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

**Nil**



**10 NOTICE OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE****10.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH SERVICE NSW TO SEEK THE PROVISION OF SERVICE NSW SERVICES, TO THE COMMUNITIES OF MURRAY DOWNS, KORALEIGH AND TOOLEYBUC, BY ESTABLISHING A NEW AGENCY IN ONE OF THESE TOWNS.**

**File Number:** -

I, Councillor Neil Gorey, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 23 November 2021, I intend to move the following motion:

**MOTION**

That Council enter into discussions with Service NSW to seek the provision of Service NSW services, to the communities of Murray Downs, Koraleigh, and Tooleybuc, by establishing a new agency in one of these towns.

**RATIONALE**

Currently, communities in Murray Downs, Koraleigh and Tooleybuc must travel up to one hour to Moulamein or Barham to access services such as Transport for NSW, Maritime Services, Office of Liquor and Gaming and more, or wait for the mobile service vehicle which comes around every three months.

Murray River Council currently and successfully operates four Service NSW Agencies in Moama, Mathoura, Barham, and Moulamein. It would seem reasonable to assume that a similar agency could be set up in an existing business in Murray Downs, Koraleigh, or Tooleybuc.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Nil**

**10.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - THAT COUNCIL FORMALLY WRITES TO FEDERAL MP SUSSAN LEY ASKING THAT SHE PURSUES A PHONE TOWER IN THE PICNIC POINT AREA**

**File Number:** -

I, Councillor Thomas Weyrich, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 23 November 2021, I intend to move the following motion:

**MOTION**

1. That council formally write to federal MP Susan Ley asking that she pursues a phone tower in the picnic point area.
2. That council disallows any further development in that area until a tower is constructed and operational, the threat of fire is great and without phone connection to notify people of an oncoming fire the potential for a catastrophe is too great.

**RATIONALE**

Another scenario is that we approach national parks for an all-weather road into the forest.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**10.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - THAT COUNCIL WRITE TO THE NSW AND VICTORIAN PREMIERS ALSO THE PRIME MINISTER TO REQUEST A THIRD RIVER CROSSING AT ECHUCA -MOAMA**

**File Number:** -

I, Councillor Thomas Weyrich, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 23 November 2021, I intend to move the following motion:

**MOTION**

That Council write to the NSW and Victorian premiers also the prime minister to request a third river crossing at Echuca -Moama.

**RATIONALE**

It's my belief that the new bridge will only take heavy vehicles out of the towns.

Any weekday at 3.20 pm the traffic in Meninya st is backed up to past Woolworths with 866 new building blocks coming online and around 8.5% growth rate in Moama and similar in Echuca. Given it took 56 years to get this bridge completed I think we should get going and get a new bridge in the right place.

History will dictate if I'm right or wrong.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Nil**

**10.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - THAT COUNCIL CLARIFY THE INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 201021 - MADE AT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 26 OCTOBER 2021**

**File Number:** -

I, Councillor Thomas Weyrich, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 23 November 2021, I intend to move the following motion:

**MOTION**

That Council:

1. Clarify the information to be released in accordance with Resolution 201021 – made at the Ordinary Council Meeting on the 26 October 2021
2. Redact parts of the recommendations to ensure that the information released is in line with legislation, commercial-in-confidence principles and does not refer to individuals or businesses.

**RATIONALE**

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I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**11 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council moves out of Open Council into Closed Council at [Enter time](#).

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**11.1 Murray River Council 2022 Australia Day Awards**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

**11.2 Section 355 Committee Report - November 2021**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

**11.3 Liston Caravan Park - Mathoura**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a, c and d(ii) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors), information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at [Enter time](#).

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council brings forward the resolutions from Closed Council into Open Council and these be read aloud.

**12 CONCLUSION OF MEETING**