



**murray river
council**

AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday, 26 November 2024

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

Date: Tuesday, 26 November 2024

Time: 1:00 PM

**Location: Tooleybuc Sporting Club
Lot 1 Lockhart Road
Tooleybuc NSW 2736**

**Sarah Ryan
Acting Chief Executive Officer**

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1 OPENING MEETING

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I acknowledge and respect the Traditional Custodians of the Lands where we stand today,
I acknowledge Elders past and present, the pioneers whose toil inspires us still;
And those who gave their lives, that we many now,
On this proud past, a vibrant future build.

3 APOLOGIES & APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Questions without notice arising from minutes of previous meeting:

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2024 & EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING HELD 12 NOVEMBER 2024

File Number: -

Author: Lindy Leyonhjelm, Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Sarah Ryan, Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council held on 22 October 2024 & Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 12 November 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

DISCUSSION

Murray River Council held its Ordinary Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 22 October 2024, commencing at 1:00pm at the Council Chambers (Lower Level), Moama Administration Office, 52 Perricoota Road, Moama.

Murray River Council held its Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 12 November 2024, commencing at 1:00pm at the Council Chambers (Lower Level), Moama Administration Office, 52 Perricoota Road, Moama.

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. **DRAFT_Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting - Tuesday 22 October 2024** [!\[\]\(569ff5d1aa9137b5defb690d1175fea6_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(59bff645cb030955f45f21c74e7ddbd4_img.jpg\)](#)
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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, 22 OCTOBER 2024 AT 1:00 PM**

PRESENT: Cr Joy Allan, Cr Kylie Berryman, Cr Gen Campbell, Cr Dennis Gleeson, Cr Neil Gorey, Cr John Harvie, Cr Gary Pappin, Cr Geoff Wise

IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Dodds (Chief Executive Officer), Rod Croft (Director Planning & Environment), Stephen Fernando (Director Corporate Services), Jack Bond (Director Infrastructure), Sarah Ryan (Director Community & Economic Development), Sandra Gordon (Manager Governance & Risk), Jan Donald (Executive Admin Officer)

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**3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES****RESOLUTION 151024**

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman
Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That the apology tendered on behalf of Cr Bianca Hurn be received and accepted; and that leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

CARRIED**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2024
& EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2024****RESOLUTION 161024**

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson
Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council held on 27 August 2024 & Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 8 October 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Questions without notice arising from minutes of previous meeting/s 1.02pm – Nil.

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5 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Cr John Harvie declared an ongoing disclosure of interest, stating that his partner is employed by Murray River Council.

Cr Gen Campbell declared a Conflict of Interest with item 9.1.3 Acquisition details and proposed classification recommendation for 8 Blair Street Moama and item 9.4.2 DA 10.2024.49.1 – 38 3 Storey Motel – Request to amend Section 7.12 Levy Development Contribution Requirements to a two-part payment arrangement as listed in the agenda.

6 DEPUTATIONS**7 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)****7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - DEPARTURE OF CEO MR TERRY DODDS****RESOLUTION 171024**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

That Council accept Mr Terry Dodds resignation and make note of his achievements during his tenure as CEO.

CARRIED**7.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - ACTING CEO APPOINTMENT****MOTION**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That Council resolves to authorise the Mayor to appoint an existing Director as Acting Chief Executive Officer during the period it takes to recruit a permanent CEO.

This motion was lost and the Foreshadowed Motion become the resolution of Council.

FORESHADOWED MOTION**RESOLUTION 181024**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

That Council move into Suspension of Standing Orders in order to discuss the appointment of an interim CEO in more detail.

CARRIED

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SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

That Council Suspend Standing Orders for debate on this matter.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Moved: Cr Gary Pappin

Seconded: Cr Joy Allan

That Council Resume Standing Orders.

RESOLUTION 191024

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CEO

That Council appoint Sarah Ryan as Acting CEO from 1 November 2024 until such time as the new CEO is appointed.

CARRIED**RESOLUTION 201024**

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson

Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

Council appoint the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, an external panel member, Cr Kylie Berryman and Cr Geoff Wise to the selection panel for the appointment of the new CEO. (First reserve Cr Joy Allan.)

CARRIED**8 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Nil

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS****9.1.1 OLG NSW CIRCULAR TO COUNCILS - COUNCILLOR CONDUCT AND MEETING PRACTICES - DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE****RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council review the information provided on the Councillor Conduct Framework by NSW Government Office of Local Government Circular to Councils – Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.
2. That Council either:

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- a) Provide feedback and submit response to the discussion paper as requested by NSW Government Office of Local Government prior to the closing date of 15 November 2024.

OR

- b) That Council provide feedback to LGNSW and NSW Country Mayors for consideration by our two Associations in drafting their submissions.

RESOLUTION 211024

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey

Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell

The following **recommendation** became the resolution of Council.

1. That Council review the information provided on the Councillor Conduct Framework by NSW Government Office of Local Government Circular to Councils – Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.
2. That Council provide feedback to LGNSW and NSW Country Mayors for consideration by our two Associations in drafting their submissions.

CARRIED

9.1.2 STATE OF THE REGION REPORT 2021-2024**RESOLUTION 221024**

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That the Officer's report on State of the Region Report 2021-2024 as at 11 October 2024 be received and the information noted by the Council.

CARRIED

At 2:22 pm, Cr Gen Campbell & Cr Gleeson left the meeting. Cr Gleeson returned 2.26pm

9.1.3 ACQUISITION DETAILS AND PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION RECOMMENDATION FOR 8 BLAIR STREET, MOAMA.**RESOLUTION 231024**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That:

1. Council resolves to give public notice under Section 34 of the *Local Government Act 1993* ("the Act") of a proposed resolution to classify lots identified as Lot 1 DP 216296 and Lot 2 DP 137250 (8 Blair Street, Moama) as Operational Land in accordance with Section 31 of the Act.
2. Council register on title and apply a Restriction on Use that applies to part or all of the land for car parking purposes.

CARRIED

At 2:32 pm, Cr Gen Campbell returned to the meeting.

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9.1.4 RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL - RESOLUTION TRACKER & INFOCOUNCIL ACTION REPORTS**RESOLUTION 241024**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That the Council resolve to receive and note the status of previous resolutions of Council (in open and closed Council) contained in the Monthly Operation Report including the Resolution Tracker Reports.

CARRIED**9.1.5 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES - 11 NOVEMBER 2024****RESOLUTION 251024**

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson

Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

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 Monday 11 November 2024, commencing at 10:40am.
2. That the Mayor, or a representative, attend and lay a wreath at the Cenotaph, Kerrabee Soundshell Moama on Monday 11 November 2024, commencing at 10:55 am.

Cr Kylie Berryman and Cr Joy Allan will attend the Mathoura ceremony.

Mayor Cr John Harvie will attend the Moama ceremony and extends the invitation to all councillors who are available.

CARRIED**9.1.6 MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT****RESOLUTION 261024**

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That the Monthly Operational Report as of August and September 2024 be received and the information noted by the Council.

CARRIED**9.1.7 DATES AND PLACES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FROM OCTOBER 2024 THROUGH TO SEPTEMBER 2025****RESOLUTION 271024**

Moved: Cr Gary Pappin

Seconded: Cr Joy Allan

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That the Officer's report on the dates and places of Council meetings from October 2024 through to September 2025 be received and the information noted by the Council.

Meeting date for Wakool to be determined.

CARRIED**9.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS****9.2.1 PROPOSED ROAD NAME, MURRINDAAL PARK PTY LTD STAGED SUBDIVISION, LOT 1 DP 1283567, LOTS 1-3 DP 854487, 420-508 PERRICOOTA ROAD, MOAMA NSW 2731****RECOMMENDATION**

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

1. Council approve the road names; Murrindaal Drive, Eucalyptus Court, Ambrosia Circuit, Boronia Drive, Melaleuca Way, Lomandra Way, Callistemon Street, Jacaranda Way, Lilly Pilly Lane, Waratah Avenue, Black Wattle Drive, Grevillea Way within the staged subdivision of Lot 1 DP 1283567, Lots 1-3 DP 854487, 420-508 Perricoota Road, Moama NSW 2731.

RESOLUTION 281024**AMENDED MOTION**

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

Lay the report on the table and ask the author to discuss the matter further with the proponent in relation to the names Waratah Avenue and Grevillea Way with the report resubmitted to Council at a later date.

CARRIED**9.2.2 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (ARIC) HELD ON THE 5TH AUGUST 2024****RESOLUTION 291024**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

That Council notes the Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) held on the 5th August 2024.

Cr Gen Campbell thanked Richard Ham for his role as Chair of the ARIC committee during his tenure.

.CARRIED

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9.2.3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**RESOLUTION 301024**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Gary Pappin

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

CARRIED**9.2.4 2024-2025 SCHEDULE OF FEES - UPDATED****RESOLUTION 311024**

Moved: Cr Kylie Berryman

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That Murray River Council (Council) provisionally resolve (subject to public display of the Updated 2024-25 Schedule of Fees for 28 days), in keeping with Chapter 15, Part 10 the Local Government Act 1993, to adopt the Schedule of Fees as appearing as Attachment 1 to this report.

CARRIED**9.2.5 FINANCIAL REPORT - UNAUDITED FY 24/25 PERIOD ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2024****RESOLUTION 321024**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That Murray River Council (Council) resolve to receive the Monthly Financial Report for the period to September 2024 (FY 2024/25) and note its contents.

CARRIED**9.2.6 FINANCIAL DELEGATIONS - CEO****MOTION**

Moved: Cr Gary Pappin

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Council grants to the CEO:

1. A purchasing delegation of up to \$500,000 **AND**
2. Authority to approve the payment of budgeted items essential to Council as listed in the Delegation of Authority (Council to Mayor and CEO) Policy.

In Favour: Crs Joy Allan, Dennis Gleeson, Neil Gorey, John Harvie and Gary Pappin

Against: Crs Kylie Berryman, Gen Campbell and Geoff Wise

CARRIED 5/3

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9.3 DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

9.3.1 MURRAY DOWNS BOAT RAMP - REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING

RESOLUTION 331024

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey
Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Murray River Council resolve to approve additional capital works funding, in keeping with the recommendation contained in the Conclusion section of the report, to construct a formal access road, hardstand area, and drainage for the Murray Downs Boat Ramp.

In Favour: Crs Joy Allan, Dennis Gleeson, Neil Gorey, John Harvie and Geoff Wise

Against: Crs Kylie Berryman, Gen Campbell and Gary Pappin

CARRIED 5/3**CARRIED**

At 3:39 pm, Cr Dennis Gleeson left the meeting.

9.4 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

9.4.1 MURRAY LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2011- PLANNING PROPOSAL PP-2023-2003 - BEER ROAD & PERRICOOTA ROAD MOAMA TO CHANGE ZONING FROM RU1 PRIMARY PRODUCTION TO R1 GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE FOR LOTS 2 & 3 DP1213161 AND LOT 15 DP1273625 AND VARY THE MINIMUM LOT FROM 120 HECTARES TO 500M2 MINIMUM LOT SIZE**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. Council endorse the Planning Proposal prepared by Habitat Planning Pty to amend the Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011 (LEP) to vary the zoning of the site on Lots 2 and 3 in DP1213161 and 15 in DP1273625 from RU1 Primary Production Zone to R1 General Residential Zone and to vary the minimum lot sizes for subject allotments from 120 hectares to a minimum lot size of 500m².
2. The Planning proposal be sent to NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) for final endorsement in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
3. Council staff complete all actions outlined in the Gateway Determination and send the planning proposal to the NSW Parliamentary Counsels Office (PCO) requesting Parliamentary Counsel's Opinion and drafting of a new/amended Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011 (LEP).

ITEM 9.4.1 IS SUPERSEDED BY A SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ITEM 9.4.3 WHICH WAS BOUGHT FORWARD HERE.

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At 3:42 pm, Cr Dennis Gleeson returned to the meeting.

At 3:53 pm, Cr Gen Campbell left the meeting.

9.4.2 DA 10.2024.49.1 - 38 SUITE 3 STOREY MOTEL - REQUEST TO AMEND SECTION 7.12 LEVY DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS TO A TWO-PART PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT.

RESOLUTION 341024

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Joy Allan

1. That Council notes the officers report.
2. That Council agrees to a payment arrangement via two instalments that follows the staging of the development with the total amount of Section 7.12 Levy fees being \$163,399.08 as calculated under the Development Contributions Plan 2011 prior to the Occupation Certificate being issued and that the Council advise the applicant to seek a modification to the consent to reflect the decision of Council and to formally implement the proposed amendments.
3. That the modification to the consent be approved under delegated authority.

In Favour: Crs Joy Allan, Dennis Gleeson, Neil Gorey, John Harvie, Gary Pappin and Geoff Wise.

Against: Nil

CARRIED

At 3:58 pm, Cr Gen Campbell returned to the meeting.

9.4.3 UPDATE TO MURRAY LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2011- PLANNING PROPOSAL PP-2023-2003 - BEER ROAD & PERRICOOTA ROAD MOAMA TO CHANGE ZONING FROM RU1 PRIMARY PRODUCTION TO R1 GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE FOR LOTS 2 & 3 DP1213161 AND LOT 15 DP1273625 AND VARY THE MINIMUM LOT FROM 120 HECTARES TO 500M2 MINIMUM LOT SIZE

RESOLUTION 351024

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Kylie Berryman

That:

1. Council notes the submission made by Transport for New South Wales on 14th October 2024 (received by Council 14 days after the submission closing date).
2. Council allows the submission to be considered, managed and responded to under delegation of the CEO.
3. Council endorse the Planning Proposal prepared by Habitat Planning Pty to amend the Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011 (LEP) to vary the zoning of the site on Lots 2 and 3 in DP1213161 and 15 in DP1273625 from RU1 Primary Production Zone to R1 General Residential Zone and to vary the minimum lot sizes for subject allotments from 120 hectares to a minimum lot size of 500m².

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4. The Planning proposal be sent to NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) for final endorsement in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
5. Council staff complete all actions outlined in the Gateway Determination under delegation and send the planning proposal to the NSW Parliamentary Counsels Office (PCO) requesting Parliamentary Counsel's Opinion and drafting of a new/amended Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011 (LEP)

At 3:52 pm, Cr Kylie Berryman left the meeting prior to the final vote being taken.

In Favour: Crs Joy Allan, Dennis Gleeson, Neil Gorey, John Harvie, Gary Pappin and Geoff Wise

Against: Cr Gen Campbell

CARRIED 6/1**9.5 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS****9.5.1 MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM - APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSMENT PANEL, ROUND 1, 2024-25****RESOLUTION 361024**

Moved: Cr Joy Allan

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That Council:

1. Endorse the Chief Executive Officer, or his/her nominee, as a member of the Murray River Council Community Grants Program Assessment Panel.
2. Appoint three (3) Councillors to the Murray River Council Community Grants Program Assessment Panel to assess applications under Round 1, 2024-25.

Nominations for the Assessment Panel to consist of Cr Joy Allan, Cr Gary Pappin & Cr Bianca Hurn.

CARRIED**9.5.2 SECTION 355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AS AT SEPTEMBER 2024****RESOLUTION 371024**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That Council receive and note the September Section 355 Committee report.

CARRIED

At 4:11 pm, Cr Dennis Gleeson left the meeting.

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9.5.3 2024 MOAMA LIGHTS – POST EVENT REPORT**RESOLUTION 381024**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Council approve the discontinuation of the Moama Lights event due to growing financial risks, increasing resource demands, and the event's reduced competitive edge.

In Favour: Crs Joy Allan, Gen Campbell, Neil Gorey, John Harvie and Gary Pappin

Against: Cr Geoff Wise

CARRIED 5/1

At 4:19 pm, Cr Gary Pappin left the meeting.

At 4:20 pm, Cr Gary Pappin returned to the meeting.

9.6 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**9.6.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT****RESOLUTION 391024**

Moved: Cr Joy Allan

Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell

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

CARRIED**9.7 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT**

Nil

10 NOTICE OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**RESOLUTION 401024**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Gen Campbell

That Council moves out of Open Council into Closed Council at 4:22pm.

CARRIED

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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 Proposed Sale of former Moama Preschool site, as per previous Resolution of Council 360324

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - 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 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.

11.2 Moama Water Treatment Plant - Land purchase

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - c 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.

RESOLUTION 411024

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Gary Pappin

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 4.33pm.

CARRIED**RESOLUTION 421024**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Gary Pappin

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

CARRIED**11.1 PROPOSED SALE OF FORMER MOAMA PRESCHOOL SITE, AS PER PREVIOUS RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL 360324****ITEM WITHDRAWN**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - 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 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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11.2 MOAMA WATER TREATMENT PLANT – LAND PURCHASE**RESOLUTION 431024**

Moved: Cr Gen Campbell

Seconded: Cr Gary Pappin

That Council resolve to authorise the CEO to;

- i. purchase the land of 74 Boundary Road (Lot 2 DP 875080) at no more than the recommended valuation (including additional negotiation comments in the Discussion section).
- ii. lease/rent out the dwelling at market value through a real estate agent.
- iii. use the Council Seal on any contract documents, if required.
- iv. and that upon purchase that the land be classified as operational land.

CARRIED**12 CONCLUSION OF MEETING****THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:37 PM.**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council will be held on Tuesday 26 November 2024, commencing at 1:00 PM, 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 22 OCTOBER 2024, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL ON 26 NOVEMBER 2024.

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MAYOR.....
CEO

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**MINUTES OF MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MOAMA ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 52 PERRICOOTA
ROAD, MOAMA
ON TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 10:00 AM**

PRESENT: Cr Joy Allan, Cr Dennis Gleeson, Cr Neil Gorey, Cr John Harvie, Cr Bianca Hurn, Cr Gary Pappin, Cr Geoff Wise

IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Ryan (Acting Chief Executive Officer), Lindy Leyonhjelm (Executive Assistant), Stephen Fernando (Director Corporate Services), Jack Bond (Director Infrastructure), Beck Hayward (Acting Director Community & Economic Development), 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**3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES****RESOLUTION 011124**

Moved: Cr Joy Allan

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That the apology tendered on behalf of Cr Gen Campbell & Cr Kylie Berryman be received and accepted; and that leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

CARRIED**4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

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

5 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)**5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - REQUEST TO APPLY THE COMMON SEAL****RESOLUTION 021124**

Moved: Cr John Harvie

That Council approves the application of the Common Seal to the Letter of Thanks to previous Councillors.

CARRIED

MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL Extraordinary Council Meeting Minutes**12 November 2024****6 REPORTS TO COUNCIL****6.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**

Nil

6.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**6.2.1 FEES AND CHARGES - AMENDED****RESOLUTION 031124**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That Murray River Council resolve to adopt the revised 2024/2025 Fees and Charges as below:

1. Planning Proposal Scoping Report Review
 - a. Basic and Standard Proposals - \$1,500 per Review and
 - b. Complex and Principal Proposals - \$3,500 per Review,with the definitions of Basic, Standard, Complex and Principal being as defined in the Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline of the Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure of NSW.
2. Private Sanitary Drainage Plan - \$25 per Plan

CARRIED**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS****RESOLUTION 041124**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Joy Allan

That the Council suspend standing orders for debate on this matter.

CARRIED**6.2.2 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24****RESOLUTION 051124**

Moved: Cr Dennis Gleeson

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That Murray River Council (Council) resolve to:

1. receive the Audited Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2023-24 together with the associated Auditor's Reports,
2. note the Draft Report on the Conduct of the Audit 2024, and
3. authorise the Mayor and the General Manager (acting Chief Executive Officer) to sign the said Audited Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2023-24.

CARRIED

MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL Extraordinary Council Meeting Minutes**12 November 2024****RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS****RESOLUTION 041124**

Moved: Cr Gary Pappin

Seconded: Cr Geoff Wise

That the Council resume standing orders.

CARRIED**6.3 DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**

Nil

6.4 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

Nil

6.5 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

NIL

6.6 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Nil

6.7 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT

Nil

7 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**RESOLUTION 051124**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise

Seconded: Cr Gary Pappin

That Council moves out of Open Council into Closed Council at 10:52am.

CARRIED

MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL Extraordinary Council Meeting Minutes**12 November 2024****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:

7.1 Recommendation for the sale of 6 MRC-owned lots - referred to as Moulamein Aerodrome.

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - 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 competitor of the council.

RESOLUTION 061124

Moved: Cr Bianca Hurn
Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 11:04am.

CARRIED**RESOLUTION 101124**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise
Seconded: Cr Joy Allan

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

CARRIED**7.1 RECOMMENDATION FOR THE SALE OF 6 MRC-OWNED LOTS - REFERRED TO AS MOULAMEIN AERODROME.****RESOLUTION 071124**

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise
Seconded: Cr Bianca Hurn

That Murray River Council (Council) resolve to authorise the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to undertake the necessary activities, including accepting the offered purchase price of \$230,000 plus GST, negotiating non-price related terms, and signing the required contract and other documentation to give effect to a sale of land identified as Lots 1, 2 and 3 DP 191225, Lot A DP 342596 and Lots 65 and 98 DP 756564 known as the Moulamein Aerodrome (the land parcel).

CARRIED**8 CONCLUSION OF MEETING**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11:06am.

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The next Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council will be held on Tuesday 26 November 2024, commencing at 1:00 PM, 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 12 NOVEMBER 2024, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL ON 26 NOVEMBER 2024.

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MAYOR

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ACTING CEO

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 2024 SCHOOL PRESENTATION FUNCTIONS

File Number: -

Author: Lindy Leyonhjelm, Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Sarah Ryan, Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Councillors determine their attendance at each of the annual presentation functions of the district schools who have requested Councillor attendance (and in some cases to present the Council sponsored award), as detailed in the report.

BACKGROUND

There are nine schools within the Murray River Council area, this includes six primary (K-6), one secondary (7-12) and two K-12. There are also a number of schools in our neighboring local government areas of which students who live in the Council area feed into, including Deniliquin, Echuca, etc.

The Council's Economic Development team contacted district schools via email confirming their acceptance that Council would provide a \$100 contribution towards end of year school presentation functions and were asked to email an invoice to Council for payment of same. These funds were allocated as part of the Council's Community Financial Assistance Policy. In addition, the schools were advised that should they require a Councillor to attend their presentation function to present an award, to advise Council's staff accordingly.

DISCUSSION

Of the district schools that Council provides the \$100 contribution towards their end of year school presentation functions, the following have requested Councillor attendance (and in some cases, to present the Council sponsored award) at same:

- Barham High School* – Thursday 12 December 1:30pm CluBarham
- Barham Public School* - Wednesday 18 December 9:30am CluBarham Auditorium
- Bunnaloo Public School* - Wednesday 18 December 7pm Bunnaloo Community Centre (Cr Wise has been requested).
- Deniliquin High School – Tuesday 17 December 7:30pm School Multi-Purpose Centre
- Deniliquin South Public School – Friday 13 December 12:30pm Deniliquin RSL Club
- Mathoura Public School* – Monday 16 December 7pm, Murray River Council Hall
- Moama Anglican Grammar School* – Secondary presentation Tuesday 10 December 9:15am, Primary presentation Wednesday 11 December 9:15am
- Moama Public School* – Thursday 12 December 12 noon Moama Public School Hall
- Moulamein Public School* – Tuesday 17 December Time 11am Moulamein Bowling Club
- St Michael's Primary School (Deniliquin) – Monday 16 December 6:30pm Deniliquin RSL
- Tooleybuc Central School* – Monday 16 December 6:30pm Tooleybuc Sporting Club

- Wakool/Burraboi Public School* – Monday 16 December 9am Wakool Burraboi School

*School within the Murray River Council area.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

4. Strategic Theme 4: A place of inclusion, culture & wellbeing

4.8 - Actively promote and resource educational pathways into (working with) Council (retain and attract new people) - Developing future leaders.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

There is an allocation in the Council's budget for the provision of \$100 to district school's annual presentation functions under the Council's Financial Assistance Policy.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**
No risk
- **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

Councillors have been asked to attend end of year school presentation functions within our LGA and in neighbouring LGA's where students attend who live within Murray River Council. Councillors may be asked to present an award to a student. Each Councillor will be advised of the function and requirements upon allocation at the Council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

9.1.2 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP) 2025-2035**File Number:** -**Author:** Zoe Croft, Manager Community Engagement**Authoriser:** Sarah Ryan, Acting Chief Executive Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Officer's report on Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2025-2035 as at 13-11-2024 be received and Councillors endorse the plan to go to public consultation.

DISCUSSION

The Community Strategic Plan (CSP) is our 10-year plan. It outlines the community's aspirations and long-term vision and goals for Murray River Council and sets out the key strategies required to achieve these.

The CSP provides a framework to link our operational functions and services to the overall direction of council and is a requirement under the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework.

In 2022, Council developed and initiated a new CSP. The new CSP was designed with the intent of aligning our strategic focus with Council's services and provided an opportunity for business units to develop their strategies and actions plans, which in turn, allows for community growth and sustainability into the future. There was also an opportunity for investigation of the more than 1650 community requested projects to determine their viability and whether they were within or outside of Council scope.

Over the past 3 years we have worked to develop the strategies and action plans that align with Council's services and considered many of the ideas submitted during the 2022 CSP consultation process. We have tested ideas along the way and have done our best to incorporate as many as we can into our Delivery Plan and now our 'Business-as-Usual' processes.

The State of the Region Report – provided to Councillors at the October 2024 meeting, outlines the progress of the 2022-32 CSP, what strategic objectives have been embedded to Business as Usual, what strategic objectives have been completed or are outside of Council's current scope and what strategic objectives will continue into the 2025-35 CSP. This is an important bridging document between the 2022-2032 and 2025-2035 Community Strategic Plans.

The Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 will see us further build on the strategies, action plans and projects which our communities have previously requested, and officers have identified to assist in the management of Council's services, and it is built based on current affordability. We have reviewed the 2022-32 themes and strategic objectives and determined they remain current and have streamlined the strategic objectives to allow for the 2025-2029 Delivery Program outcomes to be aligned and simpler to implement against the themes.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Community Strategic Plan 2024 November (under separate cover) 

9.1.3 RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL - RESOLUTION TRACKER & INFOCOUNCIL ACTION REPORTS**File Number:** -**Author:** Lindy Leyonhjelm, Executive Assistant**Authoriser:** Sarah Ryan, Acting Chief Executive Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council resolve to receive and note 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

2. Strategic Theme 2: A Place of Progressive Leadership

2.6 - Provide clear, concise and consistent information that is easily accessible to our customers - Improve externally provided information and communication.

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

9.1.4 MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT**File Number:** -**Author:** Courtney Dean, Coordinator Communications**Authoriser:** Sarah Ryan, Acting Chief Executive Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Monthly Operational Report as of October 2024 be received and the information noted by the Council.

The Monthly Operational Report acts as an ongoing reporting document offering updates and information relating to all Business Units within MRC. It includes updates in relation to Delivery Program items (Part B of each report), financial tracking and any general project updates or items of interest. Managers and Directors are responsible for completing the reports each month. The details listed below are items of note/interest from several Business Unit reports. Each individual Business Unit report contained in the attachment should be read in full for all information and updates.

Information Management

- The new IT Site Lead from CT started 14th of October; this means the Chief Information Officer can start to offload a lot of the operational work he was carrying for IT in November. This will give him more time to start on the strategic parts of the CIO role and help many of these project's progress.
- Final touches on our 4-year roadmap are being done, while we wait to present this to councillors for adoption. This will likely be in the new year, so we are proceeding with some of the security changes we can make now which will have no impact to budget.
- Telstra's 3G cutoff was the 28th of October, and all upgrade works were completed before this date to ensure smooth operations of our Water Treatment Pumps.
- A Systems and IT support plan has been made and adopted, to ensure cover over Christmas meets council's needs.
- The TechnologyOne project has had a delayed Go Live date. TechnologyOne underestimated the resource required for our project, which has gone over budget. There is an internal reserve transfer to be brought into the budget to cover this. We are also down on other software licensing, because there are upcoming annual licensing renewals which will be used later in the FY.

Finance

- 2023-24 financial statements have been lodged with the external auditors and were signed by Council at the 12 November 2024 meeting.
- Water Notices and Rates Notices have been issued and due dates were in October/December 2024.

Legal and Procurement

- Vendor software platform for market approach activities (sourcing of suppliers) is being configured for MRC use. Intended roll-out date is prior to the Christmas closure period. Key/high volume users (purchasing staff) will be trained first, with other users to follow.
- Procurement Lead position closed for applications on 1 November 2024, with interviews taking place in the week beginning 11 November 2024. This position was created in

response to an identified need to address and prevent procurement compliance issues and move to a more strategic procurement approach across the organisation to drive greater value for money in future purchasing and reduce unnecessary spend. The role will be integral to the Procurement Policy and Procedure review process, as well as the VendorPanel system and contract module implementation stages, to allow Council to establish a centre-led, rather than decentralised procurement function, which increases visibility over the organisation's activities, standardises process across the business and minimises risk.

- Procurement compliance remains a very high risk, as does Council's ineffective current contract management system. Historically, this can be attributed to a lack of systems which support and demand the procurement policy requirements being met, lack of purchasing staff understanding of the requirements and lack of disciplinary action where staff fail to comply with policy requirements. The relevant risk mitigation measures are being taken, however as the issue is deeply systemic and developed over a long period of time, it is anticipated that it could take a significant period of time to properly manage the required change and alter Council's purchasing culture. A contract management system will be implemented to centralise Council's contract documents and data and assist contract owners to better manage contracts under their area of accountability.

Development Services

- DPIE held workshops around NSW with NSW Councils to discuss the issues with the e-planning portal, how they can be fixed and to prioritise matters most urgent to Council's. These workshops were interactive and informative with the first round of updates to the Portal coming in October 2024 which will allow greater permissions for admin users to correct errors from inside the portal including those made by applicants. This is a huge change to the current restrictions with portal use and will prevent many cases being sent to the portal for correction. Further updates are due in December 2024 and these changes will be subject to feedback from users.

Economic Development and Tourism

- The Live, Work, invest website, including a community directory, is now complete, with a public launch scheduled for mid-November.
- The Murray River Council Regional Investment Prospectus has been finalised to promote regional investment and is set for ELT review in November.
- Three Business Success Stories videos have been completed to celebrate local businesses, ready for launch on the Live, Work, Invest website.
- Established successful partnerships with local groups for community events, including Moama Christmas Carols, Riverdaze 2025, and Moulamein Races.
- Launched a new Email Marketing Platform to streamline communications with the Murray River Council community.
- The Tourism, Events, and Marketing Officer attended the Australian Regional Tourism Convention in Mackay, gaining valuable insights from Tourism Australia, the First Nations Tourism Council, and Agri Tourism Australia. These learnings will help shape regional, Indigenous, and agritourism initiatives.
- The Campaspe Murray Business Awards, held in partnership with Campaspe Shire, attracted 300 attendees. This event celebrated local business achievements, promoted excellence, and strengthened community support for regional enterprises, reinforcing the role of local businesses in driving employment and prosperity.
- An Expression of Interest process is underway to redevelop the old Council office in Meninya Street, with potential for future impact on council operations and local economic growth.
- Ongoing efforts are being made to secure funding and support for various council and community projects, through consistent outreach and strategic partnerships.

Works

- Cobb Highway heavy patching works progressing ahead of schedule.
- Kerb and gutter renewals planning underway.
- Reseal site inspections completed.
- Final maintenance grading being completed.
- Quarry and gravel pit action plan progressing.
- Shove defects accomplished on various roads.
- A combination of maintenance and capital footpath works have progressed.
- Thanks to all who contributed to the unsealed roads training completed during October, the discussions and ideas shared with the facilitator made the sessions and received outputs a lot more valuable.
- Speewa Road reconstruction was completed ahead of schedule and within budget, while Cobb Highway heavy patching is also moving ahead of schedule.

Commercial, Plant and Property

- Gateway Determination by Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure received for reclassification of 22 land parcels from Community to Operational to correct classification for drainage basins. Public Hearings completed on 14 November at Barham and 15 November at Moama. Completion date for total reclassification process in to be no later than 1 April 2025 as per Gateway Determination.
- Old Moama Preschool building has been advertised through local Real Estate Agent, commencing 30/09/2024. Initial EOI process did not identify any interest in the site. Real Estate Agent has suggested a public auction of this site as the best method of achieving the highest sale price. Auction expected in December/January.

People, WHS and wellbeing

Key Achievements: Safe Work Month Toolbox talks conducted each week in all locations. No injuries in October.

Performance Review Process: The test group have been sent the revised template to start undertaking Performance appraisals with their staff and will provide feedback on the new template.

Employee Training and Leadership Development: MRC launched the Emerging Leaders Program in August 2024, with plans for further leadership development through the creation of a Learning and Development Framework and a Leadership Framework.

WHS Initiatives: Key WHS programs, including the creation of a Psychosocial Hazards Procedure and a Construction Safety Procedure, were drafted and are pending approval. The implementation of WHS procedures continues, targeting specific department objectives for 2024-2025.

People at Work Survey 2024:

Focus Group formed to work on recommendations. First meeting was held in October.

Staff Turnover: MRC has identified a challenge in retaining skilled staff in critical roles. Succession planning, workforce planning, and strategies for employee attraction and retention are in development to address these risks.

Difficulty in Attracting Skilled Workforce: Creating an "Employer of Choice" environment is a key strategy, with plans to develop an Employee Value Proposition and a broader HR strategy to enhance employee retention and recruitment outcomes.

WHS and Safety Performance:

Lost Time Injuries (LTI): No new LTIs for October. WHS action plans continue to address internal procedures and high-risk areas such as construction and volunteer risk controls.

Ongoing Projects:

- The implementation of the HR module in the TechOne system remains on track, with discussions held to fast-track e-recruitment and automated processes.
- The review and update of MRC's HR policies and procedures continue, with specific focus areas including Positive Workplace Behaviours, Sexual Harassment, and Bystander Policies.
- This period saw significant progress in the development of staff performance systems, WHS compliance, and employee engagement, positioning MRC for improved organisational efficiency and employee satisfaction.

Strategic Assets

- Audit completed on comprehensive Water, Sewer and Stormwater asset revaluation and desktop valuations (indexation) on all other asset classes.
- The TechOne build of asset details and asset books continues to progress in conjunction with Business as Usual.
- Mapping of buried assets now loaded into Before You Dig (BYD) platform for auto-generation of external service requests, with 262 referrals provided in the month of October.

Community and Economic Development Directorate Renewables overview

The location of the South West Renewable Energy Zone was chosen following a detailed statewide geospatial mapping exercise undertaken by the NSW Government in 2018. This initial analysis sought to identify optimal locations to host renewable energy generation around the State, including areas with strong renewable energy resource potential, proximity to the existing electricity network, and consideration of potential interactions with existing land uses, including agricultural lands and biodiversity conservation. The northwest area of Murray River Council is located within the South West Rez footprint.

Significant change:

- Council experiencing significant impact on resources due to volume of renewable development. This includes frequent information requests and consultation with proponents, communication with community on developments and managing community concerns. Resourcing for this workload estimated at 1-2 FTE per council.
- Communities are experiencing consultation fatigue due to high number of renewable energy, storage and transmission projects. This has reached a peak with projects consulting on community benefits planning as part of preparing their access rights tender bids (noting not all will proceed). This process can be fragmented and confusing for community.
- Community divide, small communities with generational farming families divided over whether they **do** or **do not** support the development.
- An EnergyCo led Community and Employment Benefit Program (CEBP) model which would require grant funds to be spent exclusively within the REZ geographic boundary will be problematic for the South West REZ as many of the impacted communities are located outside the REZ (e.g. Kyalite, Moulamein). These towns are where local communities go for their services such as health care, education, groceries, recreation etc. It would be preferable for EnergyCo to delay launch of CEBP in order to first resolve barriers to funds being spent outside of the REZ boundary.
- Need for tailored communication resources 'source of truth' website for community and Councillors. Website for SW REZ to include clear, timely and accurate information and FAQs.
- Councils requested EnergyCo not establish a Community Reference Group for the SW REZ until after access rights are awarded. Advice based on current consultation fatigue and potential confusion/duplication with proponent processes.
- Resources required for farming communities, those hosting renewable generation or transmission projects and those neighbouring including advice on insurance and negotiation of agreements.

- Local businesses require support to understand and upgrade processes and systems in advance to meet project tender compliance requirements (pre-qualification) to be able to participate in employment and economic opportunities with contractors in the REZ.

Challenges:

- Council will continue to advocate for the best possible outcomes for the Murray River Council community as renewable energy projects continue to evolve across our region. Although projects such as solar and wind farms are of State Significance over which Council has no statutory power, we will continue to engage with project developers as a key local stakeholder.
- Cumulative impact priorities:
 1. Housing – supply of short-term accommodation
 2. Water – potable water for worker accommodation, water treatment plant upgrades
 3. Maintenance of roads, management of road verge vegetation
 4. Health and community services – general practitioner shortage, hospital, mental health, nursing staff for aged care, childcare
- -State Significant Development process reduces Council's ability to negotiate Voluntary Planning Agreements at standard 1% of capital cost, including agreements with proponent to cover cost of road maintenance and other ongoing costs borne by council because of development (e.g. impacting development contribution plans and levies).
- Lack of coordination between project proponents.

Opportunities:

- Attract new industries to provide long-term employment
- New essential worker accommodation (health, police, teachers)
- Tertiary education opportunities

Parks, Gardens, Open Spaces and Biosecurity**Highlights:**

- Tender publicly advertised for Moama Soundshell Playground Construction.
- Parks Operational Service Delivery Plan being implemented and tested during spring growth period.
- SCCF5 projects at Barham and Moulamein nearing final completion.
- CAT D funding projects finally being rolled out and completed. Picnic Point Caravan Park works will be completed early November with Boom gate replacement after being flood damaged in 2022.
- Summer sport and recreation activities commenced with high community participation.
- Moama and Mathoura Pools ready for 2024/25 season starting in early November.
- Staff attended Chilean Needle Grass field day in Corowa
- Staff identifying two new cape broom infestations at Murray downs and National Park near Picnic point

Threats:

- High risk weeds potentially emerging during spring.
- Increased customer requests for mowing during spring growth period.
- Negative feedback in relation to Parks Operational Service Delivery Plan introduction due to some service reductions in accordance with adopted plans.
- Dissolution of multiple S355 management committees at Recreation Reserves will potentially impact staffing workloads and service delivery with increased administrative duties and reduction in voluntary help to maintain recreational assets such as sports grounds and facilities.

Waste and Compliance*Waste*

- The new landfill leachate management system has been commissioned and is fully operational. Landfill leachate is now being managed appropriately, pumped to the new leachate pond and evaporated in the warmer months. A malfunction with an airline required Run Energy to return to site and fix the issue which was caused by faulty fittings.
- The Moama Landfill Push Pit project redesign has been finalised, a bill of quantities received, and tender schedules developed. The Planning and Building Department are now reviewing all documentation before progressing the project through a Complying Development Consent process. The waste and project management team met to review documentation and designs to ensure the documents are clear and tender ready.
- The first phase of the new landfill project to investigate the suitability of the northern block (adjacent to the current landfill) for landfilling is drawing to a close before progressing to the Development Consent phase. Engineering, site soil suitability reports and a planning pathway report have been received with final designs due early October.
- Council has received the methane gas pumping trial report from Run Energy following the 3-month gas pumping trial. Further recommendations have been made and a quote to install a permanent system based on the data from the trial has been sought.
- A new front-end loader that has been on order for close to 12 months has arrived at the Mathoura Depot for bucket hard facing. This will come into operation mid-November and a hire machine will be returned.
- The Return and Earn depot are now fully staffed and operational with 2 full time staff, 2 part time staff and 1 casual. Volumes are increasing each week with the largest volume of containers in a day reaching 10,643.

Compliance

- Commencing implementation of Hazard Inspection Report at Barham and Moama Pounds and working together in addressing identified hazards and updating some equipment. Barham pound to be painted and sealed in November to meet compliance.
- Meetings with Iconyx in developing fire hazard reduction program to a more streamlined program in Rapid Maps. Fire hazard season and compliance activities will commence in October and run across the warmer months. Team training and testing booked for start of October.
- Compliance team and Development Services meeting fortnightly for panel meeting addressing ongoing issues of non-compliance to development approvals and unpermitted or prohibited land use issues.
- Ongoing TechOne Compliance Module being developed with testing almost completed.

Environmental Health

- Leah Gullan from Osbourne Richardson Australia has been working with residents and businesses to approve various applications. Leah was in the area undertaking physical inspections during October.
- Ongoing TechOne Environmental Health module testing continued during October.

Water Services

- Welcome to Cameron Marino who has commenced as a Water and Wastewater Technician in Moama following the recent recruitment.
- Water Services is advertising for a part time Business Support Officer. This position will provide much needed support to the team in the day-to-day business.

Local Committees (Section 355's)

- A suite of Volunteer documents has been developed in collaboration with the manager of Risk and the Work Health & Safety Specialist. These documents have been endorsed by council and are now in use to ensure council maintains clear oversight and sound governance regarding all volunteers working for council.

- Work Health & Safety Officer has been engaged to work with ALL volunteers of Council, ensuring all requirements are met regarding induction, training and ongoing safety.
- Registration of all volunteers has commenced.
- Volunteer Induction Manual has been prepared and is being distributed to all committees and groups of volunteers

Customer Service

- The Customer Service Department at Murray River Council faces several challenges that impact our ability to deliver optimal service to the community. These challenges stem from technological limitations, training constraints, staffing dynamics, and the need for consistent coverage across various services.
- We also have several areas of opportunity, where we can improve service delivery and the experience for our customers and agents with self-service and omnichannel technologies, flexibility through reduction of service centre operational hours for resourcing and training, data driven insight for resource allocation, streamlined processes and efficiency improvements, and a centralised Knowledge Management System. This is all further expanded on in the full report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Monthly Operational Report - October 2024 (under separate cover)** 

9.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

9.2.1 QUALITY MANAGEMENT POLICY - FINAL ADOPTION

File Number: -

Author: Sandra Gordon, Manager Governance & Risk

Authoriser: Stephen Fernando, Director Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That the Quality Management Policy V#1 be adopted and placed in the Policy Register.

DISCUSSION

At the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 27 August 2024 to Draft Quality Management Policy V#1 was adopted by Council and placed on public exhibition.

The purpose of the Quality Management ('QM') Policy is to communicate Council's commitment to managing quality and to establish clear expectations to ensure that all employees are aware of their responsibilities for quality management.

Council will:

- ▶ ensure a culture of continuous improvement by proactive planning, legislative compliance, sustainable development and risk management.
- ▶ learn, innovate, adapt for change and empower all employees to participate and contribute to organisational improvement to meet new challenges and requirements as they arise.
- ▶ maintain and regularly review its QM Policy and processes for the purpose of delivering value to its community and interested parties by determining their current and future needs and expectations.

Council received no submissions from the either the public or from internal personnel.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Quality Management Policy V#1** [↓](#) 

MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL
COUNCIL POLICY

QUALITY MANAGEMENT POLICY

POL-315.V#1





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1. INTRODUCTION

Murray River Council's ('Council') commitment to quality management across all of Council's services and functions provides a strong foundation for improving existing systems and the introduction and development of new systems allowing Council to standardise the systems approach, develop a continuous improvement methodology.

Council has developed its Quality Management Policy by drawing on the seven Quality Management Principles from AS/NZS ISO 9001 Quality Management System:

- Customer focus.
- Leadership.
- Engagement of staff.
- Process approach.
- Improvement.
- Evidence-based decision making.
- Relationship management.

2. OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this Quality Management ('QM') Policy is to communicate Council's commitment to managing quality and to establish clear expectations to ensure that all employees are aware of their responsibilities for quality management.

Council will:

- ensure a culture of continuous improvement by proactive planning, legislative compliance, sustainable development and risk management.
- learn, innovate, adapt for change and empower all employees to participate and contribute to organisational improvement to meet new challenges and requirements as they arise.
- maintain and regularly review its QM Policy and processes for the purpose of delivering value to its community and interested parties by determining their current and future needs and expectations.

3. SCOPE

This Policy relates to all Council operations, assets, employees and contractors providing services on behalf of Council.

This Policy does not confer any delegated authority upon any person. All delegations to employees are granted by the Chief Executive Officer, via the Delegation of Authority (CEO to Employees) Policy.

4. LEGISLATION

- Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
- Local Government Regulation 2021 (NSW)

5. POLICY STATEMENT

Council has an ongoing commitment to provide a high level of service to its community.

Our quality management processes, principles and practices will contribute to Council achieving its objectives, helping it deliver quality services, focused decision-making, identifying priorities, promoting safety, minimising the impact of loss and contributing to and ensuring regulatory compliance.



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The QM Policy will assist to achieve this by clearly articulating and communicating to all stakeholders the Council's commitment to excellence and quality objectives.

Effective deployment of this Policy will help achieve continuous improvement of an organisational culture and working environment that embraces the values of excellence, participation, integrity, caring and results in quality outcomes for all of the Council's stakeholders.

Council aims to:

- ▶ Deliver high quality products and services that meet stakeholder needs and the community's requirements and expectations as outlined in Council's Community Strategic Plan.
- ▶ Demonstrate visible leadership within the organisation and in the community.
- ▶ Build and maintain effective stakeholder relationships.
- ▶ Ensure environmental, social and economic sustainability across Council's operations and strategies.
- ▶ Comply with statutory and regulatory requirements and commitments made by the Council.
- ▶ Achieve the goals and objectives of the Council's strategic and other short and long term plans.
- ▶ Adopt a 'right first time' attitude to each and every activity carried out by every employee in Council.
- ▶ Build a sense of quality into management practices and systems.
- ▶ Benchmark our performance in relevant areas to assist in the continuous improvement process.
- ▶ Ensure every employee understands that they are expected to contribute to the continuous improvement of Council and that they are to take responsibility for the quality of their own work, as well as the satisfaction of their customers, whether internal or external.
- ▶ Improve the assessment of process performance and ability to achieve objectives.
- ▶ Improving the overall effectiveness and efficiency.
- ▶ Develop and improve the capability of the organisation to deliver desired results.
- ▶ Establish measurable objectives for achieving the satisfaction of its customers, ratepayers and other stakeholders.
- ▶ Provide adequate resources to achieve this Policy and Council's quality objectives.
- ▶ Regularly measure organisational performance and the effectiveness through a process of routine audits, assessments and reviews.
- ▶ Demonstrate an ongoing commitment to identifying and introducing improvements to the way we work.
- ▶ Using a team approach to work.

6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Position	Responsibility
Council	<p>Council shall demonstrate continued commitment in meeting its moral and legal obligation by ensuring that adequate human and financial resources are made available so that the objectives of this Policy are met.</p> <p>Councillors (elected members), while conducting business for Council, have a responsibility to meet and satisfy the requirements of Council's customers, ratepayers and other stakeholders. They must comply with reasonable instructions to assist Council in complying with applicable legislation.</p>

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CEO	<p>CEO is responsible, and accountable to the Council, for ensuring that the objectives of this Policy are met. The CEO is responsible for ensuring that processes and practices are developed, implemented, reviewed and maintained.</p> <p>The CEO shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ consult, coordinate and cooperate with other PCBUs working for or on behalf of Council. ▶ regularly review and document organisational quality performance. ▶ actively support the integration of quality management as part of Council's normal management practices. ▶ consult with all stakeholders when making decisions on issues which may affect their quality performance.
Leadership Team (Directors, Managers and Supervisors)	<p>The Leadership Team will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Take accountability for the effectiveness of the processes and practises and ensure that the QM policy and objectives are established in line with the context and strategic direction of Council. ▶ Ensure integration of quality management principles Council's overall business processes. ▶ Promote the use of the process approach and risk-based thinking. ▶ Ensure that the resources needed for quality management are available through the annual budget process. ▶ Communicate the importance of effective quality management to all employees and relevant stakeholders. ▶ Promote an ethos of continuous improvement in Council through education and training of our people and engagement with relevant interested parties. ▶ Regularly report to the CEO on quality management initiatives implemented.
All Council Employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ All Council employees are to have knowledge of and to ensure compliance with this Policy and are responsible for their quality performance. ▶ Ensure that their areas of the organisation contribute to meeting Council's quality goals. ▶ Co-operate management to ensure that applicable legal and other requirements are met. ▶ Actively participate in any consultation on quality management. ▶ Immediately report all quality issues to management. ▶ Carry out their work activities in accordance with all Council policies, procedures and approved work methods.
Council Committees	To be aware of and adhere to this Policy.

7. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

It is the responsibility of the Director Infrastructure to monitor the adequacy of this Policy and recommend appropriate changes.

This Policy will be formally reviewed every four (4) years or as needed, whichever comes first.



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8. NON-COMPLIANCE

Non-compliance could result in a breach of the Code of Conduct Policy and/or disciplinary action.

9. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS, DEFINITIONS & ACRONYMS

External:

- ▶ Australian/NZ Standard: ISO 9001:2015 Quality management systems – Requirements
- ▶ Australian/NZ Standard: ISO 14001:2015 Environmental management systems – Requirements with guidance for use
- ▶ Australian/NZ Standard: ISO 45001:2018 Occupational health and safety management systems – Requirements with guidance for use
- ▶ Australian/NZ Standard: ISO 31000:2018 – Risk management – Guidelines

Internal:

- ▶ MRC Policy – Code of Conduct Policies
- ▶ MRC Policy – Risk Management Policy
- ▶ MRC Policy – Work, Health and Safety Policy
- ▶ MRC Framework – Risk Management Framework and associated documents
- ▶ MRC Framework – Work, Health and Safety Framework and associated documents.

(or any amended or replacement Policy).

Definitions:

Term	Definition
Council	Means Murray River Council.
Council Officer / Employees	<p>An officer is defined as being one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ An employee, or ▶ A contractor or subcontractor, or ▶ An employee of a contractor or subcontractor, or ▶ An employee of a labour hire company who has been assigned to work in the person's business or undertaking, or ▶ An outworker, or ▶ An apprentice or trainee, or ▶ A student gaining work experience, or ▶ A volunteer ▶ Delegated Persons <p>As defined in the Local Government Act 1993.</p>
Customers	<p>Individuals and organisations to which Council provides service. Customers include ratepayers, residents, asset users, consultants, developers, government departments and visitors to the Murray River Council local government area. Internal customers include other Council departments and Council employees.</p>
Legal Requirements	Means any law, regulation, ruling, judicial decision, accounting standard, regulatory guidance or other legal requirement.



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QM	Means Quality Management.
Quality Management	Means the act of overseeing all activities and tasks needed to maintain a desired level of quality.
Quality Management Principles	Means the set of fundamental beliefs, norms, rules and values that are accepted as true and can be used as a basis for quality management.
Quality Management System	Means a collection of business processes and functions aimed at continuous organisational improvement to ensure customer expectations and requirements are met.

10. DOCUMENT CONTROL

Version No.	Details	Dates	CM9 Reference	Resolution No.
1	Initial Issue	26 Nov 2024 to today	VF/20/410	TBA

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9.2.2 PUBLIC ART POLICY - FINAL ADOPTION**File Number:** -**Author:** Sandra Gordon, Manager Governance & Risk**Authoriser:****RECOMMENDATION**

That the Public Art Policy V#1 be adopted and placed in the Policy Register.

DISCUSSION

At the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 27 August 2024 to Draft Public Art Policy V#1 was adopted by Council and placed on public exhibition.

The primary objectives of this Policy are as follows:

- ▶ Ensure a strategic approach to undertake the acquisition, commissioning, curation and maintenance of both permanent and temporary public art that will enrich the cultural fabric of the Murray River Council region, introducing diversity and vibrancy to Council owned and / or managed land.
- ▶ Define the criteria that guide the assessment, selection, development, approval, management and maintenance of public art within the Murray River Council Local Government Area (LGA).
- ▶ Seamlessly integrate high-quality public art into the natural and built environments of the region by incorporating provisions for public art during the scoping and design phases of significant capital projects. This proactive approach ensures that public art becomes an integral component of the overall vision from the inception of such projects.

Council received no submissions from the either the public or from internal personnel.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Public Art Policy V#1** [!\[\]\(569ff5d1aa9137b5defb690d1175fea6_img.jpg\)](#) 

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PUBLIC ART POLICY

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**PUBLIC ART POLICY****POL-603.V#1****1. INTRODUCTION**

Public art plays a pivotal role in commemorating significant events, individuals, and cultural heritage, connecting people to places and each other, and enhancing the aesthetic appeal of council owned and / or managed land.

Public artworks in Murray River Council serve as tangible reminders of the region's history, values and identity. These artworks contribute to a deeper understanding of local narratives and foster a sense of community pride and belonging.

Council's acquisition, commissioning, curation and maintenance of public art aims to create dynamic and engaging environments that celebrate the diversity and vitality of the community while preserving the integrity of Council owned and / or managed land and natural landscapes.

2. OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of this Policy are as follows:

- Ensure a strategic approach to undertake the acquisition, commissioning, curation and maintenance of both permanent and temporary public art that will enrich the cultural fabric of the Murray River Council region, introducing diversity and vibrancy to Council owned and / or managed land.
- Define the criteria that guide the assessment, selection, development, approval, management and maintenance of public art within the Murray River Council Local Government Area (LGA).
- Seamlessly integrate high-quality public art into the natural and built environments of the region by incorporating provisions for public art during the scoping and design phases of significant capital projects. This proactive approach ensures that public art becomes an integral component of the overall vision from the inception of such projects.

3. SCOPE

This Policy applies to all existing public art under the care and control of Murray River Council, as well as to all forthcoming public art projects and donations. This includes art within the public domain that is:

- Commissioned or developed by Council,
- Commissioned or developed by the community, private enterprises, associations, individuals and property developers; and
- Commissioned by third parties (including other government bodies) and transferred or donated to the Council.

This Policy excludes the following:

- Signage, entry statements and interpretive panels; and
- Public art that is privately funded, on private property and not under the care or control of Council.

Public art projects that fall outside the scope of this Policy are encouraged to voluntarily engage with Council for guidance and advice.

Whilst there are existing public art projects that may predate this Policy, existing public art should not be taken as a precedent for future approvals.

4. LEGISLATION

- Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
- Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986 (CTH)
- Heritage Act 1977 (NSW)
- Human Rights Commission Act 1981 (CTH)
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW)



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- Graffiti Control Act 2008 (NSW)
- Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (CTH)
- Regulations associated with the above legislation.
- Relevant State Environmental Planning Policies

5. POLICY STATEMENT

Public art within the Murray River Council area reflects our commitment to enhancing community spaces with artworks that inspire, challenge, educate, and beautify. Our approach is inclusive, aiming to represent the diverse voices within our community through art that speaks to our shared history, values, and aspirations.

5.1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- (a) Public artworks should complement their surroundings, embodying the physical, cultural and historical essence of their location to create harmonious and engaging spaces.
- (b) Artists are encouraged to work closely with local communities, ensuring that artworks resonate with the community's values, aspirations, and identities.
- (c) Public artworks, especially permanent installations, must be constructed with durable materials requiring minimal maintenance to ensure sustainability and longevity.
- (d) Ensuring public artworks and events are accessible to all, including people with disabilities, is crucial. Public art should celebrate diversity and promote inclusivity within the community.
- (e) Compliance with safety and public liability standards is mandatory to protect the well-being of the public and minimise risks.
- (f) Council supports innovative and creative public art projects that explore new ideas, materials, and techniques.
- (g) Artworks should be environmentally sustainable, minimising their ecological impact and promoting stewardship of the natural environment.
- (h) Artists must respect the local community's cultural heritage and traditions, particularly in culturally significant locations.
- (i) Maintenance of plaques and memorials must be undertaken by Council.
- (j) Generally, public artworks will be retained in place for as long as practicable, with the following exceptions:
- (k) If a public artwork is removed, Council does not guarantee a replacement of the artwork or initiative.
- (l) Council will base its commissioning, acquisition, curation and maintenance of public artworks on guidance from the Economic Development and Tourism team.

5.2 EXISTING PUBLIC ARTWORKS

Existing Public Artworks will generally be retained in place for as long as practicable, subject to exceptions as listed in 5.1.

5.3 NEW PUBLIC ARTWORKS

- (a) All public art projects within the scope of this policy are required to submit a written application to Council, describing the project and demonstrating how the project meets the Policy.
- (b) Proposals for new public art on Council-managed land will be rigorously assessed to ensure they enhance the public realm, reflect community values, and meet all planning, safety and accessibility standards.



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5.4 FIRST NATIONS ARTWORKS

- (a) If the artwork is by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander artist or the artwork incorporates, is sourced from, or refers to, Indigenous objects, knowledge or works, Indigenous Cultural Intellectual Property (ICIP) is considered by Council.
- (b) Permission will be obtained from the traditional custodians and/or local Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders before commissioning, accessioning, removing, relocating or deaccessioning Indigenous objects, knowledge or artworks.
- (c) Traditional custodians and/or relevant Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander representative bodies will be consulted as much as possible with regard to how the community should be attributed to and given the opportunity to approve the way in which any ICIP material is used.

6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Position	Responsibility
CEO	To lead staff (either directly or through delegated authority) in their understanding of, and compliance with, this policy and related Procedures.
Directors, Managers and Supervisors	To communicate, implement and comply with this policy and related Procedures.
All Council Employees	To be aware of and ensure compliance with this Policy.
Council Committees	To be aware of and adhere to this Policy.

7. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

It is the responsibility of the Manager Economic Development and Tourism to monitor the adequacy of this Policy and recommend appropriate changes.

This Policy will be formally reviewed every four (4) years or as needed, whichever comes first.

8. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS, DEFINITIONS & ACRONYMS

External:

Nil

Internal:

- › MRC Policy - Procurement Policy
- › MRC Policy - Community Engagement Policy
- › MRC Policy - Risk Management Policy
- › MRC Policy - Investment Policy
- › MRC Policy - Committee Policy
- › MRC Policy - Graffiti Policy
- › MRC Policy - Plaques and Memorials Policy
- › MRC Policy - Asset Management Policy
- › MRC Policy - Signage and Advertising Structures Policy
- › MRC Plan - Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032
- › MRC Strategy - Art & Culture Strategy 2024-2034

Definitions:

Term	Definition
Council owned and / or managed land	<p>All Council-owned or managed land that is open or accessible to people. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Council-owned and / or managed public open space, including bushland reserves and sportsgrounds and courts. ▶ The exterior or interior of Council buildings within Council owned and / or managed land. ▶ Reserve furniture within Council owned and / or managed land (such as benches). ▶ Physical infrastructure, including footpaths, median strips, public squares, malls and laneways. ▶ Road reservations.

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9.2.3 2023-2024 MRC ANNUAL REPORT**File Number:** -**Author:** Sandra Gordon, Manager Governance & Risk**Authoriser:** Stephen Fernando, Director Corporate Services**RECOMMENDATION**

That the 2023-2024 Murray River Council Annual 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.

The part of the Annual Report that reports on how Council has performed against the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) was prepared by Council Officer's drawing on their commentary included in the Monthly Operating Report (MOR). The MOR is a valuable source document for this section of the Annual Report.

The Annual Report will be published to Council's website.

The professional presentation of the Annual Report is the skilful work of Council's Communication Officer Courtney Dean. Another great document that highlights the achievements of Murray River Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **2023-2024 Annual Report (under separate cover)** 
2. **2023-2024 State of the Region Report (under separate cover)** 

9.2.4 FINANCIAL REPORT - UNAUDITED FY 24/25 PERIOD ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2024

File Number: -

Author: Nikki Chalmers, Management Accountant

Authoriser: Stephen Fernando, Director Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Murray River Council (Council) resolve to receive the Monthly Financial Report for the period to October 2024 (FY 2024/25) and note its contents.

BACKGROUND

This report provides the unaudited estimated financial performance and position of Murray River Council for the relevant period in the current financial year against the budget for the corresponding period.

This report is not a requirement under the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) nor the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (the Regulation), however, it is provided to as an additional report to complement the existing financial reporting such as the quarterly budget reviews and the investments report.

DISCUSSION

Please see Monthly Financial Report appearing as Attachment 1 and the Monthly Financial Statements appearing as Attachment 2.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

2. Strategic Theme 2: A Place of Progressive Leadership

2.6 - Provide clear, concise and consistent information that is easily accessible to our customers - Improve externally provided information and communication.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

As summarised in the Monthly Financial Report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Investment Policy (POL203).

Murray River Council Risk Management Policy (POL200).

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

Local Government (General) Regulations 2021.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**

Budget financial thresholds are not met.

- **How can it happen?**

Revenue shortfalls and/or cost overruns.

- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**
Negative financial impact on Council
- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**
Possible
- **Adequacy of existing controls?**
Adequate
- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**
Deficit reduction measures are in place.

CONCLUSION

That Council receive the Monthly Financial Report as detailed in Attachment 1 and the Monthly Financial Statements as detailed in attachment 2 for the current financial year and note its contents.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Monthly Report - October 2024** [!\[\]\(b1b781be830eb908d845c527ab08d5f8_img.jpg\) !\[\]\(2176a4ba510fa27404d783166e891577_img.jpg\)](#)
2. **Financial Statements (Unaudited) for period to 31 October 2024** [!\[\]\(a3b1c8d49688274496e55f2751cb8993_img.jpg\) !\[\]\(428d7e9195be7f8a26074c24b6c91839_img.jpg\)](#)

Monthly Financial Report

Financial Year: 2024-25

Period Ending: 31 October 2024



BACKGROUND

This report provides the unaudited financial performance and position of Murray River Council for the period to the end of October 2024 against the corresponding Budget for the full financial year.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Details what was charged to our ratepayers and customers compared to what was spent in delivering our services.

For the period under review, Council's operating deficit stood at \$4.9M after charging depreciation (What We Set-aside for Asset Renewals) of \$6.78M.

Net earnings are \$(2.58)M when Capital Revenue is added to the operating deficit.

Table 1: Income & Expenditure Statement:

	2023/24 Unaudited	2024/25 Budget	2024/25 YTD Actual	% of Budget Achieved
What We Levied Our Ratepayers	21,554	24,528	8,127	33%
What We Invoiced our Customers	12,940	12,015	2,203	18%
What We Rcvd. as Grants & Subsidies	20,155	19,149	3,923	20%
What We Rcvd. as Interest from Investment	3,026	1,639	954	58%
Our Other Revenue	1,965	2,252	994	44%
Our Total Recurrent Earnings	59,640	59,584	16,201	27%
What We Spent on Our Staff	21,181	21,055	7,143	34%
What We Spent on Our Suppliers	21,493	27,570	7,214	26%
Our Total Direct Spend	42,674	48,625	14,357	30%
What We Paid Our Bankers	348	34	12	35%
What We Set-aside for Asset Renewals	20,884	20,344	6,781	33%
Our Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(4,265)	(9,420)	(4,950)	53%
Our Capital Revenue	54,202	11,808	2,210	19%
Our Capital Expenses	9,203	(3,016)	(156)	-
Our Capital Surplus/(Deficit)	44,999	14,824	2,366	16%
Our Net Earnings	40,733	5,404	(2,583)	-48%

Monthly Financial Report

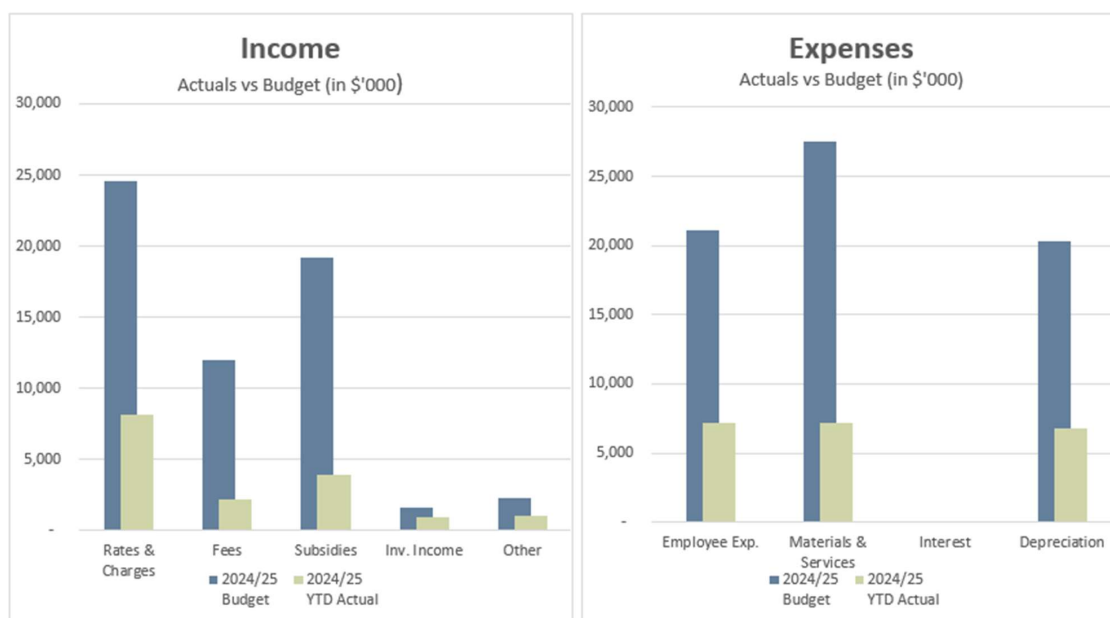
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Income & Expenditure

- With the Financial Assistance Grant (being the primary source of operational grant revenue) received in late June, the actual v budget is below target.
- What we have invoiced our Customers actual is lower than expected due to there being no Water billing invoices in FY25 as yet, these are expected to be issued in November.
- Majority of the other revenue items have tracked on target or above.
- Expenses are tracking as expected.
- The unfavourable position of the Operating Deficit of \$4.9M in comparison to the budget is predominately due to the lower operating grants received and lower invoices to our customers at the date of the report being compiled.

Details of Revenue and Expenses, compared to the budget are graphically depicted in the two charts below.



Monthly Financial Report

FY 2024-25, to 31 October 2024



COMMUNITY WEALTH

Details the value of resources Council has, to service our community. Net Community wealth at the end of the period stood at \$1.147B.

Table 2 : Statement of Financial Position

	2023/24 Unaudited	2024/25 Budget	2024/25 YTD Actual
What We Own	1,101,994	999,553	1,102,274
Inventory We Hold	3,600	537	3,582
What We are Owed	15,004	12,800	8,650
What We Have in Bank	59,611	54,422	58,982
Our Total Assests	1,180,209	1,067,312	1,173,488
What We Owe Our Suppliers	10,167	7,104	5,010
What We Owe Our Lenders	5,753	1,789	6,457
Other Liabilities	14,648	11,589	14,964
Our Total Liabilities	30,568	20,482	26,430
Our Community Wealth	1,149,641	1,046,829	1,147,058

- The increase of approx. \$4.5m between Budget and Actual for What We Owe our Lenders predominately relates to Contract Liabilities not being budgeted for. Contract Liabilities relates to Grant revenue received yet not able to be recognised as revenue until corresponding works to which the Grant revenue relates is completed.
- Cash balances (what we have in bank) has increased due to the Financial Assistance Grant being received in late June 2024. The cash balances remain at satisfactory levels, noting that a sizeable portion of the investments are restricted for specific purposes. (see investments report).

CAPITAL DELIVERY

Council's approved budgeted capital allocation is \$31,838m for 2024/25. As of October 2024, Council has delivered around 22% of the annual capital budget excluding commitments for 2024/25, totalling \$7.1M.

Monthly Financial Report

FY 2024-25, to 31 October 2024



LIQUID ASSETS & RESERVES

Shown below are the movements in liquid asset balances and investments for the period ending 31 October 2024.

Table 3: Movement of Liquid Assets

DETAILS	AUGUST 2024	SEPTEMBER 2024	OCTOBER 2024
Cash Book Balance B/Fwd	\$9,880,140	\$10,035,592	\$380,590
Add income for month	\$13,553,907	\$5,038,501	\$3,760,547
Deduct expenditure for month	\$13,398,456	\$10,193,503	\$7,825,874
CASH AVAILABLE	\$10,035,592	\$4,880,590	(\$3,684,738)
Redeem/(Purchase) Investments	(\$3,500,000)	(\$4,500,000)	\$4,250,000
CASH BOOK BALANCE	\$6,535,592	\$380,590	\$565,262
Add on-call account	\$2,464,673	\$1,470,561	\$2,406,709
Add investments - Deposits	\$52,250,000	\$56,750,000	\$52,500,000
Add investments - Shares	\$2,010	\$2,010	\$2,010
CASH POSITION	\$61,252,275	\$58,603,161	\$55,473,981
As per Bank Statements	\$8,409,334	\$1,786,526	\$2,971,971

The breakdown of the reserves by restriction and fund are as below:

Table 4: Breakdown of Reserves

Breakdown of Cash & Restricted Assets (Reserves) by Fund

Funds	General	Water	Sewer	Waste	Total
Unrestricted	\$6,038,679	-	-	-	\$6,038,679
Internally Restricted	\$8,926,333	\$1,228,521	\$9,762,285	\$891,805	\$20,808,944
Externally Restricted	\$18,834,398	\$3,695,553	\$3,750,566	\$2,345,841	\$28,626,358
Total	\$33,799,410	\$4,924,074	\$13,512,851	\$3,237,646	\$55,473,981

Additional details of internally restricted and externally restricted reserves are provided in the following tables.

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Table 5: Details of Internally Restricted Reserves

Internal Restricted Assets	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Waste Fund	Total
Buildings	\$237,040	-	-	-	\$237,040
Bushfire Services	\$45,278	-	-	-	\$45,278
Caravan Parks	\$242,473	-	-	-	\$242,473
Carryover Works	\$2,156,587	-	-	-	\$2,156,587
Cemeteries	\$80,676	-	-	-	\$80,676
Community Services	\$290,218	-	-	-	\$290,218
Council Contribution - Co Funding Grants	\$200,000	-	-	-	\$200,000
Economic Development	-	-	-	-	-
Employee Leave Entitlements	\$1,637,597	-	-	-	\$1,637,597
Financial Assistance Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage Buildings	\$18,495	-	-	-	\$18,495
Infrastructure Works	\$1,067,972	\$1,228,521	\$9,762,285	-	\$12,058,778
Internal Other	-	-	-	-	-
Levee Bank	\$339,764	-	-	-	\$339,764
Moama Lights	-	-	-	-	-
Office Equipment/ IT	\$178,727	-	-	-	\$178,727
Parks & Recreation	\$172,836	-	-	-	\$172,836
Plant Fund	\$1,646,849	-	-	-	\$1,646,849
Public Halls	\$91,554	-	-	-	\$91,554
Quarries	\$368,866	-	-	-	\$368,866
Risk Management	\$12,500	-	-	-	\$12,500
S355 Committees	\$23,486	-	-	-	\$23,486
Software	\$14,270	-	-	-	\$14,270
Staff Housing	-	-	-	-	-
Stormwater	\$101,145	-	-	-	\$101,145
Waste Management Int	-	-	-	\$891,805	\$891,805
	\$8,926,333	\$1,228,521	\$9,762,285	\$891,805	\$20,808,944

Table 6: Details of Externally Restricted Reserves

External Reserves	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Waste Fund	Total
Unspent Grants	\$14,150,975	\$75,000	\$27,333	\$90,356	\$14,343,664
Unspent Loan Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Section 64/94	\$4,407,849	\$3,392,697	\$3,723,233	\$200,136	\$11,723,915
Community Services Ext	\$76,649	-	-	-	\$76,649
Land Management	\$134,638	-	-	-	\$134,638
Water Purchase	-	\$227,856	-	-	\$227,856
Waste Management Ext	-	-	-	\$2,055,349	\$2,055,349
Other	\$64,287	-	-	-	\$64,287
	\$18,834,398	\$3,695,553	\$3,750,566	\$2,345,841	\$28,626,358

The Council's Bank Overdraft limit is \$400,000 which remains unutilised.

Certification

I hereby certify that the balances of the various funds of Council have been reconciled with the bank statements and investment register as at the end of the reporting period.

Stephen Fernando
Director of Corporate Services

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INVESTMENTS

As required by Section 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 (the Regulation) and Section 625 of the Act, a summary of Council's surplus funds invested, together with an analysis thereof are detailed below.

Certification

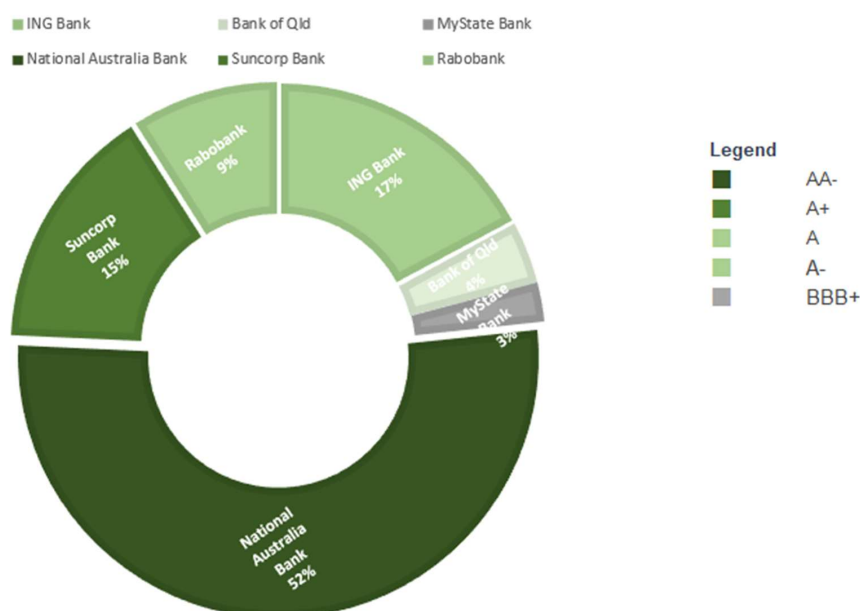
As per the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 – Reg212(1)(b), all investments have been made in accordance with the Act, applicable Regulations, and council's investment policy.

Stephen Fernando
Director of Corporate Services

Council's investments are spread across several Australian Deposit Taking Institutions (ADIs) as detailed below.

Table 7: Investments by Deposit Taking Institution

Bank / ADI	Amount	%
ING Bank	\$ 9,000,000	17.14%
Bank of Qld	\$ 2,000,000	3.81%
MyState Bank	\$ 1,250,000	2.38%
National Australia Bank	\$ 27,500,000	52.38%
Suncorp Bank	\$ 8,000,000	15.24%
Rabobank	\$ 4,750,000	9.05%
	\$52,500,000	100.00%



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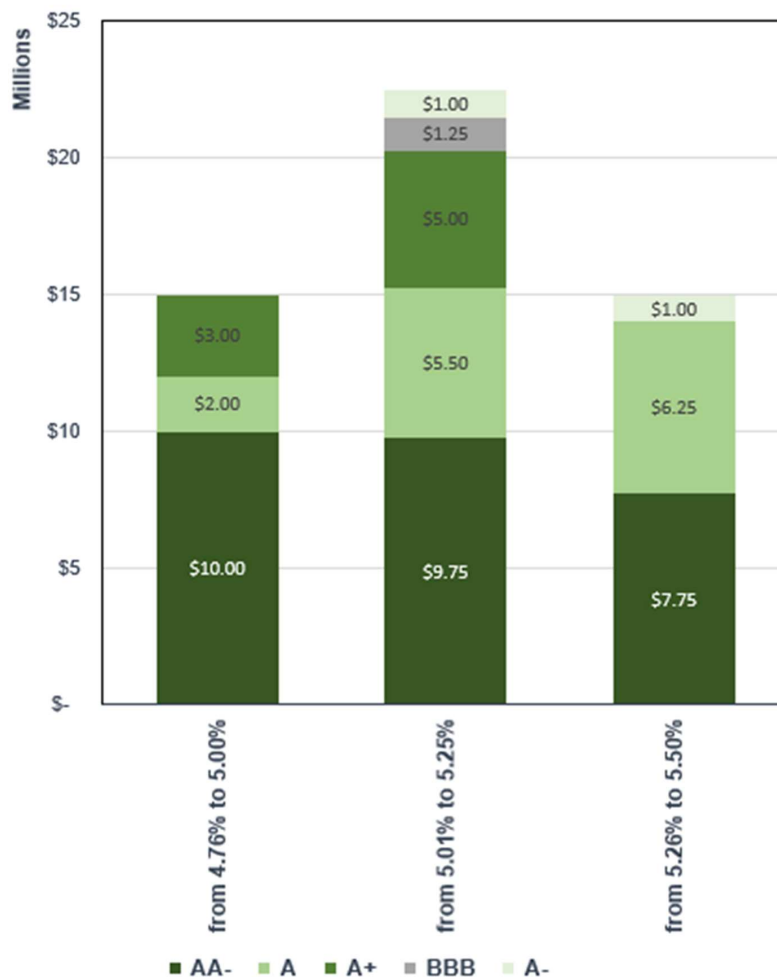
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The investment ratings of the investments and the returns thereon are detailed below.

Table 8: Analysis of Risk Ratings and Returns

Interest Rates	AA-	A+	A	A-	BBB	Total
from 4.76% to 5.00%	\$10,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000	-		\$15,000,000
from 5.01% to 5.25%	\$9,750,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,250,000	\$22,500,000
from 5.26% to 5.50%	\$7,750,000	-	\$6,250,000	\$1,000,000		\$15,000,000
	\$27,500,000	\$8,000,000	\$13,750,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,250,000	\$52,500,000



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The maturity profile of the investments are as follows.

Table 9: Maturity Profile

Maturity Dates	AA-	A+	A	A-	BBB	Total
November 2024	\$3,000,000	-	\$750,000	-	-	\$3,750,000
December 2024	\$3,000,000	-	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	-	\$5,000,000
January 2025	-	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	-	-	\$3,000,000
February 2025	\$1,500,000	-	\$2,750,000	\$1,000,000	-	\$5,250,000
March 2025	\$2,250,000	\$2,500,000	-	-	-	\$4,750,000
April 2025	\$3,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	-	-	\$5,000,000
May 2025	\$1,250,000	\$2,000,000	-	-	\$1,250,000	\$4,500,000
June 2025	\$3,000,000	\$3,750,000	-	-	-	\$6,750,000
July 2025	\$3,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	-	-	\$6,500,000
August 2025	\$4,000,000	-	-	-	-	\$4,000,000
September 2025	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	-	-	-	\$3,000,000
October 2025	-	-	-	-	-	\$0
December 2025	\$1,000,000	-	-	-	-	\$1,000,000
	\$27,500,000	\$13,750,000	\$8,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,250,000	\$52,500,000

The portfolio is well invested in reasonable interest rates and the maturity profile varies according to planned cash flow of the Council. The objective is to optimize the cash flow needs and maximize the return on investments while ensuring compliance with the Local Government regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

The current position is to only invest in ADI's that are rated AA- or better as per S&P's long term credit ratings, even though the Investment Policy permits some investments in ADIs with lower ratings.

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Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2025

from period 01 July to 31 October 2024



CY Budget	\$'000	Notes	CY Actual YTD	PY Actual Unaudited
Income from continuing operations				
24,528	Rates and annual charges	B2-1	8,127	21,554
12,015	User charges and fees	B2-2	2,203	12,940
1,182	Other revenue	B2-3	747	1,363
19,149	Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	B2-4	3,923	20,155
11,808	Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	B2-4	2,210	54,202
1,639	Interest and investment income	B2-5	954	3,026
1,070	Other income	B2-6	247	602
71,391	Total income from continuing operations		18,411	113,843
Expenses from continuing operations				
21,055	Employee benefits and on-costs	B3-1	7,143	21,181
26,470	Materials and services	B3-2	6,992	20,393
34	Borrowing costs	B3-3	12	348
20,344	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment for non-financial assets	B3-4	6,781	20,884
1,100	Other expenses	B3-5	222	1,100
(3,016)	Net losses from the disposal of assets	B4-1	(156)	9,203
65,988	Total expenses from continuing operations		20,994	73,109
5,404	Operating result from continuing operations		(2,583)	40,733
5,404	Net operating result for the year attributable to Council		(2,583)	40,733
(6,404)	Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes		(4,793)	(13,469)

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from period 01 July to 31 October



CY Budget	\$'000	Notes	CY Actual YTD	PY Actual Unaudited
ASSETS				
Current assets				
4,489	Cash and cash equivalents	C1-1	3,306	14,862
49,644	Investments	C1-2	53,705	43,205
12,800	Receivables	C1-4	8,650	15,004
537	Inventories	C1-5	479	497
	Current assets classified as held for sale	C1-7	3,103	3,103
289	Other	C1-11	1,971	1,544
67,759	Total current assets		71,214	78,214
Non-current assets				
2	Investments	C1-2	2	2
493	Receivables	C1-4	17	17
325	Inventories	C1-5		
988,122	Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-8	1,090,166	1,089,886
10,610	Intangible Assets	C1-10	12,089	12,089
	Investments accounted for using the equity method	D2-2		
999,553	Total non-current assets		1,102,274	1,101,994
1,067,312	Total assets		1,173,488	1,180,209
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
7,104	Payables	C3-1	5,010	10,167
	Contract liabilities	C3-2	4,528	3,697
184	Lease liabilities	C2-1	118	180
272	Borrowings	C3-3	268	267
3,808	Employee benefit provisions	C3-4	4,799	4,249
1,394	Provisions	C3-5		
12,762	Total current liabilities		14,723	18,559
Non-current liabilities				
184	Lease liabilities	C2-1	188	188
1,150	Borrowings	C3-3	1,354	1,422
398	Employee benefit provisions	C3-4	137	372
5,989	Provisions	C3-5	10,027	10,027
7,720	Total non-current liabilities		11,707	12,009
20,482	Total liabilities		26,430	30,568
1,046,829	Net assets		1,147,058	1,149,641

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CY Budget	\$'000	Notes	CY Actual YTD	PY Actual Unaudited
	EQUITY			
5,404	Current years surplus		(2,583)	40,733
745,736	Accumulated surplus		786,468	745,735
295,690	IPPE revaluation reserve		363,173	363,173
<u>1,046,829</u>	Council equity interest		<u>1,147,058</u>	<u>1,149,641</u>
<u>1,046,829</u>	Total equity		<u>1,147,058</u>	<u>1,149,641</u>

9.2.5 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**File Number:** -**Author:** Hannah Ensink, Management Accountant**Authoriser:** Stephen Fernando, Director Corporate Services**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolve to:

1. Adopt the budget variations as detailed within the report and any subsequent changes made to those votes, in Council's estimates of income and expenditure for 2024/2025 financial year, which includes changes to the 2024/2025 Capital Listing as updated per Attachment 3 and the following Reserve movements:
 - a. to fund Capital activities:
 - i. \$894,242 from General reserve
 - ii. \$1,133,615 from Water reserve
 - iii. \$957,019 from Sewer reserve
 - iv. \$544,198 from Waste reserve; and
 - b. from Operational activities:
 - i. \$108,070 from the General reserve
 - ii. \$278,511 to the Water reserve
 - iii. \$715,792 to the Sewer reserve
 - iv. \$276,255 to the Waste reserve.

BACKGROUND

Clause 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (the Regulations) requires a Council's responsible accounting officer to prepare and submit a quarterly budget review statement to the governing body of Council. The quarterly budget review statement must show, by reference to the estimated income and expenditure that is set out in the operational plan adopted by council for the relevant year, a revised estimate of income and expenditure for that year.

It also requires the budget review statement to include a report by the responsible accounting officer as to whether they consider the statement indicates council to be in a satisfactory financial position (regarding its original budget) and if not, to include recommendations for remedial action.

Legislative requirements together with the implementation of a formal reporting mechanism will ensure that councils have a robust and transparent budget reporting framework.

DISCUSSION**Budget Position as of 30 September 2024**

Overall net budget position, or working capital, has declined on the 2024/25 current approved budget of \$nil to a 2024/25 revised budget deficit of (\$1,266,477) – an overall decline of \$1,266,477 at end of 30 September 2024.

Income Statement - Consolidated

The September 2024 quarter review has revised the estimated operating surplus as of June 2025 to \$8,580,213. This is an increase of \$3,176,646 from the current approved budgeted operating surplus of \$5,403,567 predominately due to increases in revenue.

The information below shows the movements for the September 2024 quarter, as well as the net budget variances resolved by Council outside the quarterly review process.

Murray River Council						
Budget review for the quarter ended - 30 September 2024						
Consolidated - Income & Expenses						
	ORIGINAL Budget	CURRENT Budget	REVISED BUDGET Budget Council Resolutions	QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW Movement	TOTAL Quarterly Revisions Budget Improvement Budget Deterioration	YTD Actual
Income from Continuing Operations	2025	2025	2025	Outside QBR	2025	2025
Rates and Annual Charges	24,527,721	24,527,721	24,952,131		424,410	6,163,459
User Charges and Fees	12,015,133	12,015,133	12,319,121		303,988	1,712,938
Interest and Investment Revenue	1,639,413	1,639,413	2,704,483		1,065,070	770,602
Other Revenues	1,182,306	1,182,306	1,215,677		33,371	611,770
Grants & Contributions for Operational Purposes	19,090,959	19,090,959	20,841,286		1,750,327	3,454,022
Grants and Contributions for Capital Purposes	11,807,723	11,807,723	13,390,476		1,582,753	1,430,380
Other Income	1,127,987	1,127,987	611,057	14,000	(530,930)	157,121
Gain on Sale of Assets	3,015,798	3,015,798	2,590,500		(425,298)	-
Total Income from Continuing Operations	74,407,040	74,407,040	78,624,731	14,000	4,203,691	9,529,721
Expenses from Continuing Operations						
Employee Benefits and On-costs	(21,054,961)	(21,054,961)	(21,446,497)		(391,536)	(5,403,052)
Borrowing Costs	(34,018)	(34,018)	(34,018)		-	(3,078)
Materials and Contracts	(26,470,474)	(26,470,474)	(27,064,984)		(594,509)	(5,039,313)
Depreciation and Amortisation	(20,344,178)	(20,344,178)	(20,344,178)		-	-
Other Expenses	(1,099,842)	(1,099,842)	(1,154,842)		(55,000)	(215,594)
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	(69,003,474)	(69,003,474)	(70,044,519)	-	(1,041,045)	(15,437,610)
NET OPERATING RESULT FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS SURPLUS/	5,403,567	5,403,567	8,580,213	14,000	3,162,646	(5,907,889)
Other Funding Movements						
Total Capital Expenditure	(31,838,739)	(31,838,739)	(38,401,999)	(1,280,000)	(5,283,261)	(4,539,495)
Total Transfers From/(To) Reserves	2,120,552	2,120,552	4,240,690		2,120,138	(1,541,404)
Sale Proceeds from Sale of Assets	4,237,100	4,237,100	4,237,100		-	99,546
Total Loan Borrowings	-	-	-		-	-
Total Loan Repayments	(266,658)	(266,658)	(266,658)		-	(66,060)
Deferred Debtor Advances Repaid	-	-	-		-	-
Depreciation Contra Reversal	20,344,178	20,344,178	20,344,178	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FUNDING MOVEMENTS SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	(5,403,567)	(5,403,567)	(9,846,689)	(1,280,000)	(3,163,123)	(8,432,698)
NET OPERATING RESULT BEFORE CAPITAL ITEMS SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	(6,404,156)	(6,404,156)	(4,810,263)	14,000	1,579,893	(7,338,269)

Income from Continuing Operations

Projected 2024/25 financial year budgeted revenues are estimated to increase by \$4,217,691 to \$78,624,731. Investment income driven by higher interest rates, Grants & Contributions for Operational and Capital Purposes are the main increases, with a slight offset in Other Revenue following a comprehensive review of lease revenue. Detailed breakdown of each variation is shown in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2. A summary of the net variations is shown below:

Murray River Council Budget review for the quarter ended - 30 September 2024 Consolidated - Income & Expenses							
	ORIGINAL Budget	CURRENT Budget	REVISED Budget	BUDGET VARIATIONS Via Council Resolutions	QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW Movement	TOTAL Quarterly Revisions Budget Improvement Budget Deterioration	YTD Actual
Income from Continuing Operations	2025	2025	2025	Outside QBR	2025		2025
Rates and Annual Charges	24,527,721	24,527,721	24,952,131		424,410	424,410	6,163,459
User Charges and Fees	12,015,133	12,015,133	12,319,121		303,988	303,988	1,712,938
Interest and Investment Revenue	1,639,413	1,639,413	2,704,483		1,065,070	1,065,070	770,602
Other Revenues	1,182,306	1,182,306	1,215,677		33,371	33,371	611,770
Grants & Contributions for Operational Purposes	19,090,959	19,090,959	20,841,286		1,750,327	1,750,327	3,454,022
Grants and Contributions for Capital Purposes	11,807,723	11,807,723	13,390,476		1,582,753	1,582,753	1,430,380
Other Income	1,127,987	1,127,987	611,057	14,000	(530,930)	(516,930)	157,121
Gain on Sale of Assets	3,015,798	3,015,798	2,590,500		(425,298)	(425,298)	-
Total Income from Continuing Operations	74,407,040	74,407,040	78,624,731	14,000	4,203,691	4,217,691	9,529,721

Expenses from Continuing Operations

Projected 2024/25 financial year budgeted operating expenditures are estimated to increase by \$1,041,045 to (\$70,044,519), relating to increases in employee costs with filled vacancies, materials & contracts and other expenses. Detailed breakdown of each variation is shown in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2. A summary of the net variations is shown below:

Murray River Council							
Budget review for the quarter ended - 30 September 2024							
Consolidated - Income & Expenses							
	ORIGINAL Budget	CURRENT Budget	REVISED Budget	BUDGET VARIATIONS Via Council Resolutions	QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW Movement	TOTAL Quarterly Revisions Budget Improvement Budget Deterioration	YTD Actual
	2025	2025	2025	Outside QBR	2025		2025
Expenses from Continuing Operations							
Employee Benefits and On-costs	(21,054,961)	(21,054,961)	(21,446,497)		(391,536)	(391,536)	(5,403,052)
Borrowing Costs	(34,018)	(34,018)	(34,018)		-	-	(9,078)
Materials and Contracts	(26,470,474)	(26,470,474)	(27,064,984)		(594,509)	(594,509)	(5,039,313)
Depreciation and Amortisation	(20,344,178)	(20,344,178)	(20,344,178)		-	-	(5,086,000)
Other Expenses	(1,099,842)	(1,099,842)	(1,154,842)		(55,000)	(55,000)	(215,594)
Loss on Sale of Assets	-	-	-		-	-	-
Revaluation Decrement/ Impairment of IPP&E	-	-	-		-	-	-
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	(69,003,474)	(69,003,474)	(70,044,519)	-	(1,041,045)	(1,041,045)	(15,753,038)

Other Funding Movements

Projected 2023/24 financial year budgeted capital expenditure and other funding movements are estimated to decrease by \$1,266,477 to a deficit of (\$9,846,689). This is predominately due to increase in capital expenditure not supported by existing reserves. Detailed breakdown of each variation is shown in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2, Attachment 3 details the updated Capital Listing. A summary of the net variations is shown below:

Murray River Council							
Budget review for the quarter ended - 30 September 2024							
Consolidated - Income & Expenses							
	ORIGINAL Budget	CURRENT Budget	REVISED Budget	BUDGET VARIATIONS Via Council Resolutions	QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW Movement	TOTAL Quarterly Revisions Budget Improvement Budget Deterioration	YTD Actual
	2025	2025	2025	Outside QBR	2025		2025
Other Funding Movements							
Total Capital Expenditure	(31,838,739)	(31,838,739)	(38,401,999)	(1,280,000)	(5,283,261)	(6,563,261)	(4,539,495)
Total Transfers From / (To) Reserves	2,120,552	2,120,552	4,240,690		2,120,138	2,120,138	(1,541,404)
Sale Proceeds from Sale of Assets	4,237,100	4,237,100	4,237,100		-	-	99,546
Total Loan Borrowings	-	-	-		-	-	-
Total Loan Repayments	(266,658)	(266,658)	(266,658)		-	-	(66,060)
Deferred Debtor Advances Repaid	-	-	-		-	-	-
Depreciation Contra Reversal	20,344,178	20,344,178	20,344,178	-	-	-	5,086,000
TOTAL OTHER FUNDING MOVEMENTS SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	(5,403,567)	(5,403,567)	(9,846,689)	(1,280,000)	(3,163,123)	(4,443,123)	(3,346,699)

Performance Ratios

A summary of the changes to Performance Ratios is provided in the table below. Please note the following regarding Ratios:

- Operating Performance Ratio has improved in the Revised Budget to (11.81%) from the Current Budget (15.81%) due to the increases to operational revenue sources in excess of additional of operational expenses resulting in a net improvement of approx. \$3.18m.
- Own source revenue decreases to 53.17% from 56.64% due to additional Grants and Contributions for Operational and Capital Purposes totalling approx. \$3.33m, versus an increase in own source revenue totalling approx. \$1.31m.

- The increase in operational revenue and low debt repayments sees an improvement for the Debt Serving Cover Ratio, which in the Revised Budget is 51.78 from the Current Budget of 46.48.
- An additional approx. \$3.90m increases the Building and Infrastructure Renewal Ratio from 68% in the Current Approved Budget to 83% in the Revised Budget.

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Budget review for the quarter ended - 31 March 2024

Consolidated - Income & Expenses

	Benchmark Ratios	ORIGINAL Budget 2024	CURRENT Budget 2024	REVISED Budget 2024	YTD Actual 2024
Performance Ratios					
Operating Performance Ratio	> 0.00%	-15.81%	-15.81%	-11.81%	-22.40%
Unrestricted Current Ratio	> 1.50x	2.44	2.44	3.37	2.78
Own Source Revenue	> 60.00%	56.64%	56.64%	53.17%	65.84%
Debt Servicing Cover Ratio	> 2.00x	46.48	46.48	51.78	29.44
Rates and Annual Charges Outstanding	< 10.00%	9.78%	9.78%	11.22%	13.15%
Building and Infrastructure Renewal Ratio	> 100.00%	68%	68%	83%	56%
Per Capita Operating Expense	Decrease Yearly	\$ 5,246	\$ 5,246	\$ 5,325	\$ 4,791

ALL FUNDS STATEMENT

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

It is in my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Murray River Council for quarter ended 30 September 2024 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30 June 2025 will be satisfactory / ~~unsatisfactory~~ at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure. However, it should also be noted that Council operations continue to result in an operating deficit, which if continued over the longer run will likely have a detrimental impact on asset quality and eventually the financial sustainability of Council.



Management Accountant, Murray River Council

Date: 7th November 2024

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

2. Strategic Theme 2: A Place of Progressive Leadership

2.6 - Provide clear, concise and consistent information that is easily accessible to our customers - Improve externally provided information and communication.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Refer to annual budget.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**
 1. Inability to manage council financial resources.
 2. Long term financial sustainability of Council is compromised.
- **How can it happen?**
 1. Inadequate financial reporting and checks and balances.
 2. Operating deficits (before capital items) are not addressed urgently.
- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**
 1. Risk that council will not know if it is managing its financial resources effectively.
 2. Council unable to meet service obligations, deterioration of asset quality.
- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**
 1. Unlikely
 2. Likely
- **Adequacy of existing controls?**
 1. Adequate
 2. Need Improvements
- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**
 1. Adequate and timely financial planning and reporting
 2. Addressing both cost and revenue side issues to improve operating deficit.

CONCLUSION

While Murray River Council's budget and financial performance is manageable as at the end of September 2023, ongoing operating deficits at current or higher levels will have significant impacts on the medium to long term financial sustainability.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Attachment 1 - Sep 2024 Qtr Budget Review - Detailed Movement Report** [!\[\]\(564903337f30b845a5f6979939a95fe6_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(6799d2cf9a6546bbe2fea4f3991acfa2_img.jpg\)](#)
2. **Attachment 2 - Sep 2024 Qtr Budget Review - Outside QBRs Movement** [!\[\]\(de7c1d2bea2115f02a9062a37836c733_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(9a280f33c8437d678f52e9a3e3cb51f7_img.jpg\)](#)
3. **Attachment 3 - Sep 2024 Qtr Budget Review - Capital Listing** [!\[\]\(c0e8bdcd7d546e1e314fd026183ba127_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(05248885c2b0c473b2ba23c2a4a871b7_img.jpg\)](#)
4. **Attachment 4 - Sep 2024 Qtr Budget Review - Revised Financial Statements** [!\[\]\(bcf04e9ded69439db053d42fc8bc3811_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(6de99f90ee5fcbfccf2da29137007fac_img.jpg\)](#)

Attachment 1 - September 2024 Quarterly Budget Review

variations for the September 2024 quarter budget review

REVENUE						
Budget Group	Budget Item	Fund Allocation	Current Budget 2024/25 Year	Amended Budget 2024/25 Year	Movement	Further Details
Rates and Annual Charges	Rates & Annual Charges	Waste Fund	\$3,304,770	\$3,492,201	\$187,431	Update Rates & Annual Charges budget based on review of actual and updated estimate for balance of year.
	Rates & Annual Charges	Water Fund	\$3,963,628	\$4,052,161	\$88,533	Update Rates & Annual Charges budget based on review of actual and updated estimate for balance of year.
	Rates & Annual Charges	General Fund	\$13,123,502	\$13,065,850	(\$57,652)	Update Rates & Annual Charges budget based on review of actual and updated estimate for balance of year.
	Rates & Annual Charges	Sewer Fund	\$4,135,821	\$4,341,919	\$206,098	Update Rates & Annual Charges budget based on review of actual and updated estimate for balance of year.
	Total Rates and Annual Charges		\$24,527,721	\$24,952,131	\$424,410	
User Fees and Charge	Development Certificate Fees	General Fund	\$356,000	\$391,600	\$35,600	Update budget based on improved estimates and actual to date (10% uplift).
	Statutory Planning Fees	General Fund	\$527,000	\$579,700	\$52,700	Update budget based on improved estimates and actual to date (10% uplift).
	Sub-Division Fees	General Fund	\$175,000	\$222,000	\$47,000	Increase in user fees & charges based on actual received and known future charges.
	Return & Earn Fees	Waste Fund	-	\$168,688	\$168,688	Update budget for estimated revenue relating to new return & earn facility.
	Total User Fees and Charges		\$1,058,000	\$1,361,988	\$303,988	
Interest and Investment Revenue	Investment Income	General Fund	\$682,000	\$1,139,596	\$457,596	Update budget based on actual investment income received to date and projection based on term deposit maturities.
	Investment Income	Water Fund	\$245,000	\$409,382	\$164,382	Update budget based on actual investment income received to date and projection based on term deposit maturities.
	Investment Income	Sewer Fund	\$404,000	\$675,065	\$271,065	Update budget based on actual investment income received to date and projection based on term deposit maturities.
	Investment Income	Waste Fund	\$136,113	\$227,441	\$91,328	Update budget based on actual investment income received to date and projection based on term deposit maturities.
	Interest on overdue charges	General Fund	\$150,000	\$156,344	\$6,344	Update budget based on actual for interest charges on overdue accounts and budget small estimate for balance of year.
	Interest on overdue charges	Water Fund	-	\$52,278	\$52,278	Update budget based on actual for interest charges on overdue accounts and budget small estimate for balance of year.
	Interest on overdue charges	Sewer Fund	-	\$23,482	\$23,482	Update budget based on actual for interest charges on overdue accounts and budget small estimate for balance of year.
	Interest on overdue charges	Waste Fund	\$22,300	\$20,895	(\$1,405)	Update budget based on actual for interest charges on overdue accounts and budget small estimate for balance of year.
	Total Interest and Investment Revenue		\$1,639,413	\$2,704,483	\$1,065,070	

Budget Group	Budget Item	Fund Allocation	Current Budget 2024/25 Year	Amended Budget 2024/25 Year	Movement	Further Details
Grants and Contributions - Operating	Community Services TfNSW	General Fund	\$443,851	\$459,370	\$15,519	Update budget to reflect variation grant agreement for FY25, unavailable at time of original budget.
	Communtiy Services - Youth	General Fund	\$28,000	\$36,712	\$8,712	CPI Adjustment on Department of Justice Youth Funding & Spring Holiday Break Grant Funding.
	S355 Committees	General Fund	-	\$5,000	\$5,000	Allowance for closure of 355 Committees Operating funds returned (based on actual and small allowance for future estimate).
	Counter Disaster Flood Measures Funding	General Fund	-	\$720,551	\$720,551	Received from Public Works re 2022 Flood event. Not budgeted for due to uncertainty in receiving & budget updated for actual received.
	RFS Annual Allocation	General Fund	\$246,285	\$240,216	(\$6,069)	Updated budget for RFS Maintenance & Repair funding allocation based on actual and confirmation of allocation received in September 2024.
	Country Arts Support Program	General Fund	-	\$2,000	\$2,000	Country Arts Support Program grant received.
	Museum Provider Grant	General Fund		\$7,000	\$7,000	Museum Provider grant received .
	Traffic Route Lighting Subsidy	General Fund	-	\$55,000	\$55,000	Estimated payment to be received for FY25 not included in original budget.
	Financial Assistance Grant (FAGs)	General Fund	\$10,320,000	\$11,168,688	\$848,688	Was expecting to receive full 100% in June 2024, however only received 85% with the balance being received in quarterly instalments. Update budget for the 15% balance to come in and adjust estimate for June 2025 payment to be 85% based on current year actual.
	Department of Environment Floodplain Management Program	General Fund	\$102,860	\$160,043	\$57,183	Updated to include Moama Overland Flood Study, Barham & Picnic Point flood studies - FY25 component (6:1 funding ratio).
	Murray Irrigation Network Bridge Load Assessments	General Fund	\$930,504	\$967,247	\$36,743	Updated to reflect expected increase in expenditure as 100% grant funded.
	Total Grants & Contributions - Operating		\$11,140,996	\$12,854,580	\$1,750,327	
Grants and Contributions - Capital	Buildings & Facilities Solar Grant	General Fund	\$57,500	\$116,355	\$58,855	Scope of grant funding upgraded, however still to be approved.
	Moama Preschool	General Fund	-	\$59,091	\$59,091	Updated budget to include annual capital contribution per payment agreement.
	Better Boating Now	General Fund	-	\$995,500	\$995,500	Murray Downs Boat Ramp funding increased to \$1.14m, updated revenue excludes prior year revenue.
	River Estate Levee Upgrade - Barham	General Fund	\$796,278	\$540,252	(\$256,026)	100% of budgeted program expenditure not likely to be spent in FY25 - reduce down based on current estimates.
	Moulamein Levees & Stormwater Backflow Prevention	General Fund	\$183,333	\$154,147	(\$29,186)	100% of budgeted program expenditure not likely to be spent in FY25 - reduce down based on current estimates.
	Fixing Country Bridges - Tooranie Rd/Yarrein Creek	General Fund	\$1,687,779	\$2,254,061	\$566,282	Updated to reflect variation lodged with TfNSW to cover additional expense (approach change to negate impact during construction).
	Fixing Country Bridges - Frasers Rd/Murrain Yarrein Creek	General Fund	-	\$179,237	\$179,237	Updated to reflect variation lodged with TfNSW to cover additional expense (additional design works). Note expenditure in prior FY so 100% revenue recognition.
	Water Developer Contributions	Water Fund	-	\$9,000	\$9,000	Update budget based on actual for Water License Developer Contributions received.
	Total Grants & Contributions - Capital		\$2,724,890	\$4,307,643	\$1,582,753	
Other Revenue	Procurement - sale of surplus furniture	General Fund	-	\$3,371	\$3,371	Update budget based on actual revenue from sale of surplus minor equipment.
	Event Sponsorship	General Fund	-	\$30,000	\$30,000	Estimated sponsorship for new flagship event in Moama.
	Total Other Revenue		-	\$33,371	\$33,371	
Lease Revenue	Property Management Lease Revenue	General Fund	\$610,000	\$55,000	(\$555,000)	Update budget based on actual register for lease revenue, including abbatoir. Caravan Parks sitting in Community & Economic Directorate budget (\$365k) and community buildings leases in Buildings & Facilities (\$73k). Some budget moved to Water & Sewer.
	Crown Land leased to Moama Pre-school	General Fund	-	\$5,000	\$5,000	Updated revenue from Pre-School of \$64kpa to split between \$5k operational & \$59k capital contribution.
	Water Managed Properties Lease Revenue	Water Fund	-	\$16,700	\$16,700	Increase for leases out of property management and into water fund.
	Sewer Managed Properties Lease Revenue	Sewer Fund	-	\$2,370	\$2,370	Increase for leases out of property management and into sewer fund.
	Total Lease Revenue		\$610,000	\$79,070	(\$530,930)	
Total Revenue - Budget Adjustments			\$41,701,020	\$46,293,266	\$4,628,989	

Budget Group	Budget Item	Fund Allocation	Current Budget 2024/25 Year	Amended Budget 2024/25 Year	Movement	Further Details
OPERATING EXPENDITURE						
Budget Group	Budget Item	Fund Allocation	Current Budget 2024/25 Year	Amended Budget 2024/25 Year	Movement	Further Details
Employee Benefits and Oncosts	Bonus	General Fund	(\$162,843)	(\$152,100)	\$10,743	Remove bonus budget as not applicable to directors.
	Motor Vehicle & Market Value Allowances	General Fund	(\$880,912)	(\$930,111)	(\$49,199)	Increase in allowances due to CPI increase as at 1 July 2024.
	Vacancies & appointments	General Fund	(\$17,085,221)	(\$17,226,903)	(\$141,682)	Adjustment for vacancies and appointments to date.
	Vacancies & appointments	Water Fund	(\$1,486,694)	(\$1,544,077)	(\$57,383)	Adjustment for vacancies and appointments to date.
	Vacancies & appointments	Sewer Fund	(\$357,969)	(\$420,705)	(\$62,736)	Adjustment for vacancies and appointments to date.
	Vacancies & appointments	Waste Fund	(\$1,081,322)	(\$1,172,601)	(\$91,279)	Adjustment for vacancies and appointments to date.
Total Employee Benefit & Oncost			(\$21,054,961)	(\$21,446,497)	(\$391,536)	
Materials and Contracts	Community Services Youth Spring Holiday Break Grant Program	General Fund	-	(\$7,000)	(\$7,000)	Totem led skateboarding sessions, grant funded by Youth Spring Holiday Break program.
	Moama Overland Flood Study - Botanical View Estate Storage	General Fund	-	(\$18,000)	(\$18,000)	Study & review fees funded by subdivision assessment fees.
	Land & Property Licenses	General Fund	(\$52,350)	(\$65,000)	(\$12,650)	Updated to reflect actual crown land licenses for the 2025 financial year (lease renewed in July).
	Economic Development - Events Contracts	General Fund	(\$70,000)	(\$119,000)	(\$49,000)	Additional costs for support of flagship event in Moama. Partially offset by \$30k sponsorship revenue increase.
	RFS Zone Contributions	General Fund	(\$297,130)	(\$191,316)	\$105,814	Update budget for RFS expense allocation based on information received regarding funding allocation.
	Country Arts Support Program Expenditure	General Fund	-	(\$2,200)	(\$2,200)	Update to budget for costs associated with providing Country Arts Support program.
	SRV Work	General Fund	(\$277,780)	(\$455,390)	(\$177,610)	Updated budget for Contractor costs associated with SRV Review.
	Fuel	General Fund	(\$1,533,000)	(\$1,483,000)	\$50,000	Reduction in budgeted fuel costs based on actual due to lower than anticipated rates.
	Plant Recovery	General Fund	\$1,275,041	\$1,348,613	\$73,572	Updates to plant recovery, mainly due to variations in capital works.
	Project Management Recovery	General Fund	\$875,818	\$909,665	\$33,847	Updates to project management recovery, mainly due to variations in capital works.
	ICT Roadmap	General Fund	-	(\$273,650)	(\$273,650)	Updated to refelct estimated external IT provider to plan, design, test and implement ICT roadmap, outside of asset creation.
	Major Projects Floodplain Management Program	General Fund	(\$83,864)	(\$171,247)	(\$87,383)	Updated to include Moama Overland Flood Study, Barham & Picnic Point flood studies - FY25 component (6:1 funding ratio).
	Finance	General Fund	(\$30,000)	(\$36,500)	(\$6,500)	Update budget for Contractors costs based on actual to assist with financial statements due to vacancies (now filled).
	Finance	General Fund	(\$57,400)	(\$77,866)	(\$20,466)	Update to budget for items not budgeted for regarding travel & accommodation for CFO, as well as update to printing costs & subscriptions.
	Finance	General Fund	-	(\$73,963)	(\$73,962)	Annual valuation costs was missed in budget, update.
	Training & Development	General Fund	(\$499,117)	(\$506,574)	(\$7,457)	Adjustment to staff training on cost, calculated based on vacancies & appointments to date.
	Murray Irrigation Network Bridge Load Assessments	General Fund	(\$778,062)	(\$811,418)	(\$33,356)	Updated for additional expense expected in FY25 - 100% grant funded.
	Animal Pounds	Waste Fund	-	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)	Pounds have been assessed as non compliant, increase costs to bring up to compliant status.
	Return & Earn	Waste Fund	-	(\$78,508)	(\$78,508)	Operational costs associated with Return & Earn facility (new & only just commenced operation), previously not budgeted for.
Total Materials and Contracts			(\$1,527,844)	(\$2,122,354)	(\$594,509)	
Other Expenses	Donations - Economic Development	General Fund	(\$30,000)	-	\$30,000	Reduction of estimated expenditure to focus on actual projects in progress.
	RFS Zone Contributions	General Fund	(\$15,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$85,000)	Update budget for RFS Zone contribution, funded from updated allocation & reduction in Materials & Contracts expenditure.
Total Other Expenses			(\$45,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$55,000)	
Total Operational Expenditure - Budget Adjustments			(\$22,627,805)	(\$23,668,851)	(\$1,041,045)	

Budget Group	Budget Item	Fund Allocation	Current Budget 2024/25 Year	Amended Budget 2024/25 Year	Movement	Further Details
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE						
Budget Group	Budget Item	Fund Allocation	Current Budget 2024/25 Year	Amended Budget 2024/25 Year	Movement	Further Details
Council Own Funding / Grant Funding	Buildings & Facilities Solar Grant	General Fund	(\$115,000)	(\$232,710)	(\$117,710)	Increased grant scope requiring 50% co-contribution from council.
Council Own Funding	Moama Main Office Ground Floor Expansion	General Fund	-	(\$77,000)	(\$77,000)	Increase to continue works in consolidating to single office. Delays in FY24 due to rectification of building leaks.
Council Own Funding / Grant Funding / Reserve Funding	MVBC Stage 1 - Security Upgrade & Library Renovation	General Fund	(\$310,000)	(\$410,000)	(\$100,000)	Additional works identified as a result of the State Libraries Infrastructure Grant.
Council Own Funding	Furniture Upgrades - Council Chambers & ICT	General Fund	(\$15,000)	(\$40,000)	(\$25,000)	Council Chambers project - \$10k new chairs, \$10k new meeting table, ICT Room Upgrade (\$5k).
Council Own Funding	Software TechOne - Project Lifecycle Management	General Fund	(\$136,210)	(\$256,000)	(\$119,790)	Project implementation now fully scoped and updated budget provided.
Reserve Funding/ Grant Funding	Riverside Caravan Park Flood Reparation Works	General Fund	-	(\$57,605)	(\$57,605)	Riverside Caravan Park Category D (flood funding) reparation works approved by OLG NSW in September.
Reserve Funding/ Grant Funding	Picnic Point Caravan Park Flood Reparation Works	General Fund	-	(\$99,621)	(\$99,621)	Picnic Point Caravan Park Category D (flood funding) reparation works approved by OLG NSW in September.
Reserve Funding/ Grant Funding	Old Courthouse Moulamein Flood Reparations	General Fund	(\$13,860)	(\$25,041)	(\$11,181)	Increase capital expenditure to align with approved project from OLG NSW in September. Reduce general funding to nil - all grant/reserve funded.
Reserve Funding/ Grant Funding	Moulamein Wharf Flood Reparations	General Fund	-	(\$23,536)	(\$23,536)	Increase capital expenditure to align with approved project from OLG NSW in September.
Reserve Funding/ Grant Funding	Barham Caravan Park Flood Reparations	General Fund	-	(\$31,150)	(\$31,150)	Barham Caravan Park Category D (flood funding) reparation works approved by OLG NSW in September.
Reserve Funding/ Grant Funding	Interpretive Signage Riverwalk (Flood Damage)	General Fund	(\$120,761)	(\$191,557)	(\$70,796)	Include additional works funded by Category D Flood funding as approved by OLG NSW in September.
Council Own Funding	ICT Roadmap	General Fund	-	(\$95,625)	(\$95,625)	Estimated cost of intangible assets developed as part of ICT Roadmap development.
Council Own Funding	GoLive for Council On the Road meetings	General Fund	-	(\$35,000)	(\$35,000)	New capital project expected expenditure to facilitate meetings away from Council Chambers.
Council Own Funding / Grant Funding	River Estate Levee Upgrade - Barham	General Fund	(\$895,813)	(\$630,294)	\$265,519	100% of budgeted program expenditure not likely to be spent in FY25 - reduce down based on current estimates.
Council Own Funding / Grant Funding	Moulamein Levees, Stormwater Backflow Prevention	General Fund	(\$201,667)	(\$171,274)	\$30,393	100% of budgeted program expenditure not likely to be spent in FY25 - reduce down based on current estimates.
Grant Funding	Fixing Country Bridges - Tooranie Rd/Yarrein Creek	General Fund	(\$1,687,779)	(\$2,445,369)	(\$757,590)	Updated to reflect variation lodged with TfNSW to cover additional expense (approach change to negate impact during construction). 100% grant funded.
Grant Funding / Reserve Funding	Murray Downs Boat Ramp - Better Boating Now Program	General Fund	-	(\$1,393,574)	(\$1,393,574)	FY24 project carry on not included in budget as estimated completion prior to FY25, however 100% grant and reserve funded.
Council Own Funding	Levee Banks	General Fund	(\$532,001)	(\$451,670)	\$80,331	Reduction in scope of levee bank works as some works covered by flood study funding program.
Reserve Funding	Wakool Reservoir stage 2	Water Fund	(\$165,000)	-	\$165,000	Removal of capital expenditure as not proceeding in FY25.
Reserve Funding	Chemical dosing area rehab Wakool	Waste Fund	(\$42,250)	(\$75,000)	(\$32,750)	Updates regarding Water capital program.
Reserve Funding	Site Rehab for New Reservoirs	Water Fund	(\$75,000)	-	\$75,000	Removed from budget as now being paid for by TfNSW - not council.
Reserve Funding	Koraleigh Landfill Rehabilitation	Waste Fund	(\$950,000)	-	\$950,000	Removal of project for Koraleigh Landfill Rehabilitation as pushed to FY26.
Reserve Funding	Landfill design & investigation works	Waste Fund	-	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	Costs to prepare for landfill rehabilitation works in FY26.
Reserve Funding	Moama Landfill Gas investigation works	Waste Fund	(\$176,000)	(\$322,000)	(\$146,000)	Increase costs associated with gas investigation project.
Reserve Funding	Automated Depot	Waste Fund	-	(\$948,200)	(\$948,200)	Update budget for FY25 works to complete Automated depot.
Reserve Funding	Leachate Management (Cell 5)	Waste Fund	-	(\$300,000)	(\$300,000)	Update budget for Leachate costs estimated to be expended in FY25 (project completion).
Reserve Funding	Sewer Pump Stations	Sewer Fund	-	(\$170,000)	(\$170,000)	Upgrade sewer systems to 4G prior to switch off of 3G network.
Reserve Funding	Barham Sewerage Upgrades	Sewer Fund	-	(\$458,760)	(\$458,760)	Update budget to reflect estimated cost of detailed design works.
Reserve Funding	Moama Sewerage Upgrades	Sewer Fund	-	(\$328,259)	(\$328,259)	Update budget to reflect estimated cost of detailed design works.
Reserve Funding	Water Mains Renewal Filtered	Water Fund	(\$180,000)	(\$507,611)	(\$327,611)	Updated scope of works to complete required renewals.
Reserve Funding	Raw Water Mains Renewal	Water Fund	(\$180,000)	(\$162,254)	\$17,746	Reduced scope of works to complete required renewals.
Reserve Funding	Site Office for Moama Water Treatment Plant	Water Fund	-	(\$40,000)	(\$40,000)	Required lockable and private space for water superintendent & other filled vacancies at WTP.
Council Own Funding	Wages & Plant Charges reallocated to Operational	General Fund	\$1,000,491	-	(\$1,000,491)	As requested by Corporate Services Director - note an increase in materials at the capital bid level to compensate.
Total Capital Expenditure - Budget Adjustments			(\$4,795,850)	(\$10,079,110)	(\$5,283,260)	

Budget Group	Budget Item	Fund Allocation	Current Budget 2024/25 Year	Amended Budget 2024/25 Year	Movement	Further Details
Reserve Movement	Riverside Carvan Park Flood Repairation Works	General Fund	-	\$57,605	\$57,605	Reserve movements associated with Category D Flood funded works relating to caravan parks.
	Picnic Point Caravan Park Flood Repairation Works	General Fund	-	\$131,135	\$131,135	Reserve movements associated with Category D Flood funded works relating to caravan parks.
	Old Courthouse Moulamein Flood Reparations	General Fund	-	\$25,041	\$25,041	Reserve movements associated with Category D Flood funded works relating to Heritage works.
	Moulamein Wharf Flood Reparations	General Fund	-	\$23,536	\$23,536	Reserve movements associated with Category D Flood funded works relating to Wharf reparations.
	Interpretive Signage Riverwalk (Flood Damage)	General Fund	-	\$70,796	\$70,796	Reserve movements associated with Category D Flood funded works relating to Interpretive
	Barham Caravan Park Flood Reparations	General Fund	-	\$31,151	\$31,151	Reserve movements associated with Category D Flood funded works relating to caravan parks.
	IT Device Replacement Budget	General Fund	-	\$150,000	\$150,000	Device Replacement Reserve, bring to account in line with expected capital expense.
	Murray Downs Boat Ramp	General Fund	-	\$398,074	\$398,074	Utilisation of funds reserved in prior years to put towards council contribution (resolution 200822).
	Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grant Scheme	General Fund	-	\$6,904	\$6,904	Utilisation of funds reserved in prior years to put towards current bus shelter program.
	Finance	General Fund	\$273,391	-	(\$273,391)	Remove reserve movement associated with FAGs funding, did not receive full funding in June 2024 as anticipated and therefore no Reserve movement available. Balance of funding is being received in quarterly instalments (August 2024, November 2024, February 2025 & May 2025).
	Waste Reserves	Waste Fund	(\$306,479)	(\$38,536)	\$267,943	Reserve movements associated with capital & operational variations in Waste department.
	Plant & Fleet Fund Reserve	General Fund	(\$2,184,414)	(\$2,324,914)	(\$140,500)	Reserve movements associated with capital & operational variations in the plant & fleet department to fund future purchases .
	Water Reserves	Water Fund	\$554,028	\$1,409,132	\$855,104	Reserve movements associated with capital & operational variations in the water department.
	Sewer Reserves	Sewer Fund	(\$2,412,726)	(\$1,895,987)	\$516,739	Reserve movements associated with capital variation in the sewer department.
	Total Reserve Movements		(\$4,076,200)	(\$1,956,063)	\$2,120,137	
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	Updated Cost of assets sold - Old Moama Pre-school	General Fund	(\$496,702)	(\$922,000)	(\$425,298)	Update cost of assets sold to include old Moama Pre-school, original budget only included land.
	Total Proceeds from Sale of Assets		(\$496,702)	(\$922,000)	(\$425,298)	
Total Other Funding Movements - Budget Adjustments			(\$4,572,902)	(\$2,878,063)	\$1,694,839	
Net September 2024 Quarter Budget Movement					(\$477)	

Attachment 2 - Approved Variations Outside QBR Process Quarterly Budget Review

Variations approved by separate Council resolution up to the September 2024 quarter budget review
The amounts below are those Council resolutions that have a budget impact, for example, they have no budget or a current budget allocation is amended.

REVENUE							
Budget Group		Budget Item	Current Budget 2024/25 Year	Amended Budget 2024/25 Year	Movement	Council Resolution	Further Details
Grants and Contributions - Operating		Moama Water Treatment Plant - Land Purchase and subsequent lease	-	14,000	14,000	421024	Resolution to purchase the land of 74 Boundary Road (Lot 2 DP 875080) at no more than the recommended valuation and lease/rent out the dwelling at market value through a real estate agent. (estimated \$500/wk by 28 weeks)
Total Grants & Contributions - Operational			-	14,000	14,000		
Total Revenue - Outside QBR Review Process			-	14,000	14,000		
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE							
Budget Group		Budget Item	Current Budget 2024/25 Year	Amended Budget 2024/25 Year	Movement	Council Resolution	Further Details
Reserve Movement	Moama Water Treatment Plant - Land Purchase		-	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)	421024	Resolution to purchase the land of 74 Boundary Road (Lot 2 DP 875080) at no more than the recommended valuation (including additional negotiation comments in the Discussion section).
Council own source	Murray Downs Boat Ramp - Better Boating Now Program		-	(\$280,000)	(\$280,000)	331024	Resolution to approve \$280,000 additional capital works funding to construct a formal access road, hardstand area and drainage for the Murray Downs Boat Ramp.
Total Capital Expenditure			-	(\$1,280,000)	(\$1,280,000)		
Total Capital Expenditure - Outside QBR Review Process			-	(\$1,280,000)	(\$1,280,000)		
Outside QBR Review Process Budget Movement					(\$1,266,000)		

2024/25 Capital Listing - Revision for the quarter ended 30 September 2024	New	Renew	Upgrade	Grand Total
Theme 1 - A Place of Environmental Sensitivity	2,813,200	1,845,535	4,973,087	9,631,822
T1.Goal 2 - Protect, enhance & sustance the natural environment	1,543,000	1,845,535	4,973,087	8,361,622
1.3 - Integrate water cycle management	1,143,000	1,845,535	4,973,087	7,961,622
Active Leak detection bucket		120,000		120,000
Barham River Estate Levee Upgrade			630,294	630,294
Chemical dosing area rehab Wakool		75,000		75,000
Council St MH 1A5 and 1A6 remove and replace		30,000		30,000
Filtered water reservoir relining Moama		77,000		77,000
LGA Levee Program of works		451,670		451,670
Loose Tools - Water & Sewer - moved to operational		-		-
Mathoura WTP Chlorine scales			25,000	25,000
Moama WTP augmentation design	55,000			55,000
Moama WTP Saturator renewal		45,000		45,000
Moulamein Levees, Stormwater Backflow Prevention			171,274	171,274
PAC Dosing upgrade Moama WTP			2,445,000	2,445,000
Pipework for clearwell Moama WTP			9,000	9,000
Punt Rd river pump switchboard replacment		55,000		55,000
Replace BP1 switchboard Moama		50,000		50,000
Rural Stormwater Drainage			190,000	190,000
Sewer Infiltration detection	-			-
Sewer Investigation & Design Package	44,000			44,000
Sewer relining project - Barham		140,000		140,000
Site Rehab for New Reservoirs	-			-
SPS 1 pump replace Mathoura		20,000		20,000
SPS 7 pump replace Mathoura		20,000		20,000
Stormwater Drainage			250,000	250,000
Stormwater Drainage - Clark Court			268,500	268,500
SW basin Reservoirs		80,000		80,000
UPS Mathoura WTP			8,000	8,000
VSD Jacana Ave Sewer SPS			55,000	55,000
VSD Kelly Road Sewer SPS			55,000	55,000
VSD Moulamein STP SPS			60,000	60,000
Wakool Filtered Mains additional valves			19,000	19,000
Wakool Reservoir stage 2		-		-
Water Investigation & Design Package	44,000			44,000
Water Mains Renewal Filtered		507,611		507,611
Water Mains Renewal Raw		162,254		162,254
Winbi 2 SPS rail replacement Moama		12,000		12,000
Purchase Land Moama Water Treatment Plant	1,000,000			1,000,000
Detailed Design Stage of the Proposed New Barham Sewage Treatment Plant			458,760	458,760
Moama Sewer Treatment detailed design			328,259	328,259
1.5 - Landfill rehabilitation works	400,000			400,000
Koraleigh Landfill Rehabilitation	-			-
Landfill Investigation & Planning Requirement	100,000			100,000
Leachate Management (Cells)	300,000			300,000
T1.Goal 3 - Plan for the impacts of climate change	1,270,200			1,270,200
1.7 - Environmental sustainability program	1,270,200			1,270,200
Moama Landfill Gas Investigation & Trial	322,000			322,000
Automated Depot	948,200			948,200
Theme 2 - A Place of Progressive Leadership	1,632,140	3,357,521		4,989,661
T2.Goal 2 - Continue to be a trusted & ethical leader that leads by example	13,000	3,057,521		3,070,521
2.5 - Leadership that is trusted, capable & collaborative	13,000	3,057,521		3,070,521
Asset Purchase for Replacement - All other Fleet		2,623,757		2,623,757
Asset Purchase for Replacement - Light Vehicle Fleet		433,764		433,764
Software Supplier Portal Implementation	13,000			13,000
T2.Goal 3 - Provide clear, concise & consistent information that is easily accessible to our customers	1,619,140	300,000		1,919,140
2.7 - Improve internal services to better support community needs	1,619,140	300,000		1,919,140
Governance Software	79,750			79,750
ICT Device Replacements		150,000		150,000
ICT Network Renewals		150,000		150,000
Software TechOne Implementation - Compliance, CRM	1,539,390			1,539,390
Theme 3 - A Place of Liveable Communities	3,520,770	2,404,717	1,806,611	7,732,098
T3.Goal 1 - Create & maintain safe & accessible community spaces that enhance healthy living & promote active lifestyles	1,525,000	621,143	784,926	2,931,069
3.1 - Sports & recreation facilities & spaces	485,000	296,412	122,000	903,412
Central Irrigation Management 4G Upgrade			-	-
Kerribee Playground (LRIC P4A)	485,000			485,000
Koraleigh Recreation Reserve Shed Renewal			22,000	22,000
Mathoura Common Fencing		11,000		11,000
Moama Cricket Club (MCC) Practice Facility Extension			75,000	75,000
Moama Rec Res Landscaping & Fencing			10,000	10,000
MRC Outdoor Pool Renewal		27,500		27,500
Picnic Point Caravan Park Timber Retaining Wall Renewal		145,621		145,621
Wakool Recreation Reserve Signage & Renewal			15,000	15,000
Riverside Caravan Park Flood Reparation		57,605		57,605
Moulamein Wharf Flood Reparatons		23,536		23,536
Barham caravan Park Flood Reparatons		31,150		31,150
3.2 - Public Buildings	1,040,000	324,731	637,926	2,002,657
Asbestos Management & Remediation LGA wide		55,500		55,500
Caldwell Hall General Renewal		59,290		59,290
HVAC Replacement		30,000		30,000
Mathoura Council Offices		14,000		14,000
Mathoura Memorial Park Toilet Block		23,000		23,000
Meninya Street New Toilet Facility & Landscaping	1,000,000			1,000,000
MVBC Park Public Toilet Upgrade			187,926	187,926
MVBC Stage 1 - Security Upgrade & Library Renovation			410,000	410,000
Office Furniture			40,000	40,000
Old Courthouse Moulamein		25,041		25,041

Wakool Memorial Hall Genreal Renewal	40,900	40,900	
Moama Office Ground Floor - Stage 1a	77,000	77,000	
Site Office for Moama Water Treatment Plant	40,000		40,000
3.6 - CCTV strategy		25,000	25,000
Security Upgrade (SALTO, Promaster, CCTV)		25,000	25,000
T3.Goal 3 - Delivery best practise & compliant waste & recycling service & infrastructure that meets community needs	974,270		974,270
3.9 - Kerbside, landfill & waste collection services & facilities	974,270		974,270
Push Pit	974,270		974,270
T3.Goal 4 - Strategic planing which produces consistent, strategic, transparent outcomes	971,500	1,021,685	1,993,185
3.10 - Streetscapint / Master Planning / Placemaking	971,500	1,021,685	1,993,185
Meninya St Off Street Car Parking - Land Acquisition	971,500		971,500
Meninya Street Civil Design		1,010,685	1,010,685
Meninya Street Parking Trial - Blair, Echuca, Maiden Sts.		11,000	11,000
Meninya Street South Car Park - 23/24 Construction Update	-		-
T3.Goal 5 - Update & review our open spaces to reflect community wants & needs	50,000	1,783,574	1,833,574
3.12 - Cemeteries / commemoration	50,000		50,000
Moama Cemetery Expansion - Lawn Section Design	50,000		50,000
3.13 - Upgrade, enhance & maintain Parks & Open Spaces that connect communities & are accessible		1,783,574	1,783,574
Horseshoe Lagoon viewing Platform		35,000	35,000
Passive Recreation Park Furniture Renewal		75,000	75,000
Murray Downs Riverside Boat Ramp	1,673,574		1,673,574
heme 4 - A Place of Inclusion, Culture & Wellbeing	10,000	191,557	201,557
T4.Goal 1 - Develop community led strategy with a focus on social connections / social fabric and a sense of belonging	10,000		10,000
4.1 - Signage across Council	10,000		10,000
Way finding & Directional Signage	10,000		10,000
T4.Goal 2 - Foster & develop strategy to recognise & celebrate our rich heritage & indigenous culture (in partnership with community)		191,557	191,557
4.6 - Regional History		191,557	191,557
Interpretive Signage Riverwalk (Flood Damage)		191,557	191,557
heme 5 - A Place of Prosperity and Resilience	122,432	13,146	135,578
T5.Goal 2 - Continue to develop strong & resilient communities	122,432		122,432
5.6 - Increased educational opportunities	122,432		122,432
Moama Pre-School - Project Retention	122,432		122,432
T5.Goal 3 - Promote & grow tourism across the region		13,146	13,146
5.10 - Growing Tourism across the LGA		13,146	13,146
Liston Caravan Park		13,146	13,146
heme 6 - Connected Communities	351,814	9,029,209	5,569,234
T6.Goal 1 - Development strategies to deliver road & shared pathway infrastructure that is accessible to all	351,814	6,583,840	3,130,000
6.1 - Cycle, foot & other pathways	351,814	99,000	310,000
Cycle Path - Five Mile (LRCI P4A)			180,000
Cycle Path - Solar Lights (LRCI P4A)			130,000
Kiely Rd Footpath Upgrad (LRCI P4A)	120,000		120,000
Mathoura Footpath Construction (LRCI P4A)	101,814		101,814
Mathoura Footpath Renewal Program (LRCI P4A)		69,000	69,000
Moulamein Construct Footpah (LRCI P4A)	130,000		130,000
Shared Pathway Renewals		30,000	30,000
6.2 - Improved & consistent road signage across the region		120,000	120,000
Regional Roads Signs & Guardrails		120,000	120,000
6.4 - Local road & drainage options		6,364,840	2,820,000
Kerb & Gutter Renewals (LRCI P4)		200,000	200,000
Kerb & Gutter Renewals East		100,000	100,000
Local Road Reseals		650,000	650,000
Natural Disaster Recovery Works (EPARW)		2,474,840	2,474,840
Paved Footpath Renewals		90,000	90,000
Perricoota Rd - Roundabout design			120,000
Regional Road Reseals		1,100,000	1,100,000
Roads to Recovery			2,700,000
Survey & Design Package		150,000	150,000
Unselael Rd Resheeting (FLR4)		-	-
Unselael Rd Resheeting (LRCI)		400,000	400,000
Unselael Rd Resheeting (RERRF)		500,000	500,000
Urban Roads Renewals		150,000	150,000
Urban Street Reseals		550,000	550,000
Adjustment for Plant & Employee costs		-	-
T6.Goal 3 - Advocate for improved public transport		12,000	12,000
6.8 - Public Transport infrastructure		12,000	12,000
Depot Improvements FY24/FY25		12,000	12,000
T6.Goal 4 - Enable commercial transport & connection opportunities	2,445,369	2,257,234	4,702,603
6.10 - Major Raods upgrades	2,445,369	2,257,234	4,702,603
Kyalite Road Widening		2,257,234	2,257,234
Tooranie Rd / Yarrein Ck Bridge		2,445,369	2,445,369
T6.Goal 2 - Advocate for & facilitate reliable communications infrastructure		170,000	170,000
6.5 - Digital connectivity & connumication infrastructure		170,000	170,000
Upgrade from 3G to 4G Modems prior to switch off of network		170,000	170,000
heme 7 - Tomorrow's Technologies	666,565	94,460	761,025
T7.Goal 1 - Embed a geospatial driven system into Council processess, including public interface	303,230	94,460	397,690
7.3 - Apply data sources to improve corporate decision making	303,230	94,460	397,690
Software M365 Share Point Intranet		94,460	94,460
Software Peppol E-Invoicing	47,230		47,230
Software TechOne - Project Lifecycle Management	256,000		256,000
T7.Goal 2 - Explore technologies to forecast possible future opportunities	363,335		363,335
7.6 - Promote advanced technologies	363,335		363,335
Solar Panels	232,710		232,710
GoLive for Council On the Road meetings	35,000		35,000
ICT Roadmap - Capital Component	95,625		95,625
Grand Total	9,116,921	16,828,539	12,456,538
			38,401,998

Murray River Council

Quarterly Budget Review - 30 September 2024

Whole of Council



INCOME STATEMENT	Original Approved Budget	Current Approved Budget	Revised Budget	Budget Movement Current v Revised
Consolidated	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25
				Budget Improvement
				Budget Deterioration
Income from continuing operations				
Rates and annual charges	24,527,721	24,527,721	24,952,131	424,410
User charges and fees	12,015,133	12,015,133	12,319,121	303,988
Other revenue	1,182,306	1,182,306	1,215,677	33,371
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	19,090,959	19,090,959	20,841,286	1,750,327
Grants and contributions provided from capital purposes	11,807,723	11,807,723	13,390,476	1,582,753
Interest and investment income	1,639,413	1,639,413	2,704,483	1,065,070
Other income	1,127,987	1,127,987	611,057	(516,930)
Net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method	0	0	0	0
Total income from continuing operations	71,391,242	71,391,242	76,034,231	4,642,989
Expenses from continuing operations				
Employee benefits and on-costs	(21,054,961)	(21,054,961)	(21,446,497)	(391,536)
Materials and services	(26,470,474)	(26,470,474)	(27,064,984)	(594,509)
Borrowing costs	(34,018)	(34,018)	(34,018)	0
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment for non-financial assets	(20,344,178)	(20,344,178)	(20,344,178)	0
Other expenses	(1,099,842)	(1,099,842)	(1,154,842)	(55,000)
Net gain / (losses) from the disposal of assets	3,015,798	3,015,798	2,590,500	(425,298)
Total expenses from continuing operations	(65,987,676)	(65,987,676)	(67,454,019)	(1,466,343)
Net Operating result from continuing operations Surplus / (Deficit)	5,403,567	5,403,567	8,580,213	3,176,646
Other Funding Movements				
Total Capital Expenditure	(31,838,739)	(31,838,739)	(38,401,999)	(6,563,261)
Total Transfers From/ (To) Reserves	2,120,552	2,120,552	4,240,690	2,120,138
Sale Proceeds from Sale of Assets	4,237,100	4,237,100	4,237,100	0
Total Loan Borrowings	0	0	0	0
Total Loan Repayments	(266,658)	(266,658)	(266,658)	0
Deferred Debtor Advances Repaid	0	0	0	0
Deferred Debtor Advances Made	0	0	0	0
Depreciation Contra Reversal	20,344,178	20,344,178	20,344,178	0
Total Other Funding Movements Surplus / (Deficit)	(5,403,567)	(5,403,567)	(9,846,689)	(4,443,123)
TOTAL BUDGET SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	0	0	(1,266,477)	(1,266,477)
Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	(6,404,156)	(6,404,156)	(4,810,263)	1,593,893
Non recurring items				
Net gain / (losses) from the disposal of assets	3,015,798	3,015,798	2,590,500	(425,298)
Adjusted Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	(9,419,954)	(9,419,954)	(7,400,763)	2,019,191

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION				Original Approved Budget	Current Approved Budget	Revised Budget	Budget Movement Current v Revised
Consolidated				2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25
							Budget Improvement Budget Deterioration
ASSETS							
Current assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	4,489,347	4,489,347	9,131,370	4,642,023			
Investments	49,644,000	49,644,000	42,948,683	(6,695,317)			
Receivables	12,799,980	12,799,980	15,004,273	2,204,293			
Inventories	537,160	537,160	537,160	0			
Other	288,528	288,528	239,477	(49,051)			
Total current assets	67,759,015	67,759,015	67,860,963	101,948			
Non-current assets							
Investments	2,000	2,000	2,000	0			
Receivables	492,660	492,660	492,660	0			
Inventories	325,395	325,395	325,395	0			
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (PPE)	988,122,461	988,122,461	1,089,886,305	101,763,844			
Intangible assets	10,610,040	10,610,040	12,089,150	1,479,110			
Total non-current assets	999,552,556	999,552,556	1,102,795,510	103,242,954			
Total assets	1,067,311,571	1,067,311,571	1,170,656,473	103,344,902			
LIABILITIES							
Current liabilities							
Payables	7,104,300	7,104,300	10,167,565	3,063,265			
Contract liabilities	0	0	0	0			
Lease liabilities	183,574	183,574	183,574	0			
Borrowings	272,401	272,401	272,401	0			
Employee benefit provision	3,807,638	3,807,638	3,807,638	0			
Provisions	1,393,984	1,393,984	1,393,984	0			
Total current liabilities	12,761,897	12,761,897	15,825,162	3,063,265			
Non-current liabilities							
Lease liabilities	183,574	183,574	183,574	0			
Borrowings	1,149,596	1,149,596	1,149,596	0			
Employee benefit provision	398,279	398,279	398,279	0			
Provisions	5,988,959	5,988,959	5,988,959	0			
Total non-current liabilities	7,720,408	7,720,408	7,720,408	0			
Total liabilities	20,482,305	20,482,305	23,545,570	3,063,265			
Net Assets	1,046,829,266	1,046,829,266	1,147,110,903	100,281,637			
EQUITY							
Current year surplus / (deficit)	5,403,567	5,403,567	8,580,213	3,176,646			
Accumulated surplus / (deficit)	745,735,999	745,735,999	745,735,999	0			
IPPE revaluation reserve	295,689,700	295,689,700	392,794,691	97,104,991			
Council equity Interest	1,046,829,266	1,046,829,266	1,147,110,903	100,281,637			
Total equity	1,046,829,266	1,046,829,266	1,147,110,903	100,281,637			

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW	Original Approved Budget	Current Approved Budget	Revised Budget	Budget Movement Current v Revised
Consolidated	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25
Cash Flows from Operating Activities				
Receipts:				
Rates and Annual Charges	24,399,721	24,399,721	23,970,267	(429,454)
User Charges and Fees	12,015,133	12,015,133	12,319,121	303,988
Interest and Investment Revenue	1,639,413	1,639,413	2,704,483	1,065,070
Grants & Contributions	34,212,483	34,212,483	34,231,762	19,279
Other Revenues	1,069,987	1,069,987	1,826,734	756,747
Payments:				
Employee Benefits and On-costs	(20,958,519)	(20,958,519)	(21,466,497)	(507,978)
Borrowing Costs	(34,018)	(34,018)	(34,018)	0
Materials and Contracts	(26,452,714)	(26,452,714)	(23,952,667)	2,500,047
Other Expenses	(1,099,842)	(1,099,842)	(1,154,842)	(55,000)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	<u>24,791,644</u>	<u>24,791,644</u>	<u>28,444,343</u>	<u>3,652,699</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities				
Receipts:				
Sale of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment	4,237,100	4,237,100	4,237,100	0
Payments:				
Purchase of Infrastructure, Property, Plant and Equipment	(31,838,739)	(31,838,739)	(38,401,999)	(6,563,260)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities	<u>(27,601,639)</u>	<u>(27,601,639)</u>	<u>(34,164,899)</u>	<u>(6,563,260)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities				
Receipts:				
Proceeds from Borrowings and Advances	0	0	0	0
Payments:				
Repayment of Borrowings and Advances	(266,658)	(266,658)	(266,658)	0
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities	<u>(266,658)</u>	<u>(266,658)</u>	<u>(266,658)</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash and Investments	<u>(3,076,653)</u>	<u>(3,076,653)</u>	<u>(5,987,214)</u>	<u>(2,910,561)</u>
Plus: Cash and Investments - Beginning of Year	<u>57,212,000</u>	<u>57,212,000</u>	<u>58,069,266</u>	<u>857,266</u>
Cash and Investments - End of Year	<u>54,135,347</u>	<u>54,135,347</u>	<u>52,082,052</u>	<u>(2,053,295)</u>

9.3 DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS**9.3.1 TEMPORARY LEVEE INSTALLATION - TINDARRA RESORT****File Number:** -**Author:** Jack Bond, Director Infrastructure**Authoriser:** Sarah Ryan, Acting Chief Executive Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council give approval to update the Moama Levee Owner's Manual to include the temporary construction of an earthen levee at Tindarra Resort to remove flood impact on lower land in Lignum Road area.

That upon inclusion into the Moama Levee Owner's Manual, Council no longer considers the affected land as 'flood prone land' for Planning purposes.

BACKGROUND

In the newly adopted Echuca Moama Torrumbarry Flood Study, it modelled a new possible flood area in Moama. This location is at the Tindarra Resort and would spill flood water towards the low area of Lignum Lane (see images below)

During the Oct 2022 flood, Council and SES constructed a temporary earthen levee along Tindarra Resort due to this new information from the draft flood model.



Image 1: Photo at Tindarra Resort showing temp levee built during Oct 2022 Flood event.

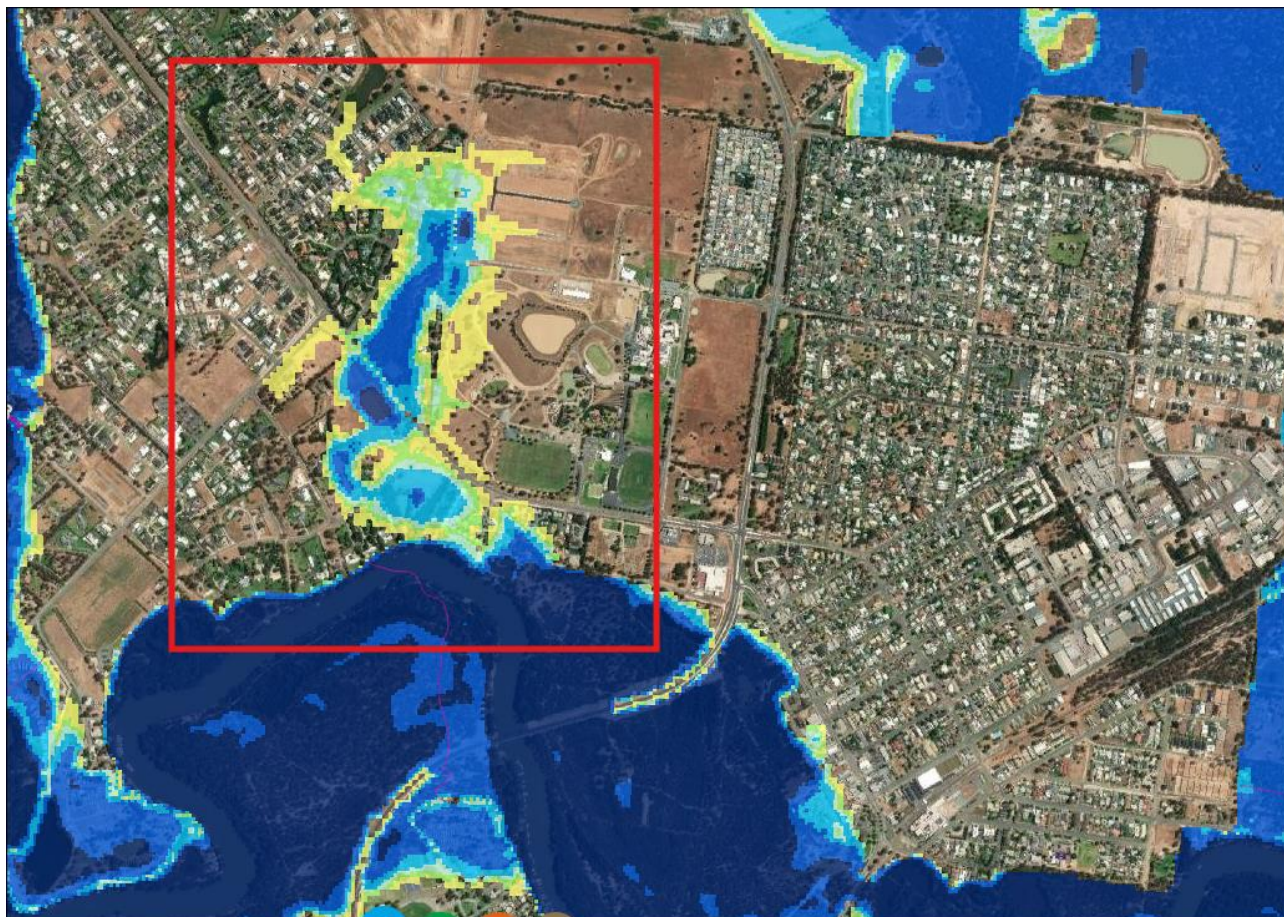


Image 2: From EMTFS for area of concern

DISCUSSION

While the second stage of the Risk Management Plan is underway, a model has been created to determine that if flood control measures were implemented at Tindarra, it would remove all potential flood impacts in the Lignum area (image below). This is similar to mitigation works that Council also do at Chanter St, removal of railway line and levee extension, Kiely Road and Holmes Street which help prevent flooding to East Moama and have proven successful.

Levee Owner's Manual

A Levee Owner's Manual is used between Councils and Response agencies during emergencies and consists of the following information:

- Agency contacts
- Statement of responsibility
- Levee Height information
- Gauge information
- Location of floodgates, weirs, stormwater outlets
- Temporary works required
- Routine maintenance inspections and works

Council staff have been working on other permanent solutions along the river edge, Perricoota Road or through other property locations. This permanent solution would still be many years away.

Botanic Views Estate Development

This Residential Development Estate is located directly within the area made up of Lignum Road, Bushlark Drive (formally Boyes Street), Kirchhofer Street and Kiely Road.

Sub-division Development Application – This DA was for the subdivision of the land including construction of new roads, stormwater and services. As the time of assessment was prior to the new flood study, there was no flood conditions added to the approval however now that the flood mapping has been updated, subsequently, further development is impacted by the changes.

Residential Home Development Applications – After years of planning, building and subdividing the land, the new flood study has now been adopted and the DAs for dwellings on these lands are now being determined with flood control measures and have resulted in a significant difference in height and thus, construction costs. Unfortunately, one builder had missed the flood height condition and has built the dwelling on natural grade and will be unable to get a Certificate of Occupancy due to not meeting the condition. It is imperative that a solution to the issue is implemented to allow a more seamless approval process and reduces confusion and impacts for developers whilst also addressing the flood risk.

Discussions have occurred with the managers and landowners at Tindarra who are cooperative with the proposed levee and its inclusion in the Flood Manual. It is noted any proposed permanent function centre on the Tindarra site would be required to not impact upon the temporary earthen levee mentioned in this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

3. Strategic Theme 3: A place of Liveable Communities

3.7 - Enable development of sustainable liveable communities - Housing Strategy.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

State Emergency Services Act 1989.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**

If the levee is not constructed, formally adopted into the Levee Manual and implemented, the area remains flood prone and construction costs are significantly higher for individual developers. This would also leave many families who have purchased these blocks with the potential of not being able to feasibly build a residence.

- **How can it happen?**

The levee is not constructed during flood events OR the levee is not considered as effective flood control for mitigation for planning purposes.

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

Damage to property.

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

High.

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Existing Controls are not adequate for planning consideration.

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

Adopt the recommendations of the report.

CONCLUSION

Until such a time that a permanent solution is put into place, the temporary levee approach is an appropriate 'middle ground' to ensure flood risk is mitigated to the area and also has potential to reduce flood impacts for planning assessment purposes. If the recommendation is adopted, Council staff can consider the affected area subject to this report as not flood prone which alleviate issues with new developments moving forward, given many owners purchased the land unaware of the future, now current implications of the flood study.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

9.3.2 MENINYA STREET PRECINCT PROJECT - NOVEMBER PROGRESS UPDATE

File Number: -

Author: Matthew Sherman, Project Manager Meninya Street Precinct Project

Authoriser: Rod Croft, Director Planning & Environment

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes the Meninya Street Precinct Project Council adopted motions to date on the Project (attachment 1).
2. Note the Meninya Street Precinct Project – November Progress Update

BACKGROUND

The Meninya Street Precinct Project is one of Murray River Council's largest projects that will transform Moama into a vibrant precinct of social and economic activity.

Reshaping Meninya Street from a transport thoroughfare into an innovative and sustainable precinct, this project intends to position Moama as a key tourist destination through place-making to compliment surrounding economic markets.

Strategically investing in infrastructure, open spaces and surrounding points of interest, Council aims to create a 'sense of place' and support high intensity developments including multi-level and multi-function spaces for business and the community to thrive.

Delivered in a staged approach, the multi-year project will enhance not only Meninya Street, but the surrounding precinct to create stronger connections to points of interest including the Horseshoe Lagoon, Moama Beach and the surrounding natural environment.

As part of the Projects Background, Council is recommended to view the attachments included:

1. Meninya Street Precinct Project – Council Resolutions (2019 – Current)

Meninya Street Detailed Design Lifecycle:

1. Master Plan and Concept Landscape Design Review - Review completed by Spiire to understand project background, objectives and consultation themes.
2. Feature Survey – Feature Survey of streetscape to capture all existing features contained including exact locations and heights to inform future design. This includes road lanes, kerbs, parking bays, footpaths, signs, trees, pits, light poles, power poles and external services.
3. Service Location – Ground Penetrating Radar assessment of the total streetscape to identify approximate alignment and heights of services within the streetscape. Services were marked, surveyed and included into CAD models.
4. Geotechnical Investigation – Investigation of Soil Profile through the completion of bore holes in selected locations. Evidence captured, supported by traffic counts will inform pavement design to ensure it meets traffic requirements.
5. Functional Layout Designs – Final Stages: Murray River Council is up to Revision C as a result of changes identified and feedback received from Council and the Community. Changes identified has been to maximise parking provisions within the streetscape and to improve accessibility.

6. Landscape Design – In September and October, Spiire commenced works on Landscape Concepts for Meninya Street based on Revision C of Functional Layout Plans. Landscape Concepts will focus on the physical appearance of the streetscape including vegetation, furniture and pavement materials.

DISCUSSION

The Meninya Street Precinct Project has maintained positive progress during its design phase with Spiire Australia Pty Ltd. The Project remains in the detailed design phase with a delayed expected completion date of March 2025 because of delays in early 2024 due to Car Parking Revisions, Shared User Path Revisions and amendments identified during the design lifecycle due to feedback received.

Since June 2024, Spiire has made three functional layout plan iterations to incorporate feedback from the community, businesses and Council. Revisions were to maximise parking bay supply, improve pedestrian accessibility improve pedestrian crossing locations including the removal of excess crossing points. The revisions to the plans continue to be in line with set project objectives including the vision outlined in the Meninya Street Master Plan, Concept Designs and other outputs during the design lifecycle.

Landscape Design: Spiire has commenced Landscape Design with provisions of Concepts, furniture, plant and tree species as well as plans for activation through arbours, water features and other infrastructure.

Electrical Network Design: Spiire and subcontractor GPE HV are responsible for the electronic network design to support the undergrounding of power lines and street lighting within Meninya Street. The scope of works also extends to designing and specifying public lighting for pedestrians and vehicles. GPE has advised Spiire and Council that information requested from Essential Energy (network manager) has not been provided after several months and is beginning to impact timelines. GPE submitted a Design Information Package request in early 2024 and to this date, no information has been provided. Essential Energy has advised that it is an internal delay and cannot advise an expected outcome date. Council has followed up with its contacts at Essential Energy to apply pressure, with no progress achieved yet. This has been recorded as a risk and will continue to be monitored.

Car Parking Utilisation Assessment: Murray River Council completed a Car Parking Utilisation Assessment during the months of September and October to understand car parking utilisation on Meninya Street and connected side streets. The Car Parking Utilisation Assessment identified overall a low utilisation rate across Meninya Street and Side Streets with the exception of the location between Blair and Echuca Street that received higher utilisation rates. The study obtained measures over the period of 7 Days to understand utilisation at different time periods took place during school holidays to capture above average utilisation and traffic for the days studied.

The Car Parking Utilisation rates recorded were:

- Meninya Street Only - 30% Average Utilisation (45 of 151 Bays)
- Side Streets (Regent, Popplewell, Kinsey, Porter, Maiden, Echuca, Blair and Shaw): 12% Average Utilisation (68 of 654 Bays)
- Total Precinct Average Utilisation: 19% (135 of 715 bays)

Highest Utilised area of Meninya Street was between Echuca and Blair Street recording an average utilisation rate of 79% at 10am across days studied.

Next Steps:

The Project Management Team is working with Spiire to finalise Functional Layout Plans to ensure no further revisions occur during detailed design. To finalise Functional Layout Plans a separate Council report will be submitted in November seeking a decision on the provision of a turning lane or parking bays. Once endorsed, Functional Layout Plans will be adopted and Civil Design will be fully commenced.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

3. Strategic Theme 3: A place of Liveable Communities

3.10 - Strategic planning which produces consistent, strategic, transparent outcomes - Streetscaping / Master Planning / Placemaking.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

No Budgetary implications are associated with the noting of this Council Report.

Spiire Australia Pty Ltd Contract Value: \$883,185.00

Life to date (Ltd): \$318,090.00 (36%)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**RISK ANALYSIS**

- **What can happen?**

No risks are associated with the approval of this report as it is only for noting. Report is not seeking any financial decisions.

- **How can it happen?**

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Not Applicable.

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

Not Applicable.

CONCLUSION

The Meninya Street Precinct Project continues to progress through its design lifecycle towards completion. The Project Team acknowledges delays because of revisions and feedback received but has ensured additional time taken was to achieve the most effective design outcome for the streetscape. Council is working with Spiire on its final revision (Rev D) of Functional Layout Plans that will be circulated with Council in future reporting periods. Critical items that continue to be monitored including gathering required information from Essential Energy and the commencement of Civil Design with service planning and upgrades.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Meninya Street Precinct Project - Council Resolutions to Date** [!\[\]\(5b2763ceab768563eecb1b66eb53a3c1_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(7b5b33908d5f452b8e8631bc3826da68_img.jpg\)](#)

Meninya Street Precinct Project – Timeline of Council Reporting

2019:

2018/19: Meninya Street Master Plan Development in consultation with the Bridge Art Project Project.

Page 7: Consultation Process:

Page 8: Consultation process and Group 6 focused on parking opportunities and constraints.

Page 23: Refers to constraints and opportunities for the Project including Traffic and Parking.

Page 56: Outlining objectives of the Streetscape component including walking, cycling, safe and easy parking, greener Meninya street as well as lighting and shade.

Page 56: Specifically outlines safe and easy parking outlining the proposal to replace all angled parking with parallel (same outcome as the 2021-24 determination).

Page 58: Parking at the Moama Bakery Precinct (referred to as “Local Plaza”) is highlighted as Parallel in the images supplied.

Summary: Master Plan identified in 2018/19 that parking was an issue and proposed to alter the design to Parallel to offer improved facilities for users, landscaping and safety.

Aug 19’ - Master Plan endorsed to commence public consultation in August 2019. Master Plan specifically mentioned replacement of angled car parking with parallel.

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10.10 BRIDGE ART AND MENINYA STREET MASTERPLAN

The Mayor, Cr Chris Bilkey declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interests in this matter, as he is on the Board of the Bridge Art Project, took no part in discussion, tabled a written notice to the General Manager and left the meeting at 6:52pm.

Cr Gen Campbell declared a pecuniary conflict of interests in this matter, as she is a landholder in the area, took no part in discussion, tabled a written notice to the General Manager and left the meeting at 6:52pm.

At this stage of the meeting, being 6:52pm, the Mayor, Cr Chris Bilkey vacated the Chair.

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Gen Campbell was unable to assume the position of Chair in the Mayor’s absence due to her conflict of interests and leave from the meeting.

At this stage of the meeting, being 6:52pm, the General Manager assumed the position of Chair to conduct the election of a Chair to continue the meeting in the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

RESOLUTION 110819

Moved: Cr Nikki Cohen

Seconded: Cr Alan Mathers

That in the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor from the meeting, Councillor Thomas Weyrich assume the position of Chair.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 120819

Moved: Cr Nikki Cohen

Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe

That Council adopt the Bridge Art and Meninya Street Masterplan and place this on public exhibition for a period of 28 days seeking community feedback.

CARRIED

Oct 19' Master Plan adopted by Council after no submissions were received during public consultation. Moved Gorey, seconded by Cohen. (See screenshot below).

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<p>10.8 BRIDGE ART AND MENINYA STREET MASTERPLAN</p>
<p><i>The Mayor, Cr Chris Bilkey declared a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interests in this matter, as he is the Chair of the Bridge Art Project, took no part in discussion, tabled a written notice to the General Manager and left the meeting at 6:34pm.</i></p> <p><i>Cr Gen Campbell declared a pecuniary conflict of interests in this matter, as she is a property owner within the area that the Masterplan covers, took no part in discussion, tabled a written notice to the General Manager and left the meeting at 6:34pm.</i></p>
<p><i>At this stage of the meeting, being 6:34pm, the Mayor, Cr Chris Bilkey vacated the Chair.</i></p> <p><i>At this stage of the meeting, being 6:34pm, the Deputy Mayor, Cr Alan Mathers assumed the position of Chair.</i></p>
<p>RESOLUTION 121019</p> <p>Moved: Cr Neil Gorey Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen</p> <p>That Council, having previously placed the Bridge Art and Meninya Street Masterplan on public exhibition for a period of twenty eight days:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note that no submissions were received during the period of exhibition. 2. Formally adopt the Bridge Art and Meninya Street Masterplan. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

2021:

March 2021 – Notice of Motion seeking an update on the progress of the Meninya Street Precinct Project and recommendation to fast track its progress to design. – Councillor Weyrich.

September 2021 – Section 355 Committee for Meninya Street Precinct recommended.

2022:

January 2022 – Meninya Street Precinct Project Update –

Summary: Update on the commencement of the project through the appointment of a Project Manager and commencement of investigation and review of previously developed Master Plans.

February 2022 – Appointment of Advisory Committee.

Summary: Council elected members of the advisory committee and approved Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee.

May 2022 – Noting of Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Summary: Council noted the advisory committee meeting minutes from April.

June 22' – Meninya Street Concept Designs approved to commence public consultation.

Summary: Concept Designs and Photo simulations were presented to Council for approval before proceeding to public consultation. **Concept Designs feature Parallel Car Parking in all areas of Meninya Street.**

9.4.3 MENINYA STREET PRECINCT PROJECT - CONCEPT DESIGNS FOR APPROVAL

RESOLUTION 190622

Moved: Cr Nikki Cohen
Seconded: Cr Thomas Weyrich

1. That Council approves the **Meninya** Street Precinct Project Concept Designs and Photo Simulations to proceed to seeking community feedback via the 28-day public consultation process.
2. Council notes the minutes of the April 2022 **Meninya** Street Precinct Project Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED

August 22' – Meninya Street Precinct Project Update

Summary: Project Status report highlighted the progress of the project to date and outlined estimated timelines at the time the report for projected project completion.

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9.4.1 PLANNING PROPOSAL TO RECLASSIFY LAND AT CENTRE ROAD, MOAMA (PP-2022-2347)

RESOLUTION 140822

Moved: Cr Kron Nicholas
Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That Council endorse staff to finalise the proposed Amendment 16 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 for Lot 3 DP813704, Centre Road, Moama.

In Favour: Crs Chris Bilkey, Nikki Cohen, Ann Crowe, Neil Gorey, Thomas Weyrich, Frank Crawley and Kron Nicholas

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

CARRIED

9.4.2 MENINYA STREET PRECINCT PROJECT - STATUS UPDATE

RESOLUTION 150822

Moved: Cr Ann Crowe
Seconded: Cr Nikki Cohen

That Council receive and note the update on the Meninya St project.

CARRIED

September 22' – Consultation Report noted by Council. Consultation Report outlines all consultation completed the for Meninya Street Concept Designs.

Summary: Report outlines the extent of consultation completed for the project highlight reach, channels uses, themes and outcomes of the engagement campaign.

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9.4.3 MENINYA STREET PRECINCT PROJECT - CONSULTATION REPORT

RESOLUTION 180922

Moved: Cr Neil Gorey
Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe

That Council notes the consultation completed for the Meninya Street Precinct Project Concept Designs.

CARRIED

January 2023 – General Update on Project

Summary: The project provided an update on all projects included within the Meninya Street Precinct Project and their progress towards Initiation, Design, Construction or Completion.

January 2023: That Council approves the Meninya Street Precinct Project Video Animation and supporting products to proceed to community consultation for a period of 28-days.

Summary: Video Animation and supporting still imagery was presented to Councillors for approval prior to proceeding with 28 Days public consultation. Video animation and supporting imagery highlights parallel car parking in all areas.

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9.4.1 MENINYA STREET VIDEO ANIMATION

RESOLUTION 110123

Moved: Cr Kron Nicholas
Seconded: Cr Ann Crowe

That Council approves the Meninya Street Precinct Project Video Animation and supporting products to proceed to community consultation for a period of 28-days.

CARRIED

March 2023: Video Animation Consultation Outcomes.

Summary: Council noted the feedback received during consultation of the video animation. Council also approved the officer to commence expressions of interest and public tender for the detailed design of Meninya Street.

Video Animation includes parallel car parking within the streetscape in all areas.

9.4.1 MENINYA STREET PRECINCT PROJECT - VIDEO ANIMATION CONSULTATION OUTCOMES**RESOLUTION 170323**

Moved: Cr Ann Crowe

Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That Council:

1. Notes the public consultation completed and the feedback provided for the Meninya Street Precinct Project.
2. Approves the Officer to proceed to expression of interest and tender for the Detailed Design stage of the Meninya Street Precinct Project.

In Favour: Crs Chris Bilkey, Nikki Cohen, Ann Crowe, Neil Gorey, Thomas Weyrich, Frank Crawley, Kron Nicholas and Dennis Gleeson

Against: Cr Geoff Wise

CARRIED 8/1**CARRIED**

September 2023: Confidential - Award of Contract to Spiire Australia for the detailed design of Meninya Street.

11.4 MRC 2303 - MENINYA STREET DESIGN - AWARD OF CONTRACT**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT COUNCIL:

1. NOTES THE TENDER EVALUATION REPORT ATTACHED UNDER ATTACHMENT 1 FOR AN OVERVIEW OF THE COMPLETED TENDER PROCESS.
2. ACCEPTS THE TENDER FROM SPIRE PTY LTD FOR THE LUMP SUM PRICE OF \$878,685 (EX GST) FOR TENDER NUMBER MRC 2303 – MENINYA STREET DESIGN.
3. INCREASE THE PROJECT BUDGET BY \$430,000 FROM THE EXISTING \$540,000, TO A NEW AMOUNT OF \$970,000 TO COVER CONTRACT COSTS AND CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE.
4. AUTHORISE THE CEO TO SIGN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.
5. AUTHORISE MATTHEW SHERMAN, PROJECT MANAGER TO ACT AS COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CONTRACT AND AUTHORISE ANY CONTRACT VARIATIONS WITHIN BUDGET AND DELEGATION AUTHORITY.

RESOLUTION 400923

MOVED: CR DENNIS GLEESON

SECONDED: CR ANN CROWE

THAT COUNCIL NOTES, ACCEPTS AND AUTHORISES THE FOLLOWING POINTS INCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT ITEM 3:

1. NOTES THE TENDER EVALUATION REPORT ATTACHED UNDER ATTACHMENT 1 FOR AN OVERVIEW OF THE COMPLETED TENDER PROCESS.
2. ACCEPTS THE TENDER FROM SPIRE PTY LTD FOR THE LUMP SUM PRICE OF \$878,685 (EX GST) FOR TENDER NUMBER MRC 2303 – MENINYA STREET DESIGN.

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3. INCREASE THE PROJECT BUDGET BY \$430,000 FROM THE EXISTING \$540,000, TO A NEW AMOUNT OF \$970,000 TO COVER CONTRACT COSTS AND CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE. INCREASE OF BUDGET TO COME OUT OF THE \$679,000 THAT TRANSPORT FOR NSW GAVE MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL FOR THE HANDOVER OF MENINYA STREET FOR FUTURE ASSET MAINTENANCE.
4. AUTHORISE THE CEO TO SIGN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.
5. AUTHORISE MATTHEW SHERMAN, PROJECT MANAGER TO ACT AS COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CONTRACT AND AUTHORISE ANY CONTRACT VARIATIONS WITHIN BUDGET AND DELEGATION AUTHORITY.

CARRIED**November 2023: Acquisition of Private Land – Blair Street Moama**

11.2 ACQUISITION OF PRIVATE LAND - BLAIR STREET MOAMA**RESOLUTION 411123**

Moved: Cr Kron Nicholas

Seconded: Cr Dennis Gleeson

1. That Council note that the land at 8 Blair Street, Moama (Lot 1 DP 216296 & Lot 2 DP 137250) identified as suitable land to develop an off-street carpark to support the future development of Meninya Street (a pedestrian friendly restaurant precinct) is coming up for public auction on 12 December 2023 (resulting from a deceased estate).
2. That Council note that this purchase has not been identified in the 2023/2024 budget nor is their funds allocated for the purchase, as it wasn't anticipated that the land would be for sale during this time. Council officers intended to include funds in the 2024/2025 budget process for a formal land acquisition process as outlined in the report subject to capital budget being available.

CARRIED

Report to Council noting the property of 8 Blair Street as suitable for off-street car parking due to its location in the Meninya Street Precinct and limited ability for commercial development. The location has been identified as suitable for up to 120 parking bays with access from side streets supporting safety and accessibility for Meninya Street growth. Motion Carried.

February 2024: Project Status Update on the Progress of the Meninya Street Precinct Project

Project Status Update to Council reporting on the progress of the Project. To the month of February, the Design Contract was focused on reviewing previous work to date, completing surveying and planning to support design outputs.

May 2024: Progress Update on the progress of the Meninya Street Precinct Project.

This report includes the decisions on outcomes including the Bike Lane, Car Parking and Kerrabee Soundshell Precinct.

Bike Path: Removal of separated bike path due to potential conflicts with driveways and outdoor dining. Bike path merged with pedestrian path on West Side of Street with line marking and signage.

Car Parking: Detailed explanation of limitations of streetscape and reasoning of why angled parking bays cannot be retained. Limitations are directly related to the physical width required to fit angle parking bays and the inability to achieve project objectives with angled parking.

Soundshell Precinct: Off street car parking at 6 Meninya Street to be reverted to greenspace as part of the streetscape upgrade to support event utilisation, public amenities and visitation. Public Transport Hub to be relocated onto Meninya Street to improve safety, visibility and visual appearance. Greenspace will support the construction of a new public amenities block due to existing toilet block being no longer fit for purpose.

Report noted by Council.

June 2024: Meninya Street Precinct Project – May Update:

Successfully Noted by Council. Progress update on Meninya Street Functional Layout Plan Development.

July 2024: Acquisition of Private Land for Car Parking in Moama

11.1 ACQUISITION OF PRIVATE LAND FOR CAR PARKING IN MOAMA

RESOLUTION 290724

Moved: Cr Nikki Cohen
 Seconded: Cr Kron Nicholas

That Council resolve to authorise the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to undertake the necessary activities, including the entering into and signing of the required contractual arrangements to purchase the land identified as Lot 1 DP 216296, Lot 2 DP 137250 (8 Blair Street, Moama) in line with the attached Valuation Report plus a 5% variance above the stated valuation figure.

In Favour: Crs Frank Crawley, Neil Gorey, Nikki Cohen, Ann Crowe, Dennis Gleeson, Kron Nicholas and Geoff Wise

Against: Nil

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CARRIED

As stated in carried resolution, CEO was approved to purchase the lots listed in report for the purpose of off-street parking. As a result, contract was executed in September after Caretaker Period for the purchase and settlement took place in October.

October 2024: Acquisition Details and Proposed Classification Recommendation for 8 Blair Street, Moama.

9.1.3 ACQUISITION DETAILS AND PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION RECOMMENDATION FOR 8 BLAIR STREET, MOAMA.

RESOLUTION 231024

Moved: Cr Geoff Wise
 Seconded: Cr Neil Gorey

That:

1. Council resolves to give public notice under Section 34 of the *Local Government Act 1993* ("the Act") of a proposed resolution to classify lots identified as Lot 1 DP 216296 and Lot 2 DP 137250 (8 Blair Street, Moama) as Operational Land in accordance with Section 31 of the Act.
2. Council register on title and apply a Restriction on Use that applies to part or all of the land for car parking purposes.

CARRIED

Motion successfully carried to proceed to public consultation for classification as Operational Land and to restrict use to car parking.

9.3.3 MENINYA STREET - DECISION ON ECHUCA STREET INTERSECTION

File Number: -

Author: Matthew Sherman, Project Manager Meninya Street Precinct Project

Authoriser: Rod Croft, Director Planning & Environment

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the information contained in this report regarding the Meninya Street Precinct Project Functional Layout Plans; and
2. endorse one of the following options for the Meninya Street Precinct Project:

Option A) Council adopt functional layout plan option 1 to prioritise parking provision

Option B) Council adopt functional layout plan option 2 to prioritise turning movements

BACKGROUND

The Meninya Street Precinct Project is one of Murray River Council's largest projects that will transform Moama into a vibrant precinct of social and economic activity.

Reshaping Meninya Street from a transport thoroughfare into an innovative and sustainable precinct, this project intends to position Moama as a key tourist destination through place-making to compliment surrounding economic markets.

Strategically investing in infrastructure, open spaces and surrounding points of interest, Council aims to create a 'sense of place' and support high intensity developments including multi-level and multi-function spaces for business and the community to thrive.

Delivered in a staged approach, the multi-year project will enhance not only Meninya Street, but the surrounding precinct to create stronger connections to points of interest including the Horseshoe Lagoon, Moama Beach and the surrounding natural environment.

Design Process:

The design of the Meninya Street Precinct Project has been underway since the commencement of the master plan in 2019. Following the adoption of the master plan, concept designs and video animations were generated to support consultation and feedback from the community and business to identify key revisions before commencing civil design. During the design process, key feedback themes focused on the provisions of parking, traffic calming and improving the environment for pedestrian use. Seeking increased shade, opportunities for outdoor dining and supporting economic development were other feedback themes received from consultation.

In November 2023, Spiire Australia was appointed to complete civil design for the streetscape following a long procurement process. This process includes undertaking the following steps:

- 1) Review of existing concepts and strategies
- 2) Feature survey
- 3) Service location
- 4) Geotechnical investigation
- 5) Functional layout plan design (current stage)

- 6) Civil design including service design
- 7) Bill of quantities
- 8) Cost estimate
- 9) Issue for construction and issue for tender documentation

Current Stage: Functional layout plan design

Functional layout plan (FLP) design refers to the high-level design process to undertake geometric design for the streetscape by focusing on the layout and placement of road elements including footpaths, nature strips, parking bays, kerbs, medians, crossing and intersections. This process must be undertaken in accordance with Australian Standards and Austroads Guide to Road Design to ensure the design complies with geometric design requirements. This process also looks at turning movements, entry/exit points, public transport infrastructure and considers existing building setbacks, services and underground infrastructure. Any changes to the (FLP) once civil design has commenced typically results in time and cost impacts due to the implications associated with redesign.

DISCUSSION

The Meninya Precinct Project has remained in the FLP phase for an extensive period to ensure the design provided meets the requirements of the community, businesses and council. During 2024, the project has prioritised design revisions focused on maximising parallel parking supply, improving pedestrian facilities and supporting businesses within the precinct. Currently on the third iteration of plans, council has reached decision point for the Echuca Street Intersection halting the project from proceeding to civil design.

Council is now required to decide on whether to retain the existing road layout configuration with a right-hand turning lane, or to maximise parking supply by removing the turning lane and introducing parallel parking bays adjacent to Echuca Street. Based on the available road reserve width and objectives set for the project means both a turning lane and parallel parking cannot be achieved together.

As a result, council is required to choose one of the two layout options outlined below. Once a decision is made a final fourth iteration of FLP will be developed and civil design will be 100% commenced.

Option 1 – Prioritise on-street parking supply:

Removal of turning lane and provision of parallel parking bays as per Figure 1. The design prioritises parking and traffic calming within the precinct to support increased pedestrian visitation and length of stay. The removal of the turning lane at Echuca Street, will push vehicles to turn right at Blair Street discouraging service vehicles and general traffic accessing the industrial estate via Echuca St and the Meninya Street Precinct. Vehicles still wishing to access Echuca Street can complete a U-turn at the Maiden Street Round-a-bout adding less than 30 seconds to their trip.

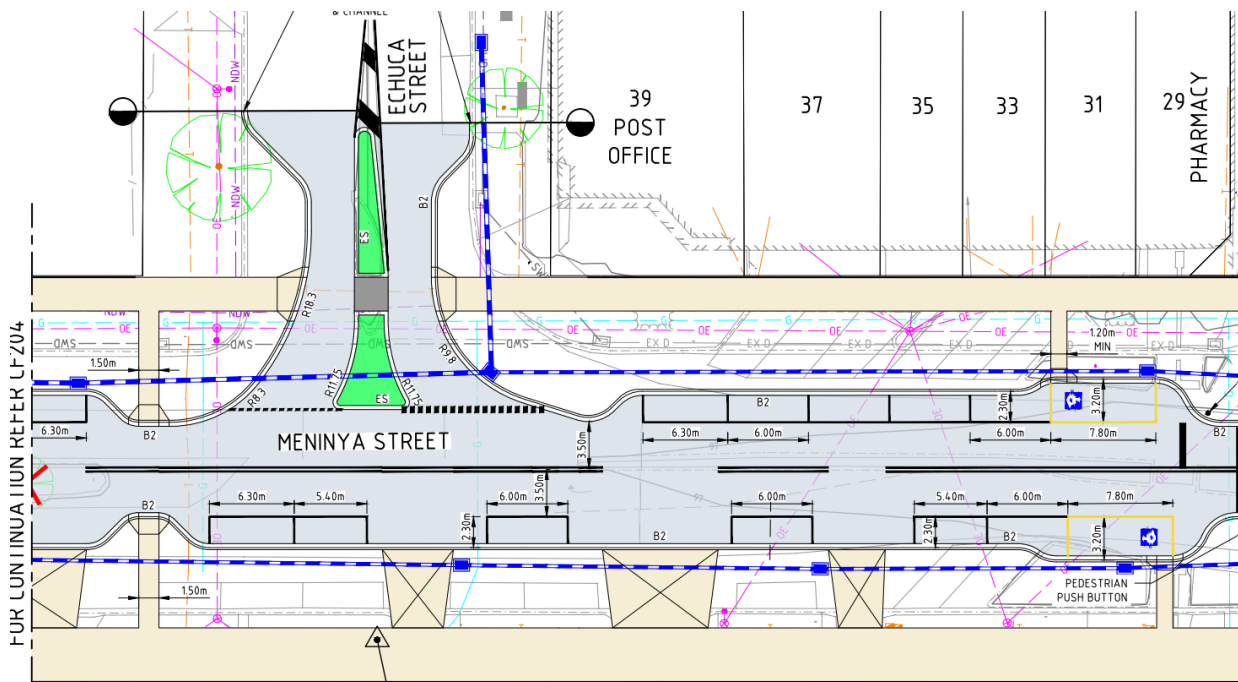
Benefits:

- Provision of parking in front of businesses (existing florist)
- Additional pedestrian crossing facilities
- Traffic calming
- Truck and service vehicle deterrence in Meninya Street and encourage use of new Echuca Moama Bridge, Nicholas Drive and Blair Street.

Cons:

- For those vehicles wishing to access Echuca Street, a U-turn at Maiden Street will result in a 30 second or less delay

Figure 1)



Option 2 – Prioritise vehicle movements:

Provide a turning lane into Echuca Street as per Figure 2. This design prioritises traffic movement within Meninya Street and will continue to allow vehicles to access the industrial estate via Echuca Street. The provision of a turning lane at Echuca Street will impact the supply of parking bays adjacent to Echuca Street and decrease pedestrian appeal due to noise. An estimated 3 Bays are impacted by the retainment of a turning lane in this location.

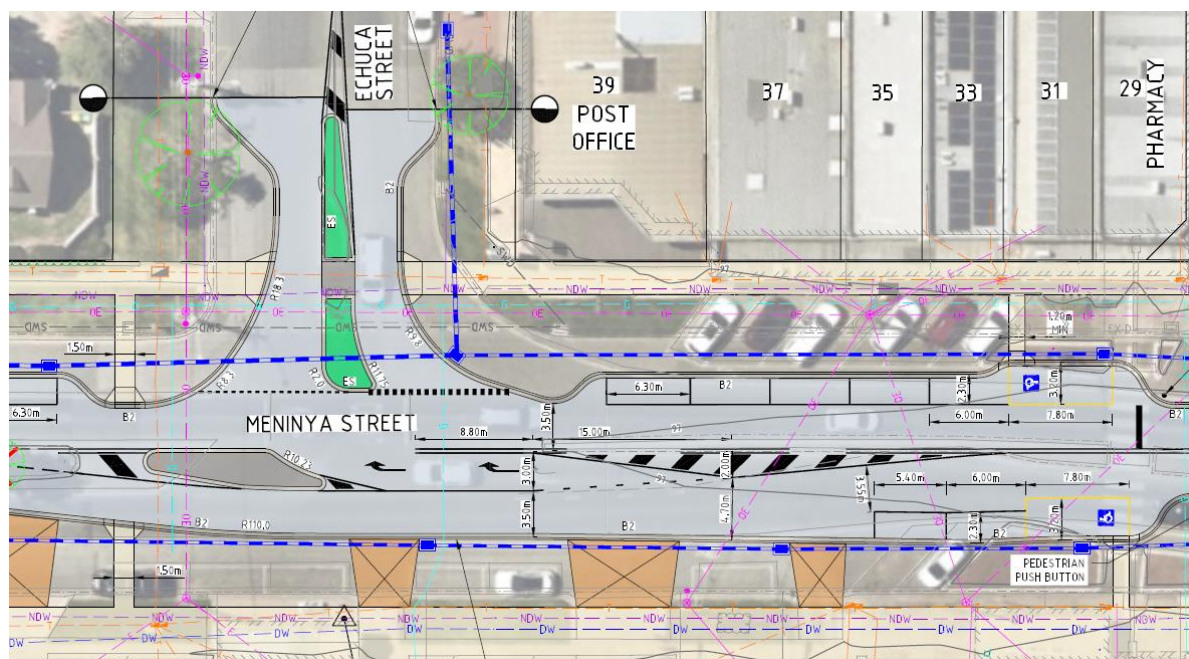
Benefits:

- Traffic movement and connectivity to Echuca Street shops and industrial estate
- Connection to Echuca Street car park

Cons:

- Supporting continued truck and industrial vehicle usage of Meninya Street
- Impact to pedestrian facilities (removal of 1 informal crossing point)
- Reduction of 3 potential parallel bays on Meninya Street

Figure 2)



STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

3. Strategic Theme 3: A place of Liveable Communities

3.10 - Strategic planning which produces consistent, strategic, transparent outcomes - Streetscaping / Master Planning / Placemaking.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

No Budgetary Implications are associated with the approval of this report or selecting a preferred option as outlined in the discussion section.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

RISK ANALYSIS

• What can happen?

Project Delays – This decision is impacting the critical path of the project, as a result it is recommended that an option is selected in the November council ordinary meeting. Delaying a decision will result in direct impacts to the completion date of the project.

Traffic Movement – Option 1 and Option 2 both have minor impacts to traffic movement. Option 1 will calm traffic movement within Meninya Street to support a pedestrian environment by directing vehicles via Blair Street to the industrial estate. Option 2 will maintain high traffic counts through Meninya Street by encouraging the use of Echuca Street for heavy vehicles and service vehicles.

Business Concerns – Option 1 directly responds to business feedback within the precinct by prioritising car parking bay provision overturning lanes. Car parking provision has been made a priority for the project. Pursuing option 2 will likely trigger concerns from Meninya Street businesses losing parking provisions.

• How can it happen?

Project Delays: Triggered if a decision is not made at this meeting.

Traffic Movement: Retaining a turning lane at Echuca Street will continue to encourage vehicles to utilise Meninya Street including vehicles accessing the industrial estate such as service vehicles. The objectives of the streetscape projects are to discourage trucks utilising Meninya Street under normal driving conditions to support visitation and length of stay.

Business Concerns – Triggered if option 2 is pursued.

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

Failure to achieve project objectives: The Meninya Street Precinct Project is a multi-million-dollar project, and it is critical to achieve the design outcomes conveyed by council and the community. During consultation it was identified that the community was seeking a pedestrian environment and decreased heavy vehicle traffic through the precinct. Failure to deliver this outcome may result in dissatisfaction from the end user in the long run.

Project Timelines: Delaying a decision will delay the project completion date and could trigger variations because of delays or result in opportunity costs, such as missed funding opportunities to complete staged construction.

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

Selecting one of the provided options during the November council ordinary meeting will reduce the likelihood of variations and project delays.

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Controls are acceptable. Council is recommended to select a preferred option for the streetscape in the November ordinary meeting based on the preferred outcome,

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

Treatment options are to select one of the provided options as outlined in this report. Options provided comply with relevant design standards from a geometric and safety perspective.

CONCLUSION

The Meninya Street Precinct Project is now at the final stage of Functional Layout Planning and requires a decision from council to prioritise parking provision or vehicle movement at the Echuca Street intersection. Options outlined comply with relevant standards and road design criteria, however, will result in different outcome from traffic movement and pedestrian utilisation of the street. Delaying a decision will result in delays to the contract completion date and may increase the likelihood of additional costs. Council is required to select one of the two outlined options that best aligns to the strategic direction of the project to meet stakeholder expectations.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

9.3.4 MID MURRAY LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (INCORPORATING EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL & MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL)**File Number:** -**Author:** Jan Donald, Executive Administration Officer**Authoriser:** Jack Bond, Director Infrastructure**RECOMMENDATION**

That the DRAFT minutes of the Mid Murray Local Emergency Management Committee (incorporating Edward River Council & Murray River Council) together with the Mid Murray Local Rescue Committee held on 17 October 2024 be received and the information noted by the Council.

DISCUSSION

The Murray River Council Joint Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) is now known as the Mid Murray Local Emergency Management Committee.

The draft minutes of the Mid Murray LEMC meeting and the Mid Murray Local Rescue Committee meeting held on 22 February are attached for noting.

Meetings for 2025 will be held in February, June and October on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

ATTACHMENTS

1. DRAFT Mid Murray LEMC Minutes 17/10/2024  
2. DRAFT Mid Murray LRC Minutes 17/10/2024  



Minutes

Meeting title	Mid Murray Local Emergency Management Committee		
Date	Thursday 17 October 2024	Time	10.00am to 11.30am
Location	Mid Murray Zone RFS, Macknight Drive, Deniliquin		
Attendees	Mark Dalzell – Edward River Council – <i>Chair</i> Carlo Timpano – TfNSW David Donald – VRA Rescue David Arthur – NSW Dept of Education David Buchtmann – WelfAC Denise Garner – NSW Health Elle Brain – MRC Frank Finley – Fire & Rescue NSW Jacinta Goodear – Edward River Council Jodie Griffin – SES Kate Goldsmith – Campaspe Shire Council Linda Searle – Local Land Services Les Barrow – Essential Energy Luke Sharrock – Marine Rescue NSW Mark Nordbye – Federation Michael Everett – Ambulance NSW Michael Fuller – NSWPOL Paul Marshall – VRA Rescue Rebecca Stacey – LLS Renee Nicholls – Reconstruction NSW Sarah Scott – Services Australia Scott Fullerton – REMO Tony Whitehorn – RFSB Wes Follett – VRA Rescue Jan Donald – MRC (<i>minute taker</i>)		
Apologies	Anthony Van Heumen – SES Benjamin Pickup – SES Damian Keegan – Victoria Police Garry Armstrong - LLS Jack Bond – Murray River Council Kim Halse – Campaspe Shire Council Liona Edwards - Federation Mick Lalor - NSW National Parks & Wildlife Paul Smith – NSW Police		

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Ricki Thompson – Murray River Council
Stewart Alexander – Fire & Rescue NSW
Terry Dodds – Murray River Council
Tom Wivell - TfNSW

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No. Description**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

- 1.1 Minutes of previous meeting of 20 June 2024 – approved subject to minor alteration to the attendee list.

Moved Tony Whitehorn, seconded Mark Dalzell - Carried

2. Prevention, Preparation and Planning (Action items):

- 2.1 Confirmation of date for Southern 80 Committee – to be discussed at item 3.2.
- 2.2 Ute Muster signage directing traffic through Barmah not required – completed & closed
- 2.3 Update on emergency services signage installation at boat ramps – Council to engage with VRA.

Response (Standing Items):

- 3.1 Agency Reports – for noting (maximum 5 mins each)
- 3.1.1 Ambulance NSW – No changes at station, Deni Ute Muster site was quiet however busy in the town with 20+ jobs over the 4 days. Commencing June 2025, the station will be manned 24x7 with no on call.
- 3.1.2 Ambulance Victoria – There has been improved response times since the re-opening of Echuca airport with reduced out of town transport. Thunderstorm asthma monitoring awareness underway from today through to the end of December. Monitoring growth of the Moama population and how this can be managed moving forward, would recommend a letter of support to politicians seeking an Ambulance Station in Moama.
- 3.1.3 Campaspe Shire Council – Works are continuing on the Flood Study, Municipal Flood Plan, Crisis Management Framework, EM Strategy and Workforce Plan.
- 3.1.4 NSW Department of Education – report noted as attached. Please note the updated contacts provided.
- 3.1.5 Welfare Services Functional Area – report noted as attached. Working to recruit staff volunteers from Education and TAFE.
- 3.1.6 Edward River Council – With Council elections now completed, meetings with the new Council are commencing. Works continuing on the Overland Rainfall Project, now seeking funding to continue. Levee works



investigations have been completed with funding received to upgrade pumps to automate and improve capacity for flood events.

- 3.1.7 Essential Energy – BAU, preparing for storm season.
- 3.1.8 Fire & Rescue NSW – report will be circulated with the minutes.
- 3.1.9 Forestry NSW – no report.
- 3.1.10 Local Land Services – report noted as attached. Emergency exercise was conducted on Avian Influenza. Restrictions have eased in the Hawkesbury area in relation to the Avian Influenza outbreak with crews scaling back.
- 3.1.11 Marine Rescue NSW – Unit has now increased to 30 volunteers. There was a couple of call outs during the period. Marine Rescue has formed its own operations group for flood response, 4 members accredited. The “loan” vessel is now on permanent loan and available for unit disposal. Resources can be used throughout the area and happy to assist where needed.
- 3.1.12 Murray River Council – Little Forest project is progressing with the community. Road recovery from flood is at 95% complete with two bridge structures remaining. Moama Overland Drainage study commencing for localised storm events. Moama Flood Study has commenced and is currently in the data collection phase. Tenders have closed for the Riverlife Estate Levee Upgrade Project in Barham with works expected to commence in the new year.
- 3.1.13~NEMA – no report.
- 3.1.14 NSW Health / MLHD – report noted as attached. The NSW Healthplan has been published and can be found online at www.nsw.gov.au/rescue-and-emergency-management/supporting-plans . Now have increased staff available for EOC operations. Thunderstorm Asthma launch - have moved equipment to Finley in preparation for the Strawberry Fields Festival.
- 3.1.15 NSW National Parks & Wildlife – report noted as attached.
- 3.1.16 NSW Police – Chief Inspector Michael Fuller introduced himself to the committee. Mr Fuller has taken over as LEOCON for the area. Teegan Hadjialexiou will commence as the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer in due course and with her husband Morgan will increase staff levels in Deniliquin. Moulamein Police Station will soon be operational with the Officer located and living in the town. The Deni Ute Muster went well with good collaboration with all agencies, Highway Patrol commenced at 4am for bump in.
- 3.1.17 Reconstruction Authority NSW – report to be circulated with the minutes. Regional teams will be in contact with Councils in order to review Pre-Event Recovery Plans. RA attended the Henty Field Days as well as engaging a SIM tool. The Get Ready Campaign 2024 is underway, if you have any upcoming community events, please advise RA. Disaster Ready Fund Round Two has now been announced. Updated staff list included in the report.



- 3.1.18 Riverina Murray REMO report – report noted as attached. Riverina Murray Regional Emergency Management Plan has been endorsed for the next 3 years. Environmental Services Functional Area Supporting Plan and Hazardous Materials (CBRN) Emergency Management Sub-Plan extension endorsed to September 2024. New CMG template will be available shortly. LEMC handbook available online. GMW dam safety updates available (up to and including Torrumbarry). Training available on EMTraining website. Face to Face training no longer available with only online training now available. Attended Counter terrorism training. The next REMC meeting will be held on 20 November in Albury.
- 3.1.19 NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) – report to be sent with minutes. Pre fire season briefings completed, training ongoing. Audio system checked prior to fire season. BFMC plan for review, ongoing with community engagement. Multi agency exercise November at Murray Downs, BFMC exercise following this meeting.
- 3.1.20 Services Australia – no report
- 3.1.21 State Emergency Service – Storm season has commenced through to April 2025. Internal training has been conducted with new members on board in Deniliquin and Picnic Point. Deniliquin has received a new vessel and the Moulamein Cache has officially been handed over.
- 3.1.22 Transport for NSW – report noted as attached. As part of the NSW Bushfire Inquiry, TfNSW designed and installed 99 ABC Emergency Broadcast signs across NSW. TfNSW is now seeking LEMC feedback for locations that were not previously included. Please advise of any areas / locations you wish to nominate.
- 3.1.23 VRA Rescue NSW – report noted as attached. The Deni Ute muster went well with the local team in place. Looking at the upcoming season ahead.
- 3.1.23 Others – no other reports
- 3.2 Southern 80 (9-11 February 2025) – Event is still being advertised for 2025, Scott Fullerton has been in contact with Steve Shipp and will look to schedule an after action review and exercise for emergency services on 15 November. This will provide the Southern 80 Committee with an understanding of emergency services responsibilities during events. Invitations to be circulated. No official feedback from SRV on event being cancelled.
- 3.3 Deniliquin Ute Muster (4 & 5 October 2024) - Post event debrief has not yet taken place. Change of demographics of those attending event with a more family affair feel event. ERC working with TfNSW on traffic conditions.

4. **Items for noting and approval:**

- 4.1 Evacuation Centres and delivery of Welfare Services – Presentation to the committee was noted. Currently some changes underway in relation to accommodation and transition options during an event.



Undertook audit of the Deniliquin evacuation centre (Basketball stadium). ERC evac centres now updated with the basketball stadium the most suitable. Would like consideration to be given for the use of the multipurpose centre at the Deniliquin high school as a secondary centre.

Motion: Write to the NSW Education Department requesting the use of the Deniliquin High School Multi-Purpose Centre as a secondary evacuation centre for ERC.

Moved: David Buchtmann **Seconded:** Wes Follett **Carried.**

Action: LEMC Chair to write to NSW education department at email edu.lo@det.nsw.edu.au

5. **General / New Business:**

Girls on Fire program now underway providing exposure to EMS for young people in Australia.

6. **Next MRC LEMC meeting:**

3rd Thursday of the month – February, June and October 2025 with location of meeting to be discussed. Meetings will be chaired by ERC.

7. **Meeting closed:**

Meeting closed at 11.41am



Minutes

Meeting title	Mid Murray Local Rescue Committee (Incorporating Murray River Council & Edward River Council)		
Date	Thursday 17 October 2024	Time	11.30am to 12 noon
Location	Mid Murray Zone RFS, Macknight Drive, Deniliquin		
Attendees	Michael Fuller – NSWPOL - Chair Mark Dalzell – Edward River Council Chantel Bryden - SES Jacinta Goodear – Edward River Council Frank Finlay – Fire & Rescue NSW Luke Sharrock – Moama Marine Rescue Paul Marshall – VRA Rescue NSW Tony Whitehorn – RFS Scott Fullerton – REMO Wes Follett – VRA David Donald - VRA		
Apologies	Stewart Alexander – Fire & Rescue NSW Jack Bond – MRC Ricki Thompson - MRC		

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| No. | Description | | |
| 1. | Declarations of Interest | | |
| | Nil | | |
| 2. | Minutes of previous meeting | | |
| 2.1 | Minutes of previous meeting of 20 June 2024 – noted. | | |
| | Moved: Paul Marshall | Seconded: David Donald | Carried |
| 3. | Business Arising (from previous minutes) | | |
| | Nil | | |

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4. **Standing items:**

- 4.1 Deni Ute Muster post event report – Post event debrief has not yet taken place, will provide report when received. Change of demographics noted of those attending event with a more family affair feel event.
- 4.2 Southern 80 update – Event is still being advertised for 2025, Scott Fullerton has been in contact with Steve Shipp and will look to schedule an after action review and exercise for emergency services on 15 November. This will provide the Southern 80 Committee with an understanding of emergency services responsibilities during events. Invitations to be circulated. No official feedback from SRV on event being cancelled. If any members are interested in participating in the exercise on 15 November, please advise Scott Fullerton.

5. **Emergency Incidents**

- 5.1 NSWPOL report – noted.
- 5.2 REMO – **reminder that capability templates to be brought to each meeting. (Resend template with minutes)**
- 5.3 RFS – no report
- 5.4 F&R – no report
- 5.5 Marine Rescue – BAU
- 5.6 VRA – BAU
- 5.7 ERC – leading up to Deniliquin Ute muster was discussion on a Ute jump event. This didn't go ahead and if it is suggested in future years, Council believes that it cannot be held in a safe manor.

6. **Next Meeting**

2025 meeting dates to be same as the LEMC meeting dates.

3rd Thursday of each month.

7. **Meeting closed:**

Meeting closed at 12 noon.

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 MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM, ROUND 1 FY25 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

File Number: -

Author: Tiana Cronin, Grant Officer

Authoriser: Sarah Ryan, Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council funds the below projects under Round 1 of the 2024-25 Community Grants Program.
2. An additional \$4,997 be allocated, with the funding source to be determined upon completion of Round 2 of the Community Grants Program. This additional funding may be drawn from either the 2024-24 Quick Response Grant Program or Round 2 of the Community Grants Program, subject to the number of applications received.

Group	Project Title	Total Amount Requested	Total Project Cost	Amount Recommended
Moulamein Preschool Inc	Moulamein Day Care	\$ 3,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 3,000
Bunnaloo Hall Committee	Defibrillator	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Mathoura Preschool	Picnic Table	\$ 445	\$445	\$ 455
Border Flywheelers Club Inc.	Standard Boiler and Reciprocating Steam Engine Training for Regional Volunteers.	\$ 3,000	\$ 8,930	\$ 3,000
Tooleybuc Cricket Club affiliated with the Tooleybuc Sporting Club	New Fridge	\$ 2,650	\$ 2,650	\$ 2,650
Noorong Community Centre	Basketball and seating	\$ 3,000	\$3,961	\$ 3,000
Murray Haven Homes Ltd	Photography project with High School – print and frame	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Caldwell Hall Management Committee	New Sound System – speakers, mix amplifier and microphone	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,250	\$ 3,000
Moulamein Community Development Inc	Automated drip irrigation system and concrete path	\$ 2,998	\$ 5,597	\$ 2,998
Moulamein Lawn Tennis Club	Furnish and shade structure	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000
Echuca Moama Triathlon Club Inc.	Triclub trolley and road signage	\$ 1,059	\$ 1,059	\$ 1,059
Wakool Soldier Settlers Memorial Walk Action Group	Honouring local servicemen from Wakool and the surrounding district	\$ 2,829	\$ 3,389	\$ 2,829
Barham Koondrook Cricket Club Incorporated	Barham Recreation Reserve Cricket Net Improvements	\$ 2,900	\$ 3,400	\$ 2,900
Moama Echuca Touch Football Association	PA System for Announcements	\$ 1,116	\$ 1,116	\$ 1,116

	TOTALS	\$ 34,997	\$ 59,797	\$ 34,997
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BACKGROUND

The Murray River Council Community Grants Program runs two funding rounds annually, with an allocation of \$30,000 per round.

Round 1 of the 2024-25 Murray River Council Community Grants Program details are as follows:

Date opened	1 July 2024
Date closed	1 October 2024
Applications received	30 applications
Total funding requested	\$78,098

The assessment panel, comprising Councillors Pappin, Allan, and Harvie (who attended in place of Councillor Hurn, who was unavailable), along with Council's Acting Director of Community and Economic Development, Beck Hayward (delegate for Sarah Ryan, Acting CEO), reviewed the applications individually. The panel then convened on October 30, 2024, to discuss each application's merit and determine recommendations for funding.

DISCUSSION

A total of \$77,098 in funding was requested, while only \$30,000 is available in this program round.

Although many deserving projects were submitted, the assessment panel had to carefully evaluate each project's benefits, explore alternative funding options available to applicants, and consider other ways Council might support these projects.

After thorough review and assessment against the criteria, the panel has finalised a list of recommended projects for funding. The total funding amount for the recommended projects is \$34,997.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

5. Strategic Theme 5: A place of Prosperity and Resilience

5.11 - Partner with industry, community, and government organisations to promote and nurture innovation - Innovation.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Council has \$30,000 available per round for each of the two community grant rounds per year, (as per 27 November 2018 resolution of Council). The recommended funding allocation exceeds the budgeted \$30,000 by \$4,997. The minimal surplus could be funded using funds from Council's Quick Response Grant, or the second round of Community Grant funding (to be determined following round 2, subject to the number of applications received).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Community Financial Assistance Policy (POL109)..

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Council can financially assist others under s356 of the Local Government Act 1993 (LGA), for the purpose of exercising its functions. Also, under s377 (1A) of the LGA, Council may delegate its functions relating to the granting of financial assistance if the financial assistance is part of a specified program, and included in Council's draft operational plan, and does not exceed 5 per cent of Council's proposed income from the ordinary rates levied for that year.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**
 1. There is a minor risk that funded projects may face delivery challenges due to recipient resource or financial constraints.
 2. There is a risk that there may be some negative reactions from the unsuccessful applicants.
- **How can it happen?**
 1. Change of circumstance for the applicant.
 2. Frustrated applicants.
- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**
 1. Additional work and potential changes to the scope of a project.
 2. Relationships diminished
- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**
 1. Low likelihood
 2. Low likelihood
- **Adequacy of existing controls?**
 1. Adequate
 2. Adequate
- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**
 1. Council will seek to mitigate this risk by working with community groups to support the delivery of their project.
 2. Council will seek to mitigate this risk by communicating the high level of requests made and the Economic Development team will work with these applicants to seek funding opportunities elsewhere where possible.

CONCLUSION

The recommended projects encompass a wide geographic and sectoral representation across the Council area, underscoring the program's commitment to broad community engagement. It would be both beneficial and judicious for Council to allocate funds towards the projects recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

9.5.2 AGM MINUTES - GOODNIGHT HALL & RECREATION RESERVE S355 COMMITTEE

File Number: -

Author: Karen Buckley, Manager of Local Connections

Authoriser: Sarah Ryan, Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Revoke existing members of the Goodnight Hall & Recreation Reserve Committee of Management and
 - (a) Pursuant to Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 appoint new committee members nominated at the October 2024 AGM.

BACKGROUND

At its Section 355 Annual General Meeting of the Goodnight Hall & Recreation Reserve Management Committee, elections were held to appoint all committee positions and office bearers.

DISCUSSION

Present at this meeting were:

Greg Morton, Kate Best, Mereeka Andrews, Danny Andrews, Stephen Batty, Sarah Best, Doug Codling, Kim Morton, Sam Morton, Sarah Gillbee, Thomas Hickey, Erika Zanker, Annette Hepburn, Dave Hepburn, Karen Buckley (Manager Local Connections, MRC) and Elle Brain (Community Recovery Officer, MRC)

Apologies: Colion Batty, Brendon Rodgers, Dot and Ian Hickey, Gary Pappin.

A motioned was put forward by Sarah Best that all positions would remain the same as previous year as a block election. Seconded Danny Andrews. Carried

President: Stephen Batty,

Vice President: Colin Batty

Secretary: Kim Morton

Treasurer: Mereeka Andrews

Committee members: Greg Morton, Danny Andrews, Sam Morton, Thomas Hickey, Brendan Rodgers, Peter Best, Sarah Best, Adam Best.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

3. Strategic Theme 3: A place of Liveable Communities

3.2 - Create and maintain safe and accessible community spaces that enhance healthy living and promote active lifestyles - Public buildings.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Scope of committee financial transactions is low.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Asset Management Policy (POL305).

Murray River Council Section 355 Committee Policy (POL119).

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**

Council & Committee fail to meet their obligations.

- **How can it happen?**

Committees are generally unaware of the full extent of their roles and responsibilities particularly in relation to WH&S, operational procedures and systems, procurement, and financial reporting.

Council has a responsibility to provide requisite support and guidance to committees to ensure they understand their responsibilities and have necessary skills and capacity to fulfill obligations.

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

Several Section 355 committees are very fragile and their medium to longer term viability is questionable.

Council is under considerable pressure to comply with onerous obligations relating to the support and management of section 355 committees under the Local Government Act

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

Likely

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Moderate

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

Council needs to carefully consider the structure required to best support committees.

A new interim role of Manager Local Connections has been created to work collaboratively with committees of Council to assist them to meet their obligations as required by S355 of the Local Government Act 1993 and to improve governance and risk mitigation.

Steps will be taken to optimise the viability of committees where appropriate; consider the scope of support council will provide to support committees; determine the criteria that will trigger council's intervention in the operations of Section 355 committees, and what the intervention will be; plan for contingency management options, and fully recognise the cost of this in council's long term financial plans.

CONCLUSION

Advice of committee members has been received, and Council should endorse Goodnight Hall & Recreation Reserve Committee of Management new committee members nominated at the October 2024 AGM.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Goodnight Hall & Recreation Reserve AGM Minutes Oct. 2024** [!\[\]\(778356f5832e9eaa18d09a4a03e795f8_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(06de7bb05d42ebb309aae807adaf9d91_img.jpg\)](#)
2. **Goodnight Hall & Recreation Reserve - Committee Membership Return - October 2024 - Confidential**

Annual General Meeting Goodnight Hall and Recreation Reserve

Date: 24/10/2024 Meeting Opened 7.15pm

Present: Greg Morton, Kate Best, Mereeka Andrews, Danny Andrews, Stephen Batty, Sarah Best, Doug Codling, Kim Morton, Sam Morton, Sarah Gillbee, Thomas Hickey, Erika Zanker, Annette Hepburn, Dave Hepburn, Karen Buckley (manager local connections, MRC) and Elle Brain (Community recovery Officer, MRC)

Apologies: C. Batty, B. Rodgers, Dot and Ian Hickey, Gary Pappin

Minutes from previous AGM

Read, moved S. Batty

Seconded M. Andrews

Correspondence: List read by K. Morton.

A lot of correspondence via email regarding Windlab grant and MRC community grant.

Kim received letter with requirements as per Section 355.

Continued correspondence regarding heritage citation

Moved M. Andrews, Seconded S. Batty.

Treasurers Report:

Presented by M. Andrews, current balance of \$2978.94 in account. Books have been officially audited through the council.

Moved S. Best, Seconded S. Morton

Office Bearers election

Office Bearers re elected unopposed:

President: S. Batty

Vice President: C. Batty

Treasurer: M. Andrews

Secretary: K. Morton

Moved S. Best, Seconded D. Andrews

General Business:

Discussion occurred from Karen about how Section 355 provides fee guidance for use of hall facilities. The hall committee will be able to put in recommendations for this which is essential given every hall is in a different community and usage varies significantly depending on what is available to use/hire.

K. Morton and M. Andrews discussed the completion of the BBQ and lighting project after receiving a grant for \$5500 from Windlab, \$3000 from MRC, \$2833.30 from Goodnight Tennis Club and

\$300 from Goodnight Christmas Tree account in addition to using some of the hall funds. Total for project was \$5448.44 (BBQ) plus \$8499.90 (lights). All agreed this is a valuable addition to our facilities. In addition, volunteers gave up time and labour to install both of these facilities and complete cementing works etc.

K. Morton discussed how the toilet upgrade was completed after several hiccups with the plumbing. This also included painting work of the toilet block and some areas of the hall requiring this. Thanks to Dave Dunder for organizing this work and the toilets are now hugely improved.

K. Morton raised discussion again about signage for the Goodnight Hall and Recreation Reserve as at present there isn't any.

S. Batty had investigated a laser cut sign to be made, however all agreed best to use local resident, Steve Cole, to undertake this work with sign to read Goodnight Hall Est. 1925 and possible picture of paddle steamer under this. This is a sign to be located inside the recreation reserve offset from the road to demonstrate the age of hall and its name.

In addition signage stating how Goodnight got its name to be located next to the doors of the hall close to the wall had been followed up from K. Morton with a visit to Signs Plus but details regarding size etc. to be decided. Karen Buckley informed us that there is funding and procedures to follow for interpretative signs. Karen will email details to K. Morton to follow this up.

All agreed it would be good to get the signs done in readiness for the hall's 100-year celebration in 2025.

Stephen Batty moved a motion regarding MRC lack of response and recognition of the heritage citation which was completed and submitted to council by Minerva Trust in August 2023. Discussion occurred around the disappointment this hasn't been acknowledged. The motion was carried unanimously with all in favour.

A lot of work regarding the citation was completed by K. Morton and other residents in conjunction with meetings from Minerva Trust and it is extremely disappointing this hasn't been followed up especially considering the centenary of the hall's official opening. In addition, heritage grants could have been considered if the hall was listed and possibly used to upgrade the floor and ceiling. K. Morton had also emailed Karen regarding this, and she had replied stating she had located the citation but unfortunately nothing had been done. In addition, since the citation was completed the original minute book from the first meeting held by the hall including the official forming of the hall committee in 1923 has been found and is in good condition. All minute books for the hall over the 100+ years are retained. Other historical pieces of paper including the first insurance papers used by the hall and the original title have been copied and will be framed for the centenary. Elle Brain spoke about possible funding from flood recovery project to have framing of these items and other photographs of paddle steamers and early days in the settlement including original blocks surveyed etc. These will be hung in the hall for the centenary event for all visitors to view and will provide history of the Goodnight settlement. Kim and Mereeka will meet with Elle at a later date with items to be framed and will locate as many possible items prior to then. Karen also spoke about archiving important documents and will email Kim the appropriate contact for this.

Ongoing maintenance issues discussed. Kim to contact shire re additional bins as we do not have enough. In addition, she will request for regular cleaning of toilets as these facilities are a public building and are regularly being used. Regular mowing surrounding the tennis courts needs to occur at the moment due to large presence of snakes in Spring. Regular cleaning of toilets could be done

when the mowing and general clean-up occurs. The hall ceiling also has some water leakage occurring so a request to have this repaired will be made to Dave at MRC. Kim to contact Dave re maintenance jobs. Hall requires usual spraying of spiders and white ants, and mouse baits need to be organized again.

K. Morton to complete the Section 355 Committee registration form and return to Karen with the AGM minutes.

Both the hall main room floor and the ceiling require upgrading. Hoping to have this work completed prior to the centenary celebrations. The flooring is urgent due to the number of people who will be attending the event. Floorboards need sanding, holes filled, nails punched and surface resealed.

A motion was moved to set the date for the Goodnight back to and hall centenary. Saturday 4th October 2025 was proposed by K. Morton and this was carried with all in favour.

A subcommittee for the centenary celebrations was formed consisting of the current hall committee plus Thomas Hickey, Erika Zanker, Sam Morton Kate Best, Sarah Gillbee, Danny Andrews, Greg Morton. Format for the event discussed with event to commence at 1.30 pm with an afternoon tea and cutting of cake at 3pm with a ball to follow in evening. Further details to be discussed at later meetings. Suggestions were put forward by Annette and Dave Hepburn about involving vintage cars and Dave Hepburn will talk with the Swan Hill Vintage car club re this. In addition, suggestions from Karen to make contact with Barham Fly Wheelers regarding what they can do.

First subcommittee meeting to be held on 8th November and combined with a community gathering at the BBQ area. Community gatherings occur on a regular basis at the Goodnight Rec reserve every second Friday with residents using BBQ facilities, tennis courts and playground.

The annual Goodnight Christmas Tree event was discussed and the date set for 8th December. Councillors and Karen Buckey to be invited to this event.

Meeting closed. 9.10 pm.

9.5.3 AGM MINUTES - KORALEIGH RECREATION RESERVE & HALL S355 COMMITTEE

File Number: -

Author: Karen Buckley, Manager of Local Connections

Authoriser: Sarah Ryan, Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Revoke existing members of the Koraleigh Recreation Reserve & Hall Committee of Management and
 - (a) Pursuant to Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 appoint new committee members nominated at the October 2024 AGM.

BACKGROUND

At its Section 355 Annual General Meeting of the Koraleigh Recreation Reserve & Hall Management Committee, elections were held to appoint all committee positions and office bearers.

DISCUSSION

Present at this meeting were:

Brian Hoare Cassie Andrews Mary Hoare Liam Hoare Peter Thompson Bev Thompson Sandra Andrews Travis Andrews Nerida Hoare, Cr Gary Pappin, Cr Neil Gorey, Karen Buckley, Elle Brain.

Apologies: Sue Russell, Gina Bailey, Lisa Howieson.

A motioned was put forward by Nerida Hoare that all positions would remain the same as previous year as a block election. Seconded Sandra Andrews. Carried

President: Brian Hoare

Vice President: Liam Hoare

Secretary: Mary Hoare

Treasurer: Cassie Andrews

Committee members: Peter Thompson, Bev Thompson, Sandra Andrews, Travis Andrews, Nerida Hoare, Sue Russell, Gina Bailey, Lisa Howieson.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

3. Strategic Theme 3: A place of Liveable Communities

3.2 - Create and maintain safe and accessible community spaces that enhance healthy living and promote active lifestyles - Public buildings.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Scope of committee financial transactions is low.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Asset Management Policy (POL305).

Murray River Council Section 355 Committee Policy (POL119).

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**

Council & Committee fail to meet their obligations.

- **How can it happen?**

Committees are generally unaware of the full extent of their roles and responsibilities particularly in relation to WH&S, operational procedures and systems, procurement, and financial reporting.

Council has a responsibility to provide requisite support and guidance to committees to ensure they understand their responsibilities and have necessary skills and capacity to fulfill obligations.

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

Several Section 355 committees are very fragile and their medium to longer term viability is questionable.

Council is under considerable pressure to comply with onerous obligations relating to the support and management of section 355 committees under the Local Government Act

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

Likely

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Moderate

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

Council needs to carefully consider the structure required to best support committees.


The role of Manager Local Connections has been created to work collaboratively with committees of Council to assist them to meet their obligations as required by S355 of the Local Government Act 1993 and to improve governance and risk mitigation.

Steps will be taken to optimise the viability of committees where appropriate; consider the scope of support council will provide to support committees; determine the criteria that will trigger council's intervention in the operations of Section 355 committees, and what the intervention will be; plan for contingency management options, and fully recognise the cost of this in council's long term financial plans.

CONCLUSION

Advice of committee members has been received, and Council should endorse the Koraleigh Recreation Reserve & Hall Committee of Management new committee members nominated at the October 2024 AGM.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Koraleigh Recreation Reserve & Hall - AGM Minutes October 2024**  
2. **Koraleigh Recreation Reserve & Hall - Membership Return - Confidential**



Koraleigh Hall and Rec. Reserve Committee Annual General Meeting

Date/time of meeting	30/10/2024 7.06 pm
Location of meeting	Koraleigh Hall
Attendees	Brian Hoare Cassie Andrews Mary Hoare Liam Hoare Peter Thompson Bev Thompson Sandra Andrews Travis Andrews Nerida Hoare
Apologies	Sue Russell Gina Bailey Lisa Howieson
Guests	Greater Wakool Ward: Cr Gary Pappin Greater Wakool Ward: Cr Neil Gorey Karen Buckley Manager Local Connections Elle Brain MRC Community Recovery Officer
Approval of Previous Minutes	Moved: Mary Hoare Seconded: Bev Thompson
Business arising from previous minutes	Nil business arising from previous minutes.

Treasurers Report	<p>Separate account balance sheets tabled for review by members. Closing balance Rec. Reserve: \$10,318.37 Closing balance Hall: \$10,791.08</p> <p>Moved: Cassie Andrews Seconded: Mary Hoare</p>
Email Correspondence	<p>27/10/2024 AGM reminder email</p>
General Business	<p>Election of Office Bearers Nerida Hoare moved motion for election of same Executive: President Brian Hoare Vice President Liam Hoare Treasurer Cassie Andrews Secretary Mary Hoare</p> <p>Moved: Nerida Hoare Seconded: Sandra Andrews</p>
Meeting Closed	<p>7.19 pm</p>
Next Meeting	<p>2025 Date/Time/Venue TBA</p>

9.5.4 AGM MINUTES - MOULAMEIN LAKE S355 COMMITTEE

File Number: -

Author: Karen Buckley, Manager of Local Connections

Authoriser: Sarah Ryan, Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. revoke existing members of the Moulamein Lake Committee of Management; and
2. Pursuant to Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 appoint new committee members nominated at the September 2024 AGM.

BACKGROUND

At its Section 355 Annual General Meeting of the Moulamein Lake Management Committee, elections were held to appoint all committee positions and office bearers.

DISCUSSION

Present at this meeting were:

China Gibson, Chloe Burrell, Nicole Fitzpatrick, Paul Fitzpatrick, Charlie Mertz, Michael Gray, Scott Gray

Apologies: Robert Glenn, Rebecca Gray, Gary Hare, Ben Booth, Emily Michaelmore, Cassie Jackson, Adam Gray.

A motioned was put forward by Scott Gray that all positions would remain the same as previous year as a block election. Seconded Charlie Mertz. Carried.

President: Michael Gray

Vice President: Paul Fitzpatrick

Secretary: Chloe Burrell

Treasurer: Ian Gibson

Committee members:

Charlie Mertz, Emily Michaelmore, Scott Gray, Nicole Fitzpatrick

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

3. Strategic Theme 3: A place of Liveable Communities

3.2 - Create and maintain safe and accessible community spaces that enhance healthy living and promote active lifestyles - Public buildings.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Scope of committee financial transactions is low.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Asset Management Policy (POL305).

Murray River Council Section 355 Committee Policy (POL119).

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**

Council & Committee fail to meet their obligations.

- **How can it happen?**

Committees are generally unaware of the full extent of their roles and responsibilities particularly in relation to WH&S, operational procedures and systems, procurement, and financial reporting.

Council has a responsibility to provide requisite support and guidance to committees to ensure they understand their responsibilities and have necessary skills and capacity to fulfill obligations.

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

Several Section 355 committees are very fragile and their medium to longer term viability is questionable.

Council is under considerable pressure to comply with onerous obligations relating to the support and management of section 355 committees under the Local Government Act

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

Likely

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Moderate

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

Council needs to carefully consider the structure required to best support committees.

The role of Manager Local Connections has been created to work collaboratively with committees of Council to assist them to meet their obligations as required by S355 of the Local Government Act 1993 and to improve governance and risk mitigation.

Steps will be taken to optimise the viability of committees where appropriate; consider the scope of support council will provide to support committees; determine the criteria that will trigger council's intervention in the operations of Section 355 committees, and what the intervention will be; plan for contingency management options, and fully recognise the cost of this in council's long term financial plans.

CONCLUSION

Advice of committee members has been received, and Council should Moulamein Lake Committee of Management new committee members nominated at the September 2024 AGM.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Moulamein lake Committee - AGM Minutes September 2024**  
2. **Moulamein Lake Committee - Membership Return - September 2024 - Confidential**

Minutes of Meeting**Annual General Meeting**

Moulamein War Memorial Lake Committee

Date: 24th September 2024

Location: Tatts Hotel Moulamein

Meeting Opened at: 7.02pm

Attendees:

- China Gibson
- Chloe Burrell
- Nicole Fitzpatrick
- Paul Fitzpatrick
- Charlie Mertz
- Michael Gray
- Scott Gray

Apologies:

- Robert Glenn
- Rebecca Gray
- Gary Hare
- Ben Booth
- Emily Michaelmore
- Cassie Jackson
- Adam Gray

Previous AGM Minutes read by Paul Fitzpatrick.

Moved: China Gibson, Second Charlie Mertz.

President report – read and tabled by Michael Gray.

Moved: Nicole Fitzpatrick, second Chloe Burrell.

Treasurers report – read and tabled by China Gibson.

Notes:

- Interest received from investing \$40K term deposit.
- As at 31st August 2024 \$9,556.40 in trading account.
- As at 31st August 2024 \$42,008.54 in term deposit at a rate of 4.35% due 21st June 2025.
- Memberships down again due to weather conditions.
- Murray River Shire Council Annual payment not made for 23/24 season.

Moved: Scott Gray, Second Nicole Fitzpatrick.

Election of office bearers

Office bearers to remain the same.

- President: Michael Gray.
- Vice President: Paul Fitzpatrick.
- Treasurer: Ian Gibson.
- Secretary: Chloe Burrell.

General Committee Members:

- Charlie Mertz
- Emily Michaelmore
- Adam Gray
- Ben Booth
- Kathy Gibson
- Cassie Jackson
- Gary Hare
- Rebecca Gray
- Darcy Hare
- Will Mertz
- Indi Gray

Moved: Scott Gray, Second Charlie Mertz.

AGM closed: 7.35pm

9.5.5 SECTION 355 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AS AT OCTOBER 2024

File Number: -

Author: Karen Buckley, Manager of Local Connections

Authoriser: Sarah Ryan, Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the October Section 355 Committee report.

BACKGROUND

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

DISCUSSION

Council has 19 x Section 355 committees. These committees are made up of Council volunteers who oversee the day-to-day management of facilities owned by council and provide advice to Council about such facilities.

The death of a Section 355 Committee Volunteer in NSW has exacerbated the need for Council to review the operating model of all our community committees to ensure that volunteers are well supported and managed from recruitment right through to execution of delegated responsibilities.

The role of Manager Local Connections is responsible for working collaboratively with committees to assist them to meet their obligations as required by S355 of the Local Government Act 1993 and to improve governance and risk mitigation.

Committee meeting minutes are attached to this report for Council's information and below is a list of items raised at recent committee meetings.

Barham School of Arts Hall

- No new items to report

Goodnight Hall & Recreation Reserve

- Stephen Batty moved a motion regarding MRC lack of response and recognition of the heritage citation which was completed and submitted to council by Minerva Trust in August 2023. Discussion occurred around the disappointment this hasn't been acknowledged. The motion was carried unanimously with all in favour.
- Both the hall main room floor and the ceiling require upgrading. Hoping to have this work completed prior to the centenary celebrations. The flooring is urgent due to the number of people who will be attending the event. Floorboards need sanding, holes filled, nails punched and surface resealed.
- A motion was moved to set the date for the Goodnight back to and hall centenary. Saturday 4th October 2025 was proposed by K. Morton and this was carried with all in favour.
- The annual Goodnight Christmas Tree event was discussed and the date set for 8th December. Councillors and Karen Buckey to be invited to this event.

Koraleigh Recreation Reserve & Hall

- Netball Courts, no need for major upgrade, Committee would like maintenance on courts by MRC to flatten surface and mark lines so local residents, especially young people can enjoy the facility. Local teenager Isabel Ledwidge who raised the issue, is disappointed no one from MRC has contacted her with an update.
- Elle Brain distributed 'Grab & Go Bags' for the Fire Season to be Recovery Ready and have Emergency Plan.
- Koraleigh Xmas Tree celebrations on Friday December 13.

Moama Lions Community Village

- Insurance of the units was discussed. Council has listed that we have 31 units (we only have 28). A few of the addresses are wrong and committee concerned with the price (value). We believe they are very much undervalued. It was suggested a meeting with council to discuss the insurance.
- While signing the Tenants agreements some pointed out a few problems, all these have been addressed. However, 37 Blair Street, is a real problem, with cracks in the walls and cornice falling. We would like Council to do an inspection on the unit.
- The building of three units was discussed. Plans and rough costings were tabled. It was decided to approach council to see if they would allow us to build them on 10 Council Street. We have the funds to go ahead with the project. June to write to Council regarding the project.

Moulamein Lake

- Committee members have expressed that albeit works completed at the lake look wonderful, it does not look like the full \$270K was spent at the lake. Ideally an itemised account listing would like to be seen by committee members to show where the \$270K was allocated to. Chloe to seek listing from council.
- Further discussions with committee members also request council to not spray the bank of the lake going forward as this kills the grass which causes the bank to wash away.

Moulamein South Recreation Reserve

- New hand basin in kitchen - Need to replace the hand basin in the kitchen as the current one is falling off the wall. Replace with a smaller hand basin to prevent it from being knocked into.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

3. Strategic Theme 3: A place of Liveable Communities

3.2 - Create and maintain safe and accessible community spaces that enhance healthy living and promote active lifestyles - Public buildings.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Scope of Committees financial transactions vary.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Asset Management Policy (POL305).

Murray River Council Section 355 Committee Policy (POL119)

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**

Committees and Council fail to meet their obligations.

- **How can it happen?**

Committees are generally unaware of the full extent of their roles and responsibilities, particularly in relation to WH&S, operational procedures and systems, procurement, financial management (compliance with LG Act) and reporting.

There have not been the resources within council to provide requisite support and guidance to committees to ensure they understand their responsibilities and have necessary skills and capacity to fulfill obligations. This is not a reflection on the committee and expertise of Council staff, it is about the need to appropriately and adequately resource and support committees.

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

A number of Section 355 committees are very fragile and their medium to longer-term viability is questionable.

Council is under considerable pressure to comply with onerous obligations relating to the support and management of section 355 committees under the Local Government Act (and other Acts).

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

Likely

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Low to moderate, but awareness is improving.

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

Council needs to carefully consider the structure required to best support committees whilst managing all legal obligations.

The role of Manager Local Connections has been created to work collaboratively with committees of Council to assist them to meet their obligations as required by S355 of the Local Government Act 1993 and to improve governance, risk mitigation, and long-term sustainability.

Steps are being taken to optimise the viability of committees where appropriate; consider the scope of support council will provide to support committees; determine the criteria that will trigger council's intervention in the operations of Section 355 committees, and what the intervention will be; plan for contingency management options, and fully recognise the cost of this in council's long term financial plans.

CONCLUSION

Council note the items raised at recent committee meetings.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Barham School of Arts Meeting Minutes October 2024** [↓](#) 
2. **Goodnight Hall & Recreation Reserve Meeting Minutes October 2024** [↓](#) 
3. **Koraleigh Recreation Reserve & Hall Committee Meeting Minutes October 2024** [↓](#) 
4. **Moama Lions Community Village Committee Meeting Minutes August 2024** [↓](#) 
5. **Moulamein Lake Committee Meeting Minutes September 2024** [↓](#) 
6. **Moulamein South Recreation Reserve Committee Meeting Minutes October 2024** [↓](#) 

Barham Koondrook Lions School of Arts

Section 355 LGA School of Arts Hall Report: 14th October 2024

Commenced: About 9-15pm.

Chair: R Daws.

G Barker, J Boyd, J Carney, R Millar, A Millar, A Mathers, G Webster, C Webster, B Rash, J Whelan, G Cook, T Barker, G Minnis, R Dooley, D Agelakis, B Campbell.

Apologies: L Sheldrick, T Barker, P Willimson, S Carney, K Buckley (MRC).

Council Representatives: None present.

***J Boyd** Had a malfunction with the testing of the fire hose last week, was left with a continual dripping- apparently the hose nozzle/clamp wasn't reconnected properly. Looks like minimal damage, problem rectified by himself.

***G. Barker** New blinds a work in progress, hopefully installed by Christmas.

Financial Report: Attached.

Meeting Closed- About 9-25pm.

Annual General Meeting Goodnight Hall and Recreation Reserve

Date: 24/10/2024 Meeting Opened 7.15pm

Present: Greg Morton, Kate Best, Mereeka Andrews, Danny Andrews, Stephen Batty, Sarah Best, Doug Codling, Kim Morton, Sam Morton, Sarah Gillbee, Thomas Hickey, Erika Zanker, Annette Hepburn, Dave Hepburn, Karen Buckley (manager local connections, MRC) and Elle Brain (Community recovery Officer, MRC)

Apologies: C. Batty, B. Rodgers, Dot and Ian Hickey, Gary Pappin

Minutes from previous AGM

Read, moved S. Batty

Seconded M. Andrews

Correspondence: List read by K. Morton.

A lot of correspondence via email regarding Windlab grant and MRC community grant.

Kim received letter with requirements as per Section 355.

Continued correspondence regarding heritage citation

Moved M. Andrews, Seconded S. Batty.

Treasurers Report:

Presented by M. Andrews, current balance of \$2978.94 in account. Books have been officially audited through the council.

Moved S. Best, Seconded S. Morton

Office Bearers election

Office Bearers re elected unopposed:

President: S. Batty

Vice President: C. Batty

Treasurer: M. Andrews

Secretary: K. Morton

Moved S. Best, Seconded D. Andrews

General Business:

Discussion occurred from Karen about how Section 355 provides fee guidance for use of hall facilities. The hall committee will be able to put in recommendations for this which is essential given every hall is in a different community and usage varies significantly depending on what is available to use/hire.

K. Morton and M. Andrews discussed the completion of the BBQ and lighting project after receiving a grant for \$5500 from Windlab, \$3000 from MRC, \$2833.30 from Goodnight Tennis Club and

\$300 from Goodnight Christmas Tree account in addition to using some of the hall funds. Total for project was \$5448.44 (BBQ) plus \$8499.90 (lights). All agreed this is a valuable addition to our facilities. In addition, volunteers gave up time and labour to install both of these facilities and complete cementing works etc.

K. Morton discussed how the toilet upgrade was completed after several hiccups with the plumbing. This also included painting work of the toilet block and some areas of the hall requiring this. Thanks to Dave Dunder for organizing this work and the toilets are now hugely improved.

K. Morton raised discussion again about signage for the Goodnight Hall and Recreation Reserve as at present there isn't any.

S. Batty had investigated a laser cut sign to be made, however all agreed best to use local resident, Steve Cole, to undertake this work with sign to read Goodnight Hall Est. 1925 and possible picture of paddle steamer under this. This is a sign to be located inside the recreation reserve offset from the road to demonstrate the age of hall and its name.

In addition signage stating how Goodnight got its name to be located next to the doors of the hall close to the wall had been followed up from K. Morton with a visit to Signs Plus but details regarding size etc. to be decided. Karen Buckley informed us that there is funding and procedures to follow for interpretative signs. Karen will email details to K. Morton to follow this up.

All agreed it would be good to get the signs done in readiness for the hall's 100-year celebration in 2025.

Stephen Batty moved a motion regarding MRC lack of response and recognition of the heritage citation which was completed and submitted to council by Minerva Trust in August 2023. Discussion occurred around the disappointment this hasn't been acknowledged. The motion was carried unanimously with all in favour.

A lot of work regarding the citation was completed by K. Morton and other residents in conjunction with meetings from Minerva Trust and it is extremely disappointing this hasn't been followed up especially considering the centenary of the hall's official opening. In addition, heritage grants could have been considered if the hall was listed and possibly used to upgrade the floor and ceiling. K. Morton had also emailed Karen regarding this, and she had replied stating she had located the citation but unfortunately nothing had been done. In addition, since the citation was completed the original minute book from the first meeting held by the hall including the official forming of the hall committee in 1923 has been found and is in good condition. All minute books for the hall over the 100+ years are retained. Other historical pieces of paper including the first insurance papers used by the hall and the original title have been copied and will be framed for the centenary. Elle Brain spoke about possible funding from flood recovery project to have framing of these items and other photographs of paddle steamers and early days in the settlement including original blocks surveyed etc. These will be hung in the hall for the centenary event for all visitors to view and will provide history of the Goodnight settlement. Kim and Mereeka will meet with Elle at a later date with items to be framed and will locate as many possible items prior to then. Karen also spoke about archiving important documents and will email Kim the appropriate contact for this.

Ongoing maintenance issues discussed. Kim to contact shire re additional bins as we do not have enough. In addition, she will request for regular cleaning of toilets as these facilities are a public building and are regularly being used. Regular mowing surrounding the tennis courts needs to occur at the moment due to large presence of snakes in Spring. Regular cleaning of toilets could be done

when the mowing and general clean-up occurs. The hall ceiling also has some water leakage occurring so a request to have this repaired will be made to Dave at MRC. Kim to contact Dave re maintenance jobs. Hall requires usual spraying of spiders and white ants, and mouse baits need to be organized again.

K. Morton to complete the Section 355 Committee registration form and return to Karen with the AGM minutes.

Both the hall main room floor and the ceiling require upgrading. Hoping to have this work completed prior to the centenary celebrations. The flooring is urgent due to the number of people who will be attending the event. Floorboards need sanding, holes filled, nails punched and surface resealed.

A motion was moved to set the date for the Goodnight back to and hall centenary. Saturday 4th October 2025 was proposed by K. Morton and this was carried with all in favour.

A subcommittee for the centenary celebrations was formed consisting of the current hall committee plus Thomas Hickey, Erika Zanker, Sam Morton Kate Best, Sarah Gillbee, Danny Andrews, Greg Morton. Format for the event discussed with event to commence at 1.30 pm with an afternoon tea and cutting of cake at 3pm with a ball to follow in evening. Further details to be discussed at later meetings. Suggestions were put forward by Annette and Dave Hepburn about involving vintage cars and Dave Hepburn will talk with the Swan Hill Vintage car club re this. In addition, suggestions from Karen to make contact with Barham Fly Wheelers regarding what they can do.

First subcommittee meeting to be held on 8th November and combined with a community gathering at the BBQ area. Community gatherings occur on a regular basis at the Goodnight Rec reserve every second Friday with residents using BBQ facilities, tennis courts and playground.

The annual Goodnight Christmas Tree event was discussed and the date set for 8th December. Councillors and Karen Buckey to be invited to this event.

Meeting closed. 9.10 pm.



Koraleigh Hall and Rec. Reserve Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/time of meeting	30/10/24 7.20 pm
Location of meeting	Koraleigh Hall
Attendees	Brian Hoare Cassie Andrews Mary Hoare Liam Hoare Peter Thompson Bev Thompson Sandra Andrews Travis Andrews Nerida Hoare Teresa Williams
Apologies	Sue Russell Gina Bailey Lisa Howieson
Guests	Greater Wakool Ward: Cr Gary Pappin Greater Wakool Ward: Cr Neil Gorey Karen Buckley Manager Local Connections Elle Brain MRC Community Recovery Officer
Approval of Previous Minutes	Moved: Sandra Andrews Seconded: Cassie Andrews

Business arising from previous minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Grant for Hall electricity still not assessed. Wait for follow up. * Brian applied for garbage bin at Hall, MRC to deliver. * Over 2 years and still waiting for information on shed reconstruction at Rec Reserve. Apparently Luke Keogh is seeking funding for this project. <p>Moved: Peter Thompson Seconded: Liam Hoare</p>
Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hall a/c balance: \$9,782.86 • Rec Reserve a/c balance: \$10,344.35 Origin: -201.65 <p>Moved: Cassie Andrews Seconded: Nerida Hoare</p>
Email Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4/10 Elle Brain: councillor allocation info - 4/10 Lachlan Button: hall quote - 14/10 Elle Brain: follow up info from 2/10 meeting - 16/10 Karen Buckley: MRC delegates/emails Aust Day nominations - 16/10 MRC Aust Day nominations - 20/10 Teresa Williams: MRC \$900 grant for Aust Day - 21/10 Neil Gorey: acceptance for Committee meeting - 22/10 Gary Pappin: acceptance for Committee meeting - 28/10 Karen Buckley: info for Xmas Tree • OUT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8/10 Secretary sent out 2/10 Meeting Minutes - 14/10 Secretary forwarded info from Elle Brain regarding 2/10 meeting follow up - 27/10 Secretary sent reminder for AGM. <p>Moved: Brian Hoare Seconded: Sandra Andrews</p>

General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netball Courts, No need for major upgrade, Committee would like maintenance on courts by MRC to flatten surface and mark lines so local residents, especially young people can enjoy the facility. Isabel Ledwidge who raised the issue, is disappointed no one from MRC has contacted her with an update. • Confirmed that MRC has taken over power bills from 19/07/24. • A MRC event application needs to be completed for the Xmas Tree and Australia Day celebrations. No Food Supervisor needed. • MRC budget for 2025-26 is formulated February/March so need the Community Centre Proposal in to Council by then. • The RFS and Koraleigh Hall & Rec Reserve submission letter will be sent to MRC-Jack Bond. • Elle Brain distributed 'Grab & Go Bags' for the Fire Season to be Recovery Ready and have Emergency Plan. • Hall needs 2 quotes for the Hall electrical upgrade-will be forwarded to Karen Buckley. • 'Just A Farmer' film will be shown at Tooleybuc Club on November 28. • Koraleigh Xmas Tree celebrations on Friday December 13. • MRC will hold their meeting at Tooleybuc Club on Thursday November 21 at 1pm.
Meeting Closed	8.29 pm
Next Meeting	Date: Wednesday November 20, 2024 Time: 7pm Venue: Koraleigh Rec Reserve

MOAMA LIONS' COMMUNITY VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held 13th August 2024

At the Moama RSL

Meeting opened at 5.30pm

Present: B Hardwick (Chairperson), C Hosking, I Jenkins, J Jenkins, G Johnson, Cr F Crawley, A Hardwick, R Hosking.

Apologies: Cr F Crawley, R Rigoni

Absent: Nil

In Attendance: Nil

Minutes:

Moved B Hardwick, seconded by I Jenkins, that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2024 be confirmed.

SUSPENCEION OF STANDING ORDERS

All positions declared vacant.

B Hardwick was nominated as Chairperson by J Jenkins seconded by C Hosking
Nomination accepted. Carried.

Secretary/Treasurer – June Jenkins was nominated by B Hardwick seconded by A Hardwick. Nominated accepted. Carried.

Committee Members as per The Lions Club of Moama.

Ian Jenkins

Bob Hardwick

Colin Hosking

Ron Rigoni

Ron Hosking

Graham Johnston

Anita Hardwick.

Cr F Crawley is still the Council Representative.

B Hardwick took the Chair and normal meeting continued,

Business Arising:

- 1 Books are back from the accountant.
- 2 All but 3 Agreements have been signed by Tenants, Karen will arrange copies of the Agreements for us to have on file.

Correspondence Inwards:

As per agenda

Correspondence Outwards:

As per agenda

Correspondence was accepted by G Johnson, seconded by C Hosking.

Secretary/Treasurers Report:

Report was accepted by J Jenkins seconded by R Hosking that accounts be passed for payment. June & Ian Jenkins declared an interest.

General Business:

1. Transfer \$5000.00 into the NAB account.
2. Insurance on the Units was discussed. Council has listed that we have 31 Units **(we only have twenty-eight units).**

A few of the Addresses are wrong, and the Committee concerned with the price (Value) that Council has on the Units.

We believe they very much **UNDER VALUED.**

It was suggested that a meeting with Council to discuss the Insurance. Moved B Hardwick, seconded J Jenkins. Carried.

3. We need a copy of the Management Agreement, signed off by Council.
4. While signing the Tenants Agreements, some pointed out a few problems, these have all been addressed. However, 37 Blair Street, is a real problem, with many cracks in the walls and the cornice falling. We would like Council to do an inspection on the unit.

5. Lot 10 Council Street has a lot of rubbish on it, Council needs to be notified,
6. The Loan Money still needs to be sorted out with Frank.
7. Water and Rates accounts are still a problem. The water bill for the Berry Street units is a concern, the meter is showing that ninety-eight litres of water is being used very hour. Bob & Ian have checked this out, and there seems to be leak somewhere, possibly under the Driveway. We have had Council look at it, they also tried another meter.

This needs to be fixed and will be quite expensive. We will get a quote, send it to Council. This problem is going to need Council's assistance, more quotes will be needed, Council will guide us.

8. The building of 3 Units was discussed. Plans and rough costings were tabled. It was decided to approach Council and see if they will allow us to build them on 10 Council Street. We have the funds to go ahead with the project.

June to write to Council regarding the project and Land.

Moved I Jenkins seconded C Hosking.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

See attached.

Resolved that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 5.30pm, at the Moama RSL. There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.30pm

Minutes of Meeting**General Meeting**

Moulamein War Memorial Lake Committee

Date: 24th September 2024

Location: Tatts Hotel Moulamein

Meeting Opened at: 7.36pm

Attendees:

- China Gibson
- Chloe Burrell
- Nicole Fitzpatrick
- Paul Fitzpatrick
- Charlie Mertz
- Michael Gray
- Scott Gray

Apologies:

- Robert Glenn
- Rebecca Gray
- Gary Hare
- Ben Booth
- Emily Michaelmore
- Cassie Jackson
- Adam Gray

Previous General Meeting notes read by Paul Fitzpatrick.

Moved: Charlie Mertz, Second Nicole Fitzpatrick.

Treasurers Report – read and tabled by China Gibson.

Notes:

- Refer to AGM treasurers report.
- Term deposit reinvested for a further 12 months that will mature on the 21st June 2025. Once Term deposit falls due, reinvest for a further period.
- \$3K shire payment to be followed up by China Gibson for season 23/24 as Murray River Council have not paid.

Moved: Chloe Burrell, Second Paul Fitzpatrick.

Correspondence In:

- Still have Langtry's \$100 credit. China to look into.
- As noted from general meeting in October 2023, cheques will eventually fade out. Forms have been provided from WAW to create internet banking login for payments to now be made via internet banking. China and Michael have signed forms with Chloe to arrange for forms to be actioned.
- As part of council's support and included within the General Meeting notes, the committee are requesting for annual fees to remain the same.
 - o \$150 Annual Membership
 - o \$30 day pass.
- As per Section 355 requirements, Committee of Management Registration and Return form has also been completed as part of the general meeting.

Moved: Paul Fitzpatrick, Second Scott Gray.

Correspondence out:

- Continue to pay bills accordingly.
- No further correspondence out.

Moved: Chloe Burrell, Second Ian Gibson.

General Business/Correspondence:

- Michael Gray to look into containing cumbungi again for this summer season.
- China to speak to Shire about \$3K per annum fee for season 23/24 as well as season 24/25. Committee remains concerned as to why these payments are not being received on time.
- China to change locks again for season 24/25.
- Membership sign to be tidied up. Michael Gray to look at designing membership sign.
- Australia Day lake day will not go ahead this season. Decision made by committee.
- China to put in notes for memberships with annual fee and day pass prices.
- Moulamein races hot dog stand to not go ahead this season. Decisioning of this was largely due to harvest and no volunteers being available.
- Committee members have expressed that albeit works completed at the lake look wonderful, it does not look like the full \$270K was spent at the lake. Ideally an itemised account listing would like to be seen by committee members to show where the \$270K was allocated to. Chloe to seek listing from council.
- Further discussions with committee members also request council to not spray the bank of the lake going forward as this kills the grass which causes the bank to wash away.

Meeting closed: 8.05pm

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MOULAMEIN SOUTH RECREATION RESERVE HELD AT THE COMPLEX ON THE 14th OCTOBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 5.36PM.

Present: Rossy Main, Simone Treloar, Shantal Sherman, Debbie Polkinghorne, Darcy Hare

Apologies: Karen Buckley, Amy Lolicato, Melanie Arthur

Minutes of the previous meeting as tabled: Minutes of the previous meeting held 4th June 2024 as tabled be confirmed.

Moved: Shantal Sherman

Seconded: Debbie Polkinghorne

Business arising for the previous meeting:

- Cool room – Cool room is going ok without the cage surrounding it. Drew Vistarini has donated the steel to surround the motor at the top. Cage will be added later to ensure security.
- Electricity – No update from Murray River Council. Council have received the accounts.
- Naming of the Oval – This has been completed. Rossy to install the plaque outside.
- Mowing – Volunteers register we will check with Karen where this is up to.
- Maintenance/Mowing allocations – Has not been received. Books have been audited, so shouldn't be long.
- Ladies changeroom/hand dryer and change table – These have been installed. No longer an outstanding matter.
- TV – Has been purchased. No longer an outstanding matter.
- Lights – Still waiting on quotes for flood lights.
- Basketball – Shantal still looking into this.
- Funding – ESP prepared a report for grant applications. Shantal to check where this is up to.
- Email – New email is moulameinsouthrr@gmail.com. Shantal to send out login details to the committee.

Moved: Rossy Main

Seconded: Debbie Polkinghorne

Correspondence:

Out: Invoice to Moulamein Football Netball Club Complex Hire & Players Membership

In: Bank Statements, Invoices – Bakker & Glen,

Treasurer's Report:

Bank Balance as at 30th September 2024 \$7,403.03

Moved: Simone Treloar

Seconded: Rossy Main

That the Treasurer's Report as tabled be accepted.

General Business

Management Agreement – On hold to review this with Karen. Query surrounding insurance for Private Events, is this covered by Murray River Council.

Moved: Rossy Main

Seconded: Simone Treloar

Deep Fryer – Rossy will purchase a second hand deep fryer for \$750 available in November.

Moved: Debbie Polkinghorne

Seconded: Simone Treloar

ABN – Karen has advised that we cannot apply for an ABN for the Moulamein South Rec Reserve. Grants can be applied for under one of the user groups.

New hand basin in kitchen - Need to replace the hand basin in the kitchen as the current one is falling off the wall. Replace with a smaller hand basin to prevent it from being knocked into. Approve Rossy to spend up to \$400 to purchase.

Moved: Shantal Sherman

Seconded: Simone Treloar

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Grant – Infrastructure Sport and Recreation Grant, Darcy will apply for this on behalf of the tennis club for more tennis courts. Suggested netball apply for changerooms and new courts. Shantal will write a letter of support from South Rec Reserve for Tennis Club, Netball Club and any other user groups who may apply.

Next meeting 3rd February 2025 at 5.30pm
Meeting Closed 6.58PM

Rosy Main
Hon. President

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9.5.6 AGM MINUTES - MOAMA LIONS COMMUNITY VILLAGE S355 COMMITTEE

File Number: -

Author: Karen Buckley, Manager of Local Connections

Authoriser: Sarah Ryan, Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Revoke existing members of the Moama Lions Community Village Committee of Management and
 - (a) Pursuant to Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 appoint new committee members nominated at the August 2024 AGM.

BACKGROUND

At its Section 355 Annual General Meeting of the Moama Lions Community Village Committee of Management, elections were held to appoint all committee positions and office bearers.

DISCUSSION

Present at this meeting were:

Bob Hardwick, Colin Hosking, Ian Jenkins, June Jenkins, Graham Johnson.

Apologies: Cr. Frank Crawley, Ron Rigoni.

All positions were declared vacant and the following elections were held:

President: Bob Hardwick

Secretary/Treasurer: June Jenkins

Committee members: Ian Jenkins, Colin Hosking, Ron Rigoni, Ron Hosking, Graham Johnson, Anita Hardwick.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

3. Strategic Theme 3: A place of Liveable Communities

3.2 - Create and maintain safe and accessible community spaces that enhance healthy living and promote active lifestyles - Public buildings.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Scope of committee financial transactions is low.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Asset Management Policy (POL305).

Murray River Council Section 355 Committee Policy (POL119).

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**

Council & Committee fail to meet their obligations.

- **How can it happen?**

Committees are generally unaware of the full extent of their roles and responsibilities particularly in relation to WH&S, operational procedures and systems, procurement, and financial reporting.

Council has a responsibility to provide requisite support and guidance to committees to ensure they understand their responsibilities and have necessary skills and capacity to fulfill obligations.

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

Several Section 355 committees are very fragile and their medium to longer term viability is questionable.

Council is under considerable pressure to comply with onerous obligations relating to the support and management of section 355 committees under the Local Government Act

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

Likely

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Moderate

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

Council needs to carefully consider the structure required to best support committees.

The role of Manager Local Connections has been created to work collaboratively with committees of Council to assist them to meet their obligations as required by S355 of the Local Government Act 1993 and to improve governance and risk mitigation.

Steps will be taken to optimise the viability of committees where appropriate; consider the scope of support council will provide to support committees; determine the criteria that will trigger council's intervention in the operations of Section 355 committees, and what the intervention will be; plan for contingency management options, and fully recognise the cost of this in council's long term financial plans.

CONCLUSION

Advice of committee members has been received, and Council should endorse the Moama Lions Community Village Committee of Managements new committee members nominated at the August 2024 AGM.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Moama Lions Community Village Committee - AGM Minutes - August 2024** [!\[\]\(d2e7ab8be3672de80a97fbb6ee01d2c9_img.jpg\) !\[\]\(cd070caa0ed0c3cd60a46f4dfd649344_img.jpg\)](#)
2. **Moama Lions Community Village - Membership Return - August 2024 - Confidential**

MOAMA LIONS' COMMUNITY VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held 13th August 2024

At the Moama RSL

Meeting opened at 5.30pm

Present: B Hardwick (Chairperson), C Hosking, I Jenkins, J Jenkins, G Johnson, Cr F Crawley, A Hardwick, R Hosking.

Apologies: Cr F Crawley, R Rigoni

Absent: Nil

In Attendance: Nil

Minutes:

Moved B Hardwick, seconded by I Jenkins, that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2024 be confirmed.

SUSPENCEION OF STANDING ORDERS

All positions declared vacant.

B Hardwick was nominated as Chairperson by J Jenkins seconded by C Hosking
Nomination accepted. Carried.

Secretary/Treasurer – June Jenkins was nominated by B Hardwick seconded by A Hardwick. Nominated accepted. Carried.

Committee Members as per The Lions Club of Moama.

Ian Jenkins

Bob Hardwick

Colin Hosking

Ron Rigoni

Ron Hosking

Graham Johnston

Anita Hardwick.

Cr F Crawley is still the Council Representative.

B Hardwick took the Chair and normal meeting continued,

Business Arising:

- 1 Books are back from the accountant.
- 2 All but 3 Agreements have been signed by Tenants, Karen will arrange copies of the Agreements for us to have on file.

Correspondence Inwards:

As per agenda

Correspondence Outwards:

As per agenda

Correspondence was accepted by G Johnson, seconded by C Hosking.

Secretary/Treasurers Report:

Report was accepted by J Jenkins seconded by R Hosking that accounts be passed for payment. June & Ian Jenkins declared an interest.

General Business:

1. Transfer \$5000.00 into the NAB account.
2. Insurance on the Units was discussed. Council has listed that we have 31 Units **(we only have twenty-eight units).**

A few of the Addresses are wrong, and the Committee concerned with the price (Value) that Council has on the Units.

We believe they very much **UNDER VALUED.**

It was suggested that a meeting with Council to discuss the Insurance. Moved B Hardwick, seconded J Jenkins. Carried.

3. We need a copy of the Management Agreement, signed off by Council.
4. While signing the Tenants Agreements, some pointed out a few problems, these have all been addressed. However, 37 Blair Street, is a real problem, with many cracks in the walls and the cornice falling. We would like Council to do an inspection on the unit.

5. Lot 10 Council Street has a lot of rubbish on it, Council needs to be notified,
6. The Loan Money still needs to be sorted out with Frank.
7. Water and Rates accounts are still a problem. The water bill for the Berry Street units is a concern, the meter is showing that ninety-eight litres of water is being used very hour. Bob & Ian have checked this out, and there seems to be leak somewhere, possibly under the Driveway. We have had Council look at it, they also tried another meter.

This needs to be fixed and will be quite expensive. We will get a quote, send it to Council. This problem is going to need Council's assistance, more quotes will be needed, Council will guide us.

8. The building of 3 Units was discussed. Plans and rough costings were tabled. It was decided to approach Council and see if they will allow us to build them on 10 Council Street. We have the funds to go ahead with the project.

June to write to Council regarding the project and Land.

Moved I Jenkins seconded C Hosking.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

See attached.

Resolved that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 5.30pm, at the Moama RSL. There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.30pm

9.5.7 MATHOURA RETIREMENT VILLAGE - UNIT 1 TENANT ENDORSEMENT

File Number: -

Author: Karen Buckley, Manager of Local Connections

Authoriser: Sarah Ryan, Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the Mathoura Retirement Village Committee of Management's recommendation for unit one (1) ingoing tenant.

BACKGROUND

Mathoura Retirement Village is a small Registered Retirement Village consisting of nine (9) units. The village provides affordable secure housing for the older residents of Mathoura. The Village is managed under delegated authority by a Section 355 Committee. Mathoura Retirement Village Committee of Management.

DISCUSSION

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DISCUSSION**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

3. Strategic Theme 3: A place of Liveable Communities

3.7 - Enable development of sustainable liveable communities - Housing Strategy.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Tenancy and associated rent payments contribute to the sustainability of the village.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

Section 355 Policy

Murray River Council Asset Management Policy (POL305).

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

Retirement Villages Act 1999

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**
Committees and Council fail to meet their obligations.
- **How can it happen?**

Committees are generally unsure about obligations in regard to operational procedures and systems, procurement, financial management (compliance with LG Act & Retirement Village Act) and associated reporting.

There have not been the resources within council to provide requisite support and guidance to committees to ensure they understand their responsibilities and have necessary skills and capacity to fulfill obligations. This is not a reflection on the committee and expertise of Council staff, it is about the need to appropriately and adequately resource and support committees.

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

Council and Committee fail to comply with associated Acts.

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

Likely

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Low to moderate, but awareness is improving

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

- Council needs to carefully consider the ongoing structure required to best support committees whilst managing all legal obligations.

CONCLUSION

Council receives the recommendations of the committee and endorses their decision.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Mathoura Retirement Village - Letter - appointment of tenant unit one. - Confidential**

9.5.8 DISSOLVE SECTION 355 COMMITTEE - BARHAM RECREATION RESERVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**File Number:** -**Author:** Karen Buckley, Manager of Local Connections**Authoriser:** Sarah Ryan, Acting Chief Executive Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

1. Dissolve the Barham Recreation Reserve Committee of Management pursuant to Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993.
2. Hold any balance of funds in a reserve to be used at the Recreation Reserve.

BACKGROUND

Committees formed under Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 must adhere to normal governance and accounting standards. When councils delegate responsibilities, including the spending of council funds, to Section 355 committees, it's crucial that these committees operate transparently and are subject to Councils' oversight.

IT IS VITAL THAT COUNCIL FULFILLS ITS OBLIGATIONS BY ENSURING SOUND GOVERNANCE BY REVIEWING THE OPERATIONS OF ALL SECTION 355 COMMITTEES TO ENSURE THEY CONTINUE TO BE FIT FOR PURPOSE. DISCUSSION

- Motion:

To dissolve the Barham Recreation Reserve Committee, a Section 355 Committee of Murray River Council.

This motion directly relates to the relevance of the committee within the community, inability to attract new members and aging committee members.

Upon dissolving the committee, members will be able to focus upon their particular sport or recreational group.

Moved by Julie Frankling, seconded by Tim Coote, passed by a majority show of hands.

Note: a community member can still volunteer within the community by contacting the Murray River Council Office and participating in the MRC Volunteers Program. Council undertakes majority of maintenance of the facility; the electricity account is held by MRC.

The committee does hold a bank account.

User Groups of the Barham Recreation Reserve include Koondrook Barham Football Netball Club, Barham Koondrook Cricket Club, Barham Theatre Group, Barham Koondrook Show Society and Barkool Polocrosse Club.

Council will enter regular User Agreements with the regular users of the Barham Recreation Reserve.

All assets and funds of the Committees will, after payment of all expenses and liabilities, be handed over to Council. The Secretary or Treasurer must forward all records (minutes, correspondence, financial records) to the Council immediately following the dissolution.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

3. Strategic Theme 3: A place of Liveable Communities

3.1 - Create and maintain safe and accessible community spaces that enhance healthy living and promote active lifestyles - Sports and recreation facilities and spaces.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Scope of committee financial transactions low.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Asset Management Policy (POL305).

Murray River Council Section 355 Committee Policy (POL119)

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**

Committee & Council fail to meet their obligations.

- **How can it happen?**

Council does not ensure sound oversight committee loses capacity and does not operate transparently.

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

- Several Section 355 committees are very fragile and their medium to longer term viability is questionable.

- Council is under considerable pressure to comply with onerous obligations relating to the support and management of section 355 committees under the Local Government Act.

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

Likely

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Low

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

Accept dissolution of Committee

CONCLUSION

Council should resolve to dissolve the Barham Recreation Reserve Committee of Management.

Council should consider holding the balance of funds in reserve to offset the costs associated with managing the recreation reserves.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Barham Recreation Reserve Committee - Meeting Minutes - September 2024**  

Barham Recreation Reserve Committee Inc.

Meeting Commenced: 7:00 pm, 2nd September 2024, Barham Recreation Complex.

Present, Sandy Lang, Bobbie Eaton, Julie Frankling, Banny O'Farrell, Luke Keogh (MRC), Karen Buckley (MRC), Ian Sampson, Tim Coote,

Apologies:

Greg Lake, Melissa Davis, Jack Lambert, Neil Gorey

Previous Minutes – provided to all members via email and in hard copy.

Moved by Robert Eaton

Seconded by Banny O'Farrell

Business Arising from previous minutes.

- Insurance Claim – complete
- Toilets – only for events
- Safety Strips – average condition
- Solar Lights – faulty, contractor engaged to investigate

Correspondence in:

Correspondence Out:

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Moved by Julie Frankling

Seconded by Tim Coote

Treasurers Report: Prepared by Michelle Robinson

- Gas Account – kitchen/hot water services

Jul-24									
Date	Details		Rent	Hire	Cleaning	Council Funding	Electricity	P & E	
1	Charles L King		640						
		640	640	0	0	0	0	0	
Date	Details	Chq No	Fuel	Electricity	Advert	R & M	Misc	P & E	M'Ment Fees
1	Charles L King								56.32
8	CMI Excavations					4172.53			
9	Boyd's Hardware					2290.86			
25	Boyd's Hardware					27.78			
25	BP Barham		99.3						
		6646.79	99.30	0.00	0.00	6491.17	0.00	0.00	56.32
	Opening Balance 01/07/2024			\$32,131.42					
	Income			640					
	Expenses			6646.79					
	Closing Balance			\$26,124.63					

Aug-24									
Date	Details		Rent	Hire	Cleaning	Council Funding	Electricity	P & E	
1	Charles L King		640.00						
		640.00	640.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Date	Details	Chq No	Fuel	Electricity	Advert	R & M	Misc	P & E	M'Ment Fees
1	Charles L King								56.32
27	BP Barham		237.81						
		294.13	237.81	0	0	0	0	0	56.32
	Opening Balance			\$26,124.63					
	Income			640.00					
	Expenses			294.13					
	Closing Balance			\$26,470.50					

Moved by Julie Frankling

Seconded by Banny O'Farrell

MRC – Manager Local Connections – no report

- Barham Recreational Reserve Section 355 Committee Management Agreement – in light of motion to dissolve the BRRC there was no further discussion on this document.

User Groups Reports:**Barkool Polocrosse****BKHSS**

- AGM held, but a quorum not made. New AGM date set, and hoping for a larger show of interest in forming a 2024 committee.

Pony Club**Barham Koondrook Cricket Club****KBFNC – Bobbie/Julie**

- Safety strips – getting painted as strip failed and lifted off.

MRC – Neil Gorey – no report**MRC – Luke Keogh****ART Project:**

- Shelter under construction to be completed in next month
- Uplighting on the water tower
- Landscaping around new toilet and shelter
- New turf along front fence, with irrigation to be completed
- Looking at removing the Gonn St entry box, obtaining quotes.

Ground Lights:

- Recent issue rectified; power failure resulted in control requiring reboot.

Grounds:

- Vandalism works completed, tree planting, playground repairs and fencing.
- Solar lights not working- MRC speaking with company for warranty.
- MRC arranging contractor for renovation on football oval. Works will be to core the field to improve water infiltration. Date to be confirmed, late October.

Buildings:

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- Toilet on Cobwell street (Brick near cricket nets) will be closed when new toilet on Gonn Street completed. Cricket and Show Society to open and clean when required, MRC will clean and maintain new Gonn Street amenities for public access.

Fees:

- FY 24/25 fees and charges adopted by council

General Business:

- Annual allowance for operational expenses – process will change with the implantation of the Barham Recreational Reserve Section 355 Committee Management Agreement.
- **Motion:**
To dissolve the Barham Recreation Reserve Committee, a Section 355 Committee of Murray River Council.
This motion directly relates to the relevance of the committee within the community, inability to attract new members and aging committee members.
Upon dissolving the committee, members will be able to focus upon their particular sport or recreational group.
Moved by Julie Frankling, seconded by Tim Coote, passed by a majority show of hands.

Note: a community member can still volunteer within the community by contacting the Murray River Council Office and participating in the MRC Volunteers Program.

Meeting closed: 8:28 pm, next meeting scheduled for the 14th October 2024.

Meeting Dates 2024

March	No meeting	August	12 th , 7pm
April	8 th , 7pm	September	No meeting
May	No meeting	October	14 th , 7pm & AGM
June	10 th , 7pm	November	No meeting
July	No meeting	December	Dinner Meeting TBC

9.5.9 DISSOLVE SECTION 355 COMMITTEE - MOAMA RECREATION RESERVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

File Number: -

Author: Karen Buckley, Manager of Local Connections

Authoriser: Sarah Ryan, Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Dissolve the Moama Recreation Reserve Committee of Management pursuant to Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993.
 - (a) Hold any balance of funds in a reserve to be used at the Recreation Reserve.
2. Endorse the current Moama Recreation Reserve Committee as an Advisory Committee of Council.

BACKGROUND

Committees formed under Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 must adhere to normal governance and accounting standards. When councils delegate responsibilities, including the spending of council funds, to Section 355 committees, it's crucial that these committees operate transparently and are subject to Councils' oversight.

IT IS VITAL THAT COUNCIL FULFILLS ITS OBLIGATIONS BY ENSURING SOUND GOVERNANCE BY REVIEWING THE OPERATIONS OF ALL SECTION 355 COMMITTEES TO ENSURE THEY CONTINUE TO BE FIT FOR PURPOSE. DISCUSSION

The Moama Recreation Reserve has become a regional sporting gem, admired and envied by many neighbouring clubs. Since its inception, the reserve has expanded significantly to accommodate a growing number of clubs, each with increasing memberships. Managing the reserve's daily operations has become an onerous task. At the committee meeting held on 25 June 2024, members discussed their limited capacity to handle day-to-day maintenance and operational functions, as each member is already stretched with responsibilities to their respective user group.

In discussing the committee's role as a Delegated Management Committee of Council, the consensus was that members view themselves as caretakers rather than managers, emphasizing a focus on stewardship rather than hands-on operational management.

Motion:

Motion to request Council to dissolve the committee as a section 355 with financial and management delegation. Request Council to retain committee as an advisory committee which provides a forum with input from all regular user groups and council.

Moved Matt D Seconded Matt carried.

Council currently undertakes all maintenance of the facility; the electricity account is held by MRC.

The committee does hold a bank account.

User Groups of the Moama Recreation Reserve include Moama Football Netball Club, Moama Cricket Club, Echuca Moama Athletics Club, Moama Soccer Club, Touch Football Club, Cycling

Club, Moama Anglican Grammar and the Adventure Playground Group. Council will enter User Agreements with the regular users of the Moama Recreation Reserve.

All assets and funds of the Committees will, after payment of all expenses and liabilities, be handed over to Council. The Secretary or Treasurer must forward all records (minutes, correspondence, financial records) to the Council immediately following the dissolution.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

3. Strategic Theme 3: A place of Liveable Communities

3.1 - Create and maintain safe and accessible community spaces that enhance healthy living and promote active lifestyles - Sports and recreation facilities and spaces.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Scope of committee financial transactions low.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Asset Management Policy (POL305).

Murray River Council Section 355 Committee Policy (POL119)

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**

Committee & Council fail to meet their obligations.

- **How can it happen?**

Council does not ensure sound oversight committee loses capacity and does not operate transparently.

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

- Several Section 355 committees are very fragile and their medium to longer term viability is questionable.

- Council is under considerable pressure to comply with onerous obligations relating to the support and management of section 355 committees under the Local Government Act.

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

Likely

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Low

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

Accept dissolution of Committee

CONCLUSION

Council should resolve to dissolve the Moama Recreation Reserve Committee of Management.

Council should endorse the current committee as an advisory committee of Council.

Council should consider holding the balance of funds in reserve to offset the costs associated with managing the recreation reserve.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Moama Recreation Reserve Committee - Meeting Minutes - June 2024 [↓](#) 



MOAMA RECREATION RESERVE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
ABN: 30 084 831 951
P.O. Box 340 MOAMA NSW 2731

MINUTES 11th June moved to
Tuesday 25TH JUNE 2024
@ SPORTS PAVILION. 5.45PM

CHAIR: Cr. N Cohen an apology, Luke K stood in as Chairperson

PRESENT: Ryan Quirk, Matt Lake, Matthew Dobeli, Kirk Teasdale, Leah Smith

APOLOGIES: Luke Elderidge, Kate Downward, David Fraser, Cr Nikki Cohen, Pauleen Sleeman.

IN ATTENDANCE: MRC Luke Keogh & Karen Buckley

Moved & approved Minutes of APRIL 9th 2023 - & **REPORTS 2024**
meeting. Moved Ryan Seconded - Leah

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES;

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

MRC re Audit report

MRC Karen Buckley – info re Audit - Sect 355 Committee Timeline. Comm Manag Forms

Club Reports

.CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Minutes, Agendas, Treasurers Reports

Karen Buckley re Draft suggestions for responsibilities of a Rec Res.

Members re Draft suggestions for responsibilities of a Rec Res

Members - info re Audit - Sect 355 Committee Timeline. Comm Manag Forms

moved Matt D

Seconded

Kirk

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Account for ratification

Bank Fees	10.00	Echuca College	720.00
Veolia Envir. Services	340.72	AFL NSW/ACT	360.00
Murray River Council -	30,000.00	ST. Josephs Echuca	360.00
Australia Post	54.00	AFL Vic/Bendigo Pioneers	250.00
GST-		St Marys Primary	150.00
TOTAL	30,404.72	TOTAL	1,840.00

DEBTOR TOTAL

Shaun Brown Cricket	720.00	Echuca United Football	400.00
Moama Public School	150.00	School Sport Victoria	720.00
AFL Victoria	360.00	Echuca East Primary	360.00
Echuca East Primary	360.00		

Treasurer's accounts ratified. Moved Kirk Seconded by Ryan

Luke & Pauline to follow up with outstanding accounts (EFC)

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Vandalism – SECURITY CAMERA'S, any reports.

- Brick Alley toilets had some recent damage during the day. Seats removed and paper holders broken.
- PlayPark work shed was broken into and lock broken. Some equipment are missing.

2. Review DRAFT management Agreement – waiting to Review.
 3. Defibrillator update of WORKSHOPS follow up - & First Aide Courses. MNFC in process to work with Luke Elderidge and proceed to do.
 4. EDDY OVAL – lines & Flags. Everyone happy with the flags.
 5. CHEMICALS. Checking that what is used on ovals are checked and have NO effects on users especially the kids
 6. WATER STORAGE –Full
 7. Meeting Dates. Discussion re AGM date in Oct.
 8. 355 Committee.- Discussion re this. – Karen suggested maybe best to be an Advisory Committee. (because of Audits of committees, Aged Care Act, Health & Safety) Didn't really go over the Sect 355 Comm Management Agreement but:
 - discussion was had by those in attendance in regard to the purpose of the committee as a Delegated Management Committee of Council. The consensus was that the committee see themselves as care takers not managers.
- PLEASE NOTE; Cr. Nikki Cohen and Treasurer Pauline were not in attendance.**
- Motion by ... to request Council to dissolve the committee as a section 355 with financial and management delegation. Request Council to retain committee as an advisory committee which provides a forum with input from all regular user groups and council.
- Moved Matt D Seconded Matt carried.
9. Dressing Room Floors. Discussion on the slipperiness of them causing falls. This needs urgent attendance and looked at Luke Matt L & Kirk to discuss
 10. CV 19. Was brought up that we are noticing some users being affected with adverse reactions from the jab and who and where does the buck stop? Suggestion to contact NSW Health?.
 11. MEMORIBILIER WALL: As we have a lack of walls for Club memories a couple of windows were suggested to be used. Kirk Matt L & Luke to discuss and follow up.
 12. BOOKINGS...
 13. Reminder – before outsiders book – There needs to be a check with user groups first. All Clubs to do their bookings for Ovals in the Calendar on-line. Also for group usage and Events.
 14. Clubs are now getting used to booking system and working well..
 15. Next Meeting AUGUST 13TH 2024

USER GROUP REPORTS:

A) MFNC

Pres Matt Lake

Everything is tracking along nicely as we are now at round 11, the halfway mark for season 2024. We just retained the "3 Jack's Trophy" v Echuca United on the King's Birthday weekend. Winning now 8 in a row. We have had numerous juniors representing the Murray league at recent interleague tournaments.

Football:

U/13's Lachlan Jeffreys, Xavier Phillips

U/15's Archie Jennings, Ben McRae

U/16's Tom Naujok, Max McCarty, William Anderson

Netball:

U/13's Evie Clarke, Charlie Haw, Lucy Smith, Abby McCarty

U/15's Diaz Agg, Summer Atkinson, Tiana Knight, Sophie Boyd

U/17's Indi Phillips, Tiah Hooppell, Coby Morgan, Jamison Knight, Lotti Waterson

Moama has also had some great junior achievements by:

Jobe Shanahan & Lachlan Hogan who are both performing very well with the Bendigo Pioneers U/18's. Both boys were also selected and played for the Allies in the recent U/18's championships v Vic Metro, Vic Country, S.A & W.A. Both boys are well on track to fulfilling their dream of being selected in the AFL National Draft later this year.

Tommy Teasdale-Dohnt has been selected in the 12s and under boy's Victorian team for 2024 chosen from 1200 kids.

B) MCricket C:**Kirk Teasdale Pres**

Very little at the moment in-between seasons. AGM next month July
Confirmation from MRC to go ahead with the Netts.

C) TOUCH:**Pauleen Sleeman**

In regards to Touch Footy, we had a meeting & are getting into our pre-season mode.
Will be commencing with our Pre-season Come & try evenings in September followed by a 10 or 11 week season prior to Christmas.

AGM to be held on the 22/07/2024

- Pre-season and try nights 9th / 16th September.
- Season opener 23/09/2024

D) ADV PlayPark:**Judy Teasdale.**

Cold.... Very cold for parties.

Waiting on finish design of edging on the fencing. All looking great.

Need plans for splash park section. Have been asking for this for some time as is much needed in the summer months, as well as other projects given to council over the years we wish to achieve a few of these.

Looking at changing Art works on the Work shed.

Also shade sails are needed over the small children's section.

E) LITTLE Athletic:**Kate Downward Pres**

EMA were asked by the Soccer club to agree to an alternative line marking solution so the athletics track markings didn't overrun their premier pitch. After discussions, irrigation flags were agreed upon for all lanes on the back straight. The Rec Reserve Committee purchased the flags. EMA had the flags cut to length and bent to lie flat on the ground so they are not a hazard. It takes about 45 minutes to install the flags on the morning of a sports carnival.

Two school sporting carnivals have been held at Jack Eddy in May, two more are scheduled for August.

Unfortunately both May sports saw the sprinklers coming on the morning of the carnival, wetting all the equipment, chairs and tables that were in front of the shed. Despite this, the kids all had a great day at their sports.

EMA have been successful in being offered two grants recently:

1. A Murray River Council Community Grant. Just one of six grants awarded. \$792 for adult athletic equipment to support our venture to provide athletics opportunities to adults and not just children. EMA is very grateful for the support of MRC.

2. A NSW Department of Sport grant for \$7300 for a small sound system at Jack Eddy. In consultation with the Soccer club we put the grant in and had the relevant discussions with Council prior. The system will consist of two speakers on the roof of the canteen building, two wireless microphones, removable aerial on the outside wall of the canteen, cabling, installation and a wall mounted lockable rack (holding an amplifier and mixer) which will be positioned behind the door in the canteen.

Tom from Sound and Light solutions says the system should throw sound to 30-40metres and is designed for briefings for players/athletes gathered near the canteen/sheds or for school carnival end-of-day ceremonies

F) SOCCER:**Ryan Quirk Pres**

Unfortunately, I will be an apology for the Tuesday Meeting with **Victoria Soccer Country Champions in Mildura over the Long Weekend.**

Year 2024 going along AMAZING, with new Club Rooms (Thanks again for all the support)

Mini Roos Program on Saturday Mornings has been a huge success so far.

Our BASL Teams (Home & Away Season) are in Full Swing

Senior BASL Teams Performing Strongly with Women on top of League Ladder and Men sitting 5th

Junior BASL also performing well, with first ever ALL Girls BASL Under 12s Team sitting 3rd and Under 14A sitting on top of Ladder as well

Womens Day on 4th of May was a Huge Success (I'm hoping some saw the coverage in the Riv Herald)

1 x Junior Soccer Sports Day's & 1 x Senior School Sports Day held, with another coming up in Late June.

2 x BIG THANK YOU'S from Border Raiders

Luke Keogh and Council for the Light Audit. Lights have been amazing and a working great Echuca Moama Little Athletics for working in with Border Raiders throughout the past few months. Simply Amazing. (The little flags!!!)

G) CYCLING

Matthew Dobeli

Winter Road race season in full swing, participant numbers are ok so far
Cyclocross events x2 including 'Come and Try' on 29/6 and 13/7 from 1pm to 3.30pm
we'll block off driveways so dog park traffic won't be on our track
We'll rope off a course inside the velodrome - part tarmac, part grass, gravel loop around dam
Traffic control costs remain our biggest issue - we've applied for every grant we can find, hopefully this will change in 2025 with volunteer certification

H) GRAM School:

David Frazer

The conclusion to Term 2 on Friday 21st June, brought to an end to our first full semester of the Year 6 to 8 sport pilot program. This program began by offering students 21 choices of sport and fitness related activities and has been well received by students and families. This program, alongside the amplification of choices within the Year 9 and 10 sport program, and with increased school wide co-curricular offerings this semester, has meant that Moama Anglican Grammar students have access to a vast array of sport and recreation choices in 2024.

Reserve Use:

The secondary House Athletics carnival was held earlier in the term on the grass track and was a successful day of competing and developing house spirit. Thanks to Sport Coordinator, Anthony McMahon, for his work in putting this carnival together. The primary school cross country was also held on the Brick Alley oval area in early Term 2. During the middle of the term the primary Athletics carnival was held and enjoyed by students and families who attended.
Throughout the term the Pavilion was used to host a number of year level based wellbeing workshops. The venue was well suited to the workshop format, with break out group activities and presentations using the audio visual facilities.

I) Moama Junior Football

Luke Eldridge

As previously advised, I'll be training my under 14's during the meeting time tonight therefore I cannot attend, but please see below notes for the Moama Junior Football Club.

President Luke Eldridge been away overseas for 7 weeks, with Vice President Jarrod Smith doing a great job in his absence.

Attendance for our Under 10's & 12's footy teams has been fantastic. There is potential next season to add a fourth under 10's team, and a 3rd under 12's team should these numbers continue to grow. The Junior committee in consultation with this group and the Senior Footy Club will need to assess this at the end of the season due to ground availabilities and what the flow on effect may be as these players progress through higher grades.

Under 14's (Goulburn Murray League) have consistently 16 players and are working in conjunction with the Murray League Under 14's to have 2 or 3 top up players each week under a league agreement. Special thanks to Ady Dohnt who has been fantastic in working with Luke Eldridge to make this happen. The under 14's currently sit 2nd on the Division 2 ladder with four games to go, which has been a great improvement on last year considering this team is made up of predominately players under 13, and three under 12.

Under 16's have been going very well also. Currently sitting second on the ladder with five games to go before finals. Numbers in this age group are 22 and have also been well supported by the Senior club as they train with the under 17 team.

Youth Girls have had five players consistently representing the Bendigo Pioneers team each week which is terrific and shows the quality of players within our team. Unfortunately, when you take the five best players out from your team each week we are left with 15 players to take to the field. Although this is the case, The Moama Youth girls are still capable in make finals and if they do, their five representative girls will all be available to play which will make this a very strong team.

Under 10's Black & White played each other last Friday night in the local derby, followed by the youth girls against Nathalia. Ben & Jayde from Bakehouse 151 donated 150 pies for the players and their families which was well received and greatly appreciated.

The below players have been selected in various representative teams which is a massive feather in the cap of our Moama community and the families involved.

- **Tommy Teasdale-Dohnt, selected out of 1200 players who tried out, will represent Victoria in the National Championships. Noting Tommy plays in the under 14 Murray League but is still eligible for Under 12's.**
- **Chloe Ryan**, selected in the Under 12's Victorian team to play in the National Championships.
- **Sophie Millar**, selected in the Under 12's NSW team to play in the National Championships.
- **Dane Dickinson & Dane Miller** who represented the Goulburn Murray under 16 interleague team.
- **Lachie Nagle & Angus Clyne** who represented the Goulburn Murray under 14 interleague team.
- **Madeline Williams, Bree Church & Kaitlyn Davidson**, who represented the Northern Country Women's League girls Interleague team.
- **Lexi Gregor, Kaitlyn Davidson, Bree Church & Grace McMillan** representing Bendigo Pioneers Under 18 team.
- **Beth Morris** representing Bendigo Pioneers Under 16 team
- **Lexi Gregor**, represented the NSW All Stars in the Under 18 National Championships
- **Lexi Gregor**, debuting for Carlton VFLW team in May.

The Moama JFC is also looking at possible footy programs during school holidays, more enticing registration packages and welcoming events for parents, so that Moama can rival the likes of Echuca in this space and be a club of choice for local families in 2025. Again, this is something we'll need to work with the senior club on putting together.

As in the minutes, we provided volunteers the opportunity to undertake a first aid course as this is a minimum requirement to be a first aider in our junior teams. We had 15 people complete the course, and all have been happy to be rostered in their child's team as the first aider.

In addition to this, we have two players from the Murray League under 17's put their hand up to be trainers for the under 16's team. We have put them through first aid, basic trainers course and had ex-Moama Head trainer Jeff Billing run a session with both boys on strapping. We pay them \$50 each per game and they have been a great asset to this team.

If there are any sporting groups or community groups who would benefit from volunteers completing a first aid course, please let me know as I'm happy for them to use the trainer I use at work?

Most likely by the next meeting we will have already had our under 10's & under 12's presentations, which will be on their last games Friday 2nd & Sunday 4th respectively in the main pavilion.

Due to the likelihood of our under 14's, under 16's and Youth girls playing finals, we'll assess the presentation dates for these teams in a few weeks' time and check the online booking scheduled for a suitable timeslot.

J) Cr Nikki..

K) MRC: Luke Keogh: General Works: Grounds: Buildings/Assets: Projects General

Projects:

- Botanic gardens- Working on the new shelter construction and mulch spread across the whole of Stage 5.
- Provided more fencing for the group to replant.

Buildings:

- Cleaning- Main Pavilion must be cleaned after every use. Don't assume cleaners will attend prior to next booking. This applies to all buildings.
- Main Pavilion-Internal AV system repaired. Dishwasher serviced.
- Brick Alley toilets have had some recent damage during the day. Seats removed and paper holders broken.
- Security-All users to maintain up to date records of FOBs & keys

Grounds/General:

- Grounds holding up well some minor wear and tear.

- Users to ensure ground wear avoided through shifting training loads.
- Fertiliser has been applied to all grounds.
- Mowing as per service delivery mainly prior to events.
- Grammar been working with Council to install soft fall into the Play Park.
- Undertaking other works on the Reserve on Wednesdays each week.

Ground bookings:

- Remain steady with all users and school groups.
- Please contact each other direct to discuss booking conflicts.

Water Storage:

- Currently at around 40% on site.
- MRC discussion with developers around increasing the stormwater dam in coming months

General Business:

- Vehicle movements- Speeding around the reserve an issue, Bollards to be installed to the north in coming weeks.
- MCC net extension project was approved as part of the 24/25 budget.
- Athletics storage shed still waiting for outstanding as constructed plans and electrical certificates.?
Require as cons & electrical certificates. Cost break down for insurances.
- Fees and charges for 24/25 were adopted at Council meeting.
- Thursday 27th June Council open day on Main oval and Brick Alley may impact

9.5.10 DISSOLVE SECTION 355 COMMITTEE - KYALITE HALL & RECREATION RESERVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**File Number:** -**Author:** Karen Buckley, Manager of Local Connections**Authoriser:** Sarah Ryan, Acting Chief Executive Officer**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

1. Dissolve the Kyalite Hall & Recreation Reserve Committee of Management pursuant to Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993; and
2. Allow the balance of funds in the Section 355 Committee Account to remain with the committee for their intended use.

BACKGROUND

Committees formed under Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 must adhere to normal governance and accounting standards. When councils delegate responsibilities, including the spending of council funds, to Section 355 committees, it's crucial that these committees operate transparently and are subject to Councils' oversight.

IT IS VITAL THAT COUNCIL FULFILLS ITS OBLIGATIONS BY ENSURING SOUND GOVERNANCE BY REVIEWING THE OPERATIONS OF ALL SECTION 355 COMMITTEES TO ENSURE THEY CONTINUE TO BE FIT FOR PURPOSE. DISCUSSION

The community of Kyalite sits in two LGAs, Murray River Council & Balranald Council. Over the past couple of years, the Kyalite Progress and Recreational Reserve Association (355 committee) has developed into more than that of a s355 committee managing the Kyalite Hall and Recreation Reserve. The community hub has now gravitated to the hotel side of the river (Balranald Council) where they have developed in conjunction with Balranald Council the ANZAC memorial park, boat ramp and now new public amenities block. The hall & rec reserve which sits on the MRC side of the community is no longer used. Discussion was had by those in attendance regarding the purpose of the committee and it was identified that all the committees' function is carried out on the Balranald side of the community. The committee has started proceeding to be registered as an independent incorporated entity – Kyalite Inc.

The committee has sourced considerable grant funding to undertake a water study for the Kyalite community (Balranald side). This study has commenced.

The Committees main concerns are losing the funding they hold sourced outside of the Murray River Council; however, the group agree that the best way forward would be to cease the 355 committee and operate under the Kyalite Inc.

- Motion: John Standen Moved and Andrew Bowring 2nd the dissolution of the 355 committee with the requirement that all funding that has been outsourced and not spent be given over to the Kyalite Inc. Carried.

Council currently undertakes all maintenance of the facility; the electricity account is held by MRC.

The Secretary or Treasurer must forward all records (minutes, correspondence, financial records) to Council immediately following the dissolution.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

3. Strategic Theme 3: A place of Liveable Communities

3.1 - Create and maintain safe and accessible community spaces that enhance healthy living and promote active lifestyles - Sports and recreation facilities and spaces.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Scope of committee financial transactions low.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Asset Management Policy (POL305).

Murray River Council Section 355 Committee Policy (POL119)

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993.

RISK ANALYSIS

- **What can happen?**

Committee and Council fail to meet their obligations.

- **How can it happen?**

Council does not ensure sound oversight committee loses capacity and does not operate transparently.

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

- Several Section 355 committees are very fragile and their medium to longer term viability is questionable.

- Council is under considerable pressure to comply with onerous obligations relating to the support and management of section 355 committees under the Local Government Act.

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

Likely

- **Adequacy of existing controls?**

Low

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

Accept dissolution of Committee

CONCLUSION

Council should resolve to dissolve the Kyalite Recreation Reserve Committee of Management.

Council should consider allowing the balance of funds held by Kyalite Inc. to remain with the committee to enable completion of the water study.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

9.6 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

9.6.1 CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

File Number: -

Author: Lindy Leyonhjelm, Executive Assistant

Authoriser: Sarah Ryan, 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, Council meeting, incoming emails from Government Agencies will not be included in this report unless by exception, only outgoing correspondence to Government agencies and general correspondence is recorded in the report.







INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

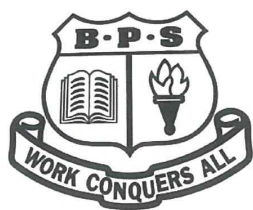
- Edward River Gardens request for special consideration of purchase of accommodation – 8 Nov 2024
- St Michael's Parish Primary School presentation 6 Nov 2024
- Deniliquin South Public School presentation 16 Sept 2024
- Deniliquin High School presentation 18 Sept 2024
- Barham High School presentation 25 Oct 2024
- Barham Public School presentation 6 Nov 2024

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

- Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Donation Request - Presentation Day - Barham Public School [↓](#) 
2. ERG letter to Council re 20 Carne Street Moulamein [↓](#) 
3. Presentation Day 2024 - Deniliquin South Public School [↓](#) 
4. Request for Donation - End of Year Presentation - Barham High School [↓](#) 
5. Request for Sponsorship Donation - Annual Presentation Night - Tuesday 17 December 2024 - Deniliquin High School [↓](#) 
6. St Michaels Parish Primary School presentation evening [↓](#) 

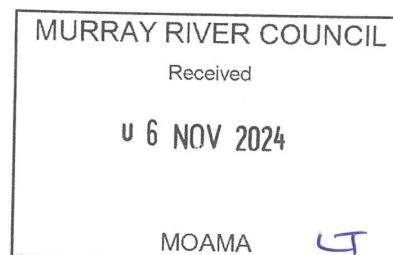


BARHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Roslyn Buchanan
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Email: barham-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

PO Box 39
BARHAM N.S.W. 2732

Sarah Ryan
Murray River Council
PO Box 906,
Moama NSW 2731



Dear Sarah,

In past years we have asked local business' to donate towards awards for our Presentation Day.

This year the annual Presentation of Awards ceremony of Barham Public School will be held at the CluBarham Auditorium on Wednesday 18th December 2024 at 9.30 a.m.

It would be very much appreciated if you would consider supporting the students of this school with a donation for the purchase of suitable awards.

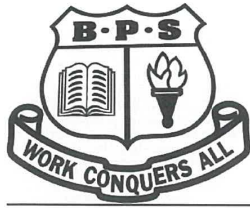
We would be delighted if you would like to attend the presentation assembly.

Recognition will be given to all donors during the assembly and in our school newsletter.

Thanking you for your interest and support.

Roslyn Buchanan
Principal

31th October, 2024



BARHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Roslyn Buchanan
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Email: barham-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

PO Box 39
BARHAM N.S.W. 2732

Sarah Ryan
Murray River Council
PO Box 21906
Mathoura NSW 2710
Moama

Dear Sarah Ryan,

Barham Public School will host its annual presentation day on Wednesday 18th December, 2024.

This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the school in 2024 and acknowledge individual students with the presentation of awards and certificates. It will also include a showcase of student talent.

We would be delighted if you could attend this ceremony to present an award.

Date: Wednesday, 18th December 2024
Time: 9.30am
Venue: CluBarham, Murray Street Barham
RSVP: 03 5453 2133 by Friday, 15th November 2024

We hope you are able to join us and look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Roslyn Buchanan
Principal

31st October, 2024



EDWARD RIVER GARDENS

8 November, 2024

To: Ms Sarah Ryan, Acting CEO, Murray River Council

CC . The Hon Mayor, Councillor John Harvie

RE: Need for accommodation in Moulamein.

Edward River Gardens (Moulamein Retirement Village Inc) is the biggest employer in the town of Moulamein, with 35 staff.

We have recently secured a Fulltime Care Manager ; an experienced and qualified registered nurse , who commenced work at ERG on 21 October, 2024.

Gigi's family is keen to settle in Moulamein for the long term, as they prefer living in a remote location. Gigi's husband is working as a personal carer at the facility, while her young son has commenced at Moulamein Preschool. They are currently living in a small one bedroom holiday cottage on the banks of the Billabong Creek at Moulamein. (Paid for by ERG).

This is a short term arrangement , while we look for a long term rental property for the family to live in.

Moulamein currently has a severe shortage of rental properties available.

The Board of ERG has investigated all available opportunities , and have resolved that the only way to secure suitable long term accommodation for our Care Manager at ERG , is to purchase a house in town.

We are aware that Murray River Council has plans to sell the house behind the Moulamein Business Centre, that has recently been subdivided off the Business Centre block , in readiness for sale.

The Board of Edward River Gardens respectfully request that Murray River Council give Edward River Gardens(Moulamein Retirement Village Inc) special consideration to purchase the house at 20 Carne Street, Moulamein, when it becomes available for sale.

We are in a position to negotiate a purchase price with Council.

We respectfully request that you take into consideration the significant contribution to Moulamein's economy that ERG makes.

Moulamein Retirement Village Inc.
38 Tallow Street, Moulamein, NSW 2733

Hon. President: Mr. Neville Willox Hon. Secretary: Ms. Deidre Howard Phone: 03 5888 9555

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EDWARD RIVER GARDENS

In our Annual Report for 2024 , some key points include:

- Revenue for 23-24 was 2.038 million dollars
- Our operational costs were \$2.358 million dollars, all of which goes into the local economy, including employee expenses of \$1,352,562.
- We have 17 licensed beds, and cater for the needs of the local and neighbouring regions.
- Edward River Gardens history is a tale of true care
- In the 1970's Moulamein district and town determined to care for the district's elderly in a more compassionate manner, than having them pack up and send them off to far flung centres.
- ERG is now a universal facility ,with low, medium, and high care rooms
- Len Flottman of Moulamein, made a very generous donation, establishing a gift fund, the proceeds of which set up the facility.
- Now, in 2024, ERG is asking Council to enable us to keep our Fulltime Care Manager in Moulamein, by allowing us to purchase a house for her family to live in, and be able to contribute to the survival of ERG , and the Moulamein Community for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Deidre Howard

Secretary

Governing Board of Edward River Gardens

Moulamein Retirement Village Inc.

38 Tallow Street, Moulamein, NSW 2733

Hon. President: Mr. Neville Willox Hon. Secretary: Ms. Deidre Howard Phone: 03 5888 9555

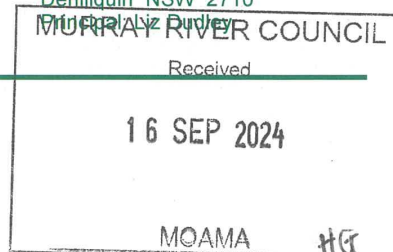
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Deniliquin South Public School

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General Manager
Murray River Council
P O Box 21
MATHOURA NSW 2710

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Presentation Day 2024

Our 2024 School Presentation Ceremony will be held at the Deniliquin RSL Club on Friday 13th December 2024 at 12.30pm.

We have been grateful for your kind financial contribution in the past. This has enabled us to purchase the many prizes we present to successful students on the day.

We are hoping that you are willing to make a contribution to this year's Presentation Ceremony.

If you are able to attend please contact the South School office on 5881 2045 by Friday 29 November and let us know the name of the representative who will be attending.

Kind regards,

Liz Dudley
Principal
11/09/2024

Bank Details:
Deniliquin South Public School
BSB: **032-807**
Account number: **8043240**
Account name: **NSW Government Schools**



Barham High School

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25th October 2024

The General Manager
Murray River Shire Council
Tualka Terrace
MOULAMEIN NSW 2733

Dear Sir/Madam

Every year Barham High School acknowledges the achievements of our students, in a wide range of activities, at our end of year Presentation Assembly to be held at cluBarham on Thursday 12th December at 1.30pm.

The awards received by students are made possible by the generous donations received from local individuals, businesses and community organisations.

We are now seeking donations for this year's Presentation Assembly. If you would like to assist with a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. You may also like to nominate a particular award to be presented in your name. Please indicate on the attached proforma and return it to the school by Friday 22nd November 2024.

Whilst we greatly appreciate donations, there is no obligation to contribute, however your assistance is invaluable to us.

Kind regards,

Brendan Yu
Principal

www.barham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

**BARHAM HIGH SCHOOL****2024 PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY**☐

I would like to make a donation towards the 2024 BHS Presentation Assembly

\$100.00 x Total \$.....

\$50.00 x Total \$.....

\$30.00 x Total \$.....

☐

I'm happy for the organisers to distribute my donation to the area they see fit

☐

I would prefer my donation to be used in the subject or area of (please specify)

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Name:

Signature:

Date:

Donation payment options:

Your donation can be made by either of these options:

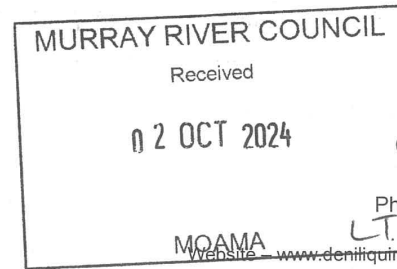
1. Cheque (payment to office or PO Box 201 Barham NSW 2732)
2. Cash or EFTPOS (payment to school office)

School office hours are 8am to 3.30pm – email: barham-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Deniliquin High

Harfleur Street
PO Box 517
Deniliquin NSW 2710

Principal – Mr Glen Warren



Phone – 03 5881 1211

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Website – www.deniliquin-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

Email – deniliquin-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

The General Manager
Murray River Council
PO Box 21
MATHOURA NSW 2710

18 September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are planning to hold our Annual Presentation Night on Tuesday 17 December commencing at 7.30pm in the school MPC.

We greatly appreciate those who have supported us in the past, and this year we are once again requesting donations.

Book prizes are awarded to recognise the achievement and excellence of our students in a wide range of subjects and fields of endeavour.

If you wish to contribute to this special event on our school calendar, could you please advise us at your earliest convenience and you are welcome to contact the school to discuss payment options.

Yours faithfully,

Robyn Kiley
Relieving Principal

Respect ♦ Responsibility ♦ Co-operation

Nyernangurrang nyumangurrang katimang nyuman Kurrek Wamba Wamba Perrepa Perrepa Kuli Pakaya-puk Mim kilayitya kiki.
We would like to pay our respects and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Wamba Wamba and Perrepa Perrepa people and also pay respect to Elders both past and present.



11/2024

Attention : The General Manager
Murray River Council
PO Box
Mathoura NSW 27

By Email: admin@murrayriver.nsw.gov.au

the General Manager,

Michael's Parish Primary School will be holding its Annual Presentation Evening on **Monday, 16 December 2024**, commencing at 6.30pm in the Deniliquin RSL Club, Dunlop Room.

This evening is held to recognise the achievements made by our students during the year.

In order for St. Michael's School to fully recognise our student's achievements, we rely on the generosity of local organisations. We are hopeful that you will be able to give a donation towards the awards for our Presentation Evening. We also warmly invite Mayor, Cr John Harvie, Deputy Mayor, Cr Neil Gorey or other representative from Murray River Council to attend the presentation night and present an award.

We would appreciate a response via email at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your contribution to the ongoing support of our school.

Yours Sincerely,

Nicholas Braybon
(Principal)
admin.deniliquin@wf.catholic.edu.au

St Michael's Parish School Deniliquin

9.7 SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORT

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Sundry Delegates Report of the Mayor and Councillors for the period 8 October 2024 through to 31 October 2024 be received and the information noted by the Council; and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

DISCUSSION

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

- 8 Oct: Extra Ordinary Council meeting – Moama
- 11 Oct: EMFM Radio Interview with CEO – MRC monthly program
- 16 Oct: Meeting with MRC Chief People Officer and Human Resources – discuss CEO Selection Process & Post Election Training (Elected Life)
- 19 Oct: Official Opening of the Moulamein Preschool Playscape & Extension
- 20 Oct: NSW Rural Fire Service – Long Service Medal Awards Deniliquin
- 21 Oct: Meeting with MRC Acting Exec Assistant re: Council meeting
- 22 Oct: Meeting with MRC Chief People Officer and Human Resources – Discuss CEO Selection Process
- 24 Oct: Committee for Echuca Moama – Information Evening
- 29 Oct : CEO Farewell –Echuca
- 30 Oct : Meeting with Director of Infrastructure (Jack Bond) – Update of current issues
- 30 Oct : Meeting with Director of Planning and Environment (Rod Croft) – Update of current issues
- 30 Oct : MRC Community Services – Volunteers Morning Tea
- 30 Oct : MRC Community Grants Assessment Panel Meeting
- 30 Oct : Campaspe Murray River Business Awards – Rich River Golf Club
- 31 Oct : Meeting with CEO

The **Deputy Mayor, Councillor Neil Gorey** reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 8 Oct: MRC Extra Ordinary Council Meeting
- 14 Oct: Barham Recreation Reserve Meeting
- 16 Oct: MRC Post Election Training (Elected Life)
- 22 Oct: Ordinary meeting of Council (online)
- 30 Oct: Koraleigh Recreation Reserve

- 30 Oct: Moama Community Services morning tea

Councillor Bianca Hurn reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 08 Oct: MRC Extra Ordinary Council Meeting
- 16 Oct: MRC Post Election Training (Elected Life)

Councillor Joy Allan reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 08 Oct: MRC Extra Ordinary Council Meeting
- 16 Oct: MRC Post Election Training (Elected Life)
- 22 Oct: Ordinary meeting of Council
- 29 Oct: AGM Mathoura retirement Village
- 30 Oct: Community Grants Assessment Meeting

Councillor Kylie Berryman reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- 08 Oct: MRC Extra Ordinary meeting.
- 16 Oct: MRC Post Election Training (Elected Life)
- 21 Oct: MRC Water Treatment Plant Tour
- 22 Oct: MRC Ordinary Council Meeting

Councillor Gen Campbell did not supply a report on her attendance to meetings and functions for this time period.

Councillor Geoff Wise did not supply a report on his attendance to meetings and functions for this time period.

Councillor Dennis Gleeson did not supply a report on his attendance to meetings and functions for this time period.

Councillor Gary Pappin did not supply a report on his attendance to meetings and functions for this time period.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

10 NOTICE OF MOTIONS/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**10.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - THAT MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL MAKE A SUBMISSION INTO THE "INQUIRY INTO MODERN DAY SLAVERY RISKS FACED BY TEMPORARY MIGRANT WORKERS IN RURAL AND REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES"**

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I, Councillor Neil Gorey, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 26 November 2024, I intend to move the following motion:

MOTION

That Murray River Council submits a submission into the "Inquiry into modern day slavery risks faced by temporary migrant workers in rural and regional New South Wales".

RATIONALE

The horticulture industry situated in the western part of the council area, encompassing both sides of the Murray River in the Tooleybuc-Swan Hill region is a vital part of the local economy, bringing not only wealth to our local area but also contributing to Australia's GDP.

The horticultural industry is a major employer in this area, estimated to be as many as 20,000 workers in the Swan Hill, Tooleybuc, Midura region, and as the case with many other industries, is experiencing a staff shortage which can only be filled through the employment of overseas workers.

Unfortunately, our visa system is not able to cope with the influx of large numbers of overseas workers to this region. There is the DAMA scheme (Designated Area Migration Agreement), which is designed to enable employers to place workers on more permanent type visas, but unfortunately this only operates on the NSW side of the river. I also believe that given the large scale of the problem, the DAMA alone cannot be a solution for this crisis.

I believe that the labour hire market needs to be regulated under a single national framework. This would not only give protection to the overseas worker but will also assist our horticultural industry with having access to a more reliable workforce.

Given that the migration of overseas workers to Australia is largely unregulated, this is where the "human traffickers" come into the play. The operators place elaborate posts on their overseas Facebook pages, promoting wealth and a luxurious lifestyle on arriving in Australia. On contacting the operator, the applicant could pay as much as \$7000 for a return airfare, tourist visa and the promise of a job and accommodation in Australia. This is money that the applicant ill-afford, and they often need to borrow money from their families and have been told of some paying up to 20% on bank loans.

On arriving in Australia, they find that their accommodation is substandard and are charged substantial amounts by the operator for this privilege. One worker has told me that they are living in a house with twelve other people with only one bathroom/toilet, one washing machine and one refrigerator.

On arrival in Australia, the overseas worker then finds out that their tourist visa does not have work rights, at which are they then advised to either apply for a protection visa with work rights or work illegally. This is not a situation that the worker has made by choice, it is the exact circumstance that has been created by the human trafficker.

Workers I have spoken to, state that they have been in Australia for 2 years but still owe many thousands of dollars for the loans that they have taken out. With that, their greatest fear is that they will be deported, returning home to their families with their dreams shattered and financially ruined.

As a society, we need to accept that what I have described above is modern day slavery and involves human trafficking and is occurring in our local communities.

"The behaviour that you walk by is the behaviour that you accept".

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 2025 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 Recommended Award of Tender - MRC2425 Moama Soundshell Playground Construction Stages 2 & 3

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - 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 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.

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