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Ordinary Meeting of 15/05/18

REPORT PREPARED BY:

| MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh |

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council held on 15 May 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

BACKGROUND:

Murray River Council held its Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday 15 May 2018, commencing at 1:00pm in the Multi-Function Room, Mathoura Visitor & Business Centre, 23 Moama Street (Cobb Highway), Mathoura.

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

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Councillor GS Campbell movesthat the following Notice of Motion be considered by the Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council to be held on Tuesday 26 June 2018:

That Murray River Council suspends its involvement with the Murray Darling Association (MDA) on the basis of comments made by the MDA Region 3 Chair, Councillor Alan Mathers, in Committee of the Whole (Notice of Urgent Business) at the Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council of 15 May 2018.
Notice of Motion B

REPORT PREPARED BY:
MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh

RECOMMENDATION:
For the Council's consideration.

BACKGROUND:

Councillor NH Gorey moves that the following Notice of Motion be considered by the Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council to be held on Tuesday 26 June 2018:

That Murray River Council writes to the NSW Electoral Commission to request the provision of pre-poll voting at Murray Downs in the 2020 local government elections. This is in recognition that voters in the far west of the Greater Wakool Ward, due to distance, do not have reasonable access to pre-poll voting, as provided in all other areas of Murray River Council.
Notice of Motion C

REPORT PREPARED BY:

MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh

RECOMMENDATION:

For the Council's consideration.

BACKGROUND:

Councillor GS Campbell movesthat the following Notice of Motion be considered by the Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Murray River Council to be held on Tuesday 26 June 2018:

That Murray River Council becomes a member of the National Timber Councils Association at a cost of $2,500 per annum.

Background:
Timber workers and the mills in our area at Mathoura, Barham/Koondrook, Moulamein, Balranald and Deniliquin need local representation.
We have many forests in our immediate and surrounding areas including Millewa, Bama, Benarca, Perricoota/Koondrook, Moulamein, Balranald along with the National Parks of Yanga and Nimmie Caira. The economic returns bringing wealth and employment, recreational activities, tourism and firewood for essential heating are some of the reasons Murray River Council should support membership of this Association.
Murray River Council needs to be represented and have a voice at the table of this important Association.
10. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT & SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

CLAUSE 1. Murray River Council Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028

REPORT GROUP
GENERAL MANAGER

REPORT TITLE
CLAUSE 1. Murray River Council Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028

REPORT PREPARED BY
MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh

RECOMMENDATION
That the Council adopt the Murray River Council Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028.

BACKGROUND

On 12 May 2016, the Premier of NSW, The Hon Mike Baird MP, made the Local Government (Council Amalgamations) Proclamation 2016 under the Local Government Act 1993, whereby Murray Shire Council and Wakool Shire Council were amalgamated to constitute the new area to be known as Murray River Council, effective immediately. An Administrator was appointed to oversee the implementation period of the new Council, up until the election of the new council in September 2017.

The Community Strategic Plan (CSP) represents the highest level of strategic planning undertaken by a local council. All other plans developed by the council as part of the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework must reflect and support the implementation of the CSP. The CSP should identify the main priorities and aspirations of the community, providing a clear set of strategies to achieve this vision of the future.

Since the amalgamation in May 2016, Murray River Council has undertaken appropriate preparatory work to ensure the newly elected Council could meet its statutory planning and reporting responsibilities under the IP&R framework and successfully complete the transition process.

In late 2016 and early 2017, The Regional Development Company (RDC) was appointed to undertake a community consultation process for the Murray River Council to develop the vision and mission, and to obtain input into the development of the Community Engagement Framework and the CSP.

Six consultation processes were used, including:
- Eight facilitated community consultation sessions were held between 13 February and 3 March 2017 (120 attendees);
- One facilitated meeting held with the Murray River Council Local Representation Committee (LRC);
- Staff consultation sessions (five focus groups, online survey and office based ‘graffiti walls’ for ideas);
- Community Advisory Committees of Council consultation sessions;
- Seniors Week consultation (42 responses); and
- Online and hard copy surveys (86 responses).
At each of the community consultation sessions, participants were asked about:
- preferences for the ways in which Council can best inform and consult;
- what they would most like to see achieved by 2021; and
- ideas/preferences for Council vision and purpose.

At the Staff consultation sessions and Community Advisory Committees of Council consultation sessions, participants were asked about key issues, challenges, strengths, opportunities, risks, ideas and vision.

The online survey also covered:
- key issues, challenges, strengths, opportunities, risks, ideas and vision;
- Murray River Council future direction; and
- consultation and information preferences.

Over 300 people were involved in the extensive consultation, expressing their views and aspirations for the Murray River Council area. Further consultation developed the Vision for the community, and established the Mission Statement and expectations of Council, which was subsequently adopted at the Ordinary Meeting of Council of 16 May 2017; and developed the Council’s Community Engagement Framework, consisting of four documents, including the Community Engagement Strategy and Community Engagement Policy, which was subsequently adopted at the Extraordinary Meeting of Council of 29 June 2017.

Another round of consultation on the Draft CSP occurred during July 2017. The information from all community consultation sessions forms the basis of the current Draft CSP as it incorporates community feedback truly reflecting the community’s long-term goals.

DISCUSSION

A new Council, comprising of nine (9) elected Councillors, commenced their civic duty at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 26 September 2017.

The newly elected Council is responsible for commencing its first cycle of IP&R, including:
- Finalisation of the 2016/17 Annual Report (completed);
- Development of the Council’s first Community Strategic Plan (CSP) by 30 June 2018;
- Adoption of the suite of IP&R documents (ie the CSP, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy) by 30 June 2018; and
- Development of the Council’s first Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP).

In mid-November 2017, the newly elected Council attended a workshop with the RDC whereby the Draft CSP was presented and finalised as the current Draft document.

The CSP – Our Region, Our Future – outlines the community’s aspiration and long-term vision of the communities of the Murray River Council. It is a 10-year plan based on extensive community consultation, and is effectively the ‘road map’ to guide shorter term planning, actions and investment. This CSP is a collaboration between community and Council, and the responsibility for shaping and meeting the desired outcomes between government agencies, community groups, and Council. Once adopted, the CSP will become the guiding document for the new Council.

There are four sections to the CSP:
- How the Community Strategic Plan works;
- Who we are, our challenges and our aspirations;
- Our vision, goals and strategies;
- Keeping the Plan alive.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20 March 2018, Council resolved to adopt the Draft CSP and place it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days for public comment. Submissions closed on 27 April 2018, with no public submissions being received during that period.
STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Operational Plan & Budget 2017/18:

Strategic Theme: Leadership and Governance
- **Strategy:** Sound Governance and Advocacy
- **Activity:** Develop and maintain a robust governance framework that ensures ethical and professional decision making

Strategic Theme: Leadership and Governance
- **Strategy:** Sound Governance and Advocacy
- **Activity:** Provide accurate and timely strategic information, professional advice and support to ensure Councillors statutory and governance requirements are met

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

RISK ANALYSIS

Nil.

CONCLUSION

The Council is responsible for commencing its first cycle of IP&R, including the development of the Council’s first Community Strategic Plan (CSP) by 30 June 2018; adoption of the suite of IP&R documents (ie the CSP, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Resourcing Strategy) by 30 June 2018; and development of the Council’s first Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP).

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CLAUSE 2. Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework

Report Template

Council Report Template

REPORT GROUP

GENERAL MANAGER

REPORT TITLE

CLAUSE 2. Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework

REPORT PREPARED BY

ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES - Phil Higgins

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Council adopt the Murray River Council Operational Plan and Budget 2018/19, with the inclusion of the additional costs for Local Government NSW subscriptions, Town Crier allowance, Town Crier tournament, staff planning and Echuca-Moama New Years Eve event;
2. That the Council adopt the Murray River Council Fees and Charges for 2018/19, including the changes for Dog and Cat Registration and Microchipping due to legislative alterations; the deletion of the Tender Document fees charge; the inclusion of the specific S64 Charge for Lots 14,15 &16 DP1039025; Building Inspection fees (GST status); and Barham Community Centre charge reverting back to 2017/18 charge;
3. That the Council adopt the Murray River Council Delivery Program 2018-2021;
4. That the Council adopt the Murray River Council Long Term Financial Plan 2018-2028; and
5. That Council's staff respond to the submissions received from the public to the Operational Plan and Budget 2018/19.

BACKGROUND

As part of the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework, Council placed the following suite of documents on public exhibition for a period of 28 days:

1. Draft Operational Plan & Budget 2018/19;
2. Draft Delivery Program 2018-2021; and

The public display period closed on 15 June 2018, with the following public submissions being received by Council. A copy of the submissions are attached as Appendix 1.

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<td>B Foran</td>
<td>Optiz Park, Mathoura</td>
<td>Development of a park in this area</td>
<td>As stated in the letter, this issue has been considered previously by the former Murray Shire Council and it has been raised at recent community meeting</td>
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With the request for the construction of Optiz Park in Mathoura there are a number of options open to the Council. These are:

1. Maintain the existing number of parks and gardens facilities in Mathoura;
2. Undertake a holistic review of parks and gardens across the whole Council area and prioritise the development of Optiz Park based on this review;
3. Agree to the request;
4. Pursue funding for the project, prior to any commitment on construction;
5. Some other option as determined by Council.

It is suggested that the proposal be reviewed, including an updated costing, and funding be pursued for the project.

Whilst out on public display, Council's Fees and Charges for 2018/19 have been reviewed and the following changes are proposed:

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**BARHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE**

| 39 | Reception Room power charge | $6.15 | $6.00 | Revert back to 2017/18 charge due to meter system |

**BUILDING - Inspection of dwelling to be relocated**

| 47 | Dwelling outside of Council area | $130.00 | $130.00 | GST status changes from taxable to non-taxable |
| 47 | Dwelling inside of Council area | $130.00 | $130.00 |
| 47 | S64 Contributions - Lots 14, 15 & 16 DP1039025 | N/A | As per Agreement | Separate legal arrangements for this development |

**TENDER DOCUMENTS**

| 53 | Simple Tender Documents | $84.40 | $0.00 | Delete charge as documents placed on-line at no charge to Council |
| 53 | Complex Tender Documents | $128.30 | $0.00 |

Council prepared the Draft Operational Plan and Budget in May. Since that time there have been several projects that have been included in the 2018/19 budget that need to be factored into the adopted plan these are:
DISCUSSION

Link to the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework suite of documents, as shown below can be found on Council's website: https://www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/public-display/draft-operational-plan-and-delivery-program

- Draft Operational Plan & Budget 2018/19;
- Draft Delivery Program 2018-2021; and

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Operational Plan & Budget 2017/18:

**Strategic Theme:** Leadership and Governance  
- **Strategy:** Financial Sustainability  
- **Activity:** Provide Council with sound financial management and advice, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, relevant Codes of Practice, regulations and Australian Accounting Standards

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

These reports detail the projects to be completed in 2018/19. They also establish the proposed fees, rates and charges to be levied in order to fund these projects. The budget is balanced and within rate pegging limitations.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993, (s)402-406

RISK ANALYSIS
The risks associated with the suite of IP&R Framework documents includes:

- Financial;
- Reputation; and
- Non-compliance with legislative requirements.

The risk assessment/rating process reveals the following risk ratings before and after control measures are implemented.

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**CONCLUSION**

The suite of IP&R Framework documents set clear direction for the Council moving forward. In particular the Operational Plan and Budget, and Fees and Charges provide the framework for works and services to be delivered by the Council in the 2018/19 financial year.

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CLAUSE 3. Making of the Rates and Charges

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REPORT GROUP
GENERAL MANAGER

REPORT TITLE
CLAUSE 3. Making of the Rates and Charges

REPORT PREPARED BY
ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES - Phil Higgins

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council makes and levies the following Ordinary rates in accordance with s.515, s.516 and s.518 of the Local Government Act 1993, as amended, for the 2018/2019 financial year being the 2.30% rate pegging limit increase on the 2017/2018 notional yield plus or minus catch-up.

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2. That Council makes and levies the following Waste Management charges in accordance with s.496 and s.501(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, as amended, for the 2018/2019 financial year.

### Waste Management Charge - (Greater Murray and Moama Wards)

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<td>Garden Waste (Service entitled premises - fortnightly pick up)</td>
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<td>Vacant land - Mathoura/Moama</td>
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<td>Wombroona</td>
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<td>Extra 240L recycle bin - Mathoura/Moama</td>
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<td>Rural Waste (fortnightly pick up) - 1 service = 240L waste bin, 240L recycle bin</td>
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### Business Waste Charge

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### Waste Management Services - Greater Wakool Ward

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<td>Domestic WMS Dual - Standard Service (240t recycle bins for waste &amp; recycle)</td>
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3. That Council makes and levies the following Water Supply charges in accordance with s.404(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, as amended, for the 2018/2019 financial year.

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<td>Bunyip Water</td>
<td>$106.13</td>
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<tr>
<th>Consumption charge - (Greater Murray and Moama Wards)</th>
<th>Charge</th>
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<tr>
<td>Filtered Water</td>
<td>1.002 per Kilolitre</td>
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<td>Raw (unmetered) Water (When permanent water restrictions apply)</td>
<td>0.756 per Kilolitre</td>
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<td>Raw (unmetered) Water (Stage 2 and 3 water restrictions)</td>
<td>0.969 per Kilolitre</td>
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<td>0.984 per Kilolitre</td>
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<th>Water Charges - (Greater Wakool Ward)</th>
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<td>200 mm Connection</td>
<td>$26,418.00</td>
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**Water Usage Charges - per kilolitre (Greater Wakool Ward)**

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<tr>
<td>Residential - up to 600 kilolitres - Dual Supply</td>
<td>$1.02</td>
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<td>Residential - up to 1000 kilolitres - Single Supply (Wakool &amp; Koraleigh)</td>
<td>$1.02</td>
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<tr>
<td>Residential - over 600 kilolitres - Dual Supply</td>
<td>$1.53</td>
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<tr>
<td>Residential - over 1000 kilolitres - Single Supply (Wakool &amp; Koraleigh)</td>
<td>$1.53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non - Residential</td>
<td>$1.02</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dairy Farms Water Sales (Bulk Sales)</td>
<td>$1.02</td>
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<tr>
<td>North Earham Rural Pipeline Usage - Up to agreed Allocation</td>
<td>$1.02</td>
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<td>North Earham Rural Pipeline Usage - In excess of agreed Allocation</td>
<td>$1.53</td>
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</table>

4. That Council makes and levies the following Sewerage charges in accordance with s.404(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, as amended, for the 2018/2019 financial year.

**Sewerage Charges - Greater Murray & Moama Wards**

<table>
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<th>Class</th>
<th>Charge</th>
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<tr>
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<tr>
<td>Connection size - 20m m</td>
<td>$293.35</td>
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<td>Connection size - 25m m</td>
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<td>$763.78</td>
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<td>Connection size - 40m m</td>
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<td>$7,458.82</td>
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<td>Connection size - 150mm</td>
<td>$16,782.35</td>
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**Residential Access Charge**
<table>
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<th>Description</th>
<th>Charge</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Connected</td>
<td>$414.62</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unconnected (vacant land)</td>
<td>$359.02</td>
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<tr>
<td>Connected (Capital Paid)</td>
<td>$326.73</td>
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<td>Council owned Retirement Village</td>
<td>$211.20</td>
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**Sewerage Charges - Greater Murray & Moama Wards**

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Consumption charge (Business only)</td>
<td>0.535 per Kilolitre</td>
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**Sewerage Charges - (Greater Walcool Ward)**

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<td>Sewerage Charges - Barham, Moulamein, Tooleybuc and Murray Downs</td>
<td>$528.30</td>
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<tr>
<td>Common Effluent Disposal Charge (SC - Tooleybuc Only) &amp; Low Pressure System</td>
<td>$582.40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Murray Downs Fixed Sewerage Tariff &amp; Trade Waste Charges (charged by Lower Murray Water)</td>
<td>At cost charged to Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Residential / Strata Units (including Vacant blocks &amp; Other Purposes including Recreation Reserves / Public Toilets etc)</td>
<td>1 x Sewerage Charge</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Barham / Moulamein / MDowns</td>
<td>$528.30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Barham Effluent</td>
<td>$582.40</td>
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<td>- Tooleybuc</td>
<td>$582.40</td>
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<td>- Walcool</td>
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<td>- Murray Downs Effluent</td>
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**Sewerage Charges - (Greater Walcool Ward)**

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<td>Hotels</td>
<td>1 x Sewerage Charge + 10% of SC per accommodation room</td>
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<tr>
<td>- Barham / Moulamein / MDowns</td>
<td>$628.30 + $15.75 per cistern &amp; $65.30 per acc room</td>
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<td>- Tooleybuc</td>
<td>$628.40 + $115.25 per cistern &amp; $81.20 per acc room</td>
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<td>- Walcool</td>
<td>$628.40 + $109.15 per cistern &amp; $81.20 per acc room</td>
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<tr>
<td>Motels/Units</td>
<td>1 x Sewerage Charge + 10% of SC per accommodation room</td>
</tr>
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<td>- Barham / Moulamein / MDowns</td>
<td>$628.30 + $66.30 per acc room</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Tooleybuc</td>
<td>$628.40 + $61.20 per acc room</td>
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<td>- Walcool</td>
<td>$628.40 + $61.20 per acc room</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clubs</td>
<td>1 x Sewerage Charge + 10% of SC per accommodation room</td>
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<td>- Barham / Moulamein / MDowns</td>
<td>$628.30 + $15.75 per cistern &amp; $65.30 per acc room</td>
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<td>- Walcool</td>
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<tr>
<td>Business/Commercial</td>
<td>1 x Sewerage Charge + 10% of SC per accommodation room</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- Barham / Moulamein / MDowns</td>
<td>$689.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>- Barham Effluent</td>
<td>$643.60</td>
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<tr>
<td>- Tooleybuc</td>
<td>$643.60</td>
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<td>- Walcool</td>
<td>$643.60</td>
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<tr>
<td>- Murray Downs Effluent + LMW Fixed Charges (see above)</td>
<td>$643.60 + LMW Charges</td>
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<tr>
<td>Caravan Parks</td>
<td>1 x Sewerage Charge + 5% of SC per powered site and 10% of SC per permanent site</td>
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<tr>
<td>- Barham / Moulamein / MDowns</td>
<td>$628.30 + $32.65 per pow site &amp; $65.30 per perm site</td>
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<tr>
<td>- Barham Effluent</td>
<td>$628.40 + $30.60 per pow site &amp; $63.20 per perm site</td>
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<td>- Tooleybuc</td>
<td>$628.40 + $30.60 per pow site &amp; $60.20 per perm site</td>
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<tr>
<td>Flats / Units / Private Retirement Village</td>
<td>10% of Sewerage Charge per additional flat</td>
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<tr>
<td>- Barham / Moulamein / MDowns</td>
<td>$375.36</td>
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<tr>
<td>- Tooleybuc</td>
<td>$348.05</td>
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<td>Non-Residential (Churches/Schools etc.)</td>
<td>15% of Sewerage Charge per cistern</td>
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<tr>
<td>- Barham / Moulamein / MDowns</td>
<td>$94.05 per cistern</td>
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<td>- Tooleybuc</td>
<td>$87.70 per cistern</td>
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<td>- Walcool</td>
<td>$83.65 per cistern</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public Non Profit Hospitals / Nursing Homes / Retirement Villages</td>
<td>1 x Sewerage Charge + 15% of Sewerage Charge per cistern</td>
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<td>$626.30 + $94.05 per cistern</td>
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<td>- Barham Effluent</td>
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In liaison with Clause 1 of the General Manager’s Report above, once the Council has adopted its Operational Plan and Budget, it must, by resolution adopt the rates and charges for the next financial year. In this case, being 2018/2019.

### Stormwater Drainage Charge - (Greater Moama area)

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<td>Non Strata (per assessment)</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Strata (per assessment)</td>
<td>$12.50</td>
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### Business - Moama area

| Non Strata 350sqm (to a maximum of $400) | $25.00 per 350sqm or part thereof of the total assessment area - capped at $400 |

### Business - Strata

### Stormwater Management Service Charge - (Greater Wakool Ward)

| Residential Service Charge - Barham & Moulamein | $25.00 |

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<td>Lots with an area below 1200sqm</td>
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That Council makes and levies the following Stormwater Management charges in accordance with s.496A of the Local Government Act 1993, as amended, for the 2018/2019 financial year.

5. That Council makes and levies the following Stormwater Management charges in accordance with s.496A of the Local Government Act 1993, as amended, for the 2018/2019 financial year.

6. That the 7.5% maximum interest rate payable on overdue rates and charges, in accordance with s.566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, as determined by the Minister of Local Government is adopted for 2018/2019.

**BACKGROUND**

In liaison with Clause 1 of the General Manager’s Report above, once the Council has adopted its Operational Plan and Budget, it must, by resolution adopt the rates and charges for the next financial year. In this case, being 2018/2019.

**DISCUSSION**
As above.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Murray River Council Operational Plan & Budget 2017/18:

**Strategic Theme:** Leadership and Governance
- **Strategy:** Financial Sustainability
- **Activity:** Provide Council with sound financial management and advice, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, relevant Codes of Practice, regulations and Australian Accounting Standards

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

The adoption of the rates and charges endorses the budget figures for the rates and annual charges income.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Council is obliged to maintain the same rating structure for the four year period ending 2019/20, as per the requirements of the proclamation on amalgamation.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Local Government Act 1993, (s) 404,494,496,501,515,516,518,533-535

**RISK ANALYSIS**

The risks associated with the adoption of the rates and annual charges includes:
- Financial;
- Reputation; and
- Non-compliance with legislative requirements.

The risk assessment/rating process reveals the following risk ratings before and after control measures are implemented.

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<td>Likely</td>
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<td><strong>Consequence</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Risk Rating</strong></td>
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<td>Medium</td>
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**CONCLUSION**

The rates and annual charges need to be adopted by resolution of the Council prior to 30 June 2018.
CLAUSE 4. Setting of Councillors and Mayors Fees 2018/19

REPORT PREPARED BY
MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Council establish the Councillor’s fee at $11,860 for the 2018/19 financial year.
2. That the Council establish the Mayor’s fee at $25,880 for the 2018/19 financial year.

BACKGROUND

Sections 248 and 249 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the ‘Act’) require councils to fix and pay an annual fee based on the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal’s (LGRT) determination each financial year.

DISCUSSION

Council has been advised via the Office of Local Government (OLG) Circular to Councils 18-18 of the LGRT determination for the 2018/19 financial year.

The LGRT handed down its Annual Report and Determination as at 17 April 2018 and has determined an increase of 2.5% to mayoral and councillor fees for the 2018/19 financial year, with effect from 1 July 2018.

Murray River Council has been classified as a ‘Rural’ council. Councils categorised as ‘Rural’ will typically have a population below 20,000. Other features which distinguish them from other non-metropolitan councils include:

- one or two significant townships combined with a considerable dispersed population spread over a large area and a long distance from a major regional centre
- a limited range of services, facilities and employment opportunities compared to Regional Rural councils
- local economies based on agricultural/resource industries.

Pursuant to Section 241 of the Act, the annual fees to be paid to Councillors and Mayors of a 'Rural' council effective on and from 1 July 2018 are determined as follows:
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<th>Councillor/Member</th>
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<td>Minimum</td>
<td>Maximum</td>
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<td>General Purpose</td>
<td>Rural</td>
<td>8,970</td>
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<td>Councils - Non-metropolitan</td>
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A council cannot fix a fee higher than the maximum amount determined by the LGRT. If a council does not fix a fee, the council must pay the minimum fee determined by the LGRT.

The Council will need to establish the fees to be paid to the Mayor and Councillors for the 2018/19 financial year.


**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Murray River Council Operational Plan & Budget 2017/18:

**Strategic Theme:** Leadership and Governance
- **Strategy:** Sound Governance and Advocacy
- **Activity:** Ensure Councillors are supported in their role as civic leaders

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

The Mayor and Councillor fees are contained in Council’s budget.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Murray River Council Councillor Expenses & Facilities Policy (POL103)

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Local Government Act 1993

**RISK ANALYSIS**

Nil.

**CONCLUSION**

Sections 248 and 249 of the *Local Government Act 1993* require councils to fix and pay an annual fee based on the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal’s (LGRT) determination each financial year. Pursuant to the Office of Local Government (OLG) Circular to Councils 18-18, the LGRT handed down its Annual Report and Determination as at 17 April 2018 and has determined an increase of 2.5% to mayoral and councillor fees for the 2018/19 financial year, with effect from 1 July 2018. The Council will need to establish the fees to be paid to the Mayor and Councillors for the 2018/19 financial year.
CLAUSE 5. Disclosures by Councillors & Designated Persons Return

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REPORT GROUP

GENERAL MANAGER

REPORT TITLE

CLAUSE 5. Disclosures by Councillors & Designated Persons Return

REPORT PREPARED BY

MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh

RECOMMENDATION

That Councillors and Designated Persons of Murray River Council complete the Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Return (Pecuniary Interest Return) and forward it to the General Manager by 31 July 2018.

BACKGROUND

Section 449(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 requires councillors (and designated persons) who hold that position on 30 June in each year to lodge a “Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Return”.

Part 8 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 prescribes the nature of interests and other matters to be disclosed in returns.

DISCUSSION

Enclosed with the Business Paper are the Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Return (Pecuniary Interest Return) and Suggestions for the Completion of Returns. A copy of the previous return made by each councillor/designated person can be provided upon request.

I remind you of the need to be careful in completing such a return. Therefore, I suggest that you read the document titled “Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Person Return – Suggestions for the Completion of Returns”, which is attached to the Return, in conjunction with its completion.

Please note that the Return is in respect of the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

I would appreciate you forwarding the Return to me by close of business on Tuesday 31 July 2018.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Murray River Council Operational Plan & Budget 2017-2018:

Strategic Theme: Leadership & Governance
- Strategy: Sound Governance & Advocacy
- Activity: Develop and maintain a robust governance framework that ensures ethical and professional decision making
Strategic Theme: Leadership & Governance
- **Strategy:** Sound Governance & Advocacy
- **Activity:** Provide accurate and timely strategic information, professional advice and support to ensure Councillors statutory and governance requirements are met

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- Murray River Council Pecuniary Interest Guidelines (POL106)

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

**RISK ANALYSIS**

Nil.

**CONCLUSION**

Section 449(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires councillors (and designated persons) who hold that position on 30 June in each year to lodge a “Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons Return”. Part 8 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* prescribes the nature of interests and other matters to be disclosed in returns.

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REPORT GROUP
GENERAL MANAGER

REPORT TITLE

REPORT PREPARED BY
MANAGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM - John Harvie

RECOMMENDATION
That Council adopts the Murray River Council Community Financial Assistance Policy (POL109) and associated Framework.

BACKGROUND
Council regularly receives requests for assistance (both cash and in-kind) from the community.

The former Murray Shire Council and former Wakool Shire Council provided contributions to the community in different ways. Since the merger, the majority of requests have been processed through a report to Council for consideration.

In order to standardise and streamline the process whereby the community seeks assistance from Council for various community events and projects, a Draft Murray River Council Community Financial Assistance Policy has been prepared for Council’s consideration (attached as Appendix 1).

The Draft Policy proposes that during the development of Council’s annual Operational Plan and Budget, Council will approve a set of contributions to various groups, partners and events for the upcoming financial year. The majority of these will be for annual events and projects.

For any projects and events not listed in this set of contributions within the Budget, a request can be made to Council in two ways:

1. An application can be made through Council’s Community Grants Program, which is open once per year, or
2. If outside the timing of the Community Grants Program, an application can be made to Council’s Quick Response Grants Program, which can be made at any time of year, providing the request meets the criteria of this program.

Instructions on how to apply for a grant and the program guidelines will be available from Council offices and website. The guiding framework will provide details of the application and assessment process. The period during which applications will be accepted, will be advertised in advance.

Applications will be assessed by Council, against the assessment criteria contained in Council’s Community Financial Assistance Framework document (attached as Appendix 2).

DISCUSSION
The proposed Policy will see a reduction in paperwork and reporting to Council and it will clarify the application and assessment process for applicants. It will mean annual grant recipients will be informed on their contribution at the beginning of the financial year and Council will have clear understanding of the cost of community financial assistance. It will see all Community Grant applications processed only once per year. The Quick Response Grant Program will provide flexibility where needed.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The proposed Policy will enable greater transparency of the grants process, and it will enable more equitable comparison of applications for assistance and better alignment with Council’s Community Strategic Plan.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

The Policy will enable more planned distribution of the allocated budget for community projects and events, at the beginning of the financial year.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Policy will support an equitable, transparent, accountable and coordinated approach for providing financial assistance to community organisations and groups in accordance with the terms of Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993.

RISK ANALYSIS

It might take the community some time to adapt to the new process and timelines, however over time, the new process will mean earlier notification of funding and improved ability for planning.

CONCLUSION

The proposed Policy will:

- clarify the application and assessment process for those requesting assistance from Council
- streamline the process to seek and assess requests for a contribution
- enable more time to plan, for both community groups and Council
- ensure better coordination of contributions, delivering better outcomes for the community from the events and projects that Council supports, and
- provide an extra opportunity for council to support worthy and extraordinary projects that become available outside of the normal application period.

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CLAUSE 7. Local Government NSW - Member Subscription for 2018/19

Report Template
Council Report Template

REPORT GROUP
GENERAL MANAGER

REPORT TITLE
CLAUSE 7. Local Government NSW - Member Subscription for 2018/19

REPORT PREPARED BY
MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh

RECOMMENDATION
That the Council endorse the action of the General Manager in continuing Council's membership to the Local Government NSW for 2018/19.

BACKGROUND
Local Government NSW (LGNSW) is the peak organisation that represents the interests of NSW general and special purpose councils.

LGNSW aims to strengthen and protect an effective, democratic system of local government across NSW by supporting and advocating on behalf of member councils and delivering a range of relevant, quality services. LGNSW achieves this by:

- Actively and persuasively representing the views of local government to the NSW and Australian governments
- Providing effective, responsive and accountable leadership to member councils
- Providing a comprehensive range of high-quality services and policy advice to members
- Increasing the capacity of local government to deliver quality services and meet the needs of local communities across NSW
- Enhancing the profile and building community trust in and awareness of local government.

Murray River Council is currently a member of LGNSW.

DISCUSSION
Council's LGNSW member subscription for 2018/19 has been calculated at $32,056.82 (inclusive of GST) and has been authorised by the General Manager for payment.

Membership fees are calculated on the following basis:

- A flat base component (currently 35.7% of the total subscription which is divided by the number of members to work out the amount each member pays);
- A stepped population-based component (which rises at a decreasing rate as population increases); and
- A stepped expenditure-based component (which rises at a decreasing rate as expenditure increases).
This methodology ensures that fees are equitable, transparent and consistent.

There has been a modest increase to Council's fee compared to 2017/18, which LGNSW states is necessary to ensure LGNSW remains a strong, sustainable and influential association and will help fund the ongoing costs of new initiatives such as the LGNSW Summit series.

The benefits of membership of LGNSW are as follows:

- **advocacy and representation** (campaigns, lobbying, relationship-building with government at political and departmental levels)
- **policy advice**
- **industrial relations and workplace support** (representing councils in industrial disputes and award matters, making and varying industrial awards, advising on legal policy matters and legislation)
- **organisational development and capacity building** (mentor programs, professional development networks)
- **grant support**
- **professional development and training** - best value and specifically designed for local government (including eLearning programs), Capability Framework and PD in a Box
- **professional networking opportunities** (through conferences, workshops and professional forums)
- **executive recruitment and performance reviews**
- **management consulting and structure reviews**
- **procurement services** and **bulk supply arrangements** designed specifically for councils, saving time and money (through Local Government Procurement)

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Murray River Council Operational Plan & Budget 2017/18:

**Strategic Theme:** Leadership and Governance
- **Strategy:** Sound Governance and Advocacy
- **Activity:** Develop and maintain effective relationships with State and Federal Government at political and departmental level and advocate for positive outcomes for the Murray River Council community

**Strategic Theme:** Leadership and Governance
- **Strategy:** Sound Governance and Advocacy
- **Activity:** Provide accurate and timely strategic information, professional advice and support to ensure Councillors statutory and governance requirements are met

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

Membership of LGNSW is included in Council's annual budget calculations.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

If Council is not a member of LGNSW, it runs the risk of little to no representation and/or advocation on its behalf at State and Federal government level as well as little to no access to a range of relevant, quality local...
government services.

**CONCLUSION**

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) is the peak organisation that represents the interests of NSW general and special purpose councils. LGNSW aims to strengthen and protect an effective, democratic system of local government across NSW by supporting and advocating on behalf of member councils and delivering a range of relevant, quality services. Murray River Council is currently a member of LGNSW. Council's LGNSW member subscription for 2018/19 has been calculated at $32,056.82 (inclusive of GST) and has been authorised by the General Manager for payment.
RECOMMENDATION

That Council be represented at the Murray Darling Association (MDA) 74th National Conference and Annual General Meeting, to be held on 29-31 August 2018 in Leeton, by Council’s voting delegates (for Region 2 and Region 3) to the MDA.

BACKGROUND

The Murray Darling Association (MDA) provides a focus for local government and community participation in basin related matters as they impact local communities.

Council is a member of both Region 2 and Region 3 of the MDA, with representation as follows:

- **Region 2** includes the Mayor as the voting delegate, Councillor AM Mathers, Councillor NH Gorey (as alternate) and the General Manager; and
- **Region 3** includes Councillor AM Mathers as the voting delegate (and Chair) and the General Manager.

DISCUSSION

Council has been formally invited to attend the 74th National Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Murray Darling Association, which will be held in Leeton, New South Wales, on 29-31 August 2018. The theme of the conference is “Trust. Unity. Equity. Growth”.

Recent months have seen turbulent times across the Murray-Darling Basin. The future of the Basin Plan is tested amid partisan tensions. Revelations of water theft were met with anger, but not surprise. Scientists question the pace of environmental recovery. And in the absence of a reliable test of social and economic neutrality, the debate over the recovery of the 450GL, and other elements of the sustainable diversion limit rages on.

Local government is united to support good process delivering better outcomes for communities facing hardship. Agricultural industries are showing signs of adaptation and growth. Regions are working hard to initiate structural adjustment for their local economies. Now, more so than ever before, it is incumbent upon local government to show the leadership, consistency and confidence that will see us through such a dynamic period. With this in mind, the 2018 National Conference of the Murray Darling Association will focus on the future for Basin communities relying on the pillars of **trust, unity, equity and growth**.

The Council will need to establish representation to the Conference. It is recommended that the Councillors who were elected as the voting delegates for each Region to the MDA only attend the Conference on behalf of Murray River Council.

It should be noted that the MDA Constitution allows for councils to appoint a voting delegate and up to five (5) representatives to the relevant region.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

There is an allocation in the Council’s budget for attendance at conferences by Councillors.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

Nil.

**CONCLUSION**

The 74th National Conference and Annual General Meeting of the MDA will be held on 29-31 August 2018 in Leeton, New South Wales. As a member of both Region 2 and Region 3 of the MDA, it is the general practice of the Council to be represented at the Conference.

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REPORT GROUP
GENERAL MANAGER

REPORT TITLE

REPORT PREPARED BY
MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh

RECOMMENDATION
That Council support the Echuca-Moama New Years Eve events in 2018 to 2020 by committing an amount of $5,000 over three years to the Echuca-Moama New Years Eve Community Committee, and the funds be subsequently referred to Council’s 2018/19 budget for consideration.

BACKGROUND
Council has received a request for assistance from the Echuca-Moama New Years Eve Community Committee to provide support to the Committee for funding of the Echuca-Moama New Years Eve 2018 to 2020 community events. The event was first held in the twin towns in 2017 and was funded from a combination of grants from the Shire of Campaspe, Echuca Moama Accommodation Association (EMAA), Moama Bowling Club (MBC), local businesses and the sale of $5 wrist bands.

DISCUSSION
As Councillors would be aware, at the Councillor Workshop held on Tuesday 8 May 2018 regarding the draft Operational Plan and Budget for 2018/19, representatives from the Echuca-Moama New Years Eve Community Committee made a presentation to the Council on the event and requested Council to provide financial support to the event.

As their name states, the Echuca-Moama New Years Eve Community Committee is a community committee that is auspiced under the Echuca Neighbourhood House and managed by a committee of dedicated locals. The core aim of the community committee is to provide a very affordable family friendly, alcohol free New Years’ Eve event with no entry cost.

Moving forward, the Committee would like to lock down a funding model with Council for a three (3) year agreement of $5,000 a year, ie 2018 to 2020. The Committee will supplement the funding with requests from the Shire of Campaspe and local business supporters.

In return for Council’s funding commitment, Council will be recognised as a major supporter in all promotional materials.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS
Murray River Council Operational Plan & Budget 2017/18:

Strategic Theme: Social Wellbeing
- Strategy: Arts, Culture, Community and Recreational Services
- Activity: Provide opportunities for cultural development to residents
Strategic Theme: Economic Growth

- **Strategy:** Event Attraction/Tourism Promotion
- **Activity:** Establish Murray River Council as a major venue for local, state and national events, including conferences; Support tourism partnerships with industry, funding bodies and stakeholders; Promote and further develop Murray River Council area as a tourist destination

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

If the Council commits to an amount of $5,000 per year for three (3) years in support of the Echuca-Moama New Years Eve events in 2018 to 2020, the funds will have been referred to Council’s 2018/19 budget for consideration.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

Nil.

**CONCLUSION**

Council has received a request for financial assistance from the Echuca-Moama New Years Eve Community Committee to support the holding of the Echuca-Moama New Years Eve event to be held in 2018 to 2020. The core aim of the Community Committee is to provide a very affordable family friendly, alcohol free new years’ eve event with no entry cost. In return for any funding commitment from Council, Council will be recognised as a major supporter in all promotional materials.
CLAUSE 10. Sponsorship Request - Swan Hill Murray Downs Field & Game

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REPORT GROUP

GENERAL MANAGER

REPORT TITLE

CLAUSE 10. Sponsorship Request - Swan Hill Murray Downs Field & Game

REPORT PREPARED BY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER - Beck Hayward

RECOMMENDATION

That Council supports the Swan Hill Murray Downs 30th Anniversary two day shooting event, with a $750 contribution.

BACKGROUND

Swan Hill Field and Game Club was formed in 1987 by a small group of like minded locals and launched in 1988. The club was one of the pioneering clubs of Field & Game Australia. Field & Game Australia was formed in 1959.

The 30-year-old club shares the same goals to unite field sportsmen in the respect of game and habitat and promote good sportsmanship through supervised shooting. They urge members to attend local, state and national events to encourage the sport and stimulate participants to excel in their chosen pastime.

The Club prides itself on offering the public an alternate sport (to the likes of football, netball etc.) which is open to all ages (>12 years old) and genders. They are inclusive, catering for members with all abilities and are passionate about teaching firearm safety to the rural youth along with the caring for the environment for future generations.

The 30th Anniversary shooting event aims to attract at least 200 participants and will be run as a two-day event on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th August 2018.

DISCUSSION

The event will bring economic and social benefits to Murray Downs and surrounding community.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The event aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

The financial contribution recommended can come from the Shire Promotion Vote.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The event organisers will work with Council to obtain any permits required for the event.

RISK ANALYSIS

N/A

CONCLUSION

It is appropriate for Council to support this event, as it will bring economic and social benefits to the community.

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That Council supports the VACSAL Junior Football Netball Carnival through waiving hire fees, providing rubbish collection, cleaning and management, covering the wicket on Brick Alley and goal post installation (approximate value of $5,000).

BACKGROUND

The Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Limited (VACSAL) is a peak Aboriginal Community organisation delivering a range of government funded programs to support and assist children, young people and families as well as strengthening communities and culture.

Warma and Njernda are working together to host the 2018 VACSAL junior football netball carnival, which is in its tenth year and expects to attract around 1,000 people to Moama for the event.

The event is to be held on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th October 2018, which is the second week of September school holidays.

The two day event focuses on three age groups (under 12, under 15 and under 17 football and netball) and will mainly be held at the Moama Recreation Reserve. Thee carnival will also include social activities for families and the young people involved.

DISCUSSION

The event will bring significant visitors to Moama in mid-week, it will deliver economic and social benefits.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The event will bring social and economic benefits to the community, in line with council's Community Strategic Plan.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

The financial contribution recommended to support this event should come from the Shire Promotion vote.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The event organisers will work with the planning department to obtain Development Application approval if required.

RISK ANALYSIS

N/A

CONCLUSION

It is appropriate for Council to support this event, to be held at the Moama Recreation Reserve, as it will bring social and economic benefits to the community.
CLAUSE 12. Sponsorship Request - Understanding Forgotten Australians Forum

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Council Report Template

REPORT GROUP

GENERAL MANAGER

REPORT TITLE

CLAUSE 12. Sponsorship Request - Understanding Forgotten Australians Forum

REPORT PREPARED BY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER - Beck Hayward

RECOMMENDATION

That Council supports the Understanding Forgotten Australians Forum with a $300 financial contribution.

BACKGROUND

Up to 500,000 Australian-born children in the 20th Century, including some of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent, were placed in "care" or became "state wards" for different reasons.

In the 1950's, 60's and 70's approximately 250,000 separations and adoptions occurred in Australia. Past adoption practices included forced adoptions where a child's mother or parents were compelled to relinquish a child for adoption.

The Understanding Forgotten Australians, Former Child migrants, Stolen Generations and People Affected by Past and Forced Adoptions Forum provides attendees with an opportunity to:

- hear lived experiences,
- develop an understanding of who are the Forgotten Australians, Former Child Migrants and Stolen Generations,
- develop an understanding of past adoption practices and how they were enforced, and
- learn of relevant services and supports available.

Presenters will include (to be confirmed):

- Department of Health
- Alliance for Forgotten Australians (AFA)
- Open place
- Child Migrant Trust
- National Stolen Generations Alliance
- VANISH (Victorian Adoption Network for Information and Self-Help)

The Forum aims to inform service providers, such as doctors, nurses, mental health professionals, dentists, social workers, HACC service providers, counsellors, welfare workers and various service delivery organisations.

It will provide background information needed to recognise, relate to and assist people who are experiencing long term trauma because of a childhood spent in orphanages or homes - the Forgotten Australians.

DISCUSSION
The Forum is being brought to the Echuca Moama community by the Campaspe Murray Mental Health Network, in partnership with Carer Support Services, Njernda and Campaspe Primary Care Partnership.

It is expected to be held in Echuca Moama on 14 August 2018 and attract approximately 100 attendees.

This Forum was held in Kerang in February 2018, and Preston in May, with very positive feedback from attendees.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Supporting an event such as this aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan.

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

The recommended contribution is to come from the Shire Promotion vote.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**RISK ANALYSIS**

N/A

**CONCLUSION**

It is appropriate for Council to support this event with a $300 contribution, as the Forum will provide new knowledge and skills to help workers better support Forgotten Australians living within our community.

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CLAUSE 13. Donation Request - Moama & District Preschool Centre Inc.

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REPORT GROUP
GENERAL MANAGER

REPORT TITLE
CLAUSE 13. Donation Request - Moama & District Preschool Centre Inc.

REPORT PREPARED BY
MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh

RECOMMENDATION
That Council supports the Moama & District Preschool Centre Inc. with a donation to the value of $1,650 (including GST) for the purchase of a laptop computer for use by the Preschool Committee; and endorses the action of the General Manager in providing a decommissioned iPad for use by the children.

BACKGROUND
The Moama & District Preschool has been educating and caring for the young children of the Murray and Campaspe area for 37 years.

The Preschool is managed by a group of voluntary parents who form the Committee of Management and operate under the guidelines and regulations set out by the Department of Education and Communities (NSW). The Committee's role is to govern the organisation and has the responsibility of budgeting and expenditure (which includes setting the fees); employing staff; abiding by, setting and reviewing the current Policy Manual; ensuring parents abide by the set policies; providing materials and equipment; and maintaining the premises.

The Preschool and Council has enjoyed close ties over many years in helping to develop services that meet the needs of the community.

DISCUSSION
Council has received a request from the Moama & District Preschool Centre Inc. seeking a donation from Council to purchase a new laptop to the value of $1,650 (including GST).

The new laptop will be used by the Preschool Committee to appropriately minute meetings and easily file relevant meeting papers and correspondence.

In addition, the Preschool has asked Council to donate a decommissioned iPad for use by the children in play-based learning to recognise the importance of communication and language (including literacy and numeracy) and social and emotional development. Council's Manager Information & Digital Technology has made the necessary arrangements to provide this request.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS
Murray River Council Operational Plan & Budget 2017/2018:
Strategic Theme: Social Wellbeing
- Strategy: Children and Youth
- Activity: Provide opportunities for the development and well-being of children and youth; Encourage and facilitate education opportunities for residents

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

The financial contribution recommended can be funded through Council's existing budget, whilst the decommissioned iPad is surplus to Council's needs and will be donated in-kind.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK ANALYSIS

Nil.

CONCLUSION

The Moama & District Preschool has been educating and caring for the young children of the Murray and Campaspe area for 37 years. Council has received a request from the Moama & District Preschool Centre Inc. seeking a donation from Council to purchase a new laptop to the value of $1,650 (including GST), and an in-kind donation of a decommissioned iPad for use by the children in play-based learning. The provision of this request fits with Council's Strategic Theme of Social Wellbeing within the Operational Plan & Budget for 2017/18.
11.1 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT & SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

CLAUSE 1. Financial Statements & Investments - 31 May 2018

Report Template

Council Report Template

REPORT GROUP

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT TITLE

CLAUSE 1. Financial Statements & Investments - 31 May 2018

REPORT PREPARED BY

MANAGER FINANCE - Anwarul Abedin

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report detailing Council’s cashbook balance of $57,344,380.31 as at 31 May 2018 is received by the Council.
2. That the report detailing Council’s investment balance of $53,539,724.01 as at 31 May 2018 is received by the Council.

BACKGROUND

Shown below are the Financial Statements, Bank Reconciliations and Investments for the period ending 31 May 2018.

REPORT - BANK RECONCILIATION

INTERIM STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 31 MAY 2018 OF COUNCIL’S COMBINED ACCOUNTS

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

I hereby certify that I have reconciled the cashbook of the various funds of Council, with the appropriate Pass Sheets as at 31 May 2018.

Phil Higgins  
Responsibility Accounting Officer

### REPORT - INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 MAY 2018

As required by Section 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, the details of Council’s surplus funds invested, totalling $53,539,724.01 are listed below:

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**Breakup by Institution**

- **WAWCU**: 8%
- **B&AB**: 18%
- **SCORP**: 20%
- **Rural Bank**: 6%
- **Bank Australia**: 4%
- **Bank QLD**: 2%

**SP Shares**

- 2,000 at $2.00
- 1,000 at $5.00

**Total**

- $53,539,724.01
- 2.58%
- 283
- $1,045,441.19
- $54,585,165.20
DISCUSSION
Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS
Murray River Council Operational Plan & Budget 2017/18:

Strategic Theme: Leadership and Governance
- Strategy: Financial Sustainability
- Activity: Provide Council with sound financial management and advice, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, relevant Codes of Practice, regulations and Australian Accounting Standards

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS
Current low interest rates may reduce the expected interest revenue. Due to the sound financial position of the Council, interest on investment will exceed the forecast for 2017/18.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS
Investments have been made in accordance with Council's Investment Policy, which was adopted by Council on 17 October 2017.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

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

RISK ANALYSIS

The key risks associated with the investment of funds are financial and legal compliance.

The risk assessment/rating process reveals the following risk ratings before and after control measures are implemented.

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CONCLUSION

Murray River Council’s liquidity is in a satisfactory position at 31 May 2018.
CLAUSE 2. Murray River Council Fraud Policy

Report Template
Council Report Template

REPORT GROUP
DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT TITLE
CLAUSE 2. Murray River Council Fraud Policy

REPORT PREPARED BY
ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES - Phil Higgins

RECOMMENDATION
That the Murray River Council Fraud Policy be adopted in draft and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days to allow for public submissions.

BACKGROUND
The former Murray Shire Council and former Wakool Shire Council both had very similar fraud policies.

The Murray River Council Draft Fraud Policy (attached as Appendix 1) establishes the parameters for reporting and dealing with fraud.

DISCUSSION
Fraud is defined as “any practice which involves the use of deceit to confer some form of financial benefit upon the perpetrator (either directly or indirectly) and which results in some form of material loss to the entity defrauded”.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS
Murray River Council Operational Plan & Budget 2017/18:

Strategic Theme: Leadership and Governance
- **Strategy**: Sound Governance and Advocacy
- **Activity**: Develop and maintain a robust governance framework that ensures ethical and professional decision making

Strategic Theme: Leadership and Governance
- **Strategy**: Financial Sustainability
- **Activity**: Provide Council with sound financial management and advice, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, relevant Codes of Practice, regulations and Australian Accounting Standards

Strategic Theme: Leadership and Governance
- **Strategy**: Risk Management
- **Activity**: Continue to work towards risk minimisation and ensuring the protection of Council’s assets and resources
BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

As Council enters its end of year period, a policy framework in the fraud area is required. This process involves the re-writing of the former two council’s existing policies.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

RISK ANALYSIS

The risks associated with the adoption of a fraud policy includes:
- Financial; and
- Reputation.

The risk assessment/rating process reveals the following risk ratings before and after control measures are implemented.

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CONCLUSION

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CLAUSE 3. Wakool Mobile Library Service

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REPORT GROUP
DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT TITLE
CLAUSE 3. Wakool Mobile Library Service

REPORT PREPARED BY
ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES - Phil Higgins

RECOMMENDATION
That the Council endorse the change in operational day for the Wakool Mobile Library Service from Monday to Wednesday.

BACKGROUND
Council has received a request from the Swan Hill Library Service, who provide library services across the Greater Wakool Ward, to change the day of operation for the Wakool Mobile Library Service.

DISCUSSION
Currently the Mobile Library Service comes to Wakool on a Monday and visits the Wakool/Burraboi Public School.

The proposal from the Swan Hill Library Service is to change the day of operation to a Wednesday.

Contact has been made with the Preschool and Public School, who have agreed with the change.

If the Council agrees to the change in the day of operation for the Wakool Mobile Library Service, the community will be informed via a media release.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS
Murray River Council Operational Plan & Budget 2017/18:

**Strategic Theme:** Social Wellbeing
- **Strategy:** Children and Youth
- **Activity:** Provide opportunities for the development and wellbeing of children and youth

**Strategic Theme:** Social Wellbeing
- **Strategy:** Arts, Culture, Community and Recreational Services
- **Activity:** Provide library services that will meet the community's future needs, with innovative and enhanced library services that encourage lifelong learning

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS
No change.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

RISK ANALYSIS

The risk issue is community expectations.

The risk assessment/rating process reveals the following risk ratings before and after control measures are implemented.

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CONCLUSION

The Mobile Library Service to the Wakool township will be maintained on a mutually agreeable day.
CLAUSE 4. Donation Request - Lions Club of Shepparton

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REPORT GROUP
DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT TITLE
CLAUSE 4. Donation Request - Lions Club of Shepparton

REPORT PREPARED BY
ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES - Phil Higgins

RECOMMENDATION
That Council not support the Lions Club of Shepparton “Circus Quirkus” show, as the event is outside the Council’s area and the proceeds of the event will be distributed outside the Council area.

BACKGROUND
The Lions Club of Shepparton annual “Circus Quirkus” show is aimed at providing an event for under privileged children. The event raises funds to be distributed to a service club in Shepparton and from there distributed to schools and organisations in the Goulburn Valley.

DISCUSSION
Not applicable.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS
Murray River Council Operational Plan & Budget 2017/18:
- **Strategic Theme:** Social Wellbeing
  - **Strategy:** Children and Youth
  - **Activity:** Provide opportunities for the development and wellbeing of children and youth
- **Strategic Theme:** Economic Growth
  - **Strategy:** Event Attraction/Tourism Promotion
  - **Activity:** Establish Murray River Council as a major venue for local, state and national events, including conferences

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS
The cost of a ticket to “Circus Quirkus” is $60.00, either singularly or in bundles up to 100 tickets.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS
The request is minor and could be covered by delegation, if the Council had a comprehensive Community Assistance Grants Policy.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS
Not applicable.

RISK ANALYSIS
The key risks with this issue are community expectations and reputation.

The risk assessment/rating process reveals the following risk ratings before and after control measures are implemented.

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CONCLUSION
The Lions Club of Shepparton "Circus Quirkus" event is a worthy community project for the Shepparton (Goulburn Valley) catchment.
CLAUSE 1. Our Region Our Rivers - Regional Growth Fund Application

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REPORT GROUP

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

REPORT TITLE

CLAUSE 1. Our Region Our Rivers - Regional Growth Fund Application

REPORT PREPARED BY

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING - Johan Louw

RECOMMENDATION

That Council supports the Our Region – Our Rivers Regional Growth Fund Application.

BACKGROUND

Swan Hill Rural City Council approached Murray River Council earlier this year to participate with five other councils in the region (Gannawarra, Buloke, Loddon, Balranald and Edward River) to submit a Regional Growth Fund application. The Regional Growth Fund is a $272.2 million investment program to provide grants of $10 million or more for major transformational projects, which support long term economic growth and create jobs in regions, including those undergoing structural adjustment.

DISCUSSION

Selection of projects submitted to the Regional Growth Fund investment program will be undertaken in two stages. Stage One requires submission of an Initial Application for competitive assessment. Stage Two is for the submission of a full business case. For projects to be considered for the program each of three merit criteria must be addressed:

1. Job creation
   The Our Region Our Rivers ‘package of works’ will create 167 jobs during the construction phase and 147 jobs during the operational phase. The Murray River Council ‘package of works’ will create 24 jobs during the construction phase and 12 jobs during the operational phase.

2. Drive economic growth
   The Our Region Our Rivers ‘package of works’ will drive the economic growth in excess of $85M by 2022. The Murray River Council ‘package of works’ will drive the economic growth in excess of $10M by 2022.

3. Strengthen regional communities
   The Our Region Our Rivers ‘package of works’ will strengthen our regional communities. The Murray River Council ‘package of works’ will improve the attractiveness of and access to key riverfront recreational facilities.
Swan Hill Rural City Council, in partnership with Murray River Council and the five other councils, submitted its Our Region Our Rivers ‘package of works' Expression of Interest on 27 April 2018.

The total cost of the ‘package of works' is $34.1 million. The ‘package of works' include the following projects located in the Murray River Council area:

1. Moama forehores development
   - Horseshoe lagoon
   - Beach upgrade
   - Riverside retaining walls
2. Tooleybuc foreshores development
   - Mensforth Park
   - Pontoon
   - Footpath extension
3. Murray Downs
   - Swan Hill Bridge to Murray Downs footpath
4. Barham
   - Riverside Park development
5. Mathoura
   - Picnic Point development, including footbridges

Moama Foreshore Development
In 2010 Murray Shire engaged contractors to create the Moama Murray River Access Plan in an effort to address the social, environmental and management issues associated with river access in and around the town of Moama. As part of this process community members and stakeholders were consulted and invited to contribute to the development of the Plan. The Plan targeted public access sites in Murray Shire and aimed to develop a holistic solution that would promote “both the long term health of the river environs and also the recreational needs of those who visit and live in the area”.

The proposal at Horseshoe Lagoon Reserve, Moama, includes the construction of a formalised car park and access road, segregated shared pathways, boardwalk, bird hide, information and interpretive signage, landscaping & picnic facilities. The proposal also includes the upgrade of the existing boardwalk over the west end of the lagoon and replacement of existing access ramps and stairs at the site.

Moama Beach is popular with both local residents and visitors. The area between the beach and the Kerrabee sound shell park area is widely used for a variety of events such as the Moama markets, etc. Use of this area is currently limited due to the lack of formalise car parking and connection of the open space. Providing formalised parking and connecting the beach to the town via the Kerrabee soundshell park area will greatly enhance the use of the beach and the park.

Access between Horseshoe Lagoon, Riverside Caravan Park and Moama Beach is limited. In order to provide a safe connection for pedestrians with improved amenity it is proposed to develop riverside access along the Murray River foreshore. The project includes formed footpaths, retaining walls, ramps, stairways, hand rails, shelters, BBQs, seating and tables. The proposed project will open a significant section of the Murray River foreshore at Moama to both local residents and visitors. This will improve access and enjoyment of key events.

Tooleybuc Foreshores Development
Murray River Council secured funding to upgrade the bridge keepers cottage, public amenities, open space, playground and internal path network at Mensforth Park, Tooleybuc. Funding has also been secured to provide access to the river via a new wharf/jetty.

The Tooleybuc Sporting Club is a major attraction for both local residents and visitors. Connecting Mensforth Park to the Sporting Club will greatly enhance accessibility and subsequent visitation of the both these major attractions in Tooleybuc.

Swan Hill Bridge to Murray Downs Corridor Improvements
The proposed footpath will link the Murray Downs residential settlement, Murray Downs Golf Club, houseboat
harbour and Riverboat Cruises to the Swan Hill river foreshore via the Swan Hill Bridge. The Swan Hill Bridge is currently being upgraded and will provide improved pedestrian access. The existing access track consists of a gravel pathway with no infrastructure. Sealing of the path will greatly improve access and the inclusion of infrastructure such as signage, seating and safe crossings will further enhance the use of this facility. The inclusion of fitness stations, linking with the existing fitness stations on the Swan Hill foreshore, will further enhance the amenity and use of this critical link.

**Riverside Park Development**

The Barham Riverside Park is widely used by local residents and visitors. A plan for the park was developed by NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) as part of the Barham-Koondrook bridge restoration works. As part of the works RMS will install some seating and tables. The local Mens Shed also constructed a boardwalk from recycled timber. Murray River Council recently installed a new playground in the park and secured funding to provide access to the river via a new pontoon/jetty. Key elements of the park not included in the RMS package of works are a walkway to connect to the existing walkway between the bridge and the town footpath network, power supply and lighting. Provision of these key elements will ensure a safe connection between the towns and foreshores of Barham and Koondrook via the river bridge.

**Picnic Point Development**

Murray River Council recently secured funding to upgrade the open space at Picnic Point, Mathoura. Works include playground upgrades, BBQs, tables, seating and new internal footpaths. The proposal on Picnic Point Road, includes the construction of four pedestrian bridges adjacent to the existing traffic bridges on the road. The proposal also includes the connection of the existing shared pathways to enable off road access for all mobility types from the town of Mathoura to the Bird Hide, and from the Picnic Point Reserve to Murray Banks Caravan Park.

Based on the objectives of the Mathoura Bike Path Plan the project will provide the final component of a safe, off road pedestrian and cycle link between Mathoura and the bird hide and Picnic Point and Murray Banks Caravan Park. The project will enable safer, more inclusive use of existing shared pathways and reduce conflict on the existing traffic bridges by formalising the connections between the existing path and the bridges, and will also reduce existing maintenance requirements.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

2017-18 Annual Operational Plan

**Strategic Theme:** Social Wellbeing

- **Strategy:** Recreation Reserves/Parks and Gardens
- **Activity:** Provide, maintain and improve parks, gardens, streetscapes and natural bushland areas to create active and passive environments for enjoyment of residents and visitors

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**
Applicants are required to contribute at least 50% funding to the project. It is intended to fund the 50% contribution through other grants and Council contributions.

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Program funding will commence in the 2018-19 financial year. Projects must commence within 12 weeks of executing the Grant Agreement. Projects must be acquitted by 30 June 2022. It is proposed to seek further State Government funding and Council contributions from 2019-20 onwards.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legislative implications.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

The following table highlights the key risks for this project.

A detailed risk analysis is provided in the Risk Assessment Form included in the attached Project Management Plan.
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**CONCLUSION**

With a minimal additional financial contribution over the next 3 years, Council can leverage over $4M for key strategic projects that will improve the attractiveness of and access to key riverfront recreational facilities. It is anticipated that could lead to increased tourism and economic activity. It is estimated that the Murray River Council 'package of works' will create 24 jobs during the construction phase and 12 jobs during the operational phase while driving the economic growth in excess of $10M by 2022.

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CLAUSE 2. Fluoridation of Barham Water Supply

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REPORT GROUP
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

REPORT TITLE
CLAUSE 2. Fluoridation of Barham Water Supply

REPORT PREPARED BY
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING - Johan Louw

RECOMMENDATION
That Council:
1. Notes the request from the Local Health to consider fluoridation of water in Barham.
2. Undertakes community consultation regarding fluoridation of the water supply in Barham.

BACKGROUND
The Local Health Trust wrote to Council on 28 May requesting the fluoridation of water in Barham. The Trust advised that “fluoridation programs are considered to be a safe and effective way of reducing tooth decay”. They also noted that the National Health and Medical Research Council recognises that tooth decay is one of the most common health problems in Australia and that dental health has improved markedly since fluoridation began in the 1950’s.

DISCUSSION
Approximately 96% of the NSW population has access to fluoridated water – one of the highest levels of fluoridation in Australia (NSW Health, 2013). Not all councils or water utilities fluoridate their water supply. In the Murray River Council area the water supply in Barham is not fluoridated.

Water fluoridation is the process of adding fluoride to a water source so that the level of fluoride in the water reaches the recommended level of fluoride for good dental health. In NSW fluoride is added to the water supply at a level of 1 milligram per litre (mg/L) in line with the National Health and Medical Research Council recommendations. One milligram per litre is 1 part per million. The Australian Drinking Water Guidelines allows a maximum level up to 1.5 parts per million.

Through the NSW Health Drinking Water Monitoring Program, all public water utilities monitor the chemical quality of water to ensure compliance with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. The chemical qualities of public water supply systems in NSW, which receive fluoridation, are monitored on a fortnightly basis.

Frequent exposure to low levels of fluoride in the oral cavity is important for prevention of decay (Featherstone 1999).

The Code of Practice for the fluoridation of water supplies specifies that:

- A Water Supply Authority shall obtain approval from NSW Health prior to fluoridating any water supply
  - This process includes the initial application, the detailed design of the fluoridation plant,
through to commissioning of the plant.

- It is expected that a Water Supply Authority would have carried out a public consultation process prior to the Application to Fluoridate being made to NSW Health.
- A Water Supply Authority shall not commence fluoridation until a formal Instrument of Approval is received from NSW Health and all NSW Health requirements are in place and operational.
- A Water Supply Authority must not commence fluoridation of a water supply prior to the consumers within that supply area being given adequate warning of the commencement date.
- Design criteria:
  - Ensure a reliable automatic operation.
  - Minimise the risk of overdosing due to human error wherever possible
  - The design of the plant should ensure that operational staff will be able to measure and control the fluoridation process accurately and consistently in a timely manner
  - The design should ensure a safe working environment
- There are more than one type of fluoride dosing system.
- The operating dosing target is 1.00mg/L in treated water. The operating range is 0.9mg/L – 1.5mg/L
- The fluoridation plant and equipment shall not be operated by unqualified persons. A minimum of two qualified people are required.
- Routine fluoridation plant performance data is provided to NSW Health in a timely manner.
- Each plant should have a Standard Operating Procedure.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

2017-18 Annual Operational Plan

Strategic Theme: Social Wellbeing
  - Strategy: Medical and Health Services
  - Activity: Support community specific health initiatives

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

The cost associated with the community consultation can be accommodated within existing operating budgets.

If supported the costs to Council will include the design and installation of a fluoridation plant, training of staff and ongoing maintenance, dosing, testing and reporting. NSW Health may at its discretion consider a request for subsidy towards the cost of a new plant up to a limit of ‘dollar for dollar’ of direct capital costs.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The addition of fluoride to public water supplies in NSW is controlled by the NSW Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Act 1957. Under the Act a water utility cannot start fluoridation of public water supplies without an approval or direction from the Director General of NSW Health. A water utility makes either an application to the Director General to fluoridate the water supply or seeks a direction from the Director General. Once fluoridation has started, a water utility cannot stop fluoridating the water without the Director General revoking the approval or direction.

RISK ANALYSIS
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**CONCLUSION**

Approximately 96% of the NSW population has access to fluoridated water. Fluoridation is an effective and inexpensive way of improving the oral health of local communities.

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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

REPORT TITLE

REPORT PREPARED BY
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING - Johan Louw

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND

Graffiti are writing or drawings that have been scribbled, scratched, or painted, typically illicitly, on a wall or other surface, often within public view. Graffiti range from simple written words to elaborate wall paintings.

Graffiti impact the community in a number of ways. Graffiti can have a negative impact on community amenity including perceptions of poor safety and increased crime. It can have a negative impact on the environment though pollution (including chemical runoff into waterways) and damage to items of environmental significance. Graffiti can impact the community and Council financially through potential devaluation of properties and costs associated with its removal and management of graffiti.

This policy seeks to address these impacts in a sensitive and cost effective manner.

Sources: 1) Wikipedia, 2) City of Sydney, Graffiti Management Policy

DISCUSSION

The community is placing an increased emphasis on graffiti management. This requires a robust framework including having appropriate operating and management practices in place. The Murray River Council does not have a Graffiti Policy, but removes graffiti from public places and Council owned/managed infrastructure periodically. Council generally removes offensive graffiti within 24 hours from detection or notification.

The objectives of the draft Murray River Council Graffiti Policy ('Policy') are to:
- To enhance the built environment by reducing the occurrence of graffiti
- To remove graffiti as quickly as possible to deter ongoing occurrence
- To involve the local community as partners in reducing graffiti
- To remove graffiti using environmentally sustainable methods to minimise harm to the environment
- To encourage private property owners to take responsibility for prompt action against graffiti on their property.

It is proposed that Council reduce the occurrence of graffiti through the following means:
- Removal of offensive graffiti within two working days from detection or notification and all other
graffiti periodically in accordance with the Council’s works program
- Reporting of graffiti to the relevant landowners and NSW Police
- Preparation and distribution of promotional materials
- Collaboration with the community and key stakeholders.

Key staff and other councils have been consulted in the development of the draft Policy. It is proposed to seek community feedback prior to presenting the final policy to Council for approval.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

2017-18 Annual Operational Plan

Strategic Theme: Social Wellbeing
Strategy: Community Safety
Activity: -

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct budgetary implications, however an increase in the occurrence of graffiti may require higher levels of operational expenditure.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The adoption of this policy will ensure Council has a Graffiti policy in place.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

- *Graffiti Control Act 2008*
- *Local Government Act 1993*
- *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*

The unauthorised marking of premises or property is an offence under the *Graffiti Control Act 2008 (NSW)*. Under the Act marking of a property can attract a fine of up to $440 or for an aggravated offence a fine of $2,200 or 12 months imprisonment. Under the *NSW Crimes Act (1900)* there are penalties of up to five years in prison for maliciously damaging property.

Section 12 of the Act empowers local councils to remove graffiti on private property without the owner’s consent if the graffiti is visible from a public space. Removal without consent must be carried out from public land at the councils own expense 3).

Local Government can make laws under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Source: 3) www.crimeprevention.nsw.gov.au

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**CONCLUSION**

Graffiti impact the community in a number of negative ways. This policy seeks to address these impacts in a sensitive and cost effective manner.

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CLAUSE 4. Appointment of Local Community Representatives to the Moulamein Floodplain Risk Management Committee

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REPORT GROUP
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

REPORT TITLE
CLAUSE 4. Appointment of Local Community Representatives to the Moulamein Floodplain Risk Management Committee

REPORT PREPARED BY
MANAGER DESIGN, CAPITAL WORKS & PROJECTS - Onisimo Mukodi

RECOMMENDATION
That Council appoints Peter Redfern and China Gibson as local community representatives on the Moulamein Floodplain Risk Management Committee.

BACKGROUND

Murray River Council was allocated funding by the NSW state government under the Flood Management Program for the Moulamein Flood Study and Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (FS and FRMS&P). The FS and FRMS&P is being delivered under the framework in the Floodplain Development Manual (2005) and the NSW State Government Flood Policy. The intention at the completion of this study is to have updated and sufficient flood information that is capable of being used by a variety of stakeholders including authorities and community for land use planning, flood management planning, emergency response and flooding education. A consultant has been appointed to carry out the FS and FRMS&P.

The FRMC acts as both a focus and a forum for the discussion of technical, social, economic, ecological and cultural issues and for the distillation of possibly differing viewpoints relating to the floodplain risk management plan.

DISCUSSION

Need for a Committee:

The development of a Floodplain Risk Management Plan, will take into consideration a number of diverse issues which include:

- flooding behaviour, including the risk, danger to personal safety and property damage imposed on existing land uses
- the impact of flooding on potential future land uses and occupants and the impact of these potential future land uses on flooding
- continuing flood risk and methods of management
- the ecological impact of existing and possible future developments and floodplain risk
management measures
- the broad scale catchment issues such as water quality, riverine and floodplain enhancement and land management
- environmental impact both upstream and downstream as a result of changes in hydrology or other factors
- the potential economic cost and benefits to both the private and public sectors in the occupation of the floodplain
- the potential economic benefits of proposed risk management measures
- potential intangible flood costs, including physical and psychological effects of flooding
- social factors, including the needs and aspirations of the local community, both existing and in the future
- local and regional planning options and restrictions, including special zonings and planning controls, opportunities
- the protection of Aboriginal sites and places and European heritage.

The expertise necessary to address these issues needs to be drawn from a variety of sources, including:

- Council itself (both elected representatives and Council staff);
- the local community;
- industry groups;
- environmental interest groups;
- the Catchment Management Authority;
- State and Commonwealth Government agencies; and
- specialist consultants, as engaged.

Given the complexity and range of issues to be addressed in the process as outlined above, the FRMC needs to be able to coordinate and disseminate the interests, advice and expertise available from State and Commonwealth Government agencies and the local community.

Role of the Committee:

The FRMC does not have any formal powers. Rather, it has an advisory role. The principal objective of the committee is to assist the Council in the development and implementation of a floodplain risk management plan for the area.

The FRMC also assists in:

- formulating objectives (in accordance with ecologically sustainable development principles), strategies and outcomes sought in the local floodplain risk management process;
- providing a link between the local community and Council;
- considering appropriate development controls for use until the management plan is completed, approved and implemented. The FRMC will make recommendations to Council in this regard for consideration;
- supervising the collection of necessary data and supervising and monitoring the progress and findings of studies being undertaken in the various stages of the management plan;
- identifying strategies for the implementation of the floodplain risk management plan;
- monitoring and assessing the effectiveness of the floodplain risk management plan after its implementation;
- coordinating and monitoring the public education programs essential to the long term viability of the floodplain risk management plan; and
- coordination with catchment management authority, emergency management planning and other advisory bodies.
Membership of the Committee:

The membership of the FRMC needs to be a balanced representation of stakeholders such as agencies, groups and/or individuals effecting, affected by or coordinating floodplain risk management. Membership will be flexible to ensure the right mix of interests are represented.

Membership will include:

- elected members of Council;
- Council staff from engineering, planning and environmental disciplines;
- an appropriate number of representatives of the local community (for example, local flooded landholders, industry and commerce, environmental groups);
- representative of the local catchment management authority to facilitate a whole-of catchment approach;
- representatives of relevant industry bodies;
- officers from the Office of Environment and Heritage;
- officers from the Catchment Authority;
- representative(s) from the State Emergency Service;
- representative(s) from Indigenous Group(s);
- representative from Bureau of Meteorology; and
- a specialist consultant.

Role of Committee Members:

The primary role and responsibility of the various members on the FRMC are described below, it being noted that this outline does not aim to limit the contributions made by members, but rather attempts to ensure that all important aspects are given due consideration. It should also be noted that the committee will be tasked with seeking solutions to the existing, future and continuing flood risk issues, not solely on addressing the past.

Elected Members of Council:

Elected members of Council are the leaders of this process and will assess the community, political, and policy implications of any actions contemplated with the objective of producing an equitable result for the local government area served.

Council Staff:

Council staff will involve a mix of engineering, planning, environment and health and building representatives. They will provide specialist advice and coordinate:

- input from Council, the local community and other committee members;
- the production and presentation of agendas and reports;
- the management of consultants (including preparation of study briefs); and
- formulate draft recommendations to the committee.

Local Community Representatives:

Local community representatives will:
- form a link between the committee and the local population in the flood prone area;
- provide historical advice on local problems and perceived solutions;
- consider in detail implications of matters which may impact on the local community; and
- facilitate formal representations to the committee on behalf of members of the public.

The Catchment Management Authority Representative:

The catchment management authority representative will provide a broad whole-of-catchment framework for the consideration of proposed local management measures. This may include the need to consider the consistency of proposed management measures with activities elsewhere in the catchment.

Office of Environment and Heritage Representative:

The OEH representative will provide technical expertise and steering advice to ensure that a floodplain risk management plan is prepared in accordance with the stated principles of the New South Wales Government's Flood Prone Land Policy. The representative will also monitor the progress of the Flood Study and Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan, particularly as it relates to current and future government funding programs. The representative will also provide technical advice, to both Council staff and the FRMC, as required during progress of these studies.

The Bureau of Meteorology:

The Bureau of Meteorology will provide advice with respect to flood forecasting and warning, as appropriate.

The State Emergency Service (SES) Representative:

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Representative(s) of Local Indigenous Group(s):

Representative(s) of Local Indigenous Groups(s) will provide advice regarding impact of the proposed floodplain risk management plan on indigenous heritage.

Community Consultation:

The local community, both those flood prone and otherwise, will have a key role to play in the development, implementation and success of a floodplain risk management plan. If the management plan is to be accepted and successful, it is essential that clear and concise communications flow between the committee and the community so that affected individuals and community groups can `have their say' and learn of their roles and responsibilities.
The following format is suggested for establishing and maintaining communication between the FRMC and the local community. Council will arrange to:

- involve and inform the community (through media releases, newsletters and public meetings), of the role and responsibilities of the FRMC, its intention to instigate a study or studies for preparation of a floodplain risk management plan, the work Council is undertaking for the flood study, and progress on the floodplain risk management study and plan. Also, affected residents will be informed of the length of time expected to elapse until finalisation of the management plan and implementation of floodplain risk management measures, and of the nature of development controls, pending completion of the management plan;
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- when disseminating information, ensure that simple, clear messages are used to explain the situation in uncomplicated language and relate any implications to property owners and potential development applicants;
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STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Operational Plan 2017/18 - Strategic Theme: Emergency Management, Flood Mitigation

- Activity: Develop and maintain a prompt and efficient service to meet the needs of persons affected, or threatened by, disaster in the Murray River Council area.
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BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK ANALYSIS

The FRMS&P will identify both structural and non-structural mitigation measures that can improve the management of flood risk for Moulamein town.

CONCLUSION

It is considered appropriate that Peter Redfern and China Gibson be appointed to sit on the Moulamein FRMC as local community representatives.
CLAUSE 5. Appointment of a Local Community Representative to the Barham Floodplain Risk Management Committee

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REPORT GROUP

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

REPORT TITLE

CLAUSE 5. Appointment of a Local Community Representative to the Barham Floodplain Risk Management Committee

REPORT PREPARED BY

MANAGER DESIGN, CAPITAL WORKS & PROJECTS - Onisimo Mukodi

RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoints Roger Knight as the local community representative on the Barham Floodplain Risk Management Committee.

BACKGROUND

Council adopted Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plans (FRMS&P’s) for Barham in December 2016. According to the FRM&P, there is uncertainty regarding the condition of the Barham town levee, as well as the safe operating level for the levee, which has implications for emergency flood management.

Murray River Council was allocated funding by the NSW state government under the Flood Management Program to undertake the structural integrity audit and options assessment (SIAOA) for the existing Barham levee. A consultant has been appointed to undertake the project. The SIAOA will be delivered in consultation with the Barham Floodplain Risk Management Committee (FRMC) and its recommendations will be referred to the local community for comments.

The FRMC acts as both a focus and a forum for the discussion of technical, social, economic, ecological and cultural issues and for the distillation of possibly differing viewpoints relating to the SIAOA and floodplain risk management planning.

DISCUSSION

Need for a Committee:

The SIAOA and floodplain risk management planning, will take into consideration a number of diverse issues which include:

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STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Operational Plan 2017/18 - Strategic Theme: Emergency Management, Flood Mitigation

- Activity: Develop and maintain a prompt and efficient service to meet the needs of persons affected, or threatened by, disaster in the Murray River Council area.
- Activity: Maintain an active and influential role in flood and river quality management within the Murray River Council area.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS
RISK ANALYSIS

The SIAOA will help evaluate the structural integrity of the Braham town levee and help ascertain realistically the flood risk for the town. This will help Council formulate and implement effective risk mitigation measures for the town.

CONCLUSION

It is considered appropriate that Roger Knight be appointed to sit on the Barham FRMC as a local community representative.
CLAUSE 6. Appointment of Local Community Representatives to the Echuca Moama Torrumbarry Flood Study Reference Committee

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REPORT GROUP
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

REPORT TITLE
CLAUSE 6. Appointment of Local Community Representatives to the Echuca Moama Torrumbarry Flood Study Reference Committee

REPORT PREPARED BY
MANAGER DESIGN, CAPITAL WORKS & PROJECTS - Onisimo Mukodi

RECOMMENDATION
That Council appoints Jamie Horking, Geoff McKenzie and Matthew O’Farrell as the local community representatives on the Echuca Moama Torrumbarry Flood Study Reference Committee.

BACKGROUND
Murray River Council, Campaspe Shire Council and the Victoria North Central Catchment Management Authority Council are jointly delivering the Echuca Moama Torrumbarry Flood Study (EMT FS).

DISCUSSION
A consultant has been appointed to deliver the EMT FS. The EMT FS has provision for a Flood Study Reference Committee (FSRC), an advisory body, which provides a forum for discussion of technical, social, economic and ecological issues and to ensure all important aspects of the study are given due consideration. Jamie Horking, Geoff McKenzie and Matthew O’Farrell, all local residents of Moama, have expressed interest to sit on the FSRC.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS
Operational Plan 2017/18 - Strategic Theme: Emergency Management, Flood Mitigation
- Activity: Develop and maintain a prompt and efficient service to meet the needs of persons affected, or threatened by, disaster in the Murray River Council area.
- Activity: Maintain an active and influential role in flood and river quality management within the Murray River Council area.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS
Nil.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS
Nil.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS
Nil.

RISK ANALYSIS
Community representatives' participation will enhance the FSRC's capacity in delivering its role in floodplain risk management.

CONCLUSION
It is considered appropriate that Jamie Horking, Geoff McKenzie and Matthew O’Farrell be appointed to sit on the Echuca Moama Torrumbarry Flood Study Reference Committee as local community representatives.
**CLAUSE 7. Proposed Private Road Names - Deep Creek Marina**

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CLAUSE 7. Proposed Private Road Names - Deep Creek Marina

**REPORT PREPARED BY**

GIS & ASSET OFFICER - Teresa Brooks

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council approves the private road names within Deep Creek Marina (Waterfront Moama).
2. That Council allocates two road names from Council's pre-approval road/street name list for the roads/walkways within DP 285249.

**BACKGROUND**

Council received a request from Waterfront Moama (Deep Creek Marina) to approve and gazette the private roads within the Deep Creek Marina site.

**DISCUSSION**

For the purposes of the Geographical Names Board NSW Address Policy, Council are responsible for endorsing the authoritative road name of a private road and ensuring it is approved by the Geographical Names Board and gazetted.

The suggested names are based around a marina/lagoon, local area theme and comply with the requirements of the Geographical Names Board. The suggested names are as follows. Their location is shown in Attachment A.

- Marine Drive
- Aqua Vista
- Banan View
- Waterfront Place
- Lagoon Close
- Apsley Place
- Sanctuary Lane
- Parkview Way

The above proposed names only cover those roads within the Deep Creek Marina site managed by Waterfront Moama. To ensure consistency across the area Council made contact with the owners/managers of the adjoining marina sites suggesting that they submit names for the roads/walkways accessing their boat mooring sites in DP 285249 (two names are required). Despite several attempts to give the owners/managers the opportunity to name their roads/walkways within DP 285249, no names have been submitted. Council advised the owners/managers that should no names be submitted Council would provide suitable names for these roads/walkways.

It is suggested that the two names be selected from Council’s pre approved road/street name list (Attachment...
B).

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Operational Plan 2017-18 Strategic Theme 1. Built/Physical Environment which is planned, connected, safe and supports our industries, businesses and community.

Strategy: Maintenance and construction of urban street and rural road network.

Activity: Provide a road network appropriate to community needs.

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget implications.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed name complies with the Geographical Names Board guidelines for the naming of roads.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Road naming authorities must adhere to the procedure outlined in the NSW Road Regulation 2008 when naming a public or private road. In NSW, the Geographical Names Board must be notified of all road naming proposals. Once approved by Council, the proposed road name is registered online. Through this process the Geographic Names Board either accepts or rejects the name based on whether or not it complies with their guidelines.

**RISK ANALYSIS**

If road names are not officially and correctly recorded, this can impede the delivery of emergency and other services to residents and businesses.

**CONCLUSION**

The proposed private road names comply with the Geographical Names Board guidelines for the naming of roads and is therefore supported.

To ensure consistency across both sites within Deep Creek Marina and to ensure that all sites have a suitable address to enable accurate addressing and access for emergency services, including ambulance and fire services, Council should allocate two names for the roads/walkways within DP 285249.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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BACKGROUND

It is a requirement in the Local Government Act 1993 for councils to have a resourcing strategy. In accordance with the directions of the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, an amalgamated Council must prepare a resourcing strategy by 30 June 2018. The resourcing strategy is to include asset management planning.

In accordance with the NSW Office of Local Government’s Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework a Council’s asset management should be supported by three key documents:

- Asset Management Strategy – that identifies assets that are critical to the Council’s operations and outlines risk management strategies for these assets. The Strategy must also include specific actions required to improve the Council's asset management capability and projected resource requirements and timeframes.
- Asset Management Plans – for all assets under a Council’s control, which identify asset service standards and contain long-term (at least 10 years) projections of asset maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement costs. These costs should then be reflected in the Long-Term Financial Plan.

At the time of amalgamation both the former Murray Shire and the former Wakool Shire had Asset Management frameworks in place, however the data quality, management systems and policy structures of both organisations varied greatly. Since merger, staff have been working towards a single consolidated Asset Management framework.

DISCUSSION

The Asset Management Strategy is a ‘living document’ that includes benchmarks and milestones aimed at improving Council’s asset management processes and procedures. It must be monitored regularly and amended to reflect progression in its implementation. The Strategy needs to reflect any major changes in the Council’s asset portfolio.

The Asset Management Strategy includes an overarching Asset Management Policy. The Asset Management Policy sets the broad framework for undertaking asset management in a structured and
coordinated way. It outlines why and how asset management will be undertaken. It provides clear direction for asset management and defines key principles that underpin asset management for the Council.

The Asset Management Strategy identifies assets that are critical to the Council’s operations and outlines the risk management strategies for these assets. It includes specific actions required to improve the Council’s asset management capability and projected resource requirements and timeframes.

Asset Management Plan(s) must encompass all assets under a Council’s control, identify asset service standards and contain long term projections of asset maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement costs.

When undertaking its asset management planning, a council will review its assets to determine that they are fit for purpose: that is, that they support the Council’s achievement of the Delivery Program, and community goals and outcomes identified in the Community Strategic Plan. (Source, OLG, Integrated Planning and Reporting Manual).

The key objectives of the Draft Murray River Asset Management Policy (Policy) are to:

- Ensure that services and infrastructure are provided in a financially sustainable manner, with the appropriate levels of service to customers and the environment.
- Safeguard infrastructure assets including physical assets and employees by implementing appropriate asset management strategies and appropriate financial resources for those assets.
- Create an environment where all employees take an integral part in overall management of infrastructure assets by creating and sustaining an asset management awareness throughout the Murray River Council by training and development.
- Meet any legislative and regulatory requirements for asset management.
- Ensure resources and operational capabilities are identified and responsibility for asset management is allocated.
- Demonstrate transparent and responsible asset management processes that align with demonstrated best practice.

Separate to the overarching Draft Murray River Asset Management Policy, Council also has a Transport Asset Management Policy and Building Asset Management Policy.

The Draft Policy also provides principles for ensuring adequate provision is made for the long-term planning, financing, operation, maintenance, renewal, upgrade and disposal of Council’s capital assets. The Draft Policy is based on the model policy provided by the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia.

The Draft Murray River Council Asset Management Strategy (Strategy) provides a summary of the categories, quantity and value of Council’s current assets, the condition of the assets and governance arrangements. The total replacement costs of all Council’s assets are $658 Million (30 June 2017). Roads and ancillary infrastructure (bridges, paths) accounts for almost 60% of the total value of Council owned infrastructure. The condition of assets is generally classified according to the following levels:

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Less than 1% of Council owned assets falls within Level 5 based on Gross Replacement Cost while less than 15% falls within Level 4. Note this assessment is based on 2014/2015 asset data. New condition data is now required to confirm the above assertion.

A key component of the Strategy is the Asset Management Improvement Plan. The National Sustainability Framework – Financial Reporting and Asset Planning and Management lists several core competencies for asset management. These include having an Asset Management Policy, Asset Management Strategy, Asset Management Plans, appropriate governance and management mechanisms in place, levels of service defined and good data/systems.

The Council currently has individual Asset Management Plans (Plans) for the following asset classes;
- Transportation
- Buildings
- Stormwater
- Water
- Sewer
- Plant and Equipment (Including Office Equip. & Furniture & Fittings)
- Miscellaneous (Including Other Assets, Other Structures, Land Improvements Depreciable & Waste)

Each of these Plans captures asset capitalisation. It is intended to develop an overarching Asset Capitalisation Policy in future.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Murray River Council Operational Plan & Budget 2017/18:

**Strategic Theme:** Built/Physical Environment

- **Strategy:** Asset Management
- **Activity:** Develop and maintain asset management governance, skills, processes, systems and data in order to provide the level of service the community need at present and in the future, in the most cost effective and fit for purpose manner

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

There will be ongoing budgetary implications.

Funding will be required annually in order to complete asset assessments, condition inspections, revaluations and service level consultation. These works are required annually in order to keep asset and service level data current and remain compliant with legislative requirements.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The adoption of this policy will ensure Council has an Asset Management Policy in place.

Note: this will replace the former Murray Shire and Wakool Shire policies and strategies.

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Local Government Act 1993, Section 403

**RISK ANALYSIS**

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**CONCLUSION**

Finalising the Murray River Council Draft Asset Management Policy and Asset Management Strategy will help complete the consolidation of former Murray Shire and Wakool Shire asset systems and will also satisfy the directions of the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet. It will also provide Council with a broad framework to improve asset management 'in order to provide the level of service the community need at present and in the future, in the most cost effective and fit for purpose manner'.

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CLAUSE 1. Waste Management - Kerbside Recycling

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REPORT GROUP

DIRECTOR PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

REPORT TITLE

CLAUSE 1. Waste Management - Kerbside Recycling

REPORT PREPARED BY

DIRECTOR PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT - Simon Arkinstall

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council continue to support and implement a kerbside recycling collection program;
2. That Council increase the kerbside waste management charge associated with all properties that receive a kerbside recycling collection by $0.60 per week to cover the additional cost associated with managing the recyclable material collected from kerbside.

BACKGROUND

Council at its meeting of 15 May 2018 considered a report in relation to the impact of the Chinese Government's ban on materials entering the country. Council resolved to increase the kerbside collection charge for all residential properties that receive a kerbside collection to cover the additional cost associated with the processing of collected recyclable materials.

DISCUSSION

China is a global key market for recyclables. Its unexpected withdrawal from the trading of recyclables has resulted in lower demand and lower prices. Now, there are no alternative markets or processing options for a range of material (mainly in terms of quantity). Some material can be sold in other markets, particularly in Asia, but demand is lower than supply and therefore price has fallen. Therefore, the consequences of the Chinese ban are expected to be far reaching, affecting Australian and overseas exporters, Chinese importers and eventually waste generators, including Australian councils.

China had been the largest importer and processor of recyclable materials in the world, taking in more than 30 million tonnes of waste from Australia, Europe, the United States and Japan. As a result of China’s direction, recyclables cannot be sold, their price has collapsed and they are being stockpiled in facilities around the world until a solution is found.

Particularly Material Recovery Facility (MRF) operators are feeling the effect throughout the supply chain. Until recently, MRFs had been earning most of their revenue through the sale of recyclable paper and cardboard and plastic. With the collapse in value of these materials (Table 1) MRF operators will either have to cease operations or secure higher front gate revenue (the gate fee Councils pay) to cover the loss.

Table 1: Change in the price of key recyclables following Sept 2017 when China reconfirmed National Sword
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<th>Material</th>
<th>Price over previous decade ($/t)</th>
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<td>Mixed Paper</td>
<td>$200-250</td>
<td>$80</td>
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<td>Mixed Plastic</td>
<td>$350 ($400-450 for PET &amp; HDPE)</td>
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<td>Glass</td>
<td>$72</td>
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For Australian councils, the above will result in increased expenditure as they would need to start paying (or pay more) for MRFs to accept recyclables. In a worst-case scenario, councils might even have to pay for the disposal of recyclables to landfill in the event that alternative markets are not found. For metropolitan councils in most states, costs will be much higher since these materials would attract the waste levy.

Councils all over Australia have been calling on the state and federal governments to take the initiative in finding a solution.

The effect of China’s ban is being felt worldwide including in Australia where service providers are increasingly exploring their options. Although contractual agreements are in place, the economics of the ban mean that operators of MRFs are extremely unlikely to both fulfil their contractual obligations and remain solvent.

Within the existing contract between Council and Veolia there is a specific Clause that relates to a ‘gate charge’ that the Contractor can levy against Council for the management of kerbside recyclables. As a result of the existing contract Veolia has advised Council that it will be levying a current ‘gate charge’ of $85.00 per tonne of recyclable materials being processed through their MRF.

The report presented to Council for consideration at its meeting of 15 May 2018 focused on residential properties and not commercial properties that also receive kerbside collection and as a result this also requires the consideration of Council.

As a result of the impact of the market and the ability for Council to levy a waste charge to recover the cost of implementing the waste management service it is proposed that the following charges be levied against all properties that receive a kerbside collection.

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### Commercial WMS Dual – Standard Larger Service (240lt bins for waste and recycling)

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### Strategic Implications

The implications associated with this shift in Chain policy for Council relates to the potential cost implications and how to managed kerbside recycling.

The options include:

- Continue with the implementation of kerbside recycling;
- Landfill - Not ideal as the resource is lost and it would undermine kerbside recycling efforts;
- Materials could be stored until new markets are found: Potential issues include fires at sites where recyclable materials are stored, and space restrictions; and
- Limit the materials’ use and functions.

### Budgetary Implications

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Based on the quantities of materials estimated to be collected through the Murray River Council’s kerbside collection process, being 27.5 tonnes per week, the additional cost requirements based on a ‘gate charge’ of $85.00 per tonne will be $121,550.00 per annum

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil implications.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Local Government Act 1993 details how Councils are to be funded and what fees and charges are able to be levied, one of these being related to waste management. The relevant Clause from the Local Government Act 1993 are as follows;

496 Making and levying of annual charges for domestic waste management services

(1) A council must make and levy an annual charge for the provision of domestic waste management services for each parcel of rateable land for which the service is available.

(2) A council may make an annual charge for the provision of a domestic waste management service for a parcel of land that is exempt from rating if:
   (a) the service is available for that land, and
   (b) the owner of that land requests or agrees to the provision of the service to that land, and
   (c) the amount of the annual charge is limited to recovering the cost of providing the service to that land.

501 For what services can a council impose an annual charge?

(1) A council may make an annual charge for any of the following services provided, or proposed to be provided, on an annual basis by the council:
   - water supply services
   - sewerage services
   - drainage services
   - waste management services (other than domestic waste management services)
   - any services prescribed by the regulations.

(2) A council may make a single charge for two or more such services.

(3) An annual charge may be levied on each parcel of rateable land for which the service is provided or proposed to be provided.

The pertinent sub clause being Clause 496(2)(c) which requires any annual charge implemented must only cover the cost associated with the implementation of that waste management service. In this instance, any additional cost associated with the management of the kerbside materials can be placed on the annual waste management rate.

Based on the additional estimated cost associated with the collection and management of the kerbside recyclable materials the existing domestic waste management charge will need to be increased by $30.00 per annum based on the 4,163 residential properties that currently receive the service.

The current DWMC for the Greater Murray and Moama Wards would increase from $202.97 to $232.97 per annum and for the Greater Wakool Ward the DWMC would increase from $292.74 to $322.74 per annum.

In relation to the commercial/industrial rate Clause 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993 is applicable and it is also proposed to increase these charges accordingly.

Council is advised that based on the latest figures on the NSW Environmental Protection Authorities data base being for the 2014/15 the average DWMC for Council’s across NSW was $357.00 per annum. This indicates that the DWMC especially for the Greater Murray and Moama Wards are relatively low.

RISK ANALYSIS
**What can happen?**
Council cease kerbside recycling collection.

**How can it happen?**
Cost implications

**What are the consequences of the event happening?**
- Poor public perception
- Increase environmental impacts
- Increase cost management associated with landfill operations and void consumption.

**What is the likelihood of the event happening?**
Low.

**Adequacy of existing controls**
High.

**Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**
Increase the DWMC to account for additional cost.

**CONCLUSION**

The implementation of the Sword Policy by the Chinese Government has resulted in China stopping the importation of recycled material, which in turn has had a significant impact on available markets and the cost in managing these products.

The cost implications will have an impact on the collection agencies and MRF operators and as a result, any increase in associated cost will be passed onto Councils.

Council’s current waste collection contract permits the Contractor to pass on the ‘gate charge’ associated with the management of recyclable materials collected from the kerbside. The Contractor has advised Council that the ‘gate charge’ to manage the recyclable materials collected from kerbside will be $85.00 per tonne. Based on this figure and the current levels of material collected this charge can be covered through increasing the WMC in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993.
CLAUSE 2. Section 82 Objection in relation to clause 135 of the Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2005 to permit the construction of the manufactured homes on each dwelling site

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REPORT TITLE
CLAUSE 2. Section 82 Objection in relation to clause 135 of the Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2005 to permit the construction of the manufactured homes on each dwelling site

REPORT PREPARED BY
MANAGER PLANNING & BUILDING (EAST) - Glenn Bulmer

RECOMMENDATION
That Council resolve to:
Refuse the section 82 objection to contravene the requirements of clause 135 of the Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2005 to allow the manufactured homes to be built on the dwelling sites within the Moama Waters Caravan Park.

BACKGROUND
Refer attached report - Appendix 1.

DISCUSSION
Refer attached report - Appendix 1.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS
Nil implications.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS
Nil implications.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS
Nil implications.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS
The following regulation and policies are under review associated with the Discussion Paper "IMPROVING THE REGULATION OF MANUFACTURED HOMES, CARAVAN PARKS, MANUFACTURED HOME ESTATES & CAMPING GROUNDS", attached as Appendix 4, issued by the NSW Department of Planning &
RISK ANALYSIS

Nil implications.

CONCLUSION

The section 82(1)(b) objection to compliance with clause 135 of the Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2005 is not considered to be well founded.

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DIRECTOR PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

REPORT TITLE

REPORT PREPARED BY
TOWN PLANNER - Christopher O'Brien

RECOMMENDATION
i. That the Officer’s report be received and noted; and
ii. That Development Application 024/18 be granted development consent subject to the conditions attached at the end of this report.

BACKGROUND
The Application seeks permission for the change of use of the subject building as a pharmacy (business premises), and business identification signage. The subject site of the proposed development is located at 28B Livingstone Street, Mathoura, NSW 2710 on Lot 1 DP 1145866, which contains an existing building and is zoned RU5 Village under the Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011.

The subject building contains an existing approval for a business premises (‘Professional Office – (Solicitors)’), however a development application is required for the proposed business premises (Pharmacy) due to the application not meeting all relevant criteria to be classed as exempt development under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008.

The Development Application was notified to surrounding property owners in accordance with Council’s Notification Policy. One (1) public submission (objection) was received during the exhibition period, whilst nine (9) additional public submissions (4 in support of the application, and 5 objecting to the application) were received after the exhibition period had concluded. The objections all raised a similar concern, in that it is alleged that the proposal will result in an adverse impact to an existing ‘pharmacy depot’ business operating within Mathoura, and comments that the proposed pharmacy will lead to its closure. Full detail of all concerns raised by the submission makers is included in the Submissions section of this report.

The concerns of the pharmacy depot owners and members of the community are noted, however an assessment undertaken against Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 has been completed which outlines the proposal complies with all relevant planning criteria. The proposed additional business premises within Mathoura has the potential to provide positive social and economic impacts to the township, whilst the proposal would provide the first pharmacy within Mathoura. Any alleged potential viability issues raised by existing businesses is not a planning consideration, whilst under planning legislation, Council is unable to determine a Development Application based on commercial viability or
potential competition with other businesses.

It is considered that the proposed development is generally consistent with the Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011 (Murray LEP 2011), the Murray Development Control Plan 2012 (Murray DCP 2012), the Murray Strategic Land Use Plan 2010-2030 (Murray SLUP) and other relevant planning instruments associated with the site. The Application has been assessed in accordance with Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and is deemed consistent with the requirements therein. The proposed development is considered appropriate for the location and does not significantly adversely impact upon the existing amenity and neighbourhood character of the area, and is appropriately located within the Livingstone Street commercial precinct of Mathoura.

It is therefore recommended that the proposed development be granted development consent subject to appropriate conditions of consent as detailed at the end of this report.

DISCUSSION

Please see attached assessment report (Appendix 1) outlining the subject application and assessment against Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

RISK ANALYSIS

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

The proposed development has been assessed in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and is considered to be satisfactory. The proposed development will not adversely impact upon Murray River Council, whilst the proposed development will provide additional commercial development within the Mathoura township which is considered an appropriate outcome. It is therefore recommended that development consent be granted subject to the relevant conditions of development consent.

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12. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

13. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Correspondence Report

REPORT PREPARED BY:

MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

01/06: Local Government NSW Weekly
Indices of General Circulars dated 11 May, 18 May, 25 May, 1 June, 8 June and 15 June 2018 have been forwarded to Councillors and Senior Staff via email.

02/06: Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) News
Newsletters dated 11 May, 18 May, 25 May, 1 June, 8 June and 15 June 2018 have been forwarded to Councillors and Senior Staff via email.

03/06: Local Government NSW
Forwarding a Media Release dated 8 May 2018 advising that the Federal Budget handed down by Treasurer Scott Morrison offers some benefits for the local government sector, but focuses on individuals rather than communities. Refer attached Appendix 1(A).

04/06: Minister for Roads, Maritime & Freight, Melinda Pavey MP
Forwarding a Media Release dated 9 May 2018 advising that the Minimum Passing Distance Rule will be made permanent to improve the safety of both cyclists and drivers on the roads. Refer attached Appendix 1(B).

05/06: Member for Murray, Austin Evans MP
Forwarding a Media Release dated 9 May 2018 announcing the most dangerous hotspots on NSW roads will be upgraded as part of the NSW Government's $70.9M Safer Roads Program. Refer attached Appendix 1(C).

06/06: Member for Murray, Austin Evans MP
Forwarding a Media Release dated 9 May 2018 announcing that one of the region's latest events, the Pericoota Pop & Pour Festival at Moama has secured $20,000 from the NSW Government's 2018 Incubator Event Fund. Refer attached Appendix 1(D).

07/06: Minister for Regional NSW, Skills & Small Business, John Barilaro MP; and Minister for Local Government, Environment & Heritage, Gabrielle Upton
Forwarding a Media Release dated 15 May 2018 announcing that more than 70 councils across regional NSW have voluntarily joined forces to establish a new network of 11 Joint Organisations. Refer attached Appendix 1(E).

08/06: Local Government NSW
Forwarding a Media Release dated 15 May 2018 advising that the long-term success of the 11 Joint Organisations for regional NSW announced on 15 May would come down to ongoing collaboration and funding. Refer attached Appendix 1(F).
09/06: Member for Murray, Austin Evans MP
Forwarding a Media Release dated 11 May 2018 advising that work is progressing on the $20M Barham Multipurpose Service (MPS), with the first stage of early works completed. Refer attached Appendix 1(G).

10/06: Member for Murray, Austin Evans MP
Forwarding a Media Release dated 15 May 2018 announcing that applications are open for $2M in grants to support conservation by private landholders in NSW. Refer attached Appendix 1(H).

11/06: Mathoura Public School

12/06: Member for Murray, Austin Evans MP
Forwarding a Media Release dated 18 May 2018 welcoming, along with Member for Albury Greg Aplin, the establishment of the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation which will strengthen collaboration between local councils and the NSW Government on regional initiatives. Refer attached Appendix 1(J).

13/06: Member for Murray, Austin Evans MP
Forwarding a Media Release dated 18 May 2018 advising that the $550,000 project, of which the NSW Government provided $490,000, to improve access and safety for the community at the Moama Beach Reserve has been completed. Refer attached Appendix 1(K).

14/06: Member for Murray, Austin Evans MP
Forwarding a Media Release dated 29 May 2018 encouraging cricket clubs in the Murray electorate to apply for $6M in funds made available through the upcoming 2020 ICC World T20 Legacy Fund. Refer attached Appendix 1(L).

15/06: Member for Murray, Austin Evans MP
Forwarding a Media Release dated 6 June 2018 welcoming news that Barham Preschool Kindergarten will receive a grant of $15,000 from the NSW Government’s Quality Learning Environment fund to go towards enhancing the quality of their service. Refer attached Appendix 1(M).

16/06: Member for Murray, Austin Evans MP
Forwarding a Media Release dated 6 June 2018 welcoming news that Gulpa and Moama Preschools will receive $16,000 from the NSW Government’s Quality Learning Environment fund to go towards enhancing the quality of their service. Refer attached Appendix 1(N).

17/06: Member for Murray, Austin Evans MP
Forwarding a Media Release dated 8 June 2018 announcing applications are open for $1.5M in grants to make the State’s heritage items more energy efficient. Refer attached Appendix 1(O).

18/06: Murray-Darling Basin Authority
Forwarding a Communique dated 8 June 2018 advising that the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council met in Canberra on 08/06/18 to discuss progress and next steps to support full implementation of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. Refer attached Appendix 1(P).

19/06: Local Government NSW
Forwarding a Media Release dated 13 June 2018 advising that the local government sector has welcomed a new $20M fund for border towns, designed to level the playing field for communities forced to navigate a range of state-based regulations. Refer attached Appendix 1(Q).

20/06: Member for Murray, Austin Evans MP
Forwarding a Media Release dated 13 June 2018 advising that the NSW Nationals and Liberals Government has announced a boost of $600M in additional funding for dedicated road safety improvements and enhanced police enforcement. Refer attached Appendix 1(R).

21/06: Member for Murray, Austin Evans MP
Forwarding a Media Release dated 13 June 2018 encouraging grey nomads, families and adventurers to
take advantage of a 40% reduction in their caravan or camper trailer registration, following the NSW Government's decision to ease travel costs for caravanners. Refer attached Appendix 1(S).

22/06: Local Government NSW
Forwarding a Media Release dated 19 June 2018 advising that the local government sector has said the 2018/19 NSW State Budget swaps funding critical to local infrastructure and services for a grab-bag of short-term sweeteners which will be forgotten long before election day 2019. Refer attached Appendix 1(T).

23/06: Member for Murray, Austin Evans MP
Forwarding a Media Release dated 20 June 2018 advising that the 2018/19 Budget will provide opportunity and prosperity for the region's businesses through changes in the payroll tax threshold and fee-free apprenticeships. Refer attached Appendix 1(U).

24/06: Member for Murray, Austin Evans MP
Forwarding a Media Release dated 20 June 2018 announcing over $52,000 in NSW Government funding for projects across Murray as part of the 2017/18 Safe Shooting Program, including $17,000 to the Swan Hill Murray Downs Field and Game Club. Refer attached Appendix 1(V).

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14. SUNDRY DELEGATES REPORTS

Mayor, Councillor CR Bilkey

REPORT PREPARED BY:

MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Sundry Delegates Report of the Mayor, Councillor CR Bilkey be received by the Council and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

BACKGROUND:

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

- **15 May**: Pre-Council Meeting Briefing – Mathoura
- **15 May**: Ordinary Meeting of Council – Mathoura
- **16 May**: Volunteer Wellness Day (Campaspe/Murray) – Echuca
- **16 May**: 'Meet the Council' Session – Moama
- **16 May**: Interview with Riverine Herald - Moama
- **17 May**: Phone Interview with 3SH (Swan Hill)
- **18 May**: Riverina and Murray Regional Organisation of Councils (RAMROC) Board Meeting – Jerilderie
- **26 May**: Official Opening of Tourism Installations - Tooleybuc
- **29 May**: Nimmie Caira Meeting – Maude
- **31 May**: Meeting with Department Planning & Environment, in company with General Manager – Sydney
- **31 May**: Meeting with Small Business Commissioner, in company with General Manager – Sydney
- **1 June**: Country Mayor's Association Meeting – Sydney
- **1 June**: Meeting with Office of Regional Infrastructure Coordinator, in company with General Manager – Sydney
- **4 June**: Echuca Moama Bridge Project Team Meeting - Echuca
- **6 June**: Citizenship Ceremony (4 clients) – Moama
- **7 June**: Councillor Meeting with General Manager - Moama
- **7 June**: Community Consultation Session on Draft Operational Plan & Budget 2018/19 – Barham
- **11 June**: Radio EMFM Segment – Echuca
- **12 June**: Community Consultation Session on Draft Operational Plan & Budget 2018/19 – Mathoura
- **12 June**: Community Consultation Session on Draft Operational Plan & Budget 2018/19 – Moama
- **13 June**: Official Opening Stage 3 of Moama Echuca Botanic Gardens – Moama
- **13 June**: Roads & Maritime Services Local Government Strategic Discussion Forum – Deniliquin
- **13 June**: Community Consultation Session on Draft Operational Plan & Budget 2018/19 – Moulamein
- **14 June**: Community Consultation Session on Draft Operational Plan & Budget 2018/19 – Tooleybuc
- **15 June**: Murray Darling Association Region 2 Annual General Meeting – Moira Shire, Cobram
- **17 June**: Regional Cooperation & Development Forum – Canberra
- **18-20 June**: National General Assembly of Local Government – Canberra
- **18 June**: National Timber Councils Association Meeting – Canberra
- **19 June**: Meeting with Member for Farrer, The Hon Sussan Ley MP, in company with General
Manager - Canberra

- **19 June**: Meeting with Deputy Prime Minister's Chief of Staff & Transport/Aviation Advisor - Canberra
- **19 June**: Refreshments with Member for Farrer, The Hon Sussan Ley MP – Canberra
- **21 June**: Phone Interview with 3SN (Swan Hill)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor GS Campbell

REPORT PREPARED BY:

MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Sundry Delegates Report of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor GS Campbell be received by the Council and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

BACKGROUND:

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor GS Campbell reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- **15 May**: Pre-Council Meeting Briefing – Mathoura
- **15 May**: Ordinary Meeting of Council – Mathoura
Councillor A Aquino

REPORT PREPARED BY:
MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh

RECOMMENDATION:
That the Sundry Delegates Report of Councillor A Aquino be received by the Council and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

BACKGROUND:
Councillor A Aquino reported on his attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- **15 May**: Ordinary Meeting of Council – Mathoura
Councillor NF Cohen

REPORT PREPARED BY:

MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Sundry Delegates Report of Councillor NF Cohen be received by the Council and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

BACKGROUND:

Councillor NF Cohen reported on her attendance at the following meetings and functions:

- **15 May**: Ordinary Meeting of Council – Mathoura
- **30 May**: Department Planning & Environment Murray River Waterfront Management Strategy Meeting - Moama
- **6 June**: Murray Regional Tourism Farm to Plate Workshop - Echuca
- **7 June**: Councillor Meeting with General Manager - Moama
- **12 June**: Murray Regional Tourism Event Management Workshop - Moama
- **12 June**: Moama Recreation Reserve Management Committee Meeting - Moama
- **12 June**: Community Consultation Session on Draft Operational Plan & Budget 2018/19 – Moama
- **13 June**: Official Opening Stage 3 of Moama Echuca Botanic Gardens – Moama
- **14 June**: Echuca Moama Accommodation Association AGM - Moama
- **19 June**: Echuca Moama Tourism Networking Night - Echuca
- **25 June**: Moama RSL Sub Branch Commemorative Service 65th Anniversary Korean Armistice - Moama
Councillor A Crowe

REPORT PREPARED BY:

MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Sundry Delegates Report of Councillor A Crowe be received by the Council and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

BACKGROUND:

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

- **15 May**: Pre-Council Meeting Briefing – Mathoura
- **15 May**: Ordinary Meeting of Council – Mathoura
- **17 May**: Meeting with Manager Economic Development & Tourism and Councillor Gorey - Murray Downs, Tooleybuc & Koraleigh
- **26 May**: Official Opening of Ant and Giant Mallee Root, in company with the Mayor - Tooleybuc
- **30 May**: Murray Downs Advancement Group General Meeting - Murray Downs
- **1 June**: South West Arts Inc. Annual General Meeting - Deniliquin
- **4 June**: Murray River Council Audit Committee Meeting - Moama
- **21 June**: Swan Hill Rural City Council/Murray River Council Bridge Advocacy Meeting - Swan Hill
Councillor NH Gorey

REPORT PREPARED BY:

MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Sundry Delegates Report of Councillor NH Gorey be received by the Council and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

BACKGROUND:

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

- **15 May**: Pre-Council Meeting Briefing – Mathoura
- **15 May**: Ordinary Meeting of Council – Mathoura
- **16 May**: 'Meet the Council' Session – Moama
- **21 May**: Barham Recreation Reserve Management Committee Meeting - Barham
- **30 May**: Department Planning & Environment Murray River Waterfront Management Strategy Meeting - Moama
- **7 June**: Councillor Meeting with General Manager - Moama
- **7 June**: Community Consultation Session on Draft Operational Plan & Budget 2018/19 – Barham
- **13 June**: Community Consultation Session on Draft Operational Plan & Budget 2018/19 – Moulamein
- **17 June**: Regional Cooperation & Development Forum – Canberra
- **18-20 June**: National General Assembly of Local Government – Canberra
- **18 June**: National Timber Councils Association Meeting – Canberra
- **21 June**: Barham Levee Structural Integrity Audit & Options Assessment Project Inception Meeting - Barham
- **21 June**: Swan Hill Rural City Council/Murray River Council Bridge Advocacy Meeting - Swan Hill
Councillor AM Mathers

REPORT PREPARED BY:

MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Sundry Delegates Report of Councillor AM Mathers be received by the Council and reasonable out
of pocket expenses be met by Council.

BACKGROUND:

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

- 15 May: Pre-Council Meeting Briefing – Mathoura
- 15 May: Ordinary Meeting of Council – Mathoura
Councillor TE Weyrich

REPORT PREPARED BY:

MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Sundry Delegates Report of Councillor TE Weyrich be received by the Council and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

BACKGROUND:

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

- **15 May**: Ordinary Meeting of Council – Mathoura
- **16 May**: 'Meet the Council' Session – Moama
- **30 May**: Department Planning & Environment Murray River Waterfront Management Strategy Meeting - Moama
- **7 June**: Councillor Meeting with General Manager - Moama
- **21 June**: Murray Central Regional Boating Advisory Group Meeting - Moama
Councillor GW Wise

REPORT PREPARED BY:

MANAGER OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Kerri Keogh

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Sundry Delegates Report of Councillor GW Wise be received by the Council and reasonable out of pocket expenses be met by Council.

BACKGROUND:

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

- 15 May: Pre-Council Meeting Briefing – Mathoura
- 15 May: Ordinary Meeting of Council – Mathoura
- 22 May: Meeting with local developer, in company with General Manager and Director Planning & Environment - Moama
- 12 June: Community Consultation Session on Draft Operational Plan & Budget 2018/19 – Moama
- 18 June: Mathoura Retirement Village Management Committee Meeting - Mathoura
- 19 June: Echuca Moama Tourism Networking Night - Echuca
15. BIRTHS AND CONDOLENCES

16. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Section 10A (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 (the ‘Act’) provides as follows:

A council or a committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises:
(a) the discussion of any of the matters listed in subclause (2), or
(b) the receipt or discussion of any of the information so listed.

In accordance with the Act and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager, the business contained in the Confidential Reports listed in this Agenda is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A (2) of the Act and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the public.

On balance, the public interest in protecting confidential information outweighs the public interest in ensuring accountability through open meetings.

16.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES CONFIDENTIAL REPORT & SUPPLEMENTARY MATTERS

CLAUSE 1. Industrial Land Sale

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REPORT GROUP
DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT TITLE
CLAUSE 1. Industrial Land Sale

REPORT PREPARED BY
ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES - Phil Higgins

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REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL REPORT
Local Government Act 1993 - Section 10A(2)(d)(iii) : commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, reveal a trade secret
CLAUSE 2. Land Sale

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REPORT GROUP
DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

REPORT TITLE
CLAUSE 2. Land Sale

REPORT PREPARED BY
MANAGER PROCUREMENT, CONTRACTS & LEASES - Peter Beaumont

CONFIDENTIAL

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

Local Government Act 1993 - Section 10A(2)(d)(iii) : commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, reveal a trade secret
CLAUSE 1. Picnic Point Caravan Park - Market Rent Review

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REPORT GROUP

DIRECTOR PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

REPORT TITLE

CLAUSE 1. Picnic Point Caravan Park - Market Rent Review

REPORT PREPARED BY

DIRECTOR PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT - Simon Arkinstall

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REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

Local Government Act 1993 - Section 10A(2)(c) : information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business
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17. NOTICE OF URGENT BUSINESS

18. CLOSE OF MEETING