

Glen Innes Severn Council Meeting

22 JUNE 2023

Annexures

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28/05/2020	7.18	Dumaresq Street Industrial Estate	Moved Cr C Price Secoded Cr A Parsons	31/12/2023	Hunt, David	<p>19 Jun 2020 3:03pm Price, Graham</p> <p>Item 1 completed and with GM for signing and final lodgement.</p> <p>19 Jun 2020 3:04pm Price, Graham - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Price, Graham from 11 June 2020 to 28 August 2020</p> <p>09 Jul 2020 3:32pm Price, Graham</p> <p>Item 1 completed and DA lodged.</p> <p>14 Jul 2020 9:30am Price, Graham</p> <p>MED requested to promote the land as per Council resolution on the 14/7/2020. Following promotion carried out; 1. Added to Glen Innes Highlands site - https://gleninneshighlands.com/existing-assets.html, 2. Posted onto Glen Innes Highlands Facebook page, 3. Shared to GISC Facebook page, 4. Shared to 'Glen Innes Business Support' Facebook group.</p> <p>10 Aug 2020 4:15pm Price, Graham</p> <p>Promotion has been carried out through the VIC. Subdivision DA has been lodged and is pending approval.</p> <p>25 Aug 2020 2:35pm Price, Graham</p> <p>Item 2 is the only remaining item to be actioned and this cannot be completed until such time as the DA is approved and a Subdivision Certificate issued allowing registration to occur with the Land Titles Office.</p> <p>25 Aug 2020 2:37pm Price, Graham - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Price, Graham from 28 August 2020 to 30 October 2020 - Item 2 cannot be completed until DA is approved and subdivision is registered.</p> <p>10 Sep 2020 2:51pm Price, Graham</p> <p>The Development consent has been approved which will now allow the pursuing of the Subdivision certificate.</p> <p>30 Sep 2020 8:35am Price, Graham</p> <p>Surveyor to be engaged to finalise the survey.</p>
			<p>19.05/20 RESOLUTION</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lodges a Development Application for a five (5) lot subdivision on Lot 1 DP 500396, Dumaresq Street in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. On completion of the subdivision, appoints Liston Legal to undertake a contract of sale with Mr DeJong subject to vendor mortgage as outlined in this report. Initially promotes the sale of the three (3) lots for industrial land in Lot 1 DP 500936 on the Glen Innes Highlands website and other suitable mediums, as identified in the body of this report. Offers the three (3) lots for sale at \$50,000 plus GST and that successful applicants be offered a five (5) year interest free vendor finance mortgage. Requests applicants expressing interest to purchase land to demonstrate the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The capacity of the future development to create local employment; <input type="checkbox"/> The quality of the Expression of Interest, supporting their proposed future development (for example, a well-developed, clear and realistic action plan, supported by research where appropriate and including an 			

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			<p>accurate financial plan/budget); and</p> <p>☐ The demonstrated ability of the individual, organisation or company to deliver a development on the site in a timely manner.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>			<p>29 Oct 2020 2:26pm Price, Graham - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Price, Graham from 30 October 2020 to 31 March 2021 - Delays have been experienced with appointing a Surveyor to undertake the preparation of the linen plan.</p> <p>29 Oct 2020 2:26pm Price, Graham</p> <p>Pending a quotation from Surveyor Jim Noad to finalise the linen plan.</p> <p>17 Nov 2020 4:07pm Price, Graham</p> <p>Further consultation with Preferred Energy who are undertaking the electricity design for the subdivision. Negotiations continuing with the Surveyor for the final preparation of the linen plan.</p> <p>02 Dec 2020 11:39am Price, Graham</p> <p>Works including sealing of road and K&G scheduled for March 2021. Negotiations underway with Surveyor to undertake the required land survey. Survey to be completed by 28 February 2021.</p> <p>15 Feb 2021 9:30am Price, Graham</p> <p>Preliminary site work has commenced and road works and kerb & gutter scheduled for completion end of March early April. Survey work has been deferred to the completion of the kerb & gutter and placement of survey markers. Survey expected to be completed by the end of April.</p> <p>15 Feb 2021 9:33am Price, Graham - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Price, Graham from 31 March 2021 to 28 May 2021 - Surveyor wants to have survey marks completed in kerb & gutter prior to undertaking survey work. K&G to be completed by the end of March.</p> <p>10 Mar 2021 12:20pm Price, Graham</p> <p>Surveyor appointed to undertake survey work. Roadworks scheduled for completion by 30 June 2021.</p> <p>09 Apr 2021 3:24pm Price, Graham</p> <p>Project on track for completion by 30 June due to wet weather delaying the capital works schedule.</p>

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						<p>13 May 2021 2:48pm Price, Graham</p> <p>Finalisation of the survey is dependant on completion of the kerb and gutter and roadworks. This work is scheduled for completion by 30 June 2021.</p> <p>19 May 2021 1:24pm Price, Graham - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Price, Graham from 28 May 2021 to 30 June 2021 - Pending Infrastructure timetable.</p> <p>07 Jun 2021 3:03pm Price, Graham</p> <p>Work scheduled to be completed by 30 June 2021. Roadworks and kerb and guttering will then allow the completion of the subdivision certificate.</p> <p>07 Jun 2021 3:15pm Price, Graham - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Price, Graham from 30 June 2021 to 26 November 2021 - Registration of the subdivision is likely to take some months as it requires Land Title Office approval.</p> <p>07 Jul 2021 10:16am Price, Graham</p> <p>Work commenced on road and kerb and gutter but delayed due to wet weather.</p> <p>10 Aug 2021 5:10pm Price, Graham</p> <p>Wet weather continues to delay works. Survey cannot be completed until such time as the kerb and gutter is completed.</p> <p>07 Sep 2021 2:22pm Price, Graham</p> <p>Road works are continuing and kerb and gutter scheduled for completion by the end of September 2021. On completion of the kerb and guttering the survey and subdivision can be completed. A draft Contract of Sale is being prepared for Catchpower subject to a 50% deposit being paid to cover any lost revenue to Council since May 2020.</p> <p>12 Oct 2021 8:57am Price, Graham</p> <p>Kerb & guttering completed and sealing of the road is pending. Surveyor is now able to pursue the finalisation of the survey to allow the lots to be registered.</p>

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						<p>03 Nov 2021 2:34pm Price, Graham</p> <p>This item is completed with the exception of a Council report to authorise the General Manager to finalise the Contract of Sale on the completion of the subdivision.</p> <p>04 Nov 2021 2:54pm Price, Graham - Reallocation</p> <p>Action reassigned to James, Sari by Price, Graham - The only remaining action is the preparation of the Contract of Sale which the Property Officer is undertaking. All other items have been completed.</p> <p>10 Nov 2021 9:03am James, Sari</p> <p>As the Property Officer I am waiting on Bill Liston to get back to me with further information and understanding of the subdivision.</p> <p>17 Nov 2021 9:16am James, Sari</p> <p>As the Property Officer I am waiting on Bill Liston to get back to me with further information and understanding of the subdivision.</p> <p>17 Nov 2021 9:17am James, Sari - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by James, Sari from 26 November 2021 to 16 December 2021</p> <p>22 Nov 2021 11:10am James, Sari - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by James, Sari from 16 December 2021 to 25 February 2022</p> <p>25 Nov 2021 10:52am James, Sari</p> <p>As the property Officer I am waiting on Council's legal representative to get back to me with further information and understanding of the subdivision. I have left a message with him again this week.</p> <p>08 Dec 2021 9:06am James, Sari</p> <p>I have called Council's legal representative and left a message today with the receptionist.</p> <p>12 Jan 2022 9:07am James, Sari</p> <p>I contacted the Surveyor who has stated he has passed on this information to Council's legal representative.</p>

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						<p>14 Feb 2022 12:50pm James, Sari Surveyor has been contacted and will meet with Council survey team this week to discuss the site.</p> <p>15 Feb 2022 1:15pm James, Sari - Target Date Revision Target date changed by James, Sari from 25 February 2022 to 30 July 2022 - This resolution requires surveys, subdivision, drafting of contracts, expressions of interest, and multiple land sales process.</p> <p>24 Feb 2022 2:45pm James, Sari Council survey team to meet with surveyor to survey the site, aiming for next week.</p> <p>09 Mar 2022 8:55am James, Sari Survey team of Council is meeting the Surveyor on Monday the 14th, Council's Survey team will be competing the drainage and the Surveyor will be completing the subdivision after the meeting.</p> <p>15 Mar 2022 4:22pm James, Sari Survey team met with the Surveyor on Monday the 14th of March, Council is now waiting upon the response from the visit.</p> <p>30 Mar 2022 11:07am James, Sari Surveyor has pegged the area and needs to come back for further surveying when he weather has cleared.</p> <p>07 Apr 2022 3:55pm Appleby, Keith - Reallocation Action reassigned to Reid, Adam by Appleby, Keith - New staff member in role.</p> <p>27 Apr 2022 8:44am Reid, Adam Advancement of project delayed due to Council's Senior Design Officer currently on leave and Property Administration Officer is unable to contact the Surveyor tasked to this action.</p> <p>28 Apr 2022 10:25am Reid, Adam Property Officer contacted Surveyor. Surveyor has not finished survey work due to personal illness. Surveyor to report back within two weeks.</p>

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						<p>26 May 2022 10:37am Reid, Adam</p> <p>Due to ongoing illness, contracted surveyor unable to continue job. Surveyor agreed to send his field notes to Property Administration Officer. Property Administration Officer to seek quotes for new surveyor to finalise survey.</p> <p>09 Jun 2022 9:32am Reid, Adam</p> <p>PAO has requested quotes from two local surveying groups. Awaiting reply.</p> <p>14 Jun 2022 3:03pm Reid, Adam - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Reid, Adam from 30 July 2022 to 31 October 2022 - Property Administration Officer awaiting further details on quote from new surveyors.</p> <p>15 Jul 2022 10:03am Reid, Adam</p> <p>Surveyors "New England Surveying & Engineering" have been selected to survey the land. On first inspection, surveyor recommended changes as to how to subdivide the area more thoroughly. Changes being reviewed by Director of Infrastructure Services and Senior Design Officer</p> <p>08 Aug 2022 2:09pm Reid, Adam</p> <p>Discussions held between New England Surveying and Engineering, Director of Infrastructure Services, and Senior Design Officer about proposed changes to subdivision plan held. Changes have been made to the plan.</p> <p>26 Aug 2022 10:20am Reid, Adam</p> <p>New England Surveying and Engineering provided Draft Subdivision Plan. DDPRS to finalise the outstanding Conditions of Consent before submitting for authorisation.</p> <p>06 Oct 2022 3:35pm Reid, Adam</p> <p>Acting Director of Development Planning and Regulatory Services is currently applying for an NMI to allow and electrical plan to be prepared before moving forwards.</p>

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						<p>09 Nov 2022 10:54am Reid, Adam - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Reid, Adam from 31 October 2022 to 30 April 2023 - Works to ensure adherence to the Development Application requirements have not yet been completed.</p> <p>17 Nov 2022 11:59am Reid, Adam</p> <p>An expression of interest has been received for one lot. A separate report will be prepared for Council.</p> <p>16 Feb 2023 10:11am Reid, Adam</p> <p>Discussions have been held between the General Manager, Director of Place and Growth, and Director Infrastructure Services to decide which department will continue to finalise the conditions for subdivision. Due to possible conflicts of interest as Director of the department which approves Subdivision Certificates, it was decided that the Director of Infrastructure continue to complete all works to comply with the subdivision conditions.</p> <p>13 Mar 2023 11:32am Appleby, Keith - Reallocation</p> <p>Action reassigned to Hunt, David by Appleby, Keith - This project will be overseen by Council's property team moving forward.</p> <p>14 Mar 2023 2:45pm Hunt, David</p> <p>Meeting has taken place between Mike Stone (Senior Design Officer) and Liston Legal with further steps to be taken to be advised to the General Manager and Director of Infrastructure Service. Awaiting official letter advising of next steps from Liston Legal, Estimated Budget for civil and landscaping works including fencing, screen plantings and driveway access has been provided by Mike Stone.</p> <p>16 Mar 2023 11:32am Hunt, David - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Hunt, David from 30 April 2023 to 31 December 2023 - Delays anticipated in completing conditions of consent.</p> <p>17 Apr 2023 4:08pm Hunt, David</p> <p>Senior Design Officer (Mike Stone) continuing to work through quotes for Condition of Consent works to be completed for DA approval. This also includes quotes for electricity to the proposed lots. Additional Budget to be created for these works with Council report due for May Council meeting.</p>

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						<p>10 May 2023 4:07pm Hunt, David</p> <p>MANEX report created to review and discuss budget required for Development Assessment Conditions of Consent. After MANEX review, this will progress to Council for discussion and a Resolution.</p> <p>31 May 2023 8:12am Hunt, David</p> <p>Council passed Resolution 20.05/23 to approve an expenditure budget of \$198,446 for the completion of outstanding works for the proposed Industrial Subdivision at 180 Dumaresq Street. Project Plan to be created to commence works.</p> <p>14 Jun 2023 8:29am Hunt, David</p> <p>Senior Design Officer progressing with physical works required as per Conditions of Consent on Development Application.</p>
24/02/2022	7.28	Proposed Sale of 23 Bourke Street Deepwater	<p>Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr J Parry</p> <p>30.02/22 RESOLUTION</p> <p>That Council calls for Expressions of Interest for the sale of land described as Lot 32 Deposited Plan 978853 at 23 Bourke Street, Deepwater.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	22/12/2023	Hunt, David	<p>09 Mar 2022 9:01am James, Sari</p> <p>Property Officer is Gathering more information before commencing the Expression of Interest.</p> <p>15 Mar 2022 8:37am James, Sari</p> <p>23 Bourke Street is to be surveyed this week by a contracted surveyor.</p> <p>17 Mar 2022 11:34am James, Sari - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by James, Sari from 10 March 2022 to 30 April 2022</p> <p>30 Mar 2022 11:09am James, Sari</p> <p>Surveyor to survey the area when the weather has cleared.</p> <p>07 Apr 2022 3:57pm Appleby, Keith - Reallocation</p> <p>Action reassigned to Reid, Adam by Appleby, Keith - New staff member in role</p> <p>27 Apr 2022 8:41am Reid, Adam</p> <p>Advancement of project delayed due to Council's Senior Design Officer currently on leave and Property Administration Officer is unable to contact the Surveyor tasked to this action.</p>

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						<p>27 Apr 2022 8:43am Reid, Adam - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Reid, Adam from 30 April 2022 to 30 June 2022 - Advancement of project delayed due to Council's Senior Design Officer currently on leave and Property Administration Officer is unable to contact the Surveyor tasked to this action.</p> <p>28 Apr 2022 10:26am Reid, Adam</p> <p>Property Officer contacted Surveyor. Surveyor unable to complete survey of property, has advised he is now unable to perform task due to personal illness. Property Officer to contact new Surveyor</p> <p>14 Jun 2022 3:05pm Reid, Adam</p> <p>Due to surveyor being unavailable, desktop review completed, low risk of property not being as identified. Buyer will assume this risk. Property Officer now preparing draft expression of interest for advertisement.</p> <p>14 Jun 2022 3:09pm Reid, Adam - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Reid, Adam from 30 June 2022 to 31 August 2022 - Draft expression of interest being developed</p> <p>20 Jul 2022 12:09pm Reid, Adam</p> <p>Expression of interest approved and sent to local real estate agents. Submissions to close 4.00pm 17 August 2022.</p> <p>20 Jul 2022 12:14pm Reid, Adam - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Reid, Adam from 31 August 2022 to 31 December 2022 - Due to Expression of Interest process, subsequent tender, advertisement time and sale requirements date is pushed back.</p> <p>09 Sep 2022 12:23pm Reid, Adam</p> <p>No Expressions of interest were returned to Council from this round of requests. Two Expressions were sent on 09/09/2022 to Real Estate agents that had enquired about the sale after the date. New Expression of interest round closes 16/09/2022</p> <p>06 Oct 2022 3:28pm Reid, Adam</p> <p>Received two Expression of Interest from local Real Estate Agents. Property Administration Officer discussing with Director of Infrastructure as to how to progress,</p>

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						<p>17 Nov 2022 12:00pm Reid, Adam</p> <p>The Director has provided instruction to the Property Officer to proceed with an expression of interest process utilising a local real estate agent, with a target of providing a report of expressions received to the February 2023 meeting of Council.</p> <p>02 Dec 2022 5:31pm Appleby, Keith - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Appleby, Keith from 31 December 2022 to 28 February 2023 - The date has been revised to allow time for the EOI process to be completed.</p> <p>02 Feb 2023 9:26am Wilkins, Kimberley - Reallocation</p> <p>Action reassigned to Hunt, David by Wilkins, Kimberley - Directive from MAS to reassign to him so that the action can be managed and closed off in line with sale of property deadlines.</p> <p>02 Feb 2023 9:29am Hunt, David - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Hunt, David from 28 February 2023 to 17 March 2023 - To allow selected Real Estate Agent to complete a 4 week EOI campaign.</p> <p>02 Feb 2023 9:30am Hunt, David</p> <p>Selection of Real Estate Agent to conduct EOI on behalf of Council. Minimum 4 week period for interested parties to provide EOI. Once received, a report to Council will be submitted with recommended actions.</p> <p>10 Feb 2023 9:32am Hunt, David</p> <p>Procurement process completed. Identified Highlands Real Estate to complete Expressions of Interest process over a 4 week process. Once expressions of interest are submitted, a Council report will be progressed recommending an option for sale.</p> <p>13 Mar 2023 10:42am Hunt, David</p> <p>Highlands Real Estate is advertising seeking expressions of interest over a 4 week period. It is expected that a Council report advising of all expressions of interest is presented at the April Council meeting.</p>

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						<p>13 Mar 2023 10:46am Hunt, David - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Hunt, David from 17 March 2023 to 27 April 2023 - Delay in Highlands Real Estate seeking expressions of interest due to Liston Legal having to confirm details for contract of engagement. Expected to have Council report presented at April Council Meeting.</p> <p>14 Apr 2023 10:07am Hunt, David - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Hunt, David from 27 April 2023 to 22 June 2023 - Delay in Liston Legal in providing contract of sale to Highlands Real Estate. Land will be listed for expressions of interest from 17th of April for 4 weeks. It is now expected that a report will be generated for the 22nd of June Council meeting.</p> <p>10 May 2023 4:10pm Hunt, David</p> <p>Expressions of Interest for the purchase of the vacant land are being advertised by Highlands Real Estate for a 4 week period. This period ends on Sunday 14th of May with a report due to Manager of Asset Services after this date. Once this report is received, a report to Council will be created.</p> <p>31 May 2023 8:14am Hunt, David</p> <p>No Expressions of Interest received during the 4 week advertising period. This was conducted by Highlands Real Estate. Council report to be prepared to propose listing land at a price.</p> <p>14 Jun 2023 8:23am Hunt, David - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Hunt, David from 22 June 2023 to 22 December 2023 - Target date changed to allow for land to be listed, offers to be received and sale to be executed.</p>

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25/08/2022	7.27	Boundary Realignment request between Glen Innes Severn Council and Inverell Shire Council	Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr T Alt 29.08/22 RESOLUTION THAT Council: 1. Accepts in principle the proposal to have the boundary realigned between Glen Innes Severn Council and Inverell Shire Council areas by transferring part of Crown Land Road Corridor between Lot 107 DP753292 and Lot 2 DP1187044 having an area of approximately 700m ² from the Inverell Shire Council Local Government Area to the Glen Innes Severn Council Local Government Area; 2. Makes an application to the Minister for Local Government and the Governor to alter the boundaries of the Glen Innes Severn Council and Inverell Shire Council; and 3. Obtains a prior commitment from the requesting party that any costs incurred in undertaking the boundary adjustment will be reimbursed by them to the Glen Innes Severn Council. CARRIED	30/11/2023	Hunt, David	09 Sep 2022 10:47am Reid, Adam - Target Date Revision Target date changed by Reid, Adam from 08 September 2022 to 31 December 2022 - Letter to Inverell Shire Council not yet approved. 09 Sep 2022 12:16pm Reid, Adam - Target Date Revision Target date changed by Reid, Adam from 31 December 2022 to 30 June 2023 - After investigation into past Boundary Realignments, time frame extended. 06 Oct 2022 3:39pm Reid, Adam As the Property Administration Officer has been deployed to another department for emergency staffing, no further actions have been taken. A letter to Inverell Shire Council will be prepared on the Property Administration Officers return. 17 Nov 2022 12:01pm Reid, Adam Action has not progressed as Property Officer has been diverted to alternate duties 21 Dec 2022 1:40pm Reid, Adam Property Administration Officer has sent letter to Inverell Shire Council to proceed with rationalisation. Inverell Shire Council to discuss at 23 February 2022 Meeting. 01 Feb 2023 12:02pm Reid, Adam Property Administration Officer has sent letter to Inverell Shire Council to proceed with rationalisation. Inverell Shire Council to discuss at 23 February 2022 Meeting. 13 Mar 2023 11:38am Appleby, Keith - Reallocation Action reassigned to Hunt, David by Appleby, Keith - Reallocated to the Manager of Asset Services as the Property Officer has been tasked elsewhere for a period of time.

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						<p>13 Mar 2023 11:58am Hunt, David</p> <p>Property Administration Officer (PAO) awaiting official notification from Inverell Shire Council on Council resolution from 22.02.23. Inverell Shire Council Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting notes that Council accepts in principle the proposal to have the boundary realigned between Glen Innes Severn Council and Inverell Shire Council areas. PAO will request notification from Inverell Shire Council as a follow-up activity. Submission will be submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Governor for review.</p> <p>16 Mar 2023 11:55am Hunt, David</p> <p>Property Administration Officer received confirmation via email of agreement from Inverell Shire Council noting that as the land has historically been un-rateable land, there is no need for negotiations between Councils regarding rates. Property Administration Officer to write application to the Minister for Local Government and Governor.</p> <p>18 Apr 2023 8:57am Hunt, David</p> <p>Property Administration Officer is preparing the application to the Minister for Local Government and Governor.</p> <p>11 May 2023 10:38am Hunt, David</p> <p>Property Administration Officer is preparing the application to the Minister for Local Government and Governor with the submission to be made in June 2023.</p> <p>31 May 2023 8:16am Hunt, David</p> <p>Property Administration Officer is preparing the application to the Minister for Local Government and Governor with the submission to be made in June 2023.</p> <p>02 Jun 2023 3:06pm Hunt, David</p> <p>PAO made submission on 02.06.23.</p> <p>14 Jun 2023 8:33am Hunt, David - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Hunt, David from 30 June 2023 to 30 November 2023 - Target date changed to allow submission to be reviewed and approved by the Minister for Local Government and the Governor.</p>

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25/08/2022	7.25	Operation of the Glen Innes Aquatic Centre	Moved Cr T Alt Seconded Cr T Arandale 27.08/22 RESOLUTION THAT Council: 1. Instructs the General Manager to consider a full-service review of the Glen Innes and Emmaville Aquatic Centres in the 2022-2023 Operational Plan and Budget; 2. Seeks Expressions of Interest to lease the Glen Innes Aquatic Centre and the Emmaville Aquatic Centre commencing in the 2023-2024 Financial Year; and 3. Endorses the continuation of a further one (1) year for the current lease agreement for the Emmaville Aquatic Centre. CARRIED	29/09/2023	Archibald, Graham	<p>29 Aug 2022 2:46pm Archibald, Graham</p> <p>Letter of Offer written and signed off by the Contractor at Emmaville Aquatic Centre to extend the Lease for a further one (1) year after current lease runs out at the end of the current season 2022-2023. This now extends the lease to the end of the 2023-2024 Season. Signed letter has been entered into ECM.</p> <p>29 Aug 2022 2:50pm Archibald, Graham - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Archibald, Graham from 08 September 2022 to 31 October 2022 - The date has been extended so as to allow the research for monies and to communicate with the GM to see how Council wants to proceed with the Service review.</p> <p>18 Oct 2022 1:45pm Archibald, Graham - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Archibald, Graham from 31 October 2022 to 30 June 2023</p> <p>18 Oct 2022 1:48pm Archibald, Graham - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Archibald, Graham from 30 June 2023 to 30 June 2023 - To be able to search for avenues of funding to carry out the Service review of the two Aquatic Centres and to also consult with the new Director of Growth and Place who has experience in these types of reviews.</p> <p>18 Oct 2022 1:48pm Archibald, Graham</p> <p>To be able to search for avenues of funding to carry out the Service review of the two Aquatic Centres and to also consult with the new Director of Growth and Place who has experience in these types of reviews the action date has been changed to the 30 June 2023. EOI's will be prepared for advertising February 2023 for the leasing of the two Centres.</p> <p>11 Nov 2022 11:39am Archibald, Graham</p> <p>EOI's will be prepared for advertising once a service review is conducted and finalised for the operational lease of the Aquatic Centre. Date aimed for 30 June 2023</p> <p>02 Dec 2022 8:14am Archibald, Graham</p> <p>Consultation with the new Director of Place and Growth has occurred, the task of carrying out the aquatic centres service review has commenced.</p>

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						<p>15 Feb 2023 2:03pm Archibald, Graham</p> <p>The review is well under way and has also been sent to finance for their input.</p> <p>18 Apr 2023 10:12am Archibald, Graham</p> <p>Finance have supplied the review information requested to continue with the swim centre reviews.</p> <p>15 May 2023 1:14pm Archibald, Graham</p> <p>Review of Aquatic Centres Continuing with services provided and Opening Hours being investigated.</p> <p>14 Jun 2023 7:39am Archibald, Graham</p> <p>Investigation and review is continuing, research into other Councils Operations and fees for the new 2023-2024 year being sought.</p> <p>14 Jun 2023 7:41am Archibald, Graham - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Archibald, Graham from 30 June 2023 to 29 September 2023 - Investigation and review is continuing, research into other Councils Operations and fees for the new 2023-2024 year being sought.</p>
27/10/2022	7.3	Local Economic Development Support Fund Policy Applications	<p>Moved Cr J Parry Seconded Cr T Arandale</p> <p>5.10/22 RESOLUTION</p> <p>THAT Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reimburses Attract Connect Stay – Glen Innes \$21,955 for the Community Workforce Recruiter Connector Feasibility Study with 50% payment to commence the project and 50% payment on completion and presentation to Council of the Feasibility Study. Reimburses the Glen Innes Show Society \$7,000 for the 2023 Annual Glen Innes Show, with 50% reimbursed prior to the event, and 50% reimbursed following the successful holding of the event. 	31/07/2023	Bombell, Rhonda	<p>14 Nov 2022 9:39am Davis, Margot - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Davis, Margot from 10 November 2022 to 30 November 2022 - Margot has been on leave however should be completed by 18 November 2022.</p> <p>02 Dec 2022 9:27am Burley, Gayleen</p> <p>Spend in Glen and Glen Innes Show Society have been sent their Service Agreements in accordance with the Council resolution. Council is awaiting further details and confirmation of project delivery dates from the remaining three recipients before issuing Service Agreements/funding.</p> <p>07 Feb 2023 1:02pm Duffell, Debbie - Reallocation</p> <p>Action reassigned to Bombell, Rhonda by Duffell, Debbie - Reallocation requested by the Director of Place and Growth</p>

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			3. Reimburses the Ben Falls Retreat \$7,045 for the expansion of cabin accommodation with 100% paid on approval and provision of the Development Application for the cabins to Council.			09 Feb 2023 2:39pm Bombell, Rhonda Grants Officer has forwarded official notification letters to each of the recipients in November and December 2022. Service agreements have been counter signed and executed with Glen Innes Show Society and Spend In Glen. \$10,000 allocation for Spend in Glen has been paid in full as per Council resolution 50% instalment payment to Glen Innes Show Society. In regard to the remaining recipient service agreements the Grants Officer is awaiting further instruction from senior management in regard to activity deadlines.
			4. Reimburses Karinya \$20,000 for the construction of new units with 100% paid on approval and provision of the Complying Development Certificate to Council.			
			5. Reimburses Spend In Glen \$10,000 for the operation of the 2023 Christmas Promotion with 100% paid on receipt of invoice to Council.			09 Feb 2023 2:50pm Bombell, Rhonda - Target Date Revision
			6. Reimburses Glen Industries \$25,000 for the acquisition and commissioning of plastic recycling equipment on receipt of invoice to Council, the inclusion of the supplier invoice as proof of purchase, and confirmation in writing that the equipment will be installed in the Glen Innes premises prior to monies being released. Further, that in order to receive the \$25,000, Glen Industries must comply with the conditions of their Lease and supply Council with all requirements regarding their Lease Agreement as previously requested – the Annual Lease Agreement for the Glen Innes Landfill Recycling requires an Annual Report regarding the amount of recycling material processed through the recycling centre.			Target date changed by Bombell, Rhonda from 30 November 2022 to 28 February 2023 - When confirmation from senior management on activity deadlines is received, service agreements will be sent out to remaining recipients for signing and execution. Recipient Glen Industries are required to complete additional requirements as per Council resolution prior to service agreement execution. 09 Feb 2023 2:50pm Bombell, Rhonda - Target Date Revision Target date changed by Bombell, Rhonda from 28 February 2023 to 28 February 2023
			7. Requests the Manager of Economic Development to write to all unsuccessful applicants outlining how future submissions could be improved to meet the criteria and provisions of the Local Economic Development Support Fund Policy.			09 Mar 2023 2:02pm Bombell, Rhonda Upon approval from Director of Place and Growth and acting Economic Development Managert grants officer has customised service agreements to remaining recipients has per Council resolutionall. Glen Industries counter signed service agreements have now been sent.
			8. Requests the Manager Economic Development to communicate to all successful applicants the outcome of their application including a stipulation of the funding to provide Council with evidence of the project completion and invite Council to official openings, events or otherwise in recognition of Council's contribution to their project.			14 Mar 2023 9:08am Bombell, Rhonda - Target Date Revision Target date changed by Bombell, Rhonda from 28 February 2023 to 28 April 2023 - Decision and direction has been made by Director of Place and Growth in consultation with acting Manager of Economic Development and Grants Officer. The remaining service agreements can be distributed to remaining recipients and has been actioned and awaiting remaining to be signed and executed to complete this action.
						14 Mar 2023 9:15am Bombell, Rhonda - Target Date Revision Target date changed by Bombell, Rhonda from 28 April 2023 to 28 April 2023
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						<p>18 Apr 2023 10:56am Burley, Gayleen - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Burley, Gayleen from 28 April 2023 to 31 July 2023 - Limited staff resourcing at this time. Priority focus for Economic Development staff has been on the delivery of key events Minerama and ACF).</p> <p>15 May 2023 2:13pm Bombell, Rhonda - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Bombell, Rhonda from 31 July 2023 to 31 July 2023</p> <p>15 May 2023 2:18pm Bombell, Rhonda - Completion</p> <p>Completed by Bombell, Rhonda (action officer) on 15 May 2023 at 2:18:53 PM - Acting MED and Grants Officer will be completing a background analysis to determine if the LEDSF continues in the same nature or if its intent changes. A report will be sent through to MANEX after the completion of the background analysis Monday 22 May.</p> <p>16 May 2023 9:42am Duffell, Debbie - Completion</p> <p>Uncompleted by Duffell, Debbie</p> <p>15 Jun 2023 9:58am Bombell, Rhonda</p> <p>A report is currently being completed with required details that are available to be presented to MANEX for discussion and decision.</p>
15/12/2022	7.4	Glencoe Library Services	Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr C Sparks	28/07/2023	Byrne, Kerry	<p>22 Dec 2022 9:37am Byrne, Kerry - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Byrne, Kerry from 29 December 2022 to 28 July 2023 - Council's meeting on 15/12/22 authorised a resolution which included organising a tender for services at the completion of the Glencoe Library Services contract at the end of June 2023. The date has been revised to allow a tendering process for the contract.</p> <p>16 Feb 2023 10:32am Byrne, Kerry - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Byrne, Kerry from 28 July 2023 to 28 July 2023 - The current Branch Library Contractor's contract finishes at the end of June 2023. Council's Resolution states that the current contractor continues the delivery of service till June 2023 and an expression of interest be organised to gauge community interest in supplying Library Services to Glencoe before the end of the current contract.</p>

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						<p>16 Mar 2023 3:57pm Byrne, Kerry</p> <p>The current Branch Library Contractor's contract finishes at the end of June 2023. Council's Resolution states that the current contractor continues to deliver the service till June 2023 and an expression of interest be organised to gauge community interest in supplying Library Services to Glencoe before the end of the current contract.</p> <p>18 Apr 2023 8:05am Byrne, Kerry</p> <p>The current Branch Library Contractor's contract finishes at the end of June 2023. MLLC is currently researching suitable Expression of Interest options (Monkey Survey, Outlook surveys).</p> <p>10 May 2023 9:28am Byrne, Kerry</p> <p>An Expression of Interest for the Glencoe Library Service was circulated on the 20 April 2023 on Council and the Library's Facebook and an article will appear in the Glen Innes Examiner's 'Our Council'. Flyers and Posters are circulating at the Library in Glen Innes and the village Libraries. The closing date is 4.30 pm, Friday 19 May 2023.</p> <p>06 Jun 2023 8:05am Byrne, Kerry</p> <p>The Expression of Interest for Glencoe Library Service closed at 4.30 pm on 19 May 2023 with one submission. A Business Report for the evaluation and review of library service at Glencoe will be going to Council's meeting on 22 June 2023.</p>
15/12/2022	12.1	Expression of Interest - Proposed Industrial Subdivision Dumaresq Street	<p>Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr L Gresham</p> <p>29.12/22 RESOLUTION</p> <p>THAT Council:</p> <p>1. Accepts "in principle" and "without prejudice" the expression of interest submitted by Sandra and Stafania Pallotta from The Organic Tshirt Factory to purchase proposed Lot 3 from the subdivision on Lot 1 DP 500396, 180 Dumaresq Street, Glen Innes industrial land;</p>	31/12/2023	Hunt, David	<p>03 Feb 2023 2:09pm Duffell, Debbie - Reallocation</p> <p>Action reassigned to Appleby, Keith by Duffell, Debbie - This project is now being delivered by Infrastructure Services.</p> <p>07 Feb 2023 12:01pm Duffell, Debbie - Reallocation</p> <p>Action reassigned to Price, Sam by Duffell, Debbie - Keith Appleby on leave.</p> <p>07 Feb 2023 1:59pm Price, Sam - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Price, Sam from 29 December 2022 to 13 March 2023 - New Surveying contractor working thru DA conditions to finalise sub division</p>

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			<p>2. As per Council resolution 26.11/22, procures a valuation to be undertaken on the remaining four (4) undeveloped lots being lots 1, 2, 3 and 5 and delegates the General Manager or his delegate to negotiate a contract for the sale; and</p> <p>3. Provides landowner consent for lodging applications for the development on the subject lot.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>			<p>13 Mar 2023 11:28am Appleby, Keith - Reallocation</p> <p>Action reassigned to Hunt, David by Appleby, Keith - This matter falls under Council's property services function.</p> <p>16 Mar 2023 10:42am Hunt, David - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Hunt, David from 13 March 2023 to 04 June 2023 - Conditions of consent to be completed by Council before subdivision plan can be registered and certificate issued by Council. Valuation has been obtained.</p> <p>16 Mar 2023 11:30am Hunt, David - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Hunt, David from 04 June 2023 to 31 December 2023 - Delays anticipated for completion of conditions of consent.</p> <p>17 Apr 2023 4:13pm Hunt, David</p> <p>Meeting has taken place in April between The Organic T-Shirt Company, DIS and DPG to progress expression of interest. Discussions are ongoing.</p> <p>10 May 2023 4:14pm Hunt, David</p> <p>Discussions are still ongoing between The Organic T-Shirt Company and Glen Innes Severn Council.</p> <p>02 Jun 2023 3:07pm Hunt, David</p> <p>Discussions are still ongoing between The Organic T-Shirt Factory and Glen Innes Severn Council.</p>
15/12/2022	7.13	LEP Map Error - 1278 Glen Elgin Road, Glen Elgin	<p>Moved Cr L Gresham Seconded Cr J Parry</p> <p>15.12/22 RESOLUTION</p> <p>THAT Council:</p> <p>1. Resolves to forward the Section 3.22 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act Submission Report to the Minister for Planning to expedite the Local Environmental Plan map amendment; and</p> <p>2. Notifies the landowners of the resolution.</p>	30/06/2023	Taminiau, Kathleen	<p>08 Feb 2023 8:42am Taminiau, Kathleen</p> <p>Council forwarded the 3.22 submission report to the Department of Planning on 19/12/2022. The Department of Planning rejected the submission due to the submission being unable to comply with s3.22 as a minor correction or error noting; 1. The draft LEP was exhibited as E3 for the land., 2. Council resolved to make the LEP as E3 for the land., 3. The highly vegetated nature of the land., Council notified the landowners of the resolution and outcome of the submission (rejection) to the landowners on 23/01/2023., Council is now undertaking further investigations in relation to this matter including engagement with multiple State Government Departments/Agencies and review of historical records.</p>

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			CARRIED			<p>08 Feb 2023 8:49am Taminiau, Kathleen - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Taminiau, Kathleen from 29 December 2022 to 31 March 2023</p> <p>18 Apr 2023 11:50am Burley, Gayleen - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Burley, Gayleen from 31 March 2023 to 30 June 2023 - Council is engaging with multiple State Government Agencies to assist in resolving this matter.</p>
23/03/2023	7.16	New England Rail Trail - Glen Innes to Ben Lomond	<p>Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr C Sparks</p> <p>19.03/23 RESOLUTION</p> <p>That Council progresses the lease arrangements and commences the design process for the construction and ongoing operation of the New England Rail Trail between Glen Innes and Ben Lomond.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	31/08/2023	Appleby, Keith	<p>18 Apr 2023 5:29pm Appleby, Keith</p> <p>A meeting has been held with NSW Public Works Advisory to prepare an application for additional funding as identified in the desktop review. A draft lease area has been forwarded to TfNSW for review.</p> <p>19 Apr 2023 4:52pm Appleby, Keith - Target Date Revision</p> <p>Target date changed by Appleby, Keith from 06 April 2023 to 31 August 2023 - The lease agreement is expected to take a number of months to progress through the process.</p> <p>15 May 2023 1:20pm Appleby, Keith</p> <p>TfNSW were contacted for an update regarding the lease. The relevant officer advised that the review of Council's draft corridor has not yet been undertaken due to workload and provided an apology. Separately an application has been drafted for additional funding under the BLERF program in accordance with the desktop review completed by Public Works Advisory.</p> <p>02 Jun 2023 2:06pm Appleby, Keith</p> <p>TfNSW have responded with an update regarding the lease process, noting that the following pathway is now understood, • Agreement of boundary between GISC and TfNSW, • Approval from Minister to undertake s99E consultation, • Undertake s99E consultation, • Take outcomes of consultation to Minister along with request to approve drafting of authorising regulations by Parliamentary Counsels Office, • Make Regulation, Council is still waiting for feedback from the draft boundary it has provided. An ETA for a decision on the additional funding has also been requested.</p>

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25/05/2023	7.6	Review of the Procurement Policy	Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr J Parry 10.05/23 RESOLUTION That Council adopts the revised Sustainable Procurement and Contracts Policy and requests that the Local Business and Industry Policy be referenced in the Policy, and further, that the Local Business and Industry Policy be reviewed. CARRIED	22/06/2023	Mohammed, Shageer	15 Jun 2023 2:27pm Mohammed, Shageer - Target Date Revision Target date changed by Mohammed, Shageer from 08 June 2023 to 22 June 2023 - Need to finish OP Plan other tasks have priority.
25/05/2023	7.17	Review of Drought Management Plan	Moved Cr T Arandale Seconded Cr L Gresham 21.05/23 RESOLUTION That Council adopts the revised Drought Management Plan. CARRIED	30/06/2023	Price, Sam	13 Jun 2023 4:44pm Price, Sam - Target Date Revision Target date changed by Price, Sam from 08 June 2023 to 30 June 2023 - Policy has been printed and prepared for GM signature.
25/05/2023	7.16	Progress on Industrial Subdivision Dumaresq Street, Glen Innes	Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr T Alt 20.05/23 RESOLUTION That Council approves an expenditure budget of \$198,446 for the completion of outstanding works for the proposed Industrial Subdivision at 180 Dumaresq Street, Glen Innes. CARRIED	31/12/2023	Hunt, David	31 May 2023 8:20am Hunt, David Project Plan to be completed and work to commence. 14 Jun 2023 8:30am Hunt, David Senior Design Officer progressing with physical works required as per Conditions of Consent on Development Application. 14 Jun 2023 8:31am Hunt, David - Target Date Revision Target date changed by Hunt, David from 08 June 2023 to 31 December 2023 - Target date changed to allow for physical works to progress.
25/05/2023	7.3	Community Satisfaction Survey Report for 2023	Moved Cr A Parsons Seconded Cr L Gresham 7.05/23 RESOLUTION THAT: 1. Council notes the findings in the 2023 Community Satisfaction Survey Report produced by Taverner Research Group. 2. A further report be brought to Council regarding the identified priority areas of low satisfaction. CARRIED	12/07/2023	Sayers, Peter	28 May 2023 11:04am Watt, Anna - Reallocation Action reassigned to Sayers, Peter by Watt, Anna - Shifting to Acting DCCS in my absence to progress this action. 15 Jun 2023 1:38pm Sayers, Peter - Target Date Revision Target date changed by Sayers, Peter from 08 June 2023 to 12 July 2023 - Date adjusted to meet July Council meeting deadlines. DCCS absent during June and Acting DCCS unable to meet June deadlines due to competing work demands.

EnergyCo

New England Renewable Energy Zone

Project Overview

May 2023



The image shows a presentation slide for the New England Renewable Energy Zone project. The slide features a dark blue background on the left with white text. On the right, there is a photograph of two large white wind turbines on a grassy hill. In the foreground, two sheep are grazing in a field. The NSW Government logo is in the top right corner of the photograph area. The date 'May 2023' is at the bottom left of the slide.

Acknowledgment of country

We acknowledge that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the First Peoples and Traditional Custodians of Australia, and the oldest continuing culture in human history.

We pay respect to Elders past and present and commit to respecting the lands we walk on, and the communities we walk with.

We celebrate the deep and enduring connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country and acknowledge their continuing custodianship of the land, seas and sky.

We acknowledge the ongoing stewardship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and the important contribution they make to our communities and economies.

We reflect on the continuing impact of government policies and practices, and recognise our responsibility to work together with and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, families and communities, towards improved economic, social and cultural outcomes.

Artwork:
Regeneration by Josie Rose



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Introduction

As a result of technological changes in energy generation and a need to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, NSW is entering a new phase of electricity production.

Traditional power stations are nearing their end of lives and the energy sector is turning their attention and investments toward cleaner, and more reliable renewable energy sources.

Under the *Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020* (Act), the NSW Government is leading the planning and coordination of five Renewable Energy Zones (REZs) across NSW, to deliver renewable energy generation and storage connected by new transmission infrastructure.

REZs are the modern-day equivalent of traditional power stations. They combine renewable energy generation, storage capabilities and transmission infrastructure,

at scale to ensure a clean, affordable, and reliable energy system for homes, schools, hospitals, businesses and industry across NSW.

The Energy Corporation of NSW (EnergyCo), has been appointed under the Act as the Infrastructure Planner responsible for delivering the REZs, including the New England REZ.

The journey towards more sustainable forms of energy generation will also bring with it significant jobs and investment for the region.

Providing reliable energy at the lowest possible cost and in places that work for our regional and rural communities is an absolute priority of the NSW Government.

This project overview explains:



Why we need to act now



What is a REZ? Who is involved? How does a REZ work?



The transmission planning process and preliminary study corridor



Community engagement and benefits sharing



Working with landowners and farmers



The many benefits and challenges in transitioning to a more sustainable electricity system within the New England REZ.



NSW Department of Planning and Environment / Neil Fenelon



EnergyCo is the NSW Government body that is responsible for delivering the REZs.

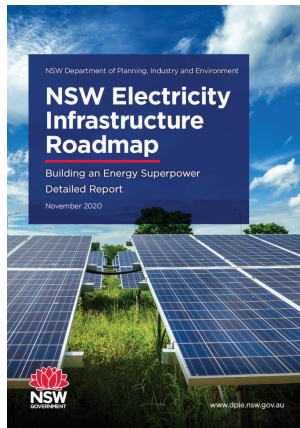
As the Infrastructure Planner EnergyCo is responsible for planning and coordinating the delivery of new renewable energy and transmission investment in REZs across the state.

This includes delivering transmission towers, lines, and energy hubs to connect renewable energy generator and storage projects across the REZ, such as solar and wind, batteries and pumped hydro to NSW's existing electricity network.

EnergyCo's key responsibilities are to:

- Investigate, co-ordinate and carry out strategic planning of the network infrastructure required to connect energy generation and storage projects across the REZ
- Design and implement access schemes to connect generation and storage projects and manage the network efficiently
- Undertake community and stakeholder engagement at the REZ-wide level
- Develop and implement programs that provide benefits for communities and landowners
- Negotiate easements, where required for the REZ network infrastructure
- Manage the environmental impact statement and approval process covering proposed REZ network infrastructure
- Appoint a Network Operator to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the approved REZ network infrastructure

The NSW energy roadmap



Our plan to transform our electricity sector across NSW.

The Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap (the Roadmap) is the NSW Government's plan to transform the electricity sector into one that is clean, reliable and affordable.

The Roadmap coordinates investment in transmission, generation, storage and firming infrastructure as ageing coal-fired generation plants retire. The Roadmap includes actions that will work together to deliver 'whole-of system' benefits including the establishment of REZs across NSW.

Some of the Roadmap highlights include:



\$32 billion in regional energy infrastructure investment by private companies expected across NSW by 2030



Up to \$265 million in community enhancement funds to host communities by 2042



12 gigawatts (GW) in new generation and 2GW of long duration storage by 2030



Up to \$1.5 billion in lease payments to landholders hosting new infrastructure, as well as \$200,000 per kilometre of transmission hosted, paid out in annual instalments over 20 years



90 million tonne reduction in carbon emissions to 2030

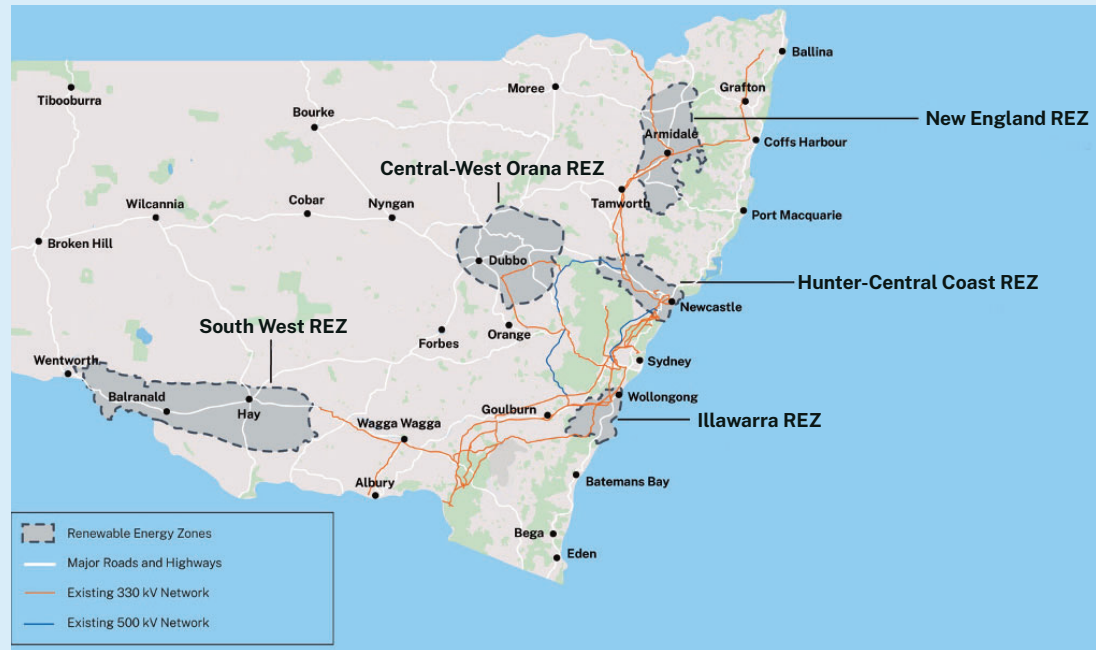


6,300 construction jobs and 2,800 ongoing jobs expected in 2030, mostly in regional NSW



Greater energy security and lower costs to improve competitiveness of regional energy intensive industries

Why do we need a REZ?



Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) are the modern-day equivalent of traditional power stations.

Renewable Energy Zones have been identified as a preferred model to strengthen Australia's power system as the country transitions to a low-carbon future.

In NSW, five REZs have so far been identified that will maintain a reliable and affordable supply of electricity as coal-fired power stations retire over the next decade.

The zones are:

- New England REZ
- Central-West Orana REZ
- Hunter-Central Coast REZ
- Illawarra REZ
- South-West REZ

The REZs will help deliver lower wholesale electricity costs and place downward pressure on customer bills through increased competition, while also supporting new local jobs and business opportunities during construction and operation.

The REZs will also reduce carbon emissions by delivering a greater mix of renewable energy to the National Electricity Market (NEM), supporting NSW and Australia's net-zero ambitions.

Who is involved in a REZ?

Establishing a REZ is a complex process involving the coordination of a range of stakeholders and delivery partners to plan, consult, design, build and operate the necessary transmission infrastructure and connect renewable energy generators and/or energy storage systems to households and businesses across NSW.

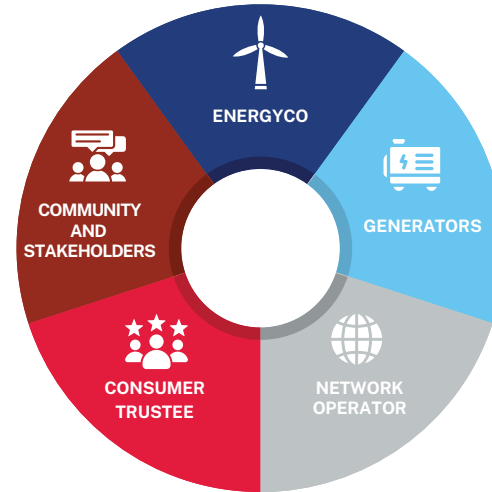
EnergyCo

EnergyCo has been appointed as the network Infrastructure Planner for the five NSW REZs. In this role, EnergyCo is the primary coordination agency for the New England REZ and is responsible for planning, consulting, and designing the transmission towers, lines, and energy hubs. EnergyCo is also responsible for seeking approval for this infrastructure through the Department of Planning and Environment (and any other required government agencies).

Community and Stakeholders

The community is made up of individuals and stakeholder groups who live and/or work in or are affected by the REZ.

Community and stakeholder feedback helps inform coordinated strategic planning to ensure that the REZ complements existing agricultural and primary-land uses, reflects local priorities, and retains existing economic activity and social values within these regions.



Generators

Private investors build and operate new renewable generation (e.g., wind, solar, pumped hydro and battery storage) projects that connect to network REZ infrastructure. Generation and storage projects are responsible for securing required planning approvals for their projects through the relevant planning authority.

Consumer Trustee

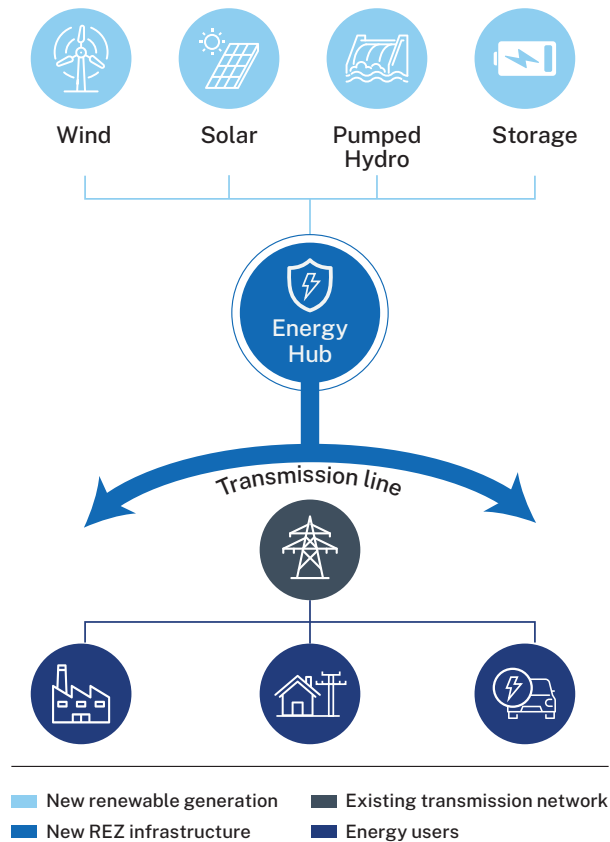
The Consumer Trustee looks after the long-term financial interests of NSW electricity customers to improve the affordability, reliability, security, and sustainability of electricity supply. It does this through long-term planning and well-structured procurement processes for generation and storage infrastructure.

Network Operator

EnergyCo will not build, operate, and maintain the REZ network infrastructure. This will be undertaken by the successful Network Operator appointed by EnergyCo and authorised by the Consumer Trustee. Network Operators must operate the network in line with the National Electricity Rules.

As can be seen above, to achieve the NSW Government's Roadmap for transforming the electricity sector into one that is clean, reliable, and affordable many different parties will need to work together to produce the best outcome for the region and the state.

How does a REZ work?



Low-cost, renewable energy is generated and transmitted to consumers, with excess energy stored in modern, large-scale storage systems and released when it is needed



New transmission infrastructure connects generation and storage systems to the existing transmission network



High-voltage transmission lines then feed electricity through to where and when it is needed across the state



Homes, businesses, and industry benefit from low-cost, reliable clean energy

Benefits of a REZ



Economic growth for regional communities

Supporting local jobs and investment and attracting new industries to regional areas



Cheaper and more secure electricity

Improving the affordability and security of electricity for NSW consumers by increasing bulk supply and driving down wholesale electricity prices



Coordinated strategic planning

Complementing existing agriculture and primary land uses, reflecting local priorities and retaining existing economic and social values



Community benefit sharing

Working with local stakeholders to ensure benefits go towards community and employment purposes that benefit local communities in the REZ



Emissions reduction and clean industries

A clean energy sector will help halve NSW's emissions by 2030 and support economic growth across NSW

Why New England?



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New England Renewable Energy Zone

The New England region has a range of attributes that make it an ideal location for a REZ within NSW. The region has:

- Some of the best natural energy resources in the country and some of the State's finest potential sites for pumped hydro facilities
- Access to the existing transmission lines that connect to the NSW east coast, Upper Hunter and Queensland
- Strong generator interest for sustainable energy projects connecting to the transmission network
- The ability to increase NSW's energy resilience and provide opportunities to share energy between New South Wales and Queensland

The New England REZ will ensure that the region has a key role in a renewable energy future, powering existing industries and supporting economic growth including emerging technologies, such as green hydrogen.

The New England REZ also aligns with other important regional planning instruments including the recently approved New England North West Regional Plan 2041, which identifies the area as an emerging leader in renewable energy generation.

This Regional Plan acknowledges that the energy transition will also provide new opportunities for the people and businesses within the New England region.

What is needed in the New England REZ

Currently, the planning for the REZ Network Infrastructure is in the preliminary assessment phase. At a high level, the scope of New England REZ infrastructure includes:



New transmission lines connecting from Bayswater (in the south) to the REZ



New Energy Hubs



New transmission lines within the REZ



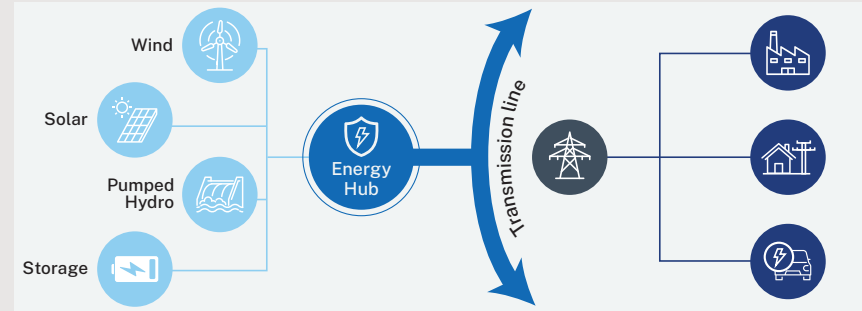
Connection to new generation projects

New England Renewable Energy Zone

Energy Hubs

Energy Hubs (or substations) collect electricity from renewable energy generators in the surrounding area. This power is then transformed to a voltage suitable for transmission across the State's high voltage network.

Energy Hubs for the New England REZ, which will typically occupy up to 100 hectares will be located near planned wind and solar projects.

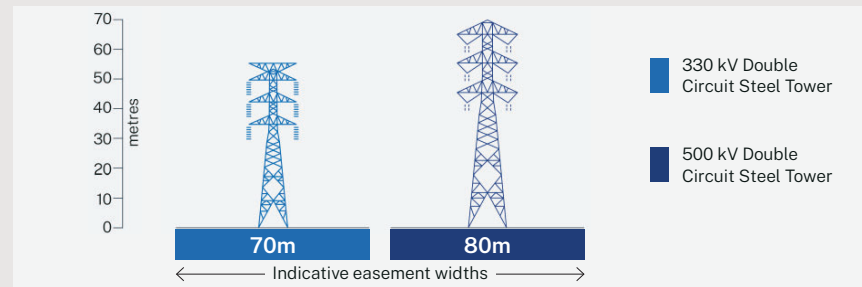


Transmission Lines

High voltage transmission lines will transfer renewable energy from the New England REZ to electricity consumers with the 'backbone' of the new network expected to be rated at 500 kV.

The towers will typically be between 60 and 70 metres high and are generally

spaced 400 to 600 metres apart. The transmission lines have a minimum clearance of 7.5 metres off the ground to allow farming and other activities to take place safely. These transmission lines will be located within easements 70–80 m wide and may be co-located within a single easement or be physically separated. Easements will be wider where transmission lines are co-located.





The electricity landscape is changing.

For decades energy generation in NSW has been powered by a fleet of large coal-fired power stations. This network of power stations took over 30 years to plan and build and has provided reliable and abundant energy that has been distributed across NSW through a network of poles and wires, energising our homes, businesses, and industry.

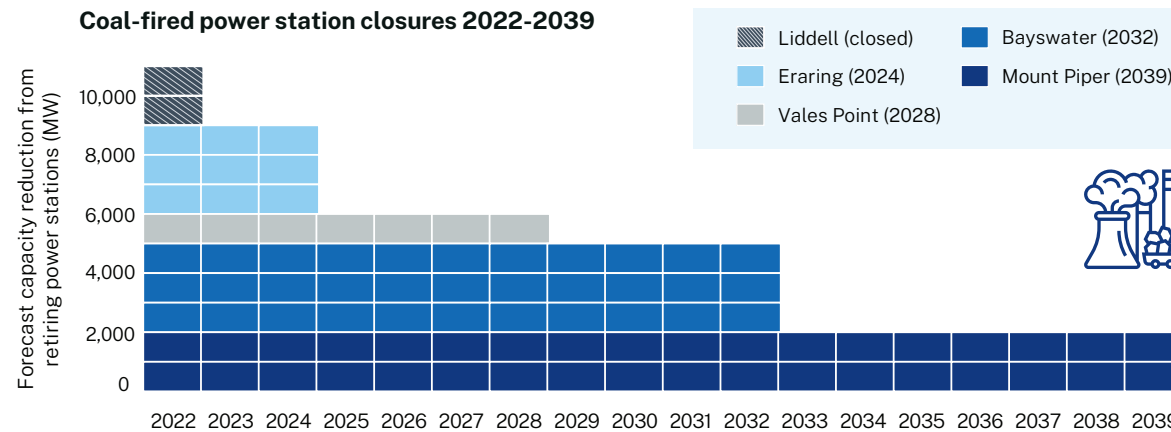
While this electricity system has served us well, most of our existing power stations are due to retire in the near future. Four of the State's five existing coal-fired power stations are expected to close in the next 10 years, including the Liddell power station which closed in April 2023. These power stations currently provide around three quarters of NSW's electricity supply and two thirds of the firm capacity we need during summer heat waves.

As existing power stations progressively close, we need to find new sources of energy to help our State prosper and keep the lights on for energy consumers.

Our transmission network must be ready to connect and distribute new sources of renewable energy to where it is needed.

The replacement infrastructure we need has a long construction lead time. For example, high voltage transmission lines can take between 5 and 13 years to build. Because of this, it's essential we act now to ensure new renewable energy generation, transmission and storage projects are built as existing power stations progressively close.

Without a viable high voltage transmission network, it will be impossible to distribute energy to all homes and business across the state.



Energy transition champions


Over the past five years the share of wind and solar in the NSW electricity generation mix has more than tripled.


NSW households and businesses


Around 840,000 NSW households and small businesses are playing their part in the shift towards a more sustainable, lower carbon energy source by installing small-scale roof top solar systems, which is equivalent to more than one in four houses in NSW.


These small-scale solar systems have a capacity of over 5,000 MW and represent a combined investment of \$8 billion by NSW customers.

In 2021, renewable energy made up around 27 per cent of NSW electricity generation including:

4% 
from hydro power stations

7.6% 
from wind power stations

1.5% 
from biomass power stations

13.8% 
from large scale solar and rooftop solar PV

NSW renewable generation projects



36 large-scale renewable energy projects have been commissioned in NSW since the start of 2018, amounting to almost 4,000 MW of electricity



A further 201 large-scale renewable energy projects totalling around 40,000 MW are either approved or progressing through the NSW planning system

As can be seen below, renewable energy generation and storage projects that are either in the planning stage or have been approved are located across NSW, both within and outside of declared Renewable Energy Zones.



Transmission infrastructure planning





Large infrastructure projects by their very nature and size affect communities and stakeholders in different ways. Projects such as highways, train line corridors, airports, pipelines, and electricity assets provide significant benefits to society but can also create temporary and longer-term impacts for some stakeholders.

Given the substantial complexities involved in transmission infrastructure planning, there are specific national, state, and regional planning processes enacted that guide, revise and modify projects towards a final design. Typically, such projects move from a preliminary study corridor to a revised corridor, and then to a reference design

corridor which forms the basis of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that is lodged with the relevant approving authority.

These planning gateways are summarised below:



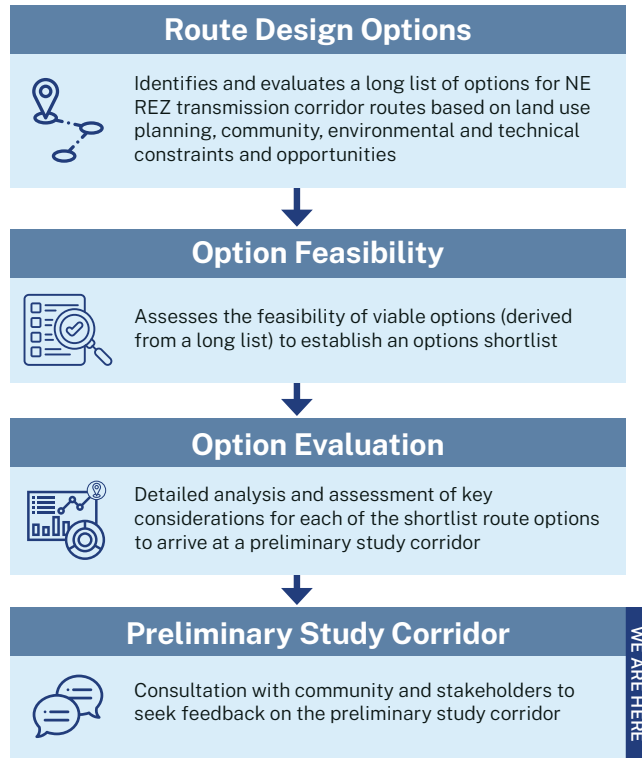
NATIONAL	STATE	STATE	NEW ENGLAND REZ
<p>Integrated System Plan (ISP) </p> <p>The National Electricity Market plans transmission, generation and storage power system needs over a 30 year period.</p> <p>Transmission projects in the ISP are deemed critical to providing lower cost, reliable energy.</p>	<p>Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap </p> <p>The Roadmap provides a plan to replace generation capacity from retiring coal-fired power stations through the coordination of investment in renewable energy infrastructure located in approved Renewable Energy Zones.</p>	<p>Network Infrastructure Strategy (NIS) </p> <p>The NIS considers options for transmission projects within REZs and to connect REZs to the rest of the State using a multi strategic factor assessment framework that includes community sentiment, land-use planning, workforce availability and supply chain constraints.</p>	<p>Route Option Assessment </p> <p>EnergyCo assesses a range of factors including environmental aspects, community impacts, reliability, efficiency and constructability to arrive at a preliminary study corridor. The preliminary study corridor forms the basis for stakeholder engagement, detailed designs, and site investigations.</p>
30 year horizon	Released in 2020	20 year horizon	Now

With the New England REZ project being considered against these various planning requirements listed above, a preliminary study corridor has been developed that meets a range of efficiency and deliverability aspects such as technical, economic, and power-system requirements.

The next stage of planning is to develop a revised study corridor that is based on community input and sentiment as well as environmental investigations and studies.

Preliminary study corridor assessment

To identify the preliminary study corridor for the New England REZ, a number of planning processes were undertaken to better inform the project design as follows:



EnergyCo has adopted five key planning pillars (**People, Environment, Economics, Strategy and Technical**) and a number of related planning principles to underpin the design and development of the REZ:

Planning pillars

<p>People Positive benefits and negative impacts on people's wellbeing, amenity, and quality of life</p> <p>Environment Impacts to natural and cultural environments</p> <p>Economic The cost of the option and its impacts on NSW energy consumers</p>	<p>Minimise impacts on high value agricultural land (including BSAL)</p> <p>Strategic The consistency of the option with the approved Electricity Infrastructure Road Map</p> <p>Technical The technical efficiency and reliability of the option in meeting electricity demand</p>
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Certain criteria were applied to each of the key considerations above to arrive at a preliminary study corridor. For perhaps two of the most important criteria, being people and communities and environment and landuse, the following constraints were applied:

<p>People and communities </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimise visual amenity impacts through design and application of mitigation measures • Maximise the use of public land where practicable • Minimise direct interactions with town centres, residential areas, and sensitive community locations • Follow alignments that optimise infrastructure layout, having regard to landowner preferences and land practices, where possible. 	<p>Environment and landuse </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimise impacts on unique or sensitive biodiversity and cultural values and offset unavoidable biodiversity impacts • Minimise direct interactions with high value agricultural land where possible and seek to locate infrastructure in consideration of agricultural practices • Mitigate hazards and risks and promote network resilience • Co-locate infrastructure where possible
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As a result of the above detailed assessment processes undertaken by EnergyCo, the following page provides details of the preliminary study corridor proposed for the New England REZ transmission project.

Preliminary study corridor

As defined under the Network Infrastructure Strategy, the New England REZ is proposed to be staged as follows:



DELIVER NOW
by 2033
6GW



PLAN FOR THE FUTURE
by 2043
Around 2GW

Based on planning processes applied to the project so far (as outlined on the two previous pages), EnergyCo has identified a preliminary study corridor for the New England REZ transmission project as shown in the adjacent map. The Deliver Now stage aims to provide 6GW of network capacity by 2033. The Plan for the Future stage proposes around 2GW of additional network capacity by 2043, but depends on future developments in the electricity market including additional energy demand.

To advance the design of the project, community and stakeholder engagement is required to better inform the decision-making process in a way that reduces impacts and increases benefits.

Environmental and social considerations also need to be closely investigated to reduce impacts on biodiversity, cultural heritage values and prime agricultural lands.

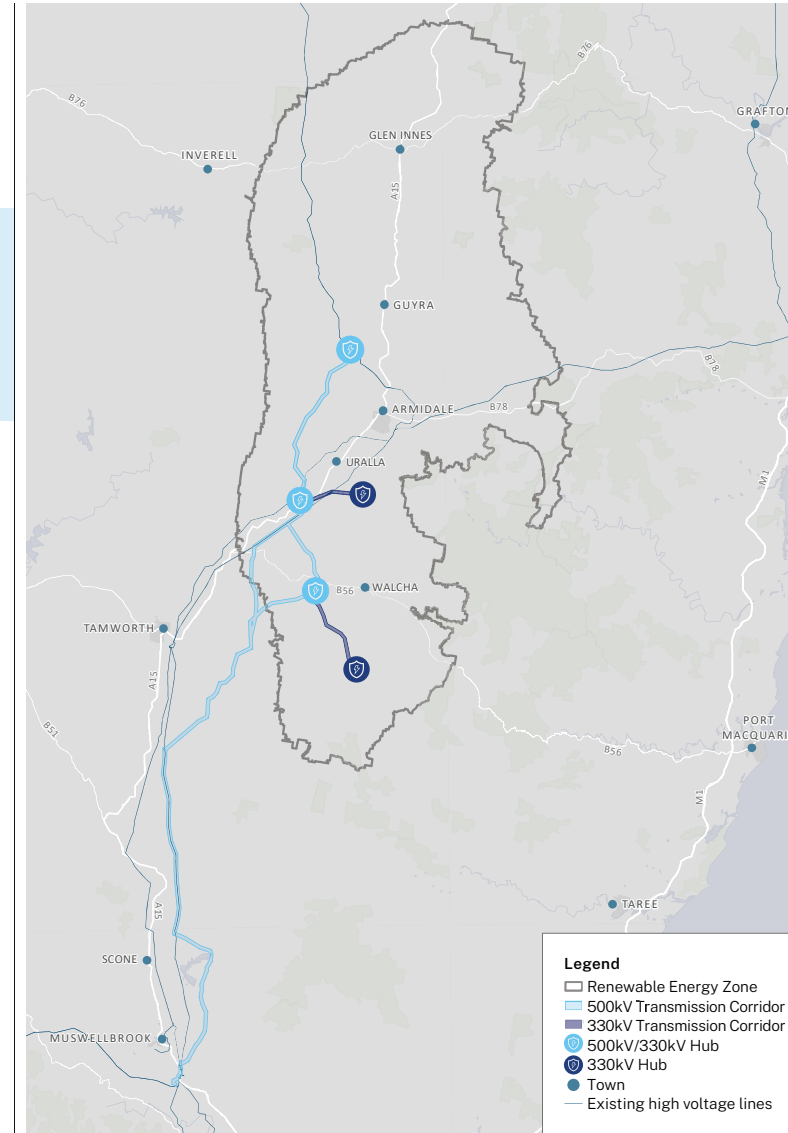
Where possible, the preliminary study corridor has been co-located next to existing transmission line easements.

A more detailed online interactive map is available by scanning the QR code below, which provides local government areas and property boundary information.



The next section of this Project Overview discusses how and when you can get involved to provide valuable input and feedback into the key planning stages of the project.

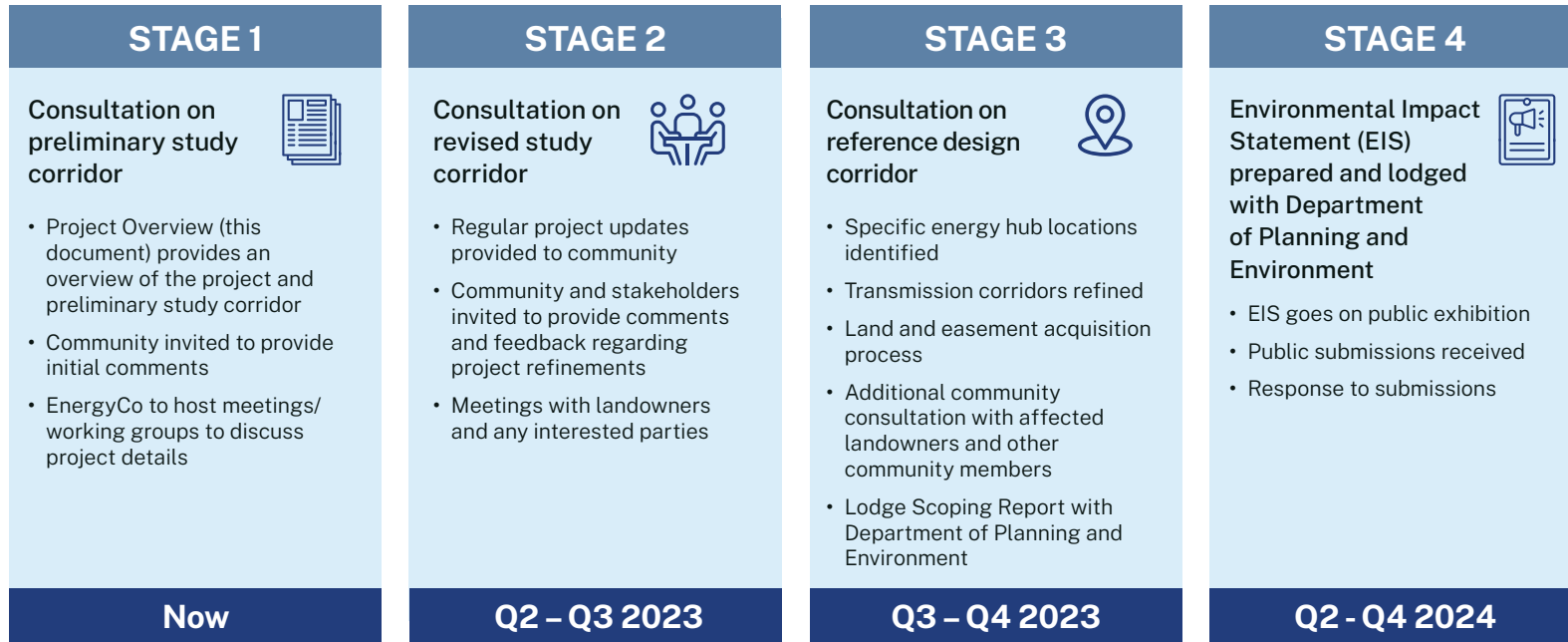
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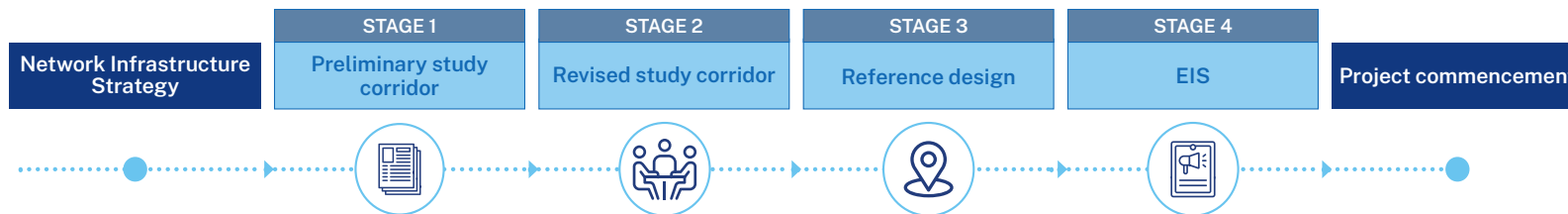
Community engagement

Community and stakeholder engagement at key periods during the planning process will help to identify potential impacts on individuals and/or communities as a result of the project. Information, sentiment, and specific issues and concerns raised by the community will be included in the planning assessment process, and considered in the design of the project and/or the development of appropriate mitigation measures.

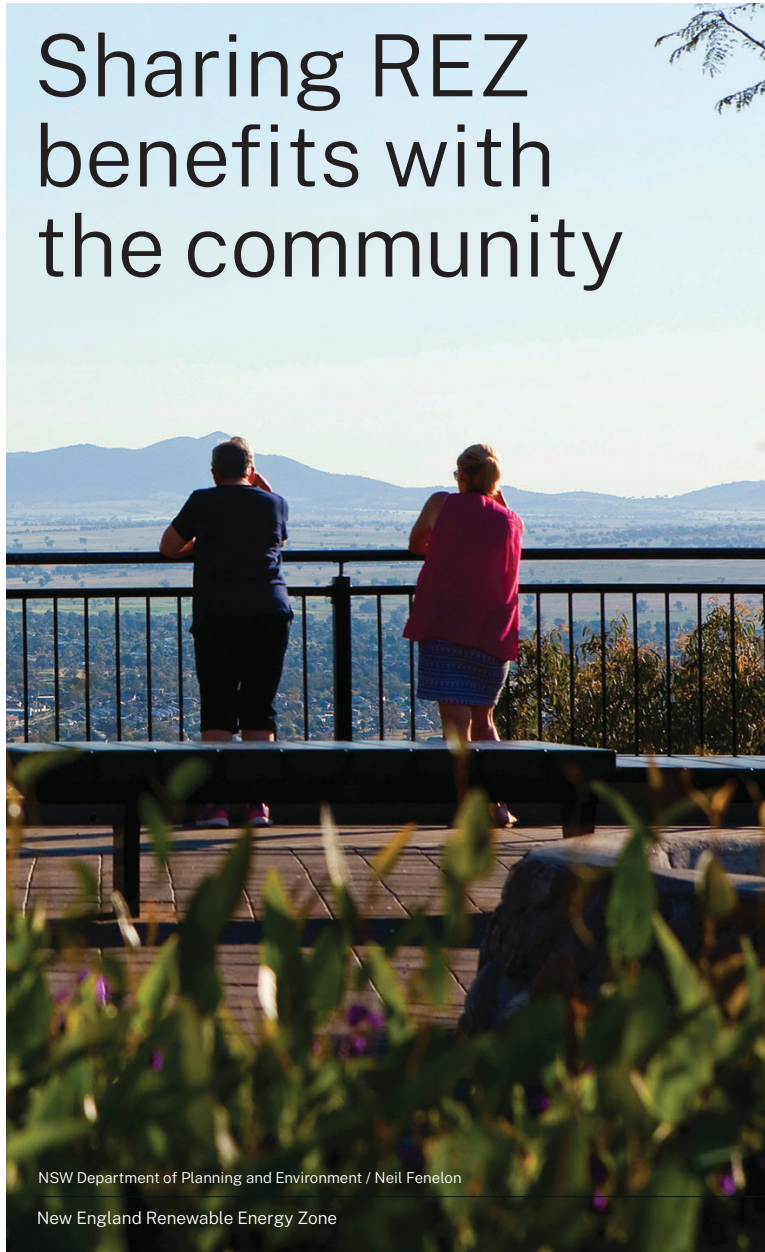
The key stages of community consultation for the New England REZ transmission project are as follows:



Key community consultation opportunities are shown below:



Sharing REZ benefits with the community



It is critical that new REZ transmission infrastructure is delivered in a way that minimises the impacts on, and maximises the benefits for, the communities and landowners who will host it. The following initiatives are part of a holistic approach to building community support for the delivery of new generation, storage and transmission infrastructure across the State and delivering enduring benefits to regional communities.



Community

EnergyCo will develop a Community Benefits Scheme which is expected to invest millions of dollars into the New England REZ economy over the next 20 years.

The scheme will provide funding for communities through access fees, which are paid by energy generation and storage developers who connect to new REZ network infrastructure.

Under the scheme, a minimum of \$1700/MW/year is expected to be directed to community projects, and another \$600/MW/year towards employment related activities, such as job creation and training.

Community projects could include:

- public or community services or infrastructure
- health services or infrastructure
- accommodation or housing supply

- environmental programs
- parks and recreation infrastructure
- education programs or research
- arts or cultural programs
- tourism programs or infrastructure
- services, programs or infrastructure for First Nations people
- other services or infrastructure that benefit the relevant local community.

EnergyCo is also currently investigating opportunities to improve telecommunication services by co-locating telecommunication equipment (such as optic fibre) on transmission infrastructure in regional areas.

The New England REZ will also generate thousands of jobs in the region during both the construction and operational phases of the project. Additional economic benefits will also flow through to local businesses who provide goods and services to the project.

Sharing REZ benefits with the community



Landowners

The NSW Government is implementing a Strategic Benefit Payments Scheme for private landowners hosting new high voltage transmission projects critical to the energy transformation and future of the electricity grid. Private landowners will be paid \$200,000 per kilometre of transmission infrastructure hosted (in real 2022 dollars), paid out in annual instalments over 20 years. Payments made under the Strategic Benefit Payments Scheme will be in addition to any compensation paid under the Just Terms Act to applicable private landowners for transmission easements on their land.



First Nations People

EnergyCo is committed to meaningful and genuine consultation and engagement with First Nations people and communities in implementing the REZ. EnergyCo is in the process of developing a First Nations Guideline for the New England REZ in consultation with local Aboriginal communities. Specifically, there are requirements under the *Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020* for infrastructure developers to prepare First Nation Infrastructure Participation Plans that set income and employment requirements in consultation with Aboriginal communities.



Local Government

Councils within the New England REZ and along the proposed transmission line from Bayswater (in the south) to the REZ, will each play an important role in providing advice and feedback during the planning and coordination phase of the project. To assist councils, EnergyCo is currently developing a range of programs to support local government authorities understand and manage issues around cumulative impacts and resourcing constraints.



Local and regional economies

Significant economic benefits will flow to host communities and businesses through the purchase of local goods and services across the REZ. From accommodation, food and beverages, fuel and various plant and equipment, expenditure within the REZ will support local businesses and jobs growth. This will improve the local economy's resilience during the construction and operation project phases.



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New England Renewable Energy Zone

Working with landowners

EnergyCo will work closely with landowners to provide benefits and reduce impacts associated with the New England REZ infrastructure.



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Planning

During the planning phase, we will work with landowners to understand farming and business operations and other possible property impacts or concerns.

This informs the design scope of the infrastructure. This could include avoiding structures and high value agricultural land, minimising fragmentation of blocks, limiting construction access and respecting landscape.

If we need to access private land for survey and site investigations, we will always discuss with the landowner and seek their approval before entering the property.

Construction

During the construction phase, EnergyCo will require its workforce to liaise closely with landowners in accordance with pre-agreed terms for access.

Workers will be expected to adhere to rules protecting livestock, securing gates and biosecurity.

Operation

Once commissioned, transmission lines do not generally have a significant impact on farming operations.

While there will be some restrictions within the easement, farmers will still be able to grow crops and graze livestock by complying with easement usage guideline requirements.

Working with farmers



Living and working near transmission line easements

The New England REZ transmission lines will be built on corridors of land known as transmission easements. Easements are essential to making sure EnergyCo can deliver secure, safe and reliable electrical infrastructure in the REZ and across the state.

While easements are critical for maintaining safety requirements, there are many activities, including farming and other agricultural operations that are permissible.

What activities are permitted in an easement?

In the most part, activities such as agriculture and grazing, planting crops, landscaping and paving, installing drainage, water and sewer pipes, movement of vehicles and machinery and parking light vehicles are permissible in transmission easements.

EnergyCo and the approved network operator will work with farmers to ensure that farming and other agricultural activity disruptions caused by easements are kept to a minimum.

Of course, when dealing with high voltage infrastructure there are some activities that cannot take place within an easement such as building houses, erecting scaffolding, stockpiling excavated materials, storing flammable liquids or gases, moving, or storing vehicles and machinery that exceed the permitted height, or storage or detonation of explosives.

EnergyCo understands that agricultural activities are essential to our nation as well as the livelihood of communities in the New England region. We are working closely with landowners as we design the REZ transmission infrastructure to understand current and future land uses and help minimise impacts to agricultural activities.



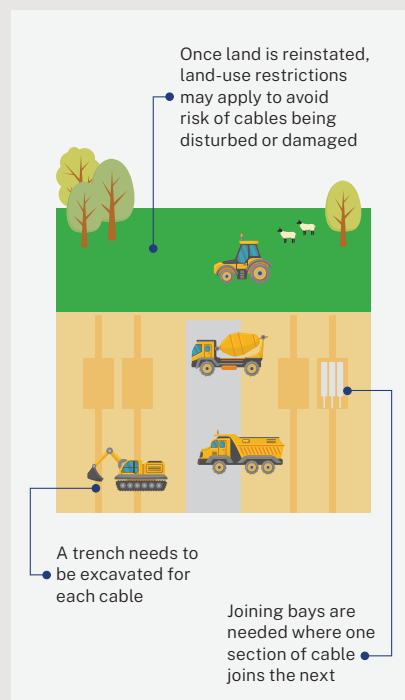
Other considerations

Undergrounding transmission lines

While technically feasible, placing transmission lines underground has a number of considerations that must be assessed in terms of the viability of such an approach.

Underground transmission is used in rare cases where it is not feasible to secure a corridor for overhead lines, such as in already developed urban areas or undersea. Underground cables can seem attractive, offering less visual impact than overhead lines. However, underground cables at transmission voltages have significantly higher capital and operating cost, materially longer repair times, lower transfer capacity and often require a similar easement footprint as overhead lines.

Where underground cables are used, they are estimated to be many times more expensive than traditional overhead lines, with the cost differential varying significantly with project alignment and scope. The variations are due to the cost of the cable, the higher levels of insulation, the need for additional plant and equipment where lines transition from overhead to underground, including large structures that need to be carefully sited. The digging and additional structures add time to planning and construction, with greater disturbance to the environment during construction, and total costs that are similarly many times greater than overhead lines. If there is a failure on a cable, it is more difficult to find and repair the location and cause, requiring longer outages, and the cables cannot be uprated to increase their capacity.



Connection to new generation and storage projects

EnergyCo will also be responsible for joint planning for connection of new generator and long duration energy storage projects to the REZ infrastructure.

EnergyCo is currently engaging with developers through an expression of interest process to better understand the status and types of projects currently considered within the region. This process will allow EnergyCo to plan the REZ in a co-ordinated manner, ensuring the network infrastructure is fit for purpose.

While the planning approval processes and construction of the generation projects will be the responsibility of the developers, EnergyCo will have a critical role in co-ordination to ensure the impacts and opportunities for the community are considered as a whole.

Find out more

We welcome all input to help design and implement the New England REZ.


Planning, designing, and building the New England REZ will be complex, taking some years to complete. EnergyCo will be engaging closely with the local community, industry, local government, and other stakeholders at each phase of the design and delivery of the REZ.

As it progresses, our New England REZ team is here to help you throughout this process.

EnergyCo wants to hear what you think about our plans. For more information or to subscribe to our EnergyCo mailing list for regular updates, please scan the QR code below, or contact the project team at:



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Terms of Reference

Coalition of Regional Energy Mayors (CoREM)

28 April 2023

1. Rationale

The imposition of a Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) on a Local Government Area (LGA) will have a significant impact, both positive and negative. To date, LGAs have not been sufficiently engaged or consulted by state government bodies such as the Energy Corporation, Department of Planning & Environment or the renewable energy proponents, yet LGAs are the ones who will bear the social and financial burden.

By joining together as a coordinated group of LGAs hosting renewables projects we will benefit by sharing information of what works and what does not. We will have greater clout in terms of lobbying government and government departments. Most importantly by adopting a coordinated approach we will be better able to shape the way renewable energy proponents operate in our LGAs.

2. Objectives

The objectives of CoREM will be to

- Set expectations and hold renewables proponents to account when developing in our LGAs.
- Be an effective lobbying force to government and government bodies.
- Be the “authority” of all things REZ as it relates to individual LGAs.

3. Structure

CoREM will remain an agile unincorporated entity in the form of a Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils in accordance with the exceptions provided under s.358(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

To achieve this CoREM will:

- Establish a Board consisting of the entire membership.
- Establish from the Board membership an Executive as follows:
 - Four members from the Board; plus

- Chair (note Armidale Regional Council appointed as the initial Chair).
- Two year term commencing April 2023 – April 2025.
- Chair and Secretariat from the same Council.
- Require a financial contribution from members:
 - \$5,000 per participating LGA on joining
 - Further contribution as determined by the Executive and voted by the membership.
- Responsibilities of the Chair / Secretariat:
 - Facilitating the decisions of the Board and members
 - Managing the financials
 - Managing the contact list
 - Organising meetings
 - Other tasks as directed by the Executive.

4. Decision making

Decision making will be by majority vote (resolution).

5. Eligibility for Membership

Mayors and General Managers of:

- LGAs within a designated Renewable Energy Zone
- LGAs that neighbour a Renewable Energy Zone
- Other LGAs by request.

6. Invitation to join CoREM

Invitation to join CoREM will be ratified by a majority vote of the Board, exercised by the Chair.

7. Membership Contribution

LGAs seeking to join CoREM are required to make an upfront contribution of \$5,000 which they authorise the lead council (host Council of the Chair and Secretariat) to utilise for achievement of the objectives of CoREM. Contributions will be held on behalf of CoREM in a reserve of the lead Council. If there is a change in the Chair, this will be handed over to the Council of the Chair for administration.

8. Additional Contributions

Additional contributions may be sought from member LGAs by resolution of CoREM.

9. Cessation of Membership

A member of CoREM can request to leave CoREM by advising the Chair in writing. All financial contributions made to date will be retained by CoREM.

10. Removal of a Member LGA

CoREM may determine to remove a member via majority vote of the Board.

11. Dissolution of CoREM

CoREM may be dissolved via a majority vote of the Board. Any uncommitted contributions would be returned to CoREM members.

12. Delegation to the Chair

- Official correspondence and advocacy activities on behalf of CoREM
- Authorisation of expenditure by the Secretariat for the reasonable expenses incurred by CoREM in pursuit of its objectives.
- Approval of agenda.
- Development and maintenance of website.
- Statements to the media.
- Social media publication.
- Authorising instructions for legal advice.
- Any other powers as resolved by CoREM.

13. Delegation to the Secretariat

- Up to \$2,500 per month of expenditure upon authorisation from the Chair in order to undertake activities to achieve the objectives of CoREM.
- Publication to website and social media upon direction from the Chair.
- Authorising instructions for legal advice upon direction from the Chair.
- Establishment and operation of bank account in the name of the lead council to hold financial contributions.
- Operation of the bank account to fulfil the objectives of CoREM.
- All other powers as resolved by CoREM.

14. Confidentiality

Chatham House rules will apply whereby members are free to use the information received but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s) may be revealed. Members are requested to use discretion.

15. Joint and Several Liability

Any member LGA is only liable to the maximum amount of any contributions made to date. No members of CoREM are individually responsible for and debts incurred or torts committed in the name of CoREM.

16. Conduct of Meetings

Guiding principles of the group are:

- Be informed and contribute;
- Freely share information among the group;
- Be honest and objective;
- All members are equal; and
- Chatham House rules apply.

17. Priorities / Focus

CoREM will develop and continually update the priorities of the group with a focus on the near term, mid-term and long term.

18. Amendments the Terms of Reference

Amendments to the Terms of Reference may be made by resolution (majority vote) of CoREM.

Personal Information Removed

My submission refers to IM 3.1.7.1 “deliver the rail trail project” and IM 3.1.3.1 “Provide Engineering oversight.”

Ten years of failing to seek community support and community consultation should be enough to rescind the 2021 BLERF grant and start again.

Given the full width of the corridor must be taken up by the project... this will vastly change the context of grazing leases and more-so change the context of fencing and maintenance (and costs) for GISC.

I could not find in the operational plan 2023/24 any reference to the costs of this project, nor is there any reference re “asking the community for preferences for corridor usage.”

It is totally absurd, the GISC commitment to plug along with this project **without**

- 1) ground truth-ing the costs and benefits, and
- 2) a commitment to engage community consultation and gain community support.

Rate payers do not deserve the arrogance delivered by ex- GISC staff, nor the potential costs being incurred by a rail trail. Neighbouring land owners are “over” the lies and inaccuracies of the rail trail dream. It is the neighbouring land owners who could/ and probably will be affected by bio-security, security, trespass, access, theft, grazing rights, insurances, fencing of the corridor.

Had, GISC, consulted with neighbouring land owners.. you would

- 1) know who they are
- 2) try and understand their issues
- 3) attempt to get their “favour”
- 4) not pretend the project is in early days. It is extraordinary... in the 24 months of being offered a grant to expire June 2023 a deed has not be signed, a lease not granted, and consultation not commenced.

I really hope... the Minister for Regional Transport, Transport NSW, Minister for Local Government, Treasury and Adam Marshall see the realities of this proposed ill fated project. Also I hope GISC does not miss out on “future” grants, when there is a project with community support.

At NO cost to GISC, a petition of 10,000 signatures will shortly be lodged in Macquarie Street, for the return of rail. This is an example of community support, not survey monkey.



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Comments regarding the Draft OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET 2023/2024

Your comments:

- glossy draft plan arrived in my mailbox only 2 weeks before comments closing date
- of 40 plus people that I've spoken with only two had actually received a copy of this draft in their mailbox
- I DO NOT CONSENT to tearing up the rail lines to replace with a 'rail trail'!
I also believe that if an attempt is made to go ahead with this rail trail it will fail as there are so many mistakes in the plan, and it will be a disastrous outcome for this town - the council could easily go into receivership due to the misinformation in the plans.

Suggestions for improvement:

- ① Scrap the rail trail.
- ② Promote the return of trains to Glen Innes and the border
- ③ Deliver draft plan to ALL residents in a timely manner (with more than 2 weeks to comment)
- ④ Do a legitimate survey of the residents regarding

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regarding the return of trains to Glen Innes.

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Annexure C



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Your comments:

IN YOUR BUSINESS CASE DOCUMENT FOR THE
BUSHIRE "LOCAL" ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUND FOR
THE NEW ENGLAND RAIL TRAIL STAGE 1
YOU HAVE LISTED 120 SIGNATURES IN SUPPORT.
IN CASE YOU DIDNT NOTICE THE WORD LOCAL
ABOVE HOW LOCAL ARE THE 120 SUPPORTERS?
ONE FROM GLEN INNES OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
ONE FROM GLEN INNES TOURIST ASSN.
THERE IS NOT ONE PERSON FROM THE
GLEN INNES SEVERN L.G.A WHO SUBMITTED
SUPPORT.

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT YOU HAVE COMMUNITY
SUPPORT

Suggestions for improvement: LIVE UP TO YOUR STATED VALUES
RESPECT, INTEGRITY, COURAGE, HONESTY, TRANSPARENCY.

GET REAL BE HONEST CONSULT
WITH THE COMMUNITY.
GET TRAINS BACK ON TRACK: BIKES DONT
CARRY MUCH LOAD WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF
MINES OPENING UP TRAINS ARE BETTER THAN TRUCKS.
I DONT SUPPORT RAIL TRAIL IN THIS CORRIDOR.
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Your comments:

Survey businesses. The majority of people I have spoken to do not want the rail trail... especially the elderly we want and need a train service. A great many of us here in Glen Innes need to travel to Qld for medical and also to see our children and grandchildren. We are isolated. Prices to get community transport to Stanthorpe and Warwick to catch a bus to Qld are prohibitive and then add bus fares to Roma St in Qld. Last year it cost me nearly \$400 return so I could see my family who I had not seen for 2 years. An age pension does not go far enough when costs are this high. This was a nightmare for me because of my health. I am not in favour of a rail trail which in no way can I see that it can do any elderly people like me any good. This is not looking after the ageing population in Glen Innes.. It seems like you are more into the suggestions for improvement: tourist money than the people who live here

Survey businesses in the area to see who would benefit from a railway freight service and also survey the whole town to find out who really wants the rail return as opposed to the rail trail. In my opinion this would be a really informative survey. Where is your care for the elderly people in our town!

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Public Comments Form

Draft Operational Budget 2023/24

Concerns re Proposed Rail trail:

I am concerned that the following Steps in Stage 1 of the NSW Tail trails Framework- Process for Establishing a Rail Trail have not been followed.

1. Secure Landowners' consent – Funding has been granted without this consent.
2. Seek Community support – No proof of Community support. This is essential for Transport NSW to approve the Lease.
3. Create a viable Business Model – an analysis of the Business case for the BLERF Grant shows MANY doubtful figures (10,000 local users??, Sale of Passports \$35,000 - \$70,000 for a free Rail Trail? Merchandise sales \$105,000 - \$210,000) where do these figures come from?
4. Neighboring Landholders have not been consulted.

These are just a few points – I could list more.

Suggestions for improvement:

Direct GISC Staff & funds to a more viable project such as the Equine Centre which will have quantifiable benefits for Glen Innes in real \$\$\$

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The General Manager
Glen Innes Severn Council

Dear Mr. Smith

As written submissions are currently invited from the community, I wish to comment regarding the **Rail Trail** which is mentioned as an Upcoming Highlight in the Glen Innes Council's Draft Operational Plan & Budget 2023-2024.

My comments:

- 1) Is Council aware if a public enquiry by the NSW State Government has been completed before any final decision to dismantle the Northern Railway tracks has been made, as it would seem premature for Glen Innes Severn Council to plan such a venture as a Rail Trail without ascertaining this knowledge?
- 2) One of the key activities stated in Council's last financial year's Operational Plan & Budget was "to seek funding to deliver a Geotourism experience on the New England Rail Trail from Glen Innes to Ben Lomond by partnering with innovative experience & mapping technology, industry & education institutions.(ED 2.2.1.9)"
Has Council secured grant funding for this very well intentioned project?
- 3) If so, has it been established that this is a viable project for Council, considering lifetime costs to the Glen Innes Community ratepayers?
- 4) Has Council conducted a complete Safety Risk Assessment should this project proceed?
- 5) Finally, has Council considered all legalities pertaining to this project if NSW State Government allows the dormant Northern Railway corridor to be taken over by private interests associated with passive recreational cycling?

Suggestion for improvement:

Council to please carefully reconsider before committing to a final decision. .

Yours sincerely

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Your comments:

I DO NOT WISH COUNCIL TO
GO AHEAD WITH WALKING TRAIL
ON RAIL.
I AM AGAINST A WALKING/CYCLE TRAIL
ON OLD RAIL LINE

Suggestions for improvement:

LOBBY FOR AUSTRAC ^{TO} REBUILT GREAT
NORTHERN RAIL LINE. WITH EXTENSION TO CRAFTON
THIS WOULD BRING PROSPERITY TO GLEN INNES.

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Your comments:

I AM AGAINST THE WALKING TRAIL.

Multiple horizontal lines for writing additional comments.

Suggestions for improvement:

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE RAIL FROM
ARNIDALE TO TENTERFIELD

Multiple horizontal lines for writing additional suggestions.

Please complete further information overleaf.



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24th May 2023.

To the General Manager,
Glen Innes Severn Council.

I am a resident and ratepayer, living in Glen Innes, and would like to register my opposition to an "Upcoming Highlight", in the Draft Plan And Budget 2023-2024 – the proposal for a Glen Innes to Ben Lomond Rail Trail.

I oppose and object to this project on a number of grounds. The most urgent and important being that the construction of a Rail Trail, from Glen Innes to Ben Lomond, would mean that the existing rail corridor infrastructure would be ripped up and sold off. This will prevent any future possibility for the return of rail service on the Great Northern Railway line, from Armidale to Wallangarra, from happening... and this would be a total tragedy for Glen Innes and the whole New England region!

A Rail Trail, between Glen Innes and Ben Lomond, will be a short-term fad, that will eventually lose favour with walkers and bike riders. It will cease to be used and become an overgrown track. The evidence is in the many other rail trails, throughout Australia, that have failed.

The figures, quoted in the New England Rail Trail Consultant's Report, stating that 15,000 new day visitors and 14,000 new overnight stays, plus 37,000 local residents using the trail, and generating \$5.8 million annually is extremely optimistic. I believe these figures to be a fantastic work of creative accountancy.

Who in their right mind, would travel to the New England, in the middle of winter, when temperatures can drop below -10° celsius, with freezing winds, that have humans and animals seeking shelter from the biting blasts, to walk or ride on an exposed rail trail!

Is the Glen Innes Severn Council going to provide the funding to maintain, repair and upgrade the Rail Trail over an extended period

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of time? Is the Council going to finance the construction of shelter/rest stations, with seating and water, plus telephone and internet connections, for the Rail Trail users? For any emergencies, is the Council going to build access roads for ambulances, fire trucks and rescue vehicles?

If these costs, as outlined above, are to be funded from Council rates, are the residents and ratepayers aware that they may have to pay?

The Glen Innes Severn Council applied for, and received over \$8 million from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund, to construct this Rail Trail. I believe this was morally wrong – those funds should be distributed directly to the bushfire victims, not to build a Rail Trail, that has nothing to do with local economic recovery from bushfires!

The Glen Innes Severn Council has gained funding, promoted and voted to proceed with the Glen Innes to Ben Lomond Rail Trail, without ever seeking or gaining approval from the Shire residents. A referendum or survey of the entire Shire, on this issue, and consensus on whether or not people want a Rail Trail, or would rather have the return of rail services, has never been conducted. This is outrageous!

I believe that the Glen Innes Severn Council would fulfill its community vision of "a prosperous, connected community that nurtures its people and places", in a more popular manner, by abandoning the Rail Trail project, returning the funding to the N.S.W. Government, to be redistributed for the recovery of actual bushfire victims, and lobbying the N.S.W. Government to restore the Great Northern Railway line, between Armidale and Wallangarra, so that passenger, freight and tourism trains can operate, on the line.

The re-introduction of freight rail services, between Sydney and Brisbane, would be a much greater economic boon to the region than a Rail Trail. Freight rail services would reduce the costs being hauled by the thousands of diesel-belching

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semi-trailers and B-doubles, up and down the New England highway, each year. These trucks emit tonnes of carbon dioxide, polluting the atmosphere, while causing noise and traffic problems, and continually damaging the road surface of the highway.

The restoration of the Great Northern Railway line, between Armidale and Wallangarra, would provide the people of Glen Innes and the surrounding New England region, with a reliable, efficient, speedy, comfortable and affordable form of public transport – passenger trains. Passenger, freight and tourist rail services, between Sydney and Brisbane, would increase tourism, provide job and business opportunities and increase economic growth within the towns along the rail corridor – Ben Lomond, Glen Innes and Deepwater.

As the General Manager of the Glen Innes Severn Council, I ask you to look at the many advantages of having a working railway and its services, which benefit the people of Glen Innes and its surrounds, as compared to the limits of a Rail Trail. I ask you to urge the Council to promote rail instead of a trail.

Thank you.

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16 May 2023

The General Manager
Glen Innes Severn Council
PO Box 61
Glen Innes, NSW 2370

BY EMAIL: council@gisc.nsw.gov.au

Dear Bernard

RE: Draft Operational Plan and Budget 2023/24 - Submission for King George V Oval Upgrades

I write to outline AFL NSW/ACT's support for the Glen Innes Junior AFL Club in seeking upgrades to King George V Oval in Glen Innes.

The AFL have a renewed focus on developing facilities in partnership with local clubs, all levels of government and other partner opportunities.

The AFL developed the Australian Football Infrastructure Plan - Towards 2030 to provide our stakeholders and partners guidance and an aligned direction. It provides national direction on the future planning and development of Australian football facilities towards 2030 and has been developed to provide certainty and security around our existing facility footprint and to identify the new and innovative opportunities we need to deliver to continue to grow and ensure Australian football is accessible to all.

Through the strength of partnerships and aligning our planning with local, state and territory strategic plans significant steps have been made to improve football facilities over the past decade. One of the main aims of the Towards 2030 is to build capacity of Community football.

We would like to work with the Glen Innes Severn Council and the Glen Innes Junior AFL Club is developing a plan and funding approach to required upgrades at the facility including a surface and upgrades, another change room facility and suitable canteen facility. The recent changeroom refurbishment within the grandstand is a welcome upgrade, well designed and constructed, unfortunately we understand the fire compliance issues associated with completing another changeroom within that building.

The AFL uses the Sports Facility Auditor system to audit all venues used for AFL training and competition nationally. Understanding King George V Oval has only limited AFL participation it has an audit score of 24.61%, well below the state and national averages and limits the ability to grow and develop the code, specifically junior and female participation.

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Through AFL NSW ACT we are able to assist with ground surface reports, designs, explore cost effective amenities infrastructure and also contribute funding towards upgrade items through our Australian Football Facilities Fund.

The Glen Innes Junior Football Club is well administered and despite barriers in recent years have made a fantastic impact in terms of participation and engagement in the sport locally.

For further information in relation to this matter please contact me on 0458 503 538 or Michael.stanton@afl.com.au.

Your sincerely,

Michael Stanton

Venues & Government Partnerships Manager – ACT & Regional NSW



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Your comments:

Upon reading the 2023/2024 Draft Operational Plan and budget with a specific focus on Section 3: Place and Growth - Recreation and Open spaces, I note the focus on upgrading the facilities at Mead Park and relocating Athletics to Wilson Park, with no focus or mention of King George Oval. I would like to draw your attention to the growth of Auskick and Junior AFL over the last 3 years, moving from 12 registered players in 2021 to 32 in 2022 and 40 in 2023 with a committed Under 10 team and dedicated committee. The growth of our sport needs to be considered and we would appreciate a focus on King George Oval.

Suggestions for improvement:

Fencing of King George Oval on the Northern side to ensure "fit for purpose infrastructure" that keeps our community and facility safe. An upgrade of canteen facilities and changerooms would enhance our access to amenities we require (p4 Draft Operational plan).

Please complete further information overleaf.

GLEN INNES JUNIOR AFL CLUB INC.

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Further information to enhance our comments and suggestions for improvement in regard to the 2023-2024 Draft Operational Plan and Budget of the Glen Innes Severn Council.

Glen Innes Junior AFL and Auskick commenced in 2016. Initially, the focus was on Auskick (5-12 years olds) and it then grew to Under 14s and Under 17s.

In 2021, we had 12 Auskickers registered. This number grew to 32 in 2022 following a focus in the local schools. In **2023, we currently have 40 registered players** and this number continues to grow. Our committee and volunteer numbers have grown with 9 adults now dedicating their time to volunteer and ensure the youth of Glen Innes have access to another sport. In addition to this, at our third session held on the 11/5/23, we had over 30 parents join on us the field for the running of the activities and playing the game – indicative of the way Glen Innes Auskick and AFL embrace a holistic family approach to the sport.

In addition to our growing Auskick numbers, this year, we joined the AFL North West competition with our **first Under 10 team**. The age and numbers of the players is a clear indication of the continued growth for AFL in Glen Innes.

We have committed to hosting a Gala Day at King George Oval on 23 July 2023, welcoming players from Tamworth, Gunnedah, Armidale, Inverell and Narrabri.

We would sincerely appreciate Glen Innes Council reviewing the Open Spaces Strategic Plan to give some focus to **King George Oval** and improving the security of the space through fencing as a priority, and an upgrade to the canteen facilities as well as the changerooms. We would be prepared to do this in consultation with Council, Glen Innes AFL and AFL North West.

I understand the focus of relocating Athletics to Wilson Park to be part of the sporting precinct, but I would also like to make comment that Athletics has not been operational in Glen Innes for a number of years. I would love to see the funds focused on developing a sport that is truly growing in our town.

Kind regards,

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Your comments:

Dear General Manager

Thanks you for making the Draft OPERATIONAL plan and Budget for 2023/2024 available for public comment.

My request is in regards to sealing the 1.2km Caerleon Rd connecting Cramsie cr and Red Range road on the towns Eastern edge in which information relating to this request has only recently come to hand.

Caerleon Rd had a re-sheet upgrade this financial year (2022/2023). This greatly improved the road quality. Since the re-sheet upgrade we observed a significant traffic increase with vehicles and trucks using this road a lot more. It has always been a popular walking route for families, pets and pushbike riders.

Road counters were put in place May 2023 and Mr Keith Appleby has advised the average vehicles per day was tracked to be around 90 daily, which is a significant increase since the road re-sheet occurred.

Under Councils Roads Asset Management Plan Section 4.3 "Demand Management Plan Summary" it states that roads with 50 vehicles per day or higher are to be considered for conversion to bitumen seal.

Suggestions for improvement:

As the latest traffic data shows the vehicles per day are almost double this threshold, we would like to request council consider the road seal as part of the 2023/2024 budget as an additional 12 months of higher volume traffic will see the upgraded road deteriorate and pose safety hazards.

This will drastically improve the road safety and quality for the motorists and pedestrians that frequently use this road and we hope you consider adding the 1.2km road seal in the 2023/2024 budget due to the recent information that has become available on the daily vehicle count.

Please complete further information overleaf.

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Dear Councillors/General Manager

I have read with interest the proposed Operational Plan and Budget.

I was hoping to see that there would be something in the budget for the residents on the western side of Glen Innes in the area of Oliver Street (across the railway tracks).

At the moment pedestrians have to walk on the roadway when crossing the tracks. There is no pathway and the road narrows there. A considerable number of people walk from this area into town to pick up their groceries or just for exercise.

Would it be possible, especially as you are looking at developing a Rail Trail for Glen Innes, to start with providing the residents a safe pedestrian path across the track? At the moment there is a tangle of wire and weeds with no safe way to cross the tracks.

I'm sure many of the residents on the western side of the tracks in this vicinity would be very pleased if this could be achieved without the need to start a petition of the local residents.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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The General Manager
Glen Innes Severn Council

Dear Mr. Smith

I wish to make another submission as a current ratepayer, having perused the Draft OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET 2023-2024 concerning

FINANCE Rates

My comments:

It seems that there are planned "new operating procedures for Rates to be created in the new Rates module to ensure Rates are generated on 1 July 2024 & Rates notices are sent on time on a quarterly basis." Code STC 5.3.3.1

However, currently it appears no water rates notices have been issued for 2022 -2023 since 26th May 2022.

It is stated in **Upcoming challenges** in the Council's Draft Operational Plan & Budget 2023-2024 council is unable to increase its Revenue to match the increase in Expenditure.

However, it seems council is not accruing revenue from water rates over the past financial year!

I am led to believe this is due to a glitch in the computer system due to the installation of smart meters which apparently people are trying to address.

1. Is it correct that the production of rates notices are not produced from our local office but now outsourced? What is the cost of this compared to employing council staff?
2. Wondering if there was any public consultation with ratepayers prior to the installation of smart water meters?
Certainly I was not personally contacted when my previous manual water meter was stealthily replaced with a smart water meter last October without warning. It was simply imposed on me.
3. I wish to enquire if there was a safety risk assessment for our community members undertaken prior to the commencement of the installation of the smart metering system ?

Science now knows the electric magnetic field (EMF) of smart meters can contribute to significant health issues.

4. Therefore what could be the cost to our community members from this aspect?
5. What has been the cost to council for the purchase & installation of the smart metering system which I understand has still not been completed up to a few weeks ago.?
6. What are the savings for council in not needing staff now to manually read the water meters?

Suggestions for improvement:

1. Perhaps it is time for council to revisit the changes in reading water usage. i.e. the "so called more efficient smart meter" idea.
2. Measures could be taken to enable the meters' weather protection covers to protect the community.

Kind regards

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OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023/2024 AMENDMENTS					
Function	Description	Income/Expense	Amount	Increase/Decrease	Explanation
Administration	Return to Work - Workers Compensation	Expense	\$ 50,000.00	Increase	Ommitted in Draft Operational Plan
Administration	Website Fees - Advertising & Promotion	Expense	\$ 20,000.00	Increase	To meet expected Actual Costs
Transport & Communications	S & W General	Expense	\$ 10,250.00	Increase	TK31/05 No Budget previously Shown
Transport & Communications	Private Works Expenses	Expense	\$ 50,000.00	Decrease	to Account for Profit margin of 20%
Economic Affairs	Operations & Maintenance	Expense	\$ 27,000.00	increase	To extend budget for Chirstmas in the Highlands
Economic Affairs	Programs, Workshops Highlands Hub	Expense	\$ 34,000.00	Increase	To extend budget to cover costs outside of Grant Expenditure
Economic Affairs	Grants Tourism Operating	Income	\$ 70,000.00	Increase	Expected Grant Income 23/24
Recreation & Culture	Operations & Maintenance	Expense	\$ 7,000.00	Increase	To meet expected Actual Costs
Water Supplies	Operations & Maintenance	Expense	\$ 37,044.00	Increase	To meet expected Actual Costs
Economic Affairs	Valuation Fees	Expense	\$ 30,000.00	Increase	In Line with Asset Management Plan Valuations
Economic Affairs	Spend in Glen	Expense	\$ 10,000.00	Increase	On going annual event
Administration	Careers Expo	Expense	\$ 1,500.00	Increase	Annual Event
Administration	Glen Innes Business Awards	Expense	\$ 2,500.00	Increase	New Event Pre-Planning
Community Service and Education	Aboriginal Playgroup	Expense	\$ 44,530.46	Increase	Grant to be Fully Expended
Water Supplies	Staff Travelling Expenses (Excluding Wages)	Expense	\$ 8,500.00	Increase	Omitted from Draft
Sewer Supplies	Staff Travelling Expenses (Excluding Wages)	Expense	\$ 8,500.00	increase	Omitted from Draft
Transport & Communications	LIRS Subsidy	Income	\$ 24,993.14	Decrease	Duplicated Income
Transport & Communications	Interest on Loan 14 General	Expense	\$ 5,613.93	Decrease	Duplicated Expenses
Transport & Communications	Interest on Loan 15 General	Expense	\$ 23,317.52	Decrease	Duplicated Expenses
Total Variance to Draft/Final Operational Plan 2023/2024			\$166,886		

GLEN INNES SEVERN COUNCIL - FEES AND CHARGES		
	ORIGINAL FEE	AMENDED FEE
<u>Glen Innes Severn Council Corporate and Governance Income Deed Preparation and Certificate Fees</u>		
Section 603 Certificates (Outstanding Rates & Charges)	\$90	\$95
<u>Glen Innes Severn Council Corporate and Governance Income Interest and Overdue Account Charges</u>		
Interest on Outstanding Rate, Water & Debtor Accounts	6%	9%
<u>Glen Innes Severn Council Corporate and Governance Income Government Information Public Access Act</u>		
Application Fee	\$30	\$32
Processing Fee – per hour	\$30	\$32
Review Fee (internal)	\$40	\$42
<u>Glen Innes Severn Council Town Planning Development Applications</u>		
Dwelling House Estimated Cost Less than or equal to \$100,000 (CI 247)	\$455	\$485
Development NOT INVOLVING the erection of a building, carrying out of a work, subdivision of land or demolition of a building or work (CI 250)	\$285	\$304
Up to \$5,000	\$110	\$118
\$5,001 to \$50,000	\$170.00 plus an additional \$3.00 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of estimated cost.	\$181 plus an additional \$3.00 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of estimated cost.
\$50,001 to \$250,000	\$352.00 plus an additional \$3.64 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of estimated cost when exceeds \$50,000.	\$376 plus an additional \$3.64 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of estimated cost when exceeds \$50,000.
\$250,001 to \$500,000	\$1,160.00 plus an additional \$2.34 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of estimated cost when exceeds \$250,000.	\$1,237 plus an additional \$2.34 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of estimated cost when exceeds \$250,000
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$1,745.00 plus an additional \$1.64 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of estimated cost when exceeds \$500,000.	\$1,861 plus an additional \$1.64 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of estimated cost when exceeds \$500,000.
\$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000	\$2,615.00 plus an additional \$1.44 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of estimated cost when exceeds \$1,000,000.	\$2,788 plus an additional \$1.44 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of estimated cost when exceeds \$1,000,000.
More than \$10,000,000	\$15,875.00 plus an additional \$1.19 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of estimated cost when exceeds \$10,000,000.	\$16,927 plus an additional \$1.19 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of estimated cost when exceeds \$10,000,000.
<u>Glen Innes Severn Council Town Planning Modification of Consent (Clause 258)</u>		
Minor Amendment to DA s.96(1)	Max \$71.00	\$76
Dwelling House Estimated Cost Less than or equal to \$250,000	\$190	\$202
Amendment to DA s.4(55) – Minimal environmental impact (Clause 1)	\$645.00 or 50% of the original DA whichever is the lesser	\$687 or 50% of the original DA whichever is the lesser

Glen Innes Severn Council Town Planning Major Amendment to Development Application s.4(55)		
Major Amendment up to \$5,000	\$55	\$58
Major Amendment \$5,001 to \$250,000	\$85.00 plus an additional \$1.50 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of the estimated cost.	\$90 plus an additional \$1.50 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of the estimated cost.
Major Amendment \$250,001 to \$500,000	\$500.00 plus an additional \$0.85 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$250,000.	\$533 plus an additional \$0.85 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$250,000.
Major Amendment \$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$712.00 plus an additional \$0.50 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$500,000.	\$760 plus an additional \$0.50 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$500,000.
Major Amendment \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000	\$987.00 plus an additional \$0.40 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$1,000,000.	\$1,052 plus an additional \$0.40 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$1,000,000.
Major Amendment over \$10,000,000	\$4,737.00 plus an additional \$0.27 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$10,000,000.	\$5,051 plus an additional \$0.27 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$10,000,000.
Glen Innes Severn Council Town Planning Section 10.7 Planning Certification (Formerly s149)		
Minimum Certificate pursuant to section 10.7 (2) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979	\$53	\$57
Additional information provided pursuant to section 10.7 (5) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979	\$80	\$86
Glen Innes Severn Council Town Planning Review of Development Consent		
Dwelling House Estimated Cost Less than or equal to \$100,000 (CI 257)	\$190	\$202
Development NOT INVOLVING the erection of a building, the carrying out of a work or demolition of a work or building (CI 257)	50% of the fee for the original DA	
Up to \$5,000	\$55	\$58
\$5,001 to \$250,000	\$85.00, plus an additional \$1.50 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of the estimated cost.	\$91 plus an additional \$1.50 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of the estimated cost.
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\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$712.00, plus an additional \$0.50 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of the estimated cost exceeds \$500,000.	\$760 plus an additional \$0.50 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of the estimated cost exceeds \$500,000.
\$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000	\$987.00, plus an additional \$0.40 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of the estimated cost exceeds \$1,000,000.	\$1,052 plus an additional \$0.40 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of the estimated cost exceeds \$1,000,000.
More than \$10,000,000	\$4,737.00, plus an additional \$0.27 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of the estimated cost exceeds \$10,000,000.	\$5,051 plus an additional \$0.27 for each \$1,000.00 (or part of \$1,000.00) of the estimated cost exceeds \$10,000,000

Glen Innes Severn Council Town Planning Subdivision Fees		
New Road	\$665.00 plus \$65.00 per additional lot	\$709 plus \$65.00 per additional lot
No New Road (Min \$330.00)	\$330.00 plus \$53.00 per additional lot	\$352 plus \$53.00 per additional lot
Strata	\$330.00 plus \$65.00 per additional lot	\$352 plus \$65.00 per additional lot

**Local Government
Remuneration Tribunal**

Annual Determination

Report and determination under sections
239 and 241 of the Local Government Act
1993

27 April 2023



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Executive Summary

The *Local Government Act 1993* (the LG Act) requires the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) to report to the Minister for Local Government by 1 May each year on its determination of categories of councils and the maximum and minimum amounts of fees to be paid to mayors, councillors, and chairpersons and members of county councils.

Categories

Section 239 of the LG Act requires the Tribunal to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every 3 years.

In accordance with the LG Act the Tribunal undertook a review of the categories and allocation of councils into each category as part of this review.

Accordingly, the revised categories of general purposes councils are determined as follows:

Metropolitan	Non-Metropolitan
Principal CBD	Major Regional City
Major CBD	Major Strategic Area
Metropolitan Major	Regional Strategic Area
Metropolitan Large	Regional Centre
Metropolitan Medium	Regional Rural
Metropolitan Small	Rural Large
	Rural

Fees

The Tribunal determined a 3 per cent per annum increase in the minimum and maximum fees applicable to each category.

For the new categories, the Tribunal has determined fees having regard to the relevant factors and relativities of remuneration ranges for existing categories.

Twenty six (26) councils are recategorised into a higher existing category or placed in a new category.

Section 1 – Introduction

1. Section 239 of the LG Act requires the Tribunal to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every 3 years. The Tribunal last undertook a significant review of the categories and the allocation of councils into each of those categories in 2020.
2. Section 241 of the LG Act provides that the Tribunal determine the maximum and minimum amount of fees to be paid to mayors and councillors of councils, as well as chairpersons and members of county councils for each of the categories determined under section 239.
3. Section 242A(1) of the LG Act requires the Tribunal to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as those of the Industrial Relations Commission.
4. The Tribunal can also determine that a council can be placed in another existing or new category with a higher range of fees without breaching the Government's Wages Policy as per section 242A (3) of the LG Act.
5. Natural disasters have a significant impact on the way mayors in particular work. There is an increase on time demands from the community, and media during these events as well as an increase in workloads. Whilst it is worth noting these issues, it is not within the Tribunal's authority to determine additional remuneration in recognition of the increasing demands on a mayor's time for these events.
6. The Tribunal's determination takes effect from 1 July each year.

Section 2 – 2022 Determination

7. In 2022, the Tribunal received eight (8) submissions, which included five (5) requests for recategorisation. Three of these requests sought the creation of new categories.
8. The Tribunal found that the current categories and allocation of councils to these categories remained appropriate but noted that some councils may have a case for recategorisation at the next major review of categories in 2023.
9. The Tribunal determined that fees would increase 2 per cent in the minimum and maximum fees applicable to each category from 1 July 2022.

Section 3 – 2023 Review

2023 Process

10. The Tribunal’s annual review commenced in October when it wrote to all councils inviting submissions regarding fees, categorisation and any other general matters. The invitation noted that it is expected that submissions are endorsed by the respective council.
11. The Tribunal also wrote to the President of Local Government NSW (LGNSW) inviting a submission.
12. The Tribunal received 18 written submissions, of which 15 were from individual councils, 1 submission from LGNSW, 1 from Australian National University academic, Associate Professor Tanya Jakimow, and 1 from the United Services Union (USU).
13. The Tribunal notes that 12 of the 15 council submissions were endorsed by the representative councils.
14. The Tribunal acknowledges and thanks all parties for their submissions.
15. Noting its comments in its reports of 2021 and 2022, the Tribunal met Central NSW Joint Organisation member representatives in Orange, and Far South West Joint Organisation member representatives in Broken Hill. The Tribunal also gave an overview of its work to a meeting of the Country Mayors’ Association in Newcastle. While in Broken Hill the Tribunal met with LGNSW representatives.
16. The Tribunal and Assessors met as required to discuss submissions, review category criteria and allocation of councils



Categories

17. Section 239 of the LG Act requires the Tribunal to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every three years. The Tribunal last reviewed the categories in 2020.

18. In determining categories, the Tribunal is required to have regard to the following matters that are prescribed in Section 240 of the LG Act:
 - *the size of areas;*
 - *the physical terrain of areas;*
 - *the population of areas and the distribution of the population;*
 - *the nature and volume of business dealt with by each council;*
 - *the nature and extent of the development of areas;*
 - *the diversity of communities served;*
 - *the regional, national and international significance of the council;*
 - *such matters as the Remuneration Tribunal considers relevant to the provision of efficient and effective local government; and*
 - *such other matters as may be prescribed by the regulations.*

19. The 2020 Determination established the following categories:

Metropolitan	Non-Metropolitan
Principal CBD	Major Regional City
Major CBD	Major Strategic Area
Metropolitan Large	Regional Strategic Area
Metropolitan Medium	Regional Centre



Metropolitan Small	Regional Rural
Rural	

- 20. For its 2023 review, the Tribunal undertook an extensive examination of the categories, criteria and allocation of councils into each of the categories.
- 21. The Tribunal examined statistical and demographical data, with population data sourced from Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2021 Census (the latest available data).
- 22. Having regard to section 239 of the LG Act, information examined and provided through submissions, the Tribunal has determined the categories of general purpose councils as follows:

Metropolitan	Non-Metropolitan
Principal CBD	Major Regional City
Major CBD	Major Strategic Area
Metropolitan Major	Regional Strategic Area
Metropolitan Large	Regional Centre
Metropolitan Medium	Regional Rural
Metropolitan Small	Rural Large
	Rural

- 23. In reviewing the current model, the Tribunal sought to improve consistency of criteria.
- 24. In examining the criteria for each of the categories, the Tribunal is of the view that non-resident population criteria should also be included for consistency in the following categories:

- Major Strategic Area
- Regional Strategic Area
- Regional Centre
- Regional Rural

25. Three (3) councils will be reclassified as a result of meeting criteria thresholds into an existing category.
26. The Tribunal has determined the creation of two (2) new categories, being Metropolitan Major and Rural Large.
27. In determining the 2 new categories the Tribunal gave significant consideration to section 239 of the LG Act, statistical data, the existing categories and relativities between each category.
28. It was determined that the existing Rural category did not differentiate between large and small rural councils, in population, size, and terrain. Evidence demonstrated that a number of Rural councils are large in geographic area, requiring great distances to be covered. The Tribunal also examined a range of data that it believes goes to the delivery of efficient and effective local government.
29. Hence a new category Rural Large is created. The determination is amended to reflect the new category and criteria that includes a population greater than ten thousand, and a councillor to resident ratio of 1 to 1200. The Tribunal notes there are a number of Rural councils on the cusp of this new category.
30. The revised category also shows more clearly the differences for large rural and remote councils. It is becoming apparent these councils require

different considerations regarding the role Mayors and Councillors in servicing the community across such large distances.

31. Evidence reviewed established the need to differentiate between some Large Metropolitan councils. Comparison data reviewed included population, operating revenue, and submission evidence relevant to section 239 of the LG Act. This examination further exposed the gap between Metropolitan Large and Major CBD categories, thus resulting in the Tribunal establishing a new category to bridge the gap.
32. The determination is amended to reflect a new category, Metropolitan Major, with a population criteria threshold of 400,000 (including non-resident).
33. Accordingly, the Tribunal has identified a number of councils that will be recategorised into these new categories.
34. Given the relativities in population threshold criteria, the Tribunal is of the view that the population criteria for Regional Strategic Area be adjusted from 200,00 down to 100,000.
35. As a result, three (3) councils will be reclassified as Regional Strategic.
36. Whilst the Tribunal did explore additional criteria points that may go to efficient and effective local government, within the bounds of statutory provisions no further changes to the criteria could be determined in this review.
37. The category County Councils remain unchanged, retaining the categories of Water and Other.

38. **Appendix 1 Criteria that apply to categories** has been amended to reflect changes outlined above.

Submissions Received – Categorisation

39. Nine (9) submissions received from councils requested recategorisation and five (5) of these requested the creation of new categories.
40. A summary of matters raised in submissions and the Tribunal's consideration of those matters is outlined below

Request for New Categories

41. Requests were received for the creation of new categories namely, Metropolitan Large Growth Area, Metropolitan Major, Metropolitan Medium Growth and Regional Growth.
42. Blacktown City Council again requested the creation of a new category, Metropolitan Large - Growth Area. Council stated its current categorisation in Metropolitan Large "*does not reflect the complexities of servicing their rapid rate of growth and economic influence*".
43. Blacktown City Council contends that a new category would allow a criteria to be set that reflects:
- Size
 - Rate of growth
 - Economic influence
 - Operational budget



- Complexities of remaining financially sustainable whilst maintaining services and providing new infrastructure
44. Penrith Council reiterated previous submissions, again requesting the creation of a new category, Metropolitan Large Growth Centre. Council argues they are unique compared to other similar sized councils, providing significant regional services to Greater Western Sydney.
45. Penrith Council contends its claim for creation and inclusion in a new category is enhanced through their leading role in the region demonstrating the exponential growth that will occur in the Penrith Local Government area. Council submits they are playing a leading role in several significant city-shaping projects and initiatives such as:
- Western Sydney Airport
 - Western Sydney Priority Growth Area
 - Penrith Health and Education Precinct
 - The Greater Sydney Commission District planning process
 - National Growth Areas Alliance
 - Sydney Science Park
 - Defence Industries Precinct and
 - South Creek Corridor
46. While the Tribunal understands that areas of Western Sydney are developing rapidly, not least with the new airport and associated infrastructure it is not persuaded to create a new category, Metropolitan Large - Growth Area/Centre. These councils are experiencing growth and will in the future have populations of residents and non-residents that meet the thresholds for recategorisation. It is not within the Tribunal's legislative

remit to anticipate growth. However as dealt with earlier in this determination, the Tribunal acknowledges the need for a new Metropolitan category to reflect increasing population and bridge gap between current categories, Metropolitan Large and Major CBD.

47. Canterbury Bankstown Council proposed the creation of a new category, Metropolitan Major, that would sit in between current category of Metropolitan Large and Major CBD.
48. Council based its argument for a new category on the following grounds:
 - Categories need to have consistent criteria
 - A new category of Metropolitan Major would capture increased population and workloads post amalgamation process
 - New criteria should be based on population size and councillor to resident ratio
 - Councils size, with a current population of 372,322 across five wards
 - Population and distribution of population
 - Councils' area and physical terrain
 - Diversity of communities served
 - Nature and volume of business dealt with by Council
49. Council proposed a new criteria could include population threshold and councillor to resident ratio, with thresholds being 350,000 and 1 to 24,000.
50. The Tribunal considered the suggested criteria of a councillor to resident ratio for all categories. Whilst the Tribunal has included this criteria for

Rural Large category, it has not included it for all categories. It may warrant further consideration for other categories in future reviews.

51. The Tribunal is persuaded to include a new category, Metropolitan Major, with a population criteria threshold of 400,000 in the determination.
52. Camden Council's submission requests the creation of a growth category for Metropolitan Medium councils. They argue the proposed new category would allow criteria to be established to better reflect their growth rate, economic influence and complexities involved in servicing growth.
53. Council proposes the new category be called Metropolitan Medium – Growth Area. Council submits that its inclusion into this new category is based on the following:
 - Population growth
 - Development corridors
 - Growing assets and major infrastructure
 - Major services and institutions
54. The Tribunal has already determined a new metropolitan category, taking into account population and relatives in population between existing categories. It is not persuaded to include another new metropolitan category.
55. Maitland City Council requested the creation of a new category, Regional Growth Area to bridge the gap between Regional Centre and Regional Strategic.
56. Council based its argument for a new category on the following grounds:



- Maitland is the fastest growing regional city in NSW
- significant role in accommodation growth
- Council being an emerging health centre, with the \$470 million investment in the new Maitland Hospital
- Significant role in delivery of state goals, including Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan 2036 and a state partner in infrastructure delivery including roads and facilities

57. Council also contends the current categorisation model for non-metropolitan is inadequate. It argues that the application of the population criteria is flawed as increments initially rise by 20,000 before leaping up by 160,000.

58. The current population criteria thresholds for non-metropolitan councils are outlined in the table below:

Category	Population Criteria
Rural	<20,000
Regional Rural	>20,000
Regional Centre	>40,000
Regional Strategic Area	>200,000
Major Strategic Area	>300,000

59. The Tribunal has considered the issues raised in Council’s submission but is not persuaded for reasons noted earlier for anticipation of growth versus actual population, to create a new category, Regional Growth Area.

60. The Tribunal acknowledges the point made in Council's submission regarding incremental increases for non-metropolitan categories population criteria.
61. As outlined earlier the Tribunal has determined to change the population criteria for Regional Strategic from 200,000 to 100,000. This will result in Maitland Council being reclassified.

Requests for Recategorisation

62. The Tribunal received four (4) requests for recategorisation. Liverpool, Byron, Tweed and Burwood Councils put forward individual cases for recategorisation for the Tribunal's consideration.
63. A summary of council's requests and the Tribunal's findings are outlined in the paragraphs below.
64. Liverpool Council requested to be reclassified from their current classification of Metro Large to Major CBD category. Liverpool Council's case to be included in Major CBD category is based on the following grounds:
 - Population forecast to grow by 59.23% in the next 20 years from 242,817 to 386,646
 - A GDP estimated at \$13.03 billion, with 91,000 jobs in the LGA
 - Significant development in the LGA that includes new council offices and chambers, new city library, childcare facility, and the \$106 million Liverpool Quarter development consisting of retail, commercial, food and beverage spaces

- Liverpool being an integral part of Western Sydney Deal to deliver transformative change
- Liverpool being home to several significant infrastructure projects, including Western Sydney Airport, Western Sydney Infrastructure plan, Holsworthy Barracks and Liverpool Hospital upgrades
- Diversity of population

65. The Tribunal notes that the current criteria for Major CBD remains unchanged. It includes being a major provider of business and government services, and secondary CBD to metropolitan Sydney.
66. Having regard to section 239 of the LG Act, the criteria, the submission put forward, and for reasons outlined earlier in regard to anticipated growth versus actual growth, the Tribunal is not persuaded to include Liverpool Council in Major CBD category.
67. Byron Shire Council requested to be reclassified from their current category of Regional Rural into Regional Centre.
68. Council noted, based on ABS 2021 census data, with a population of 36,077, it is on the cusp of reaching the population threshold of 40,000 residents.
69. Council believes they meet several other additional criteria that supports their case for reclassification. Council's request is based on the following grounds:
- Non-resident population of 4,817 travel from surrounding locations to work in the LGA



- A population growth increase of 7.2% over the last 5 years, which is above the state increase of 5.3%
 - Proximity to Gold Coast and Ballina/Byron airports
 - Byron being home to internationally renowned Hinterland region
 - Byron being home to a large number of festivals and events
70. As outlined earlier in this determination, the criteria for Regional Centre has been amended to include non-resident population as a criteria point.
71. This result is Byron Shire Council will be reclassified to Regional Centre.
72. Tweed Shire Council once again requested reclassification from Regional Centre to Regional Strategic Area on the following grounds:
- Proximity to Sydney via Gold Coast airport
 - Proximity to Brisbane and Gold Coast
 - Tweed being a major city centre and population centre for Northern Rivers Joint Organisation
 - Tweed being the largest employer and strongest growth area in the Northern Rivers
 - The construction of new state of the art Tweed Valley Hospital due to open in late 2023
73. Tweed Shire Council will be reclassified as a result of changes to Regional Strategic Area criteria outlined earlier in this determination.
74. Burwood Council requested to be reclassified from their current classification of Metropolitan Small to Metropolitan Medium. Council acknowledged that they do not currently meet the population criteria to be

placed into the requested category. The criteria as outlined in the 2022 Determination, Appendix 1 of the criteria that apply to categories states

“Councils categorised as Metropolitan Medium will typically have a minimum residential population of 100,000.”

75. If Burwood Council’s non-resident working population was included, the total population would be 53,435 well short of exceeding the population threshold for Metropolitan Medium.
76. Further examination demonstrates that Burwood council does not meet the broader criteria for Metropolitan Medium. Accordingly, Burwood Council will remain in current classification of Metropolitan Small.
77. The matters raised generally in submissions of Berrigan, Cowra, Inner West, Kur-ring-gai, Singleton and Temora Councils are outside of the scope of the Tribunal statutory functions, but in the view of the Tribunal are worthy of further consideration. These matters relate to the current remuneration principles and structures that apply to mayors and councillors in NSW and the potential impacts of these constraints. These are discussed further below.

Section 4 – 2023 Fees

78. In determining the maximum and minimum fees payable in each of the categories, the Tribunal is required by section 242A of the LG Act, to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as those that the Industrial Relations Commission is required to give effect to under section 146C of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* (IR Act), when making or varying awards or orders relating to the conditions of employment of public sector employees.
79. Pursuant to section 146C (1) (a) of the IR Act, the current government policy on wages is expressed in the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014 (IR Regulation). The IR Regulation provides that public sector wages cannot increase by more than 3 per cent per annum and the tribunal therefore has the discretion to determine an increase of up to 3 per cent per annum.
80. Four (4) submissions received addressed the issue of the fees quantum increase. These submissions sought an increase of 2.5% or greater.
81. The LGNSW submission requested that the Tribunal increase fees by the maximum 3 per cent, but further argued that the maximum increase is *“inadequate and does not address the historic undervaluation of work performed by elected representatives and the substantial responsibility associated with local government.”*
82. LGNSW used economic and wage data to support their argument, that included:
 - Consumer Price Index (CPI)
 - National and State Wage cases
 - Market comparability

83. LGNSW in their meeting with The Tribunal and Assessors, further emphasised that remuneration for Councillors and Mayors has been reduced in real terms due to impacts of inflation and capping of remuneration increases.
84. The Tribunal received a late submission from the USU, advocating for the maximum increase to be applied. The USU argued that all work carried out in local government needed to be fairly remunerated and reflect the rise in cost of living.
85. Whilst only five of the eighteen submissions received addressed the issue of quantum increase of fees, more than half of the submissions provided commentary on a range of remuneration issues.
86. Submissions suggested that the current remuneration structure is inadequate and requires further review. It has been suggested that the current remuneration structure does not adequately reflect:
- Role, responsibilities, and commitment required to perform functions successfully
 - Workloads
 - Complexity of role
 - Commitment and skills required
 - Fairness
87. Furthermore, it has been suggested that the low level of remuneration is a barrier to encouraging participation and diversity of candidates that reflects communities.

88. Associate Professor Jakimow of the Australian National University provided a detailed submission outlining the negative impacts of inadequate remuneration. The substance of the submission is that current remuneration levels do not adequately reflect the hours and complexity of work. Furthermore, low remuneration is a barrier to participation and diversity.
89. Associate Professor Jakimow argues that:
- “inadequate pay has significant negative consequences: low quality local democracy, an unacceptable burden on councillors and their families, and poor councillor diversity.”*
90. A number of submissions provided comparison data to demonstrate that the current remuneration principles and structure are not reflective of time, skills and competencies required to effectively perform the roles of councillor and mayor.
91. Comparisons were made to State and Federal parliamentary members, councillors and mayors in the Queensland and Victorian local government jurisdictions, average remuneration of a chairperson of a board, not for profit organisations and national minimum wage. The basis of the argument is that NSW mayor and councillors are paid below these organisations.
92. One submission noted that legislative change would be required to change remuneration model.
93. The Tribunal acknowledges issues raised in submissions regarding remuneration principles, structure and potential impacts. Many of these issues are worth serious consideration, they are however not currently

within the Tribunal's remit. The Tribunal concludes these matters should be given further investigation and consideration.


94. The Tribunal has considered key economic indicators, including the Consumer Price Index and Wage Price Index, and has determined that the full 3 per cent increase will apply to the minimum and maximum fees applicable to existing categories.
95. As an initial determination, the ranges for new categories are not subject to the wages policy. Future increases in those categories, as is the case for existing categories, will be subject to wages policy in accordance with section 242A(4) of the LG Act.
96. The minimum and maximum fees for the new categories have been determined having regard to the relativities of existing categories

Time for Fresh Thinking

97. Submissions made to the 2023 review and the Tribunal's own conclusions from evidence it has examined, suggest that there are significant issues underlying the concerns raised about mayor and councillor remuneration. It is apparent to the Tribunal that those issues which include a lack of diversity in representation, changing nature of work required to be undertaken and changed community expectations cannot be easily resolved under the existing framework. In the Tribunal's view, there would be merit in a comprehensive review of the framework for mayor and councillor remuneration.
98. The criteria under which the Tribunal makes these determinations has

been in existence since 1994 and at that time NSW had 177 Councils. Much has changed over the past 30 years, but the criteria has not.

99. As noted earlier in this determination the Tribunal and Assessors met with two Joint Organisation member representatives. While much of what was discussed has been dealt with in this determination it is worthy for the record to restate the view of LGNSW of the *“need for major reform”*.
100. Key themes and issues raised during discussions by mayors, councillors and general managers with the Tribunal and Assessors include:
- Changes to ways of working including expectations of increased use of social media and online platforms (“always on” expectations from constituents)
 - Impacts of future development
 - Impact of changes to legislation and regulation on workload
 - Serving constituents in regional centres, country areas regional areas, rural and remote areas
 - Remuneration principles
 - Natural Disasters including floods, fires, mice, locusts and tragedies generally
 - Confusion in roles and responsibilities – need for compulsory and consistent training of candidates prior to election and induction of those elected

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- Popularly elected mayors and two-year mayoral terms and the role of the Deputy Mayor when a mayor is absent, as distinct from temporarily unavailable
 - Questioning whether the guidelines by the Office of Local Government for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for mayors and councillors that were issued in 2009 are still fit for purpose. There appears to be significant variation in the interpretation of the guidelines and subsequent council policies
 - The optional payment of superannuation being used for political purposes
 - Paid parental leave for councillors
 - Is remuneration holding back quality candidates or are behavioural issues – both in and out of meeting environment
 - Parity in the payment differential in existing categories between councillors and mayors
 - A possible alignment in categories of councillor to resident and ratepayer ratios and rateable property ratios
 - Clarity in the payment of fees for chairpersons and voting members of Joint Organisations for additional workloads

101. Diversity was a strong theme heard by the Tribunal, both diversity of communities served and diversity of representation. We heard that

younger people, women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and members of culturally and linguistically diverse communities among others, are underrepresented in many councils.

102. The Tribunal acknowledges that it is not within its authority to address many of the issues that were raised in submissions.

103. The Tribunal is not suggesting a fundamental review of the role of councillors and notes that people enter local government representation from a sense of civic service rather than for remuneration.

Conclusion

104. The Tribunal is of the view that a broader consideration is required of the matters raised in this determination. If the Minister decided to refer these matters under section 238 (2) of the LG Act the Tribunal would be willing to assist noting that it would require considerable consultation with the sector and access to suitable resources from Government.

105. The Tribunal's determinations have been made with the assistance of the Assessors Ms Kylie Yates, Gail Connolly PSM (in her role as Acting Deputy Secretary) and Mr Brett Whitworth.

106. It is the requirement of the Tribunal that in the future all submissions have council endorsement.

107. Determination 1 outlines the allocation of councils into each of the categories as per section 239 of the LG Act.

108. Determination 2 outlines the maximum and minimum fees paid to

councillors and mayors and members and chairpersons of county councils
as per section 241 of the LG Act.

109. The Tribunal acknowledges and thanks the secretariat for their excellent
research and support in completing the 2023 determination.



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Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

Dated 27 April 2023

Section 5 – Determinations

Determination No. 1 – Allocation of councils into each of the categories as per section 239 of the LG Act effective 1 July 2023

General Purpose Councils – Metropolitan

Principal CBD (1)

- Sydney

Major CBD (1)

- Parramatta

Metropolitan Major (2)

- Blacktown
- Canterbury-Bankstown

Metropolitan Large (10)

- Bayside
- Cumberland
- Fairfield
- Inner West
- Liverpool
- Northern Beaches
- Penrith
- Ryde
- Sutherland
- The Hills

Metropolitan Medium (8)

- Campbelltown
- Camden
- Georges River
- Hornsby
- Ku-ring-gai
- North Sydney
- Randwick
- Willoughby

Metropolitan Small (8)

- Burwood
- Canada Bay
- Hunters Hill
- Lane Cove
- Mosman
- Strathfield
- Waverley
- Woollahra

General Purpose Councils - Non-Metropolitan

Major Regional City (2)

- Newcastle
- Wollongong

Major Strategic Area (1)

- Central Coast

Regional Centre (23)

- Albury
- Armidale
- Ballina
- Bathurst
- Blue Mountains
- Byron
- Cessnock
- Clarence Valley
- Coffs Harbour
- Dubbo
- Eurobodella
- Hawkesbury

Regional Strategic Area(4)

- Lake Macquarie
- Maitland
- Shoalhaven
- Tweed

- Lismore
- Mid-Coast
- Orange
- Port Macquarie-Hastings
- Port Stephens
- Queanbeyan-Palerang
- Shellharbour
- Tamworth
- Wagga Wagga
- Wingecarribee
- Wollondilly



Regional Rural (12)

- Bega
- Broken Hill
- Goulburn Mulwaree
- Griffith
- Kempsey
- Kiama
- Lithgow
- Mid-Western
- Nambucca
- Richmond Valleys
- Singleton
- Snowy Monaro

Rural Large (18)

- Bellingen
- Cabonne
- Cootamundra-Gundagai
- Cowra
- Federation
- Greater Hume
- Gunnedah
- Hilltops
- Inverell
- Leeton
- Moree Plains
- Murray River
- Muswellbrook
- Narrabri
- Parkes
- Snowy Valleys
- Upper Hunter
- Yass

Rural (38)

- Balranald
- Berrigan
- Bland
- Blayney
- Bogan
- Bourke
- Brewarrina
- Carrathool
- Central Darling
- Cobar
- Coolamon
- Coonamble
- Dungog
- Edward River
- Forbes
- Gilgandra

- Glen Innes Severn
- Gwydir
- Hay
- Junee
- Kyogle
- Lachlan
- Liverpool Plains
- Lockhart
- Murrumbidgee
- Narrandera
- Narromine
- Oberon
- Temora
- Tenterfield
- Upper Lachlan
- Uralla
- Walcha
- Walgett
- Warren
- Warrumbungle
- Weddin
- Wentworth

County Councils

Water (4)

- Central Tablelands
- Goldenfields Water
- Riverina Water
- Rous

Other (6)

- Castlereagh-Macquarie
- Central Murray
- Hawkesbury River
- New England Tablelands
- Upper Hunter
- Upper Macquarie

Determination No. 2 - Fees for Councillors and Mayors as per section 241 of the LG Act effective from 1 July 2023

The annual fees to be paid in each of the categories to Councillors, Mayors, Members and Chairpersons of County Councils effective on and from 1 July 2023 as per section 241 of the *Local Government Act 1993* are determined as follows:

Table 4: Fees for General Purpose and County Councils

General Purpose Councils – Metropolitan

Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Principal CBD	29,610	43,440
Major CBD	19,760	36,590
Metropolitan Major	19,760	34,590
Metropolitan Large	19,760	32,590
Metropolitan Medium	14,810	27,650
Metropolitan Small	9,850	21,730

Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee* (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Principal CBD	181,210	238,450
Major CBD	41,960	118,210
Metropolitan Major	41,960	106,960
Metropolitan Large	41,960	94,950
Metropolitan Medium	31,470	73,440
Metropolitan Small	20,980	47,390

General Purpose Councils - Non-Metropolitan**Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2023**

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Major Regional City	19,760	34,330
Major Strategic Area	19,760	34,330
Regional Strategic Area	19,760	32,590
Regional Centre	14,810	26,070
Regional Rural	9,850	21,730
Rural Large	9,850	17,680
Rural	9,850	13,030

Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee* (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Major Regional City	41,960	106,960
Major Strategic Area	41,960	106,960
Regional Strategic Area	41,960	94,950
Regional Centre	30,820	64,390
Regional Rural	20,980	47,420
Rural Large	15,735	37,925
Rural	10,490	28,430



County Councils

Councillor/Member Annual Fee (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Water	1,960	10,870
Other	1,960	6,490

Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee* (\$) effective 1 July 2023

Category	Minimum	Maximum
Water	4,200	17,850
Other	4,200	11,860

*This fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor/Chairperson as a Councillor/Member (s.249(2))

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Dated 27 April 2023

Appendices

Appendix 1 Criteria that apply to categories

Principal CBD

The Council of the City of Sydney (the City of Sydney) is the principal central business district (CBD) in the Sydney Metropolitan area. The City of Sydney is home to Sydney's primary commercial office district with the largest concentration of businesses and retailers in Sydney. The City of Sydney's sphere of economic influence is the greatest of any local government area in Australia.

The CBD is also host to some of the city's most significant transport infrastructure including Central Station, Circular Quay and International Overseas Passenger Terminal. Sydney is recognised globally with its iconic harbour setting and the City of Sydney is host to the city's historical, cultural and ceremonial precincts. The City of Sydney attracts significant visitor numbers and is home to 60 per cent of metropolitan Sydney's hotels.

The role of Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney has significant prominence reflecting the CBD's importance as home to the country's major business centres and public facilities of state and national importance. The Lord Mayor's responsibilities in developing and maintaining relationships with stakeholders, including other councils, state and federal governments, community and business groups, and the media are considered greater than other mayoral roles in NSW.



Major CBD

The Council of the City of Parramatta (City of Parramatta) is the economic capital of Greater Western Sydney and the geographic and demographic centre of Greater Sydney. Parramatta is the second largest economy in NSW (after Sydney CBD) and the sixth largest in Australia.

As a secondary CBD to metropolitan Sydney the Parramatta local government area is a major provider of business and government services with a significant number of organisations relocating their head offices to Parramatta. Public administration and safety have been a growth sector for Parramatta as the State Government has promoted a policy of moving government agencies westward to support economic development beyond the Sydney CBD.

The City of Parramatta provides a broad range of regional services across the Sydney Metropolitan area with a significant transport hub and hospital and educational facilities. The City of Parramatta is home to the Westmead Health and Medical Research precinct which represents the largest concentration of hospital and health services in Australia, servicing Western Sydney and providing other specialised services for the rest of NSW.

The City of Parramatta is also home to a significant number of cultural and sporting facilities (including Sydney Olympic Park) which draw significant domestic and international visitors to the region.

Metropolitan Major

Councils categorised Metropolitan Major will typically have a minimum residential population of 400,000.

Councils may also be categorised Metropolitan Major if their residential population combined with their non-resident working population exceeds 400,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population must exceed 50,000.

Other features may include:

- total operating revenue exceeding \$300M per annum
- the provision of significant regional services to greater Sydney including, but not limited to, major education, health, retail, sports, other recreation and cultural facilities
- significant industrial, commercial and residential centres and development corridors
- high population growth.

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Major will have a sphere of economic influence and provide regional services considered to be greater than those of other metropolitan councils.

Metropolitan Large

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Large will typically have a minimum residential population of 200,000.

Councils may also be categorised as Metropolitan Large if their residential population combined with their non-resident working population exceeds 200,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population must exceed 50,000.

Other features may include:

- total operating revenue exceeding \$200M per annum
- the provision of significant regional services to greater Sydney including, but not limited to, major education, health, retail, sports, other recreation and cultural facilities
- significant industrial, commercial and residential centres and development corridors
- high population growth.

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Large will have a sphere of economic influence and provide regional services considered to be greater than those of other metropolitan councils.

Metropolitan Medium

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Medium will typically have a minimum residential population of 100,000.

Councils may also be categorised as Metropolitan Medium if their residential population combined with their non-resident working population exceeds 100,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population must exceed 50,000.

Other features may include:

- total operating revenue exceeding \$100M per annum
- services to greater Sydney including, but not limited to, major education, health, retail, sports, other recreation and cultural facilities
- industrial, commercial and residential centres and development corridors
- high population growth.

The sphere of economic influence, the scale of council operations and the extent of regional servicing would be below that of Metropolitan Large councils.

Metropolitan Small

Councils categorised as Metropolitan Small will typically have a residential population less than 100,000.

Other features which distinguish them from other metropolitan councils include:

- total operating revenue less than \$150M per annum.

While these councils may include some of the facilities and characteristics of both Metropolitan Large and Metropolitan Medium councils the overall sphere of economic influence, the scale of council operations and the extent of regional servicing would be below that of Metropolitan Medium councils.

Major Regional City

Newcastle City Council and Wollongong City Councils are categorised as Major Regional City. These councils:

- are metropolitan in nature with major residential, commercial and industrial areas
- typically host government departments, major tertiary education and health facilities and incorporate high density commercial and residential development

- provide a full range of higher order services and activities along with arts, culture, recreation, sporting and entertainment facilities to service the wider community and broader region
- have significant transport and freight infrastructure servicing international markets, the capital city and regional areas
- have significant natural and man-made assets to support diverse economic activity, trade and future investment
- typically contain ventures which have a broader State and national focus which impact upon the operations of the council.

Major Strategic Area

Councils categorised as Major Strategic Area will have a minimum population of 300,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population can be included.

Other features may include:

- health services, tertiary education services and major regional airports which service the surrounding and wider regional community
- a full range of high-order services including business, office and retail uses with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment centres
- total operating revenue exceeding \$250M per annum

- significant visitor numbers to established tourism ventures and major events that attract state and national attention
- a proximity to Sydney which generates economic opportunities.

Currently, only Central Coast Council meets the criteria to be categorised as a Major Strategic Area. Its population, predicted population growth, and scale of the Council's operations warrant that it be differentiated from other non-metropolitan councils. Central Coast Council is also a significant contributor to the regional economy associated with proximity to and connections with Sydney and the Hunter Region.

Regional Strategic Area

Councils categorised as Regional Strategic Area are differentiated from councils in the Regional Centre category on the basis of their significant population and will typically have a residential population above 100,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population can be included.

Other features may include:

- health services, tertiary education services and major regional airports which service the surrounding and wider regional community
- a full range of high-order services including business, office and retail uses with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment centres
- total operating revenue exceeding \$250M per annum

- significant visitor numbers to established tourism ventures and major events that attract state and national attention
- a proximity to Sydney which generates economic opportunities.

Currently, only Lake Macquarie Council meets the criteria to be categorised as a Regional Strategic Area. Its population and overall scale of council operations will be greater than Regional Centre councils.

Regional Centre

Councils categorised as Regional Centre will typically have a minimum residential population of 40,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population can be included.

Other features may include:

- a large city or town providing a significant proportion of the region's housing and employment
- health services, tertiary education services and major regional airports which service the surrounding and wider regional community
- a full range of high-order services including business, office and retail uses with arts, culture, recreation and entertainment centres
- total operating revenue exceeding \$100M per annum
- the highest rates of population growth in regional NSW

- significant visitor numbers to established tourism ventures and major events that attract state and national attention
- a proximity to Sydney which generates economic opportunities.


Councils in the category of Regional Centre are often considered the geographic centre of the region providing services to their immediate and wider catchment communities.

Regional Rural

Councils categorised as Regional Rural will typically have a minimum residential population of 20,000. To satisfy this criteria the non-resident working population can be included.

Other features may include:

- a large urban population existing alongside a traditional farming sector, and are surrounded by smaller towns and villages
- health services, tertiary education services and regional airports which service a regional community
- a broad range of industries including agricultural, educational, health, professional, government and retail services
- large visitor numbers to established tourism ventures and events.



Councils in the category of Regional Rural provide a degree of regional servicing below that of a Regional Centre.

Rural Large

Councils categorised as Rural Large will have a residential population greater than 10,000, and a councillor to resident ratio of at least 1 to 1200.

Other features may 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.



Rural

Councils categorised as Rural will typically have a residential population less than 10,000.

County Councils - Water

County councils that provide water and/or sewerage functions with a joint approach in planning and installing large water reticulation and sewerage systems.

County Councils - Other

County councils that administer, control and eradicate declared noxious weeds as a specified Local Control Authority under the Biosecurity Act 2015.



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Circular to Councils

Circular Details	Circular No 23-03 / 10 May 2023 / A859646
Previous Circular	22-14 2022/23 <i>Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal</i>
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers
Contact	Council Governance Team / 02 4428 4100 / olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Council to implement

2023/24 Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

What's new or changing

- The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has determined an increase of 3% to mayoral and councillor fees for the 2023-24 financial year, with effect from 1 July 2023.
- The Tribunal is required to determine the remuneration categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every three years under section 239 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The Tribunal undertook a review of the categories as part of its 2023 determination.
- The Tribunal has determined the creation of two (2) new remuneration categories, 'Metropolitan Major' and 'Rural Large'.
- The Tribunal has also varied the criteria of several existing categories.
- As a result of the creation of the two new categories and changes to the criteria of some of the existing categories, the Tribunal has re-categorised twenty-six (26) councils into a higher existing category or into a new category.
- In its determination, the Tribunal has acknowledged the issues raised in submissions about the remuneration received by mayors and councillors, including a lack of diversity in representation, the changing nature of work required to be undertaken and changed community expectations. The Tribunal has suggested there would be merit in a comprehensive review of the framework for mayor and councillor remuneration. This will be considered as part of the Government's examination of the broader issues facing local government.

What this will mean for your council

- Sections 248 and 249 of the Act require councils to fix and pay an annual fee to councillors and mayors from 1 July 2023 based on the Tribunal's determination for the 2023-24 financial year.

Key points

- The level of fees paid will depend on the category the council is in.
- A council cannot fix a fee higher than the maximum amount determined by the Tribunal.
- If a council does not fix a fee, the council must pay the minimum fee determined by the Tribunal.

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Where to go for further information

- The Tribunal's report and determination is available [here](#).
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Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors Policy

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Item 7.5
Annexure A

Payment of Expenses and Retention of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Glen Innes Severn Council acknowledges and pays respect to the Ngoorabul people as the traditional custodians of this land, their elders past, present and emerging and to Torres Strait Islander people and all First Nations people.

POLICY SUMMARY

This policy enables the reasonable and appropriate reimbursement of expenses and provision of facilities to Councillors to help them undertake their civic duties.

It ensures accountability and transparency and seeks to align Councillor expenses and facilities with community expectations. Councillors must not obtain private or political benefit from any expense or facility provided under this policy.

The policy has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (the Regulation) and complies with the Office of Local Government's Guidelines for the payment of expenses and provision of facilities to Mayors and Councillors in NSW.

The policy sets out the maximum amounts Council will pay for specific expenses and facilities. Expenses not explicitly addressed in this policy will not be paid or reimbursed.

The main expenses and facilities are summarised in Table 1. All monetary amounts are exclusive of GST.

Additional costs incurred by a Councillor, more than these limits are considered a personal expense that is the responsibility of the Councillor.

Councillors must provide claims for reimbursement within three (3) months of an expense being incurred. Claims made after this time cannot be approved.

Detailed reports on the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors will be published in full in Council's Annual Report, which is placed on Council's website. This report will include expenditure summarised by individual Councillor and as a total for all Councillors.

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Table 1: Summary of Expenses and Facilities

Expense or facility	Maximum amount	Frequency
1. General travel expenses for attending Conferences, Meetings and Training (includes accommodation and meals)	\$14,000 \$16,000 for all Councillors-collectively. \$6,000 \$8,000 for the Mayor	Per year
(a) Meals and refreshments	As per the Australian Taxation Office limits for public servants	Per meal
(b) Accommodation (Capital Cities)	\$350 (or a standard room at the same venue as the conference being attended)	Per night
(c) Accommodation (other than Capital Cities)	\$250 (or a standard room at the same venue as the conference being attended)	Per night
Professional development (Including Councillor Inductions)	\$30,000 \$10,000 for all Councillors	This is decided upon and set annually in the Operational Plan and Budget
Conferences and seminars (Registration costs)	\$6,000 \$8,000 total for all Councillors \$4,000 \$5,500 for the Mayor	Per year
ICT expenses (Telephone and Internet)	\$2,500 collectively for all Councillors	Per year
Council vehicle and fuel card	Provided to the Mayor for Council business only	As Required
Reserved parking space at Council offices	Provided to the Mayor	As Required
Furnished office	Provided to the Mayor	As Required
Number of exclusive staff supporting Mayor	One (1) staff member shared between the Mayor and the General Manager	As Required

PART A – INTRODUCTION

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The provision of expenses and facilities enables Councillors to fulfil their civic duties as the elected representatives of Glen Innes Severn Council.
- 1.2. The community is entitled to know the extent of expenses paid to Councillors, as well as the facilities provided.
- 1.3. The purpose of this policy is to clearly state the facilities and support that are available to Councillors to assist them in fulfilling their civic duties.
- 1.4. Council staff are empowered to question or refuse a request for payment from a Councillor when it does not accord with this policy.
- 1.5. Expenses and facilities provided by this policy are in addition to fees paid to Councillors. The minimum and maximum fees a Council may pay each Councillor are set by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal as per Section 241 of the Act and reviewed annually. Council adopts its annual fees within this set range.

2. Policy Objectives

- 2.1. The objectives of this policy are to:
 - enable the reasonable and appropriate reimbursement of expenses incurred by Councillors while undertaking their civic duties;
 - enable facilities of a reasonable and appropriate standard to be provided to Councillors to support them in undertaking their civic duties;
 - ensure accountability and transparency in reimbursement of expenses and provision of facilities to Councillors;
 - ensure facilities and expenses provided to Councillors meet community expectations;
 - support a diversity of representation; and
 - fulfil the Council's statutory responsibilities.

3. Principles

- 3.1. Council commits to the following principles:
 - **Proper conduct:** Councillors and staff acting lawfully and honestly, exercising care and diligence in carrying out their functions;
 - **Reasonable expenses:** providing for Councillors to be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred as part of their role as Councillor;
 - **Participation and access:** enabling people from diverse backgrounds, underrepresented groups, those in carer roles and those with special needs to serve as a Councillor;
 - **Equity:** there must be equitable access to expenses and facilities for all Councillors;

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- **Appropriate use of resources:** providing clear direction on the appropriate use of Council resources in accordance with legal requirements and community expectations; and
- **Accountability and transparency:** clearly stating and reporting on the expenses and facilities provided to Councillors.

4. Private or Political Benefit

- 4.1. Councillors must not obtain private or political benefit from any expense or facility provided under this policy.
- 4.2. Private use of Council equipment and facilities by Councillors may occur from time to time. For example, telephoning home to advise that a Council meeting will run later than expected.
- 4.3. Such incidental private use does not require a compensatory payment back to Council.
- 4.4. Councillors should avoid obtaining any greater private benefit from Council than an incidental benefit. Where there are unavoidable circumstances and more substantial private use of Council facilities does occur, Councillors must reimburse Council.
- 4.5. Campaigns for re-election are a political benefit. The following are examples of what is a political interest during a re-election campaign:
 - production of election material;
 - use of Council resources and equipment for campaigning;
 - use of official Council letterhead, publications, websites or services for political benefit; and
 - fundraising activities of political parties or individuals, including political fundraising events.

PART B – EXPENSES

5. General Expenses

- 5.1. All expenses provided under this policy will be for a purpose specific to the functions of holding civic office. Allowances for general expenses are not permitted under this policy.
- 5.2. Expenses not explicitly addressed in this policy will not be paid or reimbursed.

6. Specific Expenses

General travel arrangements and expenses

- 6.1. All travel by Councillors should be undertaken using the most direct route and the most practicable and economical mode of transport.
- 6.2. A collective budget for all Councillors (excluding the Mayor) may be reimbursed up to a total of ~~\$14,000~~ \$16,000 per year and the Mayor may be reimbursed up to a total of ~~\$6,000~~ \$8,000 per year, for travel expenses incurred while undertaking official business or professional development or attending approved conferences and seminars within NSW. This includes reimbursement:
 - for public transport fares;
 - for the use of a private vehicle or hire car;
 - for parking costs for Council and other meetings;
 - for tolls;
 - for meals and accommodation;
 - by Cabcharge card or equivalent; and
 - for documented ride-share programs, such as Uber, where tax invoices can be issued.
- 6.3. Allowances for the use of a private vehicle will be reimbursed by kilometre at the rate contained in the Local Government (State) Award.
- 6.4. Councillors seeking to be reimbursed for use of a private vehicle must keep a logbook recording the date, distance and purpose of travel being claimed. Copies of the relevant logbook contents must be provided with the claim.

Interstate, overseas and long-distance intrastate travel expenses

- 6.5. Given Council's location near an interstate border, travel to southern Queensland will be considered as general travel. Arrangements and expenses for this travel will be governed by Clauses 6.1-6.4.
- 6.6. In accordance with Section 4, Council will scrutinise the value and need for Councillors to undertake overseas travel. Council should avoid interstate (noting 6.5 as an exception), and overseas trips unless direct and tangible benefits can be established for the Council and the local community. This includes travel to sister and friendship cities.

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- 6.7. Total interstate (noting 6.5 as an exception) and overseas travel expenses for all Councillors have not been allocated in the budget specifically and there is only a general travel expense (6.2).
- 6.8. Councillors seeking approval for any interstate travel (noting 6.5 as an exception) must submit a case to, and obtain the approval of, the General Manager prior to travel.
- 6.9. Councillors seeking approval for any overseas travel must submit a case to and obtain the approval of a full Council meeting prior to travel.
- 6.10. The case should include:
 - objectives to be achieved in travel, including an explanation of how the travel aligns with current Council priorities and business, the community benefits which will accrue as a result, and its relevance to the exercise of the Councillor's civic duties;
 - who is to take part in the travel;
 - duration and itinerary of travel; and
 - a detailed budget including a statement of any amounts expected to be reimbursed by the participant/s.
- 6.11. For all journeys by air the class of air travel is to be economy class.
- 6.12. Bookings for approved air travel are to be made through the General Manager's office.
- 6.13. For air travel that is reimbursed as Council business, Councillors will not accrue points from the airline's frequent flyer program. This is considered a private benefit.

Travel expenses not paid by Council

- 6.14. Council will not pay any traffic or parking fines or administrative charges for road toll accounts.

Accommodation and meals

- 6.15. In circumstances where it would introduce undue risk for a Councillor to travel to or from official business in the late evening or early morning, reimbursement of costs for accommodation and meals on the night before or after the meeting may be approved by the General Manager. This includes where a meeting finishes later than 9.00pm or starts earlier than 7.00am and the Councillor lives more than 100 kilometres from the meeting location.
- 6.16. Council will reimburse costs for accommodation and meals while Councillors are undertaking prior approved travel or professional development outside the local government area.
- 6.17. Council will reimburse employees' accommodation, meals and drinks to the maximum as stipulated in **Table 1: Summary of Expenses and Facilities**.
- 6.18. The daily limits for accommodation and meal expenses outside Australia are to be determined in advance by the General Manager, being mindful of Clause 6.19.
- 6.19. Councillors will not be reimbursed for alcoholic beverages.

Refreshments for Council related meetings

- 6.20. Appropriate refreshments will be available for Council meetings, Council committee meetings, Councillor briefings, approved meetings and engagements, and official Council functions as approved by the General Manager.
- 6.21. As an indicative guide for the standard of refreshments to be provided at Council related meetings, the General Manager must be mindful of Part B Monetary Rates of the NSW Crown Employees (Public Service Conditions of Employment) Reviewed Award 2009, as adjusted annually.

Professional development

- 6.22. Council will decide annually and set aside an amount not greater than \$20,000 for all Councillor's in its budget to facilitate professional development of Councillors through programs, training, education courses and membership of professional bodies.
- 6.23. In the first year of a new council term, Council will provide a comprehensive induction program for all Councillors which considers any guidelines issued by the Office of Local Government (OLG). The cost of the induction program will be in addition to the ongoing professional development funding and the combined cost of Councillor Inductions and the facilitation of Professional Development for Councillors will not exceed \$30,000 in the year of a general election.
- 6.24. Annual membership of professional bodies will only be covered where the membership is relevant to the exercise of the Councillor's civic duties, the Councillor actively participates in the body and the cost of membership is likely to be fully offset by savings from attending events as a member.
- 6.25. Approval for professional development activities is subject to a prior written request to the General Manager outlining the:
- details of the proposed professional development;
 - relevance to Council priorities and business; and
 - relevance to the exercise of the Councillor's civic duties.
- 6.26. In assessing a Councillor request for a professional development activity, the General Manager must consider the factors set out in Clause 6.27, as well as the cost of the professional development in relation to the Councillor's remaining budget.

Conferences and seminars

- 6.27. Council is committed to ensuring its Councillors are up to date with contemporary issues facing Council and the community, and local government in NSW.
- 6.28. Council will set aside a total amount of ~~\$6,000~~ \$8,000 annually in its budget for registration costs to facilitate Councillor attendance at conferences and seminars. This allocation is for all Councillors except the Mayor who will receive a total amount of ~~\$4,000~~ \$5,500 annually. The General Manager will ensure that access to expenses relating to conferences and seminars is distributed equitably between the Councillors, other than the Mayor.

- 6.29. Approval to attend a conference or seminar is subject to a written request to the General Manager. In assessing a Councillor request, the General Manager must consider factors including the:
- relevance of the topics and presenters to current Council priorities and business and the exercise of the Councillor’s civic duties; and
 - cost of the conference or seminar in relation to the total remaining budget.
- 6.30. Council will meet the reasonable cost of registration fees, transportation and accommodation associated with attendance at conferences approved by the General Manager. Council will also meet the reasonable cost of meals when they are not included in the conference fees. Reimbursement for accommodation and meals not included in the conference fees will be subject to Clauses 6.18-6.21.

Information and communications technology (ICT) expenses

- 6.31. Council will provide or reimburse Councillors for expenses associated with appropriate Internet and Telephone services up to a limit of \$2,500 per annum collectively for all Councillors. Further Council will provide a digital device, such as an iPad for each Councillor so that all meeting documents may be viewed electronically.
- 6.32. Reimbursements will be made only for communications devices and services used for Councillors to undertake their civic duties, such as:
- receiving and reading Council business papers;
 - relevant phone calls and correspondence; and
 - diary and appointment management.
- 6.33. Councillors may seek reimbursement for applications on their mobile electronic communication device that are directly related to their duties as a Councillor, within the maximum limit.

Special requirement and carer expenses

- 6.34. Council encourages wide participation and interest in civic office. It will seek to ensure Council premises and associated facilities are accessible, including provision for sight or hearing-impaired Councillors and those with other disabilities.
- 6.35. Transportation provisions outlined in this policy will also assist Councillors who may be unable to drive a vehicle.
- 6.36. In addition to the provisions above, the General Manager may authorise the provision of reasonable additional facilities and expenses to allow a Councillor with a disability to perform their civic duties.
- 6.37. Councillors who are the principal carer of a child or other elderly, disabled and/or sick immediate family member will be entitled to reimbursement of carer’s expenses up to a maximum amount per annum and included in this policy if the need arises within 12 months after the next local election, for attendance at official business, plus reasonable travel from the principal place of residence.

- 6.38. Childcare expenses may be claimed for children up to and including the age of 16 years where the carer is not a relative.
- 6.39. In the event of caring for an adult person, Councillors will need to provide suitable evidence to the General Manager that reimbursement is applicable. This may take the form of advice from a medical practitioner.

7. Insurances

- 7.1. In accordance with Section 382 of the *Local Government Act*, Council is insured against public liability and professional indemnity claims.
- 7.2. Council takes out Councillors and Officers Liability insurance.
- 7.3. Council takes out Personal Accident Insurance and the Mayor and Councillors are listed in the covered persons category. This policy, among other things, covers Councillors travelling on approved travel and any interstate and overseas travel on Council business.
- 7.4. Insurance protection is only provided if a claim arises out of or in connection with the Councillor's performance of his or her civic duties, or exercise of his or her functions as a Councillor. All insurances are subject to any limitations or conditions set out in the policies of insurance.
- 7.5. Council shall pay the insurance policy excess in respect of any claim accepted by Council's insurers, whether defended or not.

8. Legal Assistance

- 8.1. Council may, if requested, indemnify or reimburse the reasonable legal expenses of:
 - a Councillor defending an action arising from the performance in good faith of a function under the *Act* provided that the outcome of the legal proceedings is favourable to the Councillor;
 - A Councillor defending an action in defamation, provided the statements complained of were made in good faith while exercising a function under the *Act* and the outcome of the legal proceedings is favourable to the Councillor; and
 - a Councillor for proceedings before an appropriate investigative or review body, provided the subject of the proceedings arises from the performance in good faith of a function under the *Act* and the matter has proceeded past any initial assessment phase to a formal investigation or review and the investigative or review body makes a finding substantially favourable to the Councillor.
- 8.2. In the case of a code of conduct complaint made against a Councillor, legal costs will only be made available where the matter has been referred by the General Manager to a conduct reviewer and the conduct reviewer has commenced a formal investigation of the matter and makes a finding substantially favourable to the Councillor.

- 8.3. Legal expenses incurred in relation to proceedings arising out of the performance by a Councillor of his or her functions under the Act are distinguished from expenses incurred in relation to proceedings arising merely from something that a Councillor has done during his or her term in office. For example, expenses arising from an investigation as to whether a Councillor acted corruptly would not be covered by this section.
- 8.4. Council will not meet the legal costs:
- of legal proceedings initiated by a Councillor under any circumstances;
 - of a Councillor seeking advice in respect of possible defamation, or in seeking a non-litigious remedy for possible defamation; and
 - for legal proceedings that do not involve a Councillor performing their role as a Councillor.
- 8.5. Reimbursement of expenses for reasonable legal expenses must have Council approval by way of a resolution at a Council meeting prior to costs being incurred.

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PART C – FACILITIES

9. General Facilities for all Councillors

Facilities

- 9.1. Council will provide the following facilities to Councillors to assist them to effectively discharge their civic duties:
- laptop or equivalent and an email address;
 - pigeonholes;
 - access to shared car parking spaces while attending Council offices on official business;
 - personal protective equipment for use during site visits; and
 - a name badge which may be worn at official functions, indicating that the wearer holds the office of a Councillor and/or Mayor or Deputy Mayor.
- 9.2. Councillors may book meeting rooms for official business in a specified Council building at no cost, such as the committee room or William Gardner room. Rooms may be booked through the Executive Assistant (Mayor and General Manager).
- 9.3. The provision of facilities will be of a standard deemed by the General Manager as appropriate for the purpose.

Administrative support

- 9.4. Administrative support may be provided by the Executive Assistant (Mayor and General Manager) or by a member of Council's administrative staff as arranged by the General Manager or their delegate.
- 9.5. As per Section 4, Council staff are expected to assist Councillors with civic duties only, and not assist with matters of personal or political interest, including campaigning.

10. Additional Facilities for the Mayor

- 10.1. Council will provide the Mayor with a furnished office incorporating a computer configured to Council's standard operating environment, telephone and meeting space.
- 10.2. In performing his or her civic duties, the Mayor will be assisted by a small number of Council staff providing administrative and secretarial support, as determined by the General Manager.
- 10.3. The number of exclusive staff provided to support the Mayor and Councillors will not exceed 0.5 full time equivalents.
- 10.4. As per Section 4, any staff assisting in the Mayor's office are expected to work on official business only, and not for matters of personal or political interest, including campaigning.

PART D – PROCESSES

11. Approval, Payment and Reimbursement Arrangements

- 11.1. Expenses should only be incurred by Councillors in accordance with the provisions of this policy.
- 11.2. Approval for incurring expenses, or for the reimbursement of such expenses, should be obtained before the expense is incurred.
- 11.3. Up to the maximum limits specified in this policy, approval for the following may be sought after the expense is incurred:
 - local travel relating to the conduct of official business;
 - carer costs; and
 - ICT expenditure.
- 11.4. Final approval for payments made under this policy will be granted by the General Manager or their delegate.

Reimbursement

- 11.5. All claims for reimbursement of expenses incurred must be made on the prescribed Combined Funds Voucher form, supported by appropriate receipts and/or tax invoices and be submitted to the General Manager for approval.

Notification

- 11.6. If a claim is approved, Council will reimburse the Councillor through accounts payable.
- 11.7. If a claim is refused, Council will inform the Councillor in writing that the claim has been refused and the reason for the refusal.

Reimbursement to Council

- 11.8. If Council has incurred an expense on behalf of a Councillor that exceeds a maximum limit, exceeds reasonable incidental private use or is not provided for in this policy:
 - Council will invoice the Councillor for the expense; and
 - the Councillor will reimburse Council for that expense within 14 days of the invoice date.
- 11.9. If the Councillor cannot reimburse Council within 14 days of the invoice date, they are to submit a written explanation to the General Manager. The General Manager may elect to deduct the amount from the Councillor's allowance.

Timeframe for reimbursement

- 11.10. Unless otherwise specified in this policy, Councillors must provide all claims for reimbursement within three (3) months of an expense being incurred. Claims made after this time cannot be approved.

12. Disputes

- 12.1. If a Councillor disputes a determination under this policy, the Councillor should discuss the matter with the General Manager.
- 12.2. If the Councillor and the General Manager cannot resolve the dispute, the Councillor may submit a notice of motion to a Council meeting seeking to have the dispute resolved.

13. Return or Retention of Facilities

- 13.1. All unexpended facilities or equipment supplied under this policy are to be relinquished immediately upon a Councillor or Mayor ceasing to hold office or at the cessation of their civic duties.
- 13.2. Should a Councillor desire to keep any equipment allocated by Council, then this policy enables the Councillor to make application to the General Manager to purchase any such equipment. The General Manager will determine an agreed fair market price or written down value for the item of equipment.
- 13.3. The prices for all equipment purchased by Councillors under Clause 13.2 will be recorded in Council's annual report.

14. Publication

- 14.1. This policy will be published on Council's website.

15. Reporting

- 15.1. Council will report on the provision of expenses and facilities to Councillors as required in the Act and Regulations.

16. Auditing

- 16.1. The operation of this policy, including claims made under the policy, will be included in Council's audit program and an audit undertaken at least once every term of Council.

17. Breaches

- 17.1. Suspected breaches of this policy are to be reported to the General Manager.
- 17.2. Alleged breaches of this policy shall be dealt with by following the processes outlined for breaches of the Code of Conduct for Councillors, as detailed in the Code and in the Procedures for the Administration of the Code.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply throughout this policy.

Term	Definition
accompanying person	Means a spouse, partner or de facto or other person who has a close personal relationship with or provides carer support to a Councillor
appropriate refreshments	Means food and beverages, excluding alcohol, provided by Council to support Councillors undertaking official business
Act	Means the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> (NSW)
clause	Unless stated otherwise, a reference to a clause is a reference to a clause of this policy
Code of Conduct	Means the Code of Conduct for Councillors adopted by Council.
Councillor	Means a person elected or appointed to civic office as a member of the governing body of Council who is not suspended, including the Mayor
General Manager	Means the General Manager of Council and includes their delegate or authorised representative
incidental personal use	Means use that is infrequent and brief and use that does not breach this policy or the Code of Conduct
long distance intrastate travel	Means travel to other parts of NSW of more than three (3) hours duration by private vehicle
maximum limit	Means the maximum limit for an expense or facility provided in the text and summarised in Appendix 1
NSW	New South Wales
official business	Means functions that the Mayor or Councillors are required or invited to attend to fulfil their legislated role and responsibilities for Council or result in a direct benefit for Council and/or for the local government area, and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> meetings of Council and committees of the whole; meetings of committees facilitated by Council; civic receptions hosted or sponsored by Council; and meetings, functions, workshops and other events to which attendance by a Councillor has been requested or approved by Council.
professional development	Means a seminar, conference, training course or other development opportunity relevant to the role of a Councillor or the Mayor
Regulation	Means the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (NSW)
year	Means the financial year, that is the 12-month period commencing on 1 July each year

LEGISLATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Relevant legislation and guidance:

- *Local Government Act 1993*, Sections 252 and 253;
- *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, sections 217 and 403;
- Guidelines for the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for Mayors and Councillors in NSW, 2009;
- Local Government Circular 09-36 Guidelines for Payment of Expenses and Facilities; and
- Local Government Circular 05-08 legal assistance for Councillors and Council Employees.

Related Council policies:

- Code of Conduct for Councillors;
- Code of Meeting Practice; and
- Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy;
- Councillor Access to Council Staff, Information and Premises Policy.

VARIATION AND REVIEW

The Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors Policy will be reviewed within the first 12 months of each term of Council, or earlier if deemed necessary, to ensure that it meets the requirements of legislation and the needs of Council. The term of the Policy does not expire on the review date, but will continue in force until superseded, rescinded or varied either by legislation or a new resolution of Council.

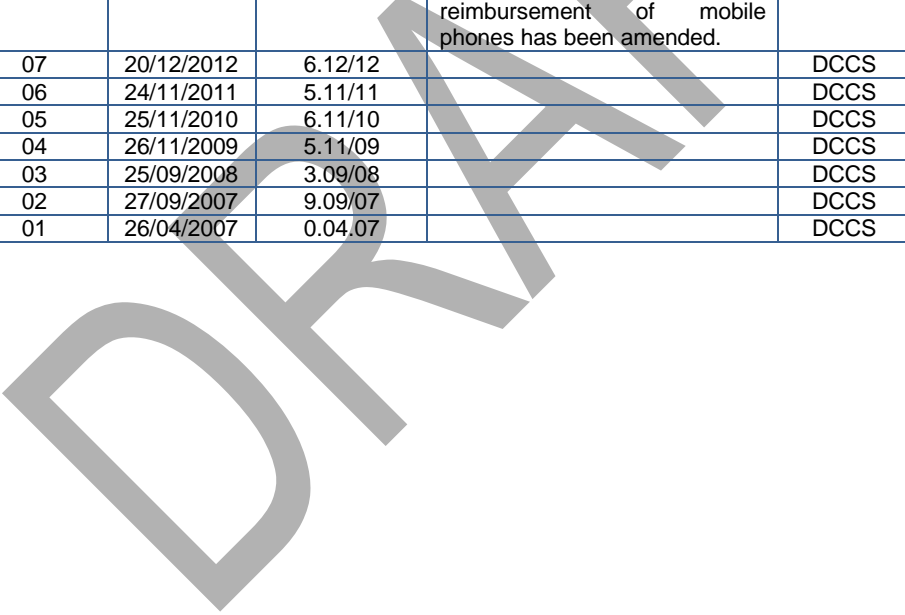
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PREVIOUS VERSIONS:	DATE:	RESOLUTION NO:	DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENTS:	AUTHOR / EDITOR:	REVIEW / SIGN OFF:
11	22/09/2016	10.09/16	Section 1:8 – denotes a change to the review date in line with meeting new requirements under Sections 252 and 253 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> .	DCCS	Council
10	24/09/2015	8.09/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 2:1 - Removal of the reference that all claims must be provided within two (2) months of receipt; -Section 2:7 - Clarification that confirming documents must be attached to claims; - Section 2:8 - Removal of the sentence stating that reimbursement for care arrangements will be at the current market rate; - Section 3:1 - Removal of the reference of provision of a leather briefcase; -Section 3:2 – Removal of reference that a mobile phone may be provided; - Section 3:3 – Change of wording from 'is provided with' to 'has access to'. 	DCCS	Council
09	25/09/2014	10.09/14	<p>Reflecting the name change of the 'Division of Local Government' to 'Office of Local Government';</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Added clause 1:10 Implementation/Communication, paragraph inserted; - Australian Taxation Office (ATO) private vehicle reimbursement rates have been updated; - Clause 3.1 (c) has been removed 'Councillors will be provided with a necktie or scarf'; - Clause 3.3 (e) has been removed 'Dedicated parking'. 	DCCS	Council

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08	26/09/2013	14.09/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflecting the name change of the 'Local Government and Shires Association' to 'Local Government New South Wales'; - Position title change from the 'General Manager's Personal Assistant', to the 'Executive Assistant'; - Accommodation in capital cities has been amended to include the cost of a standard room at the same venue as the conference being attended; - The following clause has been removed "Council will reimburse all Councillors up to \$30.00 per month for the use of home phone expenses upon the provision of details of usage on the specified form for reimbursement of expenses"; - The clause regarding reimbursement of mobile phones has been amended. 	DCCS	Council
07	20/12/2012	6.12/12		DCCS	Council
06	24/11/2011	5.11/11		DCCS	Council
05	25/11/2010	6.11/10		DCCS	Council
04	26/11/2009	5.11/09		DCCS	Council
03	25/09/2008	3.09/08		DCCS	Council
02	27/09/2007	9.09/07		DCCS	Council
01	26/04/2007	0.04.07		DCCS	Council





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DOCUMENT AUTHORISATION

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:		PERSONAL EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES) (PA EA (DCCS))			
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VERSIONS:	DATE:	RESOLUTION NO:	DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENTS:	AUTHOR / EDITOR:	APPROVED / ADOPTED BY:
18	22/06/2023	TBC	Updated the position of the responsible officer due to a title change.	EA (DCCS)	Council
17	15/12/22	4.12/22	Amendment to Part 3(d) for the amount in which a Mayoral Donation can be made, increasing from \$250 per donation to a maximum of \$1,000 per donation to a total of \$3,000 in any one (1) year.	(PA(DCCS))	Council
16	23/06/2022	18.06/22	Inclusion of the Acknowledgement of Country. Removal of RAAF 76 Squadron from part 3. c). Clear up possible ambiguity in relation to who can hire the hall for \$Nil. Removing reference to Resolution 3.05/21 in relation to Mayoral Donation.	(PA(DCCS))	Council

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General Manager

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Date

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Glen Innes Severn Council acknowledges and pays respect to the Ngorabul people as the traditional custodians of this land, their elders past, present and emerging and to Torres Strait Islander people and all First Nations people.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Assist Council when dealing with requests for donations; and
- Ensure an open, fair and transparent process is adhered to when granting donations.

APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to:

- Pre-approved organisations listed below in 3a;
- Non pre-approved community group applicants;
- Cultural activities, events and festivals receiving funding annually through the Operational Plan and Budget as noted in 3c below;
- Mayor and applicants seeking a Mayoral Donation; and
- Annual Donations Review Committee.

OUTCOMES

To provide Council with a framework for determining and allocating Council grants and donations and ensure that its community service obligations concerning the granting of donations to community groups are met in an open, fair and transparent manner and that the administration work in considering donations is streamlined as much as possible.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The ~~Personal~~ Executive Assistant (Director Corporate and Community Services) will arrange for the processing and payment of the Pre-approved Donations listed in Section 3(a) of this policy.

The ~~Personal~~ Executive Assistant (Director Corporate and Community Services) will communicate the information contained within this policy to customer service officers and organisations / members of the public requesting a donation from Council.

The Media and Communications Officer will arrange for advertisement/s to be placed in the Glen Innes Examiner and information to be placed on Council's website and Facebook page, inviting community groups to apply for donations.

POLICY STATEMENT

Each year Council receives numerous requests for donations. These requests can broadly be classified into three (3) categories namely:

1. Local Organisations;
2. Community Organisations;
3. Council list of Organisations to which donations are made categorised as:
 - a. Pre-approved Donations;
 - b. Non-Pre-approved Donations;
 - c. Operational Plan and Budget funding; and
 - d. Mayoral Donations.

1. Local Organisations

Due to the large number of requests for donations from non-local organisations, Council will generally only make donations to local organisations with the exception of the Pre-approved Donations listed in Section 3(a) of this policy.

Donations to this category should be limited to \$100 per year per organisation.

2. Community Organisations

Council will only make donations to community organisations, not individuals. This will remove any public perception that may exist concerning Council favouring one (1) individual over another.

3. Council list of Organisations to which donations are made

a) Pre-approved Donations

This section contains a list of local organisations that Council will make an annual donation to without the need for the organisation to apply to Council for the donation.

The following organisations have been included in this section:

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| • Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service – New England North West | \$100 |
| • CareFlight | \$100 |
| • Royal Flying Doctor Service - South Eastern Section | \$100 |
| • Cancer Council – Northern NSW Region | \$100 |
| • National Heart Foundation | \$100 |
| • Salvation Army – Glen Innes Corps | \$100 |
| • Royal Far West Children’s Home – Manly | \$100 |

TOTAL \$700 \$600

b) Non Pre-approved Donations

In July each year Council will place an advertisement in the Glen Innes Examiner inviting local not for profit community groups to submit their requests to Council for consideration of a donation. Following closure of the time allocated for receipt of requests a Council committee, the Annual Donations Review Committee, comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and one (1) other Councillor and the Director of Corporate and Community Services will consider all requests and make an appropriate recommendation to Council.

Sapphire Wind Farm Community Benefit Funds allocated to the Glen Innes Severn Local Government Area will be in addition to the funds distributed through Council's Annual Community Donations process.

Applications under this category should be limited to \$1,500 (however the Annual Donations Review Committee will use this figure as a guide rather than a cut-off) and may include requests for Council to donate the value of the community group's annual general purpose rates, if applicable. Requests for the donation of the value of rates will be considered in the same manner as other donations.

All applications must be on the Glen Innes Severn Council's Application form, which lists the Application Guidelines. Successful applicants are required to complete a Community Donation Report and return it to Council by the end of the financial year in which the donation was given. If a Community Donation Report is not received by Council on the due date, future applications for donations may be declined.

c) Operational Plan and Budget funding

Council acknowledges that the following annual cultural activities, events and festivals will be funded on a recurrent basis through the Operational Plan and Budget. No further requests for these mentioned activities, by way of donation, will be considered by Council:

- ANZAC Day;
- Arts North West;
- Australia Day;
- Australian Celtic Festival;
- Glen Innes Show Society; and
- Minerama.

Council further acknowledges that, in accordance with the Operational Plan and Budget's Schedule of Fees and Charges, a donation by way of a \$Nil hire fee of the Town Hall will be given to the following:

- Local not-for-profit community groups and events;
- Local schools; and
- Local religious / political groups.

d) Mayoral Donations

Mayoral Donations may be up to \$1,000 per donation for a maximum \$3,000 in any one (1) year.

Council's total donations each year will not exceed 0.5% of the rate levy.

LEGISLATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Relevant Legislation, Regulations and Industry Standards include:

- *Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

Relevant Council Policies and Procedures include:

- Nil.

VARIATION AND REVIEW

The Donation Policy will be reviewed every year, following the development of the annual Operational Plan and Budget, or earlier if deemed necessary, to ensure that it meets the requirements of legislation and the needs of Council. The term of the Policy does not expire on the review date, but will continue in force until superseded, rescinded or varied either by legislation or a new resolution of Council.

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15	24/06/2021	12.06/21	Update the policy to be in line with Council's new Policy template. Addition of \$1,500 limit to be used as a guide.	(PA(DCCS))	Council
14	25/06/2020	11.06/20		(PA(DCCS))	Council
13	27/06/2019	6.06/19		(PA(DCCS))	Council
12	28/06/2018	14.06/18			Council
11	22/06/2017	6.06/17			Council
10	23/06/2016	8.06/16			Council
9	25/06/2015	6.06/15			Council
8	26/06/2014	4.06/14			Council
7	23/05/2013	8.05/13			Council
6	26/07/2012	13.11/12			Council
5	23/06/2011	6.06/11			Council
4	24/06/2010	9.06/10			Council
3	25/06/2009	6.06/09			Council
2	26/06/2008	5.06/08			Council
1	20/04/2006	13.04/06			Council

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2019/2020								
Project	Works	Status Comments as at 31 March 2023	Adopted Budget	Revised Budget	Project Actual + Committed	Project Percentage Complete	Proposed Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM OTHER GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS			\$ 2,079,254	\$ 6,454,763	\$ 5,960,925			
Bushfire Community Resilience and Economic Recovery Fund	BFR - Old Wyaliba Replanning	Completed.	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 98,163	100%	30/06/2022	30/06/2022
Glen Innes Indoor Sports Stadium	Full Amount of Grant \$5,500,000 with \$4,221,492 from Regional Sport Infrastructure Fund and \$1,278,508 from Australian Government - Building Better Regions Fund.	Completed.	\$ 1,889,254	\$ 6,264,763	\$ 5,766,468	100%		20/09/2022
Bushfire Community Resilience and Economic Recovery Fund	Connectivity	Project completed. Airport Master Plan advertised to community and subsequently adopted.	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 96,294	100%		30/11/2022
Total			\$ 2,079,254	\$ 6,454,763	\$ 5,960,925			

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2020/2021								
Project	Works	Status Comments as at 31 March 2023	Adopted Budget	Revised Budget	*Project Actual + Committed	Project Percentage Complete	Proposed Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
BRIDGE RENEWAL PROGRAM GRANT & SECTION 7.11 CONTRIBUTIONS			\$ 3,700,000	\$ 3,700,000	\$ 2,668,596			
Local Bridges - Bridge Renewal Program	5270 Shannonvale Road, Mann River Bridge	Bridge construction complete with deck poured in November 2022. Civil works on road approaches underway.	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 833,657	70%	8/07/2023	
Local Bridges - Bridge Renewal Program	Side Track and Bridge over Mann River at Wyaliba	Project complete.	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 1,834,939	100%		1/09/2022
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM WASTE RESERVE			\$ 284,065	\$ 284,065	\$ 171,865			
LANDFILL: Future Landfill Development	LANDFILL: Future Landfill Development	This project is part of the long term rehabilitation of the Landfill Site. The works will continue into the 2022/2023 to complete drainage works on the eastern and southern boundaries of the landfill. Project will carry into Waste Remediation Provision. Purchase of additional property for Landfill proposed. One of the two properties have been purchased to allow drainage line to be installed on the southern side of the quarry. negotiations are underway about withdrawal of Aboriginal Land Claim.	\$ 284,065	\$ 284,065	\$ 171,865	70%	30/06/2023	
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM OTHER GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS			\$ 380,000	\$ 163,109	\$ 210,570			
Safer Roads Grant	Bald Nob Road	Project completed on 9 December 2022.	\$ 380,000	\$ 163,109	\$ 210,570	100%		12/09/2022
Total			\$ 4,364,065	\$ 3,820,956	\$ 3,051,031			

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2021/2022								
Project	Works	Status Comments as at 31 March 2023	Adopted Budget	Revised Budget	Project Actual + Committed	Project Percentage Complete	Proposed Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
BRIDGE RENEWAL PROGRAM GRANT & SECTION 7.11 CONTRIBUTIONS			\$ 2,345,000	\$ 2,345,000	\$ 389,041			
Fixing Country Bridges	5220 Mt Mitchell Road, Yarrow Creek Bridge	Construction underway. Bridge sub-structure complete including headstopck and abutment installation.	\$ 945,000	\$ 945,000	\$ 337,742	50%	15/08/2023	
Fixing Country Bridges	5215 Mt Mitchell Road, Mann River	Design has been procured and is complete. Works are planned to be completed by Council's bridge team after the completion of Yarrow Creek bridge in May 2023. Council has accepted a schedule of rates tender for bridge components from local business Weir Built	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 51,298	5%	30/04/2024	
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM GENERAL FUND			\$ 727,825	\$ 1,045,444	\$ 700,344			
Finance: Project Jigsaw Open Office Implementation	Finance: Project Jigsaw Open Office Implementation	Stage 1 has been implemented and 80% complete. There are system issues that need resolution, especially in the Rates and Water modules.	\$ 476,825	\$ 785,825	\$ 566,408	80%	31/12/2023	
Glen Innes Swim Centre Upgrade	Glen Innes Swim Centre Upgrade	Completed.	\$ 76,000	\$ 84,619	\$ 99,964	100%	30/09/2022	30/08/2022
CBD Roundabout Landscaping	CBD Roundabout Landscaping	This project will be consolidated into a broader CBD Lanscaping project which will commence in FY 2023/24. An RFQ for the development of a landscaping plan has been released to market.	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 12,853	20%	30/06/2024	
Upgrade Signage	Upgrade Signage	Minor work carried out.	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 8,351	16%	31/12/2023	
Upgrade Electricity Dumaresq Street Industrial Estate	Upgrade Electricity Dumaresq Street Industrial Estate	Electrical design being undertaken to allow for upgrade of electrical services.	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 12,768	10%	31/12/2023	

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FUNDED FROM GENERAL FUND			\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 31,164			
Roads of Strategic Importance - Council Contribution	Bald Nob Upgrade Stage 2	Incorporated into 7002C23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,034	5%	30/12/2023	
Footpath Renewal	Footpath Renewal	Project complete.	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 8,678	100%		30/06/2022
Heavy Patching Program	Heavy Patching Program	Team has used flood recovery and other grant funding to perform works to date. Moved to 7001C22. Remaining budget to be used to fund deficiencies in other capital budgets.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,452	30%	30/03/2023	
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM OTHER GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS			\$ 6,445,417	\$ 9,036,653	\$ 4,509,459			
Safer Roads Grant	Bald Nob Segment 20	Project completed on 9 December 2022.	\$ 2,140,139	\$ 3,351,375	\$ 1,922,719	100%		12/09/2022
Fixing Local Roads	Lang Street/Furracabad Road	Project complete	\$ 990,000	\$ 990,000	\$ 967,829	100%		2/09/2022
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant	Mt Slow Gravel Resheeting	Project complete .	\$ 296,000	\$ 296,000	\$ 203,800	100%		25/1/23
Fixing Local Roads	Round 2 New Bitumen Seals	Sealing of Maybole Road, Yarraford Road, Mt Mitchell Road, Pinkett Road, Strathbogie Road and Gordons Road completed. West Furracabad Road has been re-sheeted however sealing delayed due to drainage issues.	\$ 3,019,278	\$ 3,019,278	\$ 1,408,816	75%	30/08/2023	

Fixing Local Roads	Gulf Road	Local contractor adopted under a Schedule of rates basis for gravel re-sheet component after tender process. Drainage works underway.	\$ -	\$ 1,380,000	\$ 6,294	1%	30/09/2023	
LRCI PHASE 3			\$ -	\$ 199,158	\$ 738,203			
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant Phase 3	LRCI Phase 3 Bitumen reseal program	Works completed in April under 20223/2023 bitumen reseal program. Awaiting final invoicing.	\$ -	\$ 510,842	\$ 117,622	100%	30/05/2022	
Indoor Sports Stadium	Construction of Carpark	Carpark sealed and line marking completed. QBR to be completed for overspend	\$ -	\$ 710,000	\$ 620,581	100%	Completed	
PROJECTS FUNDED THROUGH THE PLANT FUND			\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 12,666			
New Plant Program	Flail Mower	Delivered and entered into service	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 12,666	100%		8/11/2022
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM REGIONAL ROADS GRANTS			\$ 312,000	\$ 1,312,000	\$ 767,686			
Regional Roads Block Grant	Emmaville Road segment 180	Project complete	\$ 312,000	\$ 1,312,000	\$ 767,686	100%		30/11/22
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM THE SEWER FUND			\$ 546,972	\$ 555,472	\$ 542,692			
Sewer: Mains Renewal – Sewer Funds	Sewer - Capital Renewal	The first round of manhole repairs has been completed by FITT resources. Inspections will be carried out on the Sewer Pump stations and assessed. Relining was originally delayed due to COVID restrictions and 45% of current year program completed. Relining contractor is onsite and works are nearing completion	\$ 536,972	\$ 546,972	\$ 535,237	45%	30/06/2023	
Sewer - New Mains (Private Works)	Sewer - New Mains (Private Works)	Complete	\$ 8,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,886	100%		30/06/2022
Sewer - New Services (Private Works)	Sewer - New Services (Private Works)	Complete	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,569	100%		30/06/2022
PROJECTS FUNDED THROUGH THE STORMWATER/DRAINAGE RESERVE			\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 23,952			
Renew Drainage – Drainage Charge Reserve	Stormwater Renewals - Glen Innes		\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 23,952	18%	30/09/2023	

PROJECTS FUNDED FROM THE WATER FUND			\$ 655,000	\$ 1,594,532	\$ 995,482			
Water Mains Renewal	Water - Capital Renewal	Components have been purchased and works commenced on the Oliver Street Main upgrade.	\$ 651,532	\$ 651,532	\$ 264,766	25%	30/06/2023	
Water - Capital New	Water - Capital New assets	Project is anticipated to be completed under budget.	\$ 3,468	\$ 40,000	\$ 33,957	75%	30/06/2023	
Water Fund Renewals	Water - Automated Water Meter Reading	Project near complete. Meter data is being received across the network. Approximately 200 meters remain to be replaced and an additional 200 receivers to be installed. This will progress between reads and will be completed by 30 June.	\$ -	\$ 761,000	\$ 687,999	90%	30/12/2022	
Water Fund Renewals	Truck Wash Upgrade	Effluent dosage testing completed. Procurement of dosing system is completed, currently being utilised at STP while new dosing system is delivered.	\$ -	\$ 142,000	\$ 8,761	20%	30/06/2023	
	Total		\$ 11,202,214	\$ 16,273,259	\$ 8,710,687			

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM REVOTES - 2022								
Project	Works	Status Comments as at 31 March 2023	Adopted Budget	Revised Budget	Project Actual + Committed	Project Percentage Complete	Proposed Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
ROADS TO RECOVERY (RTR)			\$ 444,063	\$ 464,063	\$ 281,021			
Unsealed Roads Re-sheeting	Shannon Vale Road	Project complete .	\$ 444,063	\$ 464,063	\$ 281,021	100%	0/01/1900	
SRV PROGRAM			\$ 573,546	\$ 1,573,546	\$ 22,853			
Intersection Upgrade	Wattle Vale Quarry	Contractor secured after RFQ process through Local Government Contract panel. Anticipating works to commence in June 2023 and project carried through as WIP into 2023/2024 FY.	\$ 573,546	\$ 1,573,546	\$ 22,853	5%	30/06/2023	
FIXING COUNTRY BRIDGES			\$ 281,017	\$ 281,017	\$ 200,996			
Fixing Country Bridges	Wentworth St - Rocky Ponds	Pedestrian bridge component has been commenced. Bridge design and REF completed. Road bridge construction package tendered.	\$ 81,875	\$ 131,875	\$ 122,718	80%	30/05/2024	
Fixing Country Bridges	5170 - Furracabad	Design has been procured (Awarded to SMEC), and review of environmental factors now completed. Fisheries permit to be obtained. A second tender for bridge components has provided a local source for components. Construction package tendered. Balance of budget to be spent in delivery with 7109C23.	\$ 199,142	\$ 149,142	\$ 78,278	80%	30/05/2024	
Sub Total			\$ 1,298,626	\$ 2,318,626	\$ 504,870			

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2022/2023								
Project	Works	Status Comments as at 31 March 2023	Adopted Budget	Revised Budget	Project Actual + Committed	Project Percentage Complete	Proposed Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
BRIDGE RENEWAL PROGRAM GRANT & SECTION 7.11 CONTRIBUTIONS			\$ 2,077,083	\$ 2,077,083	\$ 60,507			
5315 Tent Hill Road, Bark Hut Creek	5315 Tent Hill Road, Bark Hut Creek	Project to be withdrawn via QBR.	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	0%		
5320 Tent Hill Road, Bark Hut Creek	5320 Tent Hill Road, Bark Hut Creek	Project to be withdrawn via QBR.	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	0%		
5340 Wentworth St over Rocky Ponds Creek	5340 Wentworth St over Rocky Ponds Creek	Pedestrian bridge component has been commenced. Bridge design and REF completed. Road bridge construction package tendered.	\$ 776,225	\$ 776,225	\$ 46,854	5%	30/05/2024	
5170 Furracabad Rd over Furracabad Creek	5170 Furracabad Rd over Furracabad Creek	Design has been procured (Awarded to SMEC), and review of environmental factors now completed. Fisheries permit to be obtained. A second tender for bridge components has provided a local source for components. Construction package tendered. Balance of budget to be spent in delivery with 7109C23.	\$ 800,858	\$ 800,858	\$ 13,653	5%	30/05/2024	
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FUNDED FROM GENERAL FUND			\$ 987,713	\$ 987,713	\$ 155,765			
Heavy Patching Program	Heavy Patching Program	Approx six weeks of urban heavy patching to be done in May/June 23.	\$ 797,713	\$ 797,713	\$ 96,381	40%	30/06/2023	
New cycleways / shared path	New cycleways / shared path	Works underway at extension of Tregurtha Way.	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 26,000	60%	30/06/2023	
Kerb & Gutter Installation - Railway Street	Kerb & Gutter Installation - Railway Street	Procurement underway.	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	0%	30/06/2023	
Kerb & Gutter Installation - Hunter Street	Kerb & Gutter Installation - Hunter Street	Procurement underway.	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -	0%	30/06/2023	

Kerb & Gutter Installation - Emmaville	Kerb & Gutter Installation - Emmaville	Works underway at Rose Valley Road	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	30%	30/06/2023	
Causeway renewal	Causeway renewal	Causeways renewed on Severn River Road, Gulf Road.	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 33,384	40%	30/06/2023	
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM BORROWINGS			\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -			
Infrastructure Backlog Projects	Infrastructure Backlog Projects	Planned to expend on bitumen reseal program.	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -	0%	30/06/2023	

PROJECTS FUNDED FROM GENERAL FUND			\$ 431,720	\$ 236,720	\$ 34,266			
Signage Upgrades	Signage Upgrades	Project yet to commence.	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	0%	30/06/2023	
Public Art Projects	Public Art Projects	The funds for this project will be rolled over and consolidated into the 2023/24 FY.	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	0%	30/07/2023	
Replacement of Emmaville Pool Covers	Replacement of Emmaville Pool Covers	Completed.	\$ 8,950	\$ 8,950	\$ 8,950	100%	3/01/2022	
Replacement of Anzac Park Playground equipment	Replacement of Anzac Park Playground equipment	Project will commence 2023/24.	\$ 200,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	0%	12/01/2024	
G I Aquatic Centre 25mt and LTS pools reapply top coat	G I Aquatic Centre 25mt and LTS pools reapply top coat	Pool emptied, investigations undertaken to determine scope of works. Grant funding obtained to undertake additional works. RFQ to be released to market by 30 June 2023.	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ -	0%	30/09/2023	
Carpet for William Gardner Conference Room	Carpet for William Gardner Conference Room	Carpet has been installed. Pinnacle Glass and Aluminium has visited and fixed the proble,s with the door.	\$ 22,770	\$ 22,770	\$ 19,273	100%	30/06/2023	
LC-SS Outdoor Furniture Settings x 2	LC-SS Outdoor Furniture Settings x 2	Project complete.	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,380	100%		
CAFS Sun Shade for playground equipment	CAFS Sun Shade for playground equipment	The Department of Education has yet to approve the changed playground. MCS to follow-up with them. The building contractor has a DA prepared for the June Council Meeting. The project is Grant funded with three years to complete; however, planning for July 2023 completion.	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,664	15%	30/06/2023	
Shade and Landscaping - Indoor Sports Centre	Shade and Landscaping - Indoor Sports Centre	Consolidated into the Glen Innes Landscaping Plan. RFQ released to market for the engagement of a consultant to develop the Landscaping Plan.	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	0%	0/01/1900	
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM OTHER GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS			\$ 11,068,529	\$ 14,708,643	\$ 1,196,895			
Roads of Strategic Importance	Bald Nob Upgrade	Draiange works and clearing works started in May 23.	\$ 2,550,000	\$ 2,550,000	\$ 292,025	5%	30/04/2024	

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant	LRCI Phase 3 Bitumen Reseals	Works completed in April under 20223/2023 bitumen reseal program. Awaiting final invoicing.	\$ 154,416	\$ 1,463,240	\$ 522,987	90%	30/05/2023	
Airport runway renewal	Local Government Recovery Grants Program - Airport Runway	Project yet to commence. Tender for design and works for runway rehabilitation to commence in June 2023.	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	0%	30/06/2024	
Flood Recovery	Essential Public Asset Restoration Claim	Pinkett Rd and Yarraford Road EPARS approved.	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	0%	30/06/2023	
Outdoor netball courts	Outdoor netball courts	Earthworks completed for commencement of outdoor courts. Works are due to commence within 4 weeks.	\$ 251,310	\$ 296,310	\$ 168	20%	30/06/2023	

Pathways linking Indoor Sports Stadium to existing pathways	Funded by BSBF Grant	Concrete team commenced pathways in September 2022 with approximately 85 lineal meters of path completed. Staff have been diverted to other priority road repair works.	\$ 266,466	\$ 266,466	\$ 35,338	20%	30/06/2023
Pathway from Indoor Sports Stadium to High School	Funded by Regional Sports Facility Grant	Concrete team to commence after pathways linking Indoor Sports Stadium to existing pathways have been completed	\$ 266,466	\$ 266,466	\$ -	0%	30/06/2023
Emmaville War Memorial Hall Upgrades	Emmaville War Memorial Hall Upgrades	Projects works to commence. Service agreement has been signed with S355 Committee and first milestone payment paid in full.	\$ 131,651	\$ 131,651	\$ 105,326	5%	30/06/2023
Centennial Parklands Skywalk	Centennial Parklands Skywalk	Project is being delivered by Fleetwood Urban under LGP contract. Detailed design has been revised, with off site works underway and completion planned for 31 August.	\$ 700,000	\$ 2,986,290	\$ 240,882	14%	30/08/2023
Centennial Parklands - Amenities and Outdoor Area construction	Centennial Parklands - Amenities and Outdoor Area construction	Negotiations in progress with Public Works Advisory to project manage the delivery of this project.	\$ 402,485	\$ 402,485	\$ -	0%	30/04/2024
Skate Park redevelopment and new shared pathways	Skate Park redevelopment and new shared pathways	Contract has been executed with Convic Pty Ltd for the delivery of the project. Waiting on contractor to advise commencement date.	\$ 221,557	\$ 221,557	\$ 168	0%	31/12/2023
BSBR000316 Indoor Sports Stadium Stage Two	BSBR000316 Indoor Sports Stadium Stage Two	Following works have been completed Kitchen and Café Fit-out; Stadium curtain and Fire rated ceiling, doors and shelving in a required internal storeroom. The following works are being planned for delivery: outdoor playground and internal wall lining.	\$ 124,178	\$ 124,178	\$ -	60%	30/12/2023
Stronger Country Communities Round 5 - 0456 Anzac Park	Stronger Country Communities Round 5 - 0456 Anzac Park	These are incorporated above - refer line 97	\$ -	\$ 600,000	\$ -	0%	0/01/1900
Stronger Country Communities Round 5 - 0456 Aquatic Centre	Stronger Country Communities Round 5 - 0456 Aquatic Centre	These are incorporated above - refer line 98	\$ -	\$ 332,710	\$ -	0%	0/01/1900
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM REGIONAL ROADS GRANTS			\$ 590,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 64,279		

Traffic Facilities	Traffic Facilities	Guard Rail installed at Camerons Creek and Three Mile Creek on Bald Nob Road.	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 64,279	90%	30/06/2023	
Block Grant - Emmaville Road segment 70	Block Grant - Emmaville Road segment 70	Grant funding increased to \$185K, (must be matched by 50:50 co-contribution from Council, plan to subsidise with Heavy Patch budget 7110C23). Contractor secured to deliver work between June and September 2023.	\$ 114,000	\$ 114,000	\$ -	0%	30/09/2023	
Block Grant - Emmaville Road segment 210 Heavy Patch & Reseal Program	Block Grant - Emmaville Road segment 210 Heavy Patch & Reseal Program	Nominated for 2023/2024 project.	\$ 200,000	-\$ 200,000	\$ -	0%	30/06/2023	

Block Grant - Wellington Vale Road Heavy Patch & Resealing Program	Block Grant - Wellington Vale Road Heavy Patch & Resealing Program	Project withdrawn due to lack of budget. 22/23 Block grant budget used on Emmaville Road Seg 180.	\$ 206,000	\$ 206,000	\$ -	0%	30/06/2023	
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM ROADS TO RECOVERY (RTR)			\$ 889,200	\$ 889,200	\$ 296,700			
Unsealed Roads Resheeting - Nine Mile Road	Unsealed Roads Resheeting - Nine Mile Road	Project complete	\$ 281,400	\$ 281,400	\$ 251,844	100%		2/09/2022
Unsealed Roads Resheeting - Bullock Mountain Road	Unsealed Roads Resheeting - Bullock Mountain Road	Project yet to commence.	\$ 437,360	\$ 437,360	\$ -	0%	30/06/2023	
Unsealed Roads Resheeting - Haymarket Road	Unsealed Roads Resheeting - Haymarket Road	Project yet to commence.	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ -	0%	30/06/2023	
Unsealed Roads - Caerleon Road	Unsealed Roads - Caerleon Road	Project complete in Nov 22	\$ 50,440	\$ 50,440	\$ 44,856	100%		30/11/22
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM THE GLEN INNES AGGREGATES SURPLUS			\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 5,181			
New Bitumen Seals - Blue Hills/Rodgers Road	New Bitumen Seals - Blue Hills/Rodgers Road	Material has been stockpiled in preparation.	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 5,181	2%	30/06/2023	
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM THE SEWER FUND			\$ 641,117	\$ 641,117	\$ 327,804			
Capital Renewal (Matches depreciation plus 30%)	Capital Renewal (Matches depreciation plus 30%)	Manhole repairs are now complete and awaiting invoicing, refining invoices will be processed once work is complete	\$ 621,117	\$ 621,117	\$ 302,635	40%	30/06/2023	
New Mains	New Mains	Project yet to commence.	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0%	30/06/2023	
New Service	New Service	Project will be ongoing throughout the year.	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 25,169	12%	30/06/2023	
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM THE WATER FUND			\$ 711,854	\$ 611,854	\$ 111,205			
Capital Renewal	Capital Renewal	Meter installation costs are being charged here for Council installed meters. Additional meters will also be charged here in May 23	\$ 591,854	\$ 591,854	\$ 83,537	20%	30/06/2023	

Capital new	Capital new	This project will be removed in the March QBR	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	0%	30/06/2023	
New Mains	New Mains	Minor works undertaken.	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,460	22%	30/06/2023	
New Service	New Service	Project will be ongoing throughout the year.	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 25,208	165%	30/06/2023	

PROJECTS FUNDED THROUGH THE PLANT FUND			\$ 1,108,000	\$ 989,228	\$ 862,921			
Heavy Plant Replacement Program	Bogie Tipper Truck & Dog Trailer	Plant delivered 01/06/2023.	\$ 420,000	\$ 497,000	\$ 458,500	100%	0/01/1900	
Heavy Plant Replacement Program	Hino Ranger 14 FM1JLPM	Plant will not be replaced in current year. Budget planned for FY24.	\$ 285,000	\$ 221,989	\$ -	0%	30/06/2024	
Heavy Plant Replacement Program	Hino Ranger Nine	Plant delivered 01/06/2023.	\$ 285,000	\$ 170,600	\$ 303,700	100%	0/01/1900	
New Plant Program	Cat 3 Leaseback (MIWS)	New GM leaseback ordered against this project job costing. QBR was completed for additional \$21,638.86.Plant 2521. Corresponding vehicle sale of 1521 to occur. Leaseback vehicle for MIWS planned for FY24.	\$ 40,000	\$ 21,639	\$ 61,639	95%	30/12/2023	
New Plant Program	Cat 3 Leaseback (MID)	Complete- Plant no 1582 purchased.	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 39,082	100%		28/07/2022
Heavy Plant Replacement Program	Workshop Utility	Vehicle will not be replaced in current year. Budget planned for FY24.	\$ 38,000	\$ 38,000	\$ -	0%	30/06/2024	
Heavy Plant Replacement Program	New Plant Program - Mocrib Amentities Trailer		\$ -	\$ 49,671	\$ -	100%		31/04/2023
Heavy Plant Replacement Program	New Plant Program - Mocrib Amentities Trailer		\$ -	\$ 50,740	\$ -	100%		31/04/2023
PROJECTS FUNDED THROUGH THE STORMWATER/DRAINAGE RESERVE			\$ 429,000	\$ 429,000	\$ 125,541			
Rural Drainage Renewals	Rural Drainage Renewals	Pipes installed on Bishops Road, Tablelands Road.	\$ 282,471	\$ 282,471	\$ 125,541	50%	30/06/2023	
Urban Drainage Renewals	Urban Drainage Renewals	Works completed on Wullamulla Street.	\$ 146,529	\$ 146,529	\$ -	0%	30/06/2023	
Totals			\$ 19,534,216	\$ 22,360,557	\$ 3,241,065			

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2022/2023 REVOTES			Adopted Budget	Revised Budget	* Project Actual + Committed	Project Percentage Complete	Proposed Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM GENERAL FUND			59,763	77,763	50,000			
Governance: New Website Development	Governance: New Website Development	The updated website went live on 24 October 2022. Community Engagement module continuing.	\$ 47,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 50,000	90%	30/11/2022	
LCSS: Skillion Carport	LCSS: Skillion Carport	Kit set has been delivered. The retaining wall needs to be fixed and a location for the carport determined (3m from building), with the wall requiring engineering assessment and determination. Aiming to have some information prior to 31 July to allow planning for the project. The retaining wall is a 2023/24 Capital Project, therefore this project will carry into next year.	\$ 12,763	\$ 12,763	\$ -	30%	30/06/2024	
Acquisition of 148 Church Street		Acquisition completed.	\$ -	\$ 285,591	\$ -	100%		30/09/2022
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM OTHER GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS			136,000	136,000	78,363			
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant	3km Donnelly's Resheet	Project complete in Jan 23.	\$ 136,000	\$ 136,000	\$ 78,363	100%		20/1/23
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM THE GLEN INNES AGGREGATES SURPLUS			200,000	74,225	-			
Quarry Development	Wattle Vale establishment	These funds will be used toward internal components of the Wattle Vale quarry project after the external intersection works are completed.	\$ 200,000	\$ 74,225	\$ -	0%	30/06/2023	
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM LRCI PHASE 3			-	593,146	-			
Unsealed Roads Re-sheeting	Illparran Road	Project not yet commenced. Material sourcing options need to be reviewed.	\$ -	\$ 132,992	\$ -	0%	30/06/2023	

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2022/2023 REVOTES			Adopted Budget	Revised Budget	* Project Actual + Committed	Project Percentage Complete	Proposed Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
Unsealed Roads Re-sheeting	Jenkins Road	Project not yet commenced. Material sourcing options need to be reviewed.	\$ -	\$ 75,154	\$ -	0%	30/06/2023	
Unsealed Roads Re-sheeting	Ten Mile Road	Project not yet commenced. Gravel and contractor resources to be reviewed.	\$ -	\$ 385,000	\$ -	0%	30/06/2023	

CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2022/2023 REVOTES			Adopted Budget	Revised Budget	* Project Actual + Committed	Project Percentage Complete	Proposed Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
PROJECTS FUNDED THROUGH THE PLANT FUND			409,724	454,373	505,210			
Heavy Plant Replacement Program	4 x 4 Light Rigid Truck	Plant has been ordered. Order will involve a corresponding sale of plant 1121. New plant is 2121	\$ 107,273	\$ 107,273	\$ 93,995	95%	30/08/2023	
Heavy Plant Replacement Program	LCSS - Light Vehicle	Complete. Vehicle in service. Plant 1586.	\$ 32,227	\$ 30,444	\$ 30,526	100%		2/11/2022
Heavy Plant Replacement Program	Leaseback Category 3 Vehicle	Complete . Vehicle in service. Plant 1587.To be journalled to 7066C22.	\$ 3,773	\$ 33,866	\$ 33,883	100%		12/08/2022
Heavy Plant Replacement Program	LCSS - Light Vehicle	Complete. Plant 1584. Vehicle in service.	\$ 33,682	\$ 36,815	\$ 36,815	100%		30/10/2022
Heavy Plant Replacement Program	LCSS - Light Vehicle	Complete . Vehicle is in service. Plant 1585. To be journalled to 7066C22.	\$ 31,455	\$ 30,444	\$ 30,526	100%		30/10/2022
Heavy Plant Replacement Program	4 x 4 Crewcab Chassis	Complete. Vehicle in service. Plant 3510. To be journalled to 7073C22.	\$ 33,954	\$ 36,986	\$ 44,736	100%		12/08/2022
Heavy Plant Replacement Program	4 x 4 Crewcab Chassis	Complete . Vehicle in service. Plant 3508. To be journalled to 7072C22.	\$ 34,636	\$ 36,986	\$ 45,441	100%		30/10/2022
Heavy Plant Replacement Program	4 x 4 Crewcab Chassis	Complete. Vehicle in service. Plant 3516.	\$ 26,455	\$ 36,986	\$ 45,441	100%		31/01/2023
Heavy Plant Replacement Program	LCSS - Light Vehicle	Complete. Vehicle in service. Plant 1587.	\$ 27,455	\$ 30,444	\$ 73,634	100%		30/10/2022
Heavy Plant Replacement Program	4 x 4 Single C/C	Budget adjusted in March QBR. Complete. Vehicle has been delivered. Plant 3548.	\$ 30,455	\$ 37,314	\$ 39,768	100%		5/04/2023
Heavy Plant Replacement Program	LCSS - Light Vehicle	Complete - Vehicle in service. Plant 1583.	\$ 48,359	\$ 36,815	\$ 30,444	100%		31/12/2023
PROJECTS FUNDED FROM REGIONAL ROADS GRANTS			\$ 138,000	\$ 138,000	\$ -			
Regional Roads REPAIR Program	Emmaville Road segment 180	Project complete in Nov 22	\$ 138,000	\$ 138,000	\$ 30,444	100%		30/11/22
			943,487	1,473,507	633,573			

LTC Report

ITEM	-	PROPOSED DISABLED PARKING EXTENSION – TAYLOR STREET, GLEN INNES
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ISSUE / SUMMARY

Glen Innes Public School Principal (The Principal) requested that the existing single Disabled Car-park space in Taylor Street be extended to cater for three to four vehicles.

BACKGROUND

The current arrangement in Taylor Street only caters for one vehicle. The Principal advised that there are several parents/guardians that need to have close vehicle access to the school exit point and that there is a need for a total of three to four Disabled Car-park spaces.

A site meeting was conducted with the Principal and other staff and relevant issues were discussed.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

The proposal will require a total of 5 car-park spaces (1 disabled space and 4 standard spaces) to achieve 4 Disabled Car-park spaces.

This arrangement would place the delimiting sign immediately east of the GIPS grounds vehicle access kerb layback, refer Photograph 2. In discussions on-site it was revealed that the access gateway only needs to be used infrequently and the school is happy to limit the access to times outside of the usual School Zone times. This allows 4 Disabled Car-park spaces to be installed at the required space width as per AS2890.5 Parking facilities – On-street parking.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/s *(optional)*

Implementation of the proposed Disabled Car-park extension would be at a small cost (estimated \$300) and could be funded from Traffic Facilities budget. There are no Asset Management, Land Use, Policy or Regulation issues.

For consideration of the LTC and subsequent Recommendation to Council.

Prepared by	M Stone - Senior Design Officer/Level 2 Road Safety Auditor - 01/05/2023
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Annexure A Item 7.10



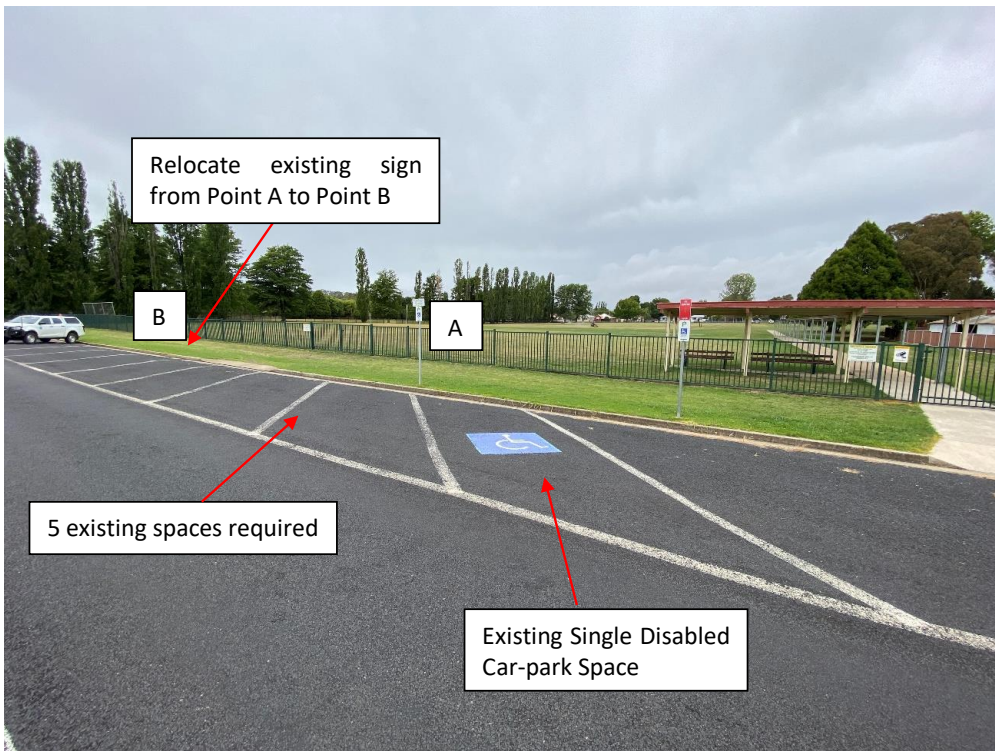
Location Map



Site Plan



Photograph 1.
GIPS Exit Gate and School Crossing Point



Photograph 2.
Area of Proposed Extension

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1. PRESENT

Mayor Rob Banham (GISC & Chairperson), Keith Appleby (GISC), Gayleen Burley (GISC), Mike Stone (GISC), Tony Garland (NSW Police), Jim Ritchie (Adam Marshall MP's nominee), and Kimberley Wilkins (minutes).

PRESENT VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS:

Melanie Jones (TfNSW) and Lucy Garbutt (TfNSW)

The meeting was opened at 1:03pm by Mayor Rob Banham (Chair).

2. APOLOGIES

3. BUSINESS ARISING

- 3.1 Item 5.1 Meeting 2 August 2022 – Speed zone Review by TfNSW Severn River Road Dundee.**
Action/s
Mel Jones (TfNSW) confirmed that this action has been completed. No further action.
- 3.2 Item 5.1 from the 4 October 2022 meeting - Speed Zone Request – Furracabad Road Glen Innes (bend just past the Glen Innes Saleyards)**
Action/s
Noted by Mel Jones (TfNSW) and currently in line for review. No further action required.
- 3.3 Informal Item 1 from the 4 October 2022 meeting - Speed signs 60-80kms extended north of Glen Innes. Can we extend it on the south side of town?**
Action/s
Mel Jones (TfNSW) confirmed that this action has been completed. No further action.
- 3.4 Informal Item 2 from the 4 October 2022 meeting - Request for installation of speed islands at the southern end of New England Highway.**
Action/s
Mel Jones (TfNSW) advised that a time for an inspection in Glen Innes is coming up and Mel to liaise with Mike Stone (GISC of dates and times for availability to review).
- 3.5 Item 5.1 Highway Roadside Maintenance from the 1 February 2023 meeting – Mayor Rob Banham clarify who is responsible for roadside vegetation.**
Action/s
Mel Jones (TfNSW) confirmed that this action has been completed. No further action.

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- 3.6 Informal Item 6.1 from the meeting 1 February 2023 – Pedestrian Access Request at Deepwater** (Correspondence Deepwater Progress Association)
Request for pedestrian access over highway from Foodworks supermarket and across from Deepwater Oval.

Action/s

Mel (TfNSW) advised that Technical Officer of TfNSW to review at school time and discussed matters with adjoining businesses. Suggest pedestrian counter.

Mike Stone (GISC) to provide assistance to Mel when attending the inspection of this area and assist to formalise correspondence to this association where appropriate. An aerial map of where recent traffic counters were placed at Deepwater and the data associated with this collection and is attached as *Annexure A*

- 3.7 Informal Item 6.2 from the meeting 1 February 2023 Request to consider 50km speed zone extension for Emmaville Road towards the Emmaville Lookout turnoff** (Mayor Rob Banham)

Action/s

Mike Stone (GISC) reported to Committee the speed restriction signage in Deepwater and Emmaville. This report is attached to the minutes as *Annexure B*

Consider relocating signage to include business inside the 50km/hr zone. Mel Jones (TfNSW) to clarify whether sign relocation can occur within 150m of the current sign location.

Mayor Rob Banham request to be included in upcoming TfNSW visit when reviewing this Emmaville matter.

- 3.8 Request to consider speed zone review Polhill Road, Wellingrove**

Mike reminded the committee that we are still waiting an outcome for the speed zone review on Polhill Road, Wellingrove.

Action/s

Mel (TfNSW) advised in progress for review. No further action required.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

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|------------|-----------------|------------------|---|
| 4.1 | Incoming | 28.3.2023 | Ellen Mulligan Moveology (no further action)
Request for disabled park in Grey Street opposite Dragon Court |
| 4.2 | Incoming | 20.2.2023 | Melanie Jones (TfNSW) (no further action)
- Update to 3.6 Speed Zone Review NEH GI South work commence 20 February 2023; and
- Response 5.1 Highway Roadside Maintenance Update for vegetation control |
| 4.3 | Incoming | 17.2.2023 | Melanie Jones (TfNSW) (no further action)
Completion of 60k/h speed zone at East Pandora Road |

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- 4.4 Incoming 26.2.2023 Glen Innes Bus Services**
Pedestrian safety at Glen Innes High School – request installation of safety fence

Action/s

Mel Jones (TfNSW) advised that Lucy Garbutt (TfNSW) can oversee this matter. Bus Routes are managed by TfNSW so any adjustments need approval through this body and to inspect school leavers at this time to capture images and events in real time to identify an additional issues.

Mel suggests for Lucy to see what specifications warrant the need for pedestrian fencing to determine if this request and this demographic is appropriate for one to be installed and will liaise with Department of Education Road Safety Officers within TfNSW.

Tony Garland suggest that the school address this issue and have a separate point of exit (ideally near the pedestrian crossing) for all other students who do not use the bus services.

- 4.5 Incoming 26.2.2023 Tony Garland – NSW Police (Highway Patrol)**
Response to email regarding Glen Innes Bus Services email – safety issue at Glen Innes High School.
- 4.6 Incoming 12.12.12. Adam Marshall, MP Member for Northern Tablelands for Deepwater Progress Association**
(response required by GISCS)
Request information speed review NE Hwy near Super Strawberry
Speed detector/ 'smiley face' speed signage south side of Emmaville turnoff
- 4.7 Outgoing 30.3.2023 Ellen Mulligan**
Response to complete request for disabled park
- 4.8 Outgoing 22.2.2022 Tony Garland NSW Police (Highway Patrol)**
Assistance to GI Bus Services request at GIHS

5. GENERAL BUSINESS**5.1 Speed Review – Glen Legh Road**

Mike provided the Committee with a report in relation to a speed zone review on Glen Legh Road. This report is attached to the minutes as *Annexure D*.

Action/s

Referred to Mel Jones (TfNSW) for review.

In relation to traffic reviews, Mel requested that the process now be for them to be referred to Transport NSW via email immediately on receipt rather than being held over for items for discussion at Local Traffic Committee and these items then come off the Agenda marked as no further discussion.

Requests for speed reviews can still come with a report from Council and an internal register of these requests (if necessary). Mel Jones (TfNSW) will confirm via email to Kimberley Wilkins/Mike Stone when these reviews have been completed.

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6. INFORMAL MATTERS

6.1 Glen Innes Public School – Request for additional disabled parking

Mike Stone reported that the Glen Innes Public School has contacted the Council advising that there are not enough disabled car parks for the number of disabled students and vehicles to safely drop off children to school in the Taylor Street access area.

A copy of the report provided to the Committee for information is attached to this report as *Annexure C*.

The Committee voted unanimously on the following recommendation:

That the Council agree to assisting Glen Innes Public School by removing five (5) current 45° parking spaces and replacing them with three (3) additional disabled car parking spaces (at 3.2m width) on the school side of Taylor Street Glen Innes and coordinate works for the layback and road marking of these designated parking spaces.

6.2 Heavy Vehicle Complaint outside Commercial Hotel Deepwater (between Young, Tenterfield and Fraser Streets

Resident concerns regarding heavy vehicles parking in built up area for more than one (1) hour. Raised issue with Police to no avail. The resident requests signage to stop heavy vehicles parking in these areas and to also address whether parking is parallel or angle (Google Maps indicate angle parking)

Action/s

Council to coordinate line marking of 45° angle parking around the Commercial Hotel to formalise and assist police and parking rangers which will aim to deter the heavy vehicles parking in this space over the line marking.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

1pm Wednesday 9 August 2023 – William Gardner Conference Room.

No further business. Meeting closed at 2:13pm.



Aboriginal Consultative Committee
MINUTES OF GENERAL DISCUSSION MEETING
 HELD ON: 17 April 2023

1. **OPEN / WELCOME TO COUNTRY:** 2:05pm discussion opened by Rob Banham (Mayor).
2. **PRESENT:** Rob Banham (Mayor- Chairperson), Anna Watt (Director of Corporate and Community Services GISC), Jason Burton (New England PD), Tony Williams (Manager of Community Services GISC), Dana Bowman (GISC, minutes), Julia Morgillo (Community member), Teniah Villiers, Jacqueline Byrne (Boorabee Aboriginal Corporation), Belinda Tully (Armajun) arrived 2.10pm.
3. **APOLOGIES:** Rosemary Curtis (Aboriginal Elder & Pathfinders), Carol Sparkes Councillor-GISC), Philip Winzer (Local Aboriginal Lands Council), Kerry Strong (HealthWise), Melissa Gourlay (Department of Communities and Justice).
4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** As the committee has not been formed and approved by Council the meeting was a general discussion, and the meeting minutes could not be moved.

Item No.	Item	Action
	General Discussion	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna discussed from the meeting held on the 27 February we only had 3 people attend and nominate to the committee. There were 3 others (non-Council) in attendance, however they were representing agencies that provide information to the committee and are not endorsed committee members as per the Committee Terms of Reference. <p>The minimum required to form a committee as per Council’s Manual for Community Committees of Council is 4. Anna advised that at this meeting we would need additional members to nominate to the committee and are as per the Committee Terms of Reference; so that Council can endorse the new Committee. Or a new AGM would have to be advertised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination forms were received from Teniah Villiers, Julia Morgillo and Jacqueline Byrne (Boorabee Aboriginal Corporation). • Discussions were had around what the committee what like to achieve at these meetings. • Jacqueline advised that there are a lot of streets in Glen Innes that are very dark and have no streetlights. She spoke of harassment and people being fearful for their safety. Examples such as youth in dark clothing with hoodies being abusive when asked to move off the road. Jacqueline asked what we can do to address these problems and make Glen Innes a safe place. 	Action:

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	<p>Jason said that this would require a multiagency approach. Jacqueline spoke of a Police Officer who she has spoken to and how he had gym equipment but nowhere to put it. Teniah advised that they have the Gunyah building in Grovers Lane and are hoping to get it up and running as a “Culture Hub”. It was discussed about PCYC and how a similar program would be of great benefit such as the breakfast club and then they are taken by bus to school. Teniah said that Gunyah has a full kitchen and to contact her at the Aboriginal Lands Council to further discuss.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about “Cell Support” to have support for people who are in custody. Jason said he has been in contact with Kerry Strong and she is going to get back to him after consulting with people and would need about 3 weeks for this. Julia advised that he could draw upon other committee members as they could provide other assistance. • The committee would like to see if there are subdivisions etc coming they are informed and that there is a consideration to have the street names/ parks named using an Aboriginal name. • Anna advised that there has been successful funding for the replacement of the equipment in Anzac Park. And that it went out to an open forum. Belinda advised that mob don’t attend open forums due to not previously having the ability to speak up. But if a heads up was given prior the leaders could go into community and have discussions. • Anna explained how Council meetings work and how items requesting items requesting input are put out for public exhibition for 28 days and after a decision has been made at the Council meetings it is final. • Discussions were had around the MOU and RAP Julia felt that the RAP was more tangible then the MOU. Belinda gave her definition of a RAP that it isn’t embedded whereas an MOU is the beginning of Cultural Governance. Julia said that she felt a RAP was personalised and easy for our community. Belinda said the MOU is essentially a promise with the correct stakeholders that moving forward nothing goes through without input and is meant with real intention. • It was noted that the street banners it would be nice to have something to represent the Aboriginal community and if it was a matter of funding and the committee was notified, they would be able to apply for funding to get the street banners. • Teniah advised they have a women’s group and if people are wanting attendance for events etc to pass the information onto them and they will circulate it through the group and community. 	

Annexure A Item 9.2

Item No.	Item	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anna advised that moving forward she will send out an email of the agenda items for Council meetings, if committee members want to, they can read the related report, contact a councillor, email all councillors, or request to speak at the public forum prior to the Council meeting. 	Anna to email the Council Meeting agenda to the committee moving forward.
6	CORRESPONDENCE:	
7	REPORTS:	
7.1	<u>Glen Innes Local Aboriginal Lands Council</u> Nil.	
7.2	<u>Cooramah Aboriginal Corporation</u> Nil.	
7.3	<u>Boorabee Aboriginal Corporation</u> Nil.	
7.4	<u>Armajun Health Service</u> Nil.	
7.5	<u>Glen Innes Severn Council</u> No report provided on the day as the gathering involved discussion rather than formal meeting. It was mentioned that Tony only reported on community services. Council could provide additional or other information if we knew in advance what was wanted. Anna spoke to this point.	
7.6	<u>Healthwise</u> Nil.	
7.7	<u>Pathfinders</u> Nil.	
7.8	<u>Family and Youth Support Services (GIFYSS) / Family & Community Services (FACS)</u> Nil.	
7.9	<u>Glen Innes Police</u> Jason gave a brief update that there has been no significant increase in crime in Glen Innes. They are still focusing on domestic violence and violence and have a zero tolerance for it. Jason advised that if anyone has any concerns to contact the Police, they can provide information anonymously and they can put people onto a check in list if there is hard evidence for the matter to be taken before the courts.	
8	GENERAL BUSINESS:	
	Nil.	
9	AGENDA ITEMS WITHOUT NOTICE	
	Nil.	

MEETING CLOSED: 3.30pm

NEXT MEETING: Ordinary Consultative Committee meeting on Monday, 26 June 2pm at the Cooramah Cultural Centre.

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Signature of Chairperson

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Date



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**Australian Standing Stones Management Board
Community Committee of GISC
Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday 19th April 2023 5.30pm
Glen Innes Services Club Boardroom

Present: Raelene Watson, John Rhys Jones, Colin Price, Rob Banham (Mayor), Gayleen Burley (GISC), Councillor Lara Gresham, Peter Grimes, Steve Toms, Judi Toms (chair), George Robertson Dryden, Ronnie Bombell, Rob & Fiona O’Brien, Pamela O’Neill

Apologies: Petar Gruvolic, Storm Black

Moved: Raelene seconded Pamela carried

Minutes of the previous meeting: with the correction of ‘minutes’ instead of agenda

Moved: Raelene seconded John JR carried.

Business Arising

	Item-	Action by:
1	Brochure update - arrived	Judi
2	Banner update - arrived	Judi
3	Park Run signage - laminated sign not needed Troy was getting a corflute sign that was being donated	
4	Fairy doors – completed Raelene to send a thank you letter to Men’s Shed	JRJ Raelene

Correspondence: to be dealt with as read.

In – Badges from Betterway to Print, emails Guardians’ Luncheon,

Out – agenda & minutes

Moved: Raelene seconded Rob Banham carried

Treasurer’s Report: (attached)

13/03 – 15/04 \$15, 052.54 opening balance

Income: Guardians luncheon & St Patrick’s Day raffle (\$100), Equinox pen and postcard packs (\$35), pen and postcard sales (\$32)

Expenses:

Sponsorship of ACF

Badges

Banner

Closing balance: \$15 159.04

Moved: John RJ seconded George carried

Payments for approval: Nil

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General Business:

	Item	Action by:
1	<p>Toilet update – tender documents are being worked on for toilets. Committee will have opportunity at the end of this meeting to write comments on ideas tabled including the design that the committee agreed on at the November 2022 meeting. This will then be brought back to the ASSMB.</p> <p>The design presented at the November 2022 meeting is a smaller design that can be increased for the larger toilet block.</p>	Gayleen
2	<p>Director’s Report</p> <p>Skywalk preliminary work has started and will not affect ACF. Installation is scheduled to be completed by the end of July.</p> <p>Digital experience will be included with skywalk with QR codes to listen to whilst walking around the walk.</p> <p>Tynwald Hill – Graham Archibald has had the broken steps completed, handrail on Tynwald Hill has been put up and looks good, still waiting for the crushed granite in the high traffic area on Tynwald to have the tasks finished. The amount of granite only needs about a trailer load to complete.</p> <p>The handrail at Tregurtha Way is completed and looks really good.</p> <p>The concrete pathway on Tregurtha Way has been extended to Mathew’s seat.</p> <p>The sign is stabilized.</p> <p>Water station is nearly finished.</p> <p>The path for the Park Run is fine and Gayleen will confirm that there will be no hindrance from skywalk and Gayleen will also check for the normal parkrun with Keith Appleby.</p> <p>Steve would like to compliment Gayleen and the team on the handrails.</p> <p>The old handrailing on the Tregurtha Way is still there and will need moving in the future, possible hidden risk.</p> <p>There is one piece overhanging on a bend that maybe a hazard if someone takes a short cut – Gayleen to have a look</p>	<p>Gayleen</p> <p>Gayleen</p>
3	<p>Tourism & Events Officer report</p> <p>Ronnie has met with all the business houses regarding the ACF about road closures and other items to do with program.</p> <p>Site is being prepared now – fencing going up.</p> <p>Marquees arrive April 30th</p> <p>Glen Innes Correctional Centre will help with set up.</p> <p>Compound area cleaned up and whipper snipped for the traders.</p>	Ronnie

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	<p>Free bus will go up to the jousts prior to event and there are other animals up there as well (highland ponies, the lady worked at Balmoral Castle and she will talk at the symposium) Special guests arriving Wednesday – Paul Anderson Finlay- Wilson arrives Tuesday (kilted Yoga) 11 pipe bands, massed bands in town square playing a number of songs</p>	
4	<p>ACF –set up and pull down of marquees, roster over the weekend, flags to be changed,</p> <p>possible purchase of Glen Innes tartan material (printed cotton mix) for cauldron skirt (\$30 per metre) Judi and Ronnie will check the two tartans comparing the colours to see if it will work.</p> <p>George will take all flags down this weekend including Crofters Cottage with the exception of the Australian flag. Rob O’Brien can will put to half mast on ANZAC Day prior to Dawn Service.</p> <p>Raelene has spoken to Graham Archibald about cleaning the Town Square. The Town Hall flags have been ordered for replacement. Huge pothole on the eastern side of the road against the speed bump on Watsons Drive, needs filling as this is the major pedestrian access to the festival.</p> <p>The potholes in Grey St also need filling prior to street march.</p> <p>Judi will give Belinda final numbers for Guardians’ Ceremony</p> <p>Al Weatherall has quoted \$600 to do the two Smoking Ceremonies and Welcome to Country This is quite expensive for us – the new CEO of Land Council is Phil Winzer Bob Blair able to do the Smoking Ceremony at Dawn Service Let the executive to decide</p> <p>UK Consul General will uncover Excalibur</p>	<p>Judi/Raelene</p> <p>Gayleen</p> <p>Gayleen</p>
5	<p>Reports from members Rob Banham – asked about coffee vendors – about a dozen food traders and 8 coffee vans Croft breakfast – invite the special guests.</p>	

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6	<p>Pamela – will be unable to attend St Yve’s Day Gillian Marc provide public art/statue. Gayleen and Ronnie have further information and it may be an idea for Centennial Parklands. It is a 50/50 co-contribution scheme. More information is needed and is something to think about after the festival. Looking about \$55 000 Gayleen – is looking at reinventing the consultation committee for outdoor art.</p> <p>Open Spaces meeting – the question came up from a member of committee regarding a playground.</p> <p>Raffle tickets – John has made booklets for members to sell. Sell tickets at the marquee 3 for \$10. Pick up booklets at town hall as they need to be stamped.</p> <p>Australia tartan rug is a prize. Two pieces of Nicci Parry Jones pottery. For the whole weekend raffle – blue raffle tickets, drawn Sunday afternoon.</p> <p>Another set of raffle prizes – Daniel Schilling photo on canvas, map of Scotland, some t-shirts, tea towel, mittens, beanie and a second hand book ‘The Scotswoman’ signed by the author Inglis Fletcher about Flora McDonald – for the Guardians Luncheon.</p> <p>Steve reported that the equinox ceremony that he and John conducted in March went well – tomorrow is the Solar Eclipse at 2.30pm. Friday 11.50 am is halfway between Equinox and Solstice.</p> <p>Lara – apology as she has received a temporary job with RFS starting May 1st and will be unable now to attend the Opening Ceremony or Guardians’s Lunch and has offered to give her seat as a donation. James will be available to come though.</p>	
	Urgent business	

New business items to be forwarded to the Chair & secretary 5 days prior to the next meeting.

Recommendations to Council: NIL

Meeting closed: 7.10pm

Next meeting: General meeting @ 5.30pm Wednesday 17th May 2023 – at Glen Innes & District Services Club Board Room

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Calendar dates – Anniversaries and Activities

Date	Event	Activity	Time	Organiser
1 February, 1992	The Australian Standing Stones Opening			
1 March	St. David's Day (Wales)	Flag lowering	5 pm	John
5 March	St Piran's Day (Cornwall)	Flag lowering	5 pm	Pamela
17 March	St Patrick's Day (Ireland)	Flag lowering	5 pm	Petar, Rob, Fi
21 March	Autumn equinox	Sunrise - gathering solar noon – watch solar shadow Sunset - gathering	sunrise (6.57am), solar noon meet from 12.30pm (actual time 1.00pm), sunset (7.04pm)	Sunrise – John Storm & Peter (tbc)
1 st Wknd May	Australian Celtic Festival		Thursday 4 May – Sunday 7 May	
19 May	St Yves' Day (Brittany)	Flag lowering	4 pm	Pamela
21 June	Winter solstice	Sunrise - gathering, Solar noon watch solar shadow sunset - gathering	sunrise (6.48am), solar noon meet from 11.30am (actual time 11.55am), sunset (5.02pm)	Sunrise – John Solar noon – Steve & Judi
1 July	Tartan Day	Fundraiser dinner		Judi
5 July	Tynwald Day (Isle of Man)	Flag lowering	4 pm	Steve
21 Sept	Spring equinox	Sunrise – gathering Solar noon – watch solar shadow	sunrise (5.44am) solar noon from 11.30am (actual time 11.46am) sunset (5.48pm)	Sunrise – John Storm & Peter (tbc)

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		Sunset - gathering		
30 November	St Andrew's Day (Scotland)	Flag lowering	5 pm	Petar
21 Dec 2023	Summer solstice	Sunrise – gathering solar noon - watch solar shadow sunset - gathering	sunrise (5.49am), solar noon from 12.30pm (actual time 12.51pm), sunset (7.52pm)	Sunrise – John Storm & Peter (tbc) Solar noon – Judi & Steve

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Glen Innes Community Access Committee Minutes

Date 1.05.2023	Meeting Location: William Gardner Conference Room 71 Grey Street, Glen Innes	Time: 12.02pm-12.51pm
Item	Issues/Discussion	Action.
Present	Kerrie Sturtridge (Chair), David Thomas (Deputy Chair), Julie Teal, Lyn Cregan, Joan Jones, Leonie Lee, Keith Appleby, David Hunt and Dana Bowman (minutes).	
Apologies	Mayor Rob Banham, Councillor Carol Sparks, Maryann Brookfield & (carer) Mitch Orchid, late apology Tony Williams.	
Minutes		
Minutes of the last meeting	An accurate record of the Minutes for meeting held & November 2022 Moved: Dana Bowman Seconded – Dave Thomas	
Business Arising		
1.	<p>Disability Access Walk – Showground</p> <p>15-03-2022 - A disability walk was completed 15 March 2022 @ Glen Innes Showground.</p> <p>2-5-2022 - The Committee said the disability walk was great for awareness, the committee took wheelchairs and walked around and pointed out some access issues which were well received by the Trust (John Lynn). The Kris Baker stand gets a lot of use, however there is no footpath to this. No footpath from accessible toilet to Grandstand. It would be great if the Show Society do the walk. Kerrie Sturtridge offered help if they would like it to John Lynn and Kay Klingner. Keith will be available to do walk after Winter in Spring 2022.</p> <p>4-7-2022 – The Showground Trust received Grants and construction is now going ahead on disabled toilet block, making this bigger and more accessible and a path access from the Barbeque area to the Kris Baker stand and along the front of the tea rooms. Julie Teal will keep in touch and advise of proceedings and Dave Thomas will speak to Kerrie Sturtridge about getting in touch with John Lynn and checking out the disabled toilets / access.</p> <p>5-9-2022 – It was noted that doing the Disability showground walk was one of the best things the Community Access Committee has completed as it opened the Showground Trusts eyes to what needed completing to make it more accessible to people. Phil (President) Showground Trust is</p>	

	<p>currently completing a grant application to improve the pathway from the disabled toilet to the mini grand-stand.</p> <p>Dave Thomas has not seen plans of current renovations within the showground but was able to show the Committee some photos of the toilet block area under development, not sure if this will be a unisex toilet?</p> <p>Action: Dave would like to see plans of development within Showground and Julie Teal will arrange to email these to Dave.</p> <p>Kerrie Sturtridge did not that the Glen Innes Community Access Committee are all about awareness and are happy as they had no idea they were able to get grants to change the showground.</p> <p>Action: Kerrie Sturtridge will keep in touch with John Lynn about what’s happening at showground.</p> <p>7-11-2022 – Security fencing has been removed. Proposals have been passed around. Showground Trust have applied for a Grant for the path (grandstand down to the footpath).</p> <p>1.05.2023- Dave had a meeting with Phil Lyn prior to the Minerama which se up was taking place. Dave advised it was good to get Phil on board and highlighted the issues for people regarding accessibility as the set up was taking place, as they were walking around they were able to make a list of smaller jobs that need fixing. Dave was able to give feedback to Phil regarding the proposed pathway from the tearooms and how 1200 wide is acceptable but 1500 would be better. Phil took notes and was going to take it back to the committee for their meeting the next day. There has been no feedback from the meeting yet. Dave met with Ronnie Bombell to discuss the Celtic Festival he said it was all looking positive.</p> <p>Action: Kerrie Sturtridge to provide updates each meeting on progress.</p>	<p>Action: Kerrie Sturtridge to provide updates each meeting on progress.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Disability signs in shop windows</p> <p>Kerrie Sturtridge would like Disability Welcome stickers for all shops in Glen Innes to be re-done as they are fallen / falling off or hard to read. Candy noted there was previously a Community Services fund / budget that these funds could come from. Kerrie McIntosh mentioned it was noted at previous meetings this year and Tony Williams on those occasions did advise there was no budget for this.</p> <p>Action: Candy Lockwood to speak to Tony Williams about a budget to have Disability Welcome stickers made for shops.</p> <p>7-11-2022 –Kerrie Sturtridge, updating signs at business houses with a uniform sticker/transfer. About 4 years ago Life Choices did a sign for the business houses, these need to be replaced. David</p>	

	<p>brought in information for a clear transfer. This was given to Tony to make some enquires regarding the stickers. There could be a Grant available for the project.</p> <p>1.05.2023- Dana will follow up regarding the sticker and report back for next meeting.</p> <p>Action: Dana to follow up where this is up to.</p>	<p>Action: Dana to follow up.</p>
3.	<p>Service’s Club between Club and Woolworths There are still large potholes of concern. Letters and emails have been sent to both Woolworths and Glen Innes District and Services Club. As large trucks use District Services club driveway and carpark area there is resistance from both to maintain upkeep of these area. It was noted that when it rains it is horrendous.</p> <p>Action: Kerrie Sturtridge to speak to Pat Lonergan (Services Club) about this area and how to proceed forward.</p> <p>7-11-2022 – Kerrie Sturtridge went to see the Club about Woolworths. The 2 pilons at the entrance to Woolworths from the Club have been moved to stop people from going into Woolworths from the Club carpark. A lot of approaches have been made to Bruce at Woolworths. The laneway is a designated laneway, Club has been paying to have it fixed. Keith to put on list of jobs to be done.</p> <p>1.05.2023- Kerrie advised the laneway is getting bad. Keith advised it is not Council land, but it has been raised with Gayleen Burley the Director of Place and Growth and they are reviewing Woolworths contracts to see if it something they need to uphold.</p> <p>Action: Keith to give update at next meeting.</p>	<p>Action: Keith to give update at next meeting.</p>
4.	<p>Step-downs Dave Thomas noted that sometimes when there is a large step-down you sometimes feel a jolt or shake and can wobble and this could lead to a fall. Should wings / curves on ramps be highlighted as this would make it easier for people to see and may prevent falls occurring.</p> <p>Recommendation: Wings / curves on ramps be highlighted.</p> <p>Action: Kerrie Sturtridge to forward to Keith Appleby and advise outcome at next meeting.</p> <p>7-11-2022 – David suggested stripes to mark the areas in Grey Street. The one at the back of Smeaton’s is bad. More education is needed, interactive education course. Council to create a ‘Code of Conduct’. Parking can be a problem. Tony to check Council’s Rules & Regulations & Requirements. Disability Grant.</p> <p>Action: Tony to provide details on Council’s rules, regulations and requirements.</p>	<p>Recommendation: Wings / curves on ramps be highlighted.</p> <p>Action: David to add to PAMP.</p>

	<p>1.05.2023- Keith advised this was feedback that would relate to the Pedestrian Access and Mobility plan (PAMP) that is currently up for review. David to include in the PAMP review the footpaths adjacent to Sommerlad Ln (Behind Smeatons) and the footpath between Grey street and Wentworth Street.</p>	
Correspondence		
Outgoing		
Incoming		
Business without Notice		
	<p>1.05.2023- Keith introduced David Hunt who is the Manager of Asset Services. David is in the process of reviewing the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP). David would like to start from scratch with the plan. A paper version of the current one was given to all committee members at the meeting to take and provide feedback. Dana will send through the email addresses to David Hunt and will include his for anyone wanting to provide feedback. Action: Dana to send email addresses to David Hunt and provide his for feedback for the PAMP.</p> <p>Lyn Cregan noted that there is a missing street side for Greaves Lane, making it hard for people delivering Meals on Wheels. Keith provided Lyn with details on where to report this to. Dave said that a lot of houses don't have number visible and would make it extremely difficult for emergency services. There were discussions around this been a fantastic project for a community group to take on. Keith advised Council has a grant for rural properties to apply to get property signs and number. Action: COMPLETED.</p> <p>Kerrie advised of a trip hazard outside of her home on Council land where the tree roots are exposed. She advised that the Taxi's have also complained of how the branches need trimming (Julie out 12.31pm). Keith advised he would follow up and take the relevant department in Council and that he and David would inspect on the way back to the office. ACTION: Keith to follow up.</p> <p>Joan raised concerns of the height of the garden beds through the main street. She said that when the disability walk was taking place her, and Dave had spoken to a lady in a wheelchair out the front</p>	<p>Action: Dana to send email addresses to David Hunt and provide his for feedback for the PAMP.</p> <p>Action: COMPLETED.</p> <p>ACTION: Keith to follow up.</p>

	<p>of the reject shop who said that the garden beds are hard to see over and therefore they have to come out to be able to see. Joan said she witnessed the other day a lady come out to see and heard a car having to hit its brakes to stop in time. Keith advised that markers have been installed in the garden beds to give the Parks and Garden team a guide of the required height. ACTION: Ongoing.</p> <p>Joan advised that Live Betta Community Services are getting an accessible bus, it will be a 5-seater with wheelchair access. The bus is currently on order. For anyone who needs the accessible bus they will just have to put their name down with Live Betta. ACTION: COMPLETED.</p> <p>Expo date. Kerrie put forward to the committee that a date would need to be set for the expo. It was decided Thursday 21 September at the Services Club. Leonie suggested that they liaise with the Community Centre to see if they could work in conjunction to share resources. It was suggested to see if there is a grant such as the White Rock to cover costs. ACTION: Ongoing.</p>	<p>ACTION: Ongoing.</p> <p>ACTION: COMPLETED.</p> <p>ACTION: Ongoing.</p>
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Meeting Close: 12:51pm

The next Community Access Committee will be held on Monday, 3 July 2023.

____Kerrie Sturtridge_____

Date _____

Kerrie Sturtridge

Chairperson, Glen Innes Community Access Committee

(A Community Committee of the Glen Innes Severn Council)

General Meeting 20/04/2023

Emmaville Mining Museum Committee

Meeting Opened: 3.02 pm.

Attendance: Ron Jillett (President), Evan Brown (Secretary/Treasurer) Heather Green, Margaret Lynn, Margaret Haar, Bill Johnson, Rhonda Bombell, Dell Brown.

Apologies: Mark Green, Jenny Wilson, Danny Andrews.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary.

“That the minutes are a true and accurate record “Moved: Margaret Lynn, seconded: Dell Brown, Carried.

Business Arising: 1) Meeting with Phil Rattliffe is being arranged during May to discuss a programme for maintenance works to be carried out.

2) Additional quote obtained for CCTV

3) Letter has been received from Council re. Telstra account.

4) Flatbed scanner has been purchased.

5) Rugs in bottle display have been purchased.

6) Workshop cleanup has started. Danny, Ron and Bill have taken one load to the tip.

7) \$300.00 donation sent to “Soldier On”

8) Old light fittings behind cobblers’ shop have been removed.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer tabled his report for the period 15th February 2023 to 19th April 2023 (copy attached) Showing an opening balance of \$29,651.38, sales and donations of \$5579.92 Expenditure of \$3597.21, giving a closing balance of \$31,634.09

That the Treasurers ‘report be accepted, moved Evan Brown, Seconded Margaret Lynn, Carried

Correspondence: In: 1) Chubb Invoices

2) Quote from Trittech Security for CCTV system.

3) Letter of authority from Council re. Telstra.

4) Numerous emails re opening times.

Out: 1) Responses to emails received.

Publicity Officer Report: Rhonda reported that the Museums’ social media posts have increased with over 13,000 impressions. She requested that Committee members check media content for any required amendments. The existing media link to TAFE and the Library is to be removed as it serves no purpose. Rhonda raised the possibility of employing a media manager, but after discussion, it was decided that the benefit was not worth the outlay. Rhonda also informed the meeting that her work for the Museum as Publicity Officer was being carried out on a voluntary basis and not as part of her Council duties.

Presidents’ Report: The President tabled his report (copy attached)

General Business: 1) CCTV system was discussed, and an additional quote was tabled. It was decided that the possibility of obtaining a grant to cover this outlay should be investigated.

2) The meeting decided that Eddie Eidermann should be requested to provide a quote for the supply of cut sapphires and gems, as the Museums supply was quite low.

3) The option of raising the Museum admission charge to \$5.00 was raised, but after discussion, it was decided to leave the existing \$2.00 fee in place.

4) What to do with the last of the Morris items was discussed, all paperwork related to these items is missing and there is no way to check the current status of these items. Further investigation will have to be carried out.

5) The provision of Museum brochures was discussed and it was decided that the museum could produce its own brochures on the new scanner. The file to allow for this is to be obtained from Council. Rhonda to follow up on this.

6) List of items for Bob Meyer Gleave and the Tenterfield collections is required to allow for proper documentation to be completed. Rhonda informed the meeting that she was going to be in Tenterfield and would enquire as to whether there was any outstanding items and paperwork to be collected relating to the Fletcher collection.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 3.50 pm.

Next meeting: June 15th at 3.00 pm.

..... (President)

.....(Secretary)

Glen Elgin Federation Sports Committee General Meeting

Wednesday, 26TH April 2023

Meeting opened: 7:00 pm

Present: Royce Meyer, Wayne Dunn, Erica Dunn, Peter Donnelly, Rachael Cheers, Lara Gresham (invited) & Julie Donnelly

Apologies: Kym Cheers, Craig Klingner, Daniel Cheers, Kathy Bennett, Graham MacDougall & James Gresham

Correspondence:

Previous general meeting minutes: Read by Julie Donnelly.

Moved: Erica Dunn

Seconded: Peter Donnelly

Treasurers Report: Read by Julie Donnelly

Please see Treasurers report attached.

Moved: Julie Donnelly

Seconded: Royce Meyer

Business arising from last meetings minutes:

Slasher – Wayne thought we could put slasher on marketplace. Wayne to take photos and put on GE FB page.

Committee is now affiliated with ACA and committee membership has been paid as per treasurer's report.

General business:

- Wayne got a new lock for the gate the key is hanging on the sucker tree opposite Pedlow's mailbox.
- Wayne, Julie & Lara spoke about the meeting on the 5th April they had with Dennis & Anna. Dennis discussed with us how the council can dissolve the Glen Elgin 355 committee. Dennis will have to write up a report and take it to the next councillors meeting to get it passed. Dennis didn't need a letter from our committee as he has a copy on the March minutes which outlines our motion. Dennis didn't see a problem with the council paying the new Glen Elgin committee the funds that's in the Glen Elgin's committee current account. The old account will have to close with the funds to be transferred to council and then council will deposit the funds into our new bank account. (If councillors all approve at the council meeting)
- Since Bev has a contract in place with the council, the process for Bev and the committee should be smooth. Council will get a conveyancer to do all the searches and send documents to Bev.
- Discussion was had on becoming Incorporated and what the constitution would look like. Erica discussed that if we contact Bev to get the old constitution. It was decided that the executives to look at it and get it approve. Suggestion for the new name is Glen Elgin Campdraft Incorporated. It was decided to open a new CBA account so that council can deposit funds once the 355 committee is dissolved. The new committee will also need a new ABN and become incorporated.
- Insurance on the building's was discussed, thoughts where the excess is high so if repairs are needed it would be cheaper than the excess

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- Wayne – Spray the weeds around the Sportsground. Wayne to organise with Daniel, Royce, Peter and Craig.
- Wayne –Would like to have a Working bee to swing gates at the bar/canteen area and do yard maintenance. End of May.
- Xmas in July – 15th July, Jacko booked. Smokin BBQ quote received and is \$72.50/head for 100 people, general consensus Smokin BBQ is a bit dear. Wayne suggested that we do something similar to the sports, do a roast dinner in the spit, Erica to organise meal. Discussion had on buying more table and chairs, instead of hiring tables and chairs. Bev to organise the rest. Wayne & Erica to talk to Bev re cost per ticket. Julie happy to do up invitation and email out.
- Racheal & Julie have a suggestion which is to run a challenge like Red Range. They are happy to run it and find sponsors, judges etc. Everyone was happy to run with it and have a go.
- Julie would like to send sponsorship letters as some sponsors would like a bit more notice. Royce discussed about sponsorship that it's great so we can save money for upgrading the toilets.
- Julie dropped slab off to Tania Moorhead. Tania wanted Julie to pass on her idea about all the local committees having a chance to run an ACA eastern NSW zone championship campdraft.

Meeting closed: 7:42 pm

**Library Committee Meeting
21 April 2023
Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre
Conference Room**

Meeting opened at 09.00am

Present: Kerry Muir, Dylan Hewson (Teleconference), Jenny Sloman, Marina Gerlofsma, Kerry Byrne (minute).

Apologies: Rob Banham, Lindy Stevenson, Anna Watt

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: none

Minutes of the February Meeting accepted as true and accurate:

Emailed to members before the meeting

Moved: Marina Gerlofsma

Seconded: Kerry Muir

Business arising/Correspondence:

Kerry Byrne received an email from Donna Green regarding the position of TAFE Librarian in Glen Innes. The 1st round was unsuccessful and a new recruitment process has begun.

Manager of Learning Resource Centres TAFE Report:

Emailed to members before the meeting.

Library events:

- TAFE NSW Library staff continue to work in the statewide LibChat roster, live chatting with TAFE NSW staff and students
- TAFE NSW Library staff participated in events, both state-wide and regional, including International Women's Day, and organised displays and events for others, including morning teas and games for Harmony Week
- Armidale and Tamworth library staff continue to provide English Conversation sessions for students at their locations
- TAFE NSW Libraries have introduced a regular schedule of online sessions, including subject-specific overviews, orientations, and conversation groups for ESOL students

Manager of Library and Learning Centre Council Report:

Emailed to members before the meeting

NSW State Government Funding

The Minister for Arts, the Hon Ben Franklin, MLC, recently announced that the NSW State Government funding for NSW Libraries will be recurrent and thus locked into the State's Annual Budget with incremental increases for population. In addition, the funding includes other programs such as the annual Infrastructure Grants and NSW.net program (Information Technology projects and free only e databases/Indyreads (an e-content platform which provides libraries with free access to eBooks and eAudio)). This announcement has created a long-term certainty to funding and services supported by the NSW Government; amounts announced: 2022/2023 \$40.9M, 2023/2024 \$41.3M, 2025/2026 \$41.8M, 2026/2027 \$42.2M.

Future Funding Opportunities

In the lead up to the NSW elections, on 25 March 2023, the **NSW Public Library Association (NSWPLA)** Executive and the representatives from across the NSW Public Library Network are undertaking a campaign strategy to gain funds for state-wide early literacy program, which would be funded by the State Government and delivered through public libraries across NSW.

February 2023

Glen Innes Show Lego Display

The Library's Lego Club members worked on a special Lego display depicting the Glen Innes Show. The Judges of the Lego Display Section awarded them a First Prize and a special Lego gift for their participation.

Library Lovers Month

With a poster message of 'Only You' and the decorations of red hearts around the Library, our borrowers couldn't help but feel the love in the air at the Library during February. Borrowers were tempted to have a Blind Date with a covered book and to share their comments on how their Library touches their hearts and improves their lives.

Sydney 'WorldPride' Display -17 February 2023 until 5 March 2023

Our LGBTQIA+ collection was on display during February/March to celebrate 'WorldPride' and to demonstrate our diverse and inclusive Library collection.

March 2023

International Women's Day (IWD) Friday 10 March 2023

Three inspiring local women were invited to speak at the IWD event, Ellen Mulligan (New England Moveology), Gayleen Burley (Glen Innes Severn Council, Director of Place and Growth) and Karen Munster (Attract Connect Stay). Event participants also enjoyed the 'Shimmy in the Glen' dances, the Memorable Local Woman in History Display by the Land of the Beardies Museum and Eve Chappell. Mocktails kindly provided by the Community Drug Action Team (CDT), along with light refreshments purchased from the Town Hall Café.

Golden Oldies Movie Mornings Thursday 16 March 2023

The Library's first Golden Oldies Movie morning featured the 1942 Casa Blanca movie with leading actors Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid and Claude Rains. Participants included Roseneath Nursing Home clients on a social outing and community members.

Home Schooling Spanish Classes

The local Home-schooling groups are combining to offer Beginner Spanish Language Classes in the Children's Room at the Library on Wednesday mornings.

uLibrary Consortium

The uLibrary Consortium is a group of six libraries which are combining with Ulverscroft Australia Pty Ltd, a leading book supplier, to offer a larger range of eResources at a lower cost to Consortium members. The Glen Innes Severn Public Library will be joining to benefit from the combined spending power and to give members access to Ulverscroft's e-Book and e-Audio resources, and e-Book Clubs.

The Library will receive free setup costs, marketing and promotional resources and staff training as a Consortium member. The uLibrary Link can be conveniently added to the Library's App and website.

GLEN INNES ART GALLERY EXHIBITION

The Art Gallery was closed for most of January 2023 with its first Art Exhibition '**Summer**' opening on Saturday, 28 January 2023 and on display until Friday 24 February 2023.

The Art Gallery's Exhibition in March was all about rocks in any median depicting rocks, rock formations and actual rocks. The artwork was on display from 6 March 2023 until 24 March 2023, with a Gala Opening on Saturday, 4 March 2023.

LIBRARY QUARTERLY STATISTICS

The Library's statistics are showing an improvement compared to the 202 overall monthly totals in issues, branch library issues, income, memberships, people counter and internet usage.

Home Library Service (HLS) memberships and issues are lower in 2023 as isolating community members were serviced through HLS deliveries with no contact deliveries in 2022. This practice has been discontinued and only offered if a community member has COVID or is experiencing flu symptoms and requires resources.

Moved: Kerry Byrne

Second: Marina Gerlofsma

General Business:

Work, Health & Safety

The Library had to be evacuated on 15 April 2023 due to flumes from a motor burnout in one the air-conditioners. The Fire Brigade, Ambulance and Police attended. An electrician was contacted to turn off the air conditioners.

Most of the Learning Centre's air conditioning units are 19 years old and this was second motor burnout in two weeks. Council's maintenance department is working on a plan to upgrade some of the old air conditioners.

Future Scheduled Events

- Golden Oldies Movie Morning.
- Annual Celtic Festival Book Sale by the Friends of the Library (at the Scout Hall).
- Laura and Dave, guitar and harpist duo and the 'Clan Celtica', a drum and bagpipe band will be playing at the Library during the Celtic Festival.

Library staff further education enrolments

Three Library staff members recently enrolled in the TAFE Associate Diploma while one Library staff member is currently finishing her Bachelor of Art in Library Science and Technology.

Other Business

The contract for Glencoe Library Service is up for renewal in July. Council has organised a Expression of Interest to be circulated throughout the region which closes on Friday 19 May at 4.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 09.50 am

Next meeting: 16 June 2023
09.00am
Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre
Conference Room

Signed

Dated

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Minutes of Saleyards Advisory Committee Meeting
5 April 2023

PRESENT: Peter Trow, Rob Banham, Tim Alt, Gayleen Burley (Director of Place and Growth), Aaron Campbell (Saleyards Manager), Nicholas Lehman, Terry Te Velde (Newberry Te Velde Carige), Barry Newberry (Newberry Te Velde Carige), Tony Corcoran, Lyle Perkins, Shad Bailey (Colin Say & Co) and Hayley Cowan (minutes)

1. OPEN AND WELCOME:

Peter Trow (Chair) opened the meeting at 3.335PM.

2. APOLOGIES:

Councillor Carol Sparks, Councillor Troy Arandale and the representative from Elders offer their apologies.

MOVED: ROB BANHAM SECONDED: SHAD BAILEY CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST- NIL

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Ordinary meeting - 22 February 2023- No Quorum reached.

MOVED: ROB BANHAM SECONDED: LYLE PERKINS CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING:

5.1 Weighbridge Fees

New weighbridge fees and charges are being drafted at present. There will be an opportunity for review during the public exhibition process.

Action:

Nil.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

NIL.

7 REPORTS TO SAC

There were no reports to sac received.

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Chairman Date

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5 April 2023

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Weaner Sale 31/3/2023

The consensus was that Colin Say & Co Annual Premier Weaner sale was a success. The preparation for the event with Colin Say & Co went smoothly and there were several positive comments made by members of the public regarding the tidy appearance of the saleyards, especially on the light quality after trimming the overgrown trees.

The lack of Council representation at the event was raised as to was the lack of publicity by the Council for the event.

Action:

Concerns regarding publicity and Council representation are noted. It is suggested that prior to the next Saleyards event that written invitations are sent to the relevant members of Council to ensure that all aware of the event.

8.2 Sheep and Goat Electronic Tags

Council has applied for a grant to assist in investigating the costs involved to implement the regulations (currently under industry negotiation) surrounding sheep and goat electronic tag systems. The grant has a maximum allowance of \$5000 per applicant. Costs for the equipment are still unknown. It was noted that the association bodies that represent livestock facilities and producers are best placed to advocate on behalf of the saleyards in relation to these proposed new requirements.

Action:

Nil.

8.3 Future of Saleyards

The continued financial viability of the saleyards is under question, given that it is running at a loss.

Consideration should be given to locking the Saleyards at night to prevent it from being used by those who are failing to pay. Consideration to be given to implementing electronic tag system to ensure paid usage. The trucking companies could be approached to discuss what value they place on the saleyards and what they would be willing to pay for continued access.

Members highlighted the continued need for the saleyards depot as a minimum.

After the recent upgrades, the sheep yards at Glen Innes Saleyards are now considered the best yards in the area outside of Tamworth. Consideration on how we can maximise usage of these new facilities is needed.

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Chairman

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Date

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5 April 2023

Action:

Members are all encouraged to consider the future direction of the Saleyards and how it can be made financially viable.

Aaron Campbell/ Gayleen Burley to investigate using an electronic fob system for securing the saleyards.

MEETING CLOSED: 4.22PM
NEXT MEETING: 3PM Wednesday, 5 July 2023
VENUE: William Gardner Conference Room, Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre, 71 Grey Street, Glen Innes

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Chairman Date



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MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY, 26 MAY 2023 THEATRETTE, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, SYDNEY

The meeting opened at 8.31a.m.

1. Chairmans Welcome

2. Acknowledgement to Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters, and we show our respect for Elders past and present and emerging. We are committed to providing communities in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are included socially, culturally and economically.

3. Acknowledgement of Parliamentarians

The Chairman acknowledged the attendance of several Shadow Ministers and Members of Parliament as observers.

4. ATTENDANCE:

Albury City Council, Cr Kylie King, Mayor
Armidale Regional Council, Mayor, Cr Tod Redwood, Deputy Mayor
Armidale Regional Council, Mr James Roncon, General Manager
Ballina Shire Council, Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Mayor
Bathurst Regional Council, Cr Robert Taylor, Mayor
Bega Valley Shire Council, Cr Russell Fitzpatrick, Mayor
Bega Valley Shire Council, Mr Anthony McMahon, CEO
Bellingen Shire Council, Cr Jo Cook, Deputy Mayor
Bellingen Shire Council, Mr Mark Griffioen, General Manager
Berrigan Shire Council, Cr Matthew Hannan, Mayor
Bland Shire Council, Cr Brian Monaghan, Mayor
Bland Shire Council, Mr Grant Baker General Manager
Blayney Shire Council, Cr Scott Ferguson, Mayor
Blayney Shire Council, Mr Mark Dicker, General Manager
Bogan Shire Council, Cr Glen Neill, Mayor
Bogan Shire Council, Mr Derek Francis, General Manager
Bourke Shire Council, Cr Barry Hollman, Mayor

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Bourke Shire Council, Ms Leone Brown, General Manager
Broken Hill City Council, Cr Jim Hickey, Deputy mayor
Byron Shire Council, Cr Michael York, Mayor
Cabonne Shire Council, Cr Kevin Beatty, Mayor
Cabonne Shire Council, Mr Brad Burns, General Manager
Coffs Harbour City Council, Cr Paul Amos, Mayor
Coolamon Shire Council, Cr David McCann, Mayor
Coolamon Shire Council, Mr Tony Donoghue, General Manager
Coonamble Shire Council, Cr Tim Horan, Mayor
Coonamble Shire Council, Mr Hein Basson, General Manager
Cowra Shire Council, Cr Bill West, Mayor
Dubbo Regional Council, Cr Mathew Dickerson, Mayor
Dubbo Regional Council, Mr Murray Wood, CEO
Dungog Shire Council, Cr John Connors, Mayor
Dungog Shire Council, Mr Gareth Curtis, General Manager
Forbes Shire Council, Cr Phyllis Miller, Mayor
Forbes Shire Council, Mr Steve Loane, General Manager
Gilgandra Shire Council, Cr Doug Batten, Mayor
Gilgandra Shire Council, Mr David Neeves, General Manager
Glen Innes Shire Council, Cr Rob Banham, Mayor
Glen Innes Shire Council, Cr Troy Arandale, Deputy Mayor
Greater Hume Council, Cr Tony Quinn, Mayor
Greater Hume Council, Ms Evelyn Arnold, General Manager
Griffith City Council, Cr John Doug Curran, Mayor
Griffith City Council, Mr Brett Stonestreet, General Manager
Gunnedah Shire Council, Cr Jamie Chaffey, Mayor
Hay Shire Council, Cr Carol Oataway, Mayor
Hay Shire Council, Mr David Webb, General Manager
Hilltops Council, Cr Margaret Roles, Mayor
Inverell Shire Council, Cr Paul Harmon, Mayor
Junee Shire Council, Cr Neil Smith, Mayor
Kempsey Shire Council, Cr Leo Hauville, Mayor
Kempsey Shire Council, Mr Craig Milburn, General Manager
Kiama Municipal Council, Cr Neil Reilly, Mayor
Kiama Municipal Council, Ms Jane Stroud, CEO
Kyogle Council, Cr Kylie Thomas, Mayor
Lachlan Shire Council, Cr John Medcalf, Mayor
Lachlan Shire Council, Mr Greg Tory, General Manager
Leeton Shire Council, Cr Tony Reneker, Mayor
Leeton Shire Council, Ms Jackie Kruger, General Manager
Lismore City Council, Cr Steve Krieg, Mayor
Lismore City Council, Mr John Walker, General Manager
Lithgow City Council, Cr Maree Statham, Mayor
Lithgow City Council, Mr Craig Butler, General Manager
Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Cr Doug Hawkins, Mayor
Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Mr Gary Murphy, General Manager
Lockhart Shire Council, Cr Greg Verdon, Mayor
Lockhart Shire Council, Mr Peter Veneris, General Manager
MidCoast Council, Cr Claire Pontin, Mayor
MidCoast Council, Mr Adrian Panuccio, General Manager
Mid-Western/Mudgee Regional Council, Cr Des Kennedy, Mayor

Moree Plains Shire Council, Cr Mark Johnson, Mayor
Moree Plains Shire Council, Mr Nick Tobin, General Manager
Murray River Council, Cr Christopher Bilkey, Mayor
Murray River Council, Mr Terry Dodds, General Manager
Murrumbidgee Council, Mr John Scarce, General Manager
Muswellbrook Shire Council, Cr Steve Reynolds, Mayor
Muswellbrook Shire Council, Derrick Finnigan, General Manager
Narrabri Shire Council, Cr Ron Campbell, Mayor
Narrabri Shire Council, Mr Robert Williams, General Manager
Narrandera Shire Council, Cr Cameron Lander, Deputy Mayor
Narromine Shire Council, Cr Craig Davies, Mayor
Oberon Council, Cr Mark Kellam, Mayor
Oberon Council, Mr Gary Wallace, General Manager
Orange City Council, Cr Jason Hamling, Mayor
Parkes Shire Council, Cr Ken Keith, Mayor
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, Mr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, Ms Rebecca Ryan, CEO
Shellharbour City Council, Cr Chris Homer, Mayor
Shoalhaven City Council, Cr Amanda Findley, Mayor
Shoalhaven City Council, Mr Stephen Dunshea, CEO
Singleton Council, Cr Sue Moore, Mayor
Singleton Council, Mr Jason Linnane, General Manager
Snowy Valleys Council, Cr Ian Chaffey, Mayor
Tamworth Regional Council, Cr Russell Webb, Mayor
Tamworth Regional Council, Mr Paul Bennett, General Manager
Temora Shire Council, Cr Rick Firman, Mayor
Temora Shire Council, Mr Gary Lavelle, General Manager
Tenterfield Shire Council, Cr Bronwyn Petrie, Mayor
Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Cr Pam Kensit, Mayor
Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Mr Alex Waldron, General Manager
Uralla Shire Council, Cr Robert Bell, Mayor
Uralla Shire Council, Ms Kate Jessep, General Manager
Walcha Council, Cr Eric Noakes, Mayor
Walcha Council, Phil Hood, Acting General Manager
Warren Shire Council, Cr Milton Quigley, Mayor
Warren Shire Council, Mr Gary Woodman, General Manager
Warrumbungle Shire Council, Cr Ambrose Doolan, Mayor
Warrumbungle Shire Council, Mr Roger Bailey, General Manager
Weddin Shire Council, Cr Craig Bembrick, Mayor
Weddin Shire Council, Ms Noreen Vu, General Manager
Wingecarribee Shire Council, Mr Viv May, Interim Administrator
Wingecarribee Shire Council, Ms Lisa Miscamble, General Manager
LGNSW, Cr Darriea Turley, President
LGNSW, Mr Damien Thomas, Director Advocacy
LGNSW, Mr Shaun McBride
LGNSW, Bronwen Regan
ALGA, Cr Linda Scott, President
OLG, Brett Whitworth, Deputy Secretary
OLG, Melissa Gibbs, Director Policy and Sector Development
RAMJO, Ms Yvonne Lingua, CEO
CNSWJO, Ms Jenny Bennett

The Hon Leslie Williams - Shadow Minister for Women, Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and Aboriginal Affairs
The Hon Wendy Tuckerman – Shadow Minister for Local Government
The Hon Aileen McDonald – Shadow Minister for Youth Justice
The Hon Scott Farlow – Shadow Minister for Planning & Public spaces, Housing and Cities
The Hon Bronnie Taylor – Shadow Minister for Regional Health
The Hon Gurmeh Singh – Shadow Minister for Tourism, Emergency Services and North Coast
The Hon Adam Marshall – Member for the Northern Tablelands
The Hon Kevin Anderson – Shadow Minister for Gaming, Racing, Arts and Heritage
The Hon Wes Fang – Shadow assistant Minister for Police and Emergency Services
Mr Michael Kemp – Member for Oxley
Ms Tanya Thompson – Member for Myall Lakes
Mr Dave Layzell MP

APOLOGIES:

As submitted Additional apologies received on behalf of Cr Narelle Davis, Mayor Snowy Monaro Regional Council, Mr James Davis, General Manager, Junee Shire Council and Mr David Sherley, General Manager, Bathurst Regional Council

SPECIAL GUESTS:

The Hon Jenny Aitchison MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads
The Hon Rose Jackson MLC, Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth and Minister for the North Coast
Dr Michael Holland MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Regional Health
Carmel Donnelly, Chair, IPART
The Hon Dugald Saunders MP, Leader of the Nationals, Shadow Minister for Regional NSW, Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Natural Resources
The Hon Sam Faraway MLC, Shadow Minister for Regional Transport and Roads
The Hon Steph Cooke MP, Shadow Minister for Water and Shadow Minister Minister for Crown Lands

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the General Meeting held on 9 March 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved Singleton Council Mayor, Councillor Sue Moore
Seconded Forbes Shire Mayor Councillor Phyllis Miller

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

NIL

7. ALGA Update Report

Cr Linda Scott, President, presented her report advising that the Association focused on the Federal budget and advising that Local Government was currently receiving 0.5% of tax instead of the 1.5% tax being sought. There is a 75% hole in FAG Grants which is not being able to be filled. Councils are to receive \$3.1 billion in Financial Assistance Grants over the next twelve months but it is disappointing the government have not delivered on its pre-election promise for “fair increases.” Other budget funding was \$484 million in Roads to Recovery funding • \$60 million over three years in supplementary road funding for South Australian councils • \$200 million Thriving Suburbs Program (local governments eligible to apply) • \$150 million Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program (local governments eligible to apply) • \$120 million Black Spot Program • Additional \$13.5 million round of the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program • \$236 million over 10 years for flood warning infrastructure (rain gauges) • \$10 million for a national waste education campaign. Other subjects addressed were NSW Housing Affordability Reforms, Growing Regions Grants, Disaster recovery Funding, New Bank Closure Protocols, and National General Assembly. A copy of the report was included in the business paper.

RESOLVED That the report be noted

Moved Lachlan Shire Council Mayor, Councillor John Medcalf
Seconded Parkes Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ken Keith

8. LGNSW Update Report

Cr Darriea Turley, President, provided up to date advice regarding the ESL subsidy advising that the subsidy was not allocated this year and a review of the models are to be undertaken. Cr Turley requested Councils to write to their local members and the Minister. The report covered Emergency Services Levy, Red Fleet Update and the IPART Review of Rate Peg Methodology NSW State Election, Cost Shifting Survey, Federal Budget with NSW to Receive \$951.4Million in Financial Assistance Grants and other assistance with Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, Skills, Aged Care, Flood and River Gauges, Rental Assistance and Sustainable Urban Development. A copy of the report was included in the business paper.

Resolved That the report be noted

Moved Forbes Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Phyllis Miller
Seconded Tamworth Regional Council Mayor, Councillor Russell Webb

9. Membership

RESOLVED that Bogan Shire Council, Greater Hume Shire Council and MidCoast Council be admitted as members of the Association.

Moved Forbes Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Phyllis Miller
Seconded Muswellbrook Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Steve Reynolds

Membership pins were presented to the new members admitted at the 9 March meeting and this meeting and to other members that had not received them.

10. Retirement of Mr Gary Lavell, General Manager, Temora Shire Council

Deputy Chairman Cr Rick Firman thanked Mr Lavell who retires on the 30 June, for his 28 years of service to Temora Shire Council and for his contribution to the Country Mayors Association.

11. Correspondence

Outward

Mr Andrew Clennell, Sky News Political Reporter	Thanking for being master of ceremonies at the “Meet the Leaders Forum” on the 21 February 2023
Cr Neil Smith, Mayor, Junee Shire Council	Advising that Junee Shire Councils application for membership was approved at the General meeting held on the 9 March 2023
Cr Steven Reynolds, Mayor Muswellbrook Shire Council	Advising that Muswellbrook Shire Councils application for membership was approved at the General meeting held on the 9 March 2023
Cr Barry Holman, Mayor, Bourke Shire Council	Advising that Bourke Shire Councils application for membership was approved at the General meeting held on the 9 March 2023
Cr Nuatali, Lord Mayor, Newcastle City Council	Thanking her for hosting the welcome function on the 8 March 2023 and updating her on Newcastle’s application for associate membership of the Country Mayors Association
Mr Craig Carmody, Chief Executive Officer, Port of Newcastle	Thanking him for hosting the Country Mayors meeting on the 9 March 2023 and updating him on the Port of Newcastle’s application for associate membership of the Country Mayors Association
The Hon Chris Minns MP, Premier	Congratulating him on his elevation to the position of Premier and offering an open invitation to address our members at future meetings
The Hon Timothy Crakanthorp MP, Minister for Skills, TAFE, and Tertiary Education, The Hon Daniel Mookhay MLC, Treasurer, The Hon Jenny Aitchison MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, The Hon Ron Hoenig MP, Minister for Local Government, The Hon Rose Jackson MLC,	Congratulating them on their elevation to the Ministry outlining the CMA’s priorities and offering an opportunity to address our members at a future meeting

<p>Minister for Water, Housing, Homelessness, Mental Health, and Youth, The Hon Ryan Park MP, Minister for Health and Regional Health, and The Hon Tara Moriarty MLC, Minister for Agriculture, Regional NSW and Western NSW</p>	
<p>Department of Fair Trading</p>	<p>Notifying them of the change to the Constitution to create the position of Immediate Past Chairman</p>
<p>The Hon Damien Tudehope, MLC, Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations and Treasurer, The Hon Dugald Saunders MP, Leader of the Nationals, Shadow Minister for Regional NSW, Ms Eleni Petinos MP, Shadow Minister for Finance and Sport, Mr Gurmeh Singh MP, Shadow Minister for Tourism, Emergency Services and North Coast, The Hon James Griffin MP, Shadow Minister for Energy and Climate Change, Customer Service and Digital Government. The Justin Clancy MP, Shadow Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education, Ms Kellie Sloane MP, Shadow Minister for Environment, The Hon Kevin Anderson MP, Shadow Minister for</p>	<p>Congratulating them on their elevation to the Shadow Ministry outlining the CMA's priorities and offering an opportunity to address our members at a future meeting</p>

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<p>Gaming, Racing, Arts and Heritage, The Hon Leslie Williams MP, Shadow Minister for Women, Mr Mark Coure MP, Shadow Minister for Multiculturalism, The Hon Mark Speakman MP, Opposition Leader, Leader of the Liberals, Mr Mark Taylor MP, Shadow Minister for Corrections and Western Sydney, The Hon Matt Kean MP, Shadow Minister for Health, The Hon Natalie Ward MLC, Shadow Minister for Transport and Roads, The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC, Shadow Minister for Families and Communities, Disability Inclusion, Homelessness and Youth, The Hon Paul Toole MP, Shadow Minister for Police, Ms Robyn Preston MP, Shadow Minister for Mental Health and Medical Research, The Hon Sam Faraway MLC, Shadow Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, The Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC, Shadow Minister for Education and Early Learning and Western NSW, The Hon Scott Farlow MLC, Shadow Minister for Planning</p>	
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and Public Spaces, Housing, Cities, Hunter and the Central Coast, The Hon Steph Cooke MP, Shadow Minister for Water and Crown Lands, Mr Tim James MP, Shadow Minister for Fair Trading, Work Health and Safety and Building, The Hon Wendy Tuckerman MP, Shadow Minister for Local Government and Small Business, The Hon Aileen MacDonald MLC, Shadow Minister for Youth Justice, The Hon Alister Henskens MP, Shadow Attorney General, The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC, Shadow Minister for Regional Health, Trade and Seniors.	
Mr Phillip Donato MP, Member for Orange	Congratulating him on his election to State Parliament and seeking a meeting with him on the 25 May 2023
The Hon Yasmin Catley MP, Minister for Police and Counter- terrorism	Congratulating her on her appointment as Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism and seeking a meeting with her on the 25 May 2023
Mr Roy Butler MP, Member for Barwon	Congratulating him on his election to State Parliament and seeking a meeting with him on the 25 May 2023

Inward

Department of Fair Trading	Advising that the changes to the Constitution having the Immediate Past Chairman as a member of the Executive Committee has been registered
Mr Greg Warren MP, Shadow Minister for Local Government, Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs, and	Regarding the CMA priorities for the next election (Copy Attached)

Shadow Minister for Western Sydney	
Mr Robert Borsak MLC, Shooters and Fishers and Farmers Party NSW	Advising that they will hold the Government to account regarding Regional NSW (Copy Attached)

Media Releases

Regional NSW Doing the Heavy Lifting
Local Government March to the Wall

RESOLVED THAT THE INFORMATION BE NOTED

Moved Kyogle Council Mayor, Councillor Kylie Thomas
Seconded Mayor, Councillor

12. FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLVED That the financial reports for the last quarter were tabled and accepted

Moved Weddin Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Craig Bembrick
Seconded Junee Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Neil Smith

13. The Hon Rose Jackson MLC, Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homlessness, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth and Minister for the North Coast

The Minister hoped that this meeting would be the start of ongoing conversations with Country Mayors. She undertook to give clear and honest and direct answers to matters referred to her. Collaboration can be fruitful between government and councils. Water authorities are aware that councils in regional and rural areas are water utilities and need support through a partnership with the government and state water authorities, based on honesty to provide a more reliable water supply. The government wishes to lift the quality of town water supplies. Housing shortages particularly housing for key workers needs to be addressed. If any council has land that can be developed for housing please lets talk.

The Hon Jenny Aitchison MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads

The Minister has already had meetings with several councils. Integrated plans that look at people first are important. Reclassifications of roads is a great opportunity. Unfortunately in 2019 it was unfunded and in some cases councils have had to wait up to 8 years for their reclassification. Things have now moved on. Disaster Recovery funding has changed the way councils are looking at reclassifications so priorities are changing. The Government wants to give councils the cash now rather than having to wait. The city was getting \$5 for every \$1 that the country was getting in road funding. This has now been addressed and regional NSW will be getting double what it is now plus emergency repair funds.

Dr Michael Holland MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Regional Health

Closing the gap for aboriginal health regional health is a priority. The NSW Government is committed to regional NSW and wants it to have parity with metropolitan areas. Dr John McGirr MP has been appointed Chairman of a select committee to oversee Rural Health Inquiry recommendations and the financial implications. The Health workforce is a high priority with the intention of employing 1,200 additional nurses and 500 paramedics. Those studying Health Care Degrees can receive a \$4000 subsidy per year for 4 years providing they comply with work requirements. The threat of workforce burnout is real and a taskforce has been established and has commenced work looking at the needs of health staff. Access to health care has improved using technology in country areas. The Rural Generalist Service supports country GP's.

The presentations were followed by Question and Answers from members

14. Carmel Donnelly, Chair, IPART

The Ratepayer Review Terms of Reference commenced 30 August 2022, followed by an issues paper and workshops with a draft report due early June 2023 and a final report to the Minister in August 2023. There have been 96 submissions and 2881 resident/ratepayer respondents. Council feedback has included abolishing rate pegging, current model doesn't support council financial sustainability, labour cost changes should be based on the Local Government award and other suggestions. Ratepayer submissions included affordability and cost of living and Councils financial affordability, and Councils financial management and efficiency. Affordability of rates is the most important consideration and residents have positive views about the services provided by councils. Council technical workshops propose the rate peg should include change in base costs, population factor, ESL factor, productivity factor and other adjustments which IPART are looking at as options.

15. The Hon Dugald Saunders MP, Leader of the Nationals, Shadow Minister for Regional NSW, Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Natural Resources

The leader of the Nationals introduced his Shadow Minister Team who are representing NSW on the cost of government. Funds committed by the previous Coalition Government are unspent and still available and the opposition is working to keep those funds for the purpose for which they were allocated. They are putting the money where their mouth is.

The Hon Sam Farrow MLC, Shadow Minister for Regional Transport and Roads

The Coalitions top commitment is the state of the roads and in opposition they want to highlight what programs should be continued and not be diverted. The Minister this morning did not mention betterment. The Coalition in Government had significantly more funds allocated to regional NSW including \$1.6billion to improve the road system, compared to the current government. It is understood that the Seniors Travel Card and Regional Apprenticeship and University Travel Card will be chopped in the September budget.

The Hon Steph Cooke MP, Shadow Minister for Water, and Shadow Minister for Crown Lands

Hosted 5 Cootamundra summits which has helped her to understand the Local Government sector. The Government has introduced an amendment to the Sydney Water Act and regional and rural NSW's 1.8 million water customers have been left out. Water NSW was also left out of the proposed legislation. The Opposition is now putting forward a number of amendments and the legislation has currently been removed. Water infrastructure and water planning is being deferred. It is critical that funding be provided for water services projects. A lot of work on priorities for Crown Land needs to be done.

The presentations were followed by Question and Answers from members

15. Scholarship Program Update

RESOLVED That the amended Scholarship program be adopted

1. The NSW CMA Scholarship be allocated to the finalist Runner-up Council of the A R Bluett Memorial Award Winner (Rural/Regional Category)
2. Implement for 2023 at November AGM
3. The Council must be a current, Financial Member of NSW CMA
4. In the first year, that a \$5,000 Scholarship be offered to a Trainee/Apprentice/Degree of a Member Council (NSW CMA) amplifying the 'Grow our Own' Staff position NSW CMA Members have.
5. This Scholarship would assist with expenses such as accommodation, tools, textbooks, travel, and other relevant costs associated with their TAFE, University or similar courses relating to their employment at their respective member Council.
6. Scholarship funds will be presented in full to the recipient at the AGM in November.
7. Should the Runner Up of the Bluett Award not be a current financial member of NSW CMA, they be given the opportunity to join (enhancing membership numbers).
8. The inaugural Scholarship be funded out of NSW CMA reserves. Subsequent years, to be determined (eg: special Scholarship Levy added to existing membership fee)
- 9.. A Special Plaque to be presented, acknowledging the Scholarship Recipient (NSW CMA logo, Recipient's name and date etc). The Recipient would also present to the NSW CMA Members about their career and how the funds may assist. Further, the Recipient to be invited back at another future meeting of NSW CMA, to present a written report to the Members, on how the Scholarship actually assisted them during the year. This places responsibility on the Recipient and should only enhance the Members commitment to continuing with the concept of awarding a Scholarship.
10. It is expected that the Runner-up Council will pay for the travel accommodation costs associated with the scholarship recipient to attend appropriate meetings of the Country Mayors Association.
11. A caveat be placed on the Scholarship Recipient that if the Recipient discontinues their course/s, the Scholarship ceases, effective at the time of advice. If they discontinue studies within six months from presentation of scholarship unexpended funds to be returned to CMA.

12. The Scholarship Sub-Committee conducts a review, after the first year of awarding a Scholarship and make recommendations to the Executive and members on potential improvements/restructuring that may be required

Moved Forbes Shire Mayor, Councillor Phyllis Miller
Seconder Parkes Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ken Keith

16. Aligning Membership Criteria of CMA with LGNSW

A MOTION was moved by Forbes Shire Council seconded by Singleton Council that the CMA membership be aligned with the LGNSW Regional and Rural membership.

The motion was LOST

17. Country Mayors Association Associate Members

RESOLVED That the following new clauses be added to the Constitution
6. Those Councils, for Profit Organisations and not for Profit Organisations that are not eligible under clause 3 and 3a. Clause 4 conditions apply to obtain Associate Membership

7. Associate Members will not have voting rights at Annual General Meetings or at any other time a membership vote is taken

8. Associate Members will be encouraged to attend, Annual General Meetings, forums, study tours and any other events that promote CMA's objectives

Clause 10 be amended by the inclusion of the words "Associate Membership of for Profit Organisations shall be set at 200% of the full fee and not for Profit Organisations shall be set at 75% of the full fee" after the words "full fee in line four"

Moved Parkes Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ken Keith
Seconded Singleton Council Mayor, Councillor Sue Moore

18. Rural Councils Victoria Forum Echuca 14 July

Rural Councils Victoria have extended an invitation to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman to attend their Forum at Echuca as complimentary Guests. The Executive Committee have resolved that any costs incurred be paid by the CMA

RESOLVED That the information be noted

Moved Junee Shire Mayor, Councillor Neil Smith
Seconded Muswellbrook Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Steve Reynolds

19. Review of Pensioner Rebate Subsidy

RESOLVED That the Country Mayors Association advocate to the State Government for a more realistic and timely indexing process for pensioner concessions and rebates to assist pensioners in paying their Council rates and

charges. This advocacy is to include increased funding support from the State Government for the cost of providing pensioner rebates

Moved Ballina Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Sharon Cadwallader
Seconded Muswellbrook Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Steve Reynolds

20. Daylight Saving

RESOLVED That Day Light Saving be reduced to four months of the year starting on the first weekend in November and finishing in the last weekend in February to be implemented no later than November 2023.

Moved Lachan Shire Council Mayor, Councillor John Medcalf
Seconded Kyogle Council Mayor, Councillor Kylie Thomas

21. Gifts for Future Presenters

The Executive Committee has received quotations for the supply of Country Mayors ties, scarf's and pens and has agreed to purchase 50 ties and scarf's at a cost of \$3,185.00 and 100 pens with logo and engraving for \$850.00. Invited guests will be offered a gift for attending our meetings and members are encouraged to purchase these items at cost.

RESOLVED that the information be noted

Moved Narromine Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Craig Davies
Seconded Kyogle Council Mayor, Councillor Kylie Thomas

22. The Accounting Treatment of RFS Assets

RESOLVED That the NSW Country Mayors Association

1. Confirms its strong position that local councils do not control RFS assets and therefore should not have to account for RFS assets in their financial statements
2. Rejects outright NSW Treasury's current policy position that the State Government does not control the RFS assets and that Local Government therefore does
3. Rejects and dismisses any argument that vesting under the RFS Act equates to control in terms of accounting standards (where 'substance over form' sees control in the accounting sense sitting squarely with the RFS)
4. Rejects outright the Auditor General's position that she must audit in accordance with Treasury's policy position instead of Australian Accounting standards, noting also that the AG is supposed to be independent of government, not a voice for government
5. Writes to the Premier of NSW and the NSW Parliamentary Accounts Committee to ask that they
 - (i). immediately investigate the basis behind all 40 Councils' qualified financial statements for YE 21/22 (especially given that nothing changed in YE 21/22 from prior years when absolutely NO Councils were qualified for having accounting policies that did not account for RFS assets), and

(ii). Immediately investigate statutory remedies that enshrine in legislation the reality regarding control of RFS assets, being that RFS assets are entirely controlled by the NSW RFS.

Moved Leeton Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Tony Reneker
Seconded Lachlan Shire Council Mayor, Councillor John Medcalf

23. CMA November Meeting

CMA meeting dates are organized around Parliamentary sitting days. Our August meeting complies with those dates but the 3 November does not as the sitting days are the 21-23 November 2023

RESOLVED That the AGM and General Meeting in November be held on the 24 November 2023

Moved Forbes Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Phyllis Miller
Seconded Leeton Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Tony Reneker

24. Launch of Country Mayors Association Website

The Chairman advised that in accordance with the CMA resolution of the 9 March 2023 the website has now been developed and is online "nswcountrymayors.com.au" and invited all to connect. The Chairman walked through each of the tabs of Publications, Media, Events, Advocacy, Members, Annual Survey and Contacts. The website will be updated regularly.

25. Survey Results

The priority survey forwarded to members closed on Friday 19 May 2023. The results are as follows

Q1 - 90% of our members responded to the annual survey

Q2 - New top five issues as ranked by our members are;

1. Financial Sustainability
2. Housing
3. Labour Shortages
4. Transport and Roads
5. Health

Q3 - New top five emerging issues as ranked by our members

1. Planning
2. Disaster Preparedness
3. Renewable Energy
4. Water Security
5. Infrastructure – Crime, Law and Order

Q4 - At full value more than 2,000 positions vacant over 71 Regional Councils in NSW

Q5 - 85% of our members that completed the survey have in the past two years or will within the next five years undertake a Special Rate Variation

Q6 - 39 responses to our request for further advocacy positions

26. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, 4 August 2023

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.26pm.

Cr Jamie Chaffey
Chairman Country Mayor's Association of NSW