



17 October 2024

Dear Councillor,

Your attendance is requested at an Ordinary Council Meeting of the Blayney Shire Council to be held in the Chambers, Blayney Shire Community Centre on Tuesday, 22 October 2024 at 6.00pm for consideration of the following business -

- (1) Livestreaming Video and Audio Check
- (2) Acknowledgement of Country
- (3) Recording of Meeting Statement
- (4) Statement of Ethical Obligations
- (5) Apologies for non-attendance
- (6) Disclosures of Interest
- (7) Public Forum
- (8) Mayoral Minute
- (9) Notices of Motion
- (10) Confirmation of Minutes - Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27.08.24
- Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 03.10.24
- (11) Matters arising from Minutes
- (12) Reports of Staff
 - (a) Executive Services
 - (b) Corporate Services
 - (c) Infrastructure Services
 - (d) Planning and Environmental Services
- (13) Delegates Reports
- (14) Closed Meeting

Mark Dicker
General Manager

Meeting Calendar 2024

October

<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
6.00pm	22 October 2024	Council Meeting	Community Centre

November

<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
8.30am	13 November 2024	Orange 360 AGM	Orange
12.00pm	13 November 2024	Central NSW Joint Organisation Board Meeting	Sydney
9.00am	14 November 2024	Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting	Community Centre
8.30am	15 November 2024	Country Mayors Meeting	Sydney
9.00am	17-19 November 2024	LGNSW Annual Conference	Tamworth
4.00pm	19 November 2024	Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting	Community Centre
6.00pm	19 November 2024	Council Meeting (TBC)	Community Centre
8.30am	27 November 2024	Orange 360 Board Meeting	Community Centre

December

<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
10.00am	6 December 2024	Traffic Committee Meeting	Community Centre
10.00am	11 December 2024	Central Tablelands Water Meeting	Canowindra
6.00pm	17 December 2024	Council Meeting (TBC)	Community Centre

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HELD ON TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2024

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STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

Councillors are reminded of their oath or affirmation of office made under section 233A of the Local Government Act and their obligations under the Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

01) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 27 AUGUST 2024**Department:** Executive Services**Author:** General Manager**CSP Link:** 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance**File No:** GO.ME.3**Recommendation:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 August 2024, being minute numbers 2408/001 to 2408/2408/018 be confirmed.

MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON 27 AUGUST 2024, COMMENCING AT 6.00PM

Present: Crs S Ferguson (Mayor), D Somervaille (Deputy Mayor), A Ewin, C Gosewisch, J Newstead, M Pryse Jones and B Reynolds

General Manager (Mr M Dicker), Director Corporate Services (Mr A Franze), Director Infrastructure Services (Mr J Hogan), Director Planning & Environmental Services (Mr A Muir) and Executive Assistant to the General Manager (Mrs L Ferson)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**RECORDING OF MEETING STATEMENT****DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

The General Manager reported the following Disclosure of Interest form had been submitted:

Councillor /Staff	Interest	Item	Pg	Report	Reason
Cr Reynolds	Non-Pecuniary (Less than Significant) Cr Reynolds will judge the application and business item within its merits.	9	52	Minutes of the Financial Assistance Committee Meeting held 12 August 2024	Regarding item 3 of the recommendation. Cr Reynold's wife is friends with the applicant's mother.

PUBLIC FORUM

Michael Edwards – Item 15 – DA6/2024 - 12 Naylor Street, Carcoar - Alterations and Additions to the Existing Tourist and Visitor Accommodation, Construction of Three (3) Tourist and Visitor Accommodation Buildings, Construction of a Dwelling House, Inground Swimming Pool and Spa House, Change of

Use from an Outbuilding (Shed) to a Commercial Premises, associated Carparking, Stormwater and Landscaping

Edwina Bartholomew – Item 15 – DA6/2024 - 12 Naylor Street, Carcoar - Alterations and Additions to the Existing Tourist and Visitor Accommodation, Construction of Three (3) Tourist and Visitor Accommodation Buildings, Construction of a Dwelling House, Inground Swimming Pool and Spa House, Change of Use from an Outbuilding (Shed) to a Commercial Premises, associated Carparking, Stormwater and Landscaping

Ian Gillings – Item 13 – Millthorpe Village Centre Community Consultation

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 23 JULY 2024

2408/001

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 July 2024, being minute numbers 2407/001 to 2407/018 be confirmed.

(Ewin/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

The Mayor asked if there was any objection to bringing items 13 and 15 forward for consideration, being the topics of the public forum. There was no objection.

MILLTHORPE VILLAGE CENTRE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

2408/002

RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Note the community consultation undertaken, 48 survey responses and 8 submissions received.
2. Note following completion of a positive community consultation process, 7 improvements to the design are now proposed.
3. Be presented with a further report upon finalisation of the scope and budget estimates for works to be completed in 2024/25, prior to those construction works commencing.

(Newstead/Ewin)
CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 6/2024 – 12 NAYLOR STREET, CARCOAR - ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE EXISTING TOURIST AND VISITOR ACCOMMODATION, CONSTRUCTION OF THREE (3) TOURIST AND VISITOR ACCOMMODATION BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTION OF A DWELLING HOUSE, INGROUND SWIMMING POOL AND SPA HOUSE, CHANGE OF USE FROM AN OUTBUILDING (SHED) TO A COMMERCIAL PREMISES, ASSOCIATED CARPARKING, STORMWATER AND LANDSCAPING

2408/003

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the section 4.15 development assessment report, including the consideration of issues raised in submissions, in relation to Development Application 6/2024 for alterations and additions to the existing tourist and visitor accommodation, construction of three cabins for tourist and visitor accommodation, construction of one dwelling house, installation of a swimming pool and construction of a spa house, change of use to a commercial premise, associated carparking, stormwater and landscaping at Lot 442 DP 706264, 12 Naylor Street Carcoar.
2. Note the next Council meeting will not be until October 2024 and delegate to the General Manager authority;
 - a. to approve Development Application 6/2024 subject to the recommended conditions attached to this report; and
 - b. having regard to any further response from the NSW Heritage Office and to the comments received today from a heritage expert:
 - i. to alter any conditions of consent outlined in the recommended conditions; and/or
 - ii. to include any reasonable new or additional conditions of consent.

(Reynolds/Pryse Jones)

The **DIVISION** was taken and the names of the Councillors voting FOR and AGAINST were as follows:

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Ewin
 Councillor Ferguson
 Councillor Somervaille
 Councillor Reynolds
 Councillor Newstead
 Councillor Pryse Jones
 Councillor Gosewisch

Total (7)

Total (0)

CARRIED

NOTICES OF MOTION

- 2408/004** **NOTICE OF MOTION - RETIRING COUNCILLORS**
RESOLVED:
 That Council acknowledge and thank the three retiring Councillors, Mayor Scott Ferguson, Deputy Mayor David Somerville and Councillor Allan Ewin for their service and contribution to the Blayney community during their respective terms on Council.
 (Reynolds/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

- 2408/005** **QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AT THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 23 JULY 2024**
RESOLVED:
 That the questions taken on notice at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 July 2024 and subsequent response be received and noted.
 (Gosewisch/Pryse Jones)
CARRIED

- 2408/006** **2024 LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE MOTION - MINING IMPACTED COMMUNITIES**
RESOLVED:
 That Council propose the following motion at the forthcoming LGNSW annual conference:
“That Local Government NSW:
 1. *Recognises the significant impact the cessation of the Resources for Regions grant funding program has had on the 26 Councils and communities that host mining operations in NSW, and*
 2. *Calls on the NSW Government to develop and implement a new and improved grant funding program for the 26 Councils and communities that host mining operations in NSW”.*
 (Newstead/Pryse Jones)
CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

- 2408/007** **REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 JULY 2024**
RESOLVED:
 That Council;
 1. Note the report indicating Council's investment position as at 31 July 2024.
 2. Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.
 (Somerville/Ewin)
CARRIED

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - JUNE 2024**2408/008****RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Receive the Quarterly Budget Review Statement noting actual results to 30 June 2024.
2. Approve the net transfers from Council's external cash restrictions of \$1.99m.
3. Approve the net transfers to Council's internal cash allocations of \$1.64m, for the purposes as detailed in Schedule 1.
4. Approve the creation of an Emergency Works / Natural Disaster internal allocation.
5. Approve supplementary votes of expenditure to the 2024/25 budget for carryover works from 2023/24 to 2024/25 as per the attached schedule totalling \$3.608m funded from:
 - a. internal cash allocations of \$997k
 - b. externally restricted unexpended grants and contributions of \$2.272m
 - c. other external cash restrictions \$339k
6. Approve supplementary votes of expenditure for 2024/25 totalling \$1.776m for carryover works from 2023/24 to 2024/25 funded from:
 - a. future grants and contributions of \$1.199m for milestones not yet received
 - b. the future sale of plant traded on replacement of \$109k
 - c. other internal and external cash restrictions of \$468k
7. Approve supplementary votes of expenditure for 2024/25 totalling \$176k for carryover works from 2023/24 to 2024/25 funded from:
 - a. Plant replacement internal allocation of \$118k
 - b. s.7.11 Developer Contributions of \$58k

(Gosewisch/Pryse Jones)

CARRIED**DRAFT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL REPORTS BY COUNCIL
2023/24****2408/009****RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Make the statement in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993, and Clause 215 of the Local Government (General) Regulation (2021) for the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2024.
2. Receive the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.
3. Make the statement in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Accounting Practice in relation to the Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2024.
4. Endorse signature of the statements by the Mayor, Deputy

Mayor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer.

5. Refer the General Purpose Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Statements to audit and invite Intentus Chartered Accountants, as the contracted agent for the NSW Audit Office, to complete the audit as per the requirements of Section 413(1) of the Local Government Act (1993) and Local Government (General) Regulation (2021).

(Pryse Jones/Somervaille)

CARRIED

**MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 21 AUGUST 2024**

2408/010

RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Receive the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held 21 August 2024.
2. Note the Annual Report on the operations of the Blayney Shire Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
3. Note the recommendation by the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee on referral of the draft 2023/24 Financial Statements to audit.
4. Undertake a review of procurement in 2024/25 as its next audit on the internal audit program.
5. Prepare an Action Plan for the recommendations contained in the Review of the Richards Lane Culvert project and report the plan back to the Committee.
6. Update the committee on the completion of urgent tasks arising from the Review of the Richards Lane Culvert project and progression of remaining tasks.

(Somervaille/Pryse Jones)

CARRIED

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD 12 AUGUST 2024**

MOTION:

1. Receive the minutes of the Financial Assistance committee meeting held 12 August 2024.
2. Approve the recommendations for 2024/25 – Round 1 of the Community Financial Assistance Program by the Financial Assistance Committee, in the amount of \$17,805.
3. Support the request for sporting related financial assistance for selection to represent PSSA in the Western region netball team.
4. Consider in the Community Financial Assistance Program Funding Review the following items:
 - a. Clearer definition of funding for representative sports i.e. are school sports programs applicable?
 - b. That 2 quotations be mandatory for purchases over

certain threshold.

(Ferguson/Newstead)

Cr Reynolds asked for each recommendation to be considered individually which was agreed to by the Chair.

2408/011 RESOLVED:

That Council;

1. Receive the minutes of the Financial Assistance committee meeting held 12 August 2024.

(Somerville/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

- 2408/012** 2. Approve the recommendations for 2024/25 – Round 1 of the Community Financial Assistance Program by the Financial Assistance Committee, in the amount of \$17,805.

(Ewin/Reynolds)

CARRIED

- 2408/013** 3. Support the request for sporting related financial assistance for selection to represent PSSA in the Western region netball team.

(Ferguson/Newstead)

CARRIED

- 2408/014** 4. Consider in the Community Financial Assistance Program Funding Review the following items:
- a. Clearer definition of funding for representative sports i.e. are school sports programs applicable?
 - b. That 2 quotations be mandatory for purchases over certain threshold.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY INCLUSION WORKING GROUP HELD 1 AUGUST 2024

2408/015 RESOLVED:

That Council receive the minutes of the Disability Inclusion Working Group meeting held 1 August 2024.

(Pryse Jones/Newstead)

CARRIED

Cr Reynolds foreshadowed using Section 9.3 of the Code of Meeting Practice to add additional motion regarding a Code of Meeting Practice for Council Committees. After discussion Cr Reynolds withdrew the proposed foreshadowed motion.

2022-2026 DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN ANNUAL REPORT**2408/016****RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Blayney Shire 2022 – 2026 Disability Inclusion Action Plan Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

(Reynolds/Gosewisch)

CARRIED

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS**INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT****2408/017****RESOLVED:**

That Council note the Infrastructure Services Monthly Report for August 2024.

(Ewin/Newstead)

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 9 AUGUST 2024**2408/018****RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Receive and note the minutes of the Blayney Traffic Committee Meeting, held on Friday 9 August 2024.
2. Endorse the Event Management Plan for the Ride for Resilience event to be staged on 7 September 2024. The event is to be classified as a Class 2 event, and approved subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.
3. Alter bus times for the bus zone in Park Street, Millthorpe opposite the Millthorpe Public School to be:
 - 7:00am – 9:00am
 - 2:30pm – 5:00pm
4. Alter bus times for the bus zone in Martin Street, Blayney to be:
 - 7:00am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday
5. That Council install road lines and chevron markings in Gold Street Mandurama (near Mandurama Hall) – in front of and 2m either side of the laneway to denote no parking and then remove the No Stopping signage.

(Newstead/Ewin)

CARRIED

DELEGATES REPORTS

COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION MEETING

2408/019 RESOLVED:

That Council receive and note the delegates report for the Country Mayors Association Meeting held 9 August 2024.

(Pryse Jones/Newstead)

CARRIED

CENTRAL TABLELANDS WEEDS AUTHORITY DELEGATE REPORT

2408/020 RESOLVED:

That Council receive and note the Central Tablelands Weeds Authority delegate report.

(Reynolds/Pryse Jones)

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

2408/021 RESOLVED:

That the meeting now be closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A of the Local Government Act, 1993 for consideration of the following matter:

RICHARDS LANE CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT REVIEW

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (g) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

(Gosewisch/Pryse Jones)

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL MEETING REPORTS**RICHARDS LANE CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT
REVIEW****2408/022****RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Receive the report on the Review of Richards Lane Culvert Project.
2. Note there are 21 recommendations of actions made by the review panel in relation to;
 - Cost overruns,
 - Timing of expenditure,
 - Expenditure without authorisation,
 - Tendering and the procurement process.
3. Note that the 21 recommendations for action will be included on the Schedule of Recommendations for ongoing monitoring by the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

(Reynolds/Newstead)

CARRIED**2408/023****RESOLVED:**

That as consideration of the matters referred to in the closed meeting has been concluded, the meeting now be opened to the public.

(Gosewisch/Pryse Jones)

CARRIED**AT THE RE-OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC, THE MAYOR
ANNOUNCED THE OUTCOMES OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2408/022.**

The Chair invited the three retiring Councillors to say a few words.

Retiring Councillors being Mayor Scott Ferguson, Deputy Mayor David Somervaille and Cr Allan Ewin all spoke about their time on Blayney Shire Council and thanked the Councillors, Staff and wider community for the their support.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.59pm.

The Minute Numbers 2408/001 to 2408/023 were confirmed on 3 October 2024 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27 August 2024.

Cr Bruce Reynolds

CHAIR

02) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3 OCTOBER 2024

Department: Executive Services

Author: General Manager

CSP Link: 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance

File No: GO.ME.3

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 3 October 2024, being minute numbers 2410/E001 to 2410/E008 be confirmed.

**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON 3 OCTOBER 2024, COMMENCING AT 6.00PM**

Present: Crs I Dorsett, C Gosewisch, K Hutchings, J Newstead, M Pryse Jones, B Reynolds and R Scott

General Manager (Mr M Dicker), Director Corporate Services (Mr A Franze), Director Infrastructure Services (Mr J Hogan), Director Planning & Environmental Services (Mr A Muir) and Executive Assistant to the General Manager (Mrs L Ferson)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

RECORDING OF MEETING STATEMENT

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

COUNCILLOR OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE

The General Manager invited each Councillor to take the Oath or Affirmation of Office and these public declarations are recorded as follows:

Craig Gosewisch

I Craig Gosewisch solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Blayney Shire and the Blayney Shire Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Rebecca Scott

I Rebecca Scott swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Blayney Shire and the Blayney Shire Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

John Newstead

I John Newstead swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Blayney Shire and the Blayney Shire Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Iris Dorsett

I Iris Eva Dorsett swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Blayney Shire and the Blayney Shire Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Michelle Pryse Jones

I Michelle Pryse Jones solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Blayney Shire and the Blayney Shire Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Karl Hutchings

I Karl Hutchings swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Blayney Shire and the Blayney Shire Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Bruce Reynolds

I Bruce Reynolds solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Blayney Shire and the Blayney Shire Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

The General Manager as the Returning Officer conducted the election of Mayor, election of Deputy Mayor; and the appointment of Council Delegates to both Central Tablelands Water County Council and Central Tablelands Weeds Authority.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The General Manager announced that 1 nomination had been received for the position of Mayor being, Cr Reynolds, nominated by Cr Dorsett and Cr Scott.

Cr Reynolds accepted this nomination.

The General Manager declared Cr Reynolds as Mayor.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

2410/E001

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Elect a Deputy Mayor for the same term of office as the Mayor.

(Gosewisch/Hutchings)

CARRIED

The General Manager announced that 2 nominations had been received for the position of Deputy Mayor being:

- Cr Scott, nominated by Cr Dorsett and Cr Scott.
- Cr Newstead, nominated by Cr Dorsett and Cr Newstead.

Cr Scott accepted this nomination.

Cr Newstead accepted this nomination.

2410/E002

RESOLVED:

That Council:

2. Note the nomination(s) for position of Deputy Mayor.
3. If more than one nomination is received for the position of Deputy Mayor, conduct the election by preferential ballot.

(Reynolds/Scott)

CARRIED

The General Manager conducted the election.

The General Manager declared Cr Scott as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming Mayoral term.

CENTRAL TABLELANDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL

The General Manager announced that 4 nominations had been received for the 2 delegate positions for Central Tablelands Water County Council being:

- Cr Dorsett, nominated by Cr Reynolds and Cr Scott.
- Cr Gosewisch, nominated by Cr Reynolds and Cr Pryse Jones.
- Cr Scott, nominated by Cr Reynolds and Cr Dorsett.
- Cr Newstead, nominated by Cr Reynolds and Cr Newstead.

Cr Dorsett accepted this nomination.

Cr Gosewisch accepted this nomination.

Cr Scott withdrew this nomination.
Cr Newstead accepted this nomination.

2410/E003 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the nomination(s) for position of Delegates to Central Tablelands Water County Council; and
2. If more than two nominations are received an election be held and determined by preferential ballot in accordance with the Regulations.

(Pryse Jones/Reynolds)

CARRIED

The General Manager conducted the election.

The General Manager declared Cr Gosewisch as the first Council delegate to Central Tablelands Water County Council.

The General Manager declared Cr Newstead as the second Council delegate to Central Tablelands Water County Council.

CENTRAL TABLELANDS WEEDS AUTHORITY

The General Manager announced that 4 nominations had been received for the 2 delegate positions for Central Tablelands Weeds Authority being:

- Cr Reynolds, nominated by Cr Dorsett and Cr Scott.
- Cr Dorsett, nominated by Cr Reynolds and Cr Scott.
- Cr Pryse Jones, nominated by Cr Reynolds and Cr Gosewisch.
- Cr Newstead, nominated by Cr Reynolds and Cr Newstead

Cr Reynolds accepted this nomination.

Cr Dorsett accepted this nomination.

Cr Pryse Jones accepted this nomination.

Cr Newstead withdrew this nomination.

2410/E004 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the nomination(s) for position of Delegates to Central Tablelands Weeds Authority; and
2. If more than two nominations are received an election be held and determined by preferential ballot in accordance with the Regulations.

(Scott/Pryse Jones)

CARRIED

The General Manager conducted the election.

The General Manager declared Cr Dorsett as the first Council delegate to Central Tablelands Weeds Authority.

The General Manager declared Cr Pryse Jones as the second Council delegate to Central Tablelands Weeds Authority.

The General Manager vacated the Chair. The Mayor assumed the role of Chairperson and presided over the remainder of the Council meeting.

OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING DATE

2410/E005 RESOLVED:

That Council set the Ordinary Meeting of Council, to be 6.00pm in the Blayney Shire Community Centre on Tuesday 22 October 2024.

(Scott/Dorsett)
CARRIED

COUNTBACK BY-ELECTIONS

2410/E006 RESOLVED:

Pursuant to section 291A(1)(b) of the Local Government Act (1993) (the Act) Blayney Shire Council declares that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of councillors for the Council on Saturday 14 September 2024 are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with section 291A of the Act and directs the General Manager to notify the NSW Electoral Commissioner of the Council's decision.

(Newstead/Dorsett)
CARRIED

LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

2410/E007 RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Nominate the Mayor as voting delegate to the 2024 LGNSW Annual Conference; and
2. Approve the registration and attendance of: Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Dorsett and Cr Gosewisch as Blayney Shire Council Delegates to attend the LGNSW Conference in 2024.

(Newstead/Hutchings)
CARRIED

BLAYNEY SHIRE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

2410/E008 RESOLVED:

That Council appoint Councillor Newstead and Councillor Hutchings (alternate) as delegates to the Blayney Shire Local Traffic Committee.

(Newstead/Gosewisch)
CARRIED

The Minute Numbers 2410/E001 to 2410/E008 were confirmed on 22 October 2024 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 3 October 2024.

Meeting concluded at 6.49pm

Cr Bruce Reynolds

CHAIR

03) 2023/24 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**Department:** Executive Services**Author:** Chief Financial Officer**CSP Link:** 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance**File No:** FM.FR.1**Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the 2023/24 Financial Statements and accept the Auditor's Report, as submitted by the NSW Audit Office.

Reason for Report:

For the 2023/24 audited financial statements to be presented to Council.

Report:

Council will receive a presentation on Council's 2023/24 Financial Statements by Farisha Ali, Associate Director – Financial Audit, NSW Audit Office.

Pursuant to s.413(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to prepare Financial Reports and refer those reports to audit within 4 months after the end of the financial year (s.416 (1)).

On completion, s.419 of the Act requires Council to present its audited financial statements, together with the signed auditor's reports, at a meeting of the Council. The date of the above meeting must be no more than 5 weeks after signature of the auditor's report. The date of the auditor's report is 4 October 2024.

Income Statement

For the 2023/24 financial year Council has presented a net operating result of \$13.87m, with a net operating result before the inclusion of grants and contributions for capital purposes of \$687k as detailed in Table 1 below.

Table 1 – Income Statement**Blayney Shire Council****Income Statement**

for the year ended 30 June 2024

Original unaudited budget 2024	\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2024	Actual 2023
	Income from continuing operations			
13,284	Rates and annual charges	B2-1	12,990	12,222
1,564	User charges and fees	B2-2	1,939	2,049
324	Other revenues	B2-3	400	316
6,002	Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	B2-4	5,930	6,457
6,329	Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	B2-4	13,187	10,443
647	Interest and investment income	B2-5	1,468	730
160	Other income	B2-6	548	544
28,310	Total income from continuing operations		36,462	32,761
	Expenses from continuing operations			
7,849	Employee benefits and on-costs	B3-1	6,937	6,970
6,390	Materials and services	B3-2	5,538	5,329
195	Borrowing costs	B3-3	159	273
7,418	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	B3-4	8,539	7,514
1,166	Other expenses	B3-5	1,065	847
39	Net loss from the disposal of assets	B4-1	350	229
23,057	Total expenses from continuing operations		22,588	21,162
5,253	Operating result from continuing operations		13,874	11,599
5,253	Net operating result for the year attributable to Council		13,874	11,599
(1,076)	Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes		687	1,156

The above Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Performance Indicators

These indicators are intended to be indicative of the financial health and presence of good business management practices being conducted at Council.

Council's Operating Performance Ratio measures the ability of Council to contain operating expenditure within its operating revenue. In 2023/24 the consolidated draft ratio is 2.80% which is above the Office of Local Government benchmark of 0%. By fund, the measures are 2.02% for the General Fund and 10.00% for the Sewer Fund.

Council's ability to pay current obligations is currently above the industry benchmark. Council's consolidated unrestricted current ratio is 6.23x with the OLG benchmark at 1.5x.

Council has been fortunate with the level of grant funding received which has supplemented the funding of Council's capital expenditure program in recent years and improved Council's reported operating performance. Council is

likely to see a significant decline in the availability of future grants available which will heavily impact Council's ability to continue to meet this performance indicator.

A summary of draft 2023/24 key performance indicators on a consolidated basis (General Fund and Sewer Fund) is provided in Table 2 below and included in the enclosed draft 2023/24 Financial Statements (refer Note G4-1 on page 80 of 91).

Table 2 – Note G4-1 Statement of performance measures

G4-1 Statement of performance measures – consolidated results

\$ '000	Amounts 2024	Indicator 2024	Indicators 2023	Indicators 2022	Benchmark
1. Operating performance ratio					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses ^{1,2}	641	2.80%	4.51%	(1.96)%	> 0.00%
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions ¹	22,879				
2. Own source operating revenue ratio					
Total continuing operating revenue excluding all grants and contributions ¹	16,949	46.99%	47.78%	47.90%	> 60.00%
Total continuing operating revenue ¹	36,066				
3. Unrestricted current ratio					
Current assets less all external restrictions	19,487	6.23x	5.68x	4.67x	> 1.50x
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	3,130				
4. Debt service cover ratio					
Operating result before capital excluding interest and depreciation/impairment/amortisation ¹	9,339	12.19x	9.55x	8.44x	> 2.00x
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)	766				
5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage					
Rates and annual charges outstanding	222	1.69%	1.24%	1.58%	< 10.00%
Rates and annual charges collectable	13,172				
6. Cash expense cover ratio					
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits	33,042	24.87	22.65	15.97	> 3.00
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	1,329	months	months	months	months

(1) Excludes fair value increments on investment properties, reversal of revaluation decrements, reversal of impairment losses on receivables, net gain on sale of assets and net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method and includes pensioner rate subsidies

(2) Excludes impairment/revaluation decrements of IPPE, fair value decrements on investment properties, net loss on disposal of assets and net loss on share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method

Restricted Cash

The external restrictions decreased with nett transfers out of \$1.99m, largely as a result of utilisation of upfront milestone payments for capital grant funding received from Resources for Regions Round 9, Stronger Country Communities Round 5 and Flood Recovery Grant received in 2022/23.

The internal allocations (restrictions) increased with nett transfers to of \$1.86m largely as a result of advance payment of the 2024/25 Financial Assistance Grant.

The total Restricted Cash balance at 30 June 2024 was \$18.34m with \$10.61m in internal allocations and an unrestricted cash balance of \$4.09m.

A summary of Council's internal allocations and external restrictions is detailed below.

Table 3 – Note C1-3 Restricted and allocated cash, cash equivalents and investments

C1-3 Restricted and allocated cash, cash equivalents and investments

\$ '000	2024	2023
(a) Externally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments		
Total cash, cash equivalents and investments	33,042	29,271
Less: Externally restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments	(18,340)	(20,329)
Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions	14,702	8,942
External restrictions		
External restrictions – included in liabilities		
External restrictions included in cash, cash equivalents and investments above comprise:		
Specific purpose unexpended grants – general fund	5,163	9,136
Specific purpose unexpended grants – sewer fund	61	–
External restrictions – included in liabilities	5,224	9,136
External restrictions – other		
External restrictions included in cash, cash equivalents and investments above comprise:		
Developer contributions – General Fund	1,683	1,532
Developer contributions – sewer fund	2,058	1,628
Specific purpose unexpended grants (recognised as revenue) – general fund	1,503	–
Sewer fund	6,625	6,439
Voluntary planning agreements	589	524
Special variation rates - mining	–	403
Domestic waste management	658	667
External restrictions – other	13,116	11,193
Total external restrictions	18,340	20,329

Cash, cash equivalents and investments subject to external restrictions are those which are only available for specific use by Council due to a restriction placed by legislation or third-party contractual agreement.

C1-3 Restricted and allocated cash, cash equivalents and investments (continued)

\$ '000	2024	2023
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(b) Internal allocations**Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions**

	14,702	8,942
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Internal allocations

At 30 June, Council has internally allocated funds to the following:

Plant and vehicle replacement	1,769	1,731
Employees leave entitlement	1,063	1,068
Emergency Works / Natural Disaster	70	–
Centrepont	35	61
Election reserve	89	71
Environmental projects – Belubula River	27	27
Financial Assistance Grant	3,145	1,869
I.T reserve	394	359
Property account	1,565	1,525
Property account - borrowings	733	880
Quarry remediation	806	219
Village enhancement program	232	153
Security bonds, deposits & retentions	465	558
Carryover works	215	230
Total internal allocations	10,608	8,751

Cash, cash equivalents and investments not subject to external restrictions may be internally allocated by resolution or policy of the elected Council.

Capital Expenditure

Council completed over \$14.48m worth of capital works in 2023/24 as detailed in Note C1-7 Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment. Of that \$12.04m was on renewal of existing infrastructure. Significant capital works include:

- Completed works of \$6.37m on Council's road network.
 - \$244k on Forest Reefs Rd
 - \$1.24m on Forest Reefs Rd / Tallwood Rd intersection
 - \$1.21m on Neville Rd heavy patching
 - \$1.08m on Richards Lane
 - \$500k on Tallwood Rd
 - \$658k on Barry Rd
 - \$304k on Garland Rd
 - \$850k on gravel resheeting, resealing and heavy patching program throughout the Shire.
- Completed bridge replacement of \$1.05m on the Belubula Way Bridge
- Footpath construction works totalled \$1.49m
 - \$221k for commencement Stage 4 of the Belubula River Walk
 - \$794k for finalisation of parking and pedestrian integration at King George Oval
 - \$139k on construction of new footpaths in Millthorpe on Glenorie Road and Elliot Street
 - \$147k on Trunkey St shared path in Newbridge
- Finalisation of stormwater renewals of \$1.54m in Stabback / Unwin Streets Millthorpe.

- Plant replacements of \$1.25m including the replacement of a grader and 2 watercarts.
- Building works of \$797k including amenities upgrade at Carrington and Heritage Park's and finalisation of the Blayney RFS station.
- \$449k on works at the Sewerage Treatment Plant including finalisation of works at the recycled water treatment plant and relining of sewer mains.

Table 4 provides an overview of asset performance indicators on a consolidated basis (General Fund and Sewer Fund) against the OLG Benchmarks.

Table 4 – Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2024

Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2024

Infrastructure asset performance indicators (consolidated) *					
\$ '000	Amounts 2024	Indicator 2024	Indicators 2023	Indicators 2022	Benchmark
Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio					
Asset renewals ¹	10,155	154.68%	205.14%	212.83%	> 100.00%
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	6,565				
Infrastructure backlog ratio					
Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory standard	17,063	4.55%	5.52%	3.28%	< 2.00%
Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets	375,292				
Asset maintenance ratio					
Actual asset maintenance	4,496	101.86%	104.88%	116.96%	> 100.00%
Required asset maintenance	4,414				
Cost to bring assets to agreed service level					
Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council	4,471	0.95%	1.20%	0.75%	
Gross replacement cost	470,119				

(*) All asset performance indicators are calculated using classes identified in the previous table.

(1) Asset renewals represent the replacement and/or refurbishment of existing assets to an equivalent capacity/performance as opposed to the acquisition of new assets (or the refurbishment of old assets) that increases capacity/performance.

A copy of the 2023/24 Financial Statements can be found appended to the 2023/24 Annual Report which is the subject of a separate report (commencing from page 50 (A2) of the Annual Report attachment).

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

The Local Government Act (1993) s.416 states that Council's financial statements must be prepared and audited by 31 October 2024.

Council's audited financial statements were lodged with the Office of Local Government on 8 October 2024.

The Local Government Act (1993) s.418 requires Council to give notice to the public on presentation of the financial statements at least 7 days prior to the meeting and invite submissions to be received. Submissions close 29 October 2024.

Audit Opinion

The NSW Audit Office have expressed an unmodified opinion on the GPFS, the SPFS for declared business activities and the Schedule.

There were two uncorrected monetary misstatements as disclosed in the table below which were below the materiality threshold and did not require correction in the financial statements.

The fair value of community land was assessed by review of movement in the VG land valuation and was deemed to be below the materiality threshold for this asset sub class.

The valuations on a number of parcels have fluctuated both up and down from the prior year and did not seem a reliable source therefore Council relied on the 2022/23 land valuations currently used for rating purposes and did not reflect the change as highlighted in the audit report.

Council assessed the fair value of the remaining infrastructure asset classes and applied the relevant indexes published as at 31 March 2024. Due to the timing constraints of the financial statement audit, Council was unable to wait for release of the June quarter index released on 2 August 2024.

The difference between the 31 March 2024 and June 2024 indexes was not considered material with \$17.9m already booked to the asset revaluation reserve.

Uncorrected monetary misstatements

Description	Assets	Liabilities	Net operating result for the year	Other comprehensive income
Effect of correction	Increase/ (decrease)	(Increase)/ decrease	(Increase)/ decrease	(Increase)/ decrease
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Judgemental misstatements				
Community land indexation movement not recorded by Council	320	-	-	(320)
Indexation applied to Road assets based on March 2024 data instead of June 2024 resulting in an understatement	649			(649)
Subtotal	969	-	-	(969)
Total impact of corrected misstatements	969	-	-	(969)

Budget Implications:

The income statement reports Council's original budget against actual results. As at 30 June 2024 the Income from Continuing Operations was \$36.46m compared to \$28.31m budgeted.

Actual operating expenditure was \$22.59m compared to \$23.08m budgeted. This resulted in a net operating result from continuing operations of \$13.87m compared to \$5.25m budgeted.

Net operating result from continuing operations before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes of \$687k surplus compared to (\$1.07m) budgeted deficit.

Capital expenditure was \$14.48m compared to Council's original budget of \$11.05m before the inclusion of carryover works from 2022/23.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

04) QUARTERLY OUTSTANDING RESOLUTION REPORT**Department:** Executive Services**Author:** General Manager**CSP Link:** 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance**File No:** GO.ME.1

Recommendation:

That Council note the Outstanding Resolution Report to September 2024.

Reason for Report:

The General Manager is responsible for ensuring that Council's policies, decisions and priorities are implemented in a timely and efficient manner, consistent with the goals and objectives of Council.

After a Council meeting, each resolution is allocated to the responsible officer to action in accordance with the intent of the Council decision.

Council have requested an Outstanding Resolution Report on a quarterly basis.

Report:

This Council Outstanding Resolution Report includes Council Resolutions up to and including the previous Council Meeting.

There are 8 resolutions in the report. An update is provided in the comments section from the relevant responsible officer.

It should be noted that;

- Road related land matters, are captured and transferred to a land register, and
- Traffic Committee matters are captured and transferred to a traffic register.

There are currently;

- 19 resolutions outstanding on the land register (which is available on the Councillor portal); and
- 7 resolutions outstanding on the traffic register.

Date of Meeting	Res. No	Resolution	Owner	Comments
15-Nov-21	2111/007	Blayney Medium Scale Solar Array Project RESOLVED That Council; 1. Endorse the Blayney Medium Scale Solar Array project Business Case and refer to the new Council for consideration following receipt of a Peer Review of the Business Case, finalisation of the Capital Expenditure Review and assessment of financial implications. 2. Approve the General Manager progressing discussion with another Council(s) for a potential joint arrangement for the project. 3. Approve a supplementary vote of \$40k from the Property Account, to engage a consultant to prepare documentation required for the Development Application and fees associated with lodgement of the Development Application.	GM	<p>Council declined an offer for the purchase of 31 Gerty Street at the 21 May 2024 meeting.</p> <p>Council is awaiting to see if an improved offer will be made for consideration.</p> <p>Council has recently met with businesses potentially interested in purchasing industrial land, including this site.</p>

Date of Meeting	Res. No	Resolution	Owner	Comments
19-Dec-22	2212/017	<p>Planning Proposal to Amend Blayney Local Environmental Plan 2012 – RU2 Rural Landscape to R2 Low Density Residential – 34 Charles Street, Blayney</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit the Planning Proposal to the Minister for Planning in accordance with Section 3.34(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, requesting a Gateway Determination, pursuant to Section 3.34(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. 2. Request delegation to finalise and make the draft Local Environmental Plan, pursuant to Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. 3. Prepare and exhibit an amendment to the Blayney Shire Development Control Plan 2018 to include development controls relating to the subject property in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. 4. Require, prior to submitting the Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination, that the landowner be advised and agree to paying all reasonable costs involved for Council to amend the Blayney Shire Development Control Plan 2018. 	DPES	Applicant is waiting for the Town of Blayney Flood Study to be progressed prior to being able to submit their own updated Flood Study.

Date of Meeting	Res. No	Resolution	Owner	Comments
16-Apr-24	2404/007	<p>Minutes Of The Financial Assistance Committee Meeting held 2 April 2024</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Council;</p> <p>2. Engage with event organisers to investigate the possibility of changing the route for ANZAC Day marches to minimise traffic management costs borne under the Community Financial Assistance Program.</p> <p>3. Review the Community Financial Assistance Policy (3I) in relation to its application to financial assistance for:</p> <p>a. the purchase of sporting equipment by Sporting Clubs;</p> <p>b. costs associated with the holding of community events, over and above assistance provided through the waiver of Council fees (as distinct from funding available under the Tourism Development Program);</p> <p>c. renovations and repairs to heritage buildings within the Shire (as distinct from funding available under the Local Heritage Assistance Fund).</p>	DCS	<p>In progress.</p> <p>GM has spoken to RSL. There is no desire to change route. Council to apply for a grant to seeking to offset the cost of traffic control.</p> <p>Review of Community Financial Assistance Program will take place in 2024/25. Initial discussion held at July and August Councillor Workshops.</p>
21-May-24	2405/013	<p>Proposed Road Closure - Lot 4 DP 1238468</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Council:</p> <p>1. Endorse the closure of the old Newbridge Road alignment being Lot 4 DP1238468, in accordance with s.38 Roads Act 1993.</p> <p>2. Exhibit public notification of Council's intention to classify the land as operational land.</p> <p>3. Have a further report presented to a future Council meeting to consider any submissions lodged during the notification period and to make a decision on approval for the proposal.</p>	DIS	<p>Advertised in Blayney Chronicle 20 June 2024.</p> <p>Transferred to Lands Register.</p>

Date of Meeting	Res. No	Resolution	Owner	Comments
21-May-24	2405/015	Planning Proposal to Amend the Blayney Local Environmental Plan 2012 - Clarke Street Reclassification RESOLVED That Council 1. Submit the Planning Proposal to the Minister for Planning in accordance with Section 3.34(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, requesting a Gateway Determination, pursuant to Section 3.34(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. 2. Request delegation to finalise and make the draft Local Environmental Plan, pursuant to Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.	DPES	The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has advised the matter is expected to be finalised on Friday 18 October 2024
27-Aug-24	2408/002	Millthorpe Village Centre Community Consultation RESOLVED That Council; 3. Be presented with a further report upon finalisation of the scope and budget estimates for works to be completed in 2024/25, prior to those construction works commencing.	DIS	Further report to be provided to Council before end 2024.

Date of Meeting	Res. No	Resolution	Owner	Comments
27-Aug-24	2408/010	Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held 21 August 2024 RESOLVED That Council; 4. Undertake a review of procurement in 2024/25 as its next audit on the internal audit program. 5. Prepare an Action Plan for the recommendations contained in the Review of the Richards Lane Culvert project and report the plan back to the Committee. 6. Update the committee on the completion of urgent tasks arising from the Review of the Richards Lane Culvert project and progression of remaining tasks.	DCS	Review of Procurement scheduled to be undertaken. Action plan & update to ARIC scheduled to be undertaken for next ARIC meeting on 14 November 2024.
27-Aug-24	2408/018	Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held 9 August 2024 RESOLVED That Council; 3. Alter bus times for the bus zone in Park Street, Millthorpe opposite the Millthorpe Public School to be: <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00am – 9:00am <input type="checkbox"/> 2:30pm – 5:00pm 4. Alter bus times for the bus zone in Martin Street, Blayney to be: <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday 5. That Council install road lines and chevron markings in Gold Street Mandurama (near Mandurama Hall) – in front of and 2m either side of the laneway to denote no parking and then remove the No Stopping signage.	DIS	Moved to Traffic Register.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Nil

Budget Implications:

Nil

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

05) COUNCIL MEETING DATES**Department:** Executive Services**Author:** General Manager**CSP Link:** 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance**File No:** GO.ME.2

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Adopt the following dates for Ordinary Meetings of Council for the next 12 months, to be held at 6.00pm predominantly in the Blayney Shire Community Centre:
 - 26 November 2024
 - 17 December 2024
 - 25 February 2025
 - 25 March 2025
 - 22 April 2025
 - 27 May 2025
 - 24 June 2025
 - 22 July 2025
 - 26 August 2025
 - 23 September 2025
2. Amend and update section 3.1 of Policy 1C – Code of Meeting Practice to reflect the change in meeting day and time.

Reason for Report:

For Council to review and adopt a meeting schedule for the Ordinary Meetings of Council for the next 12 months as per s3.1 of Blayney Shire Council Code of Meeting Practice (2022).

Report:

Council has traditionally convened 11 Ordinary Meetings each year (no January meeting), held in the Council Chambers of the Blayney Shire Community Centre commencing at 6.00pm, generally on the third Tuesday of each month.

It is highlighted that the proposed schedule in the recommendation is predominantly the fourth Tuesday of the month, as this will align better for the June and August meetings.

An Extraordinary may need to be called in April or May, pending completion of Councils draft Integrated Planning & Reporting documentation for community consultation and when Council seeks to adopt the final documentation.

Note: This does not preclude the calling of an Extraordinary Meeting when the necessity arises for a particular issue, at the request of Councillors or staff by the authorisation of the Mayor.

With commencement of a new Council, now is the time to review existing meeting time and dates, identifying improvements that provide improvements to all stakeholders with minimal detrimental impact.

Other Councils

Other Council meeting day and times vary significantly throughout the region.

Council	Day	Time
Cowra	4 th Monday of month	5.00pm
Lithgow	4 th Monday of month	7.00pm
Forbes	3 rd Tuesday of month	1.00pm
Parkes	3 rd Tuesday of month	2.00pm
Oberon	3 rd Tuesday of month	5.30pm
Orange	3 rd Tuesday of month	6.30pm
Cabonne	4 th Tuesday of month	2.00pm
CTW	2 nd Wednesday (alternate months) Now moving to 3 rd Wednesday of the month)	10.30am
Bathurst	3 rd Wednesday of month	6.00pm
Lachlan	4 th Wednesday of month	2.00pm
Hilltops	4 th Wednesday of month	4.30pm
Weddin	3 rd Thursday of month	5.00pm
UMCC	2 nd Friday (alternate months)	2.30pm

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

The Local Government Act (1993) s365 stipulates the requirement for Council to meet at least 10 times per annum, each time in a different month.

The Blayney Shire Council Code of Meeting Practice (2022) and Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW (2021) s3.1 refers to Frequency of Meetings and notes that Council will adopt an annual schedule of dates at the September meeting.

This schedule does not include various Committee meetings, extraordinary Council meetings, workshops or training, civic functions and other commitments of Councillors. Council Committees will continue for the remaining term of Council, along their adopted meeting schedule.

Budget Implications:

Council meetings are a normal part of the operation of the organisation and budgeted for in the 2024/25 Operational Plan. This includes travel reimbursement costs of Councillors and catering for meals.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

06) COUNTRY MAYORS ASSOCIATION**Department:** Executive Services**Author:** General Manager**CSP Link:** 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance**File No:** GO.ME.1

Recommendation:

That Council confirm the Mayor and General Manager as Blayney Shire Council as delegates to the Country Mayors Association of NSW.

Reason for Report:

To seek Council's confirmation of Blayney Shire Council representation on various committees with relevance to the Blayney Shire.

Report:

Council is a financial member of the Country Mayors Association of NSW.

Membership includes the nomination of 2 Delegates, which to date (as is the case for most NSW Councils) has been the Mayor and General Manager.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

The NSW Local Government Act (1993) s226(m) provides that the Mayor represents Council on regional organisations, intergovernmental bodies and other organisations.

Budget Implications:

The annual membership fee to Country Mayors of \$562.50 is included in the 2024/25 Operational Plan which is set on a population base pro rata amount

Travel, accommodation and incidental expenses in undertaking duties, roles and responsibilities as delegates representing Council are usually organised and paid for by Council or covered by Council's Payment of Expenses and Provisions of facilities to Mayors and Councillors Policy (1A).

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

**07) ASSOCIATION OF MINING AND ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS
NSW**

Department: Executive Services

Author: General Manager

CSP Link: 3. Diversify and Grow the Blayney Shire Local and Visitor Economy

File No: GO.ME.1

Recommendation:

That Council confirm the Mayor and General Manager as Blayney Shire Council as delegates to the Mining and Energy Related Councils NSW.

Reason for Report:

To seek Council's confirmation of Blayney Shire Council representation on various committees with relevance to the Blayney Shire.

Report:

The Mining and Energy Related Councils NSW Association represents mining related councils and their communities throughout NSW.

The Association's mission is to advocate on behalf of members and their communities on mining related issues and to ensure that mining activity is conducted in accordance with the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development. The breadth of issues now includes renewable energy such as wind and solar.

Meetings are held quarterly, either online, in Sydney or hosted by a member Council which includes a tour of that region's mining activities.

Council membership provides for 2 voting delegates as nominated by the Council. Blayney Shire Council has been a long term member of this organisation and to date the Mayor and General Manager have been Blayney Shire Council representatives.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

The NSW Local Government Act (1993) s226(m) provides that the Mayor represents Council on regional organisations, intergovernmental bodies and other organisations.

Budget Implications:

The annual membership fee to Mining and Energy Related Councils of \$9,680 is included in the 2024/25 Operational Plan.

Travel, accommodation and incidental expenses in undertaking duties, roles and responsibilities as delegates representing Council are usually organised and paid for by Council or covered by Council's Payment of Expenses and Provisions of facilities to Mayors and Councillors Policy (1A).

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

08) CENTRAL NSW JOINT ORGANISATION (CNSWJO) BOARD

Department: Executive Services

Author: General Manager

CSP Link: 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance

File No: GO.CO.1

Recommendation:

That Council confirm the Mayor as Blayney Shire Council Delegate and Deputy Mayor as the Alternate Delegate to the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Board.

Reason for Report:

To seek Council's confirmation of Blayney Shire Council representation on various committees with relevance to the Blayney Shire through the appointment of voting delegates.

Report:

The Joint Organisation for the Central West is called the Central NSW Joint Organisation (Central NSW JO).

Established by proclamation on 18 May 2018, the 11 member Councils include; Bathurst Regional Council, Blayney Shire Council, Cabonne Council, Cowra Council, Forbes Shire Council, Lachlan Shire Council, Lithgow City Council, Oberon Council, Orange City Council, Parkes Shire Council and Weddin Shire Council.

Associate Members include; Central Tablelands Water, Regional Development Australia – Central West and Department of Regional NSW.

Board meetings are held quarterly throughout the region, with 1 meeting held at Parliament House in Sydney and 1 meeting held at Parliament House in Canberra each year.

The Board consists of the Mayors of each Member Council, who are the voting representatives and an alternate voting representative as appointed by the Member Council.

The General Manager is a non-voting representative of the Board, but a voting member of the General Manager's Advisory council (GMAC).

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

The NSW Local Government Act (1993) s226(m) provides that the Mayor represents Council on regional organisations, intergovernmental bodies and other organisations.

Section 400R of the Local Government Act 1993 identifies the three principal functions of Joint Organisations as follows:

1. To establish strategic regional priorities for the joint organisation area and to establish strategies and plans for delivering those strategic regional priorities
2. To provide regional leadership for the joint organisation area and to be an advocate for strategic regional priorities
3. To identify and take up opportunities for inter-governmental co-operation on matters relating to the joint organisation area

In accordance with the Central NSW JO Charter, the organisation may perform ancillary functions if: the objective of undertaking those functions is to provide support for the operations of its Member Councils aimed at strengthening local government in its joint organisation area; and the scope, operational principles and business plan for those Supplementary Functions is approved by a Special Resolution of the Board.

Budget Implications:

The annual membership fee of \$51,802.30 to CNSWJO is included in the 2024/25 Operational Plan which is set on a population base pro rata amount; with additional membership layers for Water Utilities Alliance, WHS and HR Safety Training and Central NSW Tourism.

Travel, accommodation and incidental expenses in undertaking duties, roles and responsibilities as delegates representing Council are usually organised and paid for by Council or covered by Council's Payment of Expenses and Provisions of facilities to Mayors and Councillors Policy (1A).

The JO measures return to members year after year, the financial year 2022/2023 had a return on investment of 9.4:1 for every membership fee paid and for 2023/2024 it was 8.3:1.

For more information on CNSWJO please refer to their website <https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/>. Last year's Annual Report can be found at <https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/publications/> and provides a good overview of a typical year for the JO.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

09) MCPHILLAMYS GOLD PROJECT COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Department: Executive Services

Author: General Manager

CSP Link: 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance

File No: GR.LR.1

Recommendation:

That Council;

1. Appoint **Councillor X** as Blayney Shire Council representative to the McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee.
2. Appoint **Councillor X or General Manager** as Blayney Shire Council alternate representative to the McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee.

Reason for Report:

For Council to nominate a representative and alternate representative from Blayney Shire Council to sit on the McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee.

Report:

The Community Consultative Committee (CCC) has an advisory and consultative role and is not a decision making or regulatory body.

The purpose of the committee is to provide a forum for discussion between Regis Resources Ltd and representatives from the community, stakeholder groups and local government.

More specifically, the CCC objectives include;

- establishing good relationships between proponents of State significant projects, the local community, stakeholder groups and Councils
- facilitating communication and keeping the community informed
- providing a forum for feedback to the proponent on community concerns, complaints or community initiatives

Representatives from each of the local government areas concerned; Blayney, Cabonne and Bathurst have been invited to nominate a representative for this CCC.

Whilst community representatives are appointed via a selection process overseen by the Independent Chair, the proponent and local Council will appoint their representatives directly.

If not a Councillor, it is proposed that the General Manager who has the necessary authority to share information, provide feedback and communicate with Councillors and the community, be nominated as Council's representative at this particular time of the development proposal.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

The CCC must be established in accordance with the NSW Department of Planning (DPE) CCC Guidelines for State Significant Projects, attached under separate cover to this report for Council information. These guidelines are also available on DPE website <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Guidelines/community-consultative-committee-guidelines-state-significant-projects-2016-10.ashx>

Council's representative may be a Councillor, a member of staff or a community person, nominated by Council.

Council's General Manager is the current Council representative on the McPhillamys Gold Project CCC.

Budget Implications:

Minimal as Councillors travel expenses in undertaking their duties, roles and responsibilities including representing Council are addressed in Council's Payment of Expenses and Provisions of facilities to Mayors and Councillors Policy.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

10) FLYERS CREEK COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**Department:** Executive Services**Author:** General Manager**CSP Link:** 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance**File No:** GR.LR.1

Recommendation:

That Council;

1. Appoint **Councillor X** as Blayney Shire Council representative to the Flyers Creek Community Consultative Committee.
2. Appoint **Councillor X or Director of Planning & Environmental Services** as Blayney Shire Council alternate representative to the Flyers Creek Community Consultative Committee.

Reason for Report:

For Council to nominate a representative and alternate representative from Blayney Shire Council to sit on the Flyers Creek Community Consultative Committee.

Report:

The Community Consultative Committee (CCC) has an advisory and consultative role and is not a decision making or regulatory body.

The purpose of the committee is to provide a forum for discussion between Iberdrola and representatives from the community, stakeholder groups and local government.

More specifically, the CCC objectives include;

- establishing good relationships between proponents of State significant projects, the local community, stakeholder groups and Councils
- facilitating communication and keeping the community informed
- providing a forum for feedback to the proponent on community concerns, complaints or community initiatives

Whilst community representatives are appointed via a selection process overseen by the Independent Chair, the proponent and local Council will appoint their representatives directly.

If not a Councillor, it is proposed that the Director Planning & Environmental Services who has the necessary authority to share information, provide feedback and communicate with Councillors and the community, be nominated as Council's representative.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

The CCC must be established in accordance with the NSW Department of Planning (DPE) CCC Guidelines for State Significant Projects, attached under separate cover to this report for Council information. These guidelines are also available on DPE website <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Guidelines/community-consultative-committee-guidelines-state-significant-projects-2016-10.ashx>

Council's representative may be a Councillor, a member of staff or a community person, nominated by Council.

Council's Director Planning and Environmental Services is the current Council representative on the Flyers Creek CCC.

Budget Implications:

Minimal as Councillors travel expenses in undertaking their duties, roles and responsibilities including representing Council are addressed in Council's Payment of Expenses and Provisions of facilities to Mayors and Councillors Policy.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

11) CADIA VALLEY OPERATIONS COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Department: Executive Services

Author: General Manager

CSP Link: 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance

File No: GR.LR.1

Recommendation:

That Council;

1. Appoint **Councillor X** as Blayney Shire Council representative to the Cadia Valley Operations Community Consultative Committee.
2. Appoint **Councillor X or Director of Planning & Environmental Services** as Blayney Shire Council alternate representative to the Cadia Valley Operations Community Consultative Committee.

Reason for Report:

For Council to nominate a representative and alternate representative from Blayney Shire Council to sit on the Cadia Valley Operations Community Consultative Committee.

Report:

The Community Consultative Committee (CCC) has an advisory and consultative role and is not a decision making or regulatory body.

The purpose of the committee is to provide a forum for discussion between Cadia and representatives from the community, stakeholder groups and local government.

More specifically, the CCC objectives include;

- establishing good relationships between proponents of State significant projects, the local community, stakeholder groups and Councils
- facilitating communication and keeping the community informed
- providing a forum for feedback to the proponent on community concerns, complaints or community initiatives

Whilst community representatives are appointed via a selection process overseen by the Independent Chair, the proponent and local Council will appoint their representatives directly.

If not a Councillor, it is proposed that the Director Planning & Environmental Services who has the necessary authority to share information, provide feedback and communicate with Councillors and the community, be nominated as Council's representative.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

The CCC must be established in accordance with the NSW Department of Planning (DPE) CCC Guidelines for State Significant Projects, attached under separate cover to this report for Council information. These guidelines are also available on DPE website <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Guidelines/community-consultative-committee-guidelines-state-significant-projects-2016-10.ashx>

Council's representative may be a Councillor, a member of staff or a community person, nominated by Council.

Council's Director Planning and Environmental Services is the current Council representative on the Cadia Valley Operations CCC.

Budget Implications:

Minimal as Councillors travel expenses in undertaking their duties, roles and responsibilities including representing Council are addressed in Council's Payment of Expenses and Provisions of facilities to Mayors and Councillors Policy.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

12) ORANGE360 BOARD DELEGATE**Department:** Executive Services**Author:** General Manager**CSP Link:** 3. Diversify and Grow the Blayney Shire Local and Visitor Economy**File No:** CR.RP.4

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Appoint **Councillor X** as the nominated Council representative and as the Director to the Board of TDO Limited trading as Orange360, and
2. **Councillor X** as the alternate Council representative to the Board of TDO Limited trading as Orange360.

Reason for Report:

To nominate the Blayney Shire delegate and alternate as Director of the Board of TDO Limited (Orange360).

Report:

At the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 11 June 2024, Council approved the execution of the 2 year funding agreement between Council and TDO Limited trading as Orange360 (**Resolution No 2406/E001**).

Council is now required to appoint a member to the Orange360 Board of Directors.

The new agreement executed in June 2024 is \$71,650 each year (indexed by CPI annually).

Orange360's primary role as our Regional Tourism Organisation, is to drive the value of our visitor economy by increasing visitor numbers and the level of activity they enjoy during their stay.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

The TDO Ltd Constitution sets out the composition of the Board and includes 1 Director from each Council being: Blayney, Cabonne and Orange City.

The position of a Director on the Board of TDO Limited remains so long as each Council continues to provide funding to the Company.

Each Appointed Director may by notice in writing appoint (and may remove) an Alternate Director to attend, be counted in a quorum and to vote at all meetings of the Board at which the Director is not personally present. For a Director who is a Council representative this is by resolution of Council.

Budget Implications:

Councillors travel expenses in undertaking their duties, roles and responsibilities include representing Council are addressed in Council's Payment of Expenses and Provisions of facilities to Mayors and Councillors Policy.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

13) BLAYNEY SHIRE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE**Department:** Executive Services**Author:** General Manager**CSP Link:** 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance**File No:** GO.CO.5

Recommendation:

That Council;

1. Endorse the Blayney Shire Financial Assistance Program Committee;
 - a. as a Committee of Council to exercise its functions on Council's behalf as per section 355(b) of the NSW Local Government Act (1993) and division 5 (s259-271) of the Local Government Regulations (2005);
 - b. with a quorum of 5; and
 - c. with the appointment of the following members:
 - 2 Councillors; and
 - General Manager (or their delegate) of Newmont Mining; and
 - Delegate from the Flyers Creek Wind Farm; and
 - 5 community representatives.
2. Delegate the role to the Blayney Shire Financial Assistance Program Committee, in accordance with s356 of the Local Government Act (1993), the Blayney Shire Community Financial Assistance Policy and current Blayney Shire Community Financial Assistance Guidelines, to;
 - a. undertake the assessment of applications received;
 - b. provide detailed recommendations to Council for the granting or otherwise of such financial assistance;
 - c. review on an annual basis and make recommendations to Council Recurrent Annual Donations List.
3. Appoint **Councillor X** as Chair, of the Blayney Shire Financial Assistance Program Committee.
4. Appoint **Councillor X** as a member and alternate chair, of the Blayney Shire Financial Assistance Program Committee.
5. Proceed to undertake a public Expression of Interest process seeking nominations for community members interested in being appointed by Council to the committee.

Reason for Report:

For Council to appoint Councillor's as member(s), delegate its functions and agree on the community representation to the Blayney Shire Financial Assistance Program Committee.

Report:

The role of the Blayney Shire Financial Assistance Program Committee is to, in accordance with s.356 of the Local Government Act (1993), the Blayney Shire Community Financial Assistance Policy and current Blayney Shire Community Financial Assistance Guidelines;

- i. undertake the assessment of applications received;
- ii. provide detailed recommendations to Council for the granting or otherwise of such financial assistance;
- iii. review on an annual basis and make recommendations to Council Recurrent Annual Donations List.

The committee will meet a minimum two times per year in August and February or as determined by the committee.

The committee of 9 members include:

- 2 Councillors
- The General Manager (or their delegate) of Newmont (Cadia) Mining
- A representative from the Flyers Creek Wind Farm
- 5 community representatives (This was increased from 4 in previous Council term following applications from 5 community members. Council has discretion to amend this number if required.)

The quorum is 5 members.

The Director of Corporate Services provides all administrative functions and secretarial support to this committee of Council and is not a voting delegate or Council representative.

Applications for Round 2 of the 2024/25 Community Financial Assistance Program have an anticipated closing date of 28 February 2025.

It is proposed to expedite establishment of this committee to minimise delays with approval of applications and payment to successful recipients.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Council may establish a Committee of Council to exercise its functions on Council's behalf as per section 355(b) of the NSW Local Government Act (1993) and Local Government Regulations (2005) detail the provisions and operations pertaining to the establishment of Council Committees.

This committee is a small yet very effective group and having the contribution of Newmont (Cadia) and Flyers Creek (Iberdrola) has been of benefit. Whilst there are funds which the committee recommend to allocate, the committee do undertake a lot of reading and make a valuable contribution to the process.

Council has streamlined the application process, with the list of recurrent Annual Donations under s.356 approved by Council annually. There is a set of criteria established for funding under this program, incorporated under the adopted Community Financial Assistance Policy.

Under the previous Council (April 2024 and July 2024 meetings) it was resolved that a review of the Community Financial Assistance Program be undertaken in the new Council term to clarify guidelines and eligibility for funding on the following matters;

1. What is a community event / what is a private event with community benefit.
2. Multiple applications from the same applicant.
3. Definition of eligible sporting equipment
4. Definition of Sports Awards eligibility.
5. Costs associated with the conduct of community events,
6. Renovations and repairs to heritage buildings within the LGA
7. Village Enhancement Plan: Develop guidelines for projects.

Budget Implications:

An amount of \$145,000 is allocated to this program in the 2024/25 Operational Plan that includes \$70,000 approved in the Schedule of Financial Assistance.

Councillors travel expenses in undertaking their duties, roles and responsibilities include representing Council are addressed in Council's Payment of Expenses and Provisions of facilities to Mayors and Councillors Policy.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

14) WESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL**Department:** Executive Services**Author:** General Manager**CSP Link:** 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance**File No:** GO.ME.1

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Endorse and nominate Heather Nicholls – Deputy General Manager, Cabonne Council as one member of the Blayney Shire Council Western Regional Planning Panel.
2. That Council endorse and nominate **Councillor X** as one member of the Blayney Shire Council Western Regional Planning Panel.
3. That Council endorse and nominate **Councillor X** as an alternate member of the Blayney Shire Council Western Regional Planning Panel.

Reason for Report:

To nominate Blayney Shire Council members to the Western Regional Planning Panel for Blayney Shire local government area.

Report:

Regional Planning Panels operate in the following 4 State regions:

- Hunter and Central Coast,
- Southern,
- Northern, and
- Western.

Planning Panels provide independent, merit-based decision making on regionally significant developments. Applications for regionally significant developments are notified and assessed by Council Planning staff and then determined by the Planning Panel.

Planning Panels determine regionally significant development applications (DAs), certain other DAs and modification applications, including:

- Regional development, as outlined in Schedule 7 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011
- Development with a capital investment value (CIV)* over \$30 million
- Development with a CIV over \$5 million which is:
 - Council related,
 - lodged by or on behalf of the Crown (State of NSW)
 - private infrastructure and community facilities, or
 - eco-tourist facilities

- extractive industries, waste facilities and marinas that are designated development,
- certain coastal subdivisions,
- development with a CIV between \$10 million and \$30 million which are referred to the regional panel by the applicant after 120 days,

Developments that meet State Significant Development criteria are not determined by Planning Panels.

Council is required to nominate a minimum 2 persons as nominees to the Planning Panel to sit on proposals within the Blayney Local Government Area.

In accordance with Schedule 4 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, at least 1 of the nominated persons must have expertise in planning, architecture, heritage, the environment, urban design, land economics, traffic and transport, law, engineering or tourism. It is not necessary for the nominee to be a Councillor.

The General Managers of Blayney Shire Council and Cabonne Council have agreed each respective Planning Directors can be one of the other Council's professional nominee for the Western Region Planning Panel; being the Director Planning and Environmental Services (Blayney Shire Council) and Deputy General Manager (Cabonne Council).

Public meetings are held for contentious matters with significant community interest so the panel can hear from those who wish to express their views on the DA before a decision is made.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

The membership and operation of Planning Panels is provided in the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

The Chair and State Members are appointed by the Minister Planning. Blayney Shire Council is required to nominate 2 members and 1 alternate member.

Budget Implications:

Councillors travel expenses in undertaking their duties, roles and responsibilities include representing Council are addressed in Council's Payment of Expenses and Provisions of facilities to Mayors and Councillors Policy.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

15) BLAYNEY SHOWGROUND USER GROUP**Department:** Executive Services**Author:** General Manager**CSP Link:** 4. Enhance facilities and networks that support Health and Wellbeing of the Community, Sport, Heritage and Cultural interests**File No:** GO.ME.1

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. **Proceeds to create / Does not proceed to create** a Blayney Showground User Group Committee.

Subject to 1 above:

2. Develop a charter for the Showground User Group.
3. Appoint **Councillor X** as Chair of the Blayney Showground User Group.
4. Appoint **Councillor X** (as alternate) to the Blayney Showground User Group.

Reason for Report:

To seek Council resolution to form a Blayney Showground User Group Committee.

To confirm Blayney Shire Council representation on the committee through the appointment of delegates.

Report:As per **resolution 2407/012** from the July 2024 meeting:*‘That semi-annual meetings be held with showground user groups, Councillors chaired and an alternate, to progress aspects of the Showground Masterplan.’***Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:**

Council may establish a Committee of Council to exercise its functions on Council's behalf as per section 355(b) of the NSW Local Government Act (1993) and Local Government Regulations (2005) detail the provisions and operations pertaining to the establishment of Council Committees.

Budget Implications:

If a new committee is established there will be a minor budget implication for additional administration associated with creation of a new committee.

Councillors travel expenses in undertaking their duties, roles and responsibilities include representing Council are addressed in Council's Payment of Expenses and Provisions of facilities to Mayors and Councillors Policy.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

16) NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE CANOBOLAS ZONE BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT AND LIAISON COMMITTEES

Department: Executive Services

Author: General Manager

CSP Link: 5. Protect Our Natural Environment

File No: GO.ME.1

Recommendation:

That Council, for both the NSW Rural Fire Service Canobolas Zone Bushfire Management Committee and Liaison Committee;

1. Appoint **Councillor X** as Council representative
2. Appoint **Councillor X or Director Infrastructure Services** as the alternate representative.

Reason for Report:

To seek Council's confirmation of Blayney Shire Council representation on various committees with relevance to the Blayney Shire through the appointment of delegates.

Report:

Canobolas Zone

The NSW Rural Fire Service is made up of 45 districts, grouped into 7 Area Commands.

The Canobolas District (Zone), which is part of the Western Area Command. is comprised of four local government areas (Rural Fire Districts), Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra and Orange City.

The Canobolas Zone operates various Committees to undertake its business, to which Council representation is sought.

Bushfire Management Committee

The Canobolas Zone Bush Fire Management Committee (BFMC) provides a forum for cooperative and coordinated bushfire management within the zone. It provides for community involvement in the Bush Fire Risk Management process and assists the Bush Fire Coordinating Committee to consider issues relevant to the protection of life, property and the environment from bushfires.

The BFMC is a group of people with technical expertise, experience and local knowledge who work together for bush fire management purposes, and who can collaboratively develop better bush fire management decisions than anyone acting alone.

BFMCs are made up of local representatives and are legislatively (*Rural Fires Act 1997 (the Act) and the Rural Fires Regulation 2013 (the Regs)*) responsible to prepare a Bush Fire Risk Management Plan, a Fire Access and Fire Trail Plan and an Operations Coordination Plan for their area.

Under the Reg, the following are eligible for membership of the Canobolas Zone BFMC:-

- 1 Councillor from each local government area in the Zone
- 1 representative from each of the following:-
 - Forestry Corporation of NSW
 - Property NSW
 - Fire and Rescue NSW
 - NSW Police
 - Essential Energy
 - Transgrid
 - Local Land Services
 - National Parks and Wildlife Service
 - Crown Land NSW
 - NSW Planning, Industry and Environment
 - Nature Conservation Council of New South Wales
 - NSW Farmers Association
 - Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Up to 2 people from Rural Fire Brigades (volunteers)

Liaison Committee

The *Rural Fires Act 1997* enables the NSW Rural Fire Service to enter into a Service Agreement with any local government area responsible for a rural fire district. The Canobolas Zone Liaison Committee reviews the performance of the Service Agreement between the Councils and the NSW Rural Fire Service.

The Liaison Committee also reviews the annual budget, business plan and the quarterly financial and performance reports prepared by the Zone Manager prior to submission to, and consideration by, the Councils.

Representation on the Liaison Committee is made up of:-

- 1 Councillor from each local government area in the Zone
- The General Manager of each local government area in the Zone (or their delegate)
- One volunteer rural fire fighter from each of the Rural Fire Districts in the Zone
- One member of the Service staff assigned to the Zone
- The Zone Manager who will be the Liaison Committee Executive Officer.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Nil

Budget Implications:

Councillors travel expenses in undertaking their duties, roles and responsibilities include representing Council are addressed in Council's Payment of Expenses and Provisions of facilities to Mayors and Councillors Policy.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

17) BLAYNEY SHIRE AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE**Department:** Executive Services**Author:** General Manager**CSP Link:** 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance**File No:** GO.ME.1

Recommendation:

That Council appoint the Mayor as Blayney Shire Council delegate to the Blayney Shire Australia Day Committee.

Reason for Report:

For Council to appoint Councillor's as member(s), delegate its functions and agree on the composition to the Blayney Shire Australia Day Committee.

Report:

The role of the Blayney Shire Australia Day Committee is to assess the nominations and select the award recipients in each category for the annual Australia Day Awards for Blayney Shire.

The Blayney Shire Australia Day Committee is delegated authority to make a final decision and there are no reporting requirements back to Council.

Meetings are held once a year in December, so that nominees and recipients are notified prior to Australia Day celebrations.

The EA to the General Manager provides all administrative support necessary to enable this committee to function effectively.

The committee of 4 members include:

- The Mayor
- President of the Blayney Rotary Club
- President of the Blayney View Club
- A local Minister from Blayney Minister's Association
- The current year's Citizen of the Year recipient

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Council may establish a Committee of Council to exercise its functions on Council's behalf as per section 355(b) of the NSW Local Government Act (1993).

This committee operates well, the Australia Day nominations are assessed and award recipients selected after considered deliberations.

The current years' Citizen of the Year recipient provides a valuable community contribution to this committee in addition to being further recognition of their Citizen of the Year status.

Budget Implications:

Councillors travel expenses in undertaking their duties, roles and responsibilities include representing Council are addressed in Council's Payment of Expenses and Provisions of facilities to Mayors and Councillors Policy.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

18) BLAYNEY SHIRE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**Department:** Executive Services**Author:** General Manager**CSP Link:** 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance**File No:** GO.CO.5

Recommendation:

That Council appoint **Councillor X** to the Blayney Shire Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee as a non-voting member.

Reason for Report:

For Council to consider the appointment of one Councillor as a non-voting member to the Blayney Shire Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

Report:

The objective of the Blayney Shire Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee is to provide independent assurance and assistance to the Blayney Shire Council on risk management, control, governance, and external accountability responsibilities.

The Local Government Act has mandated the requirement for councils to have an Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC).

The Local Government Regulation prescribes the framework and the following requirements in relation to the membership of council audit, risk and improvement committees:

- Council must by resolution appoint an audit, risk and improvement committee comprising independent external members as chairperson and at least two or more other persons as voting members of the committee (section 216C). (Council at the June 2024 and July 2024 Council meetings formalised appointments of a chairperson and 2 independent members.)
- Council also has the option of appointing one non-voting councillor member to their committee who meets the eligibility criteria for councillor members of committees set out Guidelines for Risk Management and Internal Audit for Local Government in NSW. The mayor cannot be appointed as a councillor member of a council's audit, risk and improvement committee.

No alternate is recommended as section 216C(2) of the Local Government (General) states *“One councillor, who must not be the mayor, of the council may also be appointed to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for a council.”* It is noted and highlighted to Council, that any Councillor is able to attend ARIC by application and invitation from the Chair.

Eligibility criteria for councillor members

To be appointed as a non-voting audit, risk and improvement committee member a councillor should demonstrate the following:

- an ability to read and understand financial statements and a capacity to understand the ethical requirements of government (including potential conflicts of interest)
- a good understanding of one or more of the following: risk management, performance management, human resources management, internal and external auditing, financial reporting, accounting, management control frameworks, internal financial controls, governance (including planning, reporting and oversight), or business operations
- a capacity to form independent judgements and willingness to constructively challenge/question management practices and information
- a professional, ethical approach to the exercise of their duties and the capacity to devote the necessary time and effort to the responsibilities of a councillor member of an audit, risk and improvement committee, and
- preparedness to undertake any training on the operation of audit, risk and improvement committees recommended by the chairperson based on their assessment of the skills, knowledge and experience of the councillor member.

The initial term of a councillor member of an audit, risk and improvement committee is four years, coinciding with the term of the council.

The councillor member can be reappointed for another term (i.e. four-years), if re-elected at the council's next ordinary election, but the total period of continuous membership on the committee cannot exceed eight years (two council terms).

The councillor member's term ends at the end of the council term.

The Director Corporate Services provides all administrative support to this committee. The General Manager attends meetings however is a non-voting member.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

The *Local Government Act 1993 (s.428A)*, Division 6A the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and the *Risk Management and Internal Audit for local government in NSW Guidelines* require each council in NSW to have an audit, risk and improvement committee, a robust risk management framework, and an effective internal audit function

Budget Implications:

Councillor travel expenses in undertaking their duties, roles and responsibilities include representing Council are addressed in Council's Payment of Expenses and Provisions of facilities to Mayors and Councillors Policy.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

19) DISABILITY INCLUSION WORKING GROUP**Department:** Executive Services**Author:** General Manager**CSP Link:** 4. Enhance facilities and networks that support Health and Wellbeing of the Community, Sport, Heritage and Cultural interests**File No:** CM.ME.3

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Appoint Councillor X as chair of the Disability Inclusion Working Group.
2. Appoint Councillor X (as alternate), to the Disability Inclusion Working Group.
3. Proceed to undertake a public Expression of Interest process seeking nominations for community members interested in being appointed by Council to the committee.

Reason for Report:

To nominate the Blayney Shire Council delegate and alternate to the Disability Inclusion Working Group.

Report:

The Working Group composition comprises representatives as follows:

- 1 Councillor (and 1 alternate)
- Director Corporate Services (ex-officio)
- A minimum of 5 community representatives

The quorum of the committee is dependent upon composition of the committee (half the committee number, then rounded up).

The Disability Inclusion Working Group is tasked with monitoring and developing strategies to maintain Council's commitment to improving access for all community members to a range of services implementing the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP). The Plan sets out Council's actions to support inclusion of people with a disability.

Council has a finalised DIAP and feedback from this working group will be integral to finalisation of the next iteration of the plan. The Disability Inclusion Working Group will also be a valuable conduit, going forward, for reporting on the effectiveness of the DIAP and the reporting process to the Council and community.

The DIAP provides strategies for Council to:

- develop positive community attitudes and behaviours;
- create liveable communities;
- support access to meaningful employment; and

- improving access to mainstream services through better systems and processes

Upon completion of an EOI process for community representation a further report will be brought back to Council for endorsement.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

The Disability Inclusion Act 2014 mandated the development of the Disability Inclusion Plan and disability inclusion action planning across NSW Government and local councils. The Act enshrines the principles of disability inclusion in legislation and holds government accountable to making real change in this area.

An active Disability Inclusion Working Group will assist Council engagement in this area and aid compliance to the obligations under the Disability Inclusion Act 2014.

Upon endorsement, nominees will act as Community Representatives for the duration of the Council term unless the Working Group is dissolved earlier.

Budget Implications:

Nil

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

20) BLAYNEY SHIRE FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Department: Executive Services

Author: Director Infrastructure Services

CSP Link: 1. Maintain and Improve Public Infrastructure and Services

File No: GO.ME.1

Recommendation:

That Council;

1. Appoint **Councillor X** as Chair of the Blayney Shire Floodplain Management Committee.
2. Appoint **Councillor X** (as alternate) to the Blayney Shire Floodplain Management Committee.

Reason for Report:

Under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 355 Council is able to delegate some of its functions to a committee of Council. Council uses this delegation and appoints community people to manage its facilities or functions through a committee or board of management.

Report:

The role of the Blayney Shire Floodplain Committee is to assist Council in the development and implementation of a Floodplain Risk Management Plan (the Plan) for the township of Blayney and surrounding Villages (subject to funding).

It also can provide assistance with the following matters:

- Formulating objectives (in accordance with Ecologically Sustainable Development principles), strategies and outcomes sought from the process;
- Providing a link between the local community and Council;
- Considering and making recommendations to Council on appropriate development controls for use until the management plan is completed, approved and implemented;
- Providing input into known flood behaviour as part of the flood study;
- Identifying management options and providing input into their consideration as part of the management study;
- Identifying implementation strategies for the management plan;
- Monitoring and assessing the effectiveness of the management plan during and after its implementation;
- Coordinating and monitoring the public education programs essential to the long term viability of the management plan; and
- Coordination with catchment management authority plans, emergency management planning and other advisory bodies.

In accordance with the Plan, Council has been progressing work on the development of a Flood Retarding Basins Strategy for the Town of Blayney. During this work, addendums have been prepared to the Flood Study and the Plan. This work is currently ongoing.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Council may establish a Committee of Council to exercise its functions on Council's behalf as per section 355(b) of the NSW Local Government Act (1993).

Budget Implications:

Councillors travel expenses in undertaking their duties, roles and responsibilities include representing Council are addressed in Council's Payment of Expenses and Provisions of facilities to Mayors and Councillors Policy.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

21) TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION**Department:** Executive Services**Author:** Manager Tourism and Communications**CSP Link:** 3. Diversify and Grow the Blayney Shire Local and Visitor Economy**File No:** GS.PG.1**Recommendation:**

That Council approve \$2,000 under the Tourism Development Program 2024/25 for the 2025 River Yarn Fibre Festival to the Carcoar Community Association.

Reason for Report:

For Council to consider and approve applications seeking Council financial support under the Tourism Development Program 2024/25.

Report:**Carcoar Community Association – River Yarn Fibre Festival: \$2,000**

The River Yarn Fibre Festival, now in its third year, is a two-day festival of workshops and market stalls for knitting and yarn enthusiasts held in Carcoar hosted by the Carcoar Community Association.

In previous years the event has been attended by approximately 700 people, with 63% of the visitors staying overnight including some interstate travelers. In 2024 there was 20 different workshops and 28 stallholders.

Funding is primarily sought for a marquee to provide additional space for stallholders which will help to add value to the visitor experience and additional marketing funding to target fibre art groups in regional NSW.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

In accordance with the Local Government Act, s356, Council may resolve to grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.

As this program was included in the 2024/25 Operational Plan, does not exceed more than 5 percent of Council's income and is open to all persons within Council's area; 28 days public notice of Council's resolution is not required.

This application fits within the criteria as the events will encourage visitation to the region. Per the guidelines, funding amounts of \$2,000 are eligible for incorporated associations which represent a town/village or industry.

Budget Implications:

The budget approved by Council in the 2024/25 Operational Plan for this program was \$10,000.

Approval of this application would allocate \$2,000 resulting in \$8,000 remaining for further allocation in 2024/25.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

22) REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024**Department:** Corporate Services**Author:** Chief Financial Officer**CSP Link:** 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance**File No:** FM.AU.1**Recommendation:**

That Council;

1. Note the report indicating Council's investment position as at 31 August 2024.
2. Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

Reason for Report:

For Council to endorse the Report of Council Investments as at 31 August 2024.

Report:

This report provides details of Council's Investment Portfolio as at 31 August 2024.

Council's total investment and cash position as at 31 August 2024 is \$35,314,871.

Interest on cash and investments accrued for the month of August was \$142,965.96. YTD interest accrued on cash and investments is \$264,505.01.

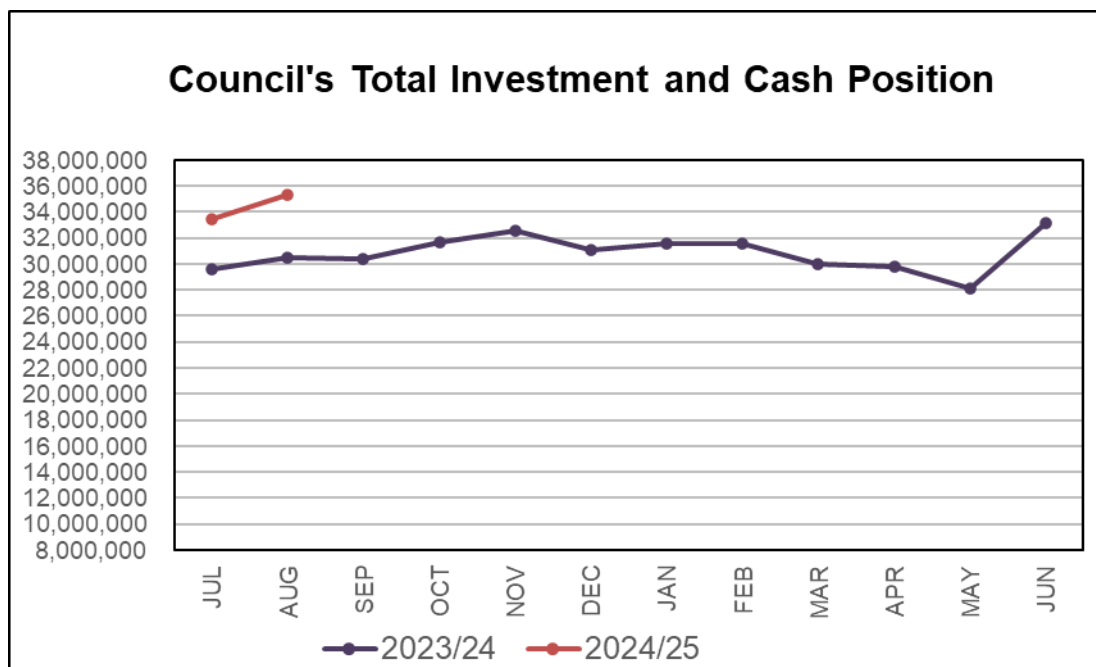
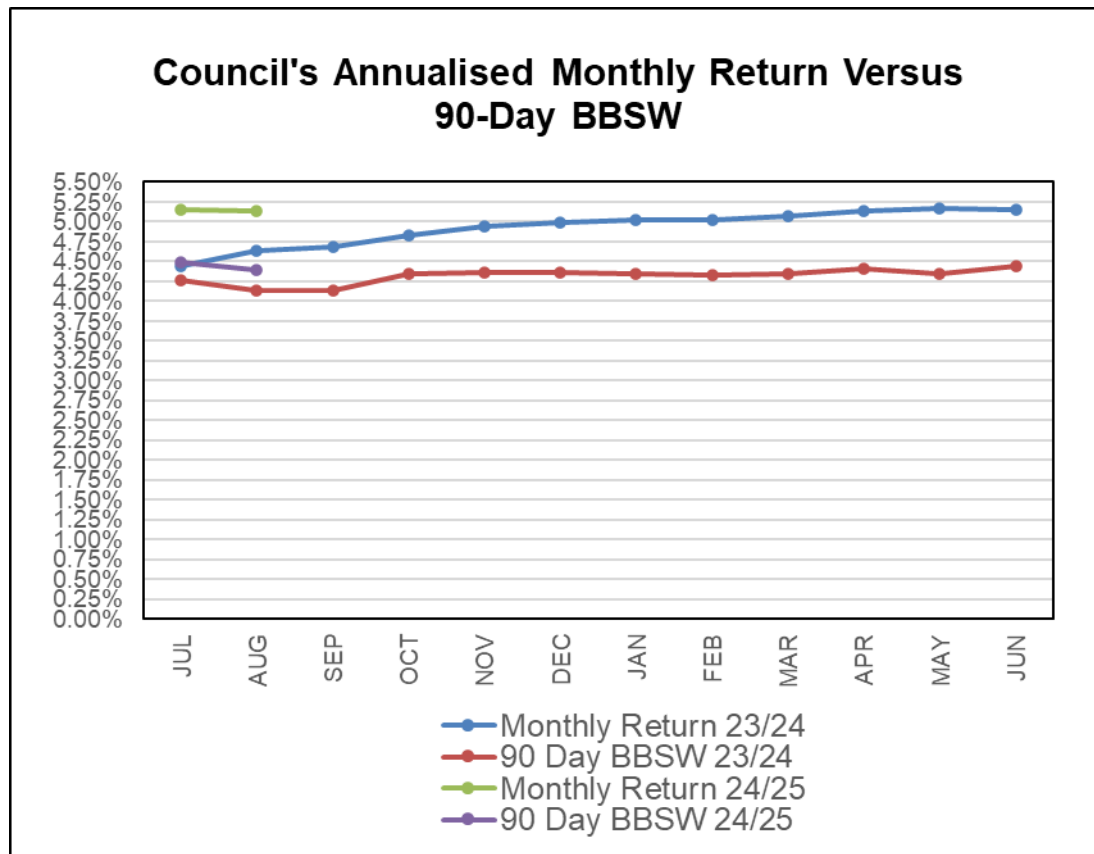
Council's monthly net return on Term Deposits annualised for August was 5.13% which outperformed the 90-day Bank Bill Swap Rate of 4.39%.

Significant cash inflows from grant funded programs for the month of August included:

Funding Program	\$
NSW Severe Weather & Flooding AGRN1001	514,009
Resources for Regions Round 8	1,100,207
Total	1,614,216

Considerable cash receipts were received towards the end of August coinciding with the 1st quarter rates instalment due date. Depending on cash outflows, additional funds will be invested in September.

There has been a noticeable decline in the offering rates on term deposits over recent weeks. This indicates that the banks are expecting the cash rate to start declining soon.



Register Of Investments and Cash as at 31 August 2024					
Institution	Method	Rating	Maturity	Amount \$	Interest Rate
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	03/09/2024	500,000	5.050%
Bank of Queensland	Curve	A2/BBB+	10/09/2024	500,000	5.350%
ING Bank	Curve	A1/A	10/09/2024	500,000	5.050%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	17/09/2024	500,000	5.310%
IMB Bank Ltd	Direct	A2/BBB+	24/09/2024	500,000	5.150%
Bank of Queensland	Curve	A2/BBB+	01/10/2024	500,000	5.150%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	08/10/2024	500,000	5.280%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	15/10/2024	500,000	4.850%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	15/10/2024	500,000	5.150%
ING Bank	Curve	A1/A	22/10/2024	500,000	5.350%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	29/10/2024	500,000	5.250%
MyState Bank Ltd	Curve	A2/BBB+	05/11/2024	500,000	5.400%
B & A Bank	IAM	A2/BBB+	12/11/2024	500,000	4.990%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	12/11/2024	500,000	5.320%
Reliance Bank	Direct	Unrated	19/11/2024	500,000	5.200%
Macquarie Bank	IAM	A1/A+	26/11/2024	500,000	5.220%
Defence Bank Ltd	Curve	A2/BBB	03/12/2024	500,000	5.300%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	10/12/2024	500,000	5.060%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	10/12/2024	500,000	5.100%
ING Bank	IAM	A1/A	17/12/2024	500,000	5.230%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	07/01/2025	500,000	4.960%
IMB Bank Ltd	Direct	A2/BBB+	14/01/2025	500,000	5.050%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	14/01/2025	500,000	4.830%
B & A Bank	Curve	A2/BBB+	21/01/2025	500,000	5.000%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	28/01/2025	500,000	5.150%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	04/02/2025	500,000	5.140%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	04/02/2025	500,000	4.810%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	11/02/2025	500,000	5.050%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	18/02/2025	500,000	4.940%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	25/02/2025	500,000	5.050%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	04/03/2025	500,000	4.880%
Reliance Bank	Direct	Unrated	04/03/2025	500,000	5.050%
ING Bank	IAM	A1/A	11/03/2025	500,000	5.140%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	18/03/2025	500,000	5.150%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	25/03/2025	500,000	5.080%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	01/04/2025	500,000	5.040%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	08/04/2025	500,000	5.220%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	15/04/2025	500,000	5.100%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	22/04/2025	500,000	5.170%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	29/04/2025	500,000	5.320%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	06/05/2025	500,000	5.300%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	13/05/2025	500,000	5.300%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	20/05/2025	500,000	5.300%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	27/05/2025	500,000	5.300%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	03/06/2025	500,000	5.300%
Auswide Bank Ltd	IAM	A2/BBB+	10/06/2025	500,000	5.300%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	17/06/2025	500,000	5.310%

Register Of Investments and Cash as at 31 August 2024					
Institution	Method	Rating	Maturity	Amount \$	Interest Rate
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	24/06/2025	500,000	5.310%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	01/07/2025	500,000	4.660%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	08/07/2025	500,000	5.000%
ING Bank	Curve	A1/A	15/07/2025	500,000	5.290%
ING Bank	Curve	A1/A	22/07/2025	500,000	5.220%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	29/07/2025	500,000	5.270%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	05/08/2025	500,000	4.710%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	26/08/2025	500,000	4.750%
Total Investments				27,500,000	5.131%
Commonwealth Bank - At Call Account ⁽¹⁾				2,038,960	4.350%
Commonwealth Bank Balance - General ⁽¹⁾				5,634,724	4.200%
Reliance Bank ⁽¹⁾				141,188	0.000%
Total Cash and Investments				35,314,871	
Benchmarks:		BBSW 90 Day Index ⁽¹⁾			4.394%
		RBA Cash Rate ⁽¹⁾			4.350%

1. % Interest rates as at end of reporting period.

Summary of Investment (Cash) Movements - August 2024		
Financial Institution	Amount \$	Commentary
Westpac	(525,186)	Term deposit matured 06/08/2024
Westpac	500,000	Term deposit reinvested 06/08/2024
NAB	(512,840)	Term deposit matured 06/08/2024
NAB	500,000	Term deposit reinvested 06/08/2024
CBA	(525,779)	Term deposit matured 13/08/2024
CBA	500,000	Term deposit reinvested 13/08/2024
CBA	(514,096)	Term deposit matured 20/08/2024
CBA	500,000	Term deposit reinvested 20/08/2024
NAB	(525,430)	Term deposit matured 20/08/2024
NAB	500,000	Term deposit reinvested 20/08/2024
CBA	(523,428)	Term deposit matured 27/08/2024
CBA	500,000	Term deposit reinvested 27/08/2024

Long Term Credit Rating (or Moody's, Fitch, S&P or Equivalent)	Policy Maximum %	Current Holding %	Current Holding \$
TCorp IM Funds	100%	0%	-
AAA – AA Category	100%	67%	18,500,000
A- Category	40%	13%	3,500,000
BBB+ Category	25%	14%	4,000,000
BBB Category	5%	2%	500,000
BBB- Category and below: Local ⁽¹⁾ ADI's	10%	4%	1,000,000
BBB+ / BBB / BBB- & below categories combined	25%	20%	
1. ADI's located within the Local Government Area			27,500,000

Individual Institution Limit	Rating	Policy Maximum \$	Current Holding \$
Auswide Bank	A2/BBB+	1,000,000	500,000
Bank of Queensland	A2/BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank	A2/BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000
CBA	A1+/AA-	8,000,000	5,000,000
Defence Bank Ltd	A2/BBB	500,000	500,000
IMB Bank Ltd	A2/BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000
ING Bank	A1/A	3,000,000	3,000,000
Macquarie Bank	A1/A+	3,000,000	500,000
MyState Bank Ltd	A2/BBB+	1,000,000	500,000
NAB	A1+/AA-	8,000,000	8,000,000
Reliance Bank	Unrated	1,000,000	1,000,000
Westpac	A1+/AA-	8,000,000	5,500,000
Total Investments			27,500,000

Summary of Restricted, Allocated and Unrestricted Cash & Investments			
	Actual 30/06/2024 \$ 000's	Actual 31/08/2024 \$ 000's	Forecast ⁽¹⁾ 30/06/2025 \$ 000's
External Cash Restrictions	18,340	18,137	10,602
Internal Cash Allocations	10,608	10,663	6,361
Total Restricted, Allocated Cash & Investments	28,948	28,800	16,963
Unrestricted Cash	4,094	6,515	5,914
Total Restricted, Allocated and Unrestricted Cash & Investments	33,042	35,315	22,877

⁽¹⁾ Balances forecasted are informed by the Long-Term Financial Plan and based on the best available information at time of preparation.

CERTIFICATION – RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

I, Tiffaney Irlam, certify that the investments listed in this report have been made in accordance with s.625 of the Local Government Act (1993), the Local Government (General) Regulation (2021) and Council Policy.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

The Responsible Accounting Officer must table a written report to Council on money invested pursuant to s.625 of the Local Government Act (1993). Investments made are in accord with the framework established within Council's Investment Policy.

Budget Implications:

A good investment strategy optimises Council's return on investments.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

23) REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Department: Corporate Services

Author: Chief Financial Officer

CSP Link: 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance

File No: FM.AU.1

Recommendation:

That Council;

1. Note the report indicating Council's investment position as at 30 September 2024.
2. Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.

Reason for Report:

For Council to endorse the Report of Council Investments as at 30 September 2024.

Report:

This report provides details of Council's Investment Portfolio as at 30 September 2024.

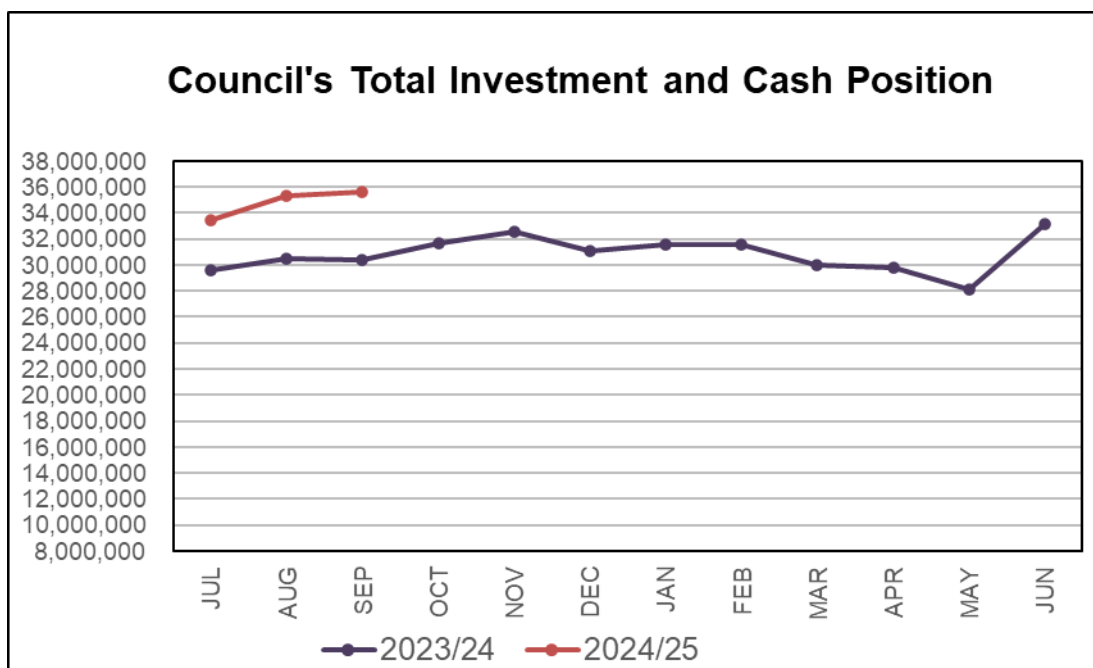
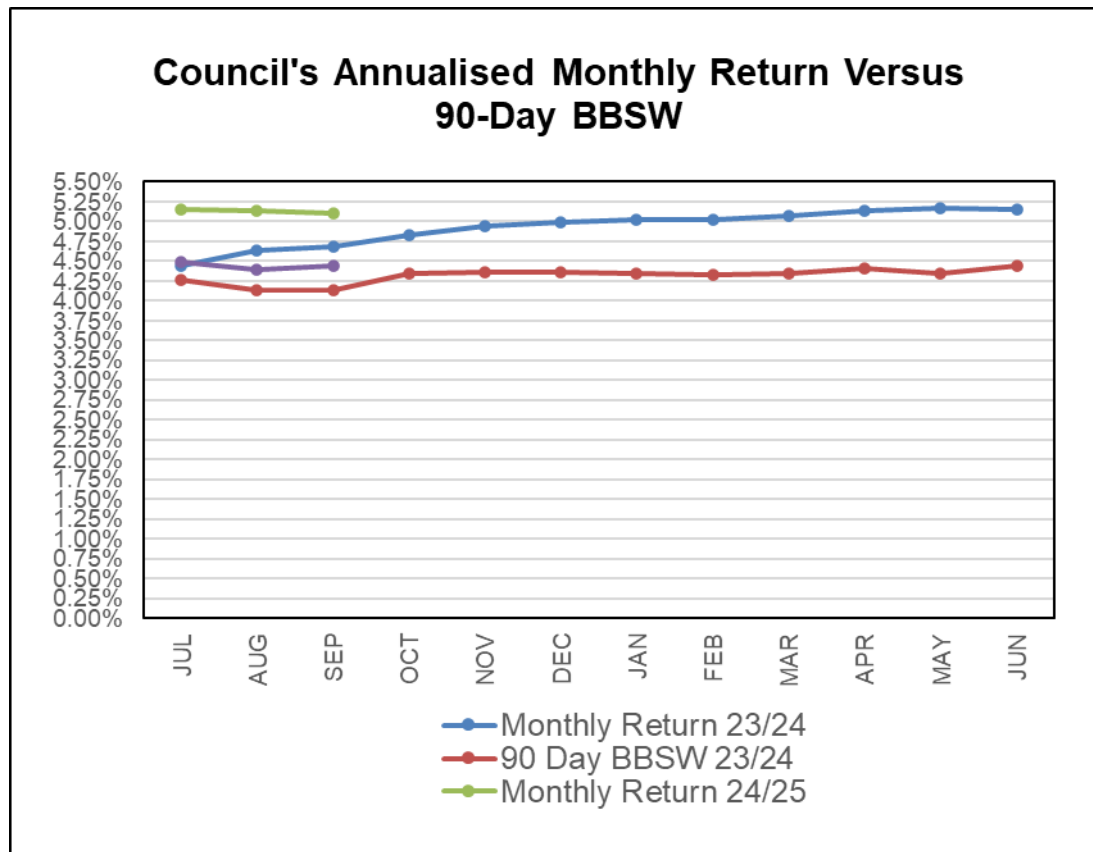
Council's total investment and cash position as at 30 September 2024 is \$35,624,556.

Interest on cash and investments accrued for the month of September was \$143,571.32. YTD interest accrued on cash and investments is \$408,076.32.

Council's monthly net return on Term Deposits annualised for September was 5.10% which outperformed the 90-day Bank Bill Swap Rate of 4.43%.

There were no significant cash inflows from grant funding during the month.

As foreshadowed in the August report, an additional \$2.5m has been placed in short term deposits during the month of September. It is anticipated that a number of significant invoices are due and payable in early October which has contributed to higher cash levels in the call accounts as at balance date.



Register Of Investments and Cash as at 30 September 2024					
Institution	Method	Rating	Maturity	Amount \$	Interest Rate
Bank of Queensland	Curve	A2/BBB+	01/10/2024	500,000	5.150%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	08/10/2024	500,000	5.280%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	15/10/2024	500,000	4.850%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	15/10/2024	500,000	5.150%
ING Bank	Curve	A1/A	22/10/2024	500,000	5.350%
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MyState Bank Ltd	Curve	A2/BBB+	05/11/2024	500,000	5.400%
B & A Bank	IAM	A2/BBB+	12/11/2024	500,000	4.990%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	12/11/2024	500,000	5.320%
Reliance Bank	Direct	Unrated	19/11/2024	500,000	5.200%
Macquarie Bank	IAM	A1/A+	26/11/2024	500,000	5.220%
Defence Bank Ltd	Curve	A2/BBB	03/12/2024	500,000	5.300%
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CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	14/01/2025	500,000	4.830%
B & A Bank	Curve	A2/BBB+	21/01/2025	500,000	5.000%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	28/01/2025	500,000	4.990%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	28/01/2025	500,000	5.150%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	04/02/2025	500,000	5.140%
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NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	11/02/2025	500,000	5.050%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	11/02/2025	500,000	5.000%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	18/02/2025	500,000	4.940%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	18/02/2025	500,000	5.000%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	25/02/2025	500,000	5.050%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	25/02/2025	500,000	5.000%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	04/03/2025	500,000	4.880%
Reliance Bank	Direct	Unrated	04/03/2025	500,000	5.050%
ING Bank	IAM	A1/A	11/03/2025	500,000	5.140%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	11/03/2025	500,000	4.970%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	18/03/2025	500,000	5.150%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	18/03/2025	500,000	4.970%
Bank of Queensland	Curve	A2/BBB+	25/03/2025	500,000	4.850%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	25/03/2025	500,000	5.080%
IMB Bank Ltd	Direct	A2/BBB+	01/04/2025	500,000	4.900%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	01/04/2025	500,000	5.040%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	08/04/2025	500,000	5.220%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	15/04/2025	500,000	5.100%
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NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	06/05/2025	500,000	5.300%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	13/05/2025	500,000	5.300%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	20/05/2025	500,000	5.300%

Register Of Investments and Cash as at 30 September 2024					
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NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	27/05/2025	500,000	5.300%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	03/06/2025	500,000	5.300%
Auswide Bank Ltd	IAM	A2/BBB+	10/06/2025	500,000	5.300%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	17/06/2025	500,000	5.310%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	24/06/2025	500,000	5.310%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	01/07/2025	500,000	4.660%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	08/07/2025	500,000	5.000%
ING Bank	Curve	A1/A	15/07/2025	500,000	5.290%
ING Bank	Curve	A1/A	22/07/2025	500,000	5.220%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	29/07/2025	500,000	5.270%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	05/08/2025	500,000	4.710%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	26/08/2025	500,000	4.750%
ING Bank	Curve	A1/A	09/09/2025	500,000	4.900%
Total Investments				30,000,000	5.098%
Commonwealth Bank - At Call Account ⁽¹⁾				2,046,493	4.250%
Commonwealth Bank Balance - General ⁽¹⁾				3,471,794	4.200%
Reliance Bank ⁽¹⁾				106,269	0.000%
Total Cash and Investments				35,624,556	
Benchmarks:		BBSW 90 Day Index ⁽¹⁾			4.434%
		RBA Cash Rate ⁽¹⁾			4.350%

1. % Interest rates as at end of reporting period.

Summary of Investment (Cash) Movements - September 2024		
Financial Institution	Amount \$	Commentary
Westpac	(522,760)	Term deposit matured 03/09/2024
Westpac	500,000	Term deposit reinvested 03/09/2024
ING Bank	(524,627)	Term deposit matured 10/09/2024
ING Bank	500,000	Term deposit reinvested 10/09/2024
Bank of Queensland	(520,521)	Term deposit matured 10/09/2024
Bank of Queensland	500,000	Term deposit reinvested 10/09/2024
Westpac	500,000	New term deposit 11/09/2024
Westpac	500,000	New term deposit 11/09/2024
Westpac	500,000	New term deposit 11/09/2024
Westpac	500,000	New term deposit 11/09/2024
Westpac	500,000	New term deposit 11/09/2024
NAB	(522,404)	Term deposit matured 17/09/2024
NAB	500,000	Term deposit reinvested 17/09/2024
IMB Bank Ltd	(521,658)	Term deposit matured 24/09/2024
IMB Bank Ltd	500,000	Term deposit reinvested 24/09/2024

Long Term Credit Rating (or Moody's, Fitch, S&P or Equivalent)	Policy Maximum %	Current Holding %	Current Holding \$
TCorp IM Funds	100%	0%	-
AAA – AA Category	100%	70%	21,000,000
A- Category	40%	12%	3,500,000
BBB+ Category	25%	13%	4,000,000
BBB Category	5%	2%	500,000
BBB- Category and below: Local ⁽¹⁾ ADI's	10%	3%	1,000,000
BBB+ / BBB / BBB- & below categories combined	25%	18%	
1. ADI's located within the Local Government Area			30,000,000

Individual Institution Limit	Rating	Policy Maximum \$	Current Holding \$
Auswide Bank	A2/BBB+	1,000,000	500,000
Bank of Queensland	A2/BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank	A2/BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000
CBA	A1+/AA-	8,000,000	5,000,000
Defence Bank Ltd	A2/BBB	500,000	500,000
IMB Bank Ltd	A2/BBB+	1,000,000	1,000,000
ING Bank	A1/A	3,000,000	3,000,000
Macquarie Bank	A1/A+	3,000,000	500,000
MyState Bank Ltd	A2/BBB+	1,000,000	500,000
NAB	A1+/AA-	8,000,000	8,000,000
Reliance Bank	Unrated	1,000,000	1,000,000
Westpac	A1+/AA-	8,000,000	8,000,000
Total Investments			30,000,000

Summary of Restricted, Allocated and Unrestricted Cash & Investments			
	Actual 30/06/2024 \$ 000's	Actual 30/09/2024 \$ 000's	Forecast ⁽¹⁾ 30/06/2025 \$ 000's
External Cash Restrictions	18,340	17,975	10,602
Internal Cash Allocations	10,608	11,064	6,361
Total Restricted, Allocated Cash & Investments	28,948	29,039	16,963
Unrestricted Cash	4,094	6,585	5,914
Total Restricted, Allocated and Unrestricted Cash & Investments	33,042	35,624	22,877

⁽¹⁾ Balances forecasted are informed by the Long-Term Financial Plan and based on the best available information at time of preparation.

CERTIFICATION – RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

I, Tiffaney Irlam, certify that the investments listed in this report have been made in accordance with s.625 of the Local Government Act (1993), the Local Government (General) Regulation (2021) and Council Policy.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

The Responsible Accounting Officer must table a written report to Council on money invested pursuant to s.625 of the Local Government Act (1993). Investments made are in accord with the framework established within Council's Investment Policy.

Budget Implications:

A good investment strategy optimises Council's return on investments.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

24) DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS

Department: Corporate Services

Author: Director Corporate Services

CSP Link: 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance

File No: PE.DI.1

Recommendation:

That Council receive the “Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons” Returns for the period ending 30 June 2024.

Reason for Report:

For Council to fulfil its “*Disclosure of Interests in Written Returns*” obligations to maintain a register and tabling of returns under Part 4 of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW and Council’s adopted Code of Conduct for Councillors and for staff.

Report:

In accordance with clause 4.13, all returns disclosing interests of Councillors and designated persons, for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, must be tabled at the first meeting of Council following the last day for lodgement of the returns. This date was 30 September 2024.

Accordingly, a copy of the returns will be tabled at this meeting for each Councillor, who held office at 30 June 2024, and the following designated persons as determined by the General Manager:

- General Manager
- Director Corporate Services
- Director Planning & Environmental Services
- Director Infrastructure Services
- Chief Financial Officer
- Manager Operations
- Manager Wastewater and Urban Services
- Manager Development Assessment (vacant at 30/06/2024)

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

The Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW requires:

- Disclosure of Interests in Written Returns to be submitted on an annual basis by Councillors and Designated Persons;
- The general manager to keep a register of returns required to be made and lodged with the general manager; and
- That they be lodged at the next meeting after the prescribed due date (30 September) for lodgement.

Per clause 4.9, a councillor must make and lodge with the general manager a return in the form set out in schedule 2 to this code, disclosing the councillor's interests as specified in schedule 1 of the Code of Conduct within 3 months after:

- becoming a councillor, and
- 30 June of each year, and
- the councillor becoming aware of an interest they are required to disclose under schedule 1 that has not been

Councillors' and designated persons' disclosure of interest returns are prescribed as open access information for local government under Schedule 1 to the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018 and redacted copies of the returns are therefore published on Council's website. These may be accessed at: <https://www.blayney.nsw.gov.au/council/council-information/access-to-council-information>

Budget Implications:

Nil

Enclosures (following report)

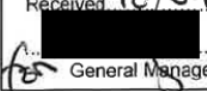
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| 1 | Disclosures of Interests by Councillors Returns | 16 Pages |
| 2 | Disclosures of Interests by Designated Officers Returns | 14 Pages |

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL COUNCILS IN NSW – PART 4
(Prescribed under Local Government Regulation 2005)

**DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS
RETURN**

OFFICE USE ONLY
Received 10/09/2024

General Manager

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DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS BY

Scott Ferguson

(full name of councillor or designated person)

30/06/2024

(return date)

*IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD FROM

01/07/2023

TO

30/06/2024


(return period)

10/09/2024

(date)

(councillor's or designated person's signature)

A. REAL PROPERTY

Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / * at any time during the return period	Nature of interest
	Family Home
	Investment Property

B. SOURCES OF INCOME

1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time during the return period:

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)
Plumbing Contracting		S&M Ferguson

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from a trust during the return period:

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee

3. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: *Sources of other income I received at any time during the return period:
(Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received)

Blayney Shire Council	Member Fees
LG NSW	Directors Fees

C. GIFTS			
Description of each gift I received at any time during the return period		Name and address of donor	
Nil			

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time during the return period	Dates on which travel was undertake	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel undertaken
Nil		

E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date/ *at any time during the return period	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
Nil			

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?	
Yes / No NO	


G. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	Description of position
Nil	

H. DEBTS	
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	
NAB	

I. DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY	
1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me at any time during the return period as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time	
Nil	
2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me, being dispositions made at any time during the return period, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property.	
Nil	

J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES	
Member Blayney Rotary Club	

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATION 2005 – SCHEDULE 3
DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS
RETURN**

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Received	27/8/24
 General Manager	

DIRECTIONS:

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DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS BYDAVID  SOMERVILLE

(full name of councillor or designated person)

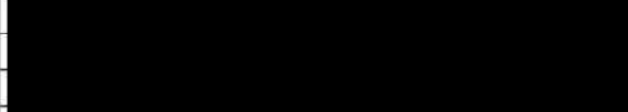
*AS AT 30 JUNE 2024 (return date)

*IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD FROM 1 July 2023 TO 30 June 2024 (return period)

27 August 2024

(date)


(councillor's or designated person's signature)**A. REAL PROPERTY**

Address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / * at any time during the return period	Nature of interest
	OWNER
	OWNER
	LICENSEE

B. SOURCES OF INCOME


- *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time during the return period:

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)
SOLICITOR	CONSULTANT	ASHURST
GRAZIER	SOLE PROPRIETOR	MACARTHUR PARK
COUNCILLOR	BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL & CENTRAL TABLELANDS WATER	

- *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from a trust during the return period:

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
NIL	

- *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: *Sources of other income I received at any time during the return period:
(Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received)

DIVIDENDS FROM LISTED PUBLIC COMPANIES	SEE ATTACHED LIST AS AT 30 JUNE 2024
INTEREST ON SAVINGS ACCOUNT	

RENTAL OF PART OF ATHOL FOR FUNCTION CENTRE AND BNB BUSINESS	KAREN SOMERVILLE
LICENSE FEES FOR DUST, WATER & SOUND MONITORS RE DEWATERING FACILITY	CADIA VALLEY OPERATIONS
CONSULTANCY FEES FOR LEGAL ADVICE	ASHURST
COUNCILLOR FEES	BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL
COUNCILLOR FEES	CENTRAL TABLELANDS WATER

C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time during the return period	Name and address of donor
NIL	

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time during the return period	Dates on which travel was undertake	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel undertaken
NIL		

E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date/ *at any time during the return period	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
DAVIS PEARSON HOLDINGS PTY LTD	SHAREHOLDER	DIRECTOR	NON-OPERATING COMPANY

F. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	Description of position
LAW SOCIETY OF NSW	MEMBER

G. DEBTS	
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	
NIL	

H. DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY	
1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me at any time during the return period as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time	
NIL	
2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me, being dispositions made at any time during the return period, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property.	
NIL	

I. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES	
ASHURST AUSTRALIA, IN WHICH I AM A CONSULTANT, IS THE LEGAL ADVISER TO NEWCREST (CADIA VALLEY OPERATIONS) IN RESPECT OF ITS CADIA MINE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE SHIRE AND TO REGIS RESOURCES LTD IN RESPECT OF THE VPA FOR THE MCPHILLAMYS GOLD MINE PROJECT	
MY WIFE, KAREN SOMERVILLE, OPERATES THE ATHOL GARDENS FUNCTION CENTRE BUSINESS AND THE MILLHOUSE B&B WHICH ARE OCCASIONALLY USED BY COUNCIL FOR SPECIAL FUNCTIONS	
I AM A MEMBER OF BLAYNEY GOLF CLUB	
I AM A MEMBER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BLAYNEY	
I AM A MEMBER OF THE BLAYNEY A & P ASSOCIATION	

Annexure re question B3

Companies in which I held shares as at the return date

AIR NEW ZEALAND LTD
QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED
QBE INSURANCE LTD
SANTOS LIMITED



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	[Redacted]
	General Manager

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DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS BY

Allan [Redacted] Ewin

(full name of councillor or designated person)

(return date)

*IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD FROM

01/07/2023

TO

30/06/2024

(return period)

11/09/2024

(date)

(councillor's or designated person's signature)

A. REAL PROPERTY

Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / * at any time during the return period

Nature of interest

Owner

Lease

B. SOURCES OF INCOME

1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time during the return period:

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)
Final Production Technican	Newmont Mining. PMB South Orange.	NA
Farmer & Grazier	[Redacted]	AJ & HT Ewin

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from a trust during the return period:

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
Nil	

3. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: *Sources of other income I received at any time during the return period:
(Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received)

Councillor Remuneration	Blayney Shire Council. 91 Adelaide Street, Blayney.
Councillor Remuneration	Central Tablelands Weeds Authority. Lee St, Kelso.
Councillor Remuneration	Central Tablelands Water. Church St, Blayney.2799.

C. GIFTS			
Description of each gift I received at any time during the return period		Name and address of donor	
Nil			

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time during the return period	Dates on which travel was undertake	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel undertaken
Nil	Nil	

E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date/ *at any time during the return period	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
Nil	Nil		

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?
Yes / No NO

G. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	Description of position
Nil	


H. DEBTS
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time during the return period
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Nil

J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES
Member Rotary Club Blayney, Member Blayney Health Council,
I have [REDACTED]
I am a Shareholder of AMP, IAG, CBA and Newmont Mining.

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**DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS
BY**

BRUCE  REYNOLDS

(full name of councillor or designated person)

*AS AT 30-06-2024 (return date)


*IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD FROM 1-7-2023 TO 30-6-2024 (return period)

Submitted 18-7-2023

(date)

(councillor's or designated person's signature)

A. REAL PROPERTY

Address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / * at any time during the return period	Nature of interest
	OWNERSHIP WITH WIFE

B. SOURCES OF INCOME

1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time during the return period:

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)
CASUAL ACADEMIC	CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY - BOOROOMA ST WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2678	NIL
UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCILLOR	UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL 7 LEE STREET, KELSO NSW 2795	NIL
BLAYNEY COUNCILLOR	BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL 91 ADELAIDE STREET BLAYNEY NSW 2799	NIL

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from a trust during the return period:

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee

3. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: *Sources of other income I received at any time during the return period:
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INTEREST FROM ST GEORGE BANK	
DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION FROM BA REYNOLDS PTY LTD	

FARM INCOME FROM AGRICULTURE BUSINESS			
C. GIFTS			
Description of each gift I received at any time during the return period	Name and address of donor		
NIL			
D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL			
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time during the return period	Dates on which travel was undertake	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel undertaken	
UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL	VARIOUS	NSW – TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETINGS IN BATHURST	
BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL	VARIOUS	NSW - ATTEND COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	
NSW FARMERS ASSOCIATION	VARIOUS	NSW- TO ATTEND MEETINGS	
NSW NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE WEST REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE	VARIOUS	NSW – TO ATTEND MEETINGS	
E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date/ *at any time during the return period	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
BA REYNOLDS PTY LTD [REDACTED]	SHAREHOLDER	DIRECTOR	INVESTMENT BUSINESS
F. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS			
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	Description of position		
NSW FARMERS ASSOCIATION	EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR CONCLUDED 31-3-2024		
NSW FARMERS ASSOCIATION	AGRICULTURE SCIENCE COMMITTEE – DEPUTY CHAIR CONCLUDED 31-3-2024		
NSW FARMERS ASSOCIATION	BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND TRADE COMMITTEE -DEPUTY CHAIR CONCLUDED 31-3-2024		
NSW FARMERS ASSOCIATION BLAYNEY BRANCH	TREASURER CONCLUDED 31-3-2024		
NSW VALUER GENERAL ADVISORY GROUP	MEMBER CONCLUDED 31-3-2024		
NSW NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE WEST REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE	ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER		
CALARE FEDERAL ELECTORAL COUNCIL NATIONAL PARTY	TRUSTEE		
BATHURST STATE ELECTORAL COUNCIL NATIONAL PARTY	DEPUTY CHAIR		
McPHILLAMYS GOLD COMMUNITY CONSULTIVE COMMITTEE	ALTERNATE MEMBER		
TRANSPORT FOR NSW STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP	MEMBER CONCLUDED 31-3-2024		
CANOBOLAS ZONE NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	CHAIR		
CANOBOLAS ZONE NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE BUSHFIRE LIAISON COMMITTEE	MEMBER - ALTERNATE CHAIR		
G. DEBTS			

Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date /*at any time during the return period	
NIL	
H. DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY	
1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me at any time during the return period as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time	
NIL	
2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me, being dispositions made at any time during the return period, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property.	
NIL	
I. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES	

MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL COUNCILS IN NSW – PART 4
(Prescribed under Local Government Regulation 2005)

**DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS
RETURN**

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General Manager

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DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS BY

Michelle [redacted] Pyse Jones.
(full name of councillor or designated person)

30.06.24 (return date)

"IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD FROM

01.07.23

TO

30.06.24

(return period)

(date)

(councillor or designated person's signature)

A. REAL PROPERTY

Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / * at any time during the return period

Nature of interest

Owner
Owner

B. SOURCES OF INCOME

1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time during the return period:

Description of occupation

Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)

Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)

Business Owner
Councillor

Hill & Crofts - 98 Adelaide St
Blayney Shire Council

N/A
N/A

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from a trust during the return period:

Name and address of settlor

Name and address of trustee

N/A

3. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: *Sources of other income I received at any time during the return period:
(Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received)

Business Owner - Hill & Crofts

No fixed amount

C. GIFTS			
Description of each gift I received at any time during the return period		Name and address of donor	
N/A			

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time during the return period	Dates on which travel was undertake	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel undertaken
N/A		

E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
Hill & Crofts Pty Ltd	Director	Director	Agriculture / Retail
Orange 360	Director	Director	Destination Marketing
Jockeyman Pty Ltd	Director	Director	Trustee Super Fund
Form Lane Pty Ltd	Director	Director	Real Estate

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?
Yes / No

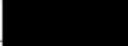
G. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	Description of position
NSW National Parks West Regional Advisory Committee	Committee Member

H. DEBTS
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time during the return period
N/A

I. DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY
1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me at any time during the return period as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time
N/A
2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me, being dispositions made at any time during the return period, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property.
N/A

J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES
N/A

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATION 2005 – SCHEDULE 3
DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS
RETURN**

OFFICE USE ONLY
Received <u>30/8/24</u>

General Manager

DIRECTIONS:

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DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS BY**JOHN NEWSTEAD**

(full name of councillor or designated person)

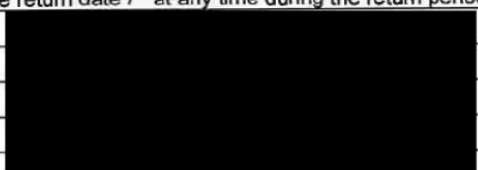
*AS AT _____ (return date)

* IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD FROM 01/07/23 TO 30/06/24 (return period)30/08/24

(date)

(councillor's or designated person's signature)

A. REAL PROPERTY

Address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / * at any time during the return period	Nature of interest
	Owner
	Owner
	Owner
	Owner

B. SOURCES OF INCOME


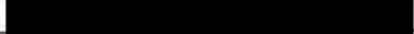


1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time during the return period:

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)
Bus Operator	Apple City Tours – 672 Burrendong Way, Orange 2800	N/A

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from a trust during the return period:

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
Nil	Nil

3. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: *Sources of other income I received at any time during the return period:
(Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received)

Rent - 	Rent - 
Rent - 	Rent - 
UBank – Savings & Term Deposit Interest	Commonwealth Bank – Share Dividends
IAG – Share Dividends	MediBank – Share Dividends
Telstra – Share Dividends	Blayney Shire Council – Councillor Fees

C. GIFTS			
Description of each gift I received at any time during the return period		Name and address of donor	
Nil		Nil	
D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL			
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time during the return period	Dates on which travel was undertake	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel undertaken	
Nil	Nil	Nil	
E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date/ *at any time during the return period	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
F. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS			
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	Description of position		
Nil	Nil		
G. DEBTS			
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time during the return period			
Nil			
H. DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY			
1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me at any time during the return period as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time			
Nil			
2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me, being dispositions made at any time during the return period, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property.			
Nil			
I. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES			
Nil			

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(Prescribed under Local Government Regulation 2005)

**DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS
RETURN**

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Received	10.9.24
[Redacted]	
General Manager	

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DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS BY

CRAIG [Redacted]

GOSEWISCH

(full name of councillor or designated person)

30/06/2024 (return date)

***IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD FROM**

1/7/23

TO

30/6/24

(return period)

9/9/24
(date)

(councillor's or designated person's signature)

A. REAL PROPERTY

Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / * at any time during the return period	Nature of interest
[Redacted]	OWNER

B. SOURCES OF INCOME

1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time during the return period:

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)
Water Network operator	CTW-30 Church St Blayney	
Royal Hotel Blayney	Royal Hotel	
Barman		

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from a trust during the return period:

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
N/A	

3. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: *Sources of other income I received at any time during the return period:
(Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received)

N/A

C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time during the return period	Name and address of donor
N/A	

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time during the return period	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel undertaken
N/A		

E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
N/A			

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?
Yes / No

G. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	Description of position
N/A	

H. DEBTS
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time during the return period
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I. DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY
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N/A
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N/A

J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES
N/A

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DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS BY

5/7/2024

(return date)

Andrew Muir

(full name of councillor or designated person)

*IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD FROM

1/7/23

TO

30/6/24

(return period)

5/7/2024

(date)

(councillor's or designated person's signature)

A. REAL PROPERTY

Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / * at any time during the return period	Nature of interest
	Joint Owner

B. SOURCES OF INCOME

1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time during the return period:

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)
Director Planning and Environmental Services	Blayney Shire Council	

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from a trust during the return period:

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
Nil	

3. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: *Sources of other income I received at any time during the return period:
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C. GIFTS			
Description of each gift I received at any time during the return period		Name and address of donor	

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time during the return period	Dates on which travel was undertake	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel undertaken

E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date/ *at any time during the return period	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
BHP	Shareholder		
Commonwealth Bank	Shareholder		
Macquarie Group	Shareholder		
Woodside Energy	Shareholder		

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?	
Yes / No	

G. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	Description of position
Nil	

H. DEBTS	
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	
	Mortgage, Mastercard and Visa Card from time to time

I. DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY	
1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me at any time during the return period as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time	
2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me, being dispositions made at any time during the return period, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property.	

J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES	

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**DISCLOSURES BY COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS
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[Redacted Signature]
General Manager

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DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS BY

Antonio [Redacted] Franze

(full name of councillor or designated person)

(return date)

*IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD FROM

01/07/2023

TO

30/06/2024

(return period)

27/08/2024

(date)

(councillor's or designated person's signature)

A. REAL PROPERTY

Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / * at any time during the return period	Nature of interest
[Redacted]	Joint owner (50% interest)
[Redacted]	Owner (100% interest)
[Redacted]	Joint owner (75% interest)

B. SOURCES OF INCOME

1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time during the return period:

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)
Director Corporate Services	Blayney Shire Council, 91 Adelaide Street, Blayney	N/A

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from a trust during the return period:

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
Nil	

3. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: *Sources of other income I received at any time during the return period:
(Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received)

Rental Income	[Redacted]
Rental Income	[Redacted]
Share Dividends	Various companies (disclosed below)

C. GIFTS			
Description of each gift I received at any time during the return period		Name and address of donor	
Nil			

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time during the return period	Dates on which travel was undertake	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel undertaken
Nil.		

E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date/ *at any time during the return period	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
Nil.			

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?	
Yes / No	No.

G. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	Description of position
CPA Australia	Member
LG Professionals NSW	Member

H. DEBTS	
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	
Commonwealth Bank [REDACTED]	

I. DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY	
1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me at any time during the return period as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time	
N/A	
2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me, being dispositions made at any time during the return period, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property.	
N/A	

J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES	
Shareholdings held in Brambles Ltd; Lottery Corporation; Tabcorp Holdings; Star Entertainment Group.	
Voluntary Board Member of Blayney Meals on Wheels	

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General Manager

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DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS BY**Jacob Hogan**

(full name of councillor or designated person)

(return date)

*IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD FROM **01.07.2023** TO **30.06.2024** (return period)**13.08.2024**

(date)

(co

ature)

A. REAL PROPERTY

Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / * at any time during the return period

Nature of interest

Owner (100% Interest)

Owner (100% Interest)

B. SOURCES OF INCOME

1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time during the return period:

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)
Director Infrastructure Services	Blayney Shire Council, 91 Adelaide St Blayney	NA

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from a trust during the return period:

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
Nil	

3. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: *Sources of other income I received at any time during the return period:
(Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received)

Rental Income	

C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time during the return period	Name and address of donor
Nil	

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time during the return period	Dates on which travel was undertake	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel undertaken
Nil		

E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date/ *at any time during the return period	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
Nil			

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?
Yes / No NO

G. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	Description of position
Engineers Australia	Professional Member, National Engineers Register
LGEA	Member

H. DEBTS
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time during the return period
Nil

I. DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY
1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me at any time during the return period as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time
Nil
2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me, being dispositions made at any time during the return period, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property.
Nil

J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES
with Newcastle Permanent Building Society.

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General Manager

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DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS BY

30/09/2024

(return date)

Joel Cummings

(full name of councillor or designated person)

*IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD FROM

30/06/2023

TO

30/06/2024

(return period)

10/09/2024

(date)

Joel Cummings

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Date: 2024.09.10 15:18:18 +10'00'

(councillor's or designated person's signature)

A. REAL PROPERTY

Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / * at any time during the return period	Nature of interest
	Freehold (Mortgaged)

B. SOURCES OF INCOME

1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time during the return period:

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)
Manager Operations	Blayney Shire Council, 91 Adelaide St Blayney NSW 2799	N/A

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from a trust during the return period:

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
Nil	

3. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: *Sources of other income I received at any time during the return period:
(Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received)

Nil

C. GIFTS			
Description of each gift I received at any time during the return period		Name and address of donor	
Nil			

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time during the return period	Dates on which travel was undertake	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel undertaken
Nil		

E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date/ *at any time during the return period	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
Nil			

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?
Yes / No NO

G. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	Description of position
Nil	

H. DEBTS
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time during the return period
Nil

I. DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY
1. Particulars of each disposition of real property by me at any time during the return period as a result of which I retained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property or the right to re-acquire the property at a later time
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Nil

J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES

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DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER MATTERS BY

LIAM GOLDING

(full name of councillor or designated person)

2 APRIL 2024 (return date)

*IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD FROM

TO

(return period)

12 JULY 2024
(date)

(councillor's or designated person's signature)

A. REAL PROPERTY

Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / * at any time during the return period	Nature of interest
	HOME OWNERSHIP

B. SOURCES OF INCOME

1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time during the return period:

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)
MANAGER WASTEWATER + URBAN SERVICES	BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL	
	91 ADELAIDE ST, BLAYNEY	

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from a trust during the return period:

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
NIL	NIL

3. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: *Sources of other income I received at any time during the return period:
(Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received)

NIL	NIL

C. GIFTS

Description of each gift I received at any time during the return period	Name and address of donor

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL

Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time during the return period	Dates on which travel was undertaken	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel undertaken

E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS

Name and address of each corporation in which I had an interest or held a position *at the return date/ *at any time during the return period	Nature of interest (if any)	Description of position (if any)	Description of principal objects (if any) of corporation (except in case of listed company)
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?

Yes / No

G. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS

Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	Description of position
NIL	NIL

H. DEBTS

Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time during the return period

I. DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY

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J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES

NIL

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Mark Dicker

(full name of councillor or designated person)

11 August 2024

(return date)

*IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD FROM

1 July 2023

TO

30 June 2024

(return period)

11-8-2024

(date)

(councillor's or designated person's signature)

A. REAL PROPERTY

Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / * at any time during the return period	Nature of interest
	own with mortgage

B. SOURCES OF INCOME

1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time during the return period:

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)
NIL	NIL	NIL

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from a trust during the return period:

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
NIL	NIL

3. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: *Sources of other income I received at any time during the return period:
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Rental Income from tenant,	

C. GIFTS	
Description of each gift I received at any time during the return period	Name and address of donor
NIL	NIL

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time during the return period	Dates on which travel was undertake	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel undertaken
NIL	NIL	NIL

E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
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NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?
Yes / No NO

G. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	Description of position
NIL	NIL

H. DEBTS
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time during the return period
[REDACTED] Dicker (parents)

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[REDACTED]
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NIL

J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES
NIL

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Tiffany Irlam

(full name of councillor or designated person)

30 June 2024

(return date)

*IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD FROM

01/07/2023

TO 30/06/2024

(return period)

27/08/2024

(date)

Tiffany Irlam

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Date: 2024.08.27 16:09:08 +10'00'

(councillor's or designated person's signature)

A. REAL PROPERTY

Street address of each parcel of real property in which I had an interest *at the return date / * at any time during the return period	Nature of interest
	Private
	Private

B. SOURCES OF INCOME

1. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from an occupation in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from an occupation at any time during the return period:

Description of occupation	Name and address of employer or description of office held (if applicable)	Name under which partnership conducted (if applicable)
Chief Financial Officer	Blayney Shire Council, 91 Adelaide Street, Blayney NSW 2799	N/A

2. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive from a trust in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: / *Sources of income I received from a trust during the return period:

Name and address of settlor	Name and address of trustee
N/A	

3. *Sources of income I reasonably expect to receive in the period commencing on the first day after the return date and ending on the following 30 June: *Sources of other income I received at any time during the return period:
(Include description sufficient to identify the person from whom, or the circumstances in which, that income was received)

N/A

C. GIFTS			
Description of each gift I received at any time during the return period		Name and address of donor	
Nil			

D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRAVEL		
Name and address of each person who made any financial or other contribution to any travel undertaken by me at any time during the return period	Dates on which travel was undertake	Name of States, Territories of the Commonwealth and overseas countries in which travel undertaken
N/A		

E. INTERESTS AND POSITIONS IN CORPORATIONS			
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N/A			

F. WERE YOU A PROPERTY DEVELOPER OR A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF A PROPERTY DEVELOPER ON THE RETURN DATE?
Yes- / No

G. POSITIONS IN TRADE UNIONS AND PROFESSIONAL OR BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS	
Name of each trade union and each professional or business association in which I held any position (whether remunerated or not) *at the return date / *at any time during the return period	Description of position
N/A	

H. DEBTS
Name and address of each person to whom I was liable to pay any debt *at the return date / *at any time during the return period
Commonwealth Bank, Tower 1, 201 Sussex St, Sydney NSW 2000

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Nil
2. Particulars of each disposition of property to a person by any other person under arrangements made by me, being dispositions made at any time during the return period, as a result of which I obtained, either wholly or in part, the use and benefit of the property.
Nil

J. DISCRETIONARY DISCLOSURES
N/A

25) 2023/24 ANNUAL REPORT**Department:** Corporate Services**Author:** Director Corporate Services**CSP Link:** 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance**File No:** GO.RP.1

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Endorse the 2023/24 Annual Report for lodgement with the Office of Local Government.
2. Note the 2023/24 Annual Report snapshot.

Reason for Report:

For Council to endorse the 2023/24 Annual Report for lodgement with the Office of Local Government.

Report:

Council is required to prepare an Annual Report on its activities annually, lodge it with the Office of Local Government (OLG) and place it on Council's website by the prescribed due date of 30 November 2024.

The primary purpose of the 2023/24 Annual Report is to demonstrate Council's achievements during the year based on the actions identified in the 2023/24 – 2026/27 Delivery Program and 2023/24 Operational Plan (and therefore, outline what Council has accomplished towards achieving the objectives in the Community Strategic Plan).

Council is required under the Local Government Act to report six monthly to Council on this progress and include reporting in Council's Annual Report. The Statement of Principal Activities in the Annual Report (attachment 1) satisfies this statutory obligation.

The Annual Report also includes statutory reporting information and annual reports required under the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and other legislation. The reports to satisfy these statutory obligations are outlined below:

- Attachment 2: Audited Financial Statements 2023/24
- Attachment 5: GIPA Annual Report 2023/24
- Attachment 6: Public Interest Disclosures Annual Report 2023/24
- Attachment 7: Disability Inclusion Action Plan Annual Report 2023/24
- Attachment 9: State of the Shire Report (previously known as the End of Councillor Term Report)

The 2023/24 Annual Report has been prepared and upon endorsement by Council will be lodged with the OLG.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Council is required under the Local Government Act s.428 to complete the Annual Report within 5 months after the end of financial year, post it on Council's website and furnish a copy to the Minister.

The Integrated Planning & Reporting Guidelines for Local Government in NSW - Essential Element 5.1 states that Council must prepare and endorse an Annual Report within 5 months of the end of the financial year.

Budget Implications:

Preparation and compilation of the Annual Report is coordinated by Council staff within existing budget allocations.

Enclosures (following report)

1	Annual Report: Snapshot 2023/24	11 Pages
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Attachments (separate document)

2	2023/24 Annual Report	231 Pages
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ANNUAL REPORT: SNAPSHOT

2023 / 24

This document is a snapshot of the Annual Report 2023/24. Visit our website to read the full report, which includes legislative reporting requirements and audited financial reports. www.blayney.nsw.gov.au

KEY FINANCIAL RESULTS

Total Operating Income	\$36.5 MILLION
Total Operating Spend	\$22.6 MILLION
Operating Result for Continuing Operations	\$13.9 MILLION
Net Operating Result before Grants and Contributions	\$0.7 MILLION

TOTAL INCOME	2023/24	\$ ',000
Rates and annual charges	12,990	
User charges and fees	1,939	
Other revenues	400	
Operating grants and contributions	5,930	
Capital grants and contributions	13,187	
Interest and investment revenue	1,468	
Other income	548	
TOTAL	36,462	

TOTAL EXPENSES	2023/24	\$ ',000
Employee costs	6,937	
Materials and services	5,538	
Borrowing costs	159	
Depreciation and amortisation	8,539	
Other expenses	1,065	
Net loss from disposal of assets	350	
TOTAL EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	22,588	
NET OPERATING RESULT BEFORE GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS PROVIDED FOR CAPITAL PURPOSES	687	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM ENCOMPASSING ASSET RENEWAL AND UPGRADES	13,902	

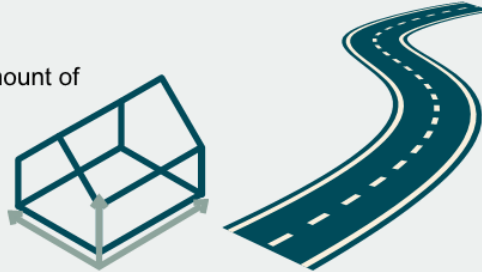
2023/24 SNAPSHOT

Development Applications

Council processed the following amount of Development Applications:

- Pre DA: 497
- DA only: 49
- DA/CC: 7
- DA/CC/S68: 9
- S68: 15
- CDC: 9
- Subdivision: 11
- Modification Applications: 24
- SWC: 2

Total of value of development approved in the shire: **\$26,169,701**



Funding for Roads and Infrastructure

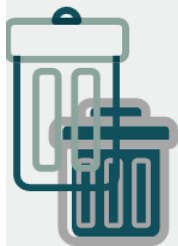
Council received almost \$10 million in funding for roads, bridges and community infrastructure;

- Water & Sewer Strategic Planning \$78,916
- Community War Memorials Fund: \$8,921
- Local Roads & Community Infrastructure: \$471,783
- Stronger Country Communities: \$178,950
- Roads to Recovery: \$537,300
- Resources for Regions: \$2,637,022
- Building Better Regions: \$431,874
- Storm Damage Repair Funding: \$390,077
- Fixing Country Bridges: \$765,050
- Fixing Local Roads: \$1,075,089
- Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund: \$1,865,812
- Storm Damage Repair Funding: \$1,395,494
- Community Bus Shelters: \$24,500

Planning Certificates

Council processed:

- 310 Planning Certificates
- 138 Drainage Diagrams
- 35 Outstanding Notices



Waste Collection

3,196 domestic and commercial premises receive a weekly waste collection service and 3,096 receive a fortnightly recycling collection service.



Music Scholarships

2 Music Scholarships were awarded



Sewerage Services

The Blayney Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) treated an average of 1520KI of waste per day.

Financial Assistance Program

Council contributed \$118,072, including rates & insurance to not-for-profit groups that offer a significant contribution to the social, economic and/or environmental well-being of the community.



Food Inspections

Council conducted:

- 52 temporary food shop inspections.
- 43 permanent food shop inspections.
- 19 mobile food premises inspections.

Shared Pathways

Council's expenditure for renewals was \$66,151 and for new \$636,787. Council maintained 42.2km of footpath and shared paths.



Blayney Waste Facility

Blayney Waste Facility received:

- 4,829.84 tonnes of Municipal Waste
- 1,644.78 tonnes Commercial & Industrial Waste
- 576.39 tonnes of Construction & Demolition Waste

ONGOING COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Parks/Open Spaces

Blayney

- Heritage Park,
- Tennis Courts & Surrounds
- Netball Courts
- Carrington Park,
- CentrePoint,
- Goose Park,
- Belubula River Walk,
- Albert Cook Park,
- Innes Park,
- Gilchrist Street
- Billy Soo Memorial
- Church Hill
- Frog Hollow open space
- Medway St/Mt Errol Street Open Space,
- Presidents Walk

Carcoar

- Kurt Fearnley Park,
- River Park,
- Pound Flat,
- RFS Fire Shed / Carcoar Park
- Carcoar Dam

Capital Park, Lyndhurst

Mill Green, Millthorpe

Gelnorrie Road Dog Park, Millthorpe

Neville Memorial Park

Barry Community Hall

Hobbys Yards Hall

Infrastructure

\$359m of Infrastructure Assets, including;

- 340 kms of sealed local roads
- 346 kms of unsealed local roads
- 44.2 kms of Regional Roads
- 76 bridges
- 433 Major culverts
- 39 kms of footpaths
- 157 buildings
- 163 kms of sewer pipe
- 32 kms of stormwater pipe

Cemetery Maintenance

- Blayney
- Millthorpe
- Carcoar
- Lyndhurst
- Hobbys Yards
- Neville
- Newbridge
- Shaw Cemetery

Sporting fields

- King George Oval, Blayney
- Napier Oval, Blayney
- Dakers Oval, Blayney
- Blayney Showground and Central West Equestrian and Livestock Centre
- Redmond Oval, Millthorpe
- Carcoar Sportsground, Carcoar
- Lyndhurst Recreation Ground
- Newbridge Showground
- Mandurama Recreation Ground



REPRESENTATION AND ADVOCACY

Council is involved with many different groups that have different focuses aimed at improving the Blayney Shire community. Throughout the year, Council also works with various organisations to advocate for change on important topics.

Representation

- Central Tablelands Water Authority
- Central Tablelands Weeds Authority
- Central NSW Joint Organisation
- Orange360
- Skillset
- Community Consultative Committees;
 - Cadia Gold Mine
 - Flyers Creek Wind Farm
 - McPhillamys Gold Project
- Blayney Shire Local Emergency Management
- Canobolas Zone Bush Fire Liaison Committee
- Canobolas Zone Bush Fire Management Committee
- Arts Out West



Advocacy

- Central NSW Joint Organisation
- Local Government NSW
- Association Mining and Energy Related Councils
- NSW Country Mayors Association
- Blayney Health Council

Committees

Committees of Council play an important role in providing a mechanism for consultation, input and community engagement with residents, stakeholders and our various Town and Progress/Village Associations, and this review seeks to support an effective and appropriate committee structure.

Committees include;

- Disability Inclusion Working Group
- Australia Day Committee
- Financial Assistance Program Advisory Committee
- Cemetery Forum
- Blayney Shire Floodplain Management Committee
- Disability Inclusion Working Group
- Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

STRATEGIC PLANS

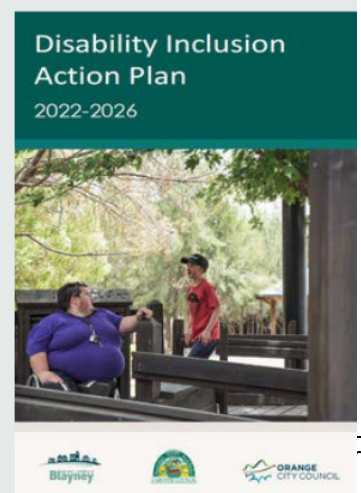
The following strategic plans, which Council has adopted, provide direction for specific areas of Council. These are outside of our government-legislated documents such as the Community Strategic Plan or annual Delivery Program.

These plans are generally implemented over a number of years

- Active Movement Strategy
- Blayney Showground Strategic Plan
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- Orange Region Destination Management Plan
- Sport and Recreation Plan

Strategic Plans can be found on Council's Website

www.blayney.nsw.gov.au



FUTURE DIRECTIONS

As part of our Community Strategic Plan a set of Strategic Objectives was developed so that the social, environmental, economic and civic leadership issues are considered and are adequately addressed via the Future Directions headings of;



**MAINTAIN AND
IMPROVE PUBLIC
INFRASTRUCTURE
AND SERVICES**



**BUILD THE CAPACITY
AND CAPABILITY OF
LOCAL GOVERNANCE
AND FINANCE**



**DIVERSIFY AND GROW
THE BLAYNEY SHIRE
LOCAL AND VISITOR
ECONOMY**



**ENHANCE RECREATIONAL
FACILITIES & NETWORKS
THAT SUPPORT HEALTH &
WELLBEING OF THE
COMMUNITY, SPORT,
HERITAGE & CULTURAL
INTERESTS**



**PROTECT OUR
NATURAL
ENVIRONMENT**

Some projects highlights completed under each of these themes has been summarised on the following pages;



FUTURE DIRECTION 1

MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

Neville Road



ROADS AND BRIDGES

In 2023/24, Council received \$9.9 million for infrastructure-related grants to maintain Council's sealed and unsealed roads, bridges and culverts. This included flood recovery and emergency repair projects.

Some of these key projects completed in 2023/24 included;

- Richards Lane
- Forest Reefs Road
- Unwin and Stabback St
- Forest Reefs Road and Tallwood Road Intersection
- Tallwood Road
- Neville Road
- Barry Road
- Stillingfleet Street
- Belubula Way Bridge



Stabback Street, Millthorpe

ACTIVE MOVEMENT PROJECTS

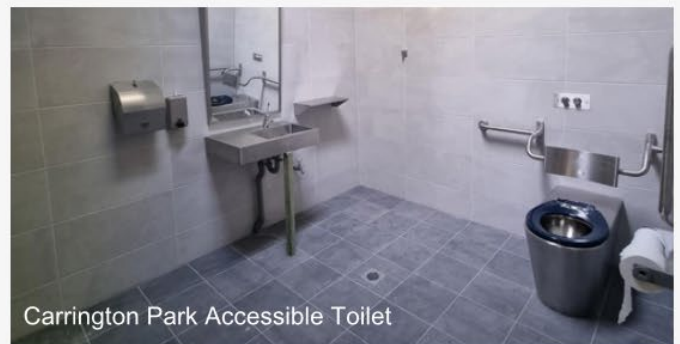
With grant funding, Council was able to bring forward a number of Active Movement Strategy projects providing important and accessible connections. These linkages have proved to be very popular walking tracks for residents and visitors.

Projects have included;

- Trunkey Street, Newbridge
- Glenorie Road, Millthorpe
- Elliott Street, Millthorpe
- Plumb Street, Blayney



Trunkey Street, Newbridge



Carrington Park Accessible Toilet

ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES

In the last 12 months, amenities at both Carrington Park and Heritage Park have been upgraded with a focus on improving accessibility. The existing Carrington Park accessible toilet has been modernised and a completely new toilet block has been installed at Heritage Park, which includes an ambulant and accessible toilet. Improvements were also undertaken to the building entry of Council, with tactile ground indicators and a larger kick rail on the accessible ramp. At King George Oval two accessible viewing area's have been integrated as part of the grandstand upgrade.



FUTURE DIRECTION 2

BUILD THE CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY: SPECIAL RATE VARIATION (SRV)

In 2023/24 Council engaged with the community regarding a Special Rate Variation. The variation is a 10% increase to the general rate for 3 consecutive years, commencing 1 July 2024.

The SRV was needed to assist in addressing the forecast deficits in Council's Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP). The SRV will ensure we have financial capacity to maintain the standard of our assets, services and community facilities, including: roads, bridges, culverts, parks, footpaths and buildings.

The rate increase follows;

- a review of Council's financial position and operations (2022-2023),
- a Community Engagement period (November – December 2023),
- review and approval from the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) (February – May 2024) and;
- public exhibition of Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan (May 2024)

COMMUNITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Blayney Shire Council has a Community Financial Assistance Program to assist the not-for-profit groups that significantly contribute to the community's social, economic and/or environmental well-being. In 2023/24 Council provided \$145,836 of funding to community groups in 3 different categories;

- **Recurring Annual Donations**
- **One-off Financial Assistance**
- **Flagship Funding**



Millthorpe CWA Fence



Newbridge Winter Solstice

One-off financial assistance: This assistance is for projects involving the construction, maintenance or repair of community facilities, purchase of equipment, or organising and conducting of local events and functions. Projects funded in 2023/24 included;

- Dog yards at Blayney Showground
- Millthorpe School of Arts kitchen upgrade
- Enhancement of the multipurpose arena at Neville Showground
- New security system at Blayney Shire Community Mens Shed
- Electrical upgrades to Carcoar Showground
- New fence at Millthorpe CWA Hall
- Outdoor seating at Hobbys Yards Hall
- BBQs at Bakers Shaft and Junction Reefs Reserve
- Canteen upgrades to Napier Oval
- Assistance to Blayney Shire students pursuing higher education through the Country Education Foundation

Flagship Funding: Flagship funding is set aside for major project(s) to be undertaken by community group(s). This year, \$64,384 was allocated to three major projects

- Millthorpe District and Historical Society for kitchen renovations at the Golden Memories Museum
- Blayney Golf Club for a machinery shed extension
- Newbridge Progress Association for a covered walkway at Newbridge Showground

Some projects are still in progress as recipients are provided with 12 months to complete the project.



DESTINATION MARKETING: ORANGE360

In June 2023, Council approved a 2 year funding agreement with Orange360. Orange360 is a not-for-profit, destination marketing organisation funded by Orange, Blayney and Cabonne Councils, and industry memberships. Orange360 drives sustainable tourism growth and economic prosperity across the wider Orange Region through innovative destination marketing, industry development and advocacy.

A highlight for Orange360 in 2023/24 was the launch of the 'Enjoy the Now' campaign which tripled the number of page views on the website and launched new channels on TikTok, YouTube and Pinterest which reached an audience of 13.k in addition to Instagram and Facebook.



TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

\$8,000 of funding was approved by Council to support event organisers through the Tourism Development Program which provides support to projects aimed to promote and grow the visitor economy in the Blayney Shire. Projects supported in 2023/24 included the Newbridge Medieval Dinner, Blayney Show, FOOD Week and Carcoar Show.



SCULPTURES BY THE BUSH

Over the April School Holidays, Council coordinated the Sculptures by the Bush campaign which encourages local residents to create sculptures or scarecrows out of haybales or recycled farm materials. Prizes are awarded in 3 categories. The event is very well received with 26 entries, extensive media coverage a number of visitors travelling to the region to see the sculptures.



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Council's Planning & Development team are responsible for leading, planning, delivering and managing development control in the Blayney Shire. The overarching legislation for planning in NSW is the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

In 2023/24, Council received, assessed and determined 188 applications with a combined value of \$26.2 million and responded to 497 preplanning enquiries. 310 Planning Certificates, 138 Drainage Diagrams and 35 Outstanding notices were also processed.



FUTURE DIRECTION 4

ENHANCE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND NETWORKS THAT SUPPORT HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF THE COMMUNITY, SPORT, HERITAGE AND CULTURAL INTERESTS



King George Oval Carpark

KING GEORGE OVAL

This year the final projects of the \$2.37 million upgrade to King George Oval were completed.

The final stages included upgrades to the internal and external carparks, the entry and installation of an accessible viewing platform.

These projects followed a series of upgrades through multiple grant sources over the last 3 years. This included two new change rooms with male and female sections, new grandstand seating, handrail, scoreboard and lights.



Accessible Viewing Platform

ARTS AND CULTURE

In 2023/24 Council provided two music scholarships to the Orange Regional Conservatorium.

Council sponsored a \$1,000 Council Acquisitive Prize for the annual Textures of One Exhibition coordinated by Sidetrack Arts. In 2024 the theme was 'Tin' with Ruth Durose winning the Council Acquisitive Prize for her artwork 'Three Sheets.'

**Exhibition was held in August 2024, but funding allocated in 2023/24*



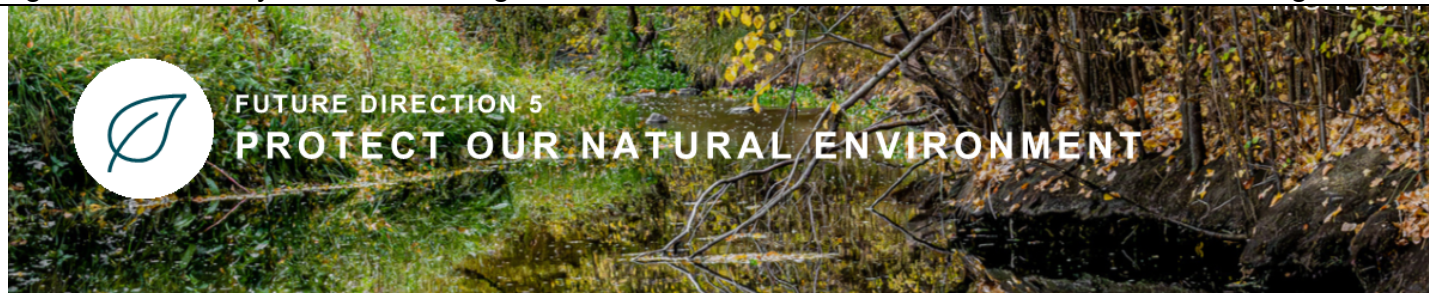
Blayney Shire Council Acquisitive Art Prize

Council partnered with Sidetrack Arts for the use of the Platform Arts Hub space (Blayney Railway Station) with a funding agreement and sub-license. Sidetrack aims to cultivate a connected community that values, celebrates and supports local creative practitioners and engage in projects that deepen and develop creative practice within nurturing community focused spaces.

In 2023/24 Council partnered with Sidetrack on the Waste 2 Art Exhibition, Twilight Shopping and a series of Workshops in January (funded by the Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Event Program). Since opening the studios in February Sidetrack have hosted five practitioners, from painters to photographers, and writers to hat makers within the five creative studios available.



Wreath Making Workshop



GARAGE SALE TRAIL

Blayney Shire Council participated again in the national Garage Sale Trail campaign which is a festival of preloved stuff encouraging residents to sell, shop and learn about the circular economy.

Residents register their garage sale and pick which dates/times they want to host a sale then Council and the Garage Sale Trail organisation assist with promotion of the sales over the weekend. Whilst there is financial benefit for sale hosts, the campaign seeks to educate Australians on the importance of reuse, and the need to take individual responsibility for the impact of our consumption habits whilst also building stronger, more connected and more resilient communities.

In 2023/24 Blayney Shire had 38 different sales held over the two weekends helping to reduce hundreds of items from going to landfill.



EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS AND EVENTS

Council partakes in nation wide educational campaigns and environmental awareness messaging where possible.

National Recycling Week is one of the largest campaigns, in partnership with Net Waste, Council helps to spread the word through our platforms such as social media, local newspaper, e-newsletter and Councils website.



WASTE 2 ART

For 6 weeks in July and August 2023, Council partnered with NetWaste and Sidetrack Arts to host the Waste 2 Art Regional Showcase. Waste 2 Art is an exhibition showcasing creative works made from reused and recyclable waste materials. Councils within the NetWaste region hosted local competitions with the winning artworks on show in Blayney for the regional showcase.

Waste 2 Art's aim is to challenge peoples' perceptions about 'rubbish' and to celebrate the reuse and recycling of waste through arts and crafts. Waste 2 Art provides an innovative approach to waste education, invites schools and community groups to take up the challenge and create a new life for materials that would otherwise have been thrown away.

Look for the Australasian Recycling Label on packaging



Recyclable



Conditionally Recyclable



Not Recyclable



26) STATE OF THE SHIRE REPORT 2021-2024**Department:** Corporate Services**Author:** Director Corporate Services**CSP Link:** 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance**File No:** GS.LI.1

Recommendation:

That Council receive and endorse the attached 2021-2024 State of the Shire Report.

Reason for Report:

For Council to receive the State of the Shire Report 2021-2024 (previously known as the End of Term Report) to inform the community of Council's achievements during the Council term.

Report:

Under the NSW State Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework for Local Government in NSW, Council is required to produce a State of our Shire report on its progress with implementing the Community Strategic Plan. This report is required to be presented to the last meeting of the outgoing council.

The State of our Shire report will be included as an addendum to the 2023/24 Annual Report. The aim of the State of our Shire report is to provide the community with an update on how the Council is progressing towards achieving its 2022 – 2032 Community Strategic Plan (CSP) adopted on 7 June 2022 by the previous Council.

The CSP is a long-term plan that identifies what the community's priorities and aspirations are and how they will be achieved. It provides the direction for the provision of key projects and services, which enables Council to meet the needs of our community and deliver good quality services and facilities.

The State of our Shire report outlines the many achievements the current Council has managed in its term.

The outgoing Council can be proud of its achievements that have laid a solid foundation for fiscal responsibility and good sound management at Council and provides the new Council an excellent base to build upon.

A copy of the State of the Shire Report 2021-2024 can be found appended to the 2023/24 Annual Report which is the subject of a separate report (commencing from page 207 (A9) of the Annual Report attachment).

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Council is required to endorse the State of the Shire Report at the second meeting of the new council.

The State of our Shire report has been prepared in accordance with the Integrated Planning & Reporting Handbook for Local Councils in NSW (September 2021).

Budget Implications:

Nil

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

27) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT**Department:** Infrastructure Services**Author:** Director Infrastructure Services**CSP Link:** 1. Maintain and Improve Public Infrastructure and Services**File No:** GO.ME.1

Recommendation:

That Council note the Infrastructure Services Monthly Report for October 2024.

Reason for Report:

This report presents an update on current projects, construction and maintenance activities within the Blayney Shire being managed or undertaking by Council's Infrastructure Department. The report outlines work that has been carried out over the past month as well as status of major projects.

Report:**Minor Works**Maintenance works

Since the previous report, pothole patching has been performed on the following roads: Mandurama Road, Hobbys Yards Road, Three Brothers Road, Moorilda Road, Wimbledon Road, Newbridge Road, Garland Road, Forest Reefs Road, Panuara Road, Barry Road, Neville Road, and Guyong Road.

Pothole patching has also generally been performed in the following towns/areas: Blayney, Millthorpe, Carcoar, and Lyndhurst.

Maintenance grading and minor gravel patch repair works have been undertaken on the following roads: Marshalls Lane, Adelaide Lane, Prices Lane, Hills Lane, Lower Farm Lane, Plumb Street, Lucks Lane, Matthews Road, Fell Timber Road, Tooheys Lane, Mallowgrove Road, Corks Lane, Carcoar Dam Road, Souths Lane.

Open Spaces and Facilities

Changeovers are underway throughout the shire from winter to summer sports, with regular scheduled maintenance works underway.

Sewer Treatment Plant (STP)Programmed Works

STP works have transitioned into the summer program and are preparing the drying beds for operations. Operational works continue, and minor works are progressing including fence reinstatement, flow meter upgrade / recalibrations and planning for bank erosion management / restoration of portions of the sludge lagoons.

Repair of sewer lines damaged by other utility authorities are progressing (some resolved).

Some defects of prior year sewer relining have been identified. Negotiations are currently underway for warranty terms. One company who undertook lining works now with defects identified, has since ceased to operate and Council will therefore not be able to recover costs for these repairs. Desktop cost estimate to rectify is \$75k - \$100k and it is intended these will be included in future sewer relining budget allocations.

Major Projects

Note, costs/budgets are reported for the current financial year only.

Four Mile Creek Road Bridge Replacement – Fixing Country Bridges					
Due Date	Revised Budget YTD	Expenditure this Month	Total Expenditure YTD	Committed Expenditure YTD	Estimated Total Project Costs
30/06/2025	1,578,481	870,230	984,112	224,321	1,565,781
Commentary					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridgeworks complete except for barrier & terminal placement. • Road approach works underway, with boxing out completed. • Subbase construction underway. 					
Forecast (1-3 months)					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadworks are expected to be completed excluding linemarking and delineation furniture by end of October 2024. • Barriers from the bridge and terminal placement will be completed by the bridge contractor after the completion of the roadworks. • The remaining funds will be assessed after completion of the roadworks for whether they will be sufficient to remove the existing bridge. 					

Hobbys Yards Road Rehabilitation – R4R9					
Due Date	Revised Budget YTD	Expenditure this Month	Total Expenditure YTD	Committed Expenditure YTD	Estimated Total Project Costs
30/06/2025	2,277,761	0	102,667	23,985	1,818,254
Commentary					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope is confirmed at CH 8900-10700 which is aligned with the grant funding requirements of rehabilitation of 1.8km of road. • Preliminary drainage replacements and new culvert construction works are halfway complete. • Detail design of the road is complete. • Estimates are complete. 					
Forecast (1-3 months)					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commencement is forecast for late November 2024 with culvert extensions and profile/geometry corrections via subbase overlay commencing first. • Retaining wall structural designer to be sought and engaged. 					

Richards Lane – R4R9					
Due Date	Revised Budget YTD	Expenditure this Month	Total Expenditure YTD	Committed Expenditure YTD	Estimated Total Project Costs
Nov. 2025 ^[2]	1,258,521	8,810	15,343	54,725	953,317 ^[1]
Commentary					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culvert works (stage 1) complete which incorporated an extension into Stage 3. • Achieved concept design approval from TfNSW for the intersection works (stage 2). • Delivery of remaining stages 2 & 3 will be via open tender. • ^[1] Based <u>only</u> on estimate of remainder of stage 2 works and committed/unexpended costs from design, WAD, and RSA fees. Stage 2 works not yet incorporated in cost to complete. • ^[2] Application for project extension is currently being sought from the funding body for a revised completion date of March 2026. 					
Forecast (1-3 months)					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalisation of detailed estimate for stage 2 • Finalisation of detailed estimate for stage 3. • Road safety audit. • Project verifier commencement. • Detail design approval from TfNSW. • Tender document preparation. 					

Rodd Street Culvert Repairs – Natural Disaster AGRN1034					
Due Date	Revised Budget YTD	Expenditure this Month	Total Expenditure YTD	Committed Expenditure YTD	Estimated Total Project Costs
June 2025	420,273	0	0	11,400	420,273
Commentary					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue for Tender design complete. • Delivery of this project will be via open tender. • Draft tender and contract documents have been prepared. 					
Forecast (1-3 months)					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender documents will be reviewed. Issuing RFT expected in late October 2024. 					

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Information report only.

Budget Implications:

No forecast supplementary votes are being requested at this time.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

28) **2024/25 ROAD ALLOCATIONS AND CAPITAL WORKS PRIORITISATION**

Department: Infrastructure Services

Author: Director Infrastructure Services

CSP Link: 1. Maintain and Improve Public Infrastructure and Services

File No: RD.AD.1

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Note the proposed work locations for the 2024/25 renewal/capital maintenance programs.
2. Note the 2024/25 capital works program prioritisation.

Reason for Report:

To provide Councillors with information on the allocation of funding across Council's infrastructure, and inform the priority of which projects will be completed.

Report:

Capital maintenance/renewal allocations from Council's Capital Expenditure Program are tabulated for information in Table 1, below:

Program	Allocation (\$)	Notes
Resealing	600,700	Funded annually. Allocation includes \$145,429 carryover from 23/24 Forest Reefs intersection project for reseal.
Heavy Patching	1,109,927	Heavy patching funded annually. Allocation includes \$537,301 from Local Roads & Community Infrastructure (LRCI) 4A and \$309,927 from LRCI 4B programs. LRCI 4B funding is tied to Forest Reefs Road.
Gravel Resheeting	417,778	Funded annually.
Kerb Network Renewals	66,000	Funded every 4 years.
Culvert Renewal Program	172,828	Funded every 2 years.

Table 1 – 2024/25 Capital Allocations.

The locations of appropriate renewal works have been determined for the 2024/25 financial year within these current funding allocations.

Resealing

As no additional network-wide road surveys/condition assessments have been undertaken on the sealed network since 2020, in-house assessments by Council's operations staff have been utilised for scoping works.

It should be noted, resealing is a preventative maintenance measure that prolongs the life of the pavement and seal however is only suited to sections of roads which do not already have a failed pavement.

Road	From	To	Area (m ²)	Allocation (\$ including contingency)
Four Mile Creek Road	CH 4415	CH 6365	15,600	119,184
Hobbys Yards Road	Ch 7110	CH 8310	10,800	80,832
Forest Reefs Road	CH 7080 (Burtons Lane)	CH 8680 (Forest Reefs)	15,300	140,026
Napier Street	Whole Street		3,600	49,421
Gowan Place	Whole Street		540	7,413
Stillingfleet Street	Adelaide Street	Osman Street	5,198	41,629
Stabback Street	Crowson St	Cul-de-sac	2,160	39,537
Unwin Street	Crowson St	Cul-de-sac	2,160	19,768
Crowson Street	Unwin St	Stabback St	980	19,059
Forest Reefs intersection	Whole intersection		8,200	75,046
NOT ALLOCATED				8,785
TOTAL ALLOCATION			64,538 m ²	600,700
Note: - All allocations include 14% contingency. Seal designs are completed as at the time of this report, with works expected to be completed by October 2024.				

Table 2 – Resealing Allocations

Heavy Patching

In-house assessments by Council's operations staff have been used to scope heavy patching sites and geotechnical engineering consultants have been engaged to sample and produce tailored additive mix designs for each site requiring additives.

Road	From	To	Area (m ²)	Allocation (\$ including contingency)
Forest Reefs Road	8 patches from Cowriga Ck bridge to Burtons Lane		4,216	324,632
Browns Creek Road (half lane)	Brooklee Ln	"Janola"	2,925	273,488
Belubula Way	Wells Ln	Millamolong Rd	3,720	306,900
Somers Place	CH 240	CH 340 (cul-de-sac)	1,100	199,650
<i>NOT ALLOCATED</i>				5,257
<i>TOTAL ALLOCATION</i>			11,961 m ²	1,109,927
Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All allocations include a 14% contingency. - Works are expected to be completed in two separately tendered packages, with the in-situ stabilising works (Forest Reefs, Browns Creek roads, and Belubula Way) being completed separate to the mill & fill works (Somers Place). Draft tender documents for the in-situ stabilising works are currently underway. 				

Table 3 – Heavy Patching Allocations

Gravel Resheeting

Resheeting project nominations and allocations have been progressively completed since July 2024 based on both in-house condition inspections undertaken by Operations staff and by related customer requests regarding unsealed road conditions.

Road	Gravel (Tonnes)	Area (m ²)	Allocation (\$ including contingency)
Fell Timber Road	905	3,000	23,200 ^[1]
Dowsetts Lane	833	3,000	31,181 ^[1]
Kings Plains Road	300	1,200	11,648 ^[1]
Village Road	408	1,200	20,939 ^[1]
Calvert Lane	350	1,750	9,160 ^[1]
North Lane	550	2,750	13,768 ^[1]
Glenelg Road	1,020	3,000	40,983 ^[1]
Eves Lane	300	500	12,630 ^[1]
Fardells Lane	200	500	13,752 ^[1]
Fairbanks Lane	184	500	8,490 ^[1]
Ovington Lane	400	2,000	13,027 ^[1]
Mckellars Lane	200	1,000	11,064 ^[1]
Somers Lane	660	3,000	16,096 ^[1]
Old Lachlan Road	1,000	5,000	61,286
Greghamstown Road	200	1,000	7,732
Lochewen Road	350	1,750	18,865
Millamolong Road	400	2,000	23,626
<i>TO BE ALLOCATED</i>			80,331
<i>TOTAL ALLOCATION</i>			33,150
			417,778

Note:

- ^[1] **Resheeting works on these roads are complete and costs reported are actual costs.**
- **The remaining \$80k will continue to be allocated progressively where required with ample contingencies. Allocations will continue until final projected costs arise at 95% of the program with contingency to ensure no overruns of the program occur.**

Kerb Network Renewals

Project nomination and scoping of network renewals has been undertaken where customer requests have arisen from defects present, or where ordinary renewals are required for completion of other works. In particular, the Somers Place kerb renewal will be completed in conjunction with heavy patching work to ensure holistic renewal of the road pavement and adjacent infrastructure is completed.

Road	From	To	Length (m)	Allocation (\$ including contingency)
Charles Street	36 Adelaide St	30 Charles St	28	15,665 ^[1]
Adelaide Street	Street frontage of 40 Adelaide St		16	12,788 ^[1]
Adelaide Street	35 Adelaide St	37 Adelaide St	15	10,657 ^[1]
Somers Place	22 Somers PI	24 Somers PI	31	21,975
<i>NOT ALLOCATED</i>				4,915
<i>TOTAL ALLOCATION</i>			90 m	66,000
Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ^[1] These works are completed - The Somers Place allocation includes a 24% contingency due to complexities arising from a survey mark situated in the kerb. - No further allocations from the kerb network renewal program are scheduled for this year, with the remaining funds being insufficient to fund additional work. 				

Culvert Renewal Program

The scoped projects to come under the Culvert Renewal Program have been identified by Council's operations' staff as requiring remediation/replacement. Many of the subject culverts being renewed and replaced also have customer requests highlighting defects and poor performance, particularly the Matthews Lane and Garland Road culverts.

Road	Chainage	Allocation (\$ including contingency)
Matthews Lane	CH 5920	33,360 ^[1]
Garland Road	CH 1220	17,510 ^[1]
Sherwood Lane	CH 635	63,798
Beneree Road	CH 5800	56,909
<i>NOT ALLOCATED</i>		1,251
<i>TOTAL ALLOCATED</i>		172,828
Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - [1] These works are complete. - No further allocations from the Culvert Renewal Program are scheduled for this year, with remaining funds being insufficient for additional work. 		

Capital Works Prioritisation

Prioritisation lists have been developed and is presented below for Council information. These lists were determined through analysis of available resources, project constraints and requirements of the relevant funding deeds.

Roads Projects (in order of prioritisation)			
Project	Funding Body	Delivery Method	Projected Completion
Four Mile Creek Road (road approaches)	FCB2A	Council delivery	Oct 2024
Browns Creek Road	R4R9	Part-service delivery with Council	Nov 2024
Hobbys Yards Road CH 8900-10700	R4R9	Part-service delivery with Council	April 2025
Richards Lane	R4R9	Full-service contract	Feb 2026
<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Richards Lane project has experienced delays due to a prolonged Works Authorisation Deed (WAD) process with TfNSW. An updated program is at this stage; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Design and approval completion: March 2025. o Tender and award of project: July 2026 o Construction completion: February 2026. Council has initially highlighted and consulted with Regional NSW regarding an extension for delivery of this project. - An initial budget review has identified the Hobbys Yards Road project may be delivered under budget. Whilst there has been forward planning work (Geotech and survey) undertaken for further Hobbys Yards Road segments to be improved if an underspend occurs it would likely be recommended by staff for Council to reallocate those funds to a project (likely Richards Lane) once Hobbys Yards Road is completed and it is known if there has been an underspend (this would also be subject to variation approval from the funding body). 			

Table 4 – Roads Projects Prioritisation

Footpath Projects (in order of prioritisation)			
Project	Funding Source	Delivery Method	Projected Completion
Plumb/Palmer St Blayney	SCCF5	Council delivery	Dec 2024
Orange Road, Blayney	SCCF5	Council delivery	Dec 2024
Charles Street Blayney AMP 8	General	Council delivery	Feb 2025
Ewin St, Blayney AMP 18	General	Council delivery	Feb 2025
Victoria/Montgomery St, Millthorpe	General	Contracted part service delivery with Council.	Apr 2025
Naylor St, Carcoar Ad2	General	N/A ^[4]	
Hawke St, Blayney AMP 21	General	N/A ^[4]	
Notes:			
- ^[4] A further report for Carcoar Ad2 and Hawke Street AMP 21 will be provided to Council recommending deferral of these projects and reallocation of \$ to an urban stormwater & kerb construction project.			

Table 5 – Footpath Projects Prioritisation

Stormwater Drainage Projects (in order of prioritisation)			
Project	Funding Body	Delivery Method	Projected Completion
Newbridge Road Culvert	OLG Flood Recovery	Full-service contract via RFx for culvert delivery, sundries by Council	24/25
Carcoar Dam Road Culvert	Council	TBC	See notes
Notes: - A further report for Carcoar Dam Road culvert will be provided to Council recommending deferral of this project and reallocation to an urban stormwater & kerb construction project.			

Table 6 – Stormwater Drainage Projects Prioritisation

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Projections for completion of allocated works have been made as of October 2024. However subject to change projects may be due to any unforeseen circumstances, all programmed works are currently anticipated to be completed within the financial year. With most of the gravel resheeting and kerb renewal works already completed, and reseals expected to be completed in October, the risk of not completing programmed works is considerably lower than previous years.

All tendered works have and will be tendered in accordance with S55 of the Local Government Act and its corresponding regulation.

Allocation of heavy patching and reseal locations has been undertaken with consideration Council's "Road Hierarchy, Renewal and Maintenance Policy 25G" and the "Blayney Shire Roads Strategy 2023", with particular emphasis on delivery of works on higher-priority roads within these documents.

Budget Implications:

All works programmed are within Council's budget allocation for 2024/25. It is recognised that project delays present a risk to project budgets, however it is essential that projects complete their design phase in full, prior to commencement of construction.

Contingency amounts have been included in each allocation such that budget risks arising from inclement weather, unforeseen rises in material costs, and changing market rates are mitigated.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

29) UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL - ROADSIDE WEED CONTROL SERVICES**Department:** Infrastructure Services**Author:** Director Infrastructure Services**CSP Link:** 5. Protect Our Natural Environment**File No:** RD.AD.1

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Approve a supplementary vote for 2024/25 of \$27,028 for roadside weed control.
2. Reduce the 2025/26 budget for roadside management from \$61,589 to \$15,550 to balance a shortfall in budget.
3. Accept the changes to the Roadside Weed Control Services Agreement and delegate to the General Manager authority to negotiate and execute the Roadside Weed Control Services Agreement with Upper Macquarie County Council.

Reason for Report:

To seek endorsement of Council for budget adjustments relating to roadside weed control.

Report:

Upper Macquarie County Council (trading as Central Tablelands Weeds Authority - CTWA) is a separate statutory authority that manages weed control under the Biosecurity Act 2015 for Blayney Shire Council, Bathurst Regional Council, Lithgow City Council and Oberon Council (constituent Councils).

CTWA undertake a roadside spraying program that is a 3 year rotation programme, whereby it will undertake spraying of all Council controlled road reserves in the Blayney Shire over a 3 year period.

Sector 1 commenced in 2023/24 and was a successful year for Blayney, with the delivery of the sector 1 program in its entirety.

Budget Adjustments

In October 2024, CTWA approached Council with some amendments to the Roadside Weed Control Services Agreement, implementation of flow metered spray guns to manage productivity and revised estimates to complete sector 2 (2024/25) and sector 3 (2025/26) of the roadside spraying program.

Analysis of these estimates revealed that Council currently has insufficient budget to complete the proposed Sector 2 & Sector 3 within current budget allocations. With a projected ~\$27k deficit in 2024/25 and projected ~\$19k deficit in 2025/26, as summarised in Table 1.

Due to this, a recommendation is made to Council proposing to:

- a) Bring forward funds to 2024/25 from 2025/26 (so that we have the best opportunity to complete Sector 2 this current financial year).
- b) Reduce Financial Year 2025/26 Service Fee for Roadside Management to \$15,550 to balance the shortfall in the Council budget.

This decision is based on the additional work that has been put into the Cadia area last financial year (under Resolution 2311/003) and some remaining work outstanding this financial year.

This additional weed control work has resulted in approximately 50% (~122kms) of sector 3 already being serviced in 2023/24 or projected to be serviced in 2024/25. It is anticipated therefore that there will be substantially less weed control required on these sector 3 roadsides come 2025/26. This can be reviewed again once sector 2 is nearing completion and the sector 3 season approaches.

Description	Financial Year 2024/25	Financial Year 2025/26
Blayney Operating Costs Based on UMCC 2024/25 Table B Income and Expenditure Statement	\$85,406	\$87,968
Service Fee for Roadside Management based on letter 18/07/2024	\$68,896 (Sector 2)	\$61,589 (Sector 3)
Additional Commitment – Flyers Creek area weed control. (Resolution 2311/003)	\$10,000	\$10,000
Flow Metered Spray Guns	\$3,610	\$3,610
Blayney Council Budget	\$140,884	\$144,156
Projected Net Position	\$(27,028)	\$(19,011)

Table 1: Blayney adopted financials

Description	Financial Year 2024/25	Financial Year 2025/26
Blayney Operating Costs Based on UMCC 2024/25 Table B Income and Expenditure Statement	\$85,406	\$87,968
Service Fee for Roadside Management Revised	\$68,896 (Sector 2)	\$15,550 (Sector 3)
Additional Commitment – Flyers Creek area weed control. (Resolution 2311/003)	\$10,000	\$10,000
Flow Metered Spray Guns	\$3,610	\$3,610
Proposed Council Budget	\$167,912	\$117,128
Projected Net Position	\$0	\$0

Table 2: Blayney financial adjustments to be recommended to Council.

Roadside Weed Control Services Agreement

The Biosecurity Operations Manager and General Manager have met with each constituent council's Roadside Weed Control delegates discussing year 1 of the 3-year program.

At these meetings it was acknowledged that the County Council was thankful for the constituent council's commitment to the Service Agreement, the 2023/24 program saw the largest financial commitment to the roadside program in its history.

It was also acknowledged at these meetings that this new strategic approach to managing weeds in road corridors will see a reduction in costs as the weed prevalence is reduced over time. Importantly the discussions identified opportunities for improvement that are now being proposed to each constituent council.

The proposed changes if adopted will require amendments to the current Service Agreement. Attached is a copy of the current Agreement, the clauses that may change are highlighted in yellow.

Please also refer to Version 2 attached, the proposed changes have been taken up and are highlighted in green. Councils are requested to provide comment on whether they will accept the proposed changes or reject them.

The reasons for the proposed changes, include;

1. The annual program must align with Council's annual budget development cycle i.e. the County Council must provide annual program data to constituent councils by mid-April each year, so the annual roadside program is included in Councils annual operating plan / budgets.
2. Abandon the means of calculating the Service Fee using the average cost per kilometre based on the prior 5 years of the program and extrapolating that to achieve the cost of each road being treated once every 3 years. This change is recommended due to the increase of costs occurring in November 2023, year 1 of the new program including a significant increase in contractor labour costs with more staff being required to service the Agreement and a higher hourly rate of pay to attract new staff, increases in herbicide costs and the cost for compliance of traffic control work practices.
3. The Service fee to be changed to Estimated Service Fee. The Estimated Service Fee will be calculated using the prior year's program cost per km multiplied by the number of km's in each sector.
4. The estimated service fee will guide constituent councils when considering their annual budget commitment for roadside weed spraying. Councils will consider their obligations under the Biosecurity Act Part 3 Section 22 that reads in part "has a biosecurity duty to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the biosecurity risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised".

5. It is proposed to require constituent councils to place a purchase order with the county council for Roadside Weed Spraying annually. The purchase order is to be raised in August each year including the Councils financial commitment for that year's program. The County Council will invoice that amount to constituent councils seeking payment in September each year.
6. The County Council has reviewed the km's of road within each of the 3 sectors aiming to even up the road length per sector. The following changes are proposed.
 - Bathurst sector 1 to 3 will be 419klm, 376klm and 358klm
 - Blayney sectors 1 to 3 will be 220klm, 264klm, and 236klm
 - Lithgow sectors 1 to 3 will be 266klm, 324klm and 303klm
 - Oberon sectors 1 to 3 will be 336klm, 311klm and 296klm

The Estimated Service Fee as per item 3 above would be:

- Bathurst: completion sector 1 \$68,394 sector 2 \$111,085 Sector 3 \$105,768
- Blayney: Sector 2 \$68,896.08 Sector 3 \$61,589
- Lithgow: Sector 2 \$237,764 Sector 3 \$222,354
- Oberon: completion sector 1 \$106,050 Sector 2 \$147,436 sector 3 \$140,324

NOTE: Blayney and Lithgow completed sector 1 in 2023/24 program, Bathurst and Oberon did not complete sector 1.

7. It is proposed that each Council can elect at any time during the 3-year term of the Agreement to change their program from 3 years to 4 years. This is recommended to align with the County Councils practice of providing an extension of time to private Landholders who demonstrate that they are making a reasonable annual commitment to reducing the biosecurity risk of the weeds on their land.
8. It is proposed that the County Council introduces new technology into the roadside Weed Control Program by commencing the use of Universal Flow Trackers on each spray gun. This will provide GIS location data (mapping) of where and what herbicide is applied, date, time of day and volume for each road. Each Council having access to this information will provide greater confidence that the program is treating roadsides accurately, thus reducing the biosecurity risks posed by weeds in road corridors.

It is recommended that the Council accepts the proposed changes.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Central Tablelands Weeds Authority derives powers from the Biosecurity Act 2015 and carries out these functions within Blayney Shire Council.

Budget Implications:

The proposed recommendation is projected to increase budget in 2024/25 and decrease budget in 2025/26 to ensure the work is completed within current budget allocations over the two financial years.

Enclosures (following report)

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| 1 | Consultation of Roadside Weed Control Services Agreement Following Completion of Year 1 | 3 Pages |
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Attachments (separate document)

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| 2 | Roadside Weed Control Services Agreement Highlighting Proposed Amended Clauses | 13 Pages |
| 3 | Roadside Weed Control Services Agreement Proposed Amendments Taken Up | 13 Pages |



CENTRAL TABLELANDS WEEDS AUTHORITY

(Legal Entity Upper Macquarie County Council)

18th July 2024

Consultation of Roadside Weed Control Services Agreement following completion of Year 1 conducted from December 2023 to April 2024.

Chris Jackson Biosecurity Operations Manager and General Manager Tim Johnston have meet with each constituent council's Roadside Weed Control delegates discussing year 1 of the 3-year program. At these meetings it was acknowledged that the County Council was thankful for the constituent council's commitment to the Service Agreement, the 2023/24 program saw the largest financial commitment to the roadside program in its history. It was also acknowledged at these meetings that this new strategic approach to managing weeds in road corridors will see a reduction in costs as the weed prevalence is reduced over time. Importantly the discussions identified opportunities for improvement that are now being proposed to each constituent council.

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The reasons for the proposed changes are briefly described below numbered 1 to 9. Questions will be addressed by Tim Johnston 0437 042 573 or email gm@ctwa.nsw.gov.au;

1. The annual program must align with Council's annual budget development cycle i.e. the County Council must provide annual program data to constituent councils by mid-April each year, so the annual roadside program is included in Councils annual operating plan / budgets.

Central Tablelands Weeds Authority

The Local Control Authority for weed biosecurity in the local government areas of Bathurst Regional Council, Blayney Shire Council, Oberon Council and Lithgow City Council.

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 - ✓ The County Council will purchase the hardware, a capital cost of \$25,480 for 14 Units, this will not be recouped from the Roadside Program, this hardware can be used by the County Council on both private works and undertaking regulatory enforcement action.
 - ✓ It is proposed that Constituent councils will have 'view only' access through a portal to view completed roads, costing \$1,290 annually for each Council.
 - ✓ It is proposed that Constituent councils pay the cost of the Data/software annual subscription of \$18,705 per year for 10 spray guns. The County Council will pay \$7,482 per year for 4 spray guns.
 - ✓ It is suggested that the Councils annual data/software cost \$18,705 can be shared by the constituent councils based on total road kilometres within each LGA.

• Bathurst	1,173.6 klms	31.45%	\$5,883.41 per year		
• Blayney	720.3 klms	19.3%	\$3,610.96	"	"
• Lithgow	894.5 klms	23.97%	\$4,484.25	"	"
• Oberon	942.8 klms	25.27%	\$4,726.38	"	"
Total			\$18,705.00		
 - ✓ It is proposed that these costs are invoiced annually to each Council Or, recovered from the Roadside Program fee each Council pays annually.

What Next.

Councils are requested to comment on these proposed changes by accepting them or rejecting them. It will be appreciated if Councils can respond via email by the 9th of August.

The County Council desires the Councils to remain together under a common Agreement, please refer to clauses 14, 15 and possibly 16 that may apply if a common agreement cannot be achieved.

Based on that desire, Councils are encouraged to accept the proposed changes.

Regards

Tim Johnston

General Manager

30) MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 17 OCTOBER 2024**Department:** Infrastructure Services**Author:** Director Infrastructure Services**CSP Link:** 1. Maintain and Improve Public Infrastructure and Services**File No:** TT.ME.1

Recommendation:

That Council;

1. Receive and note the minutes of the Blayney Traffic Committee Meeting, held Wednesday 17 October 2024.
2. Endorse the Orange Running Festival, to be held on 8 & 9 March 2025 on roads in the vicinity of Forest Reefs and Spring Terrace, in the Orange City LGA, as a Class 2 event, and subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.
3. Endorse the Blayney section of the 2024 Rally of Bathurst, to be staged on various roads in the LGA. The event to be classified as a Class 2 event, and approved subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.
4. Support the 2024 Alpine Classic, to be staged on 26 & 27 October 2024 on various roads across the Blayney Shire, as a Class 2 event, subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.
5. Endorse the Event Management Plans for the Ride for Resilience event to be staged on 15-17 May 2025. The event is to be classified as a Class 2 event, and approved subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.
6. Endorse the Millthorpe Market events, to be staged on 1 December 2024 & 6 April 2025 on Redmond Oval as a Class 2 event, subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.

Reason for Report:

For Council to endorse the minutes of the Blayney Shire Council Traffic Committee meeting held 17 October 2024.

**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE,
ON 17 OCTOBER 2024, COMMENCING AT 10:00AM****PRESENT****Members:** Cr John Newstead (Blayney Shire Council-Chair), Reg Rendall (State Member for Bathurst Representative), Jackie Barry (TfNSW), Pat Fisher (NSW Police), Chris Pethick (NSW Police).**Present:** Jacob Hogan (Director Infrastructure Services), Evatt Bourne (Design & Development Engineer), Nikki Smith (Administration Officer).

APOLOGIES

Nil.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 9 AUGUST 2024

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Blayney Shire Council Traffic Committee Meeting held on 9 August 2024, be confirmed to be a true and accurate record of that meeting.

(Newstead/Barry)

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Intersection Adelaide Street/Mid Western Highway

Update: TfNSW advised the review of opening the intersection is currently with their Asset Manager for consideration. Following this Council will progress their internal assessment.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

Reports

20241017:01 STREET EVENT - ORANGE RUNNING FESTIVAL - 8 AND 9 MARCH 2025

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the Orange Running Festival, to be held on 8 & 9 March 2025 on roads in the vicinity of Forest Reefs and Spring Terrace, in the Orange City LGA, as a Class 2 event, and subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.

(Rendall/Fisher)

20241017:02 STREET EVENT - 2024 BATHURST RALLY

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the Blayney section of the 2024 Rally of Bathurst, to be staged on various roads in the LGA. The event to be classified as a Class 2 event, and approved subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.

(Fisher/Rendall)

20241017:03 **STREET EVENT - 2024 ALPINE CLASSIC**

Recommendation:

That Council support the 2024 Alpine Classic, to be staged on 26 & 27 October 2024 on various roads across the Blayney Shire, as a Class 2 event, subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.

(Newstead/Rendall)

20241017:04 **RESILIENCE RIDE - FOR YOUTH OFF THE STREETS - POSTPONED TO 15-17 MAY 2025 (IC/88461)**

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the Event Management Plans for the Ride for Resilience event to be staged on 15-17 May 2025. The event is to be classified as a Class 2 event, and approved subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.

(Fisher/Rendall)

20241017:05 **STREET EVENT - MILLTHORPE MARKET - 1 DECEMBER 2024 & 6 APRIL 2025 (IAPP/87776)**

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the Millthorpe Market events, to be staged on 1 December 2024 & 6 April 2025 on Redmond Oval as a Class 2 event, subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.

(Rendall/Jackie)

Traffic Register

TRAFFIC REGISTER

Noted.

General Business

MILLTHORPE GARDEN RAMBLE - 2 AND 3 NOVEMBER 2024 (RC.EM.6 - NAPP/24468)

Actions

For Committee noting.

REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATION SERVICE - 11 NOVEMBER 2024

Actions

For Committee noting.

SPEED ZONE REVIEW - FOREST REEFS / TALLWOOD ROAD INTERSECTION

Actions

For Committee Noting.

**MID WESTERN HIGHWAY / LUCKS LANE - TT.DC.6
(IC/88153)**

Actions

TfNSW will follow up to see if there are any plans for this section of Mid Western Highway / Lucks Lane.

**SPRING INTO ART - NEWBRIDGE NSW - 18-20 OCTOBER
2024**

Actions

For Committee noting.

FUTURE MEETING DATES - 2024

6 December 2024

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10:22am.

Enclosures (following report)

1	Street Event - Orange Running Festival	1 Page
2	Street Event - 2024 Bathurst Rally	1 Page
3	Street Event - 2024 Alpine Classic	1 Page
4	Resilience Ride - For Youth Off The Streets	1 Page
5	Street Event - Millthorpe Markets	1 Page

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

Street Event – Orange Running Festival – 8 & 9 March 2025

Conditions considered appropriate for the Event Organiser to comply with include the following:-

- a. The Event Organiser shall obtain approval from NSW Police, with submission of a Notice of Intention to Hold a Public Assembly (via chifleyrms@police.nsw.gov.au), in accordance with the Summary Offences Act 1988, and a copy provided to Blayney Shire Council, prior to the event.
- b. Council shall be provided with an up to date copy of a \$20M Public Liability Insurance Policy indicating Blayney Shire Council's interests, and the date and location of the events.
- c. A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and a Traffic Guidance Scheme (TGS) must be prepared for the event by an appropriately qualified person, and shall be provided to the Blayney Traffic Committee for approval prior to the event.
- d. All Traffic Guidance Scheme (TGS) must be implemented by appropriately qualified persons. Arrangements and marshalling points are to be in terms of the plan submitted.
- e. All personnel carrying out traffic control duties must hold a Transport for NSW authorised traffic controller's ticket.
- f. Council shall be provided with a Risk Assessment and a Risk Management Plan prior to the event commencing.
- g. Event Marshals, Traffic Controllers and participants must be consulted and advised of the risk management and contingency arrangements in case of an emergency.
- h. The Event Organiser must inform all relevant persons involved in the organisation of the event of the Conditions of Approval.
- i. The Event Organiser is to notify all Emergency Services of the event and associated road closures, including Orange Base Hospital.
- j. The Event Organiser shall conduct a letter drop to affected residents and businesses advising of the event for all affected roads and advising the contact details of the Event Organiser to obtain an escort vehicle a minimum 7 days prior to the event.
- k. The Event Organisers shall provide access for road users along Spring Terrace Road, and Forest Reefs Road up to the Road Closure points.
- l. Marshalls/volunteers shall not restrict access to road users seeking to access residences or businesses along Spring Terrace Road, Forest Reefs Road, and Ripleys Lane up to the Road Closure point.
- m. The Event Organiser will, advertise the temporary road closures, including a direct contact number for the Event Organiser, at least seven days prior to the event, in the Blayney Chronicle.
- n. The Event Organiser is to comply with the requirements of the "Guide to Traffic and Transport Management for Special Events" (version 4) dated 1 July 2024, for a Class 2 event.
- o. The Event Organiser will not direct any person to, nor place any markings on the roadway in accordance with s123 of the Road Transport Act 2013.

Street Event – 2024 Bathurst Rally

Conditions considered appropriate for the Event Organiser to comply with include the following:-

- a. The organiser shall be responsible for the notification of affected residents at least 30 days prior to the staging of the event.
- b. Approval is to be obtained from NSW Police in accordance with the provisions of Section 115 of the Road Transport Act 2013.
- c. Final Traffic and Safety Management Plans shall be submitted to, and approved by council prior to staging of the event
- d. All Traffic Control Plans (TCP) must be implemented by appropriately qualified persons. TCP's shall be marked "Traffic control is only to be implemented by persons qualified to do so".
- e. Council shall be provided with a Risk Assessment and a Risk Management Plan prior to the event commencing.
- f. Event Marshals, Traffic Controllers and participants must be consulted and advised of the risk management and contingency arrangements in case of an emergency.
- g. The Event Organiser is to notify all Emergency Services of the events, including Bloomfield and Blayney Hospitals.
- h. The Event Organiser is to provide and publish the direct contact number for the Event Organiser/Clerk of the Course, for in the event of an emergency, residents and Emergency Services may need to access the route.
- i. The Event Organiser will advertise the temporary road closures, including a direct contact number for the Event Organiser, at least 7 days prior to the event, in the local media.
- j. All participants are to be briefed prior to the event in regard to the need to comply with the Road Transport Act 2013 and Road Rules 2014.
- k. The Event Organiser must inform all relevant persons involved in the organisation of the event of the Conditions of Approval.
- l. The Event Organiser shall comply with the requirements of the "NSW Guide to Traffic and Transport Management for Special Events" (version 4) dated 1 July 2024, for a Class 2 event.
- m. A damage assessment is to be conducted before and after the event and be presented to Council. Any damage is to be rectified by the Event Organiser.
- n. That Event Organiser shall arrange for the removal of debris tracked onto Public Roads.

Street Event – 2024 Alpine Classic

Conditions considered appropriate for the Event Organiser to comply with include the following:-

- a. Approval is to be obtained from NSW Police in accordance with the provisions of Section 115 of the Road Transport Act 2013.
- b. The Event Organiser is to notify all Emergency Services of the event including Blayney Hospital.
- c. All directions issued by NSW Police are obeyed.
- d. All vehicles competing in the event have current registration and comply with the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Act 1997 and the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 1998.
- e. All participants, including competitors, support vehicles and other vehicles are operated in accordance with the Australian Road Rules.
- f. Target check times are to be calculated in such a way as to not force participants to travel at speed in excess of the posted speed limit.
- g. Officials must be suitably attired in accordance with SafeWork NSW requirements.
- h. Officials must not be closer than 3 metres to any traffic lane unless located within an RMS approved speed reduced zone (speed zone authorisation) is in place, in accordance with AS 1742 Part 3.
- i. All signage placed on the road network must be in accordance with AS 1742 Part 3.
- j. The Event Organiser is to comply with the requirements of the “Guide to Traffic and Transport Management for Special Events” (version 3.5) dated 1 July 2018, for a Class 2 event.
- k. That there is no cost to Blayney Shire Council, nor will Council be responsible for any claim.
- l. Council is to be provided with a Certificate of Currency of a minimum \$20M Public Liability Insurance Policy indicating Blayney Shire Council’s interests, and the date and location of the event.
- m. In order to provide incident response, communications shall be provided between Event Organisers, Marshalls and Event Participants.
- n. Prior to commencement of the event, Event Organisers shall brief Event Participants of their obligations and conditions set for the event.
- o. The Event Organiser will not direct any person to, nor place any markings on the roadway in accordance with s123 of the Road Transport Act 2013.

Resilience Ride – For Youth Off The Streets – 15 – 17 May 2025

Conditions considered appropriate for the Event Organiser to comply with include the following:-

- a. The Event Organiser shall obtain approval from NSW Police (to be submitted via chifleyrms@police.nsw.gov.au), and submit a Notice of Intention to Hold a Public Assembly, in accordance with the Summary Offences Act 1988, with a copy provided to Blayney Shire Council, prior to the event.
- b. Approval is to be obtained from Transport for NSW in accordance with Section 144 of the Roads Act 1993 with the application being lodged at least six (6) months prior to the event.
- c. All provided Traffic Guidance Scheme (TGS) must be implemented by appropriately qualified persons. Arrangements and marshalling points are to be in terms of the plan submitted.
- d. All personnel carrying out traffic control duties must hold a Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) authorised traffic controller's ticket.
- e. All participants must be briefed prior to the event about the need to comply with the Road Transport Act 2013 and Road Rules 2014.
- f. Council shall be provided with a Risk Assessment and a Risk Management Plan prior to the event commencing.
- g. Event Marshals, Traffic Controllers and participants must be consulted and advised of the risk management and contingency arrangements in case of an emergency.
- h. The Event Organiser is to notify all Emergency Services of the events, including Blayney, Canowindra, Cowra and Orange Hospitals.
- i. The Event Organiser shall comply with the requirements of the "NSW Guide to Traffic and Transport Management for Special Events" (version 3.5) dated 1 July 2018, for a Class 2 event.
- j. The Event Organiser shall not direct any person to, nor place any markings on the roadway in accordance with s123 of the Road Transport Act 2013.

Street Event – Millthorpe Market – 1 December 2024 & 6 April 2025

Conditions considered appropriate for the Event Organiser to comply with include the following:-

- a. The Event Organiser shall obtain approval from NSW Police, with submission of a Notice of Intention to Hold a Public Assembly (via chifleyrms@police.nsw.gov.au), in accordance with the Summary Offences Act 1988, and a copy provided to Blayney Shire Council, prior to the event.
- b. The Event Organiser shall obtain a Road Occupancy Licence, in accordance with the Roads Act 1993 (s144) from Transport for NSW, with a copy provided to Blayney Shire Council, prior to the event.
- c. Council shall be provided with an up-to-date copy of a Public Liability Insurance Policy to a value of at least \$20m, indicating Blayney Shire Council's interests, and the date and location of the event.
- d. A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) and a Traffic Guidance Scheme (TGS) must be prepared for the event by an appropriately qualified person, and shall be provided to the Blayney Traffic Committee for approval prior to the event.
- e. Implementation of the approved Traffic Guidance Scheme (TGS) is to be completed by persons appropriately qualified to do so.
- f. All Event Marshalls, Traffic Controllers and participants must be consulted and advised of the risk management and contingency arrangements in case of an emergency.
- g. A Risk Assessment must be completed and a Risk Management Plan submitted to Council prior to the event.
- h. The Event Organiser shall ensure high-visibility vests are provided and worn by all volunteers.
- i. The Event Organiser must inform all relevant persons involved in the organisation of the event of the Conditions of Approval.
- j. The Event Organiser is to notify all Emergency Services of the event and associated road closures, including Orange Base and Blayney Hospitals.
- k. The Event Organiser is to notify all business proprietors and residents affected by the event at least 7 days prior to the event.
- l. The Event Organiser is to comply with the requirements of the "Guide to Traffic and Transport Management for Special Events" (version 3.5) dated 1 July 2018, for a Class 2 event.
- m. The Event Organiser will, advertise the temporary road closures, including a contact number for an event organiser, at least seven days prior to the event, in the local media.

31) REPORT OF THE CENTRAL NSW JOINT ORGANISATION BOARD MEETING HELD 21 AND 22 AUGUST 2024

Department: Executive Services

Author: General Manager

CSP Link: 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance

File No: GR.LR.3

Recommendation:

That Council note the report of the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Board Meeting held 21 and 22 August 2024.

Reason for Report:

To provide Council with the former Mayor's delegate report on the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) meeting.

Report:

Please find enclosed report from the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting held 21 and 22 August 2024 in Canberra. Former Mayor Scott Ferguson and General Manager Mark Dicker attended on behalf of Blayney Shire Council.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Nil

Budget Implications:

Nil

Enclosures (following report)

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Attachments (separate document)

Nil

**Report from the Mayor and General Manager attending the
Central NSW Joint Organisation Board Federal Representation meetings and
21 and 22 August 2024 in Canberra**

Recommendations
<p>That Council note the report from the Mayor and General Manager on the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Board meetings 21 and 22 August 2024 and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. note a welcome to new Councillors session is under development for November 2024;2. note the cost savings to Councils for streetlighting charges from CNSWJO’s negotiation through the Australian Energy Regulator delivering an average of 16.9% across regional NSW;3. note the Return on Investment from the CNSWJO for the 2023/2024 year of 8.3:1 for membership fees; and4. request a presentation from CNSWJO on its programming.

Please find following advice from the recent meeting of the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board held in Canberra on the 22 August 2024. The Minutes from the meeting and action from meetings with federal representatives are attached. Please request the notes from the meeting with federal representatives.

Board members were welcomed to Canberra by the Chair, Cr Kevin Beatty.

Speakers to the Board were the NSW Auditor General Mr Bola Oyetunji and Mr Simon Grice Senior Director– Energy Transformation, Climate Change and Net-Zero Energy Transformation, Climate Change, Energy and Water, ACT Government – Integrated Energy.

The Auditor General is keen to review red tape for Councils including asset revaluation, depreciation and Rural Fire Service Assets. He advised he has the support of the Minister for Local Government in this regard and is looking for an audit framework that has impact. Follow-up with both speakers will be undertaken to progress opportunities for this region.



Picture 1 NSW Auditor General Mr Bola Oyetunji

Updates were provided from the Office of Local Government and the Premier’s Department. Of note is the recent announcement by the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Ron Hoenig, of funding for trainees and apprentices for councils.

A Statement was drafted from the Mayors regarding the partial declaration of the headwaters of the Belubula under Section 10 of The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984. This Act enables the Australian Government to protect important Indigenous areas and objects under

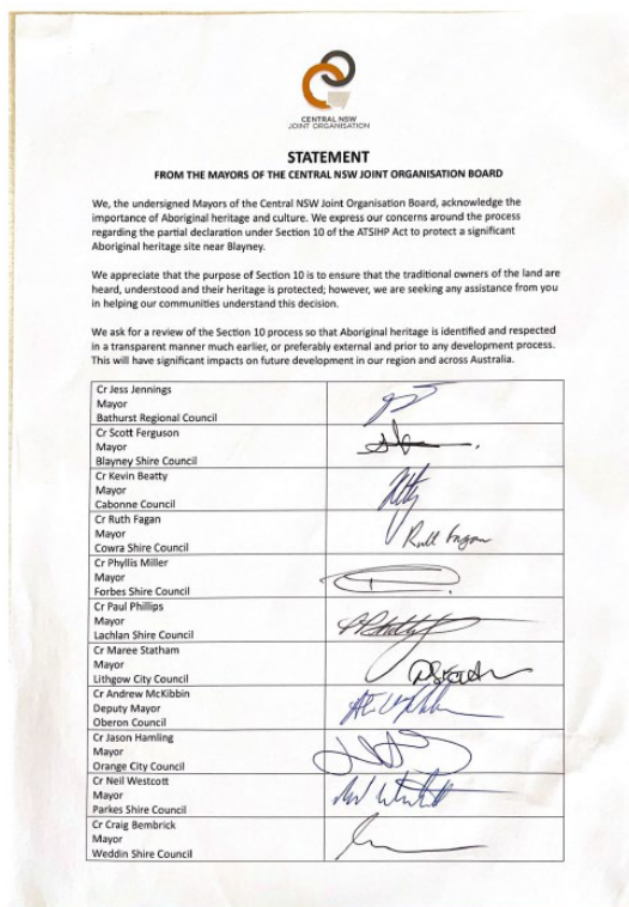
immediate threat, if it appears that state or territory laws have not provided effective protection. This land in question is the site for the tailings dam of the Kings Plains' gold mine currently finalising the development assessment. While the Statement is directed to Minister Plibersek who made the decision, the Board has also agreed that development assessment in NSW needs to be questioned given the purpose of the Act is to protect a flawed state process.

More detail on reports to the meeting are below where the agenda can be found at [Board Meeting – 21 August 2024](#). Please note that as this meeting finalised a number of grant funded programs, there are a significant number of reports with links included for review.

The following day was one of engagement with federal representatives hosted by the Hon Kristy McBain, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories.

Key themes from the day included the need for good NSW Government engagement at the federal level to assure the outcomes this region is looking for.

Please find the list of actions for follow-up attached to the minutes and request briefing notes.



Picture 2 Statement from CNSWJO Mayors

As this was the last meeting of the Board for this term, four Mayors who were standing down were thanked for their service to the region. These were Councillors Jason Hamling, Mayor of Orange; Mark Kellam Mayor of Oberon; Craig Bembrick Mayor of Weddin and Scott Ferguson, Mayor of Blayney.

Submissions

The following submissions have been lodged since the last Board meeting. All have been at the request of members and/or as part of supporting the advocacy policy of the Board. All submissions can be viewed on the website [Submissions - Central Joint Organisation \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

Notably, CNSWJO has more than doubled the amount of submission lodged between the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 years.

1. [Feedback on Draft TOR for Review of NSW Councils Financial Model](#)
2. [Submission – Inquiry into Local Government to Funds Infrastructure and Services](#)



Picture 3 Scott Ferguson farewells the region

3. [IPART Dam Safety NSW Levy](#)
4. [Feedback on Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW Internment Services Levy](#)
5. [MDB Plan V2 and buy-backs-Draft Restoring our Rivers Framework](#)
6. [Alternate funding models for water utilities –NSW Productivity Commission](#)

New Integrated Planning and Reporting Group and Community Engagement Support

The Board resolved to create an Integrated Planning and Reporting Group of staff supported by the JO. They will have carriage of projects like Our Placemat previously reported to Council as well developing a program of support for mandatory community engagement. Further information on Our Placemat can be found at <https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/co-operative-projects/>

Memorandum of Understanding with Regional Development Australia (RDA) Central West

A critically important relationship for CNSWJO is its relationship with [Central West RDA](#). Every year these two organisations refresh their [2024-2025-MOU-between-RDA-Central-West-and-CNSWJO.pdf](#). The only one of its kind in the nation, it ensures both organisations are working as efficiently and effectively as possible on the priorities of the region.

This year the renewal of the MoU was signed at Parliament House Canberra overseen by the Hon Kristy McBain, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories.

Central West RDA also provided a report to the Board which can be found in the agenda at [Board Meeting – 21 August 2024](#)



Picture 4 Signing of Memorandum of Understanding,

I-r Cr Ruth Fagan Chair of Central West RDA, The Hon Kristy McBain Minister for Regional Devt Local Government and Territories, Cr Kevin Beatty, Chair CNSWJO

Spare Capacity in Housing

Responding to the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority for the CNSWJO, the equivalent of Council's Community Strategic Plan, to deliver advocacy and initiatives on skills and housing shortages; the Spare Capacity in Housing Project has sought to identify short term levers in realising spare bedrooms in Central NSW. With funding from Regional NSW, the project built on work undertaken by Orange 360 working with Cadia Mines. Orange 360 formed a collaboration with Work + Stay and all deliverables are provided below.

An analysis of spare room capacity in the target areas determined that almost 60,000 spare rooms are available, presenting a significant opportunity to address housing shortages. This seems like a big number – but the analysis is robust using ABS data – please go to the Housing Data Report below.

The project also identified a distinct shortage of medical and care worker professionals, worsened by the unaffordability of rental accommodation for most income earners. Inspired by successful models such as the Travelling Nurses and Furnished Finder platform in the USA, which caters to short-term and

mid-term rentals for healthcare professionals, this initiative suggests the establishment partnerships between industry bodies, healthcare providers, employers, and homeowners.

The proposed initiative aims to provide a seamless medium for connecting homeowners with prospective tenants, automating contract generation, rent payments, and other necessary processes to streamline the rental experience for all parties involved. However, interviews with homeowners and employers revealed concerns regarding security, safety, and privacy in such arrangements, highlighting the need for targeted communications strategies to address societal norms and perceptions. The solution is a concierge service.

This grant-funded project is now complete with the outputs being as follows.

1. [Environmental Scan WA W+S](#)
2. [Final Report Spare Capacity in Housing Project](#)
3. [Housing Data Report – Bathurst, Orange, Parkes WA W+S](#)
4. [Jobs and Skills Analysis Report – WA W+S](#)
5. [Space Capacity in Housing Project Implementation Delivery Plan](#)



Disaster Risk Reduction Program

Disaster has varying priority across the region where with climate change there will be more severe storms and longer hotter droughts. Flooding and bushfire have been identified as the two significant disaster challenges for the communities of Central NSW. For some members of CNSWJO the impacts of disasters have been top of mind. For all councils the funding framework for disasters and the challenges of inundated road networks is ongoing.

Using the advocacy strength of eight JOs working together, CNSWJO is seeking to derive systemic change and local outcomes through its collaborative approach to Disaster Risk Reduction.

The Disaster Risk Reduction Fund (DRRF) has funded the below outputs, jointly funded by the Australian and New South Wales governments. DRRF is complete and the Board endorsed the various outputs:

1. [Disaster Risk Reduction Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework](#)
2. [CNSWJO Evaluation Report Piloting Technology for Enhanced Disaster Risk Reduction: Simtable](#)
3. [DRRF Final Project report](#)
4. [Regional Resilience Group TOR DRAFT](#)
5. [Recommendations and Actions from the Regional Opportunities Report Spatial Data Scoping Study](#)
6. [RRP Evaluation Report](#)
7. [RRP Evaluation - Summary Report](#)
8. [RRP Project Profiles](#)
9. [DRRF Final Report](#)
10. [DRRF Acquittal](#)
11. [DRRF Income and Expenditure Statement](#)

A funding application for Round 2 of the Disaster Ready Fund has been lodged to continue this program and an announcement was made 28 August the CNSWJO was successful. Further advice will be provided in due course on the value of this program to Council.

Importantly, this project was developed by CNSWJO and recently won a Local Government NSW Award.

Water and the Productive Water Policy Lab

The Regional Water Report provided advice on:

- [The Regional Water Loss Management Hub project final report](#)
- [Practitioner's Toolkit for Transitioning Local Water Utility Strategic Planning into the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework](#) and its promotion across regional NSW;
- work underway by Frontier Economics on the economic analysis of the value of water conservation for inland regional NSW;
- next steps in the rollout of water loss management programming; and
- an update on consultation underway on the Fish River-Wywandly regional water strategy.

For more detail please see the agenda to the meeting where the reports linked above are leading in NSW local water utility practice. CNSWJO and its members continue to be the go-to region for advice and leadership in local water utilities.



Picture 5 Staff from Joint Organisations across regional NSW jump for joy for as winners of the local government NSW Award for their work in Disaster Risk Reduction.



Picture 6: Central Tablelands Water wins the Sam Samra Award

Congratulations were given to the team at Central Tablelands Water for taking out this years' Sam Samra award at the Local Government NSW Water Conference in Goulburn on 24 July. The award was for demonstrating significant strategic commitment to improving water security in the central tablelands region. Through their regional town water supply investigations, CTW partnered with Cabonne Shire Council, Orange City Council, Forbes Shire Council and Parkes Shire Council with the goal of improving town water security for communities across the Lachlan valley.

Councillors from across the region have asked for more opportunities to meet together and influence policy. Accordingly, the CNSWJO Board and Charles Sturt University have developed Policy Labs where

the region comes together to develop policy around issues that matter to our communities. All Councilors are welcome to attend these events.

The Policy Lab on Productive Water with Charles Sturt University on 30/31 July was well attended by Councillors from across the region, academics and peak agencies such as the Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA), the Murray Darling Association, the Australian Water Association and Lachlan Valley Water.

There were two areas of focus for the Productive Water Policy Lab – the value of town water and doing business differently down the Lachlan Valley given it is a terminal system. The MDBA attendees were very receptive to the thinking at the meeting and a follow-up meeting has been held with them in Canberra. The Board has requested a presentation from the MDBA at its meeting in Sydney in November.

A draft report has been provided to attendees for feedback and is available at [Policy-Lab-Report_Final.pdf](#). The Board will consider the recommendations from this report at its meeting in November and amend policy and programming accordingly.



Picture 7 Productive Water Policy Lab at CSU Bloomfield Campus 30/31 July

Energy

There is a substantial amount of activity being undertaken to address the energy priority of the CNSWJO. Current work includes;

- delivering the cross Joint Organisation Net Zero Accelerator (JONZA) program, funded by the NSW DCCEEW's Sustainable Councils program to deliver net zero outcomes to member councils;
- leading the Southern Lights program [Southern Lights - Central Joint Organisation \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/southern-lights) where the most recent work has been participating in the Australian Energy Regulator program negotiating better pricing for Councils for street lighting; and
- progressing the implementation Business Case for the Nexus Between Energy Security and Emissions, funded under the Regional NSW Business Case and Strategy Development Fund.

Councils have provided advice that they are interested in doing more about waste emissions. The JO is investigating opportunities here where there is no navigable pathway obvious at present.

Meanwhile, the work across the region in EVs and low emission fleet has seen growing interest from member Councils. The very successful EV showcase coordinated by the JO in Parkes in November 2023 will be repeated later this year – even bigger and better where there has been an offer to bring low emission buses to the region. All Councillors will be welcome to attend and an invitation will be provided in due course.

The [AER Determination 2024-2029](#) process has recently concluded. The outcome is complex and advice has been requested from Essential Energy (EE) as to the impact the pricing, specifically in relation to streetlighting, will have on councils from 1 July 2024. Advice received from EE staff in early June was that the pricing models needed to be sent to external modelers to run the new estimates based on the rate changes. A response has been received from Essential Energy stating the following, where a council specific impact has also now been requested.

“Based on the new public lighting regulatory pricing coming into effect from 1 July 2024, on average a council will save 16.9% in real \$FY25 on their SLUoS bills compared to real \$FY24 bills. This was based on a stagnant inventory as of 1 July 2023 so there will be some fluctuation where councils have had lights upgraded to LEDs throughout the year.”

Support for incoming Councilors and the CNSWJO Statement of Strategic Regional Priority

Under the Local Government Act, Joint Organisations must undertake a review of their Statement of Strategic Regional Priority (SSRP) every new term of Council. This is a similar document to Council’s Community Strategic Plan– but from a regional perspective.

Guidance from the Office of Local Government states that the review should be conducted in consultation with all members and state agencies while referencing Council Community Strategic Plans.

For more detail on the process please go to the relevant chapter in the <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/Joint-Organisation-Implementation-Guidelines.pdf>

The Board received advice about the development of the SSRP including two workshops with councilors from all member councils.

The first workshop will be held in November and will welcome this term of councilors to the region and provide background on CNSWJO. Councillors will have an invitation in their diaries for this event.

The second workshop will focus more on what councilors from across the region want to see in the SSRP and this workshop will be held in March 2025.

CNSWJO would also like to provide a presentation to the new council on its programming and seek feedback on its priorities. This is recommended.

Value to Council

At this meeting the Board resolved to reserve funds of \$100K to support a regional cyber security support resource. The Board updated its contract management plan to include new procurement processes offering value through aggregation. The five-year plan can be requested. In response to the Board’s concerns for the price of diesel, a media release has been issued via Mayors and a fuel tax rebate audit for councils has been initiated across the region where over \$500,000 of savings were realized in its last iteration.

80% of CNSWJO resources are dedicated to providing its operational support program. For the 2023/2024 year this program delivered a return on investments of 8.3:1 for every dollar Council spends on its membership fees. This value is made up of grant income, monies saved through the CNSWJO procurement program and public relations value from its tourism marketing.

The work the region does in writing submissions, media, supporting projects and project teams, developing collateral and providing opportunities for members in various forums to represent their views is not included in the above figure of 8.3:1 ROI. However, this value is reported quarterly to the Board. Please go to the CNSWJO website to review past Board agendas at <https://www.centraljo.nsw.gov.au/business-papers-agendas/> or to review last year's Annual Statement please go to [2023 STATEMENT \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

Grant funded projects for the 2023/2024 year were:

- The Joint Organisation Net Zero Acceleration Program (ongoing);
- Disaster Risk Reduction Fund program (Round One completed, Round 2 application);
- Bridge Assessments (due for completion in 2024/2025);
- A Business Case for Priority Investment in the Nexus between Net Zero and Energy Security (completed);
- A Regional Centre of Excellence in Water Loss Management (due for completion in 2024/2025);
- Transitioning Integrated Water Cycle Management Plans to Integrated Planning and Reporting (completed); and
- A Spare Capacity in Housing Project (completed).

Further applications have been made for programs under the auspices of the Board – please request advice on their status.

This value is delivered primarily by the various operational teams across the region including the CNSWJO;

- General Managers' Advisory Committee
- Water Utilities' Alliance
- Transport Technical Committee
- Tourism Managers Group
- Planners' Group
- Human Resources Managers Group
- WHS/Risk Management Group
- Training, Learning and Development Group
- Net Zero Group
- Regional IT Group
- Building Surveyors Skills Shortages Working Group
- Disaster Risk Reduction Steering Committee
- Fleet Managers Group (new!)
- Integrated Planning and Reporting Group (new!)

Conclusion

The CNSWJO continues to deliver very good value to Councils. Please contact the Executive Officer, Ms Jenny Bennett for more information.

Attachments

1. Draft Minutes of the CNSWJO Board meeting 21 August 2024
2. Actions from attendance with federal representatives.

Attachment 1: Minutes of the Board meeting 21 August 2024 held in Canberra**In Attendance***

Cr J Jennings	Bathurst Regional Council	Cr M Statham	Lithgow City Council
Cr S Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council	Cr A McKibbin	Oberon Council
Cr K Beatty	Cabonne Council	Cr J Hamling	Orange City Council
Cr R Fagan	Cowra Council	Cr M Applebee	Parkes Shire Council
Cr P Miller, OAM	Forbes Shire Council	Cr C Bembrick	Weddin Shire Council
Cr P Phillips	Lachlan Shire Council		

Associate Member delegates and others attending

Mr M Dicker	Blayney Shire Council	Ms C Weston	RDACW
Mr B Byrnes	Cabonne Council	Ms K Annis-Brown	OLG
Mr Matt Teale	Forbes Shire Council	Ms G Collins	Regional Coordination
Mr G Tory	Lachlan Shire Council		
Mr R Gurney	Lithgow City Council	Ms J Bennett	CNSWJO
Mr G Wallace	Oberon Council	Ms M Macpherson	CNSWJO
Mr D Waddell	Orange City Council	Ms K Barker	CNSWJO
Mr K Boyd PSM	Parkes Shire Council	Ms J Parish	CNSWJO
Ms N Vu	Weddin Shire Council	Ms E Grimm	CNSWJO
Cr A Rawson	Central Tablelands Water	Ms C Griffin	CNSWJO
Mr G Haley	Central Tablelands Water	Ms A Thomas	CNSWJO
Cr K Graham	Oberon Council	Ms J Webber	CNSWJO

*Voting members in **bold**

Meeting opened at 12.30pm by Chair, Cr Kevin Beatty

- The Chair welcomed the Board to the meeting, held in Canberra.**
- Acknowledgement of Country**
- Apologies, applications for a leave of absence by Joint Organisation Voting representatives**
Cr N Westcott, Mr D Sherley, Mr T Johnston, Mr P Devery, Mr S Loane OAM, Mr J Gordon and Cr M Kellam.

Resolved	Cr P Miller / Cr C Bembrick
That the apologies for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 21 August 2024 listed above be accepted.	

4. Conflicts of Interest

Resolved
Nil declared

5. Speakers

Mr Bola Oyeturji, NSW Auditor- General, with Ms Renee O’Kane, Chief of Staff

Mr Simon Grice, Senior Director–Energy Transformation, Climate Change and Net-Zero Energy Transformation, Climate Change, Energy and Water, ACT Government – Integrated Energy

Cr S Ferguson and Mr M Dicker arrived 1.10pm

Cr J Jennings arrived 1:33pm

6. Minutes

6a Noting of the Minutes of the CNSWJO GMAC Meeting held 25 July 2024 in Parkes

Resolved	Cr J Hamling / Cr P Miller
That the Minutes of the CNSWJO GMAC Meeting held 25 July 2024 in Parkes were noted.	

6b

Confirmation of the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting 23 May 2024 in Lithgow

Resolved	Cr J Hamling / Cr P Miller
That the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting held 23 May 2024 in Lithgow were accepted.	

Confirmation of the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting 5 June 2024 held online

Resolved	Cr J Hamling / Cr P Miller
That the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting held 5 June 2024 online were accepted.	

7. Business Arising from the Minutes - Matters in Progress

Resolved	Cr P Miller / Cr C Bembrick
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board note the Matters in Progress, making deletions as suggested.	

8. Reports on Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2022-2025

8a Financial and Compliance Report

Resolved	Cr C Bembrick / Cr J Hamling
<p>That the Board note the Financial Report; and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. form a new internally restricted reserve for Cyber Security of \$100k; 2. increase the BPAP reserve by \$19,500; and 3. note the CNSWJO is up to date with its obligations under the Office of Local Government compliance calendar. 	

8b Advocacy Report

Resolved	Cr P Miller / Cr P Phillips
<p>That the Board note the Advocacy Update; and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. request a presentation from Transport for NSW on the review of the plan for the safe swift and secure link between Central NSW and Sydney; 2. request from Charles Sturt University that the next Policy Lab workshop explore barriers and enablers to growing our own health workforce; 3. adopt the reviewed Memorandum of Understanding with Regional Development Australia Central West; 4. receive a report refreshing advocacy on the Safe Swift and Secure Link from a meeting of interested mayors and Sponsoring General Managers held as soon as possible after the local government election; 5. note the updated messaging for advocacy for water emphasising critical town water; and 6. endorse the following submissions; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Submission to provide input to Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan – July 2024 b. Submission to Review the NSW Waste Levy Issues Paper – July 2024 c. Submission to the Joint Select Committee on the NSW Reconstruction Authority- May 2024 	

8c Report from Regional Development Australia Central West

Resolved	Cr S Ferguson / Cr C Bembrick
That the Board note the report from Regional Development Australia Central West.	

8d Caretaker Mode and Chairmanship

Resolved	Cr P Miller / Cr M Applebee
That the Board note the Caretaker Mode and Chairmanship report and;	
1. note that caretaker provisions to not apply to Joint Organisations; and	
2. adopt the following hierarchy between this term's last and next term's first meetings as follows:	
a. the outgoing Chair – if re-elected as Mayor – continuing to exercise functions until the new Board meets;	
b. the outgoing Deputy Chair – if re-elected as Mayor and the Chair not being re-elected – exercising the functions of Chair until the new Board meets and elects a Chair.	
c. should the Chair and Deputy Chair not be re-elected, the Executive Officer exercises the functions of Chair until the new Board meets and elects a Chair and in the interim seeking direction from members where there is no existing policy; and	
3. the CNSWJO Policy Manual be updated accordingly.	

8e Community Engagement and Data Collaboration Report

Resolved	Cr R Fagan / Cr M Statham
That the Board note the Community Engagement and Data Collaboration Report and;	
1. provide in principle support for a four-year regional program adding value to member integrated planning and reporting (IP&R) frameworks and community engagement including:	
a. community sentiment surveying every two years; and	
b. a program of State agency workshops to support the IP&R process;	
2. provide the advice in this report to the Regional IP&R group approved by the Board including seeking for this group to incorporate optimisation of the four-year program going forward;	
3. develop an instrument that shares advice on optimisation of the potential data opportunities of peak agencies in region.	

8f Regional Procurement and Contracts Report

Resolved	Cr M Statham / Cr M Applebee
That the Board note the Regional Procurement and Contracts Report and approve the updates to the procurement plan.	

8g Cyber Security Policy Report

Resolved	Cr R Fagan / Cr C Bembrick
That the Board note the Cyber Security Policy Report and adopt the Cyber Security Policy.	

8h Spare Capacity in Housing

Moved	Cr C Bembrick/Cr J Hamling
That the Board note the Spare Capacity in Housing Final Report and;	
1. note that implementation calls for concierge style support leveraging existing apps;	
2. adopt the report with a view to this being for consideration in the round of JO strategy after the local government election in September;	
3. concurrently work with key stakeholders on opportunities to implement a proof-of-concept phase; and	
4. acquit the project under the auspices of the Chair.	

The motion was defeated

Resolved	Cr R Fagan/Cr C Bembrick
That the Board note the Spare Capacity in Housing Final Report and;	
1. commend the staff for the work undertaken; and	
2. undertake no further work on this project.	

8i Disaster Risk Reduction Fund Project Completion Report

Resolved	Cr M Statham / Cr P Phillips
The Board note the Disaster Risk Reduction Fund Project Completion Report and;	
1. borrow the Simtable from Hunter Joint Organisation periodically over two years to assess its value to the region, then decide on its acquisition;	
2. support staff in piloting the Planwisely tool;	
3. prioritise disaster risk reduction by continuing to support and invest in both ongoing disaster risk reduction project initiatives and emerging initiatives to further enhance disaster resilience;	
4. endorse the draft Terms of Reference for the Regional Resilience Group;	
5. endorse the Spatial Data Scoping Study report;	
6. endorse the Regional Resilience Program monitoring and evaluation plan and supporting reports; and	
7. endorse the final project and acquittal reports.	

8j Fuel Prices Report

Resolved	Cr D Waddell / Cr C Bembrick
That the Board note the Diesel Prices Report and;	
1. commend to members they opt in to the CNSWJO diesel tax audit if they have not undertaken this work recently; and	
2. note a media release has been provided to members to adapt regarding diesel pricing.	

8k Regional Asset Management Improvement Program Report

Resolved	Cr M Applebee / Cr J Jennings
That the Board note the Regional Asset Management Improvement Program Report and;	
1. endorses the Asset Management Audit for Central NSW Councils Final Report (April 2024); and	
2. noting that advice in the Quarterly Review report calls for a workshop of senior staff in Blayney on 31 October as part of the review of the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority for the CNSWJO, support a presentation at that time from Dr Trevor Seymour-Jones from the University of Newcastle, Institute for Regional Futures on his findings and recommendations from the 2023-2024 Asset Management Audits.	

8l Regional Water Report

Resolved	Cr J Hamling / Cr P Miller
That the Board note the Regional Water Report and;	
1. adopt the Regional Water Loss Management Hub Project Final Report; and	
2. invite representatives of the from the Murray Darling Bason Authority responsible for the review of the Murray Darling Basin Plan to the Board meeting in November.	

8m Charles Sturt University Productive Water Policy Lab Report

Resolved	Cr P Miller / Cr J Hamling
That the Board note the report on the Charles Sturt University Productive Water Policy Lab and that a final report is being drafted.	

8n Energy Program Report

Resolved	Cr P Miller / Cr R Fagan
That the Board note the Energy Program Report; and	
1. endorse the JONZA Round 1 End of Term report;	
2. endorse the Business Case grant acquittal;	
3. adopt the updated Regional Emissions Reduction Plan: Opportunities Report;	
4. note the establishment of an energy advisory panel to advise CNSWJO and its member councils on the broader energy framework to inform consultations and the next AER Determination; and	
5. note the funding of close to \$2m received since 1 January 2023 for energy/net zero related programming, either directly to councils or via CNSWJO.	

9. Quarterly Review of the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2022-2025

Resolved	Cr P Miller / Cr M Statham
That the Board note the Quarterly Review of the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2022-2025 and;	
1. note the advice regarding the timeframes and suggested program for the review of the CNSWJO Statement of Strategic Regional Priorities;	
2. note the development of a high-level marketing strategy of the region as a destination for visitors; and	
3. note the Return on Investment (ROI) for member councils in 2023/2024 was 8.3:1.	

10. Regional NSW Update – Ms Gerry Collins provided an update. Ricky Puata will remain as the key contact.

11. Office of Local Government Update – Ms Katrina Annis-Brown provided an update. The Hit the Ground Running webinars will be provided to Councillors after the election. They will be for two hours on Thursdays.

12. Late Reports

The Executive Officer advised that CNSWJO released a media release on 21 August 2024, in response to the omission of Blayney, Forbes and Cabonne councils from the Welcome Grant Program.

13. Matters raised by Members

Cr S Ferguson raised the matter of the Minister for Water, The Hon Tanya Plibersek exercising her power under Section 10 of the ATSIHP for the area of the proposed tailings dam for the Kings Plains gold mine.

It was agreed that a Statement would be prepared and signed by every mayor for presentation to the Minister’s

Attachment 2: Notes from the attendance with federal representatives 22 August 2024 held at Parliament House, Canberra

In Attendance

Cr J Jennings	Bathurst Regional Council	Cr M Statham	Lithgow City Council
Cr S Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council	Cr N Westcott	Parkes Shire Council
Cr K Beatty	Cabonne Council	Cr J Hamling	Orange City Council
Cr R Fagan	Cowra Council	Cr C Bembrick	Weddin Shire Council
Cr P Miller, OAM	Forbes Shire Council	Cr A McKibbin	Oberon Council
Cr P Phillips	Lachlan Shire Council		
Mr M Dicker	Blayney Shire Council	Cr K Graham	Oberon Council
Mr B Byrnes	Cabonne Council	Ms C Weston	RDACW
Mr P Devery	Cowra Council	Ms K Annis-Brown	OLG
Mr Mat Teale	Forbes Shire Council	Ms G Collins	Regional Coordination
Mr G Tory	Lachlan Shire Council	Ms J Bennett	CNSWJO
Mr R Gurney	Lithgow City Council	Ms M Macpherson	CNSWJO
Mr G Wallace	Oberon Council	Ms K Barker	CNSWJO
Mr D Waddell	Orange City Council	Ms J Parish	CNSWJO
Mr K Boyd PSM	Parkes Shire Council	Ms E Grimm	CNSWJO
Ms N Vu	Weddin Shire Council	Ms C Griffin	CNSWJO
Cr A Rawson	Central Tablelands Water	Ms A Thomas	CNSWJO
Mr G Haley	Central Tablelands Water	Ms J Webber	CNSWJO
Cr M Applebee	Parkes Shire Council		

Meeting opened at 8.45am by Chair, Cr Kevin Beatty

14. The Chair welcomed the Board to the meeting, held in Canberra.

15. Acknowledgement of Country

16. Farewell to Crs Scott Ferguson, Mark Kellam, Craig Bembrick and Jason Hamling with recognition of their substantial contribution to the region's councils and communities.

Meetings with Federal Representatives

1. Michael Wrathall

Senior Adviser to Minister Tanya Plibersek

Representative from the Office of the Hon Tanya Plibersek

Minister for Environment and Water

Action: Follow-up to be undertaken with Mr Wrathall on the aspirations for the region for the Lachlan.

Action: Follow-up with Minister Plibersek on the two requests in the Statement.

Actions:

- Further work in region on the network of pipes proposal identified in the draft Lachlan Regional Water Strategy.
- Continue to advocate for the completion and implementation of the 3 Regional Water Strategies in the CNSWJO footprint.

Action: Mr Wrathall would be included in discussions with CSU partners to talk about engineering solutions to environmental issues and how to manage the continued weather events with a changing climate.

2. The Hon Catherine King, MP

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

Minister King welcomed the opportunity to come to the meeting and meet with represented Councils on a regional basis and thanked the JO for providing this opportunity. Minister King provided an update on the current programs and grants that Councils are eligible for; noting that the focus of the criteria for these projects is capacity for Councils to deliver.

Action: CNSWJO to follow-up on advice provided to Councils where those attending were unsure that this was the advice provided to Councils.

Action: CNSWJO to follow-up with Gerry Collins on how engagement with the Priority housing work stream - \$300m in NSW can be effected.

Action- CNSWJO to review the changed infrastructure policy, procedure and funding frameworks and provide policy advice to the incoming Board.

Action CNSWJO to follow-up on corridor planning status in NSW and advocate accordingly.

Action CNSWJO to review National Freight Strategy and provide policy advice to the incoming Board.

3. Ms Simone McDonnell

Advisor- Emergency Management

Representative from the Office of the Hon Jenny McAllister

Minister for Cities

Minister for Emergency Management

Action: CNSWJO to provide advocacy regarding in support of the idea that the state and federal governments of Australia should get together and sort a better way for natura disaster funding.

Action: Follow-up with Simon McDonell regarding Wolgan Road issue.

Action: CNSWJO to provide feedback and advocacy regarding treating LWUs as non-commercial if they do not pay a dividend.

4. The Hon Kristy McBain (Host)

Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and the Territories

Cr Beatty thanked the Minister for coordinating the meeting and then renewed MoU with RDA Central West with oversight by the Minister.

Action: The Minister's Office to be thanks and a media release to issue.

5. The Hon Michael McCormack MP

Member for Riverina

6. Mr Matt Lowe

Deputy Secretary, Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Policy

Representative from the Office of the Hon Julie Collins

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Minister for Small Businesses

Action: CNSWJO to provide follow-up on matters raised in this meeting around biosecurity, feral animals and weeds.

Meeting closed 1:45