



12 December 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, 17 December 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) Confirmation of Minutes - Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26.11.24
- (10) Matters arising from Minutes
- (11) Reports of Staff
 - (a) Executive Services
 - (b) Corporate Services
 - (c) Infrastructure Services
 - (d) Planning and Environmental Services
- (12) Delegates Reports

Mark Dicker
General Manager

Meeting Calendar 2024 / 2025

December

<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
6.00pm	17 December 2024	Council Meeting	Community Centre
10.00am	18 December 2024	Extraordinary Council Meeting	Community Centre
2.00pm	20 December 2024	Central Tablelands Weeds Authority Meeting	Bathurst

January

Nil

February

<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
10.00am	14 February 2025	Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting	Community Centre
10.00am	19 February 2025	Central Tablelands Water Meeting	Blayney
2.00pm	21 February 2025	Central Tablelands Weed Authority Meeting	Bathurst
6.00pm	25 February 2025	Council Meeting	Community Centre
8.30am	26 February 2025	Orange360 Board Meeting	Orange
10.00am	27 February 2025	Central NSW Joint Organisation Meeting	Oberon

March

<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
6.00pm	24 March 2025	McPhillamys CCC Meeting	Community Centre
6.00pm	25 March 2025	Council Meeting	Community Centre
8.30am	28 March 2025	Country Mayors	Sydney

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HELD ON TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER 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 26 NOVEMBER 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 26 November 2024, being minute numbers 2411/001 to 2411/013 be confirmed.

**MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY
CENTRE, ON 26 NOVEMBER 2024, COMMENCING AT 6.00PM**

Present: Crs B Reynolds (Mayor), R Scott (Deputy Mayor), I Dorsett, K Hutchings, J Newstead and M Pryse Jones

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)

RECORDING OF MEETING STATEMENT

**2411/001 APOLOGIES
RESOLVED:**

That the apology, tendered on behalf of Cr Gosewisch, be accepted.

(Pryse Jones/Hutchings)

CARRIED

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

PUBLIC FORUM

Jasmine Ryan – Item 11 – DA2024/13 – 2043 Hobbys Yards Road, Barry

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING HELD 22 OCTOBER 2024

2411/002

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 October 2024, being minute numbers 2410/001 to 2410/032 be confirmed.

(Pryse Jones/Newstead)

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cr Pryse Jones asked about the recent rally and passed on feedback received that whilst those on the route were aware of the rally many people in Newbridge didn't realise the event was on.

The Mayor asked if there was any objection to bringing item 11 forward for consideration, being the topic of the public forum. There was no objection.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

DA 2024/13 – 2043 HOBBS YARDS ROAD, BARRY

2411/003

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Support the variation to the Blayney Development Control Plan 2018, E5.2 All Tourist & Visitor Accommodation in Rural Zones sub-clause (2) "Any proposed buildings should be sited within a 50 metre radius from the principal dwelling-house"; and
2. Consent to Development Application 13/2024 for the Erection of a Dwelling House for the occupation and use as a Farm Stay Accommodation at Lot 2 DP 212011, 2043 Hobbs Yards Road, Barry subject to the recommended conditions of consent.

(Scott/Pryse Jones)

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

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Reynolds
Councillor Newstead
Councillor Pryse Jones
Councillor Dorsett
Councillor Hutchings
Councillor Scott

Total (6)

Total (0)

CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

ARTS OUTWEST MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING 2025 - 2028

2411/004

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the Arts OutWest Annual Report 2023.
2. Approve execution of the Memorandum of Understanding with Arts OutWest 2025 – 2028.
3. Appoint Bradley Bradley as the Blayney Shire Council representative on the Arts OutWest Advisory Council.

(Pryse Jones/Dorsett)

CARRIED

CADIA VALLEY OPERATIONS - MODIFICATION 15 AND PANUARA ROAD, PANUARA

2411/005

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note that if modification (Mod-15) to Project Approval (PA 06-0295) for Cadia Valley Operations is approved by NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, parts of Panuara Road, Panuara will need to be closed for the modified development to proceed.
2. Note that in order for the relevant parts of Panuara Road to be closed, Cadia Valley Operations will be required to make a formal application to Council as the Roads Authority under the Roads Act 1993 to close any part of Panuara Road which will be considered by Council in its capacity as roads authority and in accordance with the Roads Act 1993.
3. Note that if part of Panuara Road, Panuara is closed with the consent of Council as the roads authority, that Council supports in principle the transfer of the land comprising the closed portion of the road to Cadia for the purpose of the modified development, provided Council does not bear any negative financial impact as a result of any closure and transfer of part of Panuara Road.
4. Delegate Authority to the Mayor and General Manager to negotiate the terms of any agreement for the transfer of a closed portion of Panuara Road, Panuara to the proponent.

(Scott/Hutchings)

CARRIED

CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS**REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024****2411/006****RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Note the report indicating Council's investment position as at 31 October 2024.
2. Note the certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer.
(Newstead/Dorsett)

CARRIED**QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT – SEPTEMBER 2024****2411/007****RESOLVED:**

1. That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the quarter ending 30 September 2024 be received.
2. That the supplementary votes of (\$460k) nett proposed in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement be adopted, resulting in a decrease to capital expenditure of (\$659k), an increase to operating expenditure of \$321k and a decrease in income of (\$798k).

(Newstead/Dorsett)

CARRIED**CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD****2411/008****RESOLVED:**

That Council receive the report on Code of Conduct complaints for the reporting period to 30 September 2024.

(Pryse Jones/Scott)

CARRIED**PROPOSED FEES: BLAYNEY LIBRARY – COLOUR PHOTOCOPIES****2411/009****RESOLVED:**

That Council;

1. Receive the report on Proposed Fees: Blayney Library – Colour Photocopies.
2. Exhibit the following proposed fees for a period of not less than 28 days:

Description	Pricing Principle	GST inclusive fee
<u>Blayney Library</u>		
Photocopies – A4 colour	PC	\$1.00
Photocopies – A3 colour	PC	\$2.00

3. Be provided a further report if any submissions on the

- proposed fees are received during the exhibition period.
4. In the event of no submissions being received, adopt the proposed fees.

(Pryse Jones/Dorsett)
CARRIED

**MINUTES OF THE AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 14 NOVEMBER 2024**

2411/010

RESOLVED:

That Council receive the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held 14 November 2024.

(Pryse Jones/Hutchings)
CARRIED

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORTS

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

2411/011

RESOLVED:

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

(Scott/Newstead)
CARRIED

DRAINAGE – HAWKE STREET, BLAYNEY

2411/012

RESOLVED:

That Council:

1. Note the deferral of the following projects in the 2024/25 Operational Plan:
 - Hawke St footpath – Stirling Pl – Ewin St (Blayney AMP 19)
 - Naylor St footpath – Stokes Ln – Bridge (Carcoar AMP Ad2)
 - Carcoar Dam Rd culvert
2. Approve the supplementary vote of \$125,041 in the 2024/25 Operational Plan to reallocate funding from the 3 deferred projects above to facilitate kerb and gutter works in Hawke St Blayney.
3. Review and update the Active Movement Strategy Works Program 2024/25 to 2033/34 to reflect the reassessed priorities.

(Scott/Dorsett)
CARRIED

DELEGATES REPORTS

**REPORT OF THE CENTRAL NSW JOINT ORGANISATION
BOARD MEETING HELD 13 NOVEMBER 2024**

2411/013

RESOLVED:

That Council note the report from the Mayor on the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Board Meetings held 13 and 14 November 2024.

(Reynolds/Scott)

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.55pm.

The Minute Numbers 2411/001 to 2411/013 were confirmed on 17 December 2024 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 November 2024.

Cr B Reynolds

CHAIR

02) MCPHILLAMYS GOLD PROJECT - PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY PIPELINE AND ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Department: Executive Services

Author: General Manager

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

File No: ED.PL.1

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Note the correspondence from Regis Resources dated 5 December 2024.
2. Write to the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces confirming the construction of a regional water supply pipeline and power infrastructure for the McPhillamys Gold Project is considered to provide a wider public benefit.

Reason for Report:

Council has been requested to provide a letter in relation to the wider community benefit of 2 pieces of infrastructure associated with the McPhillamys Gold Project to the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Hon. Paul Scully

Report:

Council received written correspondence from Regis Resources on 5 December 2024 (see enclosure 1).

Council's draft letter to the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Hon. Paul Scully is provided at enclosure 2.

The Central NSW Joint Organisation has provided a similar letter (enclosure 3).

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

The request from Regis Resources is for a letter regarding the wider public benefit to the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Hon. Paul Scully specifically in relation to the water supply pipeline and power infrastructure for the proposed McPhillamys Gold Project.

Budget Implications:

Nil

Enclosures (following report)

1	Correspondence from Regis Resources	1 Page
2	Draft Council Letter	17 Pages
3	CNSWJO Letter	2 Pages

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

5 December 2024

Blayney Shire Council
Attention: Mr Mark Dicker (General Manager)

Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mark,

RE: MCPHILLAMYS GOLD PROJECT – LETTER OF INTEREST IN POWER AND PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE

As you would be aware, the McPhillamys Gold Project (MGP) is proposed to be developed by Regis Resources Limited (Regis) to the north-east of Blayney in the Blayney Shire local government area.

Since the declaration made by Minister Plibersek on 16 August 2024 under the Commonwealth *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act, 1984*, and in parallel to the legal proceedings currently underway in the Federal Court; Regis has been working with NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) regarding planning approvals pathways to move the project forward.

One avenue that may assist in defining the revised planning approval pathway is a focus on infrastructure components that are likely to have longer term benefits for the wider community, beyond the life of the MGP. We note that this was acknowledged by the Blayney Shire Council in the submissions provided to the DPHI (during the EIS process) and the NSW Independent Planning Commission.

In particular, the MGP water supply pipeline could provide the Blayney Shire with a new long term water source option that would improve its water supply security. Similarly, the MGP power supply could provide the Blayney Shire with an alternative long term high voltage power supply connection option, improving supply stability and supporting further local development.

In this regard, Regis is seeking a letter of interest from Blayney Shire Council in relation to possible public benefits associated with the proposed water supply pipeline and power infrastructure, either during and/or post operations.

Please note that Regis is not seeking a letter of endorsement or support for the wider MGP.

Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Danielle Wallace, HSE Manager [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] if you have any queries or would like to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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XX December 2024

The Hon. Paul Scully MP
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces
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Sydney NSW 2001

Via email: office@scully.minister.nsw.gov.au

Dear Minister,

RE: MCPHILLAMYS GOLD MINE INFRASTRUCTURE

The McPhillamys Gold Mine is proposed to be developed by Regis Resources to the north-east of Blayney, at Kings Plains in the Blayney Shire local government area.

Council in various correspondence during the assessment process for the McPhillamys Gold Mine, to various NSW Government Departments and the NSW Independent Planning Commission (IPC) has repeatedly highlighted and identified the opportunities, infrastructure components needed for the project would create to the wider central west region.

Attached for reference is Councils 24 October 2019 submission to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for the McPhillamys Gold Project, where specifically on page 13 Council identifies and highlights the opportunities and significant of the infrastructure that would be associated with the McPhillamy Gold Project.

The new power supply could provide the Blayney Shire with an alternative long term high voltage power supply connection option that could allow for new major developments that require a reliable high voltage power supply, and improve the power supply stability of the wider Blayney community.

This new infrastructure would support the BSC's priorities outlined in the NSW Government's *Central West Orana Regional Plan 2041*:

- *leverage its close proximity to both Orange and Bathurst to support sustainable residential and business growth*
- *identifying opportunities for the LGA as the wider region's economy diversifies, and leveraging its accessibility to Orange, Bathurst and the Parkes SAP*

Furthermore, this new infrastructure investment in the Blayney Shire would support the following objectives outlined in the *Central West Orana Regional Plan 2041*:

- *Sustain a network of healthy and prosperous centres*
- *Coordinate smart and resilient utility infrastructure*
- *Leverage existing industries and employment areas and support new and innovative economic enterprises*
- *Protect and leverage the existing and future road, rail and air transport networks and infrastructure*

In November 2024, Councils Mayor and General Manager met with the NSW Department of Planning Industry and Environment (Water Group) specifically regarding the Belubula Water Security Project.

In this meeting DPIE Water advised an option being considered and investigated is whether to consider extension of the water network to Bathurst (linking Carcoar, Blayney and Orange) to provide water security for the region.

Council highlighted to DPIE Water (who were unaware) of the potential McPhillamys pipeline (including negotiated easement) from Wallerawang (Lithgow) to Kings Plains (Blayney). Council highlighted the McPhillamys pipeline, or placement of an additional pipe in the same easement is an unprecedented opportunity the NSW Government must investigate as part of the Belubula Water Security Project.

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

Yours faithfully

Mark Dicker
General Manager



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24 October 2019

A/Director - Resource Assessments
Planning and Assessment
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
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RE: McPhillamys Gold Mine Project
Application No. SSD-9505
EPBC ID Number 2019/8421

Please find enclosed Council's submission on the State Significant Development Application – McPhillamys Gold Mine Project – currently on public exhibition.

Should you require further information in relation to this submission please contact Council on Ph 6368 2104.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Ryan
General Manager

Blayney Shire Council Submission – McPhillamys Gold Mine Project

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Executive Summary

Blayney Shire Council acknowledges the positive economic stimulus, employment, diversity of income and local business opportunities that will arise from the McPhillamys Gold Mine proposal if the project is approved. Council is supportive of this generation of regional growth and has a long history of productive working relationships with a gold mining company in the Shire.

While our community generally appreciates the economic benefits that a new mine will bring, these benefits will be enjoyed by the wider region and NSW economy. Council acknowledges and is concerned for the residents of Kings Plains, living so close to the project who will bear the impact and disruption on their daily lives for many years.

In considering the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project, it confirms future generations of Blayney Shire will be living with impacts and depending how closure and rehabilitation is undertaken; a potential legacy well past closure of the mine. Council asks that the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) diligently considers and ensures risks are mitigated and any adverse impacts are considered and addressed, with measures in place for ongoing compliance.

Council seeks a commitment from the proponent that if the project is approved, not to default closure and rehabilitation to livestock grazing, but to commit to investigating alternate land uses suitable for the site post mining which could utilise the mines infrastructure to provide ongoing long term economic benefit for the Blayney Shire and wider region.

The Blayney Shire Community Strategic Plan (2018/28) recognises that Blayney is an agricultural shire with strong mining heritage with many opportunities for economic growth building on the productive agricultural land, transport, tourism, industry and mining activities.

Mining is an important and significant industry in the Shire as demonstrated by the latest REMPLAN data which incorporates Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) June 2018 Gross State Product, 2016/2017 National Input Output Tables and 2016 Census Place of Work Employment Data¹.

- Mining accounts for 45%, Manufacturing 20% and Agriculture 7.5% of the \$1.7 billion output generated by the Blayney economy².
- Of the Blayney Shire workforce which is estimated to be 2,991 people; 24% are engaged in the mining sector, with Agriculture 13% and Manufacturing 12%³.

¹Sourced from <https://www.economyprofile.com.au/blayney/> 22 Oct 2019

²Sourced from <https://www.economyprofile.com.au/blayney/industries/output> 22 Oct 2019

³Sourced from <https://www.economyprofile.com.au/blayney/industries/employment> 22 Oct 2019

- Wages and salaries paid by businesses and organisations in the Blayney Shire is estimated at \$262 million with mining accounting for 37%, Manufacturing 14%, Agriculture 6%, Health and Education 6%⁴.

The collective vision of the Regional Economic Development Strategy (2017) is for the region to *'be a larger and more diverse regional economy with a vibrant network of towns and villages which leverage opportunities from being at the heart of NSW in order to grow wealth and prosperity'*. This strategy aims to leverage the region's strategic advantages and natural resource base and recognises the strengths of the region, including specialisations in mining, sheep and beef cattle farming, food product manufacturing, healthcare, education and State Government administration with the emerging potential of tourism.

The primary aims of the strategy include:

- driving tourism growth and enhance the liveability of the region
- building on the region's core specialisation in healthcare
- realising economic opportunity in education and public administration
- supporting economic growth in mining and mining services
- developing agriculture, agricultural processing, agri-technology and manufacturing

The Central West and Orana Regional Plan 2036 which is the 20-year blueprint for the future of the region has a vision being *'to create a leading diverse regional economy in NSW, with a vibrant network of centres leveraging the opportunities of being at the heart of NSW'*. The vision will be delivered through four goals:

- The most diverse regional economy in NSW
- A stronger, healthier environment and diverse heritage
- Quality freight, transport and infrastructure networks
- Dynamic, vibrant and healthy communities.

Council endorses these strategic planning documents which seek to deliver a balance of creating diverse economic activity with minimal environmental impact ensuring Blayney Shire is an attractive locality to reside.

⁴Sourced from <https://www.economyprofile.com.au/blayney/industries/wages-salaries> 22 Oct 2019

Voluntary Planning Agreement

The objective of a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) is to ensure that Council and Regis Resources proactively manage the potential impacts to secure a positive future for the communities of the Blayney Shire Local Government Area (LGA), including Kings Plains and Blayney township residents.

Council have authorised the General Manager to commence discussions with Regis Resources Ltd in regards to a proposed VPA in accordance with NSW DPIE and NSW Mining and Energy Related Council guidance policies. Initial discussions between Council's General Manager and Regis Resources were held in late 2018, however further negotiation will not take place until the closure of the EIS public exhibition period.

Should the project be approved, the mining extraction site and impact is completely within the Blayney Local Government Area. Council expects that a Voluntary Planning Agreement for the life of the project, would be successfully negotiated and agreed upon prior to the assessment process being completed.

Blayney Shire Council does not believe a VPA should include; Cabonne, Orange City or Bathurst Regional Councils. Cabonne, Orange and Bathurst will receive only benefits from this project, whereas Blayney Shire will receive 100% of the impact, potentially ongoing post mine closure.

The VPA proposed will likely be based on a % of total Capital Investment Value (CIV) and allocated to one off and annual contributions; as negotiated and agreed upon by Council and Regis Resources prior to public exhibition as required by the regulations.

Contributions could be allocated to community, sporting, environmental and local roads infrastructure projects identified in the various Blayney Shire strategic planning documents as determined by Council for the duration of the VPA.

Accommodation Needs

Mining, whilst benefiting the local economy can add pressure for housing demand, employment and tourism, in particular during construction. As noted in the Social Impact Assessment (SIA), Blayney LGA does not have the capacity to meet the construction or even production workforce demands.

Mine workers and their families will be required to seek accommodation in both Orange and Bathurst, which are approximately 30 minutes commute time away. It has been identified that there will be a temporary and cumulative shortage of short term accommodation which will impact the non-mining sector, private rental accommodation and tourism markets and events in the Orange360 region and Blayney Shire.

In this instance if the project is approved the impact will be additional and ongoing that is expected to the Infigen Flyers Creek Wind Farm project, due to commence in early 2020 for a 2 year construction period and the recently announced expansion at Cadia Valley Operations, commencing January 2020.

In October 2019, Cadia Valley Operations (Newcrest Pty Ltd) provided funding to Orange360 to engage a contract Accommodation Coordinator to facilitate and address the accommodation impacts of a significant major development. In this instance the role will act as the single point of contact for the mining workforce to liaise with real estate agents, tourism operators, private rental owners and other accommodation agents coordinating contract workforce accommodation needs for contractors, mine workers and their families. This is a proactive business decision by Cadia Valley Operations which will reduce costs borne by them from contractors in addition to providing a coordinated approach that will find the 'hidden beds' in Blayney and surrounds. The recommendation in the SIA for a similar Accommodation Coordinator role for this project if approved, is supported by Blayney Shire Council.

Mining production, whilst a significant economic driver will impact housing availability and affordability which Blayney has experienced with operations at Cadia Gold Mine. Council is cognisant of the inflated housing market that may result and the need to facilitate affordable and diverse options for people to relocate to the shire. Blayney and the villages have the capacity for additional population and the Community Strategic Plan recognises the need for sustainable growth.

Council notes the SIA does not propose a Mining Camp. Council supports the preference for supporting existing and new local accommodation options to encourage greater longer term and sustainable housing diversity and growth.

- **Council recommends that in addition to any VPA, that Regis Resources provide funding for an Accommodation Coordinator role.**

Transport

The project if approved, will create a significant number of traffic movements particularly during the construction period. These movements have the potential to significantly impact on both the community and Council's local road network.

- **Council requests that should the project be approved a condition of consent is included requiring Regis Resources to:**
 - **Develop a Transport Management Plan that requires all construction traffic and transport to only utilise the NSW State Road network, and also minimise transport movements during school zone times on roads adjoining; Blayney Public School, Blayney High School, St Joseph's Primary School Blayney and Millthorpe Public School.**

Dungeon Road

In the EIS, Regis propose to close Dungeon Road from approximately 1,800m North of the Mid-Western Highway (EIS p473), being at the 'mine project boundary'.

Blayney Shire Council notes that the EIS does not define the 'mine project boundary', but identifies the Mine Development Project Area, and the Mine Lease Application Area on various maps and figures.

The southern boundary of the Mine Development Project Area intersects with Dungeon Road approximately 550m north of the intersection with the Mid Western Highway, being the southern boundary of Lot 12 DP 531188 and Lot 14 DP562837. Blayney Shire Council in principle agrees to the partial closure of Dungeon Road from this point, as the only access beyond this point is to service the proposed development or property owned by the proponent.

Council notes access for local residents on Dungeon Road, south of the Mine Development Project Area will remain by public road as currently is the case.

There are 2 properties with dwellings in close proximity to the Mine Development Project Area off Dungeon Road. It is highly likely these 2 properties will be impacted by dust from increased traffic on Dungeon Road until the new mine access off the Mid Western Highway is constructed. To mitigate dust impacts on these 2 properties Council seeks that Dungeon Road is sealed for an extended distance (potentially 1,000m) north of the intersection with the Mid-Western Highway.

Council notes that the disposal of this Council asset is subject to an agreed Purchase Price.

Council propose that the formula approved will be the combined value of the Road Valuation plus Land Value. Land Value will be calculated on the median sale price for rural land in the district, undertaken by an independent Certified Practising Valuer.

- Council requests that should the proposal be approved a condition of consent be included requiring Regis Resources to undertake the following prior to construction:
 - Undertake the closure of Dungeon Road from 550m North of the intersection with the Mid Western Highway to the boundary between the Local Government Areas of Blayney and Cabonne.
 - Upgrade a minimum 550m of Dungeon Road from the intersection with the Mid Western Highway to the Mine Development Project Area boundary to Council's Rural Collector standard, in accordance with Council's Guidelines for Engineering Works.
 - Seal Dungeon Road an extended distance (potentially 1,000m) north of the Mid-Western Highway intersection to reduce dust impacts on the properties at the Southern end of Dungeon Road or alternatively outline to the satisfaction of Council and the 2 residents how dust impacts will be mitigated during the main entrance contraction.
 - Prioritise the construction of the new main site access to the Mine Development Project Area, at the preferred location on the Mid-Western Highway to minimise traffic noise and dust impacts on existing residents on Dungeon Road.
 - Purchase the remaining portion of Dungeon Road (being from the Mine Development Project Area boundary at Ch.550m) to the Local Government Area boundary between Blayney and Cabonne, at the pre-determined combined value of the Road Valuation as at June 2020 plus Land Value as per Independent Valuation from a Certified Practising Valuer.
- Council requests that upon commissioning of the new main site access to the Mine Development Project Area, a dilapidation report for the upgraded section (550m) of Dungeon Road be prepared in conjunction with Blayney Shire Council, and Regis Resources be required to make any repairs to the upgraded section to return it to Council's Rural Collector standard upon commissioning of the new main site access.

Guyong and Vittoria Roads

If the project is approved, both Guyong and Vittoria Roads will have additional traffic as a result of workers and contractors driving from the North West ie Orange and Spring Hill/Millthorpe area.

Regis identify that *'the majority of traffic originating from the north-west (ie Orange) are anticipated to use Vittoria Road and Guyong Road' and 'Project related traffic represents a maximum of 18% increase above background traffic along Guyong Road (during Year 1 of the project)'.*

Council remains concerned the EIS makes no specific reference to metrics on expected changes in traffic along Vittoria Road.

Council reiterates its request outlined earlier in the submission that if the project is approved that transport associated with the development primarily uses the NSW State Road network, during the construction phase. If this cannot be achieved or undertaken, a Road Safety Audit has been completed, which identified a small number of safety issues which could be undertaken to improve both Vittoria Road and Guyong Road and Council would request Regis fund the safety improvements.

Council's primary concern with the use of Guyong Road for mine traffic is the current poor alignment and lack of line marking as identified within the Audit. Council will undertake the line marking prior to construction, however still holds concerns with the alignment of Guyong Road. With the proposed increase in traffic, the risk of collision between vehicles will increase along Guyong Road.

If the project is approved, Council would seek to facilitate a joint grant application in the future for a major upgrade to Vittoria Road between the Mitchell Highway and Millthorpe village.

Vittoria Road is already under significant pressure particularly being utilised by workers travelling to Newcrest's Cadia Valley Operations mine. The McPhillamys Gold Project would likely further accelerate the deterioration of Vittoria Road.

Council is not seeking Regis to fully fund a major upgrade to Vittoria Road, but is identifying as a key stakeholder expected to be a joint stakeholder, together with; Blayney Shire Council, Cabonne Council and Newcrest seeking to obtain NSW and/or Federal Government funding for a major upgrade to Vittoria Road.

- **Council requests that Regis Resources be required to upgrade the final 3.8km of Guyong Road to ensure suitable curves are provided for the safety of all road users if the NSW road network is not primarily utilised during the construction phase of the development.**

Noise, Dust and Vibration

The EIS contains a vast amount of data and analysis regarding the potential impacts of the proposed McPhillamys Gold Project regarding; noise, dust and vibration.

Council acknowledges these matters are specialist fields. Given Council does not employ specialist staff with experience in these fields, it is difficult for the organisation to interpret, provide comment, verify the assessments and studies against the industry best practice and acceptable industry thresholds and ultimately the conclusions outlined in the EIS. Council is relying on NSW Government agencies with the specialist expertise to scrutinise the EIS against the industry best practice and acceptable industry thresholds.

It is acknowledged by all parties that many of the residents at Kings Plains will potentially be living extremely close to the proposed mine. The mine development and earthworks required in the first few years will have an adverse impact and affect their quality of life that they currently enjoy. If the McPhillamys Gold Project is approved it is critical that the proponents support and work with each resident to develop individual solutions to mitigate the negative impacts on their lifestyles especially in regards to dust and noise.

- **While the EIS broadly concludes that the proposal will have impacts in regards to noise, dust and vibration, Council emphasises the importance of and Councils reliance on various NSW Government Agencies undertaking a robust assessment to ensure that the McPhillamys Gold Project would not have more than a minimal impact on Kings Plains residents.**
- **Council also emphasises the importance to the Department that if approval is granted Council and the community are highly reliant on multiple NSW Government organisations to ensure the ongoing operational compliance of the mining operation.**

Visual Amenity

The EIS identifies that the construction and operation of the proposed McPhillamys Gold Project will result in a very high visual impact, particularly when viewed from the Mid Western Highway and Walkom Road, Kings Plains, as well as other viewpoints including residential properties.

If the McPhillamys Gold Project is approved it is critical that the proponents support and work with each resident to develop individual solutions to mitigate the negative impacts on their lifestyles especially in regards to visual amenity.

- **Given that the project development area is located within a visually sensitive location, Council emphasizes the importance that the DPIE ensure that suitable controls and measures be implemented to ensure that any potential visual impact is minimized.**

Light Pollution

Whilst Blayney is 338km from the closest Dark Sky Park and distance is outside the 200km radius prescribed in The Dark Sky Planning Guideline (NSW DPIE, 2016) light pollution from Central Tablelands extractive industries at 800 metres above sea level has the potential to impact the night sky.

The light pollution impact on Kings Plains residents given comparative dark skies, the night time glow may be significant if not addressed. It is anticipated that light pollution be minimised by appropriate mitigation measures, LED lighting and best practice fittings on plant, buildings and machinery.

- **Council requests that the project, if approved, ensures the impact of lighting is considered and addressed in accordance with industry best practice and Australian Standards.**

Natural Environment – Water (surface and ground), Aquatic Ecology & Terrestrial Biodiversity

The natural environment, including water (surface and ground), aquatic ecology and terrestrial biodiversity, is a significant asset of the wider Blayney Shire.

In particular, it is noted that many elements of the natural environment underpin the economic and social strength of the community, as well as defining Shire's character and rural / village amenity.

Particular examples of significant elements of the natural environment include:

The Belubula River

The Belubula River, which has its head waters within the disturbance footprint of the proposed mine development area, is the main water source for a vast number of rural properties within and beyond the Blayney Shire before reaching the Lachlan River. The river is also the main source of water to Carcoar Dam for which the main purpose is to supply irrigation, stock and household needs within the Belubula Valley.

The river is also a significant feature of Carcoar village, making a significant contribution to its historic setting as well as public recreation areas. Notably, Carcoar is classified by the National Trust as a built environment of significant interest.

The Belubula River also flows through the township of Blayney.

The Belubula River is also well known for fishing, with popular native fish species including Murray Cod and Golden Perch.

Ground water

A clean and safe supply of groundwater is essential for the drinking water needs of country towns, major industries (especially agriculture) and to support groundwater dependent ecosystems. Groundwater quality decline and contamination creates a serious threat to human and animal health and the degradation of wetlands and rivers.

While it is acknowledged that the mine project development area is within an area of low groundwater vulnerability, it must be acknowledged that the key risk to groundwater sources is contamination by leakage into the water table of pollutants.

White Box Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum Woodland

Highly significant terrestrial biodiversity within the Blayney Shire includes the White Box Yellow Box Blakely's Red Gum Woodland (commonly referred to as Box-Gum Woodland) which is identified as an endangered ecological community under NSW legislation and a critically endangered ecological community under Federal legislation.

The NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee has identified that the Box-Gum Woodland has been drastically reduced in area and highly fragmented because of clearance for cropping and pasture improvement, with the community being reduced to less than 1% of its pre-European extent in many areas of NSW.

If approved the McPhillamys Gold Project would require 18.5ha of the Box-Gum Woodland to be cleared.

Notably, the NSW Threatened Species Scientific Committee has identified that In view of the small size of existing remnants, and the threat of further clearing, disturbance and degradation, the Box-Gum Woodland is likely to become extinct in nature in New South Wales unless the circumstances and factors threatening its survival or evolutionary development cease.

The EIS contains a vast amount of data and analysis regarding the potential impacts of the proposed McPhillamys Gold Project on the natural environment,

Given that Council does not employ specialist environmental staff, it is difficult for the organisation to interpret such data and verify the assessment that has been set out in the EIS.

- **While the EIS broadly concludes that the proposal will have no serious or irreversible harm, Council emphasises the importance of the DPIE undertaking a robust assessment to ensure that the McPhillamys Gold Project would not have more than a minimal impact on the natural environment to both individual elements and the cumulative natural environment.**

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Historic Heritage

The EIS appears to contain a robust assessment of the potential impacts on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and post European historic heritage, including proposed management measures.

Given that Council does not employ specialist heritage staff, it is difficult for the organisation to interpret and verify the assessment that has been set out in the EIS.

- **Council emphasises the importance of the DPIE undertaking a robust assessment to ensure that the McPhillamys Gold Project would not have a detrimental impact on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and post European historic heritage.**

Agriculture

The mine development project area is located within a broader landscape which is predominately zoned RU1 Primary Production.

It must be noted that the objectives of the RU1 Primary Production Zone focus on minimizing the fragmentation and alienation of the natural resource base which underpins sustainable primary production, and to encourage sustainable primary industry.

With specific regard to agriculture, these objectives are further emphasised and strengthened by the *Central West and Orana Regional Plan* of which the first direction specifically seeks to '*Protect the region's diverse and productive agricultural land*'.

Notably, this direction must also be balanced with the eighth direction of *Central West and Orana Regional Plan* which seeks to '*Sustainably manage mineral resources*'.

While the Central West and Orana Regional Plan identifies that the mineral resources sector underpins many local economies and continues to drive growth, it articulates the sustainable management of mineral resources must consider and balance varying impacts to produce long-term economic, social and environmental outcomes.

- **In this regard, Council seeks to emphasise the importance of the DPIE ensuring that if that if the proposed McPhillamys Gold Project is to be approved, the impacts of a relatively short total project life do not disproportionately affect ongoing sustainable primary production in the immediate area.**

Post Mine Use, Rehabilitation and Closure Strategy

Following on from the comments under the Agriculture heading above, Council acknowledges that whilst there may be 10 to 15 years of significant economic benefit generated from the McPhillamys Gold Project, the EIS also confirms once mining is completed the site be a legacy site for many years into the future.

The EIS references that a Rehabilitation and Closure Strategy (EMMA 2019) appendix U has been prepared and that final rehabilitation and closure requirements will be ultimately be produced within five years of closure.

The EIS outlines if the project is approved, a significant amount of infrastructure will be installed and/or constructed for the project, including but not limited to; water pipeline from Lithgow, new water storage dams, safe site access and internal roads, electrical line upgrades, amenities etc. This infrastructure investment is unprecedented and must be considered for alternate post mining reuse, rather than simply decommissioned.

Given the site will possess unprecedented infrastructure investment the site needs to be investigated for suitable post mining land uses that could utilise and/or add to the infrastructure installed for the mine. One such land use is creation of an intensified agricultural precinct (in particular protected cropping and/or hydroponics) that based on the infrastructure of the site could be of a regional or state significant which currently does not exist in NSW and Australia.

Council does not accept nor endorse the default position for closure and rehabilitation strategy to be livestock grazing. There is an opportunity, given the infrastructure required for the mine project to provide Blayney Shire and the region with a long lasting positive economic legacy through identification and master planning of a suitable post mining land use.

Council is seeking commitment from the proponent that it will investigate in partnership with; Blayney Shire Council and key NSW Government agencies (in particular DPIE and Regional NSW) suitable land uses, companies and other opportunities which could further utilise the site post mining prior to finalisation of any Rehabilitation Closure Strategy and/or Rehabilitation Plan.

Council notes such a precinct is already identified for Blayney Shire in the Central West and Orana Regional Plan, which the priority states *'Investigate the development of a regionally significant intensified agricultural precinct for agribusiness, leveraging existing strategic advantages and future infrastructure'*.

If a suitable alternate land use can be identified pre closure it is noted it may be financially beneficial to the proponent as significant capital expenditure may be saved as it could reduce the level of rehabilitation required, whilst providing the Blayney Shire and wider region with a long lasting positive economic legacy for the region.

- **Council requests that should the project be approved a condition of consent requires the proponent; prior to any Rehabilitation and Closure Strategy and/or Rehabilitation and Closure Plan being approved, the proponent must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the NSW DPIE evidence that it has considered and investigated in partnership with Blayney Shire Council and other key NSW Government agencies the feasibility for alternate land uses that will utilise the site and associated infrastructure.**

Workforce Strategy and Local Businesses

Council notes that if the project is approved the workforce strategy that is proposed by Regis is to have a recruitment program that maximise local employment with employment numbers averaging around 260 FTE during operations. Council supports this position to encourage increased employment opportunities within and for residents of the Shire.

If the project is approved, the management of mine closure is as important as the commencement. In this regard it is important, Council and the community are involved prior to closure to create a smooth transition for worker redeployment and ensuring other local businesses can adjust to the potential removal significant GDP which will no longer be in the region.

Blayney Shire Council would encourage Regis mining to adopt a program of continuous training for their workforce to make sure that all employees as far as possible have real transferable skills that they can use towards future employment after mining.

Regis could be a leader in developing individual training and career pathways for their employees from the start of their employment to the inevitable conclusion of mine operations.

If approved there is a huge expectation from our community around the rehabilitation of the mine site and minimising the environmental impacts. But the significant social impact of the unemployment at that time could be mitigated by Regis planning to have an appropriately trained workforce that will be able to transfer into other sectors within our shire and region. This would be a very modern and responsible strategy to manage a workforce that will have options and future opportunities after mining.

Our region is very fortunate to have excellent training providers and organisations that could partner with Regis to facilitate the ongoing training and management of this strategy. We would also expect strong support from government agencies to also be involved in developing and supporting this type of workforce resilience strategy.



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Dear Minister

Re McPhillamy's Gold Mine Infrastructure

Local Government Regional Joint Organisations (JOs) were proclaimed in May 2018 under the NSW Local Government Act 1993. The Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) represents over 177,000 people covering an area of more than 51,000sq kms comprising the Local Government Areas of Bathurst, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Lithgow, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Weddin, Central Tablelands Water, and Upper Macquarie County Council. Water security is a priority of the CNSWJO Board. For more information on the CNSWJO please go to [Home - Central Joint Organisation](#)

The Board of the CNSWJO is made up of the Mayors of the region. Its role includes advocating for the region's priorities. For more information on the priorities of the region please go to the summary of the region's Statement of Strategic Regional Priority: [SSRP SUMMARY FINAL-2-PAGER FINAL.pdf](#)
The Mayors of the region met this morning and approved this correspondence.

The McPhillamy's Gold Mine is proposed to be developed by Regis Resources to the north-east of Blayney in the Blayney Shire local government area. CNSWJO notes that the NSW Independent Planning Commission (IPC) concluded in its assessment of the McPhillamys Gold Mine in 2023 that the "Application ... would achieve an appropriate balance between relevant environmental, economic and social considerations ..." and "...that on balance, the Application is in the public interest".

There can be no more essential priority for the public interest than secure potable water. CNSWJO has won national awards for its work in water security. From this work the region knows that even with a significant amount of demand management, more water sources are necessary for the long term growth in this region. Accordingly, the region has resolved a multi-source supply approach and through the NSW Government Regional Water Strategies seeks to build on the existing pipeline network.

The CNSWJO Board has identified that there is potential to leverage the pipeline between Wallerawang and Kings Plains being developed as part of the McPhillamy's Gold Mine proposal. The McPhillamy's Gold Mine water pipeline could provide the Central NSW region with a new long term water source option that would improve its water supply security. The new water source could potentially be used to supply existing water users and/or supply new developments that rely on a reliable water supply.

The pipeline could be accessed by Bathurst Regional Council and then go onto to connect to the existing network including the communities of Orange and Molong as well as the Central Tablelands network. Please see Figure 1 below.



Figure 1 Excerpt from prospectus on the region's water infrastructure priorities

Representatives of the CNSWJO would welcome an opportunity to brief you further regarding this matter should you seek more detail. Please contact Ms Jenny Bennett, Executive Officer of the CNSWJO on 0428690935 for enquiries regarding this correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Cr Kevin Beatty
Chair
Central NSW Joint Organisation

03) ELECTRIC VEHICLE DESTINATION CHARGING GRANTS**Department:** Executive Services**Author:** General Manager**CSP Link:** 3. Diversify and Grow the Blayney Shire Local and Visitor Economy**File No:** PN.DC.2**Recommendation:**

That Council endorse submission of an Expression of Interest to host an electric vehicle charging station in the Blayney Shire Community Centre carpark.

Reason for Report:

For Council to endorse the submission of an Expression of Interest to host an Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station in the Blayney Shire Community Centre carpark under round 3 of the electric vehicle destination charging grants program.

Report:

Round 3 of the NSW Government Destination Charging Grants has recently opened and is providing up to \$12 million in funding to 71 eligible zones.

Round 3 is targeted at private charge point operators (CPOs) installing, maintaining and operating the chargers at nominated sites.

The particulars of the round 3 program include:

- Funding for locations in [71 eligible zones](#) across regional NSW, to unlock EV Friendly Road Trips across the state
 - o Sites in green zones are eligible for co-funding up to \$100K
 - o Sites in blue zones are eligible for co-funding up to \$200K
- A minimum of 2 x 24-100kW DC plugs and 1 x AC plug (for redundancy) will be required per site
- CPOs are eligible to apply for funding
- Businesses, councils, and landowners are encouraged to [register their interest to be a site host](#)
- Further information on the round and eligibility requirements can be found in the [round 3 funding guidelines](#)
- [FAQs](#) can be found here
- Applications close on 31st January

Under the program Blayney is identified as a location that could receive up to 80% co-funding per site (capped at \$200,000). Any co-funding requirement would be from the CPO not Council.

Council has identified the Blayney Shire Community Centre carpark as the preferred location, specifically 2 car spaces in the northwestern corner (see image 1). Note the exact number and location of carparks to be dedicated to EV charging is yet to be confirmed and will be directly influenced by the CPO infrastructure to be installed.



Image 1: Proposed EV Charging location

This location has been identified and recommended as it is: central, good access to a low voltage power pole / line, has good passive surveillance (including lighting) and good 24/7 access.

The intent would be for an EV charger to be installed with a capacity in the range of 60kW and 100kW, which would provide approximately 400km of distance from an hour charge.

This range is considered important as it is long enough to encourage EV owners and passengers to want to explore and shop the Blayney CBD, without charging being too long they will drive through Blayney to a town with a superfast charger.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Council unlike other LGAs until now has been tentative in facilitating the installation of EV charging infrastructure, due to the concern of increasing Council's asset base, which has a direct correlation to our ongoing financial sustainability.

In considering whether to lodge an EOI under this program, Council staff asked the following questions of ChargeWorks Pty Ltd (independent experts in the solar panel, battery storage and EV industries):

- 1. What would be the ongoing operational and maintenance costs of the infrastructure?**
 - Zero cost to council. The CPO installs, owns and operates the charger.
 - The CPO would manage all maintenance and running costs. Council would also have in the licence agreement something around end of life / agreement that the CPO is responsible for removing / making good.
 - Ideally the charger will be connected to a new grid connection with its own electricity meter rather than a separate supply at a Council switchboard. This means it is completely separate.
- 2. Would Council bear any additional depreciation from the new asset?**
 - Council would not own any parts of the asset.
- 3. What is in the lease? How long is it for? What happens at the end of the lease?**
 - This can vary. The grant requires 5 years as the minimum term of operation. Council could negotiate a longer one or an option to extend if you wish.
 - The lease agreement can either be a revenue share or a fixed fee per year for the parking spaces. Each CPO may offer something different.
- 4. Would Council get any financial benefit from hosting the charger? Do we get a dividend?**
 - Council may negotiate a revenue share or a fixed fee per year for the car spaces you are leasing out.

Whilst noting the commentary above, the Blayney Shire Community Centre carpark is crown land classified as “operational land”. Council will need to engage with NSW Crown Lands for approval to proceed, however under the Crown Land Management Act 2016 the Minister may grant a lease for a facility or infrastructure directly with any person and as such also receive any revenue share or fixed lease payment.

A further report will be brought back to Council to update status and, if approved by NSW Crown Lands, seek endorsement of a lease agreement.

Budget Implications:

Under the program Blayney is identified as a location that could receive up to 80% co-funding per site (capped at \$200,000). Any co funding required would be provided from the CPO not Council.

As outlined above in the risk section, no long-term detriment to Council, as the CPO owns and operates the charger.

Subject to liaison and engagement with Crown Lands there is potential for an increased revenue stream for Council, dependent upon the executed details of the lease.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

04) SKILLSET MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE**Department:** Executive Services**Author:** General Manager**CSP Link:** 3. Diversify and Grow the Blayney Shire Local and Visitor Economy**File No:** PE.TD.2

Recommendation:

That Council appoint the General Manager as the Blayney Shire Council Skillset Member Representative.

Reason for Report:

For Council to confirm the appointment of the Skillset Member Representative following a request by Skillset.

Report:

Council has been asked by Skillset to confirm the appointment of the Skillset Member Representative.

The member representative role is defined in the company constitution and is quite distinct from the board of directors.

The member representative is someone who shares the Skillset vision of creating life-changing opportunities for people and communities in regional NSW, and can act as an ambassador for Skillset within the member organisation.

It is anticipated that that they will represent the member organisation at the AGM, and be the primary contact for Skillset for regular communications throughout the year. Please note that a member representative cannot be nominated or appointed to the Skillset Board of Directors.

In accordance with the Skillset Constitution, the member representative is entitled to:

- a) receive notices of Members Meetings
- b) receive all statutory reports concerning the Company required by the Corporations Act
- c) attend Members Meetings
- d) speak at Members Meetings
- e) demand a poll at a Members Meeting
- f) propose or second any proposed resolution for determination at Members Meetings
- g) vote at Members Meetings
- h) propose or second a nomination of a person to be a Director of the Company.

Given the Skillset Member Representative position covers predominantly operational matters it is recommended that the General Manager be the representative, which is the default position of Skillset.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Nil

Budget Implications:

Nil if the General Manager is appointed.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

05) TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS**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:

1. That Council consider this matter seriatim.
2. That Council approve/deny \$2,000 of funding to the Blayney A&P Association for the Blayney Show event
3. That Council approve/deny \$2,000 of funding to FOOD Week Inc. for the Falling for Blayney event
4. That Council approve/deny \$2,000 of funding to Newbridge Progress Association for the Newbridge Winter Solstice event
5. That Council approve/deny \$2,000 of funding to Newbridge Progress Association for the Spring into Art marketing project
6. That Council approve/deny \$2,000 of funding to Sidetrack Arts Inc. for the Summer Workshop Series events

Reason for Report:

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

Report:

Council received the following applications under the 2024/25 Tourism Development Program:

1. Blayney A&P Association - Blayney Show: \$2,000 (Event)

The Blayney Show is held annually in autumn with over 3,000 people in attendance. The Blayney A&P Association is seeking funding to improve the entertainment for teenagers attending the 2025 Blayney Show. In this regard, they have contacted a number of suppliers including;

- Rock-climbing wall to provide a four-person wall complete with skilled supervisors. Blayney A&P Association would like to provide this activity free of charge.
- Mechanical bull ride which can be suitable for all ages. This will also come with skilled supervisors.
- Magic show which also suits all ages and brings fun to children.
- Reptile Show which educates families on how to interact with snakes that could be found anywhere in our Shire and is safe and hands on.

Blayney Show have booked in the entertainment but with other sponsorship not coming in this year, they have decided to keep these extra attractions in lieu of potentially being short of prize money for the woodchop and dog high jump. This is to focus on providing teenage entertainment to attract this demographic from the area and increase attendees. If successful with this grant Council would become a major sponsor and have naming rights as well as a full page in the schedule and online.

The event received \$2,000 in 2023/24 for amusement rides, \$1,000 in for marketing in 2022/23 and 2021/22. The Community Financial Assistance Program (CFAP) in 2024/25 provides \$627 for meeting venue hire and \$570 for waste services.

2. FOOD Week Inc. - Falling for Blayney: \$2,000 (Event)

Falling for Blayney is being held on 30 March 2025, on the first Sunday of the 2025 FOOD Week Festival at the picturesque property known as Athol Gardens. FOOD Week is a collection of different events held over 10 days allowing visitors to explore the region in between events. FOOD Week is a signature festival in the Orange Region calendar with 60% of attendees coming from out of the region with a target market of women over 55, primarily from Sydney. In 2025, ticket packages will be marketed to Canberra, Melbourne and Brisbane encouraging people to stay longer in the region and explore surrounding towns.

Falling for Blayney is an inaugural event on the FOOD Week Festival calendar and is organised by a voluntary committee of local residents from Blayney Shire under the FOOD Week Inc. Committee banner.

The event is aiming to move around to different locations within the Blayney Shire LGA each year, showcasing the beautiful surroundings, increasing awareness of the attractions in the LGA, whilst highlighting local produce and wine. The event is a high tea in the afternoon between 1:30pm and 4pm using local suppliers where possible for food, live music, lawn games and sparkling wine from Angullong Wines.

The funding requested will contribute to expenses such as promotion, entertainment, décor, styling and venue hire (includes tables/chairs/crockery etc.). The cost of food and drinks will be covered by the ticket price of \$110 per person with a capacity of 70 people. The event will go on sale on Tuesday 17 December with the full FOOD Week Program of events. If funding is not successful, the committee will need to source additional sponsorship and reduce funding allocated for promotion, décor and styling.

The Tourism Development Program allocated \$2,000 of funding in 2023/24 to FOOD Week for marketing activities. Whilst there was only one event in our Shire (Millthorpe Mouthful) the funding was to acknowledge the number of attendees who visit our Shire during the festival period outside of the ticketed events with the target market of the festival strongly aligning with the Orange Region Destination Management Plan.

3. Sidetrack Arts - Summer Workshop Series: \$2,000 (Event)

A series of art workshops to be held at Platform from 17 – 25 January to engage children, families, and adults in creative activities. The program will build on the success of the 2024 Summer Workshop Series (funded by NSW Government Community Event Program through Council) that will comprise of:

- 3-5 artist-led workshops aimed at children aged 7-12 years old using a range of mediums such as clay sculpting, textiles, printmaking and paper arts.
- A drop-in family workshop
- A dedicated adult's workshop

The requested \$2,000 will primarily be allocated for;

- Artist facilitation fees (industry standard)
- Art materials and supplies tailored to the activities

If the funding application was unsuccessful, ticket prices would be increased, and Sidetrack would be taking on the risk of income not outweighing the cost to host the events, particularly for a newly formed group. With the funding Sidetrack can organise 5 workshops with a ticket fee of \$10 for children and \$20 for adults. Without funding Sidetrack can organise 2 workshops with a ticket fee of \$40 for children and up to \$100 for adults, with workshops only going ahead with enough ticket sales at this higher price.

The workshops are designed to draw a diverse range of visitors to Blayney, aligning with the target markets outlined in the Orange Region Destination Management Plan: Regional NSW, Domestic Touring, and Visiting Friends and Relatives. The events also align with the theme in the Destination Management Plan: "Creativity, Arts and Culture: Showcase and celebrate local culture, creativity, and heritage to provide a rich visitor experience"

The event provides an accessible and enriching arts experience that appeals to families, cultural tourists, and travellers seeking meaningful activities, while supporting the local economy through increased visitation and spending. From the 2024 Summer Workshop Series: 40% of participants came from outside the Blayney LGA including: 1 x Bathurst, 2 x Orange, 1 x Wollongong, 6 x Sydney, 6 x QLD, 1 x VIC.

Sidetrack has indicated in future years they will also seek funding through the Regional Arts Fund, CASP, Create NSW and Creative Australia for similar workshops. This indicates that the event may not align with the criteria "*Have the capacity to be an ongoing event or is a significant one-off event resulting in increased brand awareness for the region*" as the workshops are highly reliant on grant funding (Council or otherwise) and not being set up to be a self-sustaining ongoing event or is large enough to be a significant one-off event.

**4. Newbridge Progress Association - Newbridge Winter Solstice:
\$2,000 (Event)**

In 2024, with financial support from the NSW Government Open Streets grant, the Newbridge Winter Solstice festival expanded in program content, community interest and also enjoyed a significant increase in the number of attendees, event participants and community contribution and involvement. The program included a larger artisan market, an increase in the number of performances and entertainers, a costume street parade, a medieval horse sport program and an evening medieval banquet.

It is estimated there was approximately 3,250 people in attendance at the event in 2024, it was noted that the Newbridge Showground hosted a number of caravan campers and data received post the event indicated a spike in bookings in local accommodation and hospitality / food venues and businesses.

The 2025 Newbridge Winter Solstice committee seeks funding to support the increased performer costs and to assist with event promotion, advertising and management costs.

If funding is unsuccessful, entertainment and performances will be reduced due to the increased costs quoted by performers for the June 2025 event. Opportunities for local community groups involvement (i.e. dance groups, reenactment groups, musicians) and small business owners will be diminished as a result of the reduction in the event program due to costs. The ticket/entry cost is also dependent on the funding allocations (currently gold coin donation).

The Tourism Development Program allocated \$2,000 of funding in 2023/24 for the Friday Medieval Dinner to expand the event over 2 days. The event received almost \$15,000 of funding through the NSW Government Open Streets Program in 2024 (in partnership with Council) meaning 2025 would be the first event post COVID with no major funding source.

The Community Financial Assistance Program in 2024/25 provides \$3,600 for the Solstice (waiver of services / portaloo hire) and \$870 for annual insurance for Newbridge Progress Association.

**5. Newbridge Progress Association - Spring into Art Newbridge:
\$2,000 (Event)**

The fourth Spring into Art at Newbridge, to be held October 17-19 2025, will incorporate the Newbridge Art Show and up to 10 Open Gardens in and around the village of Newbridge.

Funding is requested for marketing collateral including street banners, advertising corflutes placed on the roads to Blayney, Orange and Bathurst, a digital and printed map/program, and signage directing visitors to the art show.

The committee debrief after the 2024 event, coupled with survey feedback from attendees, indicated that the event would benefit from a combination of refreshed signage and additional items, including large teardrop flags to be positioned outside the open gardens. The latter, with text "OPEN" would be used for other community events as well.

In 2024 some of the survey feedback indicated:

- 20% of respondents were from Sydney or Wollongong
- 29% of respondents stayed overnight (44% for 1 night, 22% for 2 nights and 33% for more than two nights)

If the funding is unsuccessful the Spring into Art committee will have to continue to use existing signage - with repairs and overlaid dates - or to forgo the use of such marketing collateral to advertise and promote the event. Alternatively, application through the Community Financial Assistance Program could be made as Council has in the past has approved funding for promotional banners and signage.

The Community Financial Assistance Program in 2024/25 provides \$1,000 for the Acquisitive Prize and \$870 for annual insurance for Newbridge Progress Association.

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.

Event funding applications need to meet the following criteria of the Tourism Development Program:

- Demonstrate sound organisational planning, that has a clear event plan, event structure, operational processes, insurance and risk management.
- Event held on Council land must be conducted in accordance with Council's Events Management Policy.
- Event must be in Blayney Shire Council Local Government Area.
- Event planning must recognise peak tourism periods for the Orange Region and how the event fits into the annual event calendar.
- Deliver quality event marketing.
- Appeal to target markets as outlined in the Orange Region Destination Management Plan.
- Likely to promote visitation and expenditure in the region and increase overnight visitation.
- Have the capacity to be an ongoing event or is a significant one-off event resulting in increased brand awareness for the region.

- Ensure the event is listed on the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) and Blayney Shire Council websites.

The applications generally align with the above criteria of the funding program; however, the criteria for the event to "*likely to promote visitation and expenditure in the region and increase overnight visitation*" is stronger in some applications compared to others. An assessment on this has been provided below:

Event	Rating	Comments
Blayney Show	Medium	It is acknowledged that the attractions/entertainment may increase attendee experience however attracting teenagers is not a target market for our region and doesn't necessarily correlate to increased expenditure in our region.
Falling for Blayney	High	The event has a clear target market for visitors which has proven increased expenditure in the region and increases the exposure of the Blayney LGA to this market. Attendees for the FOOD Week festival are generally in region for multiple days allowing for more opportunities to visit and spend money in Blayney and our villages.
Summer Workshop Series	Medium	It is acknowledged that the workshops align with Theme 4 of the Destination Management Plan 'Creativity, Arts and Culture' however with limited number of workshop spaces, the return on investment to the broader visitor economy in the LGA is not guaranteed or clear.
Newbridge Winter Solstice	High	It is acknowledged the event is limited with overnight visitation numbers due to the lack of accommodation close to the event however the event has proved successful in the past in attracting a large number of day trip attendees.
Spring into Art	High	It is acknowledged the event is limited with overnight visitation numbers due to the lack of accommodation close to the event however the event has proved successful in the past in attracting a number of day trip attendees.

Council also needs to be considerate that all applicants are from not-for-profit groups run by volunteer committees for events in Blayney Shire. It is important for Council to strike a balance in providing support to community groups who are willing to dedicate their time to coordinate events which provide value to the local economy.

Approval options for Council consideration:

- Approve all 5 applications (allocate \$2,000 from the 2025/26 Tourism Development Program for Application 5).
- Approve 4 applications, excluding Application 5 and encourage application be made to the Community Financial Assistance Program.
- Approve \$2,000 for each of the 3 applications that rate "high" in the above "*likely to promote visitation and expenditure in the region and increase overnight visitation*" criteria and \$1,000 to each of the 2 applications rated as "medium".
- Consideration of applications as determined by Council.

Budget Implications:

The sum of these applications is a total of \$10,000. Council has a total of \$8,000 remaining in this program for 2024/25 with \$2,000 having already allocated to the Carcoar Community Association for the River Yarn Fibre Festival event.

Council was proactive and notified all village associations / event organisers inviting applications for the funding program. Applications were encouraged to be submitted by mid-November 2024 (notification was by email and updates provided on the website).

In the past years, when the program is fully subscribed funding is no longer offered.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

06) BLAYNEY SHIRE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY**Department:** Executive Services**Author:** General Manager**CSP Link:** 2. Build the Capacity and Capability of Local Governance and Finance**File No:** CP.PL.1

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the attached Blayney Shire Council Community Engagement Strategy.

Reason for Report:

For Council to endorse the Blayney Shire Council Community Engagement Strategy.

Report:

Councils are required to adopt a Community Engagement Strategy within 3 months of the Local Government Election.

Each council is required to create a strategy for how they will engage the community in creating and reviewing their Community Strategic Plan. This strategy must:

- be based on the social justice principles of access, equity, participation and rights
- identify relevant stakeholder groups in the community
- outline the methods that the council will use to engage each of these groups.
- allow sufficient time to effectively undertake the engagement

The current Blayney Shire Council Community Engagement Strategy has been reviewed and no changes are proposed. The current strategy was used (and scrutinised by the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART)) during the recent Special Rate Variation process.

The Community Engagement Strategy:

- Outlines how Council will listen, involve and seek feedback from the community.
- Includes input from internal staff from across the organisation.
- Is based on feedback and lessons learnt from previous engagement undertaken by Council.
- Involves collaboration with Government agencies and non-Government organisations.
- Follows social justice principles to ensure that a broad range of community members are engaged to reflect the Shire's demographics.

- Ensures Council will deliver a variety of engagement activities across the Shire to maximise access.
- Meets Council's requirements under the Local Government Act 1993.

The Integrated Planning & Reporting (IP&R) Framework is underpinned by strong community engagement. Engagement with residents as well as business, state agencies and non-government organisations is essential to creating plans that will truly represent the aspirations and needs of the local community.

It is important to understand the difference between informing the community about what the council is proposing and empowering the community to play an integral role in determining the goals, strategies and actions to be undertaken.

The 'Community Strategic Plan' chapter of the [Integrated Planning and Reporting Handbook for local government in NSW](#) provides detailed information and good practice examples of community engagement.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Council is required to adopt a Community Engagement Strategy within 3 months of the Local Government Election.

Budget Implications:

Nil

Enclosures (following report)

1 Community Engagement Strategy 2025

18 Pages

Attachments (separate document)

Nil



Community Engagement Strategy

Policy	3L
Officer Responsible	General Manager
Last Review Date	17/12/2024

Strategic Policy

Introduction

Council is committed to improving quality of life in Blayney Shire through the involvement of the community in development of policies, programs and services. Council is also committed to ensuring that all views are considered through inclusive deliberation and active involvement of the community.

Engaging the community is required by all Councils under Council's Charter Section 8 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993. The charter comprises a set of principles, where eleven out of fourteen principles directly reflect why Council should engage the community. These principles include:

- to provide directly or on behalf of other levels of government, after due consultation, adequate, equitable and appropriate services and facilities for the community and to ensure that those services and facilities are managed efficiently and effectively
- to exercise community leadership
- to exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and actively promotes the principles of multiculturalism
- to promote and to provide and plan for the needs of children
- to properly manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment of the area for which it is responsible, in a manner that is consistent with and promotes the principles of ecologically sustainable development
- to have regard to the long term and cumulative effects of its decisions
- to bear in mind that it is the custodian and trustee of public assets and to account for and manage the assets for which it is responsible
- to engage in long-term strategic planning on behalf of the local community
- to exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and promotes social justice principles of equity, access, participation and rights
- to facilitate the involvement of Councillors, members of the public, users of facilities and services and council staff in the development, improvement and co-ordination of local government
- to keep the local community and the State government (and through it the wider community) informed about its activities

For our Council to meet these principles, it needs to ensure that effective levels of engagement are implemented depending on the project's current impact on the community and into the future. This means that the Council needs to be open and accountable to the community and provide ample opportunity for feedback. Council also acknowledges that by involving a cross section of the community in a consultative process, it can make better decisions. Council also knows that strong relationships with the community is integral and is built on trust, goodwill and respect with the community. It is intended that this Community Engagement Strategy and Policy framework will give the community a clear understanding of:

- Council's commitment to Community Engagement
- when Community Engagement will occur
- what level of engagement will occur
- how Community Engagement process will be managed.

Language and meaning

Community Engagement

Community Engagement is a term that covers all the ways a Council and its Community come together to improve decision-making, build relationships and partnerships, raising awareness and complementing representative democracy. It is a way of working side-by-side and building support for the shared goal of making the community a better place to live. Community engagement is an outcome. Engagement covers a wide variety of Council / Community connections, ranging from information sharing through community consultation to active participation in government policy development and its decision making processes.

Engagement acknowledges the right of citizens to have a say and to get involved in the business of Council. It is not about public relations or marketing a particular viewpoint or issue, rather it involves assisting Council to fulfil its obligations to the community having regard to the long term and cumulative effects of decisions. Effective community engagement allows Council to tap into diverse perspectives and potential solutions to improve the quality of its decision making.

Consultation

The process of developing understanding of the issues and boundaries around a particular topic or issue before decisions are made. We consult with one another when the boundaries around a decision are not understood.

Communication

The exchange of information. We communicate when the boundaries around a decision are understood.

Capacity building

The development of knowledge, skills and attitudes to achieve a purpose.

Communities of interest

All those who influence or are influenced by a particular proposed project, program, issue or action

What are the benefits of Community Engagement?

It is central to participatory democracy

Communities rightfully expect to have input into matters that affect them and seek involvement and engagement beyond the election of their political representatives. Community engagement complements the official electoral process and is a key method of participatory democracy.

Decision making is improved

Better decisions are made when information and all points of view are heard and understood. Where feasible and desirable, Council's decisions need to match the needs and aspirations of the community.

It builds trust

Trust and understanding are likely to grow in an environment where engagement and involvement is taken seriously and is well done.

It builds networks

When we work together we build relationships and have the opportunity to form purposeful networks and partnerships. In this environment collaboration, occurs more easily.

It helps build resilience and stronger communities

Trusting, confident and involved communities tend to be stronger and able to respond to change and circumstances 'together', combining expertise, experience and resources.

What are the risks associated with community engagement?

The costs of poor engagement processes and tools

Communities recognise poor engagement processes and tools. Poorly managed community engagement will lead to scepticism and loss of trust. You need to use the right process in the right way.

Managing expectations

Engagement does not give decision-making powers to non-elected representatives. Sometimes engagement can raise unrealistic expectations of both Council and Community. Again, this is usually a product of poor practices.

Balancing the act

More is not necessarily better. The most appropriate form of engagement needs to be understood and well undertaken.

Budget and project management

Community engagement is 'part of' not an 'add on' to any project or program.

The cost of not collaborating or sharing resources

Working on things that matter to the community without engagement can lead to conflict and costly rework.

What are the guiding principles for community engagement?

The design and development of engagement activities in Blayney Shire will be guided by the following principles. We will strive to make all engagement – communication, consultation, involvement, collaboration and partnerships:

- Inclusive and accessible
- Productive and enterprising
- Approachable and welcoming
- Consistent so we know where we stand
- Engaging, exciting and inspiring

What are the characteristics of successful community engagement in our Shire?

These 'characteristics of success' will guide and inform how we design, implement and provide feedback on the outputs and outcomes of our community engagement activities:

The purpose of the engagement and how the input of the engagement will be used is clearly stated:

The purpose of the engagement is to be stated clearly from the outset. Checking the understanding of the purpose should also be undertaken at the beginning of any interaction so there is no confusion or unrealistic expectations. Similarly how the engagement input will be used should also be stated from the outset.

Activities are timely, held at the right time and given enough time.

Input is sought before decisions are made. Engagement activities are held so they do not clash with other events or activities; at a convenient time for those participating and enough time is given to discussion, comment capture and agreeing outcomes and actions.

Include all groups and organisations that have an interest in the engagement topic or issue

This will include demographic groupings, different cultural backgrounds, social economic- groups and geographic representation.

Create safe space and a positive atmosphere

Engagement should be seen as part of community life where people come together to discuss issues, opportunities and challenges. The atmosphere needs to be positive and welcoming, not combative. It should be a space where all alternatives can be explored in safety. Respect for one another and actively listening to understand the different points of view will help create 'safe space'. Just as community views and priorities are heard, so too are Council's views and priorities. It is a two-way activity.

Information is accessible

Information is written in plain English so it is easily understood. The implications of the information are also explained.

Existing networks are used

Communities are made up of different networks. Geographically based networks and communities of interested need to be understood and motivated to support engagement activities. Using this approach you are building and working from what already exists.

The capacity and capabilities of community leaders is developed and strengthened

The capacity of community leaders within these networks is developed and strengthened. Each community engagement activity is an opportunity to learn more about our community and the things that affect the Shire. Engagement knowledge, skills and attitudes can be built both within Council and also with community leaders.

It is not a 'one size fits all'

Different processes and mediums are used to engage different groups in the community.

What level to use.

- The level of engagement is directly related to the complexity of the information needed and the degree of impact a project, program or action could have on the community. The higher the impact, the more complex the information, the greater the potential risk within the decision and therefore the more engagement is needed.
- The following Impact/Complexity Matrix links the likely impact and complexity of information with the types of community engagement that might be considered.

How will we implement the Community Engagement Strategy?

This strategy aims to be a resource for Council to ensure that its engagement processes are appropriate, accessible, well-planned and integrated, and adequately resourced.

Objectives

This Strategy strives to:

1. Provide a process for co-ordination of a strategic plan for Blayney that takes account of the broad community desires and expectations
2. Ensure that the views of a wide cross section of the community are incorporated into the process, by selecting engagement methods that are flexible, inclusive and appropriate to the people being consulted

3. Enable the development of a community “vision” for Blayney that will help guide subsequent Council strategic plans; and support ongoing opportunities for involvement in and shared “ownership” of Council’s decision making and strategy development
4. Keep the Blayney community well informed about issues, strategies or plans that may affect them
5. Assist Council in meeting its legislative requirements regarding community engagement
6. Provide staff with the support and training to conduct effective community engagement processes
7. Improve Council’s internal systems and procedures to ensure a coordinated and comprehensive approach to engagement.

Principles of Engagement

The following principles underpin Blayney Shire Council’s approach to community engagement:

1. Integrity – where there is openness and honesty about the scope and purpose of engagement
2. Inclusion – where there is an opportunity for a diverse range of values and perspectives to be freely expressed and heard
3. Deliberation – where there is sufficient and credible information for dialogue, choice and decisions, and where there is space to weigh options, develop common understanding and to appreciate respective roles and responsibilities
4. Influence – where people have input in designing how they participate, when policies and services reflect their involvement and when their impact is apparent.

Levels of Community Engagement

The level of community engagement will depend on the particular circumstances of the issue:

1. Inform

Information processes are “one-way” methods of engagement, often used to explain “why” a decision has been made or the processes used for making a decision. Used in isolation, they do not provide the community with the opportunity to express their views. Common methods for providing information are media releases, fact sheets, newsletters, websites and notification letters.

2. Consult

Consulting involves the exchange of information between the Council and the community. These processes are “two-way” methods of engagement, allowing community members the opportunity to express their opinions on a particular issue or proposal. Common methods for consulting include surveys, focus groups, staffed public displays and meetings.

3. Involve

This type of engagement requires Council to actively seek the involvement of the affected community as part of the planning and decision making process. Community members have the opportunity to be involved in discussion and debate and to influence Council's decision-making. Common methods of involving the community include advisory committees, community workshops and site meetings.

4. Collaborate

Engagement at a collaborative level provides the community with a high level of involvement in Council's decision-making. This type of community engagement encourages community members to be involved in identifying solutions to local issues. Collaboration encourages community involvement up front and is focused on finding the best possible result for the community as a whole. Common collaboration methods include community reference groups, community design teams, and forums.

5. Empower

This places the final decision-making in the hands of the public. Common methods include ballots, constitutional referenda, and delegated decisions.

When to Engage?

Council must consult when:

- It is required by legislation
- It wants to identify community issues, needs and priorities

Council should consult when:

- Any proposed changes will impact on current users or customers of a Council service or facility
- Any proposed changes which will affect the rights or entitlements of community members, including minority groups
- There is potential impact on surrounding neighbours
- It wants to monitor customer satisfaction with Council's services facilities
- There is a level of controversy or sensitivity about a particular issue
- There is conflict among community members about an issue.

Factors affecting Engagement

A number of factors impact the effectiveness of community engagement, such as access, resources and timeframe.

1. Access

Community members should have equal opportunity to participate in community engagement processes. Therefore, access is a critical issue to consider when planning community engagement. In this instance, access refers to any barriers that may impede a person's ability to participate. Specific areas to consider include:

- Selecting a venue and engagement technique appropriate to the people involved in the community engagement (e.g. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds; people with disabilities; older and young people)
- Ensuring venues are accessible to wheelchairs and have appropriate facilities (e.g. Disabled toilets)
- Ensuring community education and information is easily understood
- Being aware of and supporting any potential language, sight or hearing impairments
- Promoting the engagement in a manner that reaches a wide cross-section of the community (e.g. Newspapers, schools, local radio, etc.)

2. Resources

Another key component in community engagement is adequate resourcing. Effective community engagement requires sufficient resourcing in terms of finance, staff time and materials.

3. Timeframe

Sufficient timeframes are critical to give participants time to provide feedback or attend consultation displays/meetings and to incorporate feedback into Council's processes. Time constraints should not compromise Council's engagement with the community.

When and how will we engage – what are the triggers?

Various factors influence the need to engage with the community on a specific issue. On an overall basis community engagement has two principal components for these purposes.

- The first is at an overarching Strategy Planning level. This is the process adopted by Council to support development of a Community Strategic Plan that will determine priorities and community vision for the future. This Plan will also consider the varying strategies that both the community, and the Council, may adopt to give effect to the vision.
- The second component to community engagement surrounds the body of techniques and approaches that develop and sustain working relationships between Blayney Shire Council and the wider community. The triggers for the level and type of engagement will be determined by Council's assessment of the likely impact on the community, and on the complexity of the issue to be addressed. These levels of engagement will follow four of the stages outlined previously (viz: Inform; Consult; involve; and/or collaborate).

Assessment criteria

The examples provided below are indicative, not prescriptive: each issue should be considered on its merits.

Level of Impact	Criteria (one or more of the following)	Examples
Level A High Impact - Blayney Shire High level of impact or risk, perceived or real, on the whole or a large part of Blayney Shire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential high impact on State or regional strategies or directions • High level of real or perceived impact or risk across Blayney Shire • Any significant impact on attributes that are considered to be of high value to the whole of Blayney Shire, such as the natural environment or heritage • Any impact on the health, safety or well-being of the Blayney Shire community • Potential high degree of controversy or conflict • Likely high level interest across Blayney Shire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shire wide or regional plans • A change to land categorisation i.e. selling land • Disability action plan • Strategies, plans or policies, e.g. Culture, Youth, Aged • Removal of a facility or service catering across Blayney Shire, e.g. Library Services • Provision of a district or regional facility, e.g. skate park, indoor sports centre • Key changes to a Blayney Shire wide service, e.g. waste management • Changes to or impact on natural bushland or waterway (where the natural values could be affected)

<p>Level B High Impact – Local</p> <p>High level of impact or risk, perceived or real, of a local nature, e.g. a local area, specific community or user group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High level of real or perceived impact or risk on a local area, small community or user group(s) of a specific facility or service • The loss or significant change to any facility or service to a local community • Potential high degree of controversy or conflict at the local level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal or relocation of a local playground • Change to or loss of valued activity or program, e.g. local youth activity • Re-development of a sportsground • Major development or redevelopment of non-regional parks • Local street road closure • Increase or removal of car parking in local shopping centre
<p>Level C Lower Impact – Blayney Shire</p> <p>Lower level of impact on the whole or a large part of Blayney Shire</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower, although still some real or perceived impact of risk across Blayney Shire • Potential for some controversy or conflict • Potential for some although not significant impact on State or regional strategies or directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to a Blayney Shire wide service, e.g. Library Services • Upgrade of a district or regional facility • Changes to Customer Services processes, e.g. payment of rates • Most changes to fees and charges (unless contentious) • Provision of a community wide event • Review of community needs, e.g. recreational needs assessment
<p>Level D Lower Impact - Local</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower level of real or perceived impact or risk on a local area, small community or user group(s) of a specific facility or service • Only a small change or improvement to a facility/ service at the local level • Low or no risk of controversy or conflict at the local level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade of a local playground • Local street or streetscape upgrade • Changes to a local activity program, e.g. timing or venue/location

Four tier community engagement guide

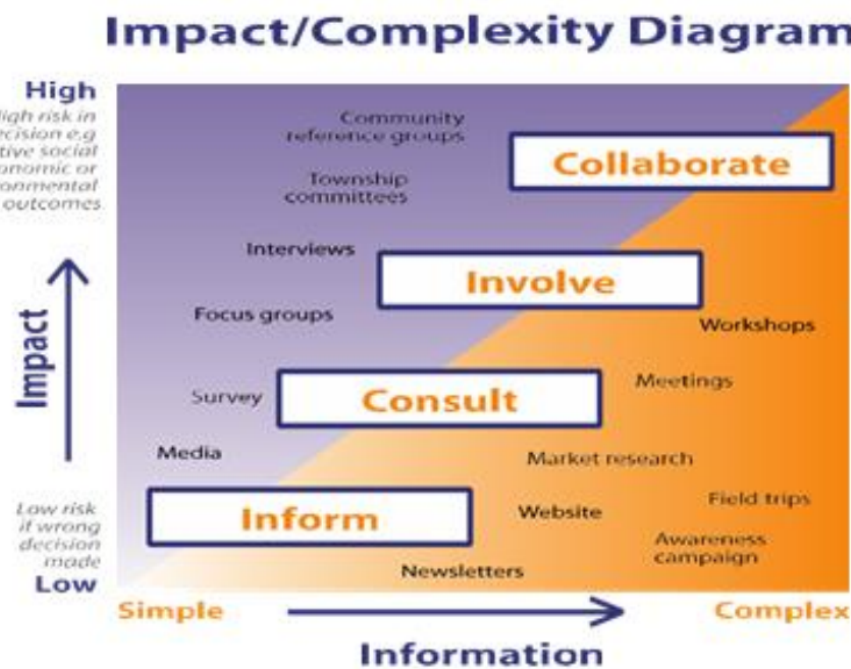
A four tier level of community engagement is used to guide Council's approach to conducting consultation.

Typical Level of Engagement	Definition	Typical highest level of impact
1. Informing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advising the community of a situation or proposal Informing on a decision or direction Providing advice on an issue No response is required, although people are free to seek a further level of participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level A Level B Level C Level D
2. Consulting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertaking market research to identify needs or issues Seeking comment on a proposal, action or issue Seeking feedback on a service or facility Requiring a response, but limited opportunity for dialogue Option for people to seek a further level of participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level A Level B Level C Level D
3. Involving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Involving the community in discussion and debate Ensuring informed input through briefings and information Adopting a more personal and innovative approach through personal contact meetings/sessions that encourage participation Involving at different times in the planning process, i.e. keeping informed and enabling further comment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level A Level B
4. Collaborating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing a structure for involvement in decision-making, e.g. committee Enabling ongoing involvement and keeping informed Allocating responsibility in achieving initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level A Level B

The engagement approach applied in each instance will be influenced by the assessed impact level. The impact and complexity level for any given matter will tend to reflect the engagement. The higher the impact, the greater the level of engagement.

Engagement matrix

The level of engagement that may be required is illustrated in the following diagram, giving an indication of the relationship between the degree of impact and the complexity of the information.



This decision diagram is based on:

- Likely risk, and
- Complexity of the information which needs to be understood for a sound decision.

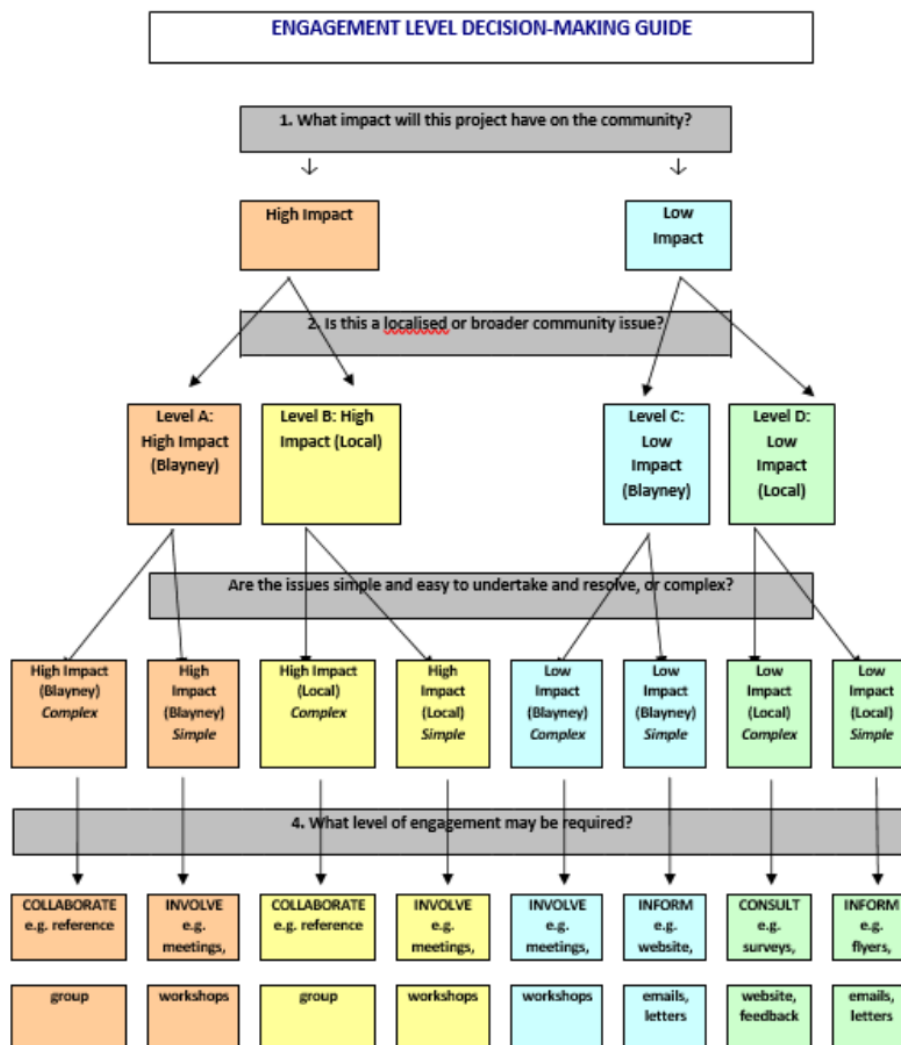
The example methodologies are indicative only of some of the numerous types of community engagement tools that Council may utilise.

Selection methodologies will depend on the outcomes of research that will include demographic, technical, legal and financial data. Recommendations and information provided by Council will, in all cases, be evidence based.

Engagement decision making guide

How the assessment of impact, locality or scope, and complexity works in practice is illustrated in the Engagement Level Decision-Making Guide below.

Council first evaluates the likely impact of the issue or project on the community and Council, and then asks whether it is a local issue or one with ramifications across the entire Shire. Council then considers whether the issue is easily understood or more complex before deciding on the methodologies of engagement. For many issues, it's typical that multiple types of engagement will occur, for example, letter box drops, surveys, focus groups, information sessions and one-on-one conversations.



When will Community Engagement Occur?

Council will engage the community in the following areas:

Strategy Planning

This refers to the development of strategic plans and projects that inform the Management Plan and Business Plans

Policy Development and Implementation

This includes any policy development that has a direct impact on the community

Site Specific

This refers to any changes to a site that may have impact on the community

Service Planning

This includes the development and/or improvement to a service

Areas of improvement

This refers to any improvement required to increase the quality of lifestyle for the community e.g. shopping areas, open spaces, etc

Legislative Requirements, including planning issues

This refers to all prescribed plans and projects under the Local Government Act (1993) and other relevant Acts

What level of Engagement will occur?

Council will call for different levels of engagement depending on the issue, and it's immediate or long term impact on the community. The levels of engagement with the community may include:

Level 1	Inform	Giving information to the community
Level 2	Consult	Obtaining community feedback
Level 3	Involve	Participating directly with the community
Level 4	Collaborate	Partnering with the community to create solutions

How will Community Engagement Activities be managed?

Community engagement activities will include the following elements:

Management of the Community Engagement Activity

- Each community engagement activity will be the responsibility of the Manager within the lead unit
- When planning community engagement, Managers need to ensure that resources (staff and finance) for engagement activities across Council are effectively allocated and managed. Where possible combine engagement activities with other activities that target similar communities

Community Representation

In planning community engagement, Council will ensure that every effort is made to:

- Attract and reach a cross section of the community by using a wide range of communications methods Invite specific targeted community groups as identified in the project Accommodate participants' cultural, language and special needs
- Involve community groups who are sometimes hard to reach i.e. young people, people with disabilities, women, and people from ATSI backgrounds

Reporting back to Participants and the Community

- Upon completion of a community engagement activity, outcomes from the activity will be communicated to all participants and the community.
- A report will be developed outlining the community engagement outcomes, considerations, and recommendations made by Council

Evaluation of Community Engagement

Upon completion of a community engagement activity, an evaluation will be conducted to assess:

- Community representation
- Type of communications publicity methods most suitable Methods utilised for engaging the community
- Timing i.e. promotion time and time of the actual activity Qualitative and quantitative information gained and gathered
- These assessment results will be used to improve future engagement plans and processes.

Steps in planning community engagement and questions to ask

When undertaking community engagement, Council will follow six steps and ask a series of associated questions:

Establish the level of impact and complexity of the project, program or action

Council will ask:

- What is the likely impact of the project, program, issue or action on the community? High? Low? Or somewhere In-between?
- Is it localised or does it involve the broader community?
- Is the issue or project straightforward and easy to understand or is it and the implications, complex?
- Where does it sit on the Risk/Complexity matrix?

Identify all those communities of interest who have an interest around the issue

Council will ask:

- Who has an interest in this project, program, issue or action?
- List all the individuals, groups and organisations.
- Make sure those who engage are 'representative' of all these relevant communities of interest

Plan the engagement process and gather or develop relevant information and resources

Council will ask:

- What is the purpose of the engagement?
- What processes will we use?
- What information do people need to engage well?
- If there is an engagement event, what are the logistics of the event we have to organise e.g. venue, catering, materials, technology

Engage the relevant and identified communities of interest

Council will ask:

- Have we given people enough notice?
- Does it clash with another event or priority in the community?
- Have we considered the convenience of participants?
- Am I fully prepared for the engagement?
- How we made it clear what the purpose of the engagement is?
- Does everyone know how their input will be used?

Feedback results of engagement and decision making if relevant

Council will ask:

- Have we let participants know and got agreement over how their input will be used?
- Have we let people know the outcome of their input?

Evaluate the process

Council will ask:

- What would we do differently next time to improve the process?

End

	Date	Minute No.
Created:	11/02/2013	1301/006
Lasted Reviewed:	10/05/2013	1305/006
	17/09/2018	1809/010
Next Reviewed:		

07) REPORT OF COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 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 November 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 November 2024.

Report:

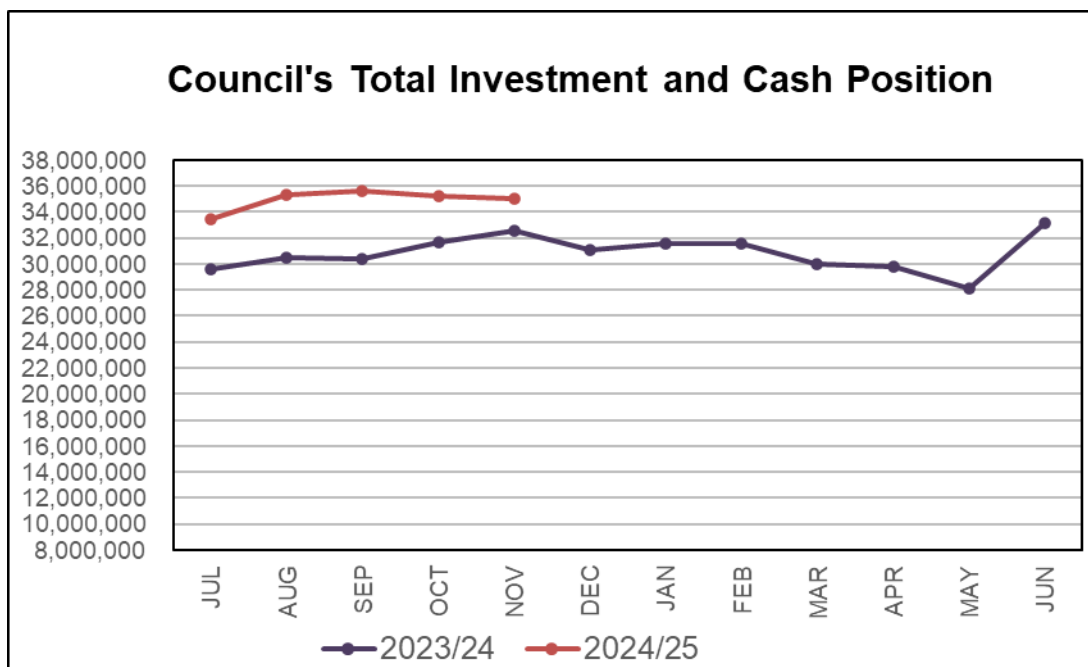
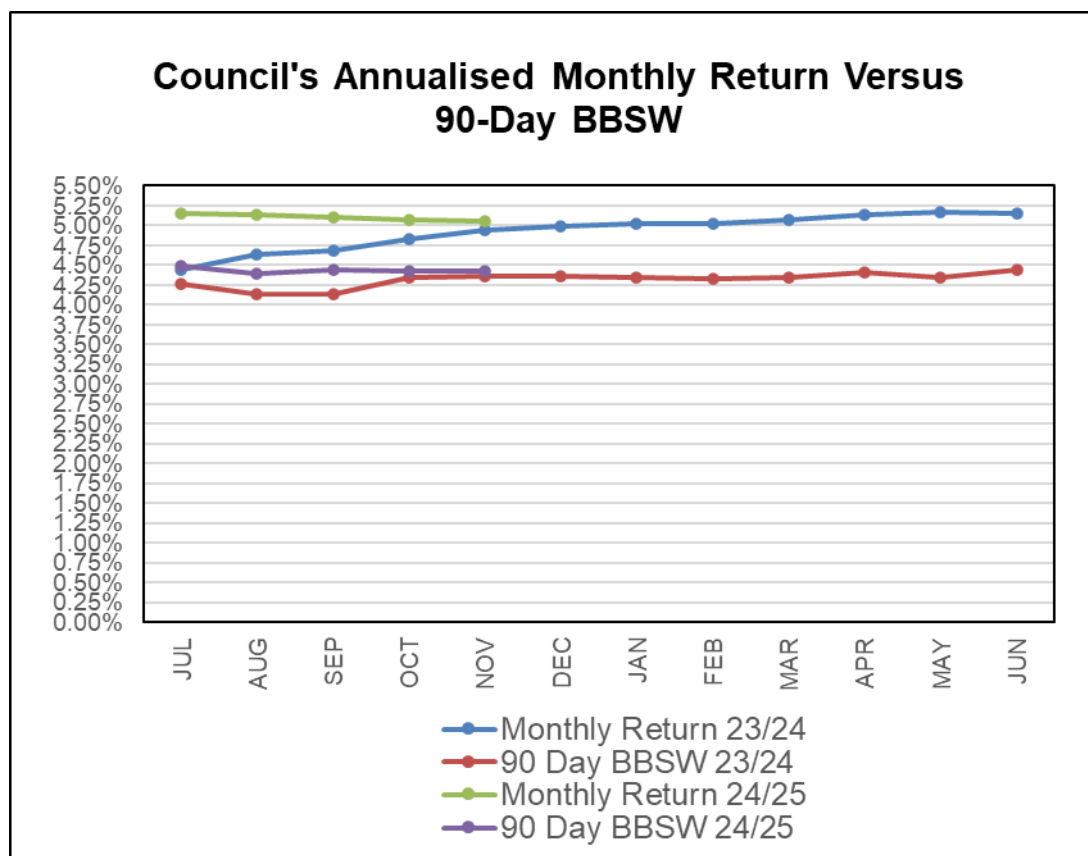
This report provides details of Council's Investment Portfolio as at 30 November 2024.

Council's total investment and cash position as at 30 November 2024 is \$35,062,472.

Interest on cash and investments accrued for the month of November was \$140,256. YTD interest accrued on cash and investments is \$699,702.

Council's monthly net return on Term Deposits annualised for November was 5.06% which outperformed the 90-day Bank Bill Swap Rate of 4.43%.

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



Register Of Investments and Cash as at 30 November 2024					
Institution	Method	Rating	Maturity	Amount \$	Interest Rate
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%
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%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	04/02/2025	500,000	4.810%
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%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	15/04/2025	500,000	4.840%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	15/04/2025	500,000	5.100%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	22/04/2025	500,000	4.850%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	22/04/2025	500,000	5.170%
MyState Bank Ltd	Curve	A2/BBB+	29/04/2025	500,000	4.950%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	29/04/2025	500,000	5.320%
NAB	Direct	A1+/AA-	06/05/2025	500,000	5.000%
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%
Bank of Queensland	Curve	A2/BBB+	27/05/2025	500,000	4.900%
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%

Register Of Investments and Cash as at 30 November 2024					
Institution	Method	Rating	Maturity	Amount \$	Interest Rate
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-	12/08/2025	500,000	4.770%
B & A Bank	IAM	A2/BBB+	19/08/2025	500,000	5.000%
CBA	Direct	A1+/AA-	26/08/2025	500,000	4.750%
ING Bank	Curve	A1/A	09/09/2025	500,000	4.900%
Reliance Bank	Direct	Unrated	16/09/2025	500,000	5.100%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	07/10/2025	500,000	5.010%
ING Bank	Curve	A1/A	21/10/2025	500,000	4.970%
Westpac	Direct	A1+/AA-	11/11/2025	500,000	5.150%
Total Investments				29,500,000	5.055%
Commonwealth Bank - At Call Account ⁽¹⁾				2,060,925	4.250%
Commonwealth Bank Balance - General ⁽¹⁾				3,408,243	4.200%
Reliance Bank ⁽¹⁾				93,304	0.000%
Total Cash and Investments				35,062,472	
Benchmarks:		BBSW 90 Day Index ⁽¹⁾			4.428%
		RBA Cash Rate ⁽¹⁾			4.350%

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

Summary of Investment (Cash) Movements - November 2024		
Financial Institution	Amount \$	Commentary
MyState Bank	(526,926)	Term deposit matured 05/11/2024
MyState Bank	500,000	Term deposit reinvested 05/11/2024
B & A Bank	(518,661)	Term deposit matured 12/11/2024
B & A Bank	500,000	Term deposit reinvested 12/11/2024
Westpac	(525,507)	Term deposit matured 12/11/2024
Westpac	500,000	Term deposit reinvested 12/11/2024
Reliance Bank	(525,929)	Term deposit matured 19/11/2024
Reliance Bank	500,000	Term deposit reinvested 19/11/2024
Macquarie Bank	(526,028)	Term deposit withdrawn 26/11/2024

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%	71%	21,000,000
A- Category	40%	10%	3,000,000
BBB+ Category	25%	14%	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%	19%	
1. ADI's located within the Local Government Area			29,500,000

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
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			29,500,000

Summary of Restricted, Allocated and Unrestricted Cash & Investments			
	Actual 30/06/2024 \$ 000's	Actual 30/11/2024 \$ 000's	Forecast ⁽¹⁾ 30/06/2025 \$ 000's
External Cash Restrictions	18,340	18,314	10,602
Internal Cash Allocations	10,608	7,908	6,361
Total Restricted, Allocated Cash & Investments	28,948	26,222	16,963
Unrestricted Cash	4,094	8,840	5,914
Total Restricted, Allocated and Unrestricted Cash & Investments	33,042	35,062	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

08) LEASE OF INDUSTRIAL LAND FOR AGISTMENT PURPOSES**Department:** Corporate Services**Author:** Director Corporate Services**CSP Link:** 3. Diversify and Grow the Blayney Shire Local and Visitor Economy**File No:** PM.TN.10

Recommendation:

That Council lease industrial land Paddock 8: Marshalls Lane (Part lot 26 DP 1288588) for the period ending 29 February 2025 to S. Monaghan and L. Monaghan at \$2,400 p.a. on a pro-rata basis.

Reason for Report:

For Council to consider an expression of interest received for Lease of Industrial Land for Agistment Purposes.

Report:

In February 2021 Council advertised Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Lease of Industrial Land for Agistment Purposes. All lots were leased through this process at that time, however in October 2024 Paddock 8 became vacant.

Council recently received an EOI for lease of industrial land and the interested party was encouraged to make application in light of the available paddock. The applicant was advised that all leases for land in the industrial area are due for expiry on 28 February 2025 and that lease period would be to this expiry date. A further application would be required beyond this date.

A lease is proposed at the amount offered of \$2,400 p.a. (or \$200 per month). The land is 1.65ha and has access to water.

A condition of leasing is that 4 weeks' notice can be given to the lessee to vacate if Council has an interested party to purchase or lease land for a commercial purpose. A copy of the template lease document outlining all lease conditions is provided for information.

Council is currently advertising an EOI for the Lease of Industrial Land for Agistment Purposes for the period 1 March 2025 to 29 February 2028.

The leasing of land assists Council with management of land for fire and weeds while affording the opportunity for interested parties to obtain access to land for animal grazing.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Should Council choose not to allocate this lease a program of maintenance of land will be required to manage weeds and fire hazards.

Budget Implications:

Income generated will help to offset expenditure associated with land held including insurance and land rates.

Enclosures (following report)

- | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Offer for paddock 8 by Monaghan | 3 Pages |
| 2 | Template lease document | 4 Pages |

Attachments (separate document)

Nil



EOI No. 19/2020

Expression of Interest: Application Form for Lease of Industrial Land for Agistment purposes

Name of applicant:	Simone Monaghan + Leonie Monaghan
Address of applicant:	[REDACTED]
Phone number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Lot applied for (list lot number and offer separately):	8
Quotation offer for lot/s applied for (per annum GST Inclusive):	\$2400 (\$200 a month)
Insurance Company:	[REDACTED]
Date stock proof fencing to be installed:	installed already
Track record of maintaining property to a standard acceptable. (Attach information as required.)	

The term of the lease will be from xx xxxxx 2024 until 29 February 2024 with a 1 year option or as determined by Council.

As the applicant I understand the terms and conditions as presented in this document

Signature: [REDACTED]

Witnessed: [REDACTED]

Date:

3.12.2024.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date: [REDACTED] Lease of Industrial Land for Agistment Purposes
Friday, 6 December 2024 5:09:14 PM

My name's Simone Monaghan and I would like to rent the horse paddock block 8 in Gerty St, Blayney, at the moment I have my horse at [REDACTED] Hill St Blayney and I am maintaining the care of this paddock, eg removing of horse manure, keeping paddock clean and tidy, please feel free to contact Mrs Sharon Travers [REDACTED] as a reference for this. I have also kept horse's in Sydney in 2000-2008 and maintained those paddocks but unfortunately the owner has passed away so I am unable to supply a reference for that. I have owned and cared for horse's for over 30 years, so I have excellent experience in management of agistment properties, always spotless, fenced and cared for.

Sincerely
Simone Monaghan

On Fri, 29 Nov 2024, 5:52 pm Anton Franze, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Simone,

Thank you for your enquiry.

Please accept my apology for not responding earlier.

I can confirm that Council has a lot available in the Industrial Area for agistment.

Council is in the process of issuing an Expression of Interest for Lease of Industrial Land for Agistment Purposes for the period commencing 1 March 2025. The duration of the agreement is around 4 years with a 1 year option. I can forward you a copy when this becomes available.

If you are keen to lease the land in the meantime, it must be considered by Council at a meeting. The next meeting of Council is scheduled 17 December 2024 and any offer must be submitted by 9 December 2024 to be included.

The available lot is **Lot 8** in the attached document. Please review the attached EOI document and submit an offer (annualised sum) to lease the land if you are interested. (The timeframe available for this land will be 18 December 2024 to 28 February 2025, so a pro-rata figure will be determined.)

Attached for reference is the 2021 document that outlines lease conditions, so please ignore the

dates. The last page (p.10) is the Application that you should complete and return if you wish to access the above parcel for a short term.

I appreciate the above may be a little confusing however the timing of your enquiry just happens to coincide with the end of the lease period for all available industrial land for agistment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by return email or telephone should you wish to discuss further or require clarification.

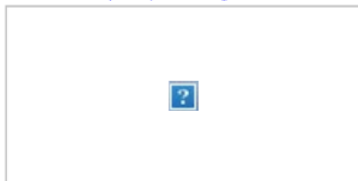
Regards,

Anton Franze
Director Corporate Services
Blayney Shire Council

PO Box 62 Blayney NSW 2799

p - 02 6368 2104 | [REDACTED]

www.blayney.nsw.gov.au



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From: Simone [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 17 November 2024 6:33 PM
To: Blayney Shire Council <council@blayney.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: IC/89271 -

Hi, would like to know what spare land (paddocks)Blayney Council has available for lease ,also list of lands that will be coming up very soon,any help would be greatly appreciated .Kind regards Simone Monaghan [REDACTED]

Lease of Land between Blayney Shire Council and XXXXXX
For the period of X XXXXXX 2024 to 29 February 2024.

Land offered for lease is shown on the attached map being Lot 8 (part Lot 26 DP 1288588) with the lease fee commencing at \$X,XXX per annum, for the period of X XXXXX 2024 to 29 February 2024.

The lessee agrees to the following conditions:

Conditions by Council:

1. Lease fee will apply as set out in this agreement and paid to Council.
2. The Council hereby leases and authorises the Lessee to enter upon and use for the purpose of grazing use only that piece of land described in the Lease Agreement.
3. The Lease remains in force for the period specified within the agreement.
4. The Lessee shall comply with the terms and conditions specified in this document.
5. Council does not make or give any warranty, promise or covenant to the Lessee for quiet enjoyment of the lease area.
6. Purpose - The Lessee shall have the use of the area for the purpose of grazing, other activities shall not be conducted without the written consent of Council.
7. Control of Rubbish - The Lessee shall keep the said area and buildings, where in existence, clean and tidy and all papers and other rubbish shall be collected and removed.
8. Lessee not to Permit Nuisance - The Lessee shall not do or permit or suffer anything in or upon the land which may be or become a nuisance or annoyance or cause of damage to the owner or to the owners or occupiers of other property in the neighbourhood. The Trust reserves the right to remove form or refuse entry to the reserve/land any person regardless of any arrangements or contract with the lessee.
9. Protection of Trees - During the continuance of this Lease the Lessee will not cut down, fall, injure or destroy any growing or living timber standing or being upon the land. No removal of dead timber for firewood is permitted.
10. Burn Off - The Lessee shall not carry out any burning off on the land leased except with the consent of the Council in writing first obtained and after compliance with the requirements of the Rural Fires Act, 1997, as amended by subsequent Acts. Any consent granted in accordance with this condition shall be subject to such conditions as the Council may impose.
11. Fire Hazard - The lot cannot become a fire hazard. Should the lot, in Council's opinion become a fire hazard, Council will arrange for the lot to be slashed at the expense of the lessee.
12. Control of Noxious Weeds and Animals - The Lessee will during the continuance of this Lease use all proper means for keeping down and exterminating upon the land all rabbits and other vermin and noxious animals and insects and all noxious weeds and plants and comply with all laws and regulations now or hereafter in force with relation to the keeping down or extermination of same.

13. Fencing - The Lessee shall provide and maintain stock proof fencing where necessary around the perimeter of the land so as to prevent stock from straying and a swing gate installed to allow access for vehicles up to 4 metres wide. When installing or replacing fences the Lessee should consult with adjoining landowners prior to erection.

The Lessee must regularly inspect the stock proof fencing that encloses the stock on the land to satisfy themselves that the fencing is stock proof. The Lessee must be aware that they hold absolute legal liability for any damage or loss to any party caused by the escape of grazing animals from the subject land. Council cannot accept liability for damage or loss to any party caused by animals escaping the subject land due to a failure of the Lessee to inspect and maintain stock proof fencing.

14. Insurance Council requires the applicant to hold a current Public Liability Insurance Cover policy to the value of \$20 million, which nominates Blayney Shire Council as a principal. The lessee shall furnish a copy of insurance cover to Council every year following renewal.
15. The Lessee shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Council against all actions, suits, claims, debts, obligations and other liabilities during the continuation of the Lease and further.
16. The Lessee shall maintain all other insurances as may be required by the Workers' Compensation Act or any other Act or Acts of Parliament in regard to the conduct of activities of the lessee on the demise premises. Copy of such is to be forwarded to the Council.
17. Water - For those lots that have water supplied the costs of water usage and maintenance will be the responsibility of the lessee.
18. Rates & Charges - Council Rates will remain the responsibility of Blayney Shire Council unless lease agreement stipulates otherwise.
19. Access - In the case of land with access road / right of way, for access to other properties which are leased for grazing purposes, gates shall be provided at both ends for access by adjoining lessee.
20. Council Access - The Council may by its Agents, Servants or Workman enter upon the land described in the Schedule hereto or any part thereof during the continuance of this agreement. No relationship of the landlord and tenant is or is intended to be created between the parties hereto by virtue of this lease or in any way whatsoever.
21. Usage - Council limits the use of the lots to animal grazing. Under no circumstances are hazardous or toxic substances allowed on Council properties.
22. Sublet - The Lessee shall not assign, sub-let or otherwise deal with the demised premises without the consent of Council.
23. Fixtures – The ownership of existing fixtures will be decided prior to the establishment of a new lease. Any new fixtures erected after a new lease is granted will be owned by the Lessee and must be maintained during the period of the lease. The transfer of fixtures owned by an outgoing Lessee is their responsibility.
24. The Lessee shall not interfere with any other person authorised by the Council to use the reserve or any part thereof.
25. Termination of agreement - If, for any reason, these conditions are breached, Council reserves the right to terminate the lease. Termination of this agreement may be terminated by either part by four (4) weeks' notice in writing to the other and shall be sufficiently served if left at the last known address of the Lessee.

26. Council inspection – An inspection will take place annually to ensure the lessee is adhering to all conditions of the lease. Any failure to meet Council's criteria will terminate the lease immediately upon inspection, with one weeks' notice to be made available to transport stock/equipment from the lot. Should the applicant not remove all articles from the lot within the week, all articles will be impounded, with release of such articles being at the appropriate rate specified in Council's Fees & Charges listing for the current year.
27. The lot will be available for purchase or lease for a commercial purpose to any party during the term of the lease. Council can terminate the lease in writing, giving the applicant four weeks' notice to vacate the land.

Lease payments made in advance will be refunded on a pro-rata basis. The lessee will have the right to remove any internal fencing the lessee has erected.

28. The initial lease payment is payable upon signature of the lease and annually thereafter. A tax invoice will be issued and must be paid in full within 30 days of issue. The invoice period shall be 1 March to 29 February annually or pro-rata based on a lesser period where applicable.
29. The lease fee will be subject to an increase every year on the lease renewal date based on the annual All Australian Weighted Consumer Price Index published for the December quarter of the previous year.
30. For those lots that have water supplied, the costs of water usage and maintenance will be the responsibility of the applicant.
31. The lease shall be for a period of three years, unless terminated, with a one year option.
32. Lessee shall be nominated as the PIC (Property Identification Code) Manager, for legislative compliance purposes, with Local Lands Services (LLS) NSW and contact details shall be furnished and updated as required.
33. The Lessee / Licensee shall apply for a Property Identification Code (PIC) with Local Land Services (LLS) and furnish details to Council within 1 month of lease commencement. More information is available from the LLS website: <https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/i-want-to/apply-for-a-property-identification-code>
- 34.

The terms and conditions of this lease are accepted and understood.

Carey Haynes (Lessee) _____ Dated: _____

Received by Council:

Insurance Certificate Supplied: YES / NO

General Manager, Blayney Shire Council (Lessor) _____ Dated: _____



09) NOMINATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Department: Corporate Services

Author: Director Corporate Services

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

File No: GO.CO.5

Recommendation:

That Council;

1. Appoint the following 4 community representatives to the Blayney Shire Financial Assistance Program Committee:
 - Miles Hedge
 - David Kingham
 - Tamara Miller
 - Jordan Butler
2. Seek nominations for the remaining vacant community representative position to the Blayney Shire Financial Assistance Program Committee.

Reason for Report:

For Council to review the community representative nominations received for the Blayney Shire Financial Assistance Program Committee and determine appointments for the new Council term.

Report:

At the October 2024 meeting Council resolved to seek community representative nominations to the Blayney Shire Financial Assistance Program Committee for the new Council term.

Interested persons were invited through promotion via the local media, Council's website and social media. Invitations were also issued to past committee members and other committee contacts including Village Committees and Progress Associations. Nominations closed 4 December 2024.

The Blayney Shire Financial Assistance Program Committee includes a minimum of 5 community representative positions on the committee and the following 4 nominations have been received at the closing date:

- Miles Hedge
- David Kingham
- Tamara Miller
- Jordan Butler

Applications for Round 2 of the 2024/25 Community Financial Assistance Program are currently being sought and close 28 February 2025.

The appointment of the committee will assist to minimise delays with planning for the next committee meeting for recommendation of applications to Council.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Council has established this committee of Council to exercise its functions on Council's behalf as per section 355(b) of the NSW Local Government Act (1993). The committee has been given a delegated authority to act, which is limited and does not have a budget. It is advisory in nature and as minutes are reported to Council the recommendations of each meeting are, so far as adopted by Council, resolutions of Council.

Committees of Council adhere to the same Meeting Code of Practice, Code of Conduct and all Council Policies and a Committee may regulate its own procedure in regard to voting.

Council has discretion in the number and appointment of members and if so choose, by resolution may vary the number of community representatives. At any time, Council may invite additional community representatives and approve another person(s) to any of the committees, particularly if current nominations are less than what Council had anticipated.

Budget Implications:

Committee meetings are predominantly held in Council facilities after hours in most cases, and a member of the senior staff team provides the secretariat and administration support at no additional overtime cost to the organisation.

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.

Community representatives are volunteers and contribute without any reimbursement of travel or other meeting expenses. For very minimal expense committees of Council are an important and valuable community engagement opportunity.

Enclosures (following report)**1 Nomination forms****4 Pages**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (e) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

10) NOMINATIONS FOR DISABILITY INCLUSION WORKING GROUP

Department: Corporate Services

Author: Director Corporate Services

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 the following 2 community representatives to the Disability Inclusion Working Group for the duration of the Council term:
 - Jenny McMahon
 - Lyndall Harrison
2. Seek nominations for the 3 remaining vacant community representative positions to the Disability Inclusion Working Group.

Reason for Report:

For Council to review and accept the community representative nominations received for the Disability Inclusion Working Group and determine appointments for the new Council term.

Report:

At the October 2024 meeting Council resolved to seek community representative nominations for the Disability Inclusion Working Group.

Interested persons were invited through promotion via the local media, Council's website and social media. Invitations were also issued to past committee members and other committee contacts including Village Committees and Progress Associations. Nominations closed 4 December 2024.

The Disability Inclusion Working Group includes a minimum of 5 community representative positions and the following 2 nominations have been received at the closing date:

- Lyndall Harrison
- Jenny McMahon

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. The Plan sets out Council's actions to support inclusion of people with disability.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Council has established this working group to exercise its functions on Council's behalf as per section 355(b) of the NSW Local Government Act (1993). The committee has been given a delegated authority to act, which is limited and does not have a budget. It is advisory in nature and as minutes are reported to Council the recommendations of each meeting are, so far as adopted by Council, resolutions of Council.

Committees of Council adhere to the same Meeting Code of Practice, Code of Conduct and all Council Policies and a Committee may regulate its own procedure in regard to voting.

Council has discretion in the number and appointment of members and if so choose, by resolution may vary the number of community representatives. At any time, Council may invite additional community representatives and approve another person(s) to any of the committees, particularly if current nominations are less than what Council had anticipated.

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

Budget Implications:

Working Group meetings are predominantly held in Council facilities after hours in most cases, and a member of the senior staff team provides the secretariat and administration support at no additional overtime cost to the organisation.

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.

Community representatives are volunteers and contribute without any reimbursement of travel or other meeting expenses. For very minimal expense committees of Council are an important and valuable community engagement opportunity.

Enclosures (following report)

1 Nomination forms

2 Pages

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Attachments (separate document)

Nil

11) PROPOSED LEASE OF ROAD - GRAHAM LANE, MILLTHORPE

Department: Corporate Services

Author: Director Corporate Services

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

File No: PM.LE.1

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Endorse the proposal to lease part of Graham Lane, and
2. Exhibit the proposal on public exhibition for a minimum 28 days, and seek input from adjoining owners, in accordance with the Roads Act 1993.
3. Be provided a further report upon closing of the public exhibition period for consideration of submissions and determination of lease proposal.

Reason for Report:

For Council to consider lease of part of an unformed section of Graham Lane, Millthorpe.

Report:

In September 2018 Council approved the lease of land at Graham Lane to Mr. K and Mrs. A. Jones expiring 13 December 2024.

The subject land is an unformed road being approximately 1.18ha of Graham Lane from the end of the existing constructed section for approximately 575m in an easterly direction.

Council has in the past offered an alternate option to the proponent to consider purchase of the subject land, however they have indicated that a lease was the preferred option.

The purpose of the lease, indicated by the lessee, is a desire to occupy the subject section to undertake vermin control and weed spraying of the reserve.

A lease term of 5 years is proposed.

The current lease fee is \$311 per annum, with provision for consumer price index (CPI) annual adjustments, was based upon the indexed 2018 average fee per ha p.a. for industrial land leased for agistment at Gerty Street, Blayney multiplied by a discount factor of 50%. The discount was in recognition of there being no water source, and the land being a narrow (20m wide) strip alongside the lessee land, offering little additional grazing opportunity.

The proposed lease fee is proposed to continue on the same basis. A copy of the template lease agreement is provided for information.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

In relation to the erection of fencing or other structures, the Roads Act 1993 states:-

138 Works and structures**(1) A person must not:**

- (a) erect a structure or carry out a work in, on or over a public road, or*
- (b) dig up or disturb the surface of a public road, or*
- (c) remove or interfere with a structure, work or tree on a public road, or*
- (d) pump water into a public road from any land adjoining the road, or*
- (e) connect a road (whether public or private) to a classified road, otherwise than with the consent of the appropriate roads authority.*

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) A consent may not be given with respect to a classified road except with the concurrence of RMS.*
- (3) If the applicant is a public authority, the roads authority and, in the case of a classified road, RMS must consult with the applicant before deciding whether or not to grant consent or concurrence.*
- (4) This section applies to a roads authority and to any employee of a roads authority in the same way as it applies to any other person.*
- (5) This section applies despite the provisions of any other Act or law to the contrary, but does not apply to anything done under the provisions of the Pipelines Act 1967 or under any other provision of an Act that expressly excludes the operation of this section.*

In relation to short term lease of unused public roads, the Roads Act 1993 s.153 permits lease of land comprising a public road where not used by the public. Council is required to give public notice including neighbour notification (s.154) and consider submissions before granting lease approval (s.155). Should a lease be granted public notice of outcome must be published (s.156). A lease period must not exceed 5 years (s.157).

Budget Implications:

There is a minor financial implication to Council for the administration of the lease, which will be offset by the proposed annual lease fee that will be subject to CPI adjustments.

Enclosures (following report)

1 Lease agreement - Graham Lane

5 Pages

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

LEASE AGREEMENT

DATE:

XX XXXXXX 20XX

BETWEEN

The Blayney Shire Council (hereinafter called “the Lessor”) of the one part

AND

XXXXXXX (hereinafter called “the Lessee”) of the other part

FOR

The lease of Graham Lane, Millthorpe (hereinafter called “the subject land”) approximately 580.5m long, and an area of approximately 1.18 hectares, bounded by Lot 2 DP 614384; Lots 39 and 40 DP11125; identified in the map provided at Annexure A.

CONDITIONS OF LEASE

The Lessee agrees to the following conditions:

1. The Lessor requires that the subject land be fenced to a stock proof standard, and a swing gate installed to allow access for vehicles up to 4 metres wide to be erected on Graham Lane at the western most boundary of Lot 39 DP11125. When installing or replacing fences the Lessee should consult with adjoining landowners prior to erection.
2. The Lessee must regularly inspect the stock proof fencing that encloses the stock on the land to satisfy themselves that the fencing is stock proof. The Lessee must be aware that they hold absolute legal liability for any damage or loss to any party caused by the escape of grazing animals from the subject land. Council cannot accept liability for damage or loss to any party caused by animals escaping the subject land due to a failure of the Lessee to inspect and maintain stock proof fencing.
3. The subject land cannot become a fire hazard. Should the subject land, in the Lessor’s opinion become a fire hazard, the Lessor shall arrange for the subject land to be slashed at the expense of the Lessee.
4. The Lessee will during the continuance of this Lease use all proper means for keeping down and exterminating upon the land all rabbits and other vermin and noxious animals and insects and all noxious weeds and plants and comply with all laws and regulations now or hereafter in force with relation to the keeping down or extermination of same.

5. The lessee is approved under Section 138 of the Roads Act 1993 to undertake maintenance of the subject land.
6. The Lessor limits the use of the subject land to animal grazing, other activities shall not be conducted without the written consent of Council. Under no circumstances are hazardous or toxic substances allowed on the subject land.
7. The Lessee will not cut down, fall, injure or destroy any growing or living timber standing or being upon the land. No removal of dead timber for firewood is permitted.
8. The Lessor requires the Lessee to hold a current Public Liability Insurance Cover policy to the value of \$20,000,000.00, which notes the Lessor as an interested party. The lessee shall furnish a copy of insurance cover to Council every year following renewal.
9. The Lessee shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Council against all actions, suits, claims, debts, obligations and other liabilities during the continuation of the Lease and further.
10. The Lessee shall maintain all other insurances as may be required by the Workers' Compensation Act or any other Act or Acts of Parliament in regard to the conduct of activities of the lessee on the demise premises. Copy of such is to be forwarded to the Council.
11. The Lessee shall not assign, sub-let or otherwise deal with the demised premises without the consent of Council.
12. The Lessor shall conduct an inspection annually to ensure the Lessee is adhering to all conditions of this lease. Failure by the Lessee to meet any of the conditions of this shall result in the immediate termination of the lease, with the provision of one (1) week to allow the Lessee to transport the Lessee's stock and/or equipment from the subject land. Should the Lessee not remove all articles from the subject land within the week, all articles shall be impounded by the Lessor, with the release of such articles being at the appropriate rate specified in Council's Fees & Charges for the current financial year.
13. Council shall forward its Tax Invoice annually for payment of the lease during the first month following lease renewal date. This account is to be paid in full within Council's trading terms.
14. An annual lease fee per Schedule 1 shall be payable by the Lessee on the anniversary of the date of commencement of this lease, with the first payment to be made on commencement. On the anniversary of the date of commencement of this lease, the reviewed lease fee shall be subject to an increase every year based on the All Australian Weighted Consumer Price Index applicable for the preceding quarter.
15. The payment of the annual Council Rates and Charges shall remain the responsibility of the Lessor.

16. This lease may be voluntarily terminated by either party providing four (4) weeks notice in writing to the other party, and shall be sufficiently served if left at the last known address of the Lessee.
17. Lease payments made in advance will be refunded on a pro-rata basis. The lessee will have the right to remove any internal fencing the lessee has erected.
18. Prior to the lease commencement Council shall undertake an inspection to determine the condition of the subject land. The lessee shall ensure that at the end of the lease the condition of the subject land shall not be below that prior to the lease.
19. That the lease be renegotiated upon change of ownership of Lot 39 and/or Lot 40 DP 11125.
20. The lease term is as detailed in Schedule 1 unless terminated during the term.
21. If, for any reason, conditions of this lease agreement are breached, the lease shall be terminated.

SCHEDULE 1

Item	Column 1	Column 2
1	Lessor	Blayney Shire Council
2	Lessee	Lessee name
3	Agreed Lease Amount	\$XXXX p.a.
4		Graham Lane, Millthorpe. Approximately 580.5m long, and an area of approximately 1.18 hectares, bounded by Lot 2 DP 614384; Lots 39 and 40 DP11125
5	Due Date	14 December 2021 and each anniversary of this date in each year of the Term of Agreement and any holding over period.
6	Annual Rental Adjustment	12 months from commencement and annually there after
7	Address for Payment of Rent	91 Adelaide Street, BLAYNEY NSW 2799
8	Licensee's address for Service of Notices and contact details	
9	Public Risk Insurance amount	\$20 Million
10	Permitted Use	Grazing
11	Commencement Date	XX XXXXXX 20XX
12	Expiry Date	XX XXXXXX 20XX
13	Term of Agreement	5 Years

The terms and conditions of this lease are accepted and understood.

SIGNED

Lessee

Witness

Name (print)

Name (print)

Date

Date

SIGNED on behalf of Blayney Shire Council

General Manager

Witness

Name (print)

Name (print)

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Lease Graham Lane K and A Jones

12) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT**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 Infrastructure Services Monthly Report for December 2024.
2. Approve the supplementary vote of \$20,000 in the 2024/2025 Operational Plan to undertake compliance activities on Council's bores from the Village Enhancement Program internal cash allocation.
3. Approve the supplementary vote of \$22,812 in the 2024/2025 Operational Plan for maintenance activities at Council's Sewerage Treatment Plant, funded from Sewer Fund.
4. Approve the supplementary vote of \$33,659 in the 2024/2025 Operational Plan for undertaking emergency repair works of the reticulation sewer network funded from Sewer Fund.
5. Approve the supplementary vote of \$17,478 for the Plumb Street / Palmer Street Blayney footpath project from the Developer Contributions - General external cash restriction.

Reason for Report:

This report presents an update on current projects, construction and maintenance activities within the Blayney Shire being managed or undertaken 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: Garland Road, Hobbys Yards Road, Guyong Road, Vittoria Road, Forest Reefs Road.

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

Maintenance grading and resheeting works have been undertaken on the following roads: Tea Tree Road, Willagalong Road, Hilltop Lane, Snake Creek Road, Yangoora Road, Sunnyside Road, Sherwood Road, Gallymont Road, Burtons Lane, Wilsons Lane, Carcoar Road, Lucan Road, Kinds Lane, Hinds Lane.

Drainage maintenance works were undertaken on Millpost Creek Road, Hilltop Lane, Yangoora Road, Sunnyside Road, Lucan Road, Snake Creek Road, Mandurama Road.

Open Spaces and Facilities

Mowing, weed spraying and minor repairs dominate the current work schedule of the Parks and Gardens team. Recent feedback from visitors has congratulated council on the condition of the parks and gardens in the shire.

A new budget of \$20,000 is sought to undertake compliance activities associated with Council bores. The bore works include the decommissioning of KGO bore and meeting compliance requirements for license renewal of Redmond Oval bore.

Sewer Treatment Plant (STP)

Programmed Works

Additional budget of \$22,812 is sought for the replacement of the aerator floats at the STP. A contractor was engaged FY23/24 following budget adoption that year, however works were postponed through the winter. That contractor is now unable to proceed, and renewed procurement activities were undertaken. Council ordered materials including comments (floats) in a prior financial year are already on site and the new contractor is able to install these in the new year.

Investigations into the significant sewer choke, found a fault in the sewer line and a connection. The cause was suspected due to poor quality backfilling and compaction during installation in the 1980's and impacts from more recent development connection. This was repaired and additional funds of \$33,659 are sought to cover the costs to investigate and repair the damaged line. These works were considered urgent and unplanned.

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	55,295	1,231,023	157,661 ^[1]	1,421,513
Commentary					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge and roadworks fully complete including previously outstanding guardrail works. • Contractor engaged for bridge removal based, as estimated funds remaining allow for works to be completed. • ^[1] Committed funds include purchase orders that are invoiced under the total order amount but are yet to be closed, and as such the committed value is higher than actual funds committed. 					

Forecast (1-3 months)

- Removal of bridge commencing shortly and will be completed by mid of January.

Orange Road / Palmer Street path – SCCF5

Due Date	Revised Budget YTD	Expenditure this Month	Total Expenditure YTD	Committed Expenditure YTD	Estimated Total Project Costs
30/06/2025	294,012	22,625	221,960	7,637	311,490 ^[1]

Commentary

- Works are currently underway on the Orange Road link from Hawke Street to Palmer Street.
- Current projection for completion is mid-January 2025.
- ^[1] Cost to complete include: remaining parts of Orange Road path, Palmer Street path, kerb ramps to cross Orange Road and includes allowance of;
 - \$7,388 to complete the project, and
 - \$10,090 (13% contingency based on \$79k remaining to complete the project)

Forecast (1-3 months)

- All footpath works will be completed in early January.

Browns Creek Road Heavy Patching – R4R9

Due Date	Revised Budget YTD	Expenditure this Month	Total Expenditure YTD	Committed Expenditure YTD	Estimated Total Project Costs
30/06/2025	668,897	147,541	411,235	67,040	540,000

Commentary

- Stabilising completed, with base overlay underway.
- Sealing booked for week commencing 25/11/24.
- Project completed end of November 2024.

Forecast (1-3 months)

- Linemarking remaining.
- Survey for potential future works underway, design commencing in new year.

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	35,637	142,514	41,612	1,818,254 ^[1]

Commentary

- Scope is confirmed at CH 8900-10700 which is aligned with the grant funding requirements of rehabilitation of 1.8km of road.
- Drainage and culvert works will be complete by end of 2024.
- ^[1] Based on detailed estimate and project plan for the CH8900-10700 project.

Forecast (1-3 months)

- Commencement of bulk of earthworks in January 2025.
- Retaining wall structural design to be sought and engaged for main cutting.

Richards Lane – R4R9

Due Date	Revised Budget YTD	Expenditure this Month	Total Expenditure YTD	Committed Expenditure YTD	Estimated Total Project Costs
Nov. 2025 ^[1]	1,258,521	2,678	30,001	43,198	953,317 ^[2]

Commentary ,

- Project completion likely in 25/26 financial year.
- ^[1] Application for project extension is currently being sought from the funding body for a revised completion date of March 2026.
- Concept design approval has been received from TfNSW for the intersection works, stage 2 (intersection) but detailed design is yet to be approved.
- Delivery of remaining stages 2 & 3 will be via open tender.
- ^[2] Based only on estimate of remainder of stage 3 works and committed/unexpended costs from design, WAD, and independent verification fees. Stage 2 works not yet incorporated in cost to complete.
- Road safety audit complete which will enable progression of detail design.

Forecast (1-3 months)

- Finalisation of detailed estimate for stage 2 (draft still underway)
- Finalisation of detailed estimate for stage 3.
- Project verifier review and subsequent actions.
- Detail design approval from TfNSW.
- Tender document preparation underway by consultant.

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

- Issue for Tender design complete.
- Delivery of this project will be via open tender.
- Tender docs being finalised, with finalisation of tender schedules after receipt of SoW documents from contractor.

Forecast (1-3 months)

- Tender documents will be reviewed and likely reported to the February 2025 meeting.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Nil identified to report.

Budget Implications:

Supplementary votes are being recommended for approval per information included in this report.

The Village Enhancement Program internal cash allocation has a projected year end balance of \$232k (not including the proposed supplementary vote in this report). The operational component of this work will have a direct correlation to operating result of the General Fund.

In the September 2024 Quarterly Budget Review Statement, reported to the November 2024 Council meeting, the projected Operating result before capital items was (\$2.08m) deficit. Approval of supplementary votes from the Sewer fund will reduce the projected Operating result before capital items to a (\$2.1m) deficit.

The supplementary votes of funds from Sewer Fund will impact operational expenditure have a direct correlation to operating result of the Sewer Fund. In the September 2024 Quarterly Budget Review Statement, reported to the November 2024 Council meeting, the projected Operating result before capital items was \$13k. Approval of supplementary votes from the Sewer fund will reduce the projected Operating result before capital items to a (\$43k) deficit.

The Developer Contributions - General external cash restriction has a projected year end of result of \$1.625m (not including the proposed supplementary vote in this report).

Works proposed to be funded will be capitalised and depreciated over the useful life of the asset therefore impacting depreciation expense over future years.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

13) MILLTHORPE CBD - PROPOSED SCOPE FOR CONSTRUCTION 2024/25

Department: Infrastructure Services

Author: Director Infrastructure Services

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

File No: RD.RC.1

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Endorse the proposed items S1-S8 for construction in 2024/25 as outlined in this report and approve a supplementary vote of \$194,256 from Developer Contributions for delivery of this project.
2. Endorse the extension of scope to include items P1-P3 as outlined in this report and approve a supplementary vote of \$143,900 Developer Contributions for these items.

Reason for Report:

Council resolved at the August 2024 Council meeting to 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.

Report:

Community Consultation:

The community consultation as outlined in the August 2024 meeting involved a site meeting and a community survey which attached 48 submissions and 9 written submissions.

Additional onsite consultation of the amended plans occurred on site from 5:00pm to 6:30 pm on Wednesday 5 December, with key stakeholders in this area. An offer of an additional walk-through was extended to those who were unable to attend.

Below is a summary of requests in how the project would be carried out:

- Overall productive and worthwhile time investment, resulting in an overall general consensus.
- Establishment of new or renewed linemarking on Victoria Street (between Montgomery & Pym St), which will impact parking limitations during construction.
- Support for painting of Chevron Linemarking to reinforce no parking in this area (no stopping signs were previously removed by a member of resident).
- Bench (consistent with others) on the Victoria/Montgomery street to source manufacturer and fund with VEP.
- Any temporary fencing that obstructs businesses to be signposted that those businesses are still operating.

- Non-essential warning signage to be held pending review of traffic behaviour.
- Painted chevron line marking near Tonic and Pilcher Street be held pending review of traffic behaviour.
- Options on street planting within pedestrian blisters to be provided to the village committee for consideration and feedback

Council officers are looking to program the works to take into all accommodations where possible.

Proposed Scope of Works:

The following section outlines the scope items for works proposed to be constructed in the 2024/25 financial year. While Officers have worked to detail and plan the proposed sections of works, the scope of each item may extend or reduce slightly based on site constraints or engineering based decisions once construction commences. If this was to occur these would be minor in nature and not adversely impact the objectives of the project.

Scope Item S1:

Additional Parking in Victoria Street

Description:

Linemarking will be installed on Victoria street to formalise reverse angle parking which will increase the parking availability of the precinct. These works are intended to occur before the majority of construction works to offset any temporary parking impacts which will occur during construction.

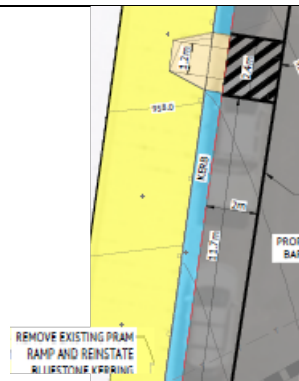


Scope Item S4:

Pram ramp relocation and bluestone kerb reinstatement Montgomery Street

Description:

Pram ramp (concrete) constructed further away from the intersection. Existing non-compliant pram ramp will be removed and the bluestone kerb reinstated.

**Scope Item S5:**

Montgomery Street Road reinstatement

Description:

Road construction to be undertaken on Montgomery Street between Victoria Street and Pilcher Street, includes full pavement replacement, road levels adjustments for drainage purposes and two-coat seal.

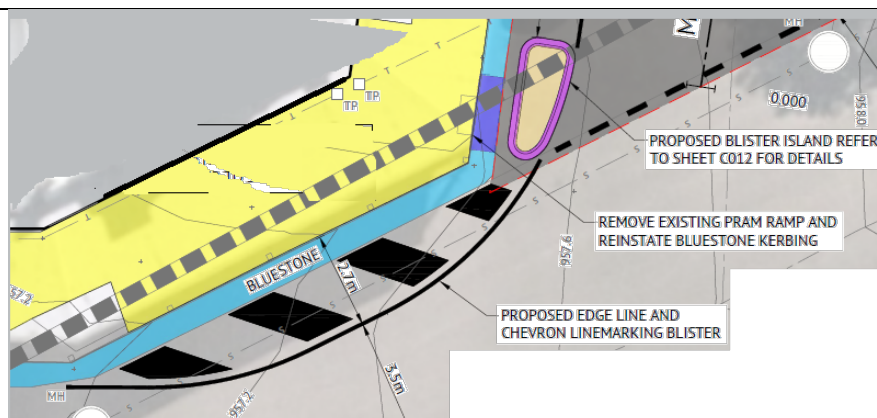
Scope Item S6:

Montgomery Street blister and delineation

Description:

Installation of blister and pavement chevron on corner of Montgomery and Victoria Street (between Grand Western Lodge and Old Bank Building).

Linemarking for parallel parking, centreline and hold line on Montgomery Street.

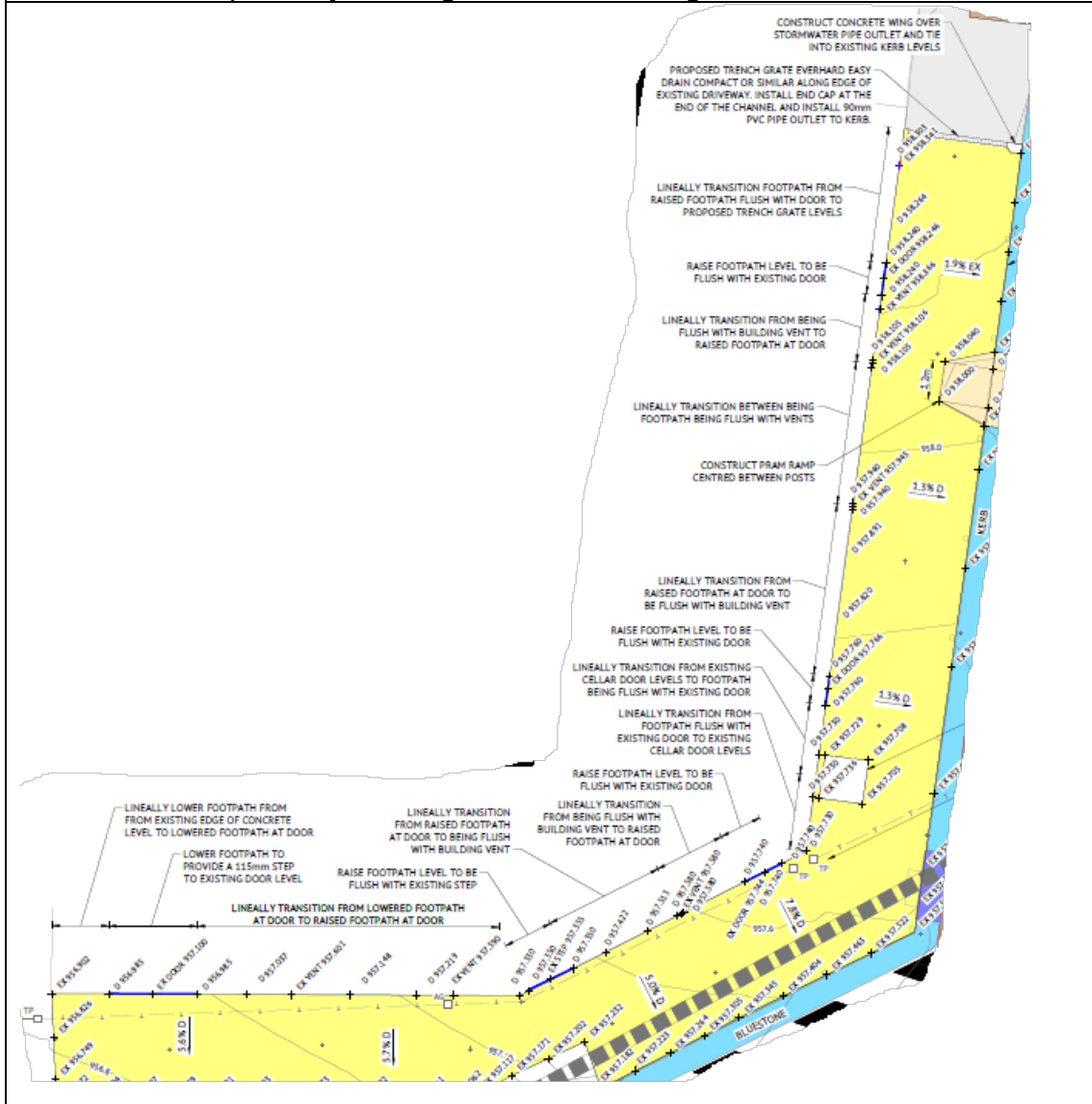


Scope Item S7:**Footpath resurfacing adjacent to Grand Western Lodge****Description:**

Steel edging to be installed to border utility pits, and cellar door.

Grated trench strip drain will be installed to divert any water away from the footpath caused by poorly graded driveway access.

Surface preparations will then be undertaken of the existing footpath before resurfacing with heavy duty asphalt occurs and installation of an isolation joint between the asphalt layer and grand western lodge.



Scope Item S8:

Tree plantings and landscaping

Description:

A provisional allowance has been made for planting out of blisters and additional street trees. Finalisation of the civil design package was required before commencing the planning of these works.

While some draft species and proposals have been recommended by Council Officers and the Heritage Advisor, this information will be compiled, and the Village consulted on options before the plantings occur.

It is important that species are low maintenance, consistent with the surrounding streets, do not impact utilities, have consistent spacing and do not impede sight distance or vision at intersections or crossings.

Estimate of Scope of Works:

Estimate cost to deliver items S1 to S8 is as follows:

Category	Cost
Establishment	17,246
Delineation	2,813
Stormwater, Kerb & Gutter	161,366
Footpath works	140,846
Road Pavements	66,600
Finishing Works	21,000
Contingency	65,029
Total estimate of items S1-S8:	\$ 474,900

The above estimate has contingencies based upon risks or volatility of specific works with an average overall contingency of 15%.

The current budget allocation for this works is **\$280,644** and due to this shortfall a supplementary vote of funds is requested for the amount of **\$194,256**

Items outside of the current scope:

Items currently not included in the scope of the project which Council may wish to include, are outlined below. Specifically works to Pilcher St, Montgomery Street (North of Pilcher St), Pym Street or Victoria Street.

The following items are not included in the original scope however could be reasonably and efficiently included in the project, subject to the allocation of additional funds by Council.

Scope Item P1:

Installation of additional parking and concrete dish drain on Pilcher Street

Description:

Install granular pavement and bitumen seal for line marked parking area including concrete dish drain. Footpath and kerb realignment at corner of Pilcher & Montgomery Street.

Widening of driveway access to 27 Victoria Street (Grand Western Lodge).

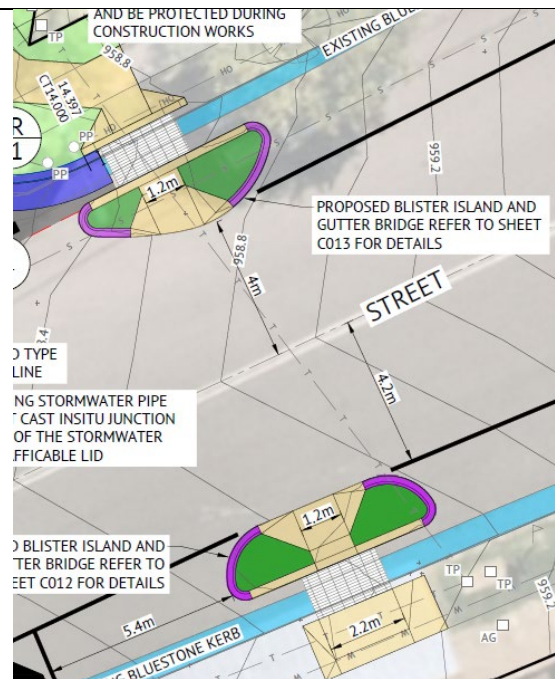


Scope Item P2:

Victoria Street Pram ramps and blister crossings.

Description:

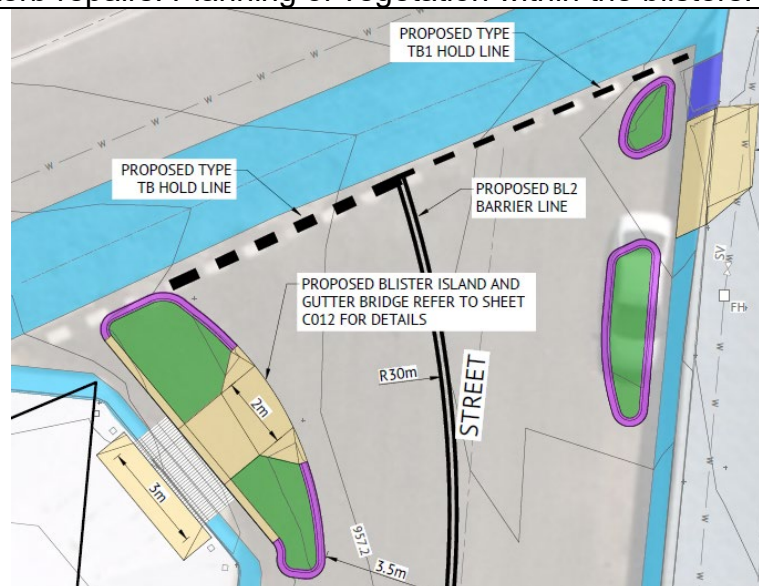
Perform construction of the pram ramp works including reinstatement and bluestone kerb repairs. Planning of vegetation within the blisters.

**Scope Item P3:**

Pym Street Pram ramps and blister crossings.

Description:

Perform construction of the pram ramp works including reinstatement and bluestone kerb repairs. Planning of vegetation within the blisters.



Estimate table of items currently not in the scope of Works:

Estimate cost to deliver items P1 to P3 is as follows:

Category	Cost
P1 - parking and dish drain to Pilcher St	49,400
P2 – Victoria St pram ramps and blister crossings	39,900
P3 – Pym St pram ramps and blister crossings	54,600
Total estimate of items P1 - P3:	\$ 143,900

The above estimate has contingencies based upon risks or volatility of specific works with an average overall contingency of 15%.

In order for Council to extend the scope of works to include these items it would require a supplementary vote of \$143,900.

Footpath resurfacing adjacent to Grand Western Lodge

The Council report tabled at the Ordinary meeting on 27 August 2024 included that (pending advice from NSW Heritage Office) resurfacing would occur with asphalt correction layer which would then have a Stoneset product applied on top.

Council after publication of the 27 August 2024 business paper received guidance from the NSW Heritage Office, which did advise asphalt is a suitable product to use around the Grand Western Lodge.

The NSW Heritage Office provided the following advice and reasoning:

- Safety and ease of maintenance and repair usually guide the approach to a suitable surface.
- Asphalt and concrete are typical and characteristic surfaces for footpaths in NSW.
- Asphalt is more fluid to accommodate irregular surfaces and has less detail required to manage cracking and reflect traditional laying techniques associated with concrete such as trowelled selvages and control joints.
- The best heritage approach is to 'match existing' or the adjoining surface.
- The existing footpath surface is degraded bitumen/asphalt.
- Majority of footpaths in the vicinity appear to be concrete with a warm appearance.

Council's Heritage Advisor also agreed to the recommendation of renewal with asphalt and as such renewal of the footpath surface will occur consistent with these recommendations.

It is noted highlighted that the Millthorpe Train Station is also a State Heritage Item within the village of Millthorpe. Asphalt has been used (by Transport for NSW) in and around this State Heritage item during the 2 recent refurbishment and upgrade projects completed at that site.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

There has been a significant amount of community consultation and community input over many years in relation to the Millthorpe CBD MasterPlan and detailed design, while this has assisted in planning of the works and seeking grant funding, there has been extensive additional consultation required in attempt to alleviate concerns within the community but this has significantly delayed commencement of this project.

Funding of this project is predominantly through Stronger Country Communities and officers are currently engaging the funding body on whether they may permit extensions as according to the funding deed there are risks of loss of funding for this project if deadlines are not meet.

Budget Implications:

Funding of this project is predominantly through Stronger Country Communities round 5.

Additional expenditure is recommended to come from the Developer Contributions - General external cash restriction which has a projected year end of result of \$1.625m (not including the proposed supplementary vote in this report).

Council in relation to the extension of scope for items P1-P3 outlined in this report (requiring a supplementary vote of \$143,900) could opt to not proceed with these works and await for an appropriate grant funding opportunity.

Works proposed to be funded will be capitalised and depreciated over the useful life of the asset therefore impacting depreciation expense over future years.

Enclosures (following report)

1 Millthorpe CBD Plans

4 Pages

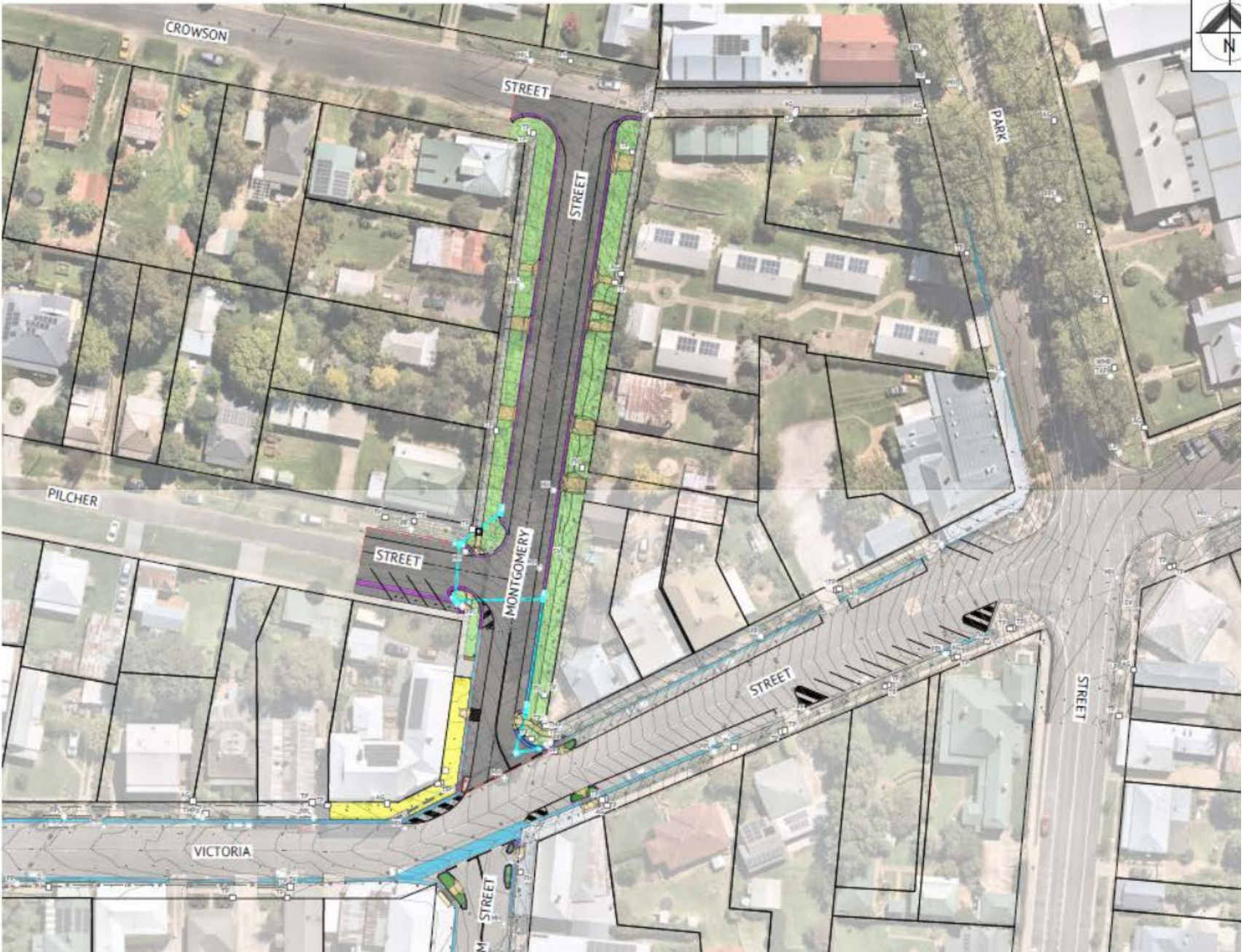
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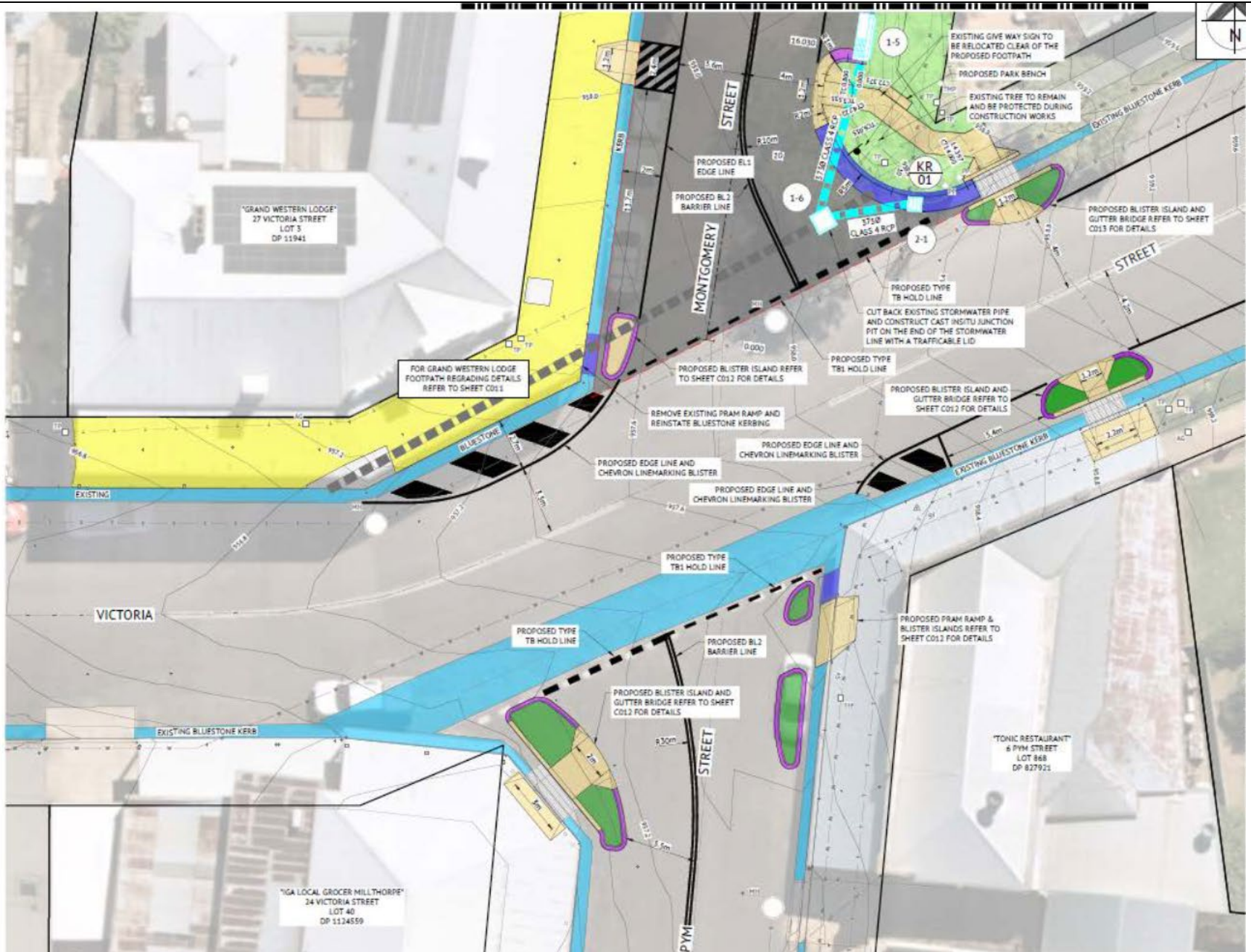
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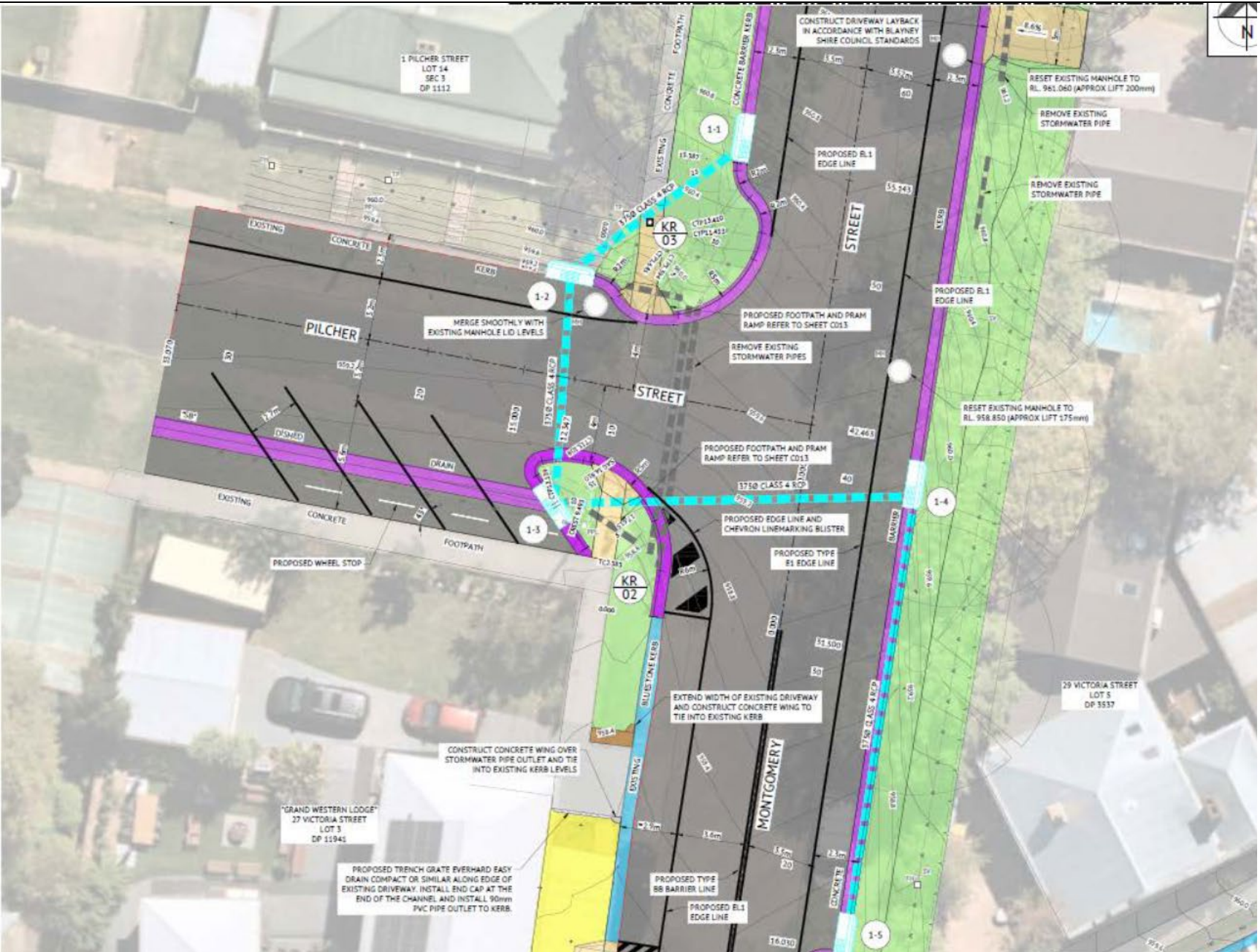
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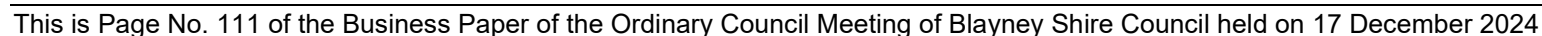
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14) PROPOSED (PART) ROAD CLOSURE - GRAHAM LANE, MILLTHORPE

Department: Infrastructure Services

Author: Director Infrastructure Services

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

File No: RD.RC.26

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Take into consideration submissions received during the notification period.
2. Approve the closure of part of Graham Lane, Millthorpe that adjoins Lots 46-48 in DP1125 in accordance with s.38 Roads Act 1993.
3. Approve the sale of this land for the amount of \$21,000.00 plus GST, plus all costs associated with the road closure.
4. Give public notice for a period of 28 days of Council's intention to classify the land as Operational Land.
5. Delegate to the Mayor and General Manager authority to execute signature and fixing of the Council Seal to facilitate the road closure and land transfer.

Reason for Report:

Council approval is required as part of the road closure process.

Report:

At the April 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved the following;

That Council:

1. *Endorse the closure of the portion of Graham Lane, Millthorpe that adjoin Lots 46-48 in DP11125, in accordance with s.38 Roads Act 1993, subject to the applicant funding Council's road closure application fee, all costs associated with the closure and compensation for the market value of the land.*
2. *Delegate to the General Manager authority to negotiate and execute the terms of the road closure.*
3. *Delegate to the General Manager authority to negotiate the sale price of the land, subject to Council approval; and*
4. *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.*

(Resolution 2404/010)

Following this resolution, Council provided notification to relevant authorities in accordance with s.38B of the Roads Act 1993. The following authorities and adjoining landowners were notified on 6 September 2024 and were to provide response to the notification within 28 days;

Authority

- Essential Energy
- Transgrid
- APA Group
- Jemena Asset Management Pty Ltd
- NSW Department of Planning and Environment
- NSW Department of Planning and Environment: Resources & Energy
- NSW Department of Industry: Crown Lands
- NSW Department of Industry: Fisheries
- Transport for NSW – Land Use Planning and Development
- Transport for NSW – Western Region
- Fire and Rescue NSW
- NSW Rural Fire Service
- Central Tablelands Water
- Forestry Corporation
- Local Land Services
- Office of Environment and Heritage
- UGL Regional Linx

Adjoining Landowner

- 168 Eves Lane, Millthorpe
- 39 Graham Lane, Millthorpe
- 1329 Vittoria Road, Millthorpe
- 1429 Vittoria Road, Millthorpe

Additionally, notification was placed in the 12 September 2024.

During the notification period, Council received fourteen (14) submissions. All submissions received detailed no objection to the proposed closure and were from:

- NSW Rural Fire Service
- Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure Crown Lands and Public Spaces
- Department of Planning and Environment
- Central Tablelands Water
- Essential Energy
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
- Department of Primary Industries – Fisheries
- Fire & Rescue
- Forestry Corporation of NSW
- Transport for NSW

- APA Group
- NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service
- Transgrid
- Jemena

It is recommended that Council approve the closure of the section of road.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

This road closure is being undertaken in accordance with Division 3, s.38 of the Roads Act 1993.

Budget Implications:

All costs associated with the road closure are borne by the applicant.

Sale proceeds would be allocated to the Property Account internal allocation (reserve), and additional rates will be generated.

Enclosures (following report)

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| 1 | Proposed Road Closure - Graham Lane | 1 Page |
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Attachments (separate document)

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| 2 | Valuation Report | 21 Pages |
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This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (c) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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GRAHAM LANE ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST

15) PROPOSED (PART) ROAD CLOSURE - NEWBRIDGE ROAD**Department:** Infrastructure Services**Author:** Director Infrastructure Services**CSP Link:** 1. Maintain and Improve Public Infrastructure and Services**File No:** RD.AD.11

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Take into consideration submissions received during the notification period.
2. Approve the closure of part of Newbridge Road, being Lot 4 DP1238468.
3. Delegate to the Mayor and General Manager authority to execute signature and fixing of the Council Seal to facilitate the road closure and land transfer.

Reason for Report:

Council approval is required as part of the road closure process.

Report:

This road closure relates to a land acquisition agreement for the construction of the Pte W.W Wilson Bridge over Evans Plains Creek and related approach works for alignment on Newbridge Road in 2017.

As part of the agreement between Council and the landowner, it was agreed that 2,671m² (being road reserve surplus to Council needs) would be incorporated back into the landowners property as part of the compensation for the acquisition.

At the May 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved the following;

That Council:

1. *Endorse the closure of the old Newbridge Road alignment being Lot 4, DP1238468, in accordance with s.38 Roads Act 1993.*
2. *Exhibit public notification of Council's intention to classify the land as operational land.*
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.*

(Resolution 2405/013)

Following this resolution, Council provided notification to relevant authorities in accordance with s.38B of the Roads Act 1993. The following authorities and adjoining landowners were notified on 26 September 2024 and were to provide response to the notification within 28 days;

Authority

- Essential Energy
- Transgrid
- APA Group
- Jemena Asset Management Pty Ltd
- NSW Department of Planning and Environment
- NSW Department of Planning and Environment: Resources & Energy
- NSW Department of Industry: Crown Lands
- NSW Department of Industry: Fisheries
- Transport for NSW – Land Use Planning and Development
- Transport for NSW – Western Region
- Fire and Rescue NSW
- NSW Rural Fire Service
- Central Tablelands Water
- Forestry Corporation
- Local Land Services
- Office of Environment and Heritage
- UGL Regional Linx

Adjoining Landowner

- 1138 Newbridge Road

Additionally, notification was placed in the Village Voice on 10 October 2024.

During the notification period, Council received eleven (11) submissions.

Eleven (10) submissions detailing no objection to the proposed closure were received from;

- Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands and Public Spaces
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
- Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands
- APA Group
- Transport for NSW
- NSW National Parks & Wildlife Services
- Rural Fire Service
- Forestry Corporation of NSW
- Central Tablelands Water

- Jemena

It is recommended that Council approve the closure of the section of road.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

This road closure is being undertaken in accordance with Division 3, section 38 of the Roads Act 1993.

Budget Implications:

Costs associated with the road closure are being borne by Council as the works are associated with Council road construction of 2017. These costs are undertaken within existing budget provisions.

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil

16) MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 6 DECEMBER 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 6 December 2024.
2. Endorse the Blayney Shire Council Traffic Committee Meeting dates for 2025.
3. Endorse the Guidance Scheme for the 2025 annual Blayney Show, to be staged on 22 March 2025 on Blayney Showground, Marshalls Lane, as a Class 3 event, subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.
4. Endorse installation of GIVE WAY (R1-2) signs as per AS1742.2 on Lowe St, Blayney at the intersection with Marshalls Lane as well as the southern end of the northern part of Marshalls Lane.

Reason for Report:

For Council to endorse the minutes of the Blayney Shire Council Traffic Committee meeting held 6 December 2024.

The Guidance Scheme for the 2025 Blayney Show is enclosed to this report.

A map showing the location of the 2 Give Way signs is enclosed to this report.

MINUTES OF THE BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBERS, BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON 6 DECEMBER 2024, COMMENCING AT 10:00AM**PRESENT****Members:** Cr John Newstead (Blayney Shire Council-Chair), Cr Karl Hutchings (Blayney Shire Council), Reg Rendall (State Member for Bathurst Representative), Jackie Barry (TfNSW), Pat Fisher (NSW Police).**Present:** Jacob Hogan (Director Infrastructure Services) and Lauren Ferson (Administration Officer).**APOLOGIES**

Nil

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

Confirmation of Minutes**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING BLAYNEY SHIRE
COUNCIL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 17
OCTOBER 2024****Recommendation:**

That the Minutes of the Blayney Shire Council Traffic Committee Meeting held on 17 October 2024, be confirmed to be a true and accurate record of that meeting.

(Fisher/Rendall)

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cr John Newstead asked for an update on the intersection of Adelaide Street and the Mid Western Highway, near St Joseph's School. Jackie Barry confirmed she will follow up. Jacob Hogan confirmed he has written to the school seeking a letter of support from the Principal.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

Reports**MEETING DATES 2025****Recommendation:**

That Council note the Blayney Shire Council Traffic Committee Meeting dates for 2025.

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STREET EVENT - BLAYNEY SHOW 22 MARCH 2025**Recommendation:**

That Council endorse the Traffic Guidance Scheme for the annual Blayney Show, to be staged on 22 March 2025 on Blayney Showground, Marshalls Lane, as a Class 3 event, subject to the conditions detailed in the Director Infrastructure Services' Report.

(Rendall/Fisher)

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**SIGNAGE - INTERSECTION OF MARSHALLS LANE &
LOWE STREET****Recommendation:**

That GIVE WAY (R1-2) signs be erected as per AS1742.2 on Lowe St, Blayney at its intersection with Marshalls Lane as well as the southern end of the northern leg of Marshalls Lane.

(Newstead/Fisher)

Traffic Register**TRAFFIC REGISTER**

Noted.

General Business

FEEDBACK - 2024 ALPINE CLASSIC

Actions

For Committee Noting.

**BLAYNEY TWILIGHT SHOPPING - 6 DECEMBER 2024
(IAPP/88844)**

Actions

For Committee noting.

MILLFEST - 1 FEBRUARY 2025 (IAPP/89128)

Actions

For Committee noting.

FUTURE MEETING DATES - 2025

9 February 2025

5 April 2025

7 June 2025

9 August 2025

4 October 2025

6 December 2025

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

INFORMAL MATTERS

Discussion on the blisters, line-marking and repeaters for the 40km/hr speed zone in Adelaide Street.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.18am.

Enclosures (following report)

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| 1 | Street Event - 2025 Blayney Show | 1 Page |
| 2 | Give Way Signs Location | 1 Page |

Attachments (separate document)

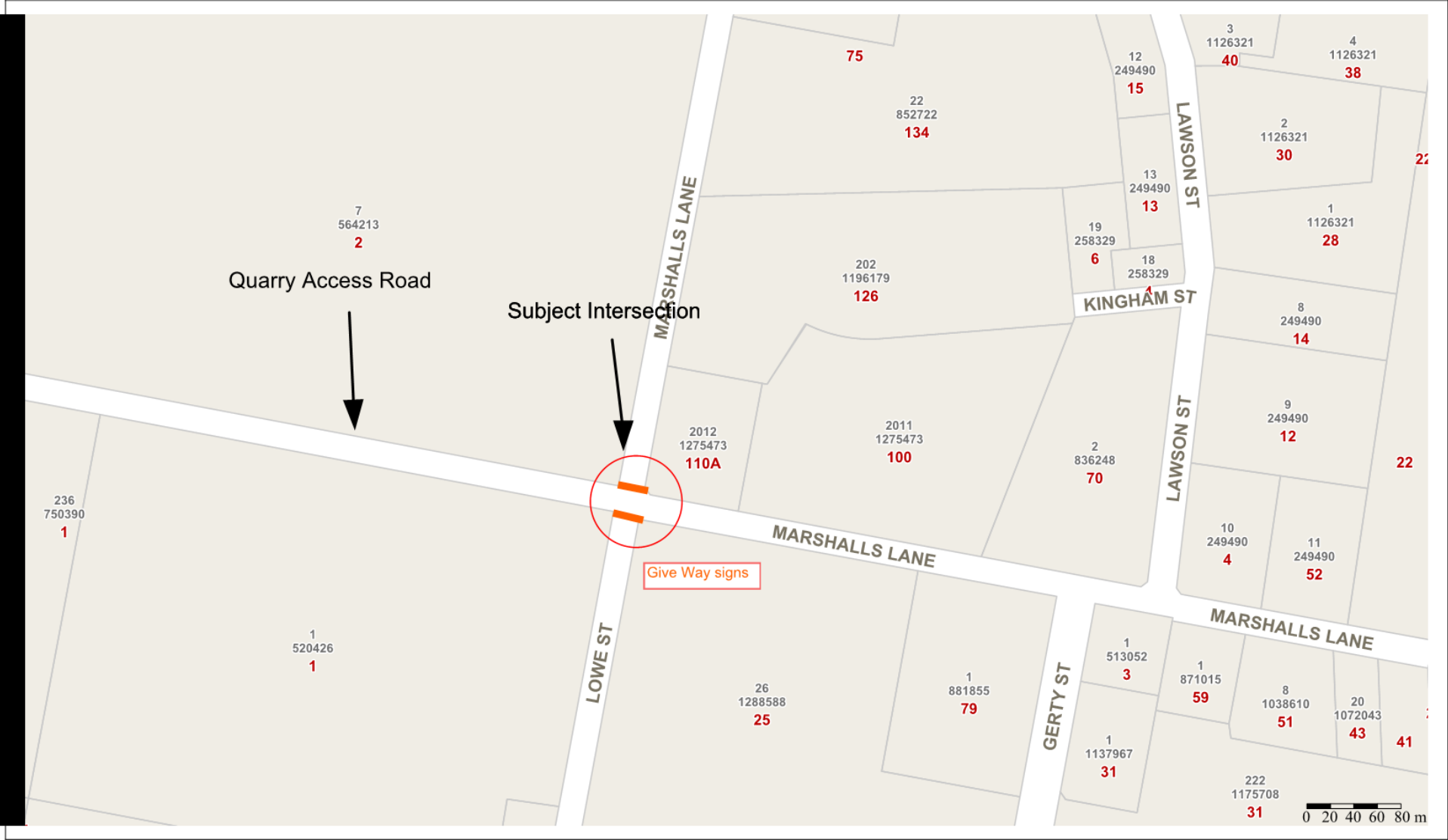
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Street Event – Blayney Show 22 March 2025

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. 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 \$20M Public Liability Insurance Policy 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 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.
- m. 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 3 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.

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Marshalls Lane Intersection

17) DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT

Department: Planning and Environmental Services

Author: Director Planning and Environmental Services

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

File No: GO.ME.1

Recommendation:

That the Development Assessment Report be received and noted.

Reason for Report:

To update Council on development applications and complying development certificates determined during the period 1 July 2024 to 30 November 2024.

To advise Council with a list of applications currently under assessment.

Report:

The following enclosures are provided for Council's information;

1. Applications approved under delegated authority during the period,
2. Applications currently under assessment

There were no applications refused under delegated authority during the period.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Nil

Budget Implications:

Nil

Enclosures (following report)

1	Development Assessment Quarterly Report	8 Pages
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Attachments (separate document)

Nil

1. Applications approved under delegated authority during the period

DA NUMBER	APPLICATION DATE	APPLICANTS NAME	APPLICATION DESCRIPTION OF WORK	PROPERTY ADDRESS	DATE APPROVED	VALUE
2023/0013	31/01/2023	Ambrose Hallman	Demolition of Four (4) existing buildings within the Blayney Railway yard	20 Railway Lane Blayney	17/07/2024	\$11,000.00
2023/0096	14/08/2023	Nicholas Reeks	Alterations and additions to existing dwelling	361 Millpost Creek Rd Mandurama	12/07/2024	\$400,000.00
2023/0121	10/10/2023	Ian Gillings	Alterations & Additions to an Existing Shed	27 Victoria St Millthorpe	03/07/2024	\$65,000.00
2023/0132	08/11/2023	Arete Survey Solutions	Two (2) Lot Subdivision	40 Plumb St Blayney	01/08/2024	-
2023/0141	12/12/2023	Daniel Wilcox	Erection of a Dwelling	114 Forest Reefs Rd Millthorpe	04/07/2024	\$1,300,000.00
2023/0142	12/12/2023	Divlist Pty. Limited & Mikell Investments Pty Ltd	Erection of a dwelling	1b Morley St Millthorpe	05/07/2024	\$619,820.00
2024/0029	26/04/2024	Southwell Design And Drafting	Erection of a Dwelling	2 Knox Place Millthorpe	23/07/2024	\$436,405.50
2024/0032	22/05/2024	Gregory Coleman	4 bedroom residential dwelling with attached double garage, retaining wall and proposed shed by owner	4 Streatfeild Close Blayney	17/07/2024	\$505,224.00
2024/0033	23/05/2024	Warren Jones	Installation of an Inground Fibreglass Swimming Pool	89 Millpost Creek Rd Mandurama	02/07/2024	\$25,995.00
2024/0034	23/05/2024	Kenneth McRae	Alterations and Additions to an Existing Dwelling	60 Victoria St Millthorpe	23/07/2024	\$218,300.00
2024/0037	24/05/2024	Marcus McMahon	Erection of a Hay Shed	3398 Hobbys Yards Rd Blayney	04/07/2024	\$95,000.00

2024/0038	28/05/2024	Richard Southwell	Alterations and Additions to an Existing Dwelling	30 Stabback St Millthorpe	11/07/2024	\$425,202.00
2024/0039	28/05/2024	David Stansfield	Demolish Existing Shed, Erection Of A New Shed	8 Long Swamp Rd Forest Reefs	11/09/2024	\$66,000.00
2024/0041	30/05/2024	Cad Constructions	Erection of a Shed	22 Charles St Blayney	05/09/2024	\$55,000.00
2024/0044	04/06/2024	Chin Chang	Demolition of a garage and erection of a two storey residence and detached garage	3 Hawke St Millthorpe	31/07/2024	\$482,360.00
2024/0045	12/06/2024	Richard Mark Southwell	Dwelling	31 Crowson St Millthorpe	23/07/2024	\$255,000.00
2024/0046	14/06/2024	Blayney Investments Pty Ltd	Erection of a Shed (Farm Building)	4429 Mid Western Hwy Blayney	08/08/2024	\$92,500.00
2022/0120/1	19/06/2024	Michael Molloy	Boundary Adjustment	352 Gallymont Rd Mandurama	31/07/2024	-
2024/0048	19/06/2024	S & K Toshack Building Pty Ltd	Erection of a Dwelling	3 Raphael St Blayney	04/07/2024	\$310,000.00
2024/0050	26/06/2024	S & K Toshack Building Pty Ltd	Subdivide block and build a new house	12 Gilchrist St Blayney	20/09/2024	\$310,000.00
2024/0051	26/06/2024	Southwell Design And Drafting	Carport	10 Park St Millthorpe	09/10/2024	\$10,000.00
2024/0052	09/07/2024	Amanda & Warren Watts	Three (3) Lot Subdivision	344 Wattersons Lane Forest Reefs	27/11/2024	-
2024/0054	17/07/2024	TK Worboys Drafting And Design	Partial demolition of existing residence & construction of single storey alterations/ addition.	19 Willis Lane Millthorpe	03/10/2024	\$405,000.00
2024/0055	26/07/2024	TK Worboys Drafting And Design	Construction of a single storey Dwelling	19 Burrell Lane, Forest Reefs	08/08/2024	\$220,000.00
2024/0056	26/07/2024	Robert John Glenn	Erection of a shed 10.5m x 6m	28 Macquarie St Neville	05/09/2024	\$34,903.00

2023/0142/ 1	02/08/2024	Divlist Pty. Limited & Mikell Investments Pty Ltd	Modification - Erection of a dwelling	1b Morley St Millthorpe	08/08/2024	-
2024/0058	02/08/2024	Peter Edwards	Alterations & Additions to an Existing Dwelling	6 Sawyer St Barry	13/11/2024	\$154,000.00
2024/0059	02/08/2024	Jordan Ley	Erection of a Dwelling	7 Burrell Lane Forest Reefs	22/08/2024	\$88,421.32
2024/0060	02/08/2024	Timothy Asimus	Erection of a Dwelling with Garage	2 Hoynes Cct Blayney	25/09/2024	\$448,000.00
2024/0061	13/08/2024	Burge Family Trust & Ortiger Family Trust	Two Lot Residential Boundary Adjustment	28a Martha St Blayney	18/09/2024	-
2024/0062	13/08/2024	Stephanie Hingston Cook	Change of Use Beautician	62 Adelaide St Blayney	20/09/2024	\$2,000.00
2017/0022/ 3	03/09/2024	Paul Johannes Els	Erection of a Cottage	16 Collins St Carcoar	19/09/2024	-
2024/0012/ 1	03/09/2024	Sheran King	Alterations & Additions to Existing Dwelling	49 Church St Blayney	17/10/2024	-
2024/0044/ 1	03/09/2024	Chin Chang	Demolition of a garage and erection of a two storey residence and detached garage	3 Hawke St Millthorpe	11/10/2024	\$482,360.00
2024/0065	04/09/2024	Murray Graham McAllister	Construction of two single storey, detached dwellings (dual occupancy) Two (2) Lot Subdivision Torrens Title	21 Terragong St Blayney	14/11/2024	\$949,214.00
2024/0066	06/09/2024	John Batty	Construction of a double carport	16 Rowlands St Blayney	16/10/2024	\$5,864.00
2024/0067	07/09/2024	Evan Lee Pty Ltd	Demolition of internal walls at rear of existing dwelling and erection of rear addition including	4 Clarke St Blayney	21/10/2024	\$309,999.99

			new roof over addition and replacing existing rear roof.			
2023/0098/1	11/09/2024	M.D Botham & V.M Botham	Erection of a dwelling - Modification Retaining wall	5 Castle Vista Blayney	02/10/2024	-
2024/0068	12/09/2024	Derick Leifels	Erection of a Garage	53 Loquat St Mandurama	31/10/2024	\$15,000.00
2024/0069	17/09/2024	James Anthony Russell	Inground fibreglass swimming pool.	4 Showground Lane Millthorpe	10/10/2024	\$74,060.00
2024/0070	17/09/2024	Luke Bartholomew Holden	Alterations and Additions to existing shed	65 Eucalyptus Close Forest Reefs	17/10/2024	\$18,500.00
2024/0071	17/09/2024	Peter Julian Mullins	Erection of Farm Shed	186 Charles Booth Way Millthorpe	30/10/2024	\$103,730.00
2023/0143/1	19/09/2024	Natalie DeGabriel	Erection of a retaining wall	9 Castle Vista Blayney	10/10/2024	-
2024/0072	20/09/2024	Anthony Daintith Town Planning	Erection of a Shed - Light Industry	14 Radburn St Blayney	13/11/2024	\$532,290.00
2024/0073	25/09/2024	Lachlan Mclean Studio	Erection of a Dwelling	4 Palmer St Blayney	04/11/2024	\$218,350.00
2021/0123/1	30/09/2024	GJ Gardner Homes	Erection of a Dwelling	8 Turner St Barry	04/11/2024	-
2024/0075	11/10/2024	Willowdene Constructions Pty Ltd	Erection of a Dwelling	19 Hoynes Cct Blayney	21/10/2024	\$380,000.00
2018/0056/3	18/09/2024	Anthony Daintith Town Planning	Erection - Self Storage Units	1-3 Radburn St Blayney	21/10/2024	\$1,040,000.00
2006/72/1	23/10/2024	Anthony James Worland	Dwelling Additions And Demolition Development Category: Complying Development Type: Addition/Alteration Type Of Work: New Building	20 Pym St Millthorpe	14/11/2024	\$40,000.00
2024/0077	25/10/2024	Cadastre NSW	Subdivision Certificate only	23 Carcoar St Blayney	06/11/2024	-

			(Exempt Development)			
2024/0083	30/10/2024	Andrew Saunders Property Pty Ltd	Two (2) Lot Rural Subdivision	2431 Four Mile Creek Rd Panuara	27/11/2024	\$16,500.00
2024/0032/1	08/11/2024	Gregory Coleman	4 bedroom residential dwelling with attached double garage, retaining wall and proposed shed by owner	4 Streatfeild Close Blayney	27/11/2024	\$505,224.00
Total						\$11,726,222.81

2. Applications currently under assessment

DA NUMBER	APPLICATION DATE	APPLICANTS NAME	APPLICATION DESCRIPTION OF WORK	PROPERTY ADDRESS	VALUE
2019/0047	27/05/2019	Rockleigh Properties Pty Ltd	Two (2) Lot Subdivision	50 Victoria St Millthorpe	\$5,000.00
2021/0094	28/07/2021	Jameel Qureshi	Office Premise	99 Adelaide St Blayney	\$300,000.00
2022/0122	28/09/2022	David James Woods	Erection of a Dwelling and Shed	6436 Mid Western Hwy Lyndhurst	\$350,000.00
2023/0028	06/03/2023	Bathurst Sheds	Erection of a shed	2 Bourke St Newbridge	\$26,647.00
2023/0033	10/03/2023	David Somervaille	Boundary Adjustment	17 Henry St Blayney	-
2023/0055	01/05/2023	Rovest Holdings Pty Ltd	Change of use from a bowling club to motel accommodation including provision of a reception, laundry, kitchen, amenities and office within the existing bowling club building, demolition of other structures within the site, construction and installation of modular motel accommodation buildings providing 102 motel rooms and associated works including signage, parking and essential services connections.	62 Osman St Blayney	\$1,000,000.00
2023/0061	18/05/2023	Rockleigh Properties Pty Ltd	Change of Use - Dwelling to Medical Centre	3 Victoria St Millthorpe	\$150,000.00
2007/131/1	14/07/2023	Warren Watts	Modification - Consolidation of Thirty-One (31) Lots and Re-subdivision into Seventeen (17) Lots	160 Forest Reefs Rd Millthorpe	-
2023/0106	06/09/2023	Lyndall Hadlow	Erection Of A Dwelling And Garage	4072 Mid Western Hwy Blayney	\$650,000.00

2023/0116	27/09/2023	Haderslev Pty Ltd	Change of use - Animal Boarding and Training Facility for a maximum of Twenty (20) greyhounds only	239 Carbine Rd Forest Reefs	-
2023/0125	23/10/2023	Mark Whitney	Farm Stay Accommodation	3399 Mid Western Hwy Kings Plains	\$309,000.00
2024/0004	16/01/2024	Suzanne McGregor	Five (5) Lot Subdivision	78 Clover Ridge Rd Millthorpe	\$350,000.00
2024/0018	01/03/2024	Matthew Richard James Hardman	Erection of a Dwelling	9 Nyes Gates Rd Millthorpe	\$5,000.00
2024/0026	02/04/2024	Interbrands Pty Ltd	Construction of self storage units, hire yard, business office and the related site works and signages	7 Radburn St Blayney	\$3,165,911.00
2024/0057	01/08/2024	Mark Maybin	Erection of a Shed (Earthworks)	40 Burrell Lane Forest Reefs	\$120,000.00
2024/0063	03/09/2024	Morgan Family Property Holdings Py Ltd	Detached Dual Occupancy & Two (2) Lot Torren Title Subdivision	24 Knox Place Millthorpe	\$1,025,000.00
2024/0074	08/10/2024	TK Worboys Drafting And Design	Erection Of A Dwelling	41 Caloola St Newbridge	\$250,000.00
2024/0076	23/10/2024	V.P.S Pty Ltd	Erection of a Shed	9 Sawyer St Barry	\$27,654.00
2024/0078	25/10/2024	Peter Basha Planning & Development	Demolition and Erection of a Dwelling	4 Montgomery St Millthorpe 2	\$622,028.00
2024/0079	01/11/2024	Andrew Saunders Property Pty Ltd	Boundary Adjustment	7029 Mid Western Hwy Lyndhurst	\$5,000.00
2024/0080	06/11/2024	Virginia Robyn Turner	Erection of Shed	48 Crouch St Neville	\$20,000.00
2024/0082	11/11/2024	Brett Moulds Design & Drafting	Single storey dual occupancy including subdivision	40 Martha St Blayney	\$597,000.00
2024/0085	18/11/2024	Bassman Drafting Services	Erection of a dwelling	14 Knox Place Millthorpe	\$637,260.00

2024/0084	19/11/2024	Cavalier Homes Central West Nsw	Construction of a single storey dwelling and retaining walls	2 Starr Place Blayney	\$498,727.00
2024/0086	21/11/2024	Lucas Mark Chapman	Erection of an external Garage	9 Torrens St Blayney	\$20,000.00
2024/0088	28/11/2024	Amy Louise Salmond	Erection of a Dwelling and Shed	60 Pittman Dr Browns Creek	\$400,000.00
Total					\$10,534,227.00

18) DELEGATE REPORT - MCPHILLAMYS GOLD PROJECT
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Department: Executive Services

Author: Councillor Reynolds

CSP Link: 5. Protect Our Natural Environment

File No: GR.LR.1

Recommendation:

That Council note the Delegate Report on the McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee meeting held 25 November 2024.

Reason for Report:

To update Council on the recent Community Consultative Committee on 25 November 2024 for the proposed McPhillamys Gold Project.

Report:

A State Significant development, being the McPhillamys Gold Project is proposed within Blayney Shire.

This proposed development has received NSW State Government planning approval but the project area has recently been impacted by a section 10 declaration made by the Federal Minister for the Environment, which could stop the project from proceeding.

Stopping of the project will have a significant impact on Blayney Shire Council's financial situation with income projections from rates and a voluntary planning agreement for its 10-year financial plan.

This report is provided to update Councillors and the community on the current status of the project and what pathways forward the company developing the mine, Regis Resources, is proposing.

While there were several issues discussed there were two major focuses discussed during the meeting.

The first being an update on the project. The committee were informed about the current status with regards to the section 10 declaration over part of the mining site, being the tailings dam and river. This status is detailed below in the attached minutes.

The second issue is how the Kings Plains Community is hurting by the decision to stop the mine through the section 10 declaration. It is important to note that this community has been left in limbo from the section 10 declaration.

This has created frustration, confusion and anger amongst community members which is noted under General Business in the attached minutes.

The following extract is from McPhillamys Gold Project Community Consultative Committee minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25 November 2024:

4. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

The chair, David Ross advised he had recently been informed that, to comply with the Privacy Act, emails to members would either need to be:

- *Addressed to members as blind carbon copies; or*
- *Seek approval from each member for their email addresses to be visible to one another.*

Action described above to resolve this.

Following the local government elections, Blayney Shire Council has determined that representation on the three CCCs that are of relevance to Council will now come from councillors, rather than staff. David Ross thanked Mark Dicker for his involvement to date on the committee.

5. Correspondence.

There were no questions raised by committee members in the lead-up to the meeting.

6. Update of Project

Danielle Wallace (DW), from Regis Resources commenced by stating there has been a lot of discussion and media articles in relation to the Section 10 Declaration at Kings Plains since 16 August 2024, which made the project unviable.

The Statement of Reasons was published on 11 October 2024. Since the Declaration was made, Regis has been considering its legal options as well as alternate locations for the tailings storage facility (TSF) not covered by the Section 10. Regis has ruled out a number of potential areas.

Danielle Wallace then talked to the Statement, which had been tabled for members. The claim was made on the basis that:

- *The Wiradjuri have a significant spiritual connection to the particular area, including the Blue Banded Bee Dreaming;*
- *The area sits within an important cultural landscape of the Three Brothers Dreaming, which contains culturally important songlines; and*
- *The area contains sites of Aboriginal heritage.*

Danielle Wallace encouraged members to look at the Statement of Reason. This was proceeded by questions from members as to, for example, whether the declaration has been before the Federal Senate.

Regis has informed the ASX that it had commenced legal proceedings in the Federal Court. Specifically, through a judicial review, Regis is seeking to challenge the Minister's decision and have the Section 10 declaration ruled invalid. Furthermore, through the judicial review, Regis is seeking to have the Section 10 declaration determined by a different Minister.

Further discussion then took place on the implications of the anticipated Federal election. It was observed that a new Minister could overturn the decision; however, DW advised the process must be followed, and it is quite complex.

Danielle Wallace observed that Regis hoped for the Judicial review to be resolved by mid-2025 so that the company has clarity and can move forward with work.

Wayne Taylor, Regis Resources reminded members that Regis had been proactively seeking to develop a social impact management plan (SIMP). However, due to the Section 10 declaration, the SIMP has been put on hold. Nevertheless, he emphasised that Regis is still undertaking baseline environmental monitoring (for example, dust and noise).

Wayne Taylor continued, discussing the options for an alternate area for the tailings dam storage. Logistically, it is difficult to locate an area that will be feasible. Thirty different locations have been considered with 29 of those not feasible due to the declaration. The remaining option is not in an ideal location.

Despite this, Wayne Taylor informed members that it is likely to take six to 12 months to develop a solution to a conceptual level. Furthermore, in response to a question from DR, WT noted that, should an alternate site be determined to be feasible, a comprehensive environmental assessment would need to take place, stretching works out a number of years.

7. General business

Elizabeth Russ, Community Representative expressed frustration that the media has ignored the residents of Kings Plain when discussing the mine's situation. She believed that there has been reference in articles to the mine and reference to jobs for local people – but not for the Kings Plain community, who are feeling like they are in limbo.

Councillor Bruce Reynolds assured Elizabeth Russ that he has also been referring to Kings Plain when he is interviewed; however, he cannot control what the media does with his responses.

David Ross opened general business by inviting members to hold group discussions specifically to discuss:

- *The current situation;*
- *2025 and the frequency of meetings; and*

- *Any feedback for him on his chairing and what members may require from Regis at future meetings.*

Once members reconvened for a committee-wide discussion, Kathryn Logan, Regis Resources advised meeting that Regis would not have much to discuss if a February meeting was set. Consequently, members agreed that the first meeting for 2025 should not be held until Monday 24th March, at the same time and venue.

David Ross thanked everyone for their time and contribution.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:

Nil

Budget Implications:

Nil

Enclosures (following report)

Nil

Attachments (separate document)

Nil