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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Clause 240(4) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires Council to refer any business to be considered when the meeting is closed to the public in the Ordinary Business Paper prepared for the same meeting. Council will discuss the following items under the terms of the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A(2), as follows:

ITEM 1 MONTANA PARK UPGRADE

(d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it

ITEM 1 - APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To allow tendering of apologies for councillors not present.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS LEAVE OF ABSENCE - 1722571

RECOMMENDATION

THAT any apologies tendered be accepted and the necessary leave of absence be granted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A call for apologies is to be made.

ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To allow an opportunity for councillors to declare an interest in any items to be determined at this meeting.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS AND STAFF DECLARATION OF INTEREST - 2024 - 1722585

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Declarations of Interest be noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A call for Declarations of Interest.

ITEM 3 - DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To allow for an opportunity for Councillors to declare any Political Donation received.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF POLITICAL DONATIONS - 1722592

RECOMMENDATION

THAT any political donations be noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A call for declarations of any political donations.

ITEM 4 - INFRASTRUCTURE (OTHER) INFORMATION REPORT

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To provide update on key projects within the Urban Infrastructure Department
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	See report
IPR Linkage	2.1.1.5a - Carry out inspections and maintenance in accordance with agreed levels of service.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COMMITTEES - REPORTS OF 2024 - 1722862

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the committee note the strategic Urban Infrastructure update.

DEPARTMENT LEADER - URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

STRATEGIC ACTIVITY ITEM 1 – Showground Master Plan (Molong, Cudal and Eugowra)

The Showground Plans of Management (PoM) were sent to the Minister for consent in December 2023. Council has received consent to place the Molong and Cudal Showground Plans of Management on public exhibition. The Eugowra Showground Plan of Management required some minor amendments and consent can be expected in the coming weeks. The PoMs will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days with a period for comment of 42 days.

Councils are required to develop Plans of Management (PoMs) for all council managed Crown Reserves on community land. Consultants were engaged to assist with developing plans for the other 73 reserves managed by council, which is now complete. Council endorsed at its June 2024 meeting to send the Crown Reserve PoMs to the Minister for consent.

STRATEGIC ACTIVITY 2 – KEY PROJECT UPDATES

a) Insurance projects

The remaining insurance amount has been included as a co-contribution to the application for the Community Asset Program funding. The insurance money will be utilised between three projects – the relocation of the Molong hockey field, the relocation of the Manildra multi-purpose courts and the refurbishment of the former premises of the Eugowra Pre-School.

b) Flood Recovery Community Assets Program Projects

The CAP applications were submitted on Wednesday 8 May 2024. Cabonne was allocated a nominal amount of \$8,350,000 and was required to submit eligible projects. We have submitted eleven (11) projects to the value of \$10,054,314.06. These projects are summarized below:

1. Relocation of the Molong hockey field
2. Eugowra Sportsground - lighting
3. Refurbishment of the former Eugowra Pre-School site
4. Activate Memorial Park Eugowra
5. Relocation of Manildra multi-purpose courts
6. Restoration of Eugowra Historical Museum and Bushranger Centre
7. Refurbishment of Cabonne caravan park amenities
8. Activation of Hunter Caldwell sports precinct
9. Activation of Eugowra CBD
10. Activation of Eugowra showground
11. Restoration of Eugowra pool and amenities

The assessment outcome of the application is expected 5 July 2024 and work can commence after an executed deed is granted in September/October.

c) Yeoval Recreation Ground – SCCF5

The funding project scope was amended to cover a new tennis court shelter after consultation with the stakeholders. The design has been completed and request for quotes received from shed installers and a contract entered into to progress the installation of the shed. Completion is expected by the end of August.

d) Eugowra Multipurpose Centre

While we are experiencing some difficulties with the builder, there has been progress on site. Structural steelwork has been erected. Some rectification will be required which the contractor has committed to carrying out. Certification of steel will follow, followed by brickwork and cladding commencing in the next 2 weeks. The contractor is estimating completion by early September, although early October is a more likely timeframe. An extension for the grant funding has been received and has effect until the end of the current calendar year.

e) Montana Park, Manildra

The amenities block will be installed in September/October 2024. The footpath tender was competitive, with four (4) experienced contractors submitting prices. The works are in excess of the available budget and cannot be reduced further without compromising the overall project. Please reference the separate report requesting allocation of savings from other infrastructure funds to ensure the completion of this project is achieved.

f) Cabonne Home Support (CHS) Refurbishment

The Development Application has been submitted and the proposal is to be placed on public exhibition, with the prescribed submission phase of 42 days applicable to the development proposal. Construction documentation is progressing with the aim of applying for a Construction Certificate, and to tender the project once the relevant approvals are obtained. It is proposed that the tender be provided to the incoming council for endorsement.

g) Molong and Canowindra CBD - Activate Cabonne Projects

The Molong Main Street project has been completed.

Contractors have been engaged to complete the Belubula riverbank rehabilitation and to replace the existing Swinging Bridge. The bridge will not be accessible for a period of approximately 3 months – mid-August to mid-November. The rehabilitation work will be undertaken between the existing bridge being demolished and the new bridge being constructed. A detailed description of these works will be mailed out to the Canowindra community next week. Completion of this work will be December 2024.

h) Activating Cargo Village Green – Tennis Courts

Work is due to commence in early August.

i) Cabonne Pool Upgrades

As per the report at the last council meeting, council rejected all tenders and entered negotiations with the preferred tenderer TWS (NSW) Pty Ltd

for stage 1 of the pump room upgrades at Molong, Cumnock, Yeoval and Canowindra pools. The original tender was for \$1.6m for the stage 1 works. During negotiations and a reduction in scope the project costs have been reduced to \$1,016,850.30, which is within the stage 1 budget.

ITEM 5 - INFRASTRUCTURE - UTILITIES REPORT

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To provide an update on key projects with the Urban Infrastructure - Utilities Department
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	2.4.1.1b - Continue to maintain drinking water management system and ensure drinking water guidelines are complied with.
Annexures	Nil
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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the committee note the strategic Urban Infrastructure – Utilities update.

DEPARTMENT LEADER - URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

Sub Regional Town Water Strategy (SRTWS)

The SRTWS is partially funded by the State Government, Orange Council, Central Tablelands Water and Cabonne Council (the councils). The project seeks to understand the challenges and opportunities across the regions of the councils to develop strategies that could be further considered for water security across the region. The options will consider the strategic links that could be achieved that provides infrastructure enabling water to be shared across council areas. Council will be aware of the necessity of the reliance on Orange during the 2019 drought to provide a suitable water source for the continuation of water supply to Molong when the Molong Creek Dam levels dropped to an unusable level.

The project has looked at the secure yield of each council's water sources, including surface water and groundwater, modelling of demand and consideration of the options for securing the future demands on the water requirements.

The project had originally been scheduled for completion end of June. However, due to approval processes beyond the control of councils there have been

delays of up to 6 months. It is now anticipated for this project to be completed by the end of December.

The project has a budget of \$365,118.00 with DCCEEW contributing 75% of the funds and the three councils contributing \$30,426.50 each. The project is currently expected to go over budget by approximately \$5,000 due to increases to the groundwater assessment criteria being placed on the project by DCCEEW. Any over expenditure will be shared with the three councils.

Molong Water Security (MWS)

The Molong Water Security Project has been co-funded through the Safe and Secure Water Program of the State Government and Cabonne Council.

The objective of this project is to identify the shortfall in volumes of water across our existing water sources and identify the water security volume required. The project has included the assessment of a variety of options to address the shortage and enabled the preferred option to be developed and made shovel ready for future funding applications or tendering.

The project is still in its optioneering and design phase, although the options have now been reduced to two viable options that intend to provide value for council and its customers.

One of the options was consideration of additional groundwater sources in Molong. This work has progressed with regulators providing the necessary approval to undertake two test bores in Molong. The works on these bores are progressing as this report is being developed and there should be initial information on the expected results from the test bores at the committee meeting.

Another element of the options includes a replacement of a portion of the pipeline from Molong Creek Dam to Molong being considered. The assessment has Peters Pit to Molong water treatment plant being upgraded to a single pipeline. This option also addresses the aging infrastructure.

The project has a budget of \$770,000 with DCCEEW funding 75% and council contributing \$192,500, and further provision for on-costs. On current projects the project is expected to come in on budget. However, there is quite a lot of uncertainty around the test bores that may impact on this.

East Molong

Discussions continue with the applicant of the planning proposal. Council staff have been collaborating with the developer and their technical and planning team to progress the servicing of the development for water, sewer, stormwater, transport, footpaths, playgrounds and open spaces. Conversations at this stage are refining elements of the proposal with the intent to provide a smoother transition through the gateway process.

In relation to the water and sewer. These elements are quite complicated as the proposal has a major impact on the existing infrastructure. Council and their consultants have progressed understanding the impacts the development has across the water and sewer infrastructure to provide advice on preferred options and associated costs.

It is hoped these works will be finalised in the coming month to further progress information for their application. It is anticipated these works will inform a Voluntary Planning Agreement for the proposed development.

Strategic development

Council has been working on integrating DCCEEW's Regulatory Assurance Framework into council's Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation. This work has identified areas that require further development of strategy.

The strategy considered important to progress is the asset condition assessment, Developer Servicing Plans and Long-Term Financial Plan. Council has submitted information to DCCEEW to seek funding under the Safe and Secure Water Program to fund these works. All plans will need updating across both water and sewer businesses of council.