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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 - 1530448

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 - 2023 - 1530454

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 - 1530457

RECOMMENDATION

THAT any political donations be noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A call for declarations of any political donations.

ITEM 4 - ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UPDATE

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	For the information of the committee
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	3.2.1.2a - Review the Waste Management Strategy.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\WASTE MANAGEMENT\CAMPAIGNS\NETWASTE - 1534991

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information contained in the report be noted.

DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER - CABONNE SERVICES REPORT

The following report has been compiled by the Environmental Services Department Leader:

Netwaste – JR Richards waste contract

For the information of the committee, the February invoice for the domestic waste service included a fee for replacement of over 200 mobile garbage bins that were lost / destroyed at Eugowra during the natural disaster on the 14 November 2022. The replacement of this large quantity of both general waste and recycling bins was deemed outside the terms of the domestic waste contract, and the cost invoiced to council (who in turn will be seeking State government reimbursement of the cost as part of flood disaster recovering funding).

The replacement of 151 bins has so far incurred unbudgeted costs to council of \$23,000.

Yeoval and Molong Transfer Station – revision of hours of operation

Further to previous reports to the committee, the community utilization of both the Yeoval transfer station and the Molong greenwaste site continues to demonstrate underutilization, with the costs to operate the sites exceeding the income generated.

As flagged in the earlier updates to council, it is proposed to revise the operating hours at both facilities. This will see the introduction from 1 July 2023 to the facilities being opened for half a day per week, being a Saturday. A community notification program is to be implemented to inform the community of the changes to opening days and times.

The Molong greenwaste facility commenced operating as a manned facility accepting recyclable materials in July 2022, as a trial period following the loss during the 2021 flood of a bank of 240litre recycling bins installed in Bett Street to accept cardboard and aluminum cans.

In the period of 23 weeks from 10 July 2022 to 26 February 2023 the cost to operate the site, to open each Sunday, has been \$12,426 (staff wages, site office hire and generator costs). The income received during that time frame was \$832. The operating loss for the site during the reported time is \$11,594. (Additional operating costs, being the transfer of recyclable material for processing, has not been factored into the costs).

It is proposed to reduce the opening hours to half a day per week and to continue monitoring the community use and demand for the recycling and greenwaste components of the site.

The Yeoval transfer station is manned two days a week being Tuesday and Saturday. The underutilization of this facility has previously been raised with the committee and with the Yeoval Progress Association.

The period 1 January 2022 – 27 August 2022 resulted in income generated of \$2,691 while expenditure to staff the site was \$14,583 (a loss of \$11,892).

Current operating records indicate that from 11 February 2023 to 29 April 2023 the income derived was \$470 while expenditure was \$3,860 (a loss of \$3,390).

It is proposed to reduce the opening hours to half a day per week and to continue monitoring the community use and demand for the site. Staff would operate the Yeoval site each Saturday morning and the Molong site during the afternoon. Community communication will be undertaken in the six weeks leading up to the changes being introduced. This will be via correspondence to the relevant progress groups, social media information, and flyers to be handed to members of the community who are currently accessing the transfer stations.

Biosecurity

The council's biosecurity team has been focusing on spraying blackberry around the LGA. Private property inspections have been completed for the 2022/2023 financial period and re-inspections are also close to being completed.

ITEM 5 - INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Innovation & Technology update
Policy Implications	NIL
Budget Implications	NIL
IPR Linkage	1.3.1.1f - Ensure Council adequately manages its cybersecurity risks.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COMMITTEES - REPORTS OF 2023 - 1534976

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information in the report be noted.

DEPARTMENT LEADER - INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY'S REPORT

Mid-Scale Solar Plant

The Mid-Scale Solar Plant is still progressing. Council staff have begun discussions with T-Corp in order to fund the construction of the proposed Mid-Scale Solar Plant and are working with consultants to address the funding requirements.

There is an opportunity to re-work some components of the solar plant which would result in lower construction costs at the expense of more electrical studies. The net result would be a saving and should have no impact on project timelines.

Shared Chief Information Security Officer

Council's Department Leader – Innovation & Technology (DL-IT) is a member of the Central NSW Joint Organisation's (CNSWJO) IT Manager's group, which meets regularly throughout the year. At its meeting in February the group received a presentation from the Chief Information Officer at Shoalhaven City Council about an initiative undertaken by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Joint Organisation to employ a Chief Information Security Officer to be shared by their 4 member councils. The Chief Information Security Officer is a specialist position that member councils could not justify individually, the role is a strategic one and is responsible for developing and maintaining each council's cybersecurity strategy and roadmap. The role works with existing IT teams to deliver the projects identified in the roadmap, develop/review policy and procedure and ensure appropriate controls are in place.

Following the presentation, the CNSWJO IT Managers group formed a working group to explore the possibility of a similar initiative amongst CNSWJO member councils. Council's DL-IT joined the working group along with IT Managers from Bathurst, Blayney and Orange councils and CNSWJO staff. The group developed a proposal, draft position description and costings to submit to the CNSWJO's General Manager's Advisory Committee's April meeting for consideration, where it was accepted. The working group has now commenced working on next steps to progress employing a Chief Information Security Officer across the CNSWJO member councils that wish to participate. Steps include finalising the position description, identifying a host council and any requirements they may have and identifying any contractual arrangements required to jointly employ someone into the role.

In addition to the functions listed previously there will be an emphasis on identifying common cybersecurity projects across member councils to enable efficiencies by working collaboratively and to apply shared learnings across member councils where appropriate.