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**ITEM 1 - APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Reason For Report</b>   | To allow tendering of apologies for councillors not present.  |
| <b>Policy Implications</b> | Nil   |
| <b>Budget Implications</b> | Nil   |
| <b>IPR Linkage</b>         | 1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.                                 |
| <b>Annexures</b>           | Nil   |
| <b>File Number</b>         | \\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS LEAVE OF ABSENCE - 1530429 |

**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**

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Reason For Report</b>   | To allow an opportunity for councillors to declare an interest in any items to be determined at this meeting.                   |
| <b>Policy Implications</b> | Nil   |
| <b>Budget Implications</b> | Nil   |
| <b>IPR Linkage</b>         | 1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.   |
| <b>Annexures</b>           | Nil   |
| <b>File Number</b>         | \\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS AND STAFF DECLARATION OF INTEREST - 2023 - 1530437 |

**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**

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Reason For Report</b>   | To allow for an opportunity for Councillors to declare any Political Donation received.                                   |
| <b>Policy Implications</b> | Nil   |
| <b>Budget Implications</b> | Nil   |
| <b>IPR Linkage</b>         | 1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.   |
| <b>Annexures</b>           | Nil   |
| <b>File Number</b>         | \\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF POLITICAL DONATIONS - 1530440 |

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT any political donations be noted.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

A call for declarations of any political donations.

**ITEM 4 - INFRASTRUCTURE (OTHER) STRATEGIC ACTIVITES REPORT**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Reason For Report</b>   | To provide committee members of updates within the Urban Infrastructure Department.           |
| <b>Policy Implications</b> | Nil   |
| <b>Budget Implications</b> | Nil   |
| <b>IPR Linkage</b>         | 2.1.1.5a - Carry out inspections and maintenance in accordance with agreed levels of service. |
| <b>Annexures</b>           | Nil   |
| <b>File Number</b>         | \\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COMMITTEES - REPORTS OF 2022 - 1535264 |

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the committee note the strategic Urban Infrastructure update.

**DEPARTMENT LEADER - URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT**

**STRATEGIC ACTIVITY ITEM 1 – Regional Town Water Strategy (RTWS)**

Cabonne Council, Orange Council and Central Tablelands Water (COC) have been working together to develop a RTWS.

Approvals from DPE have been provided and consultants have commenced works on obtaining data and information from the three utilities to commence building knowledge and modelling of the networks. Recent discussions with the working party and consultant have indicated the project completion is likely to be closer to the end of this calendar year.

**Next steps:**

- COC continue to work with the consultant to develop modelling of climate data to inform future demands of water across the region and therefore the volumes required to provide water security for the communities serviced by the COC network.

**STRATEGIC ACTIVITY ITEM 2 – Molong Housing Infrastructure Growth Business Case - Water and Sewer upgrades.**

Council have been working with our consultant on developing the business case for the expansion of the water and sewerage infrastructure upgrades. The business case will look at augmentation and upgrades of both the water and sewerage infrastructure to ensure safe, secure, affordable and sustainable development of these service are achieved. This business case will highlight the importance and the financial implications of expansion of these services to enable the growth strategy of Molong. The business case will be provided to Council for review at the May Council meeting.

**Next steps:**

Complete and submit the business case and application for funding of the Molong water and sewerage upgrades.

**STRATEGIC ACTIVITY ITEM 3 – Grant Updates**

Council have been successful in an application of funding \$577,500 from the Safe and Secure Water Program (SSWP) to address Molong's water supply security issues. Department of Planning and Environment – Water identified the water security of Molong as a category 5 in their risk prioritization process. This has enabled Council to apply for funding under the SSWP to fund work to develop options to reduce the risk associated with water security for Molong. The total funding for this project is \$770,000 with Council required to contribute \$192,500 to secure the funding from SSWP. The outcome of the project will provide an options study and concept designs to provide a tender ready project.

**Next steps:**

Council will develop a request for tender documentation to engage a Consultant to work with Council in achieving the goals of the project.

**STRATEGIC ACTIVITY 4 – KEY PROJECT UPDATES**

a) Canowindra Sports Ground Change Rooms and Spectator Seating  
Works are progressing well with the construction of the new grandstand and spectator seating project. Earthworks, concrete slab, in-slab drainage and block works are complete. The project is progressing well, however there have been rain delays which have extended the completion date of the project to 10/8/2023.

b) Yeoval Recreation Ground – SCCF3  
This project is now complete with storage shed, tennis court resurfacing and concrete apron now all in place. Acquital and completion of the funding requirements is now the only matter in progress.  
As previously announced the SCCF4 Yeoval rec ground project has been announced. We have received advice from the community that they wish to change components of this project and redivert funds and project deliverables to the playground. Council staff will liaise with the community on these potential changes.

c) Eugowra Medical Centre  
The work on the medical center were completed in early April. Council have completed inspection and advised of defects required to be rectified to enable Occupation Certificate (OC). Council will advise the Eugowra Medical Committee of the OC as soon as it is achieved.  
The contractor is continuing works in the 2 adjoining units and these works are on track for completion end of June.

d) Eugowra and Manildra Female Change Rooms  
Council staff have investigated the possibilities of repurposing the building formerly used for the Eugowra childcare facilities to incorporate the female change rooms. The investigations have concluded this is a viable option. The next step will be to discuss this with the key stakeholder being the Eugowra rugby club.  
The design cannot commence until issues around the insurance are resolved, expected to be in the next month.

The Manildra change rooms stakeholder consultation has been completed with agreement from the stakeholder that the concept design and project objectives are in alignment with their expectations. The tender documentation is being finalized and expected to be advertised for tender at the end of May.

e) Cabonne Community Centre  
Unfortunately the Contractors not achieved the progress as indicated and further delays have been identified. Our project managers Public Works Advisory are working with the contractor to encourage expediency of works, whilst maintaining quality outcomes.  
Currently the project completion is expected to be end of June.

f) Eugowra Multipurpose Centre

Redesign completed to incorporate larger floor plan to serve as an evacuation center for Eugowra. A key stakeholder meeting has been set for 8 May to review the redesigned plans. Following agreement on the redesign from the stakeholders a modification of the Development Application and Construction Certificate plans will need to be completed for works to commence. Completion is anticipated for December.

g) Molong Office Front Façade

Works are in progress with replacement of guttering now complete and painting now well underway. There will be a requirement to close the front reception area prior to the works on the front wall establishing. The reception will be relocated during this time to the entrance to the Council chambers whilst these works are in progress.

h) Cudal Office Refurbishment

These works have now commenced with significant delays in obtaining a construction certificate. The delays have been attributed to discussions between contractors designer and external certifier leading to modifications of designs to continue to meet regulatory compliance as well as budget constraints. Works are expected to be completed early August with move in to commence immediately after. It is anticipated full operations from the renovated facility will occur in September.

i) Molong and Canowindra CBD - Activate Cabonne Projects

Works have commenced on the Molong Main Street project with the vault works between Gidley and Edwards St advancing. Concrete works for the wall are now underway. Canowindra project has also commenced with the purchase of items such as seats, planter boxes and bins completed. Design works are nearing completion on the landscaping in front to the Age of Fishes, RSL corner and pool precincts. Works to identify underground services will be undertaken to finalise design capabilities and considerations of these services. We will progress construction program and methodologies to work towards installation.

j) Pools – Building Better Regions Funding (BBRF) Projects

The Building Better Regions funded (BBRF) projects have commenced with fencing being the first item being considered. Council are also working on a request for quotation to engage a consultant to undertake the design and specification of the plant room upgrades. The construction works of the plant rooms will occur of several seasons with the intent to undertake these works outside of the pool season to reduce the impacts to the public as the pools will need to be closed during these works.