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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
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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
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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
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RECOMMENDATION

THAT any political donations be noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A call for declarations of any political donations.

ITEM 4 - HAMMER THROW CAGE - CANOWINDRA

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	For the committee to provide recommendation to council on direction of the Hammer Throw Cage.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Additional money may be required. Funding source yet to be determined
IPR Linkage	2.1.1.2a - Maintain sporting facilities in accordance with agreed levels of service.
Annexures	Nil
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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Infrastructure (Other) Committee provide recommendation to council on the preferred scope of works for the Canowindra Hammer Throw Cage project.

DEPARTMENT LEADER - URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

Council has a project budget of \$39,915 for the construction of a hammer throw cage at the Canowindra Sports Complex. At the request of the community this project was inserted into council's 2021 operational plan. The project has not been completed due a lack of funding to achieve the project scope of works.

BACKGROUND

The community have identified a local U17's NSW state champion currently being trained, along with other athletes, at the discus cage located at the Canowindra Sports Complex. The trainer, now based in Canowindra, has trained Commonwealth and Olympic hammer throw athletes and as well as training in both Canowindra and Cowra several times a week, brings in people from across NSW to train with him.

The suitability of the existing discus cage to safely undertake the hammer throw activities due to the height of the existing cage at approximately 3.6m has been identified as an issue as the dimensions of the existing discus cage do not reflect those required for hammer throw activities.

In an effort to move the project forward, option one and two were presented to the Infrastructure (Other) Committee at the meeting of 11 July 2023. Option three has now been included for consideration following feedback provided at this meeting.

Thor 9 Hammer Throw Cage Option 1

The community has expressed interest in installing a Thor 9 Hammer Cage, certified by World Athletics Organization and identified as a top-level competition hammer throw cage. Photos of these cages have been included below.

Council staff have contacted the supplier for pricing and information on the Thor 9 cage. The information below provides details of the benefits and challenges of the Thor 9 cage based on the investigations.

Council has received an updated price estimate for the supply and installation of the Thor 9 hammer throw cage which includes the cage infrastructure, hammer throw circle, synthetic grass for the cage area, project management and council overheads.

Total estimate for the supply and installation

\$112,365 + GST

Benefits:

- The Thor 9 cages have been certified by the World Athletics Organisation.
- The netting configuration provides additional safety for the athletes by absorbing the forces of the hammer in the netting and preventing rebounds if thrown off course.
- The Thor 9 cages will provide an opportunity for high level competition due to its configuration.
- Potential to continue to attract people to Canowindra.

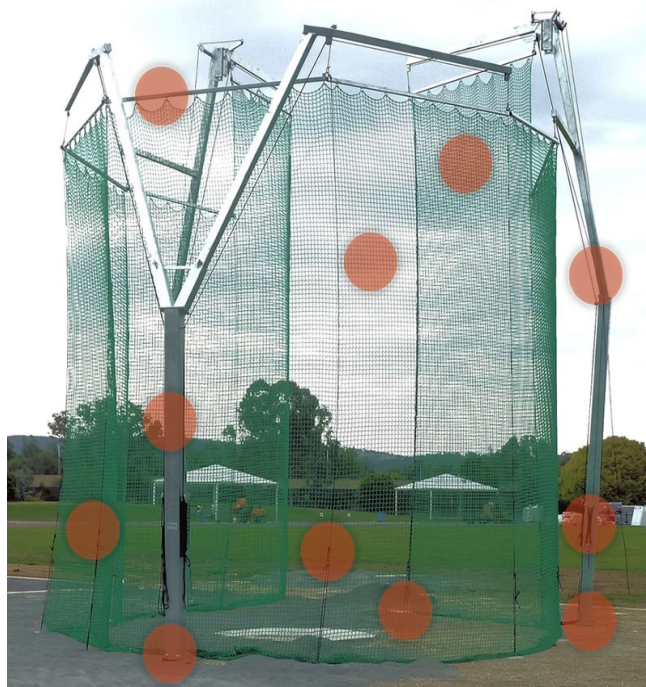
Issues:

- The price for the supply and installation of the Thor 9 cage well exceeds the current budget and will require funding from another project for this to be a consideration.
- With the lack of security, the ropes, netting and hardware are all vulnerable to vandalism.
- Misuse of the equipment is likely to cause damage with untrained operators.
- A replacement net is approx. \$10,000. The life expectancy is 8 – 10 years based on general use.
- The netting is rated to 100km/per hour winds. Therefore, to prevent damage the net will be required to be lowered if there is potential of a violent storm.
- Possibility of being a stranded or underutilized asset into the future if the current athletes and trainer move on.
- The weight of the netting is approximately 200kg and therefore it is restrictive to put away in storage when not in use.
- The installer recommends annual maintenance of the pulleys, ropes and systems.
- Potential damage from mowers.
- An increased ongoing maintenance budget will also be required.

Thor 9 Cage with netting in the lowered position.



Thor 9 cage with netting in the raised position.



Chain Wire Cage Option 2

Council staff have considered the installation of a chain wire cage with a height of 5.8m and completed a cost estimate of a chain wire alternative hammer throw cages. The benefits and issues are described below.

Staff have costed a chainwire cage with throwing ring, synthetic turf throwing circle surface, project management and Council on-costs.

Total estimate of supply and installation **\$53,165 + GST**

Benefits:

- Cost of construction is less than half that of the Thor 9 cage.
- Has an estimated life expectancy of approx. 40 years.
- Durable and not susceptible to vandalism.
- Fixed equipment with no need for trained operators.
- No ongoing maintenance.
- Is not impacted by adverse weather events.

Issues:

- Costs will exceed the current budget and will require further funding from another project.
- Likelihood of a potential rebound of the hammer if thrown off course.
- Would not enable high level competition usage.

HAMMER THROW CAGE – Height Dimensions



Option 3 – Utilisation of donated labour

During the Infrastructure (Other) Committee of 11 July 2023, Councilor Pull indicated there had been offers from local tradespeople willing to donate time to install the hammer throw cage. In considering these offers, Council staff have assessed the likely costs of supply of the Thor 9 Hammer Throw Cage, concrete and synthetic turf only (no inclusion of installation costs):

Total estimate of supply	\$65,000 + GST
Additional funds required for supply	\$25,085 + GST

Were Council to support this option, a decision will need to be made on the allocation of additional funds required for supply.

Further, Council staff recommend that if the use of donated labour were to be utilised, the Canowindra Sports Trust would be better placed to manage the delivery of the project. This would entail the budgeted amount being donated to the Sports Trust.

The expectation is that the ongoing maintenance and operational costs associated with the hammer throw cage would be the responsibility of the Canowindra Sports Trust.

Options analysis

Discussions with the Sports Trust regarding the available options have indicated that option two is not preferred, given the usage and the potential of the developing athletes competing in throwing sports. This option provides the most financially viable option, requiring \$13,250 to address the funding shortfall.

Of relevance to option two, the committee may wish to consider the proximity of the new Orange Sports Precinct, currently under construction, which includes a new competition level sports throwing cage.

Options one and three are essentially the same, but with a different delivery model. Delivery of the project with the assistance of donated labour is a positive outcome, should Council agree with this option.

Consideration of the benefits and issues of the competition net is of high importance in assessing this option. Installation of competition nets does have risks of damage if misused or not stored correctly, with a significant cost of replacement if required.

ITEM 5 - MANILDRA FEMALE CHANGEROOMS

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	For the committee to provide recommendation to the council on proceeding with the Manildra Female Changeroom project and providing recommendation of funding sources for the unfunded portion of the project.
Policy Implications	Procurement Policy is being adhered to
Budget Implications	Project is currently \$223,782 over budget provisions and will require additional funds
IPR Linkage	2.1.1.2a - Maintain sporting facilities in accordance with agreed levels of service.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COMMITTEES - REPORTS OF 2023 - 1597755
Previous Items	4 - MANILDRA FEMALE CHANGE ROOM TENDER - Council - 25 Jul 2023 2:00PM

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The Infrastructure (Other) Committee make a recommendation to the council to proceed with the Manildra Female Changeroom project.
2. The Infrastructure (Other) Committee recommend to council the source of funding for the additional \$223,782 required to complete this project.

DEPARTMENT LEADER - URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

Members of the Infrastructure (Other) Committee will recall the construction of the Manildra Female Changerooms was tendered with a report submitted to the ordinary council meeting in July for consideration where council resolved the following;

1. *Reject all tenders and enter into negotiation with the preferred contractor for the construction of the new female changerooms in Manildra, under Contract No 1552634; and*
2. *Delegate authority to the General Manager to enter into a contract with the preferred contractor after negotiations have concluded for the construction of the new female changerooms in Manildra, under Contract No 1552634; and*
3. *Agree to further funding allocation to be provided to ensure delivery of the project, subject to the negotiations with the preferred contract; and*
4. *Receive a future report on negotiations with the preferred contractor.*

The original submitted project budget is as per table below.

	Rate	Cost
Original Tendered Contract Price		\$487,909.09
Council On-Costs	15%	\$73,186.36
Contingency	5%	\$24,395.45
Total Project Value (exc GST)		\$585,490.90

Negotiation to form a contract

The following information outlines the detail relating to outcomes of the negotiations with the preferred contractor.

The council's project staff have met with the preferred contractor and completed review of the design and components to optimize the construction, including refining the fittings and fixtures. The intent of the project to provide a flood resilient facility has been maintained through the redesign.

The contractor was requested to resubmit a revised tender submission based on the amended scope of works.

At the completion of the redesign and costing the following project budget has been determined.

	Rate	Cost
Revised Contract Price		\$449,818.18
Council On-Costs	15%	\$67,472.73
Contingency*	5%	\$22,490.91
Total Project Value (exc GST)		\$539,781.82

The revision has provided project savings of \$45,709.08 (exc GST).

*The contingency is expected to be unlikely to be utilized given the redesign and therefore will be used to cover project management and consultant fees, currently approximately \$15,000.

Additional funding

This project has funding through the Stronger Country Communities Fund round 4 (SCCF4), with a total current funding amount of \$316,000. This amount is co-funded between SCCF4 contributing \$299,000 and Council contributing \$17,000.

The project costs will exceed the current funded amount by \$223,781.82 and will require additional funds to enable the project to commence.

Funding sources for the unfunded portion of the project budget can be obtained through the following sources.

The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grant (LRCI) program is the only grant funded program that will align with this project and can be used for this purpose. The LRCI can fund all the unfunded amount, or a part thereof.

Alternate funding sources may be obtained by deferring or deleting current capital projects that are funded by Council. A list of the Council funded projects that could be considered are:

- Hammer Throw Cage \$39k. (subject to a separate report)
- Smart Metering, approximately \$20k.
- Eugowra Urban Services Depot. Project is being nearing completion and will be delivered under budget. There will be approximately \$40k that could be available for this project.

There is potentially \$99,000 from these 3 projects that can be repurposed to fund the additional money required to enable this project to continue.

The request for the Infrastructure (Other) Committee is to make recommendation to the September council meeting to continue with the Manildra Female Changeroom project and fund the additional \$223,782 through a combination of LRCI and Council funded capital projects.

ITEM 6 - 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 2023 - 1597672

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)

Council have received the master plans first draft for each of the 3 showgrounds. Council staff are reviewing the drafts and providing feedback to the consultant for amendments.

Next steps:

- When the draft reports are completed, staff will distribute to the user groups and Councilors for a final review. When the reports have had their final review and finalised, they will then be forwarded to the minister for approval.

STRATEGIC ACTIVITY 2 – KEY PROJECT UPDATES

a) Insurance projects

Council staff have been continuing inspections, quoting and repairs of damaged assets. Council will receive an update list of projects and budget at the October Council workshop.

b) Canowindra Hammer Throw Cage

A separate report has been provided for recommendation from the Infrastructure (Other) Committee to the September council meeting on how they would like to progress this matter.

c) Canowindra Sports Ground Change Rooms and Spectator Seating

Construction works are predominantly complete with the contractor required to rectify electrical wiring prior to obtaining Occupation Certificate. It is expected an occupation certificate and practical completion will occur in the coming weeks.

d) Yeoval Recreation Ground – SCCF5

The footpaths around the oval and the tennis hit up wall slab completed. Council staff have organized a meeting for early October to discuss with community members about the opportunities of amending the funding scope to incorporate additional playground equipment.

e) Eugowra Medical Centre

The final touches on the units connected to the medical centre facility are receiving their final touches and expected to be handed over in the coming weeks. The contractor has also identified their insurer has not covered all the damage to the facility during last year's event. Council are working with the contractor to define what is required to enable us to discuss this with Council's insurer.

f) Manildra Female Change Rooms

A separate report has been provided for this project.

g) Cabonne Community Centre

Primary works for the centre have been completed, with only variation works remaining. Occupation certificate process is underway, with the private certifier indicating 6-8 weeks' time is required to assess the application. The contractor is responsible for submission of the paperwork required, and as such, the contract has not yet reached practical completion.

Staff are preparing final documentation and reporting in anticipation of the occupation certificate being granted in late October 2023. A report will be brought to the September Council meeting to provide a full update.

h) Eugowra Multipurpose Centre

The modification to Development Approval has been processed, with consent being given. Contractor for the project is finalising the variation request for Council to undertake the additional works.

In the meantime, Council will need to also gain a modified Construction Certificate for works to proceed. This application is being made currently to a private certifier.

i) Cudal Office Refurbishment

Occupation certificate has been obtained and staff have commenced the transition back into the new offices. The office is now open to customers, however the banking operations will not be available until a future date, which has not yet been determined.

j) Molong and Canowindra CBD - Activate Cabonne Projects

Works on the Molong Main Street vault project has been completed on the upper portion of Bank St, between Gidley and Edwards St. The lower portion of the Bank St vault project is being considered to commence in January 2024.

Canowindra project has also commenced with the installation of the bins, seats and planter boxes in the main street underway. Works have started on the RSL corner garden bed and art panel location. The concrete path to the swinging bridge has been scheduled for end of October. The swinging bridge furniture will be installed by the end of this year.

The artist has been selected and engaged to commence the refinement of the submitted design which will then be sent off for fabrication. It is anticipated the final design will be completed towards the end of October.