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PRESENT Clr K Beatty (in the Chair), Clrs P Batten, M Nash, A Rawson

Also present were the Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Infrastructure and Governance Officer.

ITEM - 1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RECOMMENDATION (Rawson/Nash)

THAT it be noted there were nil applications for leave of absence.

IT 23/01 Carried

ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RECOMMENDATION (Rawson/Batten)

THAT it be noted there were nil declarations of interest.

IT 23/02 Carried

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS FOR POLITICAL DONATIONS

RECOMMENDATION (Nash/Batten)

THAT it be noted there were nil declarations for political donations.

IT 23/03 Carried

ITEM - 4 2023/24 ROADS TRANSPORT BUDGET PREPARATION

Proceedings in Brief

The Mayor queried if Mt Canobolas Road should be a priority road and if another road would be more appropriate. Clr Batten noted that Obley Road could be improved to the same standard as Banjo Paterson Way, as it is a road of strategic importance.

The Deputy General Manager Infrastructure suggested that Council can actively pursue funding for regional roads outside of the normal funding streams.

After considerable discussion it was decided that Lake Canobolas Road, Gumble Road and Obley Road are priority roads for pursuit of future funding opportunities, with Mt Canobolas and Icely Road being included for heavy maintenance.

The Deputy General Manager Infrastructure noted that the minutes have been to Council, Council will be engaging assistance/consultants to undertake road assessments to develop a scope of works for road upgrades to pursue funding.

The Deputy General Manager Infrastructure noted that Cargo Road between Lockwood and Canomodine Lane has been included for widening and pavement strengthening. Cllr Rawson noted that the works should start from Barragan Road to Canomodine Lane. The Deputy General Manager Infrastructure further noted that Banjo Paterson Way around the new reservoir is also included.

Cllr Batten queried where the improvements on the intersection of Renshaw McGirr and Banjo Paterson Way will appear in the budget. The Deputy General Manager Infrastructure noted that it will appear under maintenance and clarified the improvements that are going to be undertaken.

Cllr Nash noted that Cargo also has a similar issue. The Deputy General Manager Infrastructure noted that a report on Cargo and Cumnock will be brought to the next Traffic Committee.

RECOMMENDATION (Rawson/Nash)

THAT the Infrastructure (Transport) Committee:

1. Note the report for the proposed 2023/24 Roads Transport Budget Preparation and endorse the following priority roads for pursuit of future funding opportunities:
 1. Lake Canobolas Road
 2. Gumble Road
 3. Obley Road
2. Note Mt Canobolas and Icely Road be a priority for heavy maintenance.

IT 23/04

Carried

ITEM - 5 TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Proceedings in Brief

The Deputy General Manager noted that a proposal has come through for traffic management of Four Mile Creek Road on how to get the bypass road working. It will be another 6 months before the road is open. There has been a request to have the road open for school buses which will be difficult. Designs have been completed, with a mass earth works structure that will be backfilled with armour rock.

He further noted that Washpen Creek Bridge has had the finalisation of the concept design. The road is on current aligned, within the road reserve there is native title issues but a 70kph curb radii can be achieved. The project will be finished around March 2024.

The Deputy General Manager noted that Peak Hill Road is expected to be tendered out and reported to Council by August within 12 months and will be delivered externally including project management.

The Deputy General Manager noted Molong Main Street is expected to start 17th April. The Mayor queried if the grade of the top section of the street will

be affected with the trial being undertaken on flat. The Deputy General Manager Infrastructure noted that from the perspective of the install the grade won't be affected as a depth is still maintained, planting of trees can come into effect.

The Deputy General Manager noted Cadia Road is nearing completion with the asphaltting of the intersection near the ridgeway and linemaking to complete the job. Council has been approached by Newcrest Cardia Valley Operations advising they are getting environmental noise from the homesteads and have offered to pay for the upgrade to reduce the noise. The road is currently 20/10 which is extremely durable, the next step would be to asphalt the road which would be a significant increase to annual depreciation expense.

The Deputy General Manager noted that works are about to start on Amaroo Road. Clr Rawson noted that there were large trees that came down on Amaroo Road and queried if there was an environmental impact assessment undertaken. The Deputy General Manager clarified that Council's Environmental Officer undertakes an assessment for heritage and biodiversity which he then marks out what is appropriate to be removed.

Clr Nash noted that Old Orange Road, Manildra needs works.

The Mayor noted that the community has noticed the difference with the grading and standard of the roads. The Deputy General Manager noted that grader training was conducted last year as well as the teams and supervisors showing a commitment to quality of works.

Clr Batten noted that at the Thistle Street and Kite Street intersection in Molong people are asking if the pipework is going to last. The Mayor advised that it's only a temporary fix.

Clr Rawson noted that the Roads Advisory Committee made a strong recommendation of thanks to Council staff for getting the road system back up to standard. This committee also appreciates the hard work that has gone on since the flood and staff have gone above and beyond.

RECOMMENDATION (Batten/Rawson)

THAT the information be noted.

IT 23/05

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.13pm.