

TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that a **Meeting of Tamworth Regional Council** will be held in the **Council Chambers, Lands Building, Nemingha Room, 25-27 Fitzroy Street, Tamworth**, commencing at **6.30pm**.

ORDINARY COUNCIL AGENDA

11 JULY 2023

PAUL BENNETT
GENERAL MANAGER

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Meeting Date: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month commencing at 6:30pm.

Matters determined by Ordinary meetings will include all those non-delegable functions identified in Section 377 of the Local Government Act as follows:

- *“the appointment of a general manager*
- *the making of a rate*
- *a determination under section 549 as to the levying of a rate*
- *the making of a charge*
- *the fixing of a fee*
- *the borrowing of money*
- *the voting of money for expenditure on its works, services or operations*
- *the compulsory acquisition, purchase, sale, exchange or surrender of any land or other property (but not including the sale of items of plant or equipment)*
- *the acceptance of tenders which are required under this Act to be invited by the council*
- *the adoption of an operational plan under section 405*
- *the adoption of a financial statement included in an annual financial report*
- *a decision to classify or reclassify public land under Division 1 of Part 2 of Chapter 6*
- *the fixing of an amount or rate for the carrying out by the council of work on private land*
- *the decision to carry out work on private land for an amount that is less than the amount or rate fixed by the council for the carrying out of any such work*
- *the review of a determination made by the council, and not by a delegate of the council, of an application for approval or an application that may be reviewed under section 82A of the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#)*
- *the power of the council to authorise the use of reasonable force for the purpose of gaining entry to premises under section 194*
- *a decision under section 356 to contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons*
- *the making of an application, or the giving of a notice, to the Governor or Minister*
- *this power of delegation*
- *any function under this or any other Act that is expressly required to be exercised by resolution of the council.”*

Other matters and functions determined by Ordinary Council Meetings will include:

- *Notices of Motion*
- *Notices of Motion of Rescission*
- *Council Elections, Polls, Constitutional Referendums and Public Hearings/Inquiries*
- *Ministerial Committees and Inquiries*
- *Mayor and Councillors Annual Fees*
- *Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors*
- *Local Government Remuneration Tribunal*
- *Local Government Boundaries*
- *NSW Ombudsman*
- *Administrative Decisions Tribunal*
- *Delegation of Functions by the Minister*
- *Delegation of Functions to General Manager and Principal Committees*
- *Organisation Structure*
- *Code of Conduct*
- *Code of Meeting Practice*
- *Honesty and Disclosure of Interests*
- *Access to Information*
- *Protection of Privacy*
- *Enforcement Functions (statutory breaches/prosecutions/recovery of rates)*
- *Dispute Resolution*
- *Council Land and Property Development*
- *Annual Financial Reports, Auditors Reports, Annual Reports and Statement of the Environment Reports*
- *Performance of the General Manager*
- *Equal Employment Opportunity*
- *Powers of Entry*
- *Liability and Insurance*
- *Membership of Organisations*

Membership: All Councillors
Quorum: Five members
Chairperson: The Mayor
Deputy Chairperson: The Deputy Mayor

Community Consultation Policy

The first 30 minutes of Open Council Meetings is available for members of the Public to address the Council Meeting or submit questions either verbally or in writing, on matters INCLUDED in the Business Paper for the Meeting.

Members of the public will be permitted a maximum of three minutes to address the Council Meeting. An extension of time may be granted if deemed necessary.

Members of the public seeking to represent or speak on behalf of a third party must satisfy the Council or Committee Meeting that he or she has the authority to represent or speak on behalf of the third party.

Members of the public wishing to address Council Meetings are requested to contact Council either by telephone, in person or online prior to 4:30pm the day prior to the Meeting to address the Council Meeting. Persons not registered to speak will not be able to address Council at the Meeting.

Council will only permit three speakers in support and three speakers in opposition to a recommendation contained in the Business Paper. If there are more than three speakers, Council's Governance division will contact all registered speakers to determine who will address Council. In relation to a Development Application, the applicant will be reserved a position to speak.

Members of the public will not be permitted to raise matters or provide information which involves:

- personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors);
- personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer;
- information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business;
- Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
 - confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; or
 - reveal a trade secret;
- information that would, if disclosed prejudice the maintenance of law;
- matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property;
- advice concerning litigation or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege;
- information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land;
- alleged contraventions of any Code of Conduct requirements applicable under Section 440; or
- on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

Members of the public will not be permitted to use Community Consultation to abuse, vilify, insult, threaten, intimidate or harass Councillors, Council staff or other members of the public. Conduct of this nature will be deemed to be an act of disorder and the person engaging in such behaviour will be ruled out of the order and may be expelled.

Disclosure of Political Donations or Gifts

If you have made a relevant planning application to Council which is listed for determination on the Council Business Paper you must disclose any political donation or gift made to any councillor or employee of the Council within the period commencing two years before the application is made and ending when the application is determined (Section 147(4) Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979).

If you have made a relevant public submission to Council in relation to a relevant planning application which is listed for determination on the Council Business Paper you must disclose any political donation or gifts made to any councillor or employee of the Council by you as the person making the submission or any associate within the period commencing two years before the submission is made and ending when the application is determined (Section 147(5) Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979).

AGENDA

- 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**
- 2 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**
- 3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday, 29 June 2023, copies of which were circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Pecuniary Interest

Non Pecuniary Conflict of Interest

Political Donations

5 MAYORAL MINUTE

5.1 COALITION OF REGIONAL ENERGY MAYORS

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Russell Webb, Mayor

1 ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “Coalition of Regional Energy Mayors”, Council:

- (i) accept the invitation from to become a member of the Coalition of Regional Energy Mayors (CoREM); and*
- (ii) approve the payment of \$5,000 for the initial contribution to participate in the CoREM.*

SUMMARY

The imposition of a Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) on Local Government Areas (LGA) will have a significant impact on local communities, both positive and negative. To date, LGA's have not been sufficiently engaged or consulted by state government bodies such as the Energy Corporation, Department of Planning and Environment or the renewable energy proponents.

The purpose of this Mayoral Minute is to ensure Tamworth Regional Council is represented in the CoREM, joining other LGA's affected by an imposed REZ in a coordinated approach to lobbying government and government departments.

LGA's stand to bear the social and financial burdens associated with the REZ so it is important that Tamworth Regional Council joins the CoREM to ensure we have the opportunity to participate in shaping the way renewable energy proponents operate in our, and our neighbours, LGA.

COMMENTARY

The CoREM has been established in response to the establishment of REZ's across New South Wales and the lack of engagement and consultation with affected LGA's.

The invitation highlighted the importance of joining together as a group to ensure regional LGA's affected by the imposed REZ have the opportunity to work together and have a say in what works and what does not, as well as having a greater impact when lobbying government and government departments. Most importantly, by adopting a coordinated approach, the CoREM will be better able to shape the way renewable energy proponents operate in our LGA's.

A Terms of Reference (ToR) has been developed for the CoREM, now **ENLCLOSED**, refer **ENCLOSURE 1**. The ToR sets out the objectives of the CoREM, the structure, decision making, eligibility of membership, membership contribution, cessation of membership, and other functions of the group.

Important points to note from the ToR include:

- the objectives of CoREM will be to;
 - set expectations and hold renewable proponents to account when developing in our LGA's;

- be an effective lobbying force to government and government bodies;
 - be the “authority of all things REZ as it relates to individual LGA’s;
- establish a Board consisting of the entire membership;
- establish from the Board membership an Executive as follows;
 - four members from the Board; plus
 - Chair (note Armidale Regional Council appointed as the initial chair)
- two year term commencing April 2023 – April 2025;
- Chair and Secretariat from the same Council;
- require a financial contribution from members;
 - \$5000 per participating LGA on joining; and
 - further contribution as determined by the Executive and voted by the membership.

Given Tamworth’s proximity to the New England REZ, there is a significant likelihood that renewable energy projects will impact on the Tamworth LGA. For this reason, it is important that the Tamworth LGA be represented on the CoREM. Representation and participation in the CoREM will give the Tamworth Region a proactive platform to utilise in ensuring renewable energy projects in the New England REZ are appropriate and deliver the best outcomes for all affected communities.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil

(b) Financial Implications

An initial contribution of \$5000 is required from Councils participating in the CoREM. If approved, funding will be allocated from the General Fund.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil

(d) Community Consultation

Nil

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 9 – Open and collaborative leadership

Focus Area 2 – A liveable built environment

Focus Area 6 – Working with and protecting our environment

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

OPEN COUNCIL REPORTS

7 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

7.1 FOOTPATH DINING POLICY REVIEW

DIRECTORATE: LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES
AUTHOR: Rachel Mann, Senior Environmental Health Officer
Reference: Item 7.2 to Ordinary Council 22 November 2022 - Minute No. 322/22

2 ANNEXURES ATTACHED

1 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “Footpath Dining Policy Review”, Council:

- (i) adopt the proposed change to its policy to allow the consumption of alcohol, without a meal, at outdoor dining premises in the Tamworth CBD Alcohol Free Zone;*
- (ii) approve the revised “Use of Public Footpaths for Restaurant and Outdoor Seating Policy” for public exhibition for a period of 28 days; and*
- (iii) receive a subsequent report to a future Ordinary meeting of Council on the outcomes of the public exhibition prior to adoption of the final Policy.*

SUMMARY

The Tamworth Regional Council *Footpaths – Use of Public Footpaths for Restaurant and Outdoor Seating Policy* was last reviewed in July 2020. Temporary amendments were made to the Policy during the Tamworth Country Music Festival in April 2022 and January 2023, which allowed the consumption of alcohol (with a meal) at outdoor dining areas. There were no incidents reported providing any indication that the amendment resulted in negative impacts. Council has received continued interest and requests from sections of the hospitality sector following on from these amendments, encouraging Council to make more permanent changes to the Policy to enhance the local outdoor dining environment.

COMMENTARY

The Tamworth Regional Council *Footpaths – Use of Public Footpaths for Restaurant and Outdoor Seating Policy* has been in force since May 1996. The Policy was originally adopted as a proactive measure to help reduce alcohol related anti-social behaviour within the CBD. This was achieved by restricting the consumption of alcohol at outdoor dining areas to be strictly with the provision of a meal only, and a total ban on the service of alcohol within the outdoor dining areas during the Annual Tamworth Country Music Festival.

Temporary amendments were made to the Policy during the Tamworth Country Music Festival during April 2022 and January 2023, which allowed the consumption of alcohol (with a meal) at outdoor dining areas. There were no incidents reported which indicated the amendment created no negative impact. Subsequently, there has been continued interest

from sections of the hospitality sector to make ongoing permanent changes to the policy as a way of promoting and expanding the CBD outdoor dining sector.

The policy has been extremely effective in achieving its intended purpose, with alcohol related anti-social behaviour having diminished significantly within the CBD since the Policy was introduced. Tamworth currently has a proactive and robust Liquor Accord, along with substantial CCTV infrastructure throughout the CBD. These strategies were not present when the Policy was originally introduced and may be important when considering the potential impacts of any proposed changes to the Policy, along with the ongoing enforcement of the Policy.

Public Engagement

A public consultation period was held between 18 April 2023 and 16 May 2023, to engage with all stakeholders who would be pertinent to any proposed changes made to the current policy. Stakeholders included the local hospitality sector; relevant licenced premises within the Tamworth CBD; NSW Police; Liquor and Gaming NSW; relevant local working groups and accords; and the general community.

A total of 269 submissions were made through the My TRC Online Community page, in addition to written submissions from the Oxley LAC Licencing Unit and Liquor and Gaming NSW.

Of the online respondents:

- 61% would like to allow alcoholic drinks to be provided without a meal, except during Tamworth Country Music Festival when a meal would still be required to be served with any alcohol;
- 33% of respondents would like to allow alcohol to be consumed in outdoor dining areas all year round without requiring a meal;
- 25% of respondents would like to allow alcohol to be consumed in outdoor dining areas during Tamworth Country Music Festival without requiring a meal; and
- 12% of respondents would like to see no changes made to the current policy.

Feedback from the general public was generally positive and supportive of removing the need to provide a meal with alcohol in outdoor dining areas. However, there were also some concerns raised that a return to the provision of alcohol without a meal would create an environment that is not conducive for all of the community, notably young families and younger adults who frequent the CBD.

A copy of the verbatim submission comments received are **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 1**.

It is important to acknowledge that even if the Policy is changed in accordance with the views of most of the community, the majority of potentially affected licenced venues currently have conditions set by their liquor licences that would override Council's Policy. This means licensed venues wishing to utilise the amended Policy would require a new liquor licence or variation to their licence in order to utilise the Policy changes.

Feedback from the NSW Police reiterated the above, with the Police also raising concerns around who would enforce the changes to the Policy, particularly with regard to the requirement for patrons to remain seated whilst consuming alcohol. Police also requested as part of the Policy review, that Council consider including the condition that no glass be served with meals on the footpath after 9:00pm and that no glass be present in footpath

areas after 10:00pm. A copy of the submission from the NSW Police is **ATTACHED**, refer **CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURE 1**.

(a) Policy Implications

It is recommended that the Tamworth Regional Council *Footpaths – Use of Public Footpaths for Restaurant and Outdoor Seating Policy* be amended so that Section 3 Alcohol Consumption at Outdoor Dining Premises in the Tamworth CBD Alcohol Free Zone reads as follows:

“Alcohol consumption is only permitted where the proprietor has a suitable liquor licence, and has satisfied all the requirements of the relevant licencing authority. The consumption of alcohol at outdoor footpath dining facilities within the Tamworth CBD alcohol free zone will be permitted where staff have Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Certification and is subject to compliance with the following conditions:

- the proprietor must hold a valid outdoor dining licence. Such approval must be valid and all associated fees and indemnities in place;
- the areas must be barricaded off from the remainder of the street so as to delineate the area;
- the footpath dining space must not detract from the general amenity of the area;
- alcohol must be served by the proprietor or representative of the restaurant. Under no circumstances must alcohol be stored under or near the tables at BYO restaurants;
- all conditions pertaining to the outdoor dining facility must be adhered to as set out in both this Policy and the licence, together with any relevant legislation;
- furniture, umbrellas or barriers advertising alcoholic beverages are not permitted; and
- no glass is to be provided with meals after 9:00pm and from 10:00pm onwards no glass is to be present in footpath dining areas.

A copy of the draft revised Use of Public Footpaths for Restaurant and Outdoor Seating Policy is **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 2**.

It is also recommended that the draft revised Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days with a further report being prepared to a future Council meeting outlining the outcomes of the exhibition process.

(b) Financial Implications

Nil

(c) Legal Implications

Nil. It is noted that responsibility for ensuring the appropriate behaviour of patrons under the amended policy would not change with all proprietors accountable for implementing RSA within their business.

(d) Community Consultation

Consultation with all relevant stakeholders has been undertaken, being the hospitality industry; NSW Police, specifically the Oxley LAC Licencing Unit; independent Liquor

and Gaming Authority; relevant local working groups and accords; and the broader community members.

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 2 – A Liveable Built Environment

L2 Vibrant city and town centres.

8 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

8.1 TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL ENTRANCE STRATEGY

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES

AUTHOR: Sam Eriksson, Sports and Recreation Strategy Officer

5 ANNEXURES ATTACHED

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “Tamworth Regional Council Entrance Strategy”, Council:

- (i) adopt the Tamworth Regional Council Entrance Strategy; and*
- (ii) proactively seek funding opportunities to execute the actions within the Tamworth Regional Council Entrance Strategy.*

SUMMARY

As part of the future planning for the continued growth of the region, in line with Tamworth Regional Council’s (Council) Blueprint 100 Strategy, Council staff have developed a strategy that will guide the embellishment of key vehicular entry points into Tamworth and the surrounding towns and villages – the Tamworth Regional Council Entrance Strategy (the Strategy). The Strategy will facilitate the development of well-designed and positioned entrance signage, flora corridor enhancements and public art to create a unique, welcoming experience for motorists entering and travelling around the Local Government area (LGA).

COMMENTARY

Background and strategic alignment

Council recognises the entrance to the LGA, Tamworth city and surrounding towns and villages is a great opportunity to communicate pride of place in each locality. The development of the Strategy, is the production of a consistent plan that guides the embellishment of the key vehicular entry points into Tamworth and the surrounding towns and villages. This includes, but is not limited to, signage, flora corridors and public art.

With plans for the region to grow beyond 100,000 in population, the vehicular entrances across the LGA are important in sending a ‘first impression’ message to visitors and a ‘pride of place’ message to local residents. Strategically, the Entrance Strategy will sit under Council’s Blueprint 100 strategy. The alignment with Blueprint 100 is critical in achieving improved cultural, social and physical amenity within the community over the next 20 years. It is therefore timely to incorporate a planned approach that will guide development of these entrance areas in the coming years. The Strategy provides a uniform approach to improving the physical amenity of the identified entrances, strengthening the Tamworth brand, and celebrating Tamworth’s culture through recognition of the Traditional Owners of the land.

Current situation

A review of the existing signage across the Council LGA was conducted by Council staff. This review identified the existing signage is inconsistent, dated, poorly maintained and, in some cases, non-existent. A sense of arrival is not created for motorists and this is a missed opportunity to engage tourists. In Tamworth, a number of Destination Tamworth signs promote the Tamworth Country Musical Festival on main arterial roads, however there is a lack of clear entrance identification. Fast food chain billboards dominate the entrances and in some locations an assortment of signs of varying design and themes make the experience seem disjointed, unstructured and cluttered. Some towns, including Barraba and Kootingal, have significant and unique placemaking signage, which is an important part of the local identity. Some villages have unique signage which lacks cohesion with the rest of the Council area. A sample of existing signage can be seen in Figure 1 below.

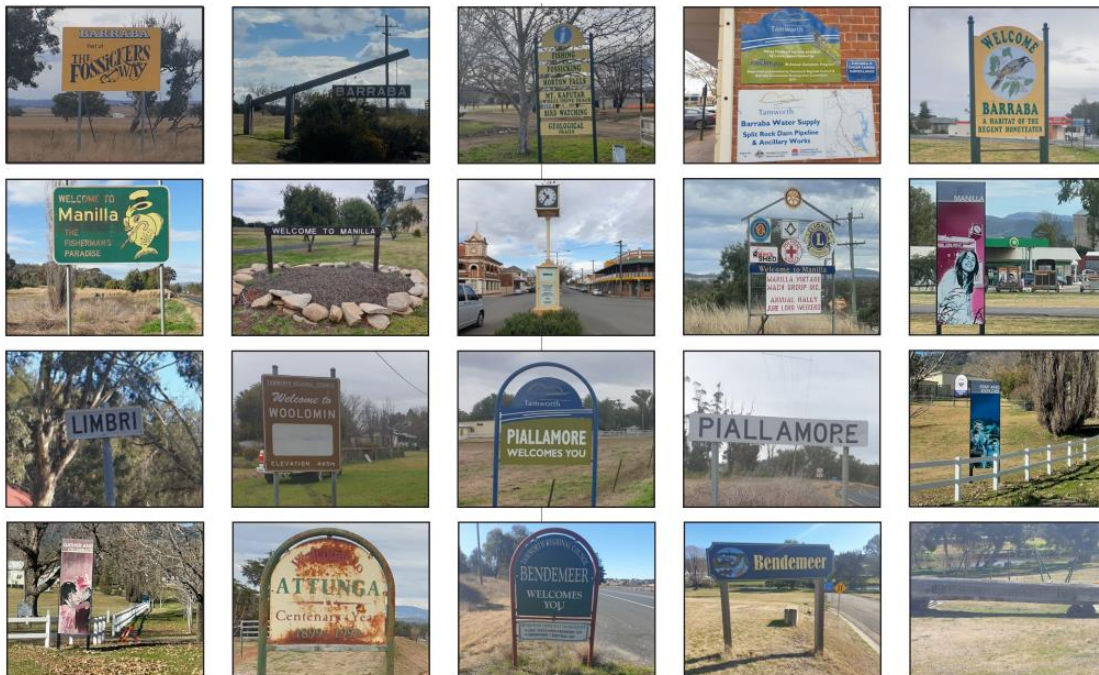


Figure 1: Existing town signage.

The Strategy

The vehicle entrances to the Tamworth LGA, Tamworth city and surrounding towns and villages within the LGA are an opportunity for Council to welcome commuters, tourists, and residents alike. Clear signage informing commuters of their location, displays a sense of community pride and can provide education or theming backgrounds on the local area.

The Strategy, **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 1**, proposes three key components be considered at the city, town and village entrances across the LGA, being:

- 1) signage;
- 2) flora corridors; and
- 3) public art.

A summary report of the Strategy, see, **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 2**, has also been completed.

Signage

Entrance signage is an opportunity for Council to welcome commuters, tourists and residents alike to the LGA that states the name of the location. Clear signage formally provides a sense of arrival and is an opportunity to communicate and enhance the Council's brand and celebrate its history. The Strategy proposes the location and design of signage across the LGA. Proposed locations can be seen in Figure 2 below. The Strategy proposes a signage suite of four types of signs, one being an entrance sign at the LGA boundaries and three scales of sign based on locality population. The signs will all have a consistent format to strengthen the Tamworth brand and also recognise the Traditional Owners of the land. The tier two signs include a unique element that represents the character of the location. This was a community recommendation and is detailed further as part of community consultation below.

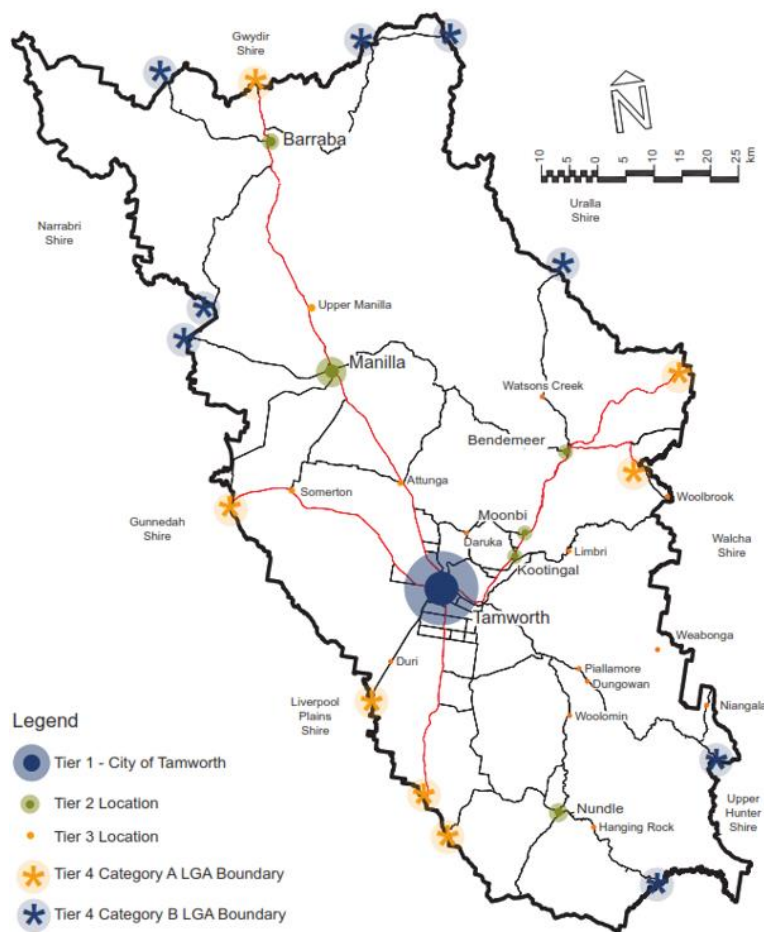


Figure 2. Proposed sign locations

A summary of the design of each tier of sign is **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 3**.

Flora Corridors

For the purpose of the Strategy, a flora corridor is a well-designed landscape area of an identified length that welcomes and/or encourages vehicular travel. Flora corridors are set areas within road reserves leading into the city, town and village entries. The Strategy identifies some areas within towns and villages where flora corridors may encourage the flow

of traffic toward a central business district. An example of this is Court Street, Manilla, where the strategy proposes a flora corridor to entice visitors off the bypass and into the main street of the town. Please see Figure 3 below. When executed, the Strategy details that all flora corridors are to align with Council's Urban Street Tree Management Plan and the service level standard of all flora corridors will correlate with Council's Open Space Management Guide.

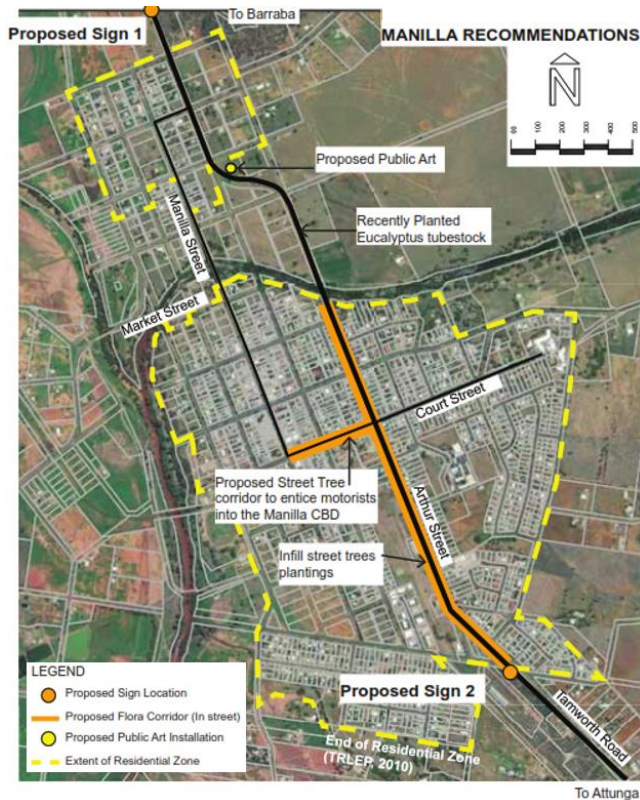


Figure 3. Manilla recommendations

Public Art

Public art enriches the landscape and is an opportunity to build community pride, connect citizens and celebrate the culture of the community. It also highlights each location as a vibrant, creative environment to residents, tourists and investors improving the liveability through celebration of culture in a tangible public asset. The Strategy proposes the installation, or continuance, of landmark pieces of public art as part of the entrance strategy in 10 locations, see Table 1, below. It is proposed this public art will correlate with Council's Public Art Strategy.

Table 1. Public Art locations

Tier	Location	Existing or new
1	Country Road Roundabout, Oxley Highway	New
	New England Highway (Armidale Road)	New
	New England Highway (Goonoo Goonoo Road)	Existing – Golden Guitar
	Manilla Road	New
2	Barraba	Existing – silos
	Bendemeer	New
	Kootingal	New
	Manilla	New
	Moonbi	New
	Nundle	New

Recognition of Traditional Owners

A key objective of this strategy is to celebrate regional culture through recognition of the lands Traditional Owners. In developing this strategy, senior Council staff and the consultant engaged to deliver the Strategy consulted with local Aboriginal people and organisations during the preparation to gain insights into what was important to Indigenous culture and how the traditional owners wished to be represented. The final sign designs recognise the Traditional Owners of the land in four key ways:

- 1) each sign (Tier 1, 2, 3 and 4) includes an Acknowledgement of Country;
- 2) Tier 1, 2 and 3 sign bases to be constructed with local rock;
- 3) Tier 1 totem art work (Aboriginal art to be designed and completed by a local Aboriginal artist); and
- 4) the totem on the Tier 2 sign located at the Kootingal themed ‘Star’ (the Aboriginal meaning for Kootingal) as voted on by the community.

Council will continue to work with the local Indigenous community in the execution of this project to ensure the recognition of Traditional Owners is appropriate and accurate.

Strategy Execution

This Strategy can be considered ‘shovel ready’. The Strategy includes a priority of works for all recommendations and estimates of associated costs as per the second quarter of 2023. A priority of works allows Council to execute the delivery of the strategy in a staged manner if funding deems necessary.

It should be noted there are no costs associated with adopting the Strategy and there are also no funds currently allocated to implement any components or priority actions.

Council will continue to work with the local Indigenous community in the execution of this project to ensure the recognition of Traditional Owners is appropriate and accurate.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil

(b) Financial Implications

There are no costs associated with adopting the Strategy. There are also no funds currently allocated to implement any components or priority actions of this plan. The Strategy has a cost estimate for each action as of time of adoption.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil

(d) Community Consultation

To deliver this project, Council staff completed a two-stage approach to community consultation.

1) Pre-draft community consultation

In the fourth quarter of 2021, Council invited the community to participate in initial community consultation regarding this project. The purpose of this first stage of community consultation was to gain feedback on the current state of entrance signage across the LGA and to gain the community's input and direction for the initial draft of the Strategy.

Recognition of the Traditional Owners of the land is a key outcome of this project. From the project's inception, the Tamworth Local Aboriginal Lands Council has been an integral member of the projects working group.

Previous working drafts of the Strategy were presented to the Tamworth Regional Arts Advisory Committee (TRAAC) and the Tamworth Regional Youth Council.

2) Post-draft community consultation

Following the initial consultation period, the draft Strategy was placed on public exhibition for a total of 28 days between 23 November 2022 and 21 December 2022. A total of 120 respondents formally commented on the draft strategic plan.

A number of different methods were used to engage the community in this project. People were invited to participate through a range of communication methods, media channels, social media, radio, Council website promotion, creation of a page on the MyTRC website, and a feedback form for formal submissions to be made. A communications report prepared by Council's Communications team is **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 4**. General Feedback received on the project is **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 5**.

During the first stage of community consultation, the community told Council they would like the tier 2 signage to include a design theme that is specific to the town. As a result, one component of the stage 2 community consultation was the option to vote for the design theme for the Tier 2 Signs. The community had the option to choose from four themes or offer an alternative. The results of this component are detailed in Table 2.

Table 2. Tier 2 Community Consultation Results.

Tier Location	2 Theme	Selected Theme
Barraba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regent Honey Eater/Bird Watching Art 	Agriculture

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Local Aboriginal Art • Community proposal 	
Bendemeer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey Fergie Tractor • Platypus in the McDonald River • Historic Foot Bridge • Local Aboriginal Art • Community proposal 	Platypus in the McDonald River
Kootingal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Star (Aboriginal meaning for Kootingal) • Cockburn River • Trains/Train Station • Local Aboriginal Art • Community proposal 	Star (Aboriginal meaning for Kootingal)
Manilla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Platypus • Vintage Machinery • Paragliding/Water Sports • Local Aboriginal Art • Community proposal 	Paragliding/Water Sports
Moonbi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moonbi Ranges/Moonbi Lookout • Poultry • Bullocks Pulling Cart • Local Aboriginal Art • Community proposal 	Moonbi Ranges/Moonbi Lookout
Nundle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold Panner/Fossicking • Wool • Chinese Lantern • Local Aboriginal Art • Community proposal 	Gold Panner/Fossicking

Following the public exhibition period and receiving all formal response, Sports and Recreation staff have presented all feedback received to Council in a workshop, where minor edits have been made to the final draft which is being recommended for adoption in this report.

Recognition of Traditional Owners

In developing this strategy, senior Council staff and the consultant engaged to deliver the Strategy consulted with local Aboriginal people and organisations to gain insights into what was important to Indigenous culture and how the traditional owners wished to be represented. Council will continue to work with the local Indigenous community in the execution of this project to ensure the recognition of Traditional Owners is appropriate and accurate.

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 8 – A strong and vibrant identity

8.2 TAMWORTH REGIONAL LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING - 7 JUNE 2023

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES

AUTHOR: Steven Marshall, Strategy, Assets and Design Engineer

1 ANNEXURES ATTACHED
1 ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “Tamworth Regional Local Traffic Committee General Meeting - 7 June 2023”, Council:

- (i) approve the road closures of Carter Street, Solander Drive, Locks Lane, Gipps Street and the No.1 Oval Access Road, Tamworth, on Sunday 6 August 2023, for the running of the Tamworth Running Festival; and*
- (ii) approve the installation of a 1/4P parking zone at 212 Peel Street, Tamworth, from 7am – 9am and 3.30pm – 5.30pm, and the installation of a Bus Zone at 115 Peel Street, Tamworth, from 3.45pm – 4.15pm.*

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the two recommendations made by the Tamworth Regional Local Traffic Committee (the Committee) at the meeting held on 7 June 2023.

COMMENTARY

The minutes from the Committee meeting held on 7 June 2023 are **ENCLOSED**, refer **ENCLOSURE 1**.

54/2023 – Tamworth Running Festival 2023

Council has been notified that the 2023 Tamworth Running Festival is scheduled for Sunday 6 August 2023.

The event consists of the following details:

- Date: Sunday 6 August 2023
- Event start time: 6.00am
- Expected event completion time: 2.00pm

The event organisers are requesting the closures of the following roads from 5.00am to 3.00pm:

- Carter Street from Barnes Gully to Solander Drive;
- Solander Drive from Carter Street carpark to Gipps Street carpark;
- Locks Lane from Goonoo Goonoo Road to Scott Lane;
- Gipps Street from Goonoo Goonoo Road to Solander Drive; and
- No.1 Oval Access Road (including access to the Changing Places Facility and Accessible Transport Hub) from Kable Avenue.

Traffic marshalls are to be provided by the organiser as detailed in the **ATTACHED** Traffic Guidance Scheme (TGS), refer **ANNEXURE 1**.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: the Committee support the road closures of Carter Street, Solander Drive, Locks Lane, Gipps Street and the No.1 Oval Access Road, Tamworth, on Sunday 6 August 2023, for the running of the Tamworth Running Festival.

56/2023 – Install 15min P Zone and a Bus Zone on Peel Street, Tamworth at PCYC

Tamworth PCYC previously requested to Tamworth Regional Council (Council) to consider installing a pedestrian crossing on Peel Street (Local Traffic Committee item 35/2023).

During their morning and afternoon peak (i.e. before and after school programs), the PCYC has observed parents parking on the opposite side of Peel Street and trying to navigate the busy traffic to access the facility.

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) have since confirmed a pedestrian crossing is not viable on this street due to the existing geometry of Peel Street (i.e. turning lanes, painted medians and driveways) and there are currently no plans to upgrade the Peel and Darling Street roundabout to a signalised intersection.

Council has since consulted with the PCYC and agreed a proposal as illustrated below in Figure 1 could be adopted to enable children to be dropped off safely at the front door of the facility.



Figure 1: Proposed 15min Parking Zone and Bus Zone on Peel Street, Tamworth

The PCYC advised a 15min (1/4P) parking zone will only be required during the peak periods of 7am – 9am and 3.30pm – 5.30pm. In addition, they enquired whether a Bus Zone could be installed in front of the adjoining ELGAS business for the afternoon session from 3.45pm – 4.15pm as their regular afternoon bus generally has no room to pull over during this time slot.

Council has consulted with the adjoining ELGAS business regarding the proposed bus zone and they've raised no concerns with the proposal. They have advised their visitors generally park off street in their designated parking area. Furthermore, they've supported the idea of a designated bus zone, as they observed the bus parking in front of their driveway, which has restricted their customers and trucks from accessing their own facility.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: the Committee supports the installation of a 1/4P parking zone at 212 Peel Street, Tamworth from 7am – 9am and 3.30pm – 5.30pm, and the installation of a Bus Zone at 115 Peel Street, Tamworth from 3.45pm – 4.15pm.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil

(b) Financial Implications

56/2023 - Shall be funded by the Road Infrastructure Maintenance budget.

54/2023 - Shall be funded by the existing special event traffic management budget.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil

(d) Community Consultation

56/2023 - Council has consulted with the adjoining business regarding the proposed works before going the Committee. Further community notification will be completed by the applicable project manager before commencing with the works.

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 5 – Connect our region and its citizens

8.3 79TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE - MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION - MURRAY BRIDGE SOUTH AUSTRALIA - 25-28 SEPTEMBER 2023

DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE

AUTHOR: Abby Martin, Acting Executive Assistant - Water and Waste

1 ANNEXURES ATTACHED

RECOMMENDATION

- (i) That in relation to the report “79th National Conference - Murray Darling Association - Murray Bridge South Australia - 25-28 September 2023”, Council nominates representatives to attend this conference as appropriate.*

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that the 79th National Conference will be hosted by Murray Darling Association and held at Murray Bridge, South Australia from 25-28 September 2023. To this end, Council is asked to nominate representatives to attend this conference as appropriate.

COMMENTARY

The purpose of the Murray Darling Association (MDA) is to provide effective representation of local government and communities at state and federal level in the management of Basin resources by exchanging information, facilitating debate, and seeking to influence government policy.

The Murray Darling Associations 79th National Conference and Annual General Meeting offers an opportunity to be part of the solution – to join the conversation, to inform future policy, and to engage with the innovators, scientists, educators, and leaders of our time.

The conference program is **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 1**. The program includes the following guest speakers:

- Tanya Plibersek MP – Minister for the Environment and Water;
 - Senator Perin Davey – Shadow Minister for Water;
 - Rose Jackson MLC – NSW Minister for Water;
 - Stephanie Cooke MP – NSW Shadow Minister for Water;
 - Harriet Shing MLC – VIC Minister for Water
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- Tim McCurdy MP – VIC Shadow Minister for Water;
- Dr. Nicola Centofanti MCL – SA Shadow Minister for Water Resources and the River Murray;
- Andrew McConville – Chief Executive of the Murray Darling Basin Authority;
- Troy Grant – Inspector-General of Water Compliance;
- Dr. David Post – Research Scientist with CSIRO;
- Prof. Michael Stewardson – CEO, One Basin CRC;
- Dr Jack Schirmer – University of Canberra; and
- Alex Zimmermann – SA Flood Recovery Coordinator.

Registration will commence at 4:00pm with a Civic Reception from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at The Murray Bridge Rowing Club, Murray Bridge, on Monday, 25 September. A study tour will take place on Tuesday, 26 September from 8:00am to 5:00pm and will be departing from the Murray Bridge Town Hall, circumnavigating the Lower Lakes and across the Barrages. The Conference will commence on Wednesday, 27 September at the Murray Bridge Town Hall from 8:00am to 5:00pm, followed by a Gala Dinner commencing at 6:30pm. Conference Day Two will commence at 9:00am with an opening address from Mark Lamb, CEO Murray Darling Association and conclude at approximately 3:00pm followed by the Murray Darling Association Annual General Meeting which concludes at 5:00pm.

(a) Policy Implications

Councillor(s) authorised to attend the Murray Darling Association 79th National Conference, in accordance with Council's policy relating to the *Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors*.

Approval arrangements for Councillor discretionary trips, attendance of Councillors at conferences, seminars, forums, workshops, professional development programs and/or other significant expenses and facilities under this policy and for insurance purposes must be authorised by way of a formal resolution of an Ordinary Meeting of Council.

(b) Financial Implications

Councillors have been allocated funds to specifically provide for attendance at Local Government Sector Conferences, workshop, industry working parties and community non-Council functions and events.

Authorisation of the attendance of Councillors is by way of resolution of Council. Authorisation and the payment of the expenses involved will only be provided by Council where the conference, workshop or industry working party is directly related to the Councillor's Civic Functions and responsibilities and/or the Local Government Sector.

Full Conference Early Bird Registration, if paid in full by 31 July 2023, is \$750 per person. Standard Conference Registration will be \$890 per person thereafter.

(c) Legal Implications

Council's formal resolution for attendance of any delegate is required for insurance purposes whilst the representatives are performing bona fide Council duties.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 9 – Open and collaborative leadership

9 GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY AND FINANCE

9.1 PLACE MANAGEMENT AND SECTION 355 COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

DIRECTORATE: LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES

AUTHOR: Kay Burnes, Team Leader - Place Management
Jodie Archer, Community Working Group Officer

1 ANNEXURES ATTACHED

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “Place Management and Section 355 Committee Activities”, Council:

- 1. receive and note the Minutes of the following Committees;*

<i>Duri Progress Association</i>	<i>16 May 2023;</i>
<i>Kootingal Recreational Reserve Committee</i>	<i>19 April 2023;</i>
<i>Nundle Common</i>	<i>5 June 2023;</i>
<i>Victoria Park Coordination Committee</i>	<i>15 June 2023;</i>
- 2. in accordance with Section 377 of the Local Government Act;*
 - i. withdraw the delegation of management and operation of the Hanging Rock Community Hall, including the collection of income from users and subject to all income collected or raised being applied to maintenance and improvement of the Hanging Rock Community Hall;*
 - ii. determine that any assets and liabilities held by the Hanging Rock Community Hall S355 Committee be transferred to Council;*
 - iii. dissolve the Victoria Park S355 Committee and withdraw its delegation to manage the future development of facilities and functions within Victoria Park in accordance with the decision of the Victoria Park S355 Committee;*
 - iv. acknowledge and thank all members of the S355 Committee for their past contribution; and*
- 3. acknowledge the outstanding contribution of the Friends of Tamworth Regional Botanic Gardens Incorporated and require (in collaboration with the former members) formal recognition of the group’s input to the Botanic Gardens to be publicly recognised on site.*

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to:

- present the Minutes of a number of Section 355 Committee meetings and consider the items for adoption, as recommended by the Committees;
- note the key outcomes, achievements and requests from the Minutes received; and
- inform Council of the notable outcomes of Place Management activities in the community.

COMMENTARY

Tamworth Regional Council's Section 355 Committees each have delegated functions which may include the management of a facility, the coordination of an event or an advisory function to submit recommendations and advice to Council in regard to a specific community facility.

Council has received four sets of Minutes requiring items for adoption, from Section 355 Committees in the calendar year to date. The Meeting Minutes are **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 1**, for Council's information.

Council will note that there is a wide range in both the dates and numbers of meetings held by individual committees. In this respect it was considered appropriate to await receipt of a reasonable number of meeting minutes prior to collating these to justify presentation of this report.

Notable committee outcomes, achievements and items included in the minutes are:

- **Hanging Rock Community Hall Committee** - Council will recall a notation in the Place Management Section 355 Committee Report of 13 December 2023 wherein the Hanging Rock Community Hall S355 Committee did not have an executive. To date community members have not come forward to fulfill the executive roles within the S355 Committee and the Committee has been inactive since October 2022. Council is coordinating hall hire enquiries and bookings and grounds maintenance. It is therefore recommended that Council dissolve the Hanging Rock Hall Section 355 Committee and transfer all assets and liabilities to Council. The balance of cash held in the Committee bank account will be applied to ongoing Hanging Rock Community Hall maintenance until such time as it is exhausted.
- **Victoria Park Coordination Committee** - Council officers met previously with the Victoria Park Co-ordination Committee to discuss options in relation to the Committee's future structure. The S355 Committee met on 15 June 2023 and formally resolved to dissolve the Victoria Park Coordination Committee and to be part of newly formed working group under the auspice of Council. It is noted that the S355 Committee does not hold any assets or liabilities.

The new working group led by Council's Sports and Recreation Division will be a collaboration of User Groups and interested community members. Council staff will be responsible for the relevant governance procedures under the working group. The structure change will improve communication, consultation and feedback to both the group members and Council and complement the consultation process relating to the Botanic Gardens Masterplan.

It is important to note that the Friends of the Botanic Gardens Incorporated will be dissolving in the coming weeks. A summary of both the financial contribution and the volunteers' hours was tabled at the meeting reflecting an outstanding \$102,060.00 in financial contributions and numerous recorded volunteer hours noted a significant contribution in excess of \$400,000.00 over the period of time 1997 to 2023. Council staff will liaise with past committee members to establish a formal public recognition of their contribution onsite at the Botanic Gardens site.

(a) Policy Implications

It is a policy decision of Council to maintain Section 355 Committees and practices having regard to Council's community governance structure and Section 355 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

(b) Financial Implications

Section 355 Committee and Place Management activities and budgets are maintained under the Liveable Communities Directorate budget.

(c) Legal Implications

Section 355 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, enables the Council to appoint a Committee, to exercise a function on its behalf by way of a Committee of Council. This is used in conjunction with Section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, to formally delegate a function to the appointed Committee.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 9 – Open and Collaborative Leadership.

9.2 2022/2023 FACILITY IMPROVEMENT FUND PROGRAM ROUND 2

DIRECTORATE: LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES

AUTHOR: Kay Burnes, Team Leader - Place Management
Jodie Archer, Community Working Group Officer

1 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “2022/2023 Facility Improvement Fund Program Round 2”, Council approve the following funding allocation to the total of \$18,353.00:

- *Attunga Public Hall and Youth Hall Committee*
Attunga Public Hall ceiling fans **\$4,224.00**
- *Dungowan Recreation Ground Committee*
Improvements to brick amenities block **\$10,000.00**
- *Loomberah Hall Committee*
Hall footpaths **\$4,129.00**

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s determination of funding allocations to the Section 355 Management Committees under the 2022/2023 Facility Improvement Fund Program Round 2.

COMMENTARY

This program is an opportunity for Section 355 Committees to enhance community facilities under their control, by applying for matching funding and/or in-kind contributions from Council for each capital project.

Council previously awarded a total of \$31,647.00 as part of the 2022/2023 Facility Improvement Fund Program Round 1. The remaining amount of \$18,353.00 under an

additional (second) round of the program has been offered to all eligible Section 355 Committees. A total of five applications were received totalling \$37,114.00. A copy of the applications received are **ENCLOSED**, refer **CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURE 1**.

Taking into consideration that both Piallamore Recreation Reserve S355 Committee and Weabonga Hall and Recreation Reserve Local S355 Committee have prior funded projects yet to be finalised, it is considered appropriate that current projects be finished prior to future projects being funded. Therefore, both committee projects will be included in the 2023/2024 Facility Improvement Fund Program Round 1 applications, due to open at the end of July 2023.

The recommended projects are:

- Attunga Public Hall ceiling fan project considered to have merit to the sum of \$4,224.00;
- Dungowan Recreation Ground amenities block improvements submission will complete the proposed amenities upgrade with funding of \$10,000.00 funding; and
- Loomberah Hall footpath project has been assessed subject to the balance of available funding noting it can be completed in stages. Stage A is recommended under the current round with the available balance of \$4,129.00. An additional \$271.00 will be allocated from the Place Management budget to fully fund Stage A. The application for Stages B and C will be considered as part of the 2023/2024 Facility Improvement Fund Program Round 1.

(a) Policy Implications

No formal policy has been adopted for the management and operation of the Facility Improvement Fund Program. Funding is provided in each year's Annual Operational Plan and Budget, with Council determining the distribution of funds following submissions from Section 355 Committees.

(b) Financial Implications

Funding is allocated in the Annual Operational Plan for the 2022/2023 Facility Improvement Fund Program.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil

(d) Community Consultation

All eligible Section 355 Committees were invited to make submissions and were offered assistance in the preparation of their applications.

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 7 – Celebrate our cultures and heritage.

9.3 2023 JUNE LONG WEEKEND CARNIVAL RETROSPECTIVE FEE WAIVER REQUEST - TAMWORTH BASEBALL INCORPORATED

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES

AUTHOR: Blake Mammarella, Sport and Recreation Development Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “2023 June Long Weekend Carnival Retrospective Fee Waiver Request - Tamworth Baseball Incorporated”, Council approve a complete fee waiver for all fees associated with the event.

SUMMARY

Tamworth Baseball Incorporated (Tamworth Baseball) has proudly hosted the June long weekend carnival in Tamworth for over 50 years, and once again hosted the event at Tamworth’s Riverside Turf Precinct during the June long weekend (11-13 June 2023).

COMMENTARY

Tamworth Baseball chose the Riverside Turf Precinct as the preferred location for the 2023 June long weekend carnival. This carnival has taken place in Tamworth for over 50 years and continues to provide the community with the opportunity to participate in baseball at a competitive level. Furthermore, the event offers an opportunity to showcase Tamworth’s high quality sporting facilities and fields, whilst generating a substantial economic benefit to the community. For these reasons Tamworth Regional Council (Council) was asked to support this event through a full fee waiver.

Tamworth Baseball has advised that the carnival attracted 750 participants and spectators from across NSW and QLD. Based on sport tourism industry standards, this will bring a total economic impact to the region of over \$500,000 as displayed in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1 – Event Impact Summary

Event Impact Summary			
Tamworth Regional Council - Modelling the effect of \$342,000 from a Sports and Recreation Activities event with State significance			
	Output (\$)	Value-added (\$)	Local Jobs (annual jobs)
Direct impact	273,600	122,112	2.4
Industrial impact	143,895	61,381	0.6
Consumption impact	104,159	43,933	0.5
Total impact on Tamworth Regional Council economy	521,654	227,426	3
Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) ©2021. Compiled and presented in economy.id by .id (informed decisions).			

The cost of hiring and preparing fields for the event was approximately \$6,000. Tamworth Baseball requested that Council consider the waiving of this fee to keep costs of hosting the event as low as possible.

This request is in line with Council’s Sports Event Subsidisation Policy (SESP). It is therefore recommended that Council support this fee waiver request due to the economic benefit to the Tamworth region and the opportunity it provides for the local baseball community.

As a result of an internal technical error, Sports and Recreation division staff did not receive Tamworth Baseball’s fee waiver request, which was submitted to Council approximately four

weeks prior to the event. As this was not an error from Tamworth Baseball, staff are making this recommendation retrospectively which is in alignment with what they would have recommended prior to the event.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil

(b) Financial Implications

The Sport and Recreation division has an annual budget allocation for events subsidised under the SESP. Hiring of fields and preparation fees to the approximate value of \$6,000 will be covered by this budget allocation.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil

(d) Community Consultation

Nil

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 2 – A liveable built environment

10 COMMUNITY SERVICES

10.1 AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME FUNDS TRANSFER

DIRECTORATE: LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES

AUTHOR: Bridget Guthrie, Director Art Gallery and Museums

1 ANNEXURES ATTACHED

1 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “Australian Country Music Hall of Fame Funds Transfer”, Council:

- (i) receive and note the Australian Country Music Hall of Fame executed Deed of Agreement;*
- (ii) acknowledge the contribution of the volunteers and thank them for their continued service and dedication to the Australian Country Music Hall of Fame.*

SUMMARY

The Australian Country Music Hall of Fame Deed of Agreement will transfer the legal ownership of the Australian Country Music Foundation’s remaining cash assets to Tamworth Regional Council. This transfer will ensure the foundation is able to wind up as an incorporated body and supports the implementation of the Australian Country Music Hall of Fame Strategic Plan 2020/2024.

COMMENTARY

For more than seven years Council has worked in partnership with the Australian Country Music Hall of Fame, towards a shared vision and future goals. The Australian Country Music Hall of Fame was previously managed by the Australian Country Music Foundation (ACMF).

The Australian Country Music Hall of Fame combines with other Tamworth music-themed products to offer a 'whole package experience' for niche markets seeking to immerse themselves in a country music escape. As Councillors may recall, the ACMF has previously transferred the legal ownership of the Australian Country Music Hall of Fame collection as well as the intellectual property of the name '*The Australian Country Music Hall of Fame*' to Tamworth Regional Council.

This executed Deed of Agreement transfers the remaining ACMF funds to Council for the single purpose of the preservation and maintenance of the Australian Country Music Hall of Fame collection. See **ENCLOSED**, refer **CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURE 1**.

The Australian Country Music Hall of Fame Strategic Plan 2020/2024 (the Plan) is a partnership between Tamworth Regional Council and the ACMF. The Plan provides for Council to take over the operation and management of the Australian Country Music Hall of Fame over several years and is now well into its third year of implementation. See **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 1**.

(a) Policy Implications

The approval of the Australian Country Music Hall of Fame Strategic Plan 2020/2024 was subject to a Deed of Trust being finalised between the ACMF and Council. The Plan identifies the gradual transfer of the ACMF responsibilities as a natural progression and implementation process.

The Plan is supported by Council's Tamworth Regional Museums Collection Policy.

(b) Financial Implications

Council warrants that the Funds of \$136,805.89 will be held in a restricted reserve pursuant to any relevant legislation to be used for the purposes of the preservation and maintenance of the Australian Country Music Hall of Fame collection only.

(c) Legal Implications

The ACMF (Donor) wishes to wind up its operations. Accordingly, the Donor wishes to donate to Council, in accordance with its Constitution, the cash assets remaining in its account as set out in the Schedule for the purposes set out in the attached Deed of Agreement. The executed Deed of Agreement has been prepared by Council's Manager Legal Services.

(d) Community Consultation

The development of the Australian Country Music Hall of Fame Strategic Plan 2020/2024 and the corresponding Deed of Gift and, more recently, the Deed of Agreement has involved many stakeholders.

Consultation with partners and stakeholders included:

- ACMF Working Group;
- ACMF volunteers;

- Museums and Galleries NSW; Museum Consultant: Kim Biggs; Arts North West;
- Museum Consultant/Significance Assessor: Roslyn Russell;
- Tamworth Regional Council staff; and
- Stacks Law Firm, and recently Brosie Martin Barnett Chartered Accountants.

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 8 – A strong and vibrant identity

11 REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

Nil