

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

28 MARCH 2023

**PAUL BENNETT
GENERAL MANAGER**

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Council

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 Tuesday, 14 March 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 **DEFERRAL OF BUSINESS - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 14 MARCH 2023**

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

AUTHOR: Russell Webb, Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “Deferral of Business - Ordinary Council Meeting 14 March 2023”, Council receive and note the report.

SUMMARY

Council agreed to defer all business from the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 March, 2023 to this meeting. This Mayoral Minute provides information for Councillors and the community on how that business has, or will be, actioned.

COMMENTARY

Due to a public disturbance prior to the commencement of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 14 March 2023, Councillors agreed to defer all business listed on the Agenda to this Meeting – 28 March, 2023.

In order to facilitate the ongoing smooth delivery of works and services the General Manager has actioned a number of items from that Agenda under delegation while others are listed for consideration as part of this Agenda. The business from 14 March which has been actioned is as follows;

Item 8.1 – Energy Sustainability Six Monthly Report - is an update report and has been resubmitted to this meeting.

Item 9.1 – 2023 Anzac Day Memorial Services within the Tamworth Regional Council Area - has been included in this Agenda for ratification. In the interests of letting organisers of the various Anzac events know who will be attending as soon as possible Councillors were asked out of session to nominate for any services they may be interested in attending and this information has now been compiled into the list within the recommendation.

The motions in Item L.1 – 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government – Motions for submission - have been submitted to the National General Assembly along with the amendment/addition outlined by Cr Southwell regarding the replacement program for the Building Better Regions Fund. Council can now formally adopt these motions as part of this meeting.

Item 10.1 – Tamworth Regional Youth Council – 2022 Activities Report and Appointment of Incoming Members - has been resubmitted to this meeting.

The tenders in;

- Item 12.1 – Tender T071-2023 – Design and Construction of Timber Bridge Replacements;
- Item 12.2 – Tender T113-2023 – Supply and Install of Safety Barrier Systems 2023-2026; and
- Item 12.3 – T091-2023 – Westdale Wastewater Treatment Plant – Supply and Installation of Effluent Pumps;

have been actioned under delegation by the General Manager. The General Manager presents tenders to Council so that Councillors are better informed about major contracts and projects that Council is undertaking, but the General Manager's standing delegations allow him to sign contracts once they have been through the tender process.

Item 12.4 – Stand Tall Event Fee Waiver Request – November 2023 has been resubmitted to this meeting.

(a) Policy Implications

As per the details in each report.

(b) Financial Implications

As per the details in each report.

(c) Legal Implications

As per the details in each report.

(d) Community Consultation

As per the details in each report.

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 9 – Open and collaborative leadership.

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

OPEN COUNCIL REPORTS

7 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

Nil

8 INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

8.1 ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY SIX MONTHLY REPORT

DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE

AUTHOR: Alfred Davis, Sustainability Officer - Energy

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “Energy Sustainability Six Monthly Report”, Council receive and note the report.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update Council on energy sustainability activities undertaken, presently underway or proposed in the near future. This includes activities that fall under the energy section or energy related transportation & mobility section of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2022-2026.

COMMENTARY

Currently Tamworth Regional Council operates 286 small market sites and 31 large market sites, in terms of electricity consumption at each site. The primary focus of the Energy Sustainability role is to identify opportunities to reduce the consumption and cost of electricity used across Council’s sites. This has been done through investigating the viability of energy efficiency solutions, as well as transitioning sites to renewable energy to improve electricity security across the organisation, whilst reducing Council’s dependence on carbon emitting fossil fuels. Several other methods have been used to achieve energy sustainability goals, such as energy account management and optimization of energy network charges. Work in this space is increasingly more important as the cost of energy rises.

Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2022-2026 Energy Action Plan Update

Following the adoption of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2026 in December 2022, the status of a number of energy and energy related transportation and mobility actions commencing within the 2022/2023 financial year is shown in Table 1. All of the actions listed extend over a number of years, due to the changing nature of the energy and electric vehicle space, and the need to actively review opportunities to reduce energy cost, consumption and need to stay connected to the broader transport network.

Table 1. Environmental Sustainability Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2026

Energy Actions	Year	Status
Undertake energy audits of all key operational buildings and key sites (dams, pump stations, landfills etc.) with a load greater than 50 MWh/yr to make recommendations for efficiency measures.	2022/2023 and 2023/2024	Review is underway. Audit is to be commenced – Awaiting funding
Review the current maintenance contract with asset owners in order to implement and perform regular solar system maintenance program according to manufacturer's guidelines on all Council owned Solar PV systems.	2022/2023 and 2023/2024	Completed review, implementation of recommendation underway
Review energy audit 2020 at the airport to determine if there is a feasible business case to transition to solar and LED lighting (such as on airport roof, and hangers).	2022/2023 and 2023/2024	Underway
Investigate and identify grant opportunities to facilitate the transition to solar and LED lighting at key Council owned building locations (including the airport).	2022/2023 and 2023/2024	To be commenced
Investigate potential for installing sophisticated Building Management Systems (BMS) for asset performance monitoring and optimisation - especially when conducted fit outs or constructing new buildings.	2022/2023 and 2023/2024	To be commenced
Undertake lighting audit and upgrade to LEDs and smart lighting according to the audit findings.	2022/2023 and 2023/2024	Some areas complete Remaining proposed to be part of audit
Address Power Factor Correction – which reflects efficiency of delivery of electricity to the site in accordance with energy audit findings.	2022/2023 and 2023/2024	Undertaken for Water and Waste Directorate – to be undertaken for other directorates
Investigate how Council can use Large Scale Generation Certificates (LGC's) under large scale renewable energy target schemes at identified locations.	2022/2023 and 2023/2024	Underway

Conduct carbon emissions tracking using energy data. Based on current electricity usage across Council sites calculate carbon emissions based on grid supply which will form part of the carbon emission baseline for Council.	2022/2023 to 2025/2026	Ongoing – Will form part of carbon emissions baseline
Using data from the energy audit and additional assessments, conduct a risk based options analysis to identify how to best improve energy efficiency across the organisation and establish a project plan for implementing these energy efficiency recommendations.	2022/2023 and 2023/2024	Majority won't be able to be conducted until post audit
Develop and implement community and business education initiatives addressing energy efficiency, including guidance on how to reduce energy consumption (such as face to face sessions, online videos, pdf downloads, communication campaigns, innovation workshops).	2022/2023 to 2025/2026	Underway
Support appropriate sustainability community events relating to energy.	2022/2023 to 2025/2026	Underway
Develop and implement a high-level Electric Vehicles (EV) Roadmap/ Strategy. This document will detail how to connect Tamworth LGA to the wider EV network and how to reduce carbon emissions from TRC and private vehicles.	2022/2023 to 2025/2026	Commenced preliminary work around EV strategy
Investigate options for implementing charging infrastructure for future uptake of electric vehicles.	2022/2023 to 2025/2026	Underway
Investigate existing load capacity and demand constraints of electrical infrastructure in order to prepare Tamworth LGA for the electrification of vehicles.	2022/2023 and 2023/2024	Underway
Investigate the opportunity to develop public private partnerships (PPP) to roll out EV charging stations in align with EV Roadmap/Strategy.	2022/2023 and 2023/2024	Underway
Research and apply for appropriate grants to align with other Transport and Mobility strategies.	2022/2023 to 2025/2026	Underway, but ongoing

As part of the EV strategy, investigate viability for council to transition all new purchase of plant and commercial vehicles to EV (or hybrid if electric not fit for purpose/available).	2022/2023 and 2023/2024	To be commenced
Engage with large scale employers to develop and implement sustainable workplace travel plans.	2022/2023 and 2023/2024	On hold

Audits

A review of past energy efficiency audits is currently underway to identify which TRC sites don't require future audits, and which should be prioritised for future audits. Many past audits occurred between 2007 and 2011 and best practice advises energy audits should occur every 3 years. The review of past energy audits included identifying where there are potential opportunities to reduce the energy consumption and associated cost of energy. Funding will be required to complete some of the recommended audits and all of the improvement works recommended from the audits. The intent of these works is to reduce the ongoing electricity consumption and associated cost of energy across the Organisation.

Solar PV Maintenance Contracts

Council has previously installed solar arrays at 13 individual council sites. Solar arrays require regular maintenance to ensure they are operating efficiently. This maintenance is provided via a solar maintenance contract with an external provider. A review of the solar maintenance contract has been undertaken. Through this process three sites which weren't currently maintained will be maintained under the current contract until the end of the contract in December 2023. Council intends to undertake the required procurement process to continue maintenance of TRC solar systems going forward to ensure optimal efficiency and cost savings are achieved from the 13 solar systems.

Street Lighting Upgrade

Essential Energy maintain 6,270 streetlights across the Tamworth local government area at Councils cost. As of October 2022, an estimated 97% of streetlights had been upgraded to more energy efficient LEDs as part of a bulk lamp maintenance agreement established in 2017. The remaining 153 streetlights are set to be upgraded by the end of quarter 1, 2023. The estimated annual electricity savings as a result of street lighting upgrades is approximately \$250,000.

Lighting Audit

Internal opportunities for lighting upgrades and energy savings at Council owned buildings will be identified as part of a proposed audit. Recent changes that have occurred include upgrade of 474 Peel Street to LED using previous savings from the street lighting upgrades, this is likely to result in an estimated 65% efficiency improvement and an annual saving of approximately \$3,700.

Large Scale Generation Certificates

Large Scale Generation certificates (LGCs) are a market mechanism or tradeable commodity designed to drive renewable energy uptake and generation in Australia. This mechanism sits under the Large-Scale Renewable Energy Target (the scheme) designed to deliver 33,000 gigawatt hours of additional renewable energy generation each year, extended to 2030.

Through the scheme, large renewable power stations are eligible to create certificates for every megawatt hour (MWh) of power they generate which can be sold to liable entities (e.g., wholesale electricity retailers) who are obligated to surrender these certificates to the Clean Energy Regulator to meet their renewable energy targets.

Council currently owns and operates one site that is eligible to produce LGCs. Council's Energy Sustainability Officer has conducted preliminary research to understand how this mechanism works. Further investigation is required to understand the financial viability of handling LGCs.

Carbon Emissions Tracking

Carbon emissions is currently being tracked for all electricity usage across all of Council's sites Council. This information will feed into the proposed carbon emissions baseline, which is being managed by the Sustainability Coordinator.

Energy Education and Events

The Energy Sustainability Officer has worked with Council's marketing and communications team to develop educational material for the community. Figure 1 is a door hanger which was designed for Tamworth hotels and motels to remind visitors to be mindful of their water and energy usage and to remember to manage/dispose of their waste appropriately through a number of short and easy to remember tips. This was developed in collaboration with both Council's Waste and Energy Officers. Door hangers were distributed during Tamworth Country Music Festival to help create positive influence through environmental sustainability education.



Figure 1. Sustainability Door Hangers

In collaboration with Council's marketing and communications team, the Energy Sustainability Officer also developed magnets (Figure 2.) that were designed to raise awareness around the importance of energy efficiency through short educational tips on ways to reduce energy usage. These were given away to patrons during Tamworth Country Music Festival at the Sustainability Activation tent.

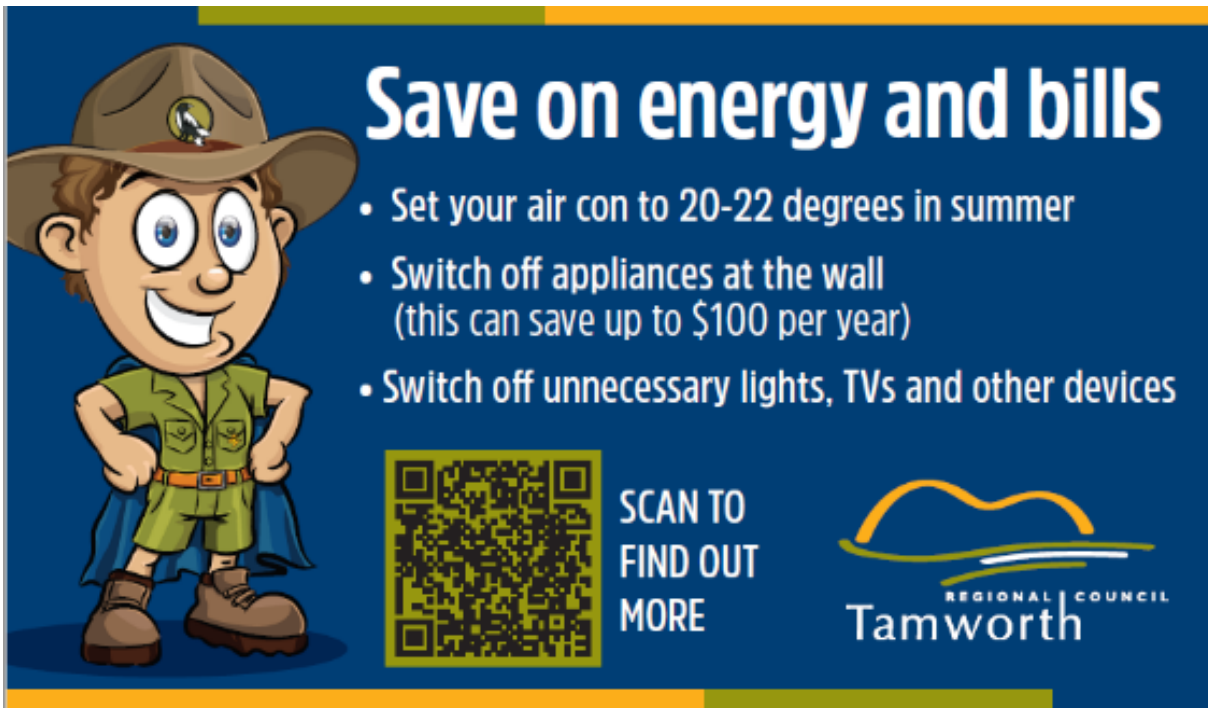


Figure 2. Energy Sustainability Magnets

The Energy Sustainability Officer also developed a 1 page A4 educational flyer designed to educate the community on how to read their electricity invoices and understand cost of electricity usage. It also includes tips on ways to reduce energy consumption and save on at-home electricity expenses. The flyer was given to students as a parent take-home letter as part of an education delivery campaign educating primary school aged children on environmental sustainability.

Electric Vehicles

The NSW government is committed to increasing uptake of Electric Vehicles (EV) and has laid out a strategy which is expected to increase EV sales to 52% by 2030/2031. A number of companies have announced they will be ceasing the production and sale of internal combustion engine vehicles by 2030, with the transition to electric vehicles currently underway.

The Energy Sustainability Officer is investigating ways to support the community in preparing for the growth of EVs on public roads through developing Tamworth LGAs EV charging network, including Council's ongoing role in supplying charging infrastructure. Investigation is also underway to identify grant opportunities and establish partnerships to facilitate public charging infrastructure and the procurement of EVs for Councils fleet where economically viable.

Electric Vehicle Strategy

It is proposed to prepare a Council electric vehicle strategy. The strategy aims to set targets and identify actions for Council to transition internally to increasing EV use, identify what role, if any, Council performs in educating the community about EVs and providing charging for EV and the actions to be undertaken based on that role. The Energy Sustainability Officer has been working with the Regional Services Strategy Team to inform this process.

A consultant will be engaged to assist subject to funding approval.

Load capacity and demand constraints of electrical infrastructure

With increasing use of EVs, there will be an increased demand for access to charging stations. What role Council has in the delivery of these charging stations will be considered as part of the EV strategy. However, in the interim Council has been engaging with Essential Energy to inform the optimal location for electric vehicle charging infrastructure to prevent the need for electricity infrastructure upgrades to provide EV charging. This information can then be made available to other organisations/businesses that may be interested in establishing EV charging across their Council area.

EV Charging Infrastructure Partnerships

Initial conversations have occurred between Sustainability Team, Regional Services Strategy Team and private companies interested in installing EV chargers in the Tamworth LGA, one of which has obtained a grant from NSW state government to install EV chargers in the Tamworth LGA. A Council report will be prepared once a firm proposal has been received.

Water and Waste Energy Efficiency Improvements

Some of the energy efficiency improvements made recently by the Water and Waste Projects and Services Engineers include:

- upgrades to Swan Street pump station to enable additional use of the existing solar system;
- control system additions at Peel Pump station to automatically operate pumps at a different flow for each tariff period;
- control system changes to the Paradise Wells Balance tank to operate the pumps at a more efficient speed;
- working with contractors to select the most efficient cooling system for the upgraded switch room at Calala Water Treatment Plant; and
- various LED lighting upgrades and installations.

Forest Road Electrical Demand Analysis

As part of a longer-term strategy to improve overall environmental impact of waste disposal and improve energy efficiencies in waste operations and resource recovery at the Forest Road Landfill (the site), the Energy Sustainability Officer project-managed the delivery of a High-Level Electrical Demand Analysis. This Analysis was aimed at understanding the sites overall electrical demand requirements which will be used to inform future infrastructure developments as part of longer-term development plans to support a growing population.

Energy Data Management Software

E21 Energy Plus, through its subsidiary Energy Management Services, has been the preferred energy data management software utilised by Council for several years. The Energy Sustainability Officer works with energy analysts and consultants from E21 Energy Plus to coordinate Council's energy and carbon management reporting system. The energy management software is used to monitor and measure buildings electrical loads and data pertaining to electricity emissions, electricity consumption and electricity expenditures to identify opportunities to implement efficiency measures. The E21 Energy Plus system records the data from electricity meters and validates electricity data against the retailers to ensure there are no billing anomalies.

Council's licence agreement with E21 Energy Plus ends on 31 March 2023. To this end, Council's Energy Sustainability Officer conducted a market analysis to ensure E21 Energy Plus continues to provide a competitive software/service that aligns with Council's operational objectives. E21 Energy Plus is considered the most appropriate supplier and as a result has been reengaged to provide services at least in the short-term.

Sites added/removed

There have been several new sites recently added to Council's metered electrical sites. Temporary work sites, new buildings and significant electrical upgrades are all treated as new sites. New sites involve liaison with:

- internal site asset owners;
- accounts payable;
- electrical contractors;
- meter service providers;
- energy retailer (ZEN Energy); and
- network provider (Essential Energy).

All of the parties involved in the new connection also need to be notified of a disconnection. Sites including temporary worksites and sites no longer operated by Council have been transferred to other parties or disconnected.

Recent, and in progress, electricity connections and/or major upgrades include:

- Barraba Landfill;
- Manilla Landfill;
- Kootingal Transfer Station;
- Nundle Landfill;
- Macdonald River Raw Water Pump;
- Biloba Way Water Pump Station;
- Calala Storage Shed;
- Tamworth Regional Council Bald Hill Tower; and
- Riverside Sporting Complex.

Missed meter reads and meter upgrades

A number of electricity meters at Council-owned sites are manually read with a meter reader visiting the site to record electricity consumption. There are instances where meter readers are unable to access the sites. Since July 2022, 86 Council-owned sites had access issues which meant that the reader was unable to access the sites during the last reading period. This has resulted in bill estimations which means Council could be paying higher prices. The Energy Sustainability Officer is actively working with facility managers to ensure meters can be read at the programmed date. For sites with ongoing access issues the Sustainability Officer is investigating the viability of introducing meter upgrades that has automated communication to eliminate the need for manual meter reads at several Council owned sites. There is a marginal operational fee to operate communication meters that is applied to energy accounts; however, the cost of the communication meter is less than the cost to manually read accumulation meters.

(a) Policy Implications

These projects and activities are implemented from stated outcomes of Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy and Action Plan 2022 – 2026.

(b) Financial Implications

2022/2023 activities are funded from existing budget allocations, actions identified in the coming financial years require funding to enable implementation.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil

(d) Community Consultation

Nil

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 6 – Working with and protecting our environment

8.2 URBAN STREET TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN - ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES - 20 FEBRUARY 2023

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES
AUTHOR: Paul Kelly, Manager - Sports and Recreation

1 ANNEXURES ATTACHED

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “Urban Street Tree Management Plan - Advisory Group Minutes - 20 February 2023”, Council receive and note the minutes from the Urban Street Tree Management Plan – Advisory Group.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the minutes from the 20 February 2023 meeting of the Urban Street Tree Management Plan – Advisory Group (the Advisory Group) and note the key outcomes of the meeting.

COMMENTARY

The Advisory Group was created to support Tamworth Regional Council (Council) with the greening and cooling of the region through the advancement of tree plantings across the Local Government area (LGA).

On 20 February 2023, the Advisory Group met for its bi-monthly meeting. Minutes from the meeting are **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 1**. Key discussion items of the meeting included:

2022 Spring Greening Strategy

The spring tree planting has been successful even though there were some early losses of plants. Due to the dry and hotter summer this year, we are currently watering the new trees.

2023 Autumn Greening Strategy

Members of the Advisory Group were concerned that the change in weather back to a normal hot, dry summer would lead to additional losses and more work to keep the trees alive.

The Advisory Group asked Council staff if it was possible to move some of the spring 2023 planned planting to autumn 2023, as this time of year is cooler and requires less work to keep the trees alive. Staff will investigate and report back to the Advisory Group with an updated Autumn Greening Strategy at the March meeting.

General Business

The watering of new trees was discussed with the Advisory Group, with the consensus that trees planted in spring would need regular watering while trees planted in autumn and winter should be checked prior to watering.

The Register of Significant Trees and the approval process were raised as the original documentation does not outline the approval process for pruning or removal. Council staff will document the current approval process for pruning/approval and provide this to the Advisory Group at the next meeting.

In addition, the Advisory Group will provide guidance on how the Register of Significant Trees can be expanded to include the entire LGA, not just Tamworth.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil

(b) Financial Implications

Nil

(c) Legal Implications

Nil

(d) Community Consultation

The Urban Street Tree Management Plan – Advisory Group is comprised of members of the community.

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 2 – A liveable built environment

8.3 TAMWORTH REGIONAL LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING - 1 MARCH 2023

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES
AUTHOR: Steven Marshall, Strategy, Assets and Design Engineer
3 ANNEXURES ATTACHED

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “Tamworth Regional Local Traffic Committee General Meeting - 1 March 2023”, Council:

- (i) approve the installation of one new disabled car space at 141 Marius Street, one new associated pram ramp and the maximum width car park line marking along both sides of Marius Street Tamworth, between Darling Street and Brisbane Street including the supporting signage;*
- (ii) approve the installation of maximum width car park line marking on both sides of Bourke Street, Tamworth, from Kable Avenue to Marius Street including the supporting signage;*
- (iii) approve the installation of the missing Give Way sign and line marking (inclusive of a TB, TB1 and a Double B centre line) on Logistics Avenue at the Country Road intersection, Westdale;*
- (iv) approve the installation of the missing signs (Roundabout and Keep Left signs) and line marking (Hold lines and Double B Centre lines) on the three approaches to the Rodeo Drive and Stockmans Way roundabout, Hillvue;*
- (v) approve the proposed traffic impacts and the proposed traffic management plan associated with the Tamworth ANZAC Day dawn service from 4.00am to 6.30am on 25 April 2023; and*
- (vi) approve the proposed traffic impacts and the proposed traffic management plan associated with the Manilla ANZAC Day march from 5.00am to 12.00pm on 25 April 2023.*

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the six recommendations made by the Tamworth Regional Local Traffic Committee (the Committee) at the meeting held on 1 March 2023.

COMMENTARY

The minutes from the Committee meeting held on 1 March 2023, are **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 1**.

23/2023 – Request to install carpark line marking on Marius Street (between Darling Street and Brisbane Street), Tamworth

With additional Tamworth Regional Council (Council) and Department of Regional NSW staff utilising on-street carparks on Marius Street, it has been requested of Council to install car park line marking on both sides of the road from Darling Street to Brisbane Street. The line marking will help drivers by guiding them into parks at the required 60-degree angle, ultimately compressing cars and creating more carparking opportunities. Please see Figure 1 and Figure 2 below.

In addition, Council is also requesting that a disabled parking space be formally installed in front of 141 Marius Street, to ensure there is ample parking opportunities for the disabled. This site was nominated as the cross fall on this site is suitable and the grade on the associated verge is adequate for a pram ramp to be installed.

There are no proposed changes to the zoning along Marius Street with the installation of the line marking and disabled parking space.



Figure 1 – Proposed car park marking on Marius Street (between Darling Street and Bourke Street)



Figure 2 – Proposed car park marking on Marius Street (between Bourke Street and Brisbane Street)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: the Committee supports the installation of one new disabled car space at 141 Marius Street, one new associated pram ramp and the maximum width car park line marking along both sides of Marius Street Tamworth, between Darling Street and Brisbane Street including the supporting signage.

24/2023 – Request to install carpark line marking on Bourke Street (between Kable Avenue and Marius Street), Tamworth

With additional Council staff utilising on-street car parks around the central business district (CBD), it has been requested of Council to install car park line marking on both sides of Bourke Street, from Kable Avenue to Marius Street. The line marking will help drivers by guiding them into parks at the required 60-degree angle, ultimately compressing cars and creating more carparking opportunities. Please see Figure 3 and Figure 4 below.

With the proposed line marking, there will be no changes made to the zoning along Bourke Street.



Figure 3 – Proposed car park marking on Bourke Street (between Peel Street and Marius Street)



Figure 4 – Proposed car park marking on Bourke Street (between Kable Avenue and Peel Street)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: the Committee supports the installation of maximum width car park line marking on both sides of Bourke Street Tamworth, from Kable Avenue to Marius Street including the supporting signage.

25/2023 – Request to install a Hold line and Give Way signage on Logistics Avenue at Country Road intersection, Westdale

It has been requested of Council to consider installation of traffic controls at the intersection between Logistics Avenue and Country Road, Westdale.

Upon investigation, Country Road has two north bound through lanes which could catch motorists out when departing from Logistics Avenue, if the control line is not installed. A Hold line, Double B Centre line and a Give Way sign should be installed. Please see Figure 5 below.



Figure 5 – Intersection between Logistics Avenue and Country Road, Westdale

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: the Committee supports the installation of the missing Give Way sign and line marking (inclusive of a TB, TB1 and a Double B Centre line) on Logistics Avenue at the Country Road intersection, Westdale.

26/2023 – Request to install signage and line marking at the Rodeo Drive and Stockmans Way roundabout, Hillvue

The roundabout between Rodeo Drive and Stockmans Way Hillvue is missing essential traffic controls.

Works are required to install the missing controls including Hold lines, Double B-Centre lines and roundabout signs on all three legs, as well the installation of a missing Keep Left sign. See Figure 6 below.



Figure 6 – Roundabout between Stockmans Way and Rodeo Drive, Hillvue

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: the Committee supports the installation of the missing signs (roundabout and Keep Left Signs) and line marking (Hold lines and Double B Centre lines) on the three approaches to the Rodeo Drive and Stockmans Way roundabout, Hillvue.

28/2023 – ANZAC Day Dawn Service, Tamworth

The Tamworth RSL will be holding an ANZAC day dawn service on Brisbane Street, East Tamworth with a planned road closure between Upper and Napier Streets. The street will need to be closed from 4.00am to 6.30am.

Vehicle mitigation devices will be installed at each end of the planned road closure and a temporary carpark installed within the Tamworth Public School grounds for the aged/infirm attendees. The Traffic Management Plan (TMP) is **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 2**.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: the Committee supports the closure of Brisbane Street, East Tamworth, between Napier and Upper Streets, from 4.00am to 6.30am on 25 April 2023, for the purpose of holding the 2023 ANZAC Day Dawn Service in Tamworth.

29/2023 – ANZAC Day March, Manilla

Road closures are required in Manilla to safely enable the proposed ANZAC Day march. The TMP is **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 3**.

Both Court Street (from Rowan Street to Manilla Street) and Manilla Street (from Court Street to Market Street) will be closed from 5am to 12pm. Vehicle mitigation devices will be installed at each planned road closure.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: the Committee supports the closure of Court Street (from Rowan Street to Manilla Street), and Manilla Street (from Court Street to Market Street), from 5am to 12pm on 25 April 2023, to hold the 2023 ANZAC Day March in Manilla.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil

(b) Financial Implications

23/2023, 24/2023, 25/2023 and 26/2023 – Shall be funded by the Road Infrastructure Maintenance budget.

28/2023, 29/2023 – Shall be funded by the existing special event traffic management budget.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil

(d) Community Consultation

23/2023, 24/2023, 25/2023 and 26/2023 – Any businesses or residents directly affected by the maintenance works will be communicated with before commencement.

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 5 – Connect our Region and Citizens.

8.4 TAMWORTH GLOBAL GATEWAY PARK - PRECINCT MANAGEMENT AND PHASE 2 PRELIMINARY WORKS FUNDING INCREASE

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES
AUTHOR: Callum Fletcher, Senior Project Engineer
Reference: Item 8.1 to Ordinary Council 23 March 2021 - Minute No 52/21
Item 8.1 to Ordinary Council 26 October 2021 - Minute No 306/21
Item 8.4 to Ordinary Council 14 June 2022 - Minute No 161/22
Item 12.1 to Ordinary Council 26 July 2022 – Minute No 219/22
1 ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “Tamworth Global Gateway Park - Precinct Management and Phase 2 Preliminary Works Funding Increase”, Council:

- (i) approve the allocation of \$1,750,000 from the Westdale Land Reserve as the funding source for the Jewry Street Extension project;*
- (ii) approve the allocation of \$75,000 from the Westdale Land Reserve to fund the demolition of the Marathon Street farmstead dwelling;*
- (iii) approve the allocation of up to \$100,000 from the Civil Construction Reserve to fund the financial close out of Stage 1 Goddard Lane;*
- (iv) approve the allocation of up to \$100,000 from the Westdale Land Reserve to fund the financial close out of Stage 1 Goddard Lane;*
- (v) approve the allocation of \$250,000 from the Westdale Land Reserve to fund precinct management activities in an operational and maintenance capacity for the next 4 years; and*
- (vi) approve the allocation of \$120,000 from the Westdale Land Reserve to increase the funding for Phase 2 design.*

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to approve the allocation of additional funding to complete works associated with Phase 1 of the Tamworth Global Gateway Park (TGGP), complete designs associated with Phase 2 of the TGGP, and for ongoing management costs associated with the precinct. The repayment of this funding is ultimately through the sale of land within the TGGP.

COMMENTARY

Background

The TGGP is an area adjacent to the Tamworth Regional Airport and the Glen Artney Industrial Estate, proposed to be developed as industrial and commercial land by Council. The land is also the site of the proposed Tamworth Intermodal Freight Facility (TIFF). A staging plan for the TGGP is **ENCLOSED**, refer to **ENCLOSURE 1**.

Development and Intermodal Update

Subdivision works associated with Stage 1 and 2 have been wholly completed. Stage 3 subdivision works are underway by Daracon with construction works anticipated to be completed mid-2023 with lots registered in late-2023. Preliminary works for Stage 4 have been completed, with final works required for subdivision of the lot pending intended stage usage and required sewer serviceability.

The lease agreement between Council and Qube Holding for the TIFF has been signed by all parties and is in effect. The construction of the TIFF is underway with the works being undertaken by Daracon concurrently with Stage 3 of the TGGP. The current Daracon program shows the TIFF construction completed by the end of September 2023.

A report will be prepared for Council in mid-2023 to provide a detailed sales update for the TGGP and to provide a comparison of the development's actual performance versus the forecast performance in the 2020 Capital Expenditure Review. Preliminary analysis indicates that the financial performance of the development to date has been very sound.

Jewry Street Extension

The Jewry Street Extension project involves the construction of an extension to the western end of Jewry Street to provide a heavy vehicle bypass of Taminda, providing a safe and efficient heavy vehicle route to the TGGP. This project is part of the Growing Local Economies Fund (GLE) program, which includes the Country Road Roundabout and the TGGP Trunk Stormwater Drainage. The funding includes \$5,886,000 from the GLE grant and \$654,000 from the Civil Construction Reserve.

Council reallocated \$1,750,000 from the Jewry Street Extension project to fund budget overruns associated with the Trunk Stormwater, refer to Item 8.4 Ordinary Council 14 June 2022 – Minute No 161/22. This reallocation allowed the GLE grant funding to be paid to Council early, improving Council's cash position at the time. As part of the approval in the same report, Council approved the allocation of up to \$1,750,000 from Council's reserves to reinstate the full budget for the Jewry Street Extension, if required. At the time of that report, the funding source was not specifically identified and it is now recommended that the budget for the Jewry Street Extension be topped up from the Westdale Land Reserve.

Ongoing risks are being managed on the project. These include ongoing negotiations with APA Group around the requirement and extents of a likely relocation of their gas transmission main running along the existing road at this location, as well as standard construction risks experienced by all projects. A further Council report will be prepared should these risks progress to a point where they impact on the financial position of the project.

Marathon Street Farmstead

The purchase of the TGGP site in 2016 included a farmstead dwelling, yards, and adjoining sheds located along Marathon Street. This dwelling has been occupied by the previous owner since the sale was finalised under a pseudo-occupancy arrangement. The TGGP precinct management team is currently in the process of assisting the occupant with tidying up and vacating the dwelling and adjacent yards. The yards and sheds are already in use as a TGGP long term material storage area.

The dwelling is required to be demolished as part of Stage 11 of the TGGP. While this is some time off, unfortunately the dwelling is in poor condition and was previously considered unlikely to be useful as a rental property or TGGP site office without significant expenditure.

There is also a risk of the dwelling being vandalised and/or occupied by squatters, which is considered sufficient enough to justify the early demolition of the structure.

This report seeks \$75,000 from the Westdale Land Reserve to demolish the dwelling and associated structures, excluding the adjacent sheds and yards. These yards and sheds will continue to be used as a long-term storage area for materials utilised within the TGGP i.e. concrete pipes, water main fittings, grout etc. Additional demolition expenses will be incurred in Stage 11 to complete the demolition of the sheds and yards, however this expenditure will be considered as part of the Stage 11 capital expenditure budget.

TGGP Stage 1 – Goddard Lane

Significant sewer rework was required on 1.4 kilometres of new sewer main constructed to service lots fronting Goddard Lane. Part of the rework was required due to design changes to provide increased serviceability to a number of lots, as well as rework to correct a number of defective and damaged pipes impacted by other construction activities as well as the ongoing wet weather experienced during construction.

The rework on the sewer main was completed last year with the full length of the installed sewer network tested and accepted by Council's Development Engineering division, allowing the lots to be registered. The total value of additional funding required for the sewer rework is \$194,755. It is intended that this funding be sourced in part from the Civil Construction Reserve and in part from the Westdale Land Reserve, allowing the Stage 1 Goddard Lane project to be closed out.

Precinct Management

Since the commencement of detailed design activities for infrastructure delivery at the TGGP in 2019, the development has incurred costs for activities not relating to a specifically funded stage or associated project of the TGGP. These costs include precinct management expenses, project management, intermittent slashing and maintenance, site wide detailed biodiversity and aboriginal assessments, CASA permits, communications expenses, administration support, and other general expenses. These expenses have totalled approximately \$240,000 over the last four years.

It is anticipated that similar costs will be experienced going forward and it is proposed that \$250,000 be allocated from the Westdale Land Reserve over the next four years to fund these precinct management activities moving forward. Expenditure beyond the 2027/2028 financial year would be subject to a further report for Council's consideration and a review of the ongoing management of the precinct.

Phase 2 Design

The detailed design of all Phase 2 stages (Stages 5-8) is currently underway. These designs have been funded in the amount of \$551,750 through two contributions from the Westdale Land Reserve, refer to Item 8.1 to Ordinary Council 26 October 2021 - Minute No 306/21, and Item 12.1 to Ordinary Council 26 July 2022 – Minute No 219/22.

Stages 5, 6 and 8 are currently being designed by external design consultants, with Stage 7 designed in-house by Council's Survey and Design team.

Additional funding of \$120,000 is required to be allocated to the Phase 2 design package in order to cover increased consultant costs and to fund design revisions requested by the precinct management team in order to provide efficient and functional subdivision designs for these stages. The project management team have noted that these design changes will result in future construction savings far in excess of the fees paid for the refinement of the design.

For example, one of the design revisions relates to the stormwater drainage corridor running through Stage 5, which conveys existing stormwater flows from the residential areas along Marathon Street as the stormwater flows created by the development of the TGGP land. The stormwater design for this stage has been iterated several times to ensure that the stormwater system is efficient and also allows the resulting green space above the stormwater network to be useable by workers and patrons. This green space is along Yurrandaali Street, which is bounded with small 400 square metre lots intended to be utilised by hospitality and small shop type development servicing the worker and patron needs within the TGGP. Figure 1 shows the location of this stormwater system in the context of Marathon Street and Murroon Creek.

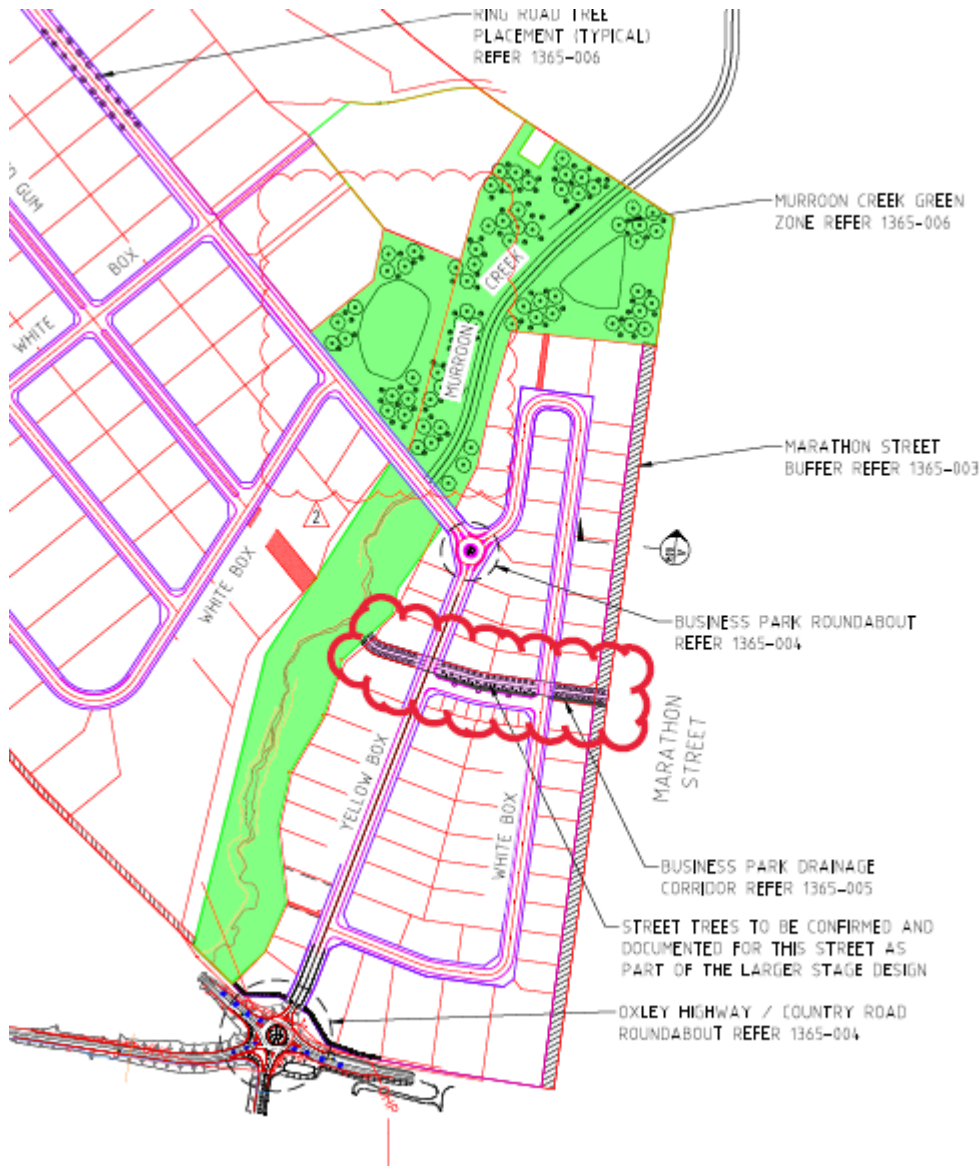


Figure 1 – Location of the business park drainage corridor.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil

(b) Financial Implications

The Westdale Land Reserve is Council's funding source for the TGGP development with all TGGP land sales returned to the Westdale Land Reserve. The reserve position at 1 July 2022, was \$7,196,318 owing. The forecast reserve position at 30 June 2023, including the recommendations from this report, is a reduced owed amount of \$7,032,409.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil

(d) Community Consultation

Blueprint 100 notes the TGGP as the key employment growth area for the region. The document was on public exhibition from 2 March 2020 to 9 April 2020, in conjunction with print media, social media, and media releases with community consultation sessions held in Tamworth, Manilla, Barraba, Nundle, and Kootingal.

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 3 – Prosperity and innovation.

Focus Area 5 – Connect our region and its citizens.

9 GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY AND FINANCE

9.1 2023 ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICES WITHIN THE TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Tracey Carr, Coordinator - Governance and Executive Services

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “2023 Anzac Day Memorial Services within the Tamworth Regional Council Area”, Council nominate Councillor Representation at the following locations:

<i>Attunga</i>	<i>Mayor Russell Webb</i>
	<i>Cr Judy Coates</i>
<i>Barraba</i>	<i>Cr Judy Coates</i>
<i>Bendemeer</i>	<i>Cr Judy Coates</i>
<i>Duri</i>	<i>Cr Stephen Mears</i>
<i>Kootingal</i>	<i>Cr Brooke Southwell</i>
<i>Moonbi Masonic Village RFBI</i>	<i>Cr Phil Betts - Monday, 24 April</i>
<i>Manilla</i>	<i>Cr Marc Sutherland</i>
<i>Manilla Central School</i>	<i>Cr Brooke Southwell</i>
<i>Moonbi</i>	<i>Cr Judy Coates</i>
<i>Nundle</i>	<i>Cr Stephen Mears</i>
<i>Somerton</i>	<i>Cr Bede Burke</i>
<i>Tamworth Dawn Service</i>	<i>Mayor Russell Webb</i>
<i>Tamworth Service</i>	<i>Mayor Russell Webb</i>
	<i>Cr Helen Tickle</i>
<i>Gipps Street Memorial</i>	<i>Cr Mark Rodda</i>
	<i>Cr Helen Tickle</i>

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to allocate individual Councillor’s attending the 2023 Anzac Day Memorial Services.

COMMENTARY

Listed below is an itinerary for the locations in the region where Council is aware that Anzac Services are held. As further information is received it will be brought to the attention of the nominated Councillor for that location.

Attunga

No formal invitation to Council has been received however, the Anzac Day March and Memorial Service will commence in front of the Attunga Primary School at 3:00pm, and the Service at the Memorial Gates in Attunga Street. After the Service light refreshments will be served in the Attunga Public Hall.

Barraba

No formal invitation to Council has been received however, the Dawn Service normally commences at 6am at the Memorial Clock. The March commences at 10:50am from the corner of Queen and Alice streets, and arrives at the Memorial Clock at 11:00am for the commencement of the Service. Lunch will be held after the Service.

Bendemeer

No formal invitation to Council has been received however, the Dawn Service will commence at 5:30am at the Memorial Gates in Memorial Park, Memorial Drive and the March assembly is at 10:45am at the corner of Havannah Street and Memorial Drive with the Service held at Memorial Park at 11am.

Duri

No formal invitation to Council has been received however, the Service will commence at 7:30am and at the Sportsground Memorial. Morning tea, including Anzac biscuits served afterwards.

Kootingal

No formal invitation to Council has been received however, the March from Kootingal School normally commences at 8am (assembly at 7:45am) with the Service at approximately 8:30am at the Memorial in Memory Park, Denman Avenue. With Morning Tea held following the Service.

Manilla

Manilla Anzac Day Service

No formal invitation to Council has been received however, the March normally commences at 10:45am from the RSL Club with the Service to follow adjacent to the Large Town Hall. Lunch is then held after the Service.

Manilla Central School

No formal invitation to Council has been received from Manilla Central School however the Manilla Central School normally conduct a Service commencing at 10:30am at the Primary Department. A morning tea will follow the Service in the Primary Library.

Moonbi

A formal invitation to Council has been received, the Moonbi Masonic Village RFBI will host a Service on Monday 24 April, at the Moonbi Masonic Village RFBI starting at 10:00am with light refreshments served from 11am. Moonbi Masonic Village RFBI have requested Councillor Phil Betts attend this event.

Moonbi

No formal invitation to Council has been received however, the Moonbi Public School normally host an Anzac Day Service on a school day which commences at 10:30am at the school. With Morning Tea held following the Service.

Nundle

An invitation has been received from the Tamworth RSL Sub-branch to attend the Nundle Anzac Day Commemoration Service. The Service will commence at 11:00am at the Nundle Memorial Hall, followed by a March to the Cenotaph at the Nundle Council Office.

Somerton

No formal invitation to Council has been received however, the March normally commences from the school at 7:45am, the Commemorative Service is normally held at the Somerton War Memorial Hall at 8:00am.

Tamworth

No formal invitation to Council has been received however, the Tamworth RSL sub-Branch has confirmed informally that the events for Anzac Day 2023 will be the same as previous years.

Program Anzac Day 2023, Tamworth

5:30am	ANZAC Day Dawn Service	ANZAC Memorial Gates	ANZAC Park
10:45am	Main Service	Tamworth Memorial Town Hall	Fitzroy Street
12:00pm	Tamworth RSL Sub-branch ANZAC Day Luncheon	All attendees (except official guests) are required to have a paid ticket.	Blazes Showroom - West's League Club

Gipps Street Memorial

No formal invitation has been received from the Rotary Club of Tamworth West; however, the ANZAC Day Memorial Service at the Gipps Street Memorial normally commences at 7:00am.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil

(b) Financial Implications

Funding for attendance at the above Anzac Day Memorial Services including travel and wreaths is included in the Executive Services budget.

(c) Legal Implications

Council's formal approval for the attendance of any Councillor at these Anzac Day Memorial Day Services is required for insurance purposes whilst these Representatives of Council are performing bona fide duties.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus area 9 – Open and collaborative leadership

9.2 2023 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - MOTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Tracey Carr, Coordinator - Governance and Executive Services
Reference: Item 9.2 to Ordinary Council 14 February 2023 - Minute No 7/23

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “2023 National General Assembly of Local Government - Motions for Submission”, Council:

- (i) authorise the motion; that the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to;*
 - a. fund, in conjunction with state government community education of direct and in direct reuse of effluent;*
 - b. work with State Governments to improve regulation of indirect and direct potable reuse and recycled water for industrial uses, including across jurisdictions;*
 - c. fund investigation of methods to better dispose of the waste stream generated by current reverse osmosis water treatment technologies in inland areas;*
- (ii) authorise the motion; that the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to urgently address the critical shortfall in Financial Assistance Grants to Local Government, with a particular focus on a significant increase in road funding following the intense climatic and weather events of the past two years;*
- (iii) authorise the motion; that the National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to recognise the significant contribution made by volunteers across Australia in all spheres of life and the value this contribution makes to local communities. In recognising this contribution the National General Assembly acknowledges that volunteers are a significant unpaid resource that delivers services that smaller councils and communities would struggle to replace with paid labour; and*
- (iv) authorise the motion; that the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to fast track the implementation of the Growing Regions Program so that projects previously submitted under the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) can be progressed.*

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the motion to be submitted on behalf of Tamworth Regional Council to the 2023 National General Assembly for Local Government.

COMMENTARY

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held 14 February 2023, authorised Mayor, Russell Webb, with a further five Councillors to be nominated outside of the Meeting, to attend the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) to be held over 13 - 15 June 2023.

Councillor Phil Betts has since withdrawn from attending due to being unavailable on those dates.

Following this Meeting, four topics were suggested by Councillors as the basis for Motions to be submitted for the NGA. Final wording for one of the Motions is below for approval:

- (i) The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to;
- fund, in conjunction with state government community education of direct and in direct reuse of effluent;
 - work with State Governments to improve regulation of indirect and direct potable reuse and recycled water for industrial uses, including across jurisdictions; and
 - fund investigation of methods to better dispose of the waste stream generated by current reverse osmosis water treatment technologies in inland areas.

National Objective:

The impact of climate change is being felt across the country. One of these forecast impacts is the reduction in water security for regional noncoastal communities Australia wide. Non coastal communities do not have access to seawater for use in desalination, which limits the number of viable options for increasing water security.

One such option is recycling of effluent water for industrial and /or potable uses.

There is no technical reason why effluent water cannot be recycled for potable purposes, however three critical issues need to be addressed.

1. Better community acceptance of water recycling, particularly for potable use. Governments need to invest in community education programs to educate the wider community of the benefits of direct or indirect potable reuse and the risks.
 2. Regulation. State governments are not ready to regulate recycling effluent water for industrial and/or potable use.
 3. Waste Streams. The most common recycling process at present is reverse osmosis. This process produces a waste stream that is high in salt. In coastal areas this waste stream can be directed to the sea but in inland areas the most common disposal option is evaporation ponds, which tie up considerable land area and present a long term waste issue. More research needs to be undertaken in this area to improve the disposal of the waste streams from Reverse Osmosis processes.
- (ii) That the National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to urgently address the critical shortfall in Financial Assistance Grants to Local Government, with a particular focus on a significant increase in road funding following the intense climatic and weather events of the past two years.

National Objective:

Australia's road network has been in decline for many years and has been devastated by the severe storm and flooding events of the past two years. Councils are currently having to spend double or triple their usual road maintenance budgets just to address emergency repairs and address road safety issues, and this is resulting in a diversion of funds from other vital community programs and a reduction in service levels. Emergency grant funding from both the State and Federal governments have been welcome, but Local Government needs a permanent, reliable source of funding over many years to address the current backlog. ALGA's policy position to pursue FAGS at 1% of national tax revenues has never been more important given the current road crisis.

- (iii) The National General Assembly calls on the Federal Government to recognise the significant contribution made by volunteers across Australia in all spheres of life and the value this contribution makes to local communities. In recognising this contribution, the National General Assembly acknowledges that volunteers are a significant unpaid resource that delivers services that smaller councils and communities would struggle to replace with paid labour.

National Objective:

Volunteering Australia is the national peak body for volunteering, working to advance volunteering in the Australian community. In accordance with Volunteering Australia's vision of "A strong, connected, and resilient Australian community through volunteering" and its purpose, "to lead, strengthen, and celebrate volunteering in Australia", we call on the Australian Government to commit to a more strategic, whole-of-government and national approach to volunteering, recognising the crucial role that volunteering plays in enhancing social cohesion and the wellbeing of Australians. In delivering this commitment we believe that the Government must enhance its support of the volunteer sector and partner with state, territory, and local governments to reinvigorate volunteering as Australia adapts to living with COVID-19 into the future.

- (iv) The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to fast track the implementation of the Growing Regions Program so that projects previously submitted under the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) can be progressed.

National Objective:

The Building Better Regions Program (BBRF) provided a critical funding source for regional communities across Australia and enabled many significant infrastructure and facility projects to be undertaken by Councils. The last round of BBRF was suddenly discontinued following the last Federal election despite the fact that many Councils had invested significant resources into their funding submissions. While the new Federal Government has announced a replacement program call the Growing Regions Program, we are still waiting for the launch of the program and as such many community building projects have been delayed.

Councillors had also identified additional funding for tourism in regional areas given the importance of Tourism to regional communities and economies. Further research has identified that ALGA already has a Policy relating to Tourism, negating the need for this motion.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil

(b) Financial Implications

Nil

(c) Legal Implications

Nil

(d) Community Consultation

Nil

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 9 – Open and collaborative leadership.

9.3 RAY WALSH HOUSE RELOCATION PROJECT - UPDATE AND BUDGET VARIATION APPROVAL

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

AUTHOR: Paul Bennett, General Manager

Reference: Item 9.2 to Ordinary Council 13 September 2022 - Minute No 260/22

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “Ray Walsh House Relocation Project - Update and Budget Variation Approval”, Council:

- (i) note and approve the additional budget allocation of \$287,407 from General Fund Unrestricted Cash, for the Ray Walsh House relocation project; and*
- (ii) the Ray Walsh House Relocation Project team advise on expected further expenditure, if any, before the project is closed.*

SUMMARY

Actual and committed expenditure of building works and furniture on the Ray Walsh House (RWH) relocation project, is \$2,521,800; \$287,407 over and above the original budget approved by Council on 13 September 2022. The additional expenditure is predominately in relation to the works carried out in 474 Peel Street which is a Council owned building. The costs were unknown when the report on 13 September 2022 was presented.

COMMENTARY

Council, at its Meeting of 13 September 2022, endorsed the emergency expenditure incurred to relocate staff from RWH under section 55(3). The estimated amount at the time, which was endorsed stood at \$ 2,235,723 to fund the following:

• building works	\$1,339,620
• furniture	<u>\$896,103</u>
Total	\$2,235,723
Less: 2021/2022 expenditure	<u>(\$1,329)</u>
Annual Budget 2022/2023	\$2,234,294

The actual and committed expenditure compared to approved budget is as follows:

Job	Committed and Actual	Annual Budget	Budget Variance
RWH Remediation - IT Works	205,268	165,067	(40,201)
RWH Remediation - Removal/Relocation	18,844	50,758	31,914
RWH Remediation - Refurbish - Parry Building	543,741	507,243	(36,498)
RWH Remediation - Refurbish - 474 Peel Street	698,240	483,129	(215,111)
RWH Remediation - NDL (179 Marius) Building Works	1,016,278	988,849	(27,429)
RWH Remediation - Sports Dome Refurbishment	39,429	39,348	(82)
Total	2,521,800	2,234,394	(287,407)

The majority of the additional expenditure is in relation to 474 Peel Street. The design and costings were finalised in late October 2022. During the course of construction, the contractors also identified issues in the ceiling involving electrical wiring which was not in line with current standards, insufficient levels of insulation and the majority of ceiling tiles needed replacing. There was also a requirement to install new IT infrastructure for a Customer Facing centre. Accordingly, we will need to process a budget adjustment for \$287,407, to match actual and committed expenditure to date.

We have been advised by the project management team that some further expenditure is expected in relation to 474 Peel Street. It is anticipated to be in the region of \$60,000. Council can apply for a rebate in relation to a portion of this for lighting upgrades and the hope is that it will reduce the cost further. A final report will be provided once all those small works are completed.

(a) Policy Implications

Nil

(b) Financial Implications

Over budgeted amount is funded from the General Fund of unrestricted cash reserve.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil

(d) Community Consultation

Nil

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 9 – Open collaborative leadership

9.4 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS FEBRUARY 2023

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Sherrill Young, Manager - Financial Services
Jodie McMahon, Accountant

1 ANNEXURES ATTACHED

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “Council Investments February 2023”, Council receive and note the report.

SUMMARY

In accordance with *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, Clause 212, the purpose of this report is to provide Council with a register of investments held as at February 28, 2023 and provide Responsible Accounting Officer certification that investments comply with the *Local Government Act 1993*, *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Council’s Investment Policy. The register and accompanying certification can be found in **ANNEXURE 1**.

COMMENTARY

Continued increases in interest rates are providing Council with a better return on investments. The register **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 1** shows that there are only two term deposits paying less than 1% as at 28 February 2023 and by the time this report goes to Council these investments will have matured.

The current quandary with investments is how much to invest longer term to avoid the predicted interest rate ahead of a forecast recession; if the recession does not transpire Council does not want a significant percentage of its portfolio tied up at lower rates. Since the March rate hike by the Reserve Bank, markets have factored in the likelihood of a recession and longer-term deposits interest rates have dropped below 5%. Finance staff are seeking a mix of term deposits with maturity dates above and below 365 days.

During the month, Council’s portfolio performed above the industry average, returning 3.73% against the three month Bank Bill Swap rate (3mBBSW) of 3.37%.

(a) Policy Implications

All of Council's investments are held in accordance with the Tamworth Regional Council Investment Policy.

(b) Financial Implications

Increases in the cash rate should, if passed on by financial institutions, result in an increase in interest income.

(c) Legal Implications

All of Council's investments are held in accordance with the Tamworth Regional Council Investment Policy, which accords with the requirements of:

- *Local Government Act 1993* – Section 625;
- *Local Government Act 1993* – Order (of Minister) dated 16 November 2000; The Trustee Amendment (Discretionary Investments) Act 1997 – Sections 14A (2), 14C (1) and 2;
- *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* – Clauses 212; and
- *Local Government Code of Accounting Practice & Financial Reporting* – Update No 15 dated June 2007.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 9 – Open and collaborative leadership.

9.5 ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2022/2023 BUDGET VARIATION REPORT - FEBRUARY 2023

DIRECTORATE: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
AUTHOR: Sherrill Young, Manager - Financial Services

Reference: Item 9.2 to Ordinary Council 28 June 2022 - Minute No 191/22
1 ANNEXURES ATTACHED

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “Annual Operational Plan 2022/2023 Budget Variation Report - February 2023”, Council note and approve the variations to the existing budget as listed in ANNEXURE 1 attached to the report.

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval for budget variations identified during February 2023, for which there has been no previous specific report or approval.

COMMENTARY

Council adopted the original budget included in the Annual Operational Plan for 2022/2023 at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 28 June 2022. Any changes to the budget must be approved by Council at a later Ordinary Meeting. The budget forms the basis for future forecasts and the legal authority for staff to commit expenditures. Constant monitoring and updating of the budget is important for sound financial management.

Readers of this report are reminded that its contents should not be viewed in isolation. Quarterly Budget Review Statements provide additional revised information for budget forecasts and actual year-to-date results.

February was relatively quiet with regards to budget adjustments. Worthy of mention is a budget adjustment to recognise funding of \$4.5M for the Regional Local Roads Repair Program; this grant funding is very welcome after heavy rains caused widespread road damage. Grant funds to the value of \$55,000 were received to assist with graffiti management.

Variations identified February 2023

Description	Budget Variation	Operating Income	Operating Expenses	Capital Income	Capital Expenses
AELEC	18,000	0	18,000	0	0
Cultural Services	9,763	0	9,763	0	0
Compliance	0	(55,600)	55,600	0	0
Sports & Recreation	20,000	0	0	0	20,000
Infrastructure Projects	(141,601)	(4,434,532)	4,292,931	0	0
Waste Management	(57,660)	(122,660)	0	0	65,000

Laboratory	3,450	0	0	0	3,450
TOTAL	(148,048)	(4,612,792)	4,376,294	0	88,450

(a) Policy Implications

Nil

(b) Financial Implications

The variations included in the report have the following impact on forecast results for 2022/2023 by fund of:

Fund	Operating Income	Operating Expenses	Capital Income	Capital Expenses
General	(4,612,792)	4,376,294	0	88,450
Water	0	0	0	0
Sewer	0	0	0	0
Total	(4,612,792)	4,376,294	0	88,450

(c) Legal Implications

This report is in compliance with the following sections of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*:

- 211 Authorisation of expenditure; and
- 202 Responsible Accounting Officer to maintain system for budgetary control.

(d) Community Consultation

Nil

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 9 – Open and collaborative leadership.

10 COMMUNITY SERVICES

10.1 TAMWORTH REGIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL - 2022 ACTIVITIES REPORT AND APPOINTMENT OF INCOMING MEMBERS

DIRECTORATE: LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES

AUTHOR: Katey Allwell, Team Leader - Inclusive Community

3 ANNEXURES ATTACHED

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “Tamworth Regional Youth Council - 2022 Activities Report and Appointment of Incoming Members”, Council:

- (i) receive and note the report;*
- (ii) acknowledge and recognise the achievements of the 2022 Youth Council; and*
- (iii) appoint the incoming members of the 2023 Tamworth Regional Youth Council:*
 - 1) Aimee Morris;*
 - 2) Dominic Fawcett;*
 - 3) Jake Lynch;*
 - 4) Kaida McManus;*
 - 5) Lara Cowley;*
 - 6) Luke Suter;*
 - 7) Megan Swain;*
 - 8) Sarah Frazer;*
 - 9) Sophia Hanson;*
 - 10) Yasutomo Akioka; and*
 - 11) Yvonne Sutton.*

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to:

- present to Council the activities and achievements of the 2022 Tamworth Regional Youth Council; and
- recommend to Council the appointment of incoming members to the 2023 Tamworth Regional Youth Council.

COMMENTARY

The Tamworth Regional Youth Council (TRYC) provides an opportunity for young people across the Tamworth region, between the ages of 15 to 18 years, to represent their peers in a local government setting. The group meets regularly to discuss issues facing young people in the community, put forward ideas to address particular issues, and to advocate for young people on local government related topics. The Youth Council also provides input and direction to Council in respect of a broad range of policy, plans and strategies, providing a youth leadership voice for the future of the Tamworth Region.

2022 Youth Council Activities Report

In 2022, Youth Council members played a significant leadership role in influencing Council policy and future direction. Youth Councillors were engaged and consulted in the development of Council's:

- Visitor Economy Plan;
- Entrance Strategy;
- Community Strategic Plan;
- Communication Strategy;
- Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan;
- Sustainability Strategy; and
- Annual event for National Water Night.

Youth Councillors were also consulted on a number of external stakeholder projects including:

- Namoi Unlimited's Local Government Engaged People and Skills project, intended to attract young people to jobs and careers with Councils in the Namoi region;
- UNE SMART Region Incubator's 'Scorched' program, intended to address challenges posed by bushfires and climate change on the region through entrepreneurship; and
- New Horizons' i.am (youth aftercare pilot) program, intended to increase awareness in the community, and empower young people to reach out when struggling with suicidality or self-harm.

The Youth Council delivered three major events in 2022 as part of the annual Youth Week Celebration including an Accessible Sports Day, a Cultural Celebrations Day, and the opening of the Youthie Edible Garden.

In May 2022, Youth Councillors had the opportunity to meet with the Minister for the Arts, Aboriginal Affairs and Youth, The Hon. Ben Franklin and Member for Tamworth, The Hon. Kevin Anderson, MP. It was an open conversation where representatives of youth in the Tamworth region had the opportunity to express and discuss their concerns for regional youth. Topics covered included disability access for youth and the need to support the LGBTQI+ community.

In 2022, the Youth Council was successful in its application for several grant funded project proposals, including:

- \$50,000 for the Youth Wellness Series, funded under the Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative, through the Office of Regional Youth – Department of Regional NSW;
- \$19,200 for the Youth Radio X project, funded under the Regional Youth Radio program, an initiative of the Office for Regional Youth – Department of Regional NSW;
- \$7,000 for 'the Youthie' NAIDOC Celebrations and School Holiday program, funded under the Regional Youth Winter Holiday Break 2022 program, an initiative of the Office for Regional Youth – Department of Regional NSW; and
- \$4,474 for 2022 Youth Week Celebrations, funded under the annual youth week program, administered by the Department of Communities and Justice.

In July 2022, the Youth Council resolved to develop a youth-led 2023/2024 Youth Council Action Plan. Over several months the Youth Council, with the assistance of Council Officers, has worked to develop a draft of the Action Plan **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 1**. The draft plan will be tabled for Youth Councillors' consideration, at the next Youth Council meeting to be held on 30 March 2023, with a recommendation that the plan be presented to an Ordinary meeting of Council for adoption.

The Action Plan has been developed under four strategic pillars; Community, Connectivity, Wellbeing, and Work Ready/Life Ready. Each pillar has several strategic actions, developed by Youth Councillors, to be proactively implemented over the next the twelve (12) months.

Council has previously committed to funding the implementation of the Youth Council Action Plan to the amount of \$10,000. The Youth Council will also continue to take advantage of relevant funding programs to assist with the implementation of the Action Plan.

Appointment of Incoming 2023 Youth Council

In accordance with Section 5 - Membership, of the Tamworth Regional Youth Council Terms of Reference **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 2**, a maximum of 25 young people between the ages of 15 and 18 years who reside within the Tamworth Local Government area, may be appointed to the Tamworth Regional Youth Council.

In relation to the proposed members of the incoming 2023 Youth Council, it is recommended that all eleven who lodged a relevant Expression of Interest be appointed. In total there were 17 submissions received, with two respondents being excluded on the basis of not being residents of the Tamworth Region, two who withdrew their applications, and two who were unable to be contacted on details provided. A summary of the 11 profiles is **ATTACHED**, refer to **ANNEXURE 3**.

The recommended incoming members of the 2023 Tamworth Regional Youth Council are:

- Aimee Morris;
- Dominic Fawcett;
- Jake Lynch;
- Kaida McManus;
- Lara Cowley;
- Luke Suter;
- Megan Swain;
- Sarah Frazer;
- Sophia Hanson;
- Yasutomo Akioka; and
- Yvonne Sutton.

In accordance with the adopted Terms of Reference, Youth Councillors may sit up to a two-year term of office. The following Youth Councillors, appointed in September 2021, will continue their term of office in 2023:

- Abigail Clark;
- Andrew Macinas;
- Bronte Keenan;
- Caitlin Blanch;
- Charlee Marshall;
- Chloe-Lee Opie;
- Eli Lambert;
- Elle Woods;
- Isla Farr; and
- Lachlan Power.

(a) Policy Implications

The appointment of new Youth Councillors following an extended EOI process and evaluation of submissions is in accordance with the adopted Terms of Reference.

(b) Financial Implications

Funding for the activities of the Youth Council is provided from existing recurring youth services operational budgets, as well as a \$10,000 non-recurring budget to deliver initiatives under the Youth Council Action Plan.

The Youth Council will also continue to take advantage of relevant funding programs to assist with the implementation of the Action Plan.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil

(d) Community Consultation

The Tamworth Regional Youth Council has representatives from High Schools across the region, and actively engages with members of community groups and service organisations.

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 9 – Open and collaborative leadership.

10.2 2022/2023 ANNUAL DONATIONS PROGRAM - DONATION TO TAMWORTH INTERNATIONAL EVENTING

DIRECTORATE: LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES
AUTHOR: Gina Vereker, Director Liveable Communities
Reference: Item 10.3 to Ordinary Council 8 November 2022 – Minute No 335/22

RECOMMENDATION

That in relation to the report “2022/2023 Annual Donations Program - Donation to Tamworth International Eventing”, Council:

- (i) approve a late donation to the value of \$5,000.00 to Tamworth International Eventing to be used towards the purchase of a Dressage Arena Trailer;*
- (ii) endorse the roll-over of the balance of funds totalling \$103.55, to the 2023/2024 Annual Donations Program.*

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s approval for a late donation to Tamworth International Eventing, (TIE) as a part of the 2022/2023 Annual Donations Program, under Section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

COMMENTARY

At Council’s Ordinary Meeting of 8 November 2022 Council resolved to disburse an amount of \$68,931.45 in response to applications made by community groups.

In January 2023, Council received a late application for the 2022/2023 Annual Donations Program from Tamworth International Eventing (TIE). TIE provides dressage training, competitions, and events on a local, state and national level together with Tamworth Dressage Club (TDC) and Interschools Horse Extravaganza (ISHE). Such training and events require the use of portable dressage arenas.

TIE requested a donation of \$5,000.00 towards the purchase of a Dressage Arena Trailer. The purpose of purchasing this purpose-built trailer is to allow TIE to permanently store and transport three plank dressage arenas. Currently TIE stores its nine (9) arenas in a shipping container at the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre (AELEC). A trailer is borrowed when transport is required.

The Annual Donations Program Application Assessment Panel consists of Councillors Helen Tickle, Judy Coates and Brooke Southwell. The Assessment Panel was consulted regarding this late request and unanimously agreed to make a recommendation to Council to approve a donation of \$5,000.00 to TIE.

(a) Policy Implications

The recommendation is in accordance with Council’s Guidelines for its Annual Donations Program.

(b) Financial Implications

At Council's Ordinary Meeting of 8 November 2022 Council resolved to roll over the balance of funds totaling \$5,043.55 with such funds to be used towards the 2023/2024 Annual Donations Program.

There is currently a total amount of \$5,103.55 available due to an additional \$60.00 being returned.

Should Council endorse the recommendation in this report a balance of \$103.55 will be available for 2023/2024 Annual Donations Program.

(c) Legal Implications

Nil

(d) Community Consultation

The Annual Donations program was advertised by way of social media advertising. Applications were received from a wide range of community groups across the Tamworth Regional Council local government area.

(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy

Focus Area 4 - Resilient and Diverse Communities.

11 REPORTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATION

That the confidential reports as listed be considered in a Meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

STAND TALL EVENT FEE WAIVER REQUEST - NOVEMBER 2023

DIRECTORATE: GROWTH AND PROSPERITY
AUTHOR: Hamish Slade, Economic Development Officer

2 ANNEXURES ATTACHED

The Council will determine this matter in part of the meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (d)ii of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the grounds that the matter and information is information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of Council.

SUMMARY

The organisers of the Stand Tall Event have approached Council with a request for a fee waiver for venue hire of the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre (TRECC), and Audio and Visual Production fees. Stand Tall held its first regional day event in Tamworth in October 2022 with more than 2500 students in attendance. The Stand Tall Event would like to return to Tamworth for a second year with an event proposed in November of 2023, see **ATTACHED** refer **ANNEXURE 1**.

Stand Tall, a charity organisation, run events, workshops and online modules that support the mental health and wellbeing of Australian youth. Stand Tall was founded in 2012 by Jeanine Treharne, Angela Farr-Jones and Roslyn Hills in response to the level of drug use, depression, bullying, hopelessness and self-harm among high school students. The first Stand Tall event was held in 2013 and now claims to be the largest youth event of its kind in Australia. The one-day event aims to make a difference to the lives of youth across all of Australia, through providing youth with mental health skills such as resilience, the strength to stand up to bullying, motivation, the power of perspective and the benefits of making good and wise decisions.

In 2022, the first regional NSW tour was established. The Tamworth Stand Tall event was held at TRECC and resulted in 2,500 high school students and more than 200 teachers in attendance. The TedX style event for secondary students saw a host of motivational speakers, youth wellness ambassadors and musical talent present interactive sessions on mental health topics.

Sponsorship for the 2022 Tamworth Stand Tall event was provided by the NSW government.

PROPOSED LEASE TO TAMWORTH BMX INCORPORATED OF PART OF LOT 17 IN DEPOSITED PLAN 858511

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES
AUTHOR: Blake Mammarella, Sport and Recreation Development Officer

The Council will determine this matter in part of the meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (c) of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the grounds that the matter and information is information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the matters relating to Tamworth BMX (TBMX) Club Incorporated and a proposed new lease for the area that they use.

Council has adopted a uniform approach regarding the lease and/or license of Council owned land for sport and/or recreational purposes, which states that any land specialised or single use in its nature does not require a public Expression of Interest (EOI).

In recent times the BMX facility has undergone an extensive remediation and renovation as a result of asbestos containing material being identified, and in this process a track redesign has taken place to improve the facility. Given this, and the fact that the facility has been specifically designed for the sport of BMX and there is only one BMX Club in Tamworth, an EOI is not proposed.

TBMX have expressed their interest in securing a lease, providing the club with the opportunity to continue to invest and grow their sport in Tamworth.

TAMWORTH SHOW 2023 FEE WAIVER

DIRECTORATE: GROWTH AND PROSPERITY
AUTHOR: Jacqueline O'Neill, Director - Growth and Prosperity
3 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

The Council will determine this matter in part of the meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (d)ii of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the grounds that the matter and information is information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of Council.

SUMMARY

The 150th Tamworth Show (Show) was held from 3 to 5 March 2023 at the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre (AELEC). The Show is operated by the Tamworth Pastoral and Agricultural Association (TPAA), a not-for-profit volunteer organisation, who are seeking support from Council via a 50% fee waiver. In September 2022, the Show had an attendance of 13,972 people. The targeted attendance for the March 2023 Show was 15,000 people.

TENDER T109/2023 – SEWER VENT REPLACEMENT

DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE
AUTHOR: Daniel Coe, Manager - Water and Environmental Operations
1 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

The Council will determine this matter in part of the meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (c)&(d)i of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the grounds that the matter and information is information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. and commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

SUMMARY

Tamworth Regional Council carries out an ongoing inspection program of sewer assets to identify asset condition and prepare rehabilitation programs as required. Determination of asset condition is also used by Council to calculate the economic value of assets.

Sewer vents were installed as part of the sewer reticulation system up until the 1980's. The vents form a critical part of the sewer network by allowing the ventilation of the system to reduce odour and corrosion of assets. Later sewer systems (or additions) rely on venting through individual properties rather than from the larger network vents. Council has approximately 180 sewer vents within its sewer networks (Tamworth, Manilla and Barraba), of these vents, Council has already removed and replaced 103 vents with painted stainless-steel vents.

The purpose of this report is to recommend the acceptance of a tender for the removal and replacement of a further 20 concrete sewer vents in Tamworth, Manilla and Barraba. The replacement vents will be painted (environmental green) stainless steel vents.

TENDER T095/2023 – REHABILITATION OF SEWER MAINS BY IN-SITU RELINING

DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE
AUTHOR: Daniel Coe, Manager - Water and Environmental Operations
1 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED

The Council will determine this matter in part of the meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (c)&(d)i of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the grounds that the matter and information is information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. and commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

SUMMARY

Tamworth Regional Council carries out an ongoing program of rehabilitation of sewer mains utilising various methods. In most cases, particularly where sewer mains are located within residential or commercial property, open trench reconstruction is not the most desirable method, both economically and socially. In some cases, this is not even possible due to the location of structures in close proximity to the existing sewer main.

There are several other methods of rehabilitation which can be performed to avoid these issues. The condition of the sewer main and its location are the primary determining factors when selecting a method for rehabilitation. The condition and location of sewer mains will

affect the economy of various methods and also the ability of certain methods to successfully complete the rehabilitation.

During the past year, Council has completed approximately 50 kilometres of sewer cleaning and closed-circuit television survey of sewer mains. From this and previous surveys, a condition assessment was completed on all surveyed mains. Those sewer mains identified as requiring rehabilitation were placed into a rehabilitation program for trenchless sewer main rehabilitation.

The purpose of this report is to recommend the acceptance of a tender for the rehabilitation of approximately 15 kilometres of sewer mains within Tamworth, Manilla and Barraba by in-situ relining. This report discusses the merits of tenders received and recommends a preferred tenderer.

2023 COUNTRY CAPITAL CUP FEE WAIVER REQUEST

DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES
AUTHOR: Sam Eriksson, Sports and Recreation Strategy Officer

The Council will determine this matter in part of the meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (d)ii of the *Local Government Act 1993* on the grounds that the matter and information is information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of Council.

SUMMARY

The Tamworth Gymnastic Club are once again hosting the 2023 Country Capital Cup in June, attracting more than 1,600 competitors from all over Australia.

Due to the size and the significance of this event the Tamworth Gymnastics Club will require the use of the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre. Given the substantial economic benefit to the community and the opportunity to showcase the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre and Tamworth's ability to host large sporting events, Tamworth Regional Council is asked to consider financially supporting the event.