

# 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, 4th Floor Ray Walsh House, 437 Peel Street, Tamworth**, commencing at **6:30pm**.

## ORDINARY COUNCIL AGENDA

**10 MARCH 2020**

**PAUL BENNETT  
GENERAL MANAGER**

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## Council

Meeting Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 of 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, 25 February 2020, 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**

Nil

### 6 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

### **OPEN COUNCIL REPORTS**

### 7 **ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

Nil

### 8 **INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES**

#### 8.1 **TAMWORTH REGIONAL LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETING – GENERAL – DECEMBER 2019 – FILE NO SF1387**

**DIRECTORATE:** REGIONAL SERVICES

**AUTHOR:** Murray Russell, Manager Infrastructure and Works

**1 ANNEXURES ATTACHED**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That in relation to the report “Tamworth Regional Local Traffic Committee Meeting – General – December 2019”, Council:*

- (i) *approve the installation of a bus zone on Johnston Street, adjacent to 24-34 Tribe Street North Tamworth, operating hours 7:30am to 9:30am, and 2:30pm to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday; and*



- (ii) *approve the removal of current No Stopping zones in the Fitzroy Street cul-de-sac, and installation of two hour parking.*

## SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of two recommendations made by the Tamworth Regional Local Traffic Committee at the meeting held via email in December 2019.

## COMMENTARY

Two formal items reached consensus at the meeting held in December 2019. The Minutes are **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 1**.

Due to an unfortunate administrative error, these recommendations were not reported to Council at its February Meeting, and are now presented for consideration.

### 127/2019 – Request for Bus Zone, Tribe Street/Johnston Street

Calrossy Anglican School have a boarding house on the corner of Tribe Street and Johnston Street, North Tamworth. There are 25 pickups/drop-offs a day, during school terms from Monday to Friday. The boarding house has requested a bus zone be implemented adjacent to the building on Tribe Street (blue zone in the image below) to allow for safer access to the bus for students.

Tribe Street parking is in high demand due to the adjacent retirement and care homes. It is not recommended to remove parking from here.

Council's preferred option for a bus zone for the boarding house is on Johnston Street (purple zone in the image below). Johnston Street will also suit the bus companies as they drop-off from there in the afternoon.

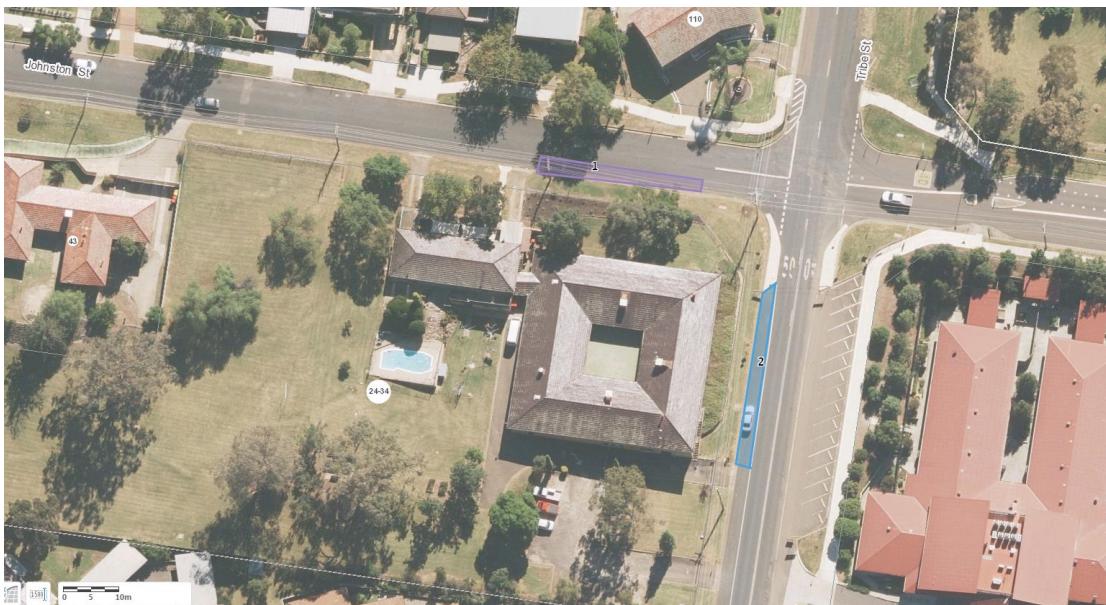


Figure 1: Blue zone (Tribe Street) shows Calrossy's suggested option and the purple zone (Johnston Street) shows Council's preferred option

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** the Committee support the installation of a bus zone on Johnston Street, adjacent to 24-34 Tribe Street North Tamworth, operating hours 7:30am to 9:30am, and 2:30pm to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday.

**128/2019 – Formal - Fitzroy Street - Change No Stopping zone to free parking – new service station**

A new service station has been opened on the corner of Marius Street and Fitzroy Street. The business has requested that the current No Stopping zones on Fitzroy Street be changed to allow parking.

The No Stopping zones were in place to allow heavy vehicle movements in and out of the mill, which is no longer operating.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** the Committee support the removal of current No Stopping zones in the Fitzroy Street cul-de-sac, and installation of two hour parking.

**(a) Policy Implications**

Nil

**(b) Financial Implications**

127/2019 – will be funded from the Infrastructure and Works signs and line marking budgets.

128/2019 – will be funded from the Infrastructure and Works signs and line marking budgets

**(c) Legal Implications**

Nil

**(d) Community Consultation**

127/2019 – consultation was undertaken with the local bus companies regarding the location of the bus zone.

128/2019 – consultation was undertaken with the business owner.

**(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy**

An Accessible Region – A23 Traffic management and traffic safety planning.

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**8.2 LIVE LIFE GET ACTIVE FEE WAIVER REQUEST REVIEW – FILE NO SF8773**

**DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES**

**AUTHOR: Paul Kelly, Manager Sports and Recreation**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That in relation to the report “Live Life Get Active Fee Waiver Request Review”, Council agrees to waive the estimated field hire fees of \$1,000 (exclusive of GST) associated with the program to operate until 31 December 2020.*

**SUMMARY**

Live Life Get Active (LLGA) is a not for profit community health initiative that offers free outdoor group exercise classes to the community.

The LLGA initiative was successfully implemented in Tamworth during 2019, where

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Tamworth Regional Council (TRC) waived the fees associated with the program to be conducted on Council land.

Following this success, which saw good participation numbers, LLGA are seeking to run a similar program throughout 2020 and would again like Council support through the waiving of field hire fees to conduct the activity sessions.

#### **COMMENTARY**

LLGA is a not for profit social initiative which seeks to build a fitter, healthier and happier Australia, and emphasises the importance of fun and socialising. LLGA services are offered free of charge to the public and include health, fitness and nutritional education in a local outdoor setting and online. Providing these services free of charge is designed to remove financial barriers to leading a healthier lifestyle. LLGA credit the ability to provide these opportunities without fee to the public, to the cooperation and support it has received from local Councils and sponsorship from the private sector.

LLGA delivers 200 group physical activity sessions at more than 160 sites per year. These sessions have been designed to be relevant to everyone, regardless of motivation, age or fitness level.

In 2019 Council supported the LLGA program through the waiving of field hire fees. The program resulted in more than 200 Tamworth residents participating in 45 minute classes held every weekday during school terms. These sessions averaged 10 participants per class, providing both a health and social benefit to the community during such an intense period of drought.

#### **Proposed program**

LLGA are proposing to conduct a similar program throughout 2020, which includes a mixture of 45 minute cross training and boxing classes each weekday. Classes are conducted in the morning and will cater for all ages and abilities.

#### **Impact on local providers**

In 2019, Council staff discussed with LLGA the potential impacts on any existing personal training businesses operating in Tamworth. LLGA advised that they would engage local instructors to undertake their program, which they did. This same arrangement is proposed for their 2020 program.

Council staff do not believe that the impact on local providers is of concern as the amount of work available through their program does not warrant staff leaving their existing employment, rather it supplements it.

#### **Estimated Fee Waiver**

In line with Council's Outdoor Fitness Trainers Policy, Council staff have calculated the estimated value of field hire fees associated with the proposed LLGA program for the 2020 calendar year to be approximately \$1,000 (exclusive of GST).

In light of the successful implementation of the LLGA program in 2019, and the ongoing benefits of being able to offer the community a free health and fitness program, it is recommended that Council continue to support this program through to the end of the 2020 calendar year.

#### **(a) Policy Implications**

Nil

**(b) Financial Implications**

The recommended fee waiver estimated at \$1,000 is proposed to be absorbed into the Sports and Recreation division’s operational budget.

**(c) Legal Implications**

Nil

**(d) Community Consultation**

Nil

**(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy**

A Spirit of Community - C11 Provide public space that satisfies the communities needs.

**8.3 REGULAR UPDATE ON DROUGHT RESPONSE AND WATER SUSTAINABILITY ACTIONS – FILE NO SF9442**

**DIRECTORATE: WATER AND WASTE**

**AUTHOR: Tracey Carr, Sustainability Coordinator**

**Reference: Item 8.5 to Ordinary Council 25 February 2020 - Minute No 39/20**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That in relation to the report “Regular Update on Drought Response and Water Sustainability Actions”, Council receive and note the report.*

**SUMMARY**

The following report is presented to update Council on the drought responses in various centres across Council and any future planned works.

**COMMENTARY**

**Current regional water supply situation**

The latest update as of 3 March 2020 is provided below:

Area	Restrictions	Water Supply	Situation
Barraba	Level 4	Split Rock Dam	Split Rock Dam level is currently sitting at 3.98%.
Bendemeer	Permanent Water Conservation Measures	MacDonald River	Due to sustained flows in the MacDonald River, Bendemeer was moved to Permanent Water Conservation Measures from Monday 2 March 2020.
Nundle	Level 4	Peel River/Nundle Bore/Crawney Road Bore	Recent rain has seen the Peel River above Chaffey Dam start to flow. The river flow rates have not been sustained or consistent enough to consider easing

			restrictions in Nundle however the flows are being closely monitored and changes will be made if flows are deemed sustainable.
Manilla	Level 4	Namoi River/Manilla River	At its Meeting of 25 February 2020, Council agreed to separate Barraba and Manilla in terms of water restrictions levels, once Water NSW commences releases water from Split Rock Dam for general security customers. This has not occurred as yet and as a result, despite good flows in the Namoi River, restrictions in both Manilla and Barraba remain unchanged
Attunga	Level 2	Attunga Bores	Bore levels are stable. The return of flow in the rivers and recent rain has provided more certainty around the ability of the Attunga bores and the levels are being monitored to determine if changes will be made into the future.
Tamworth/ Moonbi- Kootingal	Level 5	Chaffey Dam/Dungowan Dam – Moonbi-Kootingal via Nemingha Pipeline	<p>Chaffey Dam level is currently at 14.35%. On January 23 2020 Chaffey Dam reached its lowest point during the current drought of 12.8% so it is encouraging to see an increase in the dam level.</p> <p>Storage level at 10% is the next trigger point under the Drought Marketing and Communications Plan to increase and update communications with business and residential users as well as introduce the 100 Litres per person per day residential target.</p> <p>Dungowan Dam is 40.7%. However the water quality in Dungowan Dam is low, and under Council's Drought Management Plan water is not sourced from Dungowan until the dam reaches 65%. Finally the connection of the temporary weir to the Dungowan Pipeline at Dungowan precludes accessing water from Dungowan Dam at this time.</p>

### **Water restrictions in Barraba and Manilla**

In November 2019, Council amended its Drought Management Plan to treat Barraba and Manilla as a single town water supply due to both towns reliance on Split Rock Dam to meet their town water demands. At its Meeting of 25 February 2020 Council agreed to return to each town's water supply being managed individually, and in accordance with Council's Drought Management Plan, when Water NSW recommence general security water releases from Split Rock Dam.

### **Water Sustainability Awards**

In January 2020 Council launched the Water Sustainability Awards with the following categories:

- Excellence in Water Efficiency, **supported by Smart Approved WaterMark:**
  - awarded to a large water user (3.5ML/year and above) who has demonstrated dedication to reducing their businesses water consumption. This category is judged on the 52 large water users' audits that were issued by Council and conducted by an independent auditor;
- Commitment to Water Sustainability, **supported by Hunter H2O:**
  - awarded to a small to medium water user (less than 3.5 Megalitres per annum) that can demonstrate their businesses long term commitment to water conservation;
- Adapting to Change, **supported by Tamworth Regional Council:**
  - awarded to the business which has the highest reduction in water consumption since the introduction of water restrictions on 7 January 2019;
- Innovation in Water Sustainability, **supported by GHD:**
  - awarded to a business demonstrating an innovative approach to water reduction. This can be a single or multiple innovations within the business over any period of time;
- Creative Water Sustainability – High School, **supported by FM92.9/AM2TM and NBN News:**
  - awarded to student or a class group from a high school located in the Tamworth Regional Council area for their creative piece regarding water conservation theme;
- Creative Water Sustainability – Primary School, **supported by FM92.9/AM2TM and NBN News:** and
  - awarded to student or a class group from a primary school located in the Tamworth Regional Council area for their creative piece regarding water conservation theme.

Nominations for the awards closed on Thursday 5 March 2020, and all entries have been handed over for judging. Finalists will be invited to the Awards presentation night on Thursday 26 March 2020 at West Tamworth Leagues Club, where the winners will be announced. The water saving work undertaken by each of the category finalists will be promoted throughout the community on Council's website and social media pages with the aim of celebrating their achievements as well as encouraging and inspiring others to implement water savings initiatives.

## **Communications Engagement Plan Level 5**

Whilst there has been a small increase in the level of Chaffey Dam, Tamworth; Moonbi and Kootingal remain on Level 5 water restrictions, and Council staff continue to prepare for the potential to reach 10% capacity in the dam. Under the Drought Management Plan - Communication and Engagement Plan (CEP), 10% of Chaffey Dam is the next trigger point for further reduction in residential and business water use. Should the dam reach this trigger point the residential target will reduce from 150 Litres per person per day to 100 Litres per person per day. The education and awareness messages will be updated with the new target and communications activities increase to ensure all residents living in Level 5 areas are aware of the need to further decrease water consumption. The following activities will be included in the message change:

- production of new television and radio advertising to launch at the 10% trigger point;
- weekly radio talks with Sustainability Staff on local stations 88.9FM, 92.9FM and 2TM;
- continue pop up information and community awareness displays in prominent public areas;
- continue regular business information seminars in partnership with the Tamworth Business Chamber;
- water cycle and sustainability training to preschools and kindergarten age students;
- request all schools to include water sustainability messaging in their communications with students, parents and teachers;
- Tamworth Regional Water Supply Taskforce activity will continue;
- celebrating residential and business water saving successes through media good news stories generated from the Water Sustainability Awards;
- implement 'pulse' advertising spend to alert residents to new level of dam and 100 Litre target for residential consumption;
- boost general advertising spending;
- continue to display VMS boards with changed messaging;
- increase spend on boosted social media posts; and
- Communications team to engage online with social media and Council webpage commenters.

With the recent rainfall across the region in recent weeks, there are greater challenges to be faced in Tamworth, Moonbi and Kootingal as we enter into a "green drought". Rainfall has led to green grass and lawns, tanks filling up and raised spirits among residents which is encouraging; however, there has been an increase in water restrictions breaches following the rain. Council staff are working on developing strategies to keep all residents focused on conserving water and raising awareness of the fact that Level 5 restrictions remain in place until Chaffey Dam increases to 25% of capacity.

### **Tamworth Business Seminars**

As part of the ongoing activities under the CEP, Council and the Tamworth Business Chamber had scheduled further information seminars for Monday 2 March 2020. Due to only receiving three RSVPs across two sessions, they have been cancelled on that date and will be rescheduled for later in March or early April 2020.

### **Water saving rebates**

In recent months Council has approved a number of changes and additions to the water saving rebates scheme. With the addition of a number of products, Council now offers 29 rebates, and the extension of the scheme to business and industry, significant updates to the application form and processing were required. Over the past six weeks Sustainability staff, the Business Improvement Team, the Water and Waste Business Support team, Records staff and Customer Service staff have worked collaboratively to update the application form and create an online Request Management process to review and make determinations on applications received.

Whilst the updates and changes were being made there was a temporary pause placed on processing new applications for rebates. The review and update of process and documentation is now completed and went live on Council's website on Wednesday 4 March 2020. Any applications for rebates dated from the day the changes were endorsed by Council will be accepted and reviewed within the new system. Media and communications about the new rebates availability was conducted from Wednesday 4 March 2020.

### **NRMA Bright Futures Centenary Event**

The NRMA recently invited Council to participate in their Bright Futures Centenary Event being held in Bicentennial Park on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 March 2020. The aim of the event is to celebrate with communities that have supported the NRMA throughout their 100 history as well as raise awareness of issues and challenges that regional communities face. The event will give organisations and community groups the opportunity to showcase programs and initiatives that speak to environmental, social and economic sustainability through pop up stalls and the Community Theatre where speakers can present to the community.

The Sustainability Unit will be participating by promoting the "Let's Work Together" water restrictions campaign via a stall site as well as speaking at the Community Theatre on drought and water restrictions.

#### **(a) Policy Implications**

These projects and activities are implemented from stated outcomes of Council's *Demand and Drought Management Plans*.

#### **(b) Financial Implications**

Nil

#### **(c) Legal Implications**

Nil

#### **(d) Community Consultation**

Nil

#### **(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy**

A Region for the Future – F22 Encourage efficient use of resources to improve environmental sustainability.

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## 9 GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY AND FINANCE

### 9.1 AUSTRALIA DAY 2020 – FILE No SF786

DIRECTORATE: CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE  
AUTHOR: Karen Litchfield, Manager Governance

1 ANNEXURES ATTACHED

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That in relation to the report “Australia Day 2020”, Council:*

- (i) receive and note the event reports from the relevant Section 355 Committees in Barraba, Bendemeer, Manilla, Nundle and Tamworth;*
- (ii) receive and note the event report from the Lions Club in Kootingal; and*
- (iii) write to all the Australia Day Award recipients to congratulate and acknowledge the commitment of the recipients in their respective communities.*

#### SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a summary of the activities that Tamworth Regional Council communities enjoyed on Australia Day 2020, conducted by Section 355 Committees.

#### COMMENTARY

Each year Tamworth Regional Council celebrates Australia Day and what it means to be Australian in six locations: Barraba, Bendemeer, Kootingal, Manilla, Nundle and Tamworth. Australia Day 2020, was again very successful with each event well attended.

The event reports are **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 1**, and outlined below including the Australia Day Award recipients:

#### BARRABA

This year the Barraba Australia Day Celebrations were run in conjunction with About Barraba Inc’s “Recovery Concert” with over 700 people in attendance and included performances from Amber Lawrence, Drew McAlister and Andrew Farriss from INXS who was also made a Member of the Order of Australia. The formal ceremony commenced at 5:00pm at the Barraba Sportsground on the recently greener oval. This year Barraba and Manilla both hosted Australia Ambassador Gary Dawson OAM. The event was a tremendous success and the night ended with the crowd dancing in the rain.

The Barraba Australia Day Panel awarded the following:

#### Community Event of the Year- Barraba Silo Grand Opening and Barraba Museum Re-Opening

This year it was decided to recognise joint winners being Barraba Silo Art Opening and the Barraba Historical Museum Re-Opening. The two events were held in conjunction with one another drawing over 500 people to Barraba. Artist Fintan Magee worked with the community before starting the 40-metre high mural “The Water Diviner” on the Barraba silos. More than 20 silos are revamped across Australia making the Barraba Silo Art a great tourist destination along the Fossicker’s Way.

The Barraba Historical Museum houses the Nandewar Historical Society Collection. The re-opening unveiled the improvements made to the original building, including a full electrical

upgrade, refurbishment of amenities and the installation of a disability access pathway. The day offered refreshments, a vintage car display, entertainment and markets making it an event for the whole community.

#### Frank Darlington Young Achiever of the Year- Regan Simpson

Regan was recognised for her many sporting achievements throughout the year including representing the Tamworth Zone at a regional level in both swimming and athletics, obtaining high results in the equestrian discipline of show riding, placing at the Sydney Royal Easter Show and qualifying for the 2020 Show Horse Council of Australasia Grand National Championships. Regan has been involved in a number of team sports representing the North West at events such as the State Netball carnival, State Touch Football carnival and the Rugby 7's carnival. She was also selected to play in the Gunnedah State Age Netball team which competed at the Junior State Titles in Penrith.

#### Citizen of the Year- Phillip and Allyson Denyer

The panel have recognised Philip and Allyson who both generously give their time back to the community, supporting a variety of groups and initiatives. With an interest in mechanics (cars and bikes), Philip is involved in events like the Aircooled Assembly where he assists in the running of the day and the Upper Horton Trail Ride, and the Northern Inland Pony Express at Upper Horton where he helps to assemble the track in the lead up to these events.

Allyson recently co-ordinated the 'Make it Rain' four day sewing event for local residents who have been affected by the drought, donating both her time and materials. Allyson initiated the event to encourage members of the community to socialise to help lift their morale. She has also been heavily involved with the promotion of Barraba through the Barraba NSW Facebook page, where she arranged videos of businesses for the recent #buyfromthebush campaign. Both Philip and Allyson volunteer for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter where Allyson is the treasurer and they assist with fundraisers.

### **BENDEMEER**

This year the Bendemeer Bowling Club provided a free community breakfast. Approximately 80 breakfasts were cooked and locals and visitors mingled in true Aussie spirit.

A flag raising ceremony was held at 9:30am in the beer garden of the picturesque Bendemeer Hotel. Local Bendemeer singer Aaron Walton led the crowd in singing the National Anthem and We Are Australian, then entertained with his own songs. Tamworth Regional Council Representative Cr Mark Rodda, gave a very meaningful address on what Australia Day meant to him and it was well received by the crowd. The crowd then settled in to enjoy, and participate in, the planned activities. The cross cut sawing is always a draw-card. Coo-ee calling for juniors and seniors was well patronised. We introduced thong-throwing for juniors and seniors this year and this was also well supported. Tug-O-War, which was to be held on the banks of the Macdonald River, was cancelled due to the intermittent rain. Festivities finished earlier than anticipated due to the much-needed and welcome rain.

Another successful Australia Day celebration for Bendemeer.

### **KOOTINGAL**

The community involvement was very good. Around 90 people were served for breakfast. Numbers were slightly down due to the economic position of the drought.

Address by Pen Shephard on the larrikinism of cartoon politicians of the times was very well received and presented as a tribute to her late father, the well-known cartoonist Larry Pickering.

The traditional games of pumping rolling, thong flinging and gumboot toss were all held and the perpetual trophy was won by a lady from Torrington.

The day was a huge success thanks to the support of TRC, Kootingal IGA and Kootingal and District Lions Club.

## **MANILLA**

This year the Manilla Matters Committee started their Australia Day celebrations with a nominee dinner held at the Manilla Royal Hotel with this year's Ambassador Gary Dawson OAM who is a well known golfer who started running corporate and charity golf events and has managed to raise millions of dollars for a variety of Aussie charities.

The formal celebrations commenced at 9:00am at the Manilla memorial swimming pool with judging of the best dampers and best dressed Australian Theme. John Brand entertained the crowd who were enjoying a morning tea from the Manilla Lions Club in the lead up to the awards. This Year's award winners are as follows:

### Community Event of the Year- Manilla 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Show

The show was recognised for playing an integral role in the Manilla community; showcasing regional livestock, produce, arts and entertainment. The dedication by the committee's wonderful working relationship over the many years with the Manilla Community help to reach the milestone of the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Show. In 2019 the committee gained various grants to improve the show to ensure the show can continue to promote and showcase our local produce and community well into the future.

### Achiever of the Year- Jodie Sing

This was the first year this category has been awarded and the Manilla Matters Committee and panel recognised the many achievements of Jodie Sing who is an International Staffordshire Bull Terrier Specialist Judge and has been working with Stafford's since 1986. In 2007, Jodie attained her judging licence. Since then Jodie has judged and awarded CC's at Stafford Championship Shows in Australia and around the globe. Jodie has also composed a book along with Italian artist and Canadian breed specialist called the Staffordshire Bull Terrier revisited. The book is displayed in the Kennel Club Library in Piccadilly, London and the American Kennel Club Museum in Brookfield, New York.

### Young Citizen of the Year- Zac McNeill

Zac has been recognised for his many achievements including being elected as the Manilla Central School captain for 2020. Zac's love of basketball has seen him play at a representative level for Manilla Central, the North-West and with the Tamworth Thunderbolts in the Northern Junior League. The past few years has seen Zac organise, play and coach the boy's school team, playing competitively against other schools in the district at a weekly competition in Tamworth. In 2019 Zac was asked to join the Men's under 20's NSW team. The NSW team played in Melbourne in April at the Men's and Mixed Netball Nationals where Zac received the 'Most Improved Player' award for this effort. Recently Zac has been training and trialling in Sydney for a position in the 2020 NSW team. Zac also assists his teachers to train and coach the schools Year 9 and 10 netball team and help run an after-school T-Ball competition for children from the Manilla community

### Citizen of the Year- Ian Bennett

The Citizen of the Year award has been presented to Mr Ian Bennett for his selfless efforts and involvement in the Manilla Bowling Club as treasurer and as the Manilla Rugby Senior League Club Secretary. Mr Bennett is president of the men's bowls, volunteering his time to assist with the social bowls and competitions run at the Manilla Bowling Club. In addition to being treasurer, he provides a weekly write up to the Manilla Express.

At the start of 2019, the Manilla Rugby Senior League Club was unsure of its future with no committee, money or team. Mr Bennett attended the annual meeting and volunteered for the position of secretary. To ensure the club's success, he wrote letters to sponsors and organised raffles. At the completion of the grand final, Mr Bennett took up the BBQ tools to cook for the players and supporters before his own celebration. Ian is an extremely valued member of these clubs and is known for his humble nature and great heart and soul.

### **NUNDLE**

The Nundle Australia Day Advisory Panel welcomed their 2020 Australia Day Ambassador "Brian Debus" to Nundle with a wholesome country meal at the Peel Inn Hotel the evening before the Australia Day Celebrations.

The 2020 Nundle Australia Day Celebrations kicked off at 8:00am in the Nundle Public School grounds with a country barbeque of bacon and eggs served up by the Nundle and District Lions Club. The morning freshness of some recent rain and pleasant country air attracting a crowd of 120 persons to the celebrations.

*Brian Debus is best known for his success in establishing a partnership between larger Sydney primary schools and regional schools. This has grown into the City Country Alliance covering fifty eight schools joining rich multicultural schools on the North shore of Sydney with isolated country schools throughout the north, far and south west schools.*

Local Shearer Neville "Nifty" Dart, entertained the crowd with a hand shearing display. Local youth speakers from both Nundle and Woolomin Public School delivered their thoughts on being Australian to the crowd. Chloe McCorriston – Nundle Public School and Connor Jones – Woolomin Public School both spoke well. Local teenager Jasmine Humbles led the singing of the National Anthem.

Australian Trivia got the crowd enthused. There were prizes for the youngest and oldest Aussie in attendance, the best theme Aussie attire and the persons travelling the longest distance to attend.

The Community acknowledged the following achievements from 2019 with the following awards:

### Community Recognition – Carol Fiddes

Recognising Carol's volunteering contributions to Nundle District Lions Club (current Secretary), a member of Nundle Branch Country Women's Association of NSW, assisting at the Annual Nundle Art Show, The Nundle Country Picnic, The Great Nundle Dog Race, Nundle Cattle Dog Trials, Lions catering for the Ducati Rally and Nundle Australia Day Celebrations, Nundle Carols by Candlelight and catering for rural fire service firefighters during the 2019 Hanging Rock fires.

### Community Recognition – Nundle Branch Country Women's Association NSW

The organisation was recognised for the integral role it plays in the social health and wellbeing of our community and provides invaluable support throughout the region when times of disaster occur. They catered 100 plus lunches per day for the fire fighters at the

2019 Goddo's Road fire even though there was a possibility that some of the CWA members and community members present could have faced the possibility of fire damage to their properties.

#### Community Recognition – Nundle Visitor Information Outlet Volunteer Team

The team was recognised for the utilisation of their skills promoting the community tourist attractions and business houses, as well as their welcoming of the many visitors to the region. Most outstanding was the teams support with assistance during the 2019 Goddo's Road bushfire. They answered the call for assistance on short notice, sourcing, copying and dispersing crucial information to the community during the threatening hours.

#### Sports Award – Andrew Hill

Andrew was recognised for his outstanding success in the world of "I compete Natural" body building. He has achieved numerous placings and wins at both National and International events. Highlights include first in the 2018 Universe and Southern Hemisphere World Championships in Phuket, Thailand, in 2019 he placed third in Italy at the Universe Titles, and second in Melbourne at the World Championships. Andrew has represented Australia on four occasions, in New Zealand, Thailand, Italy and Melbourne. An outstanding achievement by one of the community's quiet achievers.

Whilst there was no 2020 Citizen of the Year award presented, it was not to take away from the fact that there are many outstanding citizens in the local community who dedicate their time and efforts to contributing to the community. There are many silent achievers who simply do not want recognition, their personal satisfaction is their reward. One outstanding group of citizens was recognised and that was the local communities of Hanging Rock, Nundle and Woolomin. All three communities were recognised for their achievements in 2019, their unity, resilience and support to each other during the threatening bush fires, whilst achieving many successes such as improvements to the Hanging Rock Community Hall, successful Nundle community events and the securing of funding to build a playground at Woolomin.

The event was a positive success for the Nundle and wider community.

### **TAMWORTH**

Sunday 26 January saw Tamworth celebrate Australia Day 2020 on the last day of the Tamworth Country Music Festival. The Tamworth Australia Day Committee chose the Tamworth Community Centre as the venue for the day. The Church service commenced at 7:30am conducted by Howard Barnes of the Ministers Fraternal and saw approximately 50 people in attendance. At the conclusion of the Church Service, the Combined Rotary Clubs served the Aussie Bush Breakfast in the Parade Ground of the Centre.

The Civic Ceremony commenced at 10.00am at the Community Centre. The Ceremony was conducted by Jennifer Porter Chairperson of the Tamworth Australia Day Committee, and included the Heralding in of the Civic Ceremony by the Town Crier, Mr Peter Blom, a Welcome to Country by Mr Len Waters an Aboriginal Community Representative, the Australia Day address by Member for Tamworth Mr Kevin Anderson and the singing of the National Anthem by the Sing Australia Choir. The Citizenship Ceremony conducted by Mayor Col Murray saw 21 people become new Australia citizens and the presentation of awards by Mayor, Kevin Anderson and Aven Green.

Christine Walters was awarded the 2019 Tamworth Citizen of the Year for her work with the Tamworth Community. Lara Graham was awarded the 2019 Tamworth Young Citizen of the Year and Bailey Wolrige was awarded the 2019 Mitchell Brady Encouragement Award.

The Ceremony was a great success, with approximately 250 hundred people in attendance.

**(a) Policy Implications**

Nil

**(b) Financial Implications**

Australia Day events are covered under the Governance and Planning and Compliance budgets.

**(c) Legal Implications**

Nil

**(d) Community Consultation**

Nil

**(e) Delivery Program Strategy/Objective**

A Region of Progressive Leadership – L13 Provide inclusive opportunities for the community to get actively involved in decision-making.

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**9.2 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE – FILE NO SF5614**

**DIRECTORATE: CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE**  
**AUTHOR: Karen Litchfield, Manager Governance**

**1 ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That in relation to the report “Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee”, Council receive and note the Minutes of the meeting held 18 February 2020.*

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held Tuesday, 18 February 2020.

**COMMENTARY**

The quarterly meeting of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee was held on Tuesday, 18 February 2020. The Minutes of the meeting are **ENCLOSED**, refer **ENCLOSURE 1**. The Members of the Committee were invited to tour the new Calala Dam and NISCE Facilities on Monday 17 February 2020, however the tour was cancelled on the day due to poor weather conditions and will be rescheduled for the Monday prior to the April meeting.

**(a) Policy Implications**

Nil

**(b) Financial Implications**

Costs associated with the Internal Audit function are budgeted in the 2019/2020 Annual Operational Plan.

**(c) Legal Implications**

Nil

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**(d) Community Consultation**

Nil

**(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy**

A Region of Progressive Leadership – L21 Transparency and accountability of government.

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**9.3 BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT WITH WALCHA COUNCIL - WOOLBROOK/NIANGALA – FILE No SF9701**

**DIRECTORATE:** CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE  
**AUTHOR:** Karen Litchfield, Manager Governance

**Reference:** Item 9.1 to Ordinary Council 24 September 2013 - Minute No 302/13

**3 ANNEXURES ATTACHED**

**2 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That in relation to the report “Boundary Adjustment with Walcha Council – Woolbrook/Niangala”, Council:*

- (i) agree to work with Walcha Council to investigate a possible boundary adjustment for the for the transfer of sections of Woolbrook, Campfire Road and Niangala to Walcha Council;*
- (ii) undertake initial community consultation in Woolbrook and Niangala to understand the community’s view; and*
- (iii) request a further report outlining the feedback from the initial community consultation, the assets impacted with their associated funding and the impacts of the rating changes on Council’s financial position.*

**SUMMARY**

Over a number of years there has been on and off discussions regarding a boundary adjustment between Tamworth Regional Council and Walcha Council. The purpose of this report is to seek in principal support to progress the investigation for a potential boundary adjustment of sections of the Woolbrook and Niangala areas from Tamworth Regional Council to Walcha Council.

**COMMENTARY**

Since amalgamation, Tamworth Regional Council (TRC) has been approached by Walcha Council (WC) on several occasions regarding the transfer of Woolbrook to Walcha Council. Woolbrook is located 65km form Tamworth and 29 km from Walcha just off the Oxley Highway. The town is divided by the railway line with half in Walcha Council and half in Tamworth Regional Council. Council considered the proposal at its Ordinary Meeting on 24 September 2013, and resolved:

*That in relation to the report” Local Government Boundary Adjustment”, Council:*

- (i) approach Walcha Shire Council and the Woolbrook community to discuss a boundary adjustment for the town of Woolbrook; and*
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- (ii) support “in principle” the making of an application to the Minister for Local Government for approval to alter the local government boundary as indicated in ANNEXURE 1.

While discussions commenced in 2013, Niangala was also raised by Walcha to transfer, however Council was not inclined to consider Niangala at this time and the project was halted.

In 2018, Walcha staff approached Tamworth Regional Council and again raised the possibility of transferring Woolbrook to Walcha Council. During the approach Walcha also noted they had been approached by residents in Niangala requesting Niangala be included in the discussions. Based on the request from Walcha and from initial discussions between Tamworth Regional Council staff and Walcha Council staff boundaries have been identified that outline the properties that could be transferred to Walcha should the two Councils agree.

The new boundary includes:

1. all properties where the owners have expressed interest in transferring to Walcha Council; and
2. ensures that whole properties are transferred and not split between two council areas.

In a preliminary meeting with the new Walcha General Manager, Anne Moddero, Campfire Road was also raised as an issue as it weaves in and out of the Councils, and it could be rectified as part of the boundary adjustment proposal should one proceed.

Maps showing the areas affected are **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 1** for an overview, **ANNEXURE 2** for Woolbrook and **ANNEXURE 3** for Niangala. Maps showing the property numbers are also **ENCLOSED**, refer **CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURE 1** for Woolbrook and **CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURE 2** for Niangala.

A draft action plan from this meeting was developed and the key points are listed as follows:

Ref	Task	Description / notes / teams involved
1	TRC and WC Management Meeting	WC General Manager and TRC Director
2	GIS Mapping - proposed alignment for initial consult	TRC preparing maps for WC and TRC review - councillors and GMs
3	Commence analysis regarding impacts – rates, asset condition and contributions	Rates officers and Asset teams WC and TRC
4	Initial Community Engagement meetings	WC and TRC - BBQs in villages
5	Review initial feedback and prepare a workshop for Councillors	WC and TRC management teams. Coordinated / supported by TRC Communications and GIS teams
6	Report to Councils to determine resolution to commence the formal and detailed process	WC and TRC management teams
7	Council resolutions commence the formal and detailed process	WC and TRC management teams

<b>8</b>	Formal Consultation and legislative process	WC and TRC management teams
<b>9</b>	Council resolutions to formally determine outcome of the process and potential submission to the Minister	WC and TRC management teams
<b>10</b>	Submission to the Minister	Combined submission

The identified new boundary lines may need to be altered depending on the outcome of the community consultation.

Boundary adjustments are covered under Section 263 of the Local Government Act 1993. The Minister may approve the boundary adjustment or refer it to the Boundaries Commission. Council will want the Minister to approve this proposal instead of referring to the Boundaries Commission to minimise the time it will take to approve. For this to be possible, Council must provide detailed information of the following items:

- (a) *the financial advantages or disadvantages (including the economies or diseconomies of scale) of any relevant proposal to the residents and ratepayers of the areas concerned,*
- (b) *the community of interest and geographic cohesion in the existing areas and in any proposed new area,*
- (c) *the existing historical and traditional values in the existing areas and the impact of change on them,*
- (d) *the attitude of the residents and ratepayers of the areas concerned,*
- (e) *the requirements of the area concerned in relation to elected representation for residents and ratepayers at the local level, the desirable and appropriate relationship between elected representatives and ratepayers and residents and such other matters as it considers relevant in relation to the past and future patterns of elected representation for that area,*
- (e1) *the impact of any relevant proposal on the ability of the councils of the areas concerned to provide adequate, equitable and appropriate services and facilities,*
- (e2) *the impact of any relevant proposal on the employment of the staff by the councils of the areas concerned,*
- (e3) *the impact of any relevant proposal on rural communities in the areas concerned,*
- (f) *such other factors as it considers relevant to the provision of efficient and effective local government in the existing and proposed new areas.*

Community Meetings have been organised in Niangala on the 11 March 2020, and Woolbrook on 12 March 2020, to open discussions in those communities on the boundary adjustments.

Subject to Council approval, extensive community consultation will follow these meetings. At the conclusion of that consultation and once all other required information has been received and considered, Council will be presented a further report on the boundary adjustment for formally consider all the factors and seek approval for the proposal to be referred to the Minister.

**(a) Policy Implications**

Nil

**(b) Financial Implications**

There will be financial implications resulting from the transfer of assets and liabilities to Walcha Council and the rates that will no longer be paid to Tamworth Regional Council.

Council is currently assessing implications and these will be considered as part of the proposal.

**(c) Legal Implications**

Boundary Adjustments are covered under Section 263 of the Local Government Act 1993.

**(d) Community Consultation**

Extension community consultation must be undertaken prior to presenting the proposal to the Minister.

**(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy**

A Region of Progressive Leadership – L12 Represent and advocate community needs.

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## **10 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **10.1 TAMWORTH ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL (TACCC) MINUTES 10 SEPTEMBER 2019 AND 12 FEBRUARY 2020 – FILE No SF6520**

**DIRECTORATE: BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY**

**AUTHOR: Andrea Bruno, Cultural Development Officer**

**2 ANNEXURES ATTACHED**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That in relation to the report “Tamworth Aboriginal Community Consultative Committee for Tamworth Regional Council (TACCC) Minutes 10 September 2019 and 12 February 2020” Council receive and note the Minutes.*

#### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to present the Minutes of the meetings of the Tamworth Aboriginal Community Consultative Committee (TACCC) for Tamworth Regional Council held on 10 September 2019 and 12 February 2020, and to provide Council with an overview of the outcomes.

#### **COMMENTARY**

The Minutes of the meetings of TACCC for Tamworth Regional Council, of 10 September 2019 and 12 February 2020, are **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURES 1** and **2**.

At the meeting of 10 September 2019, the Committee received updates on:

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- the TACCC planning session held on 23 July 2019;
- a report from the Cultural Development Officer;
- a progress report on the Tamworth Region Cultural Plan; and
- an update on the upcoming Artstate Conference.

The meetings scheduled for 23 October 2019 and 11 December 2019 did not achieve a quorum.

Outcomes from the meeting held on 12 February 2020 are summarised as follows:

- a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) report was presented and noted.
- updates to the TACCC 'Terms of Reference' were discussed. A revised 'Terms of Reference' is to be presented to the TACCC for endorsement at the next meeting;
- inclusion of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Award as part of The Tamworth Regional Council Heritage Awards was discussed.
- Council Communications staff attended the meeting to consult on engagement strategies with the Tamworth region's aboriginal communities. Communications staff will hold a workshop with TACCC members.
- the Manager Infrastructure and Works attended the meeting to discuss actions identified in the Tamworth Regional Council Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) relating to street names.

**(a) Policy Implications**

Nil

**(b) Financial Implications**

Nil

**(c) Legal Implications**

Nil

**(d) Community Consultation**

To foster ongoing communication, Business Papers and Minutes for the Aboriginal Community Consultative Committee for Tamworth Regional Council are disseminated to both the members and the organisations they represent.

**(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy**

A Spirit of Community - C21 Preserve and celebrate the character, heritage and culture of our city, towns and villages.

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## **10.2 DISABILITY ACCESS WORKING GROUP MEETINGS - 10 DECEMBER 2019 AND 11 FEBRUARY 2020 – FILE NO SF3482**

**DIRECTORATE:** BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY  
**AUTHOR:** Kay Delahunt, Manager - Cultural and Community Services  
**2 ANNEXURES ATTACHED**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*That in relation to the report “Disability Access Working Group Meetings – 10 December 2019 and 11 February 2020”, Council receive and note the Minutes.*

### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to present the Minutes of the Disability Access Working Group (DAWG) meetings held on 10 December 2019 and 11 February 2020, and provide Council with an overview of the outcomes.

### **COMMENTARY**

The main topics discussed at the meetings are detailed in the Minutes **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 1** and **ANNEXURE 2**.

The meetings can be summarised as follows:

- access reports were received from the Tamworth Access Group and the Nundle and Barraba Place Managers;
- as requested, Master Locksmiths Access Keys (MLAK) have been purchased by Council and are available for use by people living with a disability.
- an update was provided on the installation of tactile markers in Fitzroy Street. The tactile markers are scheduled to be installed at the Peel Street end, either side of the service laneway near Target, and at the Kable Avenue end of Fitzroy Street on 11 February 2020.
- the success of the recent ‘Tamworth Access Awards’ was noted; and
- the working group was advised that ‘expressions of interest’ were open (closing 17 December 2019) for membership of the Tamworth Region Inclusive Culture Advisory Committee (TRICAC)

#### **(a) Policy Implications**

Nil

#### **(b) Financial Implications**

Nil

#### **(c) Legal Implications**

The activities of the Disability Access Working Group assist Council in meeting legislative requirements under the Disability Inclusion Act 2014, Australian Government NDIS Act 2013, The NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 and the Local Government Act 1993, which require Council to provide adequate, equitable, and appropriate services and facilities for the community.



**(d) Community Consultation**

The Disability Access Working Group includes representatives from the Tamworth Access Group, as well as aged and disability services to consult and advise Council on access issues.

**(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy**

A Spirit of Community - C14 Meet social justice principles through the provision of accessible and inclusive high-quality, integrated community services that meet current and emerging needs.

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**10.3 SPONSORSHIP OF BOTH THE NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP GAME AND THE SUPER RUGBY GAME – FILE NO SF5609**

**DIRECTORATE:** BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY  
**AUTHOR:** Kate Baker, Co-Ordinator Economic and Destination Development

**2 ANNEXURES ATTACHED**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That in relation to the report “Sponsorship of both the National Rugby League Premiership Game and the Super Rugby Game”, Council:*

- (i) approve sponsorship of \$20,000 (ex GST) for the National Rugby League game to be held on 9 May 2020, and;*
- (ii) approve sponsorship of \$10,000 (ex GST) for the Super Rugby game to be held on 21 March 2020.*

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s approval to financially support the National Rugby League (NRL) Round 9 game between the Wests Tigers and the Canberra Raiders on Saturday 9 May 2020, and the Super Rugby Round 8 game between the NSW Waratahs and the South African Bulls on Saturday 21 March 2020. Both events will be staged at the Scully Park Regional Sporting Precinct, Tamworth. Letters requesting Council’s support are **ATTACHED**, refer **ANNEXURE 1** and **2**.

**COMMENTARY**

In 2018 and 2019, Tamworth hosted NRL Premiership games at Scully Park Regional Sporting Precinct (Scully Park). Tamworth Regional Council was a major sponsor for these games, with each event attracting in excess of 9,000 spectators.

In 2018, the NRL developed a strategy to relocate some of its premiership competition games to regional cities, and due to the quality and significance of Scully Park, Tamworth has again been invited to host a 2020 West Tigers home game. The past two years have seen Tamworth host games between the West Tigers and the Newcastle Knights and the West Tigers and the Gold Coast Titans. The 2020 game will see the West Tigers play the Canberra Raiders.

The Wests Entertainment Group has committed to taking on the ongoing risks associated with hosting NRL games and its business plan provides for one major sponsor. Tamworth Regional Council has been invited to again be the major sponsor for the 2020 event.

Previous events have seen significant national branding of Tamworth across moving billboards throughout the live broadcast on Foxtel and other streaming apps.

Previous marketing undertaken by the NRL included paid advertising across Channel 9 Sydney and Foxtel (Fox Sports) in the lead up to the game, equating to in excess of \$1 million in advertising, plus a social media campaign to an audience of over three million people across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The expectation is the media and digital platform exposure will be at the same level or higher.

Due to the significance of the game and the exposure it provides for the Tamworth brand, \$20,000 sponsorship is considered a worthwhile investment. The advertising buy in to the metropolitan market for a standalone campaign would be cost prohibitive.

Also, other regional council's across NSW are spending considerably more to host NRL fixtures, and therefore, the \$20,000 investment proposed by Tamworth Regional Council is considered good value.

The estimated overall total economic impact to the city and region, based on visitation from 2018/2019 events, is \$2.14million.

Event name:	Type of event:	Significance of event:	Start date:
NRL Game	Sports and Recreation Activities	State	09/05/2020
Length of event (days):	Est. attendance per day:	Est. avg daily spend (\$):	Event total spend:
1	9000	152	\$1,368,000

**Event Impact Summary** export reset

Tamworth Regional Council - NRL Game - Modelling the effect of \$1,368,000 from a Sports and Recreation Activities event with State significance

	Output (\$)	Value-added (\$)	Employment (annual FTE)	Resident Jobs (annual FTE)
Direct impact	1,094,400	494,863	10.2	--
Industrial impact	547,005	228,808	2.0	--
Consumption impact	508,319	223,790	2.4	--
<b>Total impact on Tamworth Regional Council economy</b>	<b>2,149,724</b>	<b>947,462</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>--</b>

Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) ©2019. Compiled and presented in economy.id by .id, the population experts.  
 Note: All \$ values are expressed in 2016/17 base year dollar terms.

<b>Economic Impact</b>	<b>\$2,149,724.00</b>
<b>Hosting cost-Medium</b>	<b>\$11,932.21</b>
<b>Hosting cost-High</b>	<b>\$21,699.49</b>

In relation to the Super Rugby game, the visitation is unknown as the event has not been held in Tamworth previously. To consider the economic benefit, the economic development team assessed the fan base of the NRL against Super Rugby and based visitation inline with that percentage and used the same measurement tool to determine the economic benefit.

The Super Rugby game will showcase Tamworth and Scully Park to a rugby audience worldwide; however, there were some considerations when assessing the game. These include the fact that there has been financial support provided by the NSW Government to bring the event to the city through the Drought Relief Fund. This funding has been directly

linked to Super Rugby and not the Wests Entertainment Group. The other consideration is the event is on in three weeks, so effectively it will go ahead with or without TRC support.

However, taking into account those considerations and assessing the economic benefit through the economic assessment model it is considered worthwhile to support the event.

Event name: Super Rugby	Type of event: Sports and Recreation Activities	Significance of event: State	Start date: 21/03/2020
Length of event (days): 1	Est. attendance per day: 3060	Est. avg daily spend (\$): 152	Event total spend: \$465,120

**Event Impact Summary** export reset

Tamworth Regional Council - Super Rugby - Modelling the effect of \$465,120 from a Sports and Recreation Activities event with State significance

	Output (\$)	Value-added (\$)	Employment (annual FTE)	Resident Jobs (annual FTE)
Direct impact	372,096	168,254	3.5	--
Industrial impact	185,982	77,795	0.7	--
Consumption impact	172,828	76,089	0.8	--
<b>Total impact on Tamworth Regional Council economy</b>	<b>730,906</b>	<b>322,137</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>--</b>

Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) ©2019. Compiled and presented in economy.id by id, the population experts.  
 Note: All \$ values are expressed in 2016/17 base year dollar terms.

<b>Economic Impact</b>	<b>\$730,906.00</b>
<b>Hosting cost-Medium</b>	<b>\$5,957.88</b>
<b>Hosting cost-High</b>	<b>\$10,365.82</b>

Council's sponsorship will be paid to the Wests Entertainment Group.

**(a) Policy Implications**

Nil

**(b) Financial Implications**

The contributions are proposed to be funded by General Fund unrestricted cash and will increase the 2019-2020 forecasted budget deficit by \$30,000.

**(c) Legal Implications**

Nil

**(d) Community Consultation**

Nil

**(e) Delivery Program Objective/Strategy**

A Prosperous Region – P21 Utilise the Destination Tamworth brand to market the Region as a destination for living, working and leisure.

## **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.*

#### **11.1 TENDER T052/2020 - REPAIR OF LUCELLA BRIDGE AND MIDDLEBROOK CREEK BRIDGE FOR THE GAROO ROAD UPGRADE – FILE NO T052/2020**

**DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES**  
**AUTHOR: Mark Gardiner, Senior Project Management Engineer**

Council will determine this matter in part of the Meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (c)&(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 person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of Council.

#### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's acceptance of a tender for construction of bridge repairs for Lucella Bridge and Middlebrook Creek Bridge as part of the Garoo Road upgrade for Higher Mass Limit B-double vehicles.

#### **11.2 T088/2020 - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PRECAST CULVERT COMPONENTS FOR COUNTRY ROAD ROUNDABOUT – FILE NO T088/2020**

**DIRECTORATE: REGIONAL SERVICES**  
**AUTHOR: Mark Gardiner, Senior Project Management Engineer**  
**2 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED**

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**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's acceptance of a tender for the supply and delivery of precast concrete culvert components for the Oxley Highway and Country Road Roundabout in accordance with Australian Standards and Roads and Maritime Services' specifications.

### **11.3 PROPOSED RESTRICTION AS TO USE AND PUBLIC POSITIVE COVENANT OVER PART LOT 140 IN DEPOSITED PLAN 1223292 WINDMILL HILL ESTATE NORTH TAMWORTH – FILE NO LF32328**

**DIRECTORATE:** CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE  
**AUTHOR:** Kirrilee Ringland, Manager Property and Legal Services  
**Reference:** Item 14.1 to Ordinary Council 25 July 2017 - Minute No. 236/17

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**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's authorisation to execute a document creating a Restriction as to Use and Public Positive Covenant over privately owned land at Windmill Hill Estate on terms as set out in the body of this report.

### **11.4 TAMWORTH EFFLUENT REUSE FARM - FARM OPERATOR FINANCIAL RESULTS 2018-2019 – FILE NO SF5510**

**DIRECTORATE:** WATER AND WASTE  
**AUTHOR:** Bruce Logan, Director Water and Waste  
**2 CONFIDENTIAL ENCLOSURES ENCLOSED**

Council will determine this matter in part of the Meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (d)i of the Local Government Act 1993, on the grounds that the matter and information is commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

#### **SUMMARY**

As part of the Agreement between Council and the current Tamworth Effluent Reuse Farm operator, Harley Hay Pty Ltd, within 180 days of the end of each year ending 30 June, the operator is required to provide audited financial statements to Council in respect of that year for the farm operations and related businesses.

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the financial statements for the 2018-19 financial year.

### **11.5 POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT TO OPERATE THE TAMWORTH EFFLUENT REUSE FARM FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS – FILE NO SF5510**

**DIRECTORATE:** WATER AND WASTE  
**AUTHOR:** Bruce Logan, Director Water and Waste

Council will determine this matter in part of the Meeting closed to the public pursuant to Section 10A(2) (c),(d)i&(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 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. and information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of Council.

### **SUMMARY**

Under the terms and conditions of the operating agreement between Council and the operator of the Tamworth Effluent Reuse Farm, Harley Hay, Council is required to advise Harley Hay 18 months before the Agreement ends, if Council is prepared to offer Harley Hay an extension of the current Agreement for a further five years.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council direction in relation to this matter.



## **CLOSED COUNCIL**

### **Confidential Reports**

#### **(Section 10A(2) of The Local Government Act 1993)**

Where it is proposed to close part of the Meeting, the Chairperson will allow members of the public to make representations to or at the meeting, before any part of the meeting is closed to the public, as to whether or not that part of the meeting should be closed to the public.

The Chairperson will check with the General Manager whether any written public submissions or representations have been received as to whether or not that part of the meeting should be closed to the public.

The grounds on which part of the Council meeting may be closed to public are listed in Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and are as follows:

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals other than Councillors,
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer,
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
  - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
  - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
  - (iii) reveal a trade secret,
- (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law,
- (f) matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property,
- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.
- (h) during the receipt of information or discussion of information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.
- (i) alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440.

Section 10A(3) of the Act provides that Council, or a Committee of the Council of which all the members are councillors, may also close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises a motion to close another part of the meeting to the public.

Section 10B(3) of the Act provides that if a meeting is closed during discussion of a motion to close another part of the meeting to the public (as referred to in section 10A(3) of the Act), the consideration of the motion must not include any consideration of the matter or information to be discussed in that other part of the meeting (other than consideration of whether the matter concerned is matter referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act).

Section 10B(1) of the Act provides that a meeting is not to remain closed to the public during the receipt of information or the discussion of matters referred to in section 10A(2):

- (a) except for so much of the discussion as is necessary to preserve the relevant confidentiality, privilege or security, and
- (b) if the matter concerned is a matter other than a personnel matter concerning particular individuals, the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer or a trade secret - unless the Council or committee concerned is satisfied that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

For the purpose of determining whether the discussion of a matter in an open meeting would be contrary to the public interest section 10B(4) of the Act states it is irrelevant that:

- (a) a person may interpret or misunderstand the discussion, or
- (b) the discussion of the matter may:
  - (i) cause embarrassment to the Council or committee concerned, or to councillors or to employees of the council, or
  - (ii) cause a loss of confidence in the Council or committee.

#### **Resolutions passed in Closed Council**

It is a requirement of Clause 253 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 that any resolution passed in Closed Council, or Committee be made public as soon as practicable after the meeting has ended. At the end of Closed Council or Committee meeting, the Chairperson will provide a summary of those resolutions passed in Closed Council or Committee.