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ITEM 1 - APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To allow tendering of apologies for councillors not present.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	4.5.1.g - Code of Meeting Practice adopted and implemented.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS LEAVE OF ABSENCE - 1383119

RECOMMENDATION

THAT any apologies tendered be accepted and the necessary leave of absence be granted.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

A call for apologies is to be made.

ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To allow an opportunity for councillors to declare an interest in any items to be determined at this meeting.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	4.5.1.g - Code of Meeting Practice adopted and implemented.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS AND STAFF DECLARATION OF INTEREST - 2021 - 1383120

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Declarations of Interest be noted.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

A call for Declarations of Interest.

ITEM 3 - DECLARATIONS FOR POLITICAL DONATIONS

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To allow an opportunity for Councillors to declare any Political Donations received.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	4.5.1.g - Code of Meeting Practice adopted and implemented.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF POLITICAL DONATIONS - 1383122

RECOMMENDATION

THAT any political donations be noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A call for declarations of any political donations.

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ITEM 1 - INFRASTRUCTURE (OTHER) STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES REPORT

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To provide committee members of updates within the Urban Infrastructure Department
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	3.3.3.e - Maintain the council's properties to safe operational standards
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COMMITTEES - REPORTS OF 2022 - 1386906

DEPARTMENT LEADER - URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

STRATEGIC ACTIVITY 1 – Regional Town Water Strategy (RTWS)

After many months and numerous discussions with DPE we have finalised the RTWS request for quotation documentation and specifications. Request for quotations have been released to engage a consultant for stage 1, which is information gathering and reporting, with quotations closing 23 May 2022.

Chris Devitt Consulting has been engaged by Cabonne Council, with the agreement of Orange City Council and Central Tablelands Water to project manage the RTWS project.

STRATEGIC ACTIVITY 2 – Water – Cumnock / Yeoval potable supply

The disinfection process for the reticulation in Yeoval is nearing completion. Once this is achieved and acceptance criteria is met that will conclude the disinfection process of the project.

Household connections for the owners who opted in are nearing completion. The connections are causing some angst among community members due to the complexity and limited knowledge of works involved.

Further work to undertake with some valving, flow measurement and SCADA to ensure flexibility, functionality of the system and reduced resourcing requirements.

STRATEGIC ACTIVITY 3 – Fluoridation of the Potable Water

DPE requested additional matters be addressed, being a secondary flow measurement protection control. This requires further electrical and mechanical amendments to the existing system. It has been challenging getting contractors to attend to site with their current schedules. When these components are completed DPE will need to attend site to inspect to confirm acceptance and further training required for staff.

STRATEGIC ACTIVITY 4 – Plant Capacity Report

Council have engaged Hunter H2O to undertake plant capacity reviews on both the Water and Sewerage Treatment Plants. The first draft of these reports are expected end of May.

These reports will guide strategic planning in the water and sewerage businesses, as well as Developer Contributions Plans.

STRATEGIC ACTIVITY 5 – Pools, potential management model for 22/23 Season

Council staff met with the Pool Advisory Committee to review and discuss the future management models of the council's swimming pools due to the expiration of the 2 contracts for Molong and Canowindra.

Various options were discussed and 2 options preferred.

The meeting concluded that council staff are to investigate 2 options being; internally managed model and an externally managed model.

Otium Planning Group were engaged to complete a review of the risks and benefits of each of these models and will present the findings at the councilor workshop for their consideration on the direction forward.

The preferred option will be to engage early with potential experienced organisations with pool management experience to understand what may be achieved should the option of externally contracting all pools or perhaps some of them might look like.

The objective of the pool management model will be to ensure the best outcomes are achieved for the community that is considered reasonably practicable, whilst maintaining the level of compliance required for these facilities.

STRATEGIC ACTIVITY 6 – KEY PROJECT UPDATES

a) Sports Lighting Upgrades

Molong lighting project is complete subject to final certification. The sound system installation is almost complete.

The Canowindra lighting project has received the approval from Essential Energy for the Level 1 works for upgrading the local electricity infrastructure, and the work is scheduled to be undertaken in June 2022.

b) Molong Showground Amenities

It is expected the works to be completed by this week. The contractor has suffered delays due to COVID-19 within the work crew, and the timeframe for completion has now exceeded the contracted date.

The project is still expected to be completed within budget.

c) Morris Park Amenities

The contractor has commenced works at the site and is anticipating completion prior to the June Long Weekend.

During the assessment of these works the old tractor was identified as having an unacceptable extreme level of public safety risk due to its age and degradation. This item no longer complies with playground safety standards and therefore was required to be removed from the site.

Investigations were undertaken to understand the historical nature of the tractor and how it came to be placed here. It appears an ex Boree Shire councillor donated the tractor and installed it at the park as a play item.

Council staff were able to find the son of the former councillor to determine if he would like to receive the tractor back into his possession, however the son did not wish to take the tractor and gave council freedom to do what they feel was appropriate.

Council staff then contacted a member of the Canowindra Historical group who agreed to take the tractor with the intention of providing information on the history of the tractor and providing this information to the museum. The tractor has now been relocated to its new home.

d) Eugowra Medical Centre

The tender has now closed and the evaluation process is being completed. It is intended to include a report to May council meeting on the results of the assessments and a recommendation for progression to construction.

The Eugowra Section 355 committee have been consulted throughout this process and will also be advised of the final outcome at the conclusion of the council decision.

e) Canowindra Sports Ground Change Rooms and Grandstand

Council have been working with the contractors on the design and have been faced with the challenge of reducing the original scope to meet the budget.

The original scope concept designs have come back over \$2.5m well in excess of the construction budget of \$1.8m. A meeting is being coordinated with the council project staff, Canowindra Sports Trust and councillors to discuss the challenges and agree on the reduced scope. At the conclusion of this meeting the design will be progressed with the contractors based on the revised scope.

It was hoped to provide a report to the June council meeting, however these delays will push the timeframes beyond this date.

f) Cudal Office Refurbishment

Council have formally engaged the contractor to enable works to commence on the project with the startup meeting occurring last Monday.

Council staff have developed a working group to develop and coordinate a removal plan to ensure that all items have been moved out of the office for the contractors to take over on 1 August 2022.

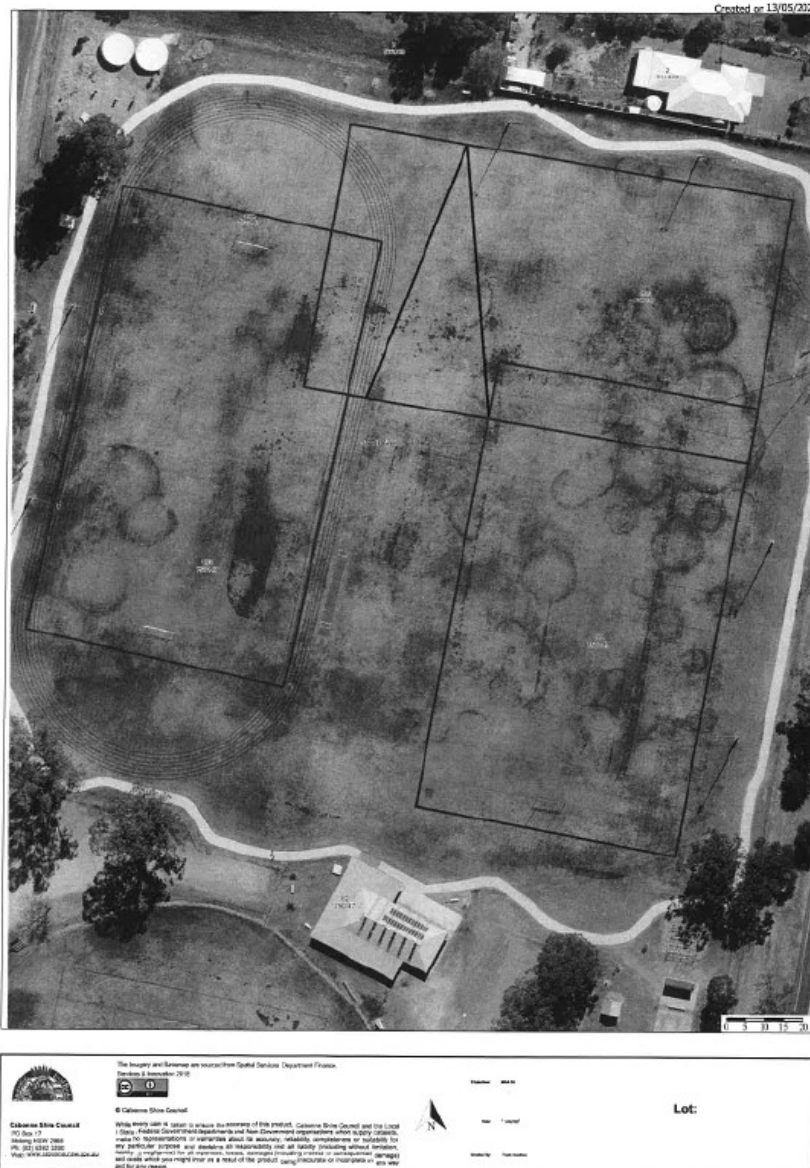
g) Canowindra Hammer Throw

A line item in council's budget has been carried forward for the past several years to repair the existing discuss/hammer throw cage in the Canowindra Sports Precinct. The budget for work is \$40,000.

Concerns have been raised that the current location of the cage is not appropriate. The current safety net is not to regulation standard for the sport, and the impact area from the existing throwing cage falls into the end goal area of the adjacent football field. A request was made on behalf of the Canowindra Sports Trust to consider moving the location of the cage.

Council considered re-positioning (refer to Diagram 1 below) the hammer throw infrastructure between the two fields. However, there is still areas where the different sporting field & athletic track boundaries overlap and therefore damage to these playing areas will be unavoidable and lead to risk of injury for the players and public.

Costs of construction of a new cage are estimated to be \$100,000, of which the existing budget is less.



At the previous Standing Committee meeting, councillors discussed reviewing an alternate location for the Hammer Throw Cage at the South Canowindra Park, which is Community Land. Council staff inspected the South Canowindra Park Precinct – in the confines of Icely, Sutton, Robinson & Milton Streets – Lot 178 DP 750368 – 2.0090 Ha & Lot 7005 DP 1020354 – 2.7390 Ha (see image below)

This is an area that has considerable open space (4.7 Ha) area with very low public utilisation. It currently has a covered playground area at the corner of Sutton & Milton Streets. The area is also used as a primary launching area for balloons during the balloon festival – two weeks of the year and is used by horse riders on an infrequent basis.



Whilst the area has space to facilitate the safe installation of the new hammer & discuss cage there are several other key factors that need to be considered.

- The entire area is serviced infrequently by Urban Infrastructure – slashed 3 times per year. Installation of this infrastructure will increase levels of service at this location.
- Playground area & confines – mown once a month.
- No public amenities available. It is anticipated increased usage at this location will result in the request for amenities.
- Water tap facility at park playground only
- There is no delineated car parking area for this site.
- There is no lighting.
- Topography of site is relatively flat – some site build maybe required
- Additional fencing – maybe required to provide a level of security to the throw area & public
- Services such as power, water & sewer would need to be facilitated

The costs for the services would be excessive as CTW and council developer charges for water and sewer would apply as well as connection costs. Power would require a new essential energy connection.

Additional fencing required to provide public safety for when the cage is being used.

A strategic estimate for the additional services and infrastructure required to facilitate the installation of the Hammer Throw cage would be approximately \$100,000.

New amenities would be in the order of \$150,000 and would be required to comply with DDA requirements.

A new carparking area would be approximately \$50,000.

The costs to accommodate the increased levels of service would be approximately \$25,000 per year.

Given these assessments, the following options are available to council:

1. Fund the additional capital works to relocate the hammer throw/discuss cage and area to the Robinson Street site.
2. Fund the additional capital works to relocate the cage to the alternative location within the Canowindra Sports Complex
3. Determine to repair and make good the existing hammer throw/discuss cage at its current location, with the budget available

h) Molong and Canowindra CBD - Activate Cabonne Projects

Council staff have completed surveys at both Molong and Canowindra to seek an understanding from the public about their preference for street furniture and trees for Canowindra. The survey results are being collated by Community and Economy department and will be presented to council for further consideration at a later date.

Council staff have undertaken measurements and testing of the Molong Street layout to confirm the adequacy of space and maneuverability with the concept designs. This has proven to be successful with further testing to be conducted in Bank Street.

i) Canowindra Caravan Park Cabins

Council staff have had to amend the plans for these to provide an accessible cabin. This requires a modification to the DA which will be submitted in the coming weeks. There is no major issue expected with the modification as the only amendment is the minor increase to the footprint and slight site adjustment to facilitate this.

Once planning matters have been determined, it is intended to seek quotations in June 2022 for the construction of the cabins.