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**PRESENT** Clr J Jones (in the Chair), Clrs A Pull, K O’Ryan, J Weaver

Also present were the Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Infrastructure, Executive Assistant – Cabonne Infrastructure, Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure.

**ITEM - 1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Proceedings in Brief

An apology was tendered on behalf of Clr Oldham

**RECOMMENDATION** (O’Ryan/Pull)

THAT the apology tendered on behalf of Clr Oldham be accepted and the necessary leave of absence be granted.

IO23/01 Carried

**ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Pull asked that it be noted that he is an employee of Central Tablelands Water and a member of the Canowindra Sports Trust.

**RECOMMENDATION** (Pull/O’Ryan)

THAT the Declarations of Interest be noted.

IO23/02 Carried

**ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATIONS**

**RECOMMENDATION** (O’Ryan/Pull)

THAT there were no political donations to be noted.

IO23/03 Carried

**ITEM - 4 INFRASTRUCTURE (OTHER) STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Proceedings in Brief

**Strategic Activity 1 – Sub Regional Town Water Strategy (SRTWS)**

The execution of the deed has occurred and the project is still behind schedule.

## **Strategic Activity 2 – Settlement Strategy Business Case – Water and Sewer Upgrades**

The Chairperson noted how important it is for future growth for Molong. The Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Infrastructure advised that the State Government has called for Expressions of Interest for funding of economic development projects for regions. Staff are working through the submission, utilising the business case to support the application.

## **Strategic Activity 3 – Grant Updates**

### **Stronger Country Community Fund – Round 5 (NSW Government)**

**Activating Cargo Village Green - \$282,595**

**Activating Montana Park in Manildra - \$350,000**

**Activating Yeoval Recreation Precinct - \$350,000**

Clr Pull commented that these are great projects – what are the approx. start/finish times? The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised that the completion date is December 2025. Staff need to consider how to get these projects into the programme and are working on developing start dates for these projects. Clr O’Ryan enquired if these projects were impacted by the floods? The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure confirmed that they weren’t and noted that work had already started on the concrete path at Yeoval.

### **Resources for Regions – Round 9 (NSW Government)**

#### **Activation of Cabonne Swimming Pools - \$2.88M**

Clr Weaver noted that there appears to be a white covering on the fence at the Cudal Pool – will this be the new fence? The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised no, he suspects that a community member has tried to be creative. The covering will be removed when the new fence goes in. The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised that this project is across all seven (7) pools, it is complex and is attempting to undertake the project with the least amount of impact to the pool patrons. Work has been scheduled to be undertaken in the pool off season, over a few years. He advised that staff are excited after dealing with the aging infrastructure in the plants and have taken steps to engage a consultant to assist with the project. The Deputy General Manager confirmed that this is the Delivery of the Cabonne Pools Masterplan. Clr Weaver asked if the pools will have the same uniform look? The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised that it had been considered. The Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Infrastructure advised that there is a lot of uniqueness to each of the facilities such as facades, landscaping etc. however some things will be the same such as fencing.

#### **Battery Energy Storage System for Cabonne - \$1.5M**

## **Strategic Activity 4 – Key Project Updates**

### **Canowindra Sports Ground Change Rooms and Spectator Seating**

Clr Pull commented that the project seems to be going well. He drives past and can see the various things happening. Clr O’Ryan asked if updates can be put in the Canowindra Phoenix or Council’s website so that people that

aren't driving past can see the progress. The Deputy General Manager advised that he would note it and talk to Council's Communications Team. Cllr Weaver commented that people are happy to see the old building go and a new building that with a facility that suits the grounds.

### **Yeoval Recreation Ground (SCCF3)**

#### **Canowindra Caravan Park Cabins**

The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure noted as per the report, it is currently out for Request for Quote. We received two (2) submissions and are currently assessing these for suitability. The Chairperson enquired whether the Molong cabins, which were damaged in the flood, could be tied into this project? The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised that it had been considered, however indications from Council's Insurer show that it is likely we won't be able to replace, only repair. Given the opportunity we would consider but it is not an option at this time.

#### **Eugowra Medical Centre**

The Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Infrastructure noted that Stage 2 of this project is the 2 units. The Medical Centre was Stage 1. Cllr O'Ryan enquired whether staff were concerned with making these projects more able to withstand further flooding in the future? The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised that it was difficult, we always try to provide some resilience with our future projects, generally standards are to build to a 1 in 100 year flood event not the event we had. We have to weigh up the cost benefit analysis. Staff always consider options to make them more resistant for future events. The Chairperson asked to flag that the late Diane Smith played an important role in the Medical Centre (she worked reception) and would like consideration for some sort of memorial plaque or something on the building to remember her contributions. The Deputy General Manager noted this and suggested this matter be raised to the full Council for consideration.

#### **Eugowra and Manildra Female Change Rooms**

The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure clarified that the original intent was to have both projects running through one contract, due to delays in the Eugowra project, they have been split into two separate contracts. Manildra will commence while further consideration is given to Eugowra regarding the childcare centre space, community consultation will need to be undertaken regarding this space. Consultation with the Manildra football club has been undertaken and staff hope to start construction in the new Financial Year in readiness for the new football season. Both of these projects are externally funded and an extension of time has been sought.

#### **Cabonne Community Centre**

The Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Infrastructure noted the project is nearing completion. The Contractor has indicated a late April completion. A recent inspection indicates that this is deliverable. Staff are in discussions regarding the official opening of the facility. The Chairperson enquired about opening bookings to the public. The Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Infrastructure advised that we need to set the opening date and confirm before

we can open the bookings to the public. Looking to have the official opening before the public have use of the facility.

### **Eugowra Multipurpose Centre**

The Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Infrastructure advised that we had previously had to compromise on the type/quality of the flooring due to being over budget. The intent now should the grant be successful is to reinstate items that were sacrificed back into the project.

### **Molong Office Front Facade**

The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised that the project has been on the book for several years and we now have the opportunity to undertake the work. Looking to start the project next week. It will provide a fresh look but main concern was the safety risk to the public and staff using the office. Cllr Weaver enquired about the colour scheme, will it be the same? The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised no, after extensive research and consultation with a historical advisor, we will revert back to a sensitive colour scheme that accommodates the streetscape and neighbouring buildings. The Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Infrastructure advised that the original building was not painted, we will be reverting back to this natural colouring. Cllr Pull enquired about the funding. The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised that it is being funded from Council's General funds and looks to be coming in under budget. Cllr Weaver asked if the whole building will be done. The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised that it was just strategic work to the façade which had been identified.

### **RECOMMENDATION** (O'Ryan/Pull)

THAT the committee note the strategic Urban Infrastructure update.

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Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.47pm