



19 March 2025

NOTICE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Your attendance is respectfully requested at the Ordinary Meeting of Cabonne Council convened for **Tuesday 25 March, 2025** commencing at **2:00 PM**, at the Cabonne Council Chambers, Bank Street, Molong to consider the undermentioned business.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BJ Byrnes', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

BJ Byrnes
GENERAL MANAGER

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1) Open Ordinary Meeting
- 2) Consideration of Mayoral Minute
- 3) Consideration of General Manager's Report
- 4) Resolve into Committee of the Whole
 - a) Consideration of Called Items
 - b) Consideration of Closed Items
- 5) Adoption of Committee of the Whole Report

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COUNCIL'S MISSION & VISION

The Cabonne Local Government Area is thriving, caring, and vibrant.

Our Cabonne community recognise and acknowledge our rich culture, heritage, and history.

We strive to protect and value our environment, and the rural aspects of the region.

We recognise that we need to ensure all members of our community have access to the services and support required to be successful.

Despite being made up of a number of towns, villages, and localities, we recognise that we need to work together to achieve great things for our wider Cabonne community.

Where one community succeeds – we all succeed.

We are Cabonne.

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Clause 240(4) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires Council to refer any business to be considered when the meeting is closed to the public in the Ordinary Business Paper prepared for the same meeting. Council will discuss the following items under the terms of the Local Government Act 1993 Section 10A(2), as follows:

**ITEM 1 CARRYING OF COUNCIL RESOLUTION INTO CLOSED
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Procedural

**ITEM 2 ENDORSEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS OF CONFIDENTIAL
MATTERS CONSIDERED AT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING**

Procedural

ITEM 3 STRATEGIC LAND PURCHASE CABONNE

(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business

ITEM 4 FAIRBRIDGE CHILDREN'S PARK SCHOOL BELL

(e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law

**ITEM 5 CABONNE COUNCIL WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES -
JOINT PROCUREMENT PROJECT**

(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business

ITEM 6 TENDER 1805609 REFURBISHMENT OF EUGOWRA POOL

(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business

ITEM 7 TENDER 180448 - EUGOWRA POOL LINER

(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business

**ITEM 8 TENDER EVALUATION POOL FILTRATION & WATER
TREATMENT STAGE 2 WORKS**

*(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial
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proposes to conduct) business*

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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	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCIL MEETINGS\COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS LEAVE OF ABSENCE - 1823025

RECOMMENDATION

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S 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	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNANCE\COUNCILLORS - 2024-2028\COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR DECLARATION OF INTEREST - 2025 - 1823026

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Declarations of Interest be noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A call for Declarations of Interest.

ITEM 3 - DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To allow for an opportunity for councillors to declare any political donation received.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\GOVERNANCE\\COUNCIL MEETINGS\\COUNCIL - COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF POLITICAL DONATIONS - 1823028

RECOMMENDATION

THAT any political donations be noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A call for declarations of any political donations.

ITEM 4 - MAYORAL MINUTE - APPOINTMENTS

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To allow noting of the Mayoral appointments plus other councillors' activities reports.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\GOVERNANCE\\COUNCIL MEETINGS\\MAYORAL MINUTES - 1823032

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information contained in the Mayoral Minute be noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A call for the Mayoral appointments and attendances as well as other councillors' activities reports to be tabled/read out.

ITEM 5 - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Enabling reports to be considered in Committee of the Whole to be called.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\GOVERNANCE\\COUNCIL MEETINGS\\GROUPING OF REPORT ADOPTION and BUSINESS PAPER ITEMS FOR NOTING REPORTS - 1823035

RECOMMENDATION

THAT councillors call any items that they wish to be debated in Committee of the Whole.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Council's Code of Meeting Practice allows for the council to resolve itself into "committee of the whole" to avoid the necessity of limiting the number and duration of speeches as required by Clause 250 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

This item enables councillors to call any item they wish to be debated in "committee of the whole" at the conclusion of normal business.

The debate process during a 'normal' council meeting limits the number and duration of speeches as required by Clause 250 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

Items should only be called at this time if it is expected that discussion beyond the normal debate process is likely to be needed.

ITEM 6 - CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Adoption of minutes.
Policy Implications	Nil

Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	1. February 25 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes ↓ 2. March 11 2025 Environment, Innovation and Energy Committee Meeting Minutes ↓ 3. March 11 2025 Infrastructure (Community) Committee Meeting Minutes ↓
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\GOVERNANCE\\COUNCIL MEETINGS\\COUNCIL - MINUTES - 2025 - 1818798

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

1. Ordinary Council meeting held on 25 February 2025;
2. Environment, Innovation and Energy Committee held on 11 March 2025;
and
3. Infrastructure (Community) Committee held on 11 March 2025.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The following minutes are attached for adoption:

1. Ordinary Council meeting held on 25 February 2025;
2. Environment, Innovation and Energy Committee held on 11 March 2025;
and
3. Infrastructure (Community) Committee held on 11 March 2025.

ITEM 7 - 2025 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MOTIONS

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Formal endorsement of motions to be submitted to the 2025 National General Assembly.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	4.1.4.1b - Meet with other regional local governments for planning purposes.
Annexures	Nil

File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNMENT RELATIONS\LOCAL AND REGIONAL LIAISON\AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - 1819082
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RECOMMENDATION

THAT council endorse the four Motions, as outlined in the report, to be submitted to the 2025 National General Assembly.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Council requested motions be submitted to the 2025 NGA that align with its strategic priorities and the advocacy priorities determined by the CNSWJO.

The following motions, based on the criteria required to submit motions to the National General Assembly, were developed by councillors at the March workshop.

1. Shortage of Planning & Building Certification staff
This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to work with ALGA, the Planning Institute of Australia and Higher Education facilities throughout Australia to develop and deliver a strategy to address the critical shortage of planning and building certification professionals in local government.
2. Reliable Digital Network
That this National General Assembly call on Australian and State and Territory Governments to deliver on their commitments to roll out a reliable digital and telecommunications network to regional & rural areas.
3. Water Security
That this National General Assembly call on Australian Government to increase its commitment to water security to ensure local water authorities can future-proof water resources, preparing for droughts and building sustainable water networks.
4. Renewable Energy
That this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to support communities to become energy independent and resilient through renewable energy and ensure the transition considers reliability, sustainability and affordability in regional communities.

ITEM 8 - 2025 AUSTRALIAN WOMENS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (NSW) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To authorise councillors attendance at the 2025 conference.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1f - Provide training and support to elected officials
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\GOVERNMENT RELATIONS\\LOCAL AND REGIONAL LIAISON\\LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMENS ASSOCIATION - 1819034

RECOMMENDATION

THAT interested councillors be authorised to attend the 2025 ALGWA (NSW) Conference.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The 2025 ALGWA (NSW) Conference will be hosted by Griffith Council from 1-3 May 2025. The Australian Local Government Women's Association NSW Branch (ALGWA) supports and promotes women in local government through advocacy, advice and action. The annual conference is an opportunity to come together and engage in learning and networking that will assist in personal and professional development.

The final program has not been finalised as yet however any councillor interested in attending should nominate to be authorised to attend to ensure early bird registration.

ITEM 9 - REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA (RDA) CENTRAL WESTERN - TEN4TEN LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Council to consider request for financial support.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	4.2.1.3c - Provide sponsorship for eligible Youth Week activities.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT\\LIAISON\\REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA (RDA) - 1821737

RECOMMENDATION

THAT council approve sponsorship of the 2025 Ten4Ten Leadership Dialogue to the value of \$1,500 (plus GST) to be funded from the Community Facilitation Fund.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Central West are seeking financial support to help continue the delivery of the Ten4Ten Leadership Dialogue. The program aims to connect ten select Year 11 students with ten local community leaders for a unique mentoring experience. The core of the program is skills development and fostering civic pride.

Since 2020 students from Cabonne, Orange and Blayney have been given the opportunity to be mentored by ten leaders from various sectors of the community and discover what career opportunities are available in the region. Feedback from the program is attached for councillors consideration.

RDA request support of \$1,500 (plus GST) from council. Sponsorship will include council's logo on all correspondence, promotion material and media release as well as recognition as a sponsor of the program at all events.

ITEM 10 - ANZAC DAY 2025

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	For council to nominate Councillors to attend ANZAC Day celebrations throughout Cabonne
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1c - Coordinate Australia Day and Anzac Day events.
Annexures	1. ANAZC Day 2025 ↓
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES\\EVENTS MANAGEMENT\\ANZAC DAY 2025 - 1821103

RECOMMENDATION

THAT council nominate and authorise councillors to represent council at the 2025 ANZAC Day Services throughout Cabonne.

DEPARTMENT LEADER - GOVERNANCE & CORPORATE PERFORMANCE'S REPORT

Each year ANZAC Day services are held in the Cabonne Local Government Area (LGA). The services for 2025 are listed in the attached timetable (not all

listed services are confirmed as yet, although services tend to remain the same each year).

Previous ANZAC Day services were required by NSW Police to be referred to Local Traffic Committee for endorsement of road closures for march precisions. The matter will be referred to Local Traffic Committee.

As in past years, a wreath will be provided for each ANZAC commemoration service event that Cabonne councillors chose to attend.

ITEM 11 - DONATION REQUEST MANILDRA MOVES GROUP

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	That council consider a donation request to support the Manildra Moves group
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	S356 donations budget
IPR Linkage	4.1.3.2b - Support local events, culture, and festivals and promote local villages - including through the provision of sponsorship opportunities and seeking grant funding.
Annexures	1. Manildra Moves Letter to Cabonne Council ↓
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\COMMUNITY RELATIONS\\SPONSORSHIP - DONATIONS\\SPONSORSHIP - DONATIONS - 2025 - 1818101

RECOMMENDATION

THAT council support a donation of two (2) family season passes as prizes for the Manildra community's Movement Masters events.

DEPARTMENT LEADER - COMMUNITY SERVICES' REPORT

Council has received a request for support from Manildra Moves, which launched in November 2024 and is bringing regular group fitness with activities aiming to enhance both physical and mental well-being and fostering a deeper sense of community connection.

The initiative will culminate in the announcement of two "Movement Masters" in April. One will be awarded by the working group based on measurable health improvements, such as participation, weight loss and/or strength gains, and the other through a people's choice vote.

In line with their goal to encourage ongoing participation in health and wellness activities, they are seeking health and fitness-related prizes to motivate and reward those who are taking part in the challenge.

Manildra Moves is requesting Cabonne Council donate two (2) family pool passes for the 2025/2026 swimming season with a value of \$526, acknowledging that this donation will offer an opportunity for the winners and their families to continue their active and healthy lifestyles. Manildra Moves, in their correspondence, have indicated their gratefulness for the changes council has made to pool opening hours and the unsupervised pool access initiative.

There is currently \$1,895 available in the donations budget.

Due to timing of meetings, this report has not been endorsed by the Community, Economy and Culture Committee.

ITEM 12 - REQUEST FOR DONATION OF GENERAL RATES

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Request for consideration of general rates under Section 356
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Possible write off of income
IPR Linkage	4.1.3.2b - Support local events, culture, and festivals and promote local villages - including through the provision of sponsorship opportunities and seeking grant funding.
Annexures	1. 356 Donation - Gumble Hall ↓ 2. Donations Policy - Operational ↓
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\RATES AND VALUATIONS\\RATE PAYMENTS\\SECTION 356 DONATIONS and WAIVER REQUESTS - 1821666

RECOMMENDATION

THAT council grant a donation to Gumble Hall Incorporated for the general rates under Section 356 and that the donation apply annually, on the basis that a letter of request is submitted to council in writing annually.

DEPARTMENT LEADER - FINANCE'S REPORT

A letter has been received from Gumble Hall Incorporated requesting a reduction or waiver of annual rates. The Gumble Hall is located at 1786 Norah Creek Road, Gumble. The hall was previously located on a parcel of land owned by a local landholder, however in 2022 this parcel was subdivided and ownership of the land the hall is situated on was transferred into the ownership of the committee after the expiry of a 99 year lease. Due to this, the committee have been paying rates on the parcel of land since the beginning of the 2022-2023 financial year.

The hall operates as a meeting place for the Gumble community, is a base for the local Rural Fire Service, and is infrequently hired for use. The committee is entirely funded by fundraising, and the rates levied on this property have caused additional financial strain to their operations.

If approved, as per the policy, donations under Section 356 need to be requested each financial year in writing and no donation can be back dated. Any letter of request from an organisation can only be in relation to the current financial year.

The rate levy for the assessment is currently the minimum rate of \$541.00. This amount will be adjusted each financial year as per the Fees and Charges.

ITEM 13 - CABONNE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - DETERMINATION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	For council to determine the community representatives membership to the Cabonne Floodplain Management Advisory Committee
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	2.2.4.1g - Manage Canowindra floodplain in accordance with management plan
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE\\MEETINGS\\FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 1821717

RECOMMENDATION

THAT council

1. Resolve to accept the expressions of interest applications of Mark Ward, Peter Crich and Sean Haynes as community representatives membership and Les Springett as alternate Canowindra community representative to the Cabonne Floodplain Management Advisory Committee.
2. Delegate authority to the General Manager to fill casual vacancies within the committee.

DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER - CABONNE INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

Council at its Ordinary Meeting dated 28 June 2022 adopted the Terms of Reference for the Cabonne Floodplain Management Advisory Committee. Following the adoption of the Terms of Reference, expressions of interest were called for community representatives for the new committee. Four expressions of interest were received during the advertisement period.

Membership of the committee shall comprise the following voting members:

- Elected Members – Mayor (or his alternative), and 1 other councillor, with one alternate (one representative to be elected as Chair at the first meeting).
- Council Staff – up to 2, as delegated by the General Manager
- Local Community Representatives – up to 3, and up to 3 alternates, consisting of individuals whom;
 - Maintain a broad interest or technical understanding of floodplain management
 - A resident or business person living or working in or near declared flood prone localities of Molong, Canowindra and Eugowra
- Local NSW State Emergency Services Controller, or appointed representative
- Office of Environment and Heritage Representative

Community representative membership to the committee is up to three representatives, and up to three alternate members.

The following expressions of interest were received:

Name	Locality of Residence	Statement of Interest
Mark Ward	Canowindra	Current committee member
Les Springett	Canowindra	New Nominee Resident of Canowindra. Registered Architect with 50 years practical experience; instrumental in the design and delivery of many large scale, multi million dollar projects which involved floodplain management, flood resistant and flood resilient construction. Broad interest in providing skilled technical experience and expertise to assist council in achieving practical and economical urban and rural flood

		mitigation solutions to minimise future damage to the towns, infrastructure and its residents in residential both and rural areas.
Peter Crich	Molong	Current member of committee
Sean Haynes	Eugowra	Current member of committee.

It is recommended to council that the community representative's positions be filled as follows:

Mark Ward	Canowindra representative
Les Springett	Canowindra alternate representative
Peter Crich	Molong representative
Sean Haynes	Eugowra representative

The remaining two alternative representative positions may be filled by the General Manager in accordance with the committee terms of reference.

ITEM 14 - CABONNE COUNCIL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - DETERMINATION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	For council to determine the Community Representatives membership to the Cabonne Council Roads Advisory Committee
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	2.2.1.2a - Deliver Council's capital works program.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT\\MEETINGS\\ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 1821719

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council consider the expressions of interest applications received with the intent to recommend community representatives membership to the Roads Advisory Committee as outlined in the report.
2. Council delegate authority to the General Manager to fill casual vacancies within the committee.

DEPARTMENT LEADER - TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

Expressions of interest were called for community representatives for the new committee recently closed in February 2025. Three expressions of interest were received during the advertisement period.

Community representative membership to the committee is up to five representatives, and up to five alternate members.

The following expressions of interest were received:

Name	Locality of Residence	Statement of Interest
Leigh Meagher	Nashdale	<p>Current Committee Member.</p> <p>I believe that my experience across industry makes me an ideal candidate to assist in attaining positive outcomes for the broader Cabonne Community.</p> <p>I am a Geotechnical Scientist for Transport for NSW, as such I have a good understanding of the design and engineering context of roadworks, maintenance and their design.</p> <p>I have experience as an Assets Office at Cabonne Council, thus I understand the prioritisation of maintenance of public assets against the budgets available.</p> <p>As a person employed in the civil engineering field, I understand the constraints that affect project design and construction.</p>

Michelle Murphy	Gumble	<p>Current Committee Member.</p> <p>I consider myself qualified as a Local Community Representative role, on the committee. With previous employment in Local Government, at Cabonne Council, I have an understanding of the process undertaken within Council to forward plan road infrastructure operations. Whilst employed at Cabonne Council, I built my knowledge of the extensive Cabonne road network. I understand that servicing of the road network needs to reflect a manageable level of service for the road classification and usage. I also understand that expectations of community members may not always align with Council's ability to deliver, and that this conflicting view needs to be managed through clear communication, works programming and Policy development.</p> <p>As a qualified Engineering Surveyor, holding a Bachelor of Spatial Science (Surveying), I have technical understanding of road construction, maintenance and works planning. I have undertaken road design, both during university and through employment. My experience on road construction sites, in the capacity as a road surveyor, gives me a strong foundation to contribute expertise to the committee.</p> <p>My passion for the local community, and engagement with local community groups through volunteer activities, farming activities and schooling, provides me with an ability to be easily approached by the wider community with any concern or challenges they face.</p>
Oliver Stone	Canowindra	<p>Heavy Vehicle Operator. Current Committee Member.</p>

Name	Locality of Residence	Committee Recommendation
Leigh Meagher	Nashdale	Recommended
Michelle Murphy	Gumble	Recommended
Oliver Stone	Canowindra	<i>Recommended as Heavy Vehicle Operator representative</i>

ITEM 15 - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE POOLS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Appointment of community representatives for the Pools Advisory Committee
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	2.1.1.1e - Support and engage with the Cabonne Pools Advisory Committee.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES\\SERVICE PROVISION\\SWIMMING POOLS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 1819420

RECOMMENDATION

THAT council:

1. Review the expressions of interest received and appoint two (2) community members from each location. Canowindra – Melanie Stanbury & Bronwin Lay; Cudal – Huw Greenhill; Cumnock – Rhonda Watt & Glynn Bruce; Manildra – Kurt Thompson; Molong – Mary MacSmith; Yeoval – Roslyn Pickford; Eugowra – Cathy Eppelestun & Kath Fren.
2. Delegate authority to the General Manager to fill casual vacancies within the committee.

DEPARTMENT LEADER - URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

Background

In June 2021 council resolved to dissolve the section 355 pool committees and adopted a Terms of Reference for a Cabonne Council Pools Advisory Committee. It was also agreed that the committee would include representatives from all Cabonne swimming pools; Canowindra, Cudal, Cumnock, Eugowra, Manildra, Molong and Yeoval.

The key objectives of the committee are to:

- Advise council and make recommendations in relation to Cabonne pools.
- A point of reference for engagement on capital projects at village pools.
- Advise council on strategic policy issues.
- Advise council on community needs and trends.
- Communicate information from council to the community.
- Provide feedback and recommend service levels.

Expressions of interest for representatives of the committee were advertised locally and closed on Friday 21 February 2025.

Canowindra Nominations	
Mel Stanbury	Renominating
Bronwin Lay	<p>I would like to express my interest in joining the Cabonne Council Pools Advisory Committee.</p> <p>As a lifelong resident of the Cabonne Council area, I bring a strong connection to our community and a deep understanding of the importance of local swimming facilities in fostering health, recreation, and community spirit.</p> <p>As the former Director of the Canowindra Preschool, I successfully led the development and execution of policies to enhance educational and operational outcomes. This experience equips me with the skills to assess, develop, and implement strategies that align with community needs and goals. Co-owning and running a family farming business has given me significant experience in strategic planning, resource management, and adapting to challenges. These skills are directly transferable to committee work, particularly in evaluating and improving community resources. I am familiar with the unique challenges and opportunities</p>

	<p>that our local swimming pools present to their respective communities.</p> <p>I have been an active participant and committee member of the Canowindra Swimming Club, where I held several roles. This involvement has given me a strong foundation in collaborative decision-making, stakeholder engagement, and advocating for community programs. As a regular user of the swimming pools in Molong, Cudal, and Canowindra, I have firsthand experience of their significance as community hubs. Working casually allows me the flexibility to dedicate ample time to the committee's responsibilities, ensuring I can actively contribute to meetings, initiatives, and recommendations.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to work collaboratively with the committee to support our community.</p>
Jacquie Dredge	<p>Long time swimmer and club member in Sydney.</p> <p>Currently working at Connections Centre and would like to see more health and fitness programs run out of the pool.</p>
Lucy Dinh	<p>Being a Chartered Accountant with local public practice experience, also currently a treasurer to a local organisation, a swimmer who appreciates a great swimming pool in town, hoping to bring my local knowledge & networks to the Council and assist with making our community a better place for everyone.</p>
Cudal Nominations	
Huw Greenhill	Renominating

Cumnock Nominations	
Rhonda Watt	Renominating
Glynn Bruce	Renominating
Eugowra Nominations	
Cathy Epplestun	Renominating
David Hyde	<p>I wish to be part of the Eugowra advisory committee for the next term of council.</p> <p>I am a resident of Eugowra and have in past years been part of the then Eugowra pool committee for several years until council took over the management.</p> <p>I am still using the pool myself and enjoy the company of the local community who attend. The changes this year to the operations with more attendees has really made the difference to the community.</p> <p>I also have been a councilor of Cabonne and would like to be able to help with leasing through the committee for the future of pools.</p> <p>I am a member of the EPPA, Men's Shed and other organisations, which gives me time to listen to our community.</p>
Kath Fren	<p>As a committee member of Eugowra Junior Sport's group, I'm heavily involved in the newly re-established swim club.</p> <p>My children also use the pools for swimming lessons & through school sports and activities.</p> <p>I also work at the rural transaction centre in Eugowra, so I hear a lot of feedback and input from a variety of community members.</p> <p>I believe I would provide a voice for a range of different groups within Eugowra.</p>
Liz Mitchell	<p>I am a lifelong resident of Eugowra and have a sound reputation within the community having been the Community Nurse for 7 years. I</p>

	understand and respect the need for respectful and constructive communication. I am also a pool user, as have my family been across Canowindra and Eugowra for many years.
Manildra Nominations	
Kurt Thompson	Renominating
Molong Nominations	
Mary Mac Smith	<p>I am a long term user of the Molong pool mostly as a early morning lap swimmer & have lobbied council over a number of years regarding access to early mornings, especially when the Sydney company were appointed to run it.</p> <p>i am semi-retired having worked for MSM Milling for 27 years in various capacities including accounts & payroll, which I am currently doing in a part time capacity. I also live on & operate a small farm.</p> <p>If other more qualified applicants are available to represent Molong that is great otherwise I am prepared to take a position.</p>
Yeoval Nominations	
Roslyn Pickford	<p>I have lived in the Yeoval district for over 30 years. I have been involved with the Yeoval Swimming Club, supervised the running of the pool, a member of the Yeoval Progress Association and have been employed by Cabonne Council as a lifeguard for the Yeoval pool.</p> <p>I am also a trained chaplain, employed by UPA to be a chaplain in the Yeoval community and a volunteer chaplain for the RFS Orana Team.</p>

Next Steps

The next step for council is to appointment the representatives on the committee. This includes:

1. Council to nominate its two (2) elected member representatives on the committee.

2. Council to review the expressions of interest received and appoint the (2) community representatives from each location – Canowindra, Cudal, Cumnock, Eugowra, Manildra, Molong and Yeoval.

It is expected that the first meeting of the committee will be held at Cudal on Tuesday 1 April 2025.

ITEM 16 - CONFIRMATION OF THE CABONNE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Adoption of the Cabonne Local Traffic Committee meeting minutes
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	2.2.1.4b - Facilitate the Local Traffic Committee.
Annexures	1. Cabonne Council Local Traffic Committee 2025-02-27 Minutes ↓
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT\\MEETINGS\\LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - 1819844

RECOMMENDATION

THAT council accept the minutes from the Local Traffic Committee held on 27 February 2025 and;

1. Approval for the Goodness Gravel March 2025 Orange cycling event on Saturday 15 March along Mount Canobolas, Lake Canobolas, Cargo, Cadia and Bowan Park, Nanami, Barragan, Paling Yards Loop and Edinboro Roads be endorsed.
2. The report for the Goodness Gravel November 2025 Parkes road cycling event on 01 November 2025 along various roads within the Cabonne Council area be tabled pending further information from the event organisers and advice from NSW Police.
3. The request to conduct the Resilience Ride along various roads within the Cabonne LGA on the 15 to 17 May 2025, be tabled subject to further information from the event organiser regarding the Road Occupancy Licence.
4. The request to conduct the Ride to Give Event on 30 March 2025 along Obley Road, Forbes Street and Renshaw McGirr Way be tabled subject to further information from the event organiser and advice from NSW Police.

5. The request to conduct the Ultimate Rock Crawling Event on 23 May to 25 May 2025 using Pinecliffe Road for access via Packham Drive, be tabled subject to further information being received from the event organiser, a copy of the Public Liability Insurance be received and advice from NSW Police.
6. The approval to conduct the Cargo 2 Grenfell 2025 Walk on 13 to 15 March be noted following updated advice received that the event organiser was addressing the committees concerns regarding safety and event signage.
7. Endorse the 2025 Variety 4WD Adventure Drive along Lower Lewis Ponds Road, Ophir Road, Lookout Road and Long Point Road on 06 March and 27 March 2025.
8. Endorse the approval of road closures and disruptions for the Canowindra Internation Balloon Challenge being held in Canowindra from 28 April to 03 May 2025 subject to the Traffic Guidance Scheme for Gaskill Street, Canowindra being updated.
9. Note the committee's consideration for pedestrian crossings at various locations in Cumnock.

DEPARTMENT LEADER - TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

A meeting of the Cabonne Local Traffic Committee Meeting was held on 27 February 2025.

At the meeting the following items were considered with recommendations to council for consideration.

Goodness Gravel March 2025 Orange Cycling Event.

Following a report presented to the Committee in December 2024, a request to approve a cycle ride along various roads within the Cabonne and Orange Council LGAs, was tabled pending further information from the event organisers. This information included NSW Police Approval and that additional signage be placed along the course.

Advice received back from the organisers is that NSW Police have provided approval.

Given the short time frame for this event, the information has been relayed to the TfNSW and NSW Police LTC committee representatives with approval given subject to council's Standard Event Conditions.

Goodness Gravel November 2025 Parkes Cycling Event

The Committee considered a request from Two Wheel Tours to undertake a cycle ride along various roads within the Cabonne and Parkes LGAs. The ride is similar to the March 2025 Orange Goodness Gravel Cycling Event.

They plan to conduct one ride of 110km and one of 129km, both commencing in Parkes and then riding predominantly in the eastern side of the Parkes LGA area but entering into some parts along the western boundary of Cabonne, with the 129km ride including a small portion of the Eugowra township.

It is expected that there will be 150-200 riders with less than 30 spectators.

The organisers have sought approval from NSW Police for Public Assembly. However, NSW Police committee representative noted that they had not received any information regarding the event.

The committee recommended that the report be tabled pending further information from the event organisers and advice from NSW Police.

Resilience Ride

Following a report presented to the committee in September 2024 and December 2024, a request to approve the 2025 event was re-tabled pending further information. More information was required above covering safety concerns for riders along Cargo Road and seeking NSW Police approval.

It was also unknown to the committee if event organisers had obtained a Road Occupancy Licence (ROL) from Transport for NSW for this event.

The committee recommended that the report be tabled pending further information regarding the ROL.

Ride to Give Event

The committee considered a request from Entoure to conduct the Ride to Give charity cycle ride on 30 March to 1 April 2025 from Dubbo to Leeton. Part of this ride will be along Obley Road, Forbes Street, Yeoval, and Renshaw McGirr Way within the Cabonne LGA.

It is expected that approximately 80 riders will take part in three groups. Each group will be escorted and trailed by support vehicles with appropriate signage and flashing lights to advise of the riders.

It was noted that the event will require a Road Occupancy Licence (ROL) issued by TfNSW. It was also noted by the NSW Police representative that they have not received any notification of this event.

The committee recommended that the report be tabled subject to further information from the event organisers and advice from NSW Police.

Ultimate Rock Crawling Event

The committee considered a request from Ultimate Rock Crawling to hold a 4WD event on private property off Pinecliffe Road between 23 May and 25 May 2025.

This event is held on private property with approximately 60-70 participants. Camping is provided onsite for these participants with low numbers of spectators potentially visiting daily.

The committee noted concerns regarding access to the site as Pinecliffe Road is closed midway due to a damaged causeway. Event organisers have indicated that all access to and from the site on Pinecliffe Road will be via Packham Drive, with the site being prior to the road closure.

It was noted by the committee that repairs to the causeway may be underway at the same time the event takes place.

It was noted that a copy of the Public Liability Insurance had not yet been received, nor had NSW Police received notification of the event.

The committee recommended that the report be tabled pending further information from the event organiser, a copy of the Public Liability Insurance be received and advice from NSW Police.

Cargo 2 Grenfell Walk

The committee considered a request to conduct the Cargo 2 Grenfell 2025 Walk which is scheduled to be held on 13-15 March 2025.

It is expected that 70-100 participants will take part and 25-25 spectators.

Day 1 of the event will take place from Cargo along Cargo Road, Moorbel Drive, Belubula Way, Ferguson Street and Gaskill Street, Canowindra.

Day 2 of the event will take place from Canowindra along Blatchford Street, Mill Street, Nangar Road, Fish Fossil Drive and Warraderry Way.

It is anticipated that there will be 6 support vehicles fitted with signage and beacons.

The committee had concerns regarding the safety aspect of using Cargo Road and current driver behaviour.

The committee recommended that the event be approved subject to the event organiser addressing the committee's concerns regarding safety and event signage.

The Department Leader of Transport is to discuss with the organisers prior to the event.

Note: post meeting advice received from the organisers was provided and passed onto the committee members for subsequent approval.

Variety 4WD Adventure Drive 2025

The committee considered a request from Variety – The Children's Charity NSW/ACT to use council roads to undertake the 2025 Variety 4WD Adventure Drive which is to be held between 2 March to 8 March 2025 and 23 March to 29 March 2025.

The event will start in Orange on 6 March and travel to Bathurst along Lower Lewis Ponds Road, Ophir Road, Lookout Road and Long Point Road with the Cabonne LGA. The event will be repeated in reverse on 27 March 2025.

It is anticipated that there will be 40 entrants (approximately 80 people), 5 support vehicles comprising of setup, medic, sweep and officials (approx. 10 people) for Stage 1. For the return event it is anticipated that there will be 20 entrants (approx. 40 people), 5 support vehicles comprising of setup, medic, sweep and officials (approx. 10 people).

The event is considered normal/rolling traffic, and the organisers are not requesting any special requirements.

The event organisers have also noted that an advance inspection crew will drive the route prior to participants to alert of any route issues.

The committee recommended to endorse the 2025 Variety 4WD Adventure Drive along Lower Lewis Ponds Road, Ophir Road, Lookout Road and Long Point Road.

Canowindra Balloon Challenge

The committee considered a request from Canowindra Challenge Inc. seeking approval to conduct the annual Canowindra International Balloon Festival on 28 April to 03 May 2025.

The festival will feature a hot air balloon display, a street parade and a balloon glow. It is expected to attract approximately 100 participants and 10,000 spectators.

It was noted that event organisers have not yet provided copies of Certificates of Insurance.

It was noted that the dates in the comments on the Gaskill Street, Canowindra Traffic Guidance Scheme (TGS), are incorrect and will need to be amended.

The committee recommended to endorse the approval of road closures and disruptions for the Canowindra International Balloon Challenge subject to the Traffic Guidance Scheme for Gaskill Street being updated.

Cumnock Pedestrian Crossing

The committee considered a request from the Police officer stationed at Cumnock Police Station regarding the lack of designated pedestrian crossings in Cumnock.

The Officer advised:

“Cumnock does not have any designated pedestrian crossings, but there are four locations regularly used as a crossing by school students:

- 1. Obley Street Cumnock: directly outside of the Cumnock Preschool – leading over the Ironbark Gully and connecting to the footpath outside of 29 Obley Street on the other side of the road*
- 2. Obley Street Cumnock: Cumnock Crossroad building (46 Obley) on the west side of the road, across to 35 Obley Street which is the old bank*
- 3. McLaughlan Street Cumnock: directly outside Cumnock Police Station.*
- 4. Railway Parade: just north of the Cumnock Public school, outside 10 Railway Parade.”*

It was noted that TfNSW will undertake an investigation into the locations to confirm they meet the requirements for crossings.

Further discussion about the traffic islands in front of the Police Station being too narrow for trucks and machinery was also discussed.

Following investigations, no issues were identified and it was noted that they would be monitored for any ongoing issues.

General Business

- Speed Zone Review Updates – TfNSW provided an update on the speed zone reviews.

Stage	Location	Update
Suggestion	Old Canobolas Road, Orange	Entered into Safer Roads portal. Triage completed on 10 January.
Review	Yuranigh Road, Molong	Review in progress. Traffic counts from the review two years ago will be used unless there is more recent data.
Review	Rodd Street/Belubula Way	Review in progress.
Review	Spring Hill Rd, Spring Hill	Review in progress

Review	Ophir Road, Clifton Grove (from start of 100km/h zone to end)	Review in progress.
Review	Molong Street, Cargo (length of 80km/h zone)	Review in progress.
Review	Long Point Road, Mullion Creek (from start of 100km/h zone out 1km)	Review in progress.
Review	Banjo Paterson Way, Molong (from start of 100km/h zone to past Bloomfield Rd)	Review in progress.
	1341 Escort Way to the rail crossing, Borenore	Review completed and in approval process.
	Favell Road, Lucknow (entire sealed length)	Review approved with signs about to be ordered. OCC are installing.
	Lake Canobolas Road, Orange (from Cargo Road to start of 100km/h)	Review approved with signs ordered. Installed on 21 February 2025
	Griffin Road, Orange (entire length)	Review completed and installed.
	Marsden Street, Molong (from start of 100km/h zone to end)	Review completed and installed.

- TfNSW had also received advice regarding speeds along roads in the Nashdale area (including Cargo Road) and were considering those requests.
- Vittoria Road is also currently being reviewed.
- Upcoming Event – Outdoor Living and Caravan Expo – it was noted that this event would be taking place at the Australian Field Days site at Borenore.
- Signage – Horse and livestock – The committee resolved to request further detailed information regarding the locations and type of signage being requested.

Noting that 'Black on Yellow' advisory signage are not regulatory and can be installed on needs basis.

- Kilometres to Kilos event – it was noted that this event would be travelling through the Cabonne LGA in May 2025, however council had not been made aware of the event.

ITEM 17 - CONFIRMATION OF THE ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Adoption of the Cabonne Roads Advisory Committee meeting minutes
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	2.2.1.2b - Opportunities for additional funding of road projects is actively pursued through State and Federal funding programs.
Annexures	1. Cabonne Council Roads Advisory Committee 2025-03-12 [2595] Minutes ↓
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT\\MEETINGS\\ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 1823414

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes from the Cabonne Roads Advisory Committee Meeting held on 12 March 2025 be adopted.

DEPARTMENT LEADER - TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

The Cabonne Roads Advisory Committee Meeting was held on 12 March 2025.

At the meeting the following items were considered with recommendations to Council for consideration.

Proposed 2024/25 Transport Budget

The committee was taken through the proposed operational budget for roads transport for the 2025/26 financial year.

There were no objections to the proposed budget.

Advancing Upgrades to Cabonne Priority Roads

At its meetings dated 4 April 2023 and 29 April 2024, the Roads Advisory Committee considered a report for priority local roads for which Council should seek funding from state and federal governments.

The two roads the committee recommended were:

1. Lake Canobolas Road
2. Gumble Road

Council had commissioned reviews on both these roads which were presented to the Cabonne Roads Advisory Committee at its April 2024 meeting. These reports provided advice on various stages of work along each of these roads and nominated priorities for such.

In view of having a fully detailed investigation undertaken a briefing has been prepared which has been advertised for expressions of interest to undertake such. This will include surveys of nominated priority zones, design, works scoping, schedule of works and estimated cost to undertake the work and a Review of Environmental Factors.

It is expected these expressions of interest will be assessed in late March with a consultant engaged in April. A timeframe for actual investigation works and reporting will be negotiated with the successful consultant with August/September anticipated.

Once prepared these project scopes can be 'shovel ready' to be nominated when available grants open for nomination.

Asset Revaluation and Condition Assessment

Every four (4) years Council is required to undertake asset revaluation of our transport assets which includes all roads/streets (bitumen and gravel), bridges, culverts, kerb and causeways. At the same time as this valuation, condition assessments are also undertaken to provide an overview of what state these assets are in and gives a priority ranking for the assets.

This information will then enable Council to pre-plan/budget for future works like resealing and pavement reconstruction/rehabilitation for the roads network with a similar prioritisation of the other assets.

Draft Roads Management Policy

This report was tabled and will be re-presented to the next Roads Advisory Committee meeting for consideration.

Transport Infrastructure Update

The Committee was presented with an update of the works which had been undertaken by the Transport Infrastructure department.

ITEM 18 - ADOPT THE SHOWGROUND PLANS OF MANAGEMENT

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To adopt the Plans of Management for the Cudal, Eugowra and Molong Showground Plans of Management
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	2.1.3.1a - Implement the Cabonne Recovery Plan.
Annexures	1. Molong Showground DRAFT POM V1.7 ↓ 2. Eugowra Showground POM V1.8 ↓ 3. Cudal Showground POM V3.9 ↓
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\PARKS AND RESERVES\\PLANNING\\CROWN LANDS PLANS OF MANAGEMENT - 1820641
Previous Items	10 - REVIEW OF SHOWGROUND PLANS OF MANAGEMENT - Council - 12 Dec 2023 2:00 PM

RECOMMENDATION

THAT council adopts the Plans of Management for the Cudal, Eugowra and Molong Showgrounds.

DEPARTMENT LEADER - URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

Crown Lands requires that a plan of management be developed for each Crown reserve managed by council and classified as community land. The plan of management is a long-term, overarching document that outlines what is allowable on the reserve and council's plan to manage the reserve for its intended purpose. Having a plan in place allows council to prepare longer term leases and licences with the user groups and supports applications for grant funding.

The draft Plans of Management for the Cudal, Eugowra and Molong Showgrounds were endorsed at the December 2023 council meeting to be sent to the Minister for consent. The Minister consented to the three draft plans in May and June 2024. Council then placed the plans on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in July 2024, the draft plans were sent to the showground stakeholders at this same time for review and comment.

Meetings were held late in 2024 with the user groups to answer questions and discuss small amendments to the plans. The amendments were then sent to the consultant (Lands Advisory Service) to make the required changes. During all the consultation meetings explanation was needed that new assets and activities indicated in the plan have only been included to outline what is allowable on these reserves and that any development would need to go through normal approval processes including discussions with the stakeholders. There were also queries regarding who is responsible for maintenance and access to extra space for the week of the show, these will be included in the terms of the individual lease and licence agreements. There were other small amendments made specific to each showground, for example

changes to drainage maps, outlining areas occupied by different users, the number of baskets on the disc golf course.

When the plans are adopted, the next steps will be reviewing and renewing leases and licences between council and each of the user groups at the respective showgrounds.

ITEM 19 - BELUBULA RIVER WALK - ADJOINING LAND LOT 3 DP576079

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To seek direction from council on the management of Lot 3 DP576079 adjoining the new Belubula River Walk.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	2.1.3.1a - Implement the Cabonne Recovery Plan.
Annexures	1. Belubula River Walk - Lot 3 DP576079 ↓
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\COUNCIL PROPERTIES\\ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL\\LAND - 1821317

RECOMMENDATION

THAT council approve the leasing of Lot 3 DP576079, adjoining the new Belubula River Walk and the Swinging Bridge Precinct for grazing purposes, and authorize the General Manager to seek expressions of interest from the public for leasing of the land.

DEPARTMENT LEADER - URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

Background

The Belubula River Walk was completed in December 2024, it was constructed along the north side of the river at Canowindra and creates a walking loop from the Swinging Bridge Precinct to Tilga and Gaskill Streets.

To construct the footpath council needed to purchase the land along the river and negotiated with the landowners to buy a 10-metre strip of land adjoining the river. There were two landholders involved in these negotiations. Council purchased the 10-metre strip from the landholder that owned the larger block and purchased the whole of the smaller block that directly adjoins the Swinging Bridge Precinct. Buying the whole of the smaller block was the preference for council and the landholder – the landholder was willing to sell, and council wanted to have control over how this land was maintained given its direct proximity to the swinging bridge. The lot is approximately 1.6ha and currently it

takes the town presentation staff approximately three (3) hours once a fortnight to maintain.

Options

Council staff would like direction on the long-term management of this land, management options include:

- Council staff continue to maintain the area,
- Lease the area for cropping purposes. An expression of interest would be advertised, and a lease agreement could include terms to ensure the land is maintained to a specific standard,
- Sell the block of land. Council would need to make application (planning proposal to reclassify the land) to change the category of the land from community land to operational land to make it saleable. There was very little interest in this block when it was on the market previously and council wouldn't have control of how it is maintained.
- Potential location for an off-leash dog area ancillary to the walking track.

The recommended action to council is the leasing of the area for cropping. Previously used as cropping, the site is more suited for this use, in particular considering the adjacent property is utilised for the same purpose.

ITEM 20 - PROPOSED FOOTPATH FROM CANDLEBARK CLOSE, CANOWINDRA

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To seek council approval to include a new footpath proposal in the revised Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP)
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	2.2.2.1b - Deliver Council's capital works program.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\ROADS and BRIDGES\STREET MANAGEMENT\FOOTHPATHS - 1810344

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the proposed footpath option 1 be included in the revised 2025 Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan (PAMP) for Canowindra.

DEPARTMENT LEADER - TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

At the November 2024 council requested a report be prepared to construct a new footpath from the Candlebark /Bluebell subdivision in Canowindra, to link

up with other paths and ultimately connect with the town amenities. After considering all possible footpath options, two options have been selected for further consideration and are shown in the map below.



Option 1

This option proposed to connect to the end of Candlebark Close along the drainage reserve on the western boundary, then along McDonald Lane to Tilga Street and then south past the sports oval and join with the existing footpath at the Tilga Street/Ross Street intersection. The total length of this Option is 1,050m with a possible width of 2.5m and estimated cost of \$670,000.

This proposal could be broken into 2 stages being along Tilga St to McDonald Lane (460m) and then along McDonald Lane to Candlebark Close (590m) if deemed appropriate.

Option 2

This option again commences at the end of Candlebark Close and runs down the drainage reserve but then proposes to run along the railway corridor to Clyburn St with a total length of 660m with a possible width of 2.5m. The approximate construction cost of this path would be \$420,000 (Incl. GST). This option is currently ranked number 34 in the Canowindra PAMP.

However, the feasibility of this option is dependent on getting approval from the rail authority to use the railway corridor for the path.

While connecting to Clyburn Street, there is also the issue with further connectivity and lack of an existing path along Gaskill Street to the CBD. A linking path along Gaskill Street from the Age of Fishes to Clyburn Street is also currently in the Canowindra PAMP at number 27.

For the information of councillors, a funding application is currently being assessed for the construction of a footpath along Ross Street and up Browns Street past the high school to the hospital (these paths are currently in the Canowindra PAMP as priority 5 and 7).



Map of existing Canowindra PAMP plan

Next Steps

The current Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan for Canowindra only includes Option 2. To enable access to the Active Transport Funding, it is recommended that the Option 1 footpath be considered in the revision of the Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan which is due to be undertaken in the 2026/27 Financial Year.

ITEM 21 - ROAD CLOSURE REPORT AFTER ADVERTISING LOT 5 DP 263140 AND LOTS 1&2 DP 553286

REPORT IN BRIEF

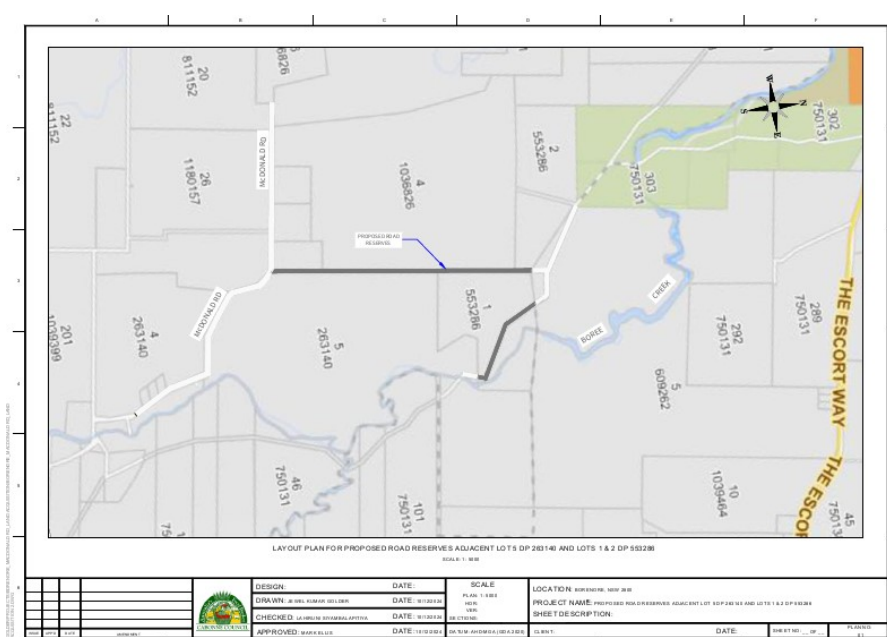
Reason For Report	To provide council with an update in regard to the proposed road closure LOT 5 DP 263140 and LOTS 1&2 DP 553286
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	2.2.1.1a - Undertake road maintenance and routine activities.

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RECOMMENDATION

DEPARTMENT LEADER - TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

The areas proposed for purchase are marked in Black on the below figure. These road reserves lie roughly between McDonald Road and the Borenore Karst Conservation Reserve. These portions of Crown Road were transferred to the Roads Authority (Cabonne Council on 11 October 2024)



The preliminary report seeking Public Exhibition was approved at the 17 December 2024 council meeting. Subsequent public exhibition of the proposal was carried out from 16 January until 15 February 2025. Adjacent landowners and public authorities were also advised of the proposal.

Of the sixteen public authorities that were advised, six responses were received, indicating no objection to the proposal with no response from the Rural Fire Service.

Seven letters were sent to neighboring landowners, and six replies were received with three offering no objections; However, one was requesting the road reserve remaining accessible for emergency escape should the need arise.

Three responses received stated objections ranging from reduced access during emergencies, potential access for properties if selling separate parcels of land, future land devaluation by not having potential access and limitations for moving farm equipment and livestock between private properties.

From a council perspective, these road reserves provide potential access to Boree Creek and Borenore Karst Conservation Reserve which could have future strategic and operational use.

ITEM 22 - PROPOSED ROAD RESERVE PURCHASE ADJACENT TO LOT 1184 DP 1179438

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	For council's determination to close a road
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	2.2.1.1a - Undertake road maintenance and routine activities.
Annexures	1. 24-0723 (Closed Rd Nashdale Lane) ↓ 2. Closed Road Nashdale Lane Nashdale ↓
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\ROADS and BRIDGES\ROAD CLOSURES\PERMANENT - 1822925

RECOMMENDATION

THAT council:

1. Approve the sale upon closure of the unused section of road reserve adjacent Lot 1184 DP 1179438, in an amount of \$64,500,
2. Enter a Deed with the applicant, confirming council's agreement to take steps to progress the statutory processes associated with the road closure, and
3. Enter a contract for sale dealing with the purchase and consolidation of the newly created lot.

DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER - CABONNE INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT

Council has received an application for the purchase of a portion of road reserve adjacent to property 624 Cargo Road (Lot 1184 DP 1179438). The area proposed for purchase is marked in blue on the below figure.

The application made has indicated that the property owner wishes to install a new property access off Nashdale Lane, thus abandoning the current arrangement off Cargo Road.

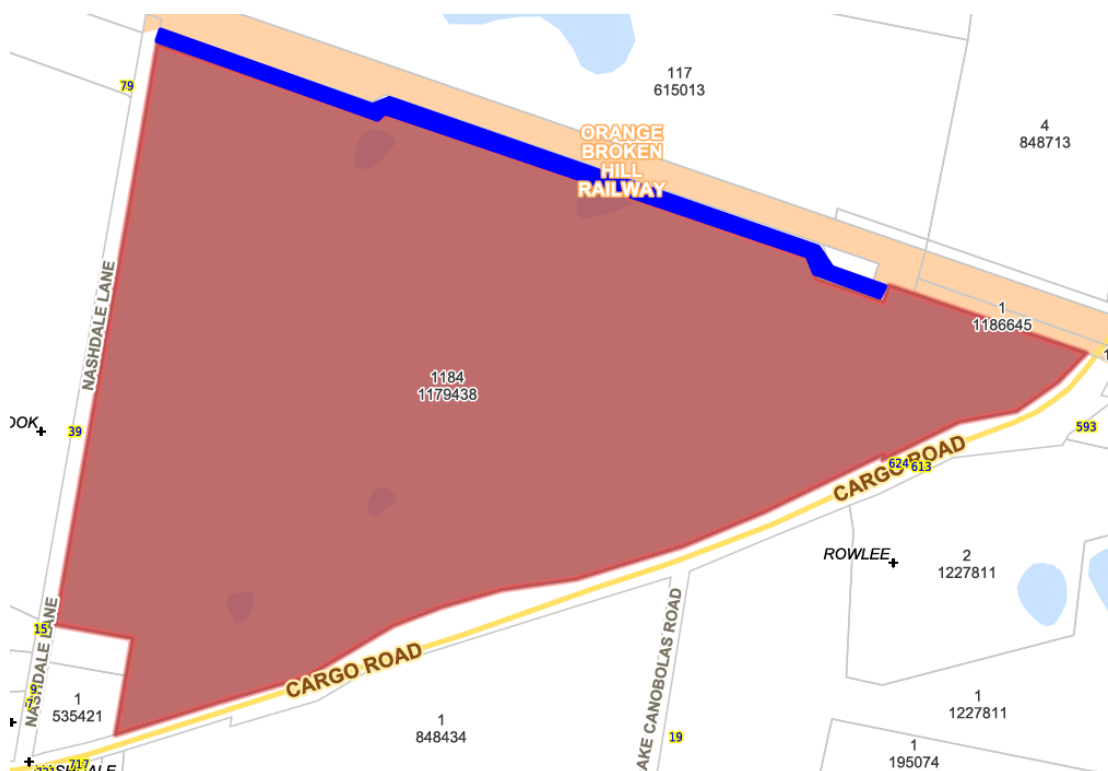
At its meeting on 23 April 2024, council resolved to approve the closure of the road reserve, authorise lodgement of the road closure application and seek a property valuation for the proposed closed road.

Opteon Property Group were initially engaged by council, at the applicant's cost, who determined the land valuation to be \$96,000. This value was based on the grazing value of the land, and the assumption that the adjacent property owners were the applicants. The owners of Lot 1184 DP 1179438 are not the applicants but relatives with the same surname as the applicant.

A further valuation was carried out by Andrew Saunders Property, who were commissioned by the applicant, which resulted in a valuation figure of \$33,000. This valuation has taken into account that the applicant is not the owner of the adjacent Lot 1184 DP 1179438, but rather the owner of Lot 1 DP 743837, which will be the property utilising the closed road for access purposes. This value was based on the proposed future land use as an access, and a significant (50%) discount on the land value due to the lack of building permissibility.

The applicant has made an offer to council for the closed road, in an amount of \$46,000, as he believes the first valuation is based on incorrect assumptions and an average of the two valuations is not justified. However, it is considered that both valuations have validity, and that an average of the two amounts provides a fair valuation of the land.

It is recommended that the closed road be offered for sale to the applicant, in an amount of \$64,500. This sale price is to be conditional on the closed road being consolidated with Lot 1 DP 743837.



ITEM 23 - SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	For council to consider applications for funding under the 2024/2025 Sponsorship Program.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	\$5,000 from the 2024-2025 Sponsorship budget
IPR Linkage	4.1.3.2b - Support local events, culture, and festivals and promote local villages - including through the provision of sponsorship opportunities and seeking grant funding.
Annexures	1. Molong Advancement Group Inc- Sponsorship ↓
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES\PROGRAMS\SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM 2024-2025 - 1821991

RECOMMENDATION

THAT council provide, under its 2024/2025 Sponsorship Program, sponsorship of \$5,000 to Molong Advancement Group Inc for the Molong Village Markets.

LEADER - COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY REPORT

1. Molong Advancement Group Incorporated

2025 Molong Village Easter Markets

Requested: \$5,000

Recommended: \$5,000

The Molong Advancement Group Incorporated (MAG) has applied for sponsorship for the 2025 Molong Village Easter Markets held on Easter Monday.

Council would be the naming sponsor of the Easter Markets, which attracts 3,000-5,000 people each year.

MAG has requested funds to be used for the following:

- Variable Message Board (VMS)
- Additional staffing Services (Including, more bins and cleaning of the recreation facility)
- Placing and removal of additional toilets

In return for sponsorship, Cabonne Council will receive:

- Branding recognition on all promotional material (printed and digital);
- Signage at the event;
- Acknowledgement of support through all media (radio, tv, paper, on day promotion etc);
- Data provided to council (E.g. demographics, attendees etc);
- Images from the event for council marketing use;
- Naming rights of the event.

The Molong Village Markets has the support of the Molong Rotary Club, Orange Lions Club, Molong Hospital Auxiliary, CWA Molong, Molong Pantry and Molong Central School for the event.

Under the guidelines, this event is eligible for gold-level Sponsorship. Gold is for large events with a significantly demonstrated economic benefit for the Cabonne Local Government Area, and where the Council has the naming rights and/or is the major sponsor.

There is currently \$21,994 remaining in the 2024/25 Sponsorship budget, with \$35,000 allocated to date (outlined below). If the application for the Molong Village Markets is approved there will be \$16,994 left in the budget.

ASSOCIATION	EVENT	AMOUNT
Australian National Field Days Committee	Australian National Field Days	\$15,000
Canowindra Challenge Incorporated	Canowindra Balloon Glow	\$20,000
TOTAL		\$35,000

ITEM 24 - EVENTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	For council to consider applications for funding under the 2024/2025 Events Assistance Program.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	\$1,000 from the 2024-25 Event Assistance Program budget.
IPR Linkage	4.1.3.2b - Support local events, culture, and festivals and promote local villages - including through the provision of sponsorship opportunities and seeking grant funding.
Annexures	1. Eugowra PandC - Events Assistant Program - 25-02-2025 ↓ 2. Canowindra Conections Centre Inc - Event Assistant Program - 9-02-2025 ↓
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES\PROGRAMS\EVENTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2024 - 2025 - 1822221

RECOMMENDATION

THAT council provide, under its 2024/25 Event Assistance Program:

1. \$500 for the Canowindra Colours of Creation
2. \$500 for the Eugowra's Boots and Bowties Ball

LEADER - COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY REPORT

Council has received three applications under the 2024/2025 Events Assistance Program (EAP). Council's Grants Officer has provided the following assessment.

Applications under the Event Assistance Program:

**Eugowra Public School Parent & Citizen Association (EPS P&C)
Eugowra's Boots and Bowties Ball
Request: \$500
Recommendation: \$500**

The Eugowra's Boots and Bowties Ball is a new event set to bring the community together while showcasing the resilience and spirit of Eugowra following the 2022 floods. Organised by the Eugowra Public School P&C, this

inaugural event aims to become a biennial tradition, strengthening local connections and supporting community recovery.

Held on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at the Eugowra Showground Pavilion, the ball will provide an opportunity for residents and visitors alike to come together in a celebration of unity, entertainment, and fundraising. The event will feature live music, dining, and an auction and raffle.

To maximise accessibility and visitor numbers, bus services are being made available from Parkes, Forbes, Canowindra, and within Eugowra.

This event will not only strengthen community ties but also promote Eugowra as a vibrant destination for visitors, helping to boost local tourism and the economy. The use of local infrastructure highlights the Cabonne region's capacity to host successful events, attracting more visitors to return in the future.

As per the guidelines, this event qualifies as a developing event and is eligible for up to \$500 in funding as per the recommendation.

This event aligns with the criteria for Council's 2024/2025 Event Assistance Program and is recommended for support.

Canowindra Connections Centre Inc
Canowindra Colours of Creation
Request: \$750
Recommendation: \$500

The Canowindra Colours of Creation Exhibition is a cultural event showcasing a stunning display of quilts and handcrafted items from Canowindra and surrounding villages. This unique exhibition blends artistry and storytelling, with themed sections that highlight history, tradition, and personal narratives.

Held from April 28 to May 3 at All Saints Church, Canowindra, the event will feature carefully curated quilt displays, including modern and historic pieces, as well as a special "Survivor Display" of quilts and handmade items that withstood the Eugowra floods. Visitors can also explore the church's original leadlight windows, each with its own fascinating story, mapped out as part of a walking trail.

The exhibition will take place during the same time as the Canowindra Balloon Glow, a major attraction that brings large visitor numbers to the region. This alignment provides a significant opportunity to increase attendance and further benefit local businesses.

As per the guidelines, this event qualifies as a developing event and is only eligible for up to \$500 in funding as per the recommendation.

This event aligns with the criteria for Council's 2024/2025 Event Assistance Program and is recommended for support.

Council has supported the following events via the 2024/2025 Event Assistance Program:

ASSOCIATION	EVENT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Arts Council Cabonne	Acquisitive Art Prize	\$3,300
Central West Disc Golf	Australian Disc Golf Championships 2024	\$5,000
Canowindra PA and H Association	Canowindra Show Esky Ball	\$2,000
Eugowra Events and Tourism Association	Woodfired Eugowra	\$5,000
Arts Council Cabonne Inc.	Celebrating The Seekers 60 Year Anniversary	\$1,000
Cumnock and District Progress Association	Cumnock Family Funday and Markets	\$5,000
Eugowra Harness Racing Association	Canola Cup	\$5,000
Regional Development Australia	Central West Inspired Women event	\$1,000
Food of Orange District Incorporated	Molong Munch	\$2,800
Eugowra Olden Eagles	Eugowra Masters of the Mandagery	\$3,000
Cargo to Grenfell (C2G) Fundraiser Walk	Cargo to Grenfell (C2G) Fundraiser Walk	\$1,000
TOTAL		\$34,100

There is currently \$12,655 left in the budget. If council endorses the above applications, there will be \$11,655 left in the 2024/2025 budget.

ITEM 25 - EAST MOLONG PLANNING PROPOSAL

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	For council's determination to proceed to Gateway
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Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	3.1.1.1a - Receive and assess Development Applications.
Annexures	1. DRAFT DCP ↓
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\LAND USE AND PLANNING\\PLANNING\\AMENDMENT 15 TO LEP 2012 - LOTS 11 AND 12 DP 546140, 168 EUCHAREENA ROAD MOLONG - 1818807

RECOMMENDATION

THAT council:

1. Approve the planning proposal to amend the *Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012* to rezone Lots 11 and 12 DP 546140 (168 Euchareena Road, Molong) and Lot A DP 961931 (92 Euchareena Road, Molong from R5 Large Lot Residential R1 General Residential and RE1 Public Recreation; and amend the minimum lot size (MLS) from 4,000m² to variously 600m² , 1,000m² , 1,250m² and 4,000m² ,
2. Forward the planning proposal and proposed timeframe in this report to the Department of Planning and Environment for Gateway determination in accordance with Section 3.33 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, and
3. If no submissions are received during its public exhibition, endorse finalisation of the planning proposal. However, if any submissions are received, a further report will be forwarded to council for its consideration.

DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER - CABONNE SERVICES REPORT

Council has received a planning proposal from Peter Basha Planning & Development, prepared on behalf of Wakefield Ashurst Developments Pty Ltd, to amend the *Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012*. The planning proposal relates to land identified as Lots 11 and 12 DP 546140 (168 Euchareena Road, Molong) and Lot A DP 961931 (92 Euchareena Road, Molong) - also referred to as Molong East - Golf Course Heights Estate.

It is proposed to rezone the subject land from R5 Large Lot Residential to R1 General Residential and RE1 Public Recreation to enable future subdivision and residential development. The rezoning of the site will also amend the minimum lot size of the land to 4,000m² , 1,250m² , 1,000m² , and 600m² .

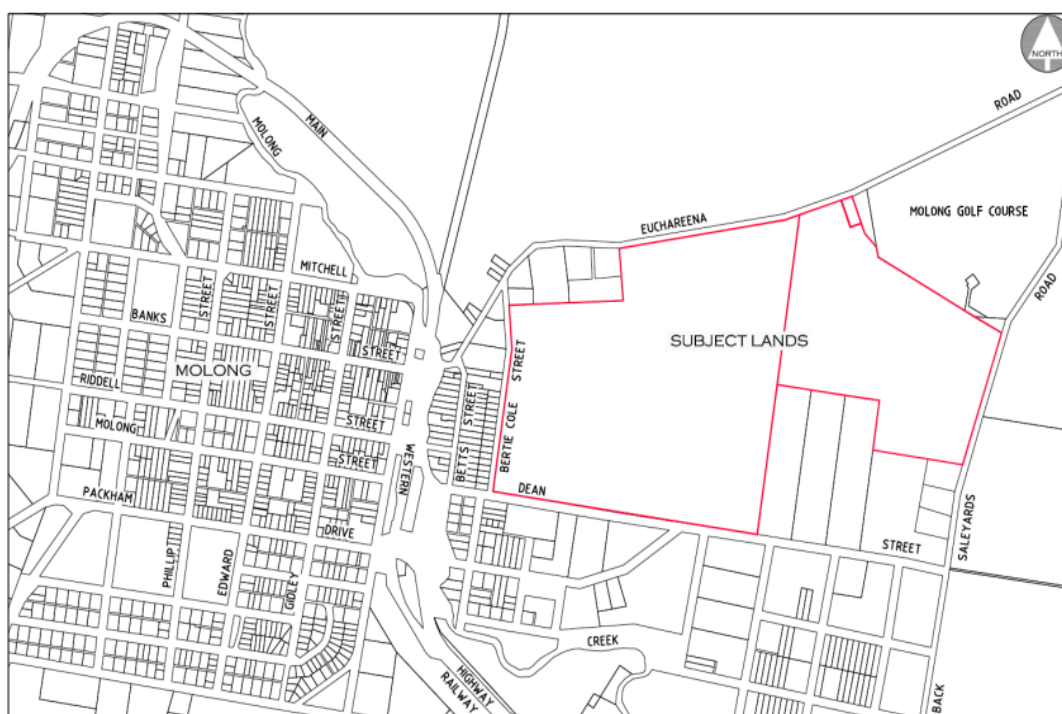
The land is identified in Cabonne Settlement Strategy 2021-2041 as Strategy Growth Areas MOL2, MOL3 and MOL-VIS. A preliminary concept plan has been prepared with the intent that it will inform the overall masterplan for future

development of the subject land. Based on the preliminary investigations undertaken to support this Planning Proposal and subject to detailed design, the proposed rezoning would facilitate the creation of approximately 635 residential allotments that will range in size from 600m² to 10,000m².

The subject land

The subject land comprises a total area of approximately 118.47 hectares and is located approximately 400 metres east of the Molong town centre. The area is bounded by Euchareena Road to the north, the Molong golf course to the north east, Back Saleyards Road to the east, Marsden Street to the south, and Bertie Cole Street to the west.

The property has been predominantly cleared for grazing with remnant trees being widely scattered or limited to the south western section of the land where they form small woodland communities. The tree cover on the subject land is characteristic of other rural properties that have been extensively cleared in the area. The fall of the land is generally from north to south. The general slope in the northern and central extent of the subject land is generally flat and level. The general slopes in the southern and eastern extent are gently undulating to undulating with slopes ranging across the site between 5 to 10%. The western boundary (adjacent to Bertie Cole Street) comprises the steepest terrain of the site with the land falling at a 21% grade to the west. Drainage of the site is via the natural surface and a non-perennial watercourse that flows into Molong Creek approximately 1 kilometre to the south of the subject land.



Context of subject land

Proposal

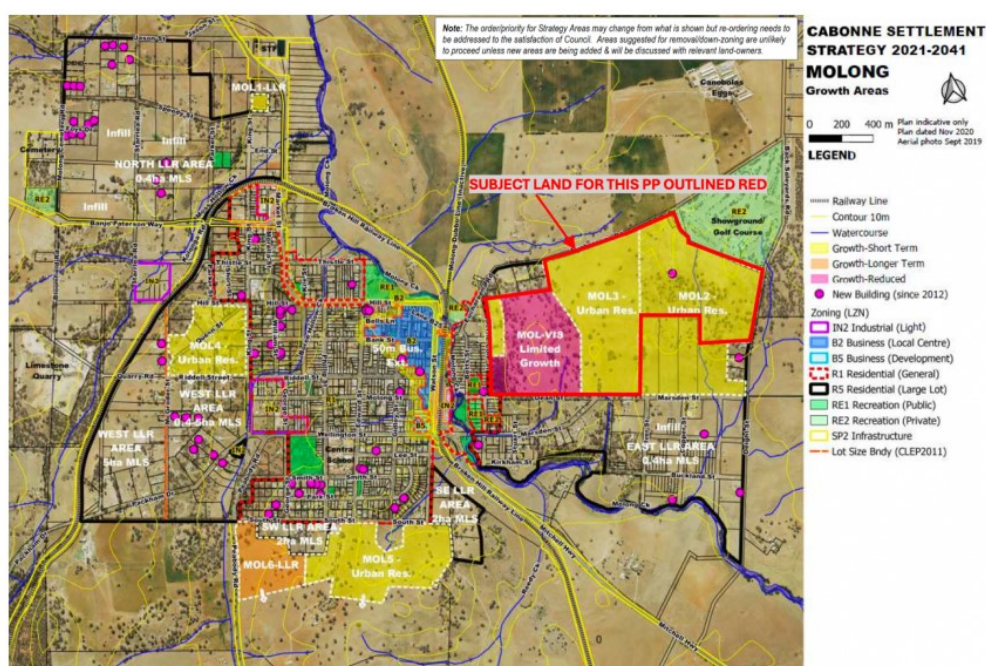
The proposal seeks to amend the Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012 (the LEP) to facilitate residential development on the subject land to provide additional housing opportunities in Molong.

The subject site was identified in the *Cabonne Settlement Strategy 2021-2041*, which identified the site as part of a larger area, appropriate for development in the short term.

A conceptual subdivision plan has been prepared to demonstrate that the development would likely consist of the following:

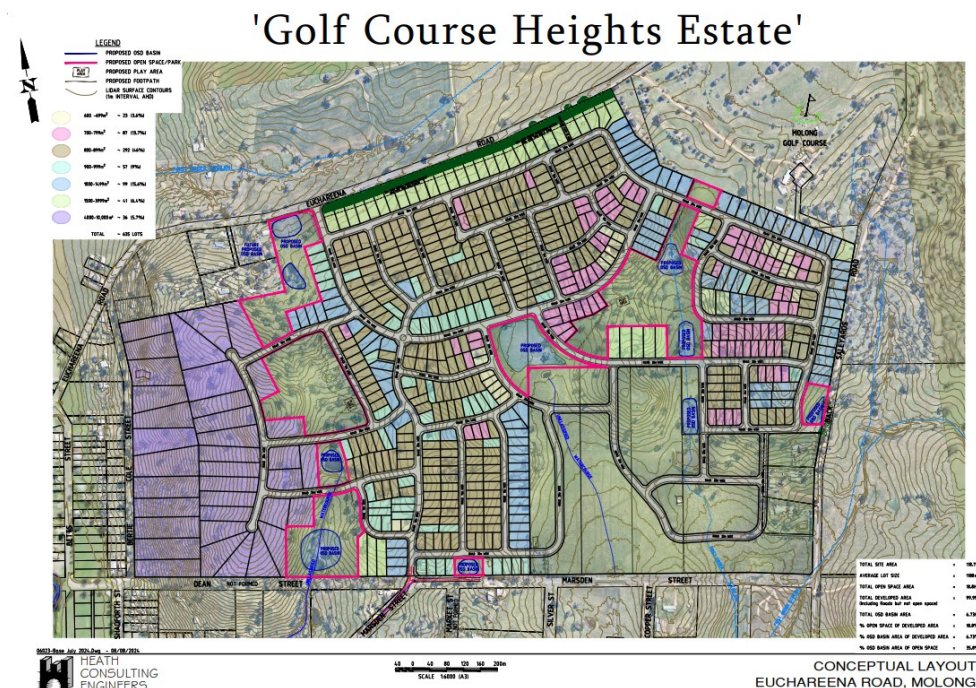
- The creation of approximately 635 urban residential lots that will range generally from 600m² to 10,000m² which will enable a variety of housing types and densities.
- New roads, pedestrian infrastructure and playing fields.
- Centralised parkland with embellishments (including playground).
- The provision of reticulated water and sewer, as well as an urban stormwater management system.
- Provision of electricity and telecommunications services in accordance with the requirements of the relevant supply authority.
- Provision of asset protection zones and access driveways/roads in accordance with the provisions of the NSW Rural Fire Service Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019.

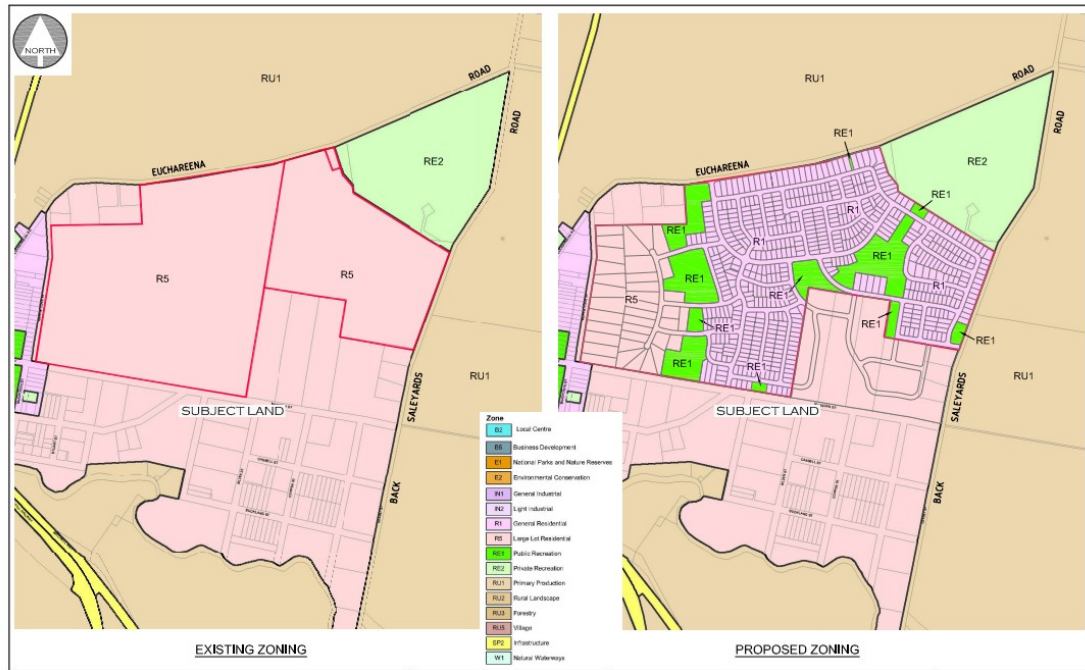
The subdivision would be released in stages in response to market demand with the lots closest to Euchareena Road released initially. It is expected that the potential lot yield of the site would be sufficient to address the shortfall in urban residential land as identified in the CSS.



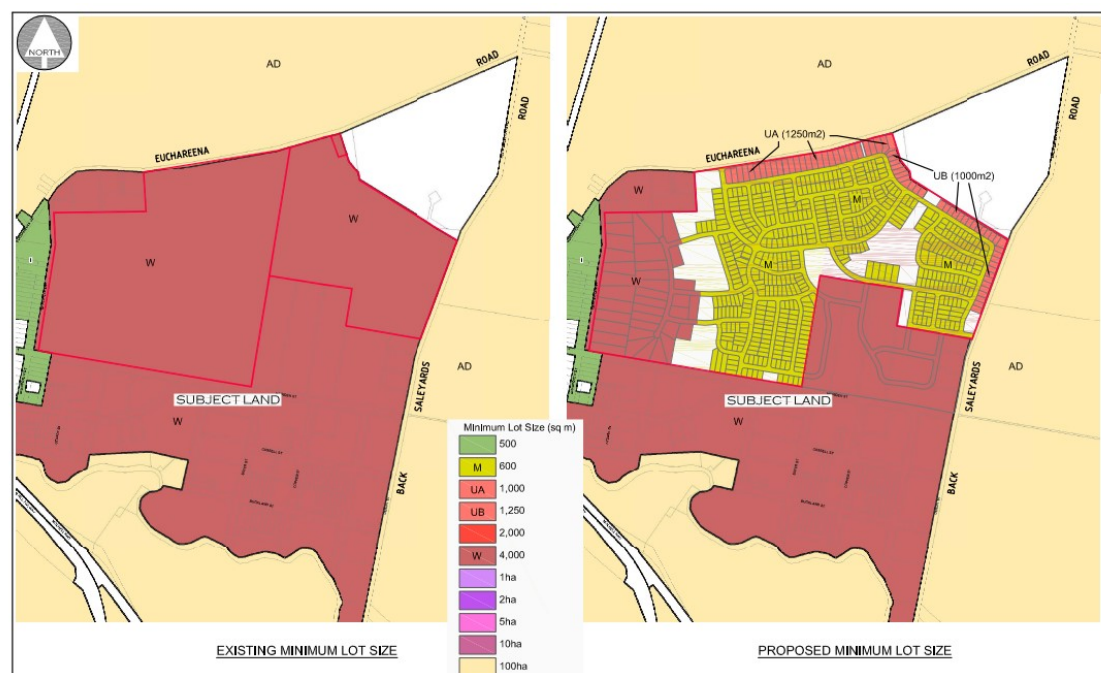
Cabonne Settlement Strategy 2021-2041 extract

It is appropriate for council to support those landowners ready to undergo the rezoning process, where strategically identified, to provide additional land supply for housing across the LGA.





Existing and proposed zoning



Existing and proposed minimum lots size mapping

Investigations have been undertaken on the subject land to understand and address any environmental, social and economic impacts that may arise from future development.

Heritage

An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) has been undertaken by OzArk Environment & Heritage. No Aboriginal objects or areas with subsurface archaeological potential were identified within the study area. Additionally, no cultural values have been identified in the study area through consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Partys.

Natural hazards

The subject land is mapped as bushfire prone. Council's Bush Fire Prone Land Map identifies the site as Vegetation Category 3. The subject land is identified as being bushfire prone land. Accordingly, a Strategic Bushfire Study has been prepared. The assessment concluded as follows: *We are satisfied that the subject site and proposed Concept Lot Plan has the capacity to comply with the relevant specifications and requirements of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019. Furthermore, we are satisfied that the proposed Concept Lot Plan, in combination with the bushfire protection measures discussed herein will not result in areas that are difficult to evacuate, create control difficulties during a bushfire or adversely affect other bush fire protection strategies or place existing development at increased risk.*

Land contamination

Envirowest Consulting have undertaken preliminary contamination assessments for 92 and 168 Euchareena Road and identifies that there is limited potential for contamination. Infrastructure upon 92 Euchareena Road comprises two shearing sheds, two animal shelters and yards are located in the western section of the site. A water tank, truck with storage tank and transportable yards are present in the central section. The report concludes that the site is suitable for the proposed residential land-use. Additional assessment should be undertaken following removal of the structures in the western section to confirm suitability for residential land-use.

The report covering 168 Euchareena Road identified a former slaughterhouse area and two areas of stockpiles. Stockpile 1 is located in the south eastern section of the site and comprises material generated from site clean-up works including around the former slaughterhouse. Asbestos containing materials were identified in the stockpiles. Levels of the potential contaminants were below general solid waste thresholds. The material is classified as asbestos waste with a subclassification of general solid waste and requires removal and disposal of landfill. The source of material in Stockpile 2 is not known. Characterisation of the material is required to determine suitability for remaining on-site or off-site re-use or disposal. The report concludes that the site is suitable for the proposed residential land-use following the removal of the asbestos impacted stockpile

Agricultural capability

The subject land has been mapped by NSW Agriculture as being of Class 3 Agricultural suitability. It is considered suitable for grazing and pasture improvement and can be cultivated for an occasional cash crop or forage crop in conjunction with pasture management. The Planning Proposal is considered

not to adversely impact the agricultural value of the site or nearby lands for the following reasons:

- The subject land is zoned R5 Large Lot Residential development. Therefore, the limited agricultural value of the subject land is already diminished by the current zoning provisions.
- The subject land is identified as a residential candidate site in the Cabonne Settlement Strategy 2021-2041 (CSS). The CSS recognises the subject land as being suitable for urban residential zoning in order to limit the expansion of urban area into other agricultural lands to meet dwelling demand.
- The subject land was identified for residential purposes in the former Cabonne Settlement Strategy 2012.

Biodiversity

Part of the subject land is identified as having terrestrial biodiversity in the *Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012*.

The landscape and vegetation of the site has been highly modified and disturbed due to the past and current agricultural use of the land. This has involved clearing of native trees and understories and human activity associated with agriculture including livestock grazing, weed spraying, and machinery operation.

A Biodiversity Assessment Report (BAR) has been prepared by Cumberland Ecology for this Planning Proposal. The BAR makes the following conclusion: *With the implementation of the proposed mitigation and compensation measures, it is considered likely that the impacts of the planning proposal on flora and fauna species or threatened ecological communities can be appropriately managed.*

Native vegetation occurring within the subject land includes PCT 266 White Box grassy woodland in the upper slopes sub-region of the NSW South Western Slopes Bioregion. This PCT conforms to Box Gum Woodland listed as a CEEC under the BC Act and EPBC Act. To facilitate the project, approximately 24.39 ha of Box Gum Woodland will be removed, and 14.58 ha will be retained (including 7.22 ha under a positive covenant) within the subject land.

The proposed clearing of native vegetation will be subject to further assessment at the DA stage, but it is expected to result in the requirement of offsets in the form of ecosystem credits and species credits. This assessment indicates that the removal of the native vegetation within the subject land required a total of 267 ecosystem credits for PCT 266.

Land use conflict

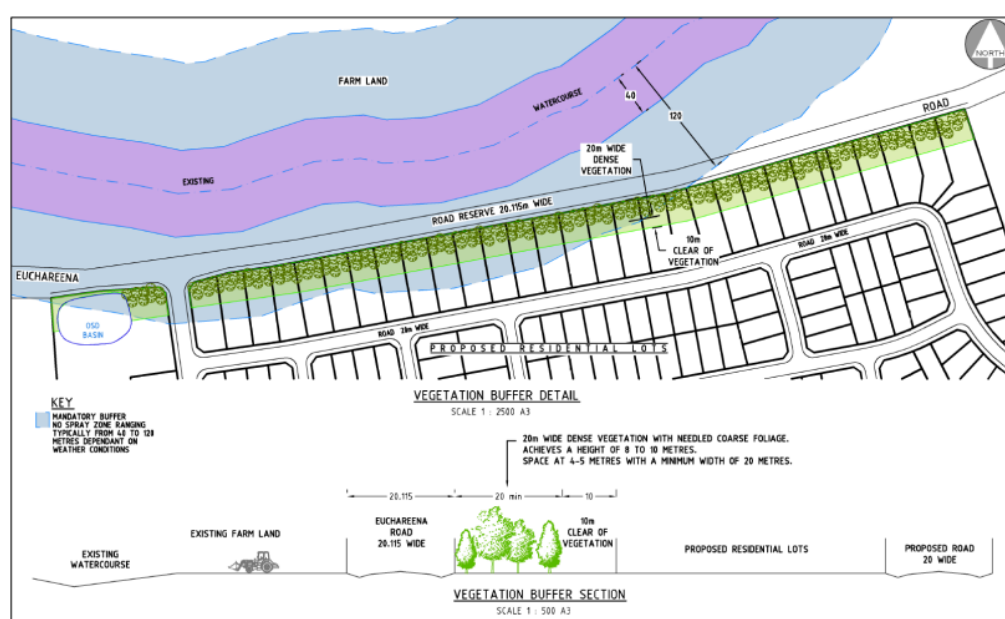
Cabonne Council engaged Tim Fitzroy & Associates to prepare a Land Use Conflict Risk Assessment (LUCRA) to investigate potential risk factors of the proposed on the existing Canobolas Eggs enterprise (located to the north of the subject land), and risks of the egg enterprise on the residential subdivision, and any other factors that may restrict the compatibility of land uses in the area.

The LUCRA considered the risks of the proposed (rezoning to R1) residential subdivision on the Canobolas Egg enterprise, and vice versa, as well as other activities within the 5km radius of the proposal. The LUCRA found that the key potential constraints between the proposed residential rezoning of the subject and the existing land uses include:

- Chemical and fertiliser spray drift from cropping activities at Canobolas Eggs;
- Air Quality Impacts (odour and dust) associated with at the poultry farm and cropping upon that land,
- Biosecurity associated with the poultry farm,
- Reputational damage and economic impacts to the Canobolas Egg Brand,
- Economic impacts related to crop production on adjacent farm land,
- Lighting impacts from the poultry farm,
- Noise impacts from:
 - Cropping activities and vehicular transport at the adjacent farm,
 - Ventilation, refrigeration, generators, vehicular movements, hens at the poultry farm,
 - Heavy vehicle traffic associated with adjacent farm and the Euchareena Road Waste Recovery Facility and Landfill site.

It is considered important to manage the interface between the proposed residential area and the existing rural enterprise to the north so as to limit the potential for conflict. In this regard and as depicted below:

- A 30 metre wide vegetation buffer is proposed along the Euchareena Road frontage of the site to address potential land use conflicts in regard to spray drift from cropping activities that may be undertaken on the land to the north.
- The proposed vegetative buffer is based on research conducted by the Centre of Pesticide Application and Safety, University of Queensland, Gatton College. The buffer will comprise:
 - 20 metres separation provided by Euchareena Road; and
 - 20 metres of dense vegetation plantings; and
 - 10 metres clear of vegetation to the south of the vegetated area.



Odour

An odour assessment has been prepared (refer Annexure K). The assessment focuses on potential nuisance odours from the poultry farm on future residential receptors located on the Site. The was conducted in accordance with the NSW EPA's Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in New South Wales.

The operation of the poultry farm is predicted to comply with the most stringent odour impact assessment criterion and is unlikely to cause nuisance odour impacts at future residential receptors within the site. On this basis, the proposal is considered unlikely to give rise to land-use conflicts with respect to odour.

Noise

A Noise Assessment has been prepared to assess the potential noise impacts of traffic on Euchareena Road upon the future residential lots.

It was noted that traffic volumes on Euchareena Road are less than 20,000 vehicles per day. Nevertheless, the internal noise levels identified above are consistent with the goals recommended in AS 3671-1989 Acoustics – Road traffic noise intrusion – building siting and construction and would be considered appropriate for future residential development on the site.

Future (2023) AADT traffic volumes on Euchareena Road are expected to reach approximately 2,870 vehicles per day. Under the Planning Proposal, the proposed speed limit along Euchareena Road, in the vicinity of the site, is 50 km/h.

- The results indicate that:
 - Dwellings with facades located more than 38 m from Euchareena Road would not require any acoustic treatment.
 - Dwellings with facades located 12-38 m from Euchareena Road would require Category 1 noise control.
 - Dwellings with facades located less than 12 m from Euchareena Road would require Category 2 noise control.
- Subject to the adoption of the recommended noise control categories, no physical barriers would be required to mitigate road traffic noise levels on the Site.
- Category 2 noise control requires only small building material upgrades over what would typically be used in most new dwelling constructions.

Social impact

A social impact statement was prepared by Cred Consulting and identified positive social impacts associated with the planning proposal, including the provision of a diversity of housing options in a strategic and convenient location, close to the Molong town centre and within close proximity of Orange.

The report indicated that the planning proposal could further deliver positive social impacts by addressing identified social needs and potential negative impacts through enhancement and mitigation measures such as:

- Establishing walking and cycling links through the site to connect the showground and town center.
- Providing a local park with a local playground (not in a water basin) and connecting it as part of the wider network of open spaces.
- Enhancing the proposed sports field in the water basin with flood-safe, waterproof, and durable equipment.
- Delineating lots for the future provision of a childcare center and aged care center.
- Considering height restrictions and providing strategically designed walking paths through the subject site to minimise the obstruction of visual views and backdrops, thereby mitigating the impact on the town's overall visual character

Infrastructure

Sewer

The subject land is not currently connected to reticulated sewer or potable water. Future development will require connection to all essential services such as water, sewer, electricity and telecommunications. Cabonne Council is both the water and sewer authority for the Molong town area.

A preliminary servicing strategy has been prepared by Heath Consulting Engineers. The purpose of the preliminary servicing strategy is to provide a high-level assessment of the likely water, sewerage, stormwater, electrical and telecommunications servicing, and is based on the following comments:

- The subject land is not currently serviced by sewerage reticulation.
- It is understood that the sewer treatment plant on the northern boundary of the Molong Township has a capacity of approximately 2,000 Equivalent Persons (EP). No information has been made available as to the existing capacity of the existing reticulation network or sewage pump station.
- The CSS 2021 suggests that the existing "STP can be progressively upgraded to accommodate growth".

It is envisaged that Catchment S1 and S2 can be serviced by an extension of council's gravity sewer network. Catchments S3 to S8 will either require individual sewage pump stations or require sewage pump stations to be provided further downstream where site catchment combine.

It is noted that Premise have been engaged by council to investigate the overall sewerage servicing for Molong and the subject land.

Water

The provision of a reticulated water supply for the proposal does not appear to be unreasonably constrained. The servicing strategy report did not indicate any major limitations in regard to water supply.

Stormwater

Stormwater runoff from the site would be managed as follows:

- A pit and pipe stormwater reticulation system would be designed to safely convey the 10% AEP event. This is to limit the runoff into adjacent block in the development. Major overland flow paths are to be directed along roadways and drainage reserves (natural channels) and into stormwater detention basins.
- The conceptual stormwater management plan includes a series of constructed stormwater detention basins to limit discharge and control runoff to predevelopment rates.
- Stormwater detention basins were provided in eight (8) locations to suit the site topography and stormwater outlet locations

Electricity and Telecommunications

Due to the existing level of development and proximity to the established urban area, electricity and communications can be provided to the subject land, pursuant to the requirements of the relevant supply authorities.

Traffic

Access to the development area is available from Euchareena Rad, Marsden Street and Back Saleyards Road. ARC Traffic + Transport has prepared traffic assessments in support of this proposal:

The proposal will require:

- A total of approximately 620 residential lots
- New internal road and pedestrian infrastructure
- New access roads to Euchareena Road, Marsden Street and Back Saleyards Road, and
- Appropriate upgrades of Marsden Street and Back Saleyards Road to accommodate the additional traffic volumes generated to these roads.

ARC Traffic & Transport conclude that the road network would operate with few delays and retain significant space capacity further to the full development of the site.



The Concept Plan 2024 above includes changes to the internal road network, primary amongst which is the introduction of a new Urban Collector Road generally running east-west through the centre of the Site (Road 2 for ease of reference). This will provide more efficient trips between both Euchareena Road and Marsden Road for residents in the central and eastern parts of the site.

The traffic assessments provide a significant level of detailed analysis in consideration of the Proposal and essentially support a “proof of concept” for the high level purpose of a Planning Proposal. Therefore, detailed design and plans for traffic infrastructure and the like are not provided at this stage but would be provided at a later stage as part of the Development Application and subdivision works process.

Adequacy of Planning Proposal and supporting studies

The planning proposal is considered adequate. Below are outlined the likely referrals required to government agencies for this proposal:

- DPI – Agriculture
- DPE – Biodiversity
- NSW Rural Fire Service

The Planning Proposal is supported as:

- It is consistent with the Cabonne Settlement Strategy 2021- 2041 and is identified within the strategy as being suitable for residential development.
- The subject land provides an opportunity to meet the shortfall in urban residential land within reasonable proximity to Molong.
- The subject land is not unduly constrained by bushfire or ecological value.
- The proposal is not unreasonably constrained by the physical characteristics of the subject land.

- The proposal has the potential to generate positive social and economic impacts for the benefit of the community.
- The potential impacts of the proposal have been foreshadowed and there are no significant issues identified that would prevent the LEP amendment proceeding to the next step of the plan-making process. There is opportunity under the Gateway determination for more detailed information to be provided, where relevant, before the LEP is finalized.

Timing

The planning proposal timeframe, as required under Part 6 of the Department of Planning and Environment's *Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline* (August 2023) recommends the following timeframe be provided to the Department with the request for a Gateway determination:

Stage	Timeframe and/or date
Council decision	March 2025
Gateway determination	April-May 2025
Pre exhibition	June-July 2025
Public exhibition	July-August 2025
Consideration of submissions	September 2025
Post-exhibition review and additional studies	Sept-October 2025
Submission to the Department for finalisation (where applicable)	October 2025
Report to council (where applicable)	October 2025
Gazettal of LEP amendment	Nov-December 2025

It is expected that the LEP amendment could be completed within approximately 12 months from council's resolution to proceed with the proposal.

ITEM 26 - QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To provide councillors with an opportunity to ask questions/raise matters which can be provided/addressed at the next council meeting.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\GOVERNANCE\\COUNCIL MEETINGS\\NOTICES - MEETINGS - 1823040

RECOMMENDATION

THAT council receive a report at the next council meeting in relation to questions asked/matters raised where necessary.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A call for questions for which an answer is to be provided if possible or a report submitted to the next council meeting.

ITEM 27 - BUSINESS PAPER ITEMS FOR NOTING

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Provides an opportunity for councillors to call items for noting for discussion and recommends remainder be noted.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
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RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Councillors call any items they wish to further consider.
2. The balance of the items be noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

In the second part of council's business paper are items included for council's information.

In accordance with council's format for its business paper, councillors wishing to discuss any item are requested to call that item.

ITEM 28 - MATTERS OF URGENCY

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Enabling matters of urgency to be called.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil

IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
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RECOMMENDATION

THAT councillors call any matters of urgency.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Council's Code of Meeting Practice allows for the council to consider matters of urgency which are defined as *"any matter which requires a decision prior to the next meeting or a matter which has arisen which needs to be brought to council's attention without delay such as natural disasters, states of emergency, or urgent deadlines that must be met"*.

This item enables Councillors to raise any item that meets this definition.

ITEM 29 - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SECTION OF THE MEETING

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Enabling reports to be considered in Committee of the Whole.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\GOVERNANCE\\COUNCIL MEETINGS\\PROCEDURES - 1823044

RECOMMENDATION

THAT council hereby resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss matters called earlier in the meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Council's Code of Meeting Practice allows for the council to resolve itself into "committee of the whole" to avoid the necessity of limiting the number and duration of speeches as required by Clause 250 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

This item enables councillors to go into “committee of the whole” to discuss items called earlier in the meeting.

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COUNCIL HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY, 2025

PRESENT Cllr K Beatty (in the Chair), Cllrs P Batten, J Jones, M Nash, K O’Ryan, A Pull, A Rawson, J Weaver, A Pearson.

Also present were the General Manager, Deputy General Manager - Cabonne Services, Deputy General Manager - Cabonne Infrastructure, IT Officer, Department Leader – Governance & Corporate Performance and Governance Officer.

ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

ITEM - 1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION (Weaver/Pearson)

THAT it be noted there were nil applications for leave of absence.

25/02/01 Carried

ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

MOTION (Rawson/Nash)

THAT it be noted there were nil declarations of interest.

25/02/02 Carried

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION

MOTION (O’Ryan/Pearson)

THAT it be noted there were nil declarations for political donations.

25/02/03 Carried

ITEM - 4 MAYORAL MINUTE - APPOINTMENTS

Proceedings in Brief

Cllr Beatty

17/12/2024 – Business paper review with the Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Deputy General Managers, Molong. Ordinary Council Meeting, Molong. Councillors and staff Christmas party.

18/12/2024 – Interview with Neil Gill radio program. Central West Community Leaders Forum. Cabonne rating review stakeholders meeting, Molong Office.

20/12/2024 – Council staff Christmas Party, Cumnock.

24/01/2025 – Australia Day meeting, Molong office.

25/01/2024 – Picked up Australia Day Ambassador and attended official party dinner, Orange.

26/01/2025 – Official party Australia Day celebrations in Cumnock, Molong and Eugowra.

29/01/2025 – Interview with Neil Gill radio program. Meeting with the General Manager, Molong office. Meeting in Orange.

30/01/2025 – Interview with Prime TV regarding vandalism in Canowindra. Inspection in Eugowra regarding potential land for housing. Meeting with Eugowra Men's Shed.

03/02/2025 – Meeting in Orange.

04/02/2025 – Meeting with the General Manager, Molong office. Meeting with Rhonda Watt regarding potential Cumnock projects.

05/02/2025 – Interview with 2BS Bathurst. Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Youth Summit. Meeting in Dubbo.

12/02/2025 – Interview with Neil Gill Radio Program.

13/02/2025 – Meeting with the General Manager, Molong office.

14/02/2025 – Central West Community Leaders Forum. Meeting with Michael Carroll regarding Bequeathing Art.

17/02/2025 – Community Assets Reference Group meeting, Eugowra.

20/02/2025 – Meeting with Doctor for Cudal 355 committee, Cudal.

24/02/2025 – Meeting with Peter Crich regarding flood mitigation, Molong. Meeting with the General Manager, Molong office. Interview with ABC radio regarding CNSWJO matters.

Clr Jones

17/12/2024 – Business paper review and Ordinary Council meeting, Molong.

26/01/2025 – Australia Day events at Cudal, Molong and Eugowra.

11/02/2025 – Community, Economy and Culture Committee meeting, Molong. Councillor workshop and public forum, Molong.

12/02/2025 – Cabonne Audit Risk and Improvement committee meeting.

13/02/2025 – Molong Advancement Group meeting.

17/02/2025 – Community Assets Program Reference Group meeting, Eugowra.

Clr Pearson

26/01/2025 – Australia Day event at Molong RSL Club.

11/02/2025 – Councillor workshop, Molong.

13/02/2025 – Molong Advancement Group meeting with Deputy Mayor Jones.

Clr Rawson

17/12/2024 – Ordinary Council meeting and Christmas party, Molong.

18/12/2024 – CWNSWJO Water Advocacy Subcommittee meeting.

26/01/2025 – Australia Day events, Mullion Creek, Borenore and Manildra.

29/01/2025 – CWNSWJO Water Advocacy Subcommittee meeting.

30/01/2025 – Meeting with CTW General Manager, Orange.
 10/02/2025 – Inspection of Canowindra Station Masters Cottage.
 11/02/2025 – Council committees and workshop, Molong.
 12/02/2025 – Nashdale/Lidster Consultative Committee meeting, Nashdale.
 17/02/2025 – Meeting with CTW General Manager, Orange.
 19/02/2025 – Chaired CTW Board meeting, Blayney.

Clr Weaver

Christmas Street Party, Canowindra.
 Carols on the Course.

26/01/2025 – Australia Day event, Canowindra.
 January – Canowindra Progress Association meeting.
 UHA Meeting, Canowindra.
 February – Canowindra Progress Association meeting.

Clr Batten

26/04/2025 – Australia Day events at Cumnock, Molong and Yeoval.
 04/02/2025 – Yeoval and District Progress Association meeting.
 11/02/2025 – Infrastructure Roads Committee meeting. Councillor workshop and public forum, Molong.

Clr Nash

December – Manildra and District Improvement Association meeting.
 26/01/2025 – Australia Day events in Cargo and Manildra.
 February – Manildra and District Improvement Association meeting.
 05/02/2025 – Blayney Central Tablelands Water IP & R.
 11/02/2025 – Councillor workshop and public forum, Molong.
 19/02/2025 – Blayney Central Tablelands Water meeting.
 20/02/2025 – Cumnock Progress Association meeting.

MOTION (Beatty/-)

THAT the information contained in the Mayoral Minute be noted.

25/02/04 Carried

**ITEM - 5 MAYORAL MINUTE - NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS,
 TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONGRESS 2024**

MOTION (Beatty/-)

THAT council prioritise the development of a Cabonne Road Safety Plan to be incorporated into the 2025/26 Operational Plan.

25/02/05 Carried

ITEM - 6 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**Proceedings in Brief**

It was noted Cllr O'Ryan called item 23 and Cllr Nash called item 22 to be debated in Committee of the Whole.

MOTION (Rawson/Nash)

THAT items 22 and 23 be debated in Committee of the Whole.

25/02/06 Carried

ITEM - 7 GROUPING OF REPORT ADOPTION**MOTION** (Pull/Jones)

THAT items 8 to 11 be moved and seconded.

25/02/07 Carried

ITEM - 8 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**MOTION** (Pull/Jones)

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

1. Ordinary Council meeting held on 17 December 2024;
2. Australia Day Awards Committee meeting held 17 December 2024;
3. Community, Economy and Culture Committee held on 11 February 2025; and
4. Infrastructure (Transport) Committee held on 11 February 2025.

25/02/08 Carried

ITEM - 9 POLICY REGISTER - CABONNE AFTER SCHOOL HOURS CARE POLICY**MOTION** (Pull/Jones)

THAT the name change to Cabonne Out of School Hours Care Policy is endorsed by council.

25/02/09 Carried

ITEM - 10 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2024/25**MOTION** (Pull/Jones)

THAT council approves:

1. Opening the 2024-25 Cabonne Community Assistance Program - Round 2, and

2. Changing the name of the Community Assistance Program to the Cabonne Community Assistance Program.

25/02/10 Carried

**ITEM - 11 EXEMPTION TO THE ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE IN
CANOWINDRA AND THE ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREA**

MOTION (Pull/Jones)

THAT council:

1. Agree to the request from the Canowindra Progress Association to suspend the alcohol-free zone for Gaskill Street, Canowindra, including road reserve/footpath for the 2025 Canowindra Balloon Challenge, and
2. Advertises the changes in The Canowindra Phoenix and The Canowindra News prior to the event.

25/02/11 Carried

ITEM - 12 2025 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MOTION (Batten/Pull)

THAT council:

1. Authorise the attendance of the Mayor and General Manager at the 2025 National General Assembly (NGA), and
2. Identify motions for submission to the NGA.

25/02/12 Carried

**ITEM - 13 INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING - OPERATIONAL
PLAN HALF YEARLY REPORT 2024/2025**

MOTION (Pull/Rawson)

THAT the update of the Operational Plan to 31 December 2024 be adopted.

25/02/13 Carried

**ITEM - 14 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING - COMMUNITY
STRATEGIC PLAN 2025-2035**

MOTION (Jones/Weaver)

THAT council endorse the draft Cabonne Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 and place the document on public exhibition for 28 days.

25/02/14 Carried

ITEM - 15 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

MOTION (Weaver/Nash)

THAT council note the variances in the report and authorise those changes to be included in the 2024/2025 Council Budget.

25/02/15 Carried

ITEM - 16 EUGOWRA COMMUNITY ASSETS PROGRAM REFERENCE GROUP

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Rawson nominated Clr Jones as representative to the reference group. Clr Jones accepted the nomination.

MOTION (Jones/Pull)

THAT council:

1. Adopt the terms of reference for the Eugowra Community Assets Program Reference Group, and
2. Appoint Clr Jones as representative to the reference group.

25/02/16 Carried

ITEM - 17 DONATION REQUEST UNITED NATIONS SUMMIT

MOTION (Weaver/Pull)

THAT council note the report on the United Nations Regional Youth Summit and

1. Issue media in support of the event, and
2. Sponsor two students attend for travel and accommodation to a total maximum of \$2,000.

25/02/17 Carried

ITEM - 18 DONATION REQUEST WOMENS WELLBEING WORKSHOP

MOTION (Nash/Pull)

THAT council support a donation of \$500 toward activities being held at the Women's Wellbeing and Wellness weekend workshop.

25/02/18 Carried

ITEM - 19 EVENTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

MOTION (Weaver/Pull)

THAT council provide, under its 2024/25 Event Assistance Program:

1. \$3,000 for the Eugowra Masters of the Mandagery event, and
2. \$1,000 for the Cargo to Grenfell Fundraiser Walk.

25/02/19 Carried

ITEM - 20 VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT FUND 2024-25

MOTION (Pull/Rawson)

THAT council approves funding under its 2024/25 Village Enhancement Fund of \$11,902 to the Canowindra Progress Association for the cost of installing a shade sail at the Canowindra Preschool.

25/02/20 Carried

ITEM - 21 SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

MOTION (Weaver/Pull)

THAT council provide, under its 2024/2025 Sponsorship Program, sponsorship of \$20,000 to Canowindra Challenge Inc for the 2025 Cabonne Community Balloon Glow event.

25/02/21 Carried

It was noted item 22 and 23 was moved to Committee of the Whole.

**ITEM - 24 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2025/0051 - TWO LOT
SUBDIVISION OF LAND AT 2610 BURRENDONG WAY, KERRS
CREEK**

MOTION (Jones/Nash)

THAT:

1. Development Application 2025/0051 for a two lot subdivision of Lots 8, 73 and 74 DP 756888, Lots 5, 184, 185, 245, 250, 267 DP 756895, Lot 5 DP 658137, and Lot 223 DP 658140 being 2610 Burrendong Way, Kerrs Creek, be granted consent subject to the conditions attached, and
2. In accordance with s4.6 of the Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012, council support the request to vary the 100ha Minimum Lot Size standard to permit a rural allotment, containing an existing dwelling, and having an allotment area of 90ha.

25/02/22 Carried

The Chair called for a Division of Council as required under Section 375A (3) of the Local Government Act which resulted in a vote for the motion as follows:

For: Cllrs P Batten, K Beatty, J Jones, M Nash, K O'Ryan, A Pearson, A Pull, A Rawson and J Weaver.

Against: Nil

**ITEM - 25 MODIFICATION TO DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION
2021/0176/3 - 12 LOT SUBDIVISION AT 9 OSTINI LANE,
MULLION CREEK**

MOTION (Nash/Jones)

THAT Modification of Development Application 2021/0176/3 for a 12-lot subdivision of land described as Lot 1 DP 131413 and Lot 1 DP 183093 being 9 and 77 Ostini Lane, Mullion Creek, be granted consent subject to the modified conditions attached.

25/02/23 Carried

The Chair called for a Division of Council as required under Section 375A (3) of the Local Government Act which resulted in a vote for the motion as follows:

For: Clrs P Batten, K Beatty, J Jones, M Nash, K O’Ryan, A Pearson, A Pull, A Rawson and J Weaver.

Against: Nil

**ITEM - 26 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2024/0113 - 1 ICEWORKS
LANE, MOLONG**

MOTION (Weaver/Jones)

THAT Development Application 2024/0113 for alterations and additions to an existing dwelling, conversion of part of an existing industrial building into a dwelling, and construction of a retaining wall, upon land described as Lot 1 DP 1225810 and Lot 5 Sect 60 DP 758693 known as 1 Iceworks Lane, Molong, be refused as there is insufficient information supporting the application to enable adequate assessment of the proposed development.

25/02/24 Carried

The Chair called for a Division of Council as required under Section 375A (3) of the Local Government Act which resulted in a vote for the motion as follows:

For: Clrs P Batten, K Beatty, J Jones, M Nash, K O’Ryan, A Pearson, A Pull, A Rawson and J Weaver.

Against: Nil

ITEM - 27 QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

MOTION (Rawson/Pearson)

THAT the following matters be subject to a future report to council:

1. A general review of speed limits in the Nashdale area, specifically Cargo Rd, Nashdale Ln, Nancarrow Ln and Borenore Rd.
2. The possibility of fog line marking in Gidley Street, Molong.

3. The possibility of having a crossing guard installed at the Wellington Street, Molong crossing adjacent to Molong Central School.
4. Stormwater at the Manildra Lions Park toilets.
5. Council's role in supporting the NSW Government Essential Workers Housing Strategy for rural areas.

25/02/25 Carried

ITEM - 28 BUSINESS PAPER ITEMS FOR NOTING

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted the Mayor called item 13 and Cllr Jones called item 2 to be further considered.

MOTION (Jones/Batten)

THAT:

1. Items 2 and 13 be further consider.
2. The remaining notation items be noted.

25/02/26 Carried

ITEM - 2 RESOLUTIONS REGISTER - INFOCOUNCIL - ACTIONS REPORTING

MOTION (Jones/Batten)

THAT the information be noted.

25/02/27 Carried

ITEM - 13 AMENDMENT TO CABONNE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2012 - ADDITIONAL PERMITTED USE

MOTION (Jones/Batten)

THAT the information be noted

25/02/28 Carried

ITEM - 29 MATTERS OF URGENCY

MOTION (Weaver/Rawson)

THAT it be noted there were nil matters of urgency.

25/02/29 Carried

ITEM - 30 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SECTION OF THE MEETING

MOTION (Pull/Nash)

THAT council hereby resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss matters called earlier in the meeting.

25/02/30 Carried

ITEM - 22 PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE - SMITH LANE

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted that Clrs Rawson and Nash voted against the motion.

RECOMMENDATION (Jones/Pull)

THAT council:

1. Approve the public exhibition of the proposal closure of the unused section of road reserves adjacent Lots 214, 224, & 213 DP 756890 Parish of March, County of Wellington and Lot 247 DP756895, Parish of Mulyan, County of Wellington, and
2. Receive a report following the public exhibition to consider any public submissions, and in the absence of any submissions – to determine the proposed purchase and lease of these road reserves.

1. Carried

ITEM - 23 PROPOSED ROAD NAMING - "UNNAMED EXISTING PRIVATE ROAD", MOLONG

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted, the time being 3.17pm until 3.44pm, this item was debated by councillors.

RECOMMENDATION (Pull/O'Ryan)

THAT council endorse the name of "Bobs Creek Lane" to apply to an existing private road, being a Right of Way (ROW) across Lot 203 DP 1121725, off Jennings Lane, Molong.

AMENDMENT (Batten/Jones)

THAT council:

1. Does not endorse the name of "Bobs Creek Lane" to apply to an existing private road, being a Right of Way (ROW) across Lot 203 DP 1121725, off Jennings Lane, Molong.
2. Request the right of way remain unnamed, due to:
 - a) servicing two properties only, and
 - b) both parties not agreeing with the proposed naming.

The amendment was put and carried becoming the motion, the motion was put and carried.

RECOMMENDATION (Batten/Jones)

THAT council:

3. Does not endorse the name of "Bobs Creek Lane" to apply to an existing private road, being a Right of Way (ROW) across Lot 203 DP 1121725, off Jennings Lane, Molong.
4. Request the right of way remain unnamed, due to:
 - c) servicing two properties only, and
 - d) both parties not agreeing with the proposed naming.

2. Carried

MOTION (Pull/Nash)

THAT council move out of Committee of the Whole and resume the Ordinary Meeting.

25/02/31 Carried

ITEM - 31 PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL PERMITTED USE - 1064 SANDY CREEK ROAD, MOLONG

MOTION (Nash/Jones)

THAT council note the correspondence from NSW RFS relating to an amendment to the Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012 to enable a Place of Public worship to be a permitted land use on land known as 1064 Sandy Creek Road, Molong, endorse finalisation of the planning proposal.

25/02/32 Carried

ITEM - 32 NATIONAL WATER GRID FUNDING - MOLONG CREEK DAM RAW WATER PIPELINE

MOTION (Jones/Nash)

THAT council endorses the application to the National Water Grid Fund to replace the Molong Creek Dam raw water pipeline, and if successful provide the necessary co-contribution towards the costs of the project.

25/02/33 Carried

It was noted the time being 3.53pm the Chair announced that the Council would now be resolving into a Closed Committee of the Whole.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM - 1 CARRYING OF COUNCIL RESOLUTION INTO CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RECOMMENDATION (Weaver/Pull)

THAT the committee now hereby resolve into Closed Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing matters of a confidential nature relating to personnel or industrial matters, personal finances and matters which the

publicity of which the Committee considers would be prejudicial to the Council or the individual concerned and that the press and the public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the conditions of Council's Confidentiality Policy AND FURTHER that as reports to the Closed Committee of the Whole are likely to be confidential and their release prejudicial to the public interest and the provisions of Council's confidentiality policy, that copies of these reports not be made available to the press and public.

3. Carried

ITEM - 2 ENDORSEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS OF CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS CONSIDERED AT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

RECOMMENDATION (Jones/Weaver)

THAT the committee endorse the accuracy of the Report of the Proceedings of Confidential Matters at the Australia Day Awards Committee meeting held 17 December 2024, are sufficient to state the general effect of the proceeding in Closed Committee.

4. Carried

ITEM - 3 ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT FOR SMALL MARKET SITES

RECOMMENDATION (Pull/O'Ryan)

THAT council:

1. Participates in the regional procurement process, facilitated by Central NSW Joint Organisation, for the supply of electricity for small market sites,
2. Resolve that because of the extenuating circumstances set out in the report a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for the aggregated procurement of electricity for small market sites which are due to commence on 1 July 2025,
3. Note that the reasons for the decision of the council in point 2 of this resolution are as follows:
 - a. The services with respect to which the tender relates can only be provided by energy retailers.
 - b. Council has received expert advice that due to the nature of the relevant market, offers from those retailers which will be made in response to the request for tender will only be open for acceptance for a period of 1-2 weeks.
 - c. Even if the tender period was shortened to 7 days as permitted under the Regulations, some if not all the relevant tenders would expire prior to council being able to undertake an assessment of tenders, report the matter to council and resolve to accept or reject any tenders.
 - d. This would result in council either having no valid tenders which it is able to accept, or it would not be able to consider for

acceptance all of the tenders lodged in response to the request for tender.

e. This would not be a satisfactory result for council,

4. Delegate the determination, acceptance or rejection of proposals on behalf of council to the General Manager, and
5. Delegate the execution of the contract for the supply of electricity for small sites to the General Manager.

5. Carried

ITEM - 4 TENDER 1790417 - SUPPLY OF PHOTOVOLTAIC MODULES FOR EUGOWRA SOLAR FARM

RECOMMENDATION (Nash/Batten)

THAT council:

1. Note the report on Tender 1790417 – Supply of Photovoltaic Modules for Eugowra Solar Farm.
2. Award Tender 1790417 – Supply of Photovoltaic Modules for Eugowra Solar Farm to Supply Partners Pty Ltd for the amount \$358,624.55 (AUD ex GST).
3. Delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise contract details with the preferred tenderer.

6. Carried

ITEM - 5 CARGO ROAD ALIGNMENT - ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

RECOMMENDATION (Pearson/Nash)

THAT council accepts the second valuation for the purchase of Lot 39 DP750139 & Lot 2 DP1291114 and authorises the General Manager to negotiate terms of purchase with the property owner on the basis of both valuations received.

7. Carried

ITEM - 6 PROPOSED LAND PURCHASING WITHIN LOT 10 DP 10595 (TILGA STREET)

RECOMMENDATION (O'Ryan/Pearson)

THAT council:

1. Accepts the valuation report for the acquisition of part lot 10 DP10595 Tilga Street, and progress the acquisition of the road reserve,
2. Gives authority to the General Manager to negotiate terms of purchase of part Lot 10 DP10595 on behalf of council,

3. Authorises the Mayor and General Manager to execute all documentation required to finalise the purchase of the part allotments, and

4. Receive a further report following negotiations for purchase.

8. Carried

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ITEM - 7 STRATEGIC LAND PURCHASE CABONNE

RECOMMENDATION (Jones/Pull)

THAT council:

1. Endorse the submitted application under the Regional Economic Development and Community Investment Program,
2. Endorse the participation in the proposed project under the attached Terms Agreement in partnership with Reconstruction NSW and Housing NSW,
3. Authorise the Mayor and General Manager to negotiate the proposed land acquisition in line with the terms outlined in the report, and
4. Receive a further detailed report, if the outcomes of the land acquisition are agreed to by all parties.

9. Carried

ITEM - 8 TENDER 1754860 - CANOWINDRA LIBRARY AND CABONNE HOME SUPPORT REFURBISHMENT

RECOMMENDATION (Weaver/Pull)

THAT council:

1. Award the tender 1754860 for the refurbishment of the Canowindra Library and Cabonne Home Support building to Zauner Constructions Pty Ltd for the amount of \$1,799,000 ex GST,
2. Provide the General Manager with delegation to enter into a contract with Zauner Constructions Pty Ltd Tender for the refurbishment of the Canowindra Library and Cabonne Home Support building, and
3. Approve an additional budget of \$130,202 for the refurbishment of the Canowindra Library and Cabonne Home Support building to allow for contingency during construction to be sourced from council's Infrastructure Reserves.

10. Carried

ITEM - 9 VOLUNTARY PURCHASE PROGRAM - UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION (Jones/Pull)

THAT the council note the Voluntary Purchase Program Update report and determine the purchase price offer for 2 North Street, Eugowra, remain at \$284,500.

11. Carried

It was noted the time being 4.34pm the Mayor resumed the Ordinary Meeting.

REPORT & RESOLUTIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION (Weaver/Pull)

THAT the Report and Recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday 25 February, 2025 be adopted.

25/02/34 Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.34pm.

CHAIRMAN.

Chairman of the Ordinary Meeting of Cabonne Council held on the 25 March, 2025 at which meeting the listed minutes were confirmed and the signature hereon was subscribed.

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT, INNOVATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE HELD AT
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS MOLONG ON TUESDAY 11 MARCH, 2025 COMMENCING AT
12:00 PM**

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THIS IS PAGE NO 1 OF THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT, INNOVATION AND
ENERGY COMMITTEE OF CABONNE COUNCIL HELD ON 11 MARCH, 2025

PRESENT Clr P Batten (in the Chair), K Beatty, M Nash, A Rawson.

Also present were the General Manager, Acting Deputy General Manager - Cabonne Services, Acting Department Leader – Innovation and Technology, Department Leader - Environmental Services, Executive Support Officer.

ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

ITEM - 1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Proceedings in Brief

An apology was tendered on behalf of Clr Pull.

RECOMMENDATION (Rawson/Nash)

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

EIE 25/01 Carried

ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RECOMMENDATION (Nash/Rawson)

THAT it be noted there were nil the Declarations of Interest.

EIE 25/02 Carried

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION

RECOMMENDATION

THAT it be noted there were nil declarations of political donations.

ITEM - 4 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UPDATE

Proceedings in Brief

Discussions were held surrounding the following items:

1. Relocation of the animal holding facility in Molong.
2. Findings from the EPA audits that took place in January on all Cabonne landfill sites following a self-combustion fire at Cumnock.
 - As a result of a question from Clr Nash, Department Leader Environmental Services advised that bunding has been placed around the recycled oil decanter at Manildra landfill due to an identified leak. This has also been implemented at Cumnock and Canowindra.

The Mayor thanked the Department Leader Environment Services for the work that has been undertaken on relocating the animal holding facility and raised the matter of an email that he had received from Andrew Gee's office regarding concerns over cats in Canowindra, as well as the issue of there being no holding facility or full time Ranger in Canowindra.

It was noted that council will need plan for feline related issues and complaints and the Department Leader Environmental Services advised the committee that the new animal holding facility will be able to accommodate domestic felines. As a result of a question from Cllr Rawson, it was noted that feral cats are dealt with under Local Land Services. Department Leader Environmental Services advised that there is a need to push education regarding good animal ownership as there has been a significant increase in incidents of animals being abandoned. Cllr Batten advised the committee that a review of the Companion Animals Act is underway that will tighten up on cats. The General Manager commented on the lack of foresight by State Government when making amendments to policies in relation to the holding of companion animals by local councils.

Cllr Nash passed on a complaint from the Cumnock Progress Association regarding the Cumnock cemetery. Department Leader Environmental Services advised that staff leave, plant breakdown and difficulties in sourcing replacement plant had caused some issues. It was advised that the maintenance schedule has been reviewed. Cllr Rawson raised concern over the native forest areas that are attached to some of council's cemeteries, Department Leader Environmental Services advised that council's Cemetery Maintenance Officer is aware of the native vegetation lines and that these areas are left alone.

Cllr Rawson raised concerns coming from a recent CSP meeting in Canowindra regarding Sticky Night Shade, Department Leader Environmental Services advised that council's Biosecurity officer has been informed of this.

As a result of a question from Cllr Batten, it was advised by Department Leader Environmental Services that Netwaste provides council with any reports that they conduct at the request of other parties.

RECOMMENDATION (Rawson/Nash)

THAT the information be noted.

EIE 25/03 Carried

ITEM - 5 INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Proceedings in Brief

Discussions were held surrounding the following items:

1. Central NSW Joint Organisation Chief Information Security Officer
2. Mid Scale Solar Plant
 - Council is working working to finalise detailed design
 - As a result of a question from Cllr Rawson, it was advised that a secure area will be developed to store the solar panels on site.

- Clr Batten raised potential concerns over damage to the solar panels following reports from the Wellington Solar Farm install. Department Leader Innovation and Technology advised that council has ordered 1% as spares.
- Discussions were held surrounding a need for a solar panel recycling facility in the Central West.
- Aiming for power on in Feb/Mar 2026.
- General Manager spoke on the potential to expand on site once financial modelling has been completed.

RECOMMENDATION (Beatty/Rawson)

THAT the committee note the information in this report.

EIE 25/04 Carried

It was noted the time being 12:48pm the Chair announced that the Committee would now be resolving into a Closed Committee of the Whole.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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ITEM - 1 CABONNE COUNCIL WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES - JOINT PROCUREMENT PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION (Nash/Rawson)

THAT the committee endorse the following report and recommendations, with clarification on recommendation 4 be presented to the March 2025 council meeting:

1. Accepts the Waste Management Services Procurement Planning Summary Report – Annexure 1,
2. Extends the current waste collection and recycling processing services contract with J R & E G Richards Pty Ltd until midnight 19 March 2028, in accordance with the contract. – Annexure 2
3. Enters into the Joint Procurement Agreement for Waste Contracting with the 'Orange Group of Councils' (including Cabonne Council, Bathurst Regional Council, Blayney Shire Council, Forbes Shire Council, Orange City Council and Parkes Shire Council) – Annexure 3,
4. That waste management services are procured by council as part of the joint procurement process including the Orange group of councils, as referred to in the Waste Management Services Procurement Planning Summary Report. Specifically, this includes the bin collection services to be configured as:
 - a. RFT A Waste Collection Services for:

- 240 L fortnightly organics waste,
- 240L weekly recycling waste, and
- 240 L fortnightly mixed waste,

and including variable collection services and other collection service components (such as bulky clean up collection services), as appropriate,

- b. RFT B Recycling Processing Services,
- c. RFT C Organics Processing Services

for 10 year service terms,

5. Undertake all necessary preparations to introduce the new organic waste collection and processing services from 2028, including the supply and delivery of new organics waste mobile garbage bins and accompanying education to all relevant households;
6. Undertake all necessary preparations to introduce the proposed new fortnightly 240 L mixed waste collection services from 2028, including the delivery of all education to all relevant households,
7. Authorise the General Manager to sign the contract extension agreement as outlined in item 2 above, and
8. Receive a further report following the tender process, regarding the outcome and recommendations of the tender evaluation.

1. Carried

It was noted the time being 12:52pm the Chair resumed the Ordinary Meeting.

REPORT & RESOLUTIONS OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RECOMMENDATION (Nash/Rawson)

THAT the Report and Recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on Tuesday 11 March, 2025 be adopted.

EIE 25/05 Carried

TOWN ENTRY SIGNS

Clr Nash passed on comments from the Cumnock Progress Association regarding the new town entry signs. It was noted that they love the signs but the placement of the signs is strange.

Clr Nash will discuss this further with Deputy General Manager Infrastructure.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:54pm.

**MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE (OTHER) COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL
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THIS IS PAGE NO 1 OF THE MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE (OTHER) COMMITTEE
OF CABONNE COUNCIL HELD ON 11 MARCH, 2025

PRESENT Cllr J Jones (in the Chair), K O’Ryan, J Weaver, A Pearson.

Also present were the Deputy General Manager - Infrastructure, Department Leader - Urban Services, Executive Assistant - Cabonne Infrastructure

ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

ITEM - 1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RECOMMENDATION (Pearson/Weaver)

THAT there were no apologies tendered to be accepted.

IC25/01 Carried

ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RECOMMENDATION (O’Ryan/Pearson)

THAT there were no Declarations of Interest to be noted.

IC25/02 Carried

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION

RECOMMENDATION (Weaver/Pearson)

THAT there were no political donations to be noted.

IC25/03 Carried

ITEM - 4 INFRASTRUCTURE (COMMUNITY) INFORMATION REPORT

Proceedings in Brief

Strategic Activity Item 1 – Showground Master Plan (Molong, Cudal and Eugowra)

The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised that some minor amendments have been made to the documents however it will be presented to Council at the next meeting.

Strategic Activity Item 2 – Key Project Updates

Yeoval Recreation Ground – SCCF5

The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised that the Yeoval Community have requested until April to review playground designs. Cllr Weaver commented about how well set out everything is at Yeoval.

Eugowra Multipurpose Centre

The Chair thanked staff for the work done with this project. There were a number of difficulties encountered and the facility looks fantastic.

The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised that it will be ready for the opening on Friday.

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that there were still some drainage concerns (drainage not controlled in this area) and an engineer has been engaged. The engineer's report is due in April.

Montana Park, Manildra

The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised that MADIA have requested to spend some of their Village Enhancement Fund at Montana Park. Further conversations with MADIA will need to take place.

Cabonne Home Support (CHS) Refurbishment

The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised that the project is due to commence in April. Cllr Weaver commented that it is such an enhancement for Canowindra and is going to be great. Cllr O'Ryan noted that it is so well placed. The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised that it will be a much brighter space.

Molong and Canowindra CBD – Activate Cabonne Projects & Town Entry Signage

Cllr Weaver noted that some great comments are being received. The Canowindra walkway is fantastic. As are the art panels. Cllr O'Ryan also commented on how good the new bridge is looking.

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that these are great projects and both have been noted at the recent community consultations. There will be a future report to Council regarding the proposed use for the property which was purchased for the installation of the walkway.

The Chair enquired about the linemarking in Molong. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised that the priority is the sealing of the Gidley Street and Bank Street intersection, linemarking will be completed following this. The Chair noted that there are a number of events scheduled in Molong in April and these should be kept in mind when scheduling work. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised staff had only met with the contractor on 10 March, no set dates as yet.

Cllr Weaver advised that the Town Entry Signage is looking good. Cllr O'Ryan advised that the signs are ageing well. The contrast between the materials is showing more.

The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised that the planting will be completed over the next few weeks.

The Chair noted that the Town Entry Signage project was quite a large project. A total number of 37 signs were installed across the shire to ensure consistency and inclusion of all Cabonne villages. It was quite a challenge. The original signs have been left for the community to promote their events. Cllr Weaver complimented the Mayor who brought the request to Council. Cllr Pearson noted that the upgrade was long overdue, he had received lots of good feedback and it was a job well done.

Activating Cargo Village Green – Tennis Courts

The Chair thanked the Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure for working with the community to get the project completed.

Clr Weaver enquired why were the tennis courts originally put in the valley? The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure commented that it was probably due to being the village green/centre of town. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised it would have been a prominent location and likely there would have been no restrictions on recreational use.

Cabonne Pool Upgrades

Report as read.

Insurance Projects

Report as read.

Clr Weaver noted that it was interesting that following the meeting, the number of people who had no idea that things cost so much. Clr O’Ryan noted that they were also surprised over the vastness of what we’re doing and the resources required.

Flood Recovery Community Assets Program Projects

a) CAP24-001 Relocation of the Molong Hockey Field

The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised that a contractor meeting was held on Tuesday. A meeting with stakeholders will be held at the end of March.

b) CAP24-003 Eugowra Sportsground Lighting

Report as read.

c) CAP24-015 Refurbishment of the Old Eugowra Pre-School site

The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure noted that this has been brought forward in the program.

d) CAP24-005 Restoration of Memorial Park, Eugowra

The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure noted that a consultant has been engaged.

e) CAP24-006 Relocation of Manildra Multipurpose Courts

Report as read.

f) CAP24-007 Restoration of Eugowra Historical Museum and Bushranger Centre

Report as read.

g) CAP24-008 Activation of Hunter Caldwell Sports Precinct

The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised a meeting with the Soccer Club is being held 12 March. A further stakeholder meeting will be held in the future.

h) CAP24-009 Activation of Eugowra CBD

Report as read.

i) CAP24-013 Activation of Eugowra Showground Power

Report as read.

j) CAP24-014 Restoration of Eugowra Pool and Amenities

The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised that a report will be presented to Council at the March meeting regarding 3 pool related tenders. Cllr Weaver noted that looking at the list, and what Eugowra has suffered since 2022, the things that we are achieving at Eugowra must make the residents so happy. It's lovely to see so much being done.

RECOMMENDATION (O'Ryan/Weaver)

THAT the committee note the strategic Urban Infrastructure update.

IC25/04 Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cllr Weaver requested an update regarding the Canowindra Caravan Park cabin. The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure advised the cabin has been ordered, a site visit has been undertaken to confirm services and the cabin is due to be delivered by the end of April. The cabin comes ready to go, it will just need to be furnished. It is hoped that it will be ready for use at the end of the Financial Year. Cllr Weaver enquired about upgrading the road – there was talk of upgrading it to a bitumen surface. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure was not aware of this and will investigate and report back.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.33pm.

ANZAC DAY 2025

Borenore

1pm Service at Borenore CWA HALL, followed by food & soft drink for a gold coin donation - **TBC**

Canowindra

6am Dawn Service at Memorial Park

9am Wreath laying service at Soldier's Memorial Hospital

10.30am March from Junction Hotel to Memorial Park for an 11am service.

Cudal

10am March from Cudal Public School Service to Cudal & District War Memorial Gates

Cumnock

5.45am assemble for a 6am service at the RSL Hall - 46 Obley Street

Eugowra

5.45am Dawn Service at Memorial Park Cenotaph

10.45am March from the corner of North and Broad Street to the Cenotaph at Memorial Park for an 11am service

Manildra

10.00 am March from Manildra Bowling Club to the Manildra Soldier's Memorial Hall for a Service

Molong

5.45am assemble for a 6am Dawn Service at the Cenotaph on the Village Green

10.30am March from the RSL Club in Riddell St to the Cenotaph at the Village Green via Gidley St for an 11am Service

Obley

6.45am service at Obley War Memorial

Toogong

6am Dawn Service at St Alban's Church Grounds

Yeoval

5.350am Dawn Service. March from Billabong takeaway to the Memorial Hall.

10.30am March from Yeoval Central School to the Yeoval War Memorial Hall for a 10.45am Service





Cabonne Council
99-101 Bank Street
Monlong
NSW 2866

23.02.3035

Dear Cabonne Councillors,

Re: Manildra Moves Donation Request

Manildra Moves launched in November 2024. Thanks to financial support through the Building Healthy Communities Challenge from Western NSW Local Health District (WNSWLHD), Manildra Moves is bringing regular group fitness to Manildra. These activities aim to enhance both physical and mental well-being while fostering a deeper sense of community connection.

The initiative will culminate in the announcement of two "Movement Masters". These winners will be announced in April. One Movement Master will be awarded by the working group based on measurable health improvements, such as participation, weight loss and/or strength gains, and the other through a people's choice vote from participants.

In line with our goal to encourage ongoing participation in health and wellness activities, we are seeking health and fitness-related prizes to motivate and reward those who are taking part in the challenge. Manildra Moves is requesting Cabonne Council donate 2 family pool passes for the 2025/2026 swimming season, acknowledging that this donation will offer an opportunity for the winners and their families to continue their active and healthy lifestyles.

Manildra Moves is incredibly grateful for the changes Council has made to pool opening hours and the unsupervised pool access initiative. This has enabled Manildra Moves participants to swim every Monday and Wednesday throughout the 2024/2025 swim season with participants meeting new pool “buddies,” fostering additional social connections often enabling them to swim on other days too.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to receiving your response and the potential to continue supporting the success of Manildra Moves.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0411202837 or via email katherine@pasturedproduce.com.au if you have any questions or require further information.

Kind regards,

Katherine Shannon

Manildra Moves Working Group Member

3 March 2025

Mr Brad Byrnes
General Manager
Cabonne Council
Bank Street
MOLONG. NSW. 2866

Dear Mr Byrnes

Re: Annual Rates on Gumble Hall -Lot 500 DP1262477 –1786 Norah Creek Road GUMBLE NSW 2865.

I write on behalf of the Gumble Hall Incorporated Committee (Y2942311) who would like to request that the annual Council Rates as charged on the above Lot known as Gumble Hall be reviewed to reduce or entirely waive the charge moving forward.

Since the recent subdivision of the Hall lot from a local landowners parcel, the Hall has attracted a rate charge. The lot is charged a Business rating although it is zoned as Farmland.

The Hall Committee asks that Council considers the following in its review:

That the Gumble Hall is operated as Not-for-Profit by the Gumble Community which isn't and shall not be in a financial position to afford the annual Council Rates.

Although it could be considered Community Infrastructure, the Gumble Hall is operated and financed entirely by the Gumble Community at NO cost to Cabonne Council.

The transfer of the Hall land to the Gumble Community occurred with considerable cost to the Gumble Community following the expiry of a 99 Year Lease. The Hall Committee would here like to acknowledge Cabonne Council's assistance in achieving this transfer.


The Gumble Hall is central to the Gumble Community serving as a well being meeting place for this Farming Community, assisting in preserving Mental Health by preventing social isolation. The Hall is the base for the Gumble Rural Fire Service and its meetings. The Hall Committee feels it is unreasonable that it be expected to raise the funds to pay rates to Council. Council will be familiar with the ongoing maintenance and upkeep expenses associated with operating such a Heritage building, as well the cost of insurances and energy supply etc, which is all funded by Committee fundraising and the infrequent hiring out of the Hall.

The Hall Committee would sincerely appreciate Council's consideration of this request at its earliest convenience.

Yours in closing

Philip Salter.
President
Gumble Hall Incorporated

Att. Rate notice
Cc. Cabonne Councillors




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2024/2025

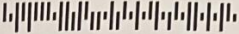
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Notice is given that the below mentioned rates & charges have been made & levied on the land described hereunder by virtue of S546 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Brad Byrnes
General Manager

Council offices at Molong and Cudal are open Monday to Friday 9.00am - 4.15pm for receipt of payments.

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03638-020

GUMBLE HALL INCORPORATED
 2440 BOCOBRA RD
 MANILDRA NSW 2865

assessment number	A99332
issue date	25/07/2024
DUE DATE	31/08/2024
valuation amount	\$29,300
valuation base date	1/07/2022
rating category	Business

property location & description

1786 NORAH CREEK RD GUMBLE NSW 2865
 L 500 DP 1262477

area
8549 SqM

payment in full

total due 31/08/24
\$ 618.40

particulars of rates & charges

25 BUSINESS - 25 (Min)	29300 @ 0.189000	541.00
S04 WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGE	1 @ \$38.70	38.70
S91 FUTURE CAPITAL WORKS REMEDIAT	1 @ \$38.70	38.70


payment by instalments


first due	31/08/24	\$ 156.40
second due	30/11/24	\$ 154.00
third due	28/02/25	\$ 154.00
fourth due	31/05/25	\$ 154.00

deduct any payments since	interest rate	rating period	TOTAL
30/06/2024	10.5% p.a	01/07/2024 - 30/06/2025	\$ 618.40

important: see over for further information & methods of payment

payment advice

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rates & charges notice

name GUMBLE HALL INCORPORATED

assessment no. A99332

payment in full \$618.40 **due date** 31/08/24

first instalment \$156.40 **due date** 31/08/24

if paying by mail, please tick if receipt required ☐



DONATIONS POLICY

OPERATIONAL POLICY

Responsible Department: Cabonne Services

Responsible Section: Development Services

Responsible Officer: Department Leader - Development Services

Objective

Provides for assistance given by Council by way of donations.

Introduction

This policy was created to document the way in which Council will support the community by way of a variety of donations.

This policy applies to individuals, community groups, not-for-profit organisations and S355 committees whose actions or activities bring benefit to the Cabonne LGA.

This policy does not include any support, initiatives or incentives available under Council's Economic Development Strategy.

Policy

Council will provide assistance by way of donations in the following categories:

1. Donations and sponsorships in response to applications assessed to be of benefit to the wider community
2. Donations equivalent to General Rate / Water / Sewer charges and reimbursement of some service charges
3. Donations equivalent to refunds of Development Application (DA) fees
4. Men's Sheds – donations of cash and or services
5. Progress Associations – donation of room hire for meetings

Requests for donations shall be on the prescribed Donation Application Form: the covering report to Council will identify funding as being from the s.356 budget and identify the availability of funds and the impact of the expenditure on the budget.

An acknowledgment or full reply will be provided to applicants within the days nominated in Council's Customer Service Guarantee.

Donations and sponsorship - applications assessed to be of benefit to the wider community

Council will consider applications from individuals, groups and organisations for sponsorship and donations toward events and activities considered to be of benefit with priority given to those benefiting the Cabonne community.

Applications will be submitted for consideration on their merits at the Community Services Committee and/or Council meetings.

Rate and Charge equivalent donations

Council resolved a policy in 1988 that an amount equal to the respective General Rates will be donated to Aged Units (as defined) within the Cabonne LGA (19 December 1988 Minute No: 8910/9). Over time other organisations have been added.

Council will contribute an amount equal to the rental cost of telephones at Cudal, Cumnock, Eugowra, Manildra and Yeoval pools subject to the Pool Committees meeting costs of calls: rental costs are to be funded from the Pool Maintenance Vote.

Development Application (DA) fees

Council will donate an amount equal to refunding the actual amounts paid as Council DA fees and charges, as defined, in instances relating to Council owned / controlled or Crown Land where the improvement would become a Council Asset.

Any requests for a refund/donation of DA fees by Not-For-Profit/Community Organisations will be submitted for consideration by Council with the amount to be refunded / donated to be determined on a case by case basis.

For clarity it is noted the following fees are not eligible for donation: statutory fees such as long service levy, advertising, planning reform (plan first levy) and other fees which may be charged including inspections, occupation certificate, subdivision, subdivision certificates, integrated development and principal certifying authority.

All fees associated with development applications, construction certificate applications and complying development applications are to be paid with the application. Requests for a refund of DA fees are to be made in writing on the prescribed form, stating the grounds or reasons justifying why Council should donate an amount equal to the relevant fees.

Fees to be donated back to the applicant will only be donated after determination of the relevant application.

Council staff may process any such requests within the limits of the policy. Any requests exceeding the policy are to be reported to Council for consideration.

Men's Shed

Men's Sheds in the Cabonne LGA are varied in their circumstances and needs with some operating from Council controlled buildings and others meeting in places owned by other organisations.

In the past support given by Council has included:

1. The donation of money
2. Supply of Concrete for the construction of a new shed
3. Loans on favourable terms
4. Assistance in identifying grant opportunities
5. Assistance in writing grant applications
6. The use of Council owned/controlled Buildings
7. Lobbying to other bodies
8. Waiving of fees and charges both partial and full

For all requests for assistance from Men's Sheds that have not previously secured more than minor assistance from Council, Council will:

1. Consider making donations of up to \$1,500.00 to assist with establishment costs
2. Consider loaning funds to assist with establishment costs
3. Consider waiving fees and charges
4. Provide assistance in identifying grant opportunities
5. Provide limited assistance in writing Grant Applications
6. Consider requests to use Council owned buildings at favourable rates
7. Assisting them in lobbying for the support of other organisations

For all requests for assistance from Men's Sheds that have previously received substantial assistance from Council, Council will:

1. Consider making donations of up to \$200.00 to assist with new projects
2. Consider waiving fees and charges
3. Provide assistance in identifying grant opportunities
4. Provide limited assistance in writing Grant Applications
5. Consider requests to lease Council owned buildings at favourable rates
6. Assisting them in lobbying for the support of other organisations

Council may at its discretion consider other requests on an individual basis and be mindful of treating all Men's Sheds in Cabonne in an equitable manner.

Responsibilities

General Manager: is responsible for the overall control and implementation of the policy.

Deputy General Managers and Department Leaders: are responsible for the control of the policy and procedures within their area of responsibility.

Deputy General Manager - Services: is responsible for approving or preparing reports to Council in relation to applications for a donation equivalent to DA fees as required by the policy.

Department Leader - Finance: is responsible for ensuring donations and refunds are processed as per policy.

Department Leader - Community Services: is responsible to report on applications for donations and sponsorships assessed to be of benefit to the wider community to Council for its consideration during Community Services Committee and Council meetings.

Definitions

LGA: Local Government Area

Men's Shed: A place where men can meet and engage in practical recreational pursuits and build up support networks among their peers.

DA fees and charges eligible to be donated: limited to:

- a. Development application fee
- b. *Construction certificate fee
- c. *Complying Development Certificate fee

*- only when issued by Council – not by private certifiers.

Aged Units: relates to approved non-resident funded aged accommodation facilities for people on low income.

References

Local Government Act 1993

Donation Application Form

Economic Development Strategy – located on Council's website

A listing of all current organisations, properties and levels of donation eligible for Rate and Charge equivalent donations.

History

Minute Number	Summary of Changes	New Version Date
	Compilation of various policies: "Donations", "Men's Shed", "Molong Advancement Group – Use of Mitchell Room", "S356 Funds – Report to Council", "Provision of	

	Telephone Facilities”, “Donations under Section 356 to Offset Rate Levies and Charges”; and addition of “DA Fees” Category.	
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**REPORT OF THE CABONNE COUNCIL LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD AT THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS MOLONG ON THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY, 2025 COMMENCING AT
10:00 AM**

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COMMITTEE OF CABONNE COUNCIL HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY, 2025**

PRESENT: Cllr Marlene Nash; Kylie Buckenhofer (TfNSW); Kel Gardiner; Andrew Wotton (NSW Police); Nathan Lamming (NSW Police); Mr Bibby (NSW Police)

PRESENT VIA TEAMS: Andrea Hamilton-Vaughan (Orange & Cabonne Road Safety Officer)

ALSO PRESENT: Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure; Engineering Coordinator; Administration Officer – Transport; Executive Assistant - Infrastructure

ITEM - 1 WELCOME

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The Department Leader - Transport Infrastructure provide a welcome to the members of the committee.

ITEM - 2 APOLOGIES

Proceedings in Brief

Matthew Christensen (Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Infrastructure)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Any apologies tendered be accepted.

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. There were no Declarations of Interest to be noted.

ITEM - 4 GOODNESS GRAVEL MARCH 2025 ORANGE CYCLING EVENT

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Approval for the Goodness Gravel cycling event on Saturday 15th March along Mount Canobolas, Lake Canobolas, Cargo, Cadia, and Bowan Park, Nanami, Barragan, Paling Yards Loop and Edinboro roads be endorsed.

ITEM - 5 GOODNESS GRAVEL NOVEMBER 2025 PARKES CYCLING EVENT

Proceedings in Brief

Mr Lamming advised that NSW Police had not received any information regarding this event.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The report for the Goodness Gravel Parkes Road Cycling Event on Saturday 1st November 2025 along various roads within the Cabonne Council area be tabled pending further information from the event organisers and advice from NSW Police.

ITEM - 6 RESILIENCE RIDE

Proceedings in Brief

Ms Buckenhofer enquired if the event organiser had obtained a Road Occupancy Licence (ROL) from Transport for NSW? The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that he would follow this up.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The Committee table the request to conduct the event along various roads through the Cabonne LGA subject to further information from the event organiser regarding the Road Occupancy Licence.

ITEM - 7 RIDE TO GIVE EVENT

Proceedings in Brief

Ms Buckenhofer enquired if this event has been to the Dubbo Local Traffic Committee? It was unknown.

Mr Lamming advised that NSW Police had not been advised regarding the event.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The committee tabled the report on the Ride to Give Event on 30th March 2025 along Obley Road, Forbes Street and Renshaw McGirr Way subject to further information from the event organiser and advice from NSW Police.

ITEM - 8 ULTIMATE ROCK CRAWLING

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted by the Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure that repairs to the causeway on Pinecliffe Road may be underway at the time of the event.

The Orange and Cabonne Road Safety Officer enquired about the type of signage the event organiser is planning to display. The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that he assumed it would be the standard black writing on yellow background advising “Event Ahead”. He will confirm with the event organiser. Ms Buckenhofer advised that advanced warning event ahead signage would be sufficient.

The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure noted that a copy of the Public Liability Insurance was yet to be received.

Mr Lamming noted that NSW Police had not yet been advised of this event.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The committee table the report on the Ultimate Rock Crawling event on 23rd to 25th May 2025 using Pinecliffe Road for access via Packham Drive subject to further information being received from the event organiser, a copy of the Public Liability Insurance be received and advice from NSW Police.

ITEM - 9 C2G (CARGO TO GRENFELL) WALK 2025

Proceedings in Brief

Ms Buckenhofer enquired how the event organisers were going to manage the walkers on Cargo Road given the current driver behaviour on Cargo Road? The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that he would request further information from the event organiser regarding this. The committee had concerns regarding the traffic trying to get around the walking group and potentially engaging in unsafe behaviour. It was suggested that the Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure encourage the event organiser to look at using an alternative walking route to Cargo Road. It was also suggested by the Committee that the event organiser have event signage in both directions advising of the upcoming change to traffic conditions. It was also suggested that a notification to residents along the route be provided by the event organiser.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. That committee table the C2G (Cargo to Grenfell) Walk 2025 event subject to the event organiser addressing the committees concerns regarding the use of Cargo Road.

ITEM - 10 VARIETY 4WD ADVENTURE DRIVE 2025

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The committee endorse the 2025 Variety 4WD Adventure drive along Lower Lewis Ponds, Ophir, Lookout and Long Point Road on 6th and 27th March 2025

ITEM - 11 CANOWINDRA BALLOON CHALLENGE

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted by the Committee that the dates noted in the comments on the Gaskill Street, Canowindra Traffic Guidance Scheme (TGS) are incorrect and will need to be amended.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The Local Traffic Committee endorse the approval of road closures and disruptions for the Canowindra International Balloon Challenge being held in Canowindra from 28 April to 3 May 2025 subject to the Traffic Guidance Scheme for Gaskill Street being updated.

ITEM - 12 CUMNOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted by NSW Police that the footpaths located on Railway Parade and in front of the Cumnock Police Station in the photos shown go right down to the road which would appear to indicate that there is a crossing. Ms Buckenhofer advised that these locations would not warrant a zebra crossing however the school may meet the requirements for a school crossing she will investigate and bring back to the next meeting.

The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure noted in the second part of the request, that the blisters had no records of incidents and no repairs or replacements of the signage. Council staff will continue to monitor the location.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. For the committee's consideration

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Speed Zone Updates

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) provide the below update regarding speed zone reviews.

Stage	Location	Update
Suggestion	Old Canobolas Road, Orange	Please enter into Safer Roads portal. Triage completed on 10 January.
Review	Yuranigh Road, Molong	Review in progress. Traffic counts from the review two years ago will be used unless there is more recent data.
Review	Rodd Street/Belubula Way	Review in progress.
Review	Spring Hill Rd, Spring Hill	Review in progress
Review	Ophir Road, Clifton Grove (from start of 100km/h zone to end)	Review in progress.
Review	Molong Street, Cargo (length of 80km/h zone)	Review in progress.
Review	Long Point Road, Mullion Creek (from start of 100km/h zone out 1km)	Review in progress.
Review	Banjo Paterson Way, Molong (from start of 100km/h zone to past Bloomfield Rd)	Review in progress.

Review	1341 Escort Way to the rail crossing, Borenore	Review completed and in approval process.
Review	Favell Road, Lucknow (entire sealed length)	Review approved with signs about to be ordered. OCC are installing.
Review	Lake Canobolas Road, Orange (from Cargo Road to start of 100km/h)	Review approved with signs ordered.
Review	Griffin Road, Orange (entire length)	Review completed and installed.
Review	Marsden Street, Molong (from start of 100km/h zone to end)	Review completed and installed.

The Orange and Cabonne Road Safety Officer requested that a review be undertaken on Euchareena Road. Ms Buckenhofer advised that it would need to be requested through the Safer Roads Portal.

Ms Buckenhofer noted that TfNSW had recently received 40+ requests regarding a review to be undertaken on Cargo Road to increase the speed limit, the reasons provided were varying. It was noted that the crash rate on Cargo Road is still high. Ms Buckenhofer noted that TfNSW would begin to progressively assess the speed zones for roads which connect to Cargo Road, these include Nancarrow Lane, Borenore Road and Nashdale Road. The Orange and Cabonne Road Safety Officer requested that Boree Lane be added to this review. Ms Buckenhofer advised that it would need to be requested through the Safer Roads Portal and encouraged the committee members to promote this to the public.

2. Upcoming Event – Outdoor Living and Caravan Expo

It was noted by the committee that this event would be undertaken completely within the Australian National Field Days site.

The organisers have been advised that in regards to their request for VMS boards that they will need to apply for approval to TfNSW.

3. Signage – Horse and Livestock

The Orange and Cabonne Road Safety Officer advised that this was placed on the agenda for the Orange and Cabonne Road Safety Committee however they did not have a quorum so advice was sought from TfNSW. Ms Buckenhofer advised that TfNSW had received a similar request however the request was vague. It was noted that Livestock required different signage and requirements to horses. However it was unclear whether the horses are being ridden on the road, or a trail. The committee has resolved to request further detailed information regarding the locations and type of signage being requested.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

1. Kilometres to Kilos event

Ms Buckenhofer advised that the above event had been raised at the Forbes Local Traffic Committee meeting. The event is being held on 01 May to 03 May and will involve approx. 30 riders and escort vehicles. The ride will include some roads within the Cabonne area (Lake Canobolas Road, Cargo Road and Bowan Park Road).

The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that Council had not been made aware of this event.

2. Orange and Cabonne Road Safety Officer Update

In light of the recent fatality on Lake Canobolas Road, the Orange and Cabonne Road Safety Officer had attended Lake Canobolas. She enquired about upcoming upgrades to the road and whether money had been requested from TfNSW? The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that Council had just released a Request for Quotation for the survey and design work on Lake Canobolas Road. It was noted that Lake Canobolas Road has been identified as a priority road for Council. Improvements have been scoped out and have been broken down into three sections along the length of the road, work has been estimated to be \$10M for each section. Council will have this as a “shovel ready” project for any funding opportunities which arise.

National Driver Fatigue Week has had a great response.

Child Restraint Checking will be undertaken in 18 locations throughout Orange and Cabonne.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.20am.

**REPORT OF THE CABONNE COUNCIL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD AT THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS MOLONG ON WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH, 2025 COMMENCING AT
5:30 PM**

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COMMITTEE OF CABONNE COUNCIL HELD ON 12 MARCH, 2025**

PRESENT: Cllr K Beatty (in the Chair); Cllr A Rawson; Cllr A Pearson;
Leigh Meagher; Michelle Murphy; Oliver Stone

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure; Department
Leader – Transport Infrastructure; Executive Assistant -
Infrastructure

ITEM - 1 WELCOME

RECOMMENDATION (RAWSON/MURPHY)

THAT:

1. The Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Infrastructure provide a welcome to the members of the committee

ITEM - 2 APOLOGIES

Proceedings in Brief

Cllr Jamie Jones

Brooke Bingham

Jill Sands

Chris Turner

Bob Dowling

Dave Herbert

RECOMMENDATION (MURPHY/MEAGHER)

THAT:

1. Any apologies tendered be accepted

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RECOMMENDATION (MEAGHER/PEARSON)

THAT:

1. There were no Declarations of interest to be noted

ITEM - 4 PROPOSED 2025/26 TRANSPORT BUDGET

Proceedings in Brief

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure introduced Mark Ellis as the new Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure.

The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure noted that it is proposed to increase the budget for the urban and local road reseal program from \$800K to \$1.2M.

It was noted that the Roads listed in the proposed Roads to Recovery programs have been identified based on input from the Area Supervisors along with Customer Service Requests which have been received.

Mr Meagher enquired about the proposed footpath construction behind Molong Pool – does this take into consideration the flood area. The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that the footpath is proposed to be constructed with concrete.

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that also included in the proposed budget for consideration are the following:

- Replacement of Baghdad Road bridge
- Replacement of Manildra Footbridge
- Replacement of the Dean Park access culvert in Cudal (it will be upgraded to a bridge)
- Increasing the capacity of culverts and causeways under a betterment program – this will target areas which are frequently washed out to provide an increased access reliability.

Mr Stone noted that it was good to see the work being done on Nangar Road in good lengths, also seeing them join up other good lengths is spot on and should be what Council is doing rather than the Heavy Patching. The Deputy General Manager advised that Council had reduced its Heavy Patching program in order to concentrate on working on longer lengths.

Mrs Murphy noted that there is nothing listed in the report regarding footpaths for Manildra. The volume of trucks in Manildra and the narrow road widths makes walking through the town unsafe. The footpaths that are in Manildra are not in the right locations. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised that the grant funding only allowed Council to submit four projects which had to be shovel ready. He noted that there is revision of the PAMP (Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan) coming up.

The Chair congratulated staff on submitting 52 culvert and causeway projects for the betterment program.

RECOMMENDATION (PEARSON/STONE)

THAT:

1. The draft 2025/26 Transport budget be noted.

ITEM - 5 ADVANCING UPGRADES TO CABONNE PRIORITY ROADS

RECOMMENDATION (STONE/RAWSON)

THAT the committee consider the update on the Cabonne Priority Roads upgrades.

ITEM - 6 ASSET REVALUATION AND CONDITION ASSESSMENT

Proceedings in Brief

Mr Stone noted that there were lots of areas which need improvements. His discussions with farmers and truck operators, they tend to prefer gravel roads over bitumen as they receive more maintenance.

The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure noted that the RACAS program allows staff to view past photos to current and compare the condition. The benefit of having the RACAS system ourselves, allows us to make our own runs twice a year.

Clr Rawson enquired if the RACAS system generates an analysis that shows improvement and deterioration/key pinch points.

Mrs Murphy enquired whether it just assesses the surface or does it also look at road width, line marking, signage etc.

The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that it can do road width, line marking and signage.

Mrs Murphy enquired whether the assessment takes into consideration the transport routes, school bus routes – are these used to prioritise the maintenance? The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that they are not just relying on the program. The Deputy General Manager confirmed that the report does not define Council's program but it does provide a fair trigger. A further report will be brought to the committee taking into consideration the road safety point.

RECOMMENDATION (RAWSON/MEAGHER)

THAT:

1. The Committee note the information

ITEM - 7 DRAFT ROADS MANAGEMENT POLICY

Proceedings in Brief

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure tabled this report as the policy to be presented was not attached.

Mrs Murphy enquired what the process is to add roads to the register? The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised that a report would need to be presented to Council and Council would make the decision.

Clr Rawson confirmed that the register is a maintenance register and not a register identifying roads within the LGA.

Mrs Murphy enquired about how roads get removed. The Deputy General Manager - Infrastructure advised it will be the same process as adding roads to the register.

Clr Rawson asked if in regards to road closures/leasing of roads/sale of roads, specifically paper roads – is there a register of these? The Deputy General Manager advised that Council could consider keeping a register of paper roads which have had interest in lease/purchase or closure. He advised that it was his intention to bring to Council a policy on the leasing/purchasing of Council roads and land in the future.

Mrs Murphy asked if there is a policy for levels of service? The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advise that the Office of Local Government required Council's to develop levels of service for assets. Council has committed to undertaking two reviews annually. Transport is scheduled to be undertaken in 2026/27.

RECOMMENDATION (MEAGHER/MURPHY)

THAT the draft Roads Management Policy be tabled and represented to the next Roads Advisory Committee for consideration.

ITEM - 8 TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE**Proceedings in Brief**

It was noted by the committee that it was good to see so much happening.

Clr Rawson enquired about the work to be done on Ophir Road (4th Crossing) under the RTRF Betterment program – is the culvert to be upgraded? The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised it is to be upgraded to a bridge. It currently is quite a large culvert which blocks up with debris during wet weather. By upgrading to a bridge it will allow the debris to not build up.

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure asked the committee if there has been a noticeable difference to road conditions given the large volume of work which has been done under the flood recovery program?

Mr Stone noted that Nyrang Creek bridge is yet to be tested, hopefully it will stand up to a wet season. He would like to see Council continue with the strategy of repairing longer lengths rather than random patching.

The Chair noted that the improvements on the road from Manildra to Parkes suffered lots of damage in 2022. It is good now and it will be interesting to see how it holds up if we get a wet period.

RECOMMENDATION (MURPHY/PEARSON)

THAT the Committee note the information provided.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mrs Murphy requested an update on the progression of the inspection program proposed to the committee some time ago. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure confirmed that this could be presented to the committee at the next meeting using the data from the revaluation.

Mr Stone enquired about whether Council had considered requesting funding from larger businesses within the LGA to assist with repairs to roads they are using frequently? He also enquired if it was possible to use manpower as was done many years ago when clubs like Lions and Rotary were allocated jobs to help. The Chair advised that unfortunately times have changed, there are now higher litigation risks.

Mrs Murphy noted that the public perception is that Council is missing the easy wins following on from the flooding. Things like clearing vegetation, drainage, picking up signs which have been left behind once works have been completed, replacing guide posts and reflectors etc. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure took this on board. The Chair noted that staff have been concentrating on undertaking a lot of drainage work.

The Deputy General Manager noted that at the last Council meeting in February, Clr Jones had requested that Council prioritise a road safety strategy for Cabonne.

Mr Meagher noted that following the fatality on Lake Canobolas it was important for people/residents to understand that Council did not have any funding to

undertake upgrades. It was also noted that this committee had identified Lake Canobolas Road as a priority road for upgrades.

Mr Stone noted that he would like his interest to continue on the committee noted as he had missed the Expression of Interest that was put out for the new committee.

It was noted that the next meeting would be scheduled for June or July 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.57pm.



DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT MOLONG SHOWGROUND



JULY 2023



Plan of Management
Molong Showground

In the spirit of reconciliation, the Cabonne community acknowledges and pays respect to the Wiradjuri people, the traditional custodians of the land referred to as Cabonne. The Cabonne community also pays respect to the Elders, both past and present, of the Wiradjuri Nation and extends that respect to other Indigenous Australians who are present in the Cabonne area. We recognise Aboriginal spiritual, social and cultural connections to these lands and waters, and state our commitment to ensuring that Aboriginal rights, as enshrined in legislation, are upheld and not eroded.

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The Annual Show of the Molong P. and A. Association was held on Wednesday last in the new grounds ... The day, though a bit hot, was an ideal one for outdoor gatherings. The only drawback was the dust, which made things very disagreeable, especially for the ladies. A water cart run over the ground would have been a blessing, but unfortunately Molong does not possess such a luxury. The attendance was a record for the last few years, at any rate, had reached during the afternoon fully 2000 souls. The town and district turned out well, and there were large contingents from Cumnock especially, Manildra, and Cudal. There were also a few representatives from Orange, but not nearly the number there should have been from that centre seeing the way the Molongites patronise gatherings there! Taking the exhibition from every standpoint it was one of the best – if not the best show – that has been held under the auspices of the Society, and if it had not been for the dry season would have been much better as regards the exhibits, which were somewhat scant in some of the sections, although the quality was excellent in most cases. The Secretary (Mr W. J. Windred), who had worked very hard for months past in organising the Show, must be gratified at the success of ... his arduous efforts... Mr. E. Hogan, from Cowra, had his two famous trotters on the ground, and they were a great attraction...The Hunting and Jumping contests had only one competitor – Hogan's Speculation, which won the same events last year. As the winner did not get the requisite number of points the judges decided to give him a portion of the prizes... The luncheon was well patronised, and as most of the edibles were donated, a tidy little sum should have been made out of the effort!

The Molong Argus March 18, 1914



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Molong Showground (or the Showground) is on Crown land owned by the State of New South Wales, managed by Cabonne Council (Council) for the benefit of the community. It is a substantial complex of crucial significance to the town of Molong and its neighbouring villages, and rural communities. It creates a common focus for community commitment and relationships and hosts a diverse range of events, interests and activities which are all integral to the region's health and lifestyle.

The annual Agricultural Show, a range of sporting activities including golf, disc golf, and equine sports, markets, livestock displays, interest group activities, community events and social functions all take place on the Molong Showground.

This Plan of Management works towards the following vision for the Molong Showground:

***"Molong Showground – Cabonne's resilient centre
of Sporting and Cultural excellence"***

The intention of this Molong Showground Plan of Management (MSPoM) is to provide Council with a framework that enables decisions regarding the site, to be made on an informed, consistent and equitable basis over the next decade. Specifically, it will provide a strategic framework to:

- direct the operation and development of the land.
- identify and address the legal and policy requirements of managing the land.
- manage and conserve the environmental and historical significance of the land, where present.
- identify and manage risks.
- describe how to promote and protect the intended use of the land.
- manage growth in Showground usage.

This MSPoM meets all the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act). Under this MSPoM, the land at the Molong Showground is categorised under the LG Act as:

- Sportsground
- Natural Area – Bushland
- General Community Use

A description of each category of land as it exists at the Molong Showground is provided.

The current use patterns, built and natural assets and their condition, emerging trends, constraints and influences, have been considered within this MSPoM.

Key challenges for the Molong Showground are to:

- provide a land base for the relocation of a number of sporting activities and facilities to the Showground



from the centre of Molong (a response to flooding in late 2022).

- maintain and improve all facilities and services whilst contending with high costs associated with the management of aging and limited infrastructure and services.
- generate new sources of income by encouraging new and emerging users, through promoting further opportunities.
- manage the approval process for required works coupled with administrative and legislative requirements.
- avoid ad-hoc development.
- manage implementation of required improvements.
- consider aesthetic appeal in any new landscape design.
- implement a practical management structure to improve coordination, maintaining formal arrangements of occupation and responsibility.
- manage and ensure compliance of a range of targeted tenures and use agreements.
- minimise the burden on the community in maintaining the facilities at the Molong Showground.
- continue to recruit and maintain a strong volunteer base.

Issues raised in discussions with Council and user groups of the Molong Showground have also been considered in developing a range of appropriate responses to challenges in its management, including works, approvals, accountabilities, communication, cooperation, a management structure, and revenue raising. A Masterplan produced in 2020 by Council for Molong's recreation areas, including those currently located at the Showground, has been considered here.

This MSPoM therefore presents modified strategies and new directions which will drive the issues identified above, delivering desired outcomes over the next 10 years. It also considers the Showground's built and natural environment, its history, and the needs of its users. The success of these strategies and the roll out of the MSPoM is based on a maintenance of cooperation and good-will between all responsible participants, and a strong acknowledgement of the value of enthusiastic volunteer members.

The location of the Molong Showground in the context of the town and surrounding area, is shown in Figure 1.



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Figure 1 – Locality Diagram, Molong Showground

This MSPoM is presented in two principal sections:

Part A – **BACKGROUND**; defines and describes the Showground in terms of the required policy and legislative framework, historical, physical and cultural characteristics.

Part B - **THE PLAN**; describes what is determined for the Molong Showground's future, including a management structure, accountabilities, opportunities for increased income, and an implementation plan which addresses and depicts the needs and priorities of the showground's physical, social, environmental and cultural environment. The implementation plan provides the strategies and actions required to achieve this MSPoM.



PART A – BACKGROUND

1. HISTORY

To appreciate the social and economic base which has influenced the development of the Molong Showground over many years, and the important services it provides the community today, it is relevant to highlight the history of Molong and its area.

1.1 Traditional Owners

The traditional owners of the Molong area are the *Wiradjuri*, originally one of the largest linguistic groups in NSW whose boundary extended from near Cassilis in the northeast, to the Darling River in the west, the Murray River in the south, and the Great Dividing Ranges to the east. The word “Molong” comes from a Wiradjuri word, meaning **place of many rocks**.¹

Although relationships between the local tribe and the early Europeans were initially amicable, friction inevitably arose between the groups and by 1824, martial law was declared. A newspaper editorial reviews the early encounters between the Wiradjuri and the Europeans at that time, leading to the ultimate dominance of the new settlers.²

“The blacks were very troublesome, and much of the work of yard or hut building was done in a constant dread of an attack by the aboriginals. The sphere of the white man’s influence spread, however, and gradually the whole of the country was brought under pastoral occupation...”

As pastoralism spread throughout the central west, there were fewer and fewer places for the Wiradjuri to live, and at the end of the period of frontier violence, they would drift towards the properties of the pastoralists who were more sympathetic. The descendants of mixed unions continued to marry into established Aboriginal families and Aboriginal labour became valuable to the pastoralists, particularly during the gold rush era.

Large pastoral properties commenced to be broken up and subdivided as a result of the various land reforms, and the Aboriginal labourers and their families were scattered. Unless employment was successfully sought elsewhere, many Aboriginals were forced onto reserves, recently established by the Aboriginals Protection Board.

One notable Wiradjuri was Yuranigh, who was buried in 1850 just four kilometres south of Molong township. Yuranigh accompanied the explorer and surveyor Thomas Mitchell to the interior of Australia in 1846. His burial place was chosen according to traditional custom due to the presence there of a circle of carved trees denoting the significance of the site to the Wiradjuri people, but also in bearing witness to important early interaction between Aboriginal and European cultures. In 1852, Mitchell had a headstone placed over Yuranigh’s grave, as a sign of respect of courage, honesty, and fidelity.³

During the twentieth century, Showgrounds had important social significance to Aboriginal people all

¹ Science of Man. In: *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Society of Australia* July 27, 1904 (page 88).

² The Great Mudgee District: *Mudgee Guardian* 20 March 1900.

³ www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/visit-a-park/parks/yuranighs-aboriginal-grave-historic-site



over the central west and beyond. For instance, they offered shelter when town visits occurred between family groups, and most importantly, provided a significant venue for participation in sport by Aboriginal people. Boxing tents which regularly featured Aboriginal boxers were a major attraction for show attendees all over NSW and in other states.

1.2 European Settlement

The first European to come to the Molong area is understood to have been William Lee of Kelso (near Bathurst), who by 1819, had cattle grazing there. European settlement began when a government stockade was established on the stock run between Bathurst and Wellington, 1.5 km east of the present Molong township, around 1822. Under the orders of Governor Darling, a military and police outpost, with garrison soldiers, was established in 1826. This was during the time of the established *Nineteen Counties*⁴, being the limits within which settlers were permitted to take up land in the Colony of New South Wales, due to the dangers of wilderness which existed beyond.

The explorer Charles Sturt visited the establishment in 1828, and the first land grant, "Larras Lee", received its deed in 1832. A copper mine was established at Copper Hill in 1846, 3 km north of the settlement, which was the first metal mine to be established in the Colony of New South Wales.

Molong was fixed upon for a village site in the Government Gazette on 27 March 1849. This commenced the process of land sales within the town in 1856, the first cluster being the sites on which the Golden Fleece Hotel, Freemasons Hotel, a Methodist Chapel, and St. Johns Anglican Church were established. The Court House was built in 1864, and the Post Office 1872.⁵ The current Molong Historical Museum is located in one of the hotels which was established in 1856. The towns of East Molong and West Molong were proclaimed in 1885.

The roll-out of many subsequent and significant events in the evolution of the status of agriculture in the Molong district is resounding, as that industry emerged as significant to the local and regional economy. The sequence of several of these more notable events was:⁶

- The early settlers quickly established that land around Molong that was not only suitable for grazing cattle and sheep, but the soils of the district were also adequately rich to support what was to become a significant cropping industry.
- The first wheat grown around Molong was planted by William Black in 1888. John Eade became a regular exhibitor at shows and was also president of the Molong Show Society. Eade was nominated as world champion exhibitor in 1926, with a wheat variety called *Boomey*.
- The introduction of rail lines and the establishment of silos in the district meant the area was merging towards a reputation as one of the most productive cropping areas in the southern hemisphere.
- In the 1890s, the development of the Packham Triumph Pear at Clifton, by C.H. Packham, also put Molong on the map in horticultural circles. With the pears, vineyards which were first

⁴ The Nineteen Counties were defined by the Governor of New South Wales, Lt General Ralph Darling and mapped in 1834 by the Surveyor General, Major Thomas Mitchell.

⁵ Molong NSW. In: *Aussie Towns – A to Z of Australian Towns*.

⁶ Adapted from: Giving the Past a Future, December 2002. *A Contextual History of Cabonne, prepared for Cabonne Council by Times Past Productions Chintola Pty Ltd.*



established in about 1916, and with the stone fruits which emerged across the area after that time, horticultural fame for the area was also created.

- In 1951, the children from Fairbridge Farm⁷ and Molong formed the *Molong-Fairbridge Farm Junior Farmers Club* – the impetus in statewide agricultural education for young prospective farmers in an organisation named *Junior Farmers*, later to be known as *Rural Youth*.

Most recently, a devastating natural event now reflects significantly in the history of Molong, and its future. On November 14, 2022, flooding of Molong Creek adjacent to the town, ravaged the township's lower CBD, destroying homes, infrastructure and sporting facilities and isolating the population. This flood was the result of a wider weather system which also impacted seriously on a number of other townships in the area, including Eugowra. This devastating event at Molong now casts new light towards the potential utility of the flood-free Molong Showground site, particularly as a land base for a number of relocated sporting activities and facilities from the township.

1.3 The Establishment of the Molong Showground

Molong Showground was part of a Crown Grant (Portion 15) to the Reverend Wilkinson and Richard Sadlier in trust on 22 February 1843. The Grant was in fulfillment of a promise to Mary Marsden (later Mary Betts), daughter of the senior chaplain Samuel Marsden, whereby daughters of chaplains should receive 1280 acres land in consideration of the inadequacy of salaries of the chaplains.

Ironbanks Road (later Euchareena Road) as the *Road from the Orange and Wellington Road to Molong* was surveyed 5 June 1875 and opened 21 March 1882.

Portion 15 was subdivided as the Vale Head Estate and part of Section J of the Estate, being about 80 acres, was surveyed on 6 April 1911 (see Figure 2) and sold by Mrs Betts' descendant to the *Minister for Lands for the State of New South Wales for and on behalf of His Most Gracious Majesty King George V* for nine hundred and sixty-five pounds and five schillings on 11 July 1911.

This land was dedicated for Racecourse and Showground on 10 January 1912.⁸ The racecourse component became the main feature with its own grandstand. In around 1947 there was controversy within racing circles when it was discovered the weigh-in process had been tampered with. A tunnel had been dug between the grandstand to the weigh in room and scales.

The 1912 dedication was revoked in favour of the current dedication for Public Recreation, Racecourse and Showground⁹ under Section 24 of the *Crown Lands Consolidation Act 1913* on 7 May 1954.

Council, as the Council of the Shire of Molong, was appointed Trustee of the dedication under the *Public Trusts Act 1897* on 2 July 1954. Council was again appointed as Trust Manager on 28 June

⁷ Established on farmland south of Molong in 1938, the Fairbridge organisation operated a child migration scheme for underprivileged British children. The school closed in 1973. (In: *Find and Connect – History and Information about Australian Orphanages - Fairbridge Farm School, Molong (1938-1973)*).

⁸ An earlier Recreation Reserve including a racecourse had been located on Crown land further to the northeast of the current site.

⁹ Dedication for Public Recreation, Racecourse and Showground has been designated D.590024 in the records of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands.



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1996 and on 30 November 2001.

Part of the 1954 dedication, now Lot 130 Deposited Plan (DP) 756883, was revoked to permit the issuing of a Special Lease to Molong Golf Club Limited in 1979.

Part of the Vale Head Estate was amalgamated and eventually subdivided as DP 504411. Lots 2 and 3 in DP 504411 were purchased by the Council of the Shire of Molong in 1963, transferred to Molong Golf Club Limited in 1979 and then to the State of New South Wales in 2022. They were declared to be Crown land and reserved as R.1040032 for Public Recreation, Showground, Racecourse and Recreation Facilities under Section 2.8 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* on 13 May 2022. Council was appointed Crown land manager of R.1040032 on the same day.

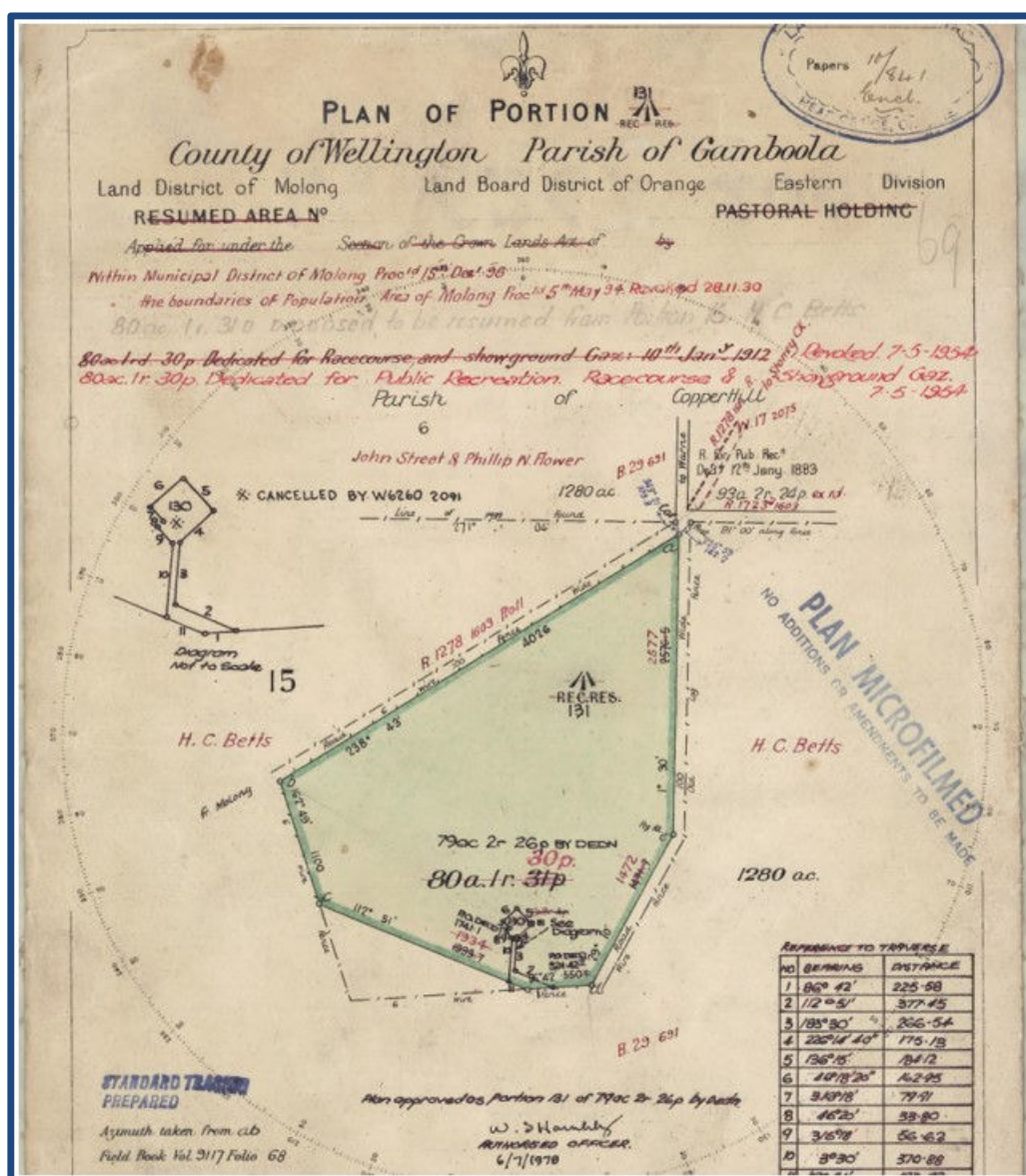


Figure 2 – Crown Plan 6261-2091 - Plan of Dedication for Public Recreation, Racecourse and Showground



2 LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Crown land is owned by the State of New South Wales for the benefit of all people. Local Government Authorities manage Crown land on behalf of the State, as Crown land managers, under Division 3.4 of the CLM Act. The CLM Act provides that a council manager¹⁰ is authorised to classify and manage its dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were public land within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act).

The CLM Act requires councils to undertake Plans of Management for Crown reserves as per the requirement of the LG Act.

The LG Act provides the legislative framework for Council's day to day operations, and it identifies Council's responsibility to actively manage land and to involve the community in developing a strategy for management.

This MSPoM has been prepared in order to achieve a balanced, responsible and ecologically sustainable use of the land and to ensure that it addresses the needs of the local neighbourhood, the broader community, and the environment. It has been prepared to meet the requirements of the LG Act.

2.1 Public Land

This land, briefly described above, is Crown land managed by Cabonne Council.

Under the LG Act, all public lands must be classified as either community or operational land. The land shown in [Figure 1](#) has been classified community land under the provisions of the LG Act and Section 3.22(1) of the CLM Act.

The purpose of the classification is to clearly delineate which land should be kept for use by the general public (community land) and which land need not be kept for that purpose (operational land). The major consequence of the classification is that it determines the ease or difficulty by which the land may be alienated by sale, lease or other means. Community land would ordinarily comprise land such as a sportsground, hall, public park etc.,¹¹ and operational land would consist of land which facilitates carrying out of a public service, such as works depots, or land held as a temporary asset or investment.

Community land:

- cannot be sold
- cannot be leased, licensed or any other estate granted over the land for more than 30 years¹²
- must have a Plan of Management (PoM) prepared for it.

¹⁰ A council manager is a local council which has been appointed crown land manager of a reserve under Section 3.3 of the CLM Act.

¹¹ See the note to Chapter 6, Part 2 of the LG Act.

¹² Approval of the Minister administering the LG Act is required for leases over 21 years.



2.2 Plans of Management

The LG Act requires that Council prepare a PoM in conjunction with the community to identify the important features of the land, clarify how Council will manage the land and how the land may be used or developed. Until a PoM for community land is adopted, the nature and use of the land cannot be changed. To change this, the PoM must be revised.

Council will undertake the required process as per Section 36 of the LG Act and Section 3.23 of the CLM Act for this MSPoM.

Specifically, the LG Act requires that a PoM must identify:

- Category of the land.
- Objectives and performance targets of the Plan with respect to the land.
- Means by which the Council proposes to achieve the Plan's objectives and performance targets.
- Manner in which the Council proposes to assess the objectives and performance targets.
- Condition of the land, and of any buildings or other improvements on the land, as at the adoption of the Plan.
- Use of the land and any such buildings or improvements as at adoption.
- Specific purposes for which the land, and any such buildings or improvements, will be allowed to be used.
- Specific purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise.
- A description of the scale and intensity of any such permitted use or development.

2.3 Categorisation and Objectives

As required by legislation for the purposes of the PoM, community land is categorised as one of the following:

- Natural Area
 - Bushland
 - Wetland
 - Watercourse
 - Escarpment
 - Foreshore
- Sportsground
- Park



- Area of Cultural Significance
- General Community Use.

Once categorised, community land is also subject to specified objectives which are outlined in the LG Act, and in this MSPoM (see Section 10).

2.4 Types of Plans

The LG Act allows a PoM to cover one or multiple parcels of land.

Where multiple parcels of land are covered in one plan (Generic Plans), the LG Act specifically states what needs to be included. Where a PoM covers one parcel of land (Specific Plans), like this Plan, there is greater detail on what has to be prescribed in the Plan. A Generic Plan sets the framework of how the land is to be managed. A Specific Plan clearly outlines precise management proposals.

PoMs for community land are periodically reviewed to enable changing social, economic and ecological conditions to be taken into account and consequently amendments to the Plan may occur. This MSPoM is Molong Showground's first PoM under the provisions of the required legislation, although a Molong Masterplan (draft) of Recreational Grounds, which included the Showground area, was completed by Council in 2020. Particularly as it involved public consultation, this masterplan also provides some value in the compilation of this plan.



3 SITE DESCRIPTION

3.1 Land Parcels

The lands for which this MSPoM is compiled, lie within the Cabonne Local Government Area, on Euchareena Road, approximately 2.1 km east of Molong, in Central Western New South Wales. The location of the Molong Showground is shown in Figure 1 and a more detailed site map as Figure 3.¹³

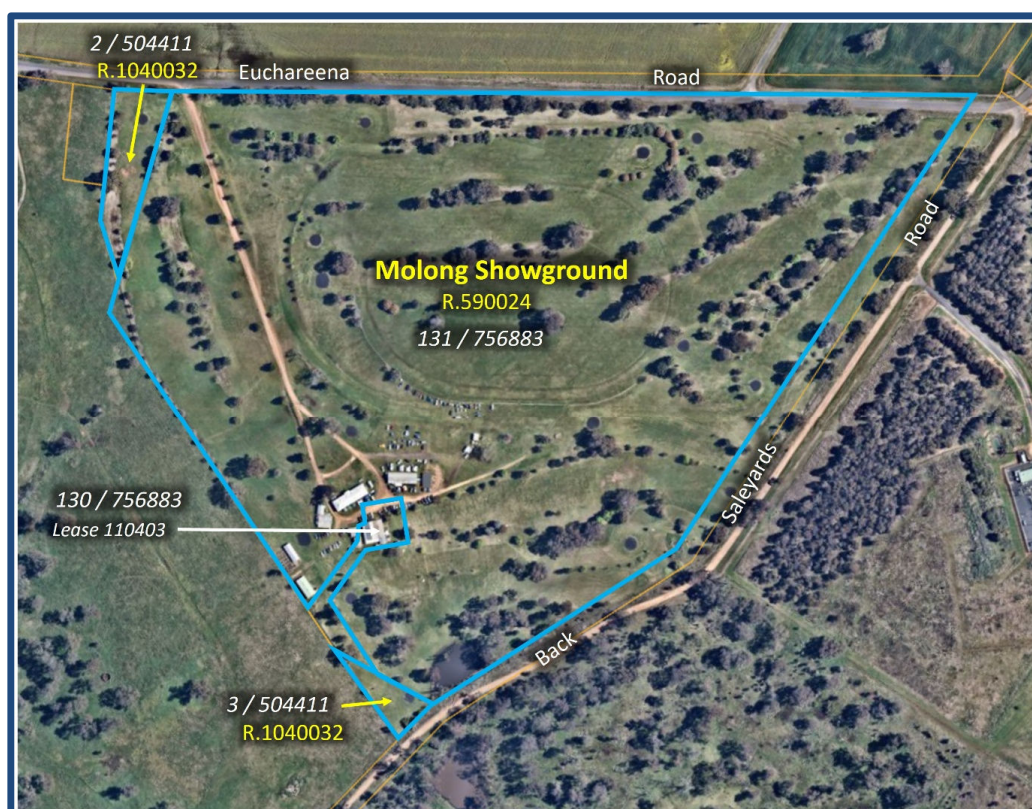


Figure 3 – Diagram showing Land included in this MSPoM

The property addresses of the Molong Showground are provided as Euchareena Road, and 184 Euchareena Road, Molong. The land covers the whole of Lot 131 DP 756683 and Lots 2 & 3 DP 504411.

Molong Showground is bounded by 866m of Euchareena Road to the north-west, 862m of Back Saleyards Road to the east and south-east and cleared rural land to the south-west.

Reserve D.590024 (Lot 131) was dedicated for the purposes of Public Recreation, Racecourse and Showground on 7 May 1954. Reserve R.1040032 (Lots 2 and 3) was reserved for the purposes of

¹³ Figure 3 appears to show a cadastral anomaly whereby a shift at the northeast corner of the Showground has left both Euchareena Road and Back Saleyard Road well out of alignment. This westerly shift of the cadastre appears to continue to the north of the Showground. A review of DP 542283, surveyed in 1971 and being the last survey of the road intersection, does not confirm this anomaly on the ground or indicates fencing at the time was within 1 metre of boundary corners. An investigation by the Cadastral Integrity Unit of the Office of the Registrar General may assist in this regard should management or the boundary definition become a significant issue.



Public Recreation, Racecourse, Showground and Recreation Facilities on 13 May 2022.

Visitors enter the Showground's main gate off Euchareena Road.

The total area of the Showground is approximately 31.10 hectares.

3.2 Ownership and Management

The Showground is on land with title held in the first schedule by the State of New South Wales. The land is Crown land for the purposes of the CLM Act and is subject to:

- Reserve D.590024 for Public Recreation, Racecourse and Showground - Lot 131 DP 756683.
- Reserve R.1040032 for Public Recreation, Showground, Racecourse and Recreation Facilities - Lots 2 & 3 DP 504411.

All assets on the Showground are owned by the State of New South Wales.

Council is the appointed Crown land manager under the CLM Act.

Section 3.21 of the CLM Act authorises Council to manage the land as if it were public land within the meaning of the LG Act. Under the LG Act, all public lands must be classified as either community or operational land and this land has been classified community land.

Native Title

Crown land in Australia is subject to Native title under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth). On Crown land native title rights and interests must be considered unless:

- native title has been extinguished, or
- native title has been surrendered, or
- determined by a court to no longer exist.

Some examples of acts which may affect native title on Crown land or Crown reserves managed by Council include:

- the construction of new buildings and other facilities such as toilet blocks, walking tracks, grandstands and barbecues
- the construction of extensions to existing buildings
- the construction of new roads or tracks
- installation of infrastructure such as powerlines, sewerage pipes, etc
- the issue of a lease or licence



- the undertaking of major earthworks.

When proposing any act that may affect native title on Crown land or Crown reserves the act must be authorised through Part 2 Division 3 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth)*.

No future act is permitted on Lots 2 and 3 DP 504411 unless:

- a. the lands become *excluded land* for the purposes of the CLM Act, or
- b. the act is a tenure which satisfies the requirements of Section 24HA (Management of Water and Airspace) of the *Native Title Act 1993*.
- c. the act is a public work or tenure which satisfies the requirements of Section 24KA of the *Native Title Act 1993*.
- d. the act is a low impact act and satisfies the requirements of Section 24LA of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

Any act authorised under Section 24LA of the *Native Title Act 1993* will terminate, after an approved determination of native title is made in relation to the land or waters, if the determination is that native title exists.

Aboriginal Land Rights

The *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (ALR Act) seeks to compensate Aboriginal peoples for past dispossession, dislocation and loss of land in NSW. The lodgment of an aboriginal land claim (ALC) under Section 36 of the ALR Act, over Crown land creates an inchoate interest in the land for the claimant pending determination of the claim. The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown lands (DPHI-CL) advises that, if the land is subject to an undetermined ALC, any works, development or tenures authorised by the MSPoM should not go ahead if:

- the proposed activity could prevent the land being transferred to an ALC claimant in the event that an undetermined claim is granted.
- the proposed activity could impact or change the physical/environmental condition of the land, unless:
 - the council manager has obtained written consent from the claimant Aboriginal Land Council to carry out the proposed work or activity, and/or
 - the council manager has obtained a written statement from the Aboriginal Land Council confirming that the subject land is withdrawn (in whole or partial) from the land claim.
- the proposed activity is a lease to be registered on title unless the council manager has obtained written consent from the claimant Aboriginal Land Council.

At the time of drafting, DPHI-CL advised there is currently an undetermined ALC over the Lot 131 DP 756883 lodged by the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council on their own behalf on 22 May 2006.



4 PLANNING INSTRUMENTS AND POLICIES

Molong Showground is managed and developed subject to this MSPoM, environmental planning instruments and Council policies.

4.1 State Environmental Planning Policies

State Environmental Planning Policies can specify planning controls for certain areas and/or types of development. They can also identify the development assessment system that applies and the type of environmental assessment that is required. The Molong Showground is subject to the State Environmental Planning Policies. Important amongst these in the development of the showground is *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* or the T&I SEPP.

Section 2.73 of the T&I SEPP provides that development for any purpose may be carried out without consent on Crown managed land, by or on behalf of a Crown land manager of the land if the development is for the purposes of implementing a PoM adopted for the land in accordance with the LG Act.

All impacting State Environmental Planning Policies are listed below. Those that are considered more relevant to the future of Molong Showground and this MSPoM are underlined below and briefly described in **Appendix 1**:

- State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Industry and Employment) 2021*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resources & Energy) 2021*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Primary Production) 2021*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy No 65 — Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021*
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021



4.2 Land Zoning

Under the *Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012 (CLEP)*, the Molong Showground in total is zoned RE2 – Private Recreation.



Figure 4 – Zoning Plan

The Cabonne Local Environment Plan zones the Showground as RE2 – Private Recreation.

The objectives of the RE2 – Private Recreation zone are:

- to enable land to be used for private open space or recreational purposes.
- to provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses.
- to protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.



On land zoned RE2, the following activities are permitted without consent:

- Environmental protection works

On land zoned RE2, the following activities are permitted with consent:

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| • Aquaculture | • Moorings |
| • Boat launching ramps | • Recreation areas |
| • Boat sheds | • Recreation facilities (indoor) |
| • Camping grounds | • Recreation facilities (major) |
| • Community facilities | • Recreation facilities (outdoor) |
| • Eco-tourist facilities | • Registered Clubs |
| • Emergency Services facilities | • Restaurants or cafes |
| • Flood mitigation works | • Roads |
| • Helipads | • Signage |
| • Information and education facilities | • Water recreation structures |
| • Jetties | • Water supply systems. |
| • Kiosks | |

On land zoned RE2 all other development is prohibited, subject to State and Regional Environmental Planning Policies that apply to this land.

Figure 4 shows that the Molong Showground is surrounded by other lands zoned R5 (Large Lot Residential) and RU1 (Primary Production).

4.3 Flood Planning

The CLEP states the objectives for Flood Planning is to:

- minimise the flood risk to life and property associated with the use of land.
- allow development on land that is compatible with the flood function and behaviour on the land, taking into account projected changes as a result of climate change.
- avoid adverse or cumulative impacts on flood behaviour and the environment.
- enable the safe occupation and efficient evacuation of people in the event of flood.

The CLEP demonstrates that the Molong Showground is distant from any flooding hazard.

4.4 Terrestrial Biodiversity and Native Vegetation Regulation

The objectives of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Clause in the CLEP are to maintain terrestrial biodiversity by:

- protecting native flora and fauna, and



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- protecting the ecological processes necessary for their continued existence, and
- encouraging the conservation and recovery of native fauna and flora and their habitats.

The CLEP contains no notation of biodiversity certified land or biobanking agreement associated with this land as per the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, and as such, terrestrial biodiversity mapping within the CLEP indicates that there are no areas of significant terrestrial biodiversity within the Molong Showground. However, it is noted that the southern end of the Showground boundary with Back Saleyards Road adjoins an area mapped as significant terrestrial biodiversity (Figure 5).



Figure 5 – Terrestrial biodiversity
Terrestrial biodiversity adjoins Molong Showground's southeastern boundary (dark green shading).

Land zoned RE2 is covered by the State Government's native vegetation laws aimed at protecting the biodiversity values of trees and other vegetation in non-rural areas of NSW and is included within the



*State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*¹⁴ and also considered within the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*. Any clearing of native vegetation requires consideration and possible authorisation under these policies.

4.5 Groundwater Vulnerability

The entirety of the area occupied by Molong Showground is shown in the CLEP to be impacted by a groundwater vulnerability consideration (Figure 6).

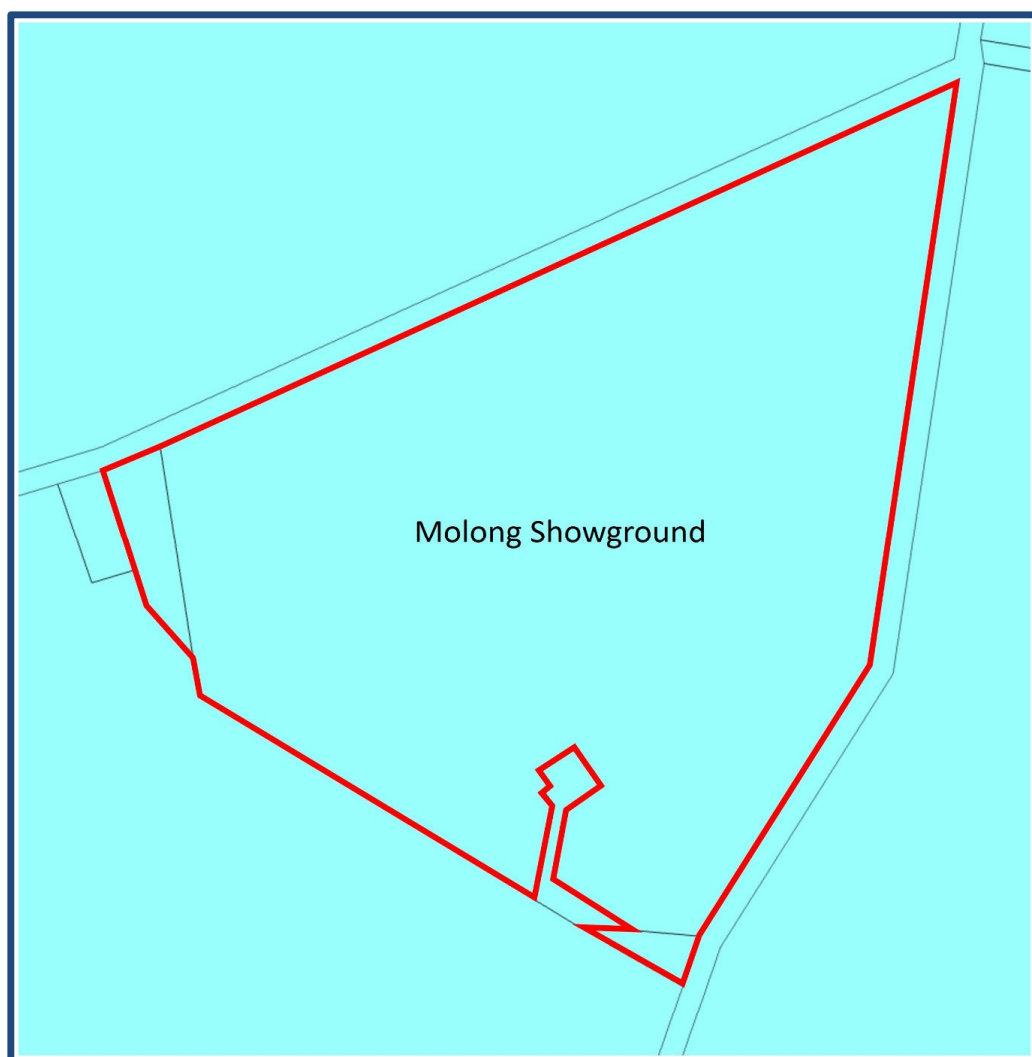


Figure 6 – Environmentally Sensitive Lands – Groundwater Vulnerability

¹⁴ Part 2.3 (1)(b) of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*.



The objectives of the Groundwater Vulnerability clause are:

- to maintain the hydrological functions of key groundwater systems.
- to protect vulnerable groundwater resources from depletion and contamination as a result of development.

Before determining a development application on this land, consideration must be made of likely consequences to the values stated. These include possible depletion and/or contamination of the resource, impact on groundwater dependent ecosystems, cumulative impact etc.

4.6 Bushfire Hazard

Molong Showground has land which is designated Bushfire prone. Bushfire prone land is defined as an area of land that can support a bush fire or is likely to be subject to bush fire attack, as designated on a bush fire prone land map.¹⁵ Bushfire prone land is allocated categories of risk, which range from Bushfire Vegetation Buffer to Bushfire Categories 1 to 3.

The NSW Governments Planning portal¹⁶ describes a range of bushfire hazard rankings:

Vegetation Category 1 – considered to be the highest risk for bush fire and will be given a 100m buffer. This vegetation category has the highest combustibility and likelihood of forming fully developed fires including heavy ember production.¹⁷

Vegetation Category 2 – considered to be a lower bush fire risk than Category 1 and Category 3 but higher than the excluded areas **and will be given a 30-metre buffer**. This vegetation category has lower combustibility and/or limited potential fire size due to the vegetation area shape and size, land geography and management practices.

Vegetation Category 3 – considered to be medium bushfire risk vegetation. It is higher in bushfire risk than Category 2 (and excluded areas) but lower than Category 1.

Vegetation Buffer (see definition Category 2).

Note that Bush fire hazard reduction work authorised by the *Rural Fires Act 1997* may be carried out on any land without development consent.¹⁸

Categories 2 (buffer - yellow shading) and 3 (orange shading). Bushfire prone land is shown to be present at Molong Showground and is shown in Figure 7.

¹⁵ Guide for Bush Fire Prone Land Mapping Version 5b November 2015: *NSW Rural Fire Services*.

¹⁶ www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/spatialviewer/#/find-a-property/lot.

¹⁷ Guide for Bush Fire Prone Land Mapping Version 5b November 2015: *NSW Rural Fire Services*.

¹⁸ Advice should be sought from the Molong Rural Fire Service regarding any planned bushfire hazard management at the showground.



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Figure 7 – Bushfire Hazard

4.7 Heritage Significance

The CLEP indicates that there are no items of heritage significance present at the Molong Showground.

4.8 Indigenous Heritage Significance

A search of the NSW government's Office of Environment and Heritage AHIMS Web Services revealed that there were no Aboriginal sites or places recorded on the Showground or within a 200m buffer from the site.

The Molong Showground does not contain any items listed in the CLEP as being of known aboriginal archaeological sites, nor places of indigenous heritage significance.



Any development must comply with the scheme contained in the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

4.9 Council Strategies, Plans and Policies

In addition to the State policies and the directions of the CLEP, Council has developed a number of plans, general policies and papers which have either direct or indirect relevance to planning, management and maintenance of community land and Council Reserves. The main planning framework, the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework (IPRF), accords with the NSW Government's direction that councils are required to develop a hierarchy of plans which assist councils deliver long, medium and short-term plans. The IPRF recognises that most communities share the common aspirations to live and work in a safe, healthy and pleasant place, in a sustainable environment, where there exists opportunity for social interaction and employment, and provision of reliable infrastructure.

Those plans, strategies and policies of particular relevance for the future of the Molong Showground are:

- ***Cabonne Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032*** – identifies the community's vision for the future, long term goals, and strategies to get there. It also outlines how Council will measure progress towards that vision, for which it shares responsibility with other partners such as state agencies, non-government business and industry groups, joint organisations and community groups. The plan will protect and strengthen what is valued about Cabonne local government area, such as the spirit of community, the lifestyle and the diversity of opportunity, as well as enhancing the future socially, economically, culturally and environmentally.
- ***Community Engagement Strategy 2022-2026*** – ensures that people impacted by Council's decisions will be provided with the opportunities to have a say during the process leading up to that decision. The strategy outlines Council's commitment to actively engage the local community through best-practice consultation methods. It sets out clear guidelines about how Council will engage and outlines the approach to community engagement including methodologies, tools and techniques. This ensures community confidence in the planning systems is developed and maintained.
- ***Cabonne Recovery Plan – Building back a better Cabonne*** – outlines the actions the community and Council will take in response to the flood event of 2022 and breaks down the estimated costs to repair critical infrastructure as well as the cost to local homes, businesses and the natural environment and wellbeing of the community. The corresponding list of projects presented in the Recovery Plan have direct and indirect relevance to activities and functions at the Showgrounds of impacted towns.
- ***Delivery Program 2022-2026*** – outlines the suite of actions and activities that will be delivered by Council over the term, with timeframes, priorities and funding available. It acknowledges the incredibly difficult period experienced by many people in Cabonne, with many suffering losses due to devastating flooding events during November 2022. It further recognises that this event was preceded by severe drought, mouse plagues and other flooding events with impacts felt widely across the local government area. Formalising and implementing Crown land PoMs is one of many proposed activities within the Delivery Program which has direct relevance to Cabonne's showgrounds. Managing the floodplains at Molong and Eugowra are



commensurate actions within the Delivery Program, which will impact on the management of showgrounds in both towns. Over the Delivery Program period from 2022-26, Council is also undertaking a program of works to “*Activate Cabonne*”, focused on energising the towns of the local government area through new works and initiatives. Proposed actions include a Multi-purpose Centre for Molong Showground.

Cascading down the planning hierarchy, operational plans show projects and activities Council will undertake in a specific year.

- **Strategic Asset Management Plan 2022-2031 (SAMP)** – aligning with the long-term Financial Plan and the Workforce Management Plan, Council achieves effective financial and asset management, including sound policies and processes for performance management and reporting, asset maintenance and enhancement, funding decisions, and risk management. Council’s showgrounds are nominated in the SAMP as examples of assets, though it acknowledges them as being occupied by other organisations which may be self-funding, including through attracting grants.
- **Molong Town Masterplan 2020** – Developed with community input, the masterplan includes a spatial representation of required new works proposed in the consultations, for installation at Molong Showground.
- **Event Management Policy** – assists community groups wanting to organise and hold a public event in the local government area of Cabonne, ensuring such events are held with best practice to ensure public safety and equity. The policy does not cover events where leases on public land are held.
- **Tree Management Policy** – establishes an intent for the management of trees on Council managed public space, property and reserves, and to advise conditions of maintenance and replacement of trees to avoid interference with power lines.
- **Cabonne Shire Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) (draft)** – describing how Council will work towards building equitable, accessible and inclusive opportunities for people with a disability. The Plan uses the outcomes of consultations which occurred with the community, facilitated by Council.
- **Hire of Community Facilities/Buildings Policy** – ensures equitable opportunity for potential by providing a system to allocate hire and concessional rates for Council owned facilities. Fees and charges are determined for regular or casual hire. (This policy does not apply to commercial properties that are leased from Council and for which contractual lease arrangements apply, or to facilities managed by S355 committees.)

Given that the requirements and structure for this MSPoM are stipulated by legislative direction, it scopes the above policies, plans and strategies for relevant ideas and initiatives.

All relevant policies and plans as listed above can be found at Council’s website ([Home - Cabonne Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.cabonne.nsw.gov.au)).



5 THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Topography, Hydrology and Drainage

Molong Showground occupies part of the complex of undulating low hills and sloping landscape which is typical of the elevated terrain to the east of Molong.¹⁹ The Showground rises to its highest point of 594m above sea level (ASL) near the north-eastern corner on Euchareena Road, falling to its lowest point of 576m ASL at the midpoint on the western boundary. The Showground's main infrastructure is located on land averaging approximately 582m ASL.

The gentle slopes of the Molong Showground are commonly quite long – 450m – 900m in length, yielding both good visual amenity and ideal utility, especially for currently occurring activities. Slope grades are low to moderate, ranging from 1.5% to 2.5%.

Site drainage therefore is generally northeast to southwest, with no local flooding or drainage impediments, again providing a good foundation for the many activities conducted at the Molong Showground. A small dam, located at the southern end of the boundary with Back Saleyards Road, spills into a well grassed and stable waterway towards that boundary.

5.2 Soils and Geology

The soils at the Molong Showground belong to the *Molong Soil Landscape*.²⁰ This landscape has developed by colluvial activity, from a mixed geology of andesite and tuff of volcanic origin, slate, and limestone. A range of soil types have developed from this geology in the locality. Those most common at the Molong Showground have a stronger andesite and tuff origin, therefore producing reddish, moderately textured soils with no abrupt changes (colour, texture) between horizons, which are well-structured and friable, well drained, and generally of moderate to good fertility.²¹

A physical examination of a typical soil profile found at Molong Showground is:

- **0-15 cm:** Reddish-brown (whole coloured, no mottles²²) clay loam, moderate peds, rough faced.²³ Slight erodibility, vigorous root system, high organic matter levels, field pH 6.0.
- **15-35 cm:** Dark reddish-brown (whole coloured) light clay, strong peds, rough faced and open ped structure, field pH 6.5-7.0.
- **35-55 cm:** Dark (whole coloured) medium clay, rough faced and strong ped structure, field pH 7.0-7.5.

Figure 8 shows a common soil present at the Molong Showground, highlighting the characteristics of colour, an open and friable, structure, vigorous grass root development, and good drainage.

¹⁹ Molong Soils Landscape, in Espade. NSW Department of Environment. www.environment.nsw.gov.au/Salisapp/resources/spade/reports

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²¹ Nitrogen and Phosphorus are often the major limitation in these soils.

²² Presence of mottling (greys, yellow with the main reddish colour) is associated with anaerobic conditions and poor drainage.

²³ Rough faced peds (structural units), denotes an open structure with good drainage – a feature of many soils developed from volcanic geologies.



Figure 8 - Typical Soil at Molong Showground

5.3 Vegetation and Habitat

The vegetative cover at the Molong Showground had already been greatly modified by early pastoralists and agriculturalists prior to the first dedication. However, the original vegetation was most likely to have been an open woodland dominated by Yellow Box and Blakely's Gum, with some grey box and white box,²⁴ with a corresponding shrub understory and native grass.

The majority of trees currently on the site are an attractive and functional array of replants. They are either the original species (in particular Yellow Box – see Figure 9) or native non endemic species such as other eucalypts like Ironbark (see Figure 10) with understory species including casuarina and acacia (see Figure 11).

²⁴ From Molong Soils Landscape, in Espade. NSW Department of Environment.



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Figure 9 - Vegetation - Original Species

The fairway avenues and Showground boundaries carry a mix of propagated and regenerated native trees.



Figure 10 - Vegetation - Native Non-endemic Species



Iron bark trees in the mix of planted native trees.



*Figure 11 - Vegetation - Understorey Species
Casuarina and Acacia native trees provide a mix on the Fairways.*

Exotic pines are well established inside some of the Showground boundaries (in particular the western boundary) and also mixed with various native species along the dividing avenues separating many of the golf fairways (Figure 12), providing some habitat, shade, and a challenge to keen golfers.

At the dam near the southwestern corner of the Showground and near tee-off areas of a number of fairways, a small patch of native vegetation shows good natural regeneration of the original woodland eucalypt species (Figure 13). This unit also exhibits a good range of tree age from juvenile to mature, some shrubby understory development, and a healthy sward of native and introduced grasses, all of which creates valuable habitat for birds, reptiles, mammals and insects. This links with the area of mapped high terrestrial biodiversity beyond the Showground's boundary at that point (Figure 5).



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Figure 12 - Vegetation - Exotic Species

Pine and other exotic trees are well established particularly along some of the Showground boundaries.



Figure 13 - Vegetation - Regeneration

A small natural area where regenerating native trees show a good healthy age distribution links well with vegetation of significant terrestrial value beyond the Showground boundary at that point.



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At various positions around the Showground, several planted species – both native and non-native, have succumbed to drought, showing signs of premature senescence and death (Figure 13). These dying trees are unattractive and represent a hazard to people using the Showground, due to falling limbs etc.



Figure 14 - Vegetation - Dying and Dead Trees
Dying and dead trees represent a hazard to Showground visitors.



6 SHOWGROUND CONDITION ASSESSMENT

6.1 Assessment of Infrastructure

The Molong Showground's main assets were inspected, photographed and recorded during the compilation of this PoM and a preliminary assessment of the condition of all major assets is described in Table 1, and spatially represented on Figure 15.

Table 1 – Condition of Built Assets

No	Asset	Condition	No	Asset	Condition
Apparent condition: VG = Very Good; G = Good; F = Fair; P = Poor; VP = Very Poor. ²⁵					
1	P&A Show Pavilion main structure and internals	F	14	Camp Kitchen	G
2	Luncheon Pavilion building, kitchen, seating area and Show Society Administration Office	G	15	Golf greens (black soil) and fairways (18)	VG
3	Animal Nursery shedding	F	16	Concrete Disc Golf Pads (36)	VG
4	Poultry shedding	P	17	Outdoor electrical and lighting	F
5	Sheltered Cattle area	G	18	Entrance gate and main track	G
6	Goat Shedding	VG	19	Internal tracks (unsealed)	F
7	Steel cattle yards, ramp	G	20	Internal fencing/barriers-show ring/former racetrack	VP
8	Main (new) Amenities Block	VG	21	Fencing boundary	P
9	Second Amenities Block	VP	22	Col's Bar	VP
10	Solar panels (on roof of Lunch pavilion)	G	23	Signage	G
11	Water tanks and bore	G	24	Various ancillary items – including loading ramp, disc golf baskets (12)	G
12	Dam, pumphouse and water reticulation	G	25	(Golf Club clubhouse) ²⁶	
13	Campgrounds (25 sites)	F			

With a few exceptions, built assets at the Showground have been well maintained and are either near new (such as the newer amenities block, the fairways and (black soil) greens) or well-kept and presented (such as the Goat Pavilion, and the luncheon pavilion). As such, the majority of built assets, although of variable ages, are functional and will provide a sound platform for service provision to many users for a number of years into the future, subject to the normal required maintenance.

Internal unsealed access roads and tracks require consideration during wet conditions and during times of high usage. Boundary fencing ranges from satisfactory/functional, to requiring repair and replacement in some situations. The Poultry building is old and rustic, but serviceable. The second

²⁵ 1. **Very Good** - Excellent overall condition

2. **Good** - Very good overall – early stages of deterioration – normal maintenance, minor repairs

3. **Fair** - Condition deterioration obvious, serviceability affected, significant maintenance required

4. **Poor** - Serviceability heavily impacted, maintenance cost high and significant renewal/major maintenance

5. **Very Poor** - Severe serviceability problems, immediate rehabilitation, requires over 50% asset renewal

²⁶ Not within PoM area. Included here for future reference and developments in conjunction with Showground.



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amenities block²⁷ requires considerable maintenance or replacement.

Figure 15 shows the location of the major assets across the Molong Showground land. (Read in conjunction with numerations - Table 1).



Figure 15 – Built assets at Molong Showground

Spatial representation of main built assets at Molong Showground (refer Table 1 for numerations).

The current operations and development of the Showground including golf greens and fairways, are reliant on both bore water, as well as that water captured from roof runoff of the many buildings and stored in the series of polythene tanks. Water supply for current and future operations and development of the Showground is therefore considered a constraint, especially in dry and/or high use periods.

Although the Golf Club Clubhouse is listed here as an asset, it is located on Lot 130, and therefore outside the boundary of the land which applies to the MSPoM. Although not directly impacted by this plan, reference to this facility is made in conjunction with future planning of the site generally, such as shared facilities, future development etc. It is also noted that the cadastral anomaly referred to in [Footnote 13] impacts this area with the older amenities block (western side of the Golf Club building)

²⁷ The second amenities block is partially located on Golf Club leasehold area (Lot 130).



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being wholly located on the Showground (see Figure 16).²⁸

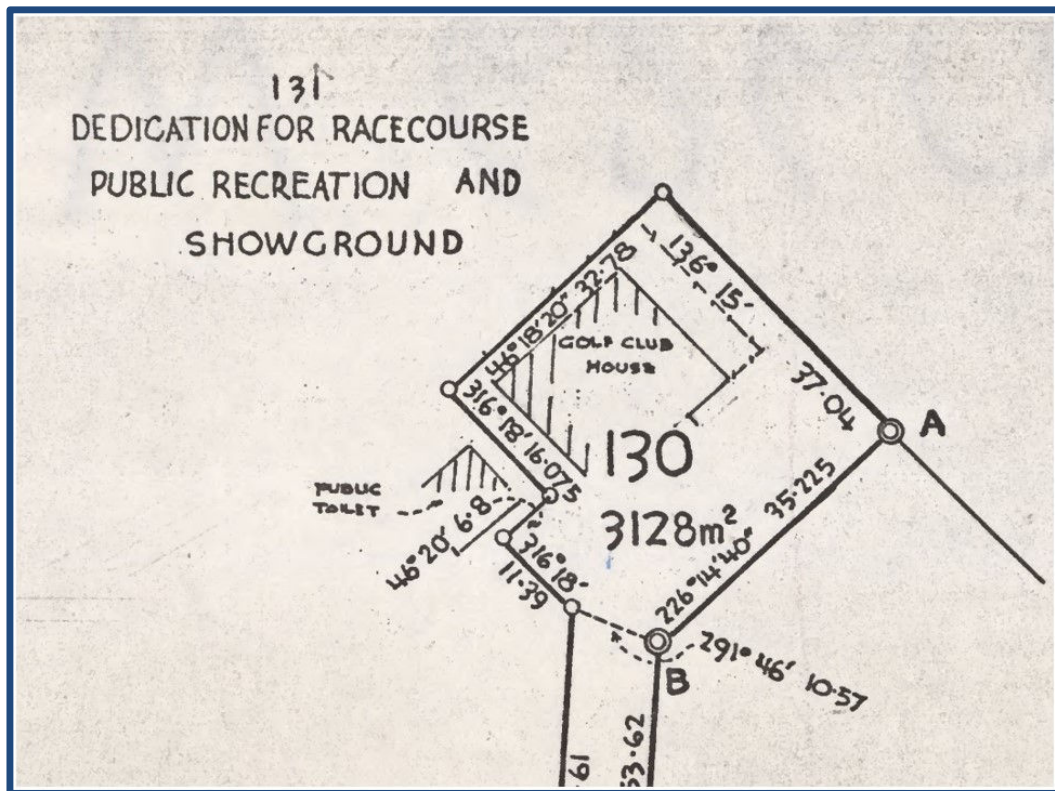


Figure 16 - Extract of Plan of Portion 130

All major upgrades and more urgent repairs to the infrastructure items at Molong Showground, required by this PoM, are detailed in the Implementation Plan (Section 11.9).

Figures 17-33 depict a range of assets across the Showground.

²⁸ Figure 16 is an extract of Crown Plan 6260-2091, being the Plan of Portion 130, depicting the boundary between the Golf Club House and the Public Toilet in 1978.



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Figure 17 - Assets - Main P&A Pavilion



Figure 18 - Assets - Show Luncheon Pavilion - External
Show Luncheon Building with Show Committee administration (also note solar panels).



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Figure 19 - Show Luncheon Pavilion - Internal
Luncheon Pavilion featuring open area, servery and kitchen.



Figure 20 - Assets - Show Animal Facilities
(clockwise from top left) Animal Nursery; Poultry Shed (eastern aspect); Poultry Shed; Goat Shed.



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Figure 21 - Assets - Steel cattle yards and loading ramp



Figure 22 - Assets - New amenities block



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Figure 23 - Assets - Old amenities block



Figure 24 - Assets - Water Supply
Poly rainwater tanks around main buildings, groundwater bore (top RHS)



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Figure 25 - Assets - Water Supply
Small dam with pumphouse (left), reticulated water to fairways (right), some water infrastructure near "Col's Bar" (centre).



Figure 26 - Assets - Camping Area
Camp Kitchen located northern end of (new) amenities block (bottom left)



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Figure 27 - Assets - Fairways and Greens
Fairways and Greens; Black soil greens, fairways, and disc golf masonry pad (right)



Figure 28 - Assets - Electrical
Electrical supply to camp sites, and outdoor lighting



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Figure 29 - Assets - Tracks and Roads



Figure 30 - Assets - Rails and Fences
Remnant steel rail on old racecourse (left); boundary fencing.



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Figure 31 - Assets - Signage



Figure 32 - Assets - Ancillary items
"Col's Bar" (top left); Disc Golf baskets (centre); loading ramp (top left); disc golf pad (bottom right); redundant cricket wicket (bottom left).



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Figure 33 - Molong Golf Club

Main clubhouse building and shedding (note old amenities block in bottom LHS image). (Also note the Clubhouse, shedding and part-amenities block are located on Lot 130, and therefore not on Molong Showground land.)

6.2 User Assessment of Showground Values

Prior to commencement of this PoM, discussions with all current user groups of the Molong Showground were conducted and views on a range of issues were captured in a standard Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (SWOT) process. Issues were acknowledged during this process which will impact on the success and sustainability of the Showground into the future. Many of these will be further addressed in the Implementation Plan (Section 13). Of particular note pertinent to future activities at the Molong Showground were discussions relating to the impact of serious flooding which occurred during late 2022 within Molong, in particular, at the historical site of the multi - sport facility on the eastern side of Molong Creek. Many of these sporting facilities could be relocated to Showground lands, which will be reflected in this PoM.

The main **strengths** for the Showground identified in these discussions were:

- The Showground site offers a flood-free unique area, with the size to accommodate an increased number of activities and people.
- There exists a quiet and peaceful attractiveness at the Showground, which is somewhat isolated in a rural setting without significant land use issues at the boundaries and beyond, which may otherwise conflict with current Showground usage.



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- Amidst the areas of current use, there also exist some valuable natural resources such as habitat trees (mostly native) which also provide great aesthetics and shading for users, especially around the gullies and between the fairways of the golf course.
- The Molong Showground is easily accessed from the township, and its topography is relatively flat which is an advantage to current and future usage. Access by people in general, across all uses, is unconstrained.
- Of the user groups that currently exist at the Showground, discussions are amicable regarding shared space, amenity use and overall coordination, with a strong willingness to continue to harmonise. Attendees considered that changes into the future, whatever they may be, will be met with a continuing desire to embrace necessary and logical change.
- The facilities already at the Showground are considered to be good and of an adequate standard to match current use. Power and bore water have been valuable to usage.
- The diverse range of users and user groups is consistent with the objectives of Crown land – to encourage usage by and for the community. In addition to regular user groups who often manage their respective establishments on-site, various events, school access, charities, campers, and horse-riding groups are examples of the multi-purpose use at the Molong Showground.

As well as acknowledging the positive values, the discussions with users also acknowledged current **weaknesses** which constrain operations and progress:

- The distance from the Molong township and the Molong Showground on the Euchareena Road was considered to be a disadvantage, especially for access by children. No pathway currently links the town and Showground along that busy road, nor does any public transport exist on the link.
- Ageing infrastructure will be a problem in the future in the absence of cash enhancements. The sewerage system is currently substandard especially if new uses and people are to be introduced to the Showground.
- The main access track off Euchareena Road although well maintained, is unsealed which can limit trafficability in very wet times.
- Overall, it is considered that the Showground is underutilised and therefore performing below its sustainable threshold.
- Increasing activities at the Showground may be seen to take away the convenience, character and energy currently offered by the main town, especially its CBD.

However, a number of future **opportunities** were identified which, if pursued, may position the Showground on a stronger base into the future:

- Support for a Multi-Purpose Centre at the Molong Showground which caters for new activities/sports will improve facilities, such as amenities, change rooms, E charging station,



etc.

- A human advantage of capitalising on new introduced activities (with people) to the Showground is the improvement in community health which is reflected in improved fitness, enhanced employment opportunities, and facilitation of a stronger interaction between people across the community, and the emergence of new businesses.
- The potential to improve facilities at the Molong Showground will add to its capability to encourage and host new events, festivals and gatherings. Reference to Orange 360 was made, with the note that the Molong Advancement Group (MAG), a participating organisation in the consultations, was a member of that group.
- The facilitation school sports to the Molong Showground will create a core location, which is positive for creating a sharing model (transport, facilities, sporting coordination etc). The model of resource sharing also extends to non-school sport and non-sport events, creating efficiencies. This will also translate to the more solid sustainability and longevity of various clubs that may now be struggling or will be so in the future.
- With a focus on new developments and improvement at Molong Showground, an opportunity exists to improve transport and human movement to and from the township and the Showground. Public transport and the creation of a walking path along the main road from the town were discussed.²⁹
- There is an opportunity for, say, sporting groups and committees to be competitive for a substantial range of grants which may help in the further development of the Showground.
- The use of the Showground's own grey-water (and perhaps that from adjoining land use interests) is seen as an opportunity for the future, providing a win-win situation.
- An opportunity exists at the Molong Showground to show off the sporting achievements of notable sports people. This adds to culture and history, which can be represented in one place, at Molong Showground.

A number of future **threats** to Showground viability require consideration within a successful plan:

- There may exist some problems associated with energy and inertia of administrators/people and organisations, constrained by cash, current administrative commitments, to cooperate with new initiatives which require a re-think of business and facility relocation.
- More complexity may mean additional administration challenges, including liability and insurances, and workforce management. In some cases, any form of change will be resisted by some people.
- Water supply remains a problem in dry times or during peak times such as the Annual Show. Both irrigation (bore) and potable water are likely to be limited during such times.

²⁹ The 700-lot development soon to be under construction on the town side boundary of the Molong Showground, forecast to significantly increase the town's population, was also discussed as offering many advantages such as service provision (transport linkages, services), and *people-power*.



- Over-capitalisation will overload existing infrastructure where new inclusions are planned. Also, greater site occupation will place pressures on the activities of those functions already present. Competition for space and facilities is a consideration requiring planning and amendment.
- With the introduction of additional activities and infrastructure, there is a risk that the traditions and history of the Annual Show activity becomes diminished in time. There is a requirement to consider Showground history and function, in any renewals planned.
- The traditional businesses within the town of Molong and its surrounds should not suffer (be diverted) as a result of any refocus of people's recreational activities at the Molong Showground.
- Not peculiar to the Molong district, there is generally occurring, a reducing volunteer base in the population overall, as busy lives, aging, and a general reluctance to be involved in increasingly difficult volunteer roles is an ongoing trend. Further, the ability to attract more youthful volunteers competes with away-schooling, employment elsewhere etc., creating an overall loss of youth.
- A point was raised that given the overall emphasis on sport, how does community land such as the Crown land at the Molong Showground, cater for the interests of people not motivated by sport? Nonsporting recreational activities require consideration in this PoM.

Appendix 3 shows the workings from the SWOT recorded on the night of the consultation. Also shown are the aspirations and additional ideas and suggestions of the specific groups in attendance during the discussion:

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|----------------|-----------------|
| • Show Society | • Bowling Club |
| • Hockey | • Tennis Club |
| • Disc Golf | • Junior Soccer |
| • Golf Club | • Equine groups |

To more fully consider the needs of users and appropriate changes required at the Showground, two more meetings were convened by Council. These were conducted onsite at the Molong Showground and then within Council Chambers. A plan which results from these discussions has been produced by Council for consideration within this MSPoM. This plan appears in Appendix 4.

Additionally, community consultation was previously conducted by Council as part of its Masterplans project for small towns within the Local Government Area (*Activate Cabonne*). The Molong Town Masterplan (draft, revised in July 2020) through workshops, included the development of guiding principles and priorities, and provides an excellent injection of views by the wider community, especially for new works and promotions. The section of the Masterplan which applies directly to the Molong Showground – Molong Recreation Grounds – has also been considered in this MSPoM, especially regarding new priority works.



7 DEMOGRAPHICS

The current population of Molong township is approximately 2595 people (2021 Census) an increase of just 80 people over the decade from 2011. However, when noting the role and functions of the Showground it is relevant to consider the regional community in discussions of demography and trends, particularly as the various event attendees may travel quite large distances to enjoy the showground's facilities.

Although not encompassing all the current and potential Showground users, the Cabonne Shire Local Government Area (LGA)³⁰ is considered in this PoM to provide a reasonable basis to provide some insight into Showground predicted use trends by the community.

Table 2 refers to the three most recent Australian Bureau of Statistics Census data for Cabonne Shire Council LGA, being: 2011, 2016 and 2021, for a range of age class distributions.³¹

Table 2 – Populations Statistics for Cabonne Shire LGA 2011-2021

Age (years)	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-54	55-64	65+	Total
Census 2011	853	1951	1354	4639	1766	2261	12,821
Census 2016	831	2056	1420	4640	1784	2660	13,386
Census 2021	751	2044	1504	4505	1989	2974	13,766

Note: Median age for Cabonne Shire LGA in 2021 was 44.

Across the 2011-2021 decade, the figures show:

- an increase in population across (approx. 7.3%, or 0.7% per annum), with the projection of continued increase.
- a decline in the new-born to toddlers age group (0-4 years old) of 12%.
- general increases in the younger age (school attending) groups between 5 and 15 years of age, of 7%.
- slight increase in the working age population between 15-64 years, of 3%.
- a significant increase in older residents 65 years and older. This increase is **31.5%**, representing 22% of the total population by 2021. This appears to be generated from a migration of retirees into the Cabonne Shire for reasons of lifestyle, possibly coupled by more attractive living costs.

From this analysis, issues for future management of the Showground will be confronting provision of facilities requiring a continued matching with new and emerging social and recreational needs of a growing younger population, including those within the working age group. However, most importantly, the uses of an aging population will be an important consideration for the future functions and services of the Molong Showground. A healthy increase in the younger age groupings is optimistic and may provide the basis for the essential voluntary support required for the sustenance of Showground functions into the future.

³⁰ The Local Government Area of Cabonne Shire LGA includes towns and villages of Molong, Canowindra, Eugowra, Manildra, Cummoock, Cargo, Mullion Creek, Cudal, Boremore, Nashdale and Yeoval, plus all associated rural communities.

³¹ www.quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/. "Note that small random changes have been made to all cell values for privacy reasons. These changes may cause the sum of rows or columns to differ by small amounts from the table totals" -ABS.



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Of relevance to many activities and businesses within Molong and its Showground, is the strong influence of the close-by regional city of Orange. According to *Population Australia*³² Orange had a population of 34,992 in 2011, and 39,820 in 2022, representing 1.21% growth rate per annum during that time. Expected to increase to 40,301 people by the end of June 2023, Orange is the 13th most populace place and one of the major growth centres in rural NSW. The proximity of such a growing vibrant centre augers well for the support of the economy of Molong, also providing a source of people resources and business for the future activities of the Molong Showground.

³² Orange population 2023. www.population.net.au/orange



8 CURRENT USES

Molong Showground provides ready access to all users including participants and patrons of the range of sporting events, annual shows and competitions, as well as camping and various casual uses (walking, exercising etc.). Although slightly east of the township normally requiring vehicular access, the Showground is well positioned in a flood-free location with good vistas, to address the casual and active needs of the local Molong community and region.

8.1 Current User Groups

The Molong Showground is currently used by the following organisations on agreement with Council:

- Molong Show Society** - for all show related activities (cattle, goats, poultry, animal nursery, dog high jump, equestrian, and normal show exhibits), and general custodianship / management of shared areas. (Figure 34).
- Casual campers and caravanners** - a 25 site park, operated by the Show Society, with camp kitchen and amenities.
- Molong Golf Club Inc.** - an 18-hole black soil green course, open for tournaments and social golf 7 days, also operating a licensed clubhouse through a perpetual lease with the Crown on land adjoining the Showground lands.
- Central West Disc Golf (Molong)**, an 18 basket, 39 tee layout within the Molong Golf Course, operating Disc Golf League days, social and major tournaments (Figure 35).



Figure 34 - The Molong Show
(Photos courtesy Molong Show Society)



Figure 35 - Disc Golf
Disc Golf at Molong Showground (Photos courtesy Central West Disc Golf)

8.2 Other Uses for Molong Showground

Residents and visitors to the region have access to Molong Showground and opportunities for a range of activities and events including:

- concerts and music festivals
- community clinics
- community events
- exhibitions, auctions and business expos
- sporting competitions
- filming and production
- open markets
- private hire for events such as weddings, birthdays and services
- walking, exercise and general relaxation.

8.3 Existing Interests and Tenures

Currently, no formal tenures exist between Council and the current users including Molong Show Society, Molong Golf Club and Molong Pony Club. No tenures exist between the Molong Show Society and various user groups.



PART B – THE PLAN

9 A VISION FOR THE LAND

In its Community Strategic Plan, as well as other major plans and strategies within the Integrated Planning and Reporting cluster, the words articulated consistently by Council acknowledge a thriving, caring, and vibrant community which recognises a rich culture, heritage and history.

Protecting and valuing the environment, the rural aspects of the region, and provision of access to services and required support, are all important ingredients to this successful community. Working together across all towns within the shire will achieve great things for the wider Cabonne community.

These are the major points which comprise vision for Cabonne Council:

***“Where one community succeeds – we all succeed.
We are Cabonne”***

The various statements presented reflect Council’s broad strategic intent to create and maintain a sense of community fulfilment and enrichment for the Cabonne Local Government Area:

- Within Molong and beyond, its Showground provides the key focus for the activities of a vibrant and caring community which values its heritage, history, and rural culture.
- The Molong Showground provides a focus for the activities of a community, who enjoy health, social enrichment, and sporting opportunities.
- The land of the Molong Showground is flood free, well drained, spatial, accessible, and with a pleasant and peaceful ambiance, offering opportunities for the relocation of flood-impacted sporting body venues from the township, as well as new and emerging sporting, social and cultural activities.
- The Molong Showground is therefore an important and essential component in the delivery of the vision of Cabonne Council.

The land at the Molong Showground is well placed to contribute to the successful transition now required by Molong and its community. As a consequence of discussions with user groups and Council staff during the development of the MSPoM, the following vision for the Molong Showground is therefore proposed:

***“Molong Showground – Cabonne’s resilient centre
of Sporting and Cultural excellence”***



10 OBJECTIVES, CLASSIFICATION AND CATEGORY OF LAND

The Showground is classified as community land under the LG Act as amended by the *Local Government Amendment (Community Land Management) Act 1998*.

Under Section 36(4), all community land must be further categorised as one of the following categories:

- Natural Area - (further categorised as either Bushland, Wetland, Escarpment, Foreshore, Watercourse)
- Sportsground
- Park
- Area of Cultural Significance, or
- General Community Use.

The Core Objectives for all community land categories vary according to the categorisation of the land. All objectives are defined in Sections 36E to 36N of the LG Act and also appear in **Appendix 1** of this MSPoM.

It is considered that in accordance with the guidelines set out in the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Practice Note 1: Public Land Management (Department of Local Government Amended 2000), and consistent with respective core objectives, land at the Showground under this MSPoM is categorised as:

- **Sportsground**
- **General Community Use**
- **Natural Area - Bushland**

Figure 36 shows the location of land categories across the Showground.

10.1 Sportsground

The Core Objectives for the management of community land categorised as **Sportsground**³³ are:

- to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and
- to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.

³³ S 36F of the LG Act – NSW Legislation.



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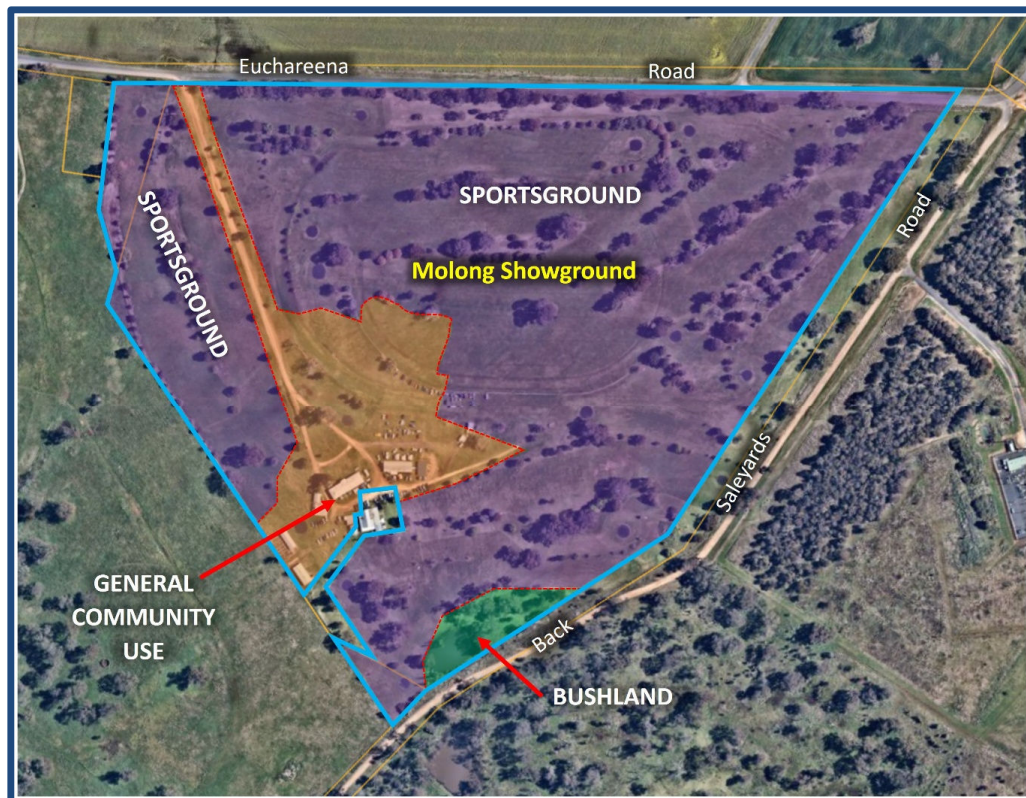


Figure 36 - Land Categories, Molong Showground

Description and Location

Occupying the bulk of Molong Showground, the area categorised as Sportsground occurs as that part of the land where the organised competitive sporting activities are conducted. The Sportsground therefore consists of the Golf Fairways (including Disc Golf), and the arena area used for equine sports (pony club etc), as well as any new sports which may be admitted to the Showground. It also includes the area occupied by those infrastructure items which provide immediate services to those activities such as seating, barriers, administration, and storage.

Management Objective

The area identified as Sportsground will be managed to maintain the current level of use by the established user groups whilst allowing for increased sporting uses which are compatible with existing space and infrastructure. The relocation of sporting facilities and playing fields from the town of Molong to the Showground's area categorised Sportsground, will be also given priority within the MSPoM. The growth of the equestrian industry and its popularity may also provide opportunities.

Ancillary facilities should be maintained within the MSPoM at least to a level that will attract regular patronage, utilising the fees raised from Molong Showground users as well as external sources.



Additional infrastructure items are nominated within this MSPoM and will be staged as funding permits.

Where present, environmental values (such as tree management), will require consideration in accordance with policy and legislation.

10.2 General Community Use

The Core Objectives for management of community land categorised as **General Community Use**³⁴ are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

- in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
- in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

Description and Location

The General Community Use area provides the Molong Showground's "front-end", stemming from the more traditional uses and purposes for showgrounds such as the annual show, exhibits, demonstrations and competitions which are often linked to the agricultural history of the district.

The General Community Use area has a strong multi-purpose function and meets the physical, cultural and intellectual needs of the community, whilst also attracting and supporting emerging activities which have an increased capacity for commercial return.

This includes the P&A Show Pavilion, Luncheon Pavilion (including the Show Society Office etc), the camping ground and its amenities (new and old), Camp Kitchen, the majority of the internal access tracks (including main access and gate), canteen areas, annual show entertainment stalls, livestock yards and sheds, areas for outdoor Show stalls, displays, exhibits etc, landscaping, and parking areas.

Most of the infrastructure associated with service provision (power, water etc) is also located within the General Community Use area.

Management Objective

The area identified as General Community use will be managed to improve the health of the Molong and regional communities by encouraging free and unrestricted access for the purposes of casual use and scheduled activities. Whilst maintaining rural values and traditions, emphasis will also be placed on attracting and maintaining tenures or occupations to generate income from existing as well as new and opportunistic users. In conjunction with the area categorised as Sportsground, the re-location from the township to the Showground of various sporting bodies will also be given priority on the General Community Use lands where appropriate.

³⁴ S 36I of the LG Act – NSW Legislation.



The growing of the business and its required infrastructure will therefore be a priority, which will capitalise on interest in new services which are planned to be delivered at and from the Molong Showground. This will provide opportunities to create new infrastructure to address these community needs.

There will be an ongoing need to also address issues associated with the aging of some infrastructure. It is important that built infrastructure currently servicing the needs of all attendees, exhibitors and competitors is maintained and enhanced, especially as new demands arise. Maintenance requirements, including general ground management, will elevate as infrastructure grows. Maintenance has used strong volunteer support to date, and may be stretched consistent with growth in activities, visitations, and business.

Space management will be an important consideration during busy times. Current limitations to parking and manipulation of large vehicles will be a constraint to continued and growing uses particularly during staging of multiple events, or major single events such as the annual show. The supply of water to the Showground, especially as its infrastructure and visitation grows, will also need to be considered in the future management model.

The aesthetics of current environmental values will require management, and in some cases, enhancement in accordance with policy and legislation.

10.3 Natural Area - Bushland

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a **Natural Area**³⁵ are to:

- conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as a natural area, and
- maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting, and
- provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land, and
- provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and
- assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the relevant state legislation.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as **Bushland**³⁶ are:

- to ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna (including invertebrates, fungi and micro-organisms) of the land and other ecological values of the land, and

³⁵ S 36E of the LG Act – NSW Legislation.

³⁶ S 36J of the LG Act – NSW Legislation.



- to protect the aesthetic, heritage, recreational, educational and scientific values of the land, and
- to promote the management of the land in a manner that protects and enhances the values and quality of the land and facilitates public enjoyment of the land, and to implement measures directed to minimising or mitigating any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and
- to restore degraded bushland, and
- to protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores, and
- to retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration that will enable the existing plant and animal communities to survive in the long term, and
- to protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface.

Description and Location

The area categorised as Natural Area – Bushland occupies a small contiguous area near the southeastern boundary and corner of Molong Showground. It represents a relatively undeveloped section just beyond tee-off areas of a number of fairways and disc golf improvements and is a small patch of native vegetation currently showing good natural regeneration of the original woodland eucalypt species. The area exhibits a good a range of tree age from juvenile to mature, some emerging shrubby understory, and a healthy sward of native and introduced grasses, all of which create valuable habitat for birds, reptiles, mammals and insects.

The area also contains a small dam which enhances the biodiversity value of the land there. This land adjoins the land beyond the Showground's boundary mapped in the CLEP as significant terrestrial biodiversity (see section 4.4).

Management Objective

The area categorised as Natural Area – Bushland will be managed to maintain and improve its environmental values consistent with legislative requirements and as an environmental buffer to current and future developments of the Showground. Invasive environmental weeds, where present, will require management. Maintaining the current and valuable age distribution of the woody (tree) component in conjunction with an emerging understory of native species will enrich existing habitat values. Bushfire management of excessive dry vegetation will be an issue for routine management. The area categorised as Natural Area – Bushland will provide visitors and users of the Showground a place to relax and find solitude in a relatively natural environment – a retreat area.



11 MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHOWGROUND

11.1 Showground Management and Communication

Council reserves the right to control the use of the community land including the Molong Showground.

Council intends to:

- Create opportunities for community consultation and participation in the planning and development as required.
- Consider and attempt to balance the need for community recreation facilities with the impact development that such sites will have on local residents.
- Provide an efficient method and process for approval of all agreed improvements and developments.
- Consider access to recreational facilities for all users.
- Ensure all formal use of the Showground is authorised through appropriate documentation.
- Allow casual informal use consistent with Council's policies and procedures.
- Consider how use of the site can provide funding for the maintenance of facilities for the Showground.
- Recognise that the ongoing viability of the Molong Showground is dependent on the ongoing viability of the Showground users.
- Facilitate a system whereby enquiries and complaints from the public can be efficiently and promptly dealt with.

Council will issue leases and licences as described in Section 11.3.

Current Management Structure

Council manages the Molong Showground directly. Operationally, the Molong Show Society (MSS) assumes the responsibility of providing an effective advisory service to the Council. Other Showground user groups (the Molong Golf Club, Central West Disc Golf) currently operate independently.

Currently, no tenures exist between Council and the Show Committee. No tenures exist between the Show Committee and various user groups. Molong Golf Club Clubhouse and surrounding area operate on a Perpetual Lease (Lot 130) with the Crown.



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New Management Structure

Council will continue to manage the Molong Showground directly.

Council will establish a committee under Section 355 of the LG Act as the Molong Showground Committee (MSC) to consist of representatives of each of the community user groups,³⁷ and a Council representative. This will ensure decision making is collective. Overall communication, relating to new infrastructure developments, maintenance and on-site works coordination and event coordination will be managed cohesively through the MSC.



Figure 37 - Area managed directly by Council and the MSC

The area outlined in blue and not shaded (yellow, blue, orange, green and purple) will be managed directly by Council and the MSC.

The MSC will undertake an advisory role to Council, for the unshaded area within the Showground boundaries (Figure 37), providing an important link between Council and the relevant user groups. On agreement between Council and the MSC, delegations to perform certain functions may be assigned to the MSC. The areas highlighted yellow, blue, orange and purple will be assigned to a user group and managed under tenure.³⁸

³⁷ Community user groups will be entitled to provide a representative, however, representation while encouraged, is not required for the MSC to perform its functions.

³⁸ Where an exclusive tenure is subsequently issued by Council the area of the tenures will be removed from management by the MSC.



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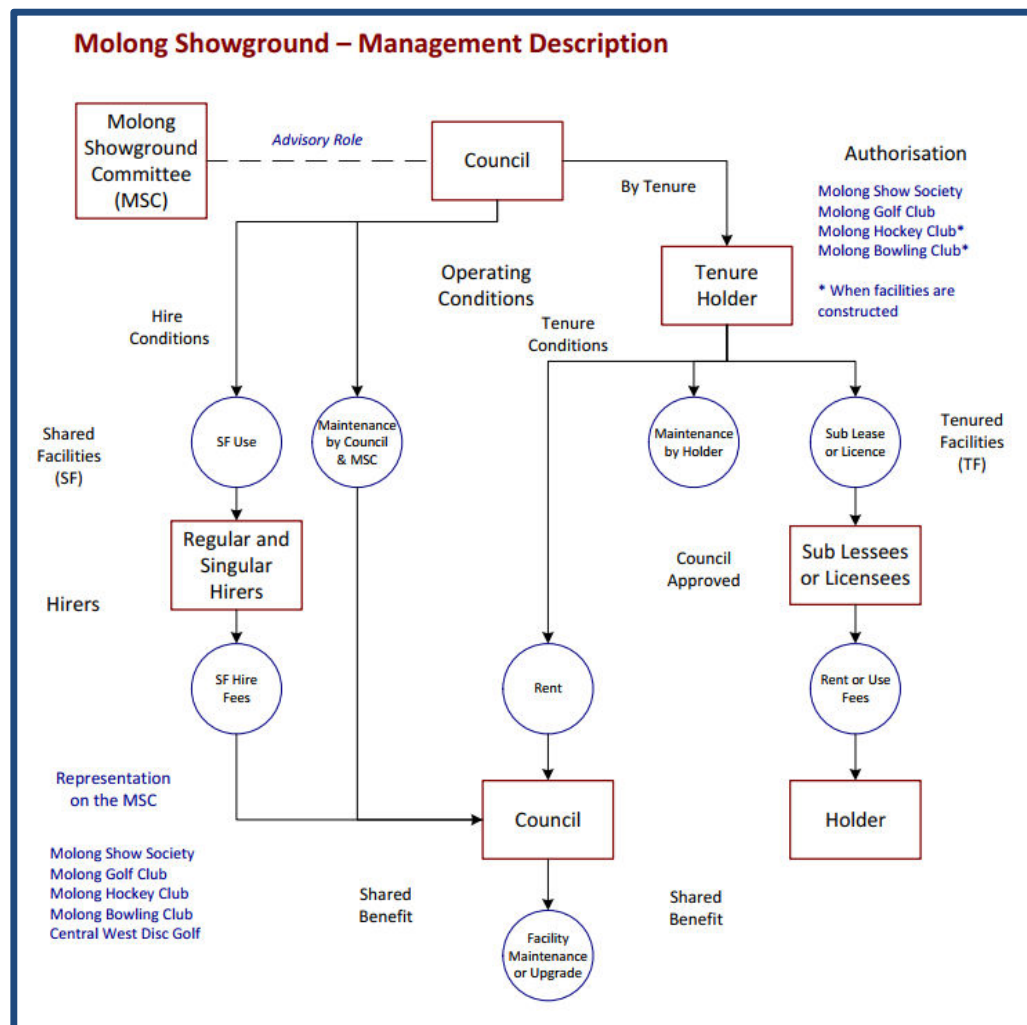


Figure 38 - Operational Relationship between Council, holders, hirers and the MSC

Communication between Council, the MSC and Showground users is important to the success of this MSPoM. This will be achieved as set out in Figure 38. The principles of management will be:

- The Development of a terms-of-reference, including a schedule of meetings, for the operation of the MSC.
- Regular meetings of the MSC.
- The MSC convening at least one annual forum (such as an AGM, or extraordinary meeting) to which all Showground groups/users are invited to attend.
- Council representative to attend the scheduled full annual meeting, as well as other meetings as required.



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- Effective Council consultation with MSC and relevant user groups prior to undertaking major renovations or establishment of new structures on the Molong Showground.
- Effective communication with user groups regarding the installation and positioning of any new buildings/structures and other major works.
- Use of the Molong Showground will be subject to tenure or agreement (see Section 11.3 of this MSPoM).³⁹
- Clarification to the community and users concerning access for casual uses of the Molong Showground.
- Establishment of appropriate tenure and hiring arrangements for existing and new hirers, at recommended/appropriate rent and hire fees.
- The requirements of any tenure or hire agreement to be met by establishing positive relationships between tenure holder, Council and MSC through clear expectations and communications.
- Where necessary, development of guidelines which communicate the requirement for users to concur with all tenure conditions including the maintenance of orderly and tidy surrounds at all times.
- Development and implementation of an online Molong Showground use directory / calendar whereby the general public and all users have access to the events that are being held.
- Improved communication around the issue of bookings and activities to avoid confusion and conflict being:
 - An effective online booking system
 - Onsite notice board highlighting forthcoming functions
- Casual Users being aware of their rights and responsibilities in utilising the Molong Showground.

³⁹ Tenures and Agreements for use of the Showground are primarily required to establish rights and responsibilities of users and to clearly identify insurance requirements.



11.2 Permitted Uses and Activities

The Showground allows free and unrestricted access for informal use by casual users when formal reserve activities and other formal activities are not being undertaken.

Permissible Uses

Table 3 lists the permissible uses on the Showground with their scale and intensity.

Table 3 – Permissible Uses

Use	Scale	Intensity
Access roads	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Amenities	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Alternate energy technology	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Art and cultural classes and events	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	7 days a week, 10.00am – 10.00pm subject to tenure or hire agreement
Business Operations associated with public recreation	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week subject to Tenure or Hire Agreement
Camping and caravanning	Limited to the locations specified in the approval to operate by Council	24 hours a day, 7 days a week subject to hire agreement
Canteens and Kiosks	Limited to the hours the facility is booked. Agreement via tenure or hire agreement	7 days a week, 8.00am – 10.00pm
Car parking	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Casual playing of games or informal sporting activities	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	7 days a week, 8.00am – sunset
Children's programs and events	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	8.00am – 10.00 pm, 7 days a week subject to tenure or hire agreement
Community events (fundraising/charity events, special events)	Limited to the hours the facility is booked. Agreement via tenure or hire agreement	7 days a week, 8.00am – 10.00pm Sun to Thurs, 8.00am – 11.00pm Fri and Sat
Community Services	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility Agreement via tenure or hire agreement	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Dog training and exercise	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	7 days a week, sunrise – sunset subject to tenure or hire agreement
Drainage and irrigation	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Emergency use	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Equestrian activities and events	Limited to the hours the facility is booked. Agreement via tenure or hire agreement	7 days a week, 8.00am – 10.00pm
Filming and photography (commercial, amateur)	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week Subject to tenure
Fitness and wellbeing programs	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	7 days a week, sunrise - sunset



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Use	Scale	Intensity
Landscaping	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Licensed bar, bistro and café	Limited to establishments with a liquor licence	Operating hours of the establishment subject to Council approval
Maintenance buildings and infrastructure	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Markets	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	Operating hours subject to tenure or hire agreement
Marquees, tents, stages and jumping castles	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	Operating hours subject to tenure or hire agreement
Mobile food vendors	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	Operating hours subject to tenure or hire agreement
Organised playing of games	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	8.00am – 10.00 pm, 7 days a week subject to tenure or hire agreement
Organised sports competitions	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	7 days a week, 8.00am – 10.00pm
Organised sports training	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	7 days a week, 8.00am – 10.00pm
Outdoor film screening	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	Operating hours subject to tenure or hire agreement
Passive recreation	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	7 days a week, sunrise – 10.00pm
Paths	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Personal training	Non-exclusive use - up of 6-18 people maximum	7 days a week, sunrise – sunset subject to tenure or hire agreement
Playing of a musical instrument, or singing, for fee or reward	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	Operating hours subject to tenure or hire agreement
Private events (i.e., weddings, birthdays)	Limited to the hours the facility is booked. Agreement via tenure or hire agreement	7 days a week, 8.00am – 10.00pm Sun to Thurs, 8.00am – 11.00pm Fri and Sat
Public performance or education	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	7 days a week, 10.00am – 10.00pm Sun to Thurs, 10.00am – 11.00pm Fri and Sat subject to tenure or hire agreement
Public utility infrastructure	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Remediation works	Subject to noise, workplace health and safety and relevant legislation	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
School sport and recreation	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	Monday – Friday 7.00am – 4.00pm subject to tenure or hire agreement
Shade structures	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Showground maintenance	Subject to noise, workplace health and safety and relevant legislation	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Sponsorship signage (temporary)	As per section 11.10 of this Plan	24 hours a day, 7 days a week



Use	Scale	Intensity
Storage facilities	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week subject to tenure or hire agreement
Youth programs and events	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	8.00am – 10.00 pm, 7 days a week subject to tenure or hire agreement

It is an express provision of this MSPoM that Council shall provide from time to time as circumstances may require the construction and maintenance of utility services, provision and maintenance of floodways, cycle ways, vehicular access ways and the granting of easements.

11.3 Leases, Licences and other Estates

For this section, please see the Explanation of Terms⁴⁰ set out below.

The LG Act provides that tenures (leases, licences, or any other estates) or easements may be granted over all or part of community land in accordance with Section 46.

Tenures may be held by:

- community organisations and sporting clubs, or
- by private/commercial organisations, or
- government agencies
- individuals providing facilities and/or services for public use.

The maximum period for leases and licences on community land allowable under the LG Act is 30 years (with the consent of the Minister for a period over 21 years) for purposes consistent with the categorisation and core objectives of the particular area of community land.

Community land may only be leased or licensed for periods of more than 5 years if public notice is given according to the requirements of Sections 47 and 47A of the LG Act.

⁴⁰ Explanation of Terms

Tenure	A lease, licence or other estate issued by Council in accordance with Section 46 of the LG Act or Section 2.20 of the CLM Act.
Hire agreement	An estate issued by Council.
Holder	The company, organisation, individual or group of individuals who have been issued with a tenure.
Hirer	The company, organisation, individual or group of individuals who have been issued with a hire agreement.
Regular hirer	A hirer who regularly uses the Showground through a Hire Agreement or has an ongoing hire agreement.
Singular hirer	A hirer who has a hire agreement as a once off or irregularly.
Casual user	A person or group of people using the Showground for passive recreation, non-commercial purposes without a tenure or hire agreement.
User	The collective term for a holder, hirer and casual user.



Leases

A lease will be generally required where exclusive use or control of all or part of community land is desirable for effective management. A lease may also be required when the scale of investment in facilities, the necessity for security measures, or where the relationship between a holder and facilities on community land justifies such security of tenure.

Leases issued by Council will require:

- That subleases or any other supplementary tenures can only be issued by the Holders with the approval of Council, and consistent with Section 47C of the LG Act.
- Maintenance of the facility will be the responsibility of the Lessees.

Licences

Licences allow multiple and non-exclusive use of an area. A licence may be required where intermittent or short-term use or control of all or part of the community land is proposed. A number of licences for different holders can apply to the same area at the same time, provided there is no conflict of interest.

Permits

A permit may be issued by Council to undertake a particular activity on community land. Such a permit may or may not attract a fee.

Hire Agreements

An agreement for use of this Showground (hire agreement) may be issued by Council for any purpose listed below, subject to the approval of Council. A hire agreement may be issued to a regular hirer or a singular hirer for formal use. Any legal requirements as determined by Council will include the requirement for adequate public liability insurance cover.

Purposes for which tenures may be issued

In accordance with Section 46A of the LG Act, a PoM for community land is to specify and authorise any purpose for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted over community land during the life of a PoM.

This PoM authorises a tenure to be issued:

- for any permissible use in Table 3.
- for purposes consistent with the Showground's:
 - categorisation (see Sections 10.1 and 10.2), and



- zoning (see Section 4.2) under Section 46 of the LG Act, and
- reserve purpose of public recreation, racecourse, showground, community purposes, rural services and levee bank as required under the CLM Act.

However, the CLM Act allows that Council may also issue short term licences (for a period of less than one year) consistent with Section 2.20 of the CLM Act. This section provides that licences may be issued, inconsistent with the reservation purpose, for prescribed purposes currently being:⁴¹

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| (a) access through a reserve | (m) grazing |
| (b) advertising | (n) hiring of equipment |
| (c) camping using a tent, caravan or otherwise | (o) holiday accommodation |
| (d) catering | (p) markets |
| (e) community, training or education | (q) meetings |
| (f) emergency occupation | (r) military exercises |
| (g) entertainment | (s) mooring of boats to wharves or other structures, |
| (h) environmental protection conservation or restoration or environmental studies | (t) sales |
| (i) equestrian events | (u) shows |
| (j) exhibitions | (v) site investigations |
| (k) filming (as defined in the LG Act) | (w) sporting and organised recreational activities |
| (l) functions | (x) stabling of horses |
| | (y) storage. |

This MSPoM expressly authorises⁴² the following tenures:⁴³

- (a) a lease / licence to the Molong Show Society for the purpose of show events and offices over the area shaded yellow in Figure 37.
- (b) a lease / licence to the Molong Golf Club Inc. for the purpose of operating an 18-hole golf course over the area shaded purple in Figure 37.
- (c) a sub-licence to the Central West Disc Golf for the purpose of storage and operating disc golf competitions and training over the area shaded purple in Figure 37.
- (d) a licence to Molong Hockey Club for the purpose of storage, playing of games and training over the area shaded blue in Figure 37.
- (e) a licence to the Molong Bowling Club for the purpose of storage, playing of games and tournaments, and training over the area shaded green in Figure 37.
- (f) The booking and hiring of camp facilities on the areas designated on this MSPoM consistent with an operating approval under Section 68 of the LG Act.

⁴¹ Crown Land Management Regulation S.31.

⁴² Express Authorisation in Section 46 (1)(b) of the LG Act permits tenures to be granted in accordance with and subject to such provisions of a PoM.

⁴³ Issuing of tenures formalises occupation of Crown land. Tenures designate terms of occupation through management responsibility and accountability and improve communication. Tenures may or may not be associated with a monetary fee.



- (g) The booking and hiring of facilities by individuals or event organisations

Council may grant a lease, licence or other estate in respect of Community Land:

- categorised General Community Use, for a purpose prescribed by Section 36I LG Act as a core objective of the categorisation of the land and subject to being consistent with the Reserve purpose; or
- categorised Sportsground, for a purpose prescribed by Section 36F LG Act as a core objective of the categorisation of the land and subject to being consistent with the Reserve purpose; or
- for the provision of goods, services and facilities, and the carrying out of activities appropriate to the current and future needs within the local community and of the wider public in relation to Public Recreation, Racecourse and Showground.

A tenure or hire agreement on Crown land may impact native title rights and interests. Apart from the tenures/hire agreements specifically authorised above, which are valid acts under Section 24JA of the *Native Title Act 1993*, any use agreement issued on Crown land must be issued in accordance with the future act provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993* and in accordance with Part 8 of the CLM Act unless Native title is extinguished. For Crown land which is not *excluded land* this will require written advice from one of Council's native title managers that it complies with any applicable provisions of the native title legislation.

Council at any time in the future, reserves the right to prohibit the taking or consumption of alcohol on this Showground. This will be indicated by conspicuously displayed signs in accordance with Section 632 and Section 670 of the LG Act (as amended).

11.4 Other Approvals

An approval to occupy land or facilities for a specific purpose does not remove the need to obtain approval under other legislation. These approvals may include:

- a liquor licence
- engagement in a trade or business
- to direct or procure a theatrical, musical or other entertainment for the public
- to construct a temporary enclosure for the purpose of entertainment
- to play a musical instrument or sing for fee or reward
- to set up, operate or use a loudspeaker or sound amplifying device
- to deliver a public address or hold a religious service or public meeting using a loudspeaker
- to install or operate amusement devices



- to operate a caravan park or camping ground⁴⁴
- to use a standing vehicle or any article for the purpose of selling any article in a public place.

11.5 Allocation

The Showground will continue to be used by a variety of users for purposes previously noted. Council will endeavor to generate greater utilisation of the Showground for recreation and other activities consistent with the Showground purpose.

Single Purpose Facility Use

Use of the Showground, for a single specific use, will be allocated by Council by way of a tenure (see 11.3) subject to the provisions of the LG Act, and consistent with the Core objectives (as described in 10). This will allow the Holder to appropriately plan for the development and maintenance of the facilities that have been constructed for that purpose.

While Council will have a strong oversighting role, everyday management of the facilities for that purpose, will be the role of the Holder.

Shared Facility Use

Any part of the Showground not subject to a tenure issued by Council, will be managed by Council. And advice from the ESC. This will include those parts of the Showground that are used by more than one user or those which are required for general community access.

Council shall manage the use of shared facilities to both hirers by way of hire agreement and Casual Users in a fair and transparent manner.

Hire fees and rental will be utilised to contribute to the maintenance of the Showground and facility upgrade and replacement.

Figure 38 depicts the operating model for the Showground. Council retains the responsibility for facility upgrade and replacement. Those user groups who have a lease or licence are responsible for ongoing maintenance of areas that are specified in the tenure.

11.6 Fees

Council applies fees for the use of Council reserves. A hire application must be lodged to Council prior to the event or facility hire. All applicable fees must be paid prior to the hire/use of the Showground.

The fees associated with the hiring of Council reserves for major events, concerts, functions etc., are detailed in Council's *Operational Plan – Fees and Charges*. Council's fee structure is reviewed on an annual basis.

⁴⁴ Approval to operate a caravan park or camping ground is provided by Council under Section 68 of the LG Act consistent with Section 132 of the *Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2021*.



Where the Showground is to be hired for a purpose not within Council's *Operational Plan – Fees and Charges*, the fee will be set by Council.

In order to maintain full viability and maximum participation at the Showground, an annual scaled fee for occupation will operate. This is based on the ability of the activity to attract entrance fees (its marketability), whilst still acknowledging the social and community significance of the activity. The fee will be determined by Council in consultation with the Show Committee.

11.7 Easements

Council reserves the right to grant easements as required for utilities and access, bearing in mind the impact of such easements on the site.

The granting of easements over Crown land will be subject to the provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993* and Section 8.7 of the CLM Act.

11.8 Development of New and Improvement of Existing Facilities and Processes.

Council approval is required prior to any development or improvement made to community land.⁴⁵

All major developments and improvements to be funded (solely or partially) by Council will be subject to Council approval.⁴⁶

Any new structure proposed for the Showground in this MSPoM and into the future, will require sensitive consideration of visual amenity through maintenance or creation of improved sight-lines and general aesthetics.

Council will encourage community assistance in the development of new facilities as well as maintenance of existing facilities through the co-operation and assistance of the local community.

Council may carry out certain types of proposed developments and building works that are developments permitted without consent or exempt development under the T&I SEPP or are permitted without development consent under the CLEP.

⁴⁵ Section 2.73 of the T&I SEPP provides that development for any purpose may be carried out without consent on Crown managed land, by or on behalf of a Crown land manager of the land if the development is for the purposes of implementing a PoM adopted for the land in accordance with the LG Act (see **Appendix 1**).

⁴⁶ The term approval refers to approval as Crown land manager of the land rather than consent under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.



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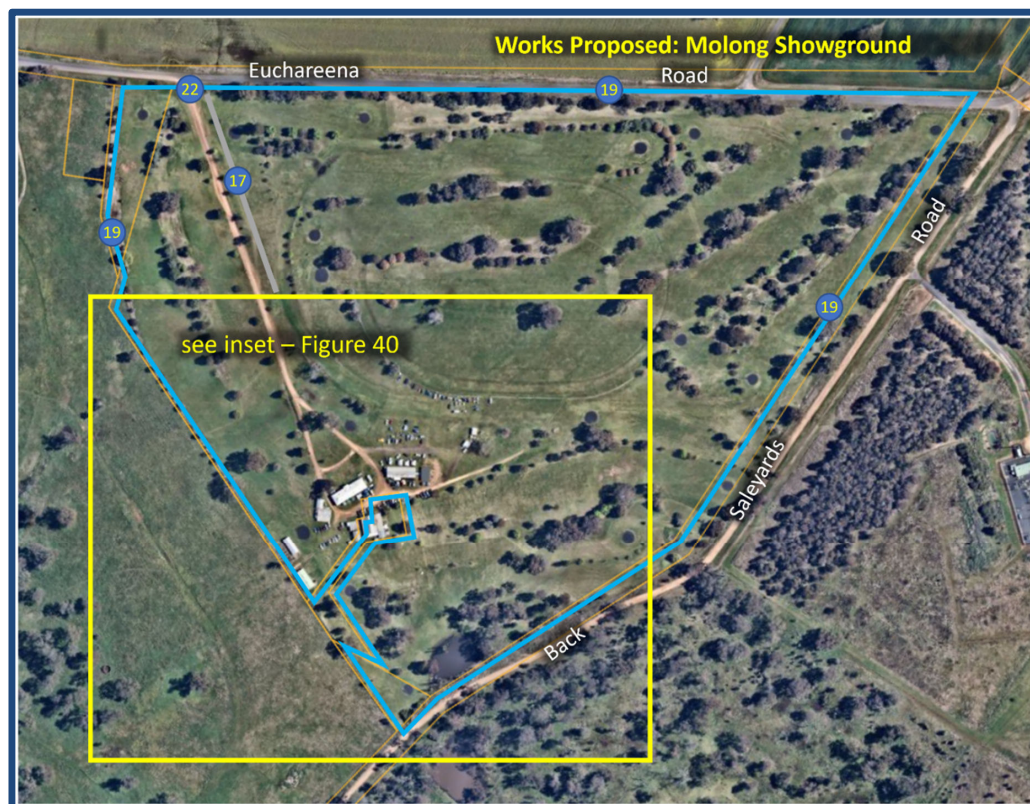


Figure 39 - New works (1)

Council can also undertake certain activities under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act). The purpose of the Part 5 assessment system is to fully ensure public authorities fully consider environmental issues before they undertake or approve activities that do not require development consent from a council or the Minister. If an activity is judged by the relevant public authority to significantly affect the environment, then an environmental impact statement will need to be prepared and considered by the public authority.

All other proposed development and building works consistent with the values, desired outcomes and performance targets set out in this MSPoM would be subject to the normal development applications in accordance with the EP&A Act, and the CLEP.

Future major improvements to the Showground (see **Error! Reference source not found.** and Figure) may include:

New Works⁴⁷

1. Construction of a single hockey field to international standards (92 x 55m) with lighting, car park, change rooms, spectator seating facilities, and appropriately located vehicle access track.

⁴⁷ All new works as per the requirements of Cabonne Council and relevant legislation.



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Figure 40 - New Works (2)

3. Construction of a green suitable for lawn bowls (42m x 42m) on Showground land, near existing golf club building (Lot 130), on Showground land (Lot 131) and categorised Sportsground.
4. Shortening of the 3rd and 6th golf fairways to make way for actions 1. and 2. (In conjunction with 44 below).
5. Installation of a fenced livestock parading area (multi-purpose arena) for use in high use periods such as the Annual Show).
6. Consider extension of the western end of Show Pavilion building to include new bar and kiosk.
7. Extension of the (new) amenities block to incorporate a revamped Camp Kitchen.
8. Re-levelling of grassed area in front of P&A Pavilion to create a flexible event area amphitheater – including shade trees and landscaped accordingly.
9. Demolishing and reconstruction of second amenities block (western side of Golf Club Clubhouse).
10. Demolishment of greenkeepers' shed and relocate.



11. Demolishment of Poultry Pavilion and relocate.
12. Removal of "Col's Bar" structures.
13. Provision of accessible pathways to compliant grades, linking main buildings (Golf Club/Pavilion, Pavilion/amenities, sporting fields, new multi-purpose arena etc).
14. Addition of viewing mound near (proposed) livestock parade arena and inclusion of appropriate seating.
15. Installation of main walking track (2.5m wide) from main Showground infrastructure to Euchareena Road (parallel with vehicular access track) to complement ultimate pedestrian access (e.g., from Molong).
16. Installation of new PA System to provide effective communication at Show time and for other major events.
17. Removal of remnant (steel) show and racecourse fence.
18. Installation of bins at pedestrian entrances and high use areas.
19. Installation of signage in accordance with the needs and safety of all Showground users, spectators and visitors, in accordance with legislative requirements and as approved by Council. Specific Signage includes:
 - New entrance signage
 - Wayfinding signage
 - Signage for safety purposes

Maintenance of Existing Works and Lands

20. Monitoring and conducting essential repairs and maintenance to all facilities in accordance with the maintenance schedule of Council's *Asset Management Plan*, building management plans and grounds management plans including:
 - specific attention to showground boundary fencing, the Poultry Shed, the second amenities block
 - monitoring the condition of major structures and ensuring effective maintenance schedules and procedures are in place.
 - ensuring the historical façade on the main Show Pavilion is maintained and emphasised in future planning of the Showground.
21. Maintenance and pruning of old dying and dead trees to avoid injury to Showground users, in accordance with Council's *Tree Management Policy* and relevant legislation.
22. Efficient and conservative use of water.



23. Implementation of mitigation programs to remove environmental weeds and pests from all areas of the Showground.
24. Protection of significant and remnant vegetation over the Showground land where required, with particular attention to the area categorised Bushland.
25. Adequate consideration given to any proposed development or activities on or near the Bushland area, ensuring the objectives of park management are not compromised.

Improve Processes

26. Establishment of appropriate tenure and hiring arrangements for existing and new hirers, at recommended/appropriate rent and hire fees.
27. Where necessary, development of guidelines which communicate the requirement for users to concur with all tenure conditions including the maintenance of orderly and tidy surrounds at all times.
28. Council officers to be present to monitor all issues of compliance and general site amenity.
29. Management of the camping area in accordance with the obtained approval under Section 68 of the LG Act.⁴⁸
30. Promotion of access to casual users particularly within the non-leased areas within the Molong Showground.
31. Preparation of a safety audit of the site and repair or replacement of any areas that may impact on public safety.
32. Effective communication with user groups regarding:
 - the installation and positioning of any new buildings/structures and other major works
 - an effective online booking system
 - onsite notice board highlighting forthcoming functions
 - regular meetings of the MSC.
33. Establishment of relationships with relevant tourism industry-based groups such as *Camping and Caravan Association*, *Orange 360* etc and Orange Visitors Information Centre.
34. Attraction of new activities and sports to the Showground (such as additional equine related activities) by promoting the facility through Council papers and media.

⁴⁸ Approval to operate a caravan park or camping ground is provided by Council under Section 68 of the LG Act consistent with Section 132 of the *Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2021*.



35. Continuing to be vigilant regarding new funding opportunities from grants etc, and sponsorships especially for in-kind assistance.
36. Exploration of the potential for increased usage of information technology such as smart e-systems of payment (e.g., for hirers and occupiers including campers), social media, and a Molong Showground website.
37. Continuing encouragement of new and young recruits for volunteer management of the Molong Showground.
38. Development of terms of engagement for a full-time or part time caretaker (e.g., retiree) for the Molong Showground to assist in management of camping area, general maintenance, and payments. Recruit accordingly.
39. Implementation of the management and communication structure proposed in the MSPoM to improve teamwork, efficiency, and accountability in management responsibilities, and also provide an improved environment for revenue raising at the Showground (Refer section 11.1).
40. Communication with residential areas immediately close by, on a need-basis, especially regarding major events.
41. Collation and assessment of all complaints from neighbours concerning traffic, noise from events, crowd behavior etc. and respond accordingly.

Further Planning⁴⁹

42. Commissioning a detailed design of rearranging the golf course fairways in line with new developments proposed in this PoM, allowing for improved access and walking, disc golf, annual show requirements etc.⁵⁰
43. Where space permits, the creation of a series of walking tracks across Showground for purposes of exercise, viewing etc
44. Installation of casual seating along walking tracks and at scenic/natural area (e.g., adjacent land categorised Bushland).
45. Upgrading of Showground water supply by connecting to town supply.⁵¹
46. Upgrading of power capacity and supply to Showground and outlets.
47. Installation of grass greens for all golf holes.
48. Preparation of a traffic management plan to be utilised for major events.
49. Consideration given to construction of a walking track from Molong Showground entrance to

⁴⁹ The items in Further Planning are listed to be undertaken on an opportune basis. As such they have not been included in the Implementation Plan.

⁵⁰ Must maintain 18-hole capacity.

⁵¹ In line with approved development (e.g., housing) along Euchareena Road.



the township, along Euchareena Road to attract the walking public, children etc.

50. Entering discussions with Molong Golf Club regarding a futuristic plan for the establishment of a shared multi-purpose centre at the Molong Showground possibly involving shared lands.
51. Establishing the requirements for a Molong township evacuation centre for times of adversity (e.g., floods) within one of the major buildings (suggest the main Pavilion).

Native Title

Where it is proposed to construct or establish a public work⁵² on reserved or dedicated Crown land, where Native title is not extinguished, prior to approval Council will notify and give an opportunity for comment from any representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander bodies, registered Native title bodies corporate and registered Native title claimants in relation to the land or waters covered by the reservation or lease as required under the *Native Title Act 1993*.

Where a proposed update of a Showground Master Plan, Capital Works Program, Facilities Asset Management Plan or any other plan is the approving documentation for a public work on Crown land, that approval will not be given unless the requirements of the *Native Title Act 1993* have been addressed including the notification and opportunity to comment noted above.

11.9 Signage

Council uses signs to regulate the activities carried out on community land and to provide educational information so as to deliver a safe and enjoyable place for passive and active recreational pursuits.

Whilst signs are a crucial source of information, they have a significant impact on the aesthetics of a Showground. All signs must:

- meet a design standard and be approved by Council.
- be sympathetic to their environment in their design, construction and location.
- be placed in accordance with Chapter 3 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Industry and Employment) 2021* (I&E SEPP).
- be consistent with the Cabonne Council *Development Control Plan*.

⁵² A public work is defined as:

- (a) any of the following that is constructed or established by or on behalf of the Crown, or a local government body or other statutory authority of the Crown, in any of its capacities:
 - (i) a building, or other structure (including a memorial), that is a fixture; or
 - (ii) a road, railway or bridge; or
 - (iia) where the expression is used in or for the purposes of Division 2 or 2A of Part 2--a stock-route; or
 - (iii) a well, or bore, for obtaining water; or
 - (iv) any major earthworks; or
- (b) a building that is constructed with the authority of the Crown, other than on a lease.

Major earthworks are defined as:

earthworks (other than in the course of mining) whose construction causes major disturbance to the land, or to the bed or subsoil under waters.



Note that for issues of safety signage, Council uses the *Statewide Mutual Best Practice Manual – Signs as Remote Supervision*.

Where a sign requires development consent,⁵³ Council must approve as owner the lodging of a Development Application prior to assessment by Council in accordance with Schedule 5 Assessment Criteria of I&E SEPP.

Where a sign does not require development consent, Council must approve the sign before erection. All Council signs erected under Section 632 of the LG Act plus reserve name signs and traffic and safety signs, are permissible.

Proposed Signage

Council will ensure the following signage is on the Showground:

- Directional signage for the purposes of guiding the community to required infrastructure and services
- Signage for safety purposes including speed limitations and evacuation procedures.

⁵³ Development consent is not required if the sign is to be erected for the purposes of implementing this PoM.



12 FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

12.1 Funding Options

A major challenge in the future management of the Showground, will be to generate income to address increasing costs associated with critical maintenance and new developments, and ongoing activities.

Income may be sourced from the following:

- **Council's General Revenue Fund (in accordance with annual operational budgets):** Where the Showground is being used for informal casual use, Council will contribute to the maintenance and development of infrastructure.
- **Section 7.11 (EP&A Act) Contributions specifically collected for community land:** This component occurs as rate payer's contributions for the general use of community land for community well-being.
- **User pays for minor infrastructure works associated with some sporting facilities:** This occurs through fund raising by the relevant body including memberships, minor sales and raffles etc., and aims at achieving tailoring surrounds and layout which suit and are compatible with the event or activity.
- **Community contributions by way of sponsorships (see Figure 24) and community group projects (eg., Landcare, and service clubs such as Rotary, Lions Club):** This occurs through grants either sourced externally, and/or contributed locally by the group (e.g., for the purposes of environmental works, social and intellectual well-being etc.).
- **Grant and loan funding from either Commonwealth or State Governments:** The implementation of the management structure will allow Primary users to apply for funds from a number of Government bodies with the concurrence of Council. Council may also apply for these funds. Funding opportunities exist from government programs including the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund managed by the DPHI-CL.
- **Income from commercial operations:** Where tenures are involved (e.g., the major user groups), income will arise as per details in the revenue-split in the corresponding agreement. Less formally, income may result from casual occupation, such as Reserve use fees, including those associated with camping and motor home visits (see 12.2 below).
- **Voluntary assistance encouraged "across borders" to defray costs and supplement annual fees:** Main User groups who have no opportunities to collect entrance fees (e.g., EPC) may have marginal commercial viability in terms of their occupation of the Showground, yet they have an equally important social, educational and sporting function. It is most important to maintain the viability of these groups, for overall Showground viability, as they pay fees as do all others. These user groups may be well positioned to voluntarily manage the various booths, serveries etc. at the events of other user groups on a split-profit basis, in order to defray their own fees and increase viability. Cross group support may also be considered.

In order to address the outstanding and future maintenance requirements at the Molong



Showground, and permit any required new developments as proposed in this MSPoM, it is important that all income which is generated from the Molong Showground be returned to the Molong Showground, and that this should be clearly demonstrated in Council's financial statements. Ensuring appropriate rental and fees for formal use of the site will assist in the maintenance of specialised infrastructure.

12.2 Emerging Opportunities to Increase Income

Council records indicate the Molong Showground is running at an annual financial loss which requires consideration of new and emerging opportunities to grow site utilisation and income. The two most favourable and obvious business directions are the attraction of new users through considering new and emerging social and recreational trends within the broader community, and capitalising and then managing growth in the Camping and Recreational Vehicle industry.

Camping and Recreational Vehicles

This is an activity currently approved for the Molong Showground, providing an opportunity to continue to take advantage of current growth in that marketplace, without impacting existing uses and existing businesses.

Camping is limited by both the infrastructure available to campers and the number of sites that can be achieved within a new approval for primitive camping. The challenge then becomes managing peak usage periods at full capacity and attracting greater use during the quieter times. Note that other than for those interests directly related to or part of the annual show, camping is not permitted or possible during the period of the annual show.

Council may also increase activity at the site for larger groups by having proforma applications available for event organisers to submit single event applications.

Attracting New Visitors and Users

There exists a growing market in city-based communities who are prepared to travel to enjoy "the bush" and all it has to offer naturally, historically and socially, in particular, those that typify rural Australia. The "3-4-hour travel window" from the main centres of population (Sydney, Mudgee, Orange, Dubbo etc) provides a good source to strategically capture and develop this market.

The wineries and cellar doors of Orange and surrounds, other regional promotions by *Orange 360*⁵⁴ hot air ballooning, sport, tours, walks and trails, food, the desire for stand-alone concerts with good music, the history of gold mining at Hargreaves and Mullion Creek, and "The Dish" at Parkes, all provide examples of regional attractions which can spill to smaller regional towns such as Molong. These advantages to the region will flow strongly to the Molong Showground with other popular developments such as the increasing popularity of equine sports.

Of particular note to the ongoing consolidation of the Molong Showground, will be its role in the relocation in the immediate term, of a number of sporting venues from the township to the flood-

⁵⁴ A joint tourism initiative between Orange City Council, Blayney Shire Council and Cabonne Council, uniting the region's people, places and produce including local tourism.



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free environment of the Showground, as enabled by this MSPoM. These will join existing and recently located sporting activities (Disc Golf) at the Showground, complementing a healthy growth in visitations and business into the future.



13 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Table 4 sets out a number of actions required to implement the identified Management Strategies and Performance Targets within the Showground. These actions are the means of achieving the objectives of the MSPoM.⁵⁵

A clear indication of how the completion of the aims will be assessed is also provided in the Table under Performance Evaluation.

Table 4 - Implementation Table (Refer to 11.8 for complete description of Actions)

Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation (how they will be assessed)
GENERAL COMMUNITY USE			
<p>To promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural and intellectual welfare or 	<p>A. Complete essential works in accordance with all required approvals, available resources and as prioritised by Council.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Install a fenced livestock parading area (multi-purpose arena) for use in high use periods such as the Annual Show). Under consideration 6 Extend the western end of Show Pavilion building to include new bar and kiosk. 7 Extend the (new) amenities block to incorporate a revamped Camp Kitchen. 8 Re-level grassed area in front of P&A Pavilion to create a flexible event area amphitheater - include shade trees and landscape accordingly. 9 Demolish and reconstruct second amenities block (western side of Golf Club Clubhouse). 10 Demolish greenkeeper's shed and relocate. 11 Demolish Poultry Pavilion and relocate. 12 Remove "Col's Bar" structures. 13 Provide accessible pathways to compliant grades, linking main buildings (Golf Club/Pavilion, Pavilion/amenities, sporting fields, new multi-purpose arena etc). 14 Add viewing mound near (proposed) livestock parade arena and include appropriate seating. 15 Install main walking track (2.5m wide) and appropriately spaced seating from main Showground infrastructure to Euchareena Road (parallel with vehicular access track) to complement ultimate pedestrian access (e.g., from Molong). 16 Install new PA System to provide effective communication at Show time and for other major events. 17 Remove remnant (steel) show and racecourse fence. 18 Install bins at pedestrian entrances and high use areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All new works are completed in accordance with approved works plans. General Community Use area has attracted new casual and commercial users. Increased cash flow/profit attributed to more users. Feedback from Showground user groups and individual users to Council is positive. Compliance for RV/Caravan use has been achieved and use and cash flow has been significantly improved. Signage effective, orderly and directional.

⁵⁵ Installation of all new facilities are as shown in the New Works Plan, **Error! Reference source not found.** and Figure , and detailed in section 11.8.



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Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation (how they will be assessed)
development of individual members of the public, and		19 Install signage in accordance with the needs and safety of all Showground users, spectators and visitors, in accordance with legislative requirements and as approved by Council. Specific Signage includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New entrance signage • Wayfinding signage • Signage for safety purposes 	
	B. Continue to manage and maintain existing assets with approvals as required to appropriate standards.	20 Monitor and conduct essential repairs and maintenance to all facilities in accordance with the maintenance schedule of Council's Asset Management Plan, building management plans and grounds management plans including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • specific attention to showground boundary fencing, the Poultry Shed, the second amenities block. • monitoring the condition of major structures and ensure effective maintenance schedules and procedures are in place. • ensuring the historical façade on the main Show Pavilion is maintained and emphasised in future planning of the Showground. 21 Maintenance and pruning of old dying and dead trees to avoid injury to Showground users, in accordance with Council's <i>Tree Management Policy</i> and relevant legislation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built assets are managed in accordance with prescribed Council standards. • General Community Use area orderly, neat, well maintained.
	C. Manage the land for improved and appropriate outcomes.	21 As per previous. 22 Efficient and conservative use of water. 23 Implement mitigation programs to remove environmental weeds and pests from all areas of the Showground. 24 Protect significant and remnant vegetation over the Showground land where required, with particular attention to the area categorised Bushland. 25 Adequately consider any proposed development or activities on or near the Bushland area, ensuring the objectives of park management are not compromised.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved environmental management outcomes. • Natural assets are managed appropriately. • Grounds well maintained and operating effectively. • Trees managed for safety and aesthetics, providing shade and biodiversity. • Positive feedback from user groups and individuals.



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Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation (how they will be assessed)
	D. Monitoring and Compliance	26 Establish appropriate tenure and hiring arrangements for existing and new hirers, at recommended/appropriate rent and hire fees. 27 Where necessary, develop guidelines which communicate the requirement for users to concur with all tenure conditions including the maintenance of orderly and tidy surrounds at all times. 28 Council officers to be present to monitor all issues of compliance and general site amenity. 29 Management of the camping area in accordance with the obtained approval under Section 68 of the LG Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to audit report within timeframes specified. • No illegal use and abuse of facilities • Cluttering (traffic, vehicles) is reduced in peak times and people enjoy safe unimpeded viewing in comfort.
	E. Capitalise on good relationships with sporting bodies/user groups.	26 As per previous. 27 As per previous. 30 Promote access to casual users particularly within the non-leased area. 31 Preparation of a safety audit of the site and repair or replacement of any areas that may impact on public safety. 32 Effective communication with user groups regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the installation and positioning of any new buildings/structures and other major works. • an effective online booking system. • onsite notice board highlighting forthcoming functions. • regular meetings of the MSC. 34 Attraction of new activities and sports to the Showground (such as additional equine related activities) by promoting the facility through Council papers and media. 35 Continue to be vigilant regarding new funding opportunities from grants etc, and sponsorships especially for in-kind assistance. 36 Explore the potential for use of information technology smart e-systems of payment (e.g., for hirers and occupiers including campers), social media and Molong Showground website. 37 Continue to encourage new and young recruits for volunteer management of the Molong Showground. 38 Develop and terms of engagement for a full-time or part time caretaker (e.g., retiree) for the Molong Showground to assist in management of camping area, general maintenance, and payments. Recruit accordingly. 39 Implement the management and communication structure proposed in the MSPoM to improve teamwork, efficiency, and accountability in management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use guidelines developed and in use successfully. • Good communication between all parties leads to positive and successful implementation of the MSPoM. • User guidelines for various user groups developed and in use successfully. • New relationships established and new users in place. • Online booking system in place • Volunteers particularly from younger groups, improves. • Number and value of grants seeking funding improves. • Town evacuation centre established at Showground and community notified. • No complaints from neighbours during or after major events. • New Showground management structure working well. • On-site Caretaker in place and functional.



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Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation (how they will be assessed)
		responsibilities, and also provide an improved environment for revenue raising at the Showground. 40 Communicate with residential areas immediately close by, on a need-basis, especially regarding major events. 41 Collate and assess all complaints from neighbours concerning traffic, noise from events, crowd behavior etc. and respond accordingly.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land. 	F. Build relationships with existing and new users in order to draw more people to the General Community Use area, to maximise business and cash flow.	26 As per previous. 27 As per previous. 29 As per previous. 30 As per previous. 33 Establishment of relationships with relevant tourism industry-based groups such as <i>Camping and Caravan Association, Orange 360 etc</i> and Orange Visitors Information Centre. 34 As per previous. 36 As per previous. 37 As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of user groups and general passive users has increased. Community enjoying access for casual use of new recreational facilities, particularly the aged and disabled. Relationships established with outside event organisations e.g., Camping and Caravan user groups and others. Increase in use of camping facilities, increased cash-flow. Increased casual use of grounds.



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Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation
SPORTSGROUND			
To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games.	A. Complete essential works in accordance with all required approvals, available resources and as prioritised by Council.	1 Construct a single hockey field to international standards (92 x 55m) with lighting, car park, change rooms, spectator seating facilities, and appropriately located vehicle access track. 3 Construct a green suitable for lawn bowls (42m x 42m) on Showground land, near existing golf club building (Lot 130), on Showground land (Lot 131) and categorised Sportsground. 4 Shorten the 3rd and 6th golf fairways to make way for actions 1. and 2. (In conjunction with 44 below). 13 As per previous. 15 As per previous. 18 As per previous. 19 As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All new works are completed in accordance with approved works plans. Increased use and patronage of Showground facilities. Increase organised sports use. Increased cash flow/profit attributed to more users. Feedback from user groups to Council, is positive.
	B. Continue to manage and maintain existing assets with approvals as required, to appropriate standards.	20 As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sportsground assets are managed in accordance with prescribed Council standards. Sportsground area including built assets, orderly, neat and well maintained. Feedback from user groups to Council is positive. New fairway design working according to required outcomes.
	C. Manage the land for improved and appropriate outcomes.	21 As per previous. 22 As per previous. 23 As per previous. 24 As per previous. 25 As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved environmental management outcomes. Better shade aesthetics and safety as tree canopy management, biodiversity Improves. Effective/efficient use of water. Effective signage. Effective feral animal and weed control.



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Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation
	D. Attract new interest and business.	26 As per previous. 27 As per previous. 33 As per previous. 34 As per previous. 35 As per previous. 36 As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional relationships with new potential tourism-based users of the Sportsground are established. Additional equine activities are conducted on the Sportsground. New funding streams are realised. Smart payment systems adopted and working well. Appropriate tenures with user groups are installed where relevant. More users. Town evacuation centre established.
	E. Monitoring and Compliance.	20 As per previous. 26 As per previous. 27 As per previous. 28 As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response to audit report within timeframes specified. Tenures are operated according to conditions with no 3rd party complaints. No illegal use and abuse of facilities. Sportsground infrastructure monitored effectively for maintenance issues, and all issues managed within acceptable timeframe.
	F. Capitalise on good relationships with sporting bodies/user groups.	31 As per previous. 32 As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good communication between all parties leads to positive and successful implementation of the MSPoM. Good safety record. New sporting body users in place. Modified golf fairways working well.
To ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.	A. Build and maintain good rapport with neighbourhood.	40 As per previous. 41 As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced complaints from sporting bodies, and residents with great rapport.



Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions		Performance Evaluation
NATURAL AREA – BUSHLAND ⁵⁶				
To ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna (including invertebrates, fungi and micro-organisms) of the land and other ecological values of the land.	Retain and enhance all native vegetation within the Bushland area.	21 22 23 24 25	As per previous. As per previous. As per previous. As per previous. As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Biodiversity values and natural habitat maintained and/or showing positive responses to on-ground actions.
To restore degraded bushland.	Adopt program of effective weed control in the understory.	23	As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Weed control, re-establishment of bushland maintained and/or showing positive responses to on-ground action.
To protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores.	Retain and enhance all native vegetation within the Bushland area.	23 24 25	As per previous. As per previous. As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Weed control, re-establishment of bushland maintained and/or showing positive responses to on-ground action.
To protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface.	Retain and enhance all native vegetation within the Bushland area.	23 24 25	As per previous. As per previous. As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Stabilisation and enhancement of vegetation quality evident, responding to treatment.Stable soil surface, no erosion.

⁵⁶ Note: Only 4 of 7 Management Objectives for areas categorised as Bushland are relevant to this PoM and as such actively addressed.



14 CONSULTATION DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PLAN

Prior to formal commencement of this MSPoM, discussions with all user groups were conducted in Molong and views on a range of issues were captured in a standard Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (SWOT) format. Users were also asked to compile prioritised needs and aspirations for the Showground.

The outcomes of the SWOT analysis appear in **Appendix 3**, and a summary appears in Section 6.2 of this MSPoM.

Many discussions were conducted between the authors of this MSPoM and Council officers during its compilation as a draft plan.

Council has undertaken further consultation as necessary, as required for community land under the Section 38 of the LG Act. This section requires that:

- Council must give public notice of a draft PoM.
- The period of public exhibition of the draft plan must be not less than 28 days.
- The public notice must also specify a period of not less than 42 days after the date on which the draft plan is placed on public exhibition during which submissions may be made to Council.
- Council must, in accordance with its notice, publicly exhibit the draft plan together with any other matter which it considers appropriate or necessary to better enable the draft plan and its implications to be understood.

This MSPoM was placed on public exhibition from [xx/xx/xxxx to xx/xx/xxxx], in accordance with the requirements of Section 38 of the LG Act.

A total of [xx] submissions were received. Council considered these submissions before adopting the MSPoM. In accordance with Section 39 of the LG Act, prior to being placed on public exhibition, the draft MSPoM was referred to the DPHI-CL, as representative of the State of New South Wales, which is the owner of the Reserve. Council has included in the plan any provisions that have been required by the DPHI-CL.

In accordance with Section 70B of the *Crown Land Management Regulation 2018* Council will obtain consent of the Minister administering the CLM Act prior to adopting this MSPoM (see **Appendix 5**).



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16 APPENDICES

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2. Core Objectives for Categories of Community Land
3. Molong Showground User Group Consultations -SWOT Analyses
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5. Key Steps in Preparing the First Plan of Management for Crown Reserves.



Appendix 1

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICIES WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO THE MOLONG SHOWGROUND

State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021

The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* (T&I SEPP) commenced in New South Wales on 1 March 2022 consolidating four earlier SEPPs focused on employment and advertising. The T&I SEPP focuses on:

- planning rules and controls for infrastructure in NSW, such as for hospitals, roads, railways, emergency services, water supply and electricity delivery.

The T&I SEPP provides that certain types of works do not require development consent under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Section 2.20 of the T&I SEPP provides that a range of works are 'exempt development' when carried out for or on behalf of a public authority. These works are itemised in Schedule 1 of the SEPP and include paths and ramps for disabled access, fencing, firefighting emergency equipment, small decks, prefabricated sheds of up to 30m² in area, retaining walls up to 2m in height, landscaping including paving and access tracks, minor external and internal alterations to buildings, open car parks (size is not specified) and demolition of buildings covering an area of up to 100m².

Section 2.73 of the T&I SEPP further provides that development for any purpose may be carried out without consent on Crown managed land, by or on behalf of a Crown land manager of the land if the development is for the purposes of implementing a plan of management adopted for the land in accordance with the LG Act. Further, any of the following development may be carried out by or on behalf of a council without consent on a public reserve under the control of or vested in the council:

- a. development for any of the following purposes:
 - i. roads, pedestrian pathways, cycleways, single storey car parks, ticketing facilities, viewing platforms and pedestrian bridges
 - ii. recreation areas and recreation facilities (outdoor), but not including grandstands
 - iii. visitor information centres, information boards and other information facilities
 - iv. lighting, if light spill and artificial sky glow is minimised in accordance with the *Lighting for Roads and Public Spaces Standard*
 - v. landscaping, including landscape structures or features (such as artwork) and irrigation systems
 - vi. amenities for people using Molong Showground, including toilets and change rooms
 - vii. food preparation and related facilities for people using Molong Showground
 - viii. maintenance depot
 - ix. portable lifeguard towers.
- b. environmental management works.
- c. demolition of buildings (other than any building that is, or is part of, a state or local heritage item or is within a heritage conservation area).



- Educational establishments and childcare facilities containing planning for child-care centres, schools, TAFEs and Universities.
- Major infrastructure corridors containing planning controls and reserves land for the protection of the 3 North South Rail Lines, South West Rail Link extension and Western Sydney Freight Line corridors.
- Three ports containing the land-use planning and assessment framework for Port Botany, Port Kembla and the Port of Newcastle.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008

State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (SEPP Exempt) provides that certain types of works do not require development consent under Part 4 of the EP&A Act. The General Exempt Development Code is set out in Division 1 of the SEPP Exempt, providing the limitations and conditions of the exemptions. They include:

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| • Access Ramps | • Fences |
| • Advertising and signage | • Flagpoles |
| • Aerials, antennae and communication dishes | • Footpaths, pathways and paving |
| • Air-conditioning units | • Fowl and poultry houses |
| • Animal shelters | • Garbage bin storage enclosure |
| • Aviaries | • Hot water systems |
| • Awnings, blinds and canopies | • Landscaping Structures |
| • Balconies, decks, patios, pergolas, terraces and verandahs | • Minor building alterations |
| • Barbecues and other outdoor cooking structures | • Mobile food and drink outlets |
| • Bollards | • Playground equipment |
| • Charity bins and recycling bins | • Screen enclosures |
| • Earthworks, retaining walls and structural support | • Sculptures and artworks |
| | • Temporary uses and structures |
| | • Waste storage containers. |

Section 1-16 of Division 2 of the SEPP Exempt provides the General Requirements for exempt development.



Appendix 2

CORE OBJECTIVES FOR CATEGORIES OF COMMUNITY LAND (*Local Government Act 1993*):

36E Core objectives for management of community land categorised as a natural area

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a natural area are:

- (a) to conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as a natural area, and
- (b) to maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting, and
- (c) to provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land, and
- (d) to provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and
- (e) to assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* or the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

36F Core objectives for management of community land categorised as a sportsground

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a sportsground are:

- (a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and
- (b) to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.

36G Core objectives for management of community land categorised as a park

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a park are:

- (a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and
- (b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and
- (c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.

36H Core objectives for management of community land categorised as an area of cultural significance

- (1) The core objectives for management of community land categorised as an area of cultural significance are to retain and enhance the cultural significance of the area (namely its Aboriginal, aesthetic, archaeological, historical, technical or research or social significance) for past, present or future generations by the active use of conservation methods.
- (2) Those conservation methods may include any or all of the following methods:



- (a) the continuous protective care and maintenance of the physical material of the land or of the context and setting of the area of cultural significance.
 - (b) the restoration of the land, that is, the returning of the existing physical material of the land to a known earlier state by removing accretions or by reassembling existing components without the introduction of new material.
 - (c) the reconstruction of the land, that is, the returning of the land as nearly as possible to a known earlier state.
 - (d) the adaptive reuse of the land, that is, the enhancement or reinforcement of the cultural significance of the land by the introduction of sympathetic alterations or additions to allow compatible uses (that is, uses that involve no changes to the cultural significance of the physical material of the area, or uses that involve changes that are substantially reversible or changes that require a minimum impact).
 - (e) the preservation of the land, that is, the maintenance of the physical material of the land in its existing state and the retardation of deterioration of the land.
- (3) A reference in subsection (2) to land includes a reference to any buildings erected on the land.

36I Core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

- (a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
- (b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

36J Core objectives for management of community land categorised as bushland

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as bushland are:

- (a) to ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna (including invertebrates, fungi and micro-organisms) of the land and other ecological values of the land, and
- (b) to protect the aesthetic, heritage, recreational, educational and scientific values of the land, and
- (c) to promote the management of the land in a manner that protects and enhances the values and quality of the land and facilitates public enjoyment of the land, and to implement measures directed to minimising or mitigating any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and
- (d) to restore degraded bushland, and
- (e) to protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores, and
- (f) to retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration that will enable the existing plant and animal communities to survive in the long term, and
- (g) to protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface.

**36K Core objectives for management of community land categorised as wetland**

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as wetland are:

- (a) to protect the biodiversity and ecological values of wetlands, with particular reference to their hydrological environment (including water quality and water flow), and to the flora, fauna and habitat values of the wetlands, and
- (b) to restore and regenerate degraded wetlands, and
- (c) to facilitate community education in relation to wetlands, and the community use of wetlands, without compromising the ecological values of wetlands.

36L Core objectives for management of community land categorised as an escarpment

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as an escarpment are:

- (a) to protect any important geological, geomorphological or scenic features of the escarpment, and
- (b) to facilitate safe community use and enjoyment of the escarpment.

36M Core objectives for management of community land categorised as a watercourse

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a watercourse are:

- (a) to manage watercourses so as to protect the biodiversity and ecological values of the instream environment, particularly in relation to water quality and water flows, and
- (b) to manage watercourses so as to protect the riparian environment, particularly in relation to riparian vegetation and habitats and bank stability, and
- (c) to restore degraded watercourses, and
- (d) to promote community education, and community access to and use of the watercourse, without compromising the other core objectives of the category.

36N Core objectives for management of community land categorised as foreshore

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as foreshore are:

- (a) to maintain the foreshore as a transition area between the aquatic and the terrestrial environment, and to protect and enhance all functions associated with the foreshore's role as a transition area, and
- (b) to facilitate the ecologically sustainable use of the foreshore, and to mitigate impact on the foreshore by community use.



Appendix 3

MOLONG SHOWGROUND – USER GROUP CONSULTATIONS – SWOT ANALYSIS

The Showground User Groups Workshop, 6.00 pm Thursday 11 May 2023
held at Cabonne Council Chambers Molong.

(23 attendees including Mayor, Deputy Mayor plus 4 Council managers)

SWOT

Strengths

- A unique, flood free site
- Its size will accommodate a lot more activities and people
- User groups are now getting on, and show a strong willingness for the future
- Current facilities are great
- Quiet, with a peaceful attractiveness
- Has power, and bore water
- Grounds contain significant natural values (native vegetation)
- Topography is reasonably flat
- Good access
- Reasonably close to town
- Rural setting
- No conflicting land use issues at boundaries

Weaknesses

- Distance from town difficult for access by children
- Security
- Main road traffic (trucks) - no pathway to town
- Ageing infrastructure
- Site is underutilised
- No public transport
- Sewage system substandard
- Takes the convenience from town (business implication)
- Unsealed access road

Opportunities

- Funding a multi-purpose centre to cover new sports, with improved facilities, change rooms, amenities, indoor pool
- E car charging station
- Improve community fitness
- Improved facilities will encourage and host new events, festivals Orange 360 etc (Note: Molong Advance Group is a member)
- Efficiencies will be created (sharing)
- Gives struggling clubs longevity
- Good grants currently available if get organised to compete strongly
- Facilitate school sports to a core location
- Opportunity to improve transport between the core node (Showground) to town (linked to growth in nearby housing)
- Enhance employment opportunities
- Facilitates greater interaction across the community
- Drives new business for the town
- Grey water usage to enhance water supply issues for grounds
- Can highlight the sporting achievements by some, part of history and culture of the district

Threats

- Inability to make "the move" (of some activities to the showground) through cooperation
- Finances (also consider public liability and insurance increases)
- Competition with away schooling, leads to loss of essential youth
- Over-capitalisation – committing to too much may overload infrastructure
- Water supply is a problem in dry times – both irrigation and potable water requirements must match increased usage
- Change will be resisted by some
- More site occupation and uses, means impact on exiting users
- Must not lose the history of the site, especially the Show
- Town business is diverted from town to Showground
- Reducing volunteer base, life is complex and time increasingly limited
- Ageing population
- How to cater for a non-sporting future? Those who don't play sport



Group Aspirations

Show Society

- Still want a Showground, with arena, improved facilities, and upgraded infrastructure including wifi connectivity technology, space that brings in people, in-cattle pavilion, kids' space, stadium
- Combine facilities central with Golf Club
- Camp grounds still needs improvement
- Increase community utilisation
- Septic sewerage needs sorting
- Upgrades to power required – currently nine to some sites, IS Amp outlets
- Make Showground an evacuation area
- Develop strong relationships with user groups

Hockey

- Hockey field, accesses multi-purpose club house/function centre
- Male and female dressing sheds
- Dug out tech bench
- Under cover spectator area
- Storage sheds
- Lights
- Parking
- Tennis Club
- Disc Golf
- Bowling Club (grass greens) and Golf Club
- Show ground – Camp ground
- Walking tracks where space exists

Tennis Club

- We are happy where we are but we would like to be included in the future if we had a stand-alone facility/court
- We support the idea of a multi-purpose facility

Golf Club

- Maintain 18 holes
- Requires much improved clubhouse (combined) plus toilets
- Need employed workforce/ground staff
- Improve parking
- Need function centre
- Grass greens would be ideal!

Bowling Club

Relocation VS Mitigation:

- Have to stay as a registered club (merge with golf club) operate as a Sporting Club, with the majority of control (financial)
- Any relocation would be dependent on insurance outcome and consultation with members

Disc Golf

- Need access to tree lines, for challenging disc golf lines – use of dam, hill, ridges, etc (not required by others)
- Ability to hold and accommodate large Disc Golf events
- Ability to expand public course to facilitate major tournaments (e.g., current bid to host National Titles 2023 which would need championships – potentially 400 competitors for one week)
- Camping facilities for competitors (often from far afield)
- We currently have a world class DG facility, requiring the ability to work in spaces which are not utilised by traditional sports
- There exists a massive continued growth potential
- We cater for players of all abilities and demographics – the accessibility of Disc Golf allows those not into traditional sports to engage, be active at low cost, accessibility
- Integrates nicely with other sports
- Growth areas in recent years are in age protected divisions e.g., 40+, 50 + etc
- Sport has a multi-national appeal, meaning international travelers' will engage – most popular sport in parts of Europe for under 30s
- Light weight nature of equipment means people can walk out the facility with their gear
- Walking track on the grounds needs to factor in Disc Golf layout
- 3-3.5 million players internationally regularly play VS rugby league 400-500,000

Junior Soccer

- We are happy as-is!
- Opportunity to have Mod Grass for Futsal – and attract players from Orange
- We support the idea of a multi-purpose spot/function centre

Other activities (unrepresented)

Equine: Camp draft and Pony Club

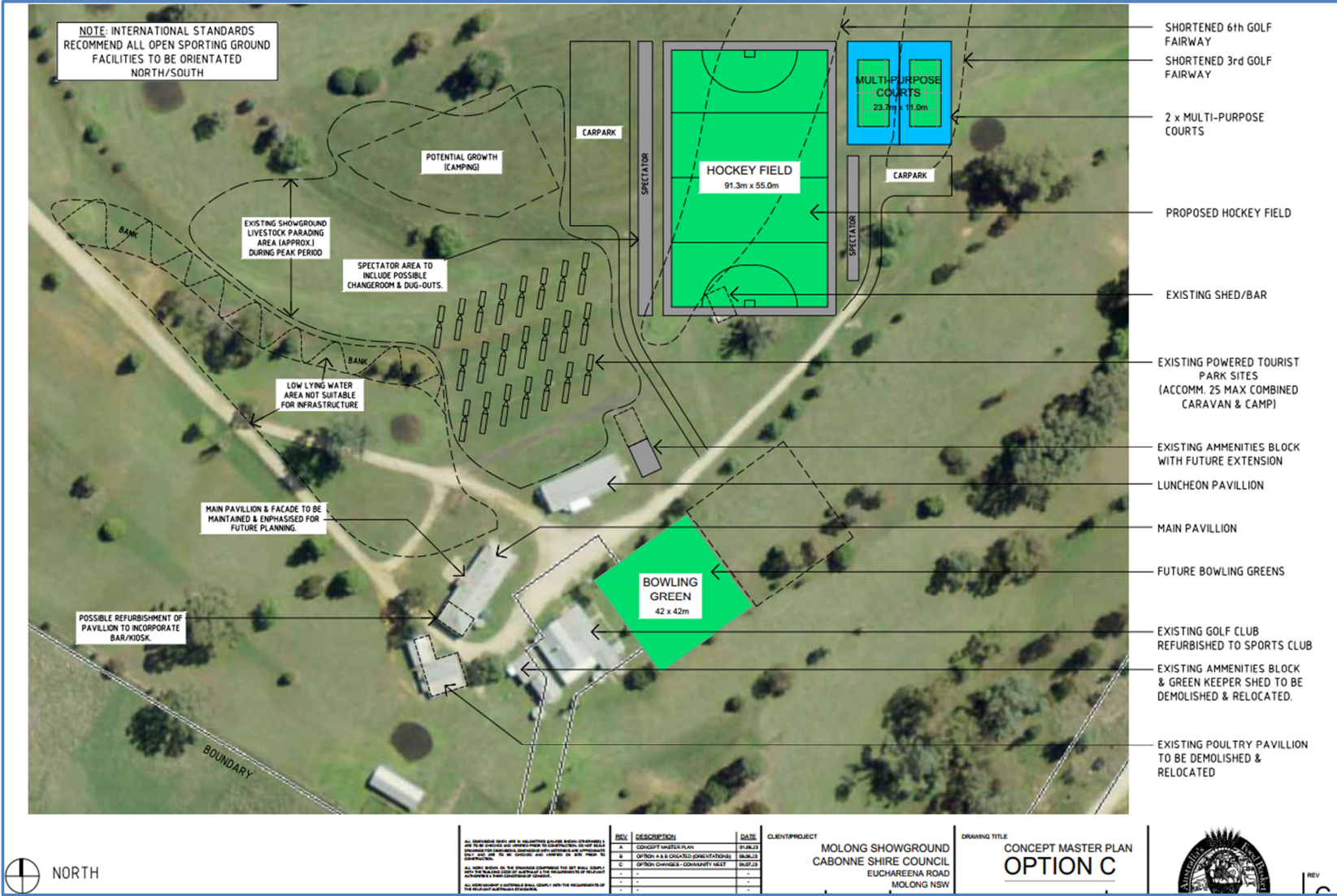
- Need good horse facilities – for instance no existing power, water
- Note that Pony club currently has its annual Gymkhana at the site (inside the ring), whilst routine events are held off-site
- All Camp drafting currently occurs off-site

Appendix 4

Molong Showground Concept Masterplan

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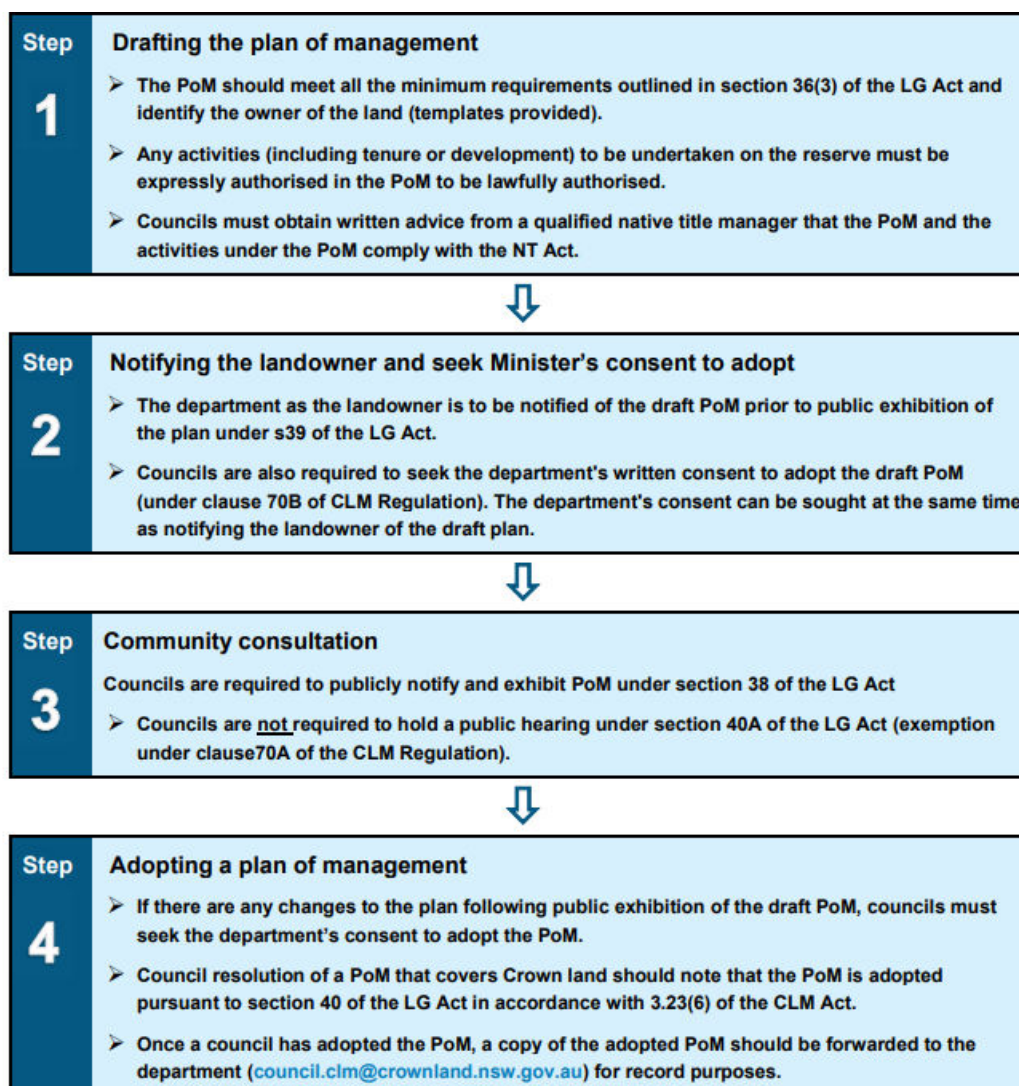




Appendix 5

KEY STEPS IN PREPARING THE FIRST POM FOR CROWN RESERVES.

(from Page 5 – Developing plans of management for community land Crown reserves - NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment).





DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT EUGOWRA SHOWGROUND



June 2023



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In the spirit of reconciliation, the Cabonne community acknowledges and pays respect to the Wiradjuri people, the traditional custodians of the land referred to as Cabonne. The Cabonne community also pays respect to the Elders, both past and present, of the Wiradjuri Nation and extends that respect to other Indigenous Australians who are present in the Cabonne area. We recognise Aboriginal spiritual, social and cultural connections to these lands and waters, and state our commitment to ensuring that Aboriginal rights, as enshrined in legislation, are upheld and not eroded.

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THE EUGOWRA SHOW. An Unqualified Success!

The ninth annual Show of the Eugowra P. and A. Association last week was one of the best exhibitions ever held in the district. Both the attendance and the entries were large in number, and the exhibits in general were of a high standard. The only fly in the amber was a fall of rain; but it did not damp the ardor of the crowd. The Show ball was a very successful event, there being a large attendance. Mr. and Mrs. W. Bruck, of Molong, supplied the music, on cornet and piano, and the duties of M C. were ably carried out by Mr. Owen Shine. The catering was in the hands of Mrs. Watson, of Parkes. For various reasons, chief among which were the six o'clock closing of hotels and the war, the Society's smoke concert was dispensed with.

From Molong Express and Western District Advertiser 16 Sept 1916



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Eugowra Showground is on a Crown land reserve owned by the State Government of New South Wales, managed by Cabonne Council (Council) with the assistance of the Eugowra Showground Show Society (ESS), for the benefit of the community. It is a substantial complex of crucial significance to the town of Eugowra and its neighbouring villages and rural communities. It creates a common focus for community commitment and relationships and hosts a diverse range of events, interests and activities which are all integral to the region's health and lifestyle. The annual Agricultural Show, a range of individual equine sports, the annual *Canola Club* (harness racing), markets, livestock displays, interest groups, community events and social functions all take place on the Eugowra Showground.

This Plan of Management works towards the following vision for the Eugowra Showground:

"Respecting our traditions and history in creating user-friendly facilities and services for the community's growth and enjoyment."

The intention of this Eugowra Showground Plan of Management (ESPoM) is to provide Council with a framework that enables decisions regarding the site, to be made on an informed, consistent and equitable basis over the next decade. Specifically, it will provide a strategic framework to:

- direct the operation and development of the land
- identify and address the legal and policy requirements of managing the land
- manage and conserve the environmental and historical significance of the land, where present
- identify and manage risks
- describe how to promote and protect the intended use of the land
- initiate new delivery of emerging and key community services from the Eugowra Showground.

This ESPoM meets all the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act). Under this ESPoM, the land at the Eugowra Showground is categorised under the LG Act as:

- Sportsground
- General Community Use

A description of each category of land as it exists at the Eugowra Showground is provided.

The current use patterns, built and natural assets and their condition, emerging trends, constraints and influences, have been considered within this ESPoM.



Key challenges for the Eugowra Showground are to:

- continue to maintain and improve facilities and services whilst contending with high costs associated with the management of aging infrastructure
- generate new sources of income by encouraging new and emerging users, through promoting further opportunities
- manage the approval process for required works coupled with administrative and legislative requirements
- manage and ensure compliance of a range of targeted tenures and use agreements
- avoid ad-hoc development
- improve event management and communication across all users and user groups especially in times of peak utilisation
- consider the role that the Eugowra Showground can provide in provision of a land-base for the delivery of a range of emerging community services
- consider aesthetic appeal in any new landscape design and improvement
- minimise the burden on the community in maintaining the facilities at the Eugowra Showground.

Issues raised in discussions with Council and user groups of the Eugowra Showground have also been considered in developing a range of appropriate responses for its management, including works, approvals, accountabilities, communication and revenue. A masterplan produced in 2021 by Council for the Eugowra town, including the Showground area, has also been considered here.

Building on the achievements of the ESS and other major users, this ESPoM presents modified strategies and new directions which will drive better communication, cooperation and revenue raising possibilities over the next 10 years. It also considers the Showground's built and natural environment, its history, and the needs of its users. The success of these strategies and the roll out of the Plan is based on maintaining cooperation and good-will between all responsible participants, and a strong acknowledgement of the value of enthusiastic volunteer members.

The location of the Eugowra Showground is shown in Figure 1.



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Figure 1 – Locality Diagram, Eugowra Showground

This ESPoM is presented in two principal sections:

Part A – **BACKGROUND:** defines and describes the Showground in terms of the required policy and legislative framework, historical, physical and cultural characteristics.

Part B - **THE PLAN:** describes what is determined for the Eugowra Showground's future, including a management structure, accountabilities, opportunities for increased income, and an implementation plan which addresses and depicts the needs and priorities of the Showground's physical, social and cultural environment. An implementation plan provides the strategies and actions required to achieve this ESPoM.



PART A – BACKGROUND

1 HISTORY

To appreciate the social and economic base which has influenced the development of the Eugowra Showground over many years, and the important services it provides the community today, it is relevant to highlight the history of Eugowra and its area.

1.1 Traditional Owners

The traditional owners of the Eugowra area are the *Wiradjuri*, originally one of the largest linguistic groups in NSW whose boundary extended from near Cassilis in the northeast, to the Darling River in the west, the Murray River in the south, and the Great Dividing Ranges to the east. The word “Eugowra” comes from a Wiradjuri word meaning ***the place where the sand washes down the hill***.

Although relationships between the local tribe and the early Europeans were initially amicable, friction rose between the groups and by 1824, martial law was declared. This quickly led to the ultimate dominance of the new settlers.

As pastoralism spread throughout the west, there were fewer and fewer places for the remaining Wiradjuri to live, and at the end of the period of frontier violence, they would drift towards the properties of the pastoralists who were more sympathetic. The descendants of mixed unions continued to marry into established Aboriginal families and Aboriginal labour became valuable to the pastoralists, particularly during the gold rush era.

Large pastoral properties commenced to be broken up and subdivided as a result of the various land reforms, and the Aboriginal labourers and their families were scattered. Unless employment was successfully sought elsewhere, many Aboriginals were forced onto reserves, recently established by the Aborigines Protection Board. The Census Returns of 1894 shows that 51 Aboriginal people were living in the Eugowra area at that time. The Eugowra Aboriginal Reserve was established in 1899. By 1900, no families or large groups of Aboriginal workers camped together.¹

During the twentieth century, showgrounds had important social significance to Aboriginal people all over the central west and beyond. For instance, they offered shelter when town visits occurred between family groups, and most importantly, provided a significant venue for participation in sport by Aboriginal people. Boxing tents which regularly featured Aboriginal boxers were a major attraction for show attendees all over NSW and in other states.

¹ How the Wiradjuri people of Central West NSW survived first contact with European settlers. *ABC Central West Monday 20 August 2018*.



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1.2 European Settlement

The first European to come to the area is understood to have been surveyor George Evans in 1815, who was instructed by Governor Lachlan Macquarie to find passage to the western areas. Evans marked a tree at the junction of the Lachlan River and Byrnes Creek (which he named after a convict in his party). This junction is the present-day location of the Eugowra town, and the furthest west any European had travelled into the country at that time.²

In 1817, John Oxley, then accompanied by George Evans, passed through the Eugowra area and the Lachlan River, in a subsequent expedition to explore the inland. It was this trip, which appeared to coincide with unusually wet times, that initiated and perpetuated the theory of the Australian inland sea.

In 1834, pastoral settlement began with the establishment of "Eugowra Station". Sheep, wheat and lucerne were established on the property in later years, thus commencing the agricultural industry and traditions of the area.

In the 1860s, the village of Eugowra was developed on the old station around a bridge over Mandagery Creek which formed part of the route to the Lachlan Goldfields to the west. In 1866, there were 24 residents living in Eugowra. In 1881, the town was surveyed and included a police station, courthouse, and later a school.



Figure 2 - Gardiner's Gang - Eugowra Gold robbery, 1862 - from the murals in Eugowra township

² George Evans (explorer). Wikipedia.



The most famous incident in the history of Eugowra occurred in 1862, when Frank Gardiner's bushranging gang, then including another infamous bushranger, Ben Hall, undertook Australia's largest gold robbery. With two bullock teams, the gang blocked the road east of Eugowra to halt the coach carrying the booty. Two troopers were wounded in the gun fire which resulted, and the gang fled the scene. Hall was later captured and charged but was released when another captured gang member (Dan Charters) refused to name Hall as one of the participants.³ This incident in the history of Eugowra is now well promoted through painted murals in the township and has now become a popular tourist story and destination (see Figure 2).

On November 14, 2022, Eugowra was affected by severe flooding that resulted in damage to ninety percent of the town's buildings, including 216 houses. Two people were confirmed to have died, and the Mandagery Creek peaked at 9.8m.⁴ This devastating event now casts new light on the potential utility of the flood-free Eugowra Showground site, not only for community safety, comfort, social exchange and sustainability, but also delivery of some essential community services into the future.

1.3 The Establishment of the Eugowra Showground

Portion 71⁵ along the Eugowra to Canowindra Road was surveyed in April 1882 and dedicated for Public Recreation on 22 March 1883 (see Figure 3). That dedication was initially created over the whole of Portion 71 (being 160 acres or approximately 65 hectares). The initial Trustees for the management of the dedication, appointed 20 July 1883 were:

- Laurence Kirby
- Donald Chester
- John Frederick Maher
- William Tyler
- James Greenhalgh

³ Eugowra. *Wikipedia*.

⁴ Eugowra, NSW. *Aussie Towns*.

⁵ Portion 71 in the Parish of Trajere County of Ashburham.

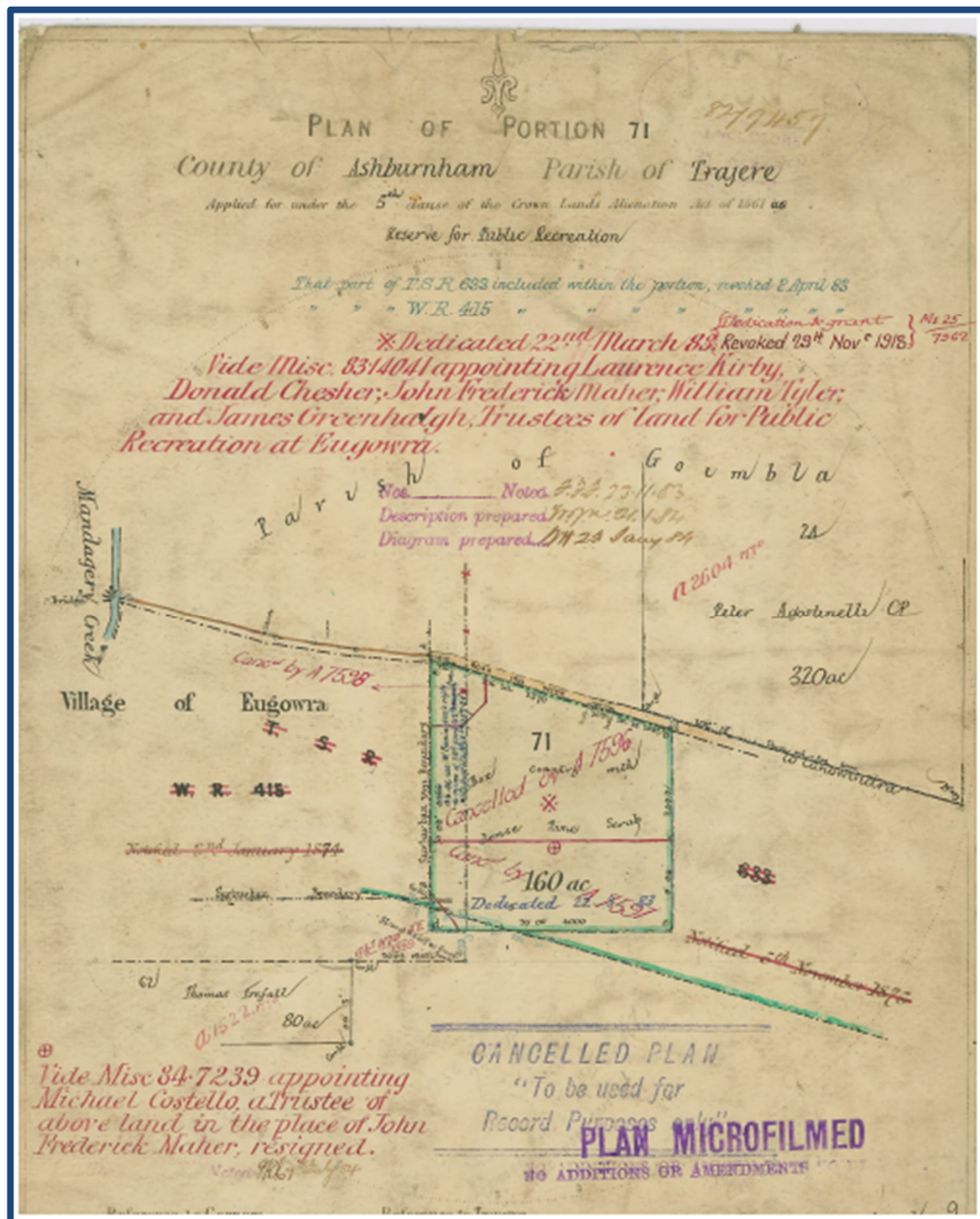
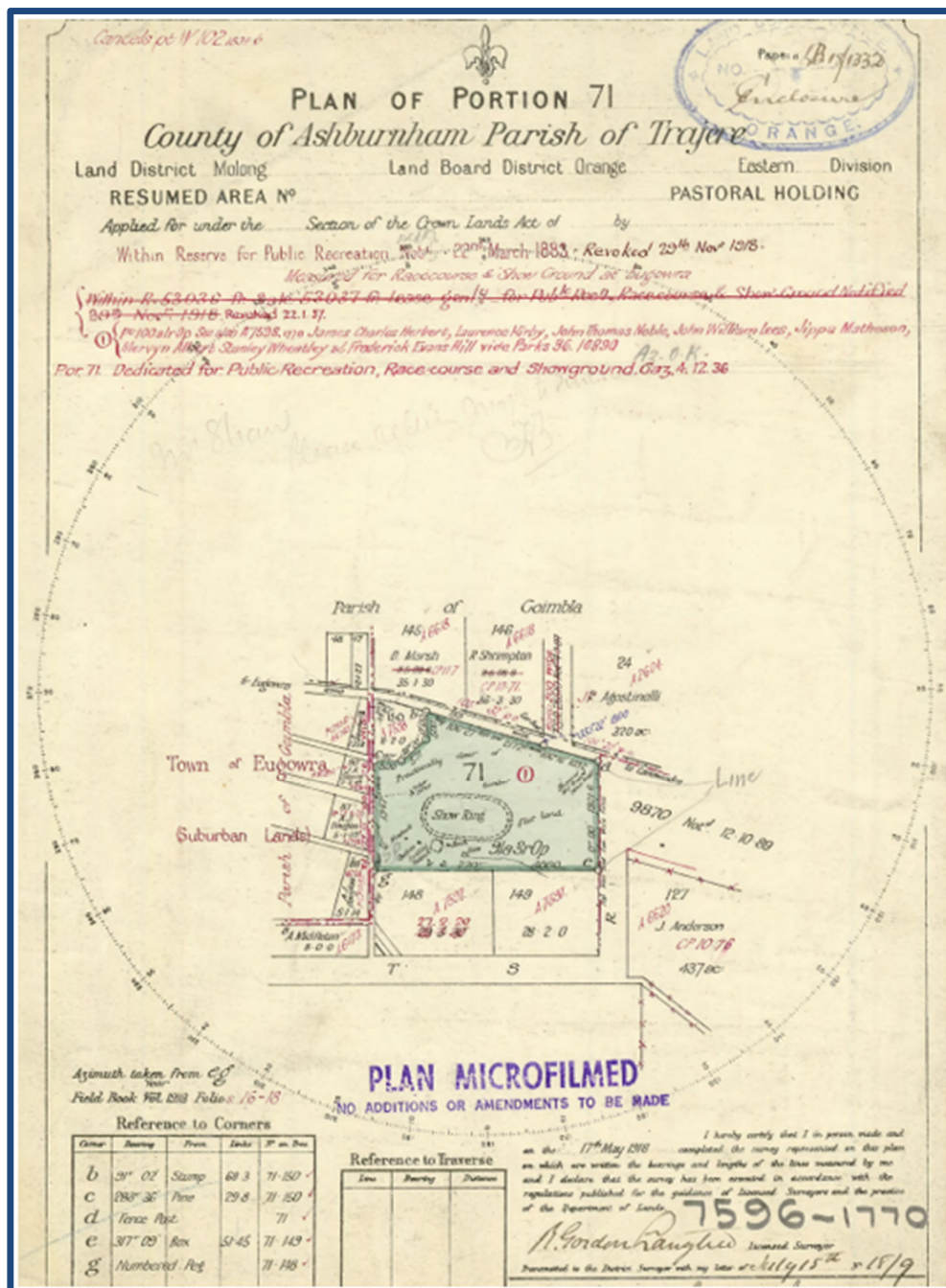


Figure 3 – Original Plan of Portion 71



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Towards the end of World War 1 (May 1918), Portions 148, 149 were surveyed out of the dedication as returned soldiers' special holdings. Portion 150 was also surveyed reducing Portion 71 to its current size of 91 acres 3 roods or approximately 40.5 hectares (see Figure 4).





and saddling paddock being practically clear of timber on flat land. The plan of Portion 150 (8 acres and 2 roods) shows a few scattered box and pine trees (see Figure 5).

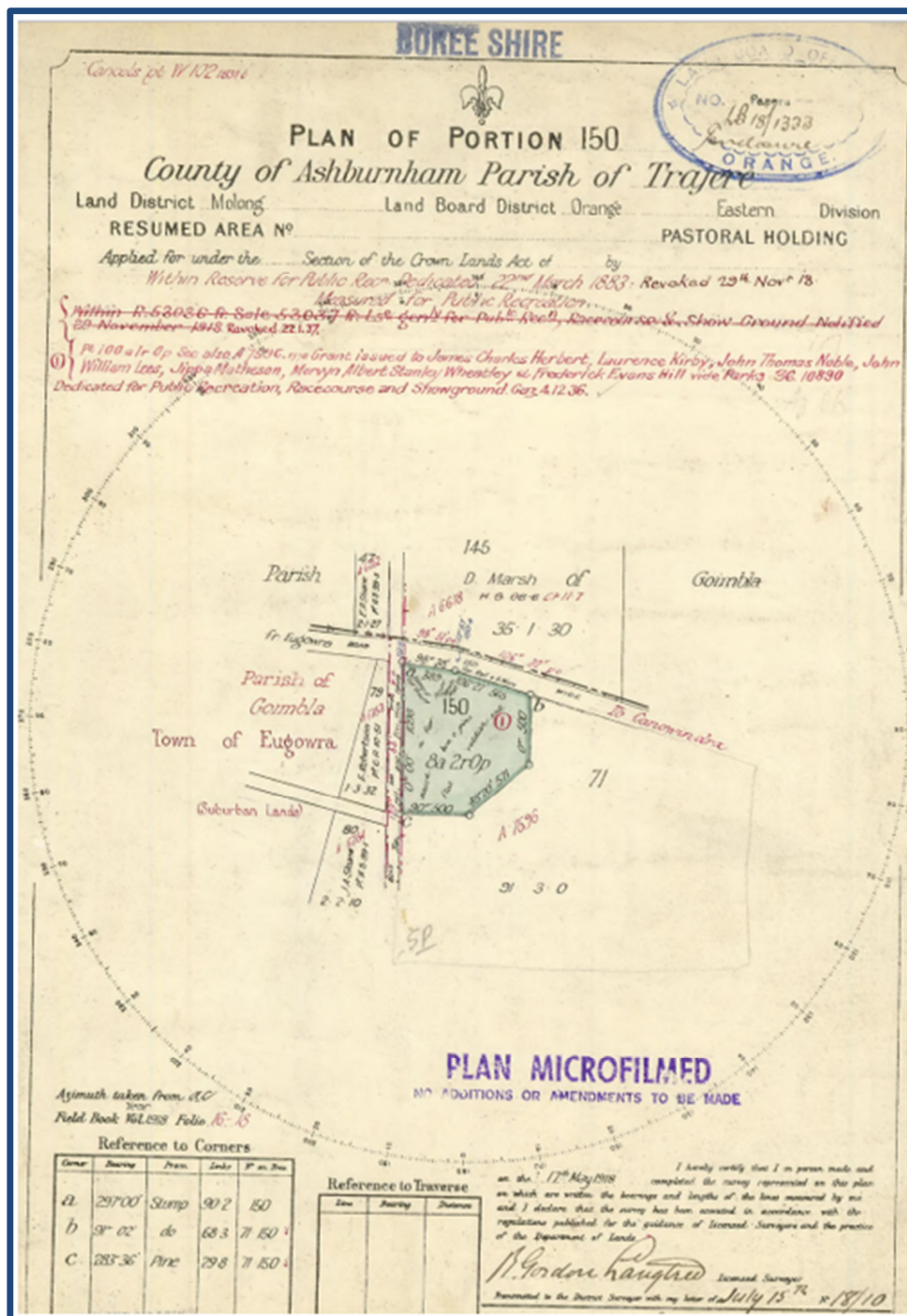


Figure 5 – Portion 150 surveyed 17 May 1918



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On 29 November 1918, the original dedication was revoked and Portions 71 and 150 were reserved (as Reserve 53036) for Public Recreation, Racecourse and Show Ground.

On 4 December 1936 Portions 71 and 150 were dedicated for *Public Recreation, Racecourse and Showground*, and on 11 December 1936 the following Trustees were appointed:

- James Charles Herbert
- Laurence Kirby
- John Thomas Noble
- John William Lees
- Jippa Matheson
- Mervyn Albert Stanley Wheatley
- Frederick Evans Hill

Two weeks later the land was granted to these gentlemen on trust. They and their subsequent replacement trustees managed the land until, at their resignation, on 17 January 1947 the Council of the Shire of Boree was appointed as Trustee. Title was transferred to that Council on 16 October 1947.

Following various legislative changes in the management of Crown land, and changes in the areas and names of local government authorities Cabonne Council is now Crown land manager of Reserve D.590015 for the purposes of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* (CLM Act).



2 LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Crown land is owned by the State of New South Wales for the benefit of all persons. Local Government Authorities manage Crown land on behalf of the State, as Crown Land Managers, under Division 3.4 of the CLM Act. The CLM Act provides that a council manager⁶ is authorised to classify and manage its dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were public land within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act).

The CLM Act requires councils to undertake Plans of Management for Crown reserves as per the requirement of the LG Act.

The LG Act provides the legislative framework for Council's day to day operations, and it identifies Council's responsibility to actively manage land and to involve the community in developing a strategy for management.

This ESPoM has been prepared in order to achieve a balanced, responsible and ecologically sustainable use of the land and to ensure that it addresses the needs of the local neighbourhood, the broader community, and the environment. It has been prepared to meet the requirements of the LG Act.

2.1 Public Land

This land, briefly described above, is Crown land managed by Cabonne Council.

Under the LG Act, all public lands must be classified as either community, or operational land. The land shown in [Figure 1](#) has been classified community land under the provisions of the LG Act and Section 3.22(1) of the CLM Act.

The purpose of the classification is to clearly delineate which land should be kept for use by the general public (community land) and which land need not be kept for that purpose (operational land). The major consequence of the classification is that it determines the ease or difficulty by which the land may be alienated by sale, lease or other means. Community land would ordinarily comprise land such as a sportsground, hall, public park etc.,⁷ and operational land would consist of land which facilitates carrying out of a public service, such as works depots, or land held as a temporary asset or investment.

Community land:

- cannot be sold
- cannot be leased, licensed or any other estate granted over the land for more than 30 years⁸
- must have a Plan of Management (PoM) prepared for it.

⁶ A council manager is a local council which has been appointed crown land manager of a reserve under Section 3.3 of the CLM Act.

⁷ See the note to Chapter 6, Part 2 of the LG Act.

⁸ Approval of the Minister of the Minister administering the LG Act is required for leases over 21 years.



2.2 Plans of Management

The LG Act requires that Council prepare a PoM in conjunction with the community to identify the important features of the land, clarify how Council will manage the land and how the land may be used or developed. Until a PoM for community land is adopted, the nature and use of the land cannot be changed. To change this, the Plan must be revised.

Council will undertake the required process as per Section 36 of the LG Act and Section 3.23 of the CLM Act for this ESPoM.

Specifically, the LG Act requires that a PoM must identify:

- Category of the land.
- Objectives and performance targets of the Plan with respect to the land.
- Means by which the Council proposes to achieve the Plan's objectives and performance targets.
- Manner in which the Council proposes to assess the objectives and performance targets.
- Condition of the land, and of any buildings or other improvements on the land, as at the adoption of the Plan.
- Use of the land and any such buildings or improvements as at adoption.
- Specific purposes for which the land, and any such buildings or improvements, will be allowed to be used.
- Specific purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise.
- A description of the scale and intensity of any such permitted use or development.

2.3 Categorisation and Objectives

As required by legislation for the purposes of the PoM, community land is categorised as one of the following:

- Natural Area
 - Bushland
 - Wetland
 - Watercourse
 - Escarpment
 - Foreshore
- Sportsground
- Park



- Area of Cultural Significance
- General Community Use.

Once categorised, community land is also subject to specified objectives which are outlined in the LG Act, and in this ESPoM (see Section 10).

2.4 Types of Plans

The LG Act allows a PoM to cover one or multiple parcels of land.

Where multiple parcels of land are covered in one plan (Generic Plans), the LG Act specifically states what needs to be included. Where a PoM covers one parcel of land (Specific Plans), like this Plan, there is greater detail on what has to be prescribed in the Plan. A Generic Plan sets the framework of how the land is to be managed. A Specific Plan clearly outlines precise management proposals.

PoMs for community land are periodically reviewed to enable changing social, economic and ecological conditions to be taken into account and consequently amendments to the Plan may occur. This ESPoM is Eugowra Showground's first PoM under the provisions of the required legislation, although a Eugowra Town Masterplan (draft) which included the Showground area, was completed by Council in 2021. Particularly as it involved public consultation, this masterplan provides some value in the compilation of this plan. A prior PoM, prepared under the *Crown Lands Act 1989*, was in place since 2006.

The location of the Eugowra Showground is shown in [Figure 1](#) and a more detailed site map as Figure 6.



3 SITE DESCRIPTION

3.1 Land Parcels

The lands for which this ESPoM is compiled, lie within the Cabonne Local Government Area, adjoining the eastern extremity of Eugowra in Central Western New South Wales.



Figure 6 – Diagram showing Land included in this ESPoM

The property address of the Showground is 21 Noble Street Eugowra 2806, covering Lots 71 and 150 in Deposited Plan (DP) 750182.

The Showground is bounded by Noble Street in the west, Nangar Street in the north, Reserve 94126 for Future Public Requirements to the east and private rural lands on the southern boundary. Visitors enter the Showground's main gate off Noble Street, with an additional entry option 140m to the south of the main entry.

The total area of the Showground is 40.42 hectares.



3.2 Ownership and Management

The Showground is on land with title held in the first schedule by The Council of the Shire of Boree. The land is Crown land for the purposes of the CLM Act⁹ and is subject to Reserve D.590017 for the following purposes:

- public recreation, racecourse and showground¹⁰
- community purposes and rural services¹¹
- levee bank.¹²

All assets on the Showground are owned by the State of New South Wales.

Council is the appointed Crown land manager under the CLM Act.¹³

Lot 71 DP 750182 is subject to an easement for Flood Levee (shaded green on Figure 6) acquired by Council on 1 April 2021.

Section 3.21 of the CLM Act authorises Council to manage the land as if it were public land within the meaning of the LG Act. Under the LG Act, all public lands must be classified as either community or operational land and this land has been classified community land.

Native Title

Crown land in Australia is subject to Native title under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth). On Crown land native title rights and interests must be considered unless:

- native title has been extinguished, or
- native title has been surrendered, or
- determined by a court to no longer exist.

Some examples of acts which may affect native title on Crown land or Crown reserves managed by Council include:

- the construction of new buildings and other facilities such as toilet blocks, walking tracks, tennis courts, grandstands and barbecues

⁹ The land became Crown land with the commencement of the CLM Act under Section 6 Schedule 7.

¹⁰ Dedicated under Section 24 of the *Crown Lands Consolidation Act* on 4 December 1936.

¹¹ Additional Purpose added under Section 2.14 of the CLM Act on 5 May 2023.

¹² Authorisation to use Crown land for a purpose other than the reserve purpose issued under Section 2.18(2)(b) of the CLM Act on 29 November 2019. This authorisation relates to relevant interest Licence 612099.

¹³ On 17 January 1947, Council, as the Council of the Shire of Boree, was appointed as Trustee. Following various legislative changes in the management of Crown land, and changes in the areas and names of local government authorities Cabonne Council is now Crown land manager of Reserve D.590015 for the purposes of the CLM Act.



- the construction of extensions to existing buildings
- the construction of new roads or tracks
- installation of infrastructure such as powerlines, sewerage pipes, etc.
- the issue of a lease or licence
- the undertaking of major earthworks.

When proposing any act that may affect native title on Crown land or Crown reserves the act must be authorised through Part 2 Division 3 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth)*.

Aboriginal Land Rights

The *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (ALR Act) seeks to compensate Aboriginal peoples for past dispossession, dislocation and loss of land in NSW. The lodgment of an aboriginal land claim (ALC) under Section 36 of the ALR Act, over Crown land creates an inchoate interest in the land for the claimant pending determination of the claim. The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown lands (DPHI-CL) advises that, if the land is subject to an undetermined ALC, any works, development or tenures authorised by the ESPoM should not go ahead if:

- The proposed activity could prevent the land being transferred to an ALC claimant in the event that an undetermined claim is granted.
- The proposed activity could impact or change the physical/environmental condition of the land, unless:
 - the council manager has obtained written consent from the claimant Aboriginal Land Council to carry out the proposed work or activity, and/or
 - the council manager has obtained a written statement from the Aboriginal Land Council confirming that the subject land is withdrawn (in whole or partial) from the land claim.
- The proposed activity is a lease to be registered on title unless the council manager has obtained written consent from the claimant Aboriginal Land Council.

At the time of drafting, DPHI-CL advised there were no undetermined ALCs over the Showground.



4 PLANNING INSTRUMENTS AND POLICIES

The Eugowra Showground is managed and developed subject to this ESPoM, environmental planning instruments and Council policies.

4.1 State Environmental Planning Policies

State Environmental Planning Policies can specify planning controls for certain areas and/or types of development. They can also identify the development assessment system that applies and the type of environmental assessment that is required. The Eugowra Showground is subject to the State Environmental Planning Policies. Important amongst these in the development of the Showground is *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* or the T&I SEPP.

Section 2.73 of the T&I SEPP provides that development for any purpose may be carried out without consent on Crown managed land, by or on behalf of a Crown land manager of the land if the development is for the purposes of implementing a PoM adopted for the land in accordance with the LG Act.

All impacting State Environmental Planning Policies are listed below. Those that are considered more relevant to the future of Eugowra Showground and this ESPoM are underlined and briefly described in **Appendix 1**:

- State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Industry and Employment) 2021*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resources & Energy) 2021*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Primary Production) 2021*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy No 65 — Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021*
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021



4.2 Land Zoning

Under the *Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012 (CLEP)*, the Eugowra Showground in total is zoned RE2 – Private Recreation.

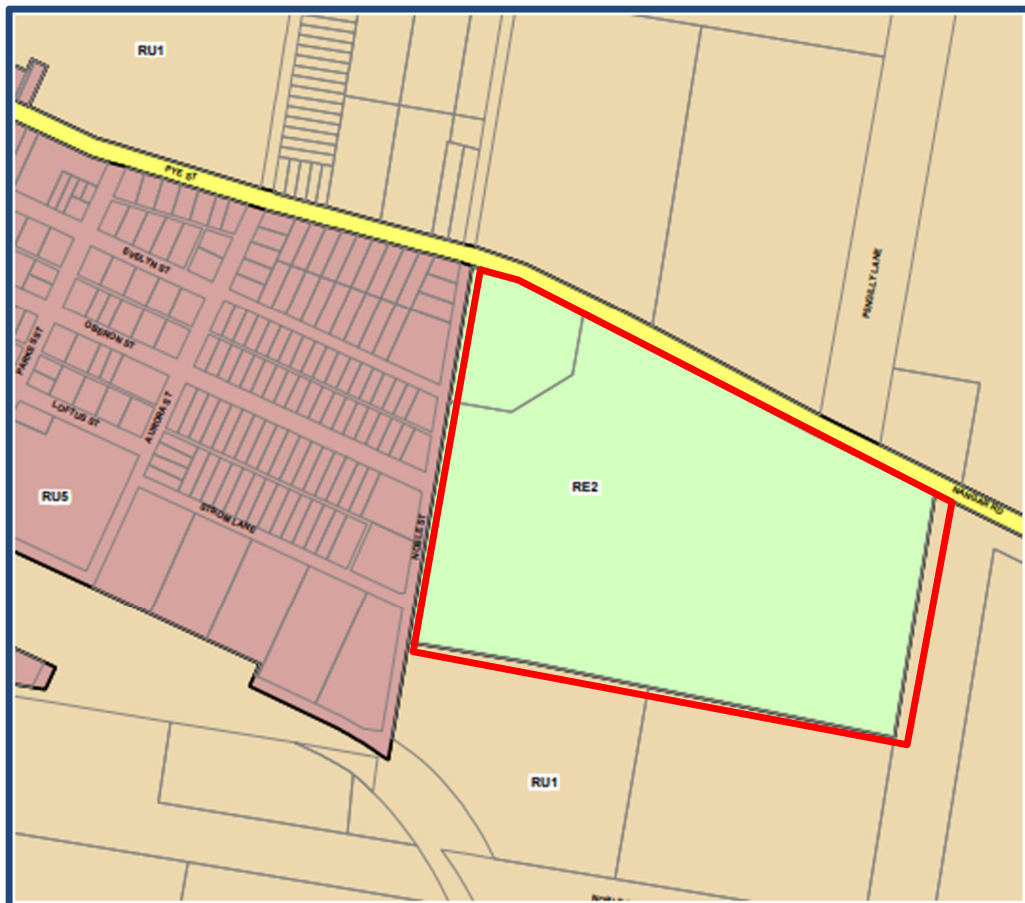


Figure 7 – Zoning Plan

The Cabonne Local Environment Plan zones the Showground as RE2 – Private Recreation.

The objectives of the RE2 – Private Recreation zone are:

- to enable land to be used for private open space or recreational purposes.
- to provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses.
- to protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.



On land zoned RE2, the following activities are permitted without consent:

- Environmental protection works

On land zoned RE2, the following activities are permitted with consent:

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| • aquaculture | • moorings |
| • boat launching ramps | • recreation areas |
| • boat sheds | • recreation facilities (indoor) |
| • camping grounds | • recreation facilities (major) |
| • community facilities | • recreation facilities (outdoor) |
| • eco-tourist facilities | • registered cubs |
| • emergency services facilities | • restaurants or cafes |
| • flood mitigation works | • roads |
| • helipads | • signage |
| • information and education facilities | • water recreation structures |
| • jetties | • water supply systems |
| • kiosks | |

On land zoned RE2 all other development is prohibited, subject to State and Regional Environmental Planning Policies that apply to this land.

Figure 7 shows that the Eugowra Showground is surrounded by other lands zoned RU5 (Village) and RU1 (Primary Production).

4.3 Flood Planning

The CLEP states the objectives for Flood Planning are to:

- minimise the flood risk to life and property associated with the use of land.
- allow development on land that is compatible with the flood function and behaviour on the land, taking into account projected changes as a result of climate change.
- avoid adverse or cumulative impacts on flood behaviour and the environment.
- enable the safe occupation and efficient evacuation of people in the event of flood.

Figure 8 shows a flooding hazard planning map within the CLEP, made in 2013. However, the CLEP also highlights that as of 14 July 2021, the available flood maps may not be the last version. This is of particular importance at Eugowra, given the record flooding which impacted the town during late 2022. Council confirms that reviewed flood hazard planning and mapping is scheduled, but at the time of compiling this ESPoM, is unavailable.

Nevertheless, observations of the impact of the 2022 flooding indicate that no flood water from Manadgery Creek impacted the Eugowra Showground. Further, a flood levee constructed subsequent to 2013 along the majority of the southern boundary, seems to have protected the



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Showground from the waters flowing from rural lands via Puzzle Flat Creek from the south and east.



Figure 8 – Flood Planning Map 2013
Shows location of flood hazard (blue) impacting marginally within the eastern boundary of the Eugowra Showground. (Note: a flood levee has since been constructed along the southern boundary.)



4.4 Terrestrial Biodiversity and Native Vegetation Regulation

The objectives of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Clause in the CLEP are to maintain terrestrial biodiversity by:

- protecting native flora and fauna, and
- protecting the ecological processes necessary for their continued existence, and
- encouraging the conservation and recovery of native fauna and flora and their habitats.

Figure 9 shows that the environmentally sensitive area of the riparian zone of Puzzle Flat Creek within the bounds of Eugowra Showground (blue shading), is impacted by this clause, requiring appropriate consideration of the impact of any proposed developments which may impact on the values stated.



Figure 9 – Environmentally sensitive lands - Riparian Lands



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Additionally, Figure 10 highlights a mapped *Biodiversity Value* area (mauve shading), inside the southern boundary of the Showground, again approximating the riparian area associated with Puzzle Flat Creek. This mapping, completed by NSW Department of Planning and Environment, shows the area as potentially important as part of the NSW *Biodiversity Offset Scheme Threshold* which is one of the triggers for determining whether the Biodiversity Offset Scheme applies to a clearing or development proposal. It therefore identifies land with high biodiversity value that is particularly sensitive to impacts such as clearing.

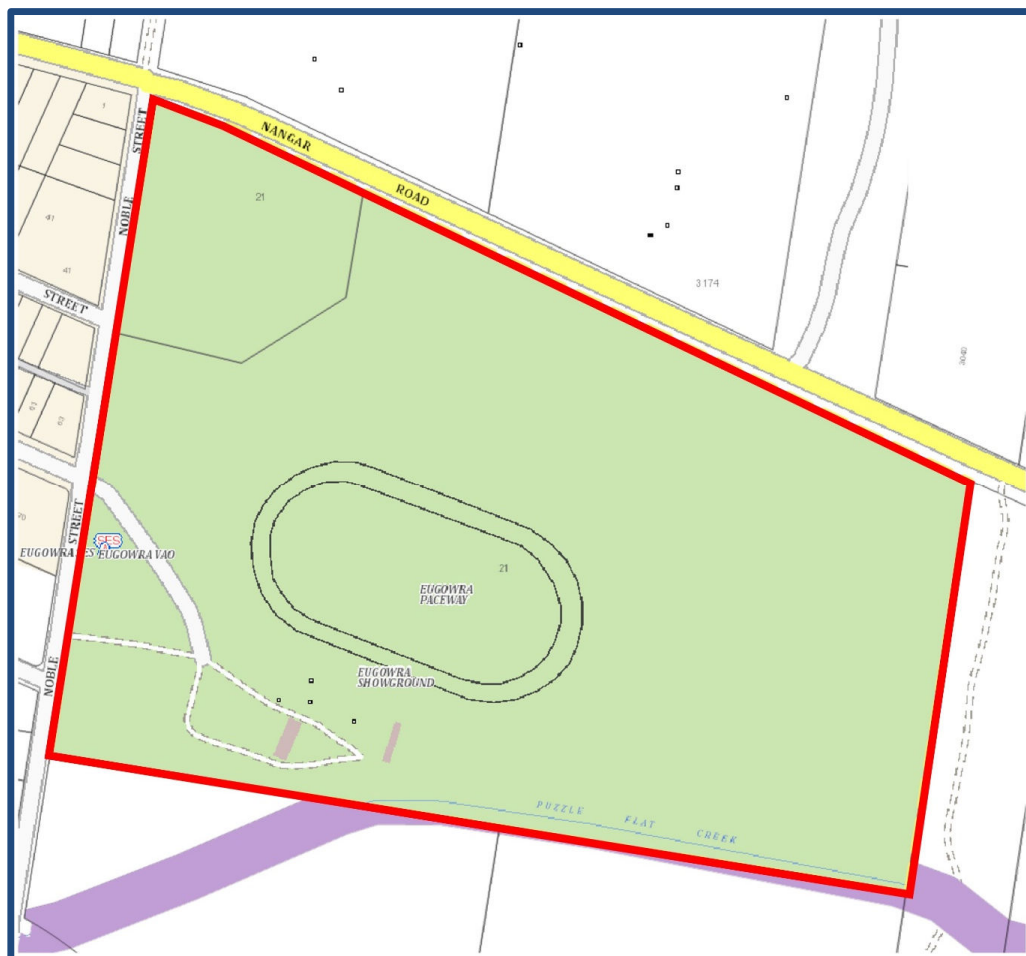


Figure 10 – Biodiversity Values Map

The area shaded mauve is potentially important as part of the NW Biodiversity Offset Scheme Threshold.

Land zoned RE2 is covered by the State Government's native vegetation laws aimed at protecting the biodiversity value of trees and other vegetation in non-rural areas of NSW and is included within the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*¹⁴ and also considered within the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*. Any clearing of native vegetation requires consideration and possible authorisation under these policies.

The CLEP contains no notation of biodiversity certified land or biobanking agreement associated with

¹⁴ Part 2.3 (1)(b) of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*.



this land as per the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

4.5 Groundwater Vulnerability

The entirety of the area occupied by Eugowra Showground is shown in the CLEP to be impacted by a groundwater vulnerability consideration (Figure 11Figure 11).

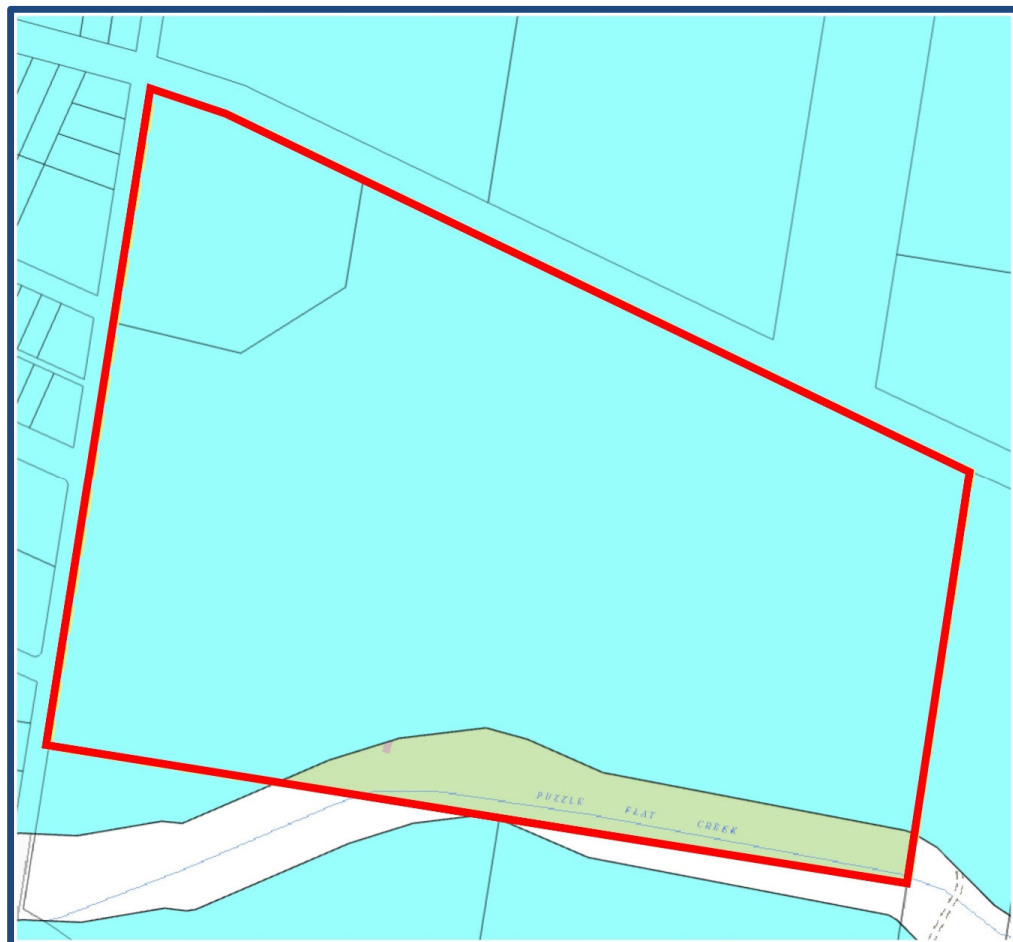


Figure 11 – Environmentally Sensitive Lands – Groundwater Vulnerability

The objectives of the Groundwater vulnerability clause are:

- to maintain the hydrological functions of key groundwater systems
- to protect vulnerable groundwater resources from depletion and contamination as a result of development.

Before determining a development application on this land, consideration must be made of likely consequences to the values stated. These include possible depletion and/or contamination of the



resource, impact on groundwater dependent ecosystems, cumulative impact etc.

4.6 Bush fire Hazard

Eugowra Showground has land which is designated Bush fire prone. Bush fire prone land is defined as an area of land that can support a bush fire or is likely to be subject to bush fire attack, as designated on a bush fire prone land map.¹⁵ Bush fire prone land is allocated categories of risk, which range from Bush fire Vegetation Buffer to Bush fire Categories 1 to 3.

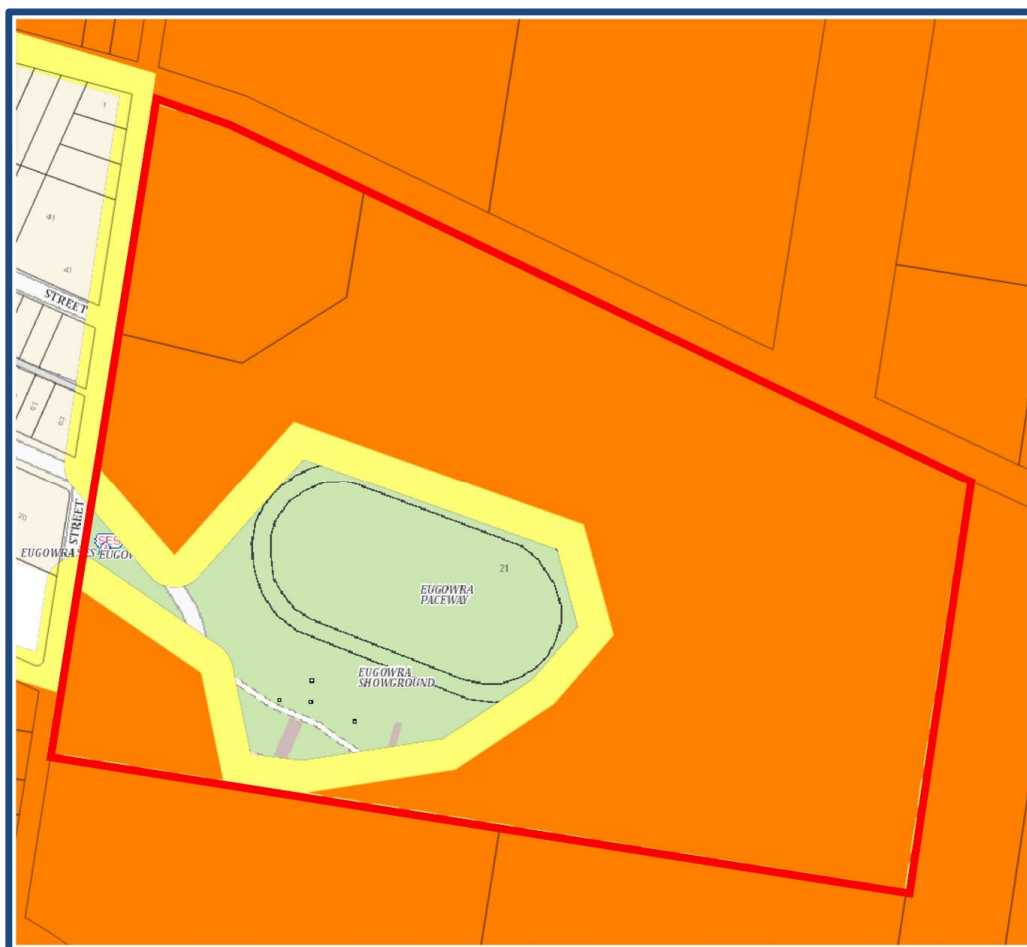


Figure 12 – Bush fire Hazard Map
Eugowra Showground shows Category 2 (buffer) as yellow, and Category 3 as orange (light).

The NSW Governments Planning portal¹⁶ describes a range of bush fire hazard rankings:

Vegetation Category 1 – considered to be the highest risk for bush fire and will be given a 100m buffer. This vegetation category has the highest combustibility and likelihood of forming fully developed fires including heavy ember production.¹⁷

¹⁵ Guide for Bush Fire Prone Land Mapping Version 5b November 2015: *NSW Rural Fire Services*.

¹⁶ www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/spatialviewer/#/find-a-property/lot.

¹⁷ Guide for Bush Fire Prone Land Mapping Version 5b November 2015: *NSW Rural Fire Services*.



Vegetation Category 2 – considered to be a lower bush fire risk than Category 1 and Category 3 but higher than the excluded areas **and will be given a 30-metre buffer**. This vegetation category has lower combustibility and/or limited potential fire size due to the vegetation area shape and size, land geography and management practices.

Vegetation Category 3 – considered to be medium bush fire risk vegetation. It is higher in bush fire risk than Category 2 (and excluded areas) but lower than Category 1.

Vegetation Buffer (see definition Category 2).

Note that bush fire hazard reduction work authorised by the *Rural Fires Act 1997* may be carried out on any land without development consent.¹⁸

Categories 2 (buffer - yellow shading) and 3 (light orange shading), bush fire prone land is shown to be present at Eugowra Showground as shown in Figure 12 – Bush fire Hazard Map.

4.7 Heritage Significance

The CLEP indicates that there are no items of heritage significance present at the Eugowra Showground.

4.8 Indigenous Heritage Significance

A search of the NSW government's Office of Environment and Heritage AHIMS Web Services:

- revealed that there were no Aboriginal sites recorded on the Showground and that there was one Aboriginal site within a 200m buffer from the site.
- did not reveal that Aboriginal places have been declared in or near the Showground (200 m buffer).

This indicates possible past occupation of the site and the possibility of there being Aboriginal Objects.

The Showground does not contain any items listed in the CLEP as being of known Aboriginal archaeological sites, nor places of indigenous heritage significance.

Any development must comply with the scheme contained in the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

4.9 Council Strategies, Plans and Policies

In addition to the above State policies and the directions of the CLEP, Council has developed a number of plans, general policies and papers which have either direct or indirect relevance to planning, management and maintenance of community land and Council Reserves. The main planning framework, the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework (IPRF), accords with the NSW

¹⁸ Advice should be sought from the Eugowra Rural Fire Service regarding any planned bush fire hazard management at the showground.



Government's direction that councils are required to develop a hierarchy of plans which assist councils deliver long, medium and short-term plans. The IPRF recognises that most communities share the common aspirations to live and work in a safe, healthy and pleasant place, in a sustainable environment, where there exist opportunities for social interaction and employment, and provision of reliable infrastructure.

The following lists those plans, strategies and policies of particular relevance for the future of the Eugowra Showground:

- ***Cabonne Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032*** – identifies the community's vision for the future, long term goals, and strategies to achieve such. It also outlines how Council will measure progress towards that vision, for which it shares responsibility with other partners such as state agencies, non-government business and industry groups, joint organisations and community groups. The plan will protect and strengthen what is valued about Cabonne local government area, such as the spirit of community, the lifestyle and the diversity of opportunity, as well as enhancing the future socially, economically, culturally and environmentally.
- ***Community Engagement Strategy 2022-2026*** – ensures that people impacted by Council's decisions will be provided with the opportunities to have a say during the process leading up to that decision. The strategy outlines Council's commitment to actively engage the local community through best-practice consultation methods. It sets out clear guidelines about how Council will engage and outlines the approach to community engagement including methodologies, tools and techniques. This ensures community confidence in planning systems are developed and maintained.
- ***Cabonne Recovery Plan – Building back a better Cabonne*** – outlines the actions the community and Council will take in response to the flood event of 2022 and breaks down the estimated costs to repair critical infrastructure as well as the cost to local homes, businesses and the natural environment and wellbeing of the community. The corresponding list of projects presented in the Recovery Plan have direct and indirect relevance to activities and functions at the Showgrounds of impacted towns.
- ***Delivery Program 2022-2026*** – outlines the suite of actions and activities that will be delivered by Council over the term, with timeframes, priorities and funding available. It acknowledges the incredibly difficult period experienced by people in Cabonne, with many suffering losses due to devastating flooding events during November 2022. It further recognises that this event was preceded by severe drought, mouse plagues and other flooding events with impacts felt widely across the local government area. Formalising and implementing Crown land PoMs is one of many proposed activities within the Delivery Program which has direct relevance to Cabonne's showgrounds. Managing the floodplains at Molong and Eugowra are commensurate actions within the Delivery Program, which will impact on the management of showgrounds in both towns. Over the Delivery Program period from 2022-26, Council is also undertaking a program of works to "*Activate Cabonne*", focused on the energising the towns of the local government area through new works and initiatives. Masterplans continue to be developed for nominated towns. Proposed actions include a Multi-purpose Centre for Eugowra.

Cascading down the planning hierarchy, operational plans show projects and activities Council will undertake in a specific year.



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- **Strategic Asset Management Plan 2022-2031 (SAMP)** – aligning with the long-term Financial Plan and the Workforce Management Plan, Council achieves effective financial and asset management, including sound policies and processes for performance management and reporting, asset maintenance and enhancement, funding decisions, and risk management. Council's showgrounds are nominated in the SAMP as examples of assets, though acknowledges them as being occupied by other organisations which may be self-funding, including through attracting grants.
- **Eugowra Town Masterplan 2021** – Developed with community input, the masterplan includes a spatial representation of required new works proposed in the consultations, for installation at Eugowra Showground.
- **Cabonne Settlement Strategy 2021-2041** – This plan identifies key issues facing each of the eight key settlements in Cabonne, develops strategies to address those issues and manage the future growth and enhancement of each of those settlements over the next twenty years. At Eugowra, the plan references a pocket of land in the Showground's western corridor (Noble Street side) as land with potential to accommodate expansion for community facilities.
- **Event Management Policy** – assists community groups wanting to organise and hold a public event in the local government area of Cabonne, ensuring such events are held with best practice to ensure public safety and equity. The policy does not cover events where leases on public land are held.
- **Tree Management Policy** – establishes an intent for the management of trees on Council managed public space, property and reserves, and to advise conditions of maintenance and replacement of trees to avoid interference with power lines.
- **Cabonne Shire Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) (draft)** – describing how Council will work towards building equitable, accessible and inclusive opportunities for people with a disability. The Plan uses the outcomes of consultations which occurred with the community, facilitated by Council.
- **Hire of Community Facilities/Buildings Policy** – ensures equitable opportunity for potential by providing a system to allocate hire and concessional rates for Council owned facilities. Fees and charges are determined for regular or casual hire. (This policy does not apply to commercial properties that are leased from Council and for which contractual lease arrangements apply, or to facilities managed by S355 committees.)

Given that the requirements and structure for this ESPoM are stipulated by legislative direction, it scopes the above policies, plans and strategies for relevant ideas and initiatives.

All relevant policies and plans as listed above can be found at Council's website ([Home - Cabonne Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.cabonne.nsw.gov.au)).



5 THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Topography, Hydrology and Drainage

The land occupied by the Eugowra Showground is mildly undulating to gently sloping. It rises to its highest point of 284m above sea level (ASL) in the vicinity of its southeastern corner, dropping to its lowest point of 274m ASL at its southwestern corner near Noble Street, which is slightly lower (0.6m) than the northwestern corner near the junction of Noble and Nangar Road. The elevation of the land in the vicinity of the Showground's northeastern corner is 282m ASL.

Site drainage therefore is generally east to west, with a concentration of flow along Puzzle Flat Creek which touches sections of the southern boundary.¹⁹ A levee bank of masonry construction on its lower (main) section, and earthen in its upper section, had been designed and implemented to reduce overland flow into the Showground site from Puzzle Flat Creek. That levee continues above the eastern boundary of the racetrack, diverting flow back into an earthen flume and pipe overflow system which also carries the high flows partially from the cultivated paddock above. The cultivated utility area (which occupies the bulk of the Showground land) otherwise drains towards the northwestern corner either directly or via road verges along Nangar Road and Noble Street.

The drainage patterns and topography result in some areas at the Showground which warrant some attention with respect to drainage and utility. The two most significant are:

- The area immediately to the north and west of the Show Pavilion, where runoff is concentrated due to outflow from the immediate catchment of the racetrack at that point, and
- The lowest topographical point of the Showground (the area near the southwestern corner) which gathers runoff from:
 - the immediate upslope catchment within the Showground's main developed area, and
 - the catchment above when the capacity of the designed overflow positioned where the main levees converge (above Block C - animal stalls) is exceeded.

This may place limitations on development and activities in the southwestern section of the Showground, as well as sections of the camping area.

Figure 13 – General Runoff patterns shows general runoff directions and areas where drainage is a limitation.

¹⁹ Prior to construction of the levee, flow from the creek entered the Showground at that point.



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Figure 13 – General Runoff patterns

This figure also identifies (shaded blue) areas where drainage can be seasonally constrained.

5.2 Soils and Geology

The soils at the Eugowra Showground belong to the *Lachlan Soil Landscape*.²⁰ This soil landscape comprises the alluvial plains and terraces of the Lachlan River, and its various tributaries. Although the Lachlan Soil Landscapes contain complex soil types, they are all related by virtue of their alluvial origins, all transported by water throughout the Quaternary Period during the last 2.6 million years, the materials formerly weathering from the rocks of the upper catchments to the east. Collectively, these have reasonable to good agricultural potential (mostly arable) though they generally exhibit hard-setting surfaces, low wet bearing strength and high soil erodibility particularly as organic matter levels decline (normally due to a long cultivation history and other intensive uses). Waterlogging can be a constraint in some circumstances and soils are subject to easy loss of organic matter on disturbance and compaction of the surface and at depth.

At the Showground site, which is an elevated alluvial terrace, a range of texture-contrast soils of the Lachlan Soil Landscape exist. Of these, topsoils (0-10cm) are generally reddish brown to fine sandy loams, poorly structured with hard setting surfaces with a field pH of 6. Topsoils merge abruptly to a medium clay with moderate structure with a field pH of 6.5. At depth (beyond 50cm), textures rapidly

²⁰ King D.P 1998. Soil Landscapes of the Forbes 1:250,000 Sheet Report. In eSpade: Office of Environment and Heritage: [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/eSpadeWebapp/Soil Landscapes of Central and Eastern NSW](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/eSpadeWebapp/Soil_Landscapes_of_Central_and_Eastern_NSW).



become heavier (medium to heavy clays), pH's increase to at least 7 and where drainage is constrained, may show a mottling of colours (red/grey/yellow).

Figure 14 shows the characteristics of soils at various positions across the Showground, particularly colour, texture, the hard-setting surfaces, and localised impeded drainage.



Figure 14 – Soils of Eugowra Showground

5.3 Vegetation and Habitat

The original vegetative cover on the site of the Eugowra Showground had been greatly modified by the time of the first dedication of the Eugowra Showground. A surveyor's scant notation made on an early plan of the site on 17 May 1918, provides limited insight into the original vegetation:

"A small box and pine flat on reddish soil"

This was a description of the northwestern section (see Figure 5) made at a time when the vegetation of most lands immediately adjacent to most towns and villages had been heavily used as a ready source for firewood and grazing. Although the pine is all but gone from the site of the Showground, the box trees referred to, being yellow box (*Eucalyptus meliodora*), are still represented as sporadic remnant vegetation both on the more developed sections of the Showground, and across the site's main high-use area (Figure 15).



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Figure 15 – Mature box tree remnant vegetation across the Eugowra Showground



Figure 16 – Established box trees add to showground shade and aesthetics

Because of their age, these trees are well developed (featuring hollows etc.) and provide valuable habitat for birds, mammals and insects. The yellow box and other natives have also been actively planted under Showground management over the years and provide good shade and aesthetics, such as the established tree avenue inside the Showground's main entrance (Figure 16). Another valuable occurrence of box and other eucalypt trees have propagated along the defines of Puzzle Flat Creek riparian area, near the Showground's southern boundary, often in conjunction with the earthen



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levee bank component (Figure 17) and further upslope.



Figure 17 – Tree establishment in the vicinity of Puzzle Flat Creek Southern Showground boundary.

Ornamental trees have been tastefully introduced onto a number of areas adding to shading and aesthetics, such as the area outside the racetrack within the landscaped garden of the Harness Racing section (Figure 18).



Figure 18 – Ornamental trees in high-use area contribute to shade and aesthetics



6 SHOWGROUND CONDITION ASSESSMENT

6.1 Assessment of Infrastructure

The Showground's main assets were inspected, photographed and recorded during the compilation of this ESPoM and a preliminary assessment of the condition of all major assets is described in Table 1, and spatially represented on Figure 19.

Table 1 – Condition of Built Assets

No	Asset	Condition	No	Asset	Condition
Apparent condition: VG = Very Good; G = Good; F = Fair; P = Poor; VP = Very Poor. ²¹					
1	Show Pavilion	F	15	HRC racetrack (805m of crushed granite, blue metal/sand mix) and barriers	G
2	Eugowra Show Society (ESS) Administration Office	G	16	Emergency Services building	VG
3	Amenities	F	17	Multipurpose animal stalls (102 in total, blocks A, B and C)	G
4	Working Dog Yards/competition areas	G	18	Electricity supply to camping and exhibition areas and general use	G
5	Eugowra Pony Club (EPC) Yards, stalls, clubhouse and storage	G	19	Animal wash areas	G
6	Eugowra Harness Racing Club (HRC) Administration offices	VG	21	Internal fencing and barriers general	G
7	HRC amenities	VP	22	Seating (transportable)	G
8	HRC change rooms	VP	23	Flood levees -masonry (a) and earthen (b)	G
9	Storeroom	F	24	Boundary fencing	P
10	HRC Canteen, Bar and Seating (shared area)	VG	25	Emergency water supply	F
11	HRC Mobile grandstands	G	26	Entrance gate and track	F
12	HRC observation boxes and towers	F	27	Internal access tracks	P
13	Signage	F	28	Internal gating	G
14	Landscaping	F	29	Temporary building for proposed pre-school (transportable (3)) ²²	VG

²¹ 1. **Very Good** - Excellent overall condition

2. **Good** - Very good overall – early stages of deterioration – normal maintenance, minor repairs

3. **Fair** - Condition deterioration obvious, serviceability affected, significant maintenance required

4. **Poor** - Serviceability heavily impacted, maintenance cost high and significant renewal/major maintenance

5. **Very Poor** - Severe serviceability problems, immediate rehabilitation, requires over 50% asset renewal

²² Temporarily located to this position after severe flooding of Eugowra township late 2022. Currently under review.



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Figure 19 – Main Asset locations



Figures 20 – 42 depict a range of assets across the Showground.

With a few exceptions, built assets at the Showground have been well maintained over the years and range from near new (such as the canteen area and seating, and the Harness Racing Club offices) to the more original (Show Pavilion building). As such, the majority of built assets are functional and will provide a sound platform for service provision to its many users for a number of years into the future, subject to the normal required maintenance. Internal unsealed access roads and tracks require consideration during wet conditions and during times of high usage. Boundary fencing ranges from satisfactory/functional, to requiring repair and replacement in some situations. The Harness Racing Club change rooms are below standard and require consideration.

All major upgrades and more urgent repairs to infrastructure items required by this ESPoM, are detailed in the Implementation Plan (Section 13).



Figure 20 – Showground Assets – Pavilion Area

Clockwise from top left: ESS Pavilion; Internal space -Pavilion; ESS BBQ area; ESS Administration Office (attached to pavilion).



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Figure 21 – Showground Assets - Eugowra Showground main entrance, entrance track

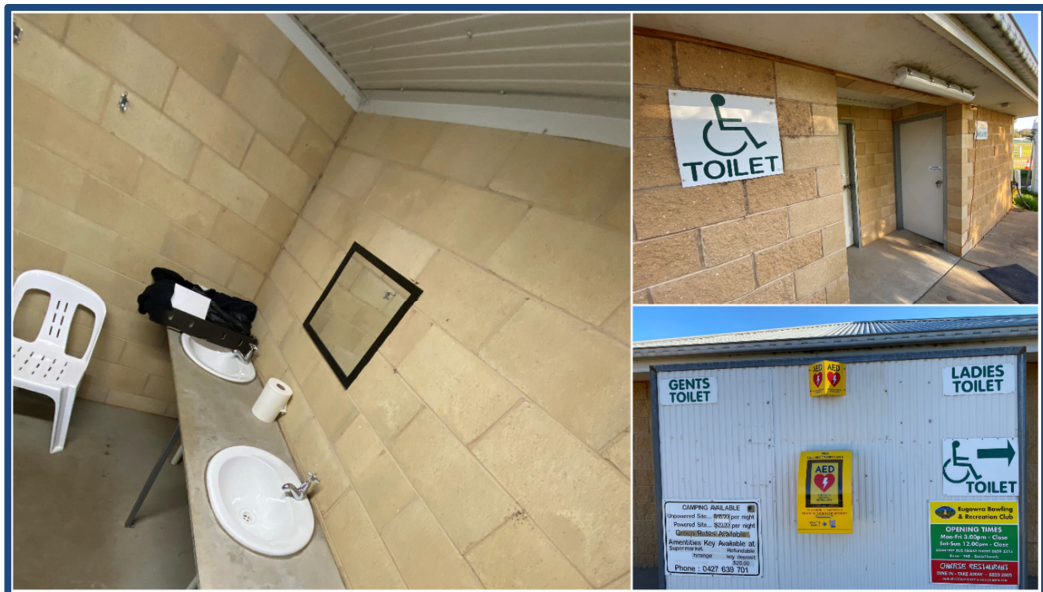


Figure 22 – Showground Assets - main amenities block



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Figure 23 – Showground Assets - Working Dog competitive area



Figure 24 – Showground Assets - Stalls and pens, storage



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Figure 25 – Showground Assets - Harness Racing Club Administration Building, and rear storage



Figure 26 – Showground Assets - Harness Racing Club amenities and change rooms, storage and water tank



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Figure 27 – Showground Assets – Harness Racing Club Storage Shed



Figure 28 – Showground Assets – Harness Racing Club Canteen and seating (shared area)



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Figure 29 – Showground Assets - Mobile Assets
Mobile Grandstands for racetrack viewing (left), transportable seating common area (near Pavilion) (right).



Figure 30 – Showground Assets – Observation boxes and tower (Harness Racing Track)



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Figure 31 – Showground Assets – Signage



Figure 32 – Showground Assets – Landscaping



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Figure 33 – Showground Assets – HRC Racing track and barriers



Figure 34 – Showground Assets – Emergency Services building



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Figure 35 – Showground Assets – Multi-purpose animal stalls



Figure 36 – Showground Assets – Electricity supply, power outlets



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Figure 37 – Showground Assets – Livestock wash areas



Figure 38 – Showground Assets – Water supply



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Figure 39 – Showground Assets – Flood Levee
Flood levee (earthen section (left), masonry section (centre and right)).



Figure 40 – Showground Assets – Boundary fences



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Figure 41 – Showground Assets – Access
Southern Showground access (top left); unsealed internal access tracks.



Figure 42 – Showground Assets – Eugowra pre-school (temporarily located)

6.2 User Assessment of Showground Values

Prior to formal commencement of this ESPoM, discussions with all current user groups of the Eugowra Showground were conducted and views on a range of issues were captured in a standard Strengths – Weaknesses – Opportunities – Threats (SWOT) process. A number of issues were acknowledged during this process which will impact on the success and sustainability of the Eugowra Showground into the future. Many of these will be further addressed in the Implementation Plan (Section 13).

Of particular note pertinent to future activities at the Eugowra Showground, discussions at the consultation meeting were flavoured by the results of serious flooding which occurred during late 2022, impacting significantly on Eugowra town. This has relevance to the management of the



Eugowra Showground in that some town-based services have nominated a desire to relocate to its flood-free location. For instance, the town's community operated pre-school, which at the time of compiling this ESPoM, has been temporarily relocated from the township to the Showground. Consideration for these emerging priorities will be formally considered within this ESPoM (see Part B).²³

The main **strengths** for the Eugowra Showground identified in these discussions were:

- The Eugowra Showground already accommodates a large range of activities and their user groups, well demonstrating the versatility of the site. It has easy access from the main village, and the range of fit-for purpose facilities are well laid out, easy for visitors to locate and access, central to outlying towns and villages, and flood free.
- It is considered that the Eugowra Showground offers a "safe place", in terms of the physical, emotional, and psychological characteristics it offers to people of the town and area. (This is in part an understandable reaction to the recent devastating floods which still impact severely on the lives and well-being of the people of the vicinity.)
- There exists a human energy within the administration and running of the Eugowra Showground's activities, which will continue to see it strive for enhanced activity, including for multipurpose functionality. The current facilities and their management tend to be self-supporting, both in terms of human capacity, and also financially. All returns tend to be well invested within the Showground for ongoing sustainable management.
- There exists good potential for extra development on the Eugowra Showground, because of the large less intensively used space available.
- Active volunteers from the community strive for efficiency in the way the Showground is run, and good communication currently exists across all user groups.
- The relationship between Council staff and the ESS (representing all other user groups) is working well.
- The Eugowra Showground houses the only available caravan/camping site, with amenities, within or near the Eugowra township.

As well as acknowledging the positive values, the discussions with users also acknowledged current **weaknesses** which constrain operations and progress being:

- The ability to be in a position to expand (see Strengths), equates to commensurate increases in the maintenance required, putting additional strain on volunteer resources, which are already stretched. This means an inability to capitalise on new opportunities, especially in the absence of a formalised caretaker role.
- Some infrastructure has limitations and is constrained during busy times e.g., the Annual Show. This in particular applies to the supply of power and electricity.

²³ (i) Eugowra Pony Club was absent from the SWOT discussion. Subsequent follow-up with members provides input into the above analysis. (ii) The Eugowra Rural Fire Service was also absent from the discussion, however contact with representatives (Zone Manager and local team) and information provided was also incorporated here.



- Drainage problems at the Eugowra Showground constrain efficiencies during wet times – especially due to run-off which emerges from the enclosed harness racing track, and beyond the designed overflow of the flood diversion structure.
- General storage space (e.g., within adjoining main buildings and shedding) is limited. This in particular will impact on the ability to welcome new users and uses to the Showground.
- Perimeter fencing is poor in places, limiting use of other areas e.g., horses, livestock.
- There is a reliance on available grants, and a weakness will arise with their diminution or cessation.
- The main shops available to users of the Showground (being in the business area of the town), are some distance away.

However, a number of future **opportunities** were identified which, if pursued, may position the Showground on a stronger base for the future, being:

- The new Multi-Purpose Centre provides a great opportunity to increase usage and income. It also creates the possibility to consider alternate usage of the main pavilion (the ESS building).
- Existing facilities (e.g., amenities areas) are clean, versatile and well managed – attractive to new uses and business.
- There is capacity to attract interest to Eugowra and the Showground from existing local and regional initiatives. It is already well known for its staging of the Canola Cup, but increased allegiances with Camping and Caravanning Association, Orange 360 activities, Inland Rail Initiative, etc. may provide valuable new business for the Eugowra Showground.
- Improvements to the amenities and attractiveness now offered by the camping/caravanning site will generate the extra required income for the Eugowra Showground operations. This is a growing market. Smart E-payment systems will reduce human time and improve efficiency.
- The huge roof area (especially post construction of the new centre) provides a good opportunity to harness solar energy. There is also potential to utilise the centre area of the current harness racing track (see Figure 19) for passive sporting activities, e.g., those associated with equine activities.
- There exists a refreshing influx of new volunteer recruits (a continuing trend), particularly from the younger age bracket. This places the future of the Showground in good hands.
- Improvements in Showground promotional signage at the entry gates will improve the professional appearance and attractiveness of what is on offer at the Eugowra Showground.
- The Equestrian Arena requires covering with an all-weather roof if it is to draw more people and events to the Showground. The equestrian industry is growing.

A number of future **threats** to Eugowra Showground viability which require consideration within a successful plan, being:



- Elevated use activities may become impractical in the absence of commensurate improvements in support.
- Although “hands-on” volunteering which is essential to keep important activities and projects afloat has been historically strong, there is some concern that the future period may struggle to achieve the correct level of interested people, especially volunteers. Encouragement of new volunteers must continue.
- The global economic woes are a concern to showground sustainability, as part of their overall impact on national, state and regional finances. This may impact on the grant scheme availability. Current sponsorships may also fall away.
- Biosecurity issues are a threat, particularly if not managed at times of high use involving livestock (e.g., Annual Show). The threat of another pandemic affecting human health and responses, will have a huge impact on the viability of the Eugowra Showground.
- The breadth of community representation on the Show Committee. The site manager may need to consider how to maintain a diverse range of community members.

Appendix 3 shows the workings from the SWOT recorded on the night of the consultation. Also shown are the aspirations and additional ideas and suggestions of the specific groups in attendance during the discussion:

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|---|--|
| • ESS | • Eugowra Communities Children’s Centre (ECCC) |
| • Eugowra Promotion and Progress Association (EPPA) | • EPC |

Additionally, community consultation was previously conducted by Council as part of its Masterplans project for small towns within the Local Government Area (*Activate Cabonne*). The Eugowra Town Masterplan (draft revised through workshops in May 2021) included the development of guiding principles and priorities, and provides an excellent injection of views by the wider community, especially for new works and promotions. The section of the Masterplan which applies directly to the Eugowra Showground in East Eugowra, has also been considered in this ESPoM, especially regarding new priority works.



7 DEMOGRAPHICS

The town of Eugowra has seen a recent resurgence in population to be approximately 601 people (2021 census). The population had been gradually declining from 589 in 2001 to 510 in 2016 indicating an approximate 18% increase over the past five years with the number of families increasing from 139 to 150. This may reflect increased housing costs in larger Regional Centres and work style changes relating to Covid 19.

However, when noting the role and functions of the Eugowra Showground, it is more relevant to consider the regional community in discussions of demography and trends, particularly as the various event attendees may travel quite large distances to enjoy the Showground's facilities. Although not all encompassing, the Cabonne Local Government Area²⁴ is therefore considered in this ESPoM to provide a reasonable basis to provide some insight into Eugowra Showground's predicted use trends by the community.

Table 2 refers to the three most recent Australian Bureau of Statistics Census data for Cabonne Council LG Act, being: 2011, 2016 and 2021, for a range of age class distributions.²⁵

Table 2 – Population Statistics for Cabonne Local Government Area 2011-2021

Age (years)	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-54	55-64	65+	Total
Census 2011	853	1951	1354	4639	1766	2261	12,821
Census 2016	831	2056	1420	4640	1784	2660	13,386
Census 2021	751	2044	1504	4505	1989	2974	13,766

Note: Median age for Cabonne Local Government Area in 2021 was 44.

Across the 2011-2023 decade, the figures show:

- an increase in population (approx. 7.3%, or 0.7% per annum), with the projection of continued increase.
- a decline in the new-born to toddlers age group (0-4 years old) of 12%, although there is still increasing demand for early childhood care.
- general increases in the younger age (school attending) groups between 5 and 14 years of age, of 7%.
- slight increase in the working age population between 15-64 years, of 3%.
- a significant increase in older residents 65 years and older. This increase is **31.5%**, representing 22% of the total population by 2021. This figure appears to be generated from a migration of retirees into the Cabonne Council area for reasons of lifestyle, possibly coupled by more attractive living costs.

From this analysis, issues for future management of the Eugowra Showground will be confronting provision of facilities requiring a continued matching with new and emerging social and recreational

²⁴ The Local Government Area of Cabonne includes townships of Molong, Eugowra, Cudal, Canowindra, Borenore, Cargo, Cumnock, Manildra, Yeoval and Mullion Creek and all smaller villages, plus rural communities.

²⁵ www.quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/. "Note that small random changes have been made to all cell values for privacy reasons. These changes may cause the sum of rows or columns to differ by small amounts from the table totals" -ABS.



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needs of a growing younger population, including those within the working age group. However most importantly, the uses of an aging population will be an important consideration for the future functions and services of the Showground. A healthy increase in the younger age groupings is optimistic and may provide the basis for the essential voluntary support required for the sustenance of Eugowra Showground functions into the future.



8 CURRENT USES

Eugowra Showground provides ready access to all users including participants and patrons at a range of staged events, as well as pedestrians and casual users. It is well positioned to address the casual and active needs of the local Eugowra community and region, and further afield. Of particular note, is its flood-free location.

8.1 Current User Groups

The Eugowra Showground is currently used by the following organisations on agreement with Council:

- Eugowra Show Society for all activities associated with the Annual Show (produce, cattle, working dogs, show entertainment etc.) (Figure 43)²⁶
- Eugowra Pony Club (Figure 45)
- Eugowra Harness Racing Club, and the Annual Canola Cup (Figure 44)
- NSW State Emergency Services
- Eugowra Community Childcare Centre
- Eugowra Promotion and Progress Association.



Figure 43 – Eugowra Show activities
(Photo courtesy of ESS)

²⁶ The Eugowra Show Society also undertakes land management (weed and feral animal control etc) on parts of the Eugowra Showground, and any revenue earned on those areas is used in its maintenance and improvement.



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Figure 44 – Eugowra HRC

Convenes the famous Canola Cup event at Eugowra Showground (Photo courtesy of Eugowra Harness Racing Club).



Figure 45 – Eugowra Pony Club activities
(Photo courtesy of EPC)



8.2 Other Uses for Eugowra Showground

Residents and visitors to the region have access to Eugowra Showground and opportunities to enjoy a range of activities and events including:

- camping and caravanning stays
- circuses, concerts and music festivals
- community clinics
- community events
- exhibitions, auctions and business expos
- sporting competitions
- fair days and annual shows
- filming and production
- open markets
- private hire for events such as weddings, birthdays and services
- walking, exercise and general relaxation.

8.3 Existing Interests and Tenures

Currently, no formal tenures exist between Council and the current users including ESS. It is noted that the ESS formerly held 2x20 year leases from Council.

No tenures exist between the ESS and various user groups.



PART B – THE PLAN

9 A VISION FOR THE LAND

In its Community Strategic Plan, as well as other major plans and strategies within the Integrated Planning and Reporting cluster, the words consistently articulated by Cabonne Council acknowledge a thriving, caring, and vibrant community which recognises a rich culture, heritage and history.

Protecting and valuing the environment, the rural aspects of the region, and provision of access to services and required support, are all important ingredients to this successful community. Working together across all towns within the shire will achieve great things for the wider Cabonne community.

These are the major points which comprise vision for Cabonne Council:

“Where one community succeeds – we all succeed. We are Cabonne”

The various statements presented reflect Council’s broad strategic intent to create and maintain a sense of community fulfilment and enrichment for the Cabonne Local Government Area:

- Within Eugowra and beyond, its showground provides the key focus for the activities of a vibrant and caring community which values its heritage, history, and rural culture.
- The Eugowra Showground provides a focus for the activities of a community, who enjoy health, social enrichment, and sporting opportunities.
- The Eugowra Showground also uniquely provides the source for delivery of a number of important community services which in turn, contribute to a healthy and safe community.
- The Eugowra Showground is therefore an important and essential component in the delivery of the vision of Cabonne Council. The recent floods and droughts which have impacted significantly on people, elevates this importance.

As a consequence of discussions with user groups and Council staff during the development of this ESPoM, the following vision for the Eugowra Showground is proposed:

“Respecting our traditions and history in creating user-friendly facilities and services for the community’s growth and enjoyment.”



10 OBJECTIVES, CLASSIFICATION AND CATEGORY OF LAND

The Showground is classified as community land under the LG Act as amended by the *Local Government Amendment (Community Land Management) Act 1998*.

Under Section 36(4), all community land must be further categorised as one of the following categories:

- Natural Area - (further categorised as either Bushland, Wetland, Escarpment, Foreshore, Watercourse)
- Sportsground
- Park
- Area of Cultural Significance, or
- General Community Use.

The Core Objectives for all community land categories vary according to the categorisation of the land. All objectives are defined in Sections 36E to 36N of the LG Act and also appear in **Appendix 1** of this ESPoM.

It is considered that in accordance with the guidelines set out in the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Practice Note 1: Public Land Management (Department of Local Government Amended 2000), and consistent with respective core objectives, land at the Showground under this ESPoM is categorised as:

- **Sportsground**
- **General Community Use.**

Figure 46 shows the location of land categories across the Showground.

10.1 Sportsground

Relevant Core Objectives for the management of land categorised as **Sportsground** are:

- to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and
- to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.

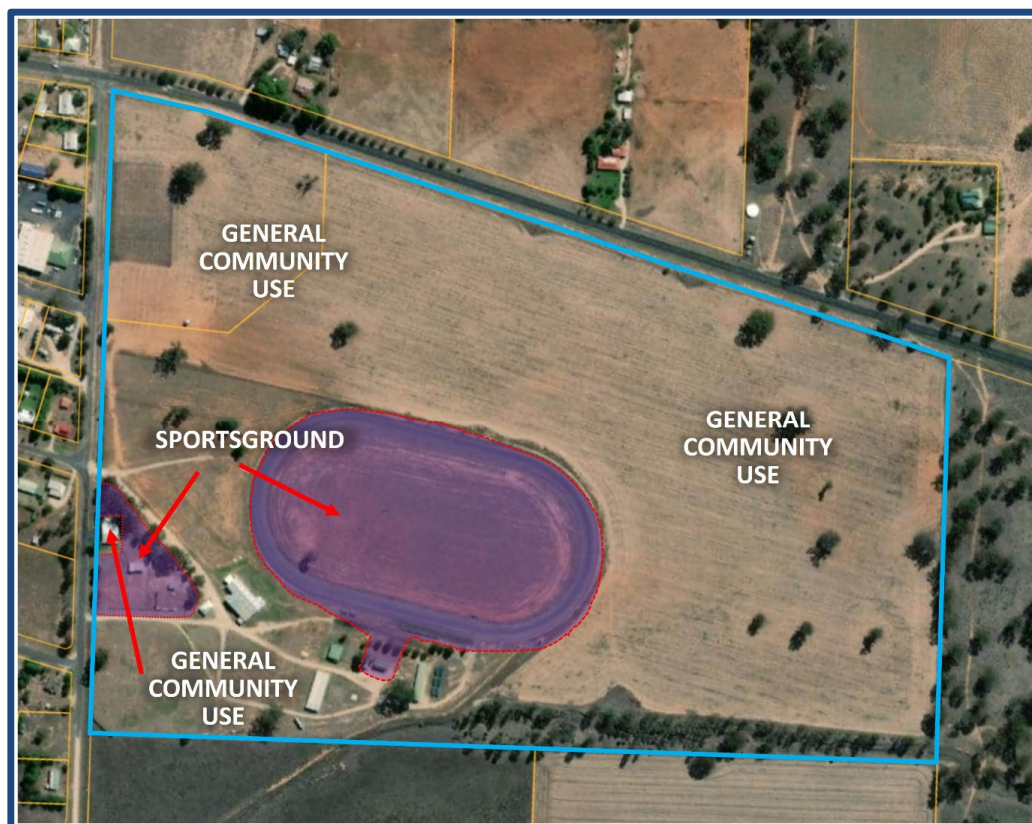


Figure 46 – Land Categories

Description and Location

The area categorised as Sportsground is the part of the Showground where the organised competitive sporting activities are conducted. The Sportsground consists of the main arena, and all of the areas and buffers associated with the various sporting events on the Showground – Harness Racing, Pony Club, Working Dogs etc. It also includes those infrastructure items which provide immediate services to those activities such as seating, barriers, constructed yards, stables (EPC), administration and storage.

Management Objective

The area identified as Sportsground will be managed to maintain the current level of use by the established user groups whilst allowing for a small increase in equestrian use where compatible with existing space and infrastructure.

Ancillary facilities should be maintained within this ESPoM at least to a level that will attract regular patronage, utilising the fees raised from Eugowra Showground users as well as external sources. Additional infrastructure items are nominated within this ESPoM and will be staged as funding permits.



Where present, environmental values (such as tree management), will require consideration in accordance with policy and legislation.

10.2 General Community Use

Relevant Core Objectives for management of community land categorised as **General Community Use** are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

- in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
- in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

Description and Location

The General Community Use area provides the Eugowra Showground's "front-end", stemming from the more traditional uses and purposes for showgrounds such as the annual show, exhibits, demonstrations and competitions which are often linked to the agricultural history of the district.

The General Community Use area has a strong multi-purpose function and meets the physical, cultural and intellectual needs of the community, whilst also attracting and supporting emerging activities which have an increased capacity for commercial return.

This includes the various show pavilions, administration offices (HRC and ESS), the camping ground facilities and its associated infrastructure, the entrances into the Eugowra Showground, amenities blocks, servery and canteen areas, annual show entertainment stalls, livestock yards and sheds, club and group facilities and buildings, internal roads, landscaping (tree management etc.), parking areas, and boundary and subdivision fencing. It also includes areas occupied by the various emergency services, the temporary location of the Eugowra Pre-School, important open areas for walking and exercising, markets (where relevant), concerts and other areas used for passive recreational use.

Most of the infrastructure associated with service provision (power, water etc.) is also located within the General Community Use area.

Management Objective

The area identified as General Community use will be managed to improve the health of the Eugowra and regional communities by encouraging free and unrestricted access for the purposes of casual use and scheduled activities. Emphasis will be placed on attracting and maintaining tenures or occupations to generate income from existing as well as new and opportunistic users. The re-location from the township to the Showground of various service providers will also be given priority on the General Community Use lands.

The growing of the businesses and required infrastructure will therefore be a priority, which will capitalise on interest in new services which are planned to be delivered at and from the Eugowra



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Showground. This will provide opportunities to create new infrastructure to address these community needs.

A large open area to the north and east of the main Showground development ensures provision is made to accommodate additional development and inclusions required as essential for the operation of the Eugowra Showground and the broader needs of the community.

There will be an ongoing necessity to also address issues associated with the aging of some infrastructure. It is important that built infrastructure currently servicing the needs of all attendees, exhibitors and competitors is maintained and enhanced, especially as new demands arise. Maintenance requirements, including general ground management, will rise as infrastructure grows. Maintenance has used strong volunteer support to date, and may be stretched consistent with growth in activities, visitations and business.

Space management will be an important consideration during busy times. Current limitations to parking and manipulation of large vehicles constrains continued and growing use, particularly during multiple events, or major single events such as the annual show. The supply of power to the Showground, especially as infrastructure and visitation grows, will also need to be considered in the future management model.

Current environmental values aesthetics will require management, and in some cases, enhancement in accordance with policy and legislation.



11 MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHOWGROUND

11.1 Showground Management and Communication

Council reserves the right to control the use of community land including the Showground.

Council intends to:

- Create opportunities for community consultation and participation in the planning and development as required.
- Consider and attempt to balance the need for community recreation facilities with the impact development that such sites will have on local residents.
- Provide an efficient method and process for approval of all agreed improvements and developments.
- Consider access to recreational facilities for all users.
- Ensure all formal use of the Showground is authorised through appropriate documentation.
- Allow casual informal use consistent with Council's policies and procedures.
- Consider how use of the site can provide funding for the maintenance of facilities for the Showground.
- Recognise that the ongoing viability of the Eugowra Showground is dependent on the ongoing viability of the Showground users.
- Facilitate a system whereby enquiries and complaints from the public can be efficiently and promptly dealt with.

Council will issue leases and licences as described in Section 11.3

Current Management Structure

Council manages the Eugowra Showground. Operationally, the ESS assumes the responsibility providing an effective advisory service to the Council. Other Showground user groups (the HRC, the EPC etc.) operate through representation as part of the ESS.

No tenures currently exist between Council, the ESS and the diverse user groups. The various emergency services and the Eugowra Pre-school currently have no tenure with Council or the Crown to operate on the lands of the Showground.



New Management Structure

Council will continue to manage the Eugowra Showground.

Council will establish an advisory committee as the Eugowra Showground Committee (ESC) to consist of representatives of each of the community user groups,²⁷ a Council representative and if considered appropriate the Government Agency users' representatives. This will ensure decision making is collective. Overall communication, relating to new infrastructure developments, maintenance and on-site works coordination and event coordination will be managed cohesively through the ESC.



Figure 47 – Area managed by Council.

The ESC will undertake an advisory role to Council, for the area not highlighted pink in Figure 47, providing an important link between Council and the relevant user groups. On agreement between Council and the ESC, delegations to perform certain functions may be assigned to the ESC. The areas highlighted in pink, assigned to a user, will be managed under tenure.²⁸

²⁷ Community user groups will be entitled to provide a representative, however, representation while encouraged, is not required for the ESC to perform its functions.

²⁸ Where an exclusive tenure is subsequently issued by Council the area of the tenures will be removed from management by the ESC.



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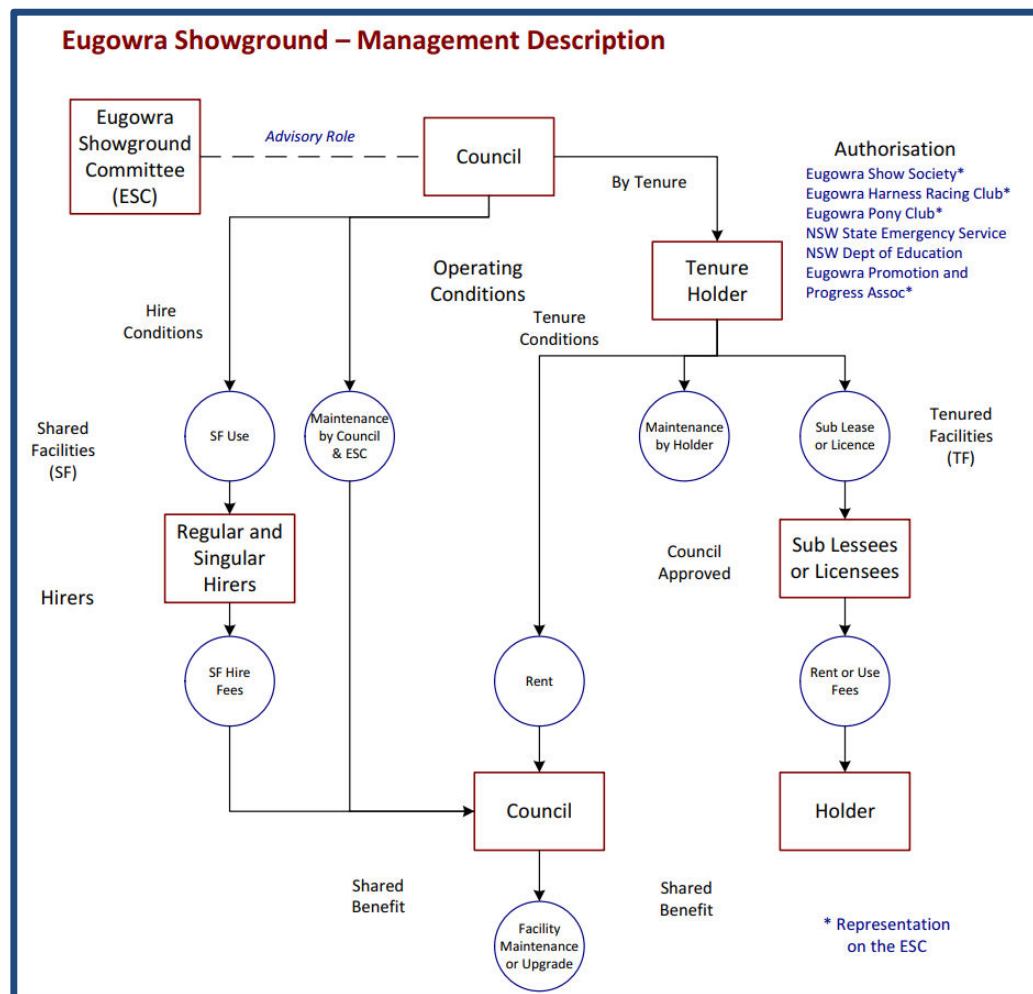


Figure 48 – Operational Relationship between Council, holders, hirers and the ESC

Communication between Council, the ESC and Showground users is important to the success of this ESPoM. This will be achieved as set out in Figure 48. The principles of management will be:

- The Development of a terms-of-reference, including a schedule of meetings, for the operation of the ESC.
- Regular meetings of the ESC.
- The ESC convening at least one annual forum (such as an AGM, or extraordinary meeting) to which all Showground groups/users are invited to attend.
- Council representative to attend the scheduled full annual meeting, as well as other meetings as required.
- Effective Council consultation with ESC and relevant user groups prior to undertaking major



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renovations or establishment of new structures on the Eugowra Showground.

- Effective communication with user groups regarding the installation and positioning of any new buildings/structures and other major works
- Use of the Eugowra Showground will be subject to tenure or agreement (see Section 11.3 of this ESPoM).²⁹
- Clarification to the community and users concerning access for casual uses of the Eugowra Showground.
- Establishment of appropriate tenure and hiring arrangements for existing and new hirers, at recommended/appropriate rent and hire fees.
- The requirements of any tenure or hire agreement to be met by establishing positive relationships between tenure holder, Council and ESC through clear expectations and communications.
- Where necessary, development of guidelines which communicate the requirement for users to concur with all tenure conditions including the maintenance of orderly and tidy surrounds at all times.
- Development and implementation of an online Eugowra Showground use directory / calendar whereby the general public and all users have access to the events that are being held.
- Improved communication around the issue of bookings and activities to avoid confusion and conflict being:
 - An effective online booking system
 - Onsite notice board highlighting forthcoming functions
- Casual Users being aware of their rights and responsibilities in utilising the Eugowra Showground.

²⁹ Tenures and Agreements for use of the Showground are primarily require to establish rights and responsibilities of users and to clearly identify insurance requirements.



11.2 Permitted Uses and Activities

The Showground allows free and unrestricted access for informal use by casual users when formal reserve activities and other formal activities are not being undertaken.

Permissible Uses

Table 3 lists the permissible uses on the Showground with their scale and intensity.

Table 3 – Permissible Uses

Use	Scale	Intensity
Access roads	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Amenities	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Alternate energy technology	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Art and cultural classes and events	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	7 days a week, 10.00am – 10.00pm subject to tenure or hire agreement
Camping and caravanning	Limited to the locations specified in the approval to operate by Council	24 hours a day, 7 days a week subject to hire agreement
Canteens and Kiosks	Limited to the hours the facility is booked Agreement via tenure or hire agreement	7 days a week, 8.00am – 10.00pm
Car parking	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Casual playing of games or informal sporting activities	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	7 days a week, 8.00am – sunset
Children's programs and events	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	8.00am – 10.00 pm, 7 days a week subject to tenure or hire agreement
Community events (fundraising/charity events, special events)	Limited to the hours the facility is booked and via tenure or hire agreement	7 days a week, 8.00am – 10.00pm Sun to Thurs, 8.00am – 11.00pm Fri and Sat
Community Services	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility Agreement via tenure or hire agreement	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Dog training and exercise	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	7 days a week, sunrise – sunset subject to tenure or hire agreement
Drainage and irrigation	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Emergency use	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Equestrian activities and events	Limited to the hours the facility is booked. Agreement via tenure or hire agreement	7 days a week, 8.00am – 10.00pm
Filming and photography (commercial, amateur)	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week Subject to tenure
Fitness and wellbeing programs	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	7 days a week, sunrise - sunset
Landscaping	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Licensed bar, bistro and café	Limited to establishments with a liquor licence	Operating hours of the establishment subject to Council approval



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Use	Scale	Intensity
Maintenance buildings and infrastructure	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Markets	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	Operating hours subject to tenure or hire agreement
Marquees, tents, stages and jumping castles - Temporary structures	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	Operating hours subject to tenure or hire agreement
Mobile food vendors	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	Operating hours subject to tenure or hire agreement
Organised playing of games	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	8.00am – 10.00 pm, 7 days a week subject to tenure or hire agreement
Organised sports competitions	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	7 days a week, 8.00am – 10.00pm
Organised sports training	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	7 days a week, 8.00am – 10.00pm
Outdoor film screening	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	Operating hours subject to tenure or hire agreement
Passive recreation	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	7 days a week, sunrise – 10.00pm
Paths	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Personal training	Non-exclusive use - up of 6-18 people maximum	7 days a week, sunrise – sunset subject to tenure or hire agreement
Playing of a musical instrument, or singing, for fee or reward	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	Operating hours subject to tenure or hire agreement
Pre-school operations	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week subject to tenure or hire agreement
Private events (i.e. weddings, birthdays)	Limited to the hours the facility is booked. Agreement via tenure or hire agreement	7 days a week, 8.00am – 10.00pm Sun to Thurs, 8.00am – 11.00pm Fri and Sat
Public performance or education	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	7 days a week, 10.00am – 10.00pm Sun to Thurs, 10.00am – 11.00pm Fri and Sat subject to tenure or hire agreement
Public utility infrastructure	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Remediation works	Subject to noise, workplace health and safety and relevant legislation	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
School sport and recreation	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	Monday – Friday 7.00am – 4.00pm subject to tenure or hire agreement
Shade structures	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Showground maintenance	Subject to noise, workplace health and safety and relevant legislation	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Sponsorship signage (temporary)	As per section 11.10 of this Plan	24 hours a day, 7 days a week



Use	Scale	Intensity
Storage facilities	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week subject to tenure or hire agreement
Telecommunication facilities	Subject to relevant legislation	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Youth programs and events	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	8.00am – 10.00 pm, 7 days a week subject to tenure or hire agreement

It is an express provision of this ESPoM that Council shall provide from time to time as circumstances may require the construction and maintenance of utility services, provision and maintenance of floodways, cycle ways, vehicular access ways and the granting of easements.

11.3 Leases, Licences and other Estates

For this section, please see the Explanation of Terms³⁰ set out below.

The LG Act provides that tenures (leases, licences, or any other estates) or easements may be granted over all or part of community land in accordance with Section 46.

Tenures may be held by:

- community organisations and sporting clubs, or
- by private/commercial organisations, or
- government agencies
- individuals providing facilities and/or services for public use.

The maximum period for leases and licences on community land allowable under the LG Act is 30 years (with the consent of the Minister for a period over 21 years) for purposes consistent with the categorisation and core objectives of the particular area of community land.

Community land may only be leased or licensed for periods of more than 5 years if public notice is

³⁰ Explanation of Terms

Tenure	A lease, licence or other estate issued by Council in accordance with Section 46 of the LG Act or Section 2.20 of the CLM Act.
Hire agreement	An estate issued by Council.
Holder	The company, organisation, individual or group of individuals who have been issued with a tenure.
Hirer	The company, organisation, individual or group of individuals who have been issued with a hire agreement.
Regular hirer	A hirer who regularly uses the Showground through a Hire Agreement or has an ongoing hire agreement.
Singular hirer	A hirer who has a hire agreement as a once off or irregularly.
Casual user	A person or group of people using the Showground for passive recreation, non-commercial purposes without a tenure or hire agreement.
User	The collective term for a holder, hirer and casual user.



given according to the requirements of Sections 47 and 47A of the LG Act.

Leases

A lease will be generally required where exclusive use or control of all or part of community land is desirable for effective management. A lease may also be required when the scale of investment in facilities, the necessity for security measures, or where the relationship between a holder and facilities on community land justifies such security of tenure.

Leases issued by Council will require:

- that subleases or any other supplementary tenures can only be issued by the Holders with the approval of Council, and consistent with Section 47C of the LG Act.
- maintenance of the facility will be the responsibility of the Lessees.

Licences

Licences allow multiple and non-exclusive use of an area. A licence may be required where intermittent or short-term use or control of all or part of the community land is proposed. A number of licences for different holders can apply to the same area at the same time, provided there is no conflict of interest.

Permits

A permit may be issued by Council to undertake a particular activity on community land. Such a permit may or may not attract a fee.

Hire Agreements

An agreement for use of the Showground (hire agreement) may be issued by Council for any purpose listed below, subject to the approval of Council. A hire agreement may be issued to a regular hirer or a singular hirer for formal use. Any legal requirements as determined by Council will include the requirement for adequate public liability insurance cover.

Purposes for which tenures may be issued

In accordance with Section 46A of the LG Act, a PoM for community land is to specify and authorise any purpose for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted over community land during the life of a PoM.

This PoM authorises a tenure to be issued:

- for any permissible use in Table 3.



- for purposes consistent with the Showground's:
 - categorisation (see Sections 10.1 and 10.2), and
 - zoning (see Section 4.2) under Section 46 of the LG Act, and
 - reserve purpose of public recreation, racecourse, showground, community purposes, rural services and levee bank as required under the CLM Act.

However, the CLM Act allows that Council may also issue short term licences (for a period of less than one year) consistent with Section 2.20 of the CLM Act. This section provides that licences may be issued, inconsistent with the reservation purpose, for prescribed purposes currently being:³¹

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| (a) access through a reserve | (m) grazing |
| (b) advertising | (n) hiring of equipment |
| (c) camping using a tent, caravan or otherwise | (o) holiday accommodation |
| (d) catering | (p) markets |
| (e) community, training or education | (q) meetings |
| (f) emergency occupation | (r) military exercises |
| (g) entertainment | (s) mooring of boats to wharves or other structures |
| (h) environmental protection conservation or restoration or environmental studies | (t) sales |
| (i) equestrian events | (u) shows |
| (j) exhibitions | (v) site investigations |
| (k) filming (as defined in the LG Act) | (w) sporting and organised recreational activities |
| (l) functions | (x) stabling of horses |
| | (y) storage. |

This ESPoM expressly authorises³² the following tenures:

1. A lease / licence to the Eugowra Harness Racing Club for the purpose of clubhouse, amenities, bar and canteen/kiosk over the area shaded pink and labeled "A" in Figure 47.
2. A lease / licence to the Eugowra Show Society for the purpose of show events and offices over the area shaded green and labeled "B" in Figure 47.
3. A licence to the Eugowra Pony Club for the purpose of clubhouse and storage over the area shaded pink and labeled "C" in Figure 47.
4. A lease / licence to the NSW State Emergency Services and NSW Ambulance for the purpose of workshop and storage over the area shaded pink and labeled "D" in Figure 47.
5. A lease / licence to the Department of Education for the purpose of Pre-School over the area shaded pink and labeled "E" in Figure 47.

³¹ Crown Land Management Regulation S.31.

³² Express Authorisation in Section 46 (1)(b) of the LG Act permits tenures to be granted in accordance with and subject to such provisions of a PoM.



6. A lease / licence to the Rural Fire Service for the purpose of workshop and storage over the area shaded pink and labeled "F" in Figure 47.
7. A lease/licence to the Eugowra Pre-School for the temporary location of its rooms on Noble Street.
8. A short-term licence to the NSW Reconstruction Authority for the temporary storage of housing pods.³³
9. A hire agreement to individual stallholders for use of stables and associated facilities.
10. The booking and hiring of camp facilities on the areas designated on this ESPoM consistent with an operating approval under Section 68 of the LG Act.
11. The booking and hiring of facilities by individuals or event organisations.

Council may grant a lease, licence or other estate in respect of Community Land for:

- A purpose prescribed by Section 36I LG Act as a core objective of the categorisation of the land and subject to being consistent with the Reserve purpose; or
- For the provision of goods, services and facilities, and the carrying out of activities, appropriate to the current and future needs within the local community and of the wider public in relation to Public Recreation and Community Purposes.

A tenure or hire agreement on Crown land may impact native title rights and interests. Apart from the tenures/hire agreements specifically authorised above, which are valid acts under Section 24JA of the *Native Title Act 1993*, any use agreement issued on Crown land must be issued in accordance with the future act provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993* and in accordance with Part 8 of the CLM Act unless Native title is extinguished. For Crown land which is not *excluded land* this will require written advice from one of Council's native title managers that it complies with any applicable provisions of the native title legislation.

Council at any time in the future, reserves the right to prohibit the taking or consumption of alcohol on this Showground. This will be indicated by conspicuously displayed signs in accordance with Section 632 and Section 670 of the LG Act (as amended).

³³ NSW Reconstruction Authority has been active supporting the Eugowra township post the significant flooding event with installation of relief housing. Eugowra Showground at the time of the compilation of this POM was being used for storage for this purpose.



11.4 Other Approvals

An approval to occupy land or facilities for a specific purpose does not remove the need to obtain approval under other legislation. These approvals may include:

- a liquor licence
- engage in a trade or business
- direct or procure a theatrical, musical or other entertainment for the public
- construct a temporary enclosure for the purpose of entertainment
- play a musical instrument or sing for fee or reward
- set up, operate or use a loudspeaker or sound amplifying device
- deliver a public address or hold a religious service or public meeting use of a loudspeaker
- install or operate amusement devices
- operate a caravan park or camping ground³⁴
- use a standing vehicle or any article for the purpose of selling any article in a public place.

11.5 Allocation

The Showground will continue to be used by a variety of users for purposes previously noted. Council will endeavor to generate greater utilisation of the Showground for recreation and other activities consistent with the Showground purpose.

Single Purpose Facility Use

Use of the Showground, for a single specific use, will be allocated by Council by way of a tenure (see 11.3) subject to the provisions of the LG Act, and consistent with the Core objectives (as described in 10). This will allow the Holder to appropriately plan for the development and maintenance of the facilities that have been constructed for that purpose.

While Council will have a strong oversight role, everyday management of the facilities for that purpose, will be the role of the Holder.

Shared Facility Use

Any part of the Showground not subject to a tenure issued by Council, will be managed by Council. And

³⁴ Approval to operate a caravan park or camping ground is provided by Council under Section 68 of the LG Act consistent with Section 132 of the *Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2021*.



advice from the ESC. This will include those parts of the Showground that are used by more than one user or those which are required for general community access.

Council shall manage the use of shared facilities to both hirers by way of hire agreement and Casual Users in a fair and transparent manner.

Hire fees and rental will be utilised to contribute to the maintenance of the Showground and facility upgrade and replacement.

Figure 48 depicts the operating model for the Showground. Council retains the responsibility for facility upgrade and replacement. Those user groups who have a lease or licence are responsible for ongoing maintenance of areas that are specified in the tenure.

11.6 Fees

Council applies fees for the use of Council reserves. A hire application must be lodged to Council prior to the event or facility hire. All applicable fees must be paid prior to the hire/use of the Showground.

The fees associated with the hiring of Council reserves for major events, concerts, functions etc. are detailed in Council's *Operational Plan - Fees and Charges*. Council's fee structure is reviewed on an annual basis.

Where the Showground is to be hired for a purpose not within Council's *Operational Plan - Fees and Charges*, the fee may be set by Council.

In order to maintain full viability and maximum participation at the Showground, an annual scaled fee for occupation will operate. This is based on the ability of the activity to attract entrance fees (its marketability), whilst still acknowledging the social and community significance of the activity. The fee will be determined by Council in consultation with the Show Committee.

11.7 Easements

Council reserves the right to grant easements as required for utilities and access, bearing in mind the impact of such easements on the site.

The granting of easements over Crown land will be subject to the provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993* and Section 8.7 of the CLM Act.



11.8 Development of New and Improvement of Existing Facilities and Processes

Council approval is required prior to any development or improvement made to community land.³⁵

All major developments and improvements to be funded (solely or partially) by Council will be subject to Council approval.³⁶



Figure 49 – New Works Plan, Eugowra Showground

Any new structure proposed for the Showground in this ESPoM and into the future, will require sensitive consideration of visual amenity through maintenance or creation of improved sight lines and general aesthetics.

Council will encourage community assistance in the development of new facilities as well as maintenance of existing facilities.

Council may carry out certain types of proposed developments and building works that are developments permitted without consent or exempt development under the T&I SEPP or are

³⁵ Section 2.73 of the T&I SEPP provides that development for any purpose may be carried out without consent on Crown managed land, by or on behalf of a Crown land manager of the land, if the development is for the purposes of implementing a PoM adopted for the land in accordance with the LG Act (see **Appendix 1**).

³⁶ The term approval refers to approval as Crown land manager of the land rather than consent under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.



permitted without development consent under the CLEP.

Council can also undertake certain activities under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act). The purpose of the Part 5 assessment system is to ensure public authorities fully consider environmental issues before they undertake or approve activities that do not require development consent from a council or the Minister. If an activity is judged by the relevant public authority to significantly affect the environment, then an environmental impact statement will need to be prepared and considered by the public authority.

All other proposed development and building works consistent with the values, desired outcomes and performance targets set out in this ESPoM would be subject to the normal development applications in accordance with the EP&A Act, and the CLEP.

Future major improvements to the Showground (see Figure 49) are to include:

New Works³⁷

1. Permanent establishment of Eugowra Pre-School at the Showground with new entrance from Noble Street, car park, playground, pathways, and landscaping.
2. Rural Fire Service shed and facilities, providing separate entrance from Noble Street, car park, tree planting and landscaping.
4. Revitalisation of main entrance off Noble Street with new gateway structure, and feature interpretive signage and mural, consistent with Eugowra theme – town of murals.
5. Planting of trees along first section of main entrance to improve amenity and provide shade, and in other areas of high use. Also, to encourage regeneration where possible along Puzzle Flat Creek riparian area.
6. Installation of a new Multi-Purpose Community Centre (MPCS) including indoor sporting court and evacuation facility for community use and annual show, with landscaping.
7. Improvement of clubhouse facility of EPC.
8. Installation of amphitheatre off eastern end of multi-purpose community centre to improve viewing of show and ring events, providing viewing platform and seating, integrated tree/shrubs maintaining sight lines.
9. Installation of shade sails over existing show pavilion (north-eastern corner adjoining BBQ area) to enhance spaces and provide shade.
10. Installation of an irrigation system to the Showground prioritising key presentation areas (including bore pumps and irrigation system).
11. Revamping/reconstruction of existing amenities block, including improved hot water supply and laundry facilities for use by visitors and tourists.
12. Installation of additional seating around the Showground at high use spaces.

³⁷ All new works shall be installed or constructed in accordance with requirements of Council and appropriate legislation.



13. Installation of covered cattle arena (60m by 30m) including storage off western side of Block A stalls, for showing cattle at the annual show.
14. Installation of necessary infrastructure required for effective operation of primitive camping at capacity, in particular, power and water.
15. Ensuring all allowable capacity for primitive camping on the Eugowra Showground is identified and confined. This will avoid “clutter” of randomly located campers in high usage times and reduce required infrastructure, management and maintenance.
16. Investigation and installation of solar panels on significant available roof space (such as existing pavilion, new multi-purpose centre) to mitigate electricity supply costs and supply, especially during busy times.

Maintenance of Existing Works and Lands

17. Conducting essential repairs and maintenance to all facilities in accordance with the maintenance schedule of Council’s *Asset Management Plan*, building management plans and grounds management plans. It is noted that showground boundary fencing, selected internal fencing and barriers, HRC change rooms and amenities require immediate attention.
18. Improvement of surface drainage and runoff in and around spectator area as required, notably the area northwest of the main pavilion which receives local runoff exiting pipes from the racetrack nearby and on and across the internal access tracks and roads (see Figure 11).
19. Maintenance and pruning of old trees to maintain tree sustenance, provide for biodiversity, and to avoid injury to Showground users, in accordance with Council’s *Tree Management Policy* and relevant legislation.
20. Efficient and conservative use of water especially on the main arena.
21. Installation of signage in accordance with the needs and safety of all Showground users, spectators and visitors, in accordance with legislative requirements and as approved by Council.
22. Implementing mitigation programs to remove environmental weeds and pests from all areas of the Showground.

Improve Processes

23. Establishment of appropriate tenure and hiring arrangements for existing and new hirers, at recommended/appropriate rent and hire fees.
24. Where necessary, development of guidelines which communicate the requirement for users to concur with all tenure conditions including the maintenance of orderly and tidy surrounds at all times.
25. Council officers to be present to monitor all issues of compliance and new construction.



26. Management of the camping area in accordance with the obtained approval under Section 68 of the LG Act.³⁸
27. Promotion of access to casual users particularly within the non-leased areas within the Eugowra Showground.
28. Preparation of a safety audit of the site and repair or replacement of any areas that may impact public safety.
29. Preparation of a traffic management plan to be utilised for major events.
30. Effective communication with user groups regarding:
 - the installation and positioning of any new buildings/structures and other major works
 - an effective online booking system
 - onsite notice board highlighting forthcoming functions
 - regular meetings of the ESC.
31. Communication with residential areas immediately close by, on a need-basis, especially regarding major events.
32. Collation and assessment of all complaints from neighbours concerning traffic, noise from events, crowd behavior etc. and to respond accordingly.
33. Establishment of relationships with relevant tourism industry-based groups such as *Camping and Caravan Association*, *Orange 360 etc.*, and Orange Visitors Information Centre.
34. Attraction of new activities and sports to the Showground (such as additional equine related activities) by promoting the facility through Council papers and media.
35. Continuing to be vigilant regarding new funding opportunities from grants etc., and sponsorships, especially for in-kind assistance.
36. Seeking assistance from Central West Local Land Services regarding the development of an improved approach to the on-site management of biosecurity, especially during peak times of animal movement in and out (annual Show etc.).
37. In view of all existing and proposed developments at the Showground, enhance the best use of available space especially at peaks times. This improvement process should consider parking, traffic, viewing, visitor comfort, tree planting and landscaping, beautification and safety, both within the traditional use areas of the Showground, as well as the more open areas (currently undeveloped) to the north and east.
38. Exploration of the potential for smart e-systems of payment (e.g., for hirers and occupiers including

³⁸ Approval to operate a caravan park or camping ground is provided by Council under Section 68 of the LG Act consistent with Section 132 of the *Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2021*.



campers).

39. Establishment of requirements for a town evacuation centre for times of adversity (e.g., floods) within one of the major buildings (proposed multi-purpose community centre).
40. Continuing to encourage new and young recruits for volunteer management of the Eugowra Showground.
41. Providing support to community groups currently occupying the Showground, and who rely on volunteers, including grant writing and legislative compliance.
42. Development of terms of engagement for a full-time or part time caretaker (e.g., retiree) for the Showground to assist in management of camping area, general maintenance, and payments. Recruit accordingly.
43. Monitoring the condition of major structures and ensuring effective maintenance schedules and procedures are in place.
44. Implementing the current management and communication structure to improve teamwork, efficiency, and accountability in management responsibilities, and also to provide an improved environment for revenue raising at the Showground (Refer section 11.1).

Native Title

Where it is proposed to construct or establish a public work³⁹ on reserved or dedicated Crown land, where Native title is not extinguished, prior to approval Council will notify and give an opportunity for comment from any representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander bodies, registered Native title bodies corporate and registered Native title claimants in relation to the land or waters covered by the reservation or lease as required under the *Native Title Act 1993*.

Where a proposed update of a Showground Master Plan, Capital Works Program, Facilities Asset Management Plan or any other plan is the approving documentation for a public work on Crown land, that approval will not be given unless the requirements of the *Native Title Act 1993* have been addressed including the notification and opportunity to comment noted above.

³⁹ A public work is defined as:

- (a) any of the following that is constructed or established by or on behalf of the Crown, or a local government body or other statutory authority of the Crown, in any of its capacities:
 - (i) a building, or other structure (including a memorial), that is a fixture; or
 - (ii) a road, railway or bridge; or
 - (iia) where the expression is used in or for the purposes of Division 2 or 2A of Part 2--a stock-route; or
 - (iii) a well, or bore, for obtaining water; or
 - (iv) any major earthworks; or
- (b) a building that is constructed with the authority of the Crown, other than on a lease.

Major earthworks are defined as:

earthworks (other than in the course of mining) whose construction causes major disturbance to the land, or to the bed or subsoil under waters.



11.9 Signage

Council uses signs to regulate the activities carried out on community land and to provide educational information so as to provide a safe and enjoyable place for passive and active recreational pursuits.

Whilst signs are a crucial source of information, they have a significant impact on the aesthetics of a Showground. All signs must:

- meet a design standard and be approved by Council.
- be sympathetic to their environment in their design, construction and location.
- be placed in accordance with Chapter 3 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Industry and Employment) 2021* (I&E SEPP).
- be consistent with the Cabonne Council *Development Control Plan*.

Note that for issues of safety signage, Council uses the *Statewide Mutual Best Practice Manual – Signs as Remote Supervision*.

Where a sign requires development consent,⁴⁰ Council must approve as owner the lodging of a Development Application prior to assessment by Council in accordance with Schedule 5 Assessment Criteria of I&E SEPP.

Where a sign does not require development consent, Council must approve the sign before erection.

All Council signs erected under Section 632 of the LG Act plus reserve name signs and traffic and safety signs, are permissible.

Proposed Signage

Council will ensure the following signage is on the Showground:

- directional signage for the purposes of guiding the community to required infrastructure and services.
- signage for safety purposes including speed limitations and evacuation procedures.

⁴⁰ Development consent is not required if the sign is to be erected for the purposes of implementing this PoM.



12 FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

12.1 Funding Options

A major challenge in the future management of the Showground, will be to generate income to address increasing costs associated with critical maintenance and new developments and ongoing activities.

Income may be sourced from the following:

- **Council's General Revenue Fund (in accordance with annual operational budgets):** Where the Showground is being used for informal casual use, Council will contribute to the maintenance and development of infrastructure.
- **Section 7.11 (EP&A Act) Contributions specifically collected for community land:** This component occurs as rate payer's contributions for the general use of community land for community well-being.
- **User pays for minor infrastructure works associated with some sporting facilities:** This occurs through fund raising by the relevant body including memberships, minor sales and raffles etc., and aims at achieving tailoring surrounds and layout which suit and are compatible with the event or activity.
- **Community contributions by way of sponsorships (see Figure 31) and community group projects (eg., Landcare and service clubs such as Rotary, Lions Club):** This occurs through grants either sourced externally, and/or contributed locally by the group (eg., for the purposes of environmental works, social and intellectual well-being etc.).
- **Grant and loan funding from either Commonwealth or State Governments:** The implementation of the management structure will allow Primary users to apply for funds from a number of Government bodies with the concurrence of Council. Council may also apply for these funds. Funding opportunities exist from government programs including the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund managed by the DPHI-CL.
- **Income from commercial operations:** Where tenures are involved (eg. the major user groups), income will arise as per details in the revenue-split in the corresponding agreement. Less formally, income may result from casual occupation, such as Reserve use fees, including those associated with camping and motor home visits (see 12.2 below).
- **Voluntary assistance encouraged "across borders" to defray costs and supplement annual fees:** Main user groups who have no opportunities to collect entrance fees (e.g., EPC) may have marginal commercial viability in terms of their occupation of the Showground, yet they have an equally important social, educational and sporting function. It is most important to maintain the viability of these groups, for overall Showground viability, as they pay fees, as do all others. These user groups may be well positioned to voluntarily manage the various booths, serveries etc. at the events of other user groups on a split-profit basis, in order to defray their own fees and increase viability. Cross group support may also be considered.



In order to address the outstanding and future maintenance requirements at the Eugowra Showground, and permit any required new developments as proposed in this ESPoM, it is important that all income which is generated from the Eugowra Showground be returned to the Eugowra Showground, and that this should be clearly demonstrated in Council's financial statements. Ensuring appropriate rental and fees for formal use of the site will assist in the maintenance of specialised infrastructure.

12.2 Emerging Opportunities to Increase Income

To ensure a viable future the Eugowra Showground requires consideration of new and emerging opportunities to grow site utilisation and income. The two most favourable and obvious business directions are the attraction of new users through considering new and emerging social and recreational trends within the broader community, and capitalising and then managing growth in the Camping and Recreational Vehicle industry.

Camping and Recreational Vehicles

This is an activity currently approved for the Eugowra Showground, providing an opportunity to continue to take advantage of current growth in that marketplace, without impacting existing uses and existing businesses.

Camping is limited by both the infrastructure available to campers and the number of sites that can be achieved within a new approval for primitive camping (estimated at 25). The challenge therefore is to manage peak usage periods at full capacity and attract greater use during the quieter times. Note that other than for those interests directly related to, or part of the annual show, camping is not permitted during the that period.

A dump site already exists at the Eugowra Showground, and existing facilities appear adequate for maximum demand.

Council may also increase activity at the site for larger groups by having proforma applications available for event organisers to submit single event applications.

Attracting New Visitors and Users

There exists a growing market in city-based communities who are prepared to travel to enjoy "the bush" and all it has to offer naturally, historically and socially, in particular, those that typify rural Australia. The "3-4-hour travel window" from the main centres of population (Sydney, Mudgee, Orange, Dubbo etc.) provides a good source to strategically capture and develop this market.

The wineries and cellar doors of Orange and surrounds, other regional promotions by *Orange 360*⁴¹ hot air ballooning, sport, tours, walks and trails, food, the desire for stand-alone concerts with good music, the history of gold mining at Hargreaves and Mullion Creek, and "The Dish" at Parkes, the Eugowra Gold Robbery. All of these attractions provide examples of regional appeal which can flow to smaller regional towns such as Eugowra. These advantages to the region will shift strongly to the

⁴¹ A joint tourism initiative between Orange City Council, Blayney Shire Council and Cabonne Council, uniting the region's people, places and produce including local tourism.



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Eugowra Showground with other popular developments such as the increasing popularity of equine sports. The new facilities (the multi-purpose community centre, improved amenities, canteen area etc.), mean the Eugowra Showground will be well poised to capitalise on these emerging interests, in order to capture new business.



13 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Table 4 sets out a number of actions required to implement the identified Management Strategies and Performance Targets within the Showground. These actions are the means of achieving the objectives of the ESPoM.⁴²

A clear indication of how the completion of the aims will be assessed is also provided in the Table under Performance Evaluation.

Table 4 - Implementation Table

Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions (A) Council (B) tenure holder/user	Performance Evaluation (how they will be assessed)
GENERAL COMMUNITY USE			
<p>To promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural and intellectual 	<p>A. Complete essential works in accordance with all required approvals, available resources and as prioritised by Council.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent re-establishment of Eugowra Pre-School and grounds (A). Rural Fire Service shed and grounds (A). Revitalise main entrance off Noble Street with new gateway structure, and feature interpretive signage and mural (A). Strategic tree planting (B). Multi-Purpose Community Centre (MPCS) and grounds (A). Amphitheatre associated with MPCS (A). Shade Sails with main pavilion (A/B). Irrigation system for priority show areas (A/B). Amenities block (revamp) (A). New seating in major gathering areas (A). Covered cattle arena (A/B). Works as required for complying camping area (A/B). Define and confine area to be occupied by primitive camping to avoid clutter, site-creep and competition for space (A/B). Install solar panels (main pavilion) (A/B). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All new works are completed in accordance with approved works plans. General Community Use area has attracted new commercial users. Increased cash flow/profit attributed to more users. Feedback from Showground user groups and individual users to Council is positive. Compliance for RV/Caravan use has been achieved and use and cash flow has been significantly improved.

⁴² Installation of all new facilities are as shown in the New Works Plan (Figure 49) and detailed in Section 11.8.



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Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions (A) Council (B) tenure holder/user	Performance Evaluation (how they will be assessed)
welfare or development of individual members of the public, and	B. Continue to manage and maintain existing assets with approvals as required to appropriate standards.	17. Conduct essential repairs and maintenance to all facilities on the General Community Use area, in accordance with the maintenance schedule of Council's Asset Management Plan, building management plans and grounds management plans (A/B). 43. Monitor the condition of major structures and ensure an effective maintenance schedule and procedures are in place (A).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Built assets are managed in accordance with prescribed Council standards. General Community Use area orderly, neat, well maintained.
	C. Manage the land for improved and appropriate outcomes.	15. Define and confine area to be occupied by primitive camping to avoid clutter, site-creep and competition for space (A/B). 18. Improvement of surface drainage as required (A/B). ⁴³ 19. Maintenance and pruning of old trees to maintain tree sustenance, provide for biodiversity, and to avoid injury to Showground users in accordance with Council's Tree Management Policy and relevant legislation (A/B). 20. Efficient and conservative use of water (A/B). 21. Installation of signage in accordance with the needs and safety of all Showground users, spectators and visitors, in accordance with Schedule 5 I&E SEPP and approved by Council (A). 22. Implement mitigation programs to remove environmental weeds and pests from all areas (A/B). 29. Preparation of a major event traffic management plan (A). 36. Seek assistance from Central West Local Land Services regarding the development of an improved approach to the on-site management of biosecurity, especially during peak times of animal movement in and out (annual Show etc.) (B). 42. Develop terms of engagement for a full-time or part time caretaker (e.g., retiree) for the Showground to assist in management of camping area, general maintenance, and payments. Recruit accordingly (A/B).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved environmental management outcomes. Natural assets are managed appropriately. Grounds well maintained and operating effectively. Signage is efficient and directional. Trees managed for safety and aesthetics, providing shade and biodiversity. Positive feedback from user groups and individuals. Improved traffic flow and parking during major events. Better shade and tree canopy management improves aesthetics Signage to standards and effective. No water wastage. Major event traffic operates smoothly. Areas where internal drainage accumulates, particularly in high use areas, now best managed. No biosecurity breaches. A caretaker is contributing to Showground management by adding efficiencies and reducing burden of volunteers for management activities.

⁴³ Improvement of surface drainage and runoff in and around spectator area as required, notably the area northwest of the main pavilion which receives local runoff exiting pipes from the racetrack nearby and on and across the internal access tracks and roads.



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Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions (A) Council (B) tenure holder/user	Performance Evaluation (how they will be assessed)
	D. Monitoring and Compliance.	25. Council officers to regularly monitor all issues of compliance and general site amenity (A). 26. Manage the Camping area in accordance with the approval under Section 68 of the LG Act (A). 28. Prepare a safety audit of the site and repair or replace any areas that may impact on public safety (A). 37. In view of all existing and proposed developments at the Showground, develop a plan to enhance the best use of available space especially at peaks times (A).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to audit report within timeframes specified. • Tenures are operated according to conditions with no 3rd party complaints. • Camping is confined to designated areas. • No illegal use and abuse of facilities. • Cluttering (traffic, vehicles) is reduced in peak times and people enjoy safe unimpeded viewing in comfort.
	E. Capitalise on good relationships with sporting bodies/user groups.	30. Maintain effective communication with user groups regarding the installation and positioning of any new buildings/structures and other major works; an effective online booking system; onsite notice board highlighting forthcoming functions; regular meetings of the ESC (A/B). 33. Establish relationships with relevant tourism industry-based groups (such as Camping and Caravan Association, Orange 360 etc., and Orange Visitors Information Centre) (A/B). 34. Attract new activities and sports to the Showground by promoting the facility through Council papers and media (A). 23. Establish appropriate tenure and hiring arrangements for existing and new hirers at appropriate rent and hire fees (A). 27. Promotion of access to casual users particularly within then non-leased areas within the Showground (A/B). 31. Communicate with residential areas immediately close by, on a need-basis, especially regarding major events (A). 32. Collate and assess all complaints from neighbours concerning traffic, noise from events, crowd behavior etc. and respond accordingly (A). 35. Continue to be vigilant regarding new funding opportunities (A/B). 38. Explore use of smart e systems for payment by users (hirers and occupiers) (B). 39. Establish the requirements for a town evacuation centre for times of adversity (e.g., floods) within one of the major buildings (proposed Multi-Purpose Community Centre) (A). 40. Continue to encourage new and young recruits for volunteer management (A/B).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good communication and implementation of the ESPoM. • Use guidelines developed and in use successfully. • Good communication between all parties leads to positive and successful implementation of the ESPoM. • User guidelines for various user groups developed and in use successfully. • New relationships established and new users in place. • Online booking system in place. • Volunteer numbers, particularly from younger groups improves. • Number and value of grants seeking funding improves. • Town evacuation centre established and community notified.



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Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions (A) Council (B) tenure holder/user	Performance Evaluation (how they will be assessed)
		41. Provide support to community groups currently occupying the Showground, and who rely on volunteers, including grant writing and legislative compliance (A/B). 44. Implement appropriate management and communication structure to improve teamwork and efficiency in management responsibilities of the Showground (See 11.1) (A/B).	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land. 	F. Build relationships with existing and new users in order to draw more people to the General Community Use area, to maximise business and cash flow.	27. Promotion of access to casual users particularly within then non-leased areas within the Showground (A/B). 33. Establish relationships with relevant tourism industry-based groups (A). 34. Attract new activities and sports to the Showground by promoting the facility through Council papers and media (A).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of user groups and general passive users has increased. Community enjoying access for casual use of new recreational facilities. Relationships established with Camping and Caravan user groups and others.



Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions (A) Council (B) tenure holder/user	Performance Evaluation
SPORTSGROUND			
To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games.	A. Complete essential works in accordance with all required approvals, available resources and as prioritised by Council.	7. Improve clubhouse facility of EPC (A/B). 12. New seating in major gathering areas (A).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All new works are completed in accordance with approved works plans. Increased use and patronage of EPC facilities. Increase organised equine sports use. Additional seating/grandstands improves viewing of sporting events and comfort. Increased cash flow/profit attributed to more users. Feedback from user groups to Council is positive.
	B. Continue to manage and maintain existing assets with approvals as required, to appropriate standards.	17. Conduct essential repairs and maintenance to all Sportsground facilities in accordance with the maintenance schedule of Council's Asset Management Plan, building management plans and grounds management plans (A/B). 43. Monitor the condition of major structures and ensure an effective maintenance schedule and procedures are in place (A).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sportsground assets are managed in accordance with prescribed Council standards. Sportsground area orderly, neat and well maintained. Efficient and timely issuing of consents, as required. Feedback from user groups to Council is positive.
	C. Manage the land for improved and appropriate outcomes.	18. Improvement of surface drainage as required (A/B). 19. Maintenance and pruning of old trees to maintain tree sustenance, provide for biodiversity, and to avoid injury to Showground users, in accordance with Council's Tree Management Policy and relevant legislation (A). 20. Efficient and conservative use of water (especially on the main arena) (A/B). 21. Installation of signage in accordance with the needs and safety of all Showground users, spectators and visitors, in accordance with Schedule 5 I&E SEPP and approved by Council (A). 22. Implement mitigation programs to remove environmental weeds and pests from all areas (A/B).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved environmental management outcomes. Sporting surfaces are well maintained. Signage is efficient and directional. Better shade aesthetics and safety as tree canopy management improves. Effective/efficient use of water. Effective signage. Effective feral animal and weed control.



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Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions (A) Council (B) tenure holder/user	Performance Evaluation
	D. Attract new interest and business.	23. Establish appropriate tenure and hiring arrangements for existing and new hirers at appropriate rent and hire fees (A). 33. Establish relationships with relevant tourism industry-based groups such as Camping and Caravan Association, Orange 360 etc., and Orange Visitors Information Centre (A/B). 34. Attract new activities and sports to the Showground (such as additional equine related activities) by promoting the facility through Council papers and media (B). 35. Continue to be vigilant regarding new funding opportunities (A/B). 38. Explore use of smart e systems for payment by users (hirers and occupiers) (B).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional relationships with new potential tourism-based users of the Sportsground are established. • Additional equine activities are conducted on the Sportsground. • New funding streams are realised. • Appropriate tenures with user groups are installed where relevant.
	E. Monitoring and Compliance.	25. Council officers to be present to monitor all issues of compliance and general site amenity (A). 28. Preparation of a safety audit of the Sportsground area and repair or replacement of any areas that may impact on public safety (A). 36. Seek assistance from Central West Local Land Services regarding the development of an improved approach to the on-site management of biosecurity, especially during peak times of animal movement in and out (annual show etc.) (B).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to audit report within timeframes specified. • Tenures are operated according to conditions with no 3rd party complaints. • No illegal use and abuse of facilities. • No breaches of biosecurity. • Sportsground infrastructure monitored effectively for maintenance issues, and all issues managed within acceptable timeframe.



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Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions (A) Council (B) tenure holder/user	Performance Evaluation
	F. Capitalise on good relationships with sporting bodies/user groups.	24. Where necessary, develop guidelines which communicate the requirement for users to concur with all tenure conditions including the maintenance of orderly and tidy surrounds at all times (A). 27. Promotion of access to casual users particularly within the non-leased areas within the Showground (A/B). 30. Maintain effective communication with user groups regarding the installation and positioning of any new buildings/structures and other major works; an effective online booking system; onsite notice board highlighting forthcoming functions; regular meetings of the ESC (A/B). 40. Continue to encourage new and young recruits for volunteer management (A/B). 41. Provide support to community groups currently occupying the Showground, and who rely on volunteers, including grant writing and legislative compliance (A/B). 44. Implement appropriate management and communication structure to improve teamwork and efficiency in management responsibilities of the Showground (See 11.1) (A/B).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good communication between all parties leads to positive and successful implementation of the ESPoM. • User guidelines for various user groups developed and in use successfully. • New users in place. • Online booking system in place. • Volunteer numbers, particularly from younger groups improves. • Number and value of grants seeking funding improves.
To ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.	G. Build and maintain good rapport with neighbourhood.	31. Communicate with residential areas immediately close by, on a need-basis, especially regarding major events (A). 32. Collate and assess all complaints from neighbours concerning traffic, noise from events, crowd behavior etc. and respond accordingly (A).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced complaints from sporting bodies, and residents.



14 CONSULTATION DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PLAN

Prior to formal commencement of this ESPoM, discussions with all user groups were conducted in Eugowra and views on a range of issues were captured in a standard Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (SWOT) format. Users were also asked to compile prioritised needs and aspirations for the Showground.

The outcomes of the SWOT analysis appear in **Appendix 3**, and a summary appears in 6.2 above.

Many discussions were conducted between the authors of this ESPoM and Council officers during its compilation as a draft plan.

Council has undertaken further consultation as necessary, as required for community land under the Section 38 of the LG Act. This section requires that:

- Council must give public notice of a draft PoM.
- The period of public exhibition of the draft plan must be not less than 28 days.
- The public notice must also specify a period of not less than 42 days after the date on which the draft plan is placed on public exhibition during which submissions may be made to Council.
- Council must, in accordance with its notice, publicly exhibit the draft plan together with any other matter which it considers appropriate or necessary to better enable the draft plan and its implications to be understood.

This ESPoM was placed on public exhibition from 11 July 2024 to 9 August 2024, in accordance with the requirements of Section 38 of the LG Act.

One submission was received. Council considered this submission before adopting the ESPoM. In accordance with Section 39 of the LG Act, prior to being placed on public exhibition, the draft ESPoM was referred to the DPHI-CL, as representative of the State of New South Wales, which is the owner of the Reserve. Council has included in the plan any provisions that have been required by the DPHI-CL.

In accordance with Section 70B of the *Crown Land Management Regulation 2018* Council will obtain consent of the Minister administering the CLM Act prior to adopting this ESPoM (see **Appendix 4**).



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16 APPENDICES

1. State Environmental Planning Policies more relevant to the Eugowra Showground – summaries.
2. Core Objectives for Categories of Community Land.
3. Eugowra Showground User Group Consultations -SWOT Analyses.
4. Key Steps in Preparing the First Plan of Management for Crown Reserves.



Appendix 1

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICIES WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO THE EUGOWRA SHOWGROUND

State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021

The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* (T&I SEPP) commenced in New South Wales on 1 March 2022 consolidating four earlier SEPPs focused on employment and advertising. The T&I SEPP focuses on:

- Planning rules and controls for infrastructure in NSW, such as for hospitals, roads, railways, emergency services, water supply and electricity delivery.

The T&I SEPP provides that certain types of works do not require development consent under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Section 2.20 of the T&I SEPP provides that a range of works are 'exempt development' when carried out for or on behalf of a public authority. These works are itemised in Schedule 1 of the SEPP and include paths and ramps for disabled access, fencing, firefighting emergency equipment, small decks, prefabricated sheds of up to 30m² in area, retaining walls up to 2m in height, landscaping including paving and access tracks, minor external and internal alterations to buildings, open car parks (size is not specified) and demolition of buildings covering an area of up to 100m².

Section 2.73 of the T&I SEPP further provides that development for any purpose may be carried out without consent on Crown managed land, by or on behalf of a Crown land manager of the land if the development is for the purposes of implementing a plan of management adopted for the land in accordance with the LG Act. Further, any of the following development may be carried out by or on behalf of a council without consent on a public reserve under the control of or vested in the council:

- a. development for any of the following purposes:
 - i. roads, pedestrian pathways, cycleways, single storey car parks, ticketing facilities, viewing platforms and pedestrian bridges.
 - ii. recreation areas and recreation facilities (outdoor), but not including grandstands.
 - iii. visitor information centres, information boards and other information facilities.
 - iv. lighting, if light spill and artificial sky glow is minimised in accordance with the *Lighting for Roads and Public Spaces Standard*.
 - v. landscaping, including landscape structures or features (such as artwork) and irrigation systems.
 - vi. amenities for people using the reserve, including toilets and change rooms.
 - vii. food preparation and related facilities for people using the reserve.
 - viii. maintenance depot.
 - ix. portable lifeguard towers.
- b. environmental management works.
- c. demolition of buildings (other than any building that is, or is part of, a state or local heritage item or is within a heritage conservation area).



- Educational establishments and childcare facilities containing planning for child-care centres, schools, TAFEs and Universities.
- Major infrastructure corridors containing planning controls and reserve land for the protection of the 3 North South Rail Lines, South West Rail Link extension and Western Sydney Freight Line corridors.
- Three ports containing the land-use planning and assessment framework for Port Botany, Port Kembla and the Port of Newcastle.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008

State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (SEPP Exempt) provides that certain types of works do not require development consent under Part 4 of the EP&A Act. The General Exempt Development Code is set out in Division 1 of the SEPP Exempt, providing the limitations and conditions of the exemptions. They include:

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| • access Ramps | • fences |
| • advertising and signage | • flagpoles |
| • aerials, antennae and communication dishes | • footpaths, pathways and paving |
| • air-conditioning units | • fowl and poultry houses |
| • animal shelters | • garbage bin storage enclosure |
| • aviaries | • hot water systems |
| • awnings, blinds and canopies | • landscaping structures |
| • balconies, decks, patios, pergolas, terraces and verandahs | • minor building alterations |
| • barbecues and other outdoor cooking structures | • mobile food and drink outlets |
| • bollards | • playground equipment |
| • charity bins and recycling bins | • screen enclosures |
| • earthworks, retaining walls and structural support | • sculptures and artworks |
| | • temporary uses and structures |
| | • waste storage containers. |

Section 1-16 of Division 2 of the SEPP Exempt provides the General Requirements for exempt development.



Appendix 2

CORE OBJECTIVES FOR CATEGORIES OF COMMUNITY LAND (*Local Government Act 1993*):

36E Core objectives for management of community land categorised as a natural area

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a natural area are:

- (a) to conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as a natural area, and
- (b) to maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting, and
- (c) to provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land, and
- (d) to provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and
- (e) to assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* or the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

36F Core objectives for management of community land categorised as a sportsground

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a sportsground are:

- (a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and
- (b) to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.

36G Core objectives for management of community land categorised as a park

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a park are:

- (a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and
- (b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and
- (c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.

36H Core objectives for management of community land categorised as an area of cultural significance

- (1) The core objectives for management of community land categorised as an area of cultural significance are to retain and enhance the cultural significance of the area (namely its Aboriginal, aesthetic, archaeological, historical, technical or research or social significance) for past, present or future generations by the active use of conservation methods.
- (2) Those conservation methods may include any or all of the following methods:
 - (a) the continuous protective care and maintenance of the physical material of the land or of



- the context and setting of the area of cultural significance.
- (b) the restoration of the land, that is, the returning of the existing physical material of the land to a known earlier state by removing accretions or by reassembling existing components without the introduction of new material.
- (c) the reconstruction of the land, that is, the returning of the land as nearly as possible to a known earlier state.
- (d) the adaptive reuse of the land, that is, the enhancement or reinforcement of the cultural significance of the land by the introduction of sympathetic alterations or additions to allow compatible uses (that is, uses that involve no changes to the cultural significance of the physical material of the area, or uses that involve changes that are substantially reversible or changes that require a minimum impact).
- (e) the preservation of the land, that is, the maintenance of the physical material of the land in its existing state and the retardation of deterioration of the land.

- (3) A reference in subsection (2) to land includes a reference to any buildings erected on the land.

36I Core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

- (a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
- (b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

36J Core objectives for management of community land categorised as bushland

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as bushland are:

- (a) to ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna (including invertebrates, fungi and micro-organisms) of the land and other ecological values of the land, and
- (b) to protect the aesthetic, heritage, recreational, educational and scientific values of the land, and
- (c) to promote the management of the land in a manner that protects and enhances the values and quality of the land and facilitates public enjoyment of the land, and to implement measures directed to minimising or mitigating any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and
- (d) to restore degraded bushland, and
- (e) to protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores, and
- (f) to retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration that will enable the existing plant and animal communities to survive in the long term, and
- (g) to protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface.

**36K Core objectives for management of community land categorised as wetland**

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as wetland are:

- (a) to protect the biodiversity and ecological values of wetlands, with particular reference to their hydrological environment (including water quality and water flow), and to the flora, fauna and habitat values of the wetlands, and
- (b) to restore and regenerate degraded wetlands, and
- (c) to facilitate community education in relation to wetlands, and the community use of wetlands, without compromising the ecological values of wetlands.

36L Core objectives for management of community land categorised as an escarpment

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as an escarpment are:

- (a) to protect any important geological, geomorphological or scenic features of the escarpment, and
- (b) to facilitate safe community use and enjoyment of the escarpment.

36M Core objectives for management of community land categorised as a watercourse

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a watercourse are:

- (a) to manage watercourses so as to protect the biodiversity and ecological values of the instream environment, particularly in relation to water quality and water flows, and
- (b) to manage watercourses so as to protect the riparian environment, particularly in relation to riparian vegetation and habitats and bank stability, and
- (c) to restore degraded watercourses, and
- (d) to promote community education, and community access to and use of the watercourse, without compromising the other core objectives of the category.

36N Core objectives for management of community land categorised as foreshore

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as foreshore are:

- (a) to maintain the foreshore as a transition area between the aquatic and the terrestrial environment, and to protect and enhance all functions associated with the foreshore's role as a transition area, and
- (b) to facilitate the ecologically sustainable use of the foreshore, and to mitigate impact on the foreshore by community use.



Appendix 3

EUGOWRA SHOWGROUND – USER GROUP CONSULTATIONS – SWOT ANALYSIS

The Showground User Groups Workshop, 6.30 pm Thursday 10 May 2023 (10 attendees including Deputy Mayor plus 4 Council), held at ESS building, Eugowra.

SWOT

Strengths

- Versatility – will accommodate a large range of activities/user groups
- It is a “Safe Place” - physically, emotionally and psychologically
- Pleasant place to be, central to outlying towns
- Flood free
- Easy to access, from the town and the various facilities within
- Existing facilities are good and fit-for-purpose
- Facilities are generally self-supporting (people, finances)
- There exists an energy within to continue to strive for multi-purpose functionality
- Houses the only available caravan/camping site, with amenities, in town
- Current management generally sustainable (at current development levels), returns tend to be well invested within
- Active volunteers who strive for efficiency
- There exists good potential for extra development, because of large less intensively used space available within grounds
- Good communication across user groups (due to committee structure)
- Great working relationship with Council

Weaknesses

- Power and electricity supplies/capacity is constrained during busy times (e.g., annual show)
- Drainage is a problem in some sections (local runoff)
- Inability to capitalise on new developments (e.g., enhance the camping facility), especially in the absence of formalised caretaker role
- Some distance to the main shops in town
- Available space (good) for new development, equates to extra maintenance requirements falling to volunteers’ contributions which are strained
- There is a reliance on grant funds
- Storage space is limited, particularly for any new initiatives and activities coming onto the grounds
- Perimeter fencing is poor in places
- Show committee with the dominant management role of the Showground seen as not representative of the wider community
- Vermin control is sometimes poor.

Opportunities

- Huge roof areas could harness solar energy
- Camping and caravanning improvements will generate extra required income
- The new (proposed) Multi-Purpose building provides opportunity for increased usage, and income

Threats

- Potential for future pandemics impacting on people and activities
- Elevated use activities may become impractical in the absence of commensurate improvements in support



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- Good facilities for larger equine events
 - The existing ESS building, in light of the above point, can be used more regularly by a range of new users and business activities
 - Smart e-payment systems now available, can be more completely implemented with extra support
 - Clean and versatile user facilities (e.g., amenities areas) will attract new business
 - Increased interest from new and existing local and regional initiatives (Canola Cup), Camping and Caravanning Association activities, inland rail developments etc.), means new business for the Showground
 - Potential to utilise centre area of harness track for new activities (e.g., equine)
 - There is a refreshing and strong ability to attract younger volunteers – continuing trend
 - Improved signage e.g., entry, will enhance promotion
 - Biosecurity outbreaks due to stock movements
 - Volunteers may abandon current input and support without continual encouragement
 - Loss of historical grant streams, due to dire global and local financial austerity
 - Sponsorships fall away due to financial crisis which may impact on national, state and regions
 - Location of temporary pre-school needs resolution
 - No apparent successional plan for Showground management



Group Aspirations

Eugowra Show Society

- Preference for a lead community organisation to oversee management plan, to be responsible for Public Liability and adherence to management plan
- Concerns with fractured management of the Showground under prescribed Crown Lands directive: Use of user group agreements with other Showground users
- Development of an operations plan for the new community centre

Eugowra Progress Association

- Storage for community groups is an operational constraint – e.g., fire, SES, Pre-school, Aged Care, youth activities
- Community infrastructure
- Accommodation and hosting events
- Provision for evacuation centre

Pre-School

- Opportunity to construct purpose-built facility to cater for future growth of town
- Currently have the numbers to demonstrate the need for this facility – strength in numbers
- Identifiable Crown land that is high and dry
- Volunteer turnover is acknowledged as a threat and a weakness
- Major employer in town and further growth will only enhance this strength
- Reliance on government funding for daily operations - a threat
- Heavily regulated environment for operations

Eugowra Pony Club

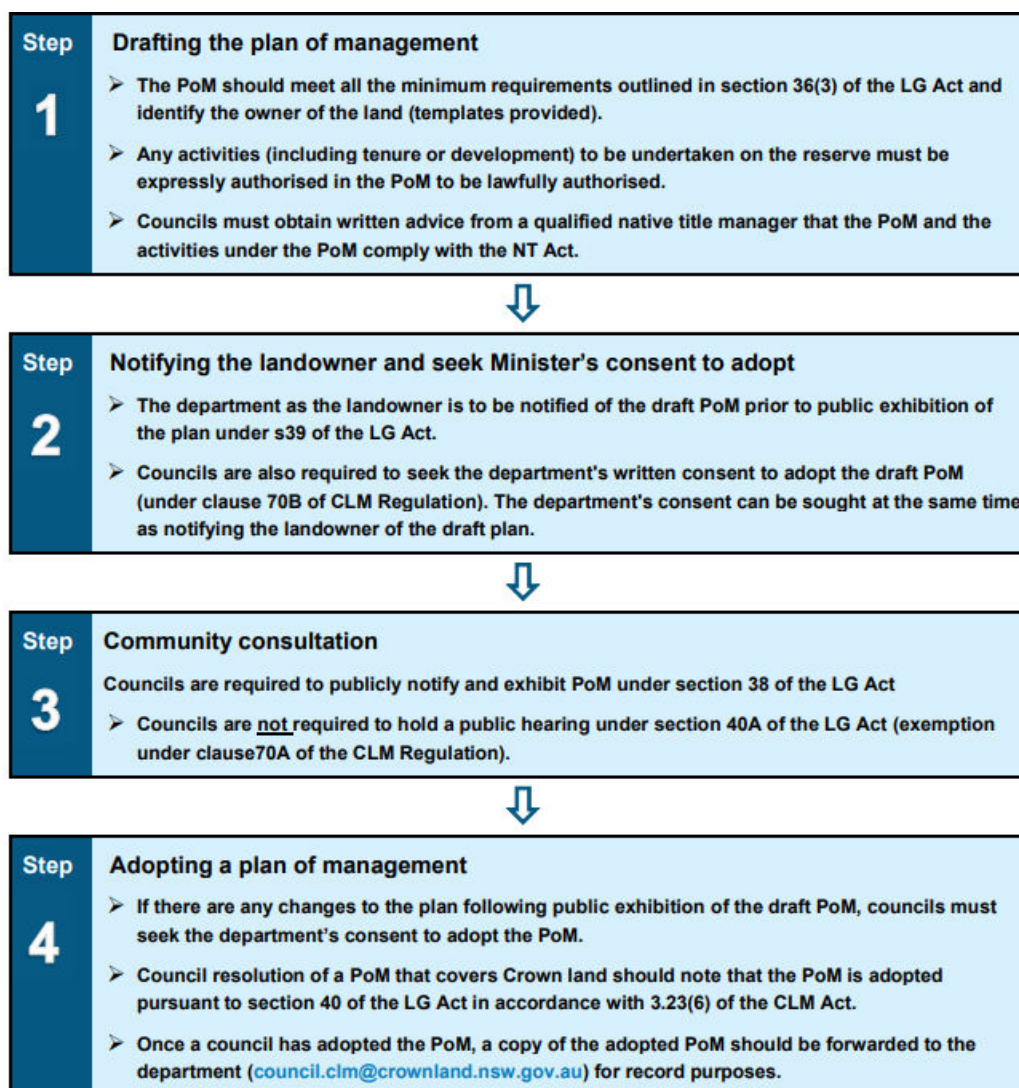
- Vermin control in buildings warrants attention
- No hot water in amenities, plumbing issues
- Perimeter fencing requires attention
- EPC appreciates site management by Show Committee but feels excluded from decision making
- Current (temporary) location of the pre-school is not consistent with good use of space e.g., competes with club activities
- Limited expansion opportunities away from current allocated area.



Appendix 4

KEY STEPS IN PREPARING THE FIRST POM FOR CROWN RESERVES.

(From Page 5 – Developing plans of management for community land Crown reserves - NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment).





DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT CUDAL SHOWGROUND



July 2023



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In the spirit of reconciliation, the Cabonne community acknowledges and pays respect to the Wiradjuri people, the traditional custodians of the land referred to as Cabonne. The Cabonne community also pays respect to the Elders, both past and present, of the Wiradjuri Nation and extends that respect to other Indigenous Australians who are present in the Cabonne area. We recognise Aboriginal spiritual, social and cultural connections to these lands and waters, and state our commitment to ensuring that Aboriginal rights, as enshrined in legislation, are upheld and not eroded.

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Cudal's great gala day, the annual exhibition under the auspices of the A and P Society, is set down for Wednesday, 8th September. This society, in spite of the bad outlook some three months ago, pluckily decided to go on with its show, and their venture now appears likely to prove a great success, as the season has now changed, and is an ideal one. This society always caters well for its patrons, and this year they have made no exception to the rule. A liberal and well assorted schedule of prizes has been issued, in which provision is made for a large and attractive programme of ring events, including no less than four trots. The secretary, Mr. I. A. Gavin, has already received numerous inquiries from prospective exhibitors, such inquiries covering almost every class in the schedule, and it is expected that entries will equal those of any previous year. Intending exhibitors should remember that entries close on Monday, September 6th, and that schedules can be obtained on application to the secretary. A grand ball and smoke concert will be held at night.

From: Molong Argus Friday 20 August 1915

1923...

The annual show at Cudal on Wednesday was favored with good weather and a record exhibition resulted. The gate takings were £20 and the entries 500 in excess of last year. It is estimated that the attendance was over 2,000. Amongst prize winners were Mr. C. J. Hazelton formerly of Eugowra, who took a great many awards in sheep and horses, and Mrs. Hazelton was also a winner in the latter section. Mr. Stuart Gordon, formerly of Forbes district, was a conspicuous prize taker in sheep and cattle. Familiar names amongst winners in the pavilion were Mrs. Sherwin and Mrs. J. T...

From: The Forbes Advocate Friday 5 October 1923



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Cudal Showground (or the Showground) is on Crown land owned by the State of New South Wales, managed by Cabonne Council (Council) for the benefit of the community. It is a substantial complex of crucial significance to the town of Cudal and its neighbouring villages and rural communities. It creates a common focus for community commitment and relationships and hosts a diverse range of events, interests and activities which are all integral to the region's health and lifestyle.

The annual Agricultural Show and all its events, a range of individual equine sports and horse clinics, various Cudal and regional school events, swap meets, birthday parties, weddings, and other social functions, all take place on this rural Showground. The range and diversity of these activities reflect the social, sporting and cultural needs of a rural community, as well as the enduring human energies from the community required to maintain their delivery.

This Plan of Management works towards the following vision for the Cudal Showground:

***“Cudal Showground – An Essence of Community –
Building on our Rural Traditions Together”***

The intention of this Cudal Showground Plan of Management (CSPoM) is to provide Council with a framework that enables decisions regarding the site, to be made on an informed, consistent and equitable basis over the next decade. Specifically, it will provide a strategic framework to:

- direct the operation and development of the land.
- identify and address the legal and policy requirements of managing the land.
- manage and conserve the environmental and historical significance of the land, where present.
- identify and manage risks.
- describe how to promote and protect the intended use of the land.
- preserve and protect the history and traditions of a rural centre.

This CSPoM meets all the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act). Under this CSPoM, the land at the Cudal Showground is categorised under the LG Act as:

- Sportsground
- Natural Area – Bushland
- General Community Use

A description of each category of land as it exists at the Cudal Showground is provided.

The current use patterns, built and natural assets and their condition, emerging trends, constraints and influences, have been considered within this CSPoM.



Key challenges for the Cudal Showground are to:

- maintain and improve facilities and services whilst contending with high costs associated with the management of aging infrastructure.
- generate new sources of income by encouraging new and emerging users, through promoting further opportunities.
- manage the approval process for required works coupled with administrative and legislative requirements.
- manage and ensure compliance of a range of targeted tenures and use agreements.
- avoid ad-hoc development.
- improve event management and communication across all users and user groups especially in times of peak utilisation.
- consider aesthetic appeal in any new landscape design and improvement.
- minimise the burden on the community in maintaining the facilities at the Cudal Showground.

Issues raised in discussions with Council and user groups of the Cudal Showground have also been considered in developing a range of appropriate responses for its management, including works, approvals, accountabilities, communication and revenue. The Cudal Village Masterplan produced in 2021 by *Cudal Central*¹ (in conjunction with Council), also considers the Cudal Showground, and has been considered here.

This CSPoM therefore presents modified strategies and new directions which will drive better communication, cooperation and revenue raising possibilities over the next 10 years. It also considers the Showground's built and natural environment, its history, and the needs of its users. The success of these strategies and the roll out of the Plan is based on maintaining cooperation and good-will between all responsible participants, and a strong acknowledgement of the value of enthusiastic volunteer members.

The location of the Cudal Showground is shown in Figure 1.

¹ An incorporated association made up of a broad spectrum of people in Cudal.



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Figure 1 – Locality Diagram, Cudal Showground

This CSPoM is presented in two principal sections:

Part A – **BACKGROUND:** defines and describes the Showground in terms of the required policy and legislative framework, historical, physical and cultural characteristics.

Part B - **THE PLAN:** describes what is determined for the Cudal Showground's future, including a management structure, accountabilities, opportunities for increased income, and an implementation plan which addresses and depicts the needs and priorities of the Showground's physical, social and cultural environment. The implementation plan provides the strategies and actions required to achieve this CSPoM.



PART A – BACKGROUND

1 HISTORY

To appreciate the social and economic base which has influenced the development of the Cudal Showground over many years, and the important services it provides the community today, it is relevant to highlight the history of Cudal and its area.

1.1 Traditional Owners

The traditional owners of the Cudal area are the *Wiradjuri*, originally one of the largest linguistic groups in NSW whose boundary extended from near Cassilis in the northeast, to the Darling River in the west, the Murray River in the south and the Great Dividing Ranges to the east. Aborigines within the central Cabonne area were known locally as the Boree tribe. These were small clans or family groups who followed seasonal food gathering and ritual patterns. Rivers and streams were natural focus points, and a lasting legacy of the Wiradjuri culture is the dendroglyph or carved tree, normally completed for ritual purposes.² The origin of the word “Cudal” in the Wiradjuri language is unclear, however, it is understood to have meant “flat”. Several other definitions are also possible, including “foggy waterhole”, “land basin” and “place of many trees”.³

Although relationships between the local tribe and the early Europeans were initially amicable, friction rose between the groups and by 1824 martial law was declared. A newspaper editorial reviews the early encounters between the Wiradjuri and the Europeans at that time, leading to the ultimate dominance of the new settlers:⁴

“The blacks were very troublesome, and much of the work of yard or hut building was done in a constant dread of an attack by the aboriginals. The sphere of the white man's influence spread, however, and gradually the whole of the country was brought under pastoral occupation...”

As pastoralism spread throughout the west, there were fewer and fewer places for the Wiradjuri to live, and at the end of the period of frontier violence, they drifted towards the properties of the pastoralists who were more sympathetic. The descendants of mixed unions continued to marry into established Aboriginal families and Aboriginal labour became valuable to the pastoralists, particularly during the gold rush era.

Large pastoral properties commenced to be broken up and subdivided as a result of the various land reforms, and the Aboriginal labourers and their families were scattered. Unless employment was successfully sought elsewhere, many Aboriginals were forced onto reserves recently established by the Aborigines Protection Board.

During the twentieth century, showgrounds had important social significance to Aboriginal people all over the central west and beyond. For instance, they offered shelter when town visits occurred between family groups, and most importantly, provided a significant venue for participation in sport by Aboriginal people. Boxing tents which regularly featured Aboriginal boxers were a major

² Adapted from: A Big Country - Giving the Past a Future, December 2002. *A Contextual History of Cabonne, prepared for Cabonne Council by Times Past Productions Chintola Pty Ltd.*

³ In Aussie Towns, Cudal NSW: A-Z of Australian Towns.

⁴ The Great Mudgee District: *Mudgee Guardian* 20 March 1900.



attraction for show attendees all over NSW and in other states.

1.2 European Settlement

Cudal is a small town well known for its rich agricultural land, producing fine wool, wheat, angora goats, canola, orchards, vineyards, beef cattle and lamb. Its European history commenced in much the same way as those similar towns within the Cabonne area - European explorers, followed by pastoralists, creating a commercial focus, then settlement.

In 1835, Major Thomas Mitchell passed by the vicinity of the current site of Cudal on his way to further explore the inland, a journey which he repeated in 1845. By the early 1850s, pastoralists were well established and the current site of Cudal was part of the Davy's Plains and Toogong⁵ Runs. The site was reserved from Lease in 1853 and when gold was discovered in Forbes (1861) the site of Cudal became a strategically important place to cross the Boree Creek. Now on the established main road from Orange to Forbes, commercial interest in the site of Cudal grew. A Village Reserve was established at Cudal in 1861.

The Union Hotel was established in 1865 and Cudal Village was surveyed two years later. The post office was established in 1872 and in 1875, Caleb Parker opened the local store. Parker's store was subsequently replaced by the Commercial Exchange Store (which in 1921 was purchased by E. W. Corden, operating there until 1958).

By 1878, Cudal and westward were still considered by some to be beyond the bounds of civilization. A quote from a Cobb and Co passenger on the 5th of October states:

*"Taking a seat in Cobb's coach one morning before daylight, I left the picturesque and lively town of Orange for Cudal, a little village about 25 miles away, on the road to Forbes -with a feeling that, in leaving the railway and the town, I was leaving the world and civilisation behind my back..."*⁶

In the surrounding pastoral areas, the 1860's saw the introduction of free-selection laws in New South Wales (The Selection Acts of 1861), allowing closer settlement and subdivision of the larger former runs. Although many of these selectors were unsuccessful, especially in the early decades of selection, their presence spurred the establishment of settlement such as Cudal area. As more people came into the district, cropping of the good range of fertile soils commenced, setting the scene for the production of a wide range of mixed agricultural commodities for which the Cudal area is now renowned.

1.3 The Establishment of the Cudal Showground

Cudal Showground was part of a Reserve for Recreation established 1 August 1881. It was subsequently surveyed 2 September 1882 and dedicated as a Reserve for Public Recreation on 18 January 1884 under the *Crown Lands Alienation Act 1861*. The survey plan describes the land as "Fine Open country" in the north, "Open Box country scrubby in places" in the south, with a "Running Ground" depicted. The Recreation reserve was initially managed by Lancelot Noel Smith, Robert Gustavus Glasson, William Charles Bowman and Edward Taylor S^{nr} as shown in Figure 2.

⁵ Also known as the Googong Run.

⁶ In: Aussie Towns, Cudal NSW. A-Z of Australian Towns.



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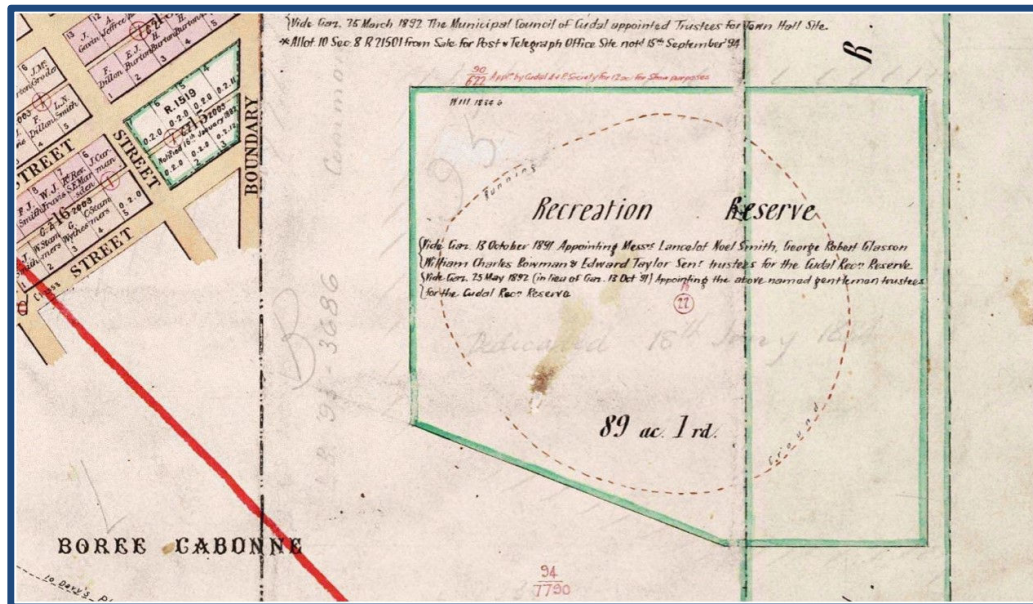


Figure 2 – Extract from the 1st Edition of the Plan of the Village of Cudal - 1887

The 1884 dedication was superseded by the current dedication for Public Recreation, Racecourse and Show Ground on 7 November 1919 under the *Crown Lands Consolidation Act 1913*. Council, as The Council of the Shire of Boree was appointed trustee of the new dedication on 12 October 1945.



2 LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Crown land is owned by the State of New South Wales for the benefit of all persons. Local Government Authorities manage Crown land on behalf of the State, as Crown Land Managers, under Division 3.4 of the CLM Act. The CLM Act provides that a council manager⁷ is authorised to classify and manage its dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were public land within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act).

The CLM Act requires councils to undertake Plans of Management for Crown reserves as per the requirement of the LG Act.

The LG Act provides the legislative framework for Council's day to day operations, and it identifies Council's responsibility to actively manage land and to involve the community in developing a strategy for management.

This CSPoM has been prepared in order to achieve a balanced, responsible and ecologically sustainable use of the land and to ensure that it addresses the needs of the local neighbourhood, the broader community and the environment. It has been prepared to meet the requirements of the LG Act.

2.1 Public Land

This land, briefly described above, is Crown land managed by Cabonne Council.

Under the LG Act, all public lands must be classified as either community or operational land. The land shown in Figure 3 has been classified community land under the provisions of the LG Act and Section 3.22(1) of the CLM Act.

The purpose of the classification is to clearly delineate which land should be kept for use by the general public (community land) and which land need not be kept for that purpose (operational land). The major consequence of the classification is that it determines the ease or difficulty by which the land may be alienated by sale, lease or other means. Community land would ordinarily comprise land such as a sportsground, hall, public park etc.,⁸ and operational land would consist of land which facilitates carrying out of a public service, such as works depots, or land held as a temporary asset or investment.

Community land:

- cannot be sold
- cannot be leased, licensed or any other estate granted over the land for more than 30 years⁹
- must have a Plan of Management (PoM) prepared for it.

⁷ A council manager is a local council which has been appointed crown land manager of a reserve under Section 3.3 of the CLM Act.

⁸ See the note to Chapter 6, Part 2 of the LG Act.

⁹ Approval of the Minister administering the LG Act is required for leases over 21 years.



2.2 Plans of Management

The LG Act requires that Council prepare a PoM in conjunction with the community to identify the important features of the land, clarify how Council will manage the land and how the land may be used or developed. Until a PoM for community land is adopted, the nature and use of the land cannot be changed. To change this, the Plan must be revised.

Council will undertake the required process as per Section 36 of the LG Act and Section 3.23 of the CLM Act for this CSPoM.

Specifically, the LG Act requires that a PoM must identify:

- category of the land.
- objectives and performance targets of the Plan with respect to the land.
- means by which the Council proposes to achieve the Plan's objectives and performance targets.
- manner in which the Council proposes to assess the objectives and performance targets.
- condition of the land, and of any buildings or other improvements on the land, as at the adoption of the Plan.
- use of the land and any such buildings or improvements as at adoption.
- specific purposes for which the land, and any such buildings or improvements will be allowed to be used.
- specific purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise.
- a description of the scale and intensity of any such permitted use or development.

2.3 Categorisation and Objectives

As required by legislation for the purposes of the PoM, community land is categorised as one of the following:

- Natural Area
 - Bushland
 - Wetland
 - Watercourse
 - Escarpment
 - Foreshore
- Sportsground
- Park



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- Area of Cultural Significance
- General Community Use.

Once categorised, community land is also subject to specified objectives which are outlined in the LG Act, and in this CSPoM (see Section 10).



Figure 3 – Diagram showing land included in Cudal Showground

2.4 Types of Plans

The LG Act allows a PoM to cover one or multiple parcels of land.

Where multiple parcels of land are covered in one plan (Generic Plans), the LG Act specifically states what needs to be included. Where a PoM covers one parcel of land (Specific Plans), like this Plan, there is greater detail on what has to be prescribed in the Plan. A Generic Plan sets the framework of how the land is to be managed. A Specific Plan clearly outlines precise management proposals.



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PoMs for community land are periodically reviewed to enable changing social, economic and ecological conditions to be taken into account and consequently amendments to the Plan may occur. This CSPoM is Cudal Showground's first PoM under the provisions of the required legislation, although a Cudal Village Masterplan process was prepared by *Cudal Central* between 2019 and 2021.¹⁰ The Masterplan includes a number of priorities in and around the township, of which the Cudal Showground currently features as Priority 12 (Showground Upgrades Stage 2 – Maintenance).¹¹ Particularly as it involved public consultation, this masterplan enhances this CSPoM.

The location of the Cudal Showground is shown in Figure 1 and a more detailed site map as Figure 3.

¹⁰ *Cudal Central* is an Incorporated Association made up of a broad spectrum of people and organisations in Cudal, with the objective of creating a "central place" to develop ideas to improve Cudal and surrounding areas. "Shovel ready" projects will be shared with Council to assist with grant funding opportunities.

¹¹ Cudal Showground Stage 1 – Power and Water Upgrade – has already been completed.



3 SITE DESCRIPTION

3.1 Land Parcels

The lands for which this CSPoM is compiled, lie within the Cabonne Local Government Area, adjoining the eastern extremity of Cudal township in Central Western New South Wales.

The property address of the Showground is 121 Davys Plains Road, Cudal, covering Lot 7008 in Deposited Plan (DP) 1020069.

The Showground is bounded by Rodda Drive to the west and north, Davys Plains Road to the south, Cudal Showground Lane on the east, and undeveloped (residential) lands to the north (partially fronting Fairall Place).

Visitors enter the Showground's main gate off Davis Plains Road, with an additional entry option near the Showground's southeast corner on that road.

The total area of the Showground is 36.06 hectares.

3.2 Ownership and Management

The Showground is on land with title held in the first schedule by The State of New South Wales. The land is Crown land for the purposes of the CLM Act and is subject to Reserve D.570015 for public recreation, racecourse and showground.¹²

All assets on the Showground are owned by the State of New South Wales.

Council is the appointed Crown land manager under the CLM Act.¹³

Section 3.21 of the CLM Act authorises Council to manage the land as if it were public land within the meaning of the LG Act. Under the LG Act, all public lands must be classified as either community or operational land and this land has been classified community land.

Native Title

Crown land in Australia is subject to Native title under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth). On Crown land native title rights and interests must be considered unless:

- native title has been extinguished, or
- native title has been surrendered, or
- determined by a court to no longer exist.

¹² Dedicated under Section 24 of the *Crown Lands Consolidation Act* on 7 November 1919.

¹³ On 12 October 1945, Council, as the Council of the Shire of Boree, was appointed as Trustee. Following various legislative changes in the management of Crown land, and changes in the areas and names of local government authorities Cabonne Council is now Crown land manager of Reserve D.590015 for the purposes of the CLM Act.



Some examples of acts which may affect native title on Crown land or Crown reserves managed by Council include:

- the construction of new buildings and other facilities such as toilet blocks, walking tracks, tennis courts, grandstands and barbecues.
- the construction of extensions to existing buildings.
- the construction of new roads or tracks.
- installation of infrastructure such as powerlines, sewerage pipes, etc.
- the issue of a lease or licence.
- the undertaking of major earthworks.

When proposing any act that may affect native title on Crown land or Crown reserves the act must be authorised through Part 2 Division 3 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth)*.

Aboriginal Land Rights

The *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (ALR Act) seeks to compensate Aboriginal peoples for past dispossession, dislocation and loss of land in NSW. The lodgment of an aboriginal land claim (ALC) under Section 36 of the ALR Act, over Crown land creates an inchoate interest in the land for the claimant pending determination of the claim. The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown lands (DPHI-CL) advises that, if the land is subject to an undetermined ALC, any works, development or tenures authorised by the CSPoM should not go ahead if:

- The proposed activity could prevent the land being transferred to an ALC claimant in the event that an undetermined claim is granted.
- The proposed activity could impact or change the physical/environmental condition of the land, unless:
 - the council manager has obtained written consent from the claimant Aboriginal Land Council to carry out the proposed work or activity, and/or
 - the council manager has obtained a written statement from the Aboriginal Land Council confirming that the subject land is withdrawn (in whole or partial) from the land claim.
- The proposed activity is a lease to be registered on title unless the council manager has obtained written consent from the claimant Aboriginal Land Council.

As at 25 May 2023, DPHI-CL advised there were no undetermined ALCs over the Showground.



4 PLANNING INSTRUMENTS AND POLICIES

The Cudal Showground is managed and developed subject to this CSPoM, environmental planning instruments and Council policies.

4.1 State Environmental Planning Policies

State Environmental Planning Policies can specify planning controls for certain areas and/or types of development. They can also identify the development assessment system that applies and the type of environmental assessment that is required. The Cudal Showground is subject to the State Environmental Planning Policies. Important amongst these in the development of the Showground is *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* or the T&I SEPP.

Section 2.73 of the T&I SEPP provides that development for any purpose may be carried out without consent on Crown managed land, by or on behalf of a Crown land manager of the land if the development is for the purposes of implementing a PoM adopted for the land in accordance with the LG Act.¹⁴

All impacting State Environmental Planning Policies are listed below. Those that are considered more relevant to the future of Cudal Showground and this CSPoM are underlined and briefly described in **Appendix 1**:

- State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Industry and Employment) 2021*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004¹⁵*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resources & Energy) 2021*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Primary Production) 2021*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy No 65 — Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021*
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021

¹⁴ A Review of Environmental Factors will be required where Council is undertaking development utilising the T&I SEPP.

¹⁵ To be replaced by the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Sustainable Buildings) 2022* on 1 October 2023.



4.2 Land Zoning

Under the *Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012* (CLEP), the Cudal Showground in total is zoned RE2 – Private Recreation (see Figure 4).

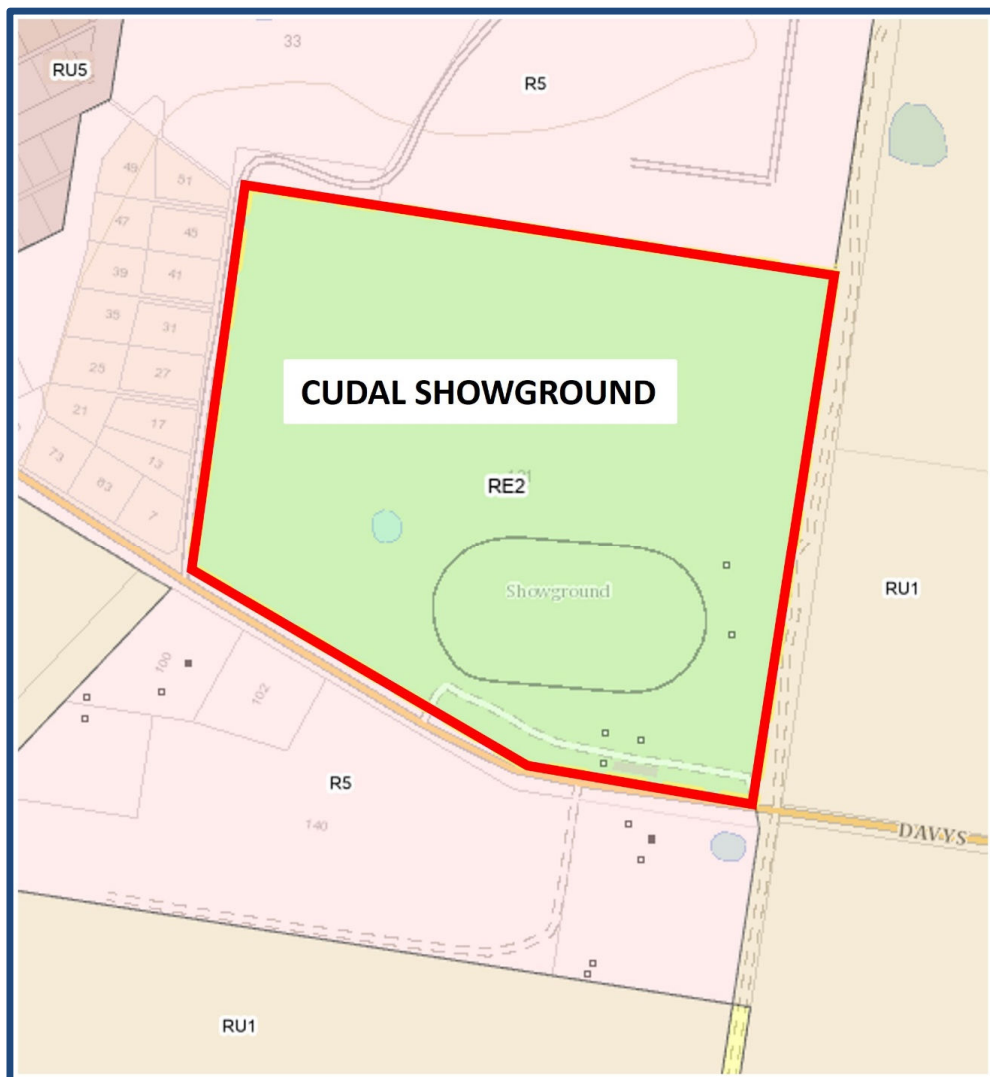


Figure 4 – Zoning Cudal Showground

The objectives of the RE2 – Private Recreation zone are:

- to enable land to be used for private open space or recreational purposes.
- to provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses.
- to protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.



On land zoned RE2, the following activities are permitted without consent:

- Environmental protection works.

On land zoned RE2, the following activities are permitted with consent:

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| • aquaculture | • moorings |
| • boat launching ramps | • recreation areas |
| • boat sheds | • recreation facilities (indoor) |
| • camping grounds | • recreation facilities (major) |
| • community facilities | • recreation facilities (outdoor) |
| • eco-tourist facilities | • registered cubs |
| • emergency services facilities | • restaurants or cafes |
| • flood mitigation works | • roads |
| • helipads | • signage |
| • information and education facilities | • water recreation structures |
| • jetties | • water supply systems |
| • kiosks | |

On land zoned RE2 all other development is prohibited, subject to State and Regional Environmental Planning Policies that apply to this land.

Figure 4 shows that the Cudal Showground is surrounded by other lands zoned R5 (Large Lot Residential) – pink shade, and RU1 (Primary Production) – fawn shade.

4.3 Flood Planning

The CLEP states the objectives for Flood Planning are to:

- minimise the flood risk to life and property associated with the use of land.
- allow development on land that is compatible with the flood function and behaviour on the land, taking into account projected changes as a result of climate change.
- avoid adverse or cumulative impacts on flood behaviour and the environment.
- enable the safe occupation and efficient evacuation of people in the event of flood.

The CLEP indicates that the Showground is not located within or near an area mapped as flooding hazard.



4.4 Terrestrial Biodiversity and Native Vegetation Regulation

The objectives of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Clause in the CLEP are to maintain terrestrial biodiversity by:

- protecting native flora and fauna, and
- protecting the ecological processes necessary for their continued existence, and
- encouraging the conservation and recovery of native fauna and flora and their habitats.



Figure 5 – Terrestrial Biodiversity Cudal Showground (green shade)

The CLEP contains no notation of biodiversity certified land or biobanking agreement associated with this land as per the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, and terrestrial biodiversity mapping¹⁶ within the CLEP indicates that there are no areas of significant terrestrial biodiversity within the Cudal

¹⁶ Mapped by the NSW government, where development implications exist due to the presence of terrestrial biodiversity as designated by the relevant NSW environmental planning instruments. The mapping (green) indicates areas of high biodiversity in NSW, in this case associated with native vegetation.



Showground.¹⁷ However, it is noted that a mapped area of significant terrestrial biodiversity (running from the southeast to the northwest) associated with native vegetation, adjoins the Showground's eastern and northwestern boundary (Figure 5).¹⁸

Land zoned RE2 is covered by the State Government's native vegetation laws aimed at protecting the biodiversity value of trees and other vegetation in non-rural areas of NSW and is included within the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*¹⁹ and also considered within the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*. Any clearing of native vegetation requires consideration and possible authorisation under these policies.

4.5 Groundwater Vulnerability

The entirety of the area occupied by Cudal Showground is shown in the CLEP to be impacted by a groundwater vulnerability consideration (Figure 6).

The objectives of the Groundwater vulnerability clause are:

- to maintain the hydrological functions of key groundwater systems
- to protect vulnerable groundwater resources from depletion and contamination as a result of development.

Before determining a development application on this land, consideration must be made of likely consequences to the values stated. These include possible depletion and/or contamination of the resource, impact on groundwater dependent ecosystems, cumulative impact etc.

4.6 Bush fire Hazard

Cudal Showground contains land which is designated Bush fire prone. Bush fire prone land is defined as an area of land that can support a bush fire or is likely to be subject to bush fire attack, as designated on a bush fire prone land map.²⁰ Bush fire prone land is allocated categories of risk, which range from Bush fire Vegetation Buffer to Bush fire Categories 1 to 3.

The NSW Governments Planning portal²¹ describes a range of bush fire hazard rankings:

Vegetation Category 1 – considered to be the highest risk for bush fire and will be given a 100m buffer. This vegetation category has the highest combustibility and likelihood of forming fully developed fires including heavy ember production.²²

¹⁷ Small areas of green protruding into the Showground's eastern and northern boundaries (Figure 5) are associated with errors caused by mapping scale and map production technological limitations.

¹⁸ The proximity of mapped significant terrestrial biodiversity generates a planning connotation within the CSPoM. See 10.3.

¹⁹ Part 2.3 (1)(b) of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021*.

²⁰ Guide for Bush Fire Prone Land Mapping Version 5b November 2015: *NSW Rural Fire Services*.

²¹ www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/spatialviewer/#/find-a-property/lot.

²² Guide for Bush Fire Prone Land Mapping Version 5b November 2015: *NSW Rural Fire Services*.

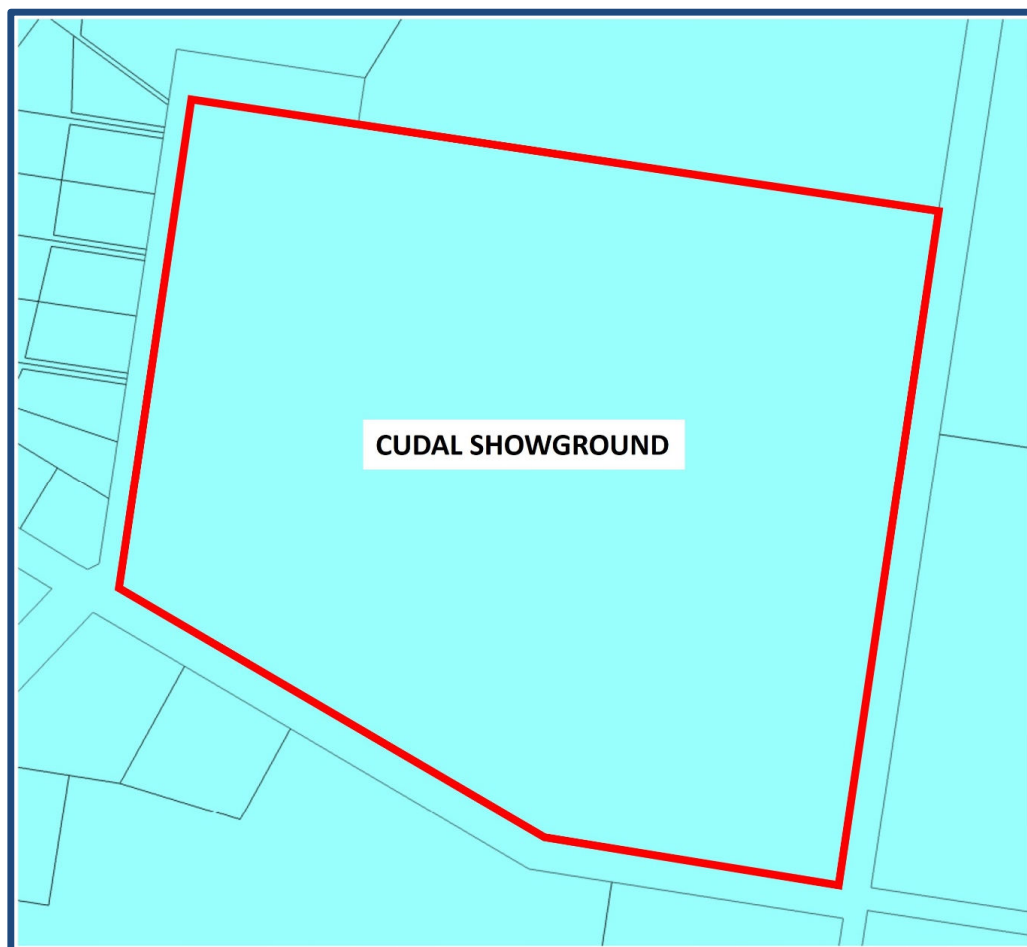


Figure 6 – Groundwater vulnerability Cudal Showground (blue shade)

Vegetation Category 2 – considered to be a lower bush fire risk than Category 1 and Category 3 but higher than the excluded areas **and will be given a 30-metre buffer**. This vegetation category has lower combustibility and/or limited potential fire size due to the vegetation area shape and size, land geography and management practices.

Vegetation Category 3 – considered to be medium bush fire risk vegetation. It is higher in bush fire risk than Category 2 (and excluded areas) but lower than Category 1.

Vegetation Buffer (see definition Category 2).

Note that bush fire hazard reduction work authorised by the *Rural Fires Act 1997* may be carried out on any land without development consent.²³

Categories 3 (orange shading) bush fire prone land is shown to be present at Cudal Showground as shown in Figure 7

²³ Advice should be sought from the Cudal Rural Fire Service regarding any planned bush fire hazard management at the Showground.

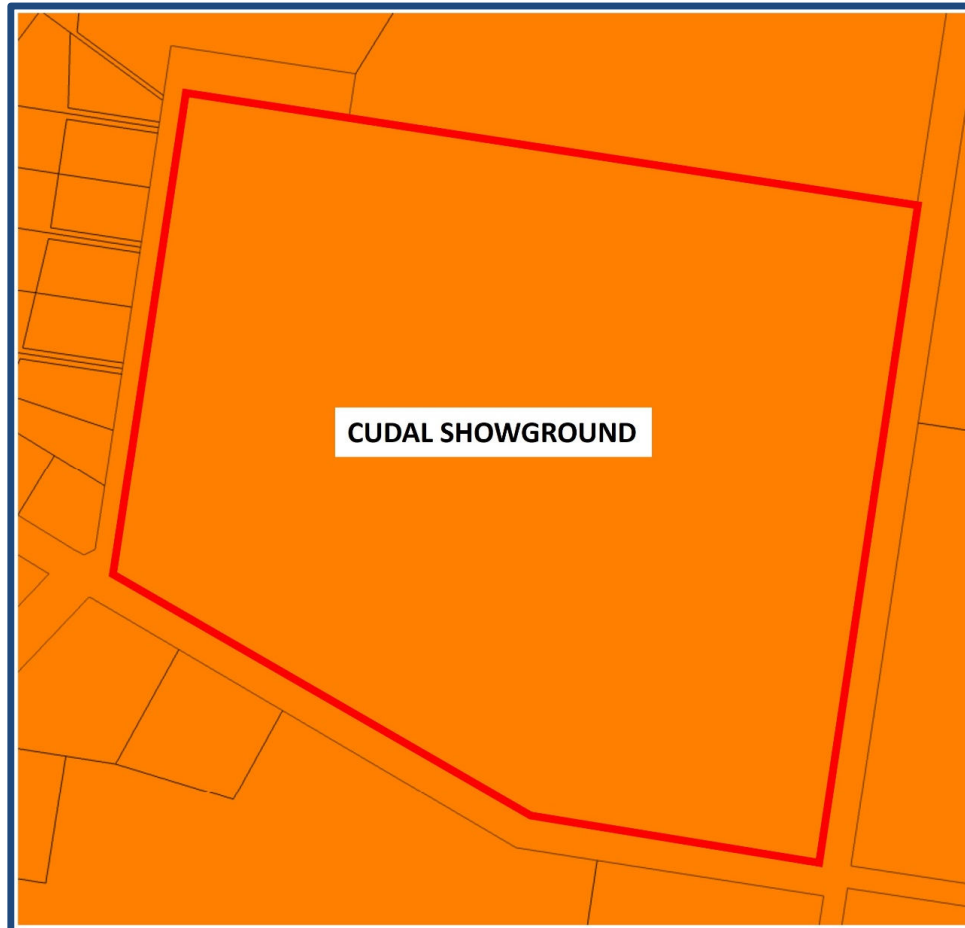


Figure 7 – Bushfire Hazard Cudal Showground
Category 3 – Orange

4.7 Heritage Significance

The CLEP indicates that there are no items of heritage significance present at the Cudal Showground.

4.8 Indigenous Heritage Significance

A search of the NSW government's Office of Environment and Heritage AHIMS Web Services:

- did not reveal that Aboriginal sites have been recorded in or near the Showground (200 m buffer).
- did not reveal that Aboriginal places have been declared in or near the Showground (200 m buffer).



The Showground does not contain any items listed in the CLEP as being of known Aboriginal archaeological sites, nor places of indigenous heritage significance.

Any development must comply with the scheme contained in the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

4.9 Council Strategies, Plans and Policies

In addition to the above State policies and the directions of the CLEP, Council has developed a number of plans, general policies and papers which have either direct or indirect relevance to planning, management and maintenance of community land and Council Reserves. The main planning framework, the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework (IPRF), accords with the NSW Government's direction that councils are required to develop a hierarchy of plans which assist councils deliver long, medium and short-term plans. The IPRF recognises that most communities share the common aspirations to live and work in a safe, healthy and pleasant place, in a sustainable environment, where there exist opportunities for social interaction and employment, and provision of reliable infrastructure.

The following lists those plans, strategies and policies of particular relevance for the future of the Cudal Showground:

- ***Cabonne Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032*** – identifies the community's vision for the future, long term goals, and strategies to achieve such. It also outlines how Council will measure progress towards that vision, for which it shares responsibility with other partners such as state agencies, non-government business and industry groups, joint organisations and community groups. The plan will protect and strengthen what is valued about Cabonne local government area, such as the spirit of community, the lifestyle and the diversity of opportunity, as well as enhancing the future socially, economically, culturally and environmentally.
- ***Community Engagement Strategy 2022-2026*** – ensures that people impacted by Council's decisions will be provided with the opportunities to have a say during the process leading up to that decision. The strategy outlines Council's commitment to actively engage the local community through best-practice consultation methods. It sets out clear guidelines about how Council will engage and outlines the approach to community engagement including methodologies, tools and techniques. This ensures community confidence in planning systems are developed and maintained.
- ***Cabonne Recovery Plan – Building back a better Cabonne*** – outlines the actions the community and Council will take in response to the flood event of 2022 and breaks down the estimated costs to repair critical infrastructure as well as the cost to local homes, businesses and the natural environment and wellbeing of the community. The corresponding list of projects presented in the Recovery Plan have direct and indirect relevance to activities and functions at the Showgrounds of impacted towns.
- ***Delivery Program 2022-2026*** – outlines the suite of actions and activities that will be delivered by Council over the term, with timeframes, priorities and funding available. It acknowledges the incredibly difficult period experienced by people in Cabonne, with many suffering losses due to devastating flooding events during November 2022. It further recognises that this event



was preceded by severe drought, mouse plagues and other flooding events with impacts felt widely across the local government area. Formalising and implementing Crown land PoMs is one of many proposed activities within the Delivery Program which has direct relevance to Cabonne's showgrounds. Over the Delivery Program period from 2022-26, Council is also undertaking a program of works to "*Activate Cabonne*", focused on energising the towns of the local government area through new works and initiatives. Masterplans continue to be developed for nominated towns.

Cascading down the planning hierarchy, operational plans show projects and activities Council will undertake in a specific year.

- **Strategic Asset Management Plan 2022-2031 (SAMP)** – aligning with the long-term Financial Plan and the Workforce Management Plan, Council achieves effective financial and asset management, including sound policies and processes for performance management and reporting, asset maintenance and enhancement, funding decisions, and risk management. Council's showgrounds are nominated in the SAMP as examples of assets, though it acknowledges them as being occupied by other organisations which may be self-funding, including through attracting grants.
- **Cudal Village Masterplan November 2021** – Prepared by *Cudal Central Incorporated* in close consultation with Council, develops and prioritises projects to a "shovel ready" stage, to help lead to the future growth and economic development of the Cudal township. Projects which have and will occur at Cudal Showground are listed in these priorities.
- **Event Management Policy** – assists community groups wanting to organise and hold a public event in the local government area of Cabonne, ensuring such events are held with best practice to ensure public safety and equity. The policy does not cover events where leases on public land are held.
- **Tree Management Policy** – establishes an intent for the management of trees on Council managed public space, property and reserves, and to advise conditions of maintenance and replacement of trees to avoid interference with power lines.
- **Cabonne Shire Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) (draft)** – describing how Council will work towards building equitable, accessible and inclusive opportunities for people with a disability. The Plan uses the outcomes of consultations which occurred with the community, facilitated by Council.
- **Hire of Community Facilities/Buildings Policy** – ensures equitable opportunity for potential by providing a system to allocate hire and concessional rates for Council owned facilities. Fees and charges are determined for regular or casual hire. (This policy does not apply to commercial properties that are leased from Council and for which contractual lease arrangements apply, or to facilities managed by S355 committees.)

Given that the requirements and structure for this CSPoM are stipulated by legislative direction, it scopes the above policies, plans and strategies for relevant ideas and initiatives.

All relevant policies and plans as listed above can be found at Council's website ([Home - Cabonne Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.cabonne.nsw.gov.au)).



5 THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Topography, Hydrology and Drainage

The land occupied by the Cudal Showground is described as belonging to a landscape of undulating rises, undulating low hills and dissected plateau around Cudal.²⁴ Slopes are generally within the 4-8% range mildly undulating to gently sloping. The Showground rises to its highest point of 415m above sea level (ASL) in the vicinity of its southeastern corner, dropping to its lowest point of 403m ASL at its southwestern corner near the junction of Davys Plains Road and Rodda Drive. The northeastern corner is 407m ASL and the northwestern corner, 405m ASL. A small ridge in the centre rises to 408m ASL.

Site drainage therefore is generally east to west and southwest. There are no major gullies or drainage lines within the bounds of the Showground, nor in the immediate vicinity. There are no significant drainage impediments over the Showground land. A small farm dam exists in the less intensively used area, southwest of the Showground's main centre.

5.2 Soils and Geology

The soils at the Cudal Showground belong to the *Cudal Soil Landscape*.²⁵ The parent geology is tertiary basalt from which soils have developed either *in-situ* or have emerged colluvially.²⁶

The Cudal Soil Landscape comprises of a range of related reddish-brown soils which generally have favourable characteristics:

- reddish, friable, loose and well structured.
- moderately to well drained.
- fertile to moderately fertile (known limitations in nitrogen).
- low to moderate erodibility with stable soil erosion.
- moderate shrink swell potential (between wet and dry state).

A typical soil at Cudal Showground is:

- **A Horizon (topsoil) 0-200mm depth** - Dark reddish brown or dark brown; clay loam to silty loam; weak to moderate soil structure; field pH 7-7.5; profuse root development; medium to high organic matter.

Diffuse texture and colour boundary to next soil horizon.

- **B1 Horizon (subsoil) 200mm- 350mm depth** - Dark to dark reddish-brown; light to medium clay texture; strong blocky structure; smooth faced soil structural units (peds); field pH 6.5-7.5.

Diffuse changes to > 1000mm depth.

²⁴ Cudal Soil Landscape. In Espade V2.2 - Office of Environment and Heritage: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/eSpade2Webapp/

²⁵ Soils of the Bathurst 1:250,000 sheet, Cudal Soil Landscape. In Espade V2.2 - Office of Environment and Heritage: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/eSpade2Webapp/

²⁶ Soils moved from the source geology and deposited on a lower landscape by water.



- **B2 Horizon (subsoil) > 350mm depth** - Dark red light medium clay; stronger blocky structure; smooth faced peds; low soil fauna; quite sticky when wet; carbonate nodules may be present; Field >pH 7.5. Weathering parent material (geology) may be encountered at depths greater than 1m particularly on higher landscape components.

These soils are referred to as *Ferrosols*,²⁷ a name denoting high levels of free iron in the soil, a derivation of the basaltic geology from which they are derived. They are normally associated with reddish fertile soils which are well-structured and generally well drained.

Figure 8 provides a visual representation of the soils at the Cudal Showground, depicting a topsoil of reddish colour, friable loose structure, moderate texture, and good fertility with well-developed roots and organic matter. The photo on the right of Figure 8 also shows the result of the shrink-swell capacity identified in the deeper soil horizon of these soils. Deep cracking,²⁸ is seasonally expressed at the surface when the profile of these soils dries.



Figure 8 – Soils at Cudal Showground

Soils at Cudal Showground are generally reddish and well structured, loose and friable, with good natural fertility and drainage, shrink-swell potential (see surface cracking, right).

5.3 Vegetation and Habitat

The original vegetative cover on the site of the Cudal Showground had been greatly modified by the time of the first dedication. The surveyor's scant notations made on an early plan of the site on 2nd September 1882, provide limited insight into the original vegetation that existed there at that time:

"Fine Open Country" (referring to the area across the site's northern section).

"Box Country, Scrubby in Places" (central section, extending to the southeastern corner).

²⁷ R.F. Isbell 1996: Australian Soil Classification, Revised edition: *CSIRO Pub.*

²⁸ This characteristic may impact on design of foundations (slabs) for any proposed major infrastructure.



However, the original native vegetation of the site is likely to have been typical of the landscape it occupies, being a White Box community, also containing Grey Box, Apple Box, Blakely's Red Gum, Yellow Box, Red Ironbark, Red Stringy Bark and Kurrajong.²⁹ Since development at the Showground commenced, plantings of various native trees began and have continued over the years, presumably aimed at creating shade and protection for visiting show attendees and their animals.

Many of the early plantings, because of their age and development of hollows etc, to variable degrees, provide habitat for native birds, mammals and reptiles, as well as aesthetic values typical of a natural rural landscape of inland NSW (Figure 9). More recent plantings (see Figure 10 and Figure 11) demonstrate a good mix of native endemic and non-endemic native trees and understory species starting to provide valuable habitat and shade, and general site beautification.

Note is made of the planted corridor in the northwestern section of the Showground (Planting A, Figure 12), which provides both a buffer between the Cudal township and the Showground, and a linkage to areas of important terrestrial biodiversity mapped by the NSW government outside the Showground's boundary, which also feature in the CLEP (see Figure 5). Weed control in this area will be an important land management consideration in this CSPoM.



Figure 9 – Vegetation and Habitat

Mature native trees such as Ironbark (left), Cyprus Pine (centre and top right) and Kurrajong, planted for shade and aesthetics.

²⁹ Cudal Soil Landscape. In Espade V2.2 - Office of Environment and Heritage: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/eSpade2Webapp/



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Figure 10 – Vegetation and Habitat
More recent plantings of native trees fenced into corridors (Planting B), or within and around Showground infrastructure.



Figure 11 – Vegetation and Habitat
With the assistance of Landcare Australia and industry, Cudal Showgrounds northeast section has been enclosed and planted to native species (Planting A) linking to mapped vegetation of high terrestrial biodiversity value.



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Figure 12 – Corridors of native vegetation planting at Cudal Showground
Planting A, linking with mapped terrestrial biodiversity, and Planting B provides protection and shade around main high usage areas.



6 SHOWGROUND CONDITION ASSESSMENT

6.1 Assessment of Infrastructure

The Showground's main built assets were inspected, photographed and recorded during the compilation of this CSPoM and a preliminary assessment of the condition of all major assets is described in Table 1, and spatially represented on Figure 13.

Table 1 – Condition of Built Assets

No	Asset	Condition	No	Asset	Condition
Apparent condition: VG = Very Good; G = Good; F = Fair; P = Poor; VP = Very Poor. ³⁰					
1	Luncheon Pavilion/Bar/Amenities	G	13	Internal access tracks – various (unsealed)	F
2	Cudal Show Pavilion/Amenities/Storage	G	14	Electricity supply to Camping Area	G
3	Separate Bar/facilities (2)	F	15	Seating, Main Arena	P
4	Livestock Pavilion – covered (near Davys Plains Road)	G	16	Camping Area, 10 sites	G
5	Cudal Pony Club (CPC) steel yards, covered stalls, and storage	F	17	Boundary fencing	P
6	Main Arena with steel stock proof fencing and smaller yards, ramp, and strategic rubberised protective barriers	VG	18	Internal fencing and barriers general	F
7	Campdraft Camp, yards and rubberised shute etc	VG	19	Old Amenities and Storage	VP
8	Dressage Arena (sand) – uncovered	F	20	Entrance gates	G/P
9	Campdraft Coordination and Observation Building (2 storey)	G	21	Muster Point	G
10	CPC events field equipment	F	22	Signage	F
11	Storage Sheds near Main Arena	VP	23	Water storage dam	F
12	Power and Water Infrastructure - general use area	G			

Figures 14 – 30 depict a range of assets across the Showground.

The majority of assets at the Cudal Showground reflect the needs of its major usage theme - horse sports such as campdraft, pony club and equestrian including dressage. With a few exceptions, built assets have been well maintained over the years ranging from Show Pavilion and Amenities building (see 2. Table 1), the well-considered steel yards and arenas (6, 7), to the functional livestock pavilion (4), powered camping area (14, 16), and the Luncheon Pavilion with amenities, bar, and storage (1). As such, the majority of built assets are functional and will provide a sound basis for service provision to its many users for a number of years into the future, subject to the normal requirements of maintenance.

³⁰ 1. **Very Good** - Excellent overall condition.

2. **Good** - Very good overall – early stages of deterioration – normal maintenance, minor repairs.

3. **Fair** - Condition deterioration obvious, serviceability affected, significant maintenance required.

4. **Poor** - Serviceability heavily impacted, maintenance cost high and significant renewal/major maintenance.

5. **Very Poor** - Severe serviceability problems, immediate rehabilitation, requires over 50% asset renewal.



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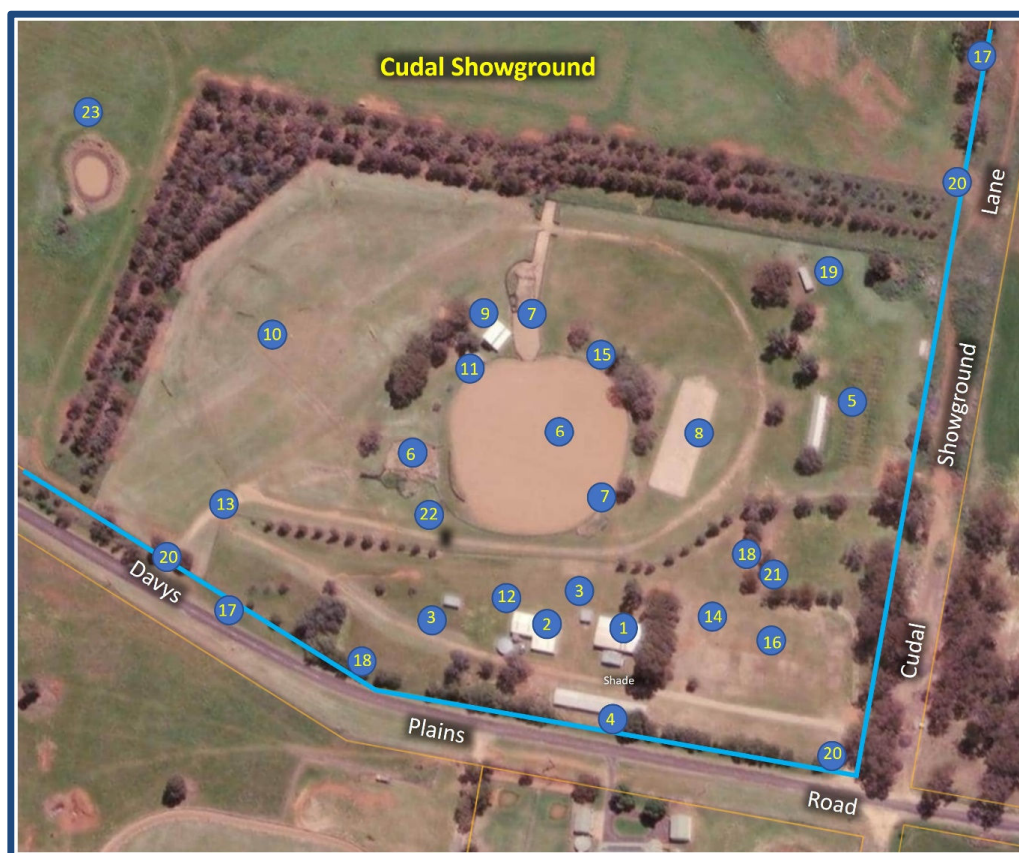


Figure 13 – Location of main assets, Cudal Showground

A number of older assets such as an amenities/storage block in the northeastern corner of the grounds (19) and a storage shed near the main arena (11) require significant repair or removal. Internal unsealed access roads and tracks (13) require consideration during wet conditions and during times of high usage. Boundary fencing (17) ranges from satisfactory/functional to substandard in places. The separate bar/servery structures (3) although functional, require particular maintenance and visual upgrade.

This CSPoM acknowledges important works already completed at the Showground during Part 1 of the *Cudal Village Masterplan (2021)*. These works (12) have improved the Showground's important power and water supplies (see Figure 14).³¹

All major upgrades and more urgent repairs to infrastructure items required by this CSPoM, are detailed in the Implementation Plan (Section 13).

³¹ User assessment of assets indicate that *power transformer* limitations remain, constraining activities during busy times (see *User Assessment - Weaknesses*, 6.2). Further, water supply although recently improved, remains a limitation during busy times. Tanks have been incorporated into the Stage 1 improvements to sure up supply during high water demand periods, such as the Annual Show.



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Figure 14 – Power and water supply
Power and water supply was improved at the Showground during Stage 1 works, Cudal Village Masterplan 2021.



Figure 15 – Assets
Luncheon Pavilion includes bar and amenities.



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Figure 16 – Assets
Show Pavilion includes external power outlets and amenities.



Figure 17 – Assets
Two free standing bar/serveries (top left, bottom left), and storage sheds behind Luncheon Pavilion.



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Figure 18 – Assets: Livestock pavilion.



Figure 19 – Assets
Pony club iron pens (left) and covered stalls and storage.



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Figure 20 – Assets

Main campdraft arena has steel stock proof barriers with strategic rubberised protection.



Figure 21 – Assets

Campdraft camp, pens and shute, featuring rubberised protection.



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Figure 22 – Assets
Dressage area (uncovered) and seating on mounds around main campdraft arena (right).



Figure 23 – Assets
Campdraft control building with viewing and storage, main arena.



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Figure 24 – Assets
Cudal Pony Club outdoor competition area with jumps etc.



Figure 25 – Assets
Storage shed main campdraft arena (left), and storage shed and amenities, northeastern section.



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Figure 26 – Assets

Water supply and storage was enhanced as part of Stage 1 Improvements, Cudal Village Masterplan.



Figure 27 – Assets

Internal tracks require ongoing maintenance.



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Figure 28 – Assets
Power and water supply to ten camp sites.



Figure 29 – Assets
Showground gates – main access (centre); southeastern corner (top left); and from Cudal Showground Lane (eastern boundary).



Figure 30 – Assets: Signage at Cudal Showground

6.2 User Assessment of Showground Values

Prior to formal commencement of this CSPoM, discussions with all current user groups of the Showground were conducted and views on a range of issues were captured in a standard Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats process. A number of issues were acknowledged during this process which will impact on the success and sustainability of the Showground into the future. Many of these will be further addressed in the Implementation Plan (Section 13).

The main **strengths** for the Cudal Showground identified in these discussions were:

- being adjacent to outer limits of the expanded Cudal township in a flood-free environment, the locality of the Cudal Showground is very valuable to its current and future operations because of ease of access (vehicular, pedestrian) to all visitors and users.
- its size and scale augers well for an expansion of new developments and activities, particularly those related to the equine industry. New activities, means increases in cash flow which is greatly needed to sustain the Cudal Showground.
- the essential infrastructure to sustain current usage and attract new users and activities, is already present at the Cudal Showground. This includes amenities and general infrastructure, to essential infrastructure (water, power).
- the current setup and location of the Cudal Showground: it is considered a “social hub” for a range of visitations and uses.
- excess and currently unused space being available at the Cudal Showground (A significant proportion of the land within its boundary is currently used for rural purposes, or livestock management during events).



- the combined committee (active volunteers operating across all user groups) is an effective way to communicate with current and prospective users. (See website: cudalshowground.com, and Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Cudal-Showground.)

As well as acknowledging the positive values, the discussions with users also acknowledged current **weaknesses** which constrain operations and progress being:

- there exists much confusion and concern regarding risk management, liability and public insurance (as may apply to all volunteer organisations operating on community land).
- the notion of unfettered access to community lands such as showgrounds, particularly by any community member during times of unscheduled activity, is also confronting to volunteer groups in terms of the management and security of Showground assets including those funded by various organisations for specific purposes.
- ground maintenance is significant for Cudal Showground especially given the large spatial area of the grounds. This work falls to volunteer members of various occupying groups, which is, on occasion, an onerous task, and will continue to be so especially if new uses (generating the required commensurate income) are considered part of its future. There is currently no code for sharing these ongoing responsibilities which normally fall to the same person/people. It was noted by participants that Council offers or conducts nil support for ground maintenance of areas of general use, and even refuse/garbage is removed by volunteers.
- there is little off-site promotion of impending activities scheduled for the Cudal Showground, and promotion of the grounds is poor - for instance there is no major signage at the entrance gates.
- financial constraints limit vision and planning and Cudal Showground is no exception. In addition to the maintenance mentioned above, some assets are starting to fail, such as some of the amenities, external (boundary) fencing, and the current power transformer has limitation during bust times (e.g., at Annual Shows). These financial limitations create concern as to the long-term viability of the Cudal Showground.
- conflicting needs for the use of different types of Showground user groups, and how these impact on areas of responsibility and occupation of the grounds.
- a developing trend showing a general lack of new volunteers to get involved, bring new and refreshing uses and perspectives, and do the work required for a viable showground.

However, a number of future **opportunities** were identified which, if pursued, may position the Showground more strongly into the future, being:

- expansion into other areas of the grounds which are available. This may occur via the introduction of new activities such as regular markets, new sports, coordination with local and regional events (such as Orange 360, Wine and Food Festivals etc.), but also through the consolidation and growth of existing activities. For instance, the equine industry is large in the region and already has a strong presence at the Cudal Showground. However, it has the potential to significantly grow on-site, with the addition of new facilities such as sheltered



arenas, viewing platforms and seating. Improved facilities would then be a major drawcard to Cudal and the Showground, which would become a much stronger “central hub” for the area in general. An expansion of the camping facility at the Showground was mentioned as a major growth direction and income generator.

A number of future **threats** to Cudal Showground viability which require consideration within a successful plan, include:

- overall, and under current usage arrangements, a general scarcity of people with the time to volunteer and perform the work increasingly required to manage a successful Showground. Volunteers are further discouraged by red tape and legislative requirements.
- a concern that aging infrastructure in the absence of a replacement plan will lead to the whole Showground being unserviceable.
- unless opportunities discussed previously are not pursued with vision, the Cudal Showground will become unserviceable and unsustainable.
- the current lack of communication between users and Council because of the absence of a suitable mechanism.
- the extra consideration for overall Showground management, to cater for and adapt to the needs of new users within the spatial areas traditionally used, especially in peak times such as Annual Shows. This will require adjusting these spaces, and potential reallocation.

Appendix 3 shows the workings from the SWOT recorded on the night of the consultation. Also shown are the aspirations and additional ideas and suggestions of the specific groups in attendance during the discussion.

Additionally, community consultation was previously conducted during the development of the Cudal Village Masterplan. This Masterplan covers Stage 1 and developments at the Showground, of which Stage 1 (addressing power and water supplies) has been completed. Stage 2 will cover priority maintenance requirements at the Showground.



7 DEMOGRAPHICS

The population of Cudal town in 2011 according to the census of that year, was 653. The 2021 census sees the population as 586, a 10% decline over the decade. The trend is typical of many small towns across rural NSW which struggle to maintain a viable commercial and service hub to the community.

However, when noting the role and functions of the Showground it is more relevant to consider the regional community in discussions of demography and trends. This is particularly so, in that many attendees, as well as those involved in delivering the Showground functionality, may travel moderate to even quite large distances to participate in these activities and enjoy its facilities.

Although not all-encompassing, the Cabonne Shire Local Government Area (LGA)³² is considered in this CSPoM to provide a reasonable basis to provide some insight into Showground predicted use trends by the community.

Table 2 refers to the three most recent Australian Bureau of Statistics Census data for Cabonne Shire Council LGA, being: 2011, 2016 and 2021, for a range of age class distributions.³³

Table 2 – Population Statistics for Cabonne Shire LGA 2011-2021

Age (years)	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-54	55-64	65+	Total
Census 2011	853	1951	1354	4639	1766	2261	12,821
Census 2016	831	2056	1420	4640	1784	2660	13,386
Census 2021	751	2044	1504	4505	1989	2974	13,766

Note: Median age for Cabonne Shire LGA in 2021 was 44.

Across the 2011-2021 decade, the figures show:

- an increase in population (approx. 7.3%, or 0.7% per annum), with the projection of continued increase.
- a decline in the new-born to toddler's age group (0-4 years old) of 12%.
- general increases in the younger age (school attending) groups between 5 and 15 years of age, of 7%.
- slight increase in the working age population between 15-64 years, of 3%.
- a significant increase in older residents, 65 years and older. This increase is **31.5%**, representing 22% of the total population by 2021. This appears to be generated from a migration of retirees into the Cabonne Shire for reasons of lifestyle, possibly coupled by more attractive living costs.

From this analysis, issues for future management of the Showground will entail confronting the provision of facilities required to continually match with new and emerging social and recreational needs of a growing younger population, including those within the working age group. However, most importantly, the uses of an aging population will be an important consideration for future functions

³² The Local Government Area of Cabonne Shire LGA includes towns and villages of Molong, Canowindra, Eugowra, Manildra, Cummoock, Cargo, Mullion Creek, Cudal, Boremore, Nashdale and Yeoval, plus all associated rural communities.

³³ www.quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/. "Note that small random changes have been made to all cell values for privacy reasons. These changes may cause the sum of rows or columns to differ by small amounts from the table totals" -ABS.



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and services at the Showground. A healthy increase in the younger age groupings is optimistic and may provide the basis for the essential voluntary support required for support of Showground functions into the future.



8 CURRENT USES

Cudal Showground provides ready access to all users including participants and patrons at a range of staged events, as well as pedestrians and casual users. It is well positioned to address the casual and active needs of the Cudal community and region, and further afield. Of particular note, is its flood-free and easily accessible location off a relatively quiet rural road, adjacent to Cudal town.

8.1 Current User Groups

The Cudal Showground is currently used by the following organisations on agreement with Council:

- Cudal Show Committee for the planning and delivery of all activities associated with the Annual Show (produce, cattle, sheep, dogs, ring events, show entertainment etc.) (Figure 31)
- Cudal Campdraft Association (31) with permanent establishment of arena, yards and building, holds seasonal campdraft competitions attracting large crowds from the region and beyond.
- Cudal Pony Club (32)
Sporting, jumping, dressage, cross country, general tuition, annual gymkhana.



Figure 31 – Cudal Show
(Photos courtesy Cudal Show Committee)



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Figure 32 – Cudal Campdraft Association
Cudal Campdraft Association is well established at the Showground (Photos courtesy Cudal Campdraft Association).



Figure 33 – Cudal Pony Club at the Showground
(Photos courtesy Cudal Pony Club)



8.2 Other Uses for Cudal Showground

Residents and visitors to the region have access to Cudal Showground and opportunities to enjoy a range of activities and events including:

- camping and caravanning
- community clinics
- community events
- concerts and music festivals
- exhibitions, auctions and business expos
- fair days and annual shows
- filming and production
- horse clinics
- open markets and swap meets
- pre-school events and school cross country
- private hire for events such as weddings, birthdays and services
- sporting competitions including K12 Interschool Equestrian
- walking, exercise and general relaxation (Figure 34).

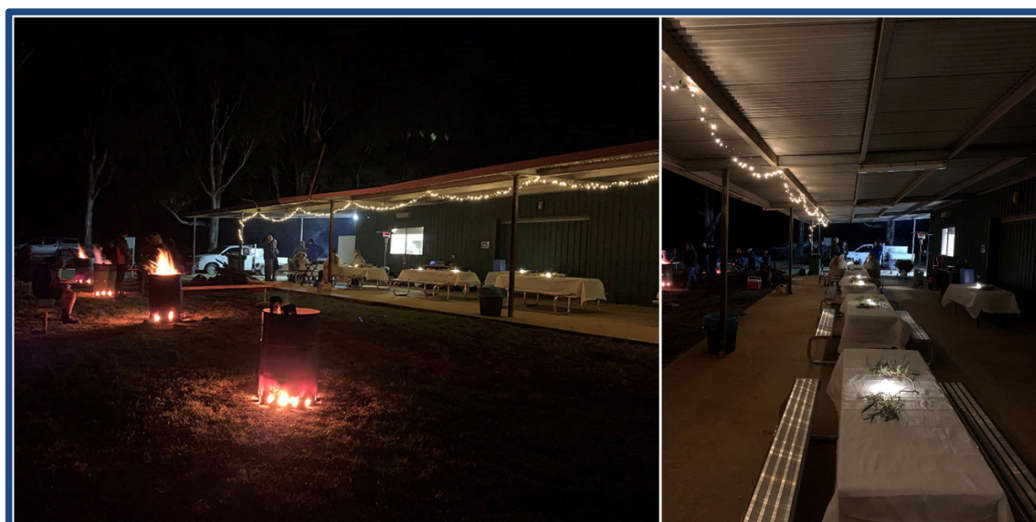


Figure 34 – Casual events at Cudal Showground
Casual events are held at Cudal Showground – Dinner at the Luncheon Pavilion. (Photos courtesy Cudal Showground Combined Committee)

8.3 Existing Interests and Tenures

Currently, no formal tenures exist between Council and the current users including Cudal Showground Combined Committee, Cudal Show Committee or Cudal Campdraft Association. No tenures exist between the Combined Committee and user groups.



PART B – THE PLAN

9 A VISION FOR THE LAND

In its Community Strategic Plan, as well as other major plans and strategies within the Integrated Planning and Reporting cluster, the words consistently articulated by Council acknowledge a thriving, caring, and vibrant community which recognises a rich culture, heritage and history.

Protecting and valuing the environment, the rural aspects of the region, and provision of access to services and required support, are all important ingredients to this successful community. Working together across all towns within the shire such as Cudal, will achieve great things for the wider Cabonne community.

These are the major points which comprise vision for Cabonne Council:

***“Where one community succeeds – we all succeed.
We are Cabonne”***

The various statements presented reflect Council’s broad strategic intent to create and maintain a sense of community fulfilment and enrichment for the Cabonne Local Government Area:

- Within Cudal and beyond, its Showground provides the key focus for the activities of a vibrant and caring community which values its heritage, history, and rural culture.
- The Cudal Showground provides a focus for the activities of a community, who enjoy health, social enrichment, and sporting opportunities.
- The Cudal Showground is therefore an important and essential component in the delivery of the vision of Cabonne Council. The recent floods and droughts which have impacted significantly on people in other nearby towns (such as Eugowra and Molong), elevates this importance.

A rare position for the Cudal Showground arises because of an evolved focus on equestrian interests and sports. This, in turn, has resulted in a solid basis of community support and available infrastructure to consolidate and expand the role of the Showground.

As a consequence of discussions with user groups and Council staff during the development of this CSPoM, the following vision for the Cudal Showground is proposed:

***“Cudal Showground – An Essence of Community - Building on
our Rural Traditions Together”***



10 OBJECTIVES, CLASSIFICATION AND CATEGORY OF LAND

The Showground is classified as community land under the LG Act as amended by the *Local Government Amendment (Community Land Management) Act 1998*.

Under Section 36(4), all community land must be further categorised as one of the following categories:

- Natural Area - (further categorised as either Bushland, Wetland, Escarpment, Foreshore, Watercourse)
- Sportsground
- Park
- Area of Cultural Significance, or
- General Community Use.

The Core Objectives for all community land categories vary according to the categorisation of the land. All objectives are defined in Sections 36E to 36N of the LG Act and also appear in **Appendix 1** of this CSPoM.

It is considered that in accordance with the guidelines set out in the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and Practice Note 1: Public Land Management (Department of Local Government Amended 2000), and consistent with respective core objectives, land at the Showground under this CSPoM is categorised as:

- **Sportsground**
- **General Community Use**
- **Natural Area - Bushland.**

Figure 35 shows the location of land categories across the Cudal Showground.

10.1 Sportsground

Relevant Core Objectives for the management of land categorised as **Sportsground**³⁴ are:

- to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and
- to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.

³⁴ S 36F of the LG Act – NSW Legislation.



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Figure 35 – Land Categories, Cudal Showground

Description and Location

The area categorised as Sportsground is the part of the Showground where the organised competitive sporting activities are conducted. The Sportsground consists of the main arena, dressage area, yards, ramp, equestrian training and competition infrastructure and courses, stables, storage, seating, fencing, and offices and all buffers associated with those activities.

Management Objective

The Sportsground area will be managed to maintain the current level of use by the established user groups whilst allowing for increased equestrian use where compatible with existing space and infrastructure. The growth of the equestrian industry and its popularity will provide opportunities which will be monitored accordingly. There is general support from current user groups and Council that the Showground has the physical capability as well as strong community support, to capitalise on the region's "equestrian energy" and grow accordingly.

Ancillary facilities should be maintained within this CSPoM at least to a level that will attract regular patronage, utilising the fees raised from Cudal Showground users as well as external sources.



Additional infrastructure items are nominated within this CSPoM and will be staged as funding permits.

Where present, environmental values (such as tree management), will require consideration in accordance with policy and legislation. Because of the regular influx of animals associated with the main sporting activities occurring at the Showground, biosecurity will require close monitoring and management.

10.2 General Community Use

Relevant Core Objectives for management of community land categorised as **General Community Use**³⁵ are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

- in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
- in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

Description and Location

The General Community Use area provides the Cudal Showground's "front-end", stemming from the more traditional uses and purposes for showgrounds such as the annual show, exhibits, demonstrations and competitions which are often linked to the agricultural history of the district.

The General Community Use area has a strong multi-purpose function and meets the physical, cultural and intellectual needs of the community, whilst also attracting and supporting emerging activities which have an increased capacity for commercial return.

This includes the various show pavilions, administration offices, the camping ground facilities and its associated infrastructure, the entrances into the Cudal Showground, various amenities areas, serveries, bars and canteen areas, annual show entertainment stalls, livestock pavilion, yards and sheds, internal roads, landscaping (tree management etc.), parking areas, and boundary and subdivision fencing.

Most of the infrastructure associated with service provision (power, water etc.) is also located within the General Community Use area.

Management Objective

The area identified as General Community use will be managed to improve the health of the Cudal and regional communities by encouraging free and unrestricted access for the purposes of casual use and scheduled activities. Emphasis will be placed on attracting and maintaining tenures or occupations to generate income from existing as well as new and opportunistic users.

³⁵ S 36I of the LG Act – NSW Legislation.



The growing of the businesses and required infrastructure will therefore be a priority, which will capitalise on interest in new services which are planned to be delivered at and from the Cudal Showground. This will provide opportunities to create new infrastructure to address these community needs.

Within the Cudal Showground land, a large open area to the north and west of the main Showground development ensures provision is made to accommodate additional development and inclusions required as essential for the operation of the Showground, its main activities, and the broader needs of the community.

There will be an ongoing necessity to also address issues associated with the aging of some infrastructure. It is important that built infrastructure currently servicing the needs of all attendees, exhibitors and competitors is maintained and enhanced, especially as new demands arise. Maintenance requirements, including general ground management, will rise as infrastructure grows. Maintenance has used strong volunteer support to date, and may be stretched consistent with growth in activities, visitations and business.

Space management will be an important consideration during busy times. Current limitations to parking and manipulation of large vehicles, constrains continued and growing use, particularly during multiple events, or major single events such as the annual show. The supply of power to the Showground, especially as infrastructure and visitation grows, will also need to be considered in the future management model.

Current environmental values aesthetics will require management, and in some cases, enhancement in accordance with policy and legislation.

10.3 Natural Area - Bushland

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a **Natural Area**³⁶ are to:

- conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as a natural area, and
- maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting, and
- provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land, and
- provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and
- assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the relevant state legislation.

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as **Bushland**³⁷ are:

³⁶ S 36E of the LG Act – NSW Legislation.

³⁷ S 36J of the LG Act – NSW Legislation.



- (a) to ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna (including invertebrates, fungi and micro-organisms) of the land and other ecological values of the land, and
- (b) to protect the aesthetic, heritage, recreational, educational and scientific values of the land, and
- (c) to promote the management of the land in a manner that protects and enhances the values and quality of the land and facilitates public enjoyment of the land, and to implement measures directed to minimising or mitigating any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and
- (d) to restore degraded bushland, and
- (e) to protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores, and
- (f) to retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration that will enable the existing plant and animal communities to survive in the long term, and
- (g) to protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface.

Description and Location

The area categorised as Natural Area – Bushland occupies the northwestern corner of the Cudal Showground (see Native Planting A, Figure 12). The area, which is enclosed by fencing, is mainly the result of replanting of a range of native vegetation tree species in a program supported by Landcare and industry (Figure 11). The Bushland area is currently showing good natural regeneration of the original woodland eucalypt species as well as understory scrubby species. A good range of trees aged from juvenile to approaching maturity, and a healthy sward of native and introduced grasses, create valuable habitat for birds, reptiles, mammals and insects.

This land adjoins the land beyond the Showground's boundary mapped in the CLEP as significant terrestrial biodiversity (see section 4.4).

Management Objective

The area categorised as Natural Area – Bushland will be managed to maintain and improve its environmental values consistent with legislative requirements and as an environmental buffer to current and future developments of the Showground and the margins of Cudal.

Maintaining the current and valuable age distribution of the woody (tree) component in conjunction with an emerging understory of native species will enrich existing habitat values. Invasive environmental weeds,³⁸ and vermin (rabbits) will require management to assist in the achievement of this objective. Bushfire management of excessive dry vegetation will also be an issue for routine management.

³⁸ Significant infestations particularly of St. John's Wort (*Hypericum perforatum*) and Bathurst Burr (*Xanthium spinosum*) are noted at and near the area categorised *Bushland*.



11 MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHOWGROUND

11.1 Showground Management and Communication

Council reserves the right to control the use of community land including the Cudal Showground.

Council intends to:

- Create opportunities for community consultation and participation in the planning and development as required.
- Consider and attempt to balance the need for community recreation facilities with the impact development that such sites will have on local residents.
- Provide an efficient method and process for approval of all agreed improvements and developments.
- Consider access to recreational facilities for all users.
- Ensure all formal use of the Showground is authorised through appropriate documentation.
- Allow casual informal use consistent with Council's policies and procedures.
- Consider how use of the site can provide funding for the maintenance of facilities for the Showground.
- Recognise that the ongoing viability of the Cudal Showground is dependent on the ongoing viability of the Showground users.
- Facilitate a system whereby enquiries and complaints from the public can be efficiently and promptly dealt with.

Council will issue leases and licences as described in Section 11.3 of this CSPoM.



Current Management Structure and Responsibilities

Operationally, the Cudal Showground Combined Committee (CSCC) assumes the responsibility for the management of the Showground. Other Showground user groups (Cudal Show Committee,³⁹ Cudal Pony Club, and Cudal Campdraft Association) operate through representation on the Combined Committee.

The main Showground facilities (amenities, various pavilions and shared grounds) are managed directly by the CSCC, which also administers additional uses (including event hiring) of the areas it manages.

The campdraft areas (main arena, cream building, shutes and various yards) are managed directly by the Cudal Campdraft Association.

The CSCC and its various representations, determines issues of shared usage as required (eg., the campdraft arena is also used for Cudal Pony Club and annual show events; The Pony Club uses either of the main pavilions during Pony Club camp and other events).

Currently, no tenures exist between Council and the CSCC, between the Cudal Show Committee and user groups or between the CSCC and casual Showground users.

Modified Management Structure

Council will manage the Cudal Showground as set out below:

Council will formalise the CSCC by creating a committee under Section 355 of the LG Act, to consist of representatives of each of the major user groups.⁴⁰ This will ensure decision making is collective. Overall communication, relating to new infrastructure developments, maintenance and on-site works coordination and event coordination will be managed cohesively through the new formalised CSCC.

The CSCC will undertake an advisory role to Council, for the area not highlighted purple in Figure 36, providing an important link between Council and the relevant user groups. On agreement between Council and the CSCC, delegations to perform certain functions, formalising the current level of management, may be assigned to the CSCC. The areas highlighted in purple, assigned to a user, will be managed under tenure.⁴¹

³⁹ The main activity of the Cudal Show Committee (which also meets separately) is in the organisation of the Annual Show.

⁴⁰ Initially this will include the Cudal Show Committee, the Cudal Pony Club and the Cudal Campdraft Association. Section 731 of the LG Act addresses liability of members of a committee of the Council providing *A matter of a thing done by ... member of a committee ... does not, if the matter or thing was done in good faith for the purpose of executing this or any other Act ... subject a ... person so acting personally to any action, liability, claim or demand.*

⁴¹ Where an exclusive tenure is subsequently issued by Council the area of the tenures will be removed from management by the CSCC.



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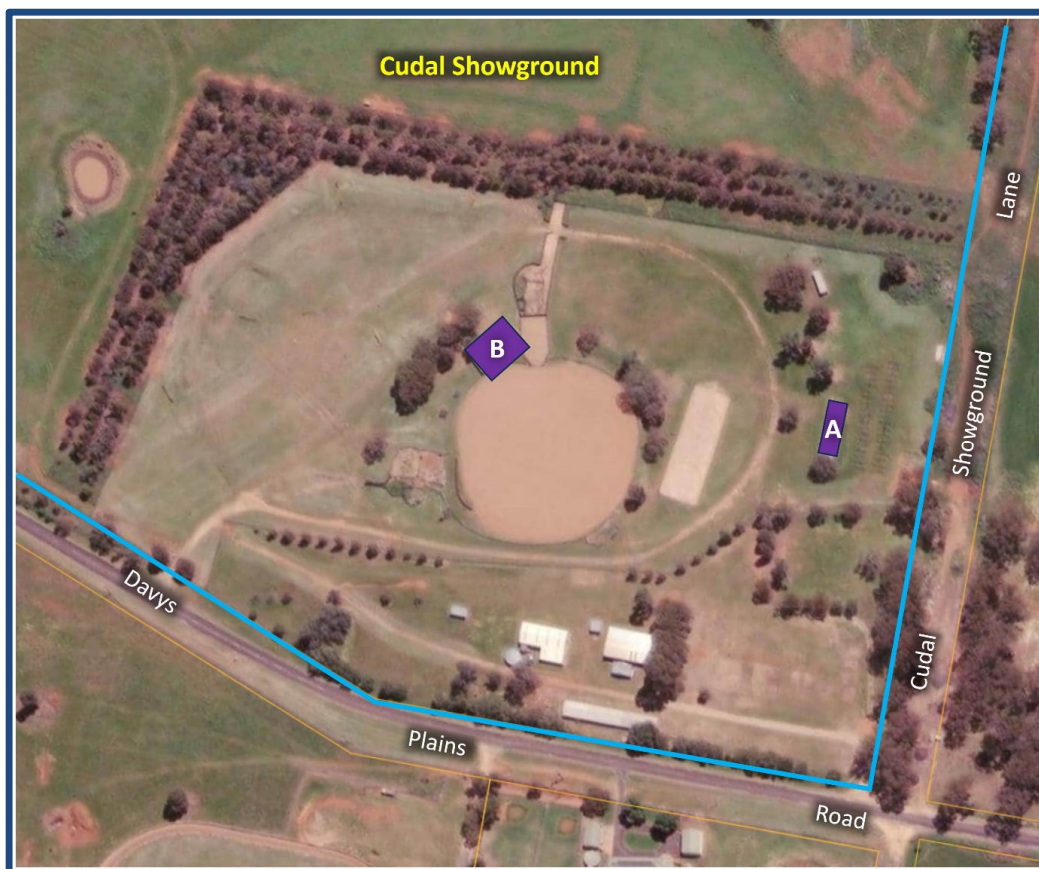


Figure 36 – Area managed by Council and the CSCC

The area outlined in blue and not shaded purple will be managed directly by Council and the CSCC.

Communication between Council, the CSCC and other Showground users is important to the success of this CSPoM. This will be achieved as set out in Figure 37. The principles of management will be:

- The Development of a terms-of-reference, including a schedule of meetings, for the operation of the CSCC.
- Regular meetings of the CSCC.
- The CSCC convening at least one annual forum (such as an AGM, or extraordinary meeting) to which all Showground groups/users are invited to attend.
- Council representative to attend the scheduled full annual meeting, as well as other meetings as required.
- Effective Council consultation with CSCC and relevant user groups prior to undertaking major renovations or establishment of new structures on the Cudal Showground.
- Effective communication with user groups regarding the installation and positioning of any new buildings / structures and other major works.

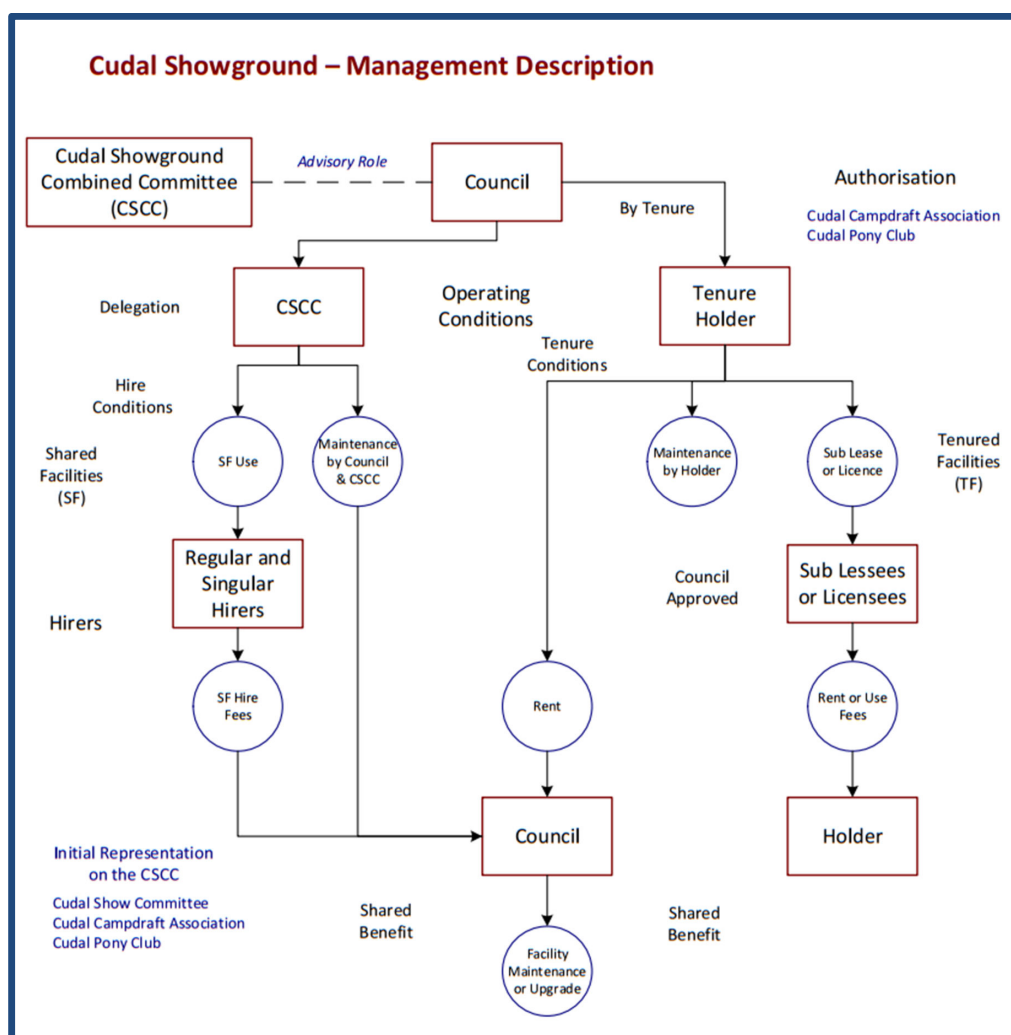


Figure 37 – Operational Relationship between Council, the CSCC, holders and hirers

- Establishment of appropriate tenure and hiring arrangements for existing and new hirers, at recommended / appropriate rent and hire fees. Use of the Cudal Showground will be subject to tenure or agreement (see Section 11.3 of this CSPoM).⁴²
- Clarification to the community and users concerning access for casual users of the Cudal Showground.
- The requirements of any tenure or hire agreement to be met by establishing positive relationships between tenure holder, Council and CSCC through clear expectations and communications.
- Where necessary, development of guidelines which communicate the requirement for users to

⁴² Tenures and Agreements for use of the Showground are primarily required to establish rights and responsibilities of users and to clearly identify insurance requirements. Insurance will generally be required as part of a hiring contract. For example: if the Cudal Show Committee wish to hold an annual event they would require event insurance.



concur with all tenure conditions including the maintenance of orderly and tidy surrounds at all times.

- Development and implementation of an online Cudal Showground use directory / calendar whereby the general public and all users have access to the events that are being held.
- Improved communication around the issue of bookings and activities to avoid confusion and conflict being:
 - An effective online booking system⁴³
 - Onsite notice board highlighting forthcoming functions
- Casual Users being aware of their rights and responsibilities in utilising the Cudal Showground.

11.2 Permitted Uses and Activities

The Showground allows free and unrestricted access for informal use by casual users when formal activities are not being undertaken.

Permissible Uses

Table 3 lists the permissible uses on the Showground with their scale and intensity.

Table 3 – Permissible Uses

Use	Scale	Intensity
Access roads	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Amenities	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Alternate energy technology	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Art and cultural classes and events	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	7 days a week, 10.00am – 10.00pm subject to tenure or hire agreement
Camping and caravanning	Limited to the locations specified in the approval to operate by Council	24 hours a day, 7 days a week subject to hire agreement
Canteens and Kiosks	Limited to the hours the facility is booked Agreement via tenure or hire agreement	7 days a week, 8.00am – 10.00pm
Car parking	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Casual playing of games or informal sporting activities	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	7 days a week, 8.00am – sunset
Children's programs and events	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	8.00am – 10.00 pm, 7 days a week subject to tenure or hire agreement

⁴³ It is noted that this process is already in place at Cudal Showground. See: www.cudalshowground.com



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Use	Scale	Intensity
Community events (fundraising/charity events, special events)	Limited to the hours the facility is booked and via tenure or hire agreement	7 days a week, 8.00am – 10.00pm Sun to Thurs, 8.00am – 11.00pm Fri and Sat
Community Services	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility Agreement via tenure or hire agreement	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Dog training and exercise	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	7 days a week, sunrise – sunset subject to tenure or hire agreement
Drainage and irrigation	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Emergency use	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Equestrian activities and events	Limited to the hours the facility is booked Agreement via tenure or hire agreement	7 days a week, 5.00am – 10.00pm
Filming and photography (commercial, amateur)	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week Subject to tenure
Fitness and wellbeing programs	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	7 days a week, sunrise - sunset
Landscaping	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Licensed bar, bistro and café	Limited to establishments with a liquor licence	Operating hours of the establishment subject to Council approval
Maintenance buildings and infrastructure	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Markets	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	Operating hours subject to tenure or hire agreement
Marquees, tents, stages and jumping castles - temporary structures	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	Operating hours subject to tenure or hire agreement
Mobile food vendors	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	Operating hours subject to tenure or hire agreement
Organised playing of games	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	8.00am – 10.00 pm, 7 days a week subject to tenure or hire agreement
Organised sports competitions	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	7 days a week, 8.00am – 10.00pm
Organised sports training	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	7 days a week, 8.00am – 10.00pm
Outdoor film screening	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	Operating hours subject to tenure or hire agreement
Passive recreation	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	7 days a week, sunrise – 10.00pm
Paths	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Personal training	Non-exclusive use - up of 6-18 people maximum	7 days a week, sunrise – sunset subject to tenure or hire agreement
Playing of a musical instrument, or singing, for fee or reward	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	Operating hours subject to tenure or hire agreement
Private events (i.e., weddings, birthdays)	Limited to the hours the facility is booked Agreement via tenure or hire agreement	7 days a week, 8.00am – 10.00pm Sun to Thurs, 8.00am – 11.00pm Fri and Sat



Use	Scale	Intensity
Public performance or education	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	7 days a week, 10.00am – 10.00pm Sun to Thurs, 10.00am – 11.00pm Fri and Sat subject to tenure or hire agreement
Public utility infrastructure	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Remediation works	Subject to noise, workplace health and safety and relevant legislation	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
School sport and recreation	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	Monday – Friday 7.00am – 4.00pm subject to tenure or hire agreement
Shade structures	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Showground maintenance	Subject to noise, workplace health and safety and relevant legislation	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Sponsorship signage (temporary)	As per Section 11.10 of this Plan	24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Storage facilities	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility	24 hours a day, 7 days a week subject to tenure or hire agreement
Youth programs and events	Limited to the physical constraints of the facility and/or to the requirements of the activity	8.00am – 10.00 pm, 7 days a week subject to tenure or hire agreement

It is an express provision of this CSPoM that Council shall provide from time to time as circumstances may require the construction and maintenance of utility services, provision and maintenance of floodways, cycle ways, vehicular access ways and the granting of easements.

11.3 Leases, Licences and other Estates

For this section, please see the Explanation of Terms⁴⁴ set out below.

The LG Act provides that tenures (leases, licences, or any other estates) or easements may be granted over all or part of community land in accordance with Section 46.

Tenures may be held by:

- community organisations and sporting clubs, or

⁴⁴ Explanation of Terms

Tenure	A lease, licence or other estate issued by Council in accordance with Section 46 of the LG Act or Section 2.20 of the CLM Act.
Hire agreement	An estate issued by Council.
Holder	The company, organisation, individual or group of individuals who have been issued with a tenure.
Hirer	The company, organisation, individual or group of individuals who have been issued with a hire agreement.
Regular hirer	A hirer who regularly uses the Showground through a hire agreement or has an ongoing hire agreement.
Singular hirer	A hirer who has a hire agreement as a once off or irregularly.
Casual user	A person or group of people using the Showground for passive recreation, non-commercial purposes without a tenure or hire agreement.
User	The collective term for a holder, hirer and casual user.



- by private/commercial organisations, or
- government agencies
- individuals providing facilities and/or services for public use.

The maximum period for leases and licences on community land allowable under the LG Act is 30 years (with the consent of the Minister for a period over 21 years) for purposes consistent with the categorisation and core objectives of the particular area of community land.

Community land may only be leased or licensed for periods of more than 5 years if public notice is given according to the requirements of Sections 47 and 47A of the LG Act.

Leases

A lease will generally be required where exclusive use or control of all or part of community land is desirable for effective management. A lease may also be required when the scale of investment in facilities demands security measures, or where the relationship between a holder and facilities on community land justifies such security of tenure.

Leases issued by Council will require:

- that subleases or any other supplementary tenures can only be issued by the Holders with the approval of Council, and consistent with Section 47C of the LG Act.
- that maintenance of the facility be the responsibility of the Lessees.

Licences

Licences allow multiple and non-exclusive use of an area. A licence may be required where intermittent or short-term use or control of all or part of the community land is proposed. A number of licences for different holders can apply to the same area at the same time, provided there is no conflict of interest.

Permits

A permit may be issued by Council to undertake a particular activity on community land. Such a permit may or may not attract a fee.

Hire Agreements

An agreement for use of the Showground (hire agreement) may be issued by Council for any purpose listed below, subject to the approval of Council. A hire agreement may be issued to a regular hirer or a singular hirer for formal use. Any legal requirements as determined by Council will include the requirement for adequate public liability insurance cover.



Purposes for which tenures may be issued

In accordance with Section 46A of the LG Act, a PoM for community land is to specify and authorise any purpose for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted over community land during the life of a PoM.

This CSPoM authorises a tenure to be issued:

- for any permissible use in Table 3.
- for purposes consistent with the Showground's:
 - categorisation (see Sections 10.1 and 10.2), and
 - zoning (see Section 4.2) under Section 46 of the LG Act, and
 - reserve purpose of public recreation, racecourse, showground, community purposes, rural services and levee bank as required under the CLM Act.

However, the CLM Act allows that Council may also issue short term licences (for a period of less than one year) consistent with Section 2.20 of the CLM Act. This section provides that licences may be issued, inconsistent with the reservation purpose, for prescribed purposes currently being:⁴⁵

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| (a) access through a reserve | (m) grazing |
| (b) advertising | (n) hiring of equipment |
| (c) camping using a tent, caravan or otherwise | (o) holiday accommodation |
| (d) catering | (p) markets |
| (e) community, training or education | (q) meetings |
| (f) emergency occupation | (r) military exercises |
| (g) entertainment | (s) mooring of boats to wharves or other structures |
| (h) environmental protection | (t) sales |
| conservation or restoration or | (u) shows |
| environmental studies | (v) site investigations |
| (i) equestrian events | (w) sporting and organised recreational activities |
| (j) exhibitions | (x) stabling of horses |
| (k) filming (as defined in the LG Act) | (y) storage. |
| (l) functions | |

This CSPoM expressly authorises⁴⁶ the following tenures:

1. A licence to the Cudal Pony club, for the purpose of storage and pony club activities over the area shaded purple and labeled "A" in Figure 36.
2. A licence to the Cudal Campdraft Association for the purpose of campdraft control centre,

⁴⁵ Crown Land Management Regulation S.31.

⁴⁶ Express Authorisation in Section 46 (1)(b) of the LG Act permits tenures to be granted in accordance with and subject to such provisions of a PoM.



clubhouse and storage, campdrafting competitions and various events, over the area shaded purple and labeled "B" in Figure 36.

3. A hire agreement to individual stallholders for use of stables and associated facilities.
4. The booking and hiring of camp facilities on the areas designated in this CSPoM consistent with an operating approval under Section 68 of the LG Act.
5. The booking and hiring of facilities by individuals or event organisations.

Council may grant a lease, licence or other estate in respect of Community Land for:

- A purpose prescribed by Section 36I LG Act as a core objective of the categorisation of the land and subject to being consistent with the Reserve purpose; or
- For the provision of goods, services and facilities, and the carrying out of activities, appropriate to the current and future needs within the local community and of the wider public in relation to Public Recreation and Community Purposes.

A tenure or hire agreement on Crown land may impact native title rights and interests. Apart from the tenures/hire agreements specifically authorised above, which are valid acts under Section 24JA of the *Native Title Act 1993*, any use agreement issued on Crown land must be issued in accordance with the future act provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993* and in accordance with Part 8 of the CLM Act unless Native title is extinguished. For Crown land which is not *excluded land* this will require written advice from one of Council's native title managers that it complies with any applicable provisions of the native title legislation.

Council at any time in the future, reserves the right to prohibit the taking or consumption of alcohol on this Showground. This will be indicated by conspicuously displayed signs in accordance with Section 632 and Section 670 of the LG Act (as amended).

11.4 Other Approvals

An approval to occupy land or facilities for a specific purpose does not remove the need to obtain approval under other legislation. These approvals may include:

- a liquor licence
- engage in a trade or business
- direct or procure a theatrical, musical or other entertainment for the public
- construct a temporary enclosure for the purpose of entertainment
- play a musical instrument or sing for fee or reward
- set up, operate or use a loudspeaker or sound amplifying device



- deliver a public address or hold a religious service or public meeting use of a loudspeaker
- install or operate amusement devices
- operate a caravan park or camping ground⁴⁷
- use a standing vehicle or any article for the purpose of selling any article in a public place.

11.5 Allocation

The Showground will continue to be used by a variety of users for purposes previously noted. Council will endeavor to generate greater utilisation of the Showground for recreation and other activities consistent with the Showground purpose.

Single Purpose Facility Use

Use of the Showground, for a single specific use, will be allocated by Council by way of a tenure (see 11.3) subject to the provisions of the LG Act, and consistent with the Core objectives (as described in 10). This will allow the Holder to appropriately plan for the development and maintenance of the facilities that have been constructed for that purpose.

While Council will have a strong oversighting role, everyday management of the facilities for that purpose, will be the role of the Holder. Hire agreements may be issued by holders, only with the prior agreement of Council.

Shared Facility Use

Any part of the Showground not subject to a tenure issued by Council, will be managed by Council, and advice from the CSCC (or by the CSCC under delegation of Council). This will include those parts of the Showground that are used by more than one user or those which are required for general community access.

Council (or the CSCC under delegation) shall manage the use of shared facilities to both hirers by way of hire agreement and Casual Users in a fair and transparent manner.

Hire fees and rental will be utilised to contribute to the maintenance of the Showground and facility upgrade and replacement.

Figure 37 depicts the operating model for the Showground. Council retains the ultimate responsibility for facility upgrade and replacement. Those user groups who have a lease or licence are responsible for ongoing maintenance of areas that are specified in the tenure.

⁴⁷ Approval to operate a caravan park or camping ground is provided by Council under Section 68 of the LG Act consistent with Section 132 of the *Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2021*.



11.6 Fees

Council applies fees for the use of Council reserves. A hire application must be lodged to Council prior to the event or facility hire. All applicable fees must be paid prior to the hire/use of the Showground.

The fees associated with the hiring of Council reserves for major events, concerts, functions etc. are detailed in Council's *Operational Plan - Fees and Charges*. Council's fee structure is reviewed on an annual basis.

Where the Showground is to be hired for a purpose not within Council's *Operational Plan - Fees and Charges*, the fee will be set by Council.

In order to maintain full viability and maximum participation at the Showground, an annual scaled fee for occupation will operate. This is based on the ability of the activity to attract entrance fees (its marketability), whilst still acknowledging the social and community significance of the activity. The fee will be determined by Council in consultation with the Show Committee.

11.7 Easements

Council reserves the right to grant easements as required for utilities and access, bearing in mind the impact of such easements on the site.

The granting of easements over Crown land will be subject to the provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993* and Section 8.7 of the CLM Act.

11.8 Development of New and Improvement of Existing Facilities and Processes

Council approval is required prior to any development or improvement made to community land.⁴⁸

All major developments and improvements to be funded (solely or partially) by Council will be subject to Council approval.⁴⁹

Any new structure proposed for the Showground in this CSPoM and into the future, will require sensitive consideration of visual amenity through maintenance or creation of improved sight lines and general aesthetics.

Council will encourage community assistance in the development of new facilities as well as maintenance of existing facilities.

Council may carry out certain types of proposed developments and building works that are developments permitted without consent or exempt development under the T&I SEPP or are permitted without development consent under the CLEP.

⁴⁸ Section 2.73 of the T&I SEPP provides that development for any purpose may be carried out without consent on Crown managed land, by or on behalf of a Crown land manager of the land, if the development is for the purposes of implementing a PoM adopted for the land in accordance with the LG Act (see **Appendix 1**). Council may require a Review of Environmental Factors prior to development.

⁴⁹ The term approval refers to approval as Crown land manager of the land rather than consent under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.



Council can also undertake certain activities under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act). The purpose of the Part 5 assessment system is to ensure public authorities fully consider environmental issues before they undertake or approve activities that do not require development consent from a council or the Minister. If an activity is judged by the relevant public authority to significantly affect the environment, then an environmental impact statement will need to be prepared and considered by the public authority.

All other proposed development and building works consistent with the values, desired outcomes and performance targets set out in this CSPoM would be subject to the normal development applications in accordance with the EP&A Act, and the CLEP.

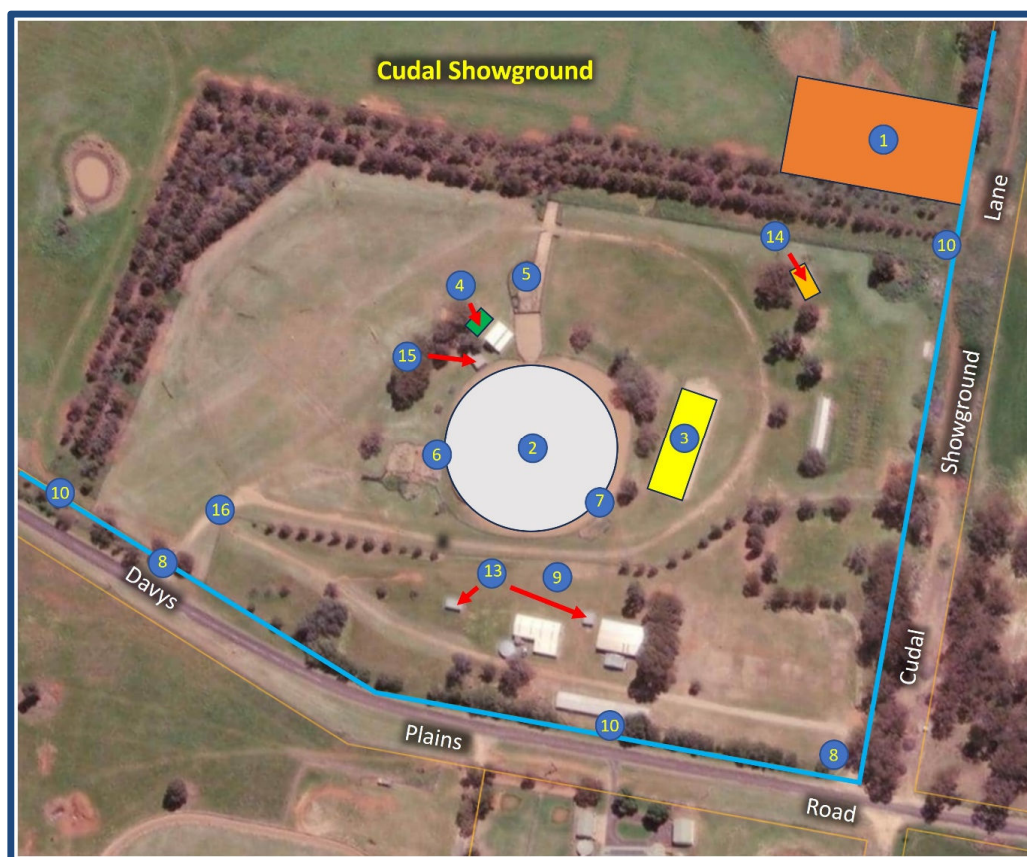


Figure 38 – Proposed Works Plan, Cudal Showground
(refer numerations 11.8)

Future major improvements to the Showground (see Figure 38) are to include:

New Works⁵⁰

1. A new camping ground,⁵¹ with power, water, amenities, driveways and landscaping.

⁵⁰ All new works shall be installed or constructed in accordance with requirements of Council and appropriate legislation. All new works subject to available funding.

⁵¹ Separated from the main area of current Showground infrastructure and activity.



2. An all-weather roof on the main arena (see concept Figure 38).⁵²
3. An all-weather roof with sides, on the dressage arena and implement accordingly (See concept Figure 39).

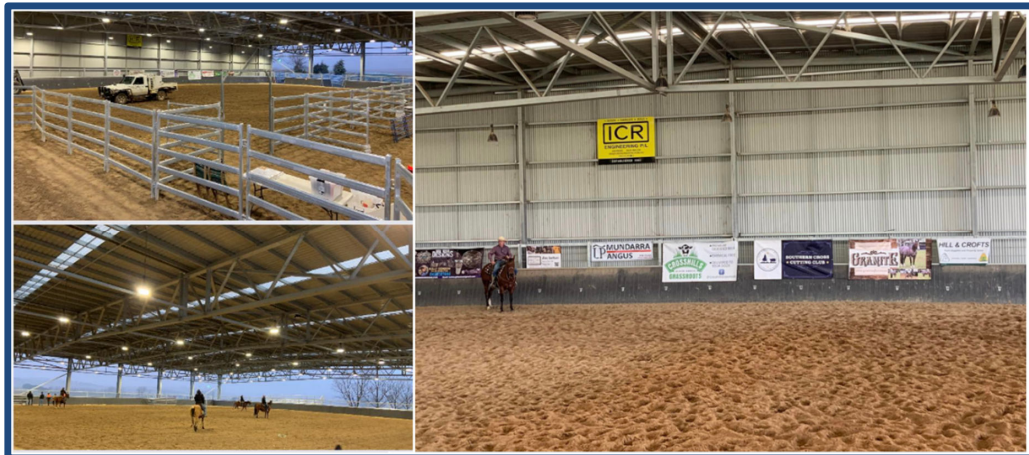


Figure 39 – Concept for covered all-weather roof on Main Arena at Cudal Showground
(Photos courtesy Blayney Shire Horse Sports)

4. A new amenities block near main (campdraft) arena.
5. A new loading ramp and holding pen near main arena to improve stock handling in major events.
6. New lighting at the main arena and improve lighting on grounds generally.
7. A new PA system at main arena.
8. Upgrading of the Showground entrances off Davys Plains Road.
9. Fencing off and gating the area around the show pavilions.
10. New Showground boundary fences where required.
11. Improving electricity supply by addressing current power transformer capacity limitations.

Maintenance of Existing Works and Lands

Specific maintenance requirements at the Showground include:

12. Essential repairs and maintenance to all facilities in accordance with the maintenance schedule of Council's *Asset Management Plan*, building management plans and grounds management plans.

⁵² Minimum size for Campdraft is 40 x 70m.



13. Updating and maintenance of the two separate small bar/servery buildings (in the vicinity of the pavilions).
14. Improving / refurbishing the storage/amenities shed north of the main pony club facilities.
15. Improving or dismantling the storage shed south of the campdraft building, main arena.
16. Improving the internal unsealed track network as required by drainage works and resurfacing.



Figure 40 – Concept for all weather roof and sides on the existing sand Dressage Arena, Cudal Showground
(photo courtesy ABC Sheds)

17. Implementing mitigation programs to remove environmental weeds and pests (especially rabbits) from all areas of the Showground, in particular in the areas categorised Bushland and General Community Use.
18. The efficient and conservative use of water across the Showground.
19. The installation of signage in accordance with the needs and safety of all Showground users, spectators and visitors, as per legislative requirements and as approved by Council.
20. Implementing the required component of the Bushfire Management Plan in conjunction with the Cudal Rural Fire Service.

Improve Processes

Specific process improvements at the Showground include:



21. Seeking assistance from Central West Local Land Services regarding the development of an improved approach to the on-site management of biosecurity, especially during peak times of animal movement in and out (annual Show, campdrafting events etc.).
22. Managing the Showground's camping area in accordance with the obtained approval under Section 68 of the LG Act.⁵³
23. Establishing appropriate tenure and hiring arrangements for existing and new hirers, at recommended/appropriate rent and hire fees.
24. Where necessary, developing guidelines which communicate the requirement for users to concur with all tenure conditions including the maintenance of orderly and tidy surrounds at all times.
25. Council officers present to monitor all issues of compliance and general site amenity.
26. Promotion of access to additional/new users within the Cudal Showground.⁵⁴
27. Preparation of a safety audit of the site and repair or replacement of any areas that may impact public safety.
28. Enhancing the best use of available space especially at peaks times, especially in view of all existing and proposed developments at the Showground. This improvement process should consider parking, traffic, viewing, visitor comfort, movement of large animals, and safety, both within the traditional use areas of the Showground, as well as the more open areas (currently undeveloped) to the north and west.
29. Effectively communicating with user groups regarding:
 - the installation and positioning of any new buildings/structures and other major works
 - maintenance of the current online booking system
 - onsite notice board highlighting forthcoming functions
 - regular meetings of the CSCC.
30. Collation and assessment of all complaints from neighbours concerning traffic, noise from events, crowd behavior etc. and respond accordingly.
31. Establishing relationships with relevant tourism industry-based groups such as *Camping and Caravan Association, Orange 360 etc.*, and Orange Visitors Information Centre.
32. Attracting new activities and sports to the Showground (such as additional equine related activities) by promoting the facility through Council papers and media.

⁵³ Approval to operate a caravan park or camping ground is provided by Council under Section 68 of the LG Act consistent with Section 132 of the *Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2021*.

⁵⁴ Excepting where major events are being staged, Showground gates are closed to all access at 10 pm daily. Paying users after that time (e.g., campers) will be required to make appropriate arrangements with Caretaker.



33. Continuing to be vigilant regarding new funding opportunities from grants etc., and sponsorships, especially for in-kind assistance.
34. Continuing to encourage new and young recruits for volunteer management of the Cudal Showground.
35. Development of terms of engagement for a full-time or part time caretaker (e.g., retiree) for the Showground to assist in management of camping area, general maintenance, and payments. Recruit accordingly.
36. Monitoring the condition of major structures and ensuring effective maintenance schedules and procedures are in place.
37. Implementing the proposed (modified) management and communication structure to improve teamwork, efficiency and accountability in management responsibilities, and also to provide an improved environment for revenue raising at the Showground (Refer Section 11.1).

Native Title

Where it is proposed to construct or establish a public work⁵⁵ on reserved or dedicated Crown land, where Native title is not extinguished, prior to approval Council will notify and give an opportunity for comment from any representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander bodies, registered Native title bodies corporate and registered Native title claimants in relation to the land or waters covered by the reservation or lease as required under the *Native Title Act 1993*.

Where a proposed update of a Showground Master Plan, Capital Works Program, Facilities Asset Management Plan or any other plan is the approving documentation for a public work on Crown land, that approval will not be given unless the requirements of the *Native Title Act 1993* have been addressed including the notification and opportunity to comment noted above.

11.9 Signage

Council uses signs to regulate the activities carried out on community land and to provide educational information so as to provide a safe and enjoyable place for passive and active recreational pursuits.

Whilst signs are a crucial source of information, they have a significant impact on the aesthetics of a Showground. All signs must:

⁵⁵ A public work is defined as:

- (a) any of the following that is constructed or established by or on behalf of the Crown, or a local government body or other statutory authority of the Crown, in any of its capacities:
 - (i) a building, or other structure (including a memorial), that is a fixture; or
 - (ii) a road, railway or bridge; or
 - (iia) where the expression is used in or for the purposes of Division 2 or 2A of Part 2--a stock-route; or
 - (iii) a well, or bore, for obtaining water; or
 - (iv) any major earthworks; or
- (b) a building that is constructed with the authority of the Crown, other than on a lease.

Major earthworks are defined as:

earthworks (other than in the course of mining) whose construction causes major disturbance to the land, or to the bed or subsoil under waters.



- meet a design standard and be approved by Council.
- be sympathetic to their environment in their design, construction and location.
- be placed in accordance with Chapter 3 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Industry and Employment) 2021* (I&E SEPP).
- be consistent with the Cabonne Council *Development Control Plan*.

Note that for issues of safety signage, Council uses the *Statewide Mutual Best Practice Manual – Signs as Remote Supervision*.

Where a sign requires development consent,⁵⁶ Council must approve as owner the lodging of a Development Application prior to assessment by Council in accordance with Schedule 5 Assessment Criteria of I&E SEPP.

Where a sign does not require development consent, Council must approve the sign before erection.

All Council signs erected under Section 632 of the LG Act plus reserve name signs and traffic and safety signs, are permissible.

Proposed Signage

Council will ensure the following signage is on the Showground:

- directional signage for the purposes of guiding the community to required infrastructure and services.
- signage for safety purposes including speed limitations and evacuation procedures.

⁵⁶ Development consent is not required if the sign is to be erected for the purposes of implementing this PoM.



12 FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

12.1 Funding Options

A major challenge in the future management of the Showground, will be to generate income to address increasing costs associated with critical maintenance and new developments and ongoing activities.

Income may be sourced from the following:

- **Council's General Revenue Fund (in accordance with annual operational budgets):** Where the Showground is being used for informal casual use, Council will contribute to the maintenance and development of infrastructure.
- **Section 7.11 (EP&A Act) Contributions specifically collected for community land:** This component occurs as rate payer's contributions for the general use of community land for community well-being.
- **User pays for minor infrastructure works associated with some sporting facilities:** This occurs through fund raising by the relevant body including memberships, minor sales and raffles etc., and aims at achieving tailored surrounds and layout which suit and are compatible with the event or activity.
- **Community contributions by way of sponsorships and community group projects (eg., Landcare and service clubs such as Rotary, Lions Club):** This occurs through grants either sourced externally, and/or contributed locally by the group (eg., for the purposes of environmental works, social and intellectual well-being etc.).
- **Grant and loan funding from either Commonwealth or State Governments:** The implementation of the management structure will allow Primary users to apply for funds from a number of Government bodies with the concurrence of Council. Council may also apply for these funds. Funding opportunities exist from government programs including the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund managed by the DPHI-CL.
- **Income from commercial operations:** Where tenures are involved (eg. the major user groups), income will arise as per details in the revenue-split in the corresponding agreement. Less formally, income may result from casual occupation, such as Reserve use fees, including those associated with camping and motor home visits (see 12.2 below).
- **Voluntary assistance encouraged "across borders" to defray costs and supplement annual fees:** Main user groups who have no opportunities to collect entrance fees (e.g., EPC) may have marginal commercial viability in terms of their occupation of the Showground, yet they have an equally important social, educational and sporting function. It is most important to maintain the viability of these groups, for overall Showground viability, as they pay fees, as do all others. These user groups may be well positioned to voluntarily manage the various booths, serveries etc. at the events of other user groups on a split-profit basis, in order to defray their own fees and increase viability. Cross group support may also be considered.



In order to address the outstanding and future maintenance requirements at the Cudal Showground, and permit any required new developments as proposed in this CSPoM, it is important that all income which is generated from the Cudal Showground be returned to the Cudal Showground, and that this should be clearly demonstrated in Council's financial statements. Ensuring appropriate rental and fees for formal use of the site will assist in the maintenance of specialised infrastructure.

12.2 Emerging Opportunities to Increase Income

Consideration of new and emerging opportunities to grow site utilisation and income is required to ensure the ongoing viability of the Showground. The two most favourable and obvious business directions are the attraction of new users through considering new and emerging social and recreational trends within the broader community, and capitalising and then managing growth such as in the equine sports area, and in the Camping and Recreational Vehicle industry.

Camping and Recreational Vehicles

This is an activity currently occurring in a small way at the Cudal Showground and provides an opportunity to take advantage of current growth in that marketplace, without impacting existing users and existing businesses.

Camping is limited by both the infrastructure available to campers and the number of sites that can be achieved within a new approval for primitive camping (estimated at 25). With the existing and limited campground at the Cudal Showground, there remains a challenge to manage peak usage periods at full capacity and attract greater use during the quieter times.

However, regarding the proposed new camping ground (see *New Works 1*. In 11.8), Cudal Showground is advantaged because of its location and layout. The proposed location of the new campground is easily accessed by traffic via Cudal Showground Lane. This keeps this campground physically separated (although economically linked) from the main Showground's infrastructure and activity, thus avoiding congestion and human safety issues, particularly during periods of high use and congestion. Council and CSCC may also increase activity to the campground and Showground generally, for larger groups by having proforma applications available for event organisers to submit single event applications, which may operate during times that are traditionally busy for the Showground.

Attracting New Visitors and Users

There exists a growing market in city-based communities who are prepared to travel to enjoy "the bush" and all it has to offer naturally, historically and socially, in particular, those that typify rural Australia. The "3-4-hour travel window" from the main centres of population (Sydney, Mudgee, Orange, Dubbo etc.) provides a good source to strategically capture and develop this market.

The wineries and cellar doors of Orange and surrounds, other regional promotions by *Orange 360*⁵⁷ hot air ballooning, sport, tours, walks and trails, food, the desire for stand-alone concerts with good music, the history of gold mining at Hargreaves and Mullion Creek, "The Dish" at Parkes, and the Eugowra Gold Robbery all provide regional appeal which can flow to smaller towns such as Cudal. These advantages to the region will shift strongly to the Cudal Showground with other developments

⁵⁷ A joint tourism initiative between Orange City Council, Blayney Shire Council and Cabonne Council, uniting the region's people, places and produce including local tourism.



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such as the increasing popularity of equine sports. The new facilities proposed in this CSPoM, mean the Cudal Showground will be well poised to capitalise on these emerging interests in order to capture new business.



13 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Table 4 sets out a number of actions required to implement the identified Management Strategies and Performance Targets within the Showground. These actions are the means of achieving the objectives of the CSPoM.⁵⁸ A clear indication of how the completion of the aims will be assessed is also provided in the Table under Performance Evaluation.

Table 4 - Implementation Plan

Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation (how they will be assessed)
GENERAL COMMUNITY USE			
<p>To promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and 	A. Complete essential works in accordance with all required approvals, available resources and as prioritised by Council.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Design and construct a new camping ground, with power, water, amenities, driveways and landscaping. Install lighting at the main arena and improve lighting on grounds generally. Install new PA system at main arena. Upgrade the Showground entrances off Davys Plains Road. Fence off and gate the area around the show pavilions. Construct new Showground boundary fences where required. Improve electricity supply by addressing current power transformer capacity limitations. Install signage in accordance with the needs and safety of all Showground users, spectators and visitors, as per legislative requirements and as approved by Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All new works are completed in accordance with approved works plans. General Community Use area has attracted new commercial users. Increased cash flow/profit attributed to more users. Feedback from Showground user groups and individual users to Council is positive. Signage to standards and effective.
	B. Continue to manage and maintain existing assets with approvals as required to appropriate standards.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct essential repairs and maintenance to all facilities in accordance with the maintenance schedule of Council's Asset Management Plan, building management plans and grounds management plans. The separate small bar/servery buildings (2) require upgrade and maintenance (in the vicinity of the pavilions). Improve the internal unsealed track network as required by drainage works and resurfacing. Implement mitigation programs to remove environmental weeds and pests (especially rabbits) from all areas of the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Built assets are managed in accordance with prescribed Council standards. General Community Use area orderly, neat, well maintained. Signage to standards and effective. A caretaker is contributing to Showground management by adding efficiencies and reducing burden of volunteers for management activities. No water wastage.

⁵⁸ Installation of all new facilities are as shown in the New Works Plan (Figure 38) and detailed in Section 11.8.



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Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation (how they will be assessed)
		<p>Showground, in particular on the areas categorised Bushland and General Community Use.</p> <p>18. Efficient and conservative use of water across the Showground.</p> <p>19. As per previous.</p> <p>35. Develop terms of engagement for a full-time or part-time caretaker (e.g., retiree) for the Showground to assist in management of camping area, general maintenance, and payments. Recruit accordingly.</p>	
	C. Manage the land for improved and appropriate outcomes.	<p>17. As per previous.</p> <p>18. As per previous.</p> <p>10. As per previous.</p> <p>16. As per previous.</p> <p>22. Seek assistance from Central West Local Land Services regarding the development of an improved approach to the on-site management of biosecurity, especially during peak times of animal movement in and out (annual Show, campdrafting events etc.).</p> <p>35. As per previous.</p> <p>20. Implement required components of the Bushfire Management Plan in conjunction with Cudal Rural Fire Service.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved environmental management outcomes. Natural assets are managed appropriately. Grounds well maintained and operating effectively. Signage is efficient and directional. Positive feedback from user groups and individuals. No water wastage. Major event traffic operates smoothly. No biosecurity breaches. A caretaker is contributing to Showground management by adding efficiencies and reducing burden of volunteers for management activities.
	D. Monitoring and Compliance.	<p>24. Where necessary, develop guidelines which communicate the requirement for users to concur with all tenure conditions including the maintenance of orderly and tidy surrounds at all times.</p> <p>25. Council officers to be present to monitor all issues of compliance and general site amenity.</p> <p>30. Collate and assess all complaints from neighbours concerning traffic, noise from events, crowd behavior etc. and respond accordingly.</p> <p>33. Continue to be vigilant regarding new funding opportunities from grants etc., and sponsorships, especially for in-kind assistance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tenures are operated according to conditions with no 3rd party complaints. Camping is confined to designated areas. No illegal use and abuse of facilities. Cluttering (traffic, vehicles) is reduced in peak times and people enjoy safe unimpeded viewing in comfort. Assets condition reported and monitored effectively. Funding submissions effective, new developments supported accordingly.



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Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation (how they will be assessed)
	E. Capitalise on good relationships with sporting bodies/user groups/other organisations.	<p>36. Monitor the condition of major structures and ensure effective maintenance schedules and procedures are in place.</p> <p>22. As per previous.</p> <p>23. Establish appropriate tenure and hiring arrangements for existing and new hirers, at recommended/appropriate rent and hire fees.</p> <p>24. As per previous.</p> <p>26. Promote access to additional/new users within the Cudal Showground.</p> <p>28. In view of all existing and proposed developments at the Showground, enhance the best use of available space especially at peaks times. This improvement process should consider parking, traffic, viewing, visitor comfort, movement of large animals, and safety, both within the traditional use areas of the Showground, as well as the more open areas (currently undeveloped) to the north and west.</p> <p>29. Effectively communicate with user groups regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the installation and positioning of any new buildings/structures and other major works ○ maintain the current online booking system ○ onsite notice board highlighting forthcoming functions ○ regular meetings of the CSCC. <p>31. Establish relationships with relevant tourism industry-based groups such as <i>Camping and Caravan Association, Orange 360 etc.</i>, and Orange Visitors Information Centre.</p> <p>32. Attract new activities and sports to the Showground (such as additional equine related activities) by promoting the facility through Council papers and media.</p> <p>34. Continue to encourage new and young recruits for volunteer management of the Cudal Showground.</p> <p>37. Implement the proposed (modified) management and communication structure to improve teamwork, efficiency, and accountability in management responsibilities, and also to provide an improved environment for revenue raising at the Showground (Refer section 11.1).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good communication and implementation of the CSPoM. • Good communication between all parties leads to positive and successful implementation of the CSPoM. • User guidelines for various user groups developed and in use successfully. • New relationships established and new users in place. • Online booking system continues effectively. • Volunteer numbers, particularly from younger groups improves. • Space during busy times managed effectively and safely. • Volunteering increases in time. • Additional activities conducted at Cudal Showground.



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Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation (how they will be assessed)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land. 	F. Build relationships with existing and new users in order to draw more people to the General Community Use area, to maximise business and cash flow.	23. As per previous. 24. As per previous. 26. As per previous. 28. As per previous. 29. As per previous. 31. As per previous. 32. As per previous. 37. As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good communication and implementation of the CSPoM. Good communication between all parties leads to positive and successful implementation of the CSPoM. User guidelines for various user groups developed and in use successfully. New relationships established and new users in place. Number of user groups and general passive users has increased. Community enjoying access for casual use of new recreational facilities. Relationships established with Camping and Caravan user groups and others.



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Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation
SPORTSGROUND			
To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games.	A. Complete essential works in accordance with all required approvals, available resources and as prioritised by Council.	2. Seek designs for an all-weather roof on the main arena and implement accordingly. (See concept Figure 38.) 3. Seek designs for an all-weather roof with sides, on the dressage arena and implement accordingly. (See concept Figure 39.) 4. Construct new amenities block near main (campdraft) arena. 5. As per previous. 6. Install lighting at the main arena and improve lighting on the grounds generally. 7. As per previous. 10. As per previous. 11. As per previous. 19. As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All new works are completed in accordance with approved works plans. Increased use and patronage of Showground facilities in the Sportsground land component. Increase organised equine sports use due to all-weather facilities, lighting etc. Improved stock handling in campdraft areas. Signage to standards and effective. Increased cash flow/profit attributed to more users. Feedback from user groups to Council is positive.
	B. Continue to manage and maintain existing assets with approvals as required, to appropriate standards.	12. As per previous. 14. Improve/refurbish the storage/amenities shed north of the main pony club facilities. 15. Improve or dismantle the storage shed south of the campdraft building, main arena. 10. As per previous. 16. As per previous. 19. As per previous. 35. As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sportsground assets are managed in accordance with prescribed Council standards. Sportsground area orderly, neat and well maintained. Efficient and timely issuing of consents, as required. Signage to standards and effective. Feedback from user groups to Council is positive.



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Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation
	C. Manage the land for improved and appropriate outcomes.	17. As per previous. 18. As per previous. 10. As per previous. 16. As per previous. 21. Seek assistance from Central West Local Land Services regarding the development of an improved approach to the on-site management of biosecurity, especially during peak times of animal movement in and out (annual Show, campdrafting events etc.). 35. As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved environmental management outcomes. Fences control animal movement effectively. Effective/efficient use of water. Effective feral animal and weed control. No biosecurity issues. Internal tracks work well during wet periods.
	D. Attract new interest and business.	23. As per previous. 24. As per previous. 26. As per previous. 28. As per previous. 29. As per previous. 31. As per previous. 32. As per previous. 33. As per previous. 34. As per previous. 37. As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional relationships with new potential tourism-based users of the Sportsground are established. Communication and cooperation between all user groups improves. Space is managed well during busy times, no safety/injury issues arise. Additional equine activities are conducted on the Sportsground. New funding streams are realised. Appropriate tenures with user groups are installed where relevant.
	E. Monitoring and Compliance.	24. As per previous. 25. As per previous. 27. Prepare a safety audit of the site and repair or replacement of any areas that may impact public safety. 30. As per previous. 33. As per previous. 36. As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tenures are operated according to conditions with no 3rd party complaints. No illegal use and abuse of facilities. Sportsground infrastructure monitored effectively for maintenance issues, and all issues managed within acceptable timeframe. Operational areas are safe, no major responses by users to poor safety standards or injuries etc. No adverse reports from neighbours. Good success regarding new funding for new initiatives. All assets and their condition monitored effectively.



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Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions	Performance Evaluation
	F. Capitalise on good relationships with sporting bodies/user groups.	23. As per previous. 24. As per previous. 28. As per previous. 29. As per previous. 30. As per previous. 31. As per previous. 32. As per previous. 37. As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good communication between all parties leads to positive and successful implementation of the CSPoM. • User guidelines for various user groups developed and in use successfully. • New users in place. • Online booking system continues to work effectively. • No complaints.
To ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.	G. Build and maintain good rapport with neighbourhood.	23. As per previous. 24. As per previous. 25. As per previous. 29. As per previous. 30. As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced complaints from sporting bodies, and residents. • User guidelines for various user groups developed and in use successfully.



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Management Objectives	Management Strategies	Actions		Performance Evaluation (how they will be assessed)
NATURAL AREA – BUSHLAND ⁵⁹				
To ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna (including invertebrates, fungi and micro-organisms) of the land and other ecological values of the land.	Retain and enhance all native vegetation within the Bushland area.	17. 35. 10. 20.	As per previous. As per previous. As per previous. As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biodiversity values and natural habitat maintained and/or showing positive responses to on-ground actions.• Bushfire fuel levels are adequately managed.
To restore degraded bushland.	Adopt program of effective weed control in the understory.	17. 35.	As per previous. As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weed control, re-establishment of bushland maintained and/or showing positive responses to on-ground action.
To protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores.	Retain and enhance all native vegetation within the Bushland area.	17. 10. 35.	As per previous. As per previous. As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weed control, re-establishment of bushland maintained and/or showing positive responses to on-ground action.• Fences working as required to protect native vegetation.
To protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface.	Retain and enhance all native vegetation within the Bushland area.	17. 10.	As per previous. As per previous.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stabilisation and enhancement of vegetation quality evident, responding to treatment.• Stable soil surface, no erosion.

⁵⁹ Note: Only 4 of 7 Management Objectives for areas categorised as Bushland are relevant to this CSPoM and as such actively addressed.



14 CONSULTATION DURING THE PREPARATION OF THIS PLAN

Prior to formal commencement of this CSPoM, discussions with all user groups were conducted in Cudal and views on a range of issues were captured in a standard Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (SWOT) format. Users were also asked to compile prioritised needs and aspirations for the Showground.

The outcomes of the SWOT analysis appear in **Appendix 3**, and a summary appears in 6.2 above.

Many discussions were conducted between the authors of this CSPoM and Council officers during its compilation as a draft plan.

Council has undertaken further consultation as necessary, as required for community land under Section 38 of the LG Act. This section requires that:

- Council must give public notice of a draft PoM.
- The period of public exhibition of the draft plan must be not less than 28 days.
- The public notice must also specify a period of not less than 42 days after the date on which the draft plan is placed on public exhibition during which submissions may be made to Council.
- Council must, in accordance with its notice, publicly exhibit the draft plan together with any other matter which it considers appropriate or necessary to better enable the draft plan and its implications to be understood.

This CSPoM was placed on public exhibition from 11 July 2024 to 9 August 2024, in accordance with the requirements of Section 38 of the LG Act.

A total of 1 (one) submissions was received (Cudal Central). Council considered the submission before adopting the CSPoM. In accordance with Section 39 of the LG Act, prior to being placed on public exhibition, the draft CSPoM was referred to the DPHI-CL, as representative of the State of New South Wales, which is the owner of the Reserve. Council has included in the plan any provisions that have been required by the DPHI-CL.

In accordance with Section 70B of the *Crown Land Management Regulation 2018* Council will obtain consent of the Minister administering the CLM Act prior to adopting this CSPoM (see **Appendix 4**).



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16 APPENDICES

1. State Environmental Planning Policies more relevant to the Cudal Showground – summaries.
2. Core Objectives for Categories of Community Land.
3. Cudal Showground User Group Consultations -SWOT Analyses.
4. Key Steps in Preparing the First Plan of Management for Crown Reserves.



Appendix 1

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICIES WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO THE CUDAL SHOWGROUND

State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021

The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* (T&I SEPP) commenced in New South Wales on 1 March 2022 consolidating four earlier SEPPs focused on employment and advertising. The T&I SEPP focuses on:

- Planning rules and controls for infrastructure in NSW, such as for hospitals, roads, railways, emergency services, water supply and electricity delivery.

The T&I SEPP provides that certain types of works do not require development consent under Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Section 2.20 of the T&I SEPP provides that a range of works are 'exempt development' when carried out for or on behalf of a public authority. These works are itemised in Schedule 1 of the SEPP and include paths and ramps for disabled access, fencing, firefighting emergency equipment, small decks, prefabricated sheds of up to 30m² in area, retaining walls up to 2m in height, landscaping including paving and access tracks, minor external and internal alterations to buildings, open car parks (size is not specified) and demolition of buildings covering an area of up to 100m².

Section 2.73 of the T&I SEPP further provides that development for any purpose may be carried out without consent on Crown managed land, by or on behalf of a Crown land manager of the land if the development is for the purposes of implementing a plan of management adopted for the land in accordance with the LG Act. Further, any of the following development may be carried out by or on behalf of a council without consent on a public reserve under the control of or vested in the council:

- a. development for any of the following purposes:
 - i. roads, pedestrian pathways, cycleways, single storey car parks, ticketing facilities, viewing platforms and pedestrian bridges.
 - ii. recreation areas and recreation facilities (outdoor), but not including grandstands.
 - iii. visitor information centres, information boards and other information facilities.
 - iv. lighting, if light spill and artificial sky glow is minimised in accordance with the *Lighting for Roads and Public Spaces Standard*.
 - v. landscaping, including landscape structures or features (such as artwork) and irrigation systems.
 - vi. amenities for people using the reserve, including toilets and change rooms.
 - vii. food preparation and related facilities for people using the reserve.
 - viii. maintenance depot.
 - ix. portable lifeguard towers.
- b. environmental management works.
- c. demolition of buildings (other than any building that is, or is part of, a state or local heritage item or is within a heritage conservation area).



- Educational establishments and childcare facilities containing planning for child-care centres, schools, TAFEs and Universities.
- Major infrastructure corridors containing planning controls and reserve land for the protection of the 3 North South Rail Lines, South West Rail Link extension and Western Sydney Freight Line corridors.
- Three ports containing the land-use planning and assessment framework for Port Botany, Port Kembla and the Port of Newcastle.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008

State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (SEPP Exempt) provides that certain types of works do not require development consent under Part 4 of the EP&A Act. The General Exempt Development Code is set out in Division 1 of the SEPP Exempt, providing the limitations and conditions of the exemptions. They include:

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| • access Ramps | • fences |
| • advertising and signage | • flagpoles |
| • aerials, antennae and communication dishes | • footpaths, pathways and paving |
| • air-conditioning units | • fowl and poultry houses |
| • animal shelters | • garbage bin storage enclosure |
| • aviaries | • hot water systems |
| • awnings, blinds and canopies | • landscaping structures |
| • balconies, decks, patios, pergolas, terraces and verandahs | • minor building alterations |
| • barbecues and other outdoor cooking structures | • mobile food and drink outlets |
| • bollards | • playground equipment |
| • charity bins and recycling bins | • screen enclosures |
| • earthworks, retaining walls and structural support | • sculptures and artworks |
| | • temporary uses and structures |
| | • waste storage containers. |

Section 1-16 of Division 2 of the SEPP Exempt provides the General Requirements for exempt development.



Appendix 2

CORE OBJECTIVES FOR CATEGORIES OF COMMUNITY LAND (*Local Government Act 1993*):

36E Core objectives for management of community land categorised as a natural area

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a natural area are:

- (a) to conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as a natural area, and
- (b) to maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting, and
- (c) to provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land, and
- (d) to provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and
- (e) to assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* or the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*.

36F Core objectives for management of community land categorised as a sportsground

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a sportsground are:

- (a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and
- (b) to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.

36G Core objectives for management of community land categorised as a park

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a park are:

- (a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and
- (b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and
- (c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.

36H Core objectives for management of community land categorised as an area of cultural significance

- (1) The core objectives for management of community land categorised as an area of cultural significance are to retain and enhance the cultural significance of the area (namely its Aboriginal, aesthetic, archaeological, historical, technical or research or social significance) for past, present or future generations by the active use of conservation methods.
- (2) Those conservation methods may include any or all of the following methods:



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- (a) the continuous protective care and maintenance of the physical material of the land or of the context and setting of the area of cultural significance.
 - (b) the restoration of the land, that is, the returning of the existing physical material of the land to a known earlier state by removing accretions or by reassembling existing components without the introduction of new material.
 - (c) the reconstruction of the land, that is, the returning of the land as nearly as possible to a known earlier state.
 - (d) the adaptive reuse of the land, that is, the enhancement or reinforcement of the cultural significance of the land by the introduction of sympathetic alterations or additions to allow compatible uses (that is, uses that involve no changes to the cultural significance of the physical material of the area, or uses that involve changes that are substantially reversible or changes that require a minimum impact).
 - (e) the preservation of the land, that is, the maintenance of the physical material of the land in its existing state and the retardation of deterioration of the land.
- (3) A reference in subsection (2) to land includes a reference to any buildings erected on the land.

36I Core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

- (a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
- (b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

36J Core objectives for management of community land categorised as bushland

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as bushland are:

- (a) to ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna (including invertebrates, fungi and micro-organisms) of the land and other ecological values of the land, and
- (b) to protect the aesthetic, heritage, recreational, educational and scientific values of the land, and
- (c) to promote the management of the land in a manner that protects and enhances the values and quality of the land and facilitates public enjoyment of the land, and to implement measures directed to minimising or mitigating any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and
- (d) to restore degraded bushland, and
- (e) to protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores, and
- (f) to retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration that will enable the existing plant and animal communities to survive in the long term, and
- (g) to protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface.

**36K Core objectives for management of community land categorised as wetland**

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as wetland are:

- (a) to protect the biodiversity and ecological values of wetlands, with particular reference to their hydrological environment (including water quality and water flow), and to the flora, fauna and habitat values of the wetlands, and
- (b) to restore and regenerate degraded wetlands, and
- (c) to facilitate community education in relation to wetlands, and the community use of wetlands, without compromising the ecological values of wetlands.

36L Core objectives for management of community land categorised as an escarpment

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as an escarpment are:

- (a) to protect any important geological, geomorphological or scenic features of the escarpment, and
- (b) to facilitate safe community use and enjoyment of the escarpment.

36M Core objectives for management of community land categorised as a watercourse

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a watercourse are:

- (a) to manage watercourses so as to protect the biodiversity and ecological values of the instream environment, particularly in relation to water quality and water flows, and
- (b) to manage watercourses so as to protect the riparian environment, particularly in relation to riparian vegetation and habitats and bank stability, and
- (c) to restore degraded watercourses, and
- (d) to promote community education, and community access to and use of the watercourse, without compromising the other core objectives of the category.

36N Core objectives for management of community land categorised as foreshore

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as foreshore are:

- (a) to maintain the foreshore as a transition area between the aquatic and the terrestrial environment, and to protect and enhance all functions associated with the foreshore's role as a transition area, and
- (b) to facilitate the ecologically sustainable use of the foreshore, and to mitigate impact on the foreshore by community use.



Appendix 3

CUDAL SHOWGROUND – USER GROUP CONSULTATIONS – SWOT ANALYSIS

The Showground User Groups Workshop, 6.30 pm Thursday 9 May 2023 (10 attendees plus 3 Council), Community Hall Cudal.

SWOT

Strengths

- The locality is great -its size and scale, future development potential (especially the equine industry), new developments mean business
- The “bones are there”
- Essential services are well developed
- The showground is the social hub of the community
- Flood free site
- The site’s strong backbone has space to expand activities
- A combined committee operates across user groups
- The committee has its website – cudalshowground.com

Weaknesses

- Some confusion regarding risk management and public liability (unfettered access to community land verses abuse of property)
- Power transformer has capacity limitations
- The responsibility for ground maintenance – no assistance, no shared responsibility statement, no leadership and coordination
- Lack of signage e.g., Cudal Showground, welcome, activities held etc.
- No promotion of Showground activities off-site
- Substandard boundary fences
- Money constraints to assist developments and ongoing maintenance, creates concerns regarding long term viability of the Showground
- No outside support
- Lack of new volunteers
- Conflicting needs across user groups

Opportunities

- To become “bigger and better”
- More regular events – equine, markets, combined events etc.
- Opportunity to be the “central hub” (of many activities in Cudal)
- Tie in with other events held locally and regionally e.g., Wine and Food Festival, Orange 360 etc.
- Centrality
- Provide for the needs of different community groups
- If shelters were introduced (weather roofing) to equine activity (including viewing), demand for use of facility would significantly increase

Threats

- Lack of people with the time
- Volunteers are discouraged by red tape/legislative expectations
- If discussed opportunities are NOT realised, the Showground will become unsustainable.
- Ageing infrastructure without replacement/maintenance will become unserviceable
- As activities increase, use of limited space is optimised by-rejigging of space e.g., annual showtime plus other activities, activities held in conjunction
- Continuation of lack of a communication mechanism with Council, a real threat to sustainability



Group Aspirations

Campdrafting

- Indoor arena for general equestrian
- All-weather campdraft arena
- Better stock handling facility-loading ramp
- Holding pen required
- Better roads and drainage
- Indoor stable facilities, wash bays
- Improved power and water
- Lighting of the arena and grounds general
- Require new wireless and PA system
- More showers and toilets
- Upgrade entrances
- Upgrade security
- Fence off pavilion area

Pony Club

- Mutual leadership and ownership
- Indoor arenas
- All weather arenas
- Management/maintenance/rubbish removal
- Funding
- Volunteers are scared of the burden and responsibility
- Frustration over lack of central coordination

Show Society

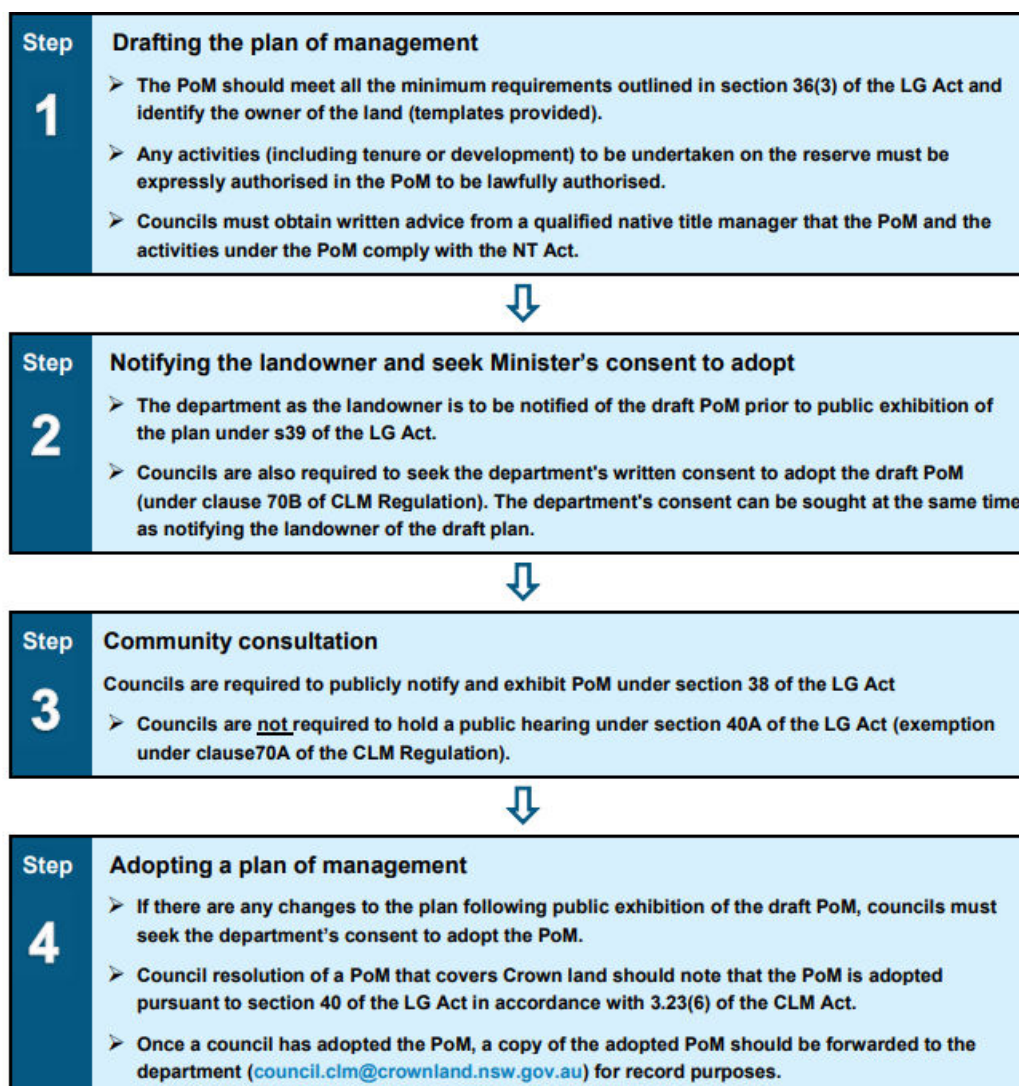
- Improve community participation
- Diversify the activities at Show time
- Council participation in preparing Showground – e.g., rabbit control, maintenance
- Fencing off biosecurity area is a priority especially during Show time.

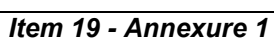


Appendix 4

KEY STEPS IN PREPARING THE FIRST POM FOR CROWN RESERVES.

(From Page 5 – Developing plans of management for community land Crown reserves - NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment).





**Valuation Report**

Property:	Closed Road Off Nashdale Lane NASHDALE NSW 2800
Instructions:	Joe Cunial
Purpose:	To determine the current market value of the subject rural property for acquisition consideration purposes.
Date of Inspection:	19 th November 2024
Date of Valuation:	19 th November 2024
Our Reference:	24-0723

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 Instructions

Instructed by: Joe Cunial

Your Reference: -

We have been instructed by Joe Cunial to assess the current market value of the subject rural property being a Closed Road, Nashdale Lane via Orange.

The subject property is vacant land.

As requested we have assessed a closed road alongside the Western Railway and adjoining land lot 1184 in DP1179438. The land is estimated at 1.752 hectares in area and one chain 20.115 metres wide.

We have assessed the land in isolation and without dwelling entitlement.

It should be noted that the land to the south is not the applicant as incorrectly advised to Council.

Our valuation has been prepared for Joe Cunial for purchase consideration purposes and may only be relied upon by the instructing party and Cabonne Shire Council. The report is not available for any other purpose, nor is any liability extended to any third party, without the valuer's written authority and consent.

The interest being valued is the unencumbered fee simple of the subject rural property.

Our assessment has been completed on the basis of certain critical assumptions and qualifications as detailed in Section 1.4 of this report.

1.2 Definitions

This valuation has been undertaken in accordance with the following definitions as issued by the Australian Property Institute.

Market Value

"The estimated amount for which an asset should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arms' length transaction, after proper marketing, wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion."

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Highest and Best Use

"The use from among reasonably probable and legal alternative uses, found to be physically possible, appropriately justified and financially feasible which results in an optimum value for the asset valued."

Our valuation assessment is made on a GST exclusive basis.

1.3 Inspection/Valuation Date

The date of valuation/valuation is 19th November 2024.

1.4 Assumptions and Qualifications

The valuation has been tendered on the basis of certain critical assumptions and qualifications which include:

- No Compliance Certificate/Certificate of Classification has been obtained and this valuation is subject to the building(s) complying in all material respects with any restrictive covenants affecting the site and has been built, occupied and was being operated, in all material respects, in full compliance with all requirements of law, including all zoning, land use classifications, building, planning, fire and health by-laws (including asbestos and legionnaires disease), rules, regulations, orders and codes of all authorities and that there are no outstanding requisitions.
- To the best of the valuer's knowledge, the subject property is not affected by Heritage, landslip, pest infestation or resumption matters, however, no searches have been undertaken in this regard.
- This valuation report does not purport to be a site or structural survey of the land or improvements thereon and is not intended as such. Any opinion as to the site or the condition of improvements is not given in the capacity as an expert and should not be relied upon.
- To the best of the valuer's knowledge, the land is not affected by unstable, hazardous, or toxic soil material; however, no searches have been undertaken in this regard. This valuation assumes that there are no problems, however, should any such issues arise, and then this matter should be referred to the valuer for further comment.
- This valuation assessment is exclusive of GST and has been completed on the basis that should GST be payable on the sale of this property, it would be recovered from the purchaser resulting in the vendor not being financially disadvantaged.
- The valuer has no pecuniary interest in the subject property either past, present or prospective at the date of preparing this report and the opinion expressed is free of any bias in this regard.
- This valuation report is for the use of any may be relied upon only by the party/parties to whom it is addressed. No other parties are entitled to use or rely upon it and the valuer does not assume any liability or responsibility to any other party who does so rely upon the valuation without the express written authority of Andrew Saunders Property
- This valuation is current as at the date of valuation only. The value assessed herein may change

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significantly and unexpectedly over a relatively short period, including as a result of general market movements or factors specific to the particular property. We do not accept liability for losses arising from such subsequent changes in value. Without limiting the generality of this comment, we do not assume any responsibility or accept any liability where this valuation is relied upon after the expiration of three months from the date of the valuation, or such earlier date if you become aware of any factors that have any effect on the valuation.

- Any other assumptions and qualifications contained within this report.
- It is hereby understood and agreed that Andrew Saunders Property or their insurer will not pay for any amounts insured under the policy for or arising out of any valuation undertaken by the insured for any solicitor's mortgage facility or any loan or mortgage arranged by or on behalf of a solicitor.
- Our valuation relies on the nominated legal area and does not take into consideration any 'give and take' fencing that may occur ('Give and take' fencing allows for any topographical difficulties or water sharing arrangement with adjoining landholders).
- We have physically identified the property boundaries upon inspection, and there does not appear to be any encroachments. We note, however, that we are not surveyors and no warranty can be given without the benefit of an identification survey.
- The value nominated for the structural improvements on the subject property is assessed added value of those improvements. These figures should not be adopted for insurance purposes.
- We have assumed that all structural improvements on the subject property are free from termite infestation, asbestos defect or statutory notices issued against the property, unless otherwise noted.

1.5 Market Value

We are of the opinion the current market value of the fee simple with vacant possession interest of the subject rural property, for acquisition consideration purposes is **\$33 000**.

The valuation amount is GST exclusive

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2.0 LOCATION

The subject property is situated approx. 9 kilometres west of Orange in Central West NSW in the locality of Nashdale. The land adjoins Nashdale Lane at the western end of the land near the Western Railway Line.

A locality map below shows the property locality.



Subject location

2.1 Access

Access to the subject property is available from Nashdale Lane and from private land to the east. Nashdale Lane comprises a two lane bitumen sealed road carriageway with gravel grass verges in satisfactory condition.

Drainage is satisfactory.

Access within the property comprises open grassland and blackberry infestation. No structural improvements on the land.

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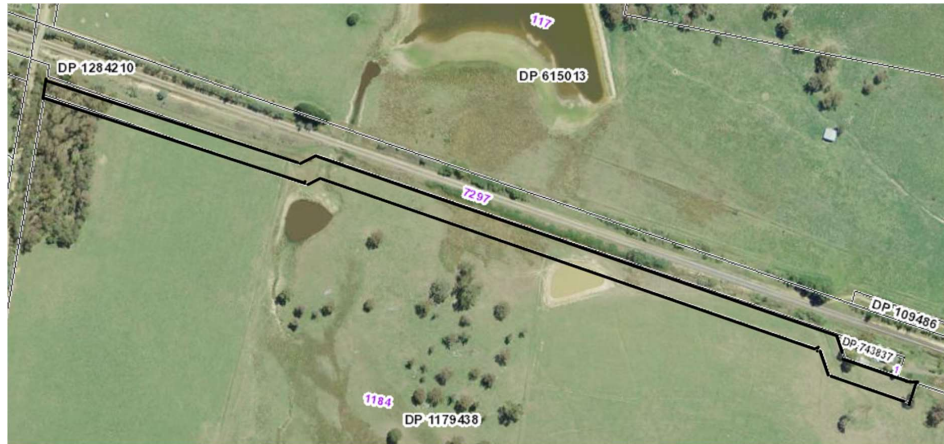
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3.0 LAND AND TITLE

The land comprises a Closed Road and therefore no lot and Deposited Plan.

The land is irregular in shape and has an area of approximately 1.752 hectares.

We have not made a current search of the title and the description given above is subject to legal confirmation.



3.1 Lot Identification

The property has been identified by reference to Cadastral Mapping.

4.0 TOWN PLANNING

The land is zoned RU2 Rural Landscape pursuant to Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012.

The existing use as a rural property is considered permissible and does not require development consent. The land in isolation does not have a dwelling entitlement.

The property does not appear to be affected by any road widening or other adverse planning proposals and none were evident on enquiry with Cabonne Shire Council.

We recommend that the above information be confirmed by a Certificate issued under Section 10.7 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979.

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In the event the Certificate reveals that the above information is incorrect, our valuation may require revision.

The current status of the approvals can only be confirmed by Cabonne Shire Council; however, verbal enquiries indicate that Council is unaware of any significant outstanding development issues/requirements with the property.

5.0 THE LAND

The subject property comprises a rural allotment of approximately 1.752 hectares. The land has a slight southerly aspect.

Fencing is rural wire hingejoint and is in fair to satisfactory condition.

The land is open grazing with good basalt volcanic soils and a cluster of native eucalypts at the western end.

5.1 Environmental Considerations

A visual site inspection and enquiries with Cabonne Shire Council have not revealed any obvious pollution or contamination.

In its current usage the property is not associated in any way with the manufacture, usage, storage or emission of significant toxic material (including fuel, oil, chemicals etc).

We are not aware of the full details with regard to usage of the site prior to the current use; however, we have no cause to believe that the site has been contaminated.

Nevertheless, we are not experts in the detection or quantification for environmental problems and, accordingly, have not carried out detailed environmental investigation.

Therefore the valuation is made on the assumption that there are no actual or potential contamination issues affecting:

- (i) the value or marketability of the property; or
- (ii) the site

While the subject property appears suitable for the existing use, no soil tests or environmental studies have been made available to us. There are no signs of contamination and it is therefore presumed that there are no surface or sub-surface soil problems, toxic or hazardous wastes or building materials in or on the property that would adversely affect its existing or potential use or reduce its marketability – although we cannot and do not warrant that this site is contamination free.

Should subsequent investigations show that the site is contaminated this valuation will require

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revision.

We have not been provided with an Asbestos Materials Report, however, there was no asbestos observed at the date of inspection.

6.0 SERVICES

No services are connected.

7.0 IMPROVEMENTS

7.1 Existing Improvements

No structural improvements.

7.2 Ancillary Improvements

Rural fencing and one dam over boundary.

7.3 Market Overview

If global economic conditions continue to worsen the investors in stock market related securities may retreat to the safe haven of real estate. However, due to the global economic crises being focused predominately on the debt market the ability to source funds to invest is becoming increasingly difficult resulting in an easing in demand and yields softening further. This situation appears to have started and investors are becoming hesitant to commit to some forms of investment properties. It is expected that the property market will soften with modest growth in capital appreciation in the short term.

It should be noted, however, that future movements in residential property prices are determined by the interaction between supply and demand which is affected by a vast number of factors including interest rates, population growth, demographic changes, government policy, performance of alternate investments, affordability and the supply of new properties onto the market and so on. These and many other factors create a complex market in which future movements in prices cannot be confidently predicted.

Demand is at an equilibrium and is stable.

We anticipate steady growth in this market.

The most likely buyer is a private buyer or adjoining owner due to no dwelling entitlement in isolation.

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Our research in the market found that there is a lack of directly comparable sales evidence and therefore the sales provided in this report are the most relevant available to us.

Comparable sales evidence used in this report may be slightly dated, however due to the nature and location of the subject property more recent comparable sales could not be sourced, despite our best efforts.

8.0 MARKET EVIDENCE

The following sales provided assistance in determining our valuation.

Property	Sale Date	Sale Price	Area (Ha)	Comments/Comparison
Lot 1 Dalton Road CLERGATE	24/08/24	\$310 000	12.55	Vacant land relatively level grazing land. No dwelling entitlement. Situated approx. 13 kilometres north of Orange. Shows \$24 701/Ha
1606 Mount Canobolas Road ORANGE	08/03/22	\$2 500 000	90.8	Native bushland with good views on the foothill of Mt Canobolas. Possible dwelling entitlement and tourism opportunities purchased by 4 local developers with long term potential. Adverse access arrangement through Crown Land. Shows \$27 533/Ha
645 Pinnacle Road ORANGE	23/08/23	\$110 000	2.03	Long elongated creek block with no dwelling entitlement or road access. Purchased by adjoining owner. Superior shape and general utility. No railway line noise. Shows \$54 187/Ha. Considered superior.
2683 Cargo Road CARGO	26/03/24	\$280 000	221.3	Native bushland allotment with fire trail access. Inferior location and inferior overall appeal/utility. Shows \$1265/Ha.

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168 Cadia Road ORANGE	07/03/24	\$1 000 000	20.5	Vacant grazing property with 1 dam and 150 sqm iron shed. Superior lot closer to Orange with dwelling entitlement. Shows \$48 780/Ha
92 Heifer Station Lane ORANGE	27/10/24	\$3 600 000	23.7	C2014 Rendered concrete panel and iron roof contemporary dwelling with 3 bedrooms 3 bathrooms plus study and guest room/studio (315 sqm). Also double garage and double carport and inground pool. Includes 47 Meg water licence, 4 dams and Heifer Station Creek frontage, 2 x 1 bedroom guest cottages and steel 3 bay shed and timber sheep yards. Extensive view to Canobolas and surrounding vineyards. Situated 8 kilometres west of Orange. Good market indicator. Shows a land value of \$1 600 000 or \$67 510/Ha.
115 Nashdale Lane BORENORE	23/06/23	\$3 010 000	20.9	C2018 brick veneer and timber solar passive 3 bedroom 2 bathroom dwelling with good fixtures and design. Detached garage/carport. Detached colorbond steel shed approx. 200 sqm. Open grazing block and small vineyard leased to neighbour Nashdale Wines. Shows a land value of \$1 400 000 or \$66 985/Ha

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9.0 APPROACH TO VALUATION

9.1 Introduction

We have adopted the direct comparison approach to assist us in forming an opinion of value. Both approaches are accepted and tested methodologies endorsed by the Australian Property Institute and law.

Current market value is the price the property should achieve if sold at the relevant date following an effective marketing campaign of up to six months prior to that date.

9.2 Direct Comparison Approach

Having regard to the sales evidence, together with prevailing market conditions, we consider the direct sales comparison method of valuation appropriate for the subject property.

We have relied upon some older sales due to the limited evidence of properties with no dwelling entitlements. Valuers have researched sales and compared to values of holdings with dwelling entitlements. Values show a discount of 50-60% for land with no dwelling entitlements. As a separate entity, the subject land has appeal to an adjoining owner or grazing block.

The broad acre land value of properties sold with dwelling entitlements is substantially higher than the subject due to its limited market sector and appeal being only 20 metres wide and no dwelling entitlement. The rates attributable to adjoining land of good size and dimensions and with dwelling entitlement needs to be discounted from a direct comparison perspective.

The land value on this basis is assessed as:

\$30 000 - \$40 000

Sales of rural land with dwelling entitlements show \$27 533 - \$67 510 per Ha

Sales of rural land without dwelling entitlement shows \$24 701 - \$54 187 per hectare.

Also as check method, we have assessed the adjoining land lot 1184 of 49 hectares at \$1 850 000 being an arable hobby farm of usable size/shape and with dwelling entitlement. This equates to \$37 500/Ha and clearly superior per hectare.

In light of the land size, shape and no dwelling entitlement of the Closed Road, we do not consider it appropriate to adopt the adjoining land value. The identified sales of land with no dwelling entitlement at Pinnacle Road and Dalton Road are wider usable parcels and superior.

On the basis presented above, discounting land values (with dwelling entitlements) by 50% we have adopted \$18 751/hectare or \$32 851 for the land.

We have assessed the fair market value, assuming vacant possession in current condition and presentation.

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9.3 Highest and Best Use

We consider the use of the property as a rural holding to be consistent with the highest and best use of the land at this time.

9.4 Risk Analysis

Having regard to the above comments and factors generally affecting the subject property, we have carried out a risk analysis as follows:-

Medium to High Market Segment risk associated with specific rural segment and lack of dwelling entitlement in isolation to the adjoining lot.

Reduced Value Medium risk associated with global economic pressures and higher interest rates.

Low Risk associated with Local Economy, Land, Location and Environmental factors.

10.0 GENERAL

Neither the whole nor any part of this report, nor any reference thereto, may be included in any document, circular or statement without our written approval of the form and context in which it will appear.

This valuation is for the use of only the party to whom it is addressed and for no other purpose. No responsibility is accepted to any third party who may use or rely on the whole or any part of the content of this valuation.

This valuation report is not a structural survey.

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We direct your attention to the other qualifying statements contained within this report document.

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11.0 VALUATION

11.1 Market Value

We are of the opinion that the current market value of the fee simple with vacant possession interest of the subject Closed Road, for purchase consideration, is **\$33 000**.

The valuation amount is GST exclusive

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PHOTOGRAPHS



View west over land



Blackberry infestation

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View of subject land



View north over Railway Bridge

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View east from Nashdale Lane



View south along Nashdale Lane

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Closed Road
Nashdale Lane
Nashdale, New South Wales 2800

OPG Ref: 18963657



VALUATION REPORT



Closed Road, Nashdale Lane Nashdale, New South Wales 2800

Prepared For	Cabonne Shire Council
Valuation Purpose and Intended Use	Proposed sale purposes
Valuation Date	28 October 2024
Our Reference	18036346
Client Reference	Roy Ansted
Inspection Type	Full Inspection

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1.0 Valuation Summary

1.1 Instructions

Instructing Party	Mr Roy Ansted Development Engineering Coordinator Cabonne Council, Bank Street MOLONG NSW 2866
Client	Cabonne Shire Council
Other Intended Users/Additional Client Information	Nil
Client Reference	Mr Roy Ansted
Property Address /Asset Valued	Closed Road, Nashdale Lane Nashdale, New South Wales 2800
Valuation Purpose and Intended Use	Proposed sale purposes
Restrictions on Use	This report has been prepared for the private and confidential use of our client, Cabonne Council and the nominated other authorised users, for the specified purpose and it should not be relied upon by any other party for any purpose and the valuer shall not have any liability to any party who does so. The report should not be reproduced in whole or part without the express written authority of Opteon Property Group Pty Ltd. Our warning is registered here, that any party, other than those specifically named in this report as our client or authorised user should obtain their own valuation before acting in any way in respect of the subject property.
Inspection	In order to complete the valuation a sufficiently comprehensive inspection of the property has been completed.

1.2 Property Details

Property Description

Property	Tenure	Owner	Area (approx.)
Closed Road North of Lot 1184 DP 1179438	Freehold	Cabonne Council	1.748ha

NOTE: No title has yet been issued – the land area has been calculated by reference to SIX Maps.

The following extract from SIX Maps illustrates the subject land by red edging: -



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1.3 Assumptions and Recommendations

Significant Assumptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The instructions and information supplied contain a full disclosure of all information that is relevant; Our assessment has been undertaken on the basis that the land is marketable in its own right as a separate allotment and with Title Deed issued.
Recommended Documents to Sight	None recommended
Expected Selling Period	6 months - The extended selling period is due to the issues outlined in this report please see the risk rating commentary for further details

1.4 Valuation Details

Market Value with Title Deed issued	\$96,000
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Interest Valued	Fee simple vacant possession
Date of Inspection	28 October 2024
Date of Valuation	28 October 2024
Date Issued	29 October 2024
Pecuniary Interest	We confirm that the valuer does not have any pecuniary interest that would conflict with the proper valuation of the property.

Signatories

Mark Hopcraft
Consultant Valuer
FAPI, CPV
API No: 67630
Primary Valuer

Important	<i>This Executive Summary must be read in conjunction with the remainder of this report. The Executive Summary is only a synopsis designed to provide a brief overview and must not be acted upon in isolation to the contents of the valuation report.</i>
Digital Copies of Reports	<i>Where a report has been provided in digital copy and has not been received directly via our firm, the report contents, especially the valuations and critical assumptions, should be verified by contacting the issuing office to ensure the contents are bona fide. In particular if the reader of this report has suspicions that the report appears to be tampered or altered then we recommend the reader contact the issuing office.</i>
Reliance on Whole Report	<i>This valuation should be read in its entirety, inclusive of any summary and annexures. The valuer and valuation firm does not accept any responsibility where part of this report has been relied upon without reference to the full context of the valuation report.</i>

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2.0 Date of Valuation

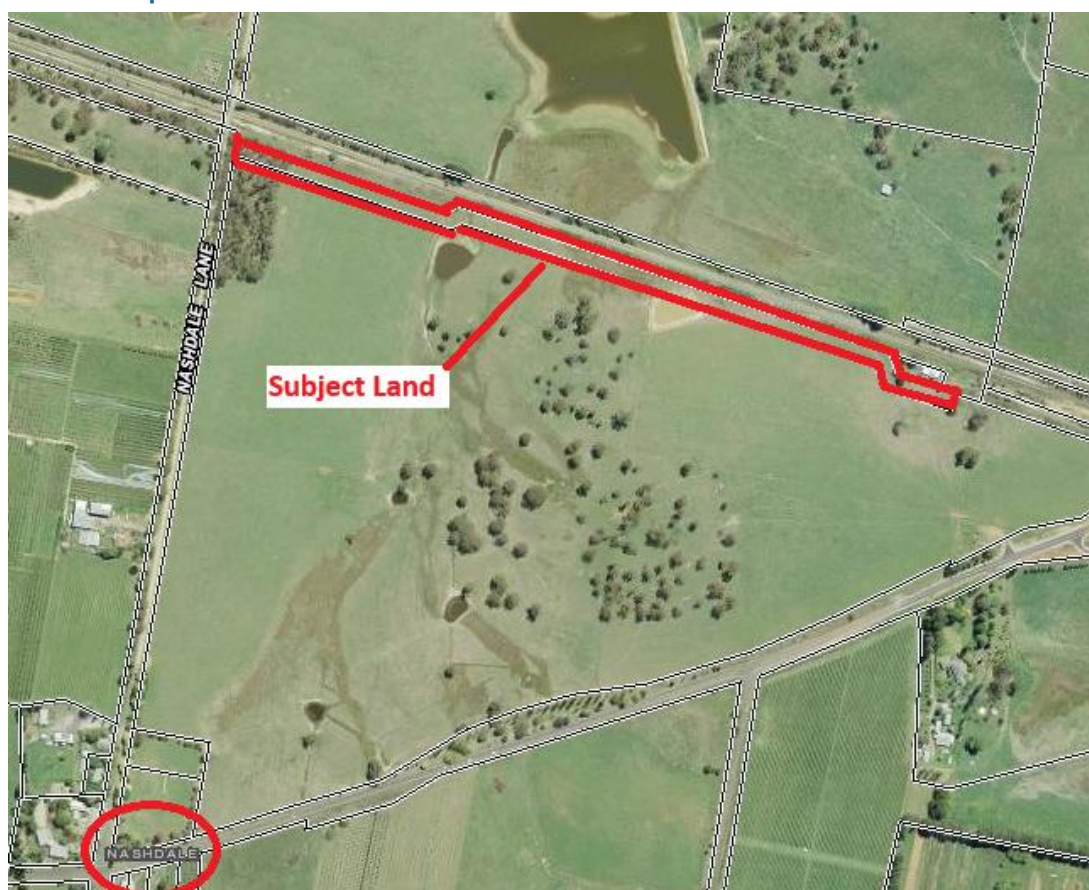
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3.0 Location

Nashdale is a small rural locality including a Primary School and Local Hall. Surrounding properties are utilised predominantly for rural residential and horticultural purposes. The Orange Central Business District is located approximately 8.3 kilometres to the east.

The subject property is located on the eastern side of Nashdale Lane about 850m north of Cargo Road.

Location Map



SOURCE: SIX Viewer

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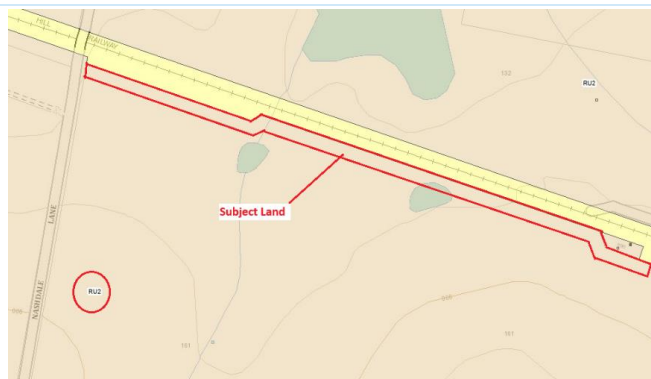
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4.0 Planning

Local Government Area	Cabonne Council.
Planning Scheme	Cabonne LEP 2012.
Current Zoning	RU2 – Rural Landscape
Overlays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum Lot Size The land is located in an area designated 100ha minimum lot size.
Existing Use	Vacant Closed Road
Zoning Effect	<p>Zone RU2 Rural Landscape</p> <p>1 Objectives of zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base. To maintain the rural landscape character of the land. To provide for a range of compatible land uses, including extensive agriculture. To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area. To provide for a range of tourism-related uses that support the agricultural industry or are compatible with agricultural uses. To protect drinking water catchments from the impacts of development by minimising impacts on the quality and quantity of water entering drinking water storages. <p>2 Permitted without consent</p> <p>Building identification signs; Environmental protection works; Extensive agriculture; Home occupations; Viticulture</p> <p>3 Permitted with consent</p> <p>Agricultural produce industries; Agriculture; Animal boarding or training establishments; Aquaculture; Bed and breakfast accommodation; Business identification signs; Camping grounds; Cellar door premises; Community facilities; Depots; Dual occupancies; Dwelling houses; Eco-tourist facilities; Environmental facilities; Extractive industries; Farm buildings; Farm stay accommodation; Flood mitigation works; Helipads; Home-based child care; Home businesses; Home industries; Home occupations (sex services); Information and education facilities; Open cut mining; Plant nurseries; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (outdoor); Restaurants or cafes; Roads; Roadside stalls; Veterinary hospitals; Water storage facilities</p> <p>4 Prohibited</p> <p>Intensive livestock agriculture; Turf farming; Any other development not specified in item 2 or 3</p>

Zoning Plan



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5.0 Site

Site Area	Approximately 1.748ha.
Site Description and Topography	The site is an elongated parcel being located to the northern boundary of Lot 1184 DP 1179438 and south of the Main Western Railway Line. The land appears to have been incorporated into the grazing property to the south and utilised as such for some time. A stock dam located midway along the property encroaches slightly over the subject land.
View	The property has localized views over surrounding grazing lands at the locality.
Access	The subject land is located on the eastern side of Nashdale Lane about 850m north of Cargo Road.
Identification	Deposited Plan 1179438, SIX Viewer and onsite inspection.

5.1 Services

Services	Electricity and telecommunication services are all available for connection.
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6.0 Photography



View from Nashdale Lane



View south along Nashdale Lane subject on left of photo



View west over subject land



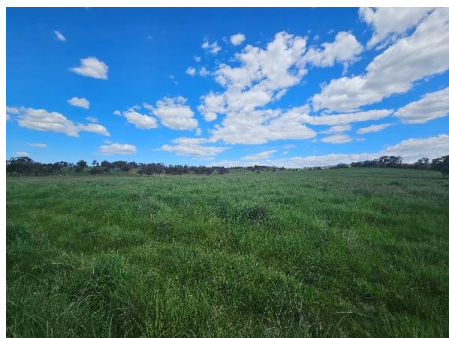
View east over subject land

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View south over adjoining land



View far east to signalman's residence in railway corridor

7.0 Environmental Issues

7.1 Environmental Hazards

Flooding/Inundation	Localised only
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7.2 Contamination

Current Use	Grazing
Past Use	Bushland
Site Contamination	None likely
Contaminated Sites Database Search	None searched
Environmental Audit	Not considered necessary

7.3 Aboriginal Interest

NNTR	A search of the National Native Titles Register (NNTR) has not revealed any indigenous claims or interest in respect of the subject land.
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8.0 Valuation Methodology

Primary Methodology	Direct Comparison
Methodology Detail	<p>The valuation has been completed using a market approach which relies on information on transactions involving properties that are similar to the subject property, the most relevant of which are summarised in the Sales Evidence section of this report. A comparable transactions method of valuation has been adopted.</p> <p>The subject land has limited marketability due to its size and configuration. The main determinate for market demand is the ability to erect a dwelling upon the land.</p> <p>The subject land does not (and will not under the existing Planning Constraints) have the benefit of a dwelling entitlement.</p> <p>The land's highest and best use is for amalgamation with the adjoining land to the south (the Parent Parcel).</p> <p>The owners of the land adjoining (the Parent Parcel) which comprises Lot 1184 DP 1179438, Tarsilla Cunial and Guiseppe Cunial, have made application to purchase the closed road.</p> <p>In order to determine an appropriate rate per ha for the subject land by direct comparison we have had regard to other grazing holdings in the area and adjusted the rate per ha to reflect the location and configuration of the Parent Parcel owned by the Cunials. The value of the Parent Parcel on a rate per ha has then been applied to the subject land.</p>

9.0 Market Commentary

9.1 Level of Market Activity

Marketability	To adjoining owner.
Market Activity	Low volume turnover on limited available supply.

9.2 Market Commentary

The market for grazing land and smaller rural residential holdings within the Nashdale/Mt Canobolas/Orange areas is quite strong with very limited listings currently for sale. This demand/supply equation has been experienced over the last ten years with little if any sign of increased supply.

The lack of supply is exacerbated by minimum lot sizes imposed by Both Cabonne and Orange City Councils in respect of the rural lands with the two Local Government areas.

No changes to minimum areas are contemplated at this time by either Councils.


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10.0 Market Evidence


10.1 Sales Evidence

In forming our opinion of value we have had regard to various sales transactions of properties which are comparable to the parent property in the locality. Details of the sale properties are summarised below: -

Property	110 Offner Road, Borenore, NSW	
Sale Price	\$2,400,000	
Sale Date	15-Mar-23	
Land Area	45.120 ha	
Sale Status	Settled	
Property Description	<p>The property comprises a good quality, 1977 built, detached single storey conventional dwelling, of brick construction, with a concrete tile roof. Accommodation comprises 4 bedrooms, 1 bathrooms and off street parking. Features good quality partially renovated interior fit out with polished timber floorboards, updated kitchen with timber benchtops, updated bathroom.</p> <p>Secondary accommodation comprises a fibro cement constructed 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom cottage. Located 13 kilometres west of Orange.</p> <p>Ancillary items comprise machinery shed, 3-stable complex, hay shed, woolshed, in-ground swimming pool, yards, multiple rain water tanks, bore, dam, access to Molong Creek, fenced paddocks, established gardens, mains reticulated sprinkler system, full boundary fencing, gravel driveway and concrete paving. Site area 45.120 ha.</p>	
Analysis	Land Value: \$1,850,000 (\$41,000/ha of land) excluding buildings.	
Comparability	Similar sized allotment to adjoining land, inferior location.	


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Property	"Adair", 89 Bruce Road, Orange, NSW	
Sale Price	\$4,600,000	
Sale Date	15-Feb-24	
Land Area	119.500 ha	
Sale Status	Settled	
Property Description	<p>The property comprises a 119.5ha rural lifestyle allotment known as 'Adair' situated approximately 15 kilometres northwest of Orange. The land is of variable topography, ranging from gently undulating too steeper rolling hills. The property provides elevated views towards Mount Canobolas and extensive views across the Molong Reservoir.</p> <p>Main dwelling comprises a 3-bedroom 1-bathroom single level circa 1915 main dwelling in fair/slightly dated internal condition. Secondary dwelling comprises a 3-bedroom 1 bathroom vinyl clad and corrugated iron dwelling. Ancillary improvements comprise a three-bay machinery shed, three stand shearing shed, sheep yards and storage sheds.</p>	
Analysis	<p>Analysis of the sale shows a land value of \$3,900,000 and an added value of improvements of \$700,000. This equates to land rate of \$32,000 /ha excluding buildings.</p>	
Comparability	<p>Larger grazing holding with dwelling entitlement.</p>	

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Property	115 Nashdale Lane, Nashdale, NSW	
Sale Price	\$3,010,000	
Sale Date	23-Jun-23	
Land Area	20.920 ha	
Sale Status	Settled	
Property Description	<p>The property comprises a high quality, circa 2016 built, detached single storey contemporary dwelling, of timber construction, with a colorbond corrugated iron roof. Accommodation comprises 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, entry/foyer, hallway, kitchen/living/dining, butlers pantry, study, laundry, pergolas (2) and detached carport for 2 vehicles. Features high quality fit out. Located about 11kms from Orange.</p> <p>Ancillary items include colorbond shed (91sqm), attached awning (18sqm), garden shed (17sqm), dog kennels, batteries and back up generator with off-grid capacity, greenhouse, garden shed. workshop off carport (23sqm), outdoor entertainment area featuring gravel base and pizza oven, approximately 150,000 litres of rainwater storage, steel sheep cattle yards, dams, fenced paddocks, well maintained and presented lawns and gardens, mains reticulated sprinkler system, full boundary fencing, gravel driveway, concrete driveway and gravel paths. Living area 294 sqm, car area 48 sqm, outdoor area 63 sqm and other area 149 sqm. Site area 20.920 ha.</p>	
Analysis	Land Value: \$1,700,000 (\$81,000/ha) excluding buildings.	
Comparability	Smaller sized allotment with dwelling entitlement.	

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11.0 Valuation Rationale

Due regard has been given to transactions of other grazing properties, as discussed under the market evidence section of this report. The comparison of the sales evidence after adjustment of the analysed rate per ha for size and locality with the subject Parent Parcel is summarised as follows: -

Sales Evidence Summary - Subject Parent Parcel Comparison to Sale									
Property	Date	\$	Area ha	Analysed Value CFW	\$ per ha CFW	Adjustment Locality	Adjustment Size	Total Adjustment	Adjusted Rate/ha
115 Nashdale Lane, Nashdale	23/06/2023	\$ 3,010,000	20.920	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 81,000	0%	-30%	-30%	\$ 56,700
110 Offner Road, Borenore	15/03/2023	\$ 2,400,000	45.120	\$ 1,850,000	\$ 41,000	30%	5%	35%	\$ 55,350
"Adair", 89 Bruce Road, Orange	15/02/2024	\$ 4,600,000	119.500	\$ 3,900,000	\$ 32,000	25%	35%	60%	\$ 51,200

The subject property is a relatively small holding comprising approximately 1.748ha and is elongated in shape. The land does not have the benefit of a Dwelling Entitlement and is suitable only as an adjunct with adjoining land as proposed.

The sales evidence has been analysed to a rate per ha ex buildings. The evidence has then been adjusted for locality and size to provide a reliable basis of comparison to the subject land as an adjunct with the Parent Parcel. On the basis of the adjustments, a rate of \$55,000 per ha has been applied to the subject land. Our calculations are as follows: -


Valuation Assessment Closed Road			
Grazing Value Rate Adopted		per ha	\$ 55,000
Land	Description	Value	
Closed Road	1.748ha Grazing Value NO Dwelling Entitlement	\$	96,140
Round to Say		\$	96,000

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12.0 Valuation

12.1 Market Value

Market Value with Title Deed issued		\$96,000
Interest Valued	Fee simple vacant possession on the basis that the land is marketable in its own right as a separate allotment and with Title Deed issued.	
Date of Inspection	28 October 2024	
Date of Valuation	28 October 2024	
Date Issued	29 October 2024	
Signatories	 Mark Hopcraft Consultant Valuer FAPI, CPV API No: 67630 Primary Valuer	
Important	<i>This valuation is subject to the definitions, qualifications and disclaimers and other comments contained within this report.</i>	

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13.0 Scope of Work

Independence of Valuer/Disclosure	Unless otherwise disclosed, the valuer does not have any material connection or involvement with the subject property or the parties to the valuation that could limit the valuer's ability to provide an unbiased and objective valuation. The valuation has been assessed independently by the valuer without material assistance from others.
Valuation Currency	All amounts and values quoted are in Australian dollars (\$AUD) unless otherwise specified.
Restrictions on Use	This report has been prepared for the private and confidential use of our client, Cabonne Council and the nominated other intended users, for the specified purpose and it should not be relied upon by any other party for any purpose and the valuer shall not have any liability to any party who does so. The report should not be reproduced in whole or part without the express written authority of Opteon Property Group Pty Ltd. Our warning is registered here, that any party, other than those specifically named in this report as our client or intended user should obtain their own valuation before acting in any way in respect of the subject property.
Basis of Value	Market Value
Extent of Valuers' Work and Limitations	<p>The extent of investigation undertaken by the valuer in completing the valuation has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collation of information from relevant parties regarding the subject property; • undertaking our own research regarding the subject property; • an inspection of the property and measurement of buildings where required; • undertaking market research in terms of values and/or costs of similar properties; • preparation of valuation calculations, and; • preparation of this report; <p>This valuation has been based on information supplied which is assumed to have been provided in good faith and contain a full and frank disclosure of all information that is relevant to the valuation of the property. The valuer has not undertaken due diligence or verification of the information supplied.</p>
Compliance/Departures with Valuation Standards	This valuation has been prepared in accordance with the International Valuation Standards (IVS) and other applicable Valuation Standards.
Level of Inputs	Level 2 (observable market prices)

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14.0 Assumptions, Conditions and Limitations

Client Specific Disclaimers	<p><i>This valuation is prepared on the assumption that the Lender who relies on this valuation report (and no other) has complied with its own prudential lending guidelines, as well as prudent finance industry lending practices. The lender must have considered all prudent aspects of credit risk for any potential borrower, including the borrower's ability to service and repay any mortgage loan.</i></p> <p><i>Further, the valuation is prepared on the assumption that the lender is providing mortgage financing using a conservative and prudent loan to valuation ratio (LVR). The valuer accepts no liability whatsoever if prudent lending practices fail to be strictly observed and/or if the lender relies solely on this valuation to advance loan funds.</i></p> <p><i>This valuation is current as at the date of valuation only. The value assessed herein may change significantly unexpectedly over a relatively short period (including as a result of general market movements or factors specific to the particular property). We do not accept liability for losses arising from such subsequent changes in value. Without limiting the generality of the above comment, we do not assume any responsibility or accept any liability where this valuation is relied upon after the expiration of 3 months from the date of the valuation, or such earlier date if you become aware of any factors that have any effect on the valuation.</i></p>
Condition/Structural Disclaimer	<p><i>This report is not a condition or structural survey and no advice is given in any way relating to condition or structural matters. Any opinion given as to the condition of the structure or improvements on the property is not given in the capacity as an expert. A condition or structural report on the building and/or its plant and equipment has not been sighted, and nor have we inspected unexposed or inaccessible portions of the premises. Therefore we cannot comment on the structural integrity, any defects, rot or infestation (or damage from pest infestation) of the improvements, any use of asbestos or other materials now considered hazardous or areas of non-compliance with the Building Code of Australia, other than matters which are obvious and which are noted within this report. This valuation assumes the building is structurally sound; that building services are adequate and appropriately maintained; the building complies with applicable Council, building, fire, health and/or safety regulations, laws, rules, licences, permits, rulings and/or bylaws; and is free of asbestos or other defects, unless specified otherwise. Should an expert's report establish that there are any defects of this kind then we reserve the right to review this valuation.</i></p>
Digital Copies of Reports	<p><i>Where a report has been provided in digital copy and has not been received directly via our firm, the report contents, especially the valuations and critical assumptions, should be verified by contacting the issuing office to ensure the contents are bona fide. In particular if the reader of this report has suspicions that the report appears to be tampered or altered then we recommend the reader contact the issuing office.</i></p>
Environmental Disclaimer	<p><i>This valuation assumes there are no environmental issues with the property or hazardous or toxic materials present unless specifically identified within the valuation report. We are not experts in environmental matters and make no representations about any environmental matters relating to the property. If an environmental assessment is subsequently carried out, or the property is otherwise found to contain contamination or other environmental hazards, we reserve the right to review and, if necessary, amend this valuation.</i></p>
Full Disclosure Disclaimer	<p><i>This valuation assumes that any information, documentation and data provided by you or any third parties is accurate and is a full disclosure of information which may impact on the value of the property. Whilst the Valuer has taken reasonable steps to verify the information supplied, we do not accept any liability whatsoever for any information being insufficient, inaccurate or misleading. If inaccuracies in the information are subsequently discovered, we reserve the right to review and, if necessary, amend our valuation.</i></p>
Future Value	<p><i>Any comments made in relation to future values are based on general knowledge and information currently available. These comments should not be construed as a prediction of future value levels or a warranty of future performance as the property market is susceptible to potential rapid and unexpected change caused by multiple factors. Ultimately current expectations as to trends in property values may not prove to be accurate. Due to possible changes in the property market, economic conditions, occupancy status and property specific factors, we recommend the value of the property be reassessed at regular intervals.</i></p>
Geotechnical Assumption	<p><i>Our valuation assumes there are no adverse geotechnical conditions affecting the property. We are not experts in civil or geotechnical engineering and do not make any comment as to the geotechnical integrity of the property. If it is subsequently determined that there are adverse geotechnical conditions, we reserve the right to review and, if necessary, amend this valuation.</i></p>
GST	<p><i>GST does not apply to existing residential premises but may be payable for new residential premises. If there is any uncertainty as to the application of GST we recommend you seek advice from a qualified accountant or tax lawyer.</i></p>

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Heritage Disclaimer	<i>Unless specified otherwise, our valuation assumes that any heritage issues do not and will not impact on the use and value of the property. We have not obtained formal confirmation of heritage listings beyond what is identified in this report. If the client has concerns in relation to heritage issues we recommend the client seeks formal information from the relevant authorities. We reserve the right to review and, if necessary, amend our valuation if onerous heritage restrictions are identified through formal searches.</i>
Inconsistencies in Assumptions	<i>If there is found to be any variance, inconsistency or contradiction in any of the above assumptions then there may be a variation in the valuation assessed.</i>
Information Availability (Market Evidence)	<i>In preparing this valuation we have undertaken those investigations reasonably expected of a professional valuer having regard to normal industry practice so as to obtain the most relevant, available, comparable market evidence. Whilst we believe the market evidence information and any other information provided to be accurate, not all details can and have been formally verified. Due to privacy laws, confidentiality agreements and other circumstances beyond our control, the valuer may not have had access to: personal details of parties involved in transactions (including the relationship of the parties); information on recent transactions that are yet to become public knowledge; and copies of leases or contracts to confirm rents or prices and to ascertain whether or not rents or prices are inclusive or exclusive of GST.</i>
Land and Building Area Disclaimer	<i>In the event actual surveyed areas of the property are different to the areas adopted in this valuation the survey should be referred to the valuer for comment on any valuation implications. We reserve the right to amend our valuation in the event that a formal survey of areas differs from those detailed in this report.</i>
Market Change Disclaimer	<i>This valuation is current as at the Date of Valuation only. The value assessed herein may change significantly and unexpectedly over a relatively short period (including as a result of general market movements or factors specific to the particular property). We do not accept liability for losses arising from such subsequent changes in value. Where the valuation is being relied upon for mortgage purposes, without limiting the generality of the above comment, we do not assume any responsibility or accept any liability where this valuation is relied upon after the expiration of 90 days from the date of the valuation, or such earlier date if you become aware of any factors that have any effect on the valuation. We recommend the valuation be reviewed at regular intervals.</i>
Market Value	<i>The estimated amount for which an asset or liability should exchange on the valuation date between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's length transaction, after proper marketing and where the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion.</i>
Planning and Building Approvals Disclaimer	<i>Town planning and zoning information was informally obtained from the relevant local and State Government authorities or online sources which should be verified if considered necessary. This valuation assumes all necessary and appropriate town planning and/or building, consents, approvals and certifications have been issued unless specified otherwise within the valuation report. If formal searches subsequently obtained contains additional or contrary information, we reserve the right to review and, if necessary, amend the valuation</i>
Publication of Report	<i>The publication of the valuation or report in whole or any part, or any reference thereto, or the names and professional affiliations of the valuers is prohibited without the prior written approval of the valuer as to the form and context in which it is to appear.</i>
Reliance on Whole Report	<i>This valuation should be read in its entirety, inclusive of any summary and annexures. The valuer and valuation firm does not accept any responsibility where part of this report has been relied upon without reference to the full context of the valuation report.</i>
Site Survey Disclaimer	<i>This report is not a site survey and any comments relating to survey matters are not given in the capacity as an expert surveyor.</i> <i>Unless specified otherwise, the valuation is made on the basis that there are no encroachments by or upon the property and this should be confirmed by a current survey report if considered necessary. If any encroachments are noted by a survey we reserve the right to review and, if necessary, amend this valuation.</i>
Third Party Disclaimer	<i>This report has been prepared for the private and confidential use of our client, Cabonne Shire Council and the nominated other intended users, for the specified purpose and it should not be relied upon by any other party for any purpose and the valuer shall not have any liability to any party who does so. The report should not be reproduced in whole or part without the express written authority of Opteon Property Group Pty Ltd. Our warning is registered here, that any party, other than those specifically named in this report as our client or intended user should obtain their own valuation before acting in any way in respect of the subject property.</i>

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Title and Encumbrances Disclaimer	<p><i>If there are errors or omissions in the Title information provided to us, we reserve the right to review our valuation.</i></p> <p><i>Any encumbrances, encroachments, restrictions, leases or covenants which are not noted on the Title may affect the value of the property.</i></p> <p><i>Unless specified otherwise, this valuation assumes there are no native title interests affecting the property.</i></p> <p><i>If the property is strata titled, this valuation assumes the property has an equitable unit entitlement. Our valuation is assessed without the benefit of a search of the owner's corporation records and assumes there are no abnormal assets or liabilities within the owner's corporation.</i></p>
Photographs and Imagery	<p><i>The photos used in this report may not have been taken by Opteon (Third Party Photos). Where possible, a photo or other imagery that has been sourced from a third party (other than the property contact who has not been attributed) has been attributed in this report to the source from which Opteon obtained the photo or image. Opteon makes no warranties or representations in respect of, and is unable to assign to you, any intellectual property rights subsisting in the Third Party Photos.</i></p>

Cabonne Sponsorship Program Application



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SECTION 1: STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST READ THE SPONSORSHIP GUIDELINES. APPLICATIONS THAT DON'T COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS STATED IN THE GUIDELINES OR APPLICATIONS THAT ARE INCOMPLETE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

I have read and understood the Sponsorship Guidelines
 I have read and understood the terms and conditions
 I am willing to sign a contractual agreement
 I have submitted an Preliminary Advice of a Planned Event form or will be submitting one with this application

SECTION 2: APPLICANT DETAILS

Name of organisation:	Molong Advancement Group Inc
Postal address:	PO Box 263 Molong NSW 2866
Contact person:	Pauline Painter
Position:	Market Coordinator and Social Media Officer
Phone number:	0435258728
Email:	molongvillagemarkets@gmail.com
Incorporation number:	INC9882527
GST registered:	Yes
Brief description of your organisation:	Molong Advancement Group (MAG) are a community based volunteer organisation that was established in 2001. Registered with the Australian Charities & Not For Profit Council (ACNC) & incorporated with NSW Fair Trading. Contributes to the community of Molong in numerous ways, e.g. Sensory Gardens at Molong Health Services, upgrading of community noticeboards, proving funding to other not for profit groups (CWA, Hospital Auxiliary, Historical Society).
Does your organisation have a website/ social media platforms? If so, please list links:	Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/molongadvancementgroup Facebook: https://facebook.com/molongvillagemarkets Instagram: instagram.com/molongmag/

SECTION 3: EVENT DETAILS

Name of event	Molong Village Easter Market
Venue/ location of event	Dr Ross Memorial Recreational Ground, Molong
Date of event	21 April 2025
Type of event	Annual event
Area of event	Community
Style of Event	Both
Event website (please include any social media platforms)	https://www.facebook.com/molongadvancementgroup
Previous Sponsorship or Event Assistance	Sponsorship Program
List all years and amounts of previous Sponsorship or Event Assistance	2020 to 2023 Cabonne Council sponsored each market for \$5000. (Due to COVID or when the ground has been too wet the money has been carried over to the next markets) 2023 to 2024 Cabonne Council sponsored each market \$6000, which was applied for as an annual sponsorship of \$18,000
List all other sponsorship, partners and/or key stakeholders and their level of support	Molong Rotary Club, Orange Lions Club, Molong Hospital Auxiliary, CWA, Molong Pantry, Molong Central School. Orange Lions club have taken over the responsibility for organising and running the BBQ. The other stakeholders staff the gates and collect the donations.
Description of the event	With the potential to have up to 149 stall sites on Dr Ross Memorial Recreational Ground, the market offers a wide variety of stalls and a successful BBQ run by Orange Lions Club. The markets are a vibrant and diverse market and contribute to the overall growth of the community bringing many visitors into the town during the Easter long weekend, including stallholders and people attending the market. There are stalls and rides for all ages both local and outside the Cabonne LGA. There will also be some entertainment with local buskers and radio stations.
Proposed program and plan of delivery for the event	MAG will set up on the afternoon prior to the market, marking out the number of stall sites and from 6am on the day. Stall holders can enter the ground from 6:30am and the market is open to public from 9am to 2pm. The BBQ runs from 8am to cater for stall holders and closes at 2pm or when they have sold out.
Reason for having the event	MAG was established in 2001 to be a forum of consultation and to promote Molong. The markets are an excellent opportunity to showcase local producers and artisans as well as stallholders from Orange and the wider central west. Cabonne producers are given priority. Held on the Easter long weekend it is a good opportunity for people travelling during the holiday to support the established Molong shops and eateries who are open for business. The event is also a major fund raiser for Molong who also support local charities through money collected on the gates.
Is this a ticketed event	No
Link to ticket purchases (if available)	

SECTION 4: PREVIOUS DATA

When/ where was this event held last	Dr Ross Memorial Recreational Ground on Monday 21 April 2025
Total number of attendees (local, intrastate, interstate)	<p>Approximately 5000 people attend each year.</p> <p>Previous data collected at 2 gates counted 1700 people and 1699 people entering, there were 65 different post codes ranging from Sunshine Coast to ACT.</p> <p>The gate near the kiosk, where most people enter is not monitored.</p> <p>Data will be collected at all gates this year</p>
Any post-event reflections, reports and/or changes	<p>MAG is still reliant on sponsorship from Cabonne Council and it is critical to the continuing success of the markets. This has a positive flow on effect for the local businesses, bringing a large volume of people into the town on market day, presenting the town in a very positive light. MAG also supports local groups, after the October market 2024, CWA, The Molong Central School, The Historical Society and Hospital Auxiliary all received \$800 funding from MAG for their help collecting donations received on the gates.</p>

SECTION 5: PROPOSED EVENT DATA AND LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

Projected number of attendees (confirmed and estimated)	5000
What benefits will be returned to the Cabonne community	<p>Businesses in Molong that are open on Molong Easter Market Day report that trading is excellent and they are very busy. Visitors once they have had a look around the markets go into town to shop and to also have food and refreshments. The money made from the collections received at the gates on the day are funnelled back into the community by funding requests and projects received by MAG from a number of different community groups. For example, year 12 from Molong Central School help at the market and use their money to help fund their end of year formal celebrations.</p>
How does the event positively engage local businesses and the Cabonne community (give examples)	<p>The Molong Easter Market positively engage local businesses and the Cabonne community by fostering economic growth, supporting local talent, engaging community involvement and enriching the overall quality of life in the local area.</p>
How will Cabonne's Sponsorship be recognised (please tick all relevant)	<p>Cabonne Council branding recognition on all promotional material (printed and digital)</p> <p>Signage at the event</p> <p>Acknowledgement of support through all media (radio, tv, paper, on day promotion etc)</p> <p>Data provide to Council (E.g- demographics, attendees etc)</p> <p>Images from the event for Council marketing use</p> <p>Provide feedback and fully completed Acquittal</p> <p>Naming rights of the event</p>
Supporting commentary	<p>Overall the Molong Easter Market is an example of how a community event can positively engage local business and the Cabonne community. It achieves this through economic stimulation, community engagement and support, cultural enrichment, promotion and marketing of the town, collaboration with local government and the market contributes to a thriving community that benefits everyone involved.</p>

SECTION 6: MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

Is a copy of the proposed Marketing and Communication Plan/ strategy attached (Please include any media coverage, broadcasting and other media) Yes

SECTION 7: SPONSORSHIP AMOUNTS

Amount of Sponsorship requested	\$6000
Explanation of level of choice (please refer to the guidelines for the level)	Gold sponsorship is requested because of the number of people who regularly attend the markets and the ongoing benefits that flow on to the established businesses in Molong open on the day. The market also raises the profile of the town and encourages people to come back and visit.
What will the Sponsorship funds be used for? (please list all things that the Sponsorship money will go towards)	Reimburse Cabonne Council for the support they provide - Variable Message Board (VMS), garbage services (recycling bins will be clearly identifiable), cleaning public toilets and area in front of kiosks, placing and removal of temporary toilets.
Copy of budget attached (please include all contributions, revenue from sales, sponsorship or grants (granted or applied)	Yes

SECTION 8: NEXT STEPS (CHECKLIST)

Please make sure the following is completed and attached to ensure your application is considered

Marketing and Communication Plan/ Strategy

Budget

Event Plan

Any other information you see relevant for your application

Checklist Documents

[Molong Easter Market Flyer.pdf](#)

[Recreation Ground map with markout dims.pdf](#)

[Markets Budget Easter 2025.xlsx](#)

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[Easter Market Project Plan.xlsx](#)

Section 9: DECLARATION

The declaration below must be agreed to by a person who has delegated authority to sign on behalf of the organisation e.g. President, Chairman, member of the Board of Management or authorised staff member. I declare the information provided in this application and attachments is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I understand any omission or false statement may result in the rejection of the application or withholding of any funds already approved. I understand Cabonne Council may check any of our statements for the purpose of assessing this application, and I agree to provide any additional information requested. I understand this is an application only and may not necessarily result in funding approval.

Name Pauline Painter

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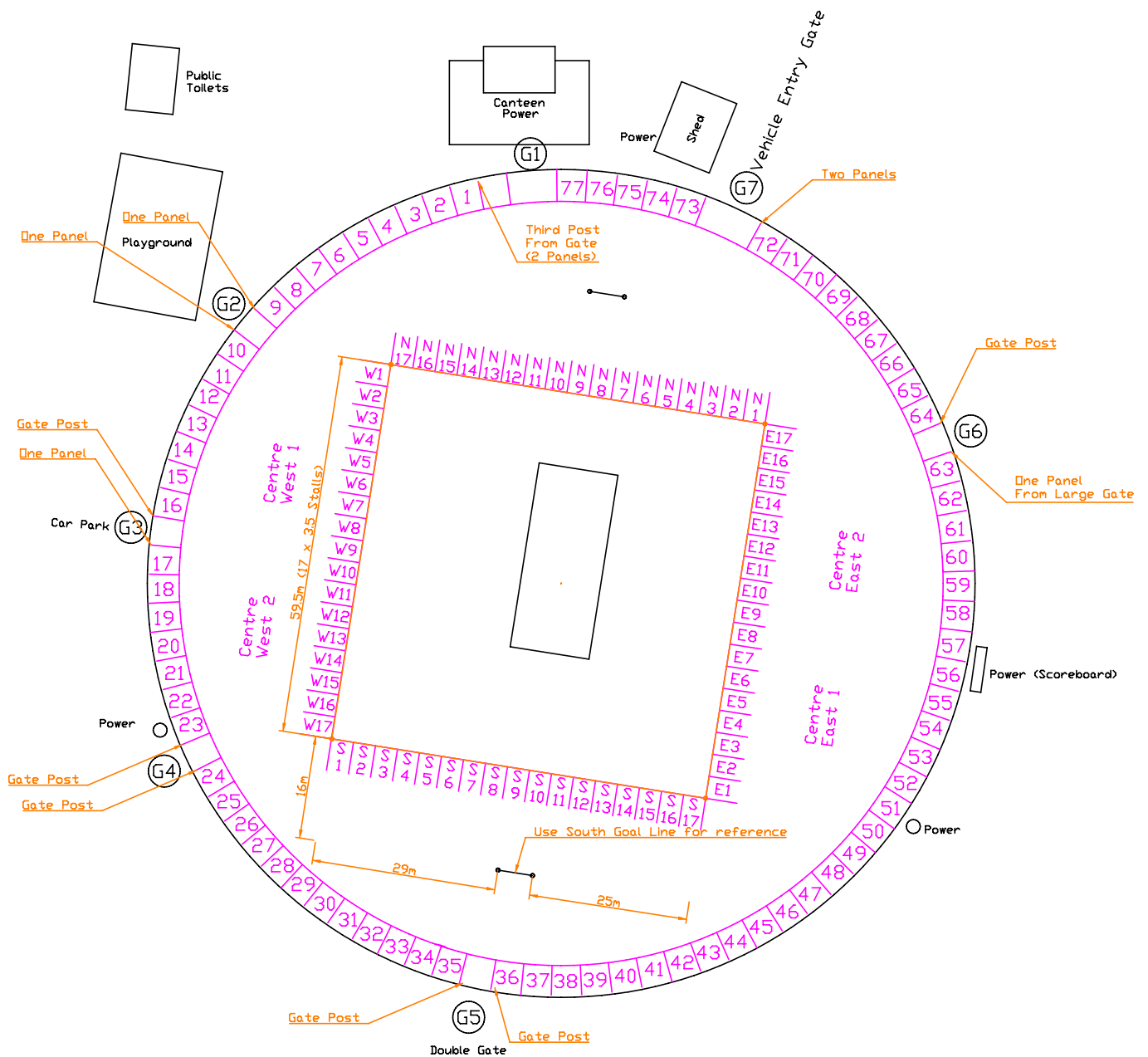
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GOLF COURSE HEIGHTS ESTATE
SITE SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN
EUCHAREENA ROAD, MOLONG



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Section 1.0

INTRODUCTION

1.1 OVERVIEW

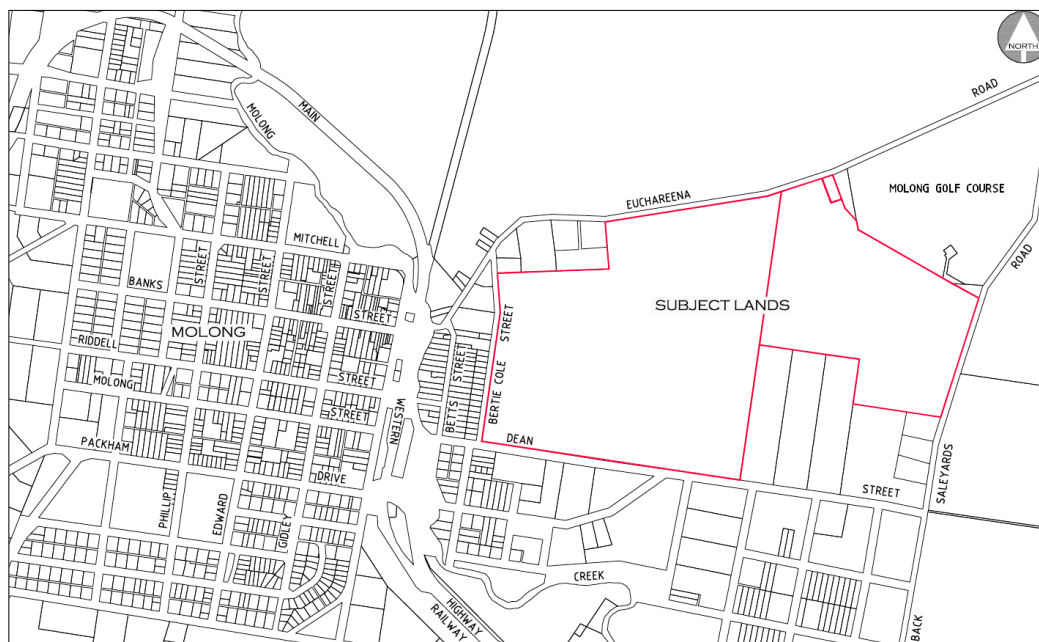
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The implementation of development standards for development within the Golf Course Height Estate will protect the desired streetscape quality whilst ensuring that new development complements the residential character and amenity of Molong.

1.2 LAND TO WHICH THIS PLAN APPLIES

This plan applies to the land known as the Golf Course Heights Estate in the areas zoned R1 General Residential and R5 Large Lot Residential.



1.3 RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PLANS AND DOCUMENTS

Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, Council is required to take into consideration the relevant provisions of the DCP in determining an application to which this Plan applies.

In the event of any inconsistency between any Environmental Planning Instrument and this DCP, the provisions of the Environmental Planning Instrument will prevail.

1.4 VARIATIONS TO PROVISIONS

Where the DCP sets standards or contains provisions with respect to an aspect of a development, and the development application does not comply with those provisions or standards, Council will be flexible in applying those provisions or standards and will allow reasonable alternative solutions that achieve the objectives of those provisions or standards for dealing with that aspect of the development but only where a written statement has been submitted to justify the non-compliance.

1.5 OBJECTIVES

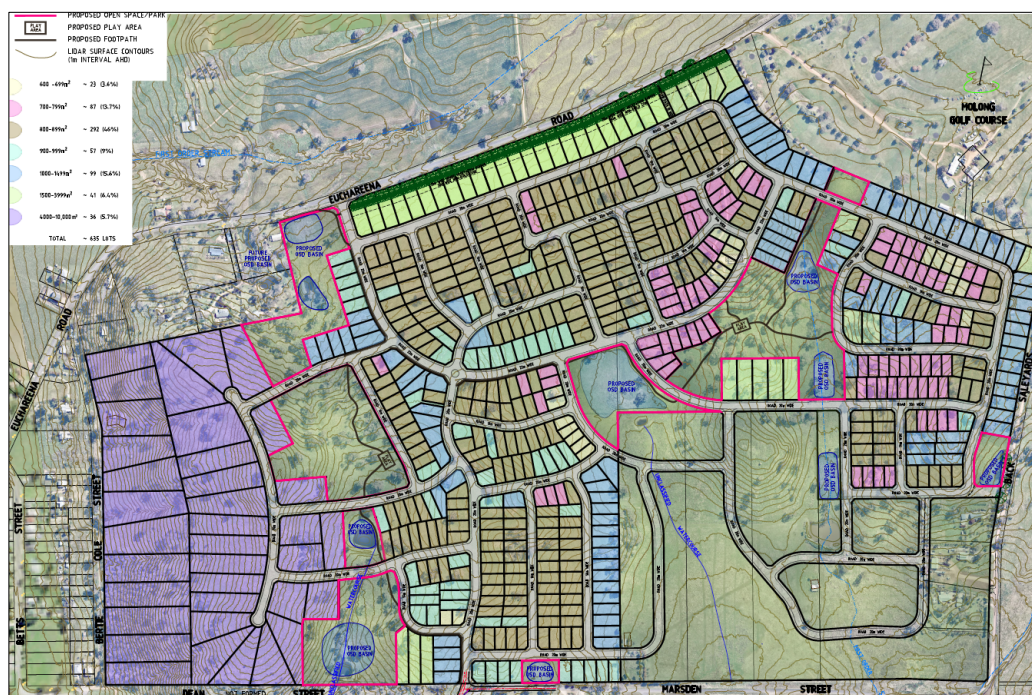
The objectives of this development control plan are as follows:

- To encourage well-designed residential developments that integrate with the surrounding environment.
- To promote efficient land use and appropriate density while maintaining neighbourhood character.
- To ensure the provision of adequate infrastructure, amenities, and open spaces for residents.
- To enhance pedestrian and vehicular safety within residential areas.
- To encourage sustainable design, construction, and energy-efficient practices in residential developments.

Section 2.0

SUBDIVISION**2.1 MASTERPLAN**

The road pattern is to be generally in accordance with the masterplan (refer figure below) except where written justification is provided and supported by Council seeking a departure from the masterplan.

**2.2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION**

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3. Lots are to be orientated generally in accordance with the Masterplan to maximise energy efficiency principles and to ensure that buildings are orientated towards the street.
4. Lot sizes are to enable the construction of a future dwelling and likely outbuildings, private open space areas, vehicle and parking areas.

2.3 FLORA AND FAUNA

1. Incorporate measures to protect and preserve significant vegetation, including native trees, endangered species and habitats of ecological importance.
2. Encourage the incorporation of green spaces and landscaped areas that promote native vegetation and maintain ecological connectivity.

2.4 TRANSPORT AND MOVEMENT HIERARCHY/ROADS

1. Future road connections to adjoining land are located generally in accordance with the Masterplan Subdivision Layout.
2. Residential lots are to have direct frontage and access to a public road. Direct vehicular access via Euchareena Road is not permitted.
3. Incorporate measures to accommodate public transport infrastructure where appropriate.
4. Provide dedicated pathways that connect key destinations within the development and the existing active transport network and adjacent recreational areas (i.e., Molong Golf Course).
5. The road system that is required to service the subdivision is to be in accordance with the *Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 4 and Part 4a* and Council's Guidelines for Engineering Works.

2.5 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

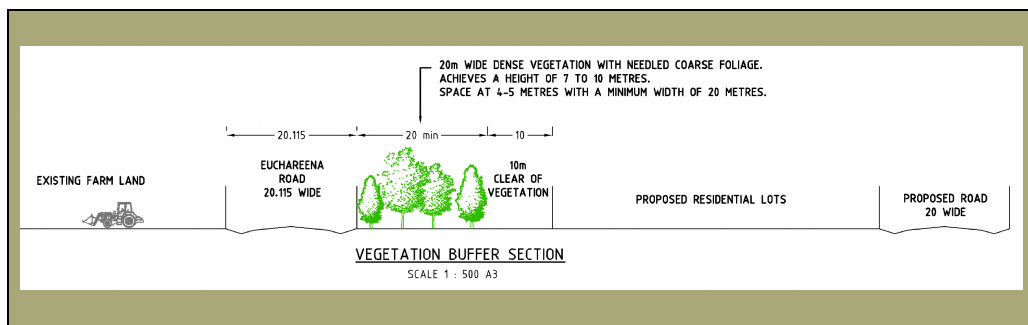
1. Incorporate natural or engineered detention basins to manage stormwater runoff to pre-development flows.

2.6 LANDSCAPING AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

1. The provision of dedicated public open space is required generally where shown on the Masterplan.

2. Subdivision design should encourage the preservation of existing mature trees and native vegetation where possible.
3. Promote the integration of open space into the overall subdivision design providing opportunities for passive recreation and community interaction.
4. Open style rural fencing shall be established on:
 - (a) The boundaries of lots with a Minimum Lot Size of 4,000m²; or
 - (b) The rear boundary of lots adjoining areas of public open space; or
 - (c) The rear boundary of lots that adjoin the Molong Golf Course.
5. Street trees and streetlights are located clear of each other to ensure appropriate illumination of pathways and roads.
6. Open space landscaping needs to be designed to limit concealment opportunities and maximise passive surveillance.
7. A 30 metre wide vegetation buffer is to be established along the Euchareena Road frontage of the site to address potential land use conflicts in regard to spray drift from cropping activities that may be undertaken on the land to the north. The buffer is to adopt the key factors for vegetative buffer design encouraged in *Spray Drift Management, Principles Strategies and Supporting Information* (authored by University of Queensland, Gatton Campus, Centre for Pesticide Application and Safety and published by CSIRO 2002). In particular:
 - 20 metres separation can be provided by Euchareena Road.
 - A 20-metre-wide band of dense plantings is to be established inside and along the site frontage to Euchareena Road.
 - A 10-metre-wide band clear of vegetation is to be provided to the south of the 20-metre-wide band of vegetation.
 - The majority of selected trees are to be evergreen and have a narrow needle like and coarse foliage.
 - The majority of selected trees are to be foliated from base to crown.
 - The tree row will be permeable/porous enough to allow some passage of air and thus enhance its filtering effect.
 - The tree height to be in to be order of at least 7-10 metres

The diagram below depicts the key elements of the vegetative buffer



2.7 SCENIC PROTECTION WESTERN RIDGE (R5 LARGE LOT RESIDENTIAL ZONE)

1. The steeper ridge in the western section of the subject land (i.e. the land zoned R5 Large Lot Residential) is recognised as an important visual backdrop to the Molong township. In recognition of this, the following outcomes are sought:
 - A lighter settlement pattern is proposed in this section of the site.
 - Retention of remnant vegetation and the establishment of new trees.
 - New buildings will be subject to appropriate siting, design, external materials and colours.
2. To achieve the above outcomes, the following will apply:
 - A positive covenant is to be imposed at the subdivision stage to prevent the removal of remnant woodland in this section of the site (as recommended in the biodiversity assessment).
 - Building envelopes are to be created at the subdivision stage. The envelopes are to be sited so as to avoid development on ridgelines or in locations where buildings or structures would interrupt the skyline when viewed from the Molong township.
 - Roads and urban structure on the upper, more visible sections of the site should conform to the natural terrain where possible/practical.
 - Future buildings (dwellings, sheds, structures) are to conform to the relevant provisions of this DCP.
 - Zincalume and other similar reflective external finishes is not permitted.
 - Colour schemes for future buildings are to adopt subdued tones and finishes that blend with the rural landscape.

Section 3.0

URBAN DWELLINGS

3.1 BUILDING DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE

3.1.1 Streetscape

1. Dwellings are to be designed with an attractive street elevation that features at least 1 main entry door and 1 major window to a living area or bedroom.
2. On corner lots, dwellings are designed to address both streets.
3. New development is to complement or enhance the streetscape and should provide sufficient space for planting trees and providing gardens in setback areas. Existing vegetation should be retained where possible.

3.1.2 Dwelling Design

1. Entries to dwellings should be clearly visible from the street where the lot has street frontage, or from the internal driveway on a battle-axe lot so that visitors can easily identify the dwelling entrance.
2. Dwelling height is not to be more than 8.5 metres above existing ground level.
3. Dwelling design achieves at least 2-3 hours of solar access to key living spaces/private open spaces at the winter solstice (21 June) between 9am and 3pm.
4. The design of the dwelling should provide for at least one habitable room overlooking the street so that general surveillance of the site and approaches to entries is possible from inside dwellings.
5. Building facades facing a public road must not have large expanses of blank wall and must incorporate a means of articulation, including modulation of the façade, variation of materials/finishes, and appropriate fenestration.
6. Roof mounted solar energy systems are not located on the roof facing a primary or secondary road.

3.1.3 Noise and visual privacy

1. Dwellings must be designed to locate and size windows to habitable rooms and balconies to avoid looking directly into the windows, balconies, and the private open space of adjoining dwellings.
2. Habitable room windows on upper-floor levels (i.e., floor level greater than 1.5 metres above pre-development level) within 6 metres from a window on adjacent dwellings are to be offset sufficient distance to limit direct views; or include measures to screen or obscure (e.g., glazing, screens or the like).
3. Balconies of an upper floor level within 6 metres of habitable rooms or private open space are to be appropriately screened to obscure views and overlooking into the private open space of adjacent dwellings.
4. Landscaping is encouraged as an additional measure to maintain privacy.

3.2 SETBACKS

3.2.1 Dwelling setbacks

1. New dwellings are to be setback at least the following distances from the boundaries:
 - a. Front: 6 metres
 - b. Side: 0.9 metres
 - c. Rear: 3 metres:
2. In addition to the above, a minimum setback of 2 metres from the secondary road frontage applies to corner allotments.

3.2.2 Garage and carport setbacks

1. A garage or carport is not permitted to be located in front of the building line of the dwelling and they must be setback at least 1 metre behind the front façade of the dwelling.

3.3 PRIVATE OPEN SPACE AND SOLAR ACCESS

3.3.1 Private Open Space Areas

1. Each dwelling on a lot is to be provided with a principal private open space area that is:
 - a. a minimum of 60m² including one area that is at least 5 x 5 metres; and
 - b. is directly accessible from and adjacent to, one or more habitable rooms (other than a bedroom); and
 - c. Located behind the front building line of the dwelling.

3.3.2 Sunlight to private open space

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3.4 CAR PARKING

3.4.1 Car parking and driveway design

1. Car parking is to be provided at a minimum of 2 spaces per dwelling.
2. At least 1 parking space is to be covered (i.e. garage or carport).
3. A tandem space is acceptable as additional parking in conjunction with a garage or carport.
4. Driveways and manoeuvring areas are to be concrete, paved or other similar material. Gravel or bitumen is not accepted except in areas where a Minimum Lot Size of 4,000m² applies.

3.5 OUTBUILDINGS AND GARAGES

3.5.1 Garage and outbuilding positioning

1. Outbuildings are to minimise visual dominance from the streetscape or public open space.
2. Outbuildings are not to be located in front of the main building line.
3. Where site conditions allow, garages should be located on the southern side of east-west facing lots, and the western side of north-south facing lots.
4. Garages must be set back at least 1 metre from the front façade of the dwelling.
5. Outbuildings must not be erected before the completion of dwelling construction.
6. Must not contain sanitary fixtures other than a toilet and a basin.

3.5.2 Garage door widths

1. Where garages form part of the façade of a dwelling, the garage door is to be no more than 50% of the total width of the dwelling.
2. Each garage door is to be no wider than 6 metres.

3.6 LANDSCAPING & EARTHWORKS

3.6.1 Generally

1. Landscaping should be provided to the street front of new development and should enhance and complement the streetscape.
2. Landscaping must be provided to shade and soften the visual impacts of large hard stand surfaces and allow for water infiltration.
3. Landscape design should be integrated with the site planning and building design to utilise perennial and deciduous species to provide wind barriers, privacy, and shading in summer and solar access in winter.

4. At least 1 tree with a mature height of 5 metres must be planted in the front setback area.
5. At least 1 tree with a mature height of 8 metres must be planted in the rear yard.

3.6.2 Fences and retaining walls

1. Open style rural fencing shall be established on the boundaries of:
 - a. The boundaries of lots with a Minimum Lot Size of 4,000m²; or
 - b. The rear boundary of lots adjoining areas of public open space; or
 - c. The rear boundary of lots that adjoin the Molong Golf Course; or
 - d. The rear boundary of lots that adjoin Euchareena Road.
2. No fence may be between the front building alignment and the road frontage.
3. Side and rear boundary fences are to be no greater than 1.8 metres high.
4. Long fenced areas should be softened with landscaping.
5. Fencing materials are to compliment the dwelling and streetscape/landscape.
6. A fence or retaining wall must not be constructed so that it redirects the overland flow of surface water onto any adjoining property.

3.6.3 Earthworks

1. All forms of development are to respond to the local topography. Buildings should be stepped to follow the fall of the land. Large areas of cut and fill should be avoided so that the finished ground level relates appropriately to the existing ground level.

Section 4.0

MEDIUM DENSITY DEVELOPMENT

This section applies to:

- Secondary dwellings.
- Dual occupancies (no dual occupancy is permitted on a lot less than 900m²).
- Semi-detached dwellings.
- Multi-dwelling housing.
- Residential flat buildings, and
- Serviced apartments.

4.1 BUILDING DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE

4.1.1 Streetscape

1. The dwelling design and presentation to the streetscape is to be consistent with the controls in Section 3.
2. Dwellings must address any public road frontage and internal driveway as follows:
 - a. Each dwelling is to present as a separate dwelling with its own clear entrance.
 - b. Repetition in dwelling types and layouts is discouraged to minimise monotony.
 - c. Large expanses of blank walls (or those with little to no articulation) are not supported.
 - d. Garages and carports are to be integrated into the dwelling design so as to not dominate the street frontage or internal driveway.

4.1.2 Setbacks

1. Dwelling setbacks are to be consistent with the controls in Section 3.

4.1.3 Solar Access

1. Solar access to development is to comply with the controls in Section 3.

4.1.4 Building Design

1. Development height is not to be more than 8.5 metres above existing ground level.
2. Site coverage by buildings should not exceed 50%.
3. Dwelling design is to achieve at least 2-3 hours of solar access to key living spaces/private open spaces of the adjoining dwellings on 21 June (winter solstice) between 9am and 3pm.
4. Airconditioning units and solar energy systems are not to be located on the roof facing a primary road.

4.1.5 Noise and Visual Privacy

1. Noise and visual privacy are to comply with the controls in Section 3.
2. Dwellings that are attached should minimise noise transmission by avoiding locating active areas adjacent to quieter areas (e.g., living areas adjacent to bedrooms).
3. Habitable room windows on upper-floor levels (i.e., floor level greater than 1.5 metres above pre-development level) within 6 metres from a window on adjacent dwellings are to be offset sufficient distance to limit direct views; or include measures to screen or obscure (e.g., glazing).

4.2 PRIVATE OPEN SPACE

4.2.1 Private Open Space

1. A minimum of 40m² of private open space is to be provided per dwelling.
2. The private open space is not to be less than 3 metres wide in any direction unless it can be demonstrated that its size and configuration is functional.
3. Where conditions allow, private open space should be orientated to the north-east.
4. Private open space is to be directly accessible from the main living area of each dwelling.
5. Private open space is to be delineated by walls, fencing and/or landscaping so as to provide self-contained spaces and privacy.
6. Areas for car parking, vehicle manoeuvring, storage and the like is to be excluded from the private open space.

4.2.2 Landscaping

1. Landscaping should be provided to the street front of new development and should enhance and complement the streetscape.
2. Landscaping must be provided to shade and soften the visual impacts of large hard stand surfaces and allow for water infiltration.
3. Fencing is to be consistent with the controls outlined in Section 3.6.2.
4. Landscape design should be integrated with the site planning and building design to utilise perennial and deciduous species to provide wind barriers, privacy, and shading in summer and solar access in winter.
5. At least 1 tree with a mature height of 5 metres must be planted in the front setback area.
6. At least 1 tree with a mature height of 8 metres must be planted in the rear yard.

4.3 ACCESS AND CAR PARKING

4.3.1 Car parking

1. Car parking spaces are to be provided in accordance with Section 3.4.
2. 1 space per 4 dwellings is to be allocated for visitor parking.
3. On-site visitor car parking is not to be located within the front setback area to the primary road.
4. Vehicle movement areas are to allow for vehicles to enter and exit the site in a forward direction. Exceptions to this may be considered where a dwelling has a separate and distinct frontage to a primary or secondary road.

Section 5.0

ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT

This section applies to all ancillary development including but not limited to sheds, carports, swimming pools and spas, and the like.

5.1 ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT**4.1.1 Maximum floor area**

Ancillary development is to comply with the following maximum floor area standards in the following table.

LOT SIZE	MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA
Less than 900m ²	96 m ²
900m ² to 1,500m ²	128 m ²
Greater than 1,500m ²	Merit based assessment

4.1.2 Design and siting

1. Detached structures are located at or behind the building line to a primary or secondary road.
2. Detached structures do not have a wall height exceeding 4 metres and a ridge height exceeding 4.5 metres.
3. The design of the structure is to complement the appearance of any existing/approved dwelling and is to not adversely impact on the streetscape.
4. Ancillary development is to achieve at least 2-3 hours of solar access to key living space/private open spaces of the adjoining dwelling at the winter solstice (21 June) between 9am and 3pm.

5.2 SWIMMING POOLS & SPAS

5.2.1 Design and siting

1. The swimming pool must be located behind the building line of the dwelling house.
2. Stormwater from impervious areas around the pool, including paving, retaining walls and other structural support, shall be properly drained to a legal point of stormwater discharge or a minimum of 3 metres away from the pool structure and other buildings if the lot is not connected to public stormwater drainage infrastructure.
3. The Swimming Pools Act 1992, Local Government Act 1993 and the Building Code of Australia contain provisions that must be complied within in relation to the design, installation, registration and operation of swimming pools and spa pool.

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ITEM 1 - CANOWINDRA GOLF CLUB - RECYCLED WATER AGREEMENT

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Provide an update to council on the request for maintenance works for the irrigation system at Canowindra Golf Club, and the recycled water agreement between the club and council
Policy Implications	Nil at this stage
Budget Implications	Nil at this stage, however, there is significant expenditure required in the future to address the deteriorated irrigation infrastructure.
IPR Linkage	2.3.1.1a - Operated in accordance with relevant standards and best practices.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE\\SERVICE PROVIDERS\\EFFLUENT - 1821745

**DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER - CABONNE INFRASTRUCTURE'S
REPORT**

At its ordinary meeting dated 12 December 2024, Councillor Weaver raised the following question on notice:

MOTION (Pull/Weaver)

- 4. Council investigates fixing the irrigation system, at the Canowindra Golf Course.*

A site meeting has been held with volunteers of the Canowindra Golf Club to gain familiarization of the issues. These issues immediately are five ongoing leaks and issues of automation and functioning of up to 25 sprinklers. From these discussions and assessment, it appears the primary cause of the irrigation concerns is age, and the construction materials used.

Council staff have arranged for a plumber to undertake immediate repairs to leaking pipes/fittings and to sprinklers. In conjunction, council is seeking quotes from irrigation specialists to determine the costs of a total overhaul of the irrigation system, which will likely recommend total replacement.

Further, a review of the recycled water agreement with the Canowindra Golf Club has been undertaken. Of particular note, the agreement expired in July 2022, and therefore needs to be reviewed and a new agreement entered into.

The previous agreement (June 2017), provides that all infrastructure associated with delivery, storage and irrigation is the responsibility of Cabonne Council. Additionally, the agreement does not require any charges or contribution requirements from the Canowindra Golf Club for the provision of recycled water.

A further report will be brought to council on determination of the costs to address the ongoing irrigation issues for the golf course, and consideration of proposed terms for a new recycled water agreement.

ITEM 2 - CENTRAL NSW JOINT ORGANISATION

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Council to note attendance at the CNSWJO Board meeting.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	4.1.4.1b - Meet with other regional local governments for planning purposes.
Annexures	1. 250306_Delegate CNSWJO Board Meeting Report ↓
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GOVERNMENT RELATIONS\LOCAL AND REGIONAL LIAISON\CENTRAL NSW JOINT ORGANISATION (CENTROC) - 1819103

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The Mayor and Deputy General Manager Infrastructure attended the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting held in Oberon on 27 February 2025.

The Mayoral Board report and minutes of the meeting are attached for councillors' information.

ITEM 3 - COMMUNITY FACILITATION FUND

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To report on approved expenditure under the Community Facilitation Fund (CFF)
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.1.1.1f - Staff are complying with procedures and practices.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES\PROGRAMS\COMMUNITY FACILITATION FUND - 1819096

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Council adopted guidelines for the Community Facilitation Fund (CFF) in March 2015. The CFF was created for smaller community projects not originally included in the council's budget, to be allocated at the discretion of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

As a reminder, the guidelines for the CFF are as follows:

1. Projects where no existing vote for the works has been allocated or the vote is insufficient to complete the project.
2. Recipients must be community based not-for-profit groups.
3. Mayor and Deputy Mayor to jointly approve funds (with the General Manager as proxy if one is not available).
4. Allocation of funds to be reported to the next available council meeting.
5. Limit of \$3,000 per allocation unless other approved by council.

There were NIL allocation of funds was processed in the last month.

ITEM 4 - RESOLUTIONS REGISTER - INFOCOUNCIL - ACTIONS REPORTING

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	To provide Council with a report on progress made in actioning its resolutions up to last month's Council meeting and any committee meetings held.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.2.2.1a - Facilitate Council and standing committee meeting processes.
Annexures	1. Traffic Light Report - March 2025.pdf ↓
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\GOVERNANCE\\REPORTING\\RESOLUTIONS REGISTER 2023-2027 - 1821781

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

InfoCouncil generated reports are annexed including actions up to the previous month's meeting resolutions.

Progress comments are provided until the final action comment which will also show "COMPLETE": that item will then be removed from the register once resolved by council.

Attached also is the "traffic light" indicator system that enables the council to identify potential areas of concern at a glance.

Councillors should raise any issues directly with the Deputy General Managers, as per the Mayor's request.

ITEM 5 - INVESTMENT SUMMARY - JANUARY 2025

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Information provided in relation to council's Investment Schedule
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.1.1.2b - Maximise income sources through investments.
Annexures	1. Cabonne Monthly Report February 2025 ↓
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT\FINANCIAL REPORTING\FINANCIAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL - 1822502

DEPARTMENT LEADER - FINANCE'S REPORT

Summary

This report details council's investment performance at 28 February 2025.

Report

In accordance with section 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, it is hereby certified that the investments detailed in the attached investment report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, its Regulations and council's current Investment Policy which was last amended and adopted on 27 June 2023.

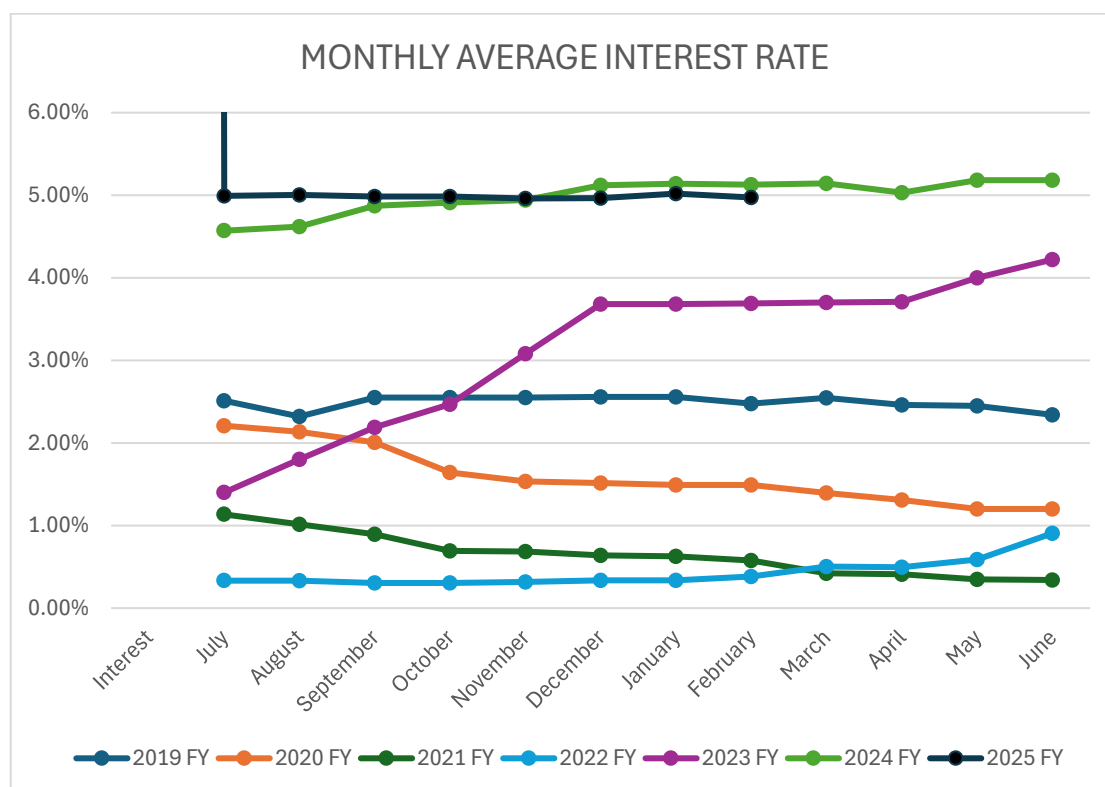
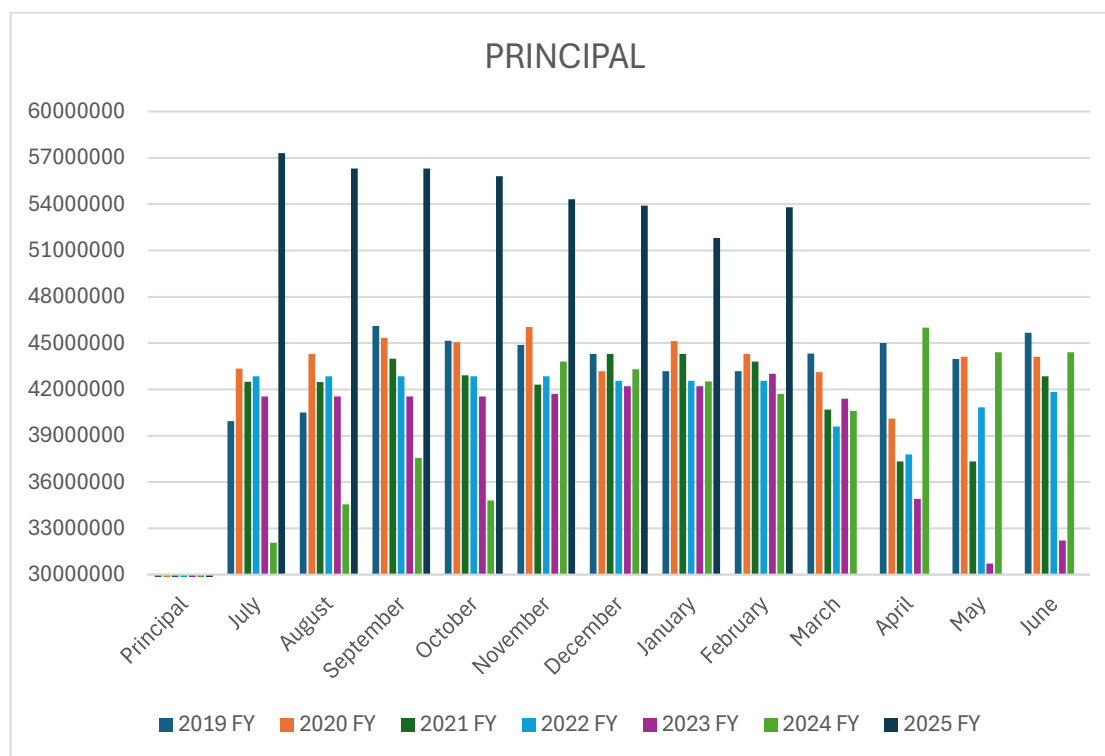
Policy Implications

The holdings contained in the attached investment report comply with council's current investment policy.

Financial Implications

Council's investments as of 28 February 2025 remained steady at the total of \$53,808,000

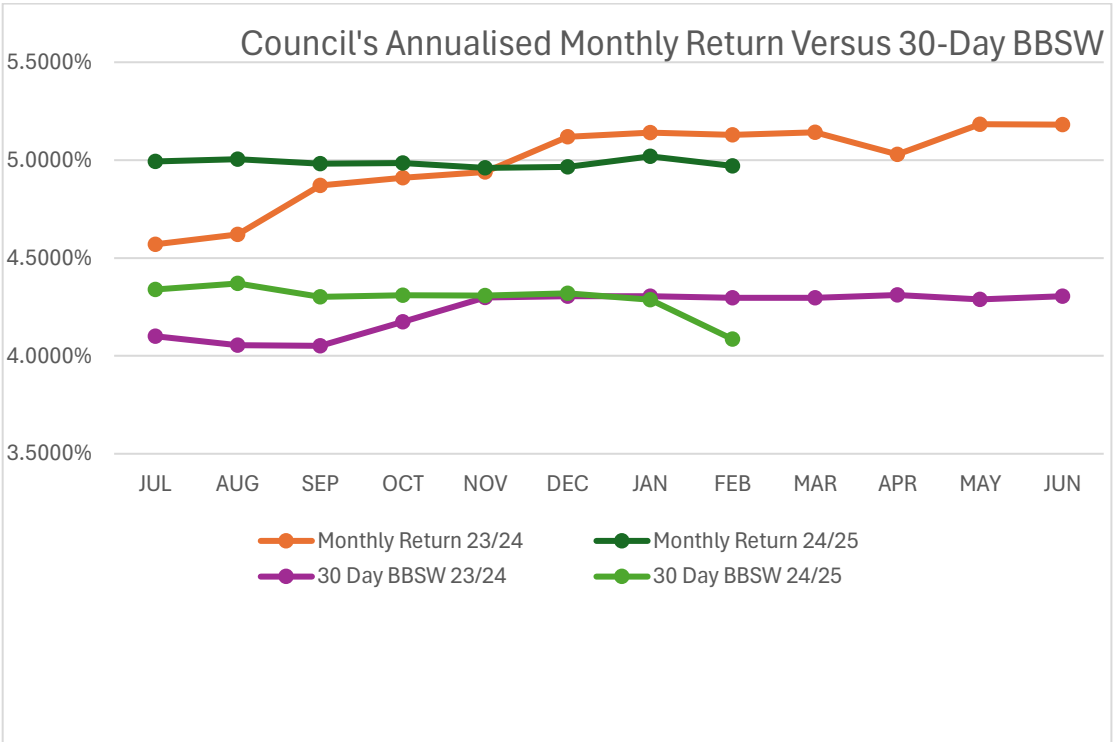
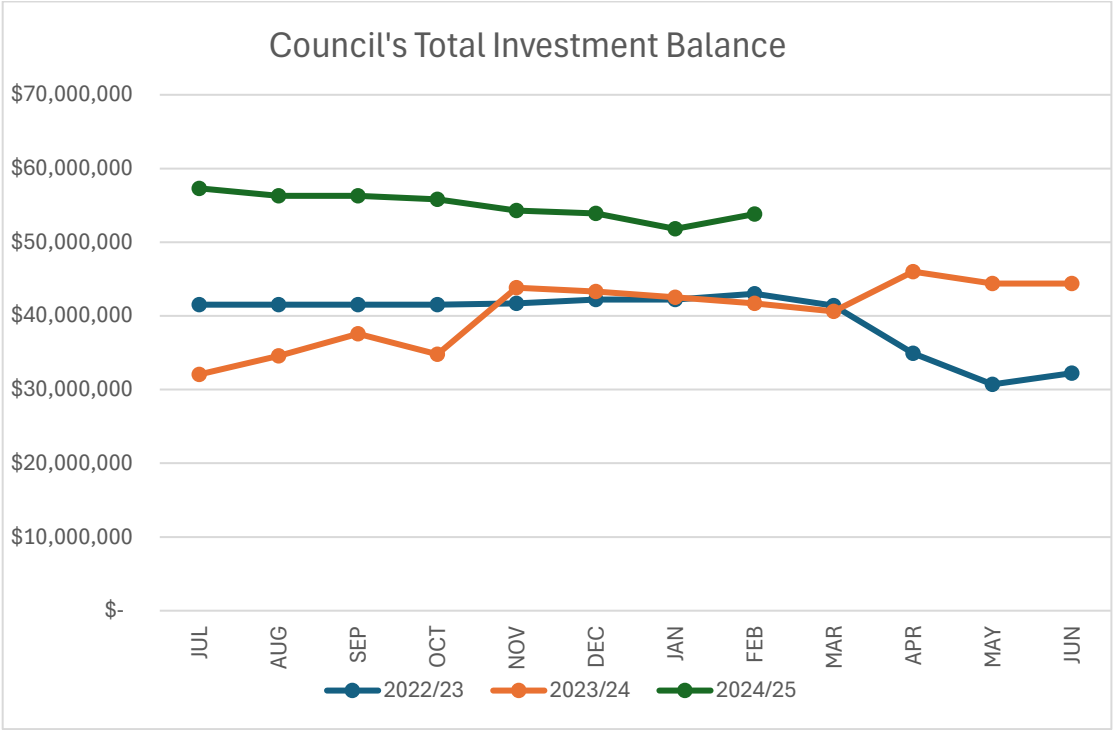
This comprises the amounts of \$45,750,000 in term deposits and \$8,058,000 in cash.



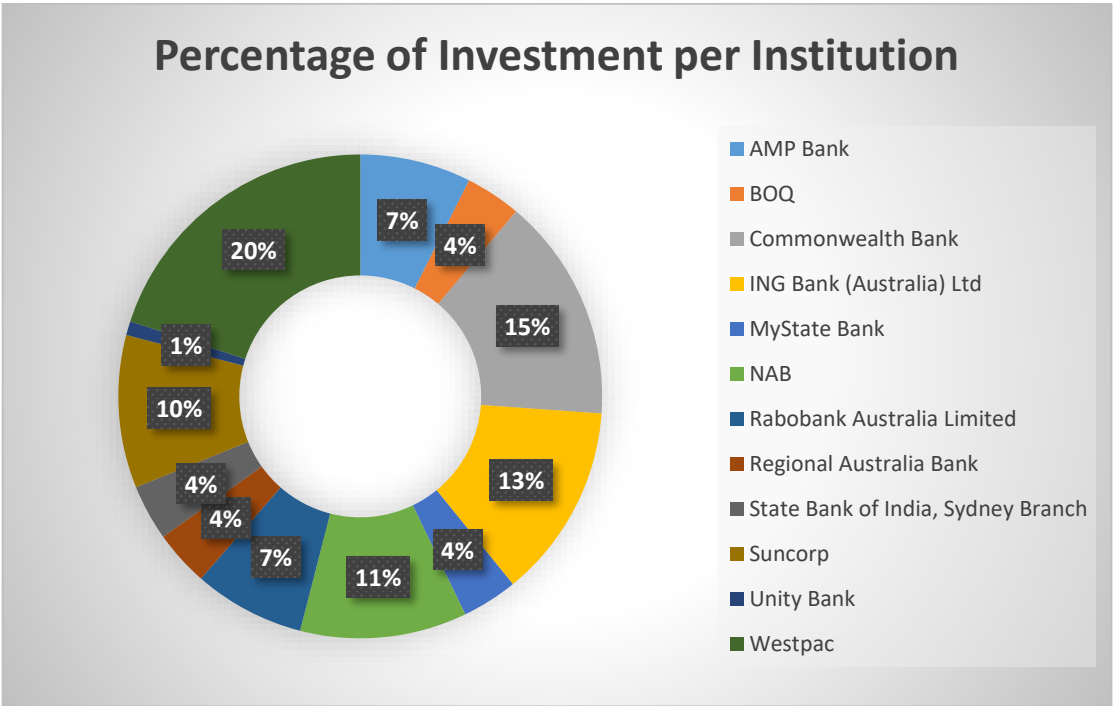
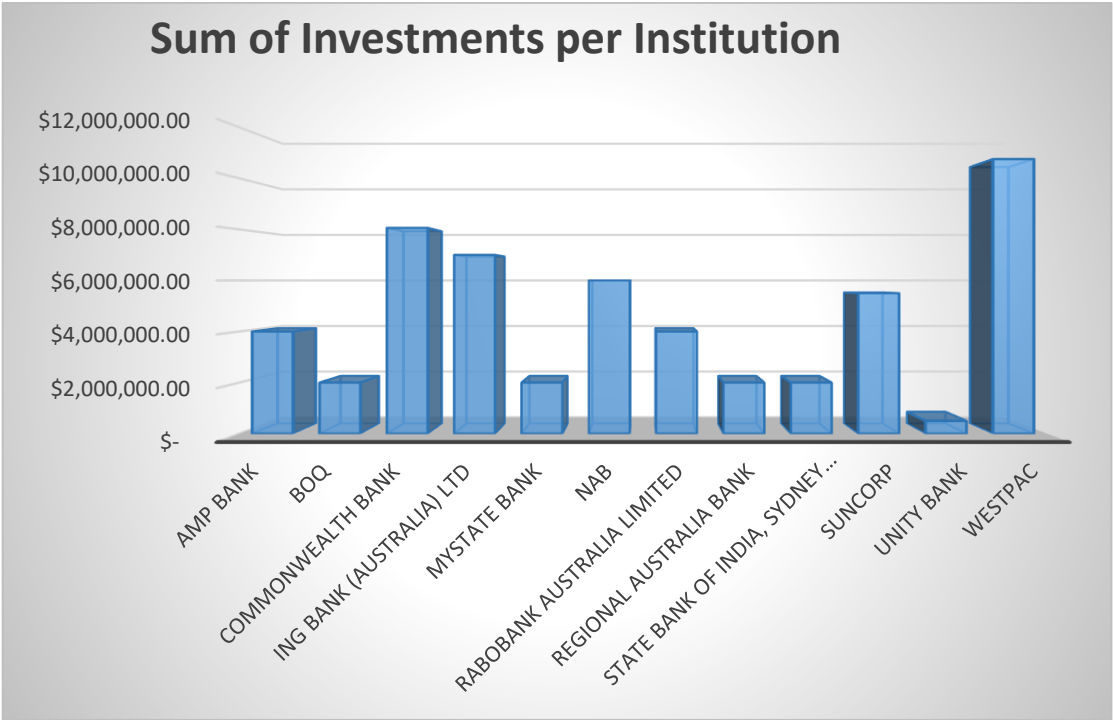
As at the end of February 2025, council's deposit portfolio had an average yield 4.97% p.a, which is still performing well above the BBSW benchmark of 4.08% with a weighted average duration of 269 (~9 months). Council is working toward maintaining the weighted average duration to between 9-12 months in the long run to optimise returns, whilst not jeopardising liquidity.

Interest accrued during the month of February was \$195,295.03

A yearly comparison has been made of the council's total investment balance as provided in the graphs below. The council is currently trending higher in its investment balance.

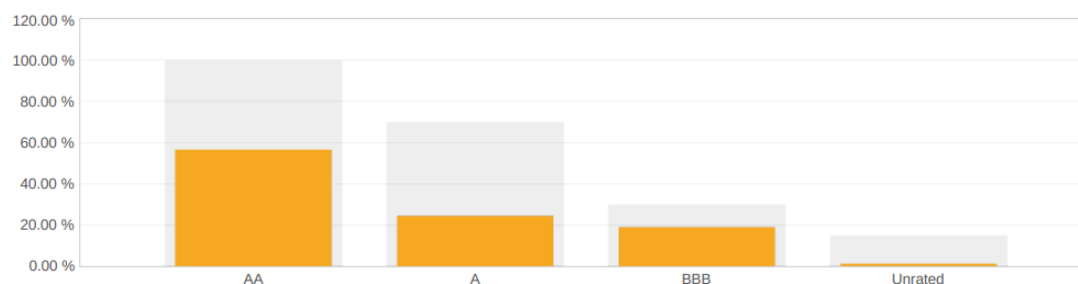


Percentage and amounts Invested between each counterparty is shown in the graphs below:-



The portfolio remains lightly diversified across the investment grade spectrum with the majority of assets directed to the higher rated banks (rated “AA-” or “A” category). Council is compliant within policy limits.

Credit Quality Compliance - Long Term Investments



The detailed Investment Report for February 2025 is attached for council's information.

ITEM 6 - RATES SUMMARY - FEBRUARY 2025

REPORT IN BRIEF

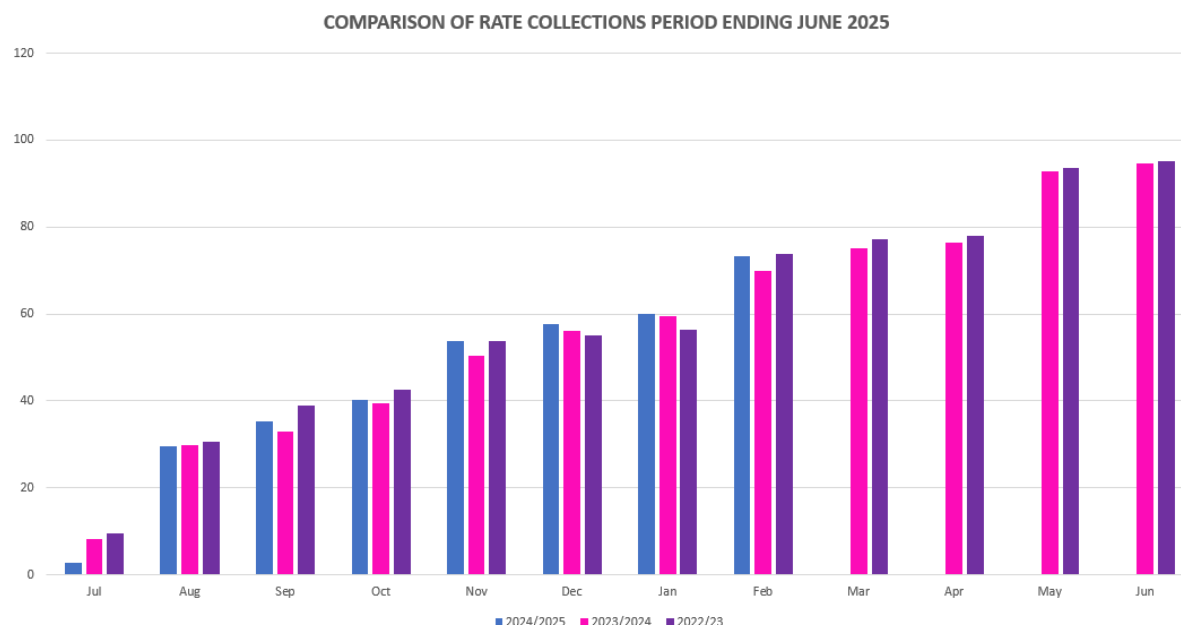
Reason For Report	Information provided in relation to Council's rates collection
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	1.1.1.2a - Levying of Rates & Charges in accordance with the Local Government Act.
Annexures	1. Rates Graph February 2025 ↓
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT\FINANCIAL REPORTING\FINANCIAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL - 1823119

DEPARTMENT LEADER - FINANCE'S REPORT

The rate collection summary to 28 February 2025 is provided for council's information. The percentage collected to 28 February 2025 is 73.22%. Comparatively, the figure for the previous financial year was 70.02% to 28 February 2024.

This improved collection rate is a result of enhanced debt recovery actions taken in recent months on accounts with an overdue balance higher than \$800, or with 2 or more instalments overdue.

The Rates Department has now also implemented the issuing of reminder notices to accounts not paid by the due date, which should see further improvements to the collection rate in future months.



ITEM 7 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED DURING FEBRUARY 2025

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Details of development applications received during the preceding month.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	3.1.1.1a - Receive and assess Development Applications.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\\DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING CONTROLS\\BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS\\REPORTING - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS TO COUNCIL - 1821830

DEPARTMENT LEADER - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES' REPORT

Development Applications that have been received during the period 1 February 2025 to 28 February 2025 are detailed below.

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

DA Number	Application Description of Work	Development Value	Applicant's Name	Property Address
2021/0185/1	Camel rides	\$0	Delene Catherine Wilson	Lot 16 DP 859359, Lot 55 DP

				137558 & Lot 1 DP 157425, 152 Lake Canobolas Rd, Nashdale
2024/0142/ 1	Dwelling	\$0	Designs At M	Lot 3 DP 1283575, 44 Creek St, Cudal
2025/0086	Studio & carport	\$70,000	Designs At M	Lot 100 DP 874682, 2405 Mitchell Hwy, Molong
2025/0088	Extractive Industry - Gravel pit	\$20,000	Peter John Townsend	Lot 1 DP 259166, Bocobra Rd, Manildra
2025/0087	Alterations & additions to dwelling	\$13,750	Flora Jane Tkaczyk	Lot 9 DP 1193183, 20 Foy's Drive, Molong
2025/0089	Storage shed	\$19,800	Jacqueline Lee Mitchell	Lot 287 DP 750162, 71 Old Orange Rd, Manildra
2025/0027/ 1	Dwelling	\$0	Trent James Bald	Lot 4 DP 758643, 6 Kiewa St, Manildra
2025/0090	3 Lot subdivision	\$0	Christopher Gosper	Lot 223 DP 874399, Derowie St, Manildra
2025/0091	16 Lot subdivision	\$0	Geoffrey William Evers	Lot 3 DP 549987 & Lot 403 DP 1083051, 1093 Mitchell Hwy, Orange
2022/0082/ 1	Storage sheds X 2	\$0	Thomas Kevin Beath	Lot 128 DP 1279358, 22 Wenz Lane, Canowindra

2025/0092	Alterations & additions to existing shed	\$25,000	Colour City Dragon Boat Club	Lot 1 DP 157425, Lake Canobolas Rd, Nashdale
2025/0093	Dwelling	\$470,000	Brock Mathew Nixon	Lot 2 & 3 DP 758226, 41 Belmore St, Cargo
2025/0094	Dwelling	\$525,000	Designs At M	Lot 192 DP 750159, 115 Pye St, Eugowra
Total: 13		\$1,143,550		

SUMMARY OF COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

CDC Number	Application Description of Work	Development Value	Applicants Name	Property Address
2025/1011	Swimming pool	\$52,934	Shane Douglas Gillett	Lot 1 DP 797199, 58 Edward St, Molong
2025/1012	Garage	\$13,000	Timothy Bassmann	Lot 5 DP 251260, 5 South St, Cudal
2025/1013	Shed	\$15,000	Jill Kathleen Griffith	Lot 5 DP 251260, 5 South St, Cudal
Total: 3		\$80,934		

GRAND TOTAL:	\$1,224,484
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**ITEM 8 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED DURING
FEBRUARY 2025**

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Details of development applications approved during the preceding month.
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil

IPR Linkage	3.1.1.1a - Receive and assess Development Applications.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING CONTROLS\BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS\REPORTING - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS TO COUNCIL - 1821835

DEPARTMENT LEADER - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES' REPORT

Development Applications that have been approved during the period 1 February 2025 to 28 February 2025 are detailed below.

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED

DA Number	Application Description of Work	Development Value	Applicants Name	Property Address
2025/0028	Dual occupancy	\$840,600	Peter Andrew McIntosh	Lot 4 DP 34418, 786 Banjo Paterson Way, Molong
2025/0071	Storage shed	\$32,612	Christine Patricia Dewar	Lot 1 & 2 DP 255637, 210 Rodd St, Canowindra
2025/0081	Carport	\$18,000	Kimeaka Haydee Bermingham	Lot 27 DP 16181, 8 Strom Lane, Eugowra
2025/0084	Alterations & additions to existing dwelling	\$232,000	Robert Barry Burn	Lot 3 DP 1117738, 7 Vista Lane, Canowindra
2025/0075	Alterations & additions to dwelling	\$187,240	Timothy Bassmann	Lot 80 DP 750372, 914 Ophir Rd, Summer Hill Creek
2025/0061	Dwelling	\$741,000	Peter Basha Planning & Dev	Lot 1 DP 609378, 1862 Euchareena Rd, Boomey
2025/0074	Rural industry - woodfire supply operation	\$0	Anna Victoria Shaw	Lot 21 DP 1173323, Davys Plains Rd, Cudal

2025/0027/ 1	Dwelling	\$0	Trent James Bald	Lot 4 DP 758643, 6 Kiewa St, Manildra
2022/0144/ 1	Dwelling	\$0	Ceinwein Barbara Mahlo	Lot 2 DP 829049, 1236 Pinnacle Rd, Canobolas
2025/0087	Alterations & additions to dwelling	\$13,750	Flora Jane Tkaczyk	Lot 9 DP 1193183, 20 Foys Drive, Molong
2025/0078	Alterations & additions - pergola	\$70,000	Kristine Jane Wallace	Lot 10 DP 826094, 12 Vittoria Rd, Vittoria
2024/0142/ 1	Dwelling	\$0	Designs At M	Lot 3 DP 1283575, 44 Creek St, Cudal
2025/0051	Two Lot subdivision	\$0	Doone Grist	Lot 5 DP 658137, Lot 223 DP 658140 and Lot 73 & 8 DP 756888, 2610 Burrendong Way, Kerrs Creek
2021/0176/ 3	Subdivision - 12 Lots	\$0	Anthony Daintith Town Planning	Lot 1 DP 131413 & Lot 1 DP 183093, 9 Ostini Lane, Mullion Creek
2025/0070	Boundary adjustment	\$0	Colin James Peffer	Lot 2 DP 131486 and Lot 39 & 72 DP 756868, Euchareena Rd, Boomey
2025/0079	Storage shed	\$50,000	Bethany Louise Slender	Lot 2 DP 758226, 8 Brooks St, Cargo

2025/0046	Alterations & additions to building, and erection of accommodation building	\$947,000	Integrated Consulting	Lot 15 & 16 DP 859359, 152 Lake Canobolas Rd, Nashdale
TOTAL: 17		\$3,132,202		

**SUMMARY OF COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS
APPROVED**

CDC Number	Application Description of Work	Development Value	Applicants Name	Property Address
2025/1010	Alteration & additions to dwelling	\$24,600	Christie-May Munday	Lot 2 DP 610460, 128 Kjollers Rd, Clergate
TOTAL: 1		\$24,600		

GRAND TOTAL: 18	\$3,156,802
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ITEM 9 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION ASSESSMENT TIMEFRAMES

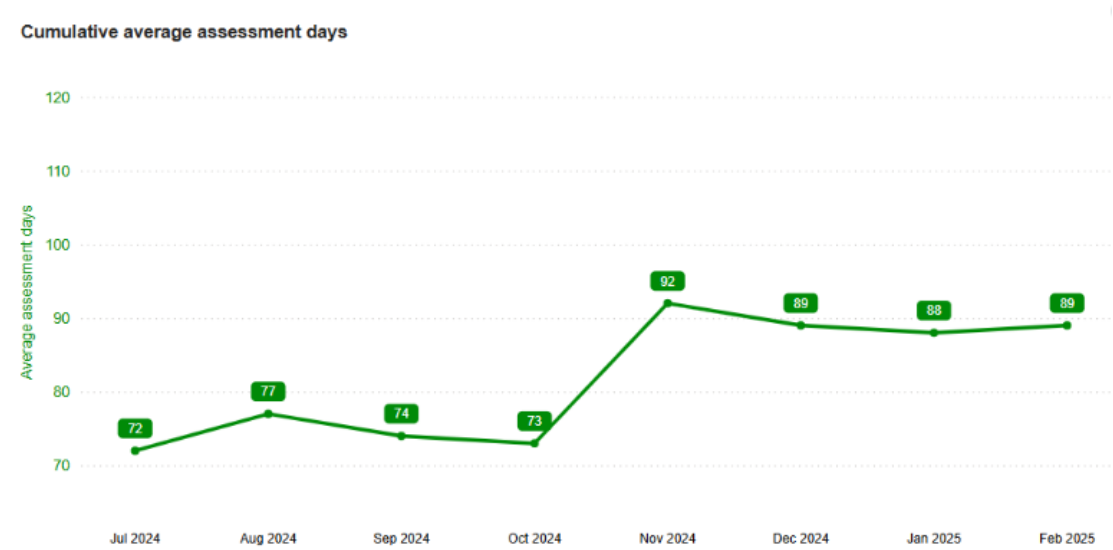
REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	For the information of council
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
IPR Linkage	3.1.1.1a - Receive and assess Development Applications.
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING CONTROLS\REPORTS\PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORTING - 1825007

DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER - CABONNE SERVICES REPORT

As previously reported to council in November 2024, the Statement of Expectations Order 2024 came into effect for all NSW LGAs on 1 July 2024. The order sets new benchmarks for council performance on development assessment, planning proposals and strategic planning. The benchmarks are based on past performance and reasonable timeframes for each area.

The NSW reporting for the Planning Minister's agreed statement of expectations tracks Cabonne as currently exceeding the agreed 85 day determination time for DA assessment. This in part reflects the Christmas / January period where the regular council meetings schedule varied.



**Report from the Mayor/Deputy Mayor/General Manager attending the
Central NSW Joint Organisation Board 27 February 2025 in Oberon**

Recommendations

That Council note the report from the Mayor/Deputy Mayor/General Manager on the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Board meeting on 27 February 2025 held in Oberon.

Please find following, advice from the recent meeting of the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board held in Oberon on 27 February 2025. The minutes from the meeting are attached, as is the Draft Statement of Budget and Revenue.

Delegates were welcomed to Oberon by its Mayor, Cr Andrew McKibbin.

Speakers to the meeting were Local Government NSW President, Cr Phyllis Miller, and Chief Executive Mr David Reynolds. The Board then had a strategic session around the priorities into the federal election and for this term of Council. Updates were provided from the NSW Office of Local Government, Regional Development Australia Central West and the NSW Premier's Department.

More detail on reports to the meeting are below where the agenda can be found on the [CNSWJO website](#).



Image: The CNSWJO Board meeting at the Oberon Library and Community Centre

Forward budget

The Board adopted a draft Statement of Budget and Revenue and has put it on public exhibition. It can be found on the [CNSWJO website](#). While the website calls for feedback in 30 days, giving consideration to member Council meeting timeframes, please provide feedback by 30 April 2025 so this can be considered by the Board.

Considerations for the 2025/2026 budget include:

- taking up the rate peg increase of 3.8% for fees where this figure is the lowest rate increase in this region (Blayney);
- noting the decision by the Board to realise \$150K from internally restricted reserves to support the cyber security project;
- noting the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority (SSRP) will be finalised in November of this calendar year and changes to priorities will be funded in the budget;
- based on the pilot with Forbes Shire Council, growth in the service offering for the procurement function to include a “fee-for-service” procurement management service at a reasonable cost to members showing a conservative income stream of \$20K;
- inclusion of \$12,500 to support matching funding for energy projects;
- inclusion of grant funded projects for:
 - Disaster Readiness;
 - Joint Organisation Net Zero Acceleration Program; and
 - Water Loss Management.

Advocacy Plans

Every February the Board reviews its Advocacy Plans. These plans are used to inform submission, media, correspondence, ministerial briefings and other collateral.

Developed with the direction of the Portfolio Mayors, the following were adopted by the Board:

- [The Transport Advocacy Plan](#)
- [The Health and Ageing Advocacy Plan](#)
- [The Water Advocacy Plan](#)
- [The Regional Prosperity Advocacy Plan](#)
- [The Energy Advocacy Plan](#)



Picture 1 Example of advocacy collateral developed in 2022

Other key outputs adopted by the Board

Output	Description
Statement of Strategic Regional Priority Risk Management Plan	Undertaken internally, risks to the JO, region and Council are identified. All JO activities must give consideration to these risks and advice is provided to the Board in their quarterly meeting.
CNSWJO Social and Environmental Scan	Using an external provider, this report provides a snapshot of the region's data, opportunities and challenges. This advice informs forward strategy.
High level Destination Marketing Plan	Commissioned by the previous Board and undertaken externally this work informs the destination marketing being undertaken through the CNSWJO.
Leading Practice in Regional Development	At the request of the previous Board this work has been undertaken collaboratively between Central West Regional Development Australia (CWRDA) and the JO. RDA will take the lead in its implementation.
Draft MoU with SkillSet	CNSWJO has a growing number of MoUs and other instruments to facilitate collaboration. The most recent is with Skillset. Importantly, these MoUs identify initiatives to be undertaken collaboratively in the interest of Councils and communities in the CNSWJO region.
CNSWJO Regional Electric Vehicle Strategy - final	A support document for Councils and the JO in transitioning fleet to meet net zero carbon emissions targets.
EV Drive Day Event Report	A wrap-up report from the Electric Vehicle (EV) Drive Day held in Bathurst in December 2024.
New Councillor Event Final Report	The Welcome Councillor event was held 28 November 2024. A report from the meeting made the following recommendations which will now be progressed as they have been adopted by the Board. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. provide advice back to peak agencies included in this report; 2. develop a CNSWJO induction report for incoming Councillors with advice drawn from the event; 3. receive advice on resourcing of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. an informal network of Councillors; and b. specific support for Deputy Mayors; and 4. include advice from this report in its deliberations on forward programming for the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority and advocacy.

Advocacy Priorities leading into the federal election

The Board identified the following as priorities leading into the federal election.

1. Increase Financial Assistance Grants to at least 1% of Commonwealth tax revenue and add a one-time \$3 billion payment to address past underfunding.
2. Recognise Local Government in the Constitution.
3. Recognise Central NSW's strengths in agriculture, mining, renewable energy, and proximity to cities and ports with the "Made in Central NSW" initiative.
4. Provide support and compensation for regional communities during the energy and mining transition.

5. Empower regional communities to become more energy independent and resilient.
6. Ensure energy security for regional communities during the transition to renewable energy.
7. Improve road funding with a focus on betterment and resilience.
8. Develop a safe, reliable, and efficient transport network linking Central NSW to Sydney and beyond for both passengers and freight.
9. Create a strong multi-modal freight network.
10. Address health workforce shortages, exacerbated by housing shortages, with better collaboration between state and federal services.
11. Despite the various interventions and inquiries over decades, local government is still battling health and aged care workforce shortages, the more remote the greater the challenge.
12. Improve health services, as 94% of our communities prioritises this.
13. Leverage the region's water security work to develop a regional water supply pipeline grid in partnership with the NSW and Federal Governments.
14. Include Water Supply and Sewer Assets in State and Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Funding.
15. Ensure the Murray Darling Basin Plan considers the social and economic impacts on communities while meeting environmental targets, especially during droughts and natural disasters.
16. Review the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act Section 10 process.

At the time of writing an event is being coordinated for 11 March which will include a session on federal priorities and meeting with candidates leading into the election. All Councillors in the region have been invited and the event is free to attend.

Further advocacy will be at the direction of the Mayors of the region under the leadership of the Chair, Cr Kevin Beatty, Mayor of Cabonne.

Priorities for the Joint Organisation for this term of Council

Similar to the Community Strategic Plan for Council, Joint Organisations must develop a Statement of Strategic Regional Priority. Under the auspices of the Mayors of the region, workshops have been held with new Councillors (28 November 2024), Executive Leadership Teams (31 October 2024) and the Board provided high level advice on priorities at the meeting in Oberon as follows. Staff will now pull together a program of work in support of this direction. Again, all feedback is welcomed.

80% of the JOs resources go to delivering operational support to Councils in helping with the financial sustainability challenge.

Priority One: Leveraging our reputation and strength in collaboration

- 1.1 Drive efficiencies and effectiveness saving Councils money
- 1.2 Build capacity and networks across our Councils and the Joint Organisation network



Picture 2 Feedback from a stakeholder session on Council operational challenges for members

- 1.3 Work well with other peak agencies
- 1.4 Engage with State and Federal Governments to get better advocacy outcomes for the region.

Priority Two: Regional prosperity through better connected infrastructure and services

- 2.1 Initiatives for sustainable growth population-in the context of locational preference factors
- 2.2 Optimise land use and regional development planning and implementation
- 2.3 Advocacy and initiatives on skills and housing shortages
- 2.4 Infrastructure prioritisation through the CNSWJO Matrix
- 2.5 Leveraging the region's endowments and opportunities
 - a. Activation precincts including Parkes SAP
 - b. Pattern of settlement; livability, proximity to capital cities and ports – this region is a solution for growth outside Sydney
 - c. Agriculture focusing on value-add
 - d. Renewable energy generation
 - e. Mining
 - f. Visitor economy
- 2.6 Biosecurity

Priority Three: Better infrastructure and services in health and ageing

- 3.1 addressing the need for more palliative care in region
- 3.2 addressing the mental health challenge
- 3.3 identifying pathways through the challenging health frameworks to deliver better outcomes for regional communities

Priority Four: Telecommunications

Priority Five: Regional Transport Improvements

- 5.1 Multi-modal transport connectivity planning and implementation including road, rail and air passenger and freight
- 5.2 Optimal road funding framework including for natural disasters
- 5.3 High quality, efficient and safer road and rail networks

Priority Six: Regional Water Security and Productive Water

- 6.1 Regional water network planning and implementation including best practice skills development
- 6.2 Productive water
- 6.3 Leveraging the region's leadership in water utilities
- 6.4 Human critical need particularly urban water

Priority Seven: Climate change adaptation and mitigation

- 7.1 Transition to a sustainable, secure, just and affordable energy future
 - a. Energy efficiency and emissions reduction
 - b. Distributed energy resources
 - c. Circular economy and waste
 - d. Environment and biodiversity
- 7.2 Adapting to a warming climate
 - a. Disaster risk reduction, response and recovery
 - b. Betterment and prioritisation of resilient infrastructure
 - c. Leading practice in region and across NSW



AWARDS

Central NSW Joint Organisation proudly took home awards in 4 categories for Division D (for JO, ROCs and collaborations). These included:

- Water Management for the Regional Water Loss Management Hub Project
- Towards Net Zero Emissions for the 52 Shades of Green: CNSWJO Net Zero Accelerator Program
- Climate Change Adaptation for the Regional Resilience Program for Disaster Risk Reduction, and
- Innovation in Planning, Policies and Decision Making for Transitioning Local Water Utility Strategy Planning into the IP&R Framework.




CNSWJO was also the overall winner in the Water Management and the Towards Net Zero Emissions categories.



Image: Meredith Macpherson and Brendan Gulney from NSW Water Directorate

Image: Kate Barker and Gillian Hinchcliffe from NSW DCCREW

The UN Youth Summit

In line with direction from the Opt-in Advocacy Mayors, councils were asked to sponsor local school students to attend a United Nations (UN) Youth Summit in Bathurst on 26 March 2025. This sponsorship has different forms in different LGAs and council staff have been working closely with the Executive Officer in this regard. Promotion of this event was also recommended through a media release. A proforma report and media release were provided to members and are available on request.

UN Youth Australia is a youth-led organisation that brings young people, community and global leaders together to equip the next generation of young leaders with the skills and inspiration to create meaningful change. All activities are designed to prepare students to be informed, responsible, and engaged participants in their local and global communities.

They run a broad range of peer-to-peer interactive education programs that give young people a deep understanding of the social and political issues the world faces today. From Model United Nations debates, Workshops, and our Interactive Problem-Solving simulations, the programs foster ideas and innovation to support young people in solving global problems. For more information please go to [About Us – UN Youth Australia](#)

Charles Sturt University is hosting the Regional Youth Summit on Wednesday 26 March 2025 in Bathurst and the CNSWJO has committed up to \$5K to support catering and other costs.

Charles Sturt University Scholarship Program

Charles Sturt University has provided the 2024 report to CNSWJO on the progress and success of the medical scholarship program. The CNSWJO committed \$75,000 in the form of three \$25,000 scholarships paid to the students in instalments over the course of their study.

Feedback from the students has been very positive. This funding concludes at the end of this financial year and the Board will receive a report on the program's value in due course for consideration for inclusion in the SSRP.

"Coming into medicine, I was working full-time, and I've got two kids at home, so the financial responsibilities have been a lot. With this scholarship, I don't have to think about finances, and I don't have to work as much. I can split my time between my kids and my study. I am just so grateful."
– Ms Sarudzai (Saru) Mukonowatsauka

"Like many students, I have two part-time jobs and this scholarship means I can get rid of one of those and focus on doing well in my degree. I also have my own shorthorn cattle stud and it's taken me so long to build up a sizeable herd. This scholarship means I can hold onto my best females and I don't have to get rid of them because I am strapped for cash." – Miranda Eyb

"Having a scholarship gives you that boost of confidence, motivation and accountability to keep achieving within the course." – Heidi Annand

Submissions

The following submissions have been lodged over the past quarter. All have been at the request of members and/or as part of supporting the advocacy policy of the Board. All previous submissions can be viewed on the CNSWJO website at [Submissions](#)

1. [Central West Orana Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan – February 2025](#)
2. [Submission to the National Electricity Market \(NEM\) Review – Initial Consultation – February 2025](#)
3. [Submission to the Inquiry into the Impact of Renewable Energy Zones on Rural and Regional Communities in NSW – January 2025](#)
4. [Submission to the Discussion Paper on Review of Alternative Funding Models for Local Water Utilities – December 2024](#)
5. [Submission to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal review of prices for the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation and WaterNSW – December 2024](#)
6. [Submission to the Inquiry into PFAS contamination in waterways and drinking water supplies – November 2024](#)
7. [Submission on the Councillor Conduct Framework Review – November 2024](#)

NSW Regional Consultation Guidelines

In September 2024 the [Regional Communities \(Consultation Standards\) Bill 2024](#) was passed. The object of this Bill is to provide that the consultation of regional communities by government bodies and agencies must be carried out in a proper and effective manner. The Bill calls for Guidelines to be developed. The Guidelines are based on advice from the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) and have been informed by a Premier's Dept listening tour.

The draft Guide was provided for comment on 12 February with feedback sought until Monday 17 March via this web link: [Consultation with Regional Communities Guide](#).

CNSWJO will provide a response within existing policy calling for a fit-for-purpose approach and an accountability framework.

Value to Council

80% of CNSWJO resources are dedicated to providing its operational support program. For the 2023/2024 year this program delivered a return on investments of 9.3:1 for every dollar Council spends on its membership fees. This value is made up of grant income, monies saved through the CNSWJO procurement program and public relations value from its tourism marketing.


Noteworthy from this meeting is that the Board has created an Enduring Council Financial Sustainability Subcommittee to give consideration to forward programming of the JO build on the work currently undertaken.

The work the region does in writing submissions, media, supporting projects and project teams, developing collateral and providing opportunities for members in various forums to represent their views is not included in the above figure of 8.3:1 ROI. However, this value is reported quarterly to the Board. Please go to the CNSWJO website to review past [Board agendas](#) or to review last year's [Annual Statement](#).


This value is delivered primarily by the various operational teams across the region including the CNSWJO:

- General Managers' Advisory Committee
- Water Utilities' Alliance
- Transport Technical Committee
- Tourism Managers Group
- Planners' Group
- Human Resources Managers Group
- WHS/Risk Management Group
- Training, Learning and Development Group
- Net Zero Group
- Regional IT Group
- Building Surveyors Skills Shortages Working Group
- Disaster Risk Reduction Steering Committee
- Fleet Managers Group (new!)
- Integrated Planning and Reporting Group (new!)


Please find following some highlights from the various operational support programs taken from a recent newsletter. For the full newsletter please go to [CNSWJO Quarterly Newsletter - Edition 2 - February 2025](#)




The new Regional Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Mr Jordan Weldenley commenced with the CNSWJO on 10 February. Jordan will work with member councils on their strategic approach to cyber security.



The NSW Reconstruction Authority is leading the development of the regional Disaster Adaptation Plans (DAPs) for Central NSW, with CNSWJO supporting council consultations through DRF R2 funding




Modern Slavery is a focus for the JO's procurement team who is working with member councils to provide resources and support for annual reporting requirements and to ensure the products and services procured by councils are not the product of modern slavery.




CNSWJO has trialled a new fee-for-service procurement offering. A report will be provided to the Board at their February meeting seeking approval for the expansion of CNSWJO's procurement service to support member councils.


A Regional Procurement Working Group has also been established.



CNSWJO has recently taken on a student from the University of Sydney's Major Industry Project Placement Scheme (MIPPS) project. Austin Caie will ground-truth the DCCEE Water Conservation Cost-Benefit Guidelines CBA model in the inland regional NSW context with the aim to come up with a more robust analysis of the value of a megalitre of town water

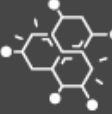


Councils currently have access to a tool called Planwisely which provides access to a wealth of spatial data from TfNSW and other state government agencies. Please reach out to Jen Webber for more info.




Did you know that the electricity that keeps the lights and aircon on in councils is procured collectively by CNSWJO across all member councils?

A new procurement process is underway for small market sites.




CNSWJO is closely monitoring the status of the PFAS situation and how it affects councils.

A submission was lodged to the *Inquiry into per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination in waterways and drinking water supplies*




The EV Drive Day held in Bathurst on 4-5 December was a huge success. Click on the following link to read the [Event Report](#).



Tourism highlight!

'The Golden Touch, a bank conversion in regional NSW deserves credit where its due' is a 1-page review of Sona Molong featured in 'Travel & Luxury', The Weekend Australian. The article also touched on other things to see, do and taste locally while on a stay at this new accommodation.

The Weekend Australian is a national newspaper insert with a reach of 677,000.



A New Councillor Welcome Event was hosted by CNSWJO in Orange in November 2024.

The purpose of the day was to welcome Councillors recently elected to the region by:

- providing demographic advice on the vital statistics of the region;
- introducing key regional peak agencies and their role especially in relation to councils;
- providing advice on the Joint Organisation; and
- seeking advice back from Councillors on what the Joint Organisation and peak agencies can do for them.

The event was attended by around 30 Councillors from across the region.

Return on Investment

Period	Return on Investment
2023/2024	9.4:1
2022/2023	9.3:1

Attachments

1. Draft Minutes of the CNSWJO Board meeting 27 February 2025
2. [Draft Statement of Budget and Revenue 2025/2026](#)

Attachment 1: Minutes of the Board meeting 27 February 2025 held in Oberon**Board members In Attendance***

Cr R Taylor	Bathurst Regional Council	Cr S Ring	Lithgow City Council
Cr B Reynolds	Blayney Shire Council	Cr A McKibbin	Oberon Council
Cr K Beatty	Cabonne Council	Cr T Mileto	Orange City Council
Cr P Smith	Cowra Council	Cr N Westcott	Parkes Shire Council
Cr P Miller, OAM	Forbes Shire Council	Cr P Best	Weddin Shire Council
Cr J Medcalf, OAM	Lachlan Shire Council		

Associate Member delegates and others attending

Ms D Sherley	Bathurst Regional Council	Mr J Gordon	RDACW
Mr M Dicker	Blayney Shire Council	Ms K Annis-Brown	OLG
Mr M Christensen	Cabonne Council	Ms G Collins	Premier's Dept
Mr P Devery	Cowra Shire Council	Ms J Bennett	CNSWJO
Mr R Jane	Forbes Shire Council	Ms M Macpherson	CNSWJO
Mr G Tory	Lachlan Shire Council	Ms K Barker	CNSWJO
Mr R Gurney	Lithgow City Council	Ms C Griffin	CNSWJO
Mr G Wallace	Oberon Council	Ms J Webber	CNSWJO
Mr D Waddell	Orange City Council	Mr D Reynolds	LGNSW
Cr B Fry	CTWA		

*Voting members in **bold**

Meeting opened at 10.00 am, Chaired by Cr K Beatty

12. Acknowledgement of Country**13. Apologies**

Cr C Coleman, Cr R Fagan, Mr S Loane OAM, Mr B Byrnes, Cr A Rawson, Mr C Harris, Mr K Boyd, Ms N Vu

Resolved	Cr P Miller / Cr J Medcalf
That the apologies for the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board meeting 27 February 2025 listed above be accepted.	

14. Conflicts of Interest

Resolved	Cr R Taylor / Cr A McKibbin
Cr B Fry re CSU	

15. Speakers

LGNSW President Phyllis Miller and Chief Executive David Reynolds
Workshop on the Statement of Strategic Regional Priorities and Federal Election Priorities

16. Minutes**6.a Noting of the Minutes of the CNSWJO GMAC Meeting held on 6 February 2025 in Bathurst**

Resolved	Cr B Reynolds / Cr T Mileto
That the Minutes of the CNSWJO GMAC Meeting held 6 February 2025 in Bathurst were noted.	

6.b Confirmation the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting held on 13 November 2024 in Sydney

Resolved	Cr P Smith / Cr N Westcott
That the Minutes of the CNSWJO Board Meeting held 13 November 2024 in Sydney were accepted.	

8. Business Arising from the Minutes - Matters in Progress

Resolved	Cr J Medcalf / Cr P Miller
That the Central NSW Joint Organisation Board note the Matters in Progress, making deletions as suggested.	

9a Financial Report

Resolved	Cr P Miller / Cr P Smith
That the Board note the Financial Report.	

9b Budget considerations 2025/2026: The Draft 2025/2026 CNSWJO Statement of Budget and Revenue

Resolved	Cr P Miller / Cr R Taylor
<p>The Board note the Statement of Budget and Revenue Report and;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. adopt the draft Statement of Budget and Revenue and will place it on exhibition for 30 days; 2. note that the budget for 2025/2026 includes a fee rise of 3.8% and a surplus for the year of \$923; and 3. will provide advice in the Mayoral Board report regarding the Statement of Budget and Revenue seeking member feedback. 	

9c Advocacy Report

Resolved	Cr J Medcalf / Cr B Reynolds
<p>The Board note the Advocacy Report and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. note the progress of the Portfolio Mayors and the Opt in Advocacy Subcommittee; 2. will join the Country Mayors Association at \$1,237.50; 3. adopt the Advocacy Plans for Regional Development, Water, Transport, Energy and Health; 4. note a grant application by Skillset to progress the findings of the Spare Capacity in Housing Project and a reserve of \$20,000 for a potential co-contribution has been progressed between meetings under the hand of the Chair; 5. renew the Terms of Reference for the Charles Sturt University Policy Lab under the hand of the Chair; 6. approve and signed the Memorandum of Understanding with Skillset; 7. endorse the following submissions that have been lodged: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Submission to the National Electricity Market (NEM) Review – Initial Consultation – February 2025; b. Submission to the Inquiry into the Impact of Renewable Energy Zones on Rural and Regional Communities in NSW – January 2025; c. Submission to the Discussion Paper on Review of Alternative Funding Models for Local Water Utilities – December 2024; d. Submission to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal review of prices for the Water Administration Ministerial Corporation and WaterNSW – December 2024; e. Submission to the Inquiry into PFAS contamination in waterways and drinking water supplies – November 2024; 8. note that policy on submission writing is under development with a view to reducing resourcing; 9. that the advocacy priorities leading into the Federal election be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Increase Financial Assistance Grants to at least 1% of Commonwealth tax revenue and add a one-time \$3 billion payment to address past underfunding. b. Recognise Local Government in the Constitution. c. Recognise Central NSW's strengths in agriculture, mining, renewable energy, and proximity to cities and ports with the "Made in Central NSW" initiative. 	

- d. Provide support and compensation for regional communities during the energy and mining transition.
 - e. Empower regional communities to become more energy independent and resilient.
 - f. Ensure energy security for regional communities during the transition to renewable energy.
 - g. Improve road funding with a focus on betterment and resilience.
 - h. Develop a safe, reliable, and efficient transport network linking Central NSW to Sydney and beyond for both passengers and freight.
 - i. Create a strong multi-modal freight network.
 - j. Address health workforce shortages, exacerbated by housing shortages, with better collaboration between state and federal services.
 - k. Despite the various interventions and inquiries over decades, local government is still battling health and aged care workforce shortages, the more remote the greater the challenge;
 - l. Improve health services, as 94% of our communities prioritises this.
 - m. Leverage the region's water security work to develop a regional water supply pipeline grid in partnership with the NSW and Federal Governments.
 - n. Include Water Supply and Sewer Assets in State and Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Funding.
 - o. Ensure the Murray Darling Basin Plan considers the social and economic impacts on communities while meeting environmental targets, especially during droughts and natural disasters;
 - p. Review the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act Section 10 process; and
10. that Cr R Taylor be the replacement for the Charles Sturt University Policy Lab Steering Committee.

9d Statement of Strategic Priority Review Progress Report

Resolved	Cr A McKibbin / Cr T Mileto
The Board note the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority (SSRP) Review Progress Report and;	
1. adopt the Terms of Reference for the Enduring Council Financial Sustainability Sub-Committee;	
2. adopt the SSRP Risk Management Plan; and	
3. adopt the Social and Environmental Scan for the SSRP.	

Advice from Prioritisation Workshop:

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b. Distributed energy resources

c. Circular economy and waste

d. Environment and biodiversity

7.2 Adapting to a warming climate

a. Disaster risk reduction, response and recovery

b. Betterment and prioritisation of resilient infrastructure

c. Leading practice in region and across NSW

9e Procurement Report

Resolved	Cr P Miller / Cr A McKibbin
The Board note the Procurement Report and;	
1. approve the expansion of the CNSWJO regional procurement service offering, which will provide member councils with a fee for service model to utilise if and when required; and	
2. approve the updates to the procurement plan.	

9f Regional Resilience Program

Resolved	Cr B Reynolds / Cr P Best
The Board note the Regional Resilience Program report and;	
1. acknowledge the success of the disaster risk reduction program, recognised at the LGNSW Excellence in the Environment Awards in the climate change adaptation category;	
2. note that the NSW Reconstruction Authority is leading the development of the regional Disaster Adaptation Plan, which verbal advice anticipates five years to complete;	
3. acknowledge that funding negotiations for the Disaster Ready Fund Round 2 Integrated Preparedness project are ongoing and over a longer period than anticipated; and	
4. note the proposed interim local Disaster Adaptation Plan solution; and	
5. approve the application for Disaster Ready Fund Round 3 funding acknowledging that the Disaster Adaptation Plan solution mentioned above at No. 4 will be included in the submission.	

9g Regional Transport Report

Resolved	Cr J Medcalf / Cr P Smith
The Board note the Transport Report and;	
1. adopt the Integrity Testing Regional Report for the Fixing Country Bridges project noting that the Transport Technical Committee will take carriage of this moving forward;	
2. note the inclusion of a regional freight strategy, mapping tool, and Matrix projects through the Disaster Ready Fund Round 3 grant application;	
3. note that a submission to the Central West and Orana Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan will be lodged in line with advice provided in the Advocacy Plan; and	
4. commend to members that they, and their communities, provide feedback into the Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan.	

9h Regional Water Report

Resolved	Cr R Taylor / Cr P Smith
The Board note the Regional Water Report and;	
1. acknowledge the recognition received at the LGNSW Excellence in the Environment Awards for both the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework and the Water Loss Management Hub;	
2. note the successful application for funding of \$500k from the Department of Climate Change Energy the Environment Water for a Central NSW Joint Organisation-led cross-JO approach to Water Loss Management;	
3. note work through the University of Sydney Major Industry Project Placement Scheme to ground truth the State Government's water conservation cost-benefit guidelines for inland regional NSW;	
4. note the Central NSW Joint Organisation representation on the Western NSW Local Water Utility Reform Council Reference Group;	
5. invite Ms Kristanne Andersen, Director, Regional Water Strategies to speak to the Board on the Governance and Implementation of the Regional Water Strategies;	
6. correspondence be sent to the NSW Minister for Water, expressing concerns about the lack of tangible solutions in the Lachlan Regional Water Strategy; and	
7. continue to advocate to the Department of Climate Change Energy the Environment Water for:	
a. independent review or oversight of the Town Water Risk Reduction Program phase 2 and the Regulatory and Assurance Framework; and	
b. support for the formation of Stakeholder Advisory Panels to co-design with the Local Water Utility sector any solutions based on the NSW Productivity Commission's recommendations.	

9i Regional Energy Program Report

Resolved	Cr P Miller / Cr A McKibbin
The Board note the Regional Energy Program Report and	
1. note the recognition of the CNSWJO net zero program received at the LGNSW Excellence in the Environment Awards by being the winner of Division D and the Overall Winner for the Towards Net Zero category;	
2. endorse the JONZA Round 2 mid-term report;	
3. endorse the final Regional Fleet Transition Strategy, noting the targets have been reduced in line with council feedback; and	
4. endorse the EV Drive Day Event Report.	

9j Quarterly Review of the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2022-2025

Resolved	Cr B Reynolds / Cr R Taylor
The Board note the Quarterly Review of the Central NSW JO Strategic Plan and Statement of Regional Strategic Priority 2022-2025 and;	
1. adopt the report from the Welcome Councillors Event November 2024 including the following recommendations:	
a. provide advice back to peak agencies included in this report;	

- b. develop a CNSWJO induction report for incoming Councillors with advice drawn from the event;
 - c. receive advice on resourcing of:
 - i. an informal network of Councillors; and
 - ii. specific support for Deputy Mayors; and
 - d. include advice from this report in its deliberations on forward programming for the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority and advocacy;
2. adopt the Leading Practice in Regional Development Report co-authored by Regional Development Australia Central West (RDACW) and CNSWJO and seek support from RDACW in coordinating the structural arrangements needed to progress this initiative;
 3. adopt the Terms of Reference for the Destination Marketing Subcommittee;
 4. note the Board the High-Level Destination Marketing Plan for the region and seek advice from the Portfolio Mayors for Regional Prosperity on its recommendations;
 5. note that a review of the medical scholarships through Charles Sturt University will inform the Statement of Strategic Regional Priority; and
 6. update the CNSWJO Quarterly Risks Reporting in line with the Risk Management Plan adopted at this meeting.

9k RDA Central West Report

Resolved	Cr J Medcalf / Cr R Taylor
The Board note the Report provided by Regional Development Australia Central West.	

10. Updates from**Regional Development Australia Central West – Mr J Gordon**

- Circular Economy conference in Sept 2025

The Premier's Department – Ms G Collins

- Emphasis on youth crime, housing, renewable energy transition.
- RLE planning – continue inter-Govt collaboration.
- SSRP workshop to align priorities with state agencies – April TBC
- Consultation Bill – acknowledge member council participation in the consultation. 42 stakeholders attended. Additional comments through YourSay link or direct to Ms Collins.

The Office of Local Government – Ms Katrina Annis-Brown

- Apprentices and trainees "Fresh Start" program – resources on OLG Council portal.
- Responsible pet ownership – resources available in portal. Feedback on discussion paper by 4 May.
- Roads Act review by TfNSW. Issues paper released. Survey open until 28 March. TfNSW website.
- Open Streets Program. TfNSW launched next round of funding in early Feb. 3 years' funding available. Up to \$350k funding. Applications close 14 March.
- Women's in LG scholarship – leadership program. Registrations of interest close 28 March.
- Social cohesion grant. \$50-150k grants. Applications close 28 March. Cr Fry asked if there was an opportunity to look at Social Media.

11. Late Reports

Nil.

12. Matters raised by Members

Blayney – high court appeal likely re ATSIHP Section 10 re Dungeon Road.
Oberon – CSU Engineering Cadets regional approach.

13. Speakers to the next meeting

Ms Kate Lorimer-Ward from Local Land Services
Mr Ash Albury from Energy Co
Ms Kristanne Andersen from Regional Water Strategies
Professor Joseph Drew, University of Newcastle – to invite to a meeting later in the year.

14. Dates for the next meeting

29 May in Orange
13 and 14 August in Canberra

Meeting closed at 12.58pm.

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Council 25-Feb-25	Klein, Holly Byrnes, Bradley	For Determination	SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM
<u>MOTION</u> (Weaver/Pull)			
THAT council provide, under its 2024/2025 Sponsorship Program, sponsorship of \$20,000 to Canowindra Challenge Inc for the 2025 Cabonne Community Balloon Glow event.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 25-Feb-25	Nicholls, Heather Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2025/0051 - TWO LOT SUBDIVISION OF LAND AT 2610 BURRENDONG WAY, KERRS CREEK
<u>MOTION</u> (Jones/Nash)			
THAT:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development Application 2025/0051 for a two lot subdivision of Lots 8, 73 and 74 DP 756888, Lots 5, 184, 185, 245, 250, 267 DP 756895, Lot 5 DP 658137, and Lot 223 DP 658140 being 2610 Burrendong Way, Kerrs Creek, be granted consent subject to the conditions attached, and 2. In accordance with s4.6 of the Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012, council support the request to vary the 100ha Minimum Lot Size standard to permit a rural allotment, containing an existing dwelling, and having an allotment area of 90ha. 			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 25-Feb-25	Johnson, Rebecca Byrnes, Bradley	For Determination	VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT FUND 2024-25
<u>MOTION</u> (Pull/Rawson)			
THAT council approves funding under its 2024/25 Village Enhancement Fund of \$11,902 to the Canowindra Progress Association for the cost of installing a shade sail at the Canowindra Preschool.			

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Council 25-Feb-25	Whiley, Stacy Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	DONATION REQUEST WOMENS WELLBEING WORKSHOP
<u>MOTION</u> (Nash/Pull) THAT council support a donation of \$500 toward activities being held at the Women's Wellbeing and Wellness weekend workshop.			

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Council 25-Feb-25	Johnson, Rebecca Byrnes, Bradley	For Determination	EVENTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
<u>MOTION</u> (Weaver/Pull) THAT council provide, under its 2024/25 Event Assistance Program: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$3,000 for the Eugowra Masters of the Mandagery event, and 2. \$1,000 for the Cargo to Grenfell Fundraiser Walk. 			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 25-Feb-25	Nicholls, Heather Nicholls, Heather	For Notation	AMENDMENT TO CABONNE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2012 - ADDITIONAL PERMITTED USE
<u>MOTION</u> (Jones/Batten) THAT the information be noted			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 25-Feb-25	Ellis, Mark Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE - SMITH LANE
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Jones/Pull)			

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THAT council:

1. Approve the public exhibition of the proposal closure of the unused section of road reserves adjacent Lots 214, 224, & 213 DP 756890 Parish of March, County of Wellington and Lot 247 DP756895, Parish of Mulyan, County of Wellington, and
2. Receive a report following the public exhibition to consider any public submissions, and in the absence of any submissions – to determine the proposed purchase and lease of these road reserves.

12 Mar 2025 8:34am Ellis, Mark

Closure advertised and local residents and authorities advised

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 25-Feb-25	Christensen, Matthew Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING
<u>MOTION</u> (Rawson/Pearson)			
THAT the following matters be subject to a future report to council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A general review of speed limits in the Nashdale area, specifically Cargo Rd, Nashdale Ln, Nancarrow Ln and Borenore Rd. 2. The possibility of fog line marking in Gidley Street, Molong. 3. The possibility of having a crossing guard installed at the Wellington Street, Molong crossing adjacent to Molong Central School. 4. Stormwater at the Manildra Lions Park toilets. 5. Council's role in supporting the NSW Government Essential Workers Housing Strategy for rural areas. 			

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Council 25-Feb-25	Nicholls, Heather Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	MODIFICATION TO DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2021/0176/3 - 12 LOT SUBDIVISION AT 9 OSTINI LANE, MULLION CREEK
<u>MOTION</u> (Nash/Jones)			

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THAT Modification of Development Application 2021/0176/3 for a 12-lot subdivision of land described as Lot 1 DP 131413 and Lot 1 DP 183093 being 9 and 77 Ostini Lane, Mullion Creek, be granted consent subject to the modified conditions attached.

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Council 25-Feb-25	Nicholls, Heather Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2024/0113 - 1 ICEWORKS LANE, MOLONG
<u>MOTION</u> (Weaver/Jones)			
THAT Development Application 2024/0113 for alterations and additions to an existing dwelling, conversion of part of an existing industrial building into a dwelling, and construction of a retaining wall, upon land described as Lot 1 DP 1225810 and Lot 5 Sect 60 DP 758693 known as 1 Iceworks Lane, Molong, be refused as there is insufficient information supporting the application to enable adequate assessment of the proposed development.			

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Council 25-Feb-25	Klein, Holly Byrnes, Bradley	For Determination	EXEMPTION TO THE ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE IN CANOWINDRA AND THE ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREA
<u>MOTION</u> (Pull/Jones)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree to the request from the Canowindra Progress Association to suspend the alcohol-free zone for Gaskill Street, Canowindra, including road reserve/footpath for the 2025 Canowindra Balloon Challenge, and 2. Advertises the changes in The Canowindra Phoenix and The Canowindra News prior to the event. 			

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Council 25-Feb-25	Little, Robyn Byrnes, Bradley	For Determination	2025 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
<u>MOTION</u> (Batten/Pull)			

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THAT council:

1. Authorise the attendance of the Mayor and General Manager at the 2025 National General Assembly (NGA), and
2. Identify motions for submission to the NGA.

11 Mar 2025 11:05am Little, Robyn

Noted. Delegates will be registered before end of month.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 25-Feb-25	Klein, Holly Byrnes, Bradley	For Determination	COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2024/25
<u>MOTION</u> (Pull/Jones)			
THAT council approves:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening the 2024-25 Cabonne Community Assistance Program - Round 2, and 2. Changing the name of the Community Assistance Program to the Cabonne Community Assistance Program. 			

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Council 25-Feb-25	Christensen, Matthew Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	MAYORAL MINUTE - NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONGRESS 2024
<u>MOTION</u> (Beatty/-)			
THAT council prioritise the development of a Cabonne Road Safety Plan to be incorporated into the 2025/26 Operational Plan.			
13 Mar 2025 11:42am Christensen, Matthew			
Have noted for inclusion in the Operational Plan for 2025/26. COMPLETED.			

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Council 25-Feb-25 Whiley, Stacy For Determination POLICY REGISTER - CABONNE AFTER SCHOOL HOURS CARE POLICY
 Nicholls, Heather

MOTION (Pull/Jones)

THAT the name change to Cabonne Out of School Hours Care Policy is endorsed by council.

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Council 25-Feb-25	Swallow, Emma Byrnes, Bradley	For Determination	EUGOWRA COMMUNITY ASSETS PROGRAM REFERENCE GROUP
<u>MOTION</u> (Jones/Pull)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the terms of reference for the Eugowra Community Assets Program Reference Group, and 2. Appoint Cllr Jones as representative to the reference group. 			
11 Mar 2025 12:53pm Thornberry, Heidi			
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Council 25-Feb-25	Whiley, Stacy Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	DONATION REQUEST UNITED NATIONS SUMMIT
<u>MOTION</u> (Weaver/Pull)			
THAT council note the report on the United Nations Regional Youth Summit and			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Issue media in support of the event, and 2. Sponsor two students attend for travel and accommodation to a total maximum of \$2,000. 			

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Council 25-Feb-25 Size, Dale For Determination QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW
 Nicholls, Heather

MOTION (Weaver/Nash)

THAT council note the variances in the report and authorise those changes to be included in the 2024/2025 Council Budget.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 25-Feb-25	Pearson, Jolene Byrnes, Bradley	For Determination	INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING - OPERATIONAL PLAN HALF YEARLY REPORT 2024/2025
<u>MOTION</u> (Pull/Rawson)			
THAT the update of the Operational Plan to 31 December 2024 be adopted.			

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Council 25-Feb-25	Pearson, Jolene Byrnes, Bradley	For Determination	INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING - COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2025-2035
<u>MOTION</u> (Jones/Weaver)			
THAT council endorse the draft Cabonne Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 and place the document on public exhibition for 28 days.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 25-Feb-25	Ansted, Roy Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	PROPOSED ROAD NAMING - "UNNAMED EXISTING PRIVATE ROAD", MOLONG
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Batten/Jones)			
THAT council:			
3. Does not endorse the name of "Bobs Creek Lane" to apply to an existing private road, being a Right of Way (ROW) across Lot 203 DP 1121725, off Jennings Lane, Molong.			

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4. Request the right of way remain unnamed, due to:
 - c) servicing two properties only, and
 - d) both parties not agreeing with the proposed naming.

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Council 25-Feb-25	McGoldrick, Amba Byrnes, Bradley	For Determination	PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE - SMITH LANE
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Jones/Pull)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the public exhibition of the proposal closure of the unused section of road reserves adjacent Lots 214, 224, & 213 DP 756890 Parish of March, County of Wellington and Lot 247 DP756895, Parish of Mulyan, County of Wellington, and 2. Receive a report following the public exhibition to consider any public submissions, and in the absence of any submissions – to determine the proposed purchase and lease of these road reserves. 			
11 Mar 2025 10:36am McGoldrick, Amba COMPLETE			

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Council 25-Feb-25	Stubberfield, Nathan Nicholls, Heather	Confidential Items	ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT FOR SMALL MARKET SITES
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Pull/O'Ryan)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participates in the regional procurement process, facilitated by Central NSW Joint Organisation, for the supply of electricity for small market sites, 2. Resolve that because of the extenuating circumstances set out in the report a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for the aggregated procurement of electricity for small market sites which are due to commence on 1 July 2025, 			

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3. Note that the reasons for the decision of the council in point 2 of this resolution are as follows:
 - a. The services with respect to which the tender relates can only be provided by energy retailers.
 - b. Council has received expert advice that due to the nature of the relevant market, offers from those retailers which will be made in response to the request for tender will only be open for acceptance for a period of 1-2 weeks.
 - c. Even if the tender period was shortened to 7 days as permitted under the Regulations, some if not all the relevant tenders would expire prior to council being able to undertake an assessment of tenders, report the matter to council and resolve to accept or reject any tenders.
 - d. This would result in council either having no valid tenders which it is able to accept, or it would not be able to consider for acceptance all of the tenders lodged in response to the request for tender.
 - e. This would not be a satisfactory result for council,
4. Delegate the determination, acceptance or rejection of proposals on behalf of council to the General Manager, and
5. Delegate the execution of the contract for the supply of electricity for small sites to the General Manager.

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Council 25-Feb-25	Thornberry, Heidi Byrnes, Bradley	For Determination	EUGOWRA COMMUNITY ASSETS PROGRAM REFERENCE GROUP
<u>MOTION</u> (Jones/Pull)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the terms of reference for the Eugowra Community Assets Program Reference Group, and 2. Appoint Cllr Jones as representative to the reference group. 			
11 Mar 2025 12:53pm Thornberry, Heidi			
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Council 25-Feb-25 McGoldrick, Amba For Determination EXEMPTION TO THE ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE IN CANOWINDRA AND THE ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREA
 Byrnes, Bradley

MOTION (Pull/Jones)

THAT council:

1. Agree to the request from the Canowindra Progress Association to suspend the alcohol-free zone for Gaskill Street, Canowindra, including road reserve/footpath for the 2025 Canowindra Balloon Challenge, and
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<u>MOTION</u> (Jones/Weaver)			
THAT council endorse the draft Cabonne Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 and place the document on public exhibition for 28 days.			
11 Mar 2025 10:32am McGoldrick, Amba COMPLETE			

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Council 25-Feb-25	Size, Dale Nicholls, Heather	Confidential Items	TENDER 1754860 - CANOWINDRA LIBRARY AND CABONNE HOME SUPPORT REFURBISHMENT
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Weaver/Pull)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Award the tender 1754860 for the refurbishment of the Canowindra Library and Cabonne Home Support building to Zauner Constructions Pty Ltd for the amount of \$1,799,000 ex GST, 2. Provide the General Manager with delegation to enter into a contract with Zauner Constructions Pty Ltd Tender for the refurbishment of the Canowindra Library and Cabonne Home Support building, and 			

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3. Approve an additional budget of \$130,202 for the refurbishment of the Canowindra Library and Cabonne Home Support building to allow for contingency during construction to be sourced from council's Infrastructure Reserves.

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Council 25-Feb-25	Johnson, Rebecca Byrnes, Bradley	For Determination	QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING
<u>MOTION</u> (Rawson/Pearson)			
THAT the following matters be subject to a future report to council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A general review of speed limits in the Nashdale area, specifically Cargo Rd, Nashdale Ln, Nancarrow Ln and Borenore Rd. 2. The possibility of fog line marking in Gidley Street, Molong. 3. The possibility of having a crossing guard installed at the Wellington Street, Molong crossing adjacent to Molong Central School. 4. Stormwater at the Manildra Lions Park toilets. 5. Council's role in supporting the NSW Government Essential Workers Housing Strategy for rural areas. 			

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Council 25-Feb-25	Thornberry, Heidi Byrnes, Bradley	Confidential Items	TENDER 1754860 - CANOWINDRA LIBRARY AND CABONNE HOME SUPPORT REFURBISHMENT
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Weaver/Pull)			
THAT council:			
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Information added to contracts register - COMPLETE

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Council 25-Feb-25	Thornberry, Heidi Byrnes, Bradley	Confidential Items	TENDER 1790417 - SUPPLY OF PHOTOVOLTAIC MODULES FOR EUGOWRA SOLAR FARM
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Nash/Batten)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the report on Tender 1790417 – Supply of Photovoltaic Modules for Eugowra Solar Farm. 2. Award Tender 1790417 – Supply of Photovoltaic Modules for Eugowra Solar Farm to Supply Partners Pty Ltd for the amount \$358,624.55 (AUD ex GST). 3. Delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise contract details with the preferred tenderer. 			
11 Mar 2025 12:54pm Thornberry, Heidi			
Awaiting contract info			

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Council 25-Feb-25	Size, Dale Nicholls, Heather	Confidential Items	TENDER 1790417 - SUPPLY OF PHOTOVOLTAIC MODULES FOR EUGOWRA SOLAR FARM
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Nash/Batten)			
THAT council:			
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Council 25-Feb-25 Stubberfield,
Nathan
Nicholls, Heather Confidential Items TENDER 1790417 - SUPPLY OF PHOTOVOLTAIC MODULES FOR EUGOWRA SOLAR FARM

RECOMMENDATION (Nash/Batten)

THAT council:

1. Note the report on Tender 1790417 – Supply of Photovoltaic Modules for Eugowra Solar Farm.
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3. Delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise contract details with the preferred tenderer.

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Council 25-Feb-25	Christensen, Matthew Christensen, Matthew	Confidential Items	CARGO ROAD ALIGNMENT - ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Pearson/Nash)			
THAT council accepts the second valuation for the purchase of Lot 39 DP750139 & Lot 2 DP1291114 and authorises the General Manager to negotiate terms of purchase with the property owner on the basis of both valuations received.			
13 Mar 2025 11:41am Christensen, Matthew Finalisation of negotiations, executing land transfer. COMPLETED.			

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Council 25-Feb-25	Little, Robyn Byrnes, Bradley	Confidential Items	ELECTRICITY PROCUREMENT FOR SMALL MARKET SITES
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Pull/O'Ryan)			
THAT council:			

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participates in the regional procurement process, facilitated by Central NSW Joint Organisation, for the supply of electricity for small market sites, 2. Resolve that because of the extenuating circumstances set out in the report a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for the aggregated procurement of electricity for small market sites which are due to commence on 1 July 2025, 3. Note that the reasons for the decision of the council in point 2 of this resolution are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The services with respect to which the tender relates can only be provided by energy retailers. b. Council has received expert advice that due to the nature of the relevant market, offers from those retailers which will be made in response to the request for tender will only be open for acceptance for a period of 1-2 weeks. c. Even if the tender period was shortened to 7 days as permitted under the Regulations, some if not all the relevant tenders would expire prior to council being able to undertake an assessment of tenders, report the matter to council and resolve to accept or reject any tenders. d. This would result in council either having no valid tenders which it is able to accept, or it would not be able to consider for acceptance all of the tenders lodged in response to the request for tender. e. This would not be a satisfactory result for council, 4. Delegate the determination, acceptance or rejection of proposals on behalf of council to the General Manager, and 5. Delegate the execution of the contract for the supply of electricity for small sites to the General Manager. <p>11 Mar 2025 11:04am Little, Robyn Council's formal resolution has been sent to CNSWJO. COMPLETE</p>		

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 25-Feb-25	Nicholls, Heather Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL PERMITTED USE - 1064 SANDY CREEK ROAD, MOLONG
<p>MOTION (Nash/Jones)</p> <p>THAT council note the correspondence from NSW RFS relating to an amendment to the Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012 to enable a Place of Public worship to be a permitted land use on land known as 1064 Sandy Creek Road, Molong, endorse finalisation of the planning proposal.</p>			

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Council 25-Feb-25	Christensen, Matthew Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	NATIONAL WATER GRID FUNDING - MOLONG CREEK DAM RAW WATER PIPELINE
<u>MOTION</u> (Jones/Nash)			
THAT council endorses the application to the National Water Grid Fund to replace the Molong Creek Dam raw water pipeline, and if successful provide the necessary co-contribution towards the costs of the project.			
13 Mar 2025 11:41am Christensen, Matthew Application has been made under the Water Grid Funding. COMPLETED.			

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Council 25-Feb-25	Christensen, Matthew Christensen, Matthew	Confidential Items	VOLUNTARY PURCHASE PROGRAM - UPDATE
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Jones/Pull)			
THAT the council note the Voluntary Purchase Program Update report and determine the purchase price offer for 2 North Street, Eugowra, remain at \$284,500.			

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Council 25-Feb-25	Thornberry, Heidi Byrnes, Bradley	For Determination	POLICY REGISTER - CABONNE AFTER SCHOOL HOURS CARE POLICY
<u>MOTION</u> (Pull/Jones)			
THAT the name change to Cabonne Out of School Hours Care Policy is endorsed by council.			
17 Mar 2025 9:16am Thornberry, Heidi Awaiting word version from DL to finalise			

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Council 25-Feb-25 Staines, Mandy Confidential Items TENDER 1754860 - CANOWINDRA LIBRARY AND CABONNE HOME SUPPORT REFURBISHMENT
Christensen,
Matthew

RECOMMENDATION (Weaver/Pull)

THAT council:

1. Award the tender 1754860 for the refurbishment of the Canowindra Library and Cabonne Home Support building to Zauner Constructions Pty Ltd for the amount of \$1,799,000 ex GST,
2. Provide the General Manager with delegation to enter into a contract with Zauner Constructions Pty Ltd Tender for the refurbishment of the Canowindra Library and Cabonne Home Support building, and
3. Approve an additional budget of \$130,202 for the refurbishment of the Canowindra Library and Cabonne Home Support building to allow for contingency during construction to be sourced from council's Infrastructure Reserves.

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Council 25-Feb-25	Ellis, Mark Christensen, Matthew	Confidential Items	PROPOSED LAND PURCHASING WITHIN LOT 10 DP 10595 (TILGA STREET)
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (O'Ryan/Pearson)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accepts the valuation report for the acquisition of part lot 10 DP10595 Tilga Street, and progress the acquisition of the road reserve, 2. Gives authority to the General Manager to negotiate terms of purchase of part Lot 10 DP10595 on behalf of council, 3. Authorises the Mayor and General Manager to execute all documentation required to finalise the purchase of the part allotments, and 4. Receive a further report following negotiations for purchase. 			
12 Mar 2025 8:35am Ellis, Mark			
Spoken with property owners solicitor advising of pending discussion regarding purchahse			

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Council 25-Feb-25 Byrnes, Bradley Confidential Items STRATEGIC LAND PURCHASE CABONNE

RECOMMENDATION (Jones/Pull)

THAT council:

1. Endorse the submitted application under the Regional Economic Development and Community Investment Program,
2. Endorse the participation in the proposed project under the attached Terms Agreement in partnership with Reconstruction NSW and Housing NSW,
3. Authorise the Mayor and General Manager to negotiate the proposed land acquisition in line with the terms outlined in the report, and
4. Receive a further detailed report, if the outcomes of the land acquisition are agreed to by all parties.

11 Mar 2025 11:08am Little, Robyn

Noted. Refer to March council meeting report. COMPLETE

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Council 17-Dec-24	Ellis, Mark Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	PROPOSED ROAD RESERVE PURCHASE ADJACENT TO LOT 5 DP263140 & LOT 1 & 2 DP553286
<u>MOTION</u> (Pull/Pearson)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the Public exhibition of the proposal closure of the unused section of road reserves adjacent Lot 5 DP 263140 and Lots 1 & 2 DP 553286, Parish: Barton, County: Ashburnham, District: Molong, Locality: Lidster 2. Receive a report following the public exhibition to determine the proposed purchase or lease of these road reserves. 			
10 Feb 2025 9:49am Ellis, Mark			
Advertised 16th Jan and closing 15th Feb. Report to be presented back to Mark Cnl meeting			
12 Mar 2025 8:37am Ellis, Mark			
Assessing replies with report being prepared for report back to Council			

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Council 17-Dec-24	Ellis, Mark	For Determination	PEAK HILL BALDRY ROAD UPDATE

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Christensen,
Matthew

MOTION (Weaver/Nash)

THAT council note the Peak Hill Baldry Road update report and endorse option 1 (reduced scope to exclude sealing) as the preferred option should no additional funding be attained for the project.

10 Feb 2025 9:53am Ellis, Mark

Advice recieved late Dec 24 that extra funding available. Project being rescoped

12 Mar 2025 8:32am Ellis, Mark

Additional funding recieved and planning of works underway- completed

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 17-Dec-24	Ellis, Mark Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	CONFIRMATION OF THE CABONNE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
<h3><u>MOTION</u> (Batten/Pull)</h3> <p>THAT council accept the minutes from the Local Traffic Committee held on 04 December 2024 and;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the endorsement of the committee for the approval to conduct the Orange Running Festival on 07, 08 and 09 March 2025; with road closures in place on Orchard Road, Spring Terrace Road and Forest Reefs Road; also, that Council add the event to its website and social media profiles advising the community of the road closures due to the event. 2. The report for the Resilience Ride due to be held on 15 to 17 May 2025 be tabled pending further information from the event organisers and pending advice from NSW Police. 3. The report for the Goodness Gravel Orange Cycling Event be tabled pending further information from the event organisers and pending advice from NSW Police. 4. Note the information regarding the cancellation of the Proposed AusCycling Road Race. 5. Note the information regarding the cancellation of the NYE Fireworks event to be held at Lake Canobolas. 6. Note the endorsement of the committee for the approval of the Orange Mountain Bike Club on the 29 and 30 March 2025 in the Glenwood State Forest off Boree Road. 			

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10 Feb 2025 9:52am Ellis, Mark

Actions followed up and applicants advised- further referral on some to Feb 25 LTC meeting

12 Mar 2025 8:23am Ellis, Mark

Actions followed and closed where appropriate. Further details discussed at Feb LTC meeting

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Council 17-Dec-24	Ellis, Mark Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	PROPOSED ROAD RESERVE PURCHASE WITHIN LOT 228 DP750406 AND LOT 2 DP868771
<u>MOTION</u> (Pull/Nash)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the public exhibition of the proposal for purchase of partial road reserve through Lot 228 DP 750406 and Lot 2 DP868771, Locality: Shadforth, Parish: Shadforth, County: Bathurst, and 2. Receive a report following the public exhibition to determine the proposed purchase of road reserve. 			
10 Feb 2025 11:32am Ellis, Mark			
Advertised 25th Jan and closes 22nd Feb. Report to March Cnl meeting			
12 Mar 2025 8:38am Ellis, Mark			
Assessing replies with report being prepared for council			

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Council 17-Dec-24	Thornberry, Heidi Byrnes, Bradley	Confidential Items	PLANT REPLACEMENT - THREE TIPPING TRUCKS 2024
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Nash/Pearson)			
THAT council accept the tender of Western Truck Group, for a MACK Trident MP8 Euro 6, for the purchase price of \$346,651.89 each (excl GST); for a total price of \$1,039,955.60 (excl GST).			
10 Feb 2025 9:10am Thornberry, Heidi			
Awaiting information from DL			
11 Mar 2025 12:55pm Thornberry, Heidi			
Awaiting contract info			

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Council 17-Dec-24 Thornberry, Heidi Confidential Items PLANT REPLACEMENT - THREE 11,000L WATER TANKERS
Byrnes, Bradley

RECOMMENDATION (Nash/Batten)

THAT council purchase from Allquip Water Trucks, three Isuzu FXY240/350, 6x4 cab chassis, fitted with 11,000L water tanks manufactured by Allquip Water Trucks for the purchase price of \$290,55.06 each (excl. GST). Total purchase price is \$871,651.53 (excl. GST).

10 Feb 2025 9:11am Thornberry, Heidi

Awaiting information from DL

11 Mar 2025 12:55pm Thornberry, Heidi

Awaiting contract info

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Council 17-Dec-24	Christensen, Matthew Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING
<u>MOTION</u> (Weaver/Jones)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact concerned residents on Old Back Nyrang Road, Canowindra regarding the intersection and prepare a report to a future council meeting. 2. Investigate if a speed measuring device can be installed in front of Manildra Public School. 3. Investigate if a gate has been installed at Meranburn Cemetery. 4. Investigate funding options to repair the flood damaged footpath around Molong Swimming Pool. 5. Investigate the development, particularly one-way access, at the Canowindra Caravan Park. 			
13 Feb 2025 12:02pm Smith, Nyssa			
Item 1 - DL Transport advised report to go to LTC, Item 2 - DL Transport advised report to go to LTC, Item 4 - DL Transport advised to refer to 25/26 budget, Item 5 - DL Urban to investigate			

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Council 26-Nov-24	Johnson, Rebecca Byrnes, Bradley	For Determination	QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING
<u>MOTION</u> (Pull/Weaver)			

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THAT:

1. A report be presented to the Local Traffic Committee to investigate reducing the speed limit on Banjo Paterson Way, Molong (between Starrlea Road and Bloomfield Road) to 50kmph.
2. Council investigates the cost of reskinning the tourist boards in Cargo and Borenore.
3. Council investigates the possibility of installing a walkway between Bluebell Estate and the CBD in Canowindra.
4. Council investigates fixing the irrigation system, at the Canowindra Golf Course.
5. A report on the proposed additional water extraction by Orange City Council from Summer Hill Creek.
6. All of the above matters be subject to a report back to council.

04 Dec 2024 8:22am Johnson, Rebecca

Working with Urban Infrastructure team in relation to re-skinning of billboards, including costings and design. , Walkway linking Bluebell and Canowindra CBD will be included in Canowindra TI Fund survey due to be sent out to community in early 2025.

10 Feb 2025 10:18am Johnson, Rebecca

Canowindra TI fund questionnaire currently out for response. , Ongoing work with Urban Infrastructure team on reskinning of boards

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Council 26-Nov-24	Size, Dale Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	CANOWINDRA AND EUGOWRA FLOOD STUDY REVIEW FUNDING
MOTION (Jones/Pull)			
THAT council note the report on the Eugowra and Canowindra flood studies, and fund the necessary council contribution for the project, to the amount of \$324,400, from the Urban Infrastructure reserve.			
09 Dec 2024 11:17am Size, Dale			
completed. ended into reserves spreadsheet & saved minute			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 26-Nov-24	Nicholls, Heather Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	PLANNING PROPOSAL - 11 STRATHNOOK LANE, CLIFTON GROVE
MOTION (Pull/Nash)			
THAT council:			

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1. Endorse the planning proposal to amend the *Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012* to rezone Lot 551 and part Lot 553 DP 1176133 from RU1 Primary Production to R5 Large Lot Residential and amend the minimum lot size (MLS) from 100 hectares to 2ha;
2. Forward the planning proposal and proposed timeframe in this report to the Department of Planning and Environment for Gateway determination in accordance with Section 3.33 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*; and
3. If no submissions are received during its public exhibition, endorse finalisation of the planning proposal. However, if any submissions are received, a further report will be forwarded to council for its consideration.

10 Feb 2025 9:52pm Nicholls, Heather
Referred for gateway determination

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Council 26-Nov-24	Christensen, Matthew Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	PROPOSED LEASE OF A PORTION OF DAVIMAC LANE MOLONG
<u>MOTION</u> (Pull/O'Ryan)			
THAT council accept the request for leasing of part Davimac Lane (between Edward and Phillip Streets), Molong, for a five-year period, with a five year extension at the discretion of council and; authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute necessary documentation to facilitate the lease.			
10 Feb 2025 1:56pm Smith, Nyssa DGMI advised lease is being drafted by solicitors.			
13 Mar 2025 11:39am Christensen, Matthew Have received draft lease, currently being reviewed prior to sending to applicant.			

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Council 26-Nov-24	Whiley, Stacy Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	REQUEST FOR DONATION - COUNTRY EDUCATION FUND AUSTRALIA
<u>MOTION</u> (Pull/Rawson)			
THAT council endorse a donation of \$1,500 to the Country Education Foundation of Australia Ltd.			
03 Dec 2024 12:58pm Whiley, Stacy REQ 81758 submitted for approval			
14 Jan 2025 1:19pm Whiley, Stacy			

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PO 81397 authorised for payment, ACTION COMPLETE
31 Jan 2025 3:47pm Whiley, Stacy
 PO 81397 approved for payment, ACTION COMPLETE
03 Mar 2025 11:48am Whiley, Stacy
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Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 26-Nov-24	Size, Dale Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	WASHPEN BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION
<u>MOTION</u> (Weaver/Batten)			
THAT council note the report on the completion of construction of Washpen Bridge, and fund the additional \$258,020 of expenditure for the project for the roadworks reserve.			
05 Mar 2025 3:15pm Size, Dale noted and entered into reserve documentation			

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Council 26-Nov-24	Christensen, Matthew Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING
<u>MOTION</u> (Pull/Weaver)			
THAT:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A report be presented to the Local Traffic Committee to investigate reducing the speed limit on Banjo Paterson Way, Molong (between Starrlea Road and Bloomfield Road) to 50kmph. 2. Council investigates the cost of reskinning the tourist boards in Cargo and Borenore. 3. Council investigates the possibility of installing a walkway between Bluebell Estate and the CBD in Canowindra. 4. Council investigates fixing the irrigation system, at the Canowindra Golf Course. 5. A report on the proposed additional water extraction by Orange City Council from Summer Hill Creek. 6. All of the above matters be subject to a report back to council. 			
10 Feb 2025 1:55pm Smith, Nyssa			
Item 5. - DGMI has advised a report will be submitted to Council in March 2025			
13 Feb 2025 11:41am Smith, Nyssa			

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Item 1. - DL Transport has advised that TfNSW review is underway, Item 2 - DL Urban advised report to March Council meeting, Item 3 - DL Transport advised report to Feb Council meeting, Item 4 - DGMI arranging meeting with Canowindra Golf Club

13 Mar 2025 11:38am Christensen, Matthew

Canowindra Golf Course Irrigation has been investigated with further report to be brought to Council.

13 Mar 2025 11:39am Christensen, Matthew

Seeking a presentation from Orange City Council with regards to extraction of water from Summer Hill Creek.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 26-Nov-24	Saxelby, Todd Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2025/0020 - PROPOSED DWELLING UPON LOT 104 DP 1058124, 1179 PEABODY ROAD, MOLONG
<u>MOTION</u> (Jones/Nash)			
THAT:			
(1) Development Application 2025/0020 for a dwelling upon Lot 104 DP 1058124, being 1179 Peabody Road, Molong be granted consent subject to the conditions attached, and			
(2) That in accordance with s4.6 of the Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012, council support the request to vary the 100ha Minimum Lot Size standard to permit a dwelling upon a rural allotment having an area of 94ha.			
06 Mar 2025 1:43pm Saxelby, Todd			
1. Consent issued, 2. Variation completed, Action completed			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 22-Oct-24	Staines, Mandy Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	EUGOWRA MEDICAL CENTRE COMMITTEE - REQUEST TO CANCEL INVOICE
<u>MOTION</u> (Jones/Weaver)			
THAT council agrees to the request from the Eugowra Medical Centre Committee to cancel the invoice for co-contribution to the Eugowra Medical Centre refurbishment, and fund \$20,071.00 over expenditure from the Infrastructure Replacement – Urban Improvement Reserve			
12 Feb 2025 12:50pm Thornberry, Heidi - Reallocation			
Action reassigned to Staines, Mandy by Thornberry, Heidi			

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Council 22-Oct-24 Christensen, Matthew For Determination MOLONG FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN SEPTEMBER 2024
 Christensen, Matthew

MOTION (Jones/Nash)

THAT council approve the draft Molong Flood Risk Management Study and Plan 2024 for public exhibition.

13 Nov 2024 8:36am Christensen, Matthew
 Draft plan has been placed on public exhibition, which will be finalised in mid December 2025. Report on outcomes of public exhibition to be brought to Cabonne Floodplain Advisory Committee.

10 Feb 2025 1:51pm Smith, Nyssa
 Cabonne Floodplain Risk Management Advisory Committee meeting postponed until March 2025.

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Council 22-Oct-24	Ansted, Roy Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	PROPOSED ROAD NAMING - "UNNAMED EXISTING PRIVATE ROAD", MOLONG
<u>MOTION</u> (Pull/Nash)			
THAT council proceed with public consultation on the proposal to name a private road off Jennings Lane, Molong, as "Bob's Creek Road".			
30 Oct 2024 1:22pm Ansted, Roy Public exhibition of proposed road name to be carried out.			
02 Dec 2024 11:12am Ansted, Roy Public exhibition to be made in the next couple of weeks.			
08 Jan 2025 11:17am Ansted, Roy Public exhibition and notifications carried out. Awaiting responses.			
10 Feb 2025 2:42pm Ansted, Roy Report to go before Council this month.			
04 Mar 2025 8:00am Ansted, Roy Council resolved to leave the private road unnamed.			
04 Mar 2025 8:01am Ansted, Roy COMPLETE			

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Council 22-Oct-24	Thornberry, Heidi Byrnes, Bradley	Confidential Items	CONTRACT 1738364 ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE CONDITION ASSESSMENT FOR CABONNE COUNCIL

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RECOMMENDATION (Batten/Weaver)

THAT council:

1. Award contract 1738364 Road Infrastructure Condition Assessment for Cabonne Council to Shepherd Services Pty Ltd in the amount of \$160,407.50 (incl. GST);
2. Provide delegation to the General Manager with delegation to execute contract 1738364 Road Infrastructure Condition Assessment for Cabonne Council; and
3. Additional funding of \$32,754.00 be allocated to the Transport Assets Revaluation budget from savings in financial services projects

13 Nov 2024 9:42pm Thornberry, Heidi

Awaiting information to add to contracts register

09 Dec 2024 7:20pm Thornberry, Heidi

Awaiting contracts

10 Feb 2025 9:12am Thornberry, Heidi

Awaiting contracts

11 Mar 2025 12:55pm Thornberry, Heidi

Information added to contracts register - COMPLETE

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Council 22-Oct-24	Ellis, Mark Christensen, Matthew	Confidential Items	CONTRACT 1738364 ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE CONDITION ASSESSMENT FOR CABONNE COUNCIL
RECOMMENDATION (Batten/Weaver)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Award contract 1738364 Road Infrastructure Condition Assessment for Cabonne Council to Shepherd Services Pty Ltd in the amount of \$160,407.50 (incl. GST); 2. Provide delegation to the General Manager with delegation to execute contract 1738364 Road Infrastructure Condition Assessment for Cabonne Council; and 			

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3. Additional funding of \$32,754.00 be allocated to the Transport Assets Revaluation budget from savings in financial services projects

29 Oct 2024 8:23am Ellis, Mark

Sheperds advised of succesful submission. Negotiations commenced to start works., Unsuccessful tenders advised

02 Dec 2024 10:46am Ellis, Mark

Shepherd's working under contract- progressing

10 Feb 2025 9:33am Ellis, Mark

Condition assessment and reval progressing with draft expected end Feb

12 Mar 2025 8:21am Ellis, Mark

Project nearing completion with final report due end March

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Council 13-Aug-24	Saxelby, Todd Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2024/0123 - SUBDIVISION(BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT) AT 1093 MITCHELL HWY AND 21 WINDERA DRIVE, WINDERA
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Beatty/Batten)			
THAT the matter be deferred to a future Council meeting to allow councillors to inspect the site.			
06 Mar 2025 1:45pm Saxelby, Todd			
Boundary adjustment DA was withdrawn., Completed			

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Council 13-Aug-24	Davison, Kane Nicholls, Heather	For Notation	MO LONG ANIMAL HOLDING FACILITY RELOCATION UPDATE
<u>MOTION</u> (Jones/Pull)			
THAT the information be noted			
11 Feb 2025 10:22am Davison, Kane			
Waiting on builder to provide design and quote update along with drawings of new shed. This then will be sent to the town planner to get the DA mod back under way			

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Council 13-Aug-24	Ellis, Mark Christensen, Matthew	Confidential Items	TENDER 1691954 DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD REPAIRS TO PINECLIFFE RD CAUSEWAY, NORAH CREEK RD CULVERT & COATES CREEK BRIDGE

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RECOMMENDATION (Weaver/Rawson)

THAT Council:

1. Award Tender 1691954 Design & Construction of Flood Repairs to Pinecliffe Road Causeway, Norah Creek Road culvert and Coates Creek Bridge to Keech Constructions Pty Ltd in the amount of \$973,402.85 (incl GST), subject to the approval of Transport for NSW.
2. Provide the General Manager with delegation to execute Tender 1691954 Design & Construction of Flood Repairs to Pinecliffe Road Causeway, Norah Creek Road culvert and Coates Creek Bridge, subject to the approval of Transport for NSW.

10 Oct 2024 12:21pm Smith, Nyssa

A/DL-Transport advised Council staff are meeting with Transport for NSW this week to determine outcome of approval.

29 Oct 2024 8:20am Ellis, Mark

TfNSW have approved these projects- Commencing negotiations with contractor to schedule works

02 Dec 2024 10:48am Ellis, Mark

Contract works expected to commence in early 2025

10 Feb 2025 9:36am Ellis, Mark

Contractor in early stages of planning works

12 Mar 2025 8:29am Ellis, Mark

Still in early planning/scheduling phase with successful contractor

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Council 13-Aug-24	Christensen, Matthew Christensen, Matthew	Matters of Urgency	BELUBULA RIVER WALK LAND ACQUISITION
RECOMMENDATION (Weaver/Pull)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the verbal report on the Belubula River Walk land acquisition, 2. Agree to purchase Lot 3 DP576079 for the purpose of the Belubula River walk, 3. Authorise the General Manager to negotiate terms of purchase of the allotment on behalf of council, 			

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4. Authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute all documentation required to finalise the acquisition of the land parcel, and
5. Receive a further report on the outcomes of negotiations.

09 Oct 2024 12:54pm Christensen, Matthew

Final stages of sale being progressed. Report to be brought to the November 2024 Ordinary Meeting reporting on outcome.

13 Nov 2024 8:41am Christensen, Matthew

Report to Council delayed due to finalisation of purchase being delayed. Report to be brought to Council December 2024.

12 Feb 2025 12:44pm Smith, Nyssa

DGMI advised a report will be presented to March Council meeting

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Council 13-Aug-24	Thornberry, Heidi Byrnes, Bradley	Confidential Items	TENDER 1691954 DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD REPAIRS TO PINECLIFFE RD CAUSEWAY, NORAH CREEK RD CULVERT & COATES CREEK BRIDGE
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Weaver/Rawson)			
THAT Council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Award Tender 1691954 Design & Construction of Flood Repairs to Pinecliffe Road Causeway, Norah Creek Road culvert and Coates Creek Bridge to Keech Constructions Pty Ltd in the amount of \$973,402.85 (incl GST), subject to the approval of Transport for NSW. 2. Provide the General Manager with delegation to execute Tender 1691954 Design & Construction of Flood Repairs to Pinecliffe Road Causeway, Norah Creek Road culvert and Coates Creek Bridge, subject to the approval of Transport for NSW. 			
08 Oct 2024 10:59am Thornberry, Heidi			
Awaiting information			
13 Nov 2024 9:45pm Thornberry, Heidi			
Awaiting contract information to add to register			
09 Dec 2024 7:19pm Thornberry, Heidi			
Awaiting contracts			
10 Feb 2025 9:24am Thornberry, Heidi			
Awaiting contracts			
11 Mar 2025 1:03pm Thornberry, Heidi			
Awaiting contract			

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<u>MOTION</u> (Pull/Rawson)			
THAT:			
1. Development Application 2024/0115 for a change of use from a storage shed to a vehicle repair station at 14 Toogong Street, Cudal, be refused based on insufficient information provided with the application to enable determination of the proposed development, and			
2. Development Application 2024/0138 for a private cemetery at 162 Higgins Road, Yeoval, be refused based on insufficient information provided with the application to enable determination of the proposed development,			
06 Mar 2025 1:48pm Saxelby, Todd Both DAs refused by council and determination issued to applicants, Completed			
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Council 23-Jul-24	Saxelby, Todd Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2024-0061-1 - 10 LOFTUS ST, EUGOWRA
<u>MOTION</u> (Jones/Weaver)			
THAT Development Application 2024/0061/1 for modification to the location of the proposed dwelling at 10 Loftus Street, Eugowra, be granted consent subject to the conditions attached.			
06 Mar 2025 1:47pm Saxelby, Todd Development application approved and issued., Completed			
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Council 23-Jul-24	Staines, Mandy Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	CROWN LANDS PLANS OF MANAGEMENT
<u>MOTION</u> (Batten/Pull)			
THAT council:			
1. Endorse the draft Plans of Management for the Canowindra and Cudal caravan parks and swimming pools;			

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2. Forward the draft Plans of Management to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment for consent to place the plans on public exhibition; and
3. Authorise the General Manager to place the draft Plans of Management on public exhibition, following State government consent being granted.

12 Nov 2024 3:01pm Staines, Mandy

The Crown Lands Plans of Management have been forwarded to the Minister for consent.

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Council 23-Jul-24	Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	PLANNING PROPOSAL – PROPOSED REZONING OF 3732 THE ESCORT WAY CUDAL FROM RU1 PRIMARY PRODUCTION TO PART E4 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL
	Nicholls, Heather		
<u>MOTION</u> (Nash/Jones)			
THAT:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council receive and note the Planning Proposal (PP-2023-2772) for the rezoning of part of Lot 27 DP 750137 and Lot 1 DP 1172771 known as 3732, The Escort Way, Cudal, from RU1 Primary Production to E4 General Industrial and amend the Minimum Lot Size Map for the E4 part from 100ha to 0.4ha and the remaining RU1 part from 100ha to 5ha; 2. The applicant be advised that the following studies, subject to a Gateway Determination from the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, may be required to be completed prior to agency referral and public exhibition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic Bush Fire Study that meets the requirements of <i>Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019</i>; - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report that meets the Heritage NSW guidelines; and - Preliminary Contamination Assessment that meets the requirements of Ministerial Direction 4.4 - Remediation of Contaminated lands; 3. Council forward the planning proposal to the NSW Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination in accordance with section 3.33 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>; and 4. If no submissions are received in response to public exhibition then delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise the planning proposal and associated Local Environmental Plan Amendment, however, if submissions are received then present a further report to council on submissions received during the exhibition phase. 			
10 Oct 2024 3:02pm Swallow, Emma - Reallocation			
Action reassigned to Nicholls, Heather by Swallow, Emma			

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10 Oct 2024 3:05pm Swallow, Emma

The PP has been referred to the Department of Planning for Gateway Determination and is currently under assessment.

10 Feb 2025 9:51pm Nicholls, Heather

Gateway determination issued, and pre exhibition agency consultation commenced

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Council 23-Jul-24	Saxelby, Todd Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	Modification of Development Application 2022/216/2 - 1031 Ophir Road, Summer Hill Creek
<u>MOTION</u> (Pull/Nash)			
<p>THAT modification of Development Application 2022/0216/2 for Intensive Livestock Agriculture and an Animal Training or Boarding Establishment on Lot 25 DP 750372 and Lot 21 DP 543420 being 1031 Ophir Road, Summer Hill Creek, be granted consent subject to the modified conditions attached.</p>			
06 Mar 2025 1:45pm Saxelby, Todd			
Development application issued., Completed			

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Council 23-Jul-24	Stubberfield, Nathan Nicholls, Heather	Confidential Items	TENDER 1712181 - SUPPLY OF CENTRAL INVERTER AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM FOR EUGOWRA SOLAR FARM
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Rawson/Batten)			
<p>THAT council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the report on Tender 1712181 - Supply of Central Inverter (Medium Voltage Power Station) and Battery Energy Storage System for Eugowra Solar Farm. 2. Award Tender 1712181 - Supply of Central Inverter (Medium Voltage Power Station) and Battery Energy Storage System for Eugowra Solar Farm to Sungrow Pty Ltd in the amount of \$1,240,580 (USD ex GST). 3. Delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise contract details with the preferred tenderer. 			
14 Feb 2025 3:15pm Stubberfield, Nathan			
Commercial Offer and Letter of Award have been issued, required technical specifications are still being worked through between Sungrow and Sustainable Energy Design who are undertaking the detailed design.			

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Council 23-Jul-24	Thornberry, Heidi Byrnes, Bradley	Confidential Items	TENDER 1712181 - SUPPLY OF CENTRAL INVERTER AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM FOR EUGOWRA SOLAR FARM
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Rawson/Batten)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the report on Tender 1712181 - Supply of Central Inverter (Medium Voltage Power Station) and Battery Energy Storage System for Eugowra Solar Farm. 2. Award Tender 1712181 - Supply of Central Inverter (Medium Voltage Power Station) and Battery Energy Storage System for Eugowra Solar Farm to Sungrow Pty Ltd in the amount of \$1,240,580 (USD ex GST). 3. Delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise contract details with the preferred tenderer. 			
29 Jul 2024 10:15am Thornberry, Heidi Contracts register template sent to DL			
08 Oct 2024 11:00am Thornberry, Heidi Awaiting information			
13 Nov 2024 9:47pm Thornberry, Heidi Awaiting contract information			
09 Dec 2024 7:19pm Thornberry, Heidi Awaiting contracts			
10 Feb 2025 9:23am Thornberry, Heidi Awaiting contracts			
11 Mar 2025 12:03pm Thornberry, Heidi Awaiting contract			

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Council 23-Jul-24	Christensen, Matthew Christensen, Matthew	Confidential Items	ACQUISITION OF ROAD RESERVE - CARGO ROAD, LIDSTER
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Batten/Jones)			
THAT council:			

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1. Gives authority to the General Manager to negotiate terms of purchase of part Lot 3 on DP 629039, Lots 1 & 2 on DP1291114, Lot 39 on DP750139 on behalf of council, and
2. Authorises the Mayor and General Manager to execute all documentation required to finalise the purchase of the part allotments.

31 Jul 2024 10:33am Smith, Nyssa

Solicitor has been engaged and deeds are being arranged.

10 Oct 2024 11:34am Christensen, Matthew

Negotiation with land owners continuing.

13 Nov 2024 8:42am Christensen, Matthew

One property owner has accepted and is progressing. Second property owner seeking alternative property valuation.

12 Feb 2025 12:43pm Smith, Nyssa

DGMI advised report will be presented to Feb Council meeting

13 Mar 2025 11:36am Christensen, Matthew

All negotiations have concluded with transfer of land being executed. COMPLETED.

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Council 23-Jul-24	Christensen, Matthew Christensen, Matthew	Confidential Items	ACQUISITION OF ROAD RESERVE - FINNS LANE, CANOWINDRA
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Weaver/Pull)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gives authority to the General Manager to negotiate terms of purchase of part Lots 1000 & 1001 DP 1126208, Lot 100 DP 1125864, Lot 2 DP 229593, Lot 1 DP151878 & Lot 1 DP 32529 on behalf of council, and 2. Authorises the Mayor and General Manager to execute all documentation required to finalise the purchase of the part allotments. 			
10 Oct 2024 11:34am Christensen, Matthew			
Negotiation with land owners continuing.			
13 Nov 2024 8:43am Christensen, Matthew			
Two of three properties owners have responded and are progressing. Negotiations continuing with third property.			
12 Feb 2025 12:44pm Smith, Nyssa			
DGMI advised negotiations are still taking place with third property.			
13 Mar 2025 11:36am Christensen, Matthew			
All acquisitions have been completed. COMPLETED.			

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Council 25-Jun-24	Stubberfield, Nathan Nicholls, Heather	Confidential Items	MID-SCALE SOLAR PLANT
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Batten/Rawson)			
<p>THAT council borrow the full pre-approved loan amount of \$4 million from the Commonwealth Bank for the Mid-Scale Solar Plant project.</p> <p>30 Jul 2024 9:28am Stubberfield, Nathan Loan has not yet been executed, however is approved and ready to go when Council needs to draw down funds.</p> <p>14 Feb 2025 3:16pm Stubberfield, Nathan Loan has not yet been executed, however is approved and ready to go when Council needs to draw down funds.</p>			

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Council 25-Jun-24	Staines, Mandy Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	CANOWINDRA CARAVAN PARK CABIN
<u>MOTION</u> (O'Ryan/Weaver)			
<p>THAT council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the sale of the damaged cabin at Molong Caravan Park, 2. Proceed with the purchase of a new cabin for Canowindra Caravan Park, and 3. Move the remaining funds from the Regulatory Signage Project to the Canowindra Cabin Project. <p>11 Jul 2024 10:22am Staines, Mandy Project progressing.</p> <p>12 Nov 2024 3:12pm Staines, Mandy Project progressing and scheduled to be complete mid to late 2025.</p> <p>22 Jan 2025 2:22pm Staines, Mandy The transportable cabin has been ordered and expected to be delivered in March 2025.</p>			

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Council 25-Jun-24	Staines, Mandy Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	CROWN LANDS PLANS OF MANAGEMENT
<u>MOTION</u> (Weaver/Batten)			

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THAT council:

1. Endorse the draft Plans of Management for Crown Reserves Generic Plan of Management,
2. Forward the draft Plans of Management to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment for consent to place the plans on public exhibition, and
3. Authorise the General Manager to place the draft Plans of Management on public exhibition, following State government consent being granted.

11 Jul 2024 10:18am Staines, Mandy

Required formatting changes are being made by the consultant before the documents are sent to the Minister for consent.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 25-Jun-24	Ellis, Mark Christensen, Matthew	Confidential Items	CONTRACT 1548795 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PEAK HILL - BALDRY ROAD UPGRADE
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Nash/Pull)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reject all tenders received for Tender 1548795 Design and Construction of Peak Hill – Baldry Road Upgrade due to the tender amounts exceeding the funding available for this project, 2. Resolve to negotiate with the two highest ranked tenderers received for Tender 1548795 Design & Construction of Peak Hill - Baldry Rd Upgrade based on a revised scope of work, 3. Undertake a comprehensive assessment of all potential options available to deliver a suitable outcome for the Design and Construction of Peak Hill - Baldry Rd Upgrade, 4. Seek formal approval for council's preferred option from the Design and Construction of Peak Hill-Baldry Rd Upgrade from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, 5. Subject to the outcomes of (4) above, delegate authority to the General Manager to enter into a contract with the preferred tenderer after negotiations have concluded for the Design & Construction of Peak Hill - Baldry Rd Upgrade, and 6. Receive a further report on this matter once the preferred option has been approved and the necessary negotiations have been finalised to deliver this project. 			
05 Jul 2024 1:50pm Smith, Nyssa			
Council staff are reviewing costings and determining points for negotiation.			

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08 Jul 2024 12:10pm Ellis, Mark

Council recommended at June Cnl meeting that no tender be accpeted and negotaitions with top 2 tenders be undertaken subject to council rescoping works

31 Jul 2024 10:48am Ellis, Mark

All tenders notified of decsion. Discussions with funding body about project progression ongoing

10 Oct 2024 12:23pm Smith, Nyssa

A/DL-Transport has advised that a further report will be put to Council Dec 2024 meeting regarding the potential options to progress this project.

29 Oct 2024 11:01am Ellis, Mark

Works being scoped up with further update to council December meeting

02 Dec 2024 10:47am Ellis, Mark

Futher report to be presented to December 24 Council meeting

10 Feb 2025 9:34am Ellis, Mark

Reports presented to Dec Cnl Meeting- Further advice recived about Funding with project being furtehr assesed on full scope of works

12 Mar 2025 8:26am Ellis, Mark

Additional funding been provided- Currently assessing works and contractor involvement

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 25-Jun-24	Thornberry, Heidi Byrnes, Bradley	Confidential Items	CONTRACT 1683879 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITHIN CABONNE SHIRE
<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> (Batten/Nash)			
<p>THAT council accepts the submissions for Contract 1683879 for Traffic Management Services within Cabonne Shire and forms a panel of suppliers consisting of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. WorkControl b. Mid-West Traffic Management c. DTC (Wils) d. Go Traffic 			
15 Jul 2024 7:36pm Thornberry, Heidi			
Awaiting Documents			
29 Jul 2024 9:56am Thornberry, Heidi			
Contracts register template send to DL			
08 Oct 2024 11:04am Thornberry, Heidi			
Awaiting information			
10 Oct 2024 12:21pm Swallow, Emma			
Go Traffic Legal Document received - 09/10/24 - sent to Transport for contracts template			
24 Oct 2024 9:24am Swallow, Emma			

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Go Traffic contract added to contract register.

14 Nov 2024 8:56am Swallow, Emma

Awaiting other contracts to be returned.

09 Dec 2024 7:18pm Thornberry, Heidi

Awaiting contracts

10 Feb 2025 9:13am Thornberry, Heidi

Awaiting contract

11 Mar 2025 9:14am Thornberry, Heidi

All received and added to the Contracts Register - COMPLETE

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Council 25-Jun-24	Thornberry, Heidi	Confidential Items	S2_2024: SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND/OR INSTALLATION OF GUARDRAIL AND WIRE ROPE SAFETY FENCING
	Byrnes, Bradley		

RECOMMENDATION (Weaver/Jones)

THAT council accept and sign contracts with RBK Pty Ltd t/as Top Notch Fencing, and Western Safety Barriers Group Pty Ltd for the supply, delivery and/or installation of guardrail and wire rope safety fencing.

15 Jul 2024 7:38pm Thornberry, Heidi

Awaiting Documents

29 Jul 2024 10:11am Thornberry, Heidi

Contracts Register tempalte sent to DL

08 Oct 2024 11:03am Thornberry, Heidi

Awaiting information

13 Nov 2024 9:52pm Thornberry, Heidi

Still awaiting contract information for the register

09 Dec 2024 7:19pm Thornberry, Heidi

Awaiting contracts

10 Feb 2025 9:22am Thornberry, Heidi

Still awaiting contracts

11 Mar 2025 9:53am Thornberry, Heidi

Info added to contracts register - awaiting top notch contract

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Council 25-Jun-24	Staines, Mandy	For Determination	CROWN LANDS PLANS OF MANAGEMENT

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Christensen,
Matthew

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3. Authorise the General Manager to place the draft Plans of Management on public exhibition, following State government consent being granted.

09 Jul 2024 10:26am Thornberry, Heidi - Reallocation

Action reassigned to Staines, Mandy by Thornberry, Heidi

12 Nov 2024 3:10pm Staines, Mandy

The Generic Crown Lands Plans of Management have been sent to the Minister and are awaiting consent.

12 Feb 2025 12:54pm Staines, Mandy

The Generic Crown Reserve Plans of Management is still with the Minister waiting consent.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 23-Apr-24	Ansted, Roy Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	PROPOSED ROAD RESERVE PURCHASE ADJACENT TO LOT 1184 DP 1179438
<u>MOTION</u> (Nash/Pull)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the closure of the unused section of road reserve adjacent Lot 1184 DP 1179438, 2. Authorise the lodgement of the road closure application, and 3. Seek a property valuation of the proposed closed road. 			
14 May 2024 11:54am Ansted, Roy			
Road Closure Application to be lodged in the near future			
17 Jun 2024 2:00pm Ansted, Roy			
RC Application to be followed up with Customer			
09 Jul 2024 2:41pm Ansted, Roy			
Correspondence set to applicant			

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Completed application received and fees paid. Status Report to now be prepared for submission to Crown Lands.

20 Aug 2024 8:32am Ansted, Roy

Quotations to be sought from Solicitor, Valuer and Surveyor.

08 Oct 2024 11:34am Ansted, Roy

Quotations received. Valuation to be sought.

30 Oct 2024 1:21pm Ansted, Roy

Valuation received and forwarded to applicant.

02 Dec 2024 11:10am Ansted, Roy

Second valuation provided by applicant. Report to be prepared for February Council meeting.

08 Jan 2025 11:14am Ansted, Roy

Report to be prepared for February Council meeting.

10 Feb 2025 2:39pm Ansted, Roy

Awaiting decision by applicant regarding agreed valuation.

04 Mar 2025 8:02am Ansted, Roy

Report to go before Council with recommendation and offer from applicant.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 23-Apr-24	Ansted, Roy Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	PROPOSED ROAD RESERVE PURCHASE ADJACENT TO LOT 255 DP 702687

MOTION (Pull/O'Ryan)

THAT council:

1. Approve the closure of the unused section of road reserve adjacent Lot 255 DP 702687,
2. Authorise the lodgement of the road closure application, and
3. Seek a property valuation of the proposed closed road.

14 May 2024 11:55am Ansted, Roy
Road Closure Application to be lodged in the near future.

17 Jun 2024 2:01pm Ansted, Roy
RC Application to be followed up with customer

09 Jul 2024 2:42pm Ansted, Roy
Correspondence sent to applicant

30 Jul 2024 11:30am Ansted, Roy
Correspondence resent my surface mail due to email bounce.

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20 Aug 2024 8:31am Ansted, Roy
Awaiting response from applicant.

08 Oct 2024 11:34am Ansted, Roy
Awaiting response from applicant.

30 Oct 2024 1:21pm Ansted, Roy
Awaiting response from applicant.

02 Dec 2024 11:11am Ansted, Roy
Awaiting response from applicant.

08 Jan 2025 11:15am Ansted, Roy
Awaiting response from applicant. Reminder letter to be sent to applicant if no response within 28 days

10 Feb 2025 2:41pm Ansted, Roy
Reminder letter to be sent out.

04 Mar 2025 8:04am Ansted, Roy
Letter to be sent out this month.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 26-Mar-24	Saxelby, Todd Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	DRAFT LOCAL APPROVALS POLICY
<u>MOTION</u> (Batten/Weaver)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Adopts the draft Local Approvals Policy, and Notify the adoption of the Local Approvals Policy in accordance with s166 of the Local Government Act 1993. 			
06 Aug 2024 10:24am Saxelby, Todd			
Adopted by Council, will check on notification			
06 Mar 2025 1:49pm Saxelby, Todd			
Adopted by Council, Completed			

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Council 26-Mar-24	Nicholls, Heather Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERMITTED USE- EUGOWRA COMMUNITY CHILDCARE CENTRE'S PERMANENT PRE SCHOOL AND LONG DAY CARE CENTRE AT THE EUGOWRA SHOWGROUND.
<u>MOTION</u> (Jones/Rawson)			

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THAT council:

1. Approve the planning proposal to amend the *Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012* to facilitate the development of a permanent location for the Eugowra Community Childcare Centre's preschool and long day care centre, as a significant part of the Eugowra community's flood recovery program upon land described as Lot 150 DP 750182, being 21 Noble Street, Eugowra,
2. Forward the planning proposal and proposed timeframe in this report to the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure for Gateway determination in accordance with Section 3.33 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, and
3. If no submissions are received during its public exhibition, endorse finalisation of the planning proposal. However, if any submissions are received, a further report will be forwarded to council for its consideration.

06 Aug 2024 12:17pm Stewart, Sarah

Gateway determination provided by Department of Planning.

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Council 27-Feb-24	Christensen, Matthew Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING
<u>MOTION</u> (Oldham/Pull)			
THAT council receive a report in relation to the following:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ophir Reserve road ownership, 2. Alternative investments options (as detailed in the proceedings in brief), and 3. The future role of Council in property development. 			
05 Jul 2024 1:37pm Smith, Nyssa			
Council staff are investigating Ophir Rd reserve ownership for reporting.			
17 Feb 2025 10:50am Smith, Nyssa			
Development Engineer advised that Council are in communication with Crown Lands regarding the creation of road reserve.			

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12-Dec-23	Nicholls, Heather Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	PLANNING PROPOSAL - PROPOSED REZONING OF LOTS 33, 108, 202 & 203 IN DP 750145 CARGO ROAD CARGO FROM RU1 PRIMARY PRODUCTION TO R5 LARGE LOT RESIDENTIAL
<u>MOTION</u> (O'Ryan/Batten)			

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<p>THAT council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the planning proposal to amend the <i>Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012</i> to rezone lots 33, 108, 202 & 203 in DP 750145 from RU1 Primary Production to R5 Large Lot Residential and amend the minimum lot size (MLS) from 100 hectares to 4,000m²; 2. Forward the planning proposal and proposed timeframe in this report to the Department of Planning and Environment for Gateway determination in accordance with Section 3.33 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>; and 3. If no submissions are received during its public exhibition, endorse finalisation of the planning proposal. However, if any submissions are received, a further report will be forwarded to Council for its consideration. <p>14 Feb 2024 12:53pm Pamplin, Richard The Planning Proposal was forwarded via the NSW Planning Portal to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure requiring issuing a Gateway Determination. This is currently still being considered by the Department.</p> <p>15 Mar 2024 12:19pm Pamplin, Richard A Gateway Determination was received from the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure on 7 March 2024 providing until 1 May 2025 for the Local Environmental Plan to be completed. A flood study/assessment is to be undertaken of the unnamed creek by the applicant, agency consultation undertaken by council and updating of the planning proposal undertaken prior to exhibition.</p> <p>16 May 2024 3:32pm Pamplin, Richard Awaiting provision of a flood study of the unnamed creek to continued processing of the planning proposal.</p> <p>20 Jun 2024 11:20am Pamplin, Richard Still awaiting provision of a flood study of the unnamed creek to enable continued processing of the planning proposal - applicant has been requested to provide timing.</p> <p>08 Jul 2024 10:01am Pamplin, Richard Applicant wont be able to provide timeframe for provision of flood study until late July.</p> <p>16 Jul 2024 12:06pm Thornberry, Heidi - Reallocation Action reassigned to Nicholls, Heather by Thornberry, Heidi</p> <p>06 Aug 2024 12:20pm Stewart, Sarah Awaiting additional information.</p> <p>09 Oct 2024 12:06pm Nicholls, Heather progressing</p> <p>10 Feb 2025 9:47pm Nicholls, Heather submitted for ministerial review prior to public exhibition phase being endorsed to proceed</p>			
Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 12-Dec-23	Staines, Mandy Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	REVIEW OF SHOWGROUND PLANS OF MANAGEMENT

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MOTION (Weaver/O'Ryan)

THAT council:

1. Endorse the draft Plans of Management for:
 - a) Cudal Showground,
 - b) Eugowra Showground,
 - c) Molong Showground,
2. Forward the draft Plans of Management to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment for consent to place the plans on public exhibition, and;
3. Authorise the General Manager to place the draft Plans of Management on public exhibition following consent being granted.

15 Feb 2024 10:05am Staines, Mandy

Council sent the Showground Plans of Management to the Minister for consent in December 2023. Once consent is received the Plans will put up for public exhibition for 28 days before being adopted.

11 Jul 2024 10:06am Staines, Mandy

Council has received consent from the Minister to place the Cudal and Molong Showground plans of management on public exhibition. Consent to place the Eugowra Showground plans of management on public exhibition is expected in the coming weeks.

12 Nov 2024 3:13pm Staines, Mandy

The Showground POM have finished on public exhibition, comments and changes for Eugowra and Cudal have been forwarded to the consultant to make the required amendments. Comments from the Molong Show Society will be received on Friday 15 November and then sent to the consultant.

12 Feb 2025 12:58pm Staines, Mandy

Amendments to the plans have been made after comments from the public exhibition period. A report will be submitted to Council to adopt the plans in March.

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Council 12-Dec-23	Nicholls, Heather Nicholls, Heather	For Determination	QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING
MOTION (Pull/Weaver)			
THAT council receive a report at a future council meeting in relation to extending the opening hours and the ability of enabling remote access to the Molong Library.			
06 Aug 2024 9:46am Stewart, Sarah			
Matter being dealt with by Community Services DL			
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1. The Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Infrastructure follow up, on behalf Canowindra RSL Sub-branch, a request for signage to be installed on the entry to 'Anzac Avenue' Canowindra;
2. A report be presented to the Local Traffic Committee to consider reducing the speed on Old Canobolas Road, Nashdale (coming from Cargo Road up the hill) to at least 80km/h;
3. A review of speed limits in the Canowindra town area, in particular the heavy vehicle routes be undertaken and a report be presented to the February 2024 Ordinary Council meeting; and
4. A report be presented to a future Council meeting detailing options for Connolly's Store – Bank Street, Molong, including a scope of works for repairs/maintenance.

15 Feb 2024 11:03am Smith, Nyssa

DL - Urban has advised that a scope of works is being developed for Connollys Store. A report will be put to Council in April 2024.

15 Feb 2024 11:17am Smith, Nyssa

A/Dept Leader - Transport has advised Contractor is having some issues with the wording on the sign requested by the Canowindra RSL Sub-branch.

11 Jul 2024 9:37am Smith, Nyssa

Dept Leader - Transport has advised currently awaiting payment for signage for ANZAC Avenue. Also traffic counters were put out in Canowindra to obtain data regarding heavy vehicles, data is being reviewed.

11 Oct 2024 8:32am Smith, Nyssa

DL-Transport has advised speed zone review for Old Canobolas Road is currently underway with TfNSW.

14 Nov 2024 9:15am Smith, Nyssa

DL-Transport has advised Canowindra RSL sub-branch has been contacted regarding payment for "ANZAC Avenue" signage and is still waiting for their response.

13 Feb 2025 11:39am Smith, Nyssa

DL- Transport advised that still awaiting response from Canowindra RSL sub-branch

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Council 24-Oct-23	Ansted, Roy Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	PROPOSED ROAD RESERVE PURCHASE WITHIN LOT 12 DP616527
<u>MOTION</u> (Nash/Jones)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the closure of the unused section of road reserve through Lot 12 DP 616527, 2. Authorise lodgement of the road closure application, and 3. Seek a property valuation of the proposed closed road. 			
15 Feb 2024 11:59am Ansted, Roy			
Road closure application to be lodged in the near future.			

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11 Mar 2024 2:22pm Ansted, Roy
Road Closure application form and invoice sent to purchaser's solicitor.

02 Apr 2024 1:46pm Ansted, Roy
Awaiting response from Solicitors

14 May 2024 8:43am Ansted, Roy
Awaiting response from Solicitors

17 Jun 2024 1:48pm Ansted, Roy
Response to be followed up with Solicitors

09 Jul 2024 2:40pm Ansted, Roy
Correspondence sent to applicant

30 Jul 2024 11:25am Ansted, Roy
Awaiting response from applicant. Once completed application is received and fees paid, a status report will be prepared.

20 Aug 2024 8:30am Ansted, Roy
Awaiting response from applicant.

08 Oct 2024 11:33am Ansted, Roy
Awaiting response from applicant.

30 Oct 2024 1:20pm Ansted, Roy
Awaiting response from applicant.

02 Dec 2024 11:09am Ansted, Roy
Awaiting response from applicant.

08 Jan 2025 11:11am Ansted, Roy
Awaiting response from applicant. A reminder letter will be sent to applicant if no contact is made with Council within 28 days.

10 Feb 2025 2:37pm Ansted, Roy
Reminder letter to be sent out.

04 Mar 2025 8:02am Ansted, Roy
Letter to be sent out this month.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 25-Jul-23	Christensen, Matthew Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	DRAFT ROADS MANAGEMENT POLICY
<u>MOTION</u> (Rawson/Pull)			
THAT council endorse the draft Roads Management Policy for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.			
31 Jul 2023 10:03am Smith, Nyssa			

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Noted - Updating Local Roads map to include with documentation prior to putting on display

29 Aug 2023 2:27pm Smith, Nyssa

Currently on public display

09 Oct 2023 12:20pm Swallow, Emma - Reallocation

Action reassigned to Christensen, Matthew by Swallow, Emma

05 Jul 2024 1:45pm Smith, Nyssa

Council staff are reviewing with a hope to finalise in October 2024 a revised policy and register document.

10 Oct 2024 11:44am Christensen, Matthew

Aiming to present to Roads Advisory Committee at its November 2024 meeting.

10 Feb 2025 1:43pm Smith, Nyssa

November 2024 Roads Advisory Committee was postponed due no quorum. Meeting rescheduled to March 2025.

13 Feb 2025 10:31am Christensen, Matthew

Set for presentation to Roads Advisory Committee in March 2025.

13 Mar 2025 11:29am Christensen, Matthew

Roads Register presented to Roads Advisory Committee, however, no policy was provided. Have listed for a follow up meeting of the Roads Advisory Committee.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 28-Mar-23	Staines, Mandy Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	CUMNOCK VILLAGE PRESCHOOL- LICENCE AGREEMENT
<u>MOTION</u> (Batten/Nash)			
THAT Council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enters into a Licence Agreement with Cumnock Village Pre-School for the use of part of Lot 6/1/DP5907 and Lot 5/1/DP5907 for a Pre-School, 2. Donates \$27,825.00 (equivalent to market rent) for a period of 12 months as per the Licence Agreement, to Cumnock Village Pre-School for the use of 44 Obley Street, Cumnock NSW 2867 (Cumnock War Memorial Hall), and 3. Authorise the General Manager to sign and execute the Licence Agreement. 			
04 May 2023 3:32pm Staines, Mandy			
The licence agreement is with Council's lawyer, Messenger and Messenger who are preparing to execute the licence.			
15 Feb 2024 9:41am Staines, Mandy			
Require an adopted Plan of Management for the site before a licence can be issued. Draft Plan of management to be completed by June 2024.			
06 Aug 2024 10:46am Staines, Mandy			

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The licence agreement has been put on hold until a plan of management is adopted for this site. Ward Consulting has been engaged to develop a plan of management for this site.

12 Feb 2025 12:56pm Staines, Mandy

A draft plan of management has been developed for the Cumnock Recreation site, a report will be submitted to Council in April to adopt this plan and then the lease can be executed.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 27-Oct-22	Christensen, Matthew Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING
<u>MOTION</u> (Weaver/Jones)			
THAT council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notify the Rural Fire Service and UGL Regional Linx of the overgrown land at the Canowindra Railway Precinct; 2. Receive a progress report regarding Essential Energy and the Bluebell Estate, Canowindra; 3. Arrange a presentation, at a future meeting/workshop, from the Cabonne/Orange Roads Safety Officer; 4. Forward to the Cabonne Traffic Committee a request to undertake traffic counter activities in Cargo and Cumnock; 5. Receive a report regarding youth engagement activities in Cabonne; and 6. Receive an analysis report regarding traffic blisters at Cumnock. 			
06 Apr 2023 10:36am Christensen, Matthew			
Speeding issues have been raised at Local Traffic Committee. Formal report to be provided at next meeting.			
09 Aug 2023 10:41am Christensen, Matthew			
Matter of speeding issues has been referred to Local Traffic Committee. Speed zone assessment request has been forwarded to Transport for NSW in regards to Cargo Road. Speed campaign has been set up for Cumnock township.			
11 Jul 2024 9:39am Smith, Nyssa			
Dept Leader - Transport has advised that traffic blisters have been installed in Cumnock however review has not yet been undertaken.			
11 Oct 2024 8:33am Smith, Nyssa			
DL-Transport has advised review of traffic blisters in Cumnock still to be undertaken.			
13 Feb 2025 11:36am Smith, Nyssa			
DL-Transport advised Item 3 - will arrange for presentation from Cabonne/Orange Roads Safety Officer. Item 6 - Report to February 2025 Council meeting			
13 Mar 2025 11:33am Christensen, Matthew			

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Report to traffic committee has been undertaken relating to Cumnock pedestrian crossings, with TfNSW taking lead on assessment. COMPLETED

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Council 22-Jun-21	Christensen, Matthew Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	BORENORE DAM WATER SUPPLY FACILITY - UNAUTHORISED DWELLING
<u>MOTION</u> (Treavors/Oldham)			
THAT Council take necessary actions to require the relocation of an unauthorised building from the foreshore of the Borenore Dam Water Supply Facility.			
12 Jul 2021 10:30am Nicholls, Heather noted. NFA from services on asset matter. COMPLETE			
02 Aug 2021 12:49pm Thornberry, Heidi Action reassigned to Rachel Bailey by: Heidi Thornberry			
11 Aug 2021 10:41am Bailey, Rachel In progress. Investigations will continue from the Infrastructure ddepartment.			
08 Nov 2021 4:13pm Bailey, Rachel In process. INvestigations continuing			
08 Feb 2022 4:45pm Thornberry, Heidi Action reassigned to Charlie Harris by: Heidi Thornberry			
09 Feb 2022 5:06pm Harris, Charlie Dam Safety Audit personel to attend on 9 March. Discussions to be had with them as to strategy. , Position for Urban Infrastructure will be to instruct Planning to undertake necessary action to have the premesis removed and any septic or waste from the site to be appropriatley disposed of.			
12 May 2022 9:48am Harris, Charlie Dam Safety have advised it is an issue for Council to resolve. Consideration of de-registering Borenore Dam is on process			
16 Jun 2022 1:51pm Thornberry, Heidi In progress			
11 Jul 2022 1:30pm Harris, Charlie In progress			
11 Aug 2022 2:47pm Thornberry, Heidi Continuing to progress			
18 Oct 2022 12:09pm Harris, Charlie PWA inspecting dam in consideration of declassifying it as a dam. This will remove the Health classification and enable negotiation on options with the owner			
16 Feb 2023 8:44am Harris, Charlie Intention to proceed with declassifying this Dam and removing components of the wall to ensure it no longer acts as a dam.			

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No progress at this point

08 May 2023 10:01am Harris, Charlie

No progression of this matter

13 Sep 2023 5:04pm Harris, Charlie

No progress on this matter

09 Oct 2023 12:03pm Harris, Charlie

No Progress on this action

13 Nov 2023 3:13pm Harris, Charlie

No progress on this matter

13 Feb 2024 5:36pm Harris, Charlie

No Progress on this matter.

15 May 2024 10:26am Harris, Charlie

Borenore Dam is being considered for Decommissioning in the Water Security Project.

20 Aug 2024 12:23pm Harris, Charlie

To be considered in SSWP268 project to undertake desk top study for the decommissioning

05 Sep 2024 1:24pm Swallow, Emma - Reallocation

Action reassigned to Christensen, Matthew by Swallow, Emma - Charlie Harris no longer works for Council

10 Oct 2024 11:46am Christensen, Matthew

Assessment of Borenore Dam is being undertaken over the next 18 months. Council to consider further action following this report completion.

13 Feb 2025 10:30am Christensen, Matthew

Has been included in proposed budget for 2025/26 to undertake dam assessment which will provide some context regarding ongoing viability of Borenore Creek Dam as a water source.

13 Mar 2025 11:31am Christensen, Matthew

Have been advised of success in funding for dam safety assessment. Due to be undertaken early in 2025/26 financial year. Will provide context for ongoing viability of Borenore Creek Dam.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 23-Mar-21	Christensen, Matthew Christensen, Matthew	For Determination	ROAD RESUMPTION CHARLOTTE STREET, CANOWINDRA

MOTION (Durkin/Weaver)

THAT Council:

1. Approve the resumption of the identified land on Charlotte Street, Canowindra by the Department of Education.

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<p>2. Authorise the General Manager to execute all associated documentation to facilitate the road closure and dedication, and</p> <p>3. Authorise the application of Council Seal to necessary documentation.</p> <p><u>MOTION</u> (Oldham/Weaver)</p> <p>THAT Council receive a report in relation to the following matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council's A+ rating investment options, and the possibility of other banks coming to Molong. 2. Approach the Orange Mountain Bike Club to seek their views/opinions on the Mt Canobolas bike track and how they intend to use the facility. <p>15 Jul 2021 12:52pm Bailey, Rachel Process is ongoing. Section 138 licence for the fence erection within the road corridor, is signed and approved. Following the road closure steps as per process.</p> <p>11 Aug 2021 10:35am Bailey, Rachel In Progress. Road gazettal information confirmed. Letter advice to utilities and newspaper notification drafted as per process.</p> <p>26 Oct 2021 11:32am Smith, Nyssa Progressing. No submissions received against. Surveyor is to prepare and send through finalised plan and associated documents for signatures and consents (subdivision certificates, s88B instrument)</p> <p>08 Nov 2021 3:46pm Bailey, Rachel Public consultation for 28 days completed - no comments against. Instruction to surveyor to prepare and forward the plan and associated documentation. Documentation completed and sent through to me. Then forwarded to Crown Lands for their signature on documents. Awaiting that signature and documentation return from Crown</p> <p>08 Feb 2022 4:45pm Thornberry, Heidi Action reassigned to Charlie Harris by: Heidi Thornberry</p> <p>09 Feb 2022 4:59pm Christensen, Matthew Currently with Crown Lands Department to concur with proposal.</p> <p>10 May 2022 9:02am Thornberry, Heidi Action reassigned to Willson Wang by: Heidi Thornberry</p> <p>16 Jun 2022 11:04am Wang, Willson Site inspection has been conducted and it seems like the work has been carried out. But not sure about the paper-work wise and will chase up to see if the paper work has been finished as per the job</p> <p>13 Oct 2022 4:08pm Thornberry, Heidi Action reassigned to Matthew Christensen by: Heidi Thornberry</p> <p>11 Nov 2022 8:51am Christensen, Matthew Awaiting update from Crown Lands on status of resumption.</p> <p>29 Nov 2022 9:42am Christensen, Matthew</p>		

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Awaiting Crown Lands approval. Have escalated within Department Planning and Environment.

06 Apr 2023 10:34am Christensen, Matthew

Awaiting Crown Lands approval. Have escalated within Department Planning and Environment.

11 May 2023 10:25am Christensen, Matthew

Still awaiting response from Crown Lands for approval to finalise.

14 Feb 2024 12:38pm Christensen, Matthew

Still awaiting response from Crown Lands for approval to finalise.

05 Jul 2024 1:39pm Smith, Nyssa

Still waiting Crown Lands response. Latest advice is still working through department of education approvals.

12 Feb 2025 12:40pm Smith, Nyssa

DGMI has advised still waiting on Crown Land response. Latest advice is still working through Dept of Ed approvals.

13 Mar 2025 11:30am Christensen, Matthew

Awaiting Crown Lands response to matter. Will follow up with meeting of Crown Lands and Council in April 2025.

Meeting	Officer/Director	Section	Subject
Council 23-Mar-21	Thornberry, Heidi Byrnes, Bradley	For Determination	ROAD RESUMPTION CHARLOTTE STREET, CANOWINDRA
<u>MOTION</u> (Durkin/Weaver)			
THAT Council:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the resumption of the identified land on Charlotte Street, Canowindra by the Department of Education. 2. Authorise the General Manager to execute all associated documentation to facilitate the road closure and dedication, and 3. Authorise the application of Council Seal to necessary documentation. 			
<u>MOTION</u> (Oldham/Weaver)			
THAT Council receive a report in relation to the following matters:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council's A+ rating investment options, and the possibility of other banks coming to Molong. 2. Approach the Orange Mountain Bike Club to seek their views/opinions on the Mt Canobolas bike track and how they intend to use the facility. 			
15 Apr 2021 12:01pm Thornberry, Heidi			
Awaiting document to affix seal			

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<div><div>04 Jun 2024 12:58pm Stansbury, Hayley - Reallocation</div><div>Action reassigned to Thornberry, Heidi by Stansbury, Hayley - Staff Reallocation</div><div>17 Jun 2024 2:06pm Thornberry, Heidi</div><div>Awaiting document</div><div>15 Jul 2024 7:32pm Thornberry, Heidi</div><div>Awaiting Document</div><div>29 Jul 2024 9:50am Thornberry, Heidi</div><div>latest comment from DGMI - still awaiting Crown Lands response. Latest advice is still working through Department of Education approvals.</div><div>08 Oct 2024 11:10am Thornberry, Heidi</div><div>Awaiting further information</div><div>13 Nov 2024 9:55pm Thornberry, Heidi</div><div>Still awaiting information</div><div>09 Dec 2024 7:18pm Thornberry, Heidi</div><div>Still awaiting information</div><div>10 Feb 2025 9:14am Thornberry, Heidi</div><div>Still awaiting information</div><div>04 Mar 2025 2:09pm Thornberry, Heidi</div><div>Comment from Nyssa - DGMI has advised still waiting on Crown Land response. Latest advice is still working through Dept of Ed approvals.</div></div>		



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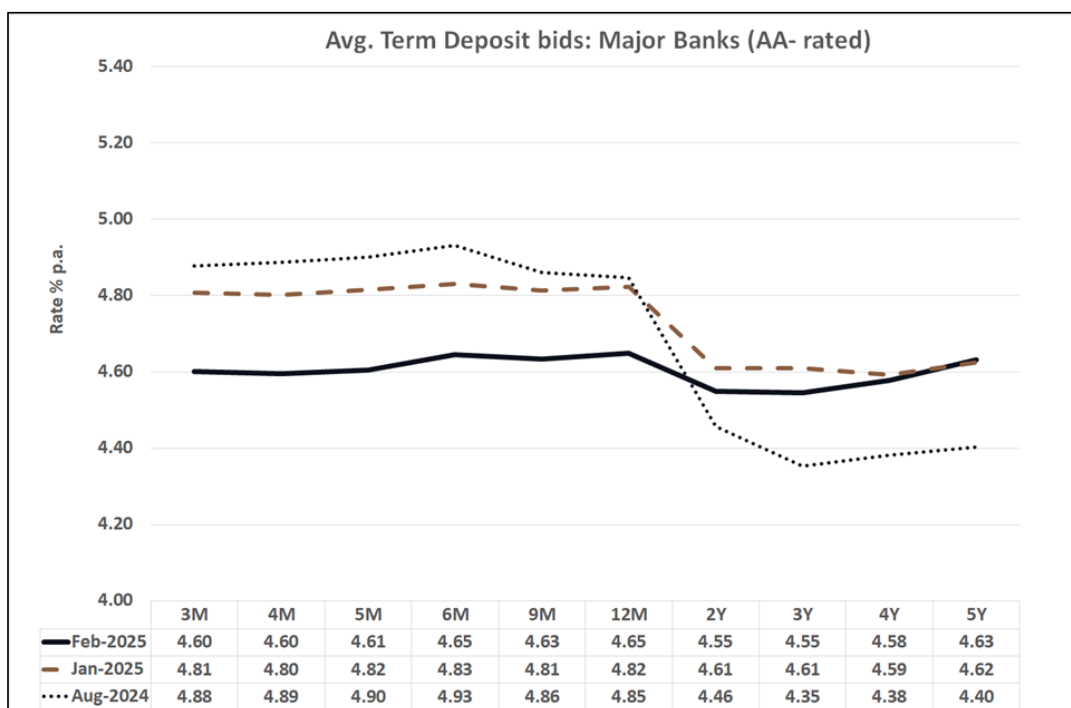
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Market Update Summary

Risk markets experienced a downturn over February on the back of tariff uncertainty (led by the US) and ongoing geopolitics in the middle east.

In the deposit market, over February, at the very short-end of the curve (less than 12 months), the average deposit rates offered by the major banks fell by around 15-20bp compared to where they were the previous month (January), in response to the RBA's first rate cut this easing cycle. At the medium to longer-end of the curve (2-3 years), the average rates fell by around 5bp compared to where they were in January (and largely unchanged for 4-5 years).



Source: Imperium Markets

With additional rate cuts and a global economic downturn priced in over 2025, investors should consider diversifying and taking an 'insurance policy' against a potentially lower rate environment by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits and locking in rates above 4½% p.a. (small allocation only).



Cabonne Council's Portfolio & Compliance

Asset Allocation

As at the end of February 2025, the portfolio was predominantly directed to fixed term deposits (~85%). The remaining portfolio is directed to an overnight cash account with CBA (15%). Short-dated deposits are now comfortably yielding above the at-call accounts. Council should always maintain a minimum balance in the cash accounts to meet ongoing cash flow requirements but invest excess funds out into term deposits.

Senior FRNs are becoming expensive on a historical basis, although new issuances should continue to be considered on a case by case scenario. In the interim, staggering a mix of fixed deposits between 12 months to 5 years remains a more optimal strategy to maximise returns over a longer-term cycle.

With additional rate cuts and a global economic downturn being priced in 2025, investors can choose to allocate a small proportion of longer-term funds and undertake an insurance policy against any further rate cuts by investing across 1-5 year fixed deposits, locking in and targeting yields above 4½% p.a. Should inflation be within the RBA's target band of 2-3% over the longer-term, returns around 4½% p.a. or higher should outperform benchmark.

Asset Allocation	Invested (\$)	Percentage (%)
Cash	\$8,058,000	15%
Term Deposits	\$45,750,000	85%
	\$53,808,000	100%

Term to Maturity

Overall, the portfolio remains highly liquid from a maturity perspective with a significant proportion of assets maturing within 3 months (~32%). We recommend a more diversified maturity profile to improve the returns of the total investment portfolio in the long-run.

Where ongoing liquidity requirements permit Council to invest a spread of 1-3 year investments (small allocation only), we recommend this be allocated fixed term deposits (refer to respective sections below).

Compliant	Horizon	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Min. Limit (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	0 – 90 days	\$17,058,000	31.70%	0%	100%	\$36,750,000
✓	91 – 365 days	\$30,250,000	56.22%	0%	100%	\$23,558,000
✓	1 – 2 years	\$5,500,000	10.22%	0%	100%	\$48,308,000
✓	2 – 5 years	\$1,000,000	1.86%	0%	100%	\$52,808,000
		\$53,808,000	100.00%			



Counterparty

As at the end of February 2025, each individual bank was within the policy limits. Overall, the portfolio is lightly diversified across 12 ADIs. We welcomed the decision to open new deposit accounts with Regional Aust Bank Australia (BBB+), ING Bank (A) and State Bank of India (BBB-) in the recent months. We recommend opening up more accounts with other banking counterparties to not only diversify, but in all likelihood, this will increase the overall returns of the portfolio.

Compliant	Issuer	Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	ANZ	AA-	\$5,500,000	10.22%	50%	\$21,404,000
✓	CBA	AA-	\$8,058,000	14.98%	50%	\$18,846,000
✓	NAB	AA-	\$6,000,000	11.15%	50%	\$20,904,000
✓	WBC	AA-	\$10,750,000	19.98%	50%	\$16,154,000
✓	ING	A	\$7,000,000	13.01%	15%	\$1,071,200
✓	Rabobank	A	\$4,000,000	7.43%	15%	\$4,071,200
✓	BoQ	A-	\$2,000,000	3.72%	15%	\$6,071,200
✓	AMP Bank	BBB+	\$4,000,000	7.43%	10%	\$1,380,800
✓	Regional Aust Bank	BBB+	\$2,000,000	3.72%	10%	\$3,380,800
✓	MyState Bank	BBB	\$2,000,000	3.72%	10%	\$3,380,800
✓	State Bank India	BBB	\$2,000,000	3.72%	10%	\$3,380,800
✓	Unity Bank	Unrated	\$500,000	0.93%	5%	\$2,190,400
			\$53,808,000	100.00%		

On 31st July 2024, ANZ's takeover of Suncorp Bank was formalised, and ratings agency S&P upgraded Suncorp's long-term credit rating to that of its parent company immediately (now rated AA-). Investor's exposure to Suncorp is now reflected under the parent company being ANZ.



Fossil Fuel & Ethical ('Green') Investments

What is Council's current exposure to institutions that fund fossil fuels?

Using the following link <http://www.marketforces.org.au/banks/compare>, based on the Council's investment portfolio balance as at 28/02/2025 (\$53.8m), we can roughly estimate that ~77% of the institutions invested have some form of exposure. Note this is purely based on the institution/counterparty and not the actual underlying investments themselves.

Council's exposure is summarised as follows:

Counterparty	Rating	Funding Fossil Fuel
ANZ	AA-	Yes
CBA	AA-	Yes
NAB	AA-	Yes
WBC	AA-	Yes
ING	A	Yes
Rabobank	A	Yes
BoQ	A-	No
AMP Bank	BBB+	No
Regional Aus Bank	BBB+	No
MyState Bank	BBB	No
State Bank India	BBB-	No
Unity Bank	Unrated	No

Source: <https://www.marketforces.org.au/info/compare-bank-table/>

Summary	Amount	Invested %
Yes	\$41,308,000	77%
No	\$12,500,000	23%
	\$53,808,000	100%

Transition to investments without major exposure to fossil fuels

Council has not made a formal decision to divest from the current portfolio of investments which have exposure to fossil fuels. To do so would have unfavourable implications to the credit quality, rating and interest income forecasts.

However, where possible, and within the ministerial and policy guidelines, Council will continue to favour newly issued fossil fuel free investment products, providing it does not compromise the risk and return profile.

In time, it is Council's intention to move to a more balanced portfolio which has less exposure to fossil fuels, providing it is prudent to do so.

**What would be implications on our portfolio credit rating?**

By adopting a free fossil fuel policy or an active divestment strategy, this would eliminate the major banks rated "AA-" as well as some other "A" rated banks (e.g. ING and Rabobank). Council would be left with a smaller sub-sector of banks to choose to invest with.

What would be risks and implications on Council's portfolio performance?

Some implications include:

- High concentration risk – limiting Council to a selected number of banks;
- Increased credit/counterparty risk;
- May lead to a reduction in performance (e.g. most of the senior FRN issues are with the higher rated ADIs);
- Underperformance compared to other Councils which could result in a significant loss of income generated – could be in excess of hundreds of thousands of dollars per annum.

It may actually be contrary to Council's primary objective to preserve capital as the investment portfolio's risk would increase (all things being equal). Council may not be maximising its returns – this is one of the primary objectives written in the Investment Policy.



Credit Quality

As at the end of February, the portfolio remains lightly diversified across the investment grade spectrum, with the majority of assets directed to the higher rated banks (rated "AA-") or "A" category. All aggregate ratings categories are within the Policy limits:

Compliant	Credit Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested (%)	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
✓	AAA Category	\$0	0.0%	100%	\$53,808,000
✓	AA Category	\$30,308,000	56.3%	100%	\$23,500,000
✓	A Category	\$13,000,000	24.2%	70%	\$24,665,600
✓	BBB Category	\$10,000,000	18.6%	30%	\$6,142,400
✓	Unrated ADIs	\$500,000	0.9%	15%	\$7,571,200
		\$53,808,000	100.0%		

Performance

Council's performance for the month ending February 2025 is summarised as follows:

Performance (Actual)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	0.31%	1.04%	2.12%	2.86%	4.33%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	0.34%	1.10%	2.21%	2.98%	4.48%
Council's T/D Portfolio [^]	0.40%	1.26%	2.55%	3.44%	5.22%
Rel. Performance	0.06%	0.16%	0.34%	0.46%	0.74%

[^]Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

Performance (Annualised)	1 month	3 months	6 months	FYTD	1 year
Official Cash Rate	4.10%	4.27%	4.31%	4.32%	4.33%
AusBond Bank Bill Index	4.51%	4.54%	4.51%	4.51%	4.48%
Council's T/D Portfolio [^]	5.34%	5.21%	5.21%	5.21%	5.22%
Rel. Performance	0.83%	0.67%	0.70%	0.70%	0.74%

[^]Total portfolio performance excludes Council's cash account holdings.

For the month of February, the total investment portfolio (excluding cash) provided a solid return of +0.40% (actual) or +5.34% p.a. (annualised), outperforming the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.34% (actual) or +4.51% p.a. (annualised).

Returns can be improved in the long-run by staggering deposit investments across a mixture of 9-12 months, potentially out to 5 years. The addition of new banking counterparties would also reduce concentration risk, whilst promoting diversification and in all likelihood, increase overall returns.



Recommendations for Council

Term Deposits

Council's interest income can be increased by undertaking a slightly longer duration position (12-24 months), with rates on offer along this part of the curve likely to be offered up to ¼-½% p.a. higher compared to shorter tenors in a normal market environment. There is growing belief that additional rate cuts and a global economic downturn is imminent and so locking in rates above 4½% p.a. across 1-3 year tenors may provide some income protection against a lower rate environment.

As at the end of February 2025, Council's deposit portfolio was yielding 5.13% p.a. (down 2bp from the previous month), with a weighted average duration of 269 days (~9 months). **We recommend maintaining the weighted average duration between 9-12 months in the long-run to optimise returns, whilst not jeopardising liquidity.**

Please refer to the section below for further details on the Term Deposit market.

Securities

Primary (new) Senior **FRNs** (with maturities between 3-5 years) continue to be appealing (particularly for those investors with portfolios skewed towards fixed assets) and should be considered on a case by case scenario. **Fixed Bonds** may also provide some attractive opportunities from new (primary) issuances.

Please refer to the sections below for further details on each market.



Term Deposit Market Review

Current Term Deposits Rates

As at the end of February, we see value in the following:

ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
ING Bank	A	5 years	4.82%
Hume Bank	BBB+	5 years	4.68%
Westpac	AA-	5 years	4.59%
ING Bank	A	4 years	4.70%
BoQ	A-	4 years	4.55%
Westpac	AA-	4 years	4.53%
Hume Bank	BBB+	4 years	4.52%
ING Bank	A	3 years	4.61%
Westpac	AA-	3 years	4.50%
BoQ	A-	3 years	4.50%
Hume Bank	BBB+	3 years	4.50%
ING Bank	A	2 years	4.60%
NAB	AA-	2 years	4.55%
Westpac	AA-	2 years	4.51%
BoQ	A-	2 years	4.50%

The above deposits are suitable for investors looking to maintain diversification and lock-in a slight premium compared to purely investing short-term.

For terms under 12 months, we believe the strongest value is currently being offered by the following ADIs (we stress that rates are indicative, dependent on daily funding requirements and different for industry segments):



ADI	LT Credit Rating	Term	Rate % p.a.
ICBC Sydney	A	12 months	4.74%
Westpac	AA-	12 months	4.70%
ING Bank	A	12 months	4.67%
NAB	AA-	12 months	4.65%
ICBC Sydney	A	9 months	4.72%
BankVIC	BBB+	9 months	4.70%
NAB	AA-	9 months	4.65%
ING Bank	A	9 months	4.63%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	6 months	4.78%
BankVIC	BBB+	6 months	4.75%
NAB	AA-	6 months	4.70%
Westpac	AA-	6 months	4.66%
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	3 months	4.79%
NAB	AA-	3 months	4.70%

For those investors that do not require high levels of liquidity and can stagger their investments longer term, they will be rewarded over a longer-term cycle if they roll for an average min. term of 12 months, with a spread of investments out to 5 years (this is where we see current value). In a normal market environment (upward sloping yield curve), investors could earn over a cycle, on average, up to $\frac{1}{4}$ – $\frac{1}{2}$ % p.a. higher compared to those investors that entirely invest in short-dated deposits.

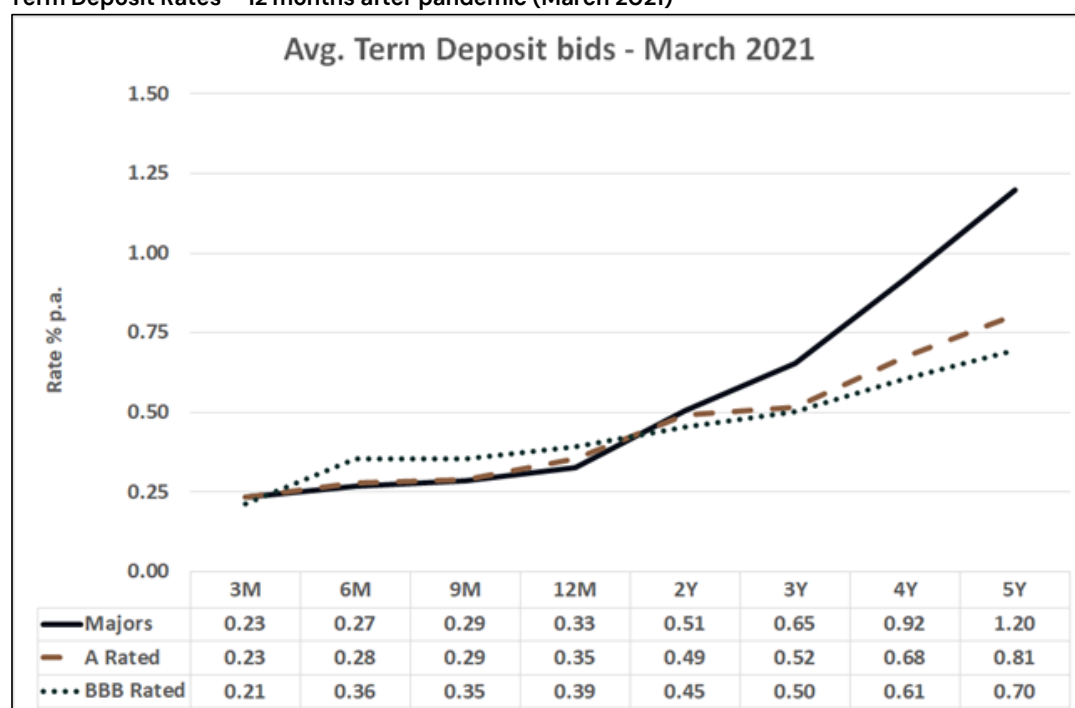
With additional rate cuts and a global economic downturn priced in over 2025, investors should consider allocating some longer-term surplus funds and undertake an insurance policy by investing across 1–5 year fixed deposits and locking in rates above 4½% p.a. This will provide some income protection if the RBA decides to continue cutting rates over 2025.



Term Deposits Analysis

Pre-pandemic (March 2020), a 'normal' marketplace meant the lower rated ADIs (i.e. BBB category) were offering higher rates on term deposits compared to the higher rated ADIs (i.e. A or AA rated). But due to the cheap funding available provided by the RBA via their Term Funding Facility (TFF) during mid-2020, allowing the ADIs to borrow as low as 0.10% p.a. fixed for 3 years, those lower rated ADIs (BBB rated) did not require deposit funding from the wholesale deposit. Given the higher rated banks had more capacity to lend (as they have a greater pool of mortgage borrowers), they subsequently were offering higher deposit rates. In fact, some of the lower rated banks were not even offering deposit rates at all. As a result, most investors placed a higher proportion of their deposit investments with the higher rated (A or AA) ADIs over the past three years.

Term Deposit Rates – 12 months after pandemic (March 2021)



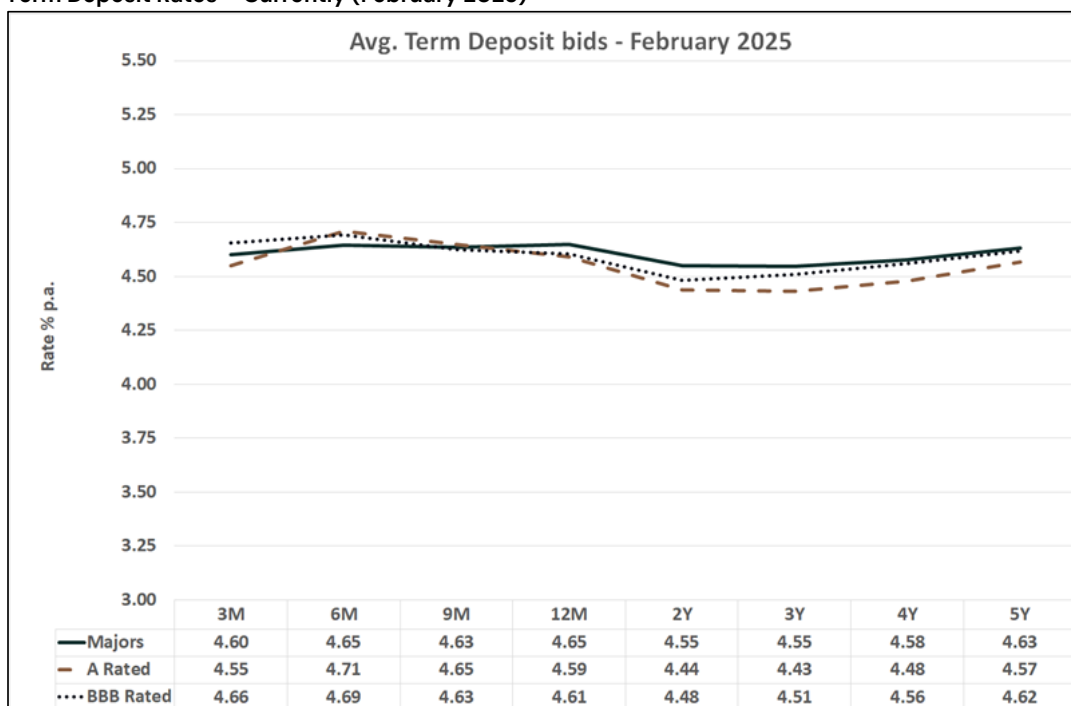
Source: Imperium Markets

The abnormal marketplace experienced during the pandemic is starting to reverse as the competition for deposits slowly increases, partially driven by the RBA's term funding facility coming to an end. In recent months, we have started to periodically see some of the lower rated ADIs ("A" and "BBB" rated) offering slightly higher rates compared to the domestic major banks ("AA" rated) on different parts of the curve (i.e. pre-pandemic environment). Some of this has been attributed to lags in adjusting their deposit rates as some banks (mainly the lower rated ADIs) simply set their rates for the week.



Going forward, investors should have a larger opportunity to invest a higher proportion of its funds with the lower rated institutions (up to Policy limits), from which the majority are not lending to the Fossil Fuel industry or considered 'ethical'. We are slowly seeing this trend emerge, although the major banks always seem to react more quickly than the rest of the market during periods of volatility:

Term Deposit Rates – Currently (February 2025)



Source: Imperium Markets

Financial Stability of the Banking (ADI) Sector

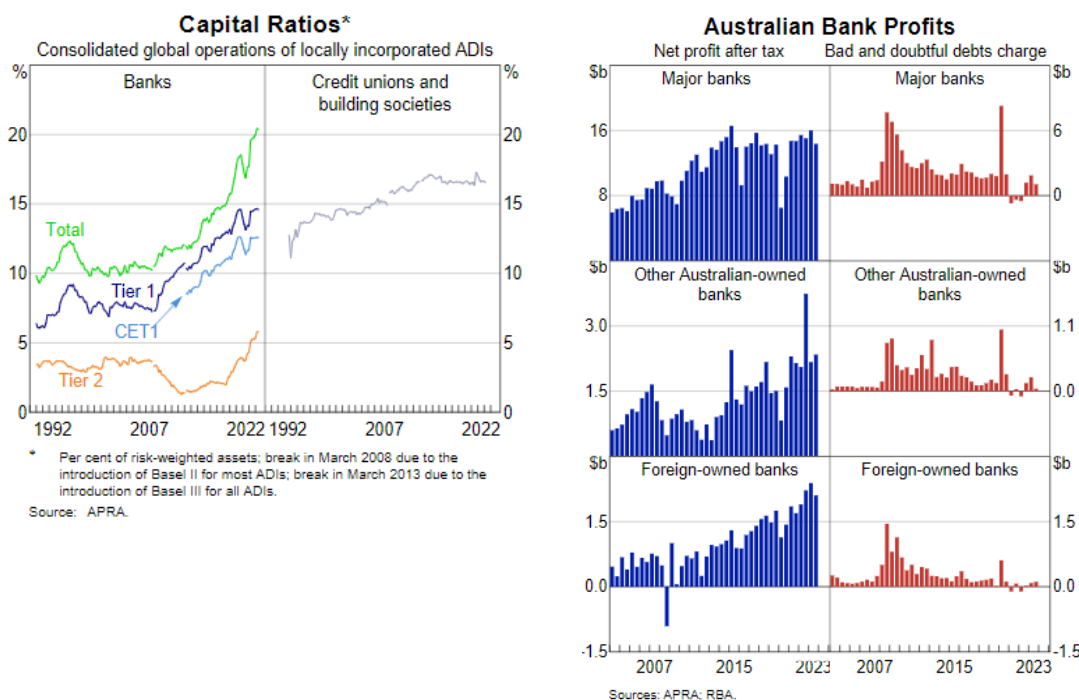
The RBA's latest Financial Stability report of 2024 reaffirms the strong balance sheet across the ADI sector. They noted that the risk of widespread financial stress remains limited due to the generally strong financial positions of most (individual) borrowers. Very few mortgage borrowers are in negative equity, limiting the impact on lenders (ADIs) in the event of default and supporting their ability to continue providing credit to the economy. Most businesses that have entered insolvency are small and have little debt, limiting the broader impact on the labour market and thus household incomes, and on the capital position of lenders (ADIs).

Australian banks (collectively the APRA regulated ADIs) have maintained prudent lending standards and are well positioned to continue supplying credit to the economy. A deterioration in economic conditions or temporary disruption to funding markets is unlikely to halt lending activity. Banks have anticipated an



increase in loan arrears and have capital and liquidity buffers well above regulatory requirements (see *Capita Ratios chart below*). APRA's mandate is to "protect depositors" and provide "financial stability".

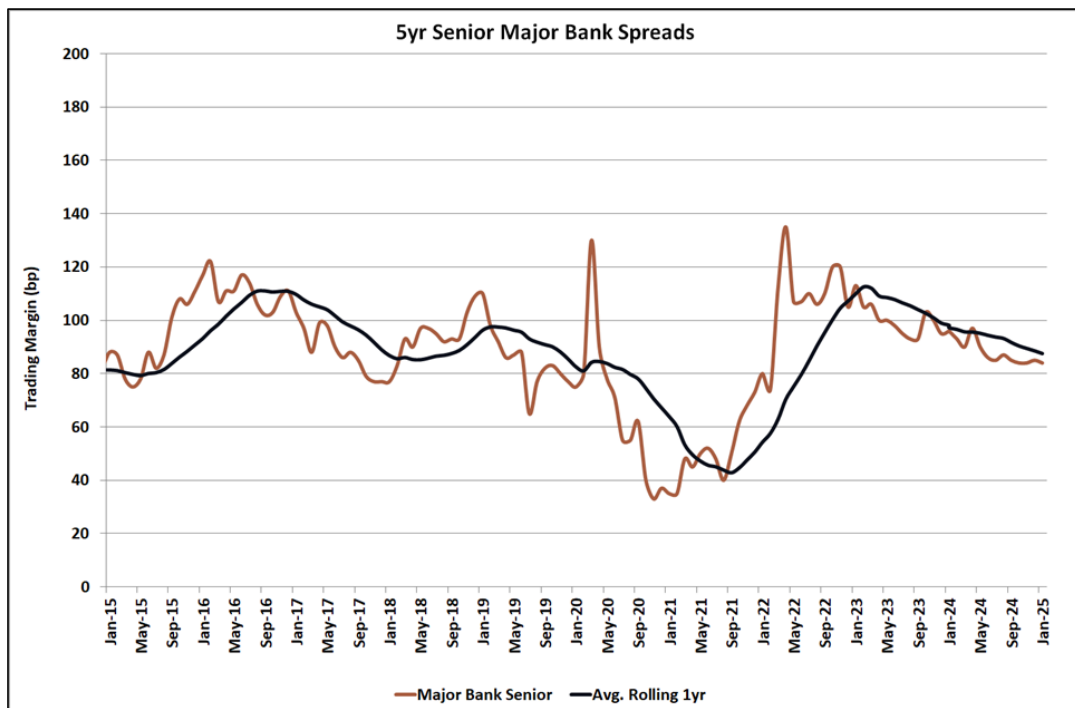
Over the past two decades, both domestic and international banks continue to operate and demonstrate high levels of profitability (see *Australian Bank Profits chart below*), which also includes two stress-test environments being the GFC (September 2008) and the COVID pandemic (March 2020):





Senior FRNs Market Review

Over February, amongst the senior major bank FRNs, physical credit securities tightened by up to 5bp at the longer-end of the curve. During the month, ANZ (AA-) issued a dual 3 and 5 year senior security +68bp and +81bp respectively. Long-term major bank senior securities are approaching the 'expensive' territory especially if the 5yr margin tightens towards +80bp.



Source: IBS Capital

Outside of ANZ (AA-), there was a few more notable primary deals:

- Rabobank (A+) 2½ and 5 year senior FRN at +65bp and +85bp respectively
- Mizuho (A) 3¼ year senior FRN at +72bp
- United Overseas Bank (AA-) 3 year senior FRN at +65bp
- MUFG (A) 3 year senior FRN at +67bp

Amongst the "A" and "BBB" rated sectors, the securities tightened by around 3-5bp at the longer-end of the curve. Overall, credit securities remain fair value on a historical basis without being overly exciting. FRNs will continue to play a role in investors' portfolios mainly based on their liquidity and the ability to roll down the curve and gross up returns over ensuing years (in a relatively stable credit environment), whilst also providing some diversification to those investors skewed towards fixed assets.



Senior FRNs (ADIs)	28/02/2025	31/01/2025
"AA" rated – 5yrs	+81bp	+84bp
"AA" rated – 3yrs	+65bp	+70bp
"A" rated – 5yrs	+90bp	+95bp
"A" rated – 3yrs	+72bp	+78bp
"BBB" rated – 3yrs	+115bp	+117bp

Source: IBS Capital

We now generally recommend switches ('benchmark' issues only) into new primary issues, out of the following senior FRNs that are maturing:

- On or before mid-2027 for the "AA" rated ADIs (domestic major banks);
- On or before mid-2026 for the "A" rated ADIs; and
- Within 6–9 months for the "BBB" rated ADIs (consider case by case).

Investors holding onto the above senior FRNs ('benchmark' issues only) in their last few years are now generally holding sub optimal investments and are not maximising returns by foregoing realised capital gains. In the current challenging economic environment, any boost in overall returns should be locked in when it is advantageous to do so, particularly as switch opportunities become available.



Senior Fixed Bonds – ADIs (Secondary Market)

With global inflation remaining elevated by historical standards, this has seen a lift in longer-term bond yields over the past 3 years (valuations have fallen) as markets have reacted sharply.

This has resulted in some opportunities in the secondary market. We currently see value in the following fixed bond lines, with the some now being marked at a significant discount to par (please note supply in the secondary market may be limited on any day):

ISIN	Issuer	Rating	Capital Structure	Maturity Date	~Remain. Term (yrs)	Fixed Coupon	Indicative Yield
AU3CB0278174	UBS	A+	Senior	26/02/2026	1.00	1.10%	4.41%
AU3CB0280030	BoQ	A-	Senior	06/05/2026	1.19	1.40%	4.64%
AU3CB0299337	Bendigo	A-	Senior	15/05/2026	1.21	4.70%	4.52%
AU3CB0296168	BoQ	A-	Senior	27/01/2027	1.92	4.70%	4.68%



Economic Commentary

International Market

Risk markets experienced a downturn over February on the back of tariff uncertainty (led by the US) and ongoing geopolitics in the middle east.

Across equity markets, the US S&P 500 Index fell -1.42%, whilst the NASDAQ lost -3.97%. Europe's main indices bucked the trend, with gains in Germany's DAX (+3.77%), France's CAC (+2.03%) and UK's FTSE (+1.57%).

US President Trump postponed the tariff increases on Canada and Mexico to early April, whilst the 10% additional tariffs on China have gone ahead. Canada, Mexico and China have all said they would retaliate, while Trump's Executive Order also includes a clause that would allow the US to increase the scope of duties in the event of retaliation.

In the US, headline payrolls came in at 143k, below the 175k consensus. The unemployment rate fell 0.1% to 4.0% (consensus 4.1%). Headline US CPI grew at +0.5% m/m in January and the core ex-food and energy measure at +0.3% m/m. Rate cut expectations have been pared, with just 25bp of cuts now priced this year.

Canadian employment data was stronger than expected, with employment rising 76k vs 25k expected and the unemployment rate falling 0.1% to 6.6% (6.8% expected). Headline CPI was as expected at +1.9% y/y but core measures was around 0.2% higher than expected.

The Bank of England (BoE) cuts Bank Rate by 25bp to 4.50% as expected. The vote was 7:2 with 2 dissenters preferring a 50bp cut. The unemployment rate in the UK was steady at 4.4% compared to an expected pickup to 4.5%. UK January CPI rose to +3.0% from +2.5%, above the +2.8% expected.

The RBNZ cut rates by 50bp to 3.75%. Governor Orr said he anticipated the cash rate will be around 3.00% by year-end but that the Bank needs to be a bit more cautious depending on inflation prints (positioning 25bp cuts the remainder of this year).

Chinese CPI was +0.5% vs +0.4% expected. The core measure rose to +0.6% from +0.4%, its fourth straight rise.

The MSCI World ex-Aus Index fell -0.75% for the month of February:

Index	1m	3m	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr
S&P 500 Index	-1.42%	-1.29%	+16.84%	+10.83%	+15.05%	+10.96%
MSCI World ex-AUS	-0.75%	+2.67%	+14.29%	+8.67%	+12.36%	+8.11%
S&P ASX 200 Accum. Index	-3.79%	-2.56%	+9.94%	+9.24%	+8.87%	+7.51%

Source: S&P, MSCI



Domestic Market

The RBA cut rates by 25bp to 4.10% as widely expected. The post-Meeting Statement stated that *“some of the upside risks to inflation appear to have eased and there are signs that disinflation might be occurring a little more quickly than earlier expected”*. However, risks were seen as two sided and the post-meeting commentary was seen as hawkish – if policy is *“eased too much too soon, disinflation could stall, and inflation would settle above the midpoint”*.

The RBA’s trimmed mean inflation is now forecast to return to the 2–3% target band six months earlier, however it flatlines at 2.7% from mid-2025. The RBA also lowered its projection of the unemployment rate by 0.3%, seeing unemployment peaking at 4.2% in June-2025 from a prior peak of 4.5% by December 2025.

The January Monthly CPI Indicator printed close to consensus at +2.5% y/y vs. +2.6% expected. The monthly core measures of inflation came in largely as expected at +2.8%–2.9% y/y.

The wage price index (WPI) rose +0.7% q/q in Q4 and +3.2% y/y. The consensus and RBA forecasts were for +0.8%/+3.2%. Wages growth has moderated substantially from its peak of +4.2% y/y over 2023 as the labour market has rebalanced.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.1% to 4.1% in January. Employment rose +44k, following a bump of +56k a month prior.

Retail sales in December was strong, falling just –0.1% m/m in December (consensus –0.7% m/m).

The Australian dollar fell around –0.18%, finishing the month at US62.14 cents (from US62.25 cents the previous month).

Credit Market

The global credit indices remained relatively flat during the month. They remain near the levels seen in early 2022 (prior to the rate hike cycle from most central banks):

Index	February 2025	January 2025
CDX North American 5yr CDS	50bp	48bp
iTraxx Europe 5yr CDS	53bp	53bp
iTraxx Australia 5yr CDS	65bp	66bp

Source: Markit



Fixed Interest Review

Benchmark Index Returns

Index	February 2025	January 2025
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (0+YR)	+0.34%	+0.38%
Bloomberg AusBond Composite Bond Index (0+YR)	+0.93%	+0.19%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit FRN Index (0+YR)	+0.47%	+0.47%
Bloomberg AusBond Credit Index (0+YR)	+0.79%	+0.44%
Bloomberg AusBond Treasury Index (0+YR)	+0.90%	+0.14%
Bloomberg AusBond Inflation Gov't Index (0+YR)	+0.72%	-0.23%

Source: Bloomberg

Other Key Rates

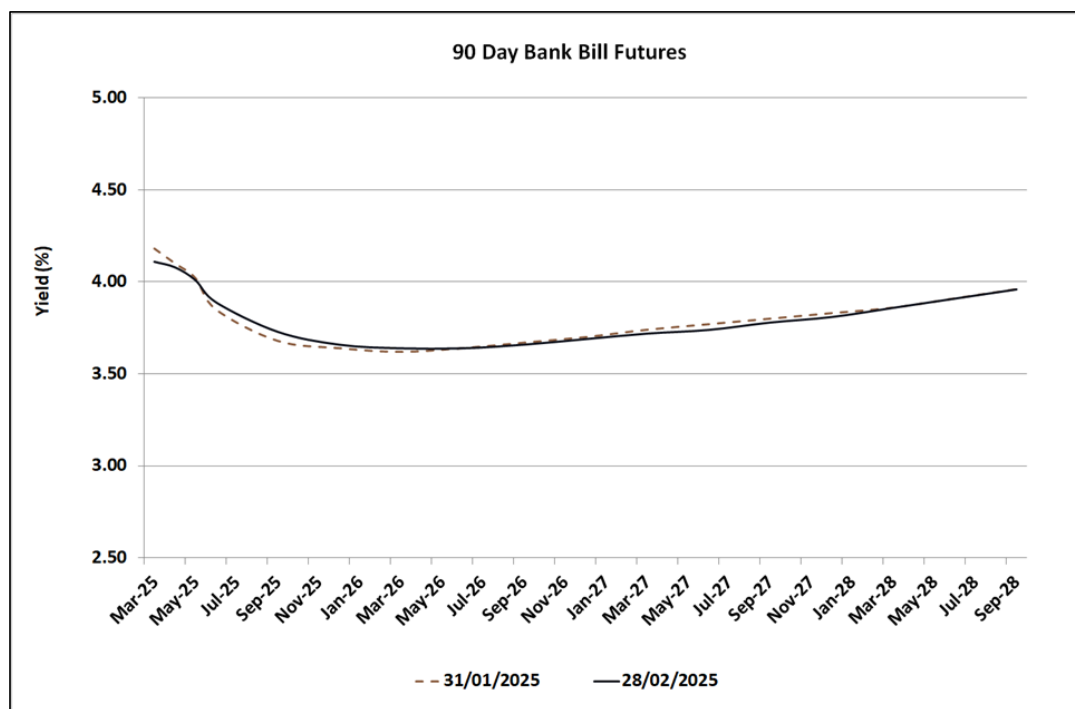
Index	February 2025	January 2025
RBA Official Cash Rate	4.10%	4.35%
90 Day (3 month) BBSW Rate	4.12%	4.25%
3yr Australian Government Bonds	3.75%	3.80%
10yr Australian Government Bonds	4.30%	4.43%
US Fed Funds Rate	4.25%-4.50%	4.25%-4.50%
2yr US Treasury Bonds	3.99%	4.22%
10yr US Treasury Bonds	4.24%	4.58%

Source: RBA, ASX, US Department of Treasury



90 Day Bill Futures

Bill futures remained relatively flat this month after the RBA delivered its first rate cut and downplayed expectations of the markets timing of additional rate cuts:



Source: ASX

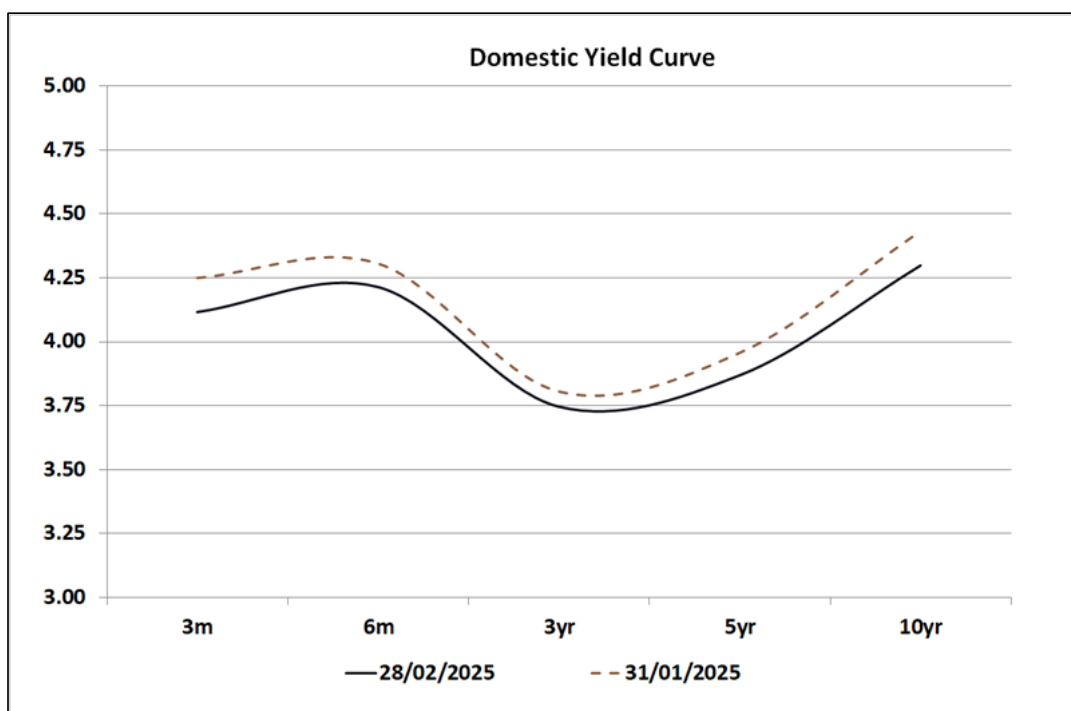


Fixed Interest Outlook

US Fed Chair Powell's recently confirmed the Fed is going to be much more cautious in 2025 and they *"do not need to be in a hurry to adjust our policy stance"*, reflective of sticky inflation combined with President-elect Trump's proposed economic policies (which is expected to exacerbate price pressures). The futures market is now only pricing in two rate cuts in the US over 2025.

Domestically, RBA Governor Bullock reinforced the hawkish framing after their first cut. She explicitly pushed back on the additional 50bp of rate cuts underpinning their forecasts given they only forecast trimmed mean CPI flatlining at 2.70% from mid-2025. The Governor said, *"the board needs more evidence that inflation is continuing to decline before making decisions about the future path of interest rates"*. She noted the RBA wants to see easing wage costs, disinflation in market services and housing inflation continuing to ease.

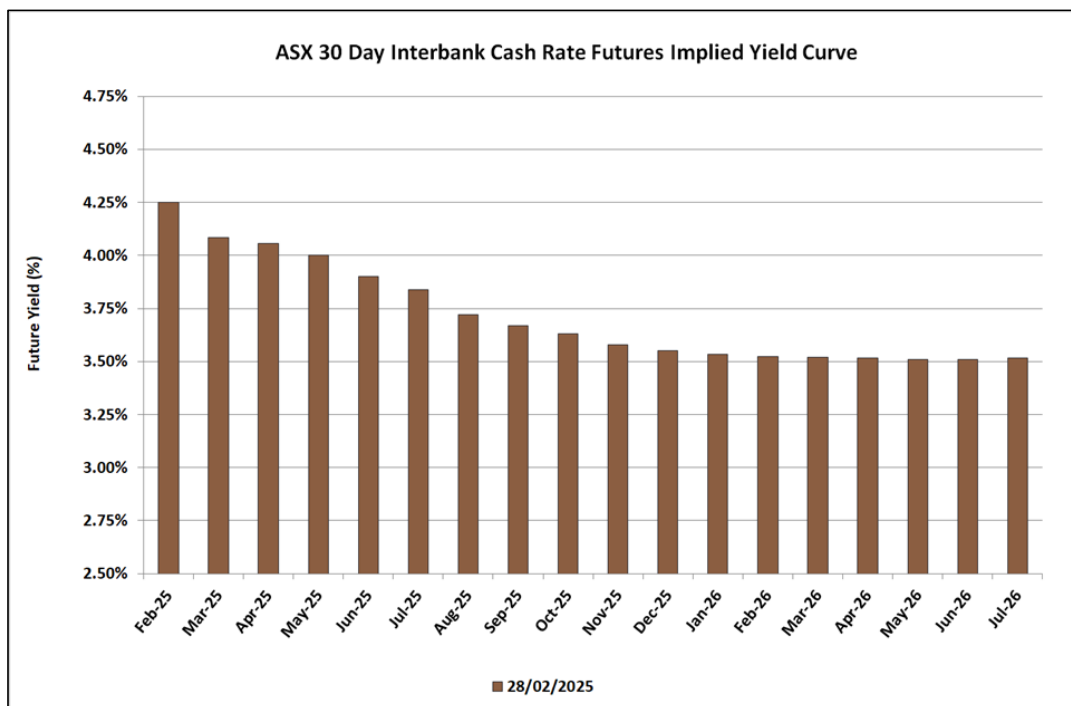
Yields remained fell up to 13bp across the short and long-end of the curve, adjusting to the RBA's first rate cut.



Source: ASX, RBA



Financial markets continue to price in up to two additional rate cuts in 2025, despite Governor Bullock's jawboning against such expectations:



Source: ASX

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Column1	2024/2025	2023/2024	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19
Jul	2.79	8.33	9.5	11.61	9.88	10.06	7.78
Aug	29.44	29.8	30.58	45.94	15.68	34.51	32.83
Sep	35.25	32.86	38.91	50.15	31.23	37	36.14
Oct	40.31	39.52	42.66	54.74	36.85	40.74	40.57
Nov	53.7	50.41	53.71	64.7	60.46	50.63	53.36
Dec	57.66	56.24	55.08	66.08	64.69	53.15	56.69
Jan	59.93	59.53	56.27	68.91	66.31	60.84	59.21
Feb	73.22	70.02	73.93	78.29	75.06	69.95	72.36
Mar		75.15	77.18	81.76	79.99	73.13	74.97
Apr		76.45	78.03	84.4	83.02	79.34	76.35
May		92.88	93.63	94.83	93.73	93.94	91.46
Jun		94.61	95.26	96.86	95.95	95.81	93.72

