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**ITEM 20 - REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT OF  
LED LIGHTING AT CANOWINDRA SPORTS OVAL**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

<b>Reason For Report</b>	To obtain council approval to authorise expenditure from Canowindra Town Improvement Fund for the replacement of LED Lighting at the Canowindra Sports Oval.
<b>Policy Implications</b>	Recommendation as per Canowindra Town Improvement Fund Reserve Policy.
<b>Budget Implications</b>	\$37,000.00 from the Canowindra Town Improvement Fund Reserve
<b>IPR Linkage</b>	2.1.1.2a - Maintain sporting facilities in accordance with agreed levels of service.
<b>Annexures</b>	1. Canowindra Progress Association - Lighting replacement↓ 2. Canowindra Town Improvement Fund Reserve Policy - Strategic↓
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**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council authorise transfer of \$37,000 from the Canowindra Town Improvement Fund Reserve Policy to the Canowindra Progress Association for the replacement of LED lighting at the Canowindra Sports Oval.

**LEADER - COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY REPORT**

On Thursday, 21 March 2024, Council received a request from the Canowindra Progress Association to access \$37,000 from the Canowindra Town Improvement Fund Reserve to replace the LED lighting at the top playing fields at the Canowindra Sports Oval.

During a test of the existing lighting, it was discovered that 12 of 16 globes are currently not working.

There are several major community events due to take place throughout April – including the Cabonne Sponsored Balloon Glow event, as well as the commencement of the winter sport season, and therefore the community has identified an urgent need for these globes to be replaced.

The cost for the replacement would be split between the Canowindra Progress Association and the Canowindra Sports Trust, with each group contributing 50% of the costs, totalling \$74,000.

Whilst the Canowindra Town Improvement Fund Reserve Policy requires any expenditure above \$20,000 to be open to submissions under a 28-exhibition period, it does allow for projects identified through Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework in-line with the Community Strategic Plan.

In this instance, 2.5 of the Community Strategic Plan identifies the need to invest in maintaining and enhancing sports grounds to ensure that Cabonne's community infrastructure enables all residents and visitors to participate in a range of activities.

Not replacing the lighting prior to planned night-time events scheduled in April 2024 may represent a risk to both Council and the community due to insufficient lighting to enable safe movement at the Sports Oval.

Quotes and scheduling of the contractor for the works have been undertaken between the Canowindra Sports Trust, which indicate that the works can be completed within the necessary timeframe (prior to the Balloon Glow event).

**ITEM 21 - CONFIRMATION OF THE CABONNE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

<b>Reason For Report</b>	Adoption of the Cabonne Local Traffic Committee meeting minutes
<b>Policy Implications</b>	Nil
<b>Budget Implications</b>	Nil
<b>IPR Linkage</b>	2.2.1.4b - Facilitate the Local Traffic Committee.
<b>Annexures</b>	1. Cabonne Council Local Traffic Committee 2024-03-20 Minutes <a href="#">↓</a>
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**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT council accept the minutes from the Local Traffic Committee held on 20 March 2024 and;

1. Approve road closures and disruptions for the Canowindra International Balloon Challenge being held in Canowindra from 20 April to 29 April 2024;
2. Forward the speed zone assessment request for Old Canobolas Road to Transport for NSW;
3. Forward the speed zone assessment request for Vittoria Road to Transport for NSW;
4. Approve road closures for the ANZAC Day 2024 services in the Molong, Yeoval, Obley, Eugowra, Canowindra, Cudal and Manildra.

**DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER - CABONNE INFRASTRUCTURE'S  
REPORT**

A meeting of the Cabonne Local Traffic Committee Meeting was held on 20 March 2024.

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

Terms of Reference – Local Traffic Committee

The committee considered the draft terms of reference for the Local Traffic Committee. It was discussed that whilst a terms of reference was not required, due to the statutory nature of the committee, it was considered appropriate to make clear the objective and the functioning of the committee.

At the meeting, the terms of reference were endorsed by the Committee.

Canowindra Balloon Challenge

It was noted by the Local Traffic Committee that the event was much the same as it has been in previous years regarding the parade and balloon glow. There were no reported incidents in previous years with the traffic arrangements.

The Committee determined to recommend to Council the road closures for the Canowindra Balloon Challenge event.

Old Canobolas Road – Request for Speed Zone

A report was forwarded to the Local Traffic Committee regarding a request for speed zone assessment at Old Canobolas Road. It was raised during discussion that it was Transport for New South Wales representative preference that these requests be forwarded directly to TfNSW through the Saferoads Portal. No objections were raised to this request, however it was noted that speed zone matters brought to Council would still be forwarded to the Local Traffic Committee for discussion.

The Committee determined to recommend a request for speed zone review be made to TfNSW for Old Canobolas Road.

Intersection Concerns – Windera Drive and Mitchell Highway

Transport of New South Wales at the meeting noted that a request had already been received for this intersection, and the works were due to be undertaken imminently to implement double line extensions on both approaches on the Mitchell Highway to the Windera Drive intersection.

Request for Speed Zone Assessment – Vittoria Road

The Committee determined to recommend a request for speed zone review be made to TfNSW for Old Canobolas Road.

### ANZAC Day Services

It was noted by the Committee that the proposed marches and traffic management arrangements were the same as previous years, and that no issues had been reported.

The Committee determined to recommend to Council the road closures for the 2024 Cabonne Anzac Day events.

## **ITEM 22 - TERMS OF REFERENCE - LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

<b>Reason For Report</b>	To seek council endorsement for the draft Terms of Reference for the Local Traffic Committee.
<b>Policy Implications</b>	The draft terms of reference are based on the TfNSW guidelines for Regulation of Traffic.
<b>Budget Implications</b>	Nil
<b>IPR Linkage</b>	2.2.1.4b - Facilitate the Local Traffic Committee.
<b>Annexures</b>	1. DRAFT - Local Traffic Committee Terms of Reference <a href="#">↓</a>
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### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT council endorse the Terms of Reference for the Cabonne Local Traffic Committee.

## **DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER - CABONNE INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT**

The Local Traffic Committee has been acting as an advisory committee to Council since the mid 1990's. Being a statutory obligation, Council has operated the committee in accordance with the *TfNSW Delegation to Councils for the Regulation of Traffic* (2009) (the guidelines).

Being a committee of Council, it is considered appropriate that Council defines the committee through a formal terms of reference. These draft terms of reference, have been based heavily on the guidelines.

A copy of the draft terms of reference has been attached to this report. Within the Terms of Reference, the following specific points are brought to the committee's attention:

### Purpose

The Local Traffic Committee (the Committee) is established to provide advice to Council which enables Council to meet its responsibilities to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) as part of the powers delegated to it according to the Transport Administration Act 1988.

This delegation requires Council to seek the advice of NSW Police and TfNSW prior to exercising their delegated function (through the Committee).

### Responsibilities

The committee operates as an 'advisory committee' of Council

The committee is primarily a technical review committee which is required to advise Council on matters referred to it which relate to prescribed traffic control devices and traffic control facilities for which Council has delegated authority. As a general guide, the following matters will be considered:

- Permanent installation of traffic control devices such as speed humps, medians and blisters
- Street closures and formalisation of one-way streets
- Regulatory signs and linemarking
- Temporary modification of roads for special events

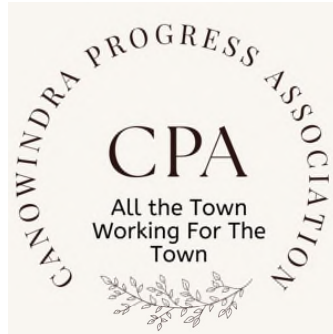
### Responsibilities

The Committee is not a committee within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1993. The Committee is established in accordance with *A guide to the delegation to Councils for the regulation of Traffic*, published by TfNSW.

Local Traffic Committee may make recommendations to Council on all matters before it, with these recommendations submitted via the minutes of each meeting to Council for consideration. Substantial recommendations (including any requiring the expenditure of Council funds) are accompanied by a separate report to Council.

Council is not bound to accept the advice of the Committee. However, should Council exercise a delegated function without the Committee advice being unanimous, or the Council wishes to act contrary to the Committees advice, notification must be provided to NSW Police and TfNSW. No action must be taken by Council in the following fourteen (14) days from the decision of Council.

Being a technical committee, matters of exhibition of proposals or gaining community sentiment on a proposal are not considerations of the Local Traffic Committee.



To General Manager of Cabonne Council,

Canowindra Progress Association [ CPA ] is a community group organisation and was created back in 2023.

Canowindra Progress Association would like to authorise \$37,000.00 out of the Town Improvement Fund as being 50% of the cost for the installation of LED Lighting on the top playing fields at the Canowindra Sports Ovals.

A recent test of the existing lighting found that out of the 16 Globes showed that only 4 are working. With major events coming up soon – such as Bjorn Again and Canowindra Balloon festival – as well as the start of winter sports, This oval / area is now unsatisfactory.

A renewal being funded by Canowindra will be a saving to Cabonne. The remainder of the costs involved [ 50% ] will be paid out of the Canowindra Sports trusts Capital works account.

If you would like to discuss this any further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

**Tom Beath**

**President**

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## CANOWINDRA TOWN IMPROVEMENT FUND RESERVE POLICY

### STRATEGIC POLICY

**Responsible Department:** Office of the General Manager

**Responsible Section:** Office of the General Manager

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager

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### Objective

To provide a framework for the ongoing management of the Canowindra Town Improvement Fund (CTIF) reserve.

### Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to provide a clear direction in relation to the responsible and consistent management of the CTIF reserve and establish a decision framework that:

- Identifies when funds are to be set aside for future use;
- Provides a framework for access to the CTIF reserve; and
- Aligns with Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, including the Long Term Financial Plan, Annual Budget, Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

This policy applies to all applications for funding from the CTIF Reserve.

### Policy

Projects funded by the Canowindra Town Improvement Fund (CTIF) reserve ideally should be identified transparently and specifically in the Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework through consultation with the Canowindra Community when Council is reviewing or developing its Community Strategic Plan (CSP). The strategies from the CSP are then carried through to the Delivery Program and expanded into actions and included in more detail in the Operational Plan, including the Annual Budget and Resourcing Plans.

Projects that might be identified outside of the Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework timeframe would require specific consultation with the Canowindra community, and a formal application would need to be submitted to Council for consideration. The General Manager then prepares a report for the consideration of the Council that addresses the required consultation



process undertaken. In cases where expenditure would exceed \$20,000 Council will seek submissions from the Canowindra community in a 28-day exhibition process. Council will consider any subsequent submissions prior to resolving to access the reserve funds in these instances.

The CTIF reserve funds a \$5,000 per annum transfer to the Canowindra Sports Trust Provision account for capital projects. The Canowindra Sports Trust identifies projects through their formalised meeting process then submits a request to Council, which includes the confirmed minutes of the meeting.

As per the Guidelines issued by the Office of Local Government, specific details such as transfers to and from reserves and planned transfers in reserves, will be provided to Council as part of the Quarterly Budget Review process.

### Responsibilities

**Councillors:** must ensure compliance with the policy

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

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

**Department Leaders:** also responsible for the control of the policy and procedures within their area of responsibility.

**Others:** Community groups and individuals submitting applications for funding from the CTIF reserve must comply with the policy.

### References

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (NSW)

OLG Guidelines

Canowindra Town Improvement Fund Reserve Guidelines – located in council's Electronic Records Management System (Doc ID 1149664).

Community Strategic Plan – locate on council's website

Delivery Program – locate on council's website

Operational Plan – locate on council's website

Annual Budget – locate on council's website

Long Term Financial Plan – locate on council's website

Asset Management Plans – locate on council's website

**History**

<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Summary of Changes</b>	<b>New Version Date</b>
20/10/09	Policy adopted by Council	27 October 2022
22/09/16	Readopted as per s165(4)	27 September 2022

REPORT OF THE CABONNE COUNCIL LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS MOLONG ON WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH, 2024 COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM

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**PRESENT:** A/District Inspector Yonneka Hill (NSW Police), Andrew Wotton (NSW Police), Kel Gardiner, Kylie Buckenhofer (TfNSW)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Infrastructure, Executive Assistant – Infrastructure, Engineering Coordinator

In the absence of Clr Jenny Weaver and Clr Marlene Nash, the Deputy General Manager assumed the Chair.

**ITEM - 1 WELCOME**

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT:

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

**ITEM - 2 APOLOGIES**

Proceedings in Brief

Clr Jenny Weaver

Clr Marlene Nash

Chief Inspector David Harvey

Senior Sargeant Peter Foran

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT:

1. all apologies tendered be accepted.

**ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT:

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

**ITEM - 4 TERMS OF REFERENCE - LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT:

1. The Committee endorse the Terms of Reference for the Cabonne Local Traffic Committee.

**ITEM - 5 CANOWINDRA BALLOON CHALLENGE**

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted that the committee had no objections regarding the Street Parade.

Ms Buckenhofer enquired about the pedestrian movements and parking for the proposed concert. It was noted that event organisers are expecting approx. 1,000 people to attend. Parking and pedestrian movements will be contained within the sportsground.

It was noted that the TGS for the Balloon Glow event was missing signage on Browns Ave. It was also noted that Ms Buckenhofer would follow up on the ROL.

#### **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 20 April to 29 April 2024.

#### **ITEM - 6 OLD CANOBOLAS ROAD - REQUEST FOR SPEED ZONE REVIEW**

##### Proceedings in Brief

It was noted by Ms Buckenhofer that requests for speed zone reviews are not required to come to the Local Traffic Committee, they can be input directly into the Safer Roads portal and TfNSW will triage.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council forward the speed zone assessment request for Old Canobolas Road to Transport for New South Wales.

#### **ITEM - 7 INTERSECTION CONCERNS - WINDERA DRIVE AND MITCHELL HIGHWAY**

##### Proceedings in Brief

Ms Buckenhofer noted that work is to be undertaken on 21 March 2024.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the committee note Transport for NSW's advice that works are being undertaken to extend the unbroken lines on 21 March 2024.

#### **ITEM - 8 REQUEST FOR SPEED ZONE ASSESSMENT - VITTORIA ROAD**

##### Proceedings in Brief

It was noted by Ms Buckenhofer in Item 6 that requests for speed zone reviews are not required to come to the Local Traffic Committee, they can be input directly into the Safer Roads portal and TfNSW will triage. It was further noted that stakeholders can be directed to submit the request for review themselves in the portal.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council forward the speed zone assessment request for Vittoria Road to Transport for New South Wales.

**ITEM - 9 ANZAC DAY SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDATION**

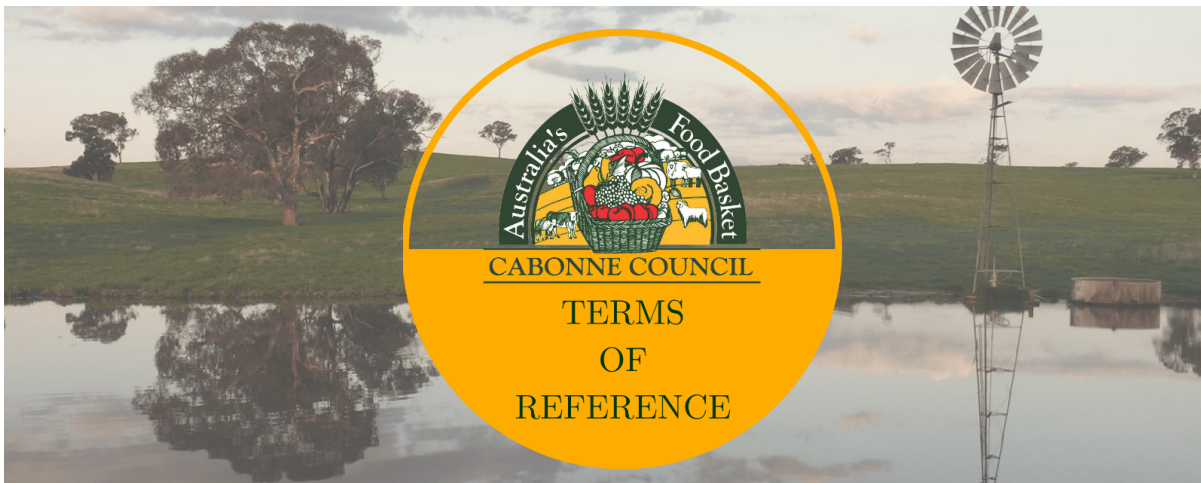
THAT:

1. The Local Traffic Committee endorse road closures for the ANZAC Day 2024 services in the Molong, Yeoval, Obley, Eugowra, Canowindra, Cudal and Manildra.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

Ms Buckenhofer requested that an Action Table be added to the minutes to track any actions which come out of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.38am.



## LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

### 1. Document Information

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### 2. Introduction

The Local Traffic Committee (the Committee) is established to provide advice to Council which enables Council to meet its responsibilities to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) as part of the powers delegated to it according to the Transport Administration Act 1988.

This delegation requires Council to seek the advice of NSW Police and TfNSW prior to exercising their delegated function (through the Committee).

### 3. Term

Elected members continue as members of the committee until:

- The next general election of Council
- The committee is disbanded or completes its purpose in accordance with these terms of reference

Other members are delegated by the represented organisation (or individual) in accordance with the *TfNSW Delegation to Councils for the Regulation of Traffic*.

Any casual vacancy in elected members is filled by Council appointment.

### 4. Role of the Committee

The committee operates as an 'advisory committee' of Council

The committee is primarily a technical review committee which is required to advise Council on matters referred to it which relate to prescribed traffic control devices and traffic control facilities for which Council has delegated authority. As a general guide, the following matters will be considered:

- Permanent installation of traffic control devices such as speed humps, medians and blisters

- Street closures and formalisation of one-way streets
- Regulatory signs and linemarking
- Temporary modification of roads for special events

## 5. Key Objective

Cabonne Council maintains statutory obligations with regards to the control of traffic functions. These functions, as delegated by TfNSW to Council are:

1. Regulation of traffic under Division 2 of Part 8 (Sections 116 to 119) of the Roads Act 1993
2. Authorisation of prescribed traffic control devices covered under Division 1 of Part 4 (Sections 50 to 55) of the Road Transport (Safety & Traffic Management) Act 1999
3. Authorisation of special event parking schemes under Division 2 of Part 5 (Clauses 122 & 123) of the Road Transport (Safety & Traffic Management) Regulation 1999 on public roads other than classified roads.

The Local Traffic Committee is the means for Council to meet these statutory obligations.

## 6. Responsibilities

The Committee is not a committee within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1993. The Committee is established in accordance with *A guide to the delegation to Councils for the regulation of Traffic*, published by TfNSW.

Local Traffic Committee may make recommendations to Council on all matters before it, with these recommendations submitted via the minutes of each meeting to Council for consideration. Substantial recommendations (including any requiring the expenditure of Council funds) are accompanied by a separate report to Council.

Council is not bound to accept the advice of the Committee. However, should Council exercise a delegated function without the Committee advice being unanimous, or the Council wishes to act contrary to the Committee's advice, notification must be provided to NSW Police and TfNSW. No action must be taken by Council in the following fourteen (14) days from the decision of Council.

Being a technical committee, matters of exhibition of proposals or gaining community sentiment on a proposal are not considerations of the Local Traffic Committee.

## 7. Membership

### Formation of Committee

Membership of the Committee shall comprise the following voting members

- Councillor (as Chairperson) – 1 Councillor, with one alternate
- NSW Police – 1 Representative from each Local Area Command within Cabonne Local Government Area
- Transport for NSW -1 Representative
- Local State Member of Parliament, or their nominated representative

### Other Attendance at Meetings

Attendance of other elected members is permitted; however no voting rights are entitled outside of the committee membership.

The Chairperson and/or the General Manager may invite community representatives, consultants or technical specialists in order to assist with advice to the committee. Invited community members and/or specialist do not have voting rights.

Meetings are not open to the general public.

Council staff may be invited to attend meetings, but do not have voting rights.



## 8. Meetings

### Meeting Schedule

Location, date and time for meetings may be decided by the Chair in consultation with the General Manager. Meetings will be scheduled to be held quarterly.

From time-to-time, matters of urgency may arise requiring the need for extraordinary meetings of the Local Traffic Committee.

Meetings may be held electronically or face-to-face dependent on the urgency of matters.

### Quorum

There is no quorum for this meeting, however, TfNSW and NSW Police have the power to appeal certain decision of the Council. The Committee cannot provide its advice to Council until both TfNSW and NSW Police have provided their advice on the issue.

### Voting

In general, it is expected the Committee will develop recommendations by consensus. This consensus must be one of the following:

- 1) Unanimous support
- 2) Majority support
- 3) Split vote
- 4) Minority support
- 5) Unanimous decline

Where a consensus is not clear, the Chairperson will call for a vote of the committee membership.

### Proceedings

The administrative provisions of Council's Code of Meeting Practice apply.

General business matters may be raised by members at any meeting without notice, however if the matter is substantial, a report is to be prepared and included on the agenda at a future meeting. Minutes of each meeting are submitted to the next available Council Meeting.

## 9. Code of Conduct

All members of the committee are required to observe the provisions of Cabonne Council's Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is a series of guiding principles for all people involved with Council and covers such topics as conflicts of interest, gifts and benefits, responsible use of council information and resources, and how to make code of conduct complaints.

Committee members may encounter confidential or personal information retained by Council. If so, members are required to maintain the security of any confidential or personal information and not access, use or remove any information, unless the member is authorised to do so.

Members are not to speak to the media in their capacity as a member of the Committee.

Generally, committee members are required to act lawfully, honestly and fairly in their conduct related to Council. A breach of the Code of Conduct may lead to the member being expelled from the committee.

## 10. Document Control

These Terms of Reference are reviewed at least at the commencement of each term of Council.

Apart from any inconsequential editing, substantial amendments to the Terms of Reference are approved by Council.

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**ITEM 11 - 2023/24 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM - FORECAST COMPLETION**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

<b>Reason For Report</b>	Update council on the status of the 2023/24 capital works program, and seek concurrence for items to be delayed until the 2023/24 financial year.
<b>Policy Implications</b>	Nil
<b>Budget Implications</b>	Projects that will not proceed in the current year will have funds returned to reserve, and proposed to be revoted in the 2024/25 carry over budget.
<b>IPR Linkage</b>	2.2.2.1b - Deliver Council's capital works program.
<b>Annexures</b>	Nil
<b>File Number</b>	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\ROADS and BRIDGES\PLANNING\PLAN OF WORKS - 1672075

**DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER - CABONNE INFRASTRUCTURE'S REPORT**

Cabonne Council's capital works program for 2023/24 is \$44M. This is a substantial program, reflective of the level of investment in grant funding and Council's commitment to delivery of quality infrastructure.

Delivery of this capital program currently sits at a financial completion amount of \$17M. This is ahead of previous year's trends, but still behind expectations for delivery for the financial year.

Several projects within the program are unlikely to commence or completed by the end of financial year. Commentary around these projects is provided in the following report.

Adjustments to the 2023/24 Operational Budget will be made as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Review, to be brought to Council's Ordinary Meeting in April 2024.

**Transport Infrastructure**

**Peak Hill Road Upgrade – Roads of Strategic Importance**

The total value for the Peak Hill Road Upgrade project is \$10.8M. In July 2023, the Federal Government announced a review of select projects to assess viability and value for money, with this project being one. Given the lack of guarantee of this project proceeding, Council Officers held off progressing the planning for delivery.

Council Officers received a positive outcome to proceed with the project in late November 2023, and have progressed planning for the project. It is expected

that tendering for construction will commence in early April 2024. The new timeframe for completion of the project is early late 2025.

Funding for the project has been previously revised in the first quarter budget review already, however, it is expected no significant expenditure will be incurred prior to 30 June 2024.

#### **Regional Emergency Roads Repair Fund (RERRF)**

The RERRF program is a multiple year program concentrating on maintenance activities following prolonged wet and flooding period across New South Wales. Council has an allocation of \$5M, which will be spent over the next two years. The program is due to be submitted for approval by Transport for New South Wales in April 2024. It is expected only \$400K of this funding amount will be spent in the 2024/25 financial year.

#### **Urban Services**

##### **Voluntary Purchase – Molong & Eugowra**

Work on the voluntary purchase program to date has seen the completion of draft valuation reports. These reports will form the basis of negotiation of purchase price for the selected allotments.

Announcements of funding and access to the funding deed were delayed until end of December 2023, therefore progress to the overall project has been delayed. It is feasible that purchase of properties will be completed by the end of financial year. However, demolition of the properties is unlikely. It is proposed to defer costs of \$195,000 to the 2024/25 financial year.

##### **Cargo Village Green Tennis Courts**

Project has gone through the design and consultation phases, however, the contractor has advised construction start cannot be made until June 2024. It is expected that construction will be underway by the end of the financial year.

##### **Eugowra Female Change Rooms**

Conceptual plans and consultation has been undertaken and is ongoing. Funding has been made available under the Stronger Countries Communities Fund (Round 4), with further funding being sought under the Flood CAP funding. Advice received to date indicates that Council can expect advise on the success of this additional funding until June 2023.

Planning will continue for this project, but construction is unlikely to commence in the 2023/24 financial year.

##### **Eugowra Multipurpose Centre**

The centre is expected to be completed by mid August 2024 on the contractors program. Substantial expenditure will be incurred prior to the end of financial year, however, some finishes will not be completed prior to 30 June 2024.

#### **Utilities Services**

##### **Telemetry Improvements – Water & Sewer**

It is proposed to delay this project due to ongoing operational issues taking priority over the project. It is expected that \$70,400 will not be spent of the total \$88,000 budget in the current financial year. The project is still considered relevant, and is a priority for the 2024/25 financial year.

**Hydrant and Stop Valve Renewal**

It is proposed to delay this project due to ongoing operational issues taking priority over the project, particularly asset information critical to defining a scope of works. The project budget for the project is \$295,862, and it is proposed that only \$40,000 will be expended prior to the end of financial year.

**Solar Facility**

Detailed design of the solar facility is underway, with procurement expected to commence late in the financial year. Construction of the solar farm is scheduled to commence in September 2024. Total budget for the solar facility is \$4.6M, and is expected to be mostly expended in the 2024/25 financial year.