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**PRESENT** Clr L Oldham (in the Chair), Clrs A Pull, J Jones, K O’Ryan (12:15pm) and J Weaver.

Also present were the Acting Deputy General Manager Services, Department Leader Community & Economy, Department Leader Community Services and Executive Support Officer.

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

Proceedings in Brief

A temporary apology was tendered on behalf of Clr O’Ryan.

**RECOMMENDATION** (Jones/Weaver)

THAT the temporary apology tendered on behalf of Clr O’Ryan be accepted and the necessary leave of absence be granted.

CEC 24/10 Carried

**ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RECOMMENDATION** (Pull/Weaver)

THAT it be noted there were nil declarations of interest.

CEC 24/11 Carried

**ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION**

**RECOMMENDATION** (Pull/Jones)

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

CEC 24/12 Carried

**ITEM - 4 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ROUND 2**

Proceedings in Brief

As a result of a question from Clr Weaver in relation to application 5 – CWA Canowindra and the style of the proposed seat, Department Leader Community & Economy advised that council may make suggestions to ensure that the seat be in line with current street furniture as the location proposed is close to a location already identified by council for the placement of a seat. This may result in a reduction of the voluntary/in-kind contribution by the Canowindra CWA if they are able to utilise a council owned seat for their plaque.

**RECOMMENDATION** (Weaver/Jones)

THAT the Community, Economy, and Culture Committee recommends to council the following:

1. Applications 1 through 5 of the listed projects.

CEC 24/13 Carried

### **ITEM - 5 EVENTS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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

THAT the committee endorse under its 2023/24 Event Assistance Program \$2,000 for the Canowindra New Vogue and Social Dancing Group 12-hour dance event.

CE 24/14 Carried

### **ITEM - 6 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY UPDATE**

#### Proceedings in Brief

Clr O'Ryan commented on the beneficial information provided by CommBank.

#### **Banjo Paterson Festival**

Discussions were held regarding the success of the Banjo Paterson Festival events. Clr Weaver expressed thanks to Cheryl Wythes and Jenny Middleton on successful event.

Clr O'Ryan advised the committee that Orange Rotary, who initially instigated the Banjo Paterson Festival will no longer be participating in this event. A meeting with Orange360 will be held to discuss options, an update will be provided to the committee.

As a result of a question from Clr Pull, Clr Jones provided the committee with an overview of the Sheep Dog Trials.

#### **FOOD Week**

Department Leader Community & Economy advised that there is a need to identify ways of engaging more directly with the FOOD Week committee and opportunities to have Cabonne more involved and recognised. It was noted that FOOD Week is recognised as an important event for Cabonne businesses located nearby Orange.

#### **Shop Cabonne**

- The committee was advised that council has nominated Eugowra for tiny top tourism town awards.
- As a result of a comment from Clr O'Ryan regarding a lack of Cabonne/Molong signage between Orange and Molong discussions were held surrounding the difficulty of obtaining signage space.

#### **Events Assistance Program**

Clr Jones advised the committee of an expected sponsorship application from Central West Disc Golf to host Australian Disc Golf Championships in November. Discussions were held surrounding the type of sponsorship they

would be seeking. Cllr Jones recognised the work of Kevin and Sharon in promoting disc golf throughout the region.

Department Leader Community & Economy advised the committee that the remaining sponsorship figure in report is incorrect

Cllr Pull provided an update on the Canowindra Balloon Challenge.

### **Disaster Recovery Update**

Department Leader Community & Economy advised the committee that council has nominated the Disaster Recovery Plan for both a State Local Government award and a National Local Government award.

Council continues to utilise the Recovery Plan updates as a way of keeping track of how we are progressing against projects.

Cllr Weaver praised the work being undertaken on council roads.

It was noted the Nyrang Creek bridge was under water over the weekend. Department Leader Community & Economy advised the committee that council is very conscious that this is a point of contention for adjoining communities.

It was noted that basic work has been completed on the ablution block at the Molong caravan park to make it operational. Department Leader Community & Economy advised that the Community Assets Program is focused on betterment of assets, council therefore needs to provide an element of betterment for the projects. This would be done by raising the blocks and providing accessible access. These projects were identified as part of the recovery plan as a result of community feedback wanting to increase tourism back into the area and provide appealing amenities. Cudal and Canowindra had limited project opportunities under this program and it was identified that the betterment of the caravan park amenities provides a good outcome for communities and tourism.

Cllr Weaver gave credit to Eugowra Historical Society for their determination in bringing the museum back better.

### **RECOMMENDATION** (Pull/O’Ryan)

THAT the information be noted.

CEC 24/15 Carried

## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

### **DEPARTMENT LEADER COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE**

Department Leader Community Services provided the committee with a verbal update on the following matters;

1. Aged Care Standards Audit – auditors pleased with the way council is meeting standards. Good outcome for the Cabonne Home Support team. A performance report will be sent allowing feedback from the provider, prior to a final report being provided.
2. Children’s Services Grants – Council has applied for six grants for After School Care and Family Day Care services. These are for a two (2) year period and will likely receive an outcome in June 2024.

3. Seniors Expo – Event was well received with approx. 80 attendees. Providers contacting council to attend.
4. Meal voucher options looking to be implemented in addition to Meals on Wheels.

### **MEDICAL SERVICES - CANOWINDRA**

Clr Weaver raised the matter of Canowindra losing a doctor and the importance of council advocating for additional medical staff for the town.

Discussions were held surrounding the Rural Doctor's Network, the national body that supports doctor's in rural areas and advocate on their behalf and the new Canowindra Health One Facility.

Clr Weaver stressed the importance of council action in relation to the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.01pm.