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**PRESENT**      Clr M Nash (in the Chair), Clrs P Batten, A Pull, A Rawson.

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

## **ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION**

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Pull/Rawson)

THAT there were no apologies tendered to be accepted.

IT25/06      Carried

### **ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Rawson/Batten)

THAT there were no Declarations of Interest to be noted.

IT25/07      Carried

### **ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION**

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Batten/Pull)

THAT there were no political donations to be noted.

IT25/08      Carried

### **ITEM - 4 TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE**

#### **Proceedings in Brief**

##### **State Roads**

The Chair enquired if the additional work to be done on Packham Drive will include the “dip”? The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised it does not. The work only includes the crest. Additional approvals from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) would be required to undertake work at the “dip”.

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that it is hard to forecast how much work we will receive from TfNSW. We go through our budget process in February/March and TfNSW do not finalise their programme until September.

Clr Batten noted that the work completed on Banjo Paterson Way recently has impressed the community with the standard of work done.

##### **Bridge Replacements**

The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure noted that work on the Pinecliffe Road causeway will require approvals from Fisheries.

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that Council had received some criticism regarding the closure of Pinecliffe Road (the road has been closed since the flood event in 2022), however the various approvals Council has been required to obtain to undertake work have taken quite some time. Council awarded the contract for work in August 2024 but only received approval to undertake the work under the DRFA programme in February. Council staff have done everything they can to get the work started. It was also noted that it is the Contractors requirement to obtain the Fisheries permits.

There was some discussion regarding the benefits of installing box culverts rather than pipe culverts – they usually self-clean well due to a slower velocity of water, Australian fish tend to swim slower so they tend to prefer the slower velocity of the box culverts than the pipe culverts.

#### Mandagery Creek Culverts

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that a structural assessment will need to be undertaken by a structural engineer from an Asset Management perspective due to the fish channels which were cut into the slab.

#### Gravel Roads

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that the maintenance budget for gravel roads is stretched.

#### Peak Hill Road Upgrade (Roads of Significant Importance)

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised that Council staff had sought legal advice regarding the reallocation of work/tender. It was advised that Council's current resolution was still appropriate and had no time line. Council staff had contacted the Contractors and requested a them to provide a redesign noting the upper limit of the tender, including project management and contingencies.

#### Disaster Recovery Works (DRFA)

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that Council had submitted a works package of \$7.6M and had received approval for \$1.3M. Council staff are currently going through appeal but it is unlikely that Council will achieve approval for all sites. It was noted that again these sites were submitted in September 2024 and Council had only received feedback in the last two (2) weeks.

Clr Rawson enquired if staff had received feedback on why approvals had not been given. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised that Council undertook a Road Revaluation process in 2019 and used the photo evidence from this as part of the pre-event condition evidence which was required. Assessors have used Google Earth which has provided more recent images than 2019. There has also been some disagreement on treatments. It was also noted that some maintenance work had been undertaken in locations since the 2023 submissions were made as maintenance crews were required to make the area safe. We will take the lessons learnt.

#### Future Works

The Chair noted that there are a number of large potholes on Yellowbox Road, the Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure noted to follow this up.

#### RTRF Betterment Works

Clr Rawson enquired about the betterment part of the program – what is it? The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that it was the resizing of pipes, replacing pipe culverts with box culverts for better flow, adding headwalls and aprons, making sections more resistant to washing away. The betterment will be site specific but there may be some generic design applications.

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Rawson/Pull)

THAT the Committee note the information provided.

IT25/09

Carried

### **ITEM - 5 PROPOSED 2025/26 TRANSPORT BUDGET**

#### Proceedings in Brief

Clr Batten noted that the work completed on Banjo Paterson Way looked to be only the start of work to come. The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that they will look to allocate funds for years moving forward plus apply for funding where available. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised that there would be a couple of items worked on over a few years. His intent is to take to the next Roads Advisory Committee meeting a selection of work that preplanning/design could be undertaken to make the project shovel ready for any funding, similar to Lake Canobolas Road and Gumble Road but this time to include Regional Roads.

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Batten/Rawson)

THAT the draft 2025/26 Transport budget be endorsed by the Committee.

IT25/10

Carried

### **ITEM - 6 DRAFT ROADS MANAGEMENT POLICY**

#### Proceedings in Brief

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure suggested that the policy would go on Public Exhibition again as the previous list displayed was incorrect.

It was noted that the list attached still required some tweaking – there were missing sections of Ryall Street (Flanagan St to Ferguson St) and Smith Road.

Clr Rawson also asked for a map to be included as it would be easier to see visually.

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Rawson/Batten)

THAT the draft Roads Management Policy be noted and discussed by the Infrastructure (Transport) Committee.

IT25/11

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.14pm.