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

Also present were the General Manager, Acting Deputy General Manager - Infrastructure, Department Leader - Transport, Department Leader – Plant & Depots, Executive Assistant - Cabonne Infrastructure

## **ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION**

### **PROCEDURAL MOTION**25/06/07

#### **MOTION** (Batten/Pull)

THAT the committee resolve that Clr Rawson chairs the meeting.

IT25/12 Carried

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

#### **Proceedings in Brief**

Matthew Christensen

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Nash/Pull)

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

IT25/13 Carried

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Pull/Nash)

THAT there were no Declarations of Interest to be noted.

IT25/14 Carried

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

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

THAT there were no political donations to be noted.

IT25/15 Carried

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

#### **Proceedings in Brief**

#### **Bridge Replacements**

Pinecliffe Road causeway – The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure noted that a meeting has been set with the contractor to go over their contract management regarding the Fisheries permit which is required for the project. He also noted that he has the draft permit for review.

Coates Creek Bridge – It was noted that this is the lowest priority of the three bridge replacements as it is still trafficable.

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

The Chair enquired about the length of Telstra cable which is to be relocated. The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised it was approx. 900m.

#### Disaster Recovery Works (DRFA)

The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure noted that in relation to the additional proposed works which are waiting for approval from Transport for NSW (TfNSW), further evidence has been requested. It was noted that the timeframes for approvals is very frustratingly long. The General Manager confirmed that we are still undertaking the appeals process for the additional proposed works which were not approved. The approval process has now been handed over to NSW Reconstruction Authority.

#### Bitumen Roads

Clr Beatty enquired if there was further work to be done on Kiewa Street, Manildra due to the markings on the roads. The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure noted that he was not aware of any further works in this location. It was noted that council would need to consider sealing the shoulders in this location to tie in with the work completed by TfNSW.

Clr Nash enquired about work to be done on Yellowbox Road (from the Railway line to the 100km/h sign). The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that it had been scheduled to be added to the upcoming program however with the MSM Milling expansion road upgrades will be required as part of the DA.

#### RTRF Betterment Works

Clr Nash enquired if \$3.7M was enough money for three (3) bridges. The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that he believed so – there are indicative figures back at the office.

Clr Nash advised that she had received an enquiry from the public regarding a section of road in Cargo which has now been closed off. The area in question is up past the pub and locals were using it as a turning area. The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that he would investigate and report back.

#### Future Grant Funding

The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that Council had been contacted regarding an accessibility issue regarding the bridge on The Escort Way at Cudal. Council is working with TfNSW to come up with a solution.

Clr Batten noted that he was very impressed with the work that the team has done over the last 12 months. It has been outstanding to see so many shovel ready projects ready for grant applications. Congratulations to the whole team.

Clr Beatty enquired about the additional funding from Council's contribution for Lake Canobolas Road – where is this being funded from? The Department Leader – Transport Infrastructure advised that potentially it would be funded from R2R funding which Council will continue to receive for the next few years. The final scope may need to be adjusted. Clr Nash noted that it is a very busy road, could we request help from Orange City Council?

**RECOMMENDATION** (Pull/Nash)

THAT the committee note the information provided.

IT25/16 Carried

**ITEM - 5 PLANT AND DEPOT UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDATION** (Pull/Batten)

THAT the committee note the information provided.

IT25/17 Carried

**SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR FOR WELLINGTON STREET, MOLONG**

Councillor Kevin Beatty noted that Clr Pearson had previously requested a report regarding the school crossing located on Wellington Street, Molong. He noted that on attendance last week, he observed that it was not really a traffic problem, but children crossing without thought for the traffic (walking straight out in front of traffic). It was noted that a school crossing supervisor would help to alleviate this issue. He requested that a motion be raised to investigate this further.

**MATTER ARISING** (Beatty/Nash)

That the committee request council to undertake urgent steps to investigate having a school crossing supervisor allocated to the pedestrian crossing located on Wellington Street, Molong.

IT25/18 Carried

**ITEMS FOR NOTATION**

**2025 Local Roads Congress**

Clr Batten noted that he and the Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Infrastructure attended the 2025 Local Roads Congress and found it quite interesting. He noted that a communique was put together and was being forwarded.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.17pm.