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## **PRESENT**

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

Also present were the General Manager, Deputy General Manager – Cabonne Services, Department Leader Environmental Services, Department Leader – Innovation & Technology and Governance Officer

## **ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION**

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

#### **Proceedings in Brief**

THAT it be noted apologies were tendered on behalf of Clr Beatty and Clr Pull.

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Rawson/Nash)

THAT the apologies tendered on behalf of Clr Beatty and Clr Pull be accepted and the leave of absence be granted.

EIE 25/11 Carried

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Nash/Rawson)

THAT it be noted there were nil declarations of interest be noted.

EIE 25/12 Carried

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION** (Rawson/Nash)

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

EIE 25/13 Carried

### **ITEM - 4 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UPDATE**

#### **Proceedings in Brief**

The Department Leader Environmental Services and Deputy General Manager Services spoke to the Environmental Services update report and highlighted the following points:

- Netwaste Project Working Group meeting was held on the 4 July with discussions around the new Netwaste Contract. Noting the concerns from Netwaste regarding going from weekly general waste and fortnightly recycling to fortnightly general, weekly recycling plus FOGO. The main concern was around the cost to ratepayers with recycling going to weekly.

- Communication will be going out regarding the 2023 mandate for FOGO, which will be included into the next kerb side contract.
- The main goal is reducing waste going to landfill while considering the cost in delivering the service.
- A future report will be provided to council.

Clr Rawson queried the rabbit situation at the cemeteries currently. The Department Leader Environmental Services advised that there has been culling programs over the last 12 months at the Cudal, Molong, Canowindra and Eugowra cemeteries. Specific works are being done at Cudal to try and get the rabbits under control.

Clr Nash congratulated the cemetery maintenance staff for their work at Manildra.

**RECOMMENDATION** (Nash/Rawson)

THAT the information be noted.

EIE 25/14 Carried

**ITEM - 5 INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

**Proceedings in Brief**

Department Leader Innovation and Technology spoke to the Innovation and Technology update report, highlighting the following points;

- Working party on Generative AI, with a strategic policy being developed.
- Halfway through the rollout of the new fleet of laptops, with a review currently underway of the printer fleet.
- New suite of operational cyber security policies – based on Cybersecurity NSW guidelines.

Discussions were held surrounding the use of thumb drives and whitelisting of products.

**RECOMMENDATION** (Rawson/Nash)

THAT the committee note the information in this report.

EIE 25/15 Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.32pm.