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PRESENT Clr J Jones (in the Chair), K O’Ryan, A Pearson.

Also present via TEAMS was Clr J Weaver.

Also present were the Deputy General Manager - Infrastructure, Department Leader - Urban Services, Executive Assistant - Cabonne Infrastructure, Projects Coordinator.

ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

ITEM - 1 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Proceedings in Brief

It was noted that Clr Beatty is an apology and Clr Weaver joined the meeting online.

RECOMMENDATION (Pearson/O’Ryan)

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

IC25/09 Carried

ITEM - 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RECOMMENDATION (O’Ryan/Weaver)

THAT there were no Declarations of Interest to be noted.

IC25/10 Carried

ITEM - 3 DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL DONATION

RECOMMENDATION (Pearson/O’Ryan)

THAT there were no political donations to be noted.

IC25/11 Carried

ITEM - 4 INFRASTRUCTURE (COMMUNITY) INFORMATION REPORT

Proceedings in Brief

Strategic Activity Item 1 – Showground Master Plan (Molong, Cudal and Eugowra)

Report noted as read.

Strategic Activity Item 2 – Key Project Updates

a) Yeoval Recreation Ground – SCCF5

Noted as read.

b) Eugowra Multipurpose Centre

The Chair enquired whether a timeframe had been provided for the rectification required. The Project Coordinator noted that it had.

Clr Weaver noted that it was great to see the community opening going ahead.

c) Montana Park, Manildra

Noted as read.

d) Cabonne Home Support (CHS) Refurbishment

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that a short presentation to Council will be made this afternoon.

e) Cabonne Pool Upgrades

The Chair enquired if the strip out of the pumps rooms referred to the pump room at Manildra pool. The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure noted that it does.

f) Insurance Projects

Noted as read.

g) CAP24-001 Relocation of the Molong Hockey Field

Noted as read.

h) CAP24-003 Eugowra Sportsground Lighting

Noted as read.

i) CAP24-015 Refurbishment of the former Eugowra Pre-School Site

The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure clarified that they are referring to the building near the sportsground.

j) CAP24-005 Restoration of Memorial Park, Eugowra

The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure noted that they were reviewing the budget, may need to cut back on the amount of landscaping to ensure achievable and realistic options are presented to the community.

k) CAP24-006 Relocation of Manildra Multipurpose Courts

Noted as read.

l) CAP24-007 Restoration of Eugowra Historical Museum and Bushranger Centre

Clr Weaver noted that its great to see people working hard to bring back these facilities, its great for visitors to Eugowra and tourism.

The Chair noted that stakeholder engagement is going well.

m) CAP24-008 Activation of Hunter Caldwell Sports Precinct

The Chair enquired about the consistency of fencing around the sports precinct. The Department Leader – Urban Infrastructure noted that they were working to utilise the fencing that was ok (approx. two thirds) so that it was not wasted. They will reduce the height of the existing fence and are hoping to have enough money to continue around the precinct for consistency.

n) CAP24-009 Activation of Eugowra CBD

Noted as read.

o) CAP24-013 Activation of Eugowra Showground Power

Noted as read

p) CAP24-014 Restoration of Eugowra Pool and Amenities

Clr Weaver noted that it is great to see the amount of work in Eugowra. By the end of 2026 there are going to be some great amenities for everyone to benefit from.

RECOMMENDATION (Weaver/O'Ryan)

THAT the committee note the strategic Urban Infrastructure update.

IC25/12

Carried

ITEM - 5 WATER UTILITIES ACTIVITIES REPORT

Proceedings in Brief

Sub Regional Town Water Strategy (SRTWS)

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that Council has received a draft final report for review. It is anticipated that he will have a report to Council in September, however the report is to be reviewed by a number of parties.

Molong Water Security

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that an extension of time has been received but he doesn't expect that we will need the whole length of time.

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that the initial results from the new additional bore indicated good results however these have tapered off and staff are investigating as to why this has occurred.

Clr O'Ryan enquired about the length of pipeline requiring critical replacement. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised that it is approx. 8.6km. Council are currently encountering 30% water loss which is quite high for a raw water line. He noted that the project is shovel ready which is advantageous.

Clr Weaver noted that it is great that we are committed to this but do we hold out in hope of the co-contribution funding? The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that the latest budget didn't list any funding so it is unlikely that we will receive any state funding. He noted that Plan B would be to continue to advocate for funding.

The Chair noted that the bore project at the quarry, initial testing was good but has fallen away, how was the quality of the water? The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that we are still waiting on results however it has a similar hardness to the water from the bore that the depot. Additional treatment for this hardness will need to be factored in.

Strategic Development

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that an extension of time has also been received for the Safe and Secure Water Program.

Molong Water Fluoridation

Clr O’Ryan enquired whether residents know that the water is currently not fluoridated. The Chair noted that they do.

The Chair enquired what the potential challenges and contingencies are? The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure advised that the next steps are straight forward – training for staff and addressing the WH&S issues which were identified. The complex item is going to be the comms to the community.

The Chair enquired about whether an agreement can be made with Central Tablelands Water and/or Orange City Council to assist with training staff if required? The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that in a crisis, other resources can be brought in. As a last resort, the fluoridation could be turned off but there is a lot involved to do this. Council has worked to diversify its workforce and recruit operators so that there is now a complete Water and Sewer team.

Cumnock & Yeoval Potable Water

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted the table in the report containing the next steps.

	Task	Planned Completion Date
1	Engage a contractor to finish Op-In process	30/08/2025
2	Complete the remaining Opt-In people’s house work. All properties to be re-checked for cross connections	30/09/2025
3	Complete the fixing process of new analysers at Cumnock and Yeoval reservoirs	30/10/2025
4	Fix the flow meter issue at Cumnock reservoirs outlet	30/11/2025
5	System Testing	31/03/2026
6	Regulatory approvals	30/04/2026
7	Potable water for Cumnock and Yeoval	30/06/2026

The Chair requested the figure for the number of properties who opted out. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted this as 52.

RECOMMENDATION (Pearson/O’Ryan)

THAT the committee note the strategic Urban Infrastructure – Utilities update.

IC25/13

Carried

ITEM - 6 DRINKING WATER MONITORING REPORT 24/25

Proceedings in Brief

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that this is the first time these reports have been presented to Council.

Clr O’Ryan enquired if there are concerns about PFAS. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that they are within acceptable limits. The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted yes, the amount is so miniscule that it hardly triggers a reading.

RECOMMENDATION (Pearson/Weaver)

THAT the committee note the information provided.

IC25/14

Carried

It was noted that the time being 12.36pm Clr Rawson joined the meeting.

**ITEM - 7 EPA ANNUAL RETURNS FOR MOLONG AND CANOWINDRA
SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT**

Proceedings in Brief

The Deputy General Manager – Infrastructure noted that the report notes breaches and it should be noted that these breaches are not necessarily breaches which would affect the licence. There may be plant or equipment breakdown, it is about reporting these breaches and taking action.

RECOMMENDATION (O’Ryan/Pearson)

THAT the committee note the information provided.

IC25/15

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.38pm.