



AGENDA

Ordinary Meeting of Council

27 July 2021

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA**

ON TUESDAY 27 JULY 2021

COMMENCING AT 11.00AM

AGENDA

(Proceedings of this meeting will be recorded as per Eurobodalla Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice)

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**DR CATHERINE DALE
GENERAL MANAGER**

NOM21/005 CULTURAL BURNING

S012-T00026

Responsible Officer: Maureen Nathan - Councillor

Attachments: Nil

Councillor Maureen Nathan has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 27 July 2021, she will move the following motion.

MOTION

THAT Council:

1. Write to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and Aboriginal Affairs NSW (AANSW) who are responsible for implementing recommendation 25 of the NSW Bushfire Enquiry, requesting that they engage with the Aboriginal Community and land managers in the Eurobodalla to look at opportunities to implement cultural burn practices and commence recurrent cultural burn practices on country in 2021-22.
2. Request that the Far South Coast Bushfire Management Committee consider the potential utilisation of cultural burning practices in managing bushfire risk within the Eurobodalla.

BACKGROUND

Wallawani Njindiwan - Welcome and safe journeys everyone.

Like we are learning the language of the Yuin people there are opportunities to learn from the knowledge and practices in managing country. This can assist in not only managing the environments biodiversity but managing the risk of bushfire through broader adoption of cultural burning practices.

Corey Peterson (who worked with me at The Gold Rush Colony) has had 14 years experience as an RFS volunteer and 8 year career as a firefighting in State Forest. In June RFS SE Mitigation sent Corey Peterson to a planned cultural burn in Bermagui, as an RFS representation. Unfortunately the burn did not proceed because country was wet. While the burn didn't proceed Corey had the opportunity to experience demonstrations and learn the theory behind cultural burning practices. This demonstration and teaching was provided by local Yuin men working with Fire Stick Alliance who I understand has been handed the responsibility for hazard reduction in patches within areas of National Park between Bermagui and Tathra i.e. all in Bega Shire.

Firesticks Alliance Indigenous Corporation is an Indigenous led network and aims to re-invigorate the use of cultural burning by facilitating cultural learning pathways to fire and land management. It is an initiative for Indigenous and non- Indigenous people to look after Country, share their experiences and collectively explore ways to achieve their goals.

Following the devastating Black Summer Bushfires (2019/20), the NSW Government commissioned an independent enquiry into the fires. The enquiry handed down 76 recommendations all of which were accepted by the Government. Recommendation 25 of the enquiry is:

That Government adopt the principle that cultural burning is one component of a broader practice of traditional Aboriginal land management and is an important cultural practice, not simply another technique of hazard reduction burning.

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Responsibility for implementation of this recommendation sits with Department Planning, industry and Environment (DPIE) and Aboriginal Affairs NSW (AANSW), working in partnership with Aboriginal communities. To assist in implementing this recommendation the NSW Government has committed an initial \$1.29m over 2 years (commencing 2020-21) to enable the commencement of a community driven, co-design process, leading to the development of a long-term Cultural Fire Management Strategy and business model.

I believe that there is the potential for significant social, cultural, environmental and economic benefits if cultural burning practices were adopted within the bushfire and land management practices in the Eurobodalla. I therefore propose the following recommendation to Council.

QON21/005 LAND CLEARING AT BROULEE

S006-T00003

Responsible Officer: Lindsay Usher - Director, Planning and Sustainability Services

Attachments: Nil

The following question on notice was received from Councillor Anthony Mayne:

Question

Resolution of the issue whether Council has complied with the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) in managing land in accordance with the *Plan of Management for Community Land (reserves) in the Suburbs of Broulee and Mossy Point – Plan Of Management No 25* (the Plan), adopted by Council 25 November 2003, requires Council to explain why, in light of its adoption of the Plan, its 29 June 2021 Media Release states that the ‘... land clearing at Broulee last week was legal.’

In particular:

1. Having regard to Council’s adoption of the Plan and its designation of the land at the corner of Clarke Street and Broulee Road, including the unformed road as community land or prospective community land categorised as natural area: bushland (the land), the thrust of the *Local Government Act, Standards for Asset Protection Zones* (the Standards) and *NSW Government / RFS Planning for Bushfire Protection* (the BPB), why Council approved vegetation clearing on the land for an Asset Protection Zone for what the Media Release describes as a 48-lot stage of a housing estate (the estate) in that vicinity?
2. Having regard to the Standards and BPB, whether Council has:
 - (a) obtained from the estate’s developer a guarantee that the land will be managed in perpetuity
 - (b) taken steps to:
 - (i) have an easement under the *Conveyancing Act 1919* s.88B to ensure:
 - surety of APZ and the correct management prescriptions, and
 - that management occurs in a binding legal agreement in perpetuity, and
 - (ii) obtain written confirmation from the relevant parties that the easement will continue in perpetuity and that the land subject to the easement will be maintained in a suitable manner.
3. Why, having regard to The Guiding Principles of Ecological Sustainable Development set out in Appendix 2 to the Plan, in particular the principle of providing credible information in open and accountable processes to encourage and assist the effective participation of local communities in decision making, Council officers and members of its staff did not inform representatives of the Broulee Mossy Point Community Association that the estate’s APZ would be on the land?

Response

1. Whilst Council adopted the Plan of Management (PoM) in November 2003, the road where the clearing has been approved, is not public land to which a PoM can apply, as

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per definitions of public land and Plan of Management in the *NSW Local Government Act*. The road reserve is therefore not legally part of the PoM and is not categorised land.

The subject land is also not community land as it has not been classified as such in accordance with the legal requirements of the *NSW Local Government Act*. The land remains as public road.

It has previously been acknowledged that whilst Council, in November 2003, adopted the PoM and resolved to 'reclassify the operational land at the corner of Broulee Road and Clarke St (Part Lot 9 Sec 19 DP 758168 and Part Lot 8 Sect 19 DP 758168) as community land', such resolution was unfortunately not implemented by staff at the time.

It should be noted that the Council resolution of November 2003 does not include the closure or reclassification of the road.

Council has sought legal advice concerning the proposed closure of the road identified in the adopted Plan of Management. This has confirmed that the adoption of the Plan of Management does not have any legal effect on the road status. Council needs a specific resolution and to follow processes under both the *Roads Act* and the *Local Government Act* to turn this road into community land.

Staff are continuing to investigate the matter and will brief and bring back a report to Council at the earliest opportunity so that the appropriate recommendations containing the required decisions of Council can be correctly and formally endorsed.

The clearing of the road reserve was enabled under the Bio-certification Agreement entered into by Council following community engagement, and in recognition that the road already contains infrastructure which requires access by Council, there was already clearing within the road reserve and Council had existing obligations to manage bushfire hazard in the area.

2. The land is a road and not an allotment of land, nature reserve etc,. An easement is not required due to the following reasons:
 - a. the road already contains infrastructure which requires access and maintenance by Council
 - b. Council has obligations to manage bushfire hazard from the area and the area is considered managed land under the NSW RFS Planning for Bushfire Protection Guidelines.
3. As detailed above the PoM does not apply to the area approved to be cleared, nor did Council make the necessary resolutions to close the road, reclassify the land and amend the PoM.

Clearing of the land was assessed and approved in accordance with the NSW Biodiversity Legislation at the time that a Bio-certification Agreement applying to the land was entered into.

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The community has been engaged on a number of occasions since the 2003 resolution in regard to matters applying to the subject land, including:

- Eurobodalla Settlement Strategy 2006
- Eurobodalla LEP 2012
- Broulee Bio-certification Order and Strategy
- Eurobodalla LEP 2012 amendment and Residential Zones DCP amendment
- Development application 0035/21.

All of these processes have identified the land for development and/or intent for clearing to occur, including approval of clearing under the bio-certification process.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the response to the question regarding land clearing at Broulee raised by Councillor Anthony Mayne be received and noted.

**GMR21/039 NSW GOVERNMENT FUNDING - BUSHFIRE LOCAL ECONOMIC
RECOVERY FUND - ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING**

**S014-
T00027**

Responsible Officer: Dr Catherine Dale - General Manager

Attachments: Nil

Outcome: 9 Innovative and Proactive Leadership

Focus Area: 9.1 Provide strong leadership and work in partnership to strategically plan for the future and progress towards the community vision

Delivery Program Link: 9.1.3 Advocate and collaborate to advance the region and address local issues

Operational Plan Link: 9.1.3.2 Seek sources of funding to implement community vision

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks to inform Council of the offer of \$5.0 million in grant funding from the NSW and Commonwealth Governments Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund (BLER) to support communities recovering from the 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires. The funding is for the completion of Mogo Adventure Trails Hub and is administered through the Department of Regional NSW.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse staff action in accepting funding from the NSW and Commonwealth Governments towards the completion of the Mogo Adventure Trails Hub.

BACKGROUND

The Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Package (Stage 2) was part of the \$4.5 billion bushfire support program co-funded by the Australian and NSW governments for bushfire recovery, response and preparedness in NSW.

Applications to this fund were submitted in February 2021. More than 650 project applications were received from 47 LGAs impacted by the bushfires in NSW, requesting a total of more than \$1.6 billion – more than six times the original available funding.

The Department of Regional NSW led the merit-based assessment process in line with the eligibility and assessment criteria published in the BLER Program Guidelines and the Australian Government's Local Economic Recovery funding criteria. The process was overseen by independent probity advisors from both the Australian and NSW governments.

Council's Mogo Adventure Trails Hub – Stage 2 proposal was successful in being selected as a tourism and economic recovery project. Council's proposal demonstrated that the project will deliver a range of direct and indirect environmental, community and economic benefits.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial

These funds, along with \$3.0 million secured through the Growing Local Economies Fund will contribute to an \$8.0 million project, enhancing both the local tourism product, as well as supporting local economic recovery, throughout the delivery of the capital project and into the future.

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RECOVERY FUND - ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING**

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There is no co-funding commitment required by council.

Strategic

The project aligns with the NSW Government priorities including the Visitor Economy Industry Action Plan (Plan). Specifically, in relation to this Plan, it helps to provide a quality visitor experience and capitalise on the opportunities presented by the unique Aboriginal culture, nature and heritage of Mogo and its surrounds.

Additionally, the project aligns closely with the South Coast Destination Management Plan 2013-2020 as it recognises the importance of the natural environment to the ongoing sustainability of the visitor economy of the South Coast Region and encourages development that is innovative, sustainable and compatible with the branding and character of the Region.

CONCLUSION

Council has been offered \$5.0 million in funding under NSW and Commonwealth Governments Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund to support communities recovering from the 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires. This grant funding from the NSW Government is welcomed and will be formally accepted.

GMR21/040 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING - END OF TERM REPORT

**S004-
T00016**

Responsible Officer: Dr Catherine Dale - General Manager

Attachments: Nil

Focus Area: 9 Innovative and Proactive Leadership

Delivery Program Link: 9.1 Provide strong leadership and work in partnership to strategically plan for the future and progress towards the community vision

Operational Plan Link: 9.1.1 Undertake sound, best practice long term community and corporate planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to table the End of Term (EOT) Report, a key reporting document in Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) documents.

The End of Term Report, as required under the *Local Government Act 1993*, presents the Council's performance over the elected term in the year in which an ordinary election of councillors is held, highlighting the achievements in implementing the Community Strategic Plan.

The EOT Report includes a summary of the actions and activities undertaken by this Council between July 2016 and June 2021 (Delivery Program 2017-21) and includes the extraordinary period from December 2019, marked by the Black Summer Bushfires, COVID-19 and seven floods in the Eurobodalla.

This EOT Report highlights five years rather than the usual four-year term of Council. The NSW Government rescheduled the local government elections from September 2020 to September 2021 in response to COVID-19.

Council is required to table the EOT Report at the final meeting of the outgoing Council, in line with legislative requirements, and be published with the 2020-21 Annual Report.

The EOT Report represents a progress report to check Eurobodalla is moving in the right direction to realise our vision to be friendly, responsible, thriving and proud. It includes highlight achievements along with advocacy outcomes and awards received during the Council term.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council receive and note the End of Term Report for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2021.
2. Following the Local Government Elections, the End of Term Report be promoted and published on Council's website.

BACKGROUND

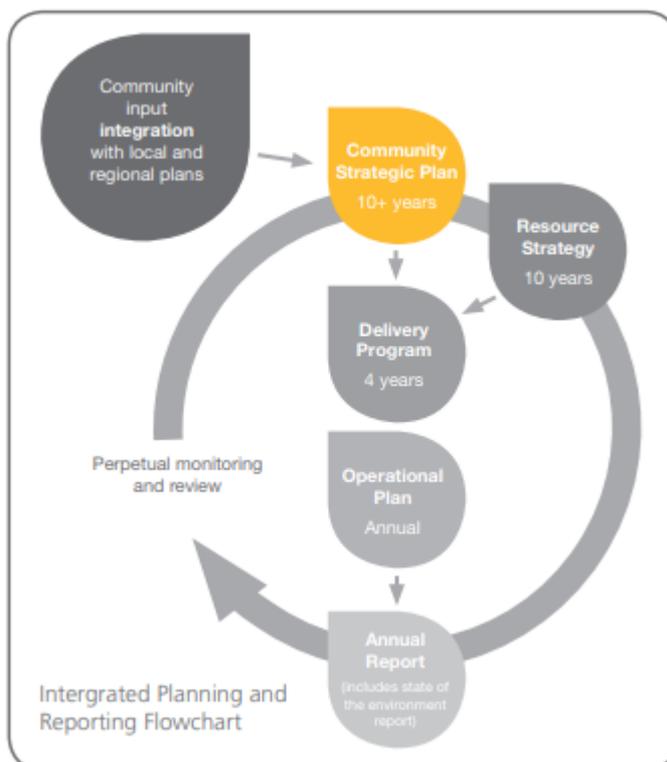
The Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) cycle includes the development of a range of key documents, including the Community Strategic Plan, four-year Delivery program, yearly

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REPORT**

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Operational Plan, Annual Report, and the End of Term Report at the completion of each Council term.

The following chart outlines the process for IPR:



CONSIDERATIONS

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires all NSW councils to prepare a Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

The Community Strategic Plan is the highest-level Plan that Council prepares and is a whole of community plan, reviewed and developed in partnership with the community. It identifies and articulates the community's long-term aspirations, priorities and vision. Council's Community Strategic Plan 2017 was adopted on 13 June 2017.

The Delivery Program 2017-21 detailed the activities that Council planned to deliver during its term, along with measures to track our progress in achieving the activities. Council's Delivery Program 2017-21 was adopted on 27 June 2017.

The vision adopted in the CSP is for our community to be friendly, responsible, thriving and proud. To achieve our community vision nine outcome areas were developed along with 34 supporting strategies. The nine CSP outcomes include:

1. Strong communities, desirable lifestyle
2. Celebrated creativity, culture and learning
3. Protected and valued natural environment

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4. Sustainable living
5. Vibrant and Diverse economy
6. Responsible and balanced
7. Connected and accessible places
8. Collaborative and engaged community
9. Innovative and proactive leadership.

To measure and report to the community on the progress in implementing the CSP and the vision, 43 key community indicators was developed.

The EOT Report provides a summary of the activities, achievements and projects undertaken during the current Council term, in line with CSP's nine objectives. It also includes the community indicators and Delivery Program measures. Data to measure the community indicators and measures has been drawn from a range of data sources including Council's operational data, survey results, State Government data and Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Legal

Section 428 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires Council to prepare an End of Term (EOT) Report, and for it to be included as an attachment with the 2020-21 Annual Report. The EOT Report must be tabled at the last meeting of the outgoing Council.

This EOT Report highlights five years rather than the usual four-year term of Council. The NSW Government rescheduled the local government elections from September 2020 to September 2021 in response to COVID-19.

Community Engagement

Council is required to table the End of Term Report to the last meeting of the outgoing Council. However, advice from the Office of Local Government (OLG) is that Council should refrain from publishing the EOT Report until after the September 2021 local government elections.

CONCLUSION

This End of Term Report presents this Council's performance over its term, highlighting the achievements, advocacy outcomes, awards received, and projects completed in implementing the Community Strategic Plan.

It represents a progress report to check Eurobodalla is moving in the right direction to realise our vision to be friendly, responsible, thriving and proud.

GMR21/041 INVESTMENTS MADE AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

**S011-T00006,
S012-T00025**

Responsible Officer: Scott Westbury - Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: Nil

Outcome: 9 Innovative and Proactive Leadership

Focus Area: 9.2 Ensure financial sustainability and support the organisation in achieving efficient ongoing operations

Delivery Program Link: 9.2.4 Responsibly manage Council's finances and maintain Fit for the Future status

Operational Plan Link: 9.2.4.2 Provide financial management and reporting

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to:

- certify that Council's investments in financial instruments have been made in accordance with legal and policy requirements
- provide information and details of investments
- raise other matters relevant to investing.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the certification of investments as at 30 June 2021, made in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council's Investment Policy and the provision of Clause 1 (Reg. 212) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, be received.

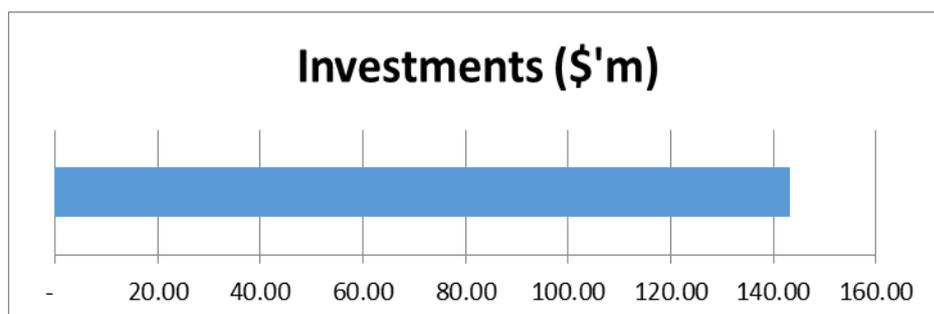
CONSIDERATIONS

Policy

The portfolio is compliant with Council's investment policy adopted by Council on 31 July 2018 (Minute 18/182).

Financial

Council investing overall



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Council has \$143.10M (100%) invested in bank deposits. The bank deposits are held in banks rated A or greater, or covered by the AAA rated Government guarantee, except for \$36.50M invested in banks rated below A, and in the 'some limited risk' category of the policy.

Investments increased by \$15.0m during June 2021 due the normal end of year take up of loans and grants being received for the end of financial year.

The 'some limited risk' category is now restricted to BBB+ rating institutions which allows up to 30% of all investments. Currently there is 25.51% invested in BBB+. Investment in Government guaranteed deposits is \$1.75M representing 1.22% of the portfolio.

There are \$50.0M (34.94%) of funds invested in claimed fossil fuel free institutions.

The weighted average return for all investments for the month is 0.49%, which is above the Council policy benchmark of bank bill swap rate (BBSW) + 0.25% (0.28%).

Summary investment information

The following table is a summary of investment categories and balances at month end.

CATEGORY	(\$)
At call deposit	12,855,026
Term deposits	128,500,000
Term deposits Government guaranteed	1,750,000
	143,105,026
<i>Weighted average interest %:</i>	0.49%
<i>Average 90 day BBSW + 0.25%</i>	0.28%

Policy and liquidity risk

The investment policy is divided into two risk categories of credit risk (risk of ultimately not being able to redeem funds) and liquidity risk (risk of loss due to the need to redeem funds earlier than the investment term). Our investments comply with the risk policy as shown in the following table.

Policy risk	Low liquidity risk %	Total % of investments	Policy risk % (max holdings)
Remote risk	1.22	1.22	100.00
Near risk free	73.27	73.27	100.00
Some limited risk (BBB+)	25.51	25.51	30.00
Grand total	100.00	100.00	

GMR21/041 INVESTMENTS MADE AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

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The unrestricted current ratio is the amount of unrestricted current assets compared to each dollar of current liability. The Office of Local Government suggests a minimum 1.5:1, and the audited unrestricted current ratio as at 30 June 2020 is 3.47:1. Council therefore has approximately \$3.47 of current assets for each \$1 of current liabilities.

CONCLUSION

Pursuant to provision of Clause 1 (Reg. 212) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, I hereby certify that these investments have been made in accordance with *the Local Government Act 1993* and related regulations.

PSR21/030 LEASE - TELECOMMUNICATIONS SITE, NERRIGUNDAH

**S023-T00016
LAND ID 21310**

Responsible Officer: Lindsay Usher - Director, Planning and Sustainability Services
Attachments: 1. Confidential - lease - telecommunications site, Nerrigundah
Outcome: 9 Innovative and Proactive Leadership
Focus Area: 9.2 Ensure financial sustainability and support the organisation in achieving efficient ongoing operations
Delivery Program Link: 9.2.2 Manage land under Council control to achieve a return for the community
Operational Plan Link: 9.2.2.1 Manage leases and licences

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a lease to Telstra for the installation of telecommunications infrastructure, being a satellite small cell antenna and equipment to service Nerrigundah and the surrounding areas ('small cell').

The installation has secured funding from the Australian Government's Mobile Blackspot Program, however to ensure it goes ahead, Council will need to agree on a rent discount.

A site has been located for leases to Telstra over Part Lot 1 Section 4 DP 758765, Nerrigundah for the purpose of installing a satellite small cell.

It is recommended that Council grant up to four consecutive five-year leases to Telstra for this site.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council grant up to four consecutive five-year leases to Telstra Corporation Limited to locate a telecommunications facility within Lot 1 Section 4 DP 758765 Nerrigundah in accordance with the following conditions:
 - (a) The lease fee be in accordance with the confidential attachment.
 - (b) The provision of \$20 million public liability insurance.
 - (c) Conditions generally be in line with similar licences.
2. Consent be given to affix the Common Seal of Council to all necessary documents associated with the leases.
3. Council make an annual donation as outlined in the confidential attachment to report PSR21/030 to subsidise the market rent.

BACKGROUND

Telstra approached Council in August 2019 seeking assistance in finding a suitable location to install a small cell to service Nerrigundah and surrounding areas, one of the communities in Eurobodalla most heavily impacted by the black summer bushfires. The installation has secured funding from the Australian Government's Mobile Blackspot Program.

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LAND ID 21310**

Installation of a small cell generally requires a small parcel of land and has less impact than traditional telecommunication towers. Small cell sites comprise of low impact antenna and satellite dish with infrastructure reaching less than 20 metres in height. Installation of a small cell would facilitate access to telephone and internet services previously not available in the area.

Telstra's preference is to obtain a lease over Part Lot 1 Section 4 DP 758765, Nerrigundah for a site behind the RFS shed.

Negotiations with Telstra have failed to secure a market rent for the site. After the intervention of the Australian Government department responsible for the Blackspot Program, it appears highly likely that the installation will not go ahead, unless Council agrees to discount the rent.

CONSIDERATIONS

Conditions for the lease should be generally in line with similar telecommunications leases granted to comparable businesses. In this instance, a reduced rental for this site has been applied on the basis of remoteness of the location, community benefit and bushfire impact on the area.

Part Lot 1 Section 4 DP 758765 has no known use apart from the portion used by the RFS.

Similar satellite small cell shown below:



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The indicative lease area is shown outlined in yellow in the sketch below:



Part Lot 1 Section 4 DP 758765, Nerrigundah

Legal

Part Lot 1 Section 4 DP 758765 Nerrigundah is Council-owned community land.

Council can only issue a lease for a period of up to five years for public reserves classified as community land and Crown reserves for which Council is Crown Land Manager, after giving public notice and considering any submissions in accordance with Section 47A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/1993/30/chap6/part2/div2/sec47a

Policy

Objective 9.2 of the Delivery Program – Operational Plan (DPOP), is to manage land under Council control of achieving a return for the community.

Social Impact

Improved network coverage in the area will benefit the community by giving access to telephone and internet services.

Economic Development Employment Potential

Improved telecommunications will support business and community connections in the area.

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Financial

Rent will be discounted from the market rate due to the benefits to the local community and is set out in the confidential attachment.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

An EOI was called in February 2021 from interested parties wishing to conduct activities on Council-managed public reserves for a period of up to five years. No other party expressed an interest in using this location.

In accordance with Section 47A of the *Local Government Act 1993* and Council's Community Engagement Framework, the intention to grant a lease to Telstra over Part Lot 1 Sec 4 DP 758765, Nerrigundah for the purpose of a satellite small cell will be publicly notified for 28 days.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council grant leases to Telstra with rent discounted from the market rate.

PSR21/031 DRAFT BATEMANS BAY URBAN CREEKS FLOOD STUDY PUBLIC EXHIBITION S017-T00015

Responsible Officer: Lindsay Usher - Director, Planning and Sustainability Services

Attachments:

1. Under Separate Cover - Draft Batemans Bay Urban Creeks Flood Study
2. Under Separate Cover - Draft Batemans Bay Urban Creeks Flood Study - Maps
3. Under Separate Cover - Confidential - Submissions received

Outcome: 3 Protected and Valued Natural Environment

Focus Area: 3.1 Respond to our changing environment and build resilience to natural hazards

Delivery Program Link: 3.1.2 Minimise the impact of flooding on development and people

Operational Plan Link: 3.1.2.1 Continue to develop Shire flood risk management plans

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the revised draft Batemans Bay Urban Creeks Flood Study, which is attached under a separate cover.

The draft Batemans Bay Urban Creeks Flood Study (the draft Study) is a comprehensive technical investigation of flood behaviour and risk in seven urban creek catchments in Batemans Bay. It combines the first two steps in the floodplain risk management process. Undertaking the floodplain risk management process in accordance with *NSW Floodplain Development Manual: the management of flood liable land (2005)* ensures Council manages flood-liable land in accordance with Section 733 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. It also contributes to action 3.1.2.1 of Council's Delivery Program 2017 -21 and Operational Plan 2020-21 to continue to prepare Eurobodalla's flood risk management plans.

The draft Study was endorsed for public exhibition at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 25 May 2021. Public exhibition took place for 28 days from 2 June to 30 June 2021. During the exhibition period, the community was invited to a drop-in information session at Hanging Rock Function Centre, Hanging Rock on 17 June 2021 from 12pm to 6.30pm. Letters were sent to all residents noted as flood-affected by the draft Study. Emails were also sent to resident Associations within the study area informing them of the study and drop-in session, and a media release advised the wider community of the draft Study and drop-in session time and location.

A total of 13 submissions, including two late submissions, were received during the exhibition period, and around 40 community members attended the drop-in information session. These submissions are attached as a confidential attachment to this report. All feedback received has been considered and addressed in a revised draft Study, where appropriate. The changes to the draft Study as a result of the submissions are minor in nature and include:

- a validation of the Surfside model to simulate flow conditions in the event of the culvert that drains the creek being blocked. This sensitivity can be found in section 7.2 of the report.

**PSR21/031 DRAFT BATEMANS BAY URBAN CREEKS FLOOD STUDY PUBLIC
EXHIBITION**

**S017-
T00015**

The draft Batemans Bay Urban Creeks Flood Study is ready for Council to consider adoption.

The revised draft Study was presented to the councillors at the briefing on 20 July 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Adopt the attached draft Batemans Bay Urban Creeks Flood Study.
2. Write to all those who have made a submission or attended the drop-in session advising of Council's decision and thanking them.

BACKGROUND

Undertaking the floodplain risk management process in accordance with *NSW Floodplain Development Manual: the management of flood liable land (2005)* ensures Council will manage flood-liable land in accordance with Section 733 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. This has also been recognised by action 3.1.2.1 of Council's Delivery Program 2017 -21 and Operational Plan 2020-21.

At the ordinary meeting of Council held on Tuesday 26 June 2018, Council endorsed specialist environmental and engineering consultants, Rhelm, to prepare the Batemans Bay Urban Creeks Flood Study. The draft Study has been joint funded through a NSW Government floodplain management grant and Council funds at a 2:1 ratio.

The draft Study is a comprehensive technical investigation of the nature of flood behaviour and risk in seven urban creek catchments in Batemans Bay:

- Maloneys Beach (Maloneys Lagoon)
- Long Beach (Long Beach Lagoon)
- Surfside (Surfside Creek)
- The Water Gardens
- Catalina (Hanging Rock Creek)
- Batehaven (Joes Creek)
- Sunshine Bay/Caseys Beach (Short Beach Creek).

The draft Study combines the first two steps in the floodplain risk management process, it does not include flood management options which are addressed in the next stage of the process. The draft Study was endorsed for public exhibition at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 25 May 2021.

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CONSIDERATIONS

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Community and stakeholder engagement for the draft Study was undertaken in accordance with Council's adopted Community Engagement Framework and Public Participation Plan. Two drop-in sessions and an online survey were undertaken in 2018 to ask for community experiences of flooding in the study area prior to preparing the draft Study.

Council endorsed the public exhibition of the draft Study on 25 May 2021, which was followed by:

- 28 days of public exhibition from 2 to 30 June 2021.
- drop-in information session on 17 June, 12pm to 6.30pm at Hanging Rock Function Centre, Hanging Rock
- a letter to all landowners of land at risk of flood impacts informing them of the flood study and drop-in information session
- emails to Resident Association within the study area informing them of the flood study and drop-in information session
- a media release advising the wider community of the draft Study and drop-in information session.

During the exhibition period, an estimated 419 people viewed the exhibition and draft study feedback web page. Approximately 40 people attended the drop-in information sessions and Council received 13 submissions, including two late submissions.

Minor revisions were made to the exhibited draft Study to address submissions received during public exhibition and feedback received during the drop-in information session. Table 1 provides a summary of the submissions and feedback related to the flood study that were received and how they were addressed in the revised draft Study.

Community members who attended the drop-in session were given the option of supplying feedback via Council's online submission form, or having their queries recorded and addressed by project staff. Comments and feedback were captured and will be addressed through additional actions by relevant areas of Council or have been addressed through adjustments to the draft flood Study, where appropriate. A list of these comments and the implications of the comments for the draft Study is below:

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Table 1: How key issues raised by submissions and feedback have been addressed in the revised draft Batemans Bay Urban Creeks Flood Study.

Key Issue raised	Comments and actions
<p>Concerns that Council would be rezoning flood-affected land in the <i>Eurobodalla Local Environmental Plan 2012</i> and enquiries on planning certificates.</p>	<p>No rezoning of land is proposed as an outcome of this draft Study. Properties within the flood planning area of an adopted flood study will have notations related to flooding included on their Section 10.7 Planning Certificates, in accordance with the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>.</p> <p>No change to the draft Study required to address this comment.</p>
<p>Several queries were raised about development controls in flood-prone areas.</p>	<p>Recommendations to revise development controls are provided in Section 5.8 of the draft flood Study and were not changed after exhibition.</p>
<p>A suggestion that that rainfall induced flooding was not an issue for Surfside, except when there was a high tide level. Flows from the catchment had been contained to the wetlands and channels, and any sand build-up at the entrance scoured out efficiently during large rainfall events once the tide subsided.</p>	<p>The flood modelling reflects this flood behaviour.</p> <p>No change to the draft Study required to address this comment.</p>

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Key Issue raised	Comments and actions
<p>How were the catchments selected for inclusion in the draft Study and why were Cullendulla Creek, Reedy Creek and McLeods Creek catchments not included?</p>	<p>The draft Study areas were defined to include the creeks within the Batemans Bay area that may pose a flood risk to urban areas during large rainfall events. The focus of the draft Study was to define flood risk from intense rainfall, not inundation from east coast lows, tidal events or waves; this type of flood risk is considered in the Coastal Management Program.</p> <p>Cullendulla Creek does not pose a flood risk to urban areas.</p> <p>Reedy Creek lies significantly outside the draft Study area and does not pose a flood risk to urban areas.</p> <p>Urban areas impacted by flooding in the McLeods Creek catchment are primarily impacted by ocean induced flooding (eg, east coast lows). Existing flood controls for land at risk of coastal flooding exceed those of catchment flooding, so catchment flood analysis is not necessary.</p> <p>No change to the draft Study required to address this comment.</p>
<p>Several residents from Maloneys Beach confirmed that in their experience flooding has always been contained to the waterway and properties immediately adjacent to it (near the entrance).</p>	<p>This information validates the flood mapping included in the draft Study.</p> <p>No change to the draft Study required to address this comment.</p>

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Key Issue raised	Comments and actions
<p>Concerns about access to Maloneys Beach during and following a flood if the culverts and road are overtopped or damaged.</p> <p>Boat access was suggested as an emergency alternative.</p>	<p>The draft Study does not address management options which are considered at the next stage of the floodplain risk management process.</p> <p>No change to the draft Study required to address this comment.</p>
<p>Residents from Long Beach noted that they had been told that the properties along the outlet of the lake had experienced flooding in the past.</p>	<p>Customers were shown the relevant maps and discussed flood impacts for the Long Beach area with project staff. Mapping indicated no risk of property flooding adjacent to culvert up to the 1% AEP.</p> <p>No change to the draft Study required to address this comment.</p>
<p>Comments related to drainage and sediment accumulation across the draft Study area.</p>	<p>Feedback provided to Council's Asset Management Team for consideration.</p>
<p>Request for validation of the model for Surfside due to a concern that a culvert didn't function under all tidal conditions.</p>	<p>A validation of the Surfside model to simulate flow conditions in the event of the culvert that drains the creek being blocked was undertaken. This sensitivity can be found in Section 7.2 of the attached draft Study.</p>

Most comments raised related to drainage and sediment accumulation across the draft Study area. These are not matters for the draft Study and were referred to Council's asset maintenance staff for consideration in their maintenance schedule.

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Legal

Councils are broadly responsible for floodplain management in New South Wales. This role is guided by the *NSW Floodplain Development Manual: the management of flood liable land*, which is a statutory guideline referred to in the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Council is exempt from liability under Section 733 (Exemption from liability—flood liable land and land in coastal zone) of the *NSW Local Government Act* for decisions made relating to development of coastal and flood-labile lands provided these decisions are made in good faith and in accordance with the best available information. Preparing a flood study in accordance with the process outlined in the Floodplain Development Manual can be considered as a demonstration of good faith.

If the draft Study is adopted, Planning Certificates (under Section 10.7 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*) would identify whether the land is within the flood planning Area where flood-related development controls apply.

Policy

The NSW Government’s Flood Prone Land Policy (the Policy) aims to reduce the impact of flooding and flood liability on individual owners and occupiers of flood-prone property, and to reduce private and public losses resulting from floods. The Policy highlights that primary responsibility for floodplain risk management rests with councils and refers to the floodplain risk management process.

The draft Batemans Bay Urban Creeks Flood Study is the first two steps in the floodplain risk management process (Figure 1).

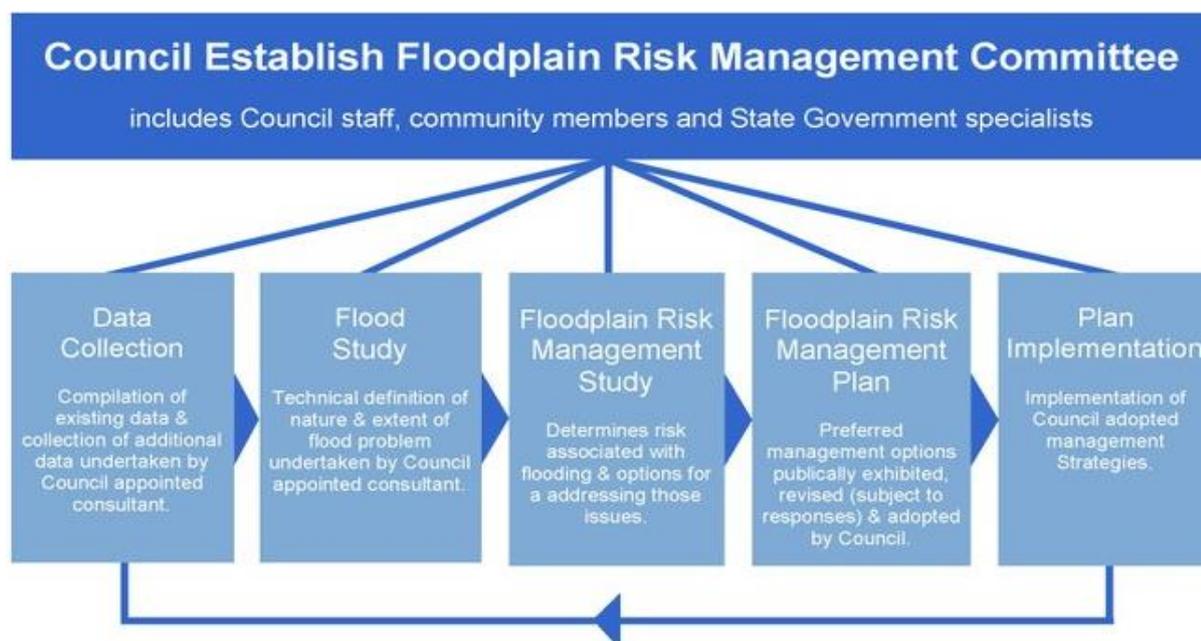


Figure 1: The floodplain risk management process (NSW Floodplain Development Manual 2005)

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Asset

Identifying where flooding can overtop roads and impact on other Council assets is a key focus of the draft Study. The draft Study includes maps showing locations where key roads could be cut (ie, Beach Road). This will assist Council in prioritising upgrades to road infrastructure in the Batemans Bay area and inform the next stage of the floodplain management process.

Social Impact

An adopted flood study allows Council to identify the nature and extent of flood risks in Batemans Bay. It provides Council with the information needed to progress to the next steps of the process, which is to prepare the Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan to manage and minimise unacceptable flood risks. The draft Study also allows other agencies, such as the State Emergency Service (SES), to undertake appropriate planning to minimise potential flood impacts on the community.

By adopting a flood study for large areas of Batemans Bay, residents developing property within these areas will no longer have to engage their own consultant to provide a flood study with their Development Application.

Financial

The draft Study was supported through a grant provided by the NSW Flood Management Program administered by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage. Council makes a one-third contribution to the overall cost of preparing the draft Study.

CONCLUSION

A revised draft Batemans Bay Urban Creek Flood Study has been prepared, incorporating minor changes made as a result of feedback received during public exhibition. The draft Study is now ready for adoption.

It is recommended Council adopt the draft Batemans Bay Urban Creek Flood Study.

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S017-T00003**

Responsible Officer: Lindsay Usher - Director, Planning and Sustainability Services

Attachments: 1. Confidential - RFT – 2021/47 Mogo Adventure Trails Hub – preferred tenderer

Outcome: 5 Vibrant and Diverse Economy

Focus Area: 5.3 Focus on the development of sustainable tourism and quality events and visitor experiences

Delivery Program Link: 5.3.2 Actively seek and support the development and hosting of events

Operational Plan Link: 5.3.2.2 Seek grant funding for the implementation of the Mogo Adventure Trail

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the outcome of Request for Tender (RFT) No. 2021/47 for the detailed design, construction and maintenance of approximately 155km of mountain bike track as proposed in the Mogo Adventure Trails Master Plan (Dirt Art 2020), and to recommend the entering into a contract with the preferred tenderer identified in the confidential attachment.

The Mogo Adventure Trails Master Plan was adopted by Council on 24 November 2020. This master plan was prepared as a result of the findings of the adopted Mogo Adventure Trails Hub Strategy (TRC Tourism 2019). This project has a strong tourism and economic development focus, as well as recreational and community. In a post-bushfire environment, the development of a significant tourism experience such as this will aid the recovery and growth of the visitor economy.

This tender is the next step in delivering the Adventure Trails Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Enter into negotiations based on the conditions outlined in Request for Tender (RFT) No. 2021/47 with the preferred tenderer identified in the confidential attachment to the Council report 'Request for Tender (RFT) No. 2021/47' due to demonstrated capability to deliver the detailed design, construction and maintenance of the Mogo Adventure Trail Hub.
2. Provide delegations to the General Manager to conclude these negotiations and if appropriate, enter into a contract with the tenderer identified in the confidential attachment to the Council report 'Request for Tender (RFT) No. 2021/47'.

BACKGROUND

Council has the vision, ahead of many local government areas in NSW, to recognise the economic, health and social values of trails to a community. Investment in a trails network will support the growth of our visitor economy, which prior to the bushfires was worth \$464 million. Continued planning for and investment in product such as this, is crucial to the recovery of our visitor economy post-bushfire and COVID-19.

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Existing and proposed new mountain bike trails were master planned in the Mogo Adventure Trails Master Plan (Dirt Art 2020), adopted by Council on 24 November 2020, and Mogo Adventure Trails Hub Strategy (TRC Tourism 2019). This project has a strong tourism and economic development focus, with a view to utilising mountain biking as a major component of the economic revival of the region post-bushfires. The tender is for the detailed design, construction and short-term maintenance of the Mogo Adventure Trails.

Request for Tender (RFT) No. 2021/47 Mogo Adventure Trails Hub was available on 27 May 2021 on Tenderlink, with a closing date of 24 June 2021. Tenders were received from the following and assessed in accordance with the Tender Evaluation Plan:

1. Rocky Trails Destination Pty Ltd
2. Dirt Art Pty Ltd.

A summary of the evaluation, including each tenderer's scoring against the evaluation criteria and pricing, is provided in the confidential attachment.

The offer submitted by the preferred tenderer has been assessed as representing best value for money for Council due to the company's demonstrated experience, previous history of delivering a high quality of workmanship, and an acceptable price in relation to the tender estimate.

CONSIDERATIONS

Legal

Request for Tender (RFT) 2021/47 accorded with all relevant requirements of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* and the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The Mogo Adventure Trails tender was released via Council's Tenderlink web portal (www.tenderlink.com/eurobodalla).

Before tender assessment was undertaken, a formal Tender Evaluation Plan (TEP) was distributed and signed by all members of the Tender Evaluation Committee.

Policy

The procurement activity for which this report applies has been conducted in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy, Code of Practice – Procurement, Code of Practice – Tendering, the Local Government Procurement Guidelines, *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* and the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Social Impact

The project, when completed, will provide a trail system that caters for a broad range of riders and a wide variety of riding styles. Mountain biking is one of the fastest growing recreational sectors and development of hubs such as this bring externalities such as community pride, youth engagement, Aboriginal engagement and physical and mental health benefits.

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Environmental

The Mogo Adventure Trails tender specifies as a part of stage one, that a range of reports and assessments be carried out before construction of the trails begin. These include:

- a Review of environmental factors and/or Environmental Impact Statement
- Cultural Heritage Survey Report to establish matters relating to the cultural and heritage context of the site, such as the presence of areas of Aboriginal significance and biodiversity values, and
- an AQF Level 5, Australian qualified framework arborist to carry out a risk assessment report of dangerous trees on the proposed trail area.

Economic Development Employment Potential

The Mogo Adventure Trails Hub capitalises on the key strengths of the area to create a premier trail destination connected to Mogo Village and Batemans Bay.

The proposed trail system caters for a broad audience of riders and a wide variety of riding styles in close proximity to the Canberra and Sydney markets. This has the potential to significantly grow the economy and provide employment opportunities for the region. The project will bring a range of economic benefits to the community and Eurobodalla Shire.

Adventure trails has significant potential to benefit the local and regional economy:

- In its first year of operating, the trails network has the potential to attract 45,000 visitors and result in over \$11.8 million to the local economy
- The potential for at least six new business opportunities (including shuttle services, accommodation, new events, etc,) and allow existing businesses to value add to their current services.
- Attraction of more events due to the hub being able to cater for different racing formats.

Financial

Council was successful in receiving \$3 million through the NSW Governments Growing Local Economics Fund for Stage 1, detailed design and Stage 2A, construction of the Mogo Adventure Trails.

Council has been notified of its success for \$5 million funding from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund to support Stage 2B, construction and Stage 3, maintenance.

Asset

The project will result in a Council-managed asset under a permit from Forestry NSW and license from Crown Land. The tender contract includes a 12-month post-construction defect clause, as well as a maintenance clause. A model for the ongoing management, maintenance and governance of the network was presented to Council in February 2021.

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Ongoing maintenance of the track will require coordination, together with voluntary assistance from the mountain bike club aligned with the development of a trail sponsorship program for the funding of track maintenance.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

The tender was advertised via Tender Link.

The community will be informed of the tender outcome(s) via Council's contract register found in Council's 'Public Access to Information' web link, Council's website project page and via a media release.

CONCLUSION

The tender process has been conducted in accordance with mandatory Council and local government requirements and the preferred tenderer has been assessed through an extensive evaluation as representing best value for money.

The preferred tender as identified in the confidential attachment is therefore recommended for the awarding of a contract for the detailed design, construction, and maintenance of the Mogo Adventure Trails.

**IR21/023 REQUEST FOR TENDER NO. 10018671 - BATEMANS BAY SEWAGE
TREATMENT PLANT AUGMENTATION**

**S029-
T00004**

Responsible Officer: Warren Sharpe OAM - Director Infrastructure Services
Attachments: 1. Confidential - RFT 10018671 Batemans Bay STP Augmentation
Outcome: 4 Sustainable Living
Focus Area: 4.1 Maximise the efficient use and reuse of our water resources
Delivery Program Link: 4.1.1 Provide a safe, reliable and sustainable town water supply and sewerage services
Operational Plan Link: 4.1.1.2 Build, renew, operate and maintain sewerage systems

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council engaged Public Works Advisory (PWA) to advertise Request for Tender (RFT) No. 10018671 for the Batemans Bay Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) Augmentation, at Surf Beach, Batemans Bay on Council's behalf. The augmentation works are required to increase treatment capacity and asset life of the STP. RFT No. 10018671 was open for submissions from 15 April 2021 until 3 June 2021. Upon close of tender offers were received from six (6) tenderers.

This report outlines the evaluation of offers submitted in response to RFT No10018671 and provides a recommendation for the preferred tenderer.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council accepts the tender identified as the preferred tenderer listed for Request for Tender No. 10018671 Batemans Bay Sewage Treatment Plant Augmentation.

BACKGROUND

Wastewater generated within Batemans Bay and adjoining catchments is treated at the Batemans Bay Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) which is located south of the intersection of Beach Road and George Bass Drive, Surf Beach.

The STP was originally constructed in the 1970s to cater for a design load of 15,000 equivalent population (EP) and later was upgraded in 2012 to increase treatment capacity to 27,300 EP. The proposed augmentation works are designed to further increase the plant capacity to 40,000 EP to cater for future growth and improve the water quality and consistency of effluent discharged from the STP.

RFT No. 10018671 for the Batemans Bay Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) Augmentation, at Surf Beach, Batemans Bay was open for submissions from 15 April 2021 and closed on 3 June 2021. Offers were received from the following six (6) tenderers and assessed in accordance with the Tender Evaluation Plan:

- Abergeldie Pty Ltd
- CCB Envico Pty Ltd
- Futurebus Pty Ltd
- Haslin Pty Ltd
- Leed Engineering Pty Ltd
- Precision Civil Pty Ltd.

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A summary of the evaluation including each tenderer's scores against the evaluation criteria is provided at the Confidential Attachment to this report.

CONSIDERATIONS

Legal

RFT No. 10018671 Batemans Bay Sewage Treatment Plant Augmentation was advertised in accordance with clause 167 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and the Local Government Act 1993.

The tender was advertised on Council's noticeboard page in local newspapers, in the Sydney Morning Herald, and through the NSW Government tendering website (<https://tenders.nsw.gov.au>).

Before tender assessment was undertaken, a formal Tender Evaluation Plan (TEP) was distributed amongst the Tender Evaluation Committee.

The offer submitted by the preferred tenderer has been assessed as representing good value for money for Council due to the company's demonstrated experience, quality of workmanship and satisfactory price in comparison to the pre-construction estimate.

Policy

Procurement was undertaken in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy, Code of Practice – Procurement, Code of Practice – Tendering, the Local Government Procurement Guidelines, Local Government (General) Regulation 2006 and the Local Government Act 1993.

Environmental

The augmentation works are designed to improve the water quality and consistency of effluent discharged from the STP to ensure current and future service levels are maintained. The works will also improve the operational and environmental safety of the STP.

Financial

The amount tendered by the preferred tenderer can be accommodated within the existing sewer fund capital budget and sewer fund reserves.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

The community will be informed of the tender outcome(s) via Council's contract register found in Council's 'Public Access to Information' web link.

CONCLUSION

The tender process has been conducted in accordance with mandatory Council and Local Government requirements and the preferred tenderer has been assessed, through an extensive evaluation, as representing best value for money.

The preferred tenderer as identified in the Confidential Attachment is therefore recommended for the awarding of a contract for the requirement.

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Responsible Officer: Warren Sharpe OAM - Director Infrastructure Services
Attachments: 1. Maintenance Grading Schedule 2021-22
2. Resealing Schedule 2021-22
Outcome: 7 Connected and Accessible Places
Focus Area: 7.1 Work in partnership to provide an integrated transport network
Delivery Program Link: 7.1.2 Provide a safe efficient and integrated transport network
Operational Plan Link: 7.1.2.1 Provide a safe efficient and integrated transport network

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year a schedule of works is prepared for the maintenance grading of unsealed roads, resurfacing of sealed roads and gravel resheeting works.

The maintenance grading schedule is based on delivering a reasonable level of service taking into account the various factors impacting on the performance of the road network, in particular, traffic volumes, type of traffic, terrain, amount and quality of gravel and the available budget.

The reseal program is vital from a road safety perspective as it reinstates grip between the vehicle and the road surface and reduces the number of pavement defects such as potholes. Resealing also assists in keeping maintenance costs down, and by extending the life of the underlying structural road pavement by minimising the ingress of moisture. This helps minimise more expensive pavement rebuilding work.

The gravel resheeting program provides an annual program to replace gravel pavements on a cyclic basis. This improves the driveability of the unsealed road network. This report seeks delegation of determining this program to the General Manager to allow integration into the bushfire and flood disaster recovery works.

All of the proposed works are an integral part of keeping the local road network to a reasonable condition.

Council's road network, and in particular the unsealed road network, has suffered significant damage commencing with the Black Summer bushfires in 2019-20, and then compounded by the seven (7) declared Natural Disaster flood events since. These events have required significant and ongoing rehabilitation works which along with the high rainfall, adversely impacted the grading schedule during 2020-21.

Once the 2021-22 Maintenance Grading and Reseal Schedules are adopted by Council, they will be placed on our website for the information of the community. The gravel resheeting program will be updated as part of the six monthly report to Council on progress against the adopted 2021-22 Operational Plan.

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The schedules for the maintenance grading of unsealed roads and the resealing of sealed roads for 2021-22 as attached to this report be adopted.
2. The allocation of funds under the gravel resheeting program be delegated to the General Manager to allow integration into other gravel resheeting works associated with the bushfire and flood disaster recovery program.

BACKGROUND

Each year a schedule of works is formulated for the maintenance grading of unsealed roads, resealing of sealed roads and gravel resheeting of unsealed roads.

Minor adjustments to the programs may occasionally be made with the approval of the Director Infrastructure Services, to account for variations in costs, to take advantage of any opportunities for efficiencies of work and to treat any significant problems that might arise as the year progresses due to weather or other issues.

The unsealed road network has been highly impacted and the sealed road network is showing increased signs of impact from the prolonged wet weather with surface and slope damage in various locations.

Significant additional works are required to remediate damage caused by the bushfire and floods over the last two financial years, from the Black Summer bushfires and the seven (7) declared natural disaster flood events since. Rectification of damage associated with the declared natural disasters will be funded separately under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), up to the approved amounts. Regular updates are provided on Council's website at:

[Emergency road closures | Eurobodalla Shire Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

[Restoring access - Northern bridges | Eurobodalla Shire Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

The proposed schedules for maintenance grading and reseals will be integrated into the ongoing infrastructure recovery works and are provided as attachments to this report.

The allocations for gravel resheeting will be determined following final assessment of the overall damage across the unsealed road network and gaining approvals for various sites under the NDRRA. Where beneficial from an efficiency perspective, Council's gravel resheeting program will be integrated into works whilst plant and equipment is available to that road or in the area.

CONSIDERATIONS

Historically, funding levels for resealing roads and gravel resheeting works have been well below desirable levels, resulting in a significant amount of deferred maintenance and renewal work.

The introduction of the Infrastructure Fund during the mid-2000's, combined with the Australian Government's Road to Recovery Program and additional funding provided under Council's Fit for Future plan, allowed Council to improve its response to the infrastructure

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renewal funding gap, providing a more sustainable position. Nevertheless, Council remains reliant on achieving additional grant funding to meet the ongoing road pavement renewal needs for the sealed road network.

The consequence of insufficient renewal funding is to increase routine maintenance costs (eg pothole repair, heavy patching), reduce the level of service to the public, increase the risk to the community and inevitably pass these deferred costs on to future generations. It also means that additional work is required when these elements are renewed (eg additional surface preparation, additional build-up of roadside debris to be removed from gravel roads).

Council has adopted a sound management strategy whereby the ongoing cycle of annual renewal will address both asset renewal and infrastructure backlog over time. This strategy is contributing positively to improving Council's asset renewal and backlog ratios as reported to the Office of Local Government.

1. Maintenance Grading Schedule for Unsealed Roads

There are approximately 405km of unsealed roads maintained by Council.

The grading schedule is based on delivering a reasonable level of service taking the various factors impacting on the performance of the road network into account, in particular, traffic volumes, type of traffic, terrain, amount and quality of gravel and the available budget. The annual schedule is adjusted prior to presentation to Council, using feedback from the maintenance grading team and customers.

The schedule continues on from the end of the 2020-21 work. The level of service has been kept the same as 2020-21. It should be noted that the grading team has the responsibility (and is accountable) to make judgements regarding the method of maintenance grading based on the condition of the road. These include:

- do nothing and record for future inspection
- do drains and culvert and vegetation only and record for future road surface inspection
- work to a depth of 80-100mm and re-compact
- deep rip and re-compact to remove deep corrugations or potholes.

The proposed maintenance grading schedule for 2021-22 is attached.

2. Reseal Program for Sealed Roads

Sealed roads should be resealed every 10-15 years depending on traffic volumes and the type of bitumen seal. Research for our part of New South Wales indicates that bitumen will oxidise and crack at about 10-11 years.

The reseal program is vital in keeping maintenance costs down, extending the life of the underlying road pavement and minimising more expensive pavement rehabilitation work. It is also vital from a road safety perspective.

The reseal program is determined through inspection of the road network and with consideration to cracking, ravelling (ie loss of stone) and other failure mechanisms taking account of known problem areas and feedback from the maintenance teams. The reseal

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program has a strong focus on treating roads to manage the risk to the public, improve road safety outcomes and minimise the risk of pavement failure.

The proposed reseal program for 2021-22 is attached.

3. Gravel Resheeting for Unsealed Road

Gravel resheeting is undertaken on a cyclic basis at a frequency of between 12-18 years depending on the traffic volumes, terrain and the purpose of the road.

It is recommended that decisions on gravel resheeting be delegated to the General Manager to allow best value to be achieved by integrating Council's resheeting program with other disaster recovery resheeting works where appropriate.

Legal

Council has a legal responsibility under the *Roads Act 1993* and *Civil Liabilities Act 2002* to appropriately manage risk within available resources. It is prudent for Council to adopt schedules on behalf of the community to allocate resources appropriately.

Policy

The proposed works are in line with Council's Asset Management Policy and Local and Regional Roads Risk Management Policy.

Asset

All of the proposed works are an integral part of keeping the local road network in a reasonable condition.

Social Impact

The provision of roads of reasonable standard is essential to the wellbeing of our community, particularly as we are so heavily dependent on road transport. Resealing significantly improves road safety outcomes, particularly on higher speed roads.

Economic Development Employment Potential

The provision and maintenance of a road network to a reasonable standard is integral to the economic wellbeing of the community.

The completion of these works by a mixture of day labour staff and local contractors provides an important role in maintaining and boosting local employment within Eurobodalla and the immediate surrounds.

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Financial

The 2021-22 Operational Plan provides a budget of \$1,943,315 for resurfacing of local roads and car parks and \$1,340,000 for gravel resheeting work. The resealing of Regional Roads is covered from the Regional Road Block Grant. The maintenance grading is covered within the overall road maintenance budget.

CONCLUSION

The proposed 2021-22 Maintenance Grading Schedule for unsealed roads and the proposed 2021-22 Reseal Program for sealed roads are vital to sustain our local road network. Once adopted, the schedules will be placed on Council's website.

The gravel resheeting program should be delegated to the General Manager to allow integration with the disaster recovery gravel resheeting works.

Grading schedule for unsealed roads 2021-22



Council maintains approximately 420km of unsealed roads and endeavours to deliver a reasonable level of service.

The grading program takes into account factors impacting on the performance of the road network including traffic, terrain, budget and gravel quality and quantity.

The schedule indicates the extent of roads to be graded and the expected dates grading will begin. It is a guide only may be affected by rain or long dry periods.

Road	Suburb	Location grading starts	Location grading ends	Length of grade (m)	1st grade	2nd grade	3rd grade	4th grade
Alcheringa Lane	Bingie	seal	end of maintenance	682.957	2/08/2021			
Araluen Road	Deua River Valley	Larrys Mountain Road	seal	352.39	9/12/2021	25/05/2022		
Araluen Road	Deua River Valley	seal at 1885	seal at 2149	2046.357	9/12/2021	25/05/2022		
Araluen Road	Deua River Valley	dust seal west of Knowles Road	seal south of McGregors Creek	3909.309	10/12/2021	26/05/2022		
Araluen Road	Deua River Valley	seal at 2662	park boundary at 2857	2021.47	14/12/2021	30/05/2022		
Araluen Road	Deua River Valley	park boundary at 2857	Pidgeon Gully	16445.572	31/05/2022			
Araluen Road	Deua River Valley	seal at 1520	Larrys Mountain Road	2518.323	15/12/2021	9/06/2022		
Araluen Road	Deua River Valley	I Ridge Road	seal at 1447	5092.046	16/12/2021	13/06/2022		
Araluen Road	Kiora	seal at Stewarts Road	I Ridge Road	1859.023	20/12/2021	17/06/2022		
Barlings Beach access rd	Guerilla Bay	George Bass Drive	Barlings Beach	347.086	26/07/2021			
Batemans Road	North Batemans Bay	seal	end of maintenance	428.887	25/07/2021			
Beashels Lane	Bergalia	Bergalia Link Road	Gate at 180 Beashels Lane	1803.772	1/07/2021	17/01/2022		
Belowra Road	Nerrigundah	Byrnes Street	Woola Creek Firetrail (Badja Mountain)	43134.007	9/08/2021			
Bengello Beach Road	Broulee	Grant Street	car park	741.29	12/05/2022			
Bengello Beach Road	Broulee	car park		1243.722	26/07/2021			
Bengello Beach Road	Moruya	windsock	George Bass Drive	438.753	27/07/2021			
Bevian Road	Rosedale	seal at George Bass Drive	driveway at #73	717.003	11/04/2022			
Bevian Road southern access	Tessakin	driveway at 246	George Bass Drive	180.533	26/07/2021			
Big Rock Road	Bodalla	Princes Highway	reservoir	1125.208	9/09/2021			
Bimbimbie Lane	Bimbimbie	Bimbimbie Road	end	445.663	10/05/2022			
Bingie Road	Bingie	seal at Kelly Road	park boundary	457.03	1/08/2021	16/02/2022		
Black Flat Road	Currowan		The River Road	10162.939	28/10/2021	28/02/2022		
Bolaro Mountain Road	Nelligan	Runnyford Road	2.5km From Runnyford Road	2559.265	16/03/2022			
Borang Lake Road	Bodalla	Horse Island Road	end of maintenance	1493.495	13/07/2021			
Box Cutting Road	Kianga	Wagonga Scenic Drive	Kianga Forest Road	2178.523	18/10/2021			
Brierley Avenue	Moruya	seal	end of maintenance	885.327	12/05/2022			
Brou Lake Road	Bodalla	Brou Tip	park boundary	1437.208	10/09/2021			
Buckenbours Pump Station	Runnyford	Quartpot Road	pump station	767.704	21/04/2022			
Buckenbowra Road	Mogo	Park Street	basalt quarry access	354.863	30/11/2021	12/04/2022		
Buckenbowra Road	Mogo	basalt quarry access	Quartpot Road	8214.323	12/04/2022			
Buckenbowra Road	Mogo	Quartpot Road	Mullendaree Creek Causeway	2629.511	18/04/2022			
Bumbo Bridge access rd	Bodalla	Bumbo Road	Redex Road	306.929	7/07/2021			

Road	Suburb	Location grading starts	Location grading ends	Length of grade (m)	1st grade	2nd grade	3rd grade	4th grade
Bumbo Road	Bodalla	seal	Redex Road	1252.988	7/07/2021			
Bumbo Road	Bodalla	Redex Road	seal	567.132	7/07/2021			
Bumbo Road	Bodalla	seal	Crapps Bridge	2442.898	8/07/2021			
Burri Road	Rosedale	seal	Bevian Road	1186.404	8/04/2022			
Bushland Road	Moruya	seal	end	406.071	13/05/2022			
Cadgee Mountain Road	Nerrigundah	Nerrigundah Mountain Road	Eurobodalla Road	2375.133	28/07/2021	25/01/2022		
Cemetery Road	Narooma	seal at Narooma Cemetery car park	seal at shelter	61.643	20/07/2021			
Cheese Factory Road	Eurobodalla	Eurobodalla Road	end of maintenance	252.196	6/08/2021			
Cherryrise Road	Wamban	Wamban Road	grid	224.182	30/07/2021			
Clouts Road	Mogendoura	Larrys Mountain Road	end of maintenance	2715.744	18/05/2022			
Coila Creek Road	Coila	seal at Princes Highway	end of maintenance	1228.226	2/07/2021			
Comerang Farm Road	Bodalla	End seal Eurobodalla Rd intersection	Widgett Road	1150.358	13/07/2021			
Comerang Forest Road	Bodalla	Eurobodalla Road	end of maintenance	2932.074	15/07/2021			
Congo Road	Congo	seal at Congo Creek	seal at Congo	757.258	1/10/2021	23/12/2021	11/04/2022	29/06/2022
Coopers Island Road	Bodalla	Princes Highway	end	907.721	6/07/2021			
Corunna Point sportsgr	Corunna	Mystery Bay Road	park	1109.97	20/07/2021			
Creek Street	Coila	Princes Highway	end	568.802	2/07/2021			
Donalds Creek Road	Wamban	Wamban Road	Donalds Creek	8594.286	21/06/2022			
Donovan Creek Road	Benandarah	Old Princes Highway	forest boundary	1300.218	17/11/2021			
Duesburys Road	Kianga	Dalmeny Drive	end of maintenance	1221.931	13/09/2021			
Dwyers Creek Road	Moruya	seal	Spring Creek Road	269.435	31/07/2021			
Egans Road	Runnyford	Runnyford Road	272 Egans Road	2741.574	24/03/2022			
Eurobodalla Road	Nerrigundah	dust seal east of Sinclairs Bridge	Nerrigundah Mountain Road intersection	3018	20/07/2021	21/01/2022		
Eurobodalla Road	Cadgee	Murphys 2 Bridge (359)	seal at 2472	1652.162	29/07/2021	27/01/2022		
Eurobodalla Road	Eurobodalla	Reedy Creek Road	Murphys 2 Bridge (359)	6002.953	30/07/2021	28/01/2022		
Eurobodalla Road	Eurobodalla	seal west of #981	Reedy Creek Road	5891.136	3/08/2021	1/02/2022		
Goldfields Drive	Jeremadra	Old Mossy Point Road	Jeremadra Grove	2209.886	6/05/2022			
Guthrie Street	Moruya	Princes Highway	Main Street	639.548	27/07/2021			
Handkerchief Beach car	Narooma			34.033	20/07/2021			
Hanns Road	Buckenbowra	Quartpot Road	Old Bolaro Road	5501.964	29/04/2022			
Hawdons Road	Mogendoura	cattle grid	forest boundary	2801.275	1/12/2021	13/05/2022		
Haxstead Road	Central Tilba	cattle grid	Little Lake Cemetery Road	216.394	24/07/2021			
Horse Island Road	Bodalla	Potato Point Road	2.3km from Potato Point Road	2314.403	9/07/2021	18/01/2022		
Horse Island Road	Bodalla	2.3km from Potato Point Road	Horse Island Bridge	1507.772	12/07/2021			
I Ridge Road	Kiora	Araluen Road	end of maintenance (just past #105)	1418.551	16/06/2022			
Jeremadra Grove	Jeremadra	Goldfields Drive	end of maintenance	651.368	9/05/2022			
Jeremadra Grove	Jeremadra	Old Mossy Point Road	Goldfields Drive	1050.133	10/05/2022			
Kianga Forest Road	Kianga	Princes Highway	Box Cutting Road	4174.948	13/09/2021	4/02/2022		
Kianga Forest Road	Kianga	Box Cutting Road	lookout	1293.585	15/10/2021			
Kiora Street	Moruya	seal	end of maintenance	329.141	30/07/2021			

Road	Suburb	Location grading starts	Location grading ends	Length of grade (m)	1st grade	2nd grade	3rd grade	4th grade
Larrys Mountain Road	Mogendoura	seal	Araluen Road	6965.171	3/12/2021	19/05/2022		
Lattas Point Road	Batemans Bay	intersection of Princes Highway	Lattas Point oyster sheds	4039.667	26/11/2021	31/03/2022		
Little Lake Cemetery Road	Central Tilba	Haxstead Road	cemetery	1088.49	25/07/2021			
Maher Lane	Central Tilba	Punkalla Tilba Road	end of maintenance	708.766	19/07/2021			
Main Street	Moruya	Guthrie Street	end of maintenance	127.738	27/07/2021			
Malabar Drive	Moruya	seal	end of maintenance	727.664	13/05/2022			
Maulbrooks Road	Mogo	seal at 153	driveway at 282	1310.703	5/05/2022			
Maulbrooks Road	Mogendoura	forest boundary	Larrys Mountain Road	2680.41	2/12/2021	17/05/2022		
Meadows Road	Mogendoura	seal	end of maintenance	556.102	18/05/2022			
Meads Lane	Tilba Tilba	Meads Road	end	185.042	24/07/2021			
Meads Road	Tilba Tilba	Princes Highway	Meads Lane	1143.853	23/07/2021			
Meringo Road	Meringo	seal at Bingie Road	dust seal	1560.802	22/12/2021	28/06/2022		
Moruya Reservoir Road	Moruya	dust seal	reservoir	830.459	27/06/2022			
Mount Dromedary Trail	Tilba Tilba	end of esc maintenance	The Avenue	904.124	23/07/2021			
Mount Dromedary Trail	Narooma	Punkalla Tilba Road	National Park boundary	3656.919	22/09/2021			
Mullimburra Point Road	Bingie	seal at dog leg	Pinnacles Close	670.482	2/08/2021	17/02/2022		
Munjeroo Lane	Bingie	dust seal	end of maintenance	161.785	2/08/2021			
Mymossa Road	Wamban	Donalds Creek Road	end of maintenance	1139.032	27/06/2022			
Mystery Bay Camping Ground	Mystery Bay	Mystery Bay Loop Road	end	70.902	23/07/2021			
Nangudga Beach Road	Narooma	Princes Highway	end	621.352	20/07/2021			
Nelligen Creek Road	Nelligen	Old Bolaro Road	end of maintenance (#140)	1359.59	16/11/2021			
Nerrigundah Mountain	Nerrigundah	seal east of Cadgee Mountain Road	Seal at Nerrigundah township	4228.969	16/07/2021	19/01/2022		
Noads Drive	Moruya	Noads Place intersection	Congo Road intersection	1027.36	22/12/2021	28/06/2022		
Noggarula Drive	Bergalia	Princes Highway	end	1512.02	1/07/2021	17/01/2022		
Old Bolaro Road	Nelligen	seal at Kings Highway	220m west of Nelligen Creek Road	3621.739	11/11/2021			
Old Bolaro Road	Buckenbowra	Misty Mountain Road	Hanns Road	3900.08	3/05/2022			
Old Grandfathers Pit Road	Lilli Pilli	dust seal @ George Bass Drive	pit gate	454.356	8/04/2022			
Old Highway	Corunna	seal south of Watertank Road	Brushgrove Lane (Princes Hwy)	1206.744	28/09/2021	14/02/2022		
Old Highway	Corunna	seal north of Ridge Road	seal north of Watertank Road	690.655	29/09/2021	15/02/2022		
Old Highway	Corunna	seal at #613	seal at Corunna Bridge	1606.024	29/09/2021	15/02/2022		
Old Mill Road	Turlinjah	dust seal @ Princes Highway	forest boundary	1303.581	5/07/2021			
Old Mossy Point Road	Jeremadra	seal	end of maintenance	615.037	6/05/2022			
Old Nelligen Road	Nelligen	seal at Kings Highway	Sproxtons Road	3944.993	23/02/2022			
Old Nelligen Road	Benandarah	Sproxtons Road	Bridge Creek (second creek crossing)	1018.36	25/02/2022			
Old South Coast Road	Narooma	seal at #136	end of maintenance	329.608	1/10/2021	16/02/2022		
Onslow Close	Jeremadra	Old Mossy Point Road	end of maintenance	356.331	6/05/2022			
Paradise Road	Nelligen	Old Bolaro Road	end of maintenance	2320.687	15/11/2021			
Patons Road	Moruya	Dwyers Creek Road	creek crossing	1277.832	31/07/2021			
Pedro Point Road	Moruya Heads	seal	Pedro Point Reserve Road	1194.76	31/07/2021			
Percy Davis Drive	Moruya	seal	east boundary at 280	786.586	12/05/2022			

Road	Suburb	Location grading starts	Location grading ends	Length of grade (m)	1st grade	2nd grade	3rd grade	4th grade
Phyllis Price Drive	Moruya	seal	end	2750.334	10/05/2022			
Pinnacles Close	Bingie	Mullimburra Point Road	end	237.034	2/08/2021			
Priory Lane	Bingie	seal	end of maintenace	644.997	1/08/2021			
Punkalla Tilba Road	Narooma	first house north of forest #1044	Wagonga Scenic Drive	1571.838	15/09/2021	8/02/2022		
Punkalla Tilba Road	Narooma	last house #518	first house north of forest #1044	5050.374	17/09/2021			
Punkalla Tilba Road	Central Tilba	Ridge Road	last house #518	1017.83	21/09/2021	9/02/2022		
Quartpot Road	Runnyford	Buckenbowra Road	Buckenbours pump station road	5061.639	19/04/2022			
Quartpot Road	Runnyford	Buckenbowra pump station road	seal	878.828	22/04/2022			
Quartpot Road	Buckenbowra	seal	Hanns Road	7951.324	22/04/2022			
Redex Road	Bodalla	Bumbo Road	Bridge	95.022	7/07/2021			
Reedy Creek Road	Eurobodalla	Eurobodalla Road	#304	3062.398	1/10/2021			
Reedy Creek Road	Narooma	# 304	Morts Folly Road	5671.726	4/10/2021			
Reedy Creek Road	Dignams Creek	Wild Horse Creek Road	Morts Folly Road	2257.163	7/10/2021			
Reedy Creek Road	Dignams Creek	Wyoming	Wild Horse Creek Road	6126.572	8/10/2021			
Reedy Creek Road	Dignams Creek	Boundary Bridge	Wyoming	3527.952	13/10/2021			
Ridge Road	Central Tilba	Old Highway	Punkalla Tilba Road	3452.261	23/09/2021	9/02/2022		
Rifle Range Pit Road	Kianga		gravel pit	930.665	19/07/2021			
Ringlands Road	Narooma	Flying Fox Road	#40	430.868	20/07/2021			
Riverview Road	North Narooma	seal at 360	end of maintenance at Paradise Point	917.386	19/07/2021			
Rotary Drive	Batemans Bay	seal off Kings Highway	Holmes Lookout	1065.356	27/10/2021	22/02/2022		
Runnyford Road	Nelligen	seal at Nelligen	Bolaro Mountain Road (Gollarrabee)	3935.526	15/03/2022			
Runnyford Road	Nelligen	Bolaro Mountain Road (Gollarrabee)	Runnyford Bridge	7083.841	18/03/2022			
Runnyford Road	Runnyford	Runnyford Bridge	Egans Road	2081.786	19/11/2021	23/03/2022		
Runnyford Road	Mogo	Egans Road	seal at Princes Highway	7958.635	22/11/2021	25/03/2022		
Ryans Creek Reserve Road	Moruya	Riverside car park	end of maintenance	1023.441	27/07/2021	14/02/2022		
Shingle Hut Road	Narooma	Wild Horse Creek Road	end of maintenance (#80)	1016.761	16/09/2021			
Short Street	Mogo	Creek Street (unformed)	Forestry	492.162	26/07/2021			
Spencer Street - West of	Moruya	Vulcan Street	Dwyers Creek Road	311.445	30/07/2021			
Spring Creek Road	Moruya	Dwyers Creek Road	Donkey Hill Road	233.877	31/07/2021			
Sproxtons Road	Benandarah	Old Nelligen Road	Timber Barge Lane	412.137	25/02/2022			
Stewarts Road	Kiora	Araluen Road	end of maintenance (#116)	1133.294	20/06/2022			
Summerhill Road	Moruya	Dwyers Creek Road	end of maintenance	123.754	30/07/2021			
Sunnyside Road	Central Tilba	Victoria Creek Road intersection	Seal at Mystery Bay Road	2626.867	27/09/2021	11/02/2022		
The Ridge Road	Batemans Bay	Catalina Reservoir Road	Princes Highway	769.425	30/11/2021	4/04/2022		
The Ridge Road	Batemans Bay	Dog Trap Road	Catalina Reservoir Road	3753.859	4/04/2022			
The River Road	Currowan	dust seal	seal at Currowan Causeway	11754.234	4/11/2021	7/03/2022		
The Western Distributor	Currowan	Kings Highway	shire boundary	1560.517	25/02/2022			
Timber Barge Lane	Benandarah	Sproxtons Road	end	314.36	25/02/2022			
Turnbills Lane	Moruya	seal	Hawdon Street	512.019	30/07/2021	15/02/2022		
Valley View Lane	Moruya	Mollee Road	end of public road	204.131	31/07/2021			

Road	Suburb	Location grading starts	Location grading ends	Length of grade (m)	1st grade	2nd grade	3rd grade	4th grade
Wagonga Scenic Drive	Kianga	Wagonga Picnic Area	Box Cutting Road	6170.572	19/10/2021			
Wagonga Scenic Drive	Narooma	dust seal at #117	Wagonga Scenic Drive pontoon	6929.307	22/10/2021	17/02/2022		
Wagonga Scenic Drive	Narooma	seal at #74	dust seal at 117	574.889	27/10/2021	22/02/2022		
Waincourt Road	Eurobodalla	seal at # 97	Bullockys Hut Road	1187.982	6/08/2021			
Wamban Road	Wamban	seal west of Wamban Bridge	Wamban Bridge #2	1306.831	21/12/2021	20/06/2022		
Wattlegrove Road	Cadgee	seal at Eurobodalla Road	seal near house	8225.855	22/07/2021			
Western Boundary Road	Turlinjah	seal	forest boundary	1130.006	6/07/2021			
Widgett Road	Bodalla	Comerang Farm Road	end of maintenance	1296.521	14/07/2021			



Reseal program for sealed roads 2021-22

Our 2021-22 Operational Plan provides a budget of \$1,043,315 for resealing local urban roads. The reseal program helps to keep maintenance costs down, extend the life of the underlying pavement and minimise expensive pavement rehabilitation work.

Roads and car parks will be resealed with bitumen or asphalt. Bitumen resurfacing involves an application of bitumen covered by a layer of aggregate. Asphalt consists of aggregate, filler and binder which are mixed together then spread and compacted while hot, resulting in a smoother surface.

Suburb	Road	Area
Batemans Bay	Old Princes Highway	South Street to Crown Street
Batemans Bay	Hughes Street	Highway to Gregory Street
Batemans Bay	Russell Street	All excluding AC
Bingie	Kelly Road	Chainage 630 to end
Bingie	Viewpoint Court	Full length (not bowl)
Broulee	Leaf Street	Full length
Broulee	Pacific Street	Full length
Broulee	Banksia Street	Full length
Broulee	Iluka Street	Full length
Broulee	Moir Place	Full length
Broulee	Zanthus Drive	Full length
Broulee	Jodie Place	Full length
Broulee	Cambridge Crescent	Full length
Catalina	Heron Raod	Country Club Dr to Country Club Dr -includes rehab seg
Congo	Congo Road	Chainage 3300 east to causeway & rehab seg at causeway
Jeremadra	Maulbrooks Road (North)	Full length
Jeremadra	Misons Road	Highway to Margaret Drive
Jeremadra	Margaret Drive	Full length excluding AC segment
Jeremadra	Norman Place	Full length exluding AC segments
Long Beach	Rodgers Street	Litchfield Crescent to Litchfield Crescent
Long Beach	Litchfield Crescent	Rodgers Street to Rodgers Street
Long Beach	Mary Place	Full length
Long Beach	Henry Place	Full length
Long Beach	Mitchener Court	Full length
Malua Bay	Garagarang Street	Yugura Street to Iluka Avenue
Malua Bay	Dunns Creek Road	South of Ridge Road to markings 420 m
Moruya	Princes Highway on street parking	Moruya Bridge to Toose Street (west side of Road)
Moruya	Princes Highway on street parking	Moruya Bridge to Toose Street (east side of road)
Moruya	Queen Street	Vulcan Street to Page Street
Moruya	Shore Street	Vulcan Sreet to Ford Street (excluding AC seg)
Moruya	Park Lane	Full length
Moruya	Vulcan Street	Princes Highway to Park Lane
Moruya	Hawdon Street	Albert Street to end of seal
Moruya	Donnellys Road	Full length
Narooma	Costin Street	Plaza access to Willis Boulevarde
Nelligen	Nelligen Cemetary Road	Internal road of cemetery
North Batemans Bay	Woodrush Road	Full length
North Batemans Bay	Bluemoor Road	Full length
North Moruya	Shelley Road	#16 to end (skip Asphalt segs)
South Durras	Durras Drive	Chainage 4100 east for 1.2klm
South Durras	Village Road	Full length
South Durras	Murramarang Crescent	Full length
South Durras	Mill Close	Full length
South Durras	Ellen Close	Full length
South Head	South Head Road	Congo Road to The Anchorage
South Head	South Head Road	Maunsell Street 350m east
South Head	Millers Crescent	Full length
South Head	Brown Close	Full length
South Head	Renee Crescent	Full length
South Head	Jennifer Place	Full length
South Head	Native Way	Full length
South Head	Charles Moffit Drive	Sth Head Road to Post Street
Sunshine Bay	Wentworth Avenue	Hume Road to Poole Place
Sunshine Bay	Mawson Place	Full length
Sunshine Bay	Hunter Place	Full length (not bowl)
Sunshine Bay	Warragai Place	Carramar Drive to chainage 290m
Surf Beach	Tasman Street	Full length
Surf Beach	Tallgums Way	Kauzul Crescent to George Bass Drive

Suburb	Road	Area
Surfside	Timbara Crescent	Full length
Surfside	Kerang Street	Full length
Surfside	Marina Avenue	Full length
Surfside	Wallarah Street	landra Road to Berrima Parade
Tomakin	Tomakin Road	East of Somerset Close
Tuross Head	Jellicoe Road	Full length
Tuross Head	Marlin Street	Hawkins Road to Evans Street
Tuross Head	Evans Street	Marlin Street to markings 80m
Tuross Head	Coila Creek Road	Highway 180m, increase seal by 90m
Car parks	Hanging Rock boat ramp car park	Full length
	Mundarra Way	Northern end & first car park
Regional	Longbeach Road	Cullendulla Drive to Northcove Road
	Beach Road	Orient Street to Flora Lane
	Mort Avenue	Princes Highway to Haddrill Parade
	Noble Parade	Noble Parade to Amhurst Street
	Dalmeny Drive	Kianga Bridge north to markings 920m
	Bermagui Road	West of Flower Circuit
Rehabilitation works	William Street & Moruya Street, Nerrigundah	Reseal all roads in Nerrigundah
	Nerrigundah Mountain Road	Top of mountain west to end of seal
	Nerrigundah Mountain Road	Gulph Creek Bridge approaches
	Mulgowrie Street	Full length
	Annetts Street, Mogo	Full length
	Wave Street, Tuross Head	Full length
	Queen Sreett, Mogo	Full length
	Costin Street, Narooma	Highway to end of construction
	Kiora Street	Full length
	Bergalia Street	East and west of Vulcan Street
	Tomakin Road	East of Dunns Creek Road
	Dunns Creek Road	South of Ridge Road to markings 720 m
	Airport access road	Full length
	Airport subdivison road	Full length

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Responsible Officer: Warren Sharpe OAM - Director Infrastructure Services
Attachments: Nil
Outcome: 7 Connected and Accessible Places
Focus Area: 7.1 Work in partnership to provide an integrated transport network
Delivery Program Link: 7.1.2 Provide a safe efficient and integrated transport network
Operational Plan Link: 7.1.2.2 Build, renew and maintain the stormwater network

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the projects within each of the transport and stormwater program budgets as adopted in the 2021-22 Operational Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves the budget allocations for the urban roads reconstruction, sealed road pavement rehabilitation, rural roads reconstruction, pathways capital, stormwater capital and renewal programs as outlined in this report.

BACKGROUND

Council adopted the transport and stormwater program amounts as part of the 2021-22 Operational Plan on 22 June 2021.

These programs provide funding to address the renewal and upgrade of roads and stormwater systems to meet community need, improve safety, address existing network deficiencies, address legal requirements and provide for future development.

The allocations of funding to the transport program are heavily dependent on the allocation of Federal Assistant Grants – Roads Component, Roads to Recovery grants, Fixing Local Roads grants, as well as resident and developer contributions.

Any additional works beyond those identified here to meet community need, cater for growth and changing transport needs, require Council to pro-actively pursue and secure additional grant funding from the NSW and Australian Governments under the various road safety and other programs. These additional grants are often leveraged against existing Council programs and/or developer contributions and are reported to Council separately when successful.

The current backlog of works based on condition within the transport and stormwater network is \$40.124 million and \$6.244 million respectively as at 30 June 2020, excluding consideration of functionality and capacity upgrade requirements. The programs herein contribute to addressing these challenges.

Council also has a legal obligation to work progressively to achieve the Section 94 Rural Roads Plan which involves reconstruction and sealing identified rural unsealed roads and upgrading of identified sealed roads. The allocations in this report contribute to that goal.

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CONSIDERATIONS

Urban Roads Reconstruction Program

The following program is based on the urban roads point score taking account of a range of factors including road condition. This program addresses deficiencies in the urban road network and improves the equity of service across Eurobodalla.

The urban roads program is heavily weighted to the renewal and strengthening of ageing road pavements and plays an integral role in the overall sealed pavement renewal program. The Nelson Parade project includes the missing link of pathway connecting the shared pathway to the eatery businesses at Sandy Point.

Road	Urban Roads Funding
Loader Parade, Narooma Stage 2	\$547,798
Illabunda Drive, Malua Bay	\$405,000
Nelson Parade, Tuross Head	\$470,000
Total	\$1,422,798

Sealed Road Pavement Rehabilitation Program

The following program is based on pavement condition assessments undertaken in 2019-20, taking account of leveraging Fixing Local Roads grants. The average annual allocation from Council sources is insufficient to sustain the sealed road pavement on its own. Every effort must continue to be made to leverage Council's funding to increase the amount of funds going into pavement renewal to prevent further increases in the backlog of work.

Grant applications were pursued under the Fixing Local Roads Program with the successful projects shown below. These grants have been accepted and were reported to Council on 8 June 2021.

Road	Total Budget	Pavement Rehabilitation Funding	Fixing Local Roads Grant Application
Peninsula Drive, North Batemans Bay	\$365,000	\$91,250	\$273,750
Wallarah Street, Surfside	\$350,000	\$87,500	\$262,500
Currawong Crescent, Malua Bay	\$330,000	\$330,000	-
Edward Road, Sunshine Bay	\$310,000	\$310,000	-
Canning Crescent, Sunshine Bay	\$230,000	\$230,000	-
Gibson Place, Batehaven	\$330,000	\$330,000	-
Heavy patching	\$142,500	\$142,500	-
Total	\$2,056,250	\$1,520,000	\$536,250

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Rural Roads Reconstruction Program

The rural roads program is established to address the requirements of the Section 94 rural roads plans and address road safety, functionality and capacity issues consistent with the Road Safety Plan 2019-22. The road projects outlined here are both within the Section 94 rural roads plan and assist in the resolution of various road reserve matters.

Road	FAGS - Roads
New Protective Fencing – Road Safety	\$70,000
The River Road Nelligen	\$446,339
Ridge Road, Tilba	\$430,000
Total	\$946,339

Pathways Capital Program

The pathways capital program is drawn from the adopted Eurobodalla Pathways Strategy 2017 based on priority and distribution of funds across Eurobodalla. The works listed below often represent the next stage in works being undertaken over a period of years.

Pathway project	Funding
Edward Road, Batehaven	\$70,000
Beach Road, Denhams Beach	\$40,000
Northcove Road, Long Beach	\$40,000
South Head Road, Moruya	\$50,000
Noble Parade, Dalmeny	\$50,000
Evans Road, Tuross Head	\$52,490
Annetts Parade, Mossy Point	\$25,000
Sunpatch Parade, Tomakin	\$50,000
Total	\$377,490

Stormwater Programs

These programs consist of a capital program and a renewal program. Both form part of the Stormwater Fund.

i) Stormwater capital program

These funds are being directed to known problem areas and to those areas zoned for higher density development. This is a strategic direction to ensure multiple developments within an area can be facilitated through the development approvals phase in a much easier way.

The project at Illabunda Drive will also link the urban road reconstruction to the natural gully discharge point with these works being integrated into that project.

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The Centenary Drive stormwater upgrade is aimed at improving the resilience of the road following a landslip in the May 2021 flood disasters. This additional work is not funded under the disaster relief arrangements.

Stormwater Capital Project	Funding
Illabunda Drive, Malua Bay	\$75,353
Centenary Drive, Narooma	\$15,000
Miller Street/Golf Links Drive, Batemans Bay	\$95,000
Beach Road/Flora Crescent, Batemans Bay	\$90,000
Total	\$275,353

ii) Stormwater renewal program

This program is used to replace and/or reline stormwater systems that have been identified as being in poor condition (condition 4 or worse).

Stormwater Renewal Project	Funding
Inspection & CCTV	\$14,000
Pleasant Place, Tuross Head	\$18,000
South Head Road/Hazel Road, South Head	\$15,000
The Anchorage, South Head	\$28,000
Heron Road, Catalina	\$40,000
Island View Road, Tuross Head	\$85,000
Total	\$200,000

Policy

The delivery of these programs will support the actions within the *Delivery Program 2017-21*, *Operational Plan 2021-22*, and the *Eurobodalla Road Safety Plan 2019-22*.

Asset

The new assets will improve the capacity of transport and stormwater networks to meet the demand of increased traffic and development.

Social Impact

The provision of new and upgraded transport and stormwater networks improves the accessibility, reliability and life of the sealed road network, increases the liveability and connectedness of residents, and meets environmental requirements.

Economic Development Employment Potential

Council is a significant employer in the local infrastructure sector and contributes to supporting businesses, suppliers and sub-contractors.

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Financial

The programs outlined are within the budgets adopted in the 2021-22 Operational Plan by Council on 22 June 2021.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

We will inform the community of planned works through providing information on Council's Major Projects website; the Living in Eurobodalla residents newsletter; writing to stakeholders; advertising on Council's noticeboard page in two local newspapers; and when road closures are required, issuing a media release and working directly with the schools.

CONCLUSION

This report recommends that Council endorse the transport and stormwater program budgets as listed above for the 2021-2022 financial year.

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Responsible Officer: Warren Sharpe OAM - Director Infrastructure Services
Attachments: Nil
Outcome: 7 Connected and Accessible Places
Focus Area: 7.1 Work in partnership to provide an integrated transport network
Delivery Program Link: 7.1.2 Provide a safe efficient and integrated transport network
Operational Plan Link: 7.1.2.1 Provide a safe efficient and integrated transport network

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has been successful in securing a share of the \$7.3 million in funding under the Federal Government's Driver Reviver Site Upgrade - Round 2 to allow existing Driver Reviver locations nationwide to upgrade amenities and install new equipment.

The Princes Highway Bodalla project is to be delivered in the 2021-22 financial year with an expected expenditure of \$72,000.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse the acceptance of \$72,000 in grant funding offered for the Princes Highway Bodalla site under the Federal Government's Driver Reviver Site Upgrade Program – Round 2.

BACKGROUND

Fatigue has been identified as one of the 'Fatal Five' road safety factors that contribute to road trauma, being a factor in up to 30% of all deaths and severe injuries on the nation's roads.

Driver Reviver is a community program that has been operating in Australia for 30 years with sites providing drivers and their passengers somewhere they can stop safely, particularly on long trips and during peak periods.

The Bodalla site is managed by a wide range of volunteers, service organisations and community groups, who give up their time to promote road safety and help reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on the roads by providing travellers with free beverages, snacks and conversation.

The Eurobodalla Road Safety Plan 2019-22 identifies that Council's safe systems approach underpins the move to safer roads, safer speeds, safer vehicles and safer people. Providing these improved facilities for long distance drivers will reduce the risk to all road users. The plan indicates that the second most primary behavioural factor (behind excessive speed) is fatigue.

A grant application was submitted to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications on 25 February 2021 under the Federal Government's Driver Reviver Site Upgrade Program – Round 2.

The Bodalla Driver Reviver upgrade project will utilise funding to:

- Upgrade the existing unsealed service road with bitumen sealed pavement,
- Upgrade an additional area of damaged sealed pavement,

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- Designate a vehicular through lane and adjoining parallel parking lane using an edge line, chevrons and directional arrows,
- Provide portable signage for the site area to increase awareness of the site and its purpose,
- Upgrade the Driver Reviver counter areas to provide a larger permanent awning and concrete slab,
- Shading to temporary tables and chairs allowing for social distancing, in addition to extending the concrete slab under the shaded area,
- Install gable roof (shelter) over an existing picnic table in the adjacent park.

The grant offer was received on 24 June 2021 and has been accepted.

CONSIDERATIONS

The Driver Reviver Site Upgrade Program – Round 2 grant will deliver improved road safety outcomes by making the Bodalla site more attractive to road users travelling long distances. This will encourage more drivers to stop and subsequently assist to reduce fatigue and potential trauma on our local roads.

The planned work will be delivered during the 2021-22 financial year by Council's construction team and the Bodalla Rural Fire Service/Driver Reviver volunteers.

Strategy

The delivery of this program will support the actions within the *Delivery Program 2017-21*, *Operational Plan 2021-22* and the *Eurobodalla Road Safety Plan 2019-22*.

Asset

The minor structures including the roof over the picnic shelter and permanent awning plus additional sealed road pavement will be capitalized.

Social Impact

The upgrade will deliver improved road safety outcomes by making the site more attractive to road users travelling long distances. This will encourage more drivers to stop and subsequently reduce fatigue and potential trauma on our local roads.

The site is multi-purpose, providing off-street parking to accommodate the designated Driver Reviver area, public park users, parking for both emergency service vehicles and student pick-up and drop-off for the adjoining bus interchange. The improvements will also increase the amenity and access to the local park and overall aesthetics to other stakeholders and the local community.

Economic Development Employment Potential

The success in bringing in an additional \$72,000 of external funding will increase work within the local area, supporting businesses and sub-contractors.

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Financial

This project is fully grant funded by the Federal Government's Driver Reviver Site Upgrade Program – Round 2. The ongoing costs will be borne by Council within existing maintenance budgets.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

The Bodalla Rural Fire Service were consulted prior to the grant application process to identify improvements required. Council will partner the Bodalla Rural Fire Service to deliver the project.

We will inform the community through providing information on Council's Major Projects website; the Living in Eurobodalla residents newsletter; writing to stakeholders; advertising on Council's noticeboard page in two local newspapers; and when road closures are required, issuing a media release and working directly with the schools.

CONCLUSION

Council has been successful in securing grant funding to upgrade the Bodalla Driver Reviver site. This grant has been accepted.

This report recommends that Council endorse the acceptance of \$72,000 in grant funding offered for the Princes Highway Bodalla site under the Federal Government's Driver Reviver Site Upgrade Program – Round 2.

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Responsible Officer: Kathy Arthur - Director Community, Arts and Recreation Services

Attachments: 1. Public Art Strategy

Outcome: 2 Celebrated Creativity, Culture and Learning

Focus Area: 2.1 Support and encourage the expression of our vibrant creative arts sector

Delivery Program Link: 2.1.1 Develop and promote creative arts activities and industries

Operational Plan Link: 2.1.1.1 Co-ordinate the Public Art Advisory Committee and associated projects

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The draft Public Art Strategy (the Strategy) has been developed in response to actions in the adopted Creative Arts Strategy to provide a framework for the development and maintenance of public art in Eurobodalla.

The Strategy will support the important role public art plays in lively, representative cultural identity, and anticipates public art which will enliven public and community places, local environments, and the region's towns and villages.

Reflecting Council's commitment to the planning and inclusion of art in public spaces, the strategy has been drawn from the need to provide structure around current and future public art developments. In addition, the Strategy will be a resource for artists, consultants, community groups and developers in heritage, community, cultural and environmental planning.

It navigates the unique culture of Eurobodalla responding to a remarkable natural environment and an unfolding community, whilst acknowledging the First Nation community as an important cultural force. It celebrates Eurobodalla's rich heritage and is responsive to cultural diversity.

The development of the Strategy has been informed by national, state and regional plans, industry trends and directions, Council's corporate documents and research, and stakeholder consultation conducted over time.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse the Draft Public Art Strategy to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

BACKGROUND

Over the past five years Council has been the recipient of a number of high profile, large scale public artworks that have presented complex management issues for staff. These included funding, placement, installation, site appropriateness and ongoing maintenance of the works.

In addition, there are several older public artworks across the shire that have had differing, often conflicting arrangements with Council surrounding the ownership and maintenance of the works.

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The development of a Public Art Strategy was identified as a necessary planning tool for these and other public art developments and was included as a high priority action in Council's Creative Arts Strategy, adopted in 2019.

Council engaged public art consultant Guppy Art Management to conduct community consultations and prepare the findings and framework for the strategy that would address and formalise these management concerns and assist in future planning.

It is anticipated the adopted strategy will result in art that interprets and energises the public domain through a streamlined, accessible process.

The Strategy was prepared with a background review and assessment of current trends, a snapshot of the current status of public art in the shire, community engagement outcomes, and achievable measures.

CONSIDERATIONS

Engaging creative industries, artists, communities and the public in a dialogue about public art has been an invaluable part of developing the Strategy. The following activities formed the consultation process:

- Eurobodalla Shire Council staff workshop including cross divisional opportunities for public art development and current projects as well as the logistics of maintenance, engineering, public risk and art management. A cross-Council stakeholder group was also engaged in reviewing the draft Strategy
- Extensive briefing and consultation with Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC)
- Consultation with the Little Sellers Art Prize attendees to ensure the voice of families, children and youth was included in the Strategy
- Focus groups with arts and community stakeholders
- Focus groups with business community and education stakeholders
- Art pop up information and survey booths
- Consultation with Aboriginal community stakeholders.

The guiding principles of the strategy are:

- Public art will create a dialogue about the destination and locality of Eurobodalla
- Art will support a culture of imagination and engagement about lived and remembered experience
- Art will partner urban design, landscape and architectural design and construction
- Innovative, contemporary, creative thinking will guide public art in Eurobodalla
- Support for creatives and creative industries will underpin art development
- Artworks will be well managed, safe, durable and easy to maintain.

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The strategy consists of 22 actions categorised as follows:

- Environment
- Lived experience
- Partnerships
- Dialogue
- Capacity
- Procurement and maintenance.

The Strategy is now in its final draft stage.

Asset

As public art works are donated or commissioned, they will become part of the Council's art collection and registered as an asset. This then has implications for insurance, depreciation and maintenance.

A public art data base with a supplementary maintenance schedule is currently being finalised.

Social Impact

More recently, installation of public art has become more prevalent being driven by public art events, donations and new infrastructure being developed in the shire. The prevalence is born from the desire to add value and improve the aesthetic to our public places and spaces in addition to contributing to economic development by steering visitors and locals to interesting places and enliven business areas.

Public art also contributes to wellbeing by providing engagement in creative and visual forms, imparting story and interpretation of our localities and inspiring imagination.

The strategy helps navigate the development of our public art collection so the whole shire can benefit from access to it and showcasing our culture.

Financial

From the strategy's perspective, the considerations for finance from Council come in the form of ongoing maintenance and the like of donations yet to be received in the future.

The strategy contains actions to explore contributions from developers to finance new works and working in partnership with others to secure or fund public art.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Council will place the draft policy on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days commencing on Monday 2 August until Monday 30 August. The draft Strategy will be available for viewing on Council's website.

CONCLUSION

The draft Public Art Strategy has been developed to provide a framework for the development and maintenance of public art in Eurobodalla. As a high priority of the Creative Arts Strategy

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adopted in 2019, the Strategy will support the important role of public art in our Shire. It has been informed by research and stakeholder consultation over the last 18 months.

It is recommended that Council endorse the Strategy to go out for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

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Foreword

The Eurobodalla Public Art Strategy supports the important role public art plays in a lively, representative cultural identity. It anticipates public art which will enliven public and community places, local environments, and the region's towns and villages. It reflects Council's commitment to the planning and inclusion of art in public, community, and commercial projects. Moreover, it will assist Council to manage ownership, maintenance and liability, and plan for sustainable funding to support the ongoing provision of public art.

This strategy navigates the unique culture of Eurobodalla, responding to a remarkable natural environment and an unfolding community. It acknowledges the First Nation community, and the Yuin Nation as a pivotal cultural force. It celebrates Eurobodalla's rich heritage and is responsive to the cultural diversity. It addresses the agricultural and coastal landscape, small villages and towns as well as the level of urban consolidation that is shaping developing urban areas.

Central to the strategy is a cultural layer that engages people as part of a place-making process. This will result in art that interprets and energises the public domain; recalls local heritage, responds to the coast, rivers and forests and their human connections.

Opportunities for collaboration between artists, communities, landscape planners, architects and engineers will be important, as is public art that builds capacity in creative industries contributing to the local economy; art that resonates with local communities and visitors, encourages an engaged interest in place and that becomes a valued part of community life.

Councillor Liz Innes
Mayor

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Priority	Action	Action Number
H	Ensure art installations are appropriate for the proposed site, considering place, environment, climate resilience and character.	5
H	Curate public art where formal Council precinct and place strategies have been developed.	9
H	Include an agreed working methodology into Council's project management guide to ensure early consideration of public art in new projects.	13
H	Work with artists and Council staff to identify and develop guidelines for safe installation, maintenance and management of artworks.	19
M	Extend the scope of public art that responds to the natural environments of Eurobodalla through ephemeral work, temporary public art installations and site-specific workshops.	3
M	Provide opportunities for a public art response to recovery from events including drought, fire, floods and other crisis through connections with rural communities, farmers and the agricultural sector.	4
M	Support contemporary public art practice, sustainable fabrication, and innovative artforms and locations including the use of sustainable products in fabrication and installation of public artwork.	10
M	Identify opportunities to include interactive art and lighting in public art projects and planning.	12
M	Provide advocacy and education to enable internal and external stakeholders to explore current public art practice.	16
M	Seek funding for programs to improve artists' skills in working with communities around specific public art issues.	18
M	Ensure public art owned by Council is included in Council's Asset Management Register.	20
L	Work with community and target groups to explore all aspects of our shared heritage and inform potential sites.	7
L	Encourage experimentation and innovation and identify locations for programmed ephemeral art events or 'pop-ups'.	11
L	Investigate a regional contact list including fabricators, engineers, metal workers, specialist lighting and other suppliers as a resource for Council, design teams, developers and public art practitioners.	21
O	Identify opportunities to integrate public art into all major environmental planning and landscape projects, including, foreshore works, parks and playgrounds, beach reserves, walkways, waterways and other significant places.	1
O	Generate opportunities for the local Aboriginal community to respond to past and current environmental understanding of Eurobodalla through public art and interpretive design that is place and purpose specific.	2
O	Consider the inclusion of public art when reviewing strategic and planning documents, such as Development Control Plans, precinct and open space planning, place strategies, neighbourhood renewal, site planning and private developments.	6
O	Work with target groups and service providers to ensure broad engagement and participation in public art events and programs.	8
O	Encourage, support, and enable partnerships with cultural organisations and other stakeholders to deliver innovative, dynamic public art initiatives that enhance economy, infrastructure and wellbeing.	14
O	Promote public art projects and information about public art practice, via local and regional media.	15
O	Work with neighbouring Councils to develop opportunities for a regional dialogue and action on public art practice in the South East.	17
O	Implement the Public Art Policy and Public Art Code of Practice.	22

Prioritisation of actions as presented in the strategy provides the following indicative timeframe for completion of actions after the adoption of the strategy: High: within 2 years, Medium: 3 – 5 years, Low: 6 – 10 years

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1. About public art

What is public art?

Public art describes art practice that is part of the public experience of built and natural environments. It can consist of sculpture, environmental art, the integration of art and architectural design, installations, lighting works, new media and outdoor performance.

Where there is artist involvement customised design is also included in the broader definition of public art and may include artist designed street furniture, decorative paving, lighting treatments, signage and glasswork. Public artworks are usually site specific and may celebrate the distinctiveness of the environment, local heritage, cultural identity, the energy of urban spaces or other themes relevant to people and place.

Artworks may be of a significant scale and define a locality or be intimately integrated into urban or natural contexts. Ephemeral art can activate a place or context for a short period creating a memorable experience. Permanent artworks become part of the fabric of everyday life.

Where is public art located?

Public art projects can be in a range of public and community environments including:

- Town centres and the public domain.
- Natural environments; coastal foreshores, rivers, water lines and bushland.
- Shopping centres and retail developments.
- Existing neighbourhoods.
- New residential areas.
- Civic and community buildings.
- Health and medical centres and hospitals.
- Commercial developments and business parks.
- University campuses, schools, childcare centres and other educational facilities.
- Transport networks and services, roadsides, town entries, bridges, cycle and pedestrian paths.
- Open spaces, parks, gardens, playgrounds and sporting areas.

Public art projects often reflect the desire to add meaning to a particular place or to explore the heritage and culture of a community of interest or geography. New development can provide the opportunity to include public art and there are many examples of projects that link art and architecture. In a similar way the renewal of a neighbourhood, a park upgrade or streetscape improvements can be used to integrate art into a community environment.

Who will use the Public Art Strategy?

The Public Art Strategy has been prepared to guide the successful development of public art in our local government area. The strategy is intended to provide principles, guidelines and project areas for Council, design teams and other stakeholders to integrate art into a broad range of community and environmental contexts.

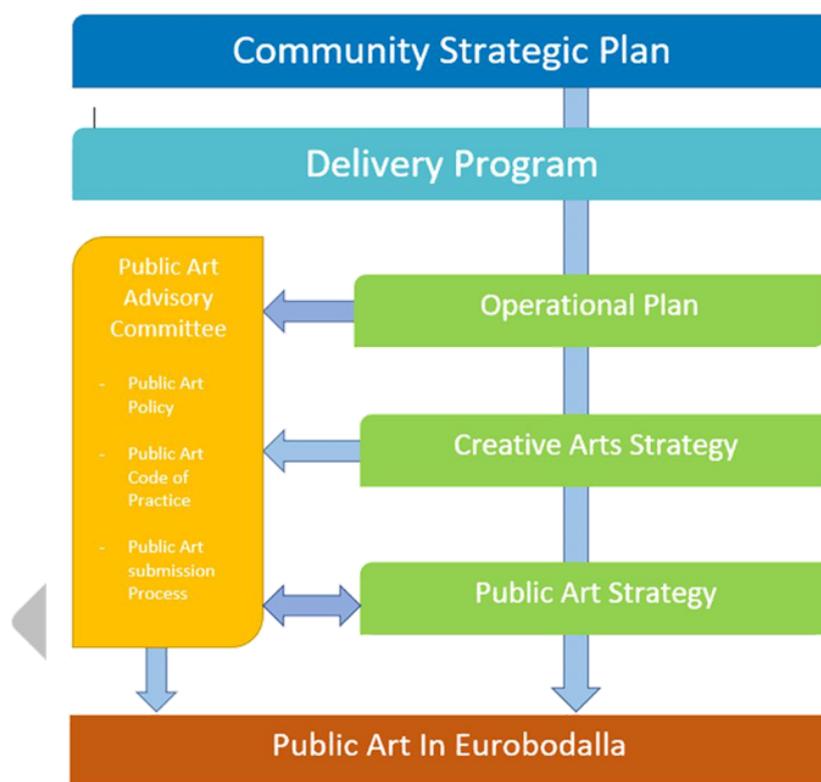
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The strategy is designed for use by those involved in the planning, design and delivery of public art projects. This includes a broad representation of Council’s operational and administrative areas. The strategy will be relevant for project managers and teams engaged in planning, architecture, urban design, economic development, events, environmental management and urban renewal, community services, health, welfare and neighbourhood projects.

The strategy will also be a resource for artists, consultants, community groups, developers and specialists in areas such as new development, heritage, community development, cultural and environmental planning.

What is Council’s Role?

Eurobodalla Shire Council has broad responsibilities in the planning and delivery of public art in the local government area. This is outlined in the following table.



As part of this process the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC), made up of Councillors, Council officers and community representatives who have specialist knowledge or experience in public art, provides expert cultural and artistic advice and guidance.

Council’s roles in the development and maintenance of public art in Eurobodalla:

- Custodian
 - o Facilitating a coordinated approach to the development and management of public art in Eurobodalla.

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- Connector
 - o Ensuring that communities in Eurobodalla can experience art as part of their everyday life.
- Trusted Partner
 - o Creating opportunities for public art collaboration and partnerships.
- Advocate
 - o Strengthening the position of public art in Council's strategic directions, policies and planning controls.
- Leader
 - o Supporting public art that is sustainable in social, cultural, environmental and economic terms.
- Producer
 - o Encouraging innovation and maximising investment in public art from a broad range of sources.
- Host
 - o Encouraging public art that responds to the natural and built environment of Eurobodalla and its unique character, history and aspirations.

Recent public art in Eurobodalla

Public art in Eurobodalla makes a creative contribution to the social and economic landscapes of our communities, through its interaction with the built and natural environment and its relevance to local people. Current public art projects in development within Eurobodalla include:

- John Holland and RMS bridge redevelopment public art
- Basil Sellers sculpture commission
- Batemans Bay Regional, Aquatic, Arts and Leisure Centre
- River of Art Festival - Revive mural project
- Sculpture for Clyde Sculpture Walk
- Street art projects
- Moruya Showground sculpture commissions
- Riverside Park art feature
- Moruya main street sculptures
- Public facilities augmentation, Durras, Broulee, Tomakin and Kianga

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2. Talking about art in our community

This strategy has been informed by national, state and regional trends and directions, such as the National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA) code of practice and position on public art, the NSW Arts and Policy Framework and work being undertaken with South East Regional Arts partners.

Council's strategic documents that have governed the development of this plan include the Community Strategic Plan, the Creative Art Strategy and the Public Art Policy and Code of Practice. Other important strategic planning initiatives of Council that will influence the development of public art in the shire and the actions of this plan include the Eurobodalla Destination Action Plan, the Economic Development Strategy, the Recreation and Open Spaces Strategy, the Tourism and Wayfinding and Signage Strategy, the Batemans Bay Waterfront Masterplan and Activation Strategy and Bushfire Recovery Action Plan.

Importantly, a range of community engagement and consultation events with the general public and creative arts stakeholders informed the development of principles and actions of this plan.

The consultation process

Engaging creative industries, artists, communities and the public in a dialogue about public art has been an invaluable part of developing the Public Art Strategy. The following activities formed the consultation for the Public Art Strategy in September and October 2019.

Eurobodalla Shire Council staff workshop

A workshop was held at Council with staff to discuss the role of the art strategy, cross divisional opportunities for public art development and current projects. The logistics of maintenance, engineering, public risk and art management were also part of the staff consultation.

Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC)

Council's PAAC provides expert advice and guidance to Council and staff on a range of public art planning, selection and review of public art in the shire. An initial, extensive briefing to the PAAC started the planning process. This was followed by further consultation as strategy principles and directions were developed.

The Little Sellers Art Prize

The consultant was present at the Little Sellers Art Prize presentation at the Eurobodalla Shire Council Chambers. Speaking with over 70 people who attended the event including teachers, school students and families from across the shire. The event provided an excellent opportunity to discuss youth art opportunities, creative workshops, art that is engaging for young people and 'big ideas'.

Art and community stakeholders

A lively focus group with members of the arts community considered the directions public art might take in the future, the needs of artists and the role of community creativity.

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Art, business community and education stakeholders

Several workshops explored the role public art plays in town centres, the contribution of major art events, the potential for art in new development, as well as key locations in towns and villages across the shire formed the basis for these discussions.

Art pop up information and survey booths

The art strategy consultation took to the streets with a public art display, a short *Be Part of the Art* survey and an opportunity for discussion around art in Eurobodalla. Art pop-ups were held at Batemans Bay Village Centre, Narooma IGA and Moruya Saturday markets.

Aboriginal community stakeholders

A detailed and very productive consultation was held at Council with Aboriginal organisations, Elders and members of the Indigenous community. It was a broad discussion covering, art and cultural identity, employment of Aboriginal artists, training and the role of art in both empowering Aboriginal communities and neighbourhood renewal.

What you told us

Aboriginal art in Eurobodalla

There is immense respect and an interest in Aboriginal art in public places. In the survey respondents were unanimous in saying they enjoyed Aboriginal art. Aboriginal artists were interested in extending the scope of work to new locations and artforms.

Art in town centres

The community would like art in their town centres and see the potential for art as part of buildings and infrastructure, as well as in the public domain. Art as an integrated part of new developments is an aspiration. A broad range of artforms including ephemeral (non-permanent) art, street art, paving, seating art, lighting and sculpture form part of this.

Celebrating the coastline through public art

The coast and foreshores were common themes in all consultation. Participants felt the coastline is central to the culture of the area. Specific projects and opportunities in foreshore parks and localities were frequently raised.

Art and wellbeing

The role of art in building community and as part of healthy neighbourhoods was a strong subject. This included accessible art, community engagement, art as part of walking and cycle trails and parks.

Aboriginal consultation raised the need to include art as part of neighbourhood renewal. The value of art for young people was a common thread.

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Innovation, excitement and 'big ideas'

There is a strong interest in art which is intriguing, surprising, interactive and original. People like the idea of contemporary art which animates places and is fun for all ages.

Expanded public art opportunities and training

Parallel to this there is an interest from artists and creative industries in expanding public art programming and delivery and developing training opportunities for artists.

3. The role of the Public Art Strategy

The Public Art Strategy responds to our community in the following ways:

Local culture, regional distinctiveness.

New and original understandings of local culture through art.

In an increasingly global culture, regional distinctiveness is a valued asset. Eurobodalla has a defined local and regional presence which is valued by the community. Celebrating the local community is an important focus for cultural projects in the Shire. Public art is bespoke and capable of highly original design and statement. Projects often work with themes and subjects that have a particular meaning for an area, thus strengthening cultural identity and affirming community. Artists may use local materials or develop new imagery born of local understanding and experience. The potential to respond to regional issues and to engage in dialogue about people and place is often at the heart of public art practice.

Environment, place.

Coast, river, forest, farm, town and village art.

The dramatic coastline, rivers, forests and farmlands in Eurobodalla are substantial and valued landscapes. The shire has over 110 kilometres of coastline, 70% of land area is forest, and the valleys of the Tuross, Narooma and Moruya Rivers shape the terrain. This geography is part of the psyche of local people, as are the villages and townships and the places where communities gather for business and social interaction.

Artwork that allows reflection and enjoyment of the natural world has a particular place in our increasingly urbanised culture. Art that is integrated with the architecture and urban design is also important, giving character and definition to local environments and creating places for public gathering, community celebration or peaceful contemplation.

Lived experience.

The art of life in Eurobodalla – place, memories, connection.

Eurobodalla has an increasingly diverse population, consisting of an active Aboriginal community, older farming and coastal communities, retirees, young families, tourists, youth and residents from culturally diverse backgrounds, these are all factors in a changing community.

Public art that responds to community themes and interacts with local people builds a sense of common identity. As Australian culture becomes more culturally diverse artists are exploring shared

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cultural experience. This is supported by an increasingly diverse workforce of artists who bring an intercultural understanding to public art projects.

Planned community involvement in the design and fabrication of selected artworks can have excellent outcomes. Linking art projects to community wellbeing, health and social inclusion can result in increased social capital and stronger, resilient communities.

Creative economies.

Lively towns, creative villages.

Public art has a strong role in supporting local economies. As links between creative industries, cultural identity and economic growth become stronger, public art is playing a role in improving the economic performance of town centres, villages and commercial environments.

Public art is part of a civic experience, in that art adds to the vitality and distinctiveness of retail areas, making business, socialising and shopping more enjoyable. As part of a well planned public domain art encourages people to see town centres as a destination, a meeting place, for spending time with friends, family or work colleagues.

Public art projects are a significant part of creative industries. The designing and fabrication of art provides employment for artists, suppliers and fabricators, further developing creative workforces locally and regionally.

Creativity.

Art which surprises enchants and challenges.

Public art is an affirmation of the power of creativity to interrogate the way we experience the world. Culture is an expression of human interaction; communities have extraordinary creativity in the way they express their culture. Whatever the outcome public art may have, the capacity to use creativity to enchant, inspire and challenge remains one of public arts most important roles.

4. Guiding principles

- ❖ Public art will create a dialogue about the destination and locality of Eurobodalla.
Public art will enable creative commentary on changing stories of environment, people and place.
- ❖ Art will support a culture of imagination and engagement about lived and remembered experience.
Community interaction and engagement will inform creative projects.
- ❖ Art will partner urban design, landscape and architectural design and construction.
Project development will facilitate collaboration between artists and design teams.
- ❖ Innovative, contemporary, creative thinking will guide public art in Eurobodalla.
Council will support skilled contemporary artists, original concepts, new forms of creative expression and innovative artforms and media.

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- ❖ Support for creatives and creative industries will underpin art development.
Programming will target training, career development and support for both emerging and established artists.
- ❖ Artworks will be well managed, safe, durable and easy to maintain.
Public art will respond in design, materials and fabrication to the demands of public space.

5. Planning and delivering public art.

Public art coordination and facilitation

Council may acquire public art through various means, for example, purchase, commission, donation, bequest or award. While all acquisitions must follow the processes laid out in Council's Public Art Policy, the commissioning process for significant public art is important.

Planning, commissioning, coordinating and funding public art requires a supported and ethical framework that brings together both the creative spectrum and organisational process.

The PAAC plays an integral role in providing advice to Council throughout any public art project. The Committee, comprised of local representatives, Councillors and Council staff, make recommendations to Council to aid in the decision making and may include advice on urban design, community or art based feedback, advocacy on behalf of the project or structured commentary on concepts prior to design development.

The PAAC members serve the same term as Council with the community representatives being endorsed for membership based on their experience and knowledge of public art and processes.

Preparing for a public artwork

For significant commissions, an art plan should be developed for the site or locality. This will clarify directions and can be circulated to community and stakeholders. It may also be used as a background document for the artist brief. The plan should include:

- Project description.
- Context or location for the work including the relationship to architecture or landscape work.
- Community engagement with local stakeholders and community organisations.
- A thematic framework based upon the guiding principles in this strategy.
- Examples of work by preferred or short-listed artists and designers.
- A native title assessment on the proposed site (if necessary).
- Identified stages for implementing the project.
- An outline of how the project will address installation, public safety and maintenance issues.
- Clarity on who will own, insure and maintain the work after installation.
- Decommissioning considerations and process.

Allocating a project budget

Art projects depend on a sufficient budget allocation; therefore it is important the budget allows for a full range of products and services involved in producing public art. These can include:

- Project coordination.

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- Artist/designer fees.
- Engineering advice, drawings and other technical inputs.
- Fabrication.
- Site preparation, traffic management, delivery and installation.
- Preparation of a maintenance manual.

Preparing an artist brief

When the scope of the art project is agreed a detailed artist brief will be prepared. The brief should include the following items:

- A description of the project including information about the intended audience and community context.
- Details of the site with opportunities and constraints.
- A thematic framework (if required).
- The allocated project budget.
- Preferred materials, fabrication and installation requirements (if relevant).
- Selection criteria.
- Project management information.
- Timeframes.
- Reference to the Public Art Strategy.

A design brief template can be found on Council's website.

Engaging an artist

Selecting the right artist to work on a project is central to a successful outcome. There are several ways an artist can be engaged. For example:

- The project may be advertised through media and arts organisations and applicants might respond to a tender process.
- A group of short listed artists may be paid to develop concepts and a decision made by a selection panel, like the PAAC.
- An artist with experience in the relevant area could be engaged directly.

Council's requirements for tendering respond to the project budget. For smaller, neighbourhood projects shortlisting, and selection processes may be handled independently. A large project with a more substantial budget may require a formal tendering process, in line with Council's procurement and legislative requirements.

Preparing a contract

Artists and designers who are engaged to create work for Eurobodalla Shire Council will be expected to sign a contract for their services. This may cover all aspects of the project including fabrication and installation of the work, or it may only apply to design services.

Alternately, the artist may be engaged as a sub contractor to an art consultant engaged by Council or another entity delivering art for a specific site. Either way, it is important the artist is protected by a contract and understands the contractual obligations surrounding the work.

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Concept development

After the artist is engaged, they will be asked to develop a concept for review by the PAAC and other stakeholders and then for recommendation to Council. Where the artist has submitted a concept as part of the tendering process feedback might be given prior to design development.

The concept should include an image and/or model of the work, its location, dimensions and functions, materials, colours and any effects such as lighting, sounds, interactivity or kinetic functions. If community participation is part of the process this should also be outlined.

The PAAC may raise any concerns or issues in relation to location, artistic integrity, function, costs, public safety, maintenance or other matters. A formal approval of the concept prior to design development and fabrication is required.

Design development

When the concept is approved the artist will prepare final designs for fabrication. This will include final artwork, designs, plans, engineering details of installation (if appropriate). In a development context these may need to be submitted as part of the planning approvals process. [Link to Council's development process](#)

Fabrication

Artworks involve a customised process and there are various methods and approaches to fabricating the final work.

- The artist may build or construct the work in the studio for transportation and installation on site.
- Art may be fabricated by a specialist fabricator to construction drawings provided by the artist.
- The work may be completed by the artist and their team in situ.
- Community members may work on parts of the artwork.
- The art may be built or assembled as part of a cultural event.

The fabrication of large works is a complicated process to undertake and to coordinate. Regular inspections to view progress, approve samples, and sign off on completed work should be factored in. Significant changes to the accepted design must be approved by Council.

Approval and handover of the completed work

Council will inspect and sign off on the completed and installed work prior to the final payment being made to the artist. Any issues are to be addressed promptly.

Where the artwork is commissioned by a group other than Council for a public site, a handover process will be initiated. At this point the final ownership and ongoing responsibility for the artwork can be formalised. This process should include:

- A handover document outlining the project background, install and other project considerations.
- A donation agreement, transferring ownership to Council and the rights and responsibilities therein.
- A maintenance schedule for future ongoing management of the work.

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Preparing a maintenance schedule

Public art requires the same attention to maintenance and repair as other elements in public environments. Appropriate cleaning and repair, replacement of elements that are loosened or damaged, repair of vandalised surfaces or structures are all part of this process.

All art should be accompanied by a maintenance schedule including:

- The artist and his/her contact details.
- Images of the concept and completed work.
- Fabrication drawings and designs; materials, finishes and suppliers.
- Procedures for cleaning and maintenance.
- Procedures for events such as vandalism or unintentional damage.
- Specialist treatments.

The involvement of the artist in both repair and maintenance should be specified along with timeframes for routine and emergency work as required.

Decommissioning

Artworks may have a defined period in which they can be expected to remain in good condition. Circumstances also arise where redevelopment of a site or changed uses render an artwork inappropriate and removal is required. If disposal of the work or relocation to another area is required, negotiations with the artist and consent should be sought (if possible), however provision should be made for decommissioning if the artist is not available.

6. Action plan

Environment.

Keywords - ecologies, nature, environment, resilience.

Guiding Principle

Public art will create a dialogue about the destination and locality of Eurobodalla enabling creative commentary on evolving stories of environment, people and place.

Actions

1. Identify opportunities to integrate public art into all major environmental planning and landscape projects, including, foreshore works, parks and playgrounds, beach reserves, walkways, waterways and other significant places.
2. Generate opportunities for the local Aboriginal community to respond to past and current environmental understanding of Eurobodalla through public art and interpretive design that is place and purpose specific.
3. Extend the scope of public art that responds to the natural environments of Eurobodalla through ephemeral work, temporary public art installations and site-specific workshops.
4. Provide opportunities for a public art response to recovery from events including drought, fire, floods and other crisis through connections with rural communities, farmers and the agricultural sector.
5. Ensure art installations are appropriate for the proposed site, considering place, environment, climate resilience and character.

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Measures

- Public art and associated budgets are a line item in major projects.
- Increased Aboriginal artist and community involvement in public art.
- Public art included in Council's sustainability initiatives.
- Increased ephemeral art in natural environments.
- Art response to environmental change and recovery in place.
- Increased visibility of public art across the shire.

Lived experience.

Keywords - community, cultural identity, heritage, renewal.

Guiding Principle

Art will support a culture of imagination and engagement about lived and remembered experience.

Actions

6. Consider the inclusion of public art when reviewing strategic and planning documents, such as Development Control Plans, precinct and open space planning, place strategies, neighbourhood renewal, site planning and private developments.
7. Work with community and target groups to explore all aspects of our shared heritage and inform potential sites.
8. Work with target groups and service providers to ensure broad engagement and participation in public art events and programs.
9. Curate public art where formal Council precinct and place strategies have been developed.

Measures

- Public art projects, including themes, locations, artists selection and engagement, reflect a representative cross section of the community.
- Provision for public art included in Council statutory and strategic planning.
- Heritage themed public art reflects contemporary responses and a variety of interpretations and artforms.
- Public art integrated into new public and private developments.
- Public art events and programs developed.
- Planned spaces includes public art that responds to location and context of the site.

Innovation.

Keywords - change, technologies, media, ephemera.

Guiding Principle

Innovative, contemporary, creative thinking will guide public art in Eurobodalla.

Actions

10. Support contemporary public art practice, sustainable fabrication, and innovative artforms and locations including the use of sustainable products in fabrication and installation of public artwork.
11. Encourage experimentation and innovation and identify locations for programmed ephemeral art events or 'pop-ups'.
12. Identify opportunities to including interactive art and lighting in public art projects and planning.

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Measures

- Public art demonstrates innovative, contemporary practice.
- Public art demonstrates sustainable design and fabrication methods.
- Opportunities interactive art and lighting are realised.

Partnerships.

Keywords – integration, collaboration, creative teamwork.

Guiding Principle

Art will partner urban design, landscape and architectural design and construction facilitating collaboration between artists and design teams, including urban designers, architects and landscape architects.

Actions

13. Include an agreed working methodology into Council's project management guide to ensure early consideration of public art in new projects.
14. Encourage, support, and enable partnerships with cultural organisations and other stakeholders to deliver innovative, dynamic public art initiatives that enhance economy, infrastructure, and wellbeing.

Measures

- Public Art Strategy is adopted and circulated throughout Council directorates.
- Working methodology for early consideration of public art agreed across Council.
- Public art is funded and included as part of significant new development in Eurobodalla.
- Number of quality public art partnerships developed and reported satisfaction levels.

Dialogue.

Key words - debate, forums, publicity, advocacy.

Guiding Principle

Council will encourage an environment of enquiry, debate, and advocacy about current public art practice.

Actions

15. Promote public art projects and information about public art practice, via local and regional media.
16. Provide advocacy and education to enable internal and external stakeholders to explore current public art practice.
17. Work with neighbouring Councils to develop opportunities for a regional dialogue and action on public art practice in the South East region.

Measures

- Regular positive coverage about current projects across a range of platforms.
- Platforms for artists, staff and community to discuss contemporary practice are achieved.
- Regional dialogues and projects around shared directions are demonstrated.

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Capacity.

Keywords - training, career development, partnerships.

Guiding Principle

Support for creatives and creative industries will underpin art development targeting training, career development and support for both emerging and established artists.

Actions

18. Seek funding for programs to improve artists' skills in working with communities around specific public art issues.

Measures

- Creative industries included in economic development strategies.
- Working in public art skills program provided.
- Funding for skills development for artists engaging communities dealing with crisis secured and training initiated.

Procurement and maintenance.

Keywords – art management, durability, safety, longevity.

Guiding Principle

Art projects will be well managed, and artworks will be safe, durable, and easy to maintain responding in design, materials and fabrication to the demands of public space.

Actions

19. Work with artists and Council staff to identify and develop guidelines for safe installation, maintenance and management of artworks.
20. Ensure public art owned by Council is included in Council's Asset Management Register.
21. Investigate a regional contact list including fabricators, engineers, metal workers, specialist lighting and other suppliers as a resource for Council, design teams, developers and public art practitioners.
22. Implement the Public Art Policy and Public Art Code of Practice.

Measures

- Guidelines for project development, risk, procurement, maintenance and decommissioning are followed.
- Artworks are included in the asset management register.
- Maintenance guidelines for public art completed and available.
- Fabricators, engineers and suppliers identified.
- Inhouse training for maintenance staff undertaken.
- Public Art Policy and Public Art Code of Practice are implemented.

CAR21/014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND LIBRARY GRANTS

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Responsible Officer: Kathy Arthur - Director Community, Arts and Recreation Services
Attachments: Nil
Outcome: 2 Celebrated Creativity, Culture and Learning
Focus Area: 2.4 Strengthen community life through the delivery of a range of community events and activities
Delivery Program Link: 2.4.1 Support and promote opportunities for people to be engaged in an active, vibrant and inclusive lifestyle
Operational Plan Link: 2.4.1.2 Deliver community programs and events through the libraries

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's agreement is sought to accept two grants. The first is \$5,000 from the Australian Government's Organ and Tissue Authority (DonateLife), Community Awareness Grants Program. The funding is to be auspiced by Council in association with Eurobodalla Renal Support Group & Donor Awareness to promote donor registration and organ donation in our community.

The second grant is for \$1,500 from national charity The Learning for a Better World (LBW) Trust, under their National Backyard Cricket program, for the purpose of delivering technology training for the local community members aged 50 and over at our three shire libraries.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Accept a \$5,000 grant from the Australian Government's Organ and Tissue Authority (DonateLife), Community Awareness Grants Program.
2. Accept a \$1,500 grant from national charity The Learning for a Better World (LBW) Trust, under their National Backyard Cricket program.

BACKGROUND

In July 2021 the Eurobodalla Renal Support Group & Donor Awareness group contacted Council, seeking support to apply for a \$5,000 grant to run a series of radio broadcasts to promote donor registration and donation in the Eurobodalla. In previous years' the group have contracted local radio stations to successfully run a series of advertisements and live broadcasts to raise awareness. With funding, a similar program will be implemented in October 2021.

Eurobodalla Libraries has been awarded a \$1,500 grant from National Backyard Cricket, a fundraising program established by national charity The Learning for a Better World (LBW) Trust. National Backyard Cricket raises funds for education projects offered in country libraries across Australia. In support of country libraries, Harvey Norman have also matched the funds raised for libraries enabling the program to support the technology needs of more libraries.

CONSIDERATIONS

Council will auspice the \$5,000 DonateLife grant and expend it in association with the Eurobodalla Renal Support Group & Organ Donor Awareness group, as outlined in the grant

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application. All funds will be expended locally to promote organ registration and donation and raise awareness in our community.

Eurobodalla Libraries will use the funding to purchase digital devices (iPads and Tablets).

The \$1500 grant to Eurobodalla Libraries will be provided in the form of gift cards from Harvey Norman which will enable the purchase of the new digital devices for the continued support of the Library's Tech Savvy for Seniors and Beconnected programs and training. The Eurobodalla Libraries are one of 54 country libraries across Australia to receive this grant funding.

Social Impact

The \$5,000 grant will have a positive social impact and is focused on raising awareness, and is a community led initiative supported by Council.

The \$1,500 grant will assist community members to become more tech savvy and connected to the opportunities and resources available online.

Financial

The grants will be administered using existing staff resources and no matched or additional funding is required.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

We will inform the community through providing information on Council's website and via local media.

CONCLUSION

The external funding opportunities offered enable Council to augment existing services, raise awareness and provide benefits to our community.

CAR21/015 CHILDREN'S SERVICES FUNDING

S003-T00026

Responsible Officer: Kathy Arthur - Director Community, Arts and Recreation Services
Attachments: Nil
Outcome: 2 Celebrated Creativity, Culture and Learning
Focus Area: 2.2 Improve local access to higher education and lifelong learning opportunities, facilities and services
Delivery Program Link: 2.2.1 Develop and provide early education services and programs
Operational Plan Link: 2.2.1.1 Provide support services for children and families

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report requests acceptance of funding from the Australian Government's Department of Education, Skills and Employment, to support Council's Children's Services programs.

A total of \$840,000 has been offered to Council to help offset the operational costs of Children's Services for the next three years.

Of this total, the funding will be allocated to the various programs as follows:

- \$240,000 for Family Day Care
- \$120,000 for Batemans Bay After School Care and Vacation Care
- \$120,000 for Moruya After School Care and Vacation Care
- \$120,000 for Narooma After School Care and Vacation Care
- \$240,000 for Embracing Participation

This external funding will directly support families and jobs in the local community and support better early learning outcomes and vulnerabilities for early childhood in the Eurobodalla.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council accept operational funding for Children's Services of \$840,000 over the next three years from the Australian Government's Department of Education, Skills and Employment.

BACKGROUND

Historically Children's Services has always been supported by external funds for Family Day Care, After School and Vacation Care. Services were allocated funds automatically based on enrolments, regional status and socio-economic ratings.

The last three years of external funding was gained via the recent requirement for services to transition to apply for funding for each service. At the time of applying for those funds, additional funding opportunities were available. A new community development program 'Embracing Participation' that addresses early learning with harder to reach parents was applied for and funding was received for three years for this program as well.

In February 2021 via the competitive round of Community Child Care Funding, Council's Children's Services applied for the forthcoming three years to help offset operational costs to Council for Family Day Care, After School Care and Vacation Care. In addition, the service also applied for continuation funding for the 'Embracing Participation' program for an additional three years.

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The bushfires in December 2019 and through until now has been very challenging for Children's Services, not only from the rebuild of the OOSH centre at Batemans Bay but many of the governmental imposts of fee-free child care, maintaining frontline workforce and increased procedural requirements throughout Covid19 and being externally audited several times.

Services have continued to provide childcare to our recovering community and has been on the front line working throughout – even when schools were closed. Even with the challenges, including one service operating out of a school hall, services have remained professional and consistent.

Post Covid the services have evidenced an increase in childcare requirement which is helping the sustainability of the service and indicates both increase in working parents and social and educational opportunities for children.

CONSIDERATIONS

Council's Children's Services play an important role for local families in terms of being the only not-for-profit childcare service in the shire. More recently, the funded programs added to the service are doing much to support early learning and transition to school programs which will support our long term vulnerabilities by getting a better start to learning.

Over the past three years in Family Day Care we have supported over 100 families each year and provided 346,050 hours of childcare which is an average of 115,350 hours/year or 2400 hours per week. The service has an average of 18 Educators providing this service which has seen an increase in care hours of 6.5% over the past three years.

In After School Care and Vacation Care the service has provided 28,450 occasions of care which is an average of 9,485 per year or 198 occasions of care per week. These services are provided across three sites (Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma) and has seen a 22.5% increase in enrolments in these services over the past three years.

The Embracing Participation program supports new mothers and those socially isolated or disadvantaged with pre-school children to connect with services and programs to develop early learning routines and address any early childhood health issues that may impact healthy development. The service has supported over 130 individual children and their parents to connect and learn. The service currently has a waiting list and is provided to families across the shire.

Social Impact

Council's Children's Services, including family Day Care, After School and Vacation Care, as well as Embracing Participation, has a positive social impact in our community. The services focus on early childhood development, providing high quality, flexible and professional childcare.

Economic Development Employment Potential

Council's Children Services provides support to working parents, with high quality childcare. In addition to providing standard services, the service provides weekend and overnight childcare.

Financial

The \$840,000 in funding will assist in offsetting Council's operational costs for the provision of Children's Services over the next three years.

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Community and Stakeholder Engagement

We will inform the community through providing information on Council's website and via local media.

CONCLUSION

Eurobodalla Council has coordinated Children's Services for thirty years ensuring the provision of quality flexible childcare for school age children within the Shire. This funding from the Government ensures the provision of relevant Education and Care Service to the children of families within the Shire and supports the overall operations of the core services plus an additional early childhood development program.

DR21/001 2021 NSW LOCAL ROADS CONGRESS

**S028-
T00009**

Responsible Officer: Councillors Phil Constable and Rob Pollock

Attachments: 1. 2021 Local Roads Congress Communique
2. 2021 NSW Local Roads Congress Program

Outcome: 7 Connected and Accessible Places

Focus Area: 7.1 Work in partnership to provide an integrated transport network

Delivery Program Link: 7.1.1 Advocate for improved transport links, services and infrastructure

Operational Plan Link: 7.1.1.1 Partner with peak bodies to advocate for improved and on-going funding programs for local transport infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This delegate report provides Council with an overview of the 2021 NSW Local Roads Congress which had the theme *Reconnecting the Dots in Community Recovery*. This report recommends that Council advocate for the outcomes from the Congress Communique as attached to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The Delegate Report on the 2021 NSW Local Roads Congress be received and noted.
2. Eurobodalla Shire Council formally endorse the Congress Communique.
3. Council write to the following members highlighting the issues raised at the 2021 NSW Local Roads Congress and seeking their support:
 - a. The Hon Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Roads and Member for Bega
 - b. The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier of NSW
 - c. The Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier
 - d. The Hon Shelley Hancock MP, Minister for Local Government
 - e. Mrs Fiona Phillips MP, Member for Gilmore
 - f. Ms Kristy McBain MP, Member for Eden-Monaro
 - g. The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development.
4. The key findings of the 2021 NSW Local Roads Congress be referred to the next South East Australian Transport Strategy Inc meeting.

BACKGROUND

The NSW Roads & Transport Directorate, a partnership between the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) and Local Government NSW, held the 2021 NSW Local Roads Congress in Sydney on 7 June 2021. The event was held at Parliament House, as a hybrid event

with elected council members, executives and industry partners attending in person, and council staff and the wider public works community attending online. A copy of the Congress program is attached.

The Congress recognises the critical role of Local Government as a provider of local and regional transport infrastructure in partnership with the NSW and Australian Governments. The 2021 Congress calls for continued action from all levels of government to leverage the current challenges as an opportunity to deliver safe, efficient and resilient road and transport infrastructure to local communities across NSW, now and into the future.

The Congress theme of *Reconnecting the Dots in Community Recovery* reflected the current context following on from the extensive drought, Black Summer bushfires, natural disaster floods and COVID-19.

Councillors Rob Pollock and Phil Constable represented Council at the Congress using the online platform.

Council's Director of Infrastructure Services, Warren Sharpe OAM, attended in person as he was asked to speak and participate as a panel member on *Rebuilding Resilient Communities*.

CONSIDERATIONS

The NSW Roads Congress provides a forum for Mayors, Councillors, Administrators, General Managers and senior Engineering staff to liaise with Ministers and senior NSW Government staff to discuss issues in the Roads and Transport portfolio. It is a once a year opportunity to meet together under a Local Government banner to debate challenges, identify solutions and advocate for additional road funding, as well as hearing the latest developments and issues in roads and transport.

Christopher Gulaptis MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Roads and Infrastructure, welcomed the delegates to the Congress, and Cr Linda Scott, President of Local Government NSW, provided the opening address.

The keynote address to the congress was delivered by The Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads. The Minister spoke to the various programs in place for local government for the upcoming year, including *Fixing Local Roads* and *Fixing Country Bridges*.

Director Sharpe presented on the panel discussion '*Rebuilding Resilient Communities*', which focused on how local government can rebuild better and contribute to improved resilience to future natural disasters, using the Eurobodalla experience. A key message offered by Director Sharpe was to move the language from recovery which tends to look back to resilience so we can pro-actively look forward to rebuild a stronger community. Director Sharpe outlined key changes that could be made to release the funding required to deliver more resilient infrastructure, thereby:

- i) reducing disconnection of communities and the associated mental health, social and economic impacts from natural disasters
- ii) reducing the extents of damage to infrastructure and the peak workloads required to reconnect communities
- iii) providing a more even flow of work to allow improved planning and delivery of works, including training and development of young people within regional Australia

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- iv) reducing the cost impacts from natural disasters to Local Government, and the NSW and Australian Governments through Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements post event.

Director Sharpe also successfully advocated the case to the Congress that there is a need to:

- i) reform the emergency management space and in particular amend the requirement for Local Government to fund NSW Government emergency services agencies
- ii) call on the NSW Government to improve highway resilience
- iii) review natural disaster relief funding arrangements to allow greater flexibility to rebuild in a more resilient way for the future benefit of all communities.

The Congress Program (attached) consisted of the following topics:

1. Road safety
2. Transport infrastructure and artificial intelligence
3. Roads and transport resilience.

The keynote address was delivered by the Hon Mick Veitch, MLC, Shadow Minister for Rural Roads.

A key outcome of the Congress is the production of the Congress Communique. This Communique represents a summary of the collective views of local government and guides the advocacy activities of the NSW Roads & Transport Directorate and LGNSW over the coming year. A copy of the Congress Communique is attached.

The 2021 Local Roads Congress Communique focuses on:

- Road Funding
- Road Safety
- Heavy Vehicles and Freight Task
- Roads Maintenance and Council Contracts
- Natural Disaster Infrastructure Recovery.

The Communique lists a number of actions and calls on NSW Councils, the NSW Government and the Australian Government to deliver on the points raised.

New South Wales delegates will put forward the NSW Communique at the National Local Roads and Transport Congress in Hobart, in November this year.

These outcomes will also be discussed with the South East Australian Transport Strategy Inc at their next meeting to be held in Victoria, on 12-13 August 2021.

CONCLUSION

The issues identified at the NSW Local Roads Congress are applicable to all Councils across NSW including Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Council should formally support the outcomes as outlined in the Congress Communique and lobby government to address the issues identified for the benefit of our own local community and the NSW and Australian economy.



2021 NSW Local Roads Congress Reconnecting the Dots in Community Recovery

Congress Communiqué

The NSW Roads and Transport Directorate, a partnership between Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and the NSW Division of the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA NSW and ACT), in holding the 2021 Local Roads Congress, resolved to announce the following communiqué.

The Congress recognises the critical role of local government as a provider of local and regional transport infrastructure in partnership with the state and federal governments.

Local government is key to driving locally led economic recovery through the delivery of a wide range of road and infrastructure projects via a mix of new funding and accelerated funding recognising the direct economic uplift from construction and the second order uplift from increased economic activity enabled by improvements to the local road network. The Congress urges the Federal and NSW Government to work with local government to build a new resilient future for NSW communities.

The Congress calls for continued action from all levels of government to leverage the current challenges as an opportunity to deliver safe, efficient and resilient road and transport infrastructure to local communities across NSW, now and into the future.

Saving lives on local government roads

Local government plays a significant role in supporting road safety at the community level, with responsibility for almost 90% of the NSW road network, including regional and local roads. In 2020, 300 lives were lost on NSW roads, compared to 350 in 2019. The number of fatalities has decreased to below 300 in 2020, but further action is required to meet the targets set in the NSW Road Safety Plan.

The Congress calls for immediate and on-going action from all levels of Government to address the unacceptable level of fatalities, serious injuries and road related trauma on the local road network.

The draft National Road Safety Strategy acknowledges the role of local government in delivering key actions under the Strategy. The Congress acknowledges that whilst local government has increased its capability with respect to road safety, further capability development is required and it remains under-funded to deliver this task.

The Congress calls for increased funding for maintenance and road safety improvements.

Councils also need ongoing support to incorporate a Safe Systems approach within their strategic transport and infrastructure plans (aligned with the National Road Safety Strategy 2011-20, the NSW Road Safety Plan 2021 and the IPWEA NSW Guidelines for Road Safety Plans 2019).



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The Congress acknowledges that further capacity building in road safety and traffic engineering is required within Local Government and the skills shortage must be addressed. This should include road safety audits for the design of new transport infrastructure, including within new subdivision developments by the private sector.

NSW Road Classification Review

The Congress appreciates the update on the progress on the Road Classification Review and the Regional Roads Transfer of up to 15,000 kilometres of regional roads from councils to the State.

The Congress calls for further extensive engagement with LGNSW, councils and IPWEA NSW and ACT to review the report on priority roads (not yet released) and develop a way forward for both the reclassification of roads and the transfer of up to 15,000km of regional roads to the State.

The Congress urges the NSW Government to ensure that:

- the outcome of the Review will present the best possible outcome for the NSW community.
- the regional roads transferred to the State are maintained and improved through the allocation of an increased level of funding.
- councils are able to retain the maintenance work on roads transferred to the State.
- any change in arrangements does not adversely impact other grants provided to Councils for local and any retained regional roads (e.g. . Financial Assistance Grants, regional road grants or other funding programs), or impact the delivery of work under existing RMCCs on the existing state network.
- all individual proposals are the subject of consultation with each council involved and their agreement prior to any changes being made.

The Congress also seeks assurances that any roads not transferred to the State, will remain funded through the Regional Road Block Grant program and that current funding levels are maintained or increased.

Rebuilding local infrastructure and local communities

The long-term drought, widespread flooding and devastating bushfire season require a re-evaluation of our current practices to make our organisations and public assets more resilient to natural disasters. This will assist in keeping roads open to make sure emergency services can reach the community, and a shorter period required to reopen roads after a natural disaster.

The Roads and Transport Directorate is working with councils to capture lessons learned from the current recovery efforts and suggested improvements in current work processes.

Many councils have seen multiple natural disasters in a short period of time. The current frequency of natural disasters warrants a review of funding levels and funding arrangements to release the burden on local government.



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Current procurement requirements, including levels set for open tenders, increase the administrative burden on councils and lengthen the time required to deliver repair and recovery works. Current delivery targets warrant a, temporary, adjustment to the tender requirements while retaining good governance and oversight mechanisms.

Damaged highways and local transport links will need to be rebuilt to a higher standard (betterment) so that they are more resilient to natural disasters, ensuring the transport network provides improved access for first responders while ensuring residents can evacuate with the assurance that the road network will be safe and effective at times of crisis.

Emergency response plans, including the identification of upgrades to existing critical public infrastructure, will increase resilience for future natural disasters.

The Congress notes the high cost of NSW Government emergency services arrangements to local government and the adverse impact this is having on councils' ability to provide core local government services to NSW communities.

To further the outcomes of this Congress, the Congress calls on governments to take the following measures:

NSW Local Government

The Congress calls on councils in NSW to:

Progress the Congress Communiqué by writing to the relevant Ministers and their local NSW and Australian Government MPs seeking their support for the Congress outcomes.

Continue to improve asset management performance and road safety outcomes by:

- incorporation of a Safe Systems approach within each council's strategic transport and infrastructure plans (aligned with the National Road Safety Strategy 2011-20, the NSW Road Safety Plan 2021 and the IPWEA NSW Guidelines for Road Safety Plans 2019).
- building capacity within the local government industry by supporting ongoing training and knowledge sharing.
- supporting the employment of better techniques and the importation of proven technology to better meet our community's needs through improved engineering and construction methods.
- developing robust workforce strategies to ensure the skills and capacity exist to plan, deliver and maintain local roads now and in the future, including cadet and apprenticeship programs at a professional and operational level.
- preparing disaster preparation and recovery plans to make local infrastructure and local communities more resilient to natural disasters.



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NSW Government

The Congress calls on the NSW Government to:

Develop a sustainable funding model for Local Government in NSW

This will include implementation of a system to:

- review existing funding programs to give consideration to improving community resilience and supporting capacity building within local government.
- optimise application processes for project funding to reduce the administration burden on local government, including a review of current procurement requirements.
- support building capability and capacity in local government, to strengthen long-term workforce capabilities, especially in rural and regional areas.
- support councils with funding and resourcing to help equip them to address the road safety challenge on local roads.
- remove the requirement for local government to contribute funding to emergency services.
- Implement a broad based property tax to replace the ESL on both local government and insurance policies.
- move the ownership of all emergency services infrastructure to the NSW Government.
- further review emergency services arrangements in NSW in consultation with LGNSW, councils and IPWEA NSW and ACT.
- further review the natural disaster relief funding arrangements to local government in NSW.
- prepare disaster preparation and recovery plans to make state owned infrastructure more resilient to natural disasters.

Australian Government

The Congress calls on the Australian Government to:

Find equitable and sustainable ways to maintain and increase current funding for infrastructure investment and long-term asset maintenance.

This will improve the current system by:

- increasing funding for and permitting betterment in the replacement or restoration of damaged assets to a more resilient standard following a natural event.
- review existing funding programs for transport to give consideration to improve resilience to natural disasters and adaptation to climate change.
- developing policies to respond to and benefit from new technologies to maximise the safety benefits of driving aids currently available in vehicles to save lives on our roads.



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Monday 7 th June 2021	
9:29am	Opening Video 30 seconds/1 minute
9:30am	Welcome/Housekeeping Items Master of Ceremony, Toby Travanner
9:30am – 9:40am	Welcome Christopher Gulaptis, MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Roads and Infrastructure
9:40am – 9:50am	President’s Welcome, IPWEA NSW and ACT Grant Baker, President IPWEA (NSW)
9:50am – 10:10am	Opening + Q&A (5 minutes) Cr Linda Scott, President of the Australian Local Government Association and LG NSW
10.10am – 10:30am	Keynote Address + Q&A (5 minutes) The Hon. Paul Toole, MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads
10.30am – 11.00am	MORNING TEA
11.00am – 11:15am	Road Safety Statistics for Local Roads Duncan McRae, Chair NSW Chapter, ACRS
11.15am – 11.40am	National Road Strategy and Local Government Gabby O’Neil, Head of National Office of Road Safety
11.40am – 12.05pm	NSW Road Strategy and Local Government Bernard Carlon, Transport for NSW**
12.05pm – 12.25pm	Road Classification Review Wendy Machin, Chair Regional Road Transfer and NSW Road Classification Review
12.25pm -12.30pm	Wrap up of morning session Master of Ceremony
12:30pm – 1:30pm	LUNCH
1:30pm – 1.55pm	Keynote Address + Q&A (5 minutes) The Hon. Mick Veitch, MLC, Shadow Minister for Rural Roads
1.55pm – 2.15pm	Bridge Inventory on Local Roads to support the freight task Scott Greenow, Director Operations, Freight, Transport for NSW**
2.15pm – 2.40pm	Leveraging artificial intelligence for asset management Arjan Rensen, Manager Roads and Transport Directorate, IPWEA NSW & ACT Petryhce Donovan, Manager, Digital Innovation and Smart Cities, Canterbury Bankstown City
2.40pm- 3.00pm	The role of Resilience NSW in building resilient communities Chris Presland, Director Natural Disaster Expenditure & Governance, Resilience NSW
3:00pm – 3.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3.30pm – 3.50pm	2018 – 2019 Bushfire Catastrophe: Rebuilding Local Infrastructure and the Community Garry Hemsworth, Chair Project Working Group, Practical lessons learned from disaster recovery
3.50pm – 4.40pm	Panel Discussion: Rebuilding Resilient Communities Keith Appleby, Director of Infrastructure Services, Glen Innes Severn Council Warren Sharpe OAM, Director Infrastructure Services and LEMO, Eurobodalla Shire Council Chris Presland, Director Natural Disaster Expenditure & Governance, Resilience NSW Other members to be confirmed
4.40pm – 4.55pm	Congress communique and future direction Road and Transport Directorate Arjan Rensen, Manager Road and Transport Directorate
4.55pm – 5.00pm	Event Wrap Up Master of Ceremony
5:00pm – 7.00pm	DRINKS AND CANAPES

*Note this program is subject to change.

** To be confirmed

15. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council can exclude members of the public from the meeting and go into Closed Session to consider confidential matters, if those matters involve:

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals; or
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer; or
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; or
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed;
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret,
- (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law; or
- (f) matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property; or
- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege or information concerning the nature and location of a place; or
- (h) an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.

and Council considers that discussion of the material in open session would be contrary to the public interest.

In accordance with Section 10A(4) of the Local Government Act 1993 the Chairperson will invite members of the public to make verbal representations to the Council on whether the meeting should be closed to consider confidential matters.

EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

ETHICAL DECISION MAKING AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A GUIDING CHECKLIST FOR COUNCILLORS, OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

- Is the decision or conduct legal?
- Is it consistent with Government policy, Council's objectives and Code of Conduct?
- What will the outcome be for you, your colleagues, the Council, anyone else?
- Does it raise a conflict of interest?
- Do you stand to gain personally at public expense?
- Can the decision be justified in terms of public interest?
- Would it withstand public scrutiny?

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A conflict of interest is a clash between private interest and public duty. There are two types of conflict: Pecuniary – regulated by the *Local Government Act* and Department of Local Government; and Non-Pecuniary – regulated by Codes of Conduct and policy, ICAC, Ombudsman, Department of Local Government (advice only).

THE TEST FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Is it likely I could be influenced by personal interest in carrying out my public duty?
- Would a fair and reasonable person believe I could be so influenced?
- Conflict of interest is closely tied to the layperson's definition of "corruption" – using public office for private gain.
- Important to consider public perceptions of whether you have a conflict of interest.

IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS

- 1st** Do I have private interests affected by a matter I am officially involved in?
- 2nd** Is my official role one of influence or perceived influence over the matter?
- 3rd** Do my private interests conflict with my official role?

Whilst seeking advice is generally useful, the ultimate decision rests with the person concerned.

AGENCY ADVICE

Officers of the following agencies are available during office hours to discuss the obligations placed on Councillors, Officers and Community Committee members by various pieces of legislation, regulation and Codes.

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ICAC	8281 5999	icac@icac.nsw.gov.au	www.icac.nsw.gov.au
Local Government Department	4428 4100	dlg@dlg.nsw.gov.au	www.dlg.nsw.gov.au
NSW Ombudsman	8286 1000 Toll Free 1800 451 524	nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au	www.ombo.nsw.gov.au

Reports to Committee are presented generally by 'exception' - that is, only those items that do not comply with legislation or policy, or are the subject of objection, are discussed in a report.

Reports address areas of business risk to assist decision making. Those areas include legal, policy, environment, asset, economic, strategic and financial.

Reports may also include key planning or assessment phrases such as:

- Setback* Council's planning controls establish preferred standards of setback (eg 7.5m front; 1m side and rear);
- Envelope* taking into account the slope of a lot, defines the width and height of a building with preferred standard of 8.5m high;
- Footprint* the percentage of a lot taken up by a building on a site plan.