



AGENDA

Ordinary Meeting of Council

14 July 2020

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

ON TUESDAY 14 JULY 2020

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**

NOM20/005 COMMUNITY SPORT SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

S014-T00007

Responsible Officer: Lindsay Brown - Councillor

Attachments: Nil

Councillor Lindsay Brown has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 14 July 2020, he will move the following motion.

MOTION

THAT Council make available up to \$35,000 from the Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Funding to deliver a community sport sustainability training for local volunteer sport and recreation clubs.

BACKGROUND

Community sport plays a vital role in keeping our community healthy and connected, in particular our youth, some who have been inactive during the pandemic. The physical, mental, and emotional benefits of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and participating as a player or volunteer are well documented.

Eurobodalla has approximately 50 volunteer sporting and recreation clubs that provide an important service to the wider community. Our clubs have been impacted significantly by the bushfires and Council is well placed to help them to get back on their feet with the development of more sustainable business models going forward.

This Notice of Motion proposes that Council engage a consultant to work with local sports clubs to develop club specific plans. This motion is supported by the Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2018 (ROSS), which identifies the need for club development plans. (ROSS action E2). The plans will help clubs explore alternate revenue streams, improve financial management, committee governance, participation growth and achieve a sustainable business model.

In recognition of the financial impact that sporting clubs have endured, the Office of Sport has recently announced a \$1000 grant for all local sports clubs. They also provide two x \$100 vouchers to every school-aged child to help reduce the cost of participating in sport.

Whilst these grants are very welcome and I congratulate the NSW Government and the local member for Bega, the Hon. Andrew Constance MP which provides immediate relief for local clubs, they are not designed to resolve the larger issue of ensuring clubs are sustainable long term. For example, many of our clubs rely heavily on sponsorship from licensed clubs and local businesses to offset the cost of participating in sport, as well as fundraising events, such a sausage sizzles and raffles. Local business may not have the capacity to support community sport at present, and community fundraising events are difficult to run, given our current health restrictions.

The proposed project will be run in conjunction with an internal review of the Community Infrastructure Guidelines, and the delivery of the South Coast Sports conference for which Council received an \$18,000 grant to run.

Sports clubs who participate and complete the program will be supported with a one-time \$500 grant to assist them with implementation. The full cost of the program including the grant money will be covered in a funding allocation of up to \$35,000.

QON20/005 PROMOTING EUROBODALLA AS A PLACE TO RELOCATE POST-COVID 19

S027-T00021

Responsible Officer: Lindsay Brown - Councillor

Attachments: Nil

The following question on notice was received from Councillor Lindsay Brown:

Question

The post COVID world has seen changes in work e.g. working from home. What can we do to promote the opportunity for people to move to Eurobodalla?

Response

A number of trends have emerged through the Covid-19 pandemic isolation period:

- *There has been a rapid and large-scale shift across many industries towards working remotely.*
- *Organisations are investing in remote working technology and infrastructure; and*
- *The popularity of virtual communication platforms has surged.*

Working remotely during the coronavirus crisis has quickly become the new norm, and one that won't dissipate quickly – rather, remote working (both part-time and full-time) will rise across all industries. This will include industries such as financial services and the public sector, which have typically been office-bound and challenged by remote working at scale.

Work will be regarded as a thing you do, rather than a place you go. Leaders will step-up and adopt a far more flexible approach to understand and work with the personal circumstances of their employees. The 5G rollout will boost internet speed and reliability across the country, further expanding the possibilities of a remote workforce.

One of the question leaders are now asking is what all this means and will this have an impact on the choice of where to live that gives workers the right balance of space and local service and amenities.

The Real Estate Institute of New South Wales is expecting regional areas to do well in the long-term as a result of the pandemic and planning academics are suggesting that governments would need to invest in regional areas to make the most of a post-pandemic migration. There is a suggestion that a new wave of tree and sea changers could boost regional economies, but more would need to be done to attract younger, working demographics.

The Eurobodalla has a strong strategic framework to support growth and provide places and spaces to attract new residents. Council needs to continue to pursue its strategic economic agenda as articulated in the Draft Local Strategic Planning Statements and Advancing Eurobodalla (Economic Development Strategy 2019-2028) to support growth and to foster great places for people to live and work. A key part of being able to attract newcomers to the shire will be ensuring the services, housing choice, attractiveness of our main towns, health, education and transport options are well developed and on a par with other regional centers that actively work to attract tree changers.

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Acknowledging the importance of continuing to develop the shire, marketing and promotion can be used to encourage people to make the move to our region. Using digital media is one way to share engaging content.

There is an opportunity to investigate the development of a digitally based promotional campaign that focuses on the lifestyle on the south coast and the advantages of choosing to relocate to our shire. The basis of a promotional campaign exists with the already developed Invest Eurobodalla website. See [here](#).

A digital campaign can be undertaken utilising Council's current social media framework (corporate website and Instagram) that links people back to the Invest Eurobodalla website.

Specifically, it is proposed that council could undertake a social media based campaign, running the ads with a clear statement about being able to work remotely in a growing community and showcasing what Eurobodalla has to offer in work life balance. A campaign would comprise the following elements.

Channels:

- *Corporate Instagram and Facebook*

Target Market:

- *Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne*
- *30-50 years old*

Media:

- *Images and preferably video (we currently don't have video for a prospectus type promotion). Showcasing why working from home in Eurobodalla is better than working from home anywhere else.*

Call to action:

- *Invest Eurobodalla website*

Ads would be pixelated. Meaning you place code on Invest Eurobodalla website from Facebook to be able to track anyone that clicks on the ad and goes to the website. After a month this would be considered our active audience and we can target them with more compelling information about living and working in Eurobodalla, whilst continuing to run the beginning ads into the same markets.

The hardest part about a campaign like this is the uncertainty around determining who would be willing to move from a capital city in our target market to Eurobodalla. So there would need to be some consideration given to an ongoing budget to support ongoing marketing in the longer term.

However, as a short term proposition a budget of around \$7,000 to 10,000 would support creation of a video, updates to Invest Eurobodalla website, and delivery of advertisements.

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the response to the question regarding promoting Eurobodalla as a place to relocate post-Covid 19 raised by Councillor Lindsay Brown be received and noted.

**GMR20/016 2020-21 DETERMINATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL**

S012-T00010

Responsible Officer: Dr Catherine Dale - General Manager

Attachments: Nil

Outcome: 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: 9.1.2 Implement effective governance

Operational Plan Link: 9.1.2.3 Assist the Councillors in meeting their statutory obligations and roles

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal (the Tribunal) has set the mayoral and councillor fees for the 2020-21 financial year, with effect from 1 July 2020, and has determined that there will be no increase in mayoral and councillor fees for the 2020-21 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Receive and note the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Annual Report and determination stating that there will be no increase in mayoral and councillor fees for the 2020-21 financial year.
2. Note that the maximum fees for Regional Rural councils for 2020-21, including the full Tribunal determination, are set at \$20,280 for Councillors and \$44,250 for the additional Mayoral allowance.

BACKGROUND

The Tribunal is constituted under the *Local Government Act 1993* and is responsible for categorising councils, county councils and mayoral offices to determine the maximum and minimum fees to be paid to councillors, members of county councils and mayors in each category.

The Tribunal's Annual Report and Determinations can be viewed at:

www.remtribunals.nsw.gov.au/local-government/current-lgrt-determinations

CONSIDERATIONS

Categorisation of Councils

The Tribunal is required under section 239 of the *Local Government Act 1993* to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices at least once every three years. In 2017 the Tribunal undertook a significant review of the categories and the allocation of councils into each category. The review was prompted by the amalgamation of councils resulting in the creation of 20 new councils and an overall reduction in the number of councils in NSW from 152 to 128.

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In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Tribunal undertook a review of the categories and allocation of councils into each of those categories as part of the 2020 review.

The Tribunal has determined to create two new categories - Major Strategic Area and Regional Centre; rename one category - Regional City to Major Regional City; and revise the criteria for some of the existing categories to account for the new categories.

In accordance with section 239 of the *Local Government Act 1993* the categories of general purpose councils are determined as follows:

Metropolitan	Non-Metropolitan
Principal CBD	Major Regional City
Major CBD	Major Strategic Area*
Metropolitan Large	Regional Strategic Area
Metropolitan Medium	Regional Centre*
Metropolitan Small	Regional Rural
	Rural

* New categories

In December 2019, Council submitted a submission to request the Tribunal consider re-categorising Eurobodalla Shire Council to the new Regional Centre category. This request was not accepted as Eurobodalla's population is significantly below the indicative population of Regional Centre councils.

Eurobodalla Shire Council continues to be classified as a Regional Rural council.

Fees for Councillors and the Mayor

Under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Councils are required to fix and pay an annual fee based on the Tribunal's determination. A council cannot fix a fee higher than the maximum amount determined by the Tribunal and must pay at least the minimum fee. The level of fees paid will depend on the category that the council is in.

The Tribunal is required to have regard to the same policies on increases in remuneration as the Industrial Relations Commission is required to give effect to under the *Industrial Relations Act 1996*, relating to the conditions of employment of public sector employees.

A number of factors have influenced the Tribunal's views in regard to the annual increase. These include the impact of the bushfires and the current COVID-19 pandemic on the state and federal economies and the wellbeing of our communities.

As a result, the Tribunal has determined that there will be no increase in the minimum and maximum fees applicable for each existing Category.

The fees for a Regional Rural council for 2020-21 are determined as follows:

	Councillor Annual Fee		Mayoral Annual Fee	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Regional Rural	\$9,910	\$20,280	\$19,580	\$44,250

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Financial

There are no budget implications as a result of the determination.

CONCLUSION

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has determined that there will be no increase in mayoral or councillor fees for the 2020-21 financial year.

Under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*, councils are required to fix and pay an annual fee based on the Tribunal's determination. A council cannot fix a fee higher than the maximum amount determined by the Tribunal and must pay at least the minimum fee.

**GMR20/018 FUNDING OFFER – LOCAL ROAD AND COMMUNITY
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**

S008-T00020

Responsible Officer: Dr Catherine Dale - General Manager

Attachments: Nil

Outcome: 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 report seeks to inform Council of the offer of \$1,039,292 in grant funding towards the upgrade to local roads and community infrastructure from the Commonwealth Government under their Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program funding administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development.

Council advocated for this program on the basis of delivering readily achievable projects that could be commenced immediately to assist with local employment outcomes to counter the adverse impacts of COVID-19 (on the back of droughts, bushfires and floods).

This one-off program offers grants to communities across Australia to support the delivery of priority local road and community infrastructure projects.

The new projects must be able to be completed by 30 June 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the list of projects as outlined in this report be forwarded to the Office of Local Government for approval.

BACKGROUND

In March 2020, the Commonwealth Government sought road projects that could be used to keep local people in work given the increase in unemployment associated with COVID-19. Council advocated directly and partnered with IPWEA NSW to advocate for a broadening of the program to allow more readily initiated projects to be delivered across regional Australia, in a similar way to the Roads to Recovery Program.

On 22 May Council was advised that the Commonwealth Government was releasing a package under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program to enable local councils to deliver priority projects with a focus on local roads and community infrastructure upgrades and maintenance. The allocation for Eurobodalla is \$1,039,292.

This program must add to Council's existing works to help provide positive employment outcomes in regional areas such as Eurobodalla.

CONSIDERATIONS

This grant program provides Council with the opportunity to add to the existing programs adopted in the 2020-21 budget. The projects recommended align with existing strategies and

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plans and are able to be commenced quickly and completed within the 2020-21 financial year. The projects selected have a high local delivery content ensuring that most of the funds are recycled back through the Eurobodalla community.

The recommended projects include:

- i) Codys Bridge Larrys Mountain Road, Moruya - \$100,000

This timber bridge is in poor condition and needs to be replaced. This increased allocation will allow this timber bridge to be replaced as a concrete bridge significantly improving the resilience and load carrying capacity of this route as well as reducing the risk of catastrophic bridge failure. This removes the last timber bridge along this route improving evacuation options and access for first responders. This builds on lessons learnt from the 2019-20 bushfires where 18 timber bridges were destroyed or significantly damaged.

- ii) Beach Road Batemans Bay safety works - \$250,000

This work leverages existing grants and allows the road safety project in Batemans Bay to be fully completed.

- iii) Pathways - \$150,000

This allocation will allow priority projects from the Eurobodalla Pathways Strategy to be delivered. This allocation identifies the need and addresses the general requests raised through submissions to the 2020-21 Operational Plan. The proposed pathways include:

- Northcove Road Long Beach - \$35,000
- Surfside pathways - \$46,575
- Melaleuca Crescent Catalina (link to Muddy Puddles) - \$22,741
- Shore Street Moruya - \$25,000
- Corunna Street, Narooma (to childrens crossing at school) - \$20,684

- iv) Ridge Road Tilba - \$150,000

This will allow the works undertaken in 2019-20 to be sealed and an improved transition to be provided from the end of the new works through the next tight corner to improve road safety and amenity outcomes. Sealing this section of road is a commitment under the Section 94 Rural Roads Plan.

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- v) Nerrigundah Mountain Road - \$100,000

This section of unsealed road is proving difficult to maintain. It is proposed to seal this road through to the intersection of Cadgee Mountain Road where traffic then splits becoming more manageable.

- vi) Bill Smyth Oval, Narooma - \$289,292

This allocation will contribute to the achievement of Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2018 (ROSS) Action S3 and deliver a key action in the draft Narooma Sport and Leisure Precinct Plan of Management, by relocating the existing netball court to closer to the existing amenities building. Funding will complement the budget already allocated in 2020-21 to construct additional change rooms on to the amenities building to better cater for women in sport. The project will include construction of a fenced, lit, synthetic netball court and restoration of the previous court site as a green space including some revegetation and installation of signage recognising the adjoining Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Area.

Social Impact

The works proposed improve community safety, resilience and social outcomes.

Operational Plan 2020-21

The recommended projects align with the adopted 2020-21 Operations Plan:

- 1.3.2.2 Progress the implementation of the Recreation and open Space Strategy 2018
- 1.3.2.3 Build, renew, operate and maintain recreation and community facilities
- 7.1.1.1 Partner with peak bodies to advocate for improved and on-going funding programs for local transport infrastructure.
- 7.1.2.1 Provide a safe efficient and integrated transport network
- 7.2.1.1 Build, renew and maintain the pathway network
- 7.2.1.2 Leverage existing funding to accelerate expansion of the pathway network

Economic Development Employment Potential

This funding allows Council to deliver on community need and immediately employ local people and supplies to assist with local recovery.

Financial

These projects will be funded from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

CONCLUSION

Council has been offered \$1,039,292 in grant funding towards the upgrade to local roads and community infrastructure from the Commonwealth Government under their Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. This funding is administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development.

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The projects recommended in this report need to be adopted by Council prior to being submitted to the Commonwealth Government.

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Responsible Officer: Lindsay Usher - Director, Planning and Sustainability Services
Attachments: Nil
Outcome: Protected and Valued Natural Environment
Focus Area: 3.2 Value, protect and enhance our natural environment and assets
Delivery Program Link: 3.2.2 Work in partnership to provide natural resource management
Operational Plan Link: 3.2.2.2 Plan and implement environmental protection and restoration program

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on Council's Natural Resource Management (NRM) Bushfire Recovery and seeks Council endorsement for grants and the associated projects/works across the Eurobodalla totally over 1.8million dollars.

Approximately 80.7% of the Eurobodalla Shire has been impacted by bushfires having a devastating impact on flora and fauna. The impacts include: sediment and erosion; water quality effects; fisheries; oysters; wildlife management, recreational water use; and effects on tourism.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Receive and note the Natural Resource Management Bushfire Recovery Report.
2. Accept/acknowledge the following grant funding offers and support the projects associated with environmental bushfire recovery:
 - a) South East catchment and waterways bushfire recovery plan, funds of \$427,281 which is in partnership with Bega Valley Shire Council and Shoalhaven City Council
 - b) Eurobodalla coastal waterway bushfire impact mitigation funds of \$1,105,000
 - c) Protecting Pretty Point post fire project funds of \$14,500
 - d) Deua River Post fire regeneration project funds of \$14,900
 - e) Wildlife Relief Eurobodalla Stage 1 funds of \$49,000
 - f) Combating Priority Agricultural Weeds in the Eurobodalla Shire funds of \$249,988
 - g) Eurobodalla Landcare Managing Post Fire Weed Growth of \$7,000
 - h) Bushfire impact mitigation works at Broulee of \$15,000
3. Write to the Minister for Local Government, Shelley Hancock, thanking the NSW Government for grants a) and b) above.

BACKGROUND

As recorded by the National Bushfire Recovery Agency, approximately 80.7% of the Eurobodalla Shire has been impacted by bushfires since 26 November 2019.

- Eurobodalla Shire = 271,041ha burnt of the Shire's overall 343,035ha.

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- State Forest = 96,086ha burnt of State Forest's overall 106,176ha, which is 90.5%.
- National Park = 126,965ha burnt of National Park's overall 140,172ha, which is 90.6%.

The scale of the impact will require a cross-tenure, multi-agency response to ensure the targeted use of available resources on prioritised areas. Assessment of the environmental impacts, prioritisation of protection works and landscape scale restoration and ecological recovery following the 2019/2020 Eurobodalla bushfires and the latter flooding is required.

In addition, a consistent methodology for prioritisation should be developed to ensure that scientific rigour supports suitable work programs across the Eurobodalla. This will be catchment based and not restricted to the coast and estuarine environments

CONSIDERATIONS

The natural resource management response to the 2019/2020 bushfires includes a range of items and the following table presents a summary of considerations, impacts and associated stakeholders.

Consideration	Impacts	Stakeholders
Water Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estuarine • Catchments • Near shore oceanic • Algal blooms • Fish Kills 	<i>Dept Primary Industries (DPI)- Fisheries Dept Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) Oyster growers NSW Food Authority Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Water NSW Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) Council</i>
Soil and water management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation • Erosion control • Sedimentation • Ash • Paddock loss/deposition • Invasive species spread • Upstream management 	<i>National Parks Wildlife Service (NPWS) Forestry Corporation Local Land Service (LLS) LALCs Private landholders Adjoining councils Council</i>
Vegetation Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firebreaks, windrows • Roadside vegetation • Burnt trees • Use of green waste • Rootballs, logs • Revegetation priorities 	<i>LALCs Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) NPWS Forestry Corporation Crown Lands Private landholders Council</i>
Biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threatened Species • Endangered Ecological Communities • Impact Assessment • Wildlife 	<i>DPIE NPWS Forestry Corporation LALCs LLS</i>

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Consideration	Impacts	Stakeholders
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring Weeds and Feral animals 	<i>DPI Fisheries Crown Lands Council</i>
Environmental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stock burial - completed Asbestos – not house related On-site sewage management systems Recreational water quality Ash in water tanks advice, completed Waste, rubbish etc 	<i>Council Public Works Advisory EPA NSW Health LALCs</i>
Wildlife Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Euthanizing & burial -completed Rescue Rehabilitation Documentation/planning for future events 	<i>DPIE LALCs WIRES Mogo Zoo Council</i>
Environmental Recovery Programs/ Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehabilitation Communications Volunteerism 	<i>Council Landcare LLS DPI Fisheries NPWS Batemans Marine Park</i>

Table 1: Natural resource management considerations

The impacts of the bushfires on the environment have been catastrophic and future management of the landscape requires significant resources.

Legal

All project works are in accordance with legislation and approvals will be sought for those works that require them.

New activities undertaken on Council managed lands are subject to an internal approval process and reported to Council as required. The projects are assessed against a range of legislative requirements relevant to the various sections of Council.

Environmental

Council has been involved with environmental bushfire recovery efforts including but not restricted to:

- immediate sediment and erosion control at priority sites
- soil management associated with the Clyde River and funds from the South East Local Land Services and support from the Batemans Bay Local Aboriginal Land Council
- support to WIRES and animal welfare groups to assist wildlife post bushfires.
- establishment of vegetation monitoring sites to assess recovery
- invasive species (weeds) property checks on bushfire affected rural properties underway

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- water quality monitoring
- on-site sewage management system checks on bushfire affected properties
- liaising with stakeholders on identification of risks, joint projects, support mechanisms for the Eurobodalla and the south east region of NSW
- grant submissions and ongoing investigation for funding support
- communications and media stories on council environmental activities

Ongoing activities also include: support to Landcare volunteers; Marine Debris program; coast and estuary works; invasive species control; environmental education and advice to landholders and activities able to be undertaken with COVID-19 restrictions.

Following rainfall there has been a natural regeneration of the landscape and regrowth of forested areas. The restoration of ecosystems and natural areas will take significant resources and strategic and prioritised effort.

The following list provides advice of recent successful grants that will support bushfire recovery efforts for the environment and support our community.

a) *Project Title:* South East catchment and waterways bushfire recovery plan

Summary: In response to the 2019/2020 bushfires that have critically impacted communities and the environment, all south eastern NSW fire affected coastal council's, including Shoalhaven City Council, Eurobodalla Shire Council and Bega Valley Shire Council, have identified preparing a catchment and waterways bushfire recovery plan as an urgent priority.

The purpose of the project is to assess the extent of bushfire impacts on coastal catchments to identify ongoing priority threats, risks and management undertakings that will guide soil and water management actions. This project will involve quantifying changes to physical processes that have occurred as a result of the fires. This will influence the management of coastal catchments and waterways, enable preparation of a risk assessment to determine key threats and values that are impacting environmental, social and economic catchment and waterway values, and identifying and evaluating management options for each fire affected catchment. The rationale for evaluating post fire recovery actions will be clearly outlined to ensure that preferred management options are scientifically credible, and financially feasible and viable. The Plan will also develop a set of detailed action plans and maps for each council in the medium to long-term phase of the recovery. This includes prioritisation and costing of recovery measures.

Duration: Six months - May–December 2020

Funding: \$427,281

Funding body: NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Coastal and Estuary Grant Program for bushfire affected coastal waterways

b) *Project Title:* Eurobodalla coastal waterway bushfire impact mitigation project

Summary: The project involves implementing priority sediment and erosion control measures to minimise impacts to water quality and estuary health. Weed control and strategic revegetation will also be undertaken. Additional water quality sampling will occur and on-

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ground works will align with and support other council infrastructure works. Works will occur on private property and public land to maximise the benefits to water quality. There will be wide ranging environmental, social and economic benefits including the protection of drinking water supply, fisheries and oyster industries, recreation, tourism and the local economy. The works will be guided by the south east catchment and waterways bushfire recovery plan being developed as a separate project.

Duration: Three years - May 2020–February 2023

Funding: \$1,105,000

Funding body: NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Coastal and Estuary Grant Program for bushfire affected coastal waterways

c) *Project Title:* Protecting Pretty Point post fire

Summary: McKenzies Beach Landcare group has secured funds under this program to assist with weed control, revegetation and wildlife recovery post fire. Pretty Point Headland covers an area of 7.5ha and the entire headland was impacted by intense fire with no vegetation left unburnt and the likelihood of regeneration unlikely. Previously the site had contained old growth Bangalay Eucalypts and Coastal Banksia along with Black She-Oak, the predominant feed source for Glossy Black Cockatoos.

The funds are for materials including propagating equipment, nest boxes, plants and tree guards to replace vegetation that is unlikely to regenerate with emphasis on the feed trees that had provided food and habitat for native animals. The funds will be used to employ local contractors to assist with nest box installation and to conduct weed control across the site as post fire flora surveys have already indicated the emergence of many weed species including Morning Glory, Blackberry and Asparagus Fern.

Duration: Six months – completion end of September 2020

Funding: \$14,500

Funding Body: Landcare Australia

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d) *Project Title:* Deua River Post fire regeneration project

Summary: Deua Rivercare group has secured funds under this program to assist with erosion control along the Deua River after recent bushfires. The work site of over 420 hectares was severely impacted with a vegetation loss upwards of 80% in riparian areas. The funds are for materials to reduce the impacts of sediment transfer, installing jute mesh in priority areas identified as platypus habitat and to minimise erosion on this High Conservation Value Aquatic Ecosystem and for weed control. A workshop for Deua Valley residents will also be coordinated to assist with feral animal control including pigs, foxes and deer that threaten the recovery of wildlife.

Duration: Six months – completion end of September 2020

Funding: \$14,900

Funding Body: Landcare Australia

e) *Project Title:* Wildlife Relief Eurobodalla Stage 1

Summary: This funding will allow Council to continue to work with community groups to make and install nesting boxes in high priority locations in intact bush, closely located to burnt areas. They will be installed in Council managed reserves and with volunteer private properties in suitable locations. Nest boxes are being constructed by various community groups and are specific to a range of different impacted species.

Duration: Six months – completion end of September 2020

Funding: \$49,000

Funding Body: WIRES

f) *Project Title:* Combating Priority Agricultural Weeds in the Eurobodalla Shire

Summary: This project will target locally significant weeds that pose a high threat to agriculture. These weeds are all localised in their distribution, can be readily controlled and include Blackberry, Serrated Tussock, African Love Grass, Crofton Weed and Boxthorn with a focus on the Tuross and Buckenbowra River valleys, including Belowra, Cadgee, Nerrigundah, Buckenbowra and Runnyford. There is also scope to extend the works to cover all high priority weeds across the whole farm.

Weeds will be controlled with the landholder's consent using best practice techniques and undertaken during the most suitable time of year. Control work will include high and low volume spraying with herbicides, boom spraying, mechanical removal and some hand control, where applicable. All labour, equipment and other consumables will be sourced locally.

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This project will assist agricultural landholders, particularly those impacted by the drought and bushfires and will assist our community to reduce the impacts of pests and weeds consistent with the Australian Government's broader biosecurity objectives, increase farm business profitability and help stimulate our local economy.

Duration: 18 months - July 2020–December 2021

Funding: \$249,988

Funding Body: Australian Government, Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, Round 2 of Communities Combating Pest and Weed Impacts During Drought Program- Biosecurity Management of Pests and Weeds.

g). *Project Title:* Eurobodalla Landcare Managing Post Fire Weed Growth

Summary: This project will enable three Landcare groups - Surf Beach Landcare, Lilli Pilli/Malua Bay Landcare and Rosedale Landcare to conduct efficient post fire weed control and enhance the condition of 43 hectares of bush fire affected reserves.

The project will enable the purchase of backpack spray units and appropriate equipment so that volunteers are best enabled to conduct safe and efficient weed control. It will also allow the purchase of selective herbicide necessary for weed control.

Volunteers will be assisted by professional weed control contractors for hard to access weed infestations or for areas where works are out of volunteers' capacity. The project will also cover the provision of locally sourced and grown native tube stock to be planted by volunteers in areas of low natural regeneration, increasing plant diversity and providing feed for wildlife in severely fire affected reserves.

Duration: Six months June–October 2020

Funding: \$7,000

Funding Body: Australian Government Department of Industry Science Energy and Resources, Community Environment Program for Gilmore electorate

h) *Project Title:* Bushfire impact mitigation works at Broulee

Summary: Weed regrowth since the fires and installation of containment lines within the biocertification area are threatening the biodiversity recovery of the reserve. Funds will provide weed control throughout the burnt and cleared areas and strategic revegetation where clearing has occurred beyond the fire management zones.

Duration: 12 months, July 2020 – June 2021

Funding: \$15,000

Funding body: Biodiversity Conservation Trust, Conservation Partners Grants for bushfire impacted reserves.

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Further funding has been applied for and both the Australian and NSW Governments have announced additional funding programs. As these opportunities become available and where relevant, staff will apply or support communities, for additional grants.

Social Impact

The natural environment is highly valued by Eurobodalla residents and visitors. Interactions with the environment provide a significant benefit to people's wellbeing both mentally and physically. It is more critical now than ever to continue to protect, rehabilitate and improve the natural environment and respond to community concerns and expectations on these matters.

Economic Development Employment Potential

These new grant funded projects will assist Council to support local businesses utilising bushland management services, weed controllers, fencing contractors, local produce, hardware stores, earthwork machinery operators, printers, sign makers and caterers for community training events.

Projects also involve engagement of local indigenous teams through the relevant Local Aboriginal Land Councils where suitable.

The tourism and recreation industries are major contributors to the local economy and protecting our environmental assets are a priority to ensure a prosperous economy that supports much of our community.

Financial

The projects provide significant funds to undertake natural resource management post bush fire. Project officers and contractors will be engaged to deliver the outcomes.

In-kind contributions are from Council staff, Landcare volunteers, landholders and other agencies.

Project	Comment	Grant	Start	End
South East Catchment and Waterways Bushfire Recovery Plan	Joint project with Bega Valley Shire and Shoalhaven City Council. ESC component = \$147,427	\$427,281	May 2020	December 2020
Eurobodalla Coastal Waterway Bushfire Impact Mitigation Project	Three year project to assist with implementing works identified in the Recovery Plans	\$1,105,000	May 2020	February 2023
Protecting Pretty Point Post Fire	Landcare	\$14,500	March 2020	September 2020
Deua River Post Fire Regeneration Project	Landcare	\$14,900	March 2020	September 2020
Wildlife Relief Eurobodalla Stage 1	WIRES	\$49,000	March 2020	September 2020

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Project	Comment	Grant	Start	End
Combating Priority Agricultural Weeds in the Eurobodalla Shire	18 month project	\$249,988	1 June 2020	30 June 2021
Eurobodalla Landcare Managing Post Fire Weed Growth	Landcare	\$7,000	1 June 2020	30 Oct 2020
Bushfire impact mitigation works at Broulee	12 month project Biodiversity Conservation Trust, Conservation Partners Grant	\$15,000	July 2020	June 2021
TOTAL		\$1,882,669		

Table 2. Bushfire recovery grant funded projects

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Project development and submissions have been undertaken in response to the bushfire impacts and in accordance with grant criteria. Consultation has already commenced with NSW Government Agencies and Shoalhaven City and Bega Shire councils, and will continue for the South East catchment and waterways bushfire recovery plan. It is proposed to establish both internal and external project management groups to ensure consistency and that the priorities of each agency are considered.

Project works on private lands are on a voluntary basis and conducted with the consent and involvement of the landowner.

The broader community is informed of project works by newspaper, radio, letter or in person depending on the nature of the works program and the community interaction required at each locality.

New project applications and grant announcements are also provided in councillors' newsletters.

Officers must consider COVID-19 restrictions in undertaking community consultation and for on-ground works.

CONCLUSION

Council has been successful in securing NSW and Australian Government, Landcare and WIRES funding to assist in bushfire recovery activities.

These funds will assist in rehabilitation and restoration works inclusive of: soil, water, wildlife, vegetation, invasive species management; improve water quality; environmental health; and biodiversity. The bushfires have had a devastating effect on the environment and we have seen significant regrowth of our forests following the rainfall in February and March. It will be many years before full recovery but these funds will go in part, to assisting with the works required to assist our environment and our community in recovery.

IR20/009 LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE NO 9 FOR 2019-20

S030-T00018

Responsible Officer: Warren Sharpe OAM - Director Infrastructure Services
Attachments: Nil
Outcome: 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: 7.1.2.5 Coordinate the Local Traffic Committee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Traffic Committee is primarily a technical review committee. It advises Council on traffic control matters that relate to prescribed traffic control devices or traffic control facilities for which Council has delegated authority.

The minutes of the Eurobodalla Local Traffic Committee meeting are included in this report for review. The main issues covered at the Eurobodalla Local Traffic Committee meeting, held 4 June 2020, are as follows:

- Signage and Line marking – ‘No Stopping’ on Costin Street, Narooma
- Special Event Application – Narooma Forest Rally.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The minutes of the Eurobodalla Local Traffic Committee Meeting No 8 for 2019-20 be received and noted.
2. Council Plan No. 5156 Set BB Sheet 21 detailing the ‘No Stopping’ signage and BB centre-line on Costin Street, Narooma be approved.

BACKGROUND

The Eurobodalla Local Traffic Committee Meeting No 9 for 2019-20 was held on 4 June 2020. The meeting was attended by Councillor Anthony Mayne (Chair), Jesse Fogg (Transport for NSW, RMS), Michael Travers (Transport for NSW, RMS), Danielle Brice (representative for the Hon Andrew Constance MP), Dave Hunter (Traffic Coordinator), and Matt Cormick (minute taker).

APOLOGIES

Sergeant Angus Duncombe/Senior Constable Scott Britt (NSW Police) and Kate McDougall (Road Safety Officer).

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DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Eurobodalla Local Traffic Committee Meeting No 8 for 2018-19 held on 7 May 2020 were confirmed and accepted.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil.

ROAD TRANSPORT (SAFETY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) ACT FOR DETERMINATION

2020.RT.019 Signage and Line marking – ‘No Stopping’ on Costin Street, Narooma

In the period December 2019 to March 2020, three customers raised concerns that since Woolworths expanded their shop in Narooma Plaza in mid-2019, the increase in traffic and parking on Costin Street Narooma presents a road safety risk.

The road safety concerns are that the Woolworths development has caused a significant increase in traffic, with many vehicles parking parallel on Costin Street, between the Princes Highway and Loader Parade.

A review of the situation was undertaken starting in February 2020. On the two occasions the site was inspected around 11am on weekdays:

- Vehicles were observed parked along the street predominantly on the northern side adjoining Woolworths
- It appears there is a significant increase in traffic generated by Woolworths’ expansion
- Most parking spaces on the northern side adjacent to Woolworths were occupied
- Several vehicles were observed undertaking ‘U’ Turns or three-point turns, starting on the northern side and sometimes using driveways on the southern side to turn back to Princes Highway.

Main risks identified are:

- The road in the section adjoining Woolworths is 9.6m wide with upright kerb on both sides. This road width makes it difficult for through traffic to pass when vehicles are parked on both sides of the road.
- Some drivers leaving the northern kerb undertake ‘U’ turns or use various driveways on the southern side to turn back to Princes Highway. A crest at the western end, about 90 metres from the Princes Highway causes limited sight distance to these vehicles from other vehicles travelling east.

On 9 April 2020, twenty-one letters seeking feedback on regulatory parking options were distributed to all residential owners and occupiers within the western section of Costin Street, from the Princes Highway through to the intersection of Costin Street and Loader Parade.

Two options were canvassed to install regulatory ‘No Parking’ signs on either the northern (Woolworths) side of the road or on the southern side.

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Both options also included a proposal to install regulatory 'No Stopping' signs on the western (Princes Highway end) for 70 metres and on the eastern end at Loader Parade corner.

Council Plan No. 5156 Set BB sheets 19 to 21 detailing the parking options was reviewed by the Committee.

Eight feedback replies were received and there was little support for either of the 'No Parking' options.

The Committee agreed to only install 'No Stopping' signs on the western (Princes Highway) end for 70 metres and on the eastern end at Loader Parade corner. The purpose of this signage is to reduce the risk to all road users when heavy vehicles undertake deliveries to Woolworths.

Additionally, the Committee agreed to extend the 'No Stopping' signage an additional 20 metres east over the crest and to install a 'No U Turn' sign and double barrier centre line at the crest.

Recommendation:

That Council Plan No. 5156 Set BB Sheet 21 detailing the 'No Stopping' and 'No U Turn' signage and BB centre line on Costin Street, Narooma be approved.

INFORMAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2020.SE.008 Special Event Application - Narooma Forest Rally

A special event application has been received for the Narooma Forest Rally car rally to be conducted within state forests to the west of Narooma on Saturday 1 August 2020.

This proposed car rally has been conducted successfully in previous years. The service area will be located at Nata Oval with the Headquarters and Finish at Bill Smyth Oval. No special traffic management arrangement is required in this area.

The Event Management and Traffic Management Plan was reviewed by the Committee.

No Council public roads are proposed to be closed. The competition sections of the rally are to be solely on State Forest roads and as such do not require approval from the Committee.

The Committee agreed to advise the applicant that, in consideration of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the relevant NSW Government laws and guidelines current at the time of the rally should be reviewed to determine if it will take place, be postponed or cancelled.

Recommendation:

That the Narooma Forest Rally to be held on Saturday 1 August 2020, to be conducted on State Forest roads, based upon the submitted Traffic Management Plan is noted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

No general business matters were discussed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Eurobodalla Local Traffic Committee will be held on Thursday 2 July 2020 in Council's Committee Room commencing at 9am.

**CCS20/026 LAND ACQUISITION FOR ROAD WIDENING - SOUTH HEAD
ROAD MORUYA**

S023-T00001

Responsible Officer: Amanda Jones - Acting Director Corporate and Commercial Services

Attachments: 1. Confidential - Land owner details Lot 86 DP752151

Outcome: 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: 9.2.2.2 Facilitate property sales and development

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has begun construction on the next section of the South Head Road shared pathway. This section of the pathway will be approximately 400 metres long, running west from the intersection of South Head Road and Congo Road, Moruya.

To accommodate the pathway, Council proposes to acquire approximately 0.064 hectares of Lot 86 DP 752151 to be dedicated as public road. The landowners of Lot 86 have consented in writing to the acquisition. Landowner details are listed on the confidential attachment.

All survey and legal costs associated with the land acquisition will be borne by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. All actions necessary be taken for the acquisition of land required for road widening within Lot 86 DP 752151 in accordance with Council's *Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy*.
2. Compensation for the land be determined following a valuation by a registered valuer.
3. All survey and legal costs associated with the land acquisition be borne by Council.
4. Once acquired, the land be dedicated as public road in accordance with the provisions of the *Roads Act 1993*.
5. Authority be given to affix the Common Seal of Council to the necessary documentation associated with the acquisition.

BACKGROUND

The shared pathway project from the Princes Highway and South Head Road intersection to the beach at Moruya Heads has been constructed in sections over numerous years dependent on funding and resources.

The next section of the pathway to be constructed is approximately 400 metres west from the intersection of South Head Road and Congo Road, Moruya. The proposed works necessitate acquisition of land of approximately 0.064 hectares for road widening. Following acquisition, the land will be transferred to Council and gazetted as public road.

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ROAD MORUYA**

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CONSIDERATIONS

A sketch of the area is shown below.



Lot 86 DP 752151 – South Head Road, Moruya

Legal

The acquisition of the land for road widening is necessary to finalise the construction of the next section of the shared pathway along South Head Road Moruya.

A plan of subdivision will be required to be prepared and lodged at the NSW Land Registry Services and the road widening section dedicated as public road.

Policy

The acquisition of land for road widening is in accordance with Council's *Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy*.

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<http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/council/council-policies/policies/Land-Acquisition-and-Disposal-Policy.pdf>

Asset

Extension of the shared pathway is a great benefit to the community.

Social Impact

The extension of the shared pathway will provide a safe route for bicycle riders and pedestrians along South Head Road.

Financial

Compensation will be determined following a valuation by a Registered Valuer in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms) Compensation Act 1991*.

Together with compensation, Council will be responsible for costs associated with the acquisition including survey and legal fees and the registered proprietors' reasonable legal costs.

This project is being funded by Transport for NSW under the Active Transport Program.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

The landowners of the property have been consulted and have consented to the proposed acquisition in writing.

CONCLUSION

Council is working on the next section of the South Head Road shared pathway running west from the intersection of South Head Road and Congo Road, Moruya.

The proposed works necessitate the acquisition of part of Lot 86 DP 752151 for road widening which should be acquired in accordance with Council's Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy.

The landowners of Lot 86 DP 752151 have agreed to the acquisition.

DR20/001 2020 NSW LOCAL ROADS CONFERENCE

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Responsible Officer: Councillors Phil Constable and Lindsay Brown

Attachments: 1. 2020 Local Roads Conference Program
2. 2020 Local Roads Conference Communique
3. 2020 Local Roads Conference Presentation - Warren Sharpe

Outcome: 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 2020 NSW Local Roads Conference and recommends that Council promote the outcomes from the Communique.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. The Delegate Report on the 2020 NSW Local Roads Conference be received and noted.
2. Eurobodalla Shire Council formally endorse the Conference Communique.
3. Council write to the following members highlighting the issues raised at the 2020 NSW Local Roads Conference and seeking their support:
 - a. The Hon Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure 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 LG
 - e. Mrs Fiona Phillips MP, Member for Gilmore
 - f. The Member for Eden-Monaro (by-election pending)
 - g. The Hon Michael McCormack MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development.
4. The key findings of the 2020 NSW Local Roads Conference 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 2020 NSW Local Roads Conference as a virtual conference this year, with sessions on Monday 1 June 2020 and Monday 15 June 2020.

The Conference 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 theme for this year's event was '*Connecting the Dots*' – the connections being Emergency Management, Management of Assets, Road Safety, and Resources – strategic areas which are interrelated and of primary importance to local government. Councillors Lindsay Brown and Phil Constable represented Council at the virtual Conference.

Council's Director of Infrastructure Services, Warren Sharpe OAM, also participated. He is the current President of IPWEA NSW and also sits on the NSW Roads & Transport Directorate Executive Management Committee.

CONSIDERATIONS

The NSW Roads Conference 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 solutions and advocate for additional road funding, as well as hearing the latest developments and issues in roads and transport. The conference program is attached.

IPWEA NSW President and Eurobodalla Shire Council Director Infrastructure Services Warren Sharpe OAM welcomed participants to the conference. Linda Scott President of LGNSW outlined the advocacy work undertaken in partnership with IPWEA NSW and on behalf of member Councils.

The keynote address was delivered by the Hon Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure. Minister Constance recognised the work undertaken by IPWEA NSW in their evidenced based advocacy to Government to secure programs such as Fixing Local Roads and Fixing Local Bridges. The Minister also recognised Eurobodalla Shire Council for its leadership during the recent 2019-20 bushfire response.

Day 1 focused on road safety and included a virtual panel discussion. This was followed by a Q & A session titled '*Connecting the National Road Safety Strategy with Council Strategies*' hosted by Mayor David O'Loughlin, President of the Australian Local Government Association.

On Day 2 The Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, delivered the keynote address, outlining the NSW Government's various funding programs and the current review of regional roads.

Shadow Minister for Industry and Trade, Rural Roads, Rural Affairs and Western NSW The Hon Mick Veitch MLC outlined their advocacy to hold the NSW Government to account on the election funding commitments and the registration of Engineers in New South Wales to restore consumer confidence.

Council's Director Infrastructure Services Warren Sharpe OAM delivered a presentation titled '*Eurobodalla 2019-20 Bushfire Response – Lessons for a More Resilient Future*' which focused on the impact of the bushfires on Eurobodalla's community and public infrastructure, and provided recommendations for changes to emergency management to improve resilience to future natural disasters. This presentation is attached.

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

The 2020 Local Roads Conference and Communique focuses on:

- Road Funding
- Road Safety
- NSW Road Classification Review
- Disaster 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. This includes the need for Governments to bring forward infrastructure funding to local Councils to:

- Boost local employment in the regions
- Deliver road safety and transport outcomes
- Aid economic recovery post drought, bushfires, floods and COVID-19.

The Conference Communique has already been provided to the Australian Local Government Association by IPWEA NSW.

New South Wales delegates will put forward the NSW Communique at the National Local Roads and Transport Congress in Hobart, in November 2020 this year.

The Communique outcomes will also be discussed with the South East Australian Transport Strategy Inc at their next meeting to be hosted by Wellington Shire Council, Victoria, on 13-14 August 2020.

CONCLUSION

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

The matters raised are particularly relevant to the current context following the 2019-20 bushfires, February 2020 flood and COVID-19 impacts on the community and economy.

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



2020 Virtual NSW Local Roads Conference
Connecting the Dots: Providing Safe and Reliable Road and Transport
Infrastructure to the Community

DAY ONE – Monday 1st June 2020 Saving Lives on Local Roads	
9:30am	Welcome/Housekeeping Items Moderator
9:30am – 9:40am	Welcome Warren Sharpe OAM, President IPWEA (NSW)
9:40am – 10:00am	Opening + Q&A (5 minutes) Cr Linda Scott, President of Local Government NSW
10:00am – 10:20am	Keynote Address + Q&A (5 minutes) The Hon. Andrew Constance, MP, Minister for Transport and Road
10:20am – 10:35am	Road Safety Statistics for Local Roads Adam Mularczyk, IPWEA Road Safety Panel
10:35am – 10.55am	Benefits of Route-based Safety Assessments Rob McInerney, Chief Executive Officer, iRAP
10.55am – 11:15am	Funding Mechanism for Road Safety on Local Roads Bernard Carlon, Centre for Road Safety, Transport for NSW
11:15am – 11:30am	BREAK
11:30am – 12:10pm	Panel Discussion Adam Mularczyk, IPWEA Road Safety Panel Rob McInerney, Chief Executive Officer, iRAP Melvin Eveleigh, Transport for NSW
12:10pm – 12:30pm	Connecting the National Road Safety Strategy with Council Strategies + Q&A (5 minutes) Mayor David O'Loughlin, President of The Australian Local Government Association
12:30pm	Event Wrap Up Moderator

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DAY TWO – Monday 15th June 2020	
Addressing Future Infrastructure Needs of Local Communities	
9:30am	Welcome/Housekeeping Items Moderator
9:30am – 9:40am	Welcome Warren Sharpe OAM, President IPWEA (NSW)
9:40am – 10:00am	Opening + Q&A (5 minutes) The Hon. Mick Veitch, MLC, Shadow Minister for Rural Roads
10:00am – 10:20am	Keynote Address + Q&A (5 minutes) The Hon. Paul Toole, MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads
10:20am – 10:40am	Disaster Recovery Warren Sharpe OAM, Director, Infrastructure Services, Eurobodalla Shire Council
10:40am – 10.55am	Benchmark Report (Roads and Bridges), Attracted Funding >\$1B to Date Jeff Roorda, G7 Asset Management
10.55am – 11:15am	Road Classification Review Wendy Machin, Chair Regional Road Transfer and NSW Road Classification Review Panel
11:15am – 11:30am	BREAK
11:30am – 12:10pm	Panel Discussion Warren Sharpe OAM, Director, Infrastructure Services, Eurobodalla Shire Council Jeff Roorda, G7 Asset Management Wendy Machin, Chair Regional Road Transfer and NSW Road Classification Review Panel
12:10pm – 12:30pm	Future Direction and Projects RTD, Wrap-up, Communique Garry Hemsworth, IPWEA NSW Board Member Arjan Rensen, Manager Road and Transport Directorate
12:30pm	Event Wrap Up Moderator

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Conference 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), in holding the 2020 Local Roads Conference, resolved to announce the following communiqué.

The Conference 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 facing unprecedented challenges. While already struggling to keep up with an increasing infrastructure maintenance backlog it is now dealing with the aftermath of bushfires, an ongoing drought and COVID-19.

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. The conference urges Governments to work with Local Government to build a new resilient future for NSW communities.

The Conference calls for continued action from all levels of Government to use 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. Of the 350 lives lost on NSW roads each year, 175 lives are lost on local and regional roads.

The Conference 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 Conference supports the initiative of Transport for NSW and IPWEA NSW to implement a network based safe systems approach to improving road safety across the local road network.

The NSW and Australian Governments are urged to accelerate delivery of Black Spot Programs, Saving Lives on Country Roads, Fixing Local Roads and Fixing Local Bridges programs to allow implementation of a safe systems approach across local roads to drive road trauma downward. Acceleration of this funding will also help Local Government drive locally led economic recovery across NSW and provide for a more resilience future for NSW communities.



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The development of Safe Systems based approaches provides Councils with the opportunity to integrate road safety into the Local Government Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework as part of their suite of strategic planning tools. The Conference urges all Councils to take advantage of the subsidised training in the preparation of voluntary road safety strategic plans provided by IPWEA NSW in partnership with Transport for NSW, and actively utilise this training in managing their local road networks.

The Conference 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. The Conference urges all Councils to take advantage of the continued training provided to conduct road safety audits by IPWEA NSW.

The on-going Road Safety Officer Program is supported and plays a critical role in educating local communities to reduce road related trauma.

Local Government is urged to include high level road safety actions within the adopted Council Delivery Program and Operational Plans and measure performance against those objectives.

However, if councils are to play a greater role in reducing the road toll, greater funding and resourcing will be necessary to achieve this. Clarification of legal roles and responsibilities for Councils as Road Authorities should be undertaken in the context of existing legislation and equitable and sustainable funding model.

The conference recognises that driver distraction and speeding remain significant contributing factors in road crashes. The conference supports the current enforcement to prevent the use of mobile phones while driving and can see the potential value that average speed point-to-point speed cameras offer for all road users, not just for heavy vehicle speed enforcement.

NSW Road Classification Review

The Conference appreciates the update on the progress on the road reclassification review and the transfer of up to 15,000 kilometres of regional roads to the State.

However, following recent media reports highlighting potential funding, LGNSW and IPWEA NSW call on the NSW Government to formally allocate the funding for this transfer in the upcoming budget and provide clear timeline for the transfer. This is an important election commitment and one we warmly welcomed as it will reduce the financial burden on councils and will allow them to redirect additional resources into maintaining the local road network.



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Combining the transfer of regional roads with the Classification Review will ensure equity and transparency in all changes and support the development of an integrated road transport network.

An Independent Panel has been established to make recommendations for consideration by the NSW Government and will commence consultation with local government, LGNSW and IPWEA NSW.

The Conference calls for further extensive engagement with LGNSW, Councils and IPWEA NSW to review the regional roads discussions papers 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 Conference 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 increase level of funding.
- Councils are able to retain the work on roads transferred to the State through Road Maintenance Council Contracts (RMCC) style contract.
- Transport for NSW provides adequate funding to IPWEA NSW to provide the training required to build capacity of the Local Government sector in RMCC contract delivery.
- any change in arrangements do not adversely impact other grants provided to Councils for local and any retained regional roads (eg FAGS 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 Conference 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.

Funding levels to maintain local government road assets

The Directorate started in 2006 to investigate the funding gap to satisfactorily maintain the local government road and bridge network in a satisfactory condition. The road asset benchmarking reports have been instrumental to assist NSW Councils to secure in excess of \$500M for Fixing Local Roads and \$500M for Fixing Country Bridges.

The evidence collected by the Benchmarking project suggests that investment in asset management capacity and attention to asset management planning and reporting has improved



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the sustainability of most NSW local councils. Road and bridge funding levels have increased. However, the current funding arrangements are inadequate to deliver safe, efficient and resilient road and bridge infrastructure to the community on an on-going basis into the future and are not sufficient to boost heavy vehicle access and thus economic productivity.

The 2019 Benchmarking reports have identified the need for ongoing focus on and funding for asset management capacity building, through formal training and opportunities for graduate rotation programs and cadetships.

The increasing severity of natural disasters and condition of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) require a higher level of asset management reporting on road condition and function. Councils will need additional engineering expertise and financial support to achieve this.

The Conference acknowledges the investment of an additional \$500M by the Australian Government through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and urges Councils to:

- focus this funding on addressing the fundamental local road transport needs as part of the locally led economic recovery.
- ensure the expenditure of these funds within the 2020-21 financial year to re-affirm the agility of Local Government as a direct partner with the Australian Government.

The Conference also acknowledge the \$1.2B investment by the Australian Government to spend on local infrastructure priorities, drought and bushfire relief.

The Conference urges the NSW Government to accelerate the roll-out of the \$500M Local Roads Program and the \$500M Local Bridges Program.

The Conference also urges the NSW Government to bring forward the announcement of grants for the 2021-22 to not later than 31 December 2020 to enable Councils to plan for the delivery of the works within that financial year.

Disaster recovery

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



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Damaged highways and local transport links will need to rebuild so that they are more resilient to natural disasters. Improved resilience of the road network will improve 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.

Local government has responded to the NSW Independent Bushfire Inquiry and Commonwealth Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements and has suggested changes to the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) disaster funding arrangements.

The Roads and Transport Directorate will work with Councils to capture lessons learned from the current recovery efforts and suggest improvements in current work processes to the NSW Independent Bushfire Inquiry and Commonwealth Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements.

There are potential synergies between improving road safety on local and regional roads and improving resilience to natural disasters.

The Conference also note the high cost of NSW Government emergency services arrangement to Local Government and the adverse impact this is having on Council's ability to provide core Local Government services to NSW communities.



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

NSW Local Government

The Conference calls on Councils in NSW to:

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

Continue to improve asset management performance by:

- using the findings of the report to advise Council and local communities on the funding, performance and conditions of local assets.
- continuing to work with the Office of Local Government and the NSW Auditor General to improve the transparency and consistency of infrastructure measures within the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework.
- incorporation of Safe Systems approaches 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.
- using the findings of the benchmarking report to advise Council and local communities on the local funding, performance and conditions compared to the State and Regional averages.



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NSW Government

The Conference calls on the NSW Government to:

Develop a sustainable funding model for Local Government in NSW

This will include implementation of a system to:

- work with the Australian Government to fully fund the \$3 billion annual Road Safety Fund recommended by the Inquiry into the National Road Safety Strategy. A fund of this size could help resource councils to contribute to other aspects of the Safe Systems approach beyond the Safer Roads component.
- review existing funding programs to give consideration of improving community resilience
- optimise application processes for project funding to reduce the administration burden on local government.
- support cadetships and graduate rotation programs for civil engineering across all government projects, in order to ensure the long-term workforce capabilities, especially in rural and regional areas.
- increase the existing Regional Road Block Grant allocations to reflect increases in the construction cost index which is well above CPI.
- support Councils with funding and resourcing to help equip them to address the road safety challenge on local roads.
- support Local Government in the development of skills and ability to undertake contract road services for TfNSW under Road Maintenance Council Contract arrangements.
- consult with Local Government to identify and fund regional freight routes.
- improve systems for the sharing of data in a timely way regarding crashes and road closures.
- remove the requirement for Local Government to contribute funding to emergency services.
- 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.
- further review the natural disaster relief funding arrangements to Local Government in NSW.



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Australian Government

The Conference 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:

- reviewing the formula for the distribution of identified roads grants, and end cost-shifting by state governments.
- increasing funding for 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, for instance to manage the impact of the introduction of alternate powered vehicles and to maximise the safety benefits of driving aids currently available in vehicles to save lives on our roads.

Australian Local Government Association

The NSW Conference seeks the support of ALGA to deliver the NSW Roads Conference outcomes.

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Eurobodalla 2019-20 bushfire response

Lessons for a more resilient future

Warren Sharpe OAM
Director Infrastructure Services
Local Emergency Management Officer

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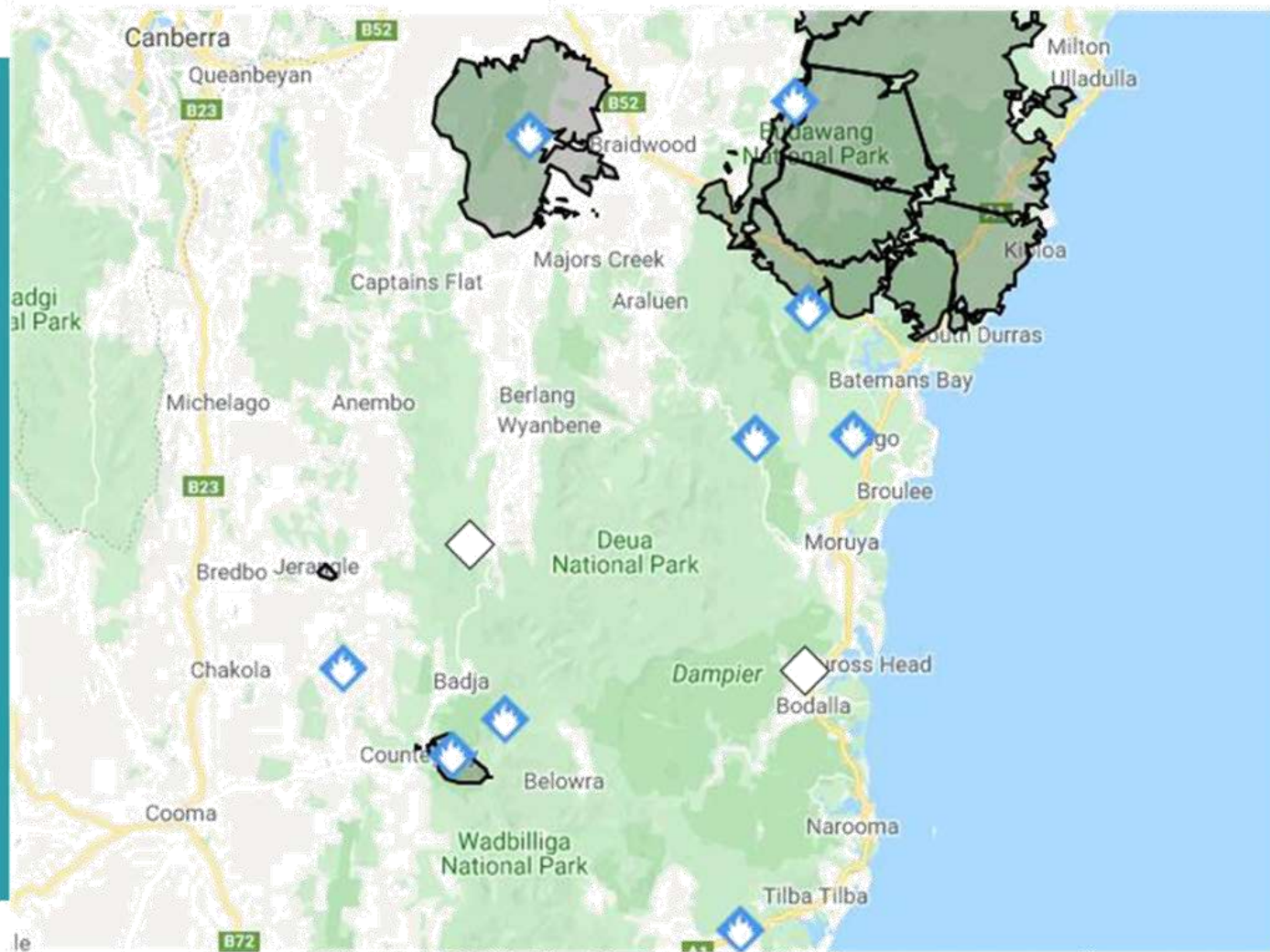
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Typical line scan of the Currawan fire 27 December 2019 - Kings Highway

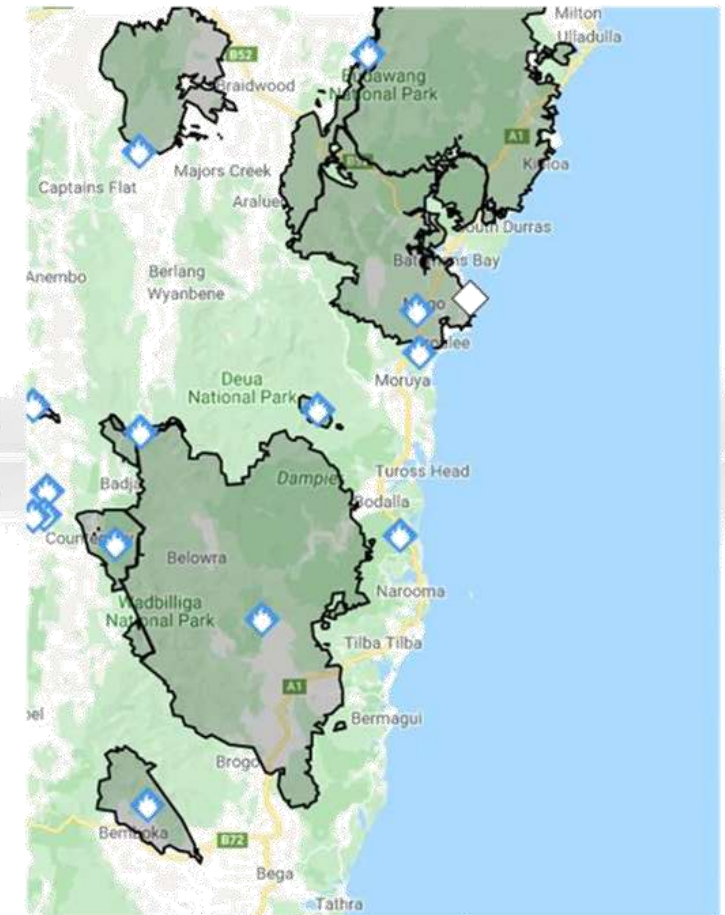
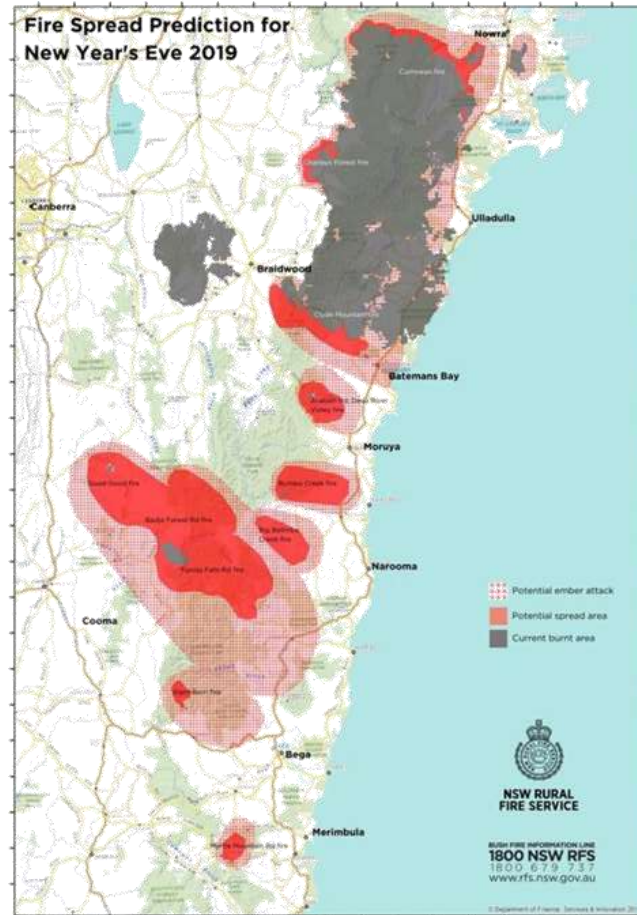
Eurobodalla 2019-20 bushfires 31 December 2019

RFS Fire Prediction Map issued on the night of 30 December 2019

Badja firestorm raced over 50km overnight and devastating Belowra, Nerrigundah, Quaama and Cobargo

Clyde Mountain and Araluen fires joined together and raced 40km to the coast, devastating rural and the most populated areas of Batemans Bay-Rosedale and Mogo

Section 44 fire disaster declaration in place since Currawan fire extended



Predicted fire spread in solid red, potential for embers red hatched vs actual Fires Near Me plot after

31 December 2019 – Moruya looking north



31 December 2019 looking to Batemans Bay & at Rosedale Beach



Eurobodalla 31 December 2019

Line scan taken 9.55am

The firestorm races to the coast between Batemans Bay and Broulee destroying homes, businesses, agricultural lands and the environment

Thousands huddle on the beaches at Malua Bay, Batehaven and at Hanging Rock Batemans Bay

Majority of South Rosedale and Guerilla Bay are saved by a timely southerly wind change

Mogo Zoo survives



Impact of 2019-20
Eurobodalla
bushfires looking
south west from
Batemans Bay



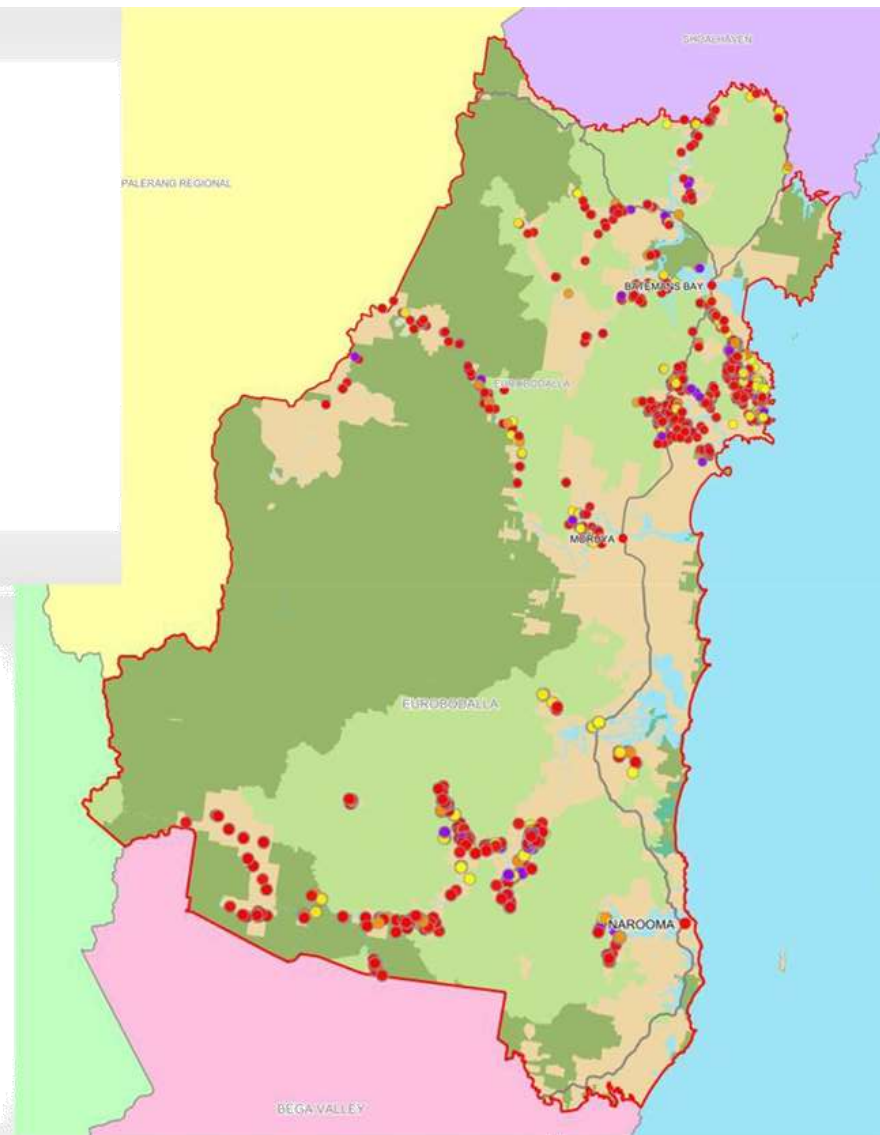
Eurobodalla fires 2019-20

Eurobodalla fires 26 November 2019 to 4
March 2020 – 100 days

3 people killed
501 homes destroyed, 274 damaged
80 commercial/other destroyed, 36
damaged
859 outbuildings destroyed, 297 damaged

80% of Eurobodalla LGA burnt
>20% of home losses in NSW

NSW
2,475 homes destroyed, 1034 damaged
284 commercial destroyed, 196 damaged
5,556 outbuildings destroyed, 2105
damaged



Impact of 2019-20
Eurobodalla
bushfires
looking north along
the Princes
Highway Mogo
CBD (March 2020)



Impact of
2019-20
Eurobodalla
bushfires
looking back to
North Rosedale
village (March
2020)



Eurobodalla fires 2019-20

- 3 rural landowners killed
- Homes, sheds and equipment lost
- Thousands of livestock destroyed
- Pastures burnt to bare dirt
- Over 3,400km of fences impacted
- Massive impact on fauna and flora
- Massive community trauma



Eurobodalla fires 2019-20

490km of fire impacted Council roads

18 Council bridges destroyed or damaged

Princes Highway and Kings Highways closed for extended periods

10's of thousands of trees removed to make roads and reserves safe

Botanic gardens, SES and RFS buildings destroyed/damaged

Water, sewer and waste infrastructure damaged

Approximately \$15m in response, clean-up and infrastructure rebuilding



Eurobodalla fires 2019-20

Major interruptions and damage to
telecommunication and power
supply

Photo – Mt Wandera main
telecommunications tower May
2020

\$100Ms economic impact, then a
flood, now COVID-19



Eurobodalla fires 2019-20 response

Highway traffic management and tree work

Evacuating 10,000s of people within 48 hours with no highways, no power, no fuel

Wiring three service stations to provide fuel for evacuation and fire fighting

Restoring alternate highway access George Bass Drive

Restoring local road access – thousands of trees & debris removed & bridge side tracks built and temporary bridge repairs

Securing/delivering 120,000L of diesel for fire fighting, hospitals, telecommunications, water, sewer, EOC, Ccl office, evacuation centres

Getting drinking water and food to isolated people

Operating an entire water supply and sewage system without power & succeeding

EOC communications and public face of Council

Manned IMT, EOC, evacuation centres and provided the Council interface

Adapt



Invent



Overcome



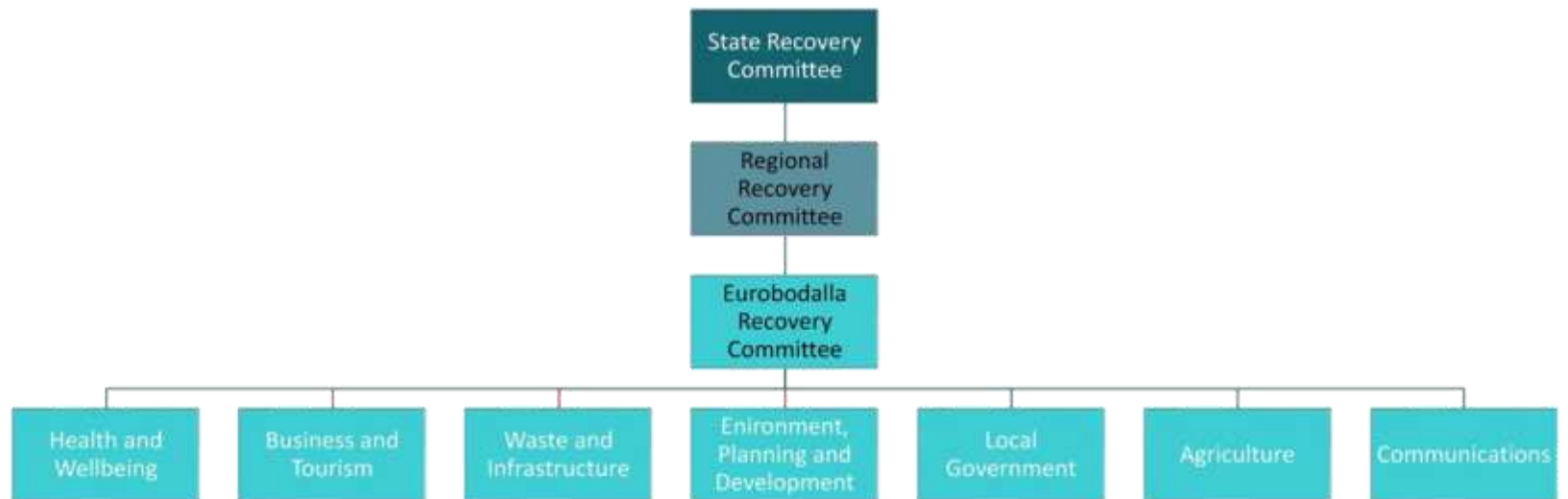
Australia – the land of drought, fire and flood, and now COVID-19
10 February 2020 flood Nerrigundah & Belowra



Response -> Recovery



Eurobodalla Recovery



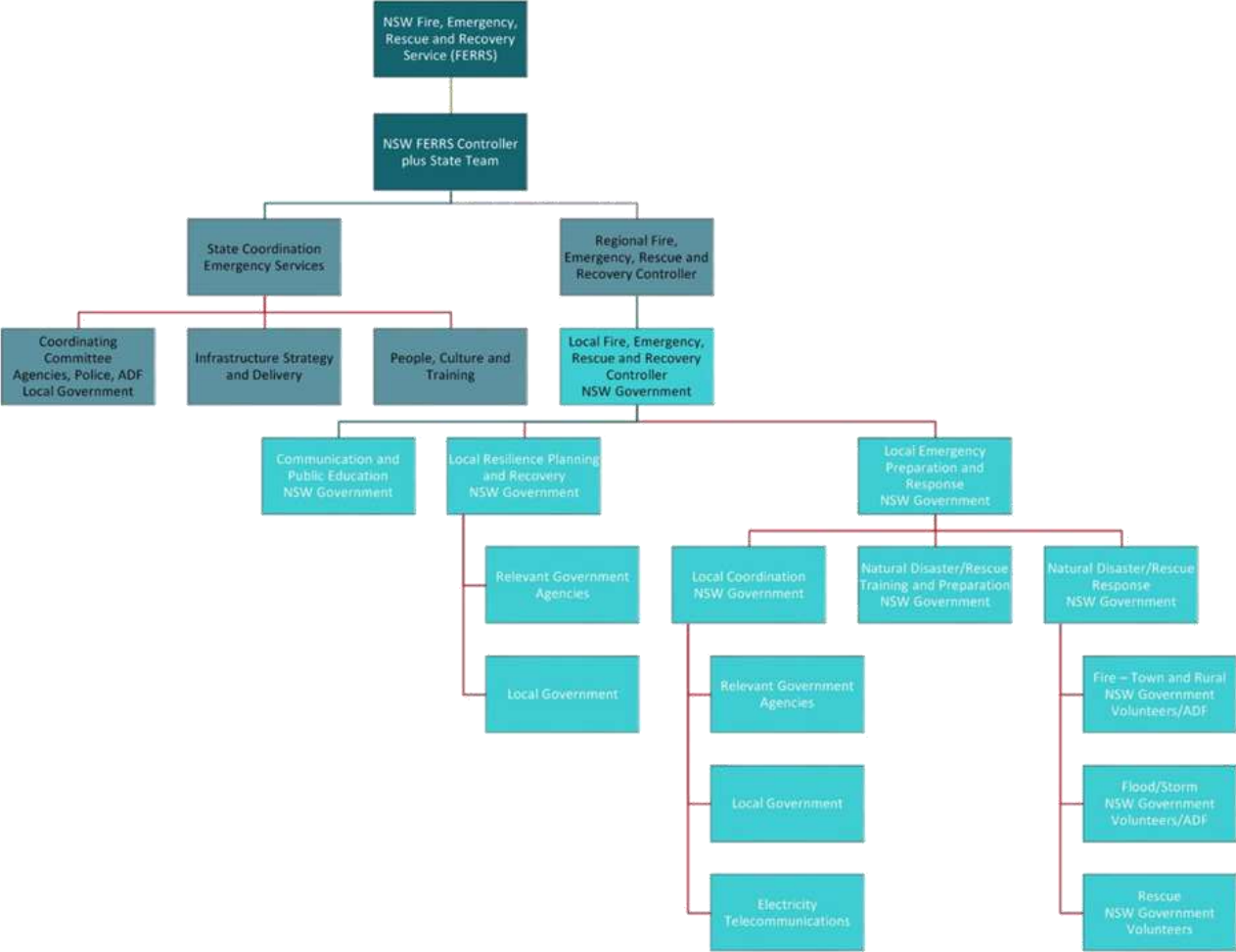


Future
Recommended
Changes to
Emergency
Management &
Resilience

- Reform Emergency Management in NSW creating a **single emergency service organisation with a local presence across NSW** to plan, prepare, respond and lead recovery – re-write the SERM Act 1989
- **Move all Emergency Services personnel and infrastructure to the NSW Government ownership**, fully funded by the NSW & Australian Governments
- Provide a **full-time professional Local Emergency Controller in each LGA imbedded in a new NSW Government emergency services agency** (not Local Government)
- Preparation, education and provision of information to remain the responsibility of the emergency services combat agency
- Improved infrastructure, training and support for our amazing Emergency Service volunteers including building the Eurobodalla Regional Integrated Emergency Services Precinct
- Local Government to remain a key player as a service provider (similar to Transport for NSW, Essential Energy), and with an active seat at the table for planning, preparation, response and recovery for Natural Disasters & Emergencies (as a member rather than the chair or lead)
- **Refine the Natural Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements** to lower the upfront costs to regional Councils to opt-in to the day labour, and provide for improved resilience and betterment
- Australian Government to fully fund a major upgrades to telecommunications resilience
- Australian and NSW Government fully fund a major upgrades to electricity supply and highway/major transport route resilience
- Existing Australian and NSW Government transport (and other) grant programs to include weighting for improved resilience to Natural Disasters
- Resilience NSW to develop more robust regional and local recovery plans that put our community first, with a focus on short term (safety, food/water, shelter, livestock and animal welfare), medium and long term objectives
- NSW Government accelerate roll-out of the Fixing Local Roads and Fixing Local Bridges programs
- **Local Government/Water Utilities develop infrastructure resilience plans** for roads, water and sewer infrastructure & utilise savings from moving emergency services infrastructure to the NSW Government to build infrastructure resilience

Possible New NSW Fire, Emergency, Rescue and Recovery Service (FERRS)

Combined Decentralised Model with Strengthened Local Presence



Thank you

Rural Fire Service, Eurobodalla Shire Council,
Forestry NSW, T4NSW

FSC Incident Management Team,

Eurobodalla Emergency Operations Centre
Team

Bega, Snowy Monaro, QPRC Shoalhaven EOCs

REOC, SEOC, ADF, OEM

Our amazing volunteers, their supporting families

Our amazing community

Andrew Constance MP & Shannon Whitford

Mayor Liz Innes, Councillors, Exec & Staff

Angus Barnes RFS IC, Greg Flood
LEOCON, Rob Burke LEMO, Kellee Pisanos EOC
Communications

Our IPWEA NSW family

<https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/living-in/about/emergency-information/eurobodalla-community-recovery/bushfire-inquiries>

Painting by Richard Sealy RFS Volunteer
Nerrigundah/Belowra



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.

CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL	WEBSITE
Eurobodalla Shire Council Public Officer	4474-1000	council@eurocoast.nsw.gov.au	www.esc.nsw.gov.au
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.

Acronym	Meaning	Description
ACR	Australian Capital Region	The political and strategic grouping of the ACT government and 17 adjacent councils.
AEP	Annual Exceedance Probability	For floods expressed as a % eg 1% = 1:100 year event. The NSW Flood Guidelines nominate types of development and controls.
AHD	Australian Height Datum	Floor levels for buildings set to remain at or above flood level (expressed as 'freeboard').
APZ	Asset Protection Zone	Area to be cleared and maintained around habitable buildings in bushfire prone areas.
AS	Australian Standard	Standards set by national body as minimum construction, service, system, planning or design requirements.

Acronym	Meaning	Description
BCA	Building Code of Australia	Prescribes minimum standards or performance base for building construction.
CAMP	Companion Animal Management Plan	Required by state law, plan nominating management of dogs and cats and areas for access for the exercise of dogs (eg beaches and reserves).
CC	Construction Certificate	Floor plans approved by council or private certifier in compliance with development conditions and BCA.
COPW	Condition of Public Works Report	Required by state law to define the condition of infrastructure assets, the cost to upgrade to defined standards, the current costs of maintenance and desired levels of maintenance.
CP	Cultural Plan	A cultural plan enables identification of cultural assets, identity and needs as well as providing a framework to develop cultural initiatives to increase opportunities for residents.
CSR	Complaint and Service Request	Requests received from public by phone, letter, email or Councillor to attend to certain works (eg pothole) or complain of certain service or offence (eg dogs barking).
DA	Development Application	Required by state law to assess suitability and impacts of a proposed development.
DAP	Disability Action Plan	Council plan outlining proposed works and services to upgrade facilities to progressively meet Disability Discrimination Act.
DCP	Development Control Plan	Local planning policy defining the characteristics sought in residential, commercial land.
DECCW	Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (formerly EPA, NPWS, DEC)	State agencies (former Environment Protection and National Parks), DNR managing state lands and natural resources and regulating council activity or advising on development applications.
DWE	Department of Water and Energy	State agency managing funding and approvals for town and country water and sewer services and State energy requirements.
DoP	Department of Planning	State agency managing state lands and regulating council activity or advising on development applications or strategic planning.
DLG	Department of Local Government	State agency responsible for regulating local government.
DoL	Department of Lands	State agency managing state lands and advising on development applications or crown land management.
DoC	Department of Commerce	State agency (formerly Public Works) managing state public water, sewer and buildings infrastructure and advising/supervising on council infrastructure construction.

Acronym	Meaning	Description
DoH	Department of Health	State agency responsible for oversight of health care (community and hospital) programs. Also responsible for public warning of reportable health risks.
DOTAR	Department of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development and Local Government	Federal agency incorporating infrastructure, transport system, and assisting regions and local government.
EBP	Eurobodalla Bike Plan	Strategic Plan identifying priorities and localities for cycleways in the Shire.
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement	Required for designated and state developments researching and recommending solutions to social, economic and environmental impacts.
EMP	Estuary Management Plan	Community based plan, following scientific research of hydrology and hydraulics, recommending actions to preserve or enhance social, economic and environmental attributes of estuary
EMS	Environmental Management System	Plans prepared by council (such as waste management and strategic planning) around AS14000.
EOI	Expressions of Interest	Often called in advance of selecting tenders to ascertain capacity and cost of private sector performing tasks or projects on behalf of council.
EP&A	Environment Planning & Assessment Act	State law defining types of development on private and public lands, the assessment criteria and consent authorities.
ESC	Eurobodalla Shire Council	
ESD	Ecologically Sustainable Development	Global initiative recommending balance of social, economic and environmental values in accord with 7 ESD principles.
ESS	Eurobodalla Settlement Strategy	Council strategy prepared with assistance of government to identify best uses and re-uses of urban lands, the appropriate siting of private and public investment (eg institutions, employment areas or high density residential) based on current and planned infrastructure and land capacity.
ET	Equivalent Tenement	Basis of calculation of demand or impact of a single dwelling on water and sewer system.
FAG	Financial Assistance Grant	Federal general purpose grant direct to local government based on population and other 'disability' factors.

Acronym	Meaning	Description
FSR	Floor Space Ratio	A measure of bulk and scale, it is a calculation of the extent a building floor area takes up of an allotment.
GIS	Geographic Information System	Computer generated spatial mapping of land and attributes such as infrastructure, slope, zoning.
IPART	Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal	State body that reviews statutory or government business regulatory frameworks and pricing levels.
IPWEA	Institute Public Works Engineers Australia	Professional association.
IWCMS	Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy (or Plan)	Council plan identifying risk and social, economic and environmental benefit of proposed augmentation to water, sewer and stormwater systems.
IWMS	Integrated Waste Management (Minimisation) Strategy	Council plan identifying risk and social, economic and environmental benefit of proposed augmentation of waste (solids, effluent, contaminated, liquid trade waste).
LEP	Local Environment Plan	The statutory planning instrument defining the zones and objectives of urban and rural areas.
LGAct	Local Government Act	State law defining the role of Mayor, Councillors, staff, financing, approvals etc.
LGMA	Local Government Managers Australia	Professional association.
LGNSW	Local Government NSW	Representative advisory and advocacy group for councils in NSW.
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	Agreement in principle between parties (eg council and agency) to achieve defined outcomes.
NPWS	National Parks & Wildlife Service	Now merged into DECCW.
NRM	Natural Resource Management	
NVC	Native Vegetation Act 2003	State law defining means of protection of threatened legislation and approval processes to clear land.
OC	Occupation Certificate	Issued by council or private certifier that building is safe to occupy and in compliance with development conditions and BCA.
OSMS	On site sewage management system	Includes septic tanks, aerated systems, biocycles etc.
PCA	Principal Certifying Authority	The person or organisation appointed by applicant to inspect and certify structures.

Acronym	Meaning	Description
PIA	Planning Institute of Australia	Professional association.
POEO	Protection of the Environment Operations Act	State law outlining standards for emissions and discharges and penalties for pollution.
PoM	Plan of Management (usually for community land)	Council plan nominating type of uses for community land and range of facilities progressively to be provided on land.
PPP	Public Private Partnerships	
PTS	Public Transport Strategy	Council strategy to initiate mechanisms to promote and facilitate public transport (bus, taxi, community transport, cycles) in design of subdivisions, developments and council works.
REF	Review of Environmental Factors	Council examination of risk and social, economic and environmental benefit of proposed works, assessed against state planning, environment and safety laws.
REP	Regional Environment Planning Policy	Outlines compulsory state planning objectives to be observed in development assessment and strategic planning.
RFS	Rural Fire Service	State agency responsible for providing equipment and training for volunteer firefighter brigades, and the assessment and approval of developments in bushfire prone lands.
RLF	Regional Leaders Forum	The group of mayors and general managers representing the councils in the ACR.
RMS	Roads & Maritime Service	State agency responsible for funding, construction and maintenance of state roads, the approval of council works on arterial roads and development applications.
S64	S64 Contributions Plan	Developer contributions plan to enable, with council and state funds, the augmentation of water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure.
S94 S94A	S94 Contributions Plan S94A Contributions Plan Levy Plan	Developer contributions to enable construction of public infrastructure and facilities such as roads, reserves, carparks, amenities etc.
SCG	Southern Councils Group	Political and strategic grouping of councils along the NSW south coast from Wollongong to the border, lobbying government for assistance (eg highways) and resourcing sharing initiatives.
SCRS	South Coast Regional Strategy	Regional Strategy prepared by DoP for ESC, BVSC and part SCC to guide new LEPs.

Acronym	Meaning	Description
SEA	Strategic Environment Assessment	Spatial assessment of environmental constraints of land considered in design and assessment of subdivision and infrastructure. Scientific research behind assessment of capacity of land and waterways in rural residential and urban expansion lands to sustain human settlement.
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy	Outlines compulsory state planning objectives.
SNSWLHD	Southern NSW Local Health Districts	State board commissioned with oversight of health care in Highlands, Monaro and Far South Coast.
SoER	State of the Environment Report	Required by state law, the comprehensive assessment (every four years) of the condition and the pressures on the social, economic and environmental features of the Shire and appropriate responses to address or preserve those issues.
SP	Social Plan	Required by state law, the comprehensive assessment (every four years) of the condition and the pressures on the social framework of the community, their services and facilities and economic interactions.
.....SP	Structure Plan	Plan promoting landuses and siting of infrastructure and facilities in towns (eg, BBSP – Batemans Bay Structure Plan).
SRCMA	Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority	State agency commissioned with assessment and monitoring of health and qualities of catchments from Wollongong to the border, and determine directions and priorities for public and private investment or assistance with grants.
STP	Sewer Treatment Plant	Primary, secondary and part tertiary treatment of sewage collected from sewers before discharge into EPA approved water ways or irrigation onto land.
TAMS	Total Asset Management System	Computer aided system recording condition and maintenance profiles of infrastructure and building assets.
TBL	Triple Bottom Line	Commercial term coined to encourage business to consider and disclose social and environmental risk, benefit and costs in the conduct of business to guide investors as to the long term sustainability and ethics of a business. Taken up by Council to record the basis of prioritisation, the review of condition, the monitor of progress and the financial disclosure of preventative or maintenance investment in council based social and environmental activities.
ToR	Terms of Reference	
TSC	Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995	State law governing the protection of nominated species and relevant assessment and development controls.

Acronym	Meaning	Description
WCF	Water Cycle Fund	Combination of water, sewer and stormwater activities and their financing arrangements.
WSUD	Water Sensitive Urban Design	Principle behind the IWCMS and council development codes requiring new developments to reduce demand and waste on water resources through contemporary subdivision and building design.