

INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL
NOTICE OF MEETING
CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

4 March, 2016

A Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting will be held in the Committee Room, Administrative Centre, 144 Otho Street, Inverell on Wednesday, 9 March, 2016, commencing at 8.30 am.

Your attendance at this Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting would be appreciated.

P J HENRY PSM

GENERAL MANAGER

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8.35AM	WHITE ROCK WINDFARM UPDATE – ADRIAN MADDOCKS, GOLDWIND AUSTRALIA.
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Quick Reference Guide

Below is a legend that is common between the:

- Inverell Shire Council Strategic Plan
- Inverell Shire Council Delivery Plan
- Inverell Shire Council Management Plan.

Destinations	Icon	Code
<p>1. A recognised leader in a broader context.</p> <p>Giving priority to the recognition of the Shire as a vital component of the New England North West Region through Regional Leadership.</p>		R
<p>2. A community that is healthy, educated and sustained.</p> <p>Giving priority to the Shire as a sustainable and equitable place that promotes health, well being, life long learning and lifestyle diversity.</p>		C
<p>3. An environment that is protected and sustained.</p> <p>Giving priority to sustainable agriculture, the protection and conservation of rivers, waterways bio diversity and the built environment.</p>		E
<p>4. A strong local economy.</p> <p>Giving priority to economic and employment growth and the attraction of visitors.</p>		B
<p>5. The Communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure.</p> <p>Giving priority to the provision of community focused services and the maintenance, enhancement and upgrade of infrastructure.</p>		S

CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 9 March, 2016

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MINUTES OF THE CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON
WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY, 2016, COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM.

PRESENT: Cr A A Michael (Chairperson), Crs B C Johnston, P J Harmon, J A Watts, D F Baker and P J Girle.

Also in attendance: Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental Services), Ken Beddie (Director Corporate and Economic Services), Stephen Golding (Executive Manager Corporate and Community Services), Anthony Alliston (Manager Development Services) and Justin Pay (Manager Civil Engineering).

SECTION A

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Crs Jones and Castledine for personal reasons.

RESOLVED (Michael/Johnston) that the apologies from Crs Jones and Castledine for personal reasons be noted.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Michael/Baker) that the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 11 November, 2015, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

3. PUBLIC FORUM S13.5.6/08

There were no members of the public present to speak.

Suspension of Standing Orders

At this juncture, the time being 8.35am, the Chairperson sought agreement to suspend Standing Orders to welcome Mr Ed Mounsey, Chief Operating Officer of CWP Renewables. Mr Mounsey provided the Committee with an update on the Sapphire Wind Farm.

Resumption of Standing Orders

At this juncture, the time being 9.35am, Standing Orders resumed and the Committee considered the balance of the Agenda.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

SECTION B
ADVOCACY REPORTS

Cr Harmon Kurrajong Re-enactment

Cr Harmon congratulated the Committee and thanked all persons involved in delivering a sensational event.

Australia Day Committees

Cr Harmon thanked the Australia Day Committee members and those involved in the days events. Council will facilitate a joint meeting with the Australia Day Committees in the Inverell LGA.

Governor General Visit

Cr Harmon advised that he will be hosting a Civic Reception for the Governor General and Lady Cosgrove on Thursday, 18 February, 2016 at the Inverell Town Hall.

Sapphire City Festival

Cr Harmon advised that the Sapphire City Festival Committee AGM was held last night. All office bearers returned to their positions except the Secretary whom is now Anka McMahon. The finale of the 2016 Inverell Sapphire City Festival, including the crowning of the new queen, will be held 22 October, 2016.

SECTION D
DESTINATION REPORTS

1. PROMOTION OF HERITAGE CONSERVATION IN THE INVERELL SHIRE
S18.6.36 & S15.8.15/08

DP-A *RESOLVED (Girle/Watts) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) *the 2016/17 Budget Meeting consider increasing the Heritage Conservation Budget to \$20K; and*
- ii) *a review of the Heritage Grants criteria and process be undertaken.*

2. PETITION – CONDITION OF UNSEALED SECTION OLD BUNDARRA ROAD
S28.10.SR214

MCE-A *RESOLVED (Michael/Girle) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) *the concerns raised by residents of Old Bundarra Road be acknowledged;*
- ii) *Council confirm the status of the Old Bundarra Road as a collector road in accordance with its road hierarchy classification;*
- iii) *the road continue to be inspected and maintained in accordance with Council policy, in line with the classification as a collector road; and*
- iv) *the author of the petition be formally advised of Council's decision.*

3. PETITION – GILGAI PEDESTRIAN CROSSING S30.9.6

MCE-A *RESOLVED (Watts/Baker) that the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) *the information be received and noted;*
- ii) *an investigation into the safety of the Gilgai crossing be conducted;*
- iii) *a further report be presented to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee at the conclusion of investigations; and*
- iv) *the author of the petition be kept informed of progress in the matter.*

SECTION E
INFORMATION REPORTS

1. WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1/09
2. 2014-2015 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT MONITORING REPORT
S18.6.11

RESOLVED (Baker/Watts) that the items contained in the Information Reports to the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 10 February, 2016, be received and noted.

SECTION F
GENERAL BUSINESS

- Cr Watts Delungra Community - Thank You
- Cr Watts passed on Mr Peter McCarthy's appreciation for Council's prompt attention to the fallen tree in the Delungra Park.
- Cr Baker Ashford Australia Day Celebrations
- Cr Baker thanked Council on behalf of Helen Hilton of the Lions Club of Ashford for having the Australia Day Ambassador attend their celebration.
- Equestrian Council
- On behalf of the Equestrian Council, Cr Baker thanked Council for the new shade structures.
- Anthony Alliston Bindaree Beef Project Update
- Bindaree Beef has indicated that the Bio Digester and Render Plant project is scheduled to commence in the coming months.
- Animal Boarding and Breeding Establishment
- Council is continuing to monitor the situation and will continue to work closely with the RSPCA.
- Telecommunications Tower
- Manager Development Services advised that Council staff are continuing to liaise with a telecommunications company in respect of increased telecommunication services in the CBD locality.
- Director Civil & Environmental Services Village Landfills
- Director Civil & Environmental Services, Mr Brett McInnes advised that the Graman and Gum Flat landfills are the last to be closed. The landfills will be closed as of 1 March, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.48am.

CR A A MICHAEL

CHAIRPERSON

TO CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 09/03/2016

ITEM NO:	1.	FILE NO: S2.7.9
DESTINATION 5:	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	S
SUBJECT:	SOUTH INVERELL MEETING	
PREPARED BY:	Cr Paul Harmon, Mayor	

SUMMARY:

This report is to inform Councillors of the outcome of a meeting in South Inverell.

COMMENTARY:

On 1 March, 2016 I attended a meeting of Aboriginal Elders in the Linking Together Centre. This was the inaugural meeting of this group and a further meeting is scheduled for mid April.

Inspector O'Brien was also in attendance to discuss policing matters.

The 'Council Issues' that were raised by the Elders were:

- Can traffic calming devices be installed to slow traffic in a number of locations?
- Bus shelter has graffiti over the art works,
- Needles in bark chip,
- Can the street sweeper visit more regularly?
- Can bollards be installed at the end of the Linking Together cul-de-sac to regulate some users of this area?

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Strategy: S.02 Council displays leadership, community engagement and collaboration with others.

Term Achievement: S.02.01 Council is managing it's statutory requirements and the needs of a participatory community in a transparent and balanced way.

Operational Objective: S.02.01.01 Develop, review and monitor policies and procedures to enable the organisation to engage more effectively with the community while meeting its statutory and public interest obligations.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

TO CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 09/03/2016

ITEM NO:	1.	FILE NO: S26.5.10
DESTINATION 2 DESTINATION 3 DESTINATION 5:	A Community that is healthy, educated and sustained. An environment that is protected and sustained. The Communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure.	CES
SUBJECT:	PUBLIC ART SUNSET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 19 FEBRUARY 2016	
PREPARED BY:	Hayley Nichols, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing	

SUMMARY:

Meeting held on Friday, 19 February, 2016.

For the consideration of Council.

COMMENTARY:

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC ART SUNSET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON FRIDAY, 19 FEBRUARY, 2016, COMMENCING AT 7 AM.

PRESENT: Cr A Michael [Chairperson], Jo Williams, Peter Caddey and Ian Hooker.

Also in attendance: Paul Henry (General Manager).

SECTION AAPOLOGIES:

RESOLVED (Hooker/Caddey) that the apology from Garry Newley be accepted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED (Williamson/Hooker) that the Minutes of the Public Art Sunset Committee Meeting held on 27 August, 2015, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

1. REVIEW OF 2015 ACTIONS

- a) Public Art: The chosen artist, Craig Flood has kept Council informed of progress with the project. The engineering drawings have been completed and fabrication can commence once the solar lighting issue is sorted. The ambient light in the chosen location is causing technical issues and is taking some time to work through.
- b) Christmas Tree: Generally positive feedback received on installation of the tree. Peter Caddey mentioned a number of issues caused by people climbing on the tree. A star for the top of the tree has been ordered for Christmas 2016.

2. CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS 2016

Discussed the next treatment that could be used to generate a 'Christmas Spirit' in the Inverell CBD.

The preferred treatment is for 3 'conical shapes' different heights and colours to be installed in the Otho/Byron Street Roundabout. These shapes should have the ability to be lit at night.

Action Required:

Peter Caddy to ascertain availability of the preferred treatment.

3. ABORIGINAL ART PROJECT

Jo Williamson drew the attention of the Committee to the availability of a 'Public Art Grant for Aboriginal Artists'. There are a number of Artists that come to the Gallery that would qualify for the grant opportunity. The suggestion is that the Art Society initiates the project and have a group of artists work collaboratively on the project (similar approach to the 'Meandering Macintyre' mosaic).

The suggested treatment is a snake (see attached sketches) and a possible location is the sloping bank in the Lions Park area.

Recommendation:

- i) *That Council approve the concept of another public art project utilising an Aboriginal theme in the suggested location, and*
- ii) *Further details then be prepared for further consideration.*

4. POPPY SCULPTURE

The suggested relocation of the Kurrajong Poppies to the Kurrajong Memorial was discussed and the Committee believes that the displaying of the poppies 'above' the wall would give the sculpture greater prominence – as opposed to locating it on the ground.

Action Required:

Paul Henry to discuss the siting of the Poppies with the Re-Enactment Committee and report back to Council for determination.

5. SUGGESTED PROJECTS

Discussion was held on three (3) possible projects as future public art. These being:

- i) Rendered Wall of Town Hall in Evans Street,
- ii) Pine Cone sculpture (see attached),
- iii) Brim Silo Treatment on the exterior walls of the Bicentennial Memorial (see attached).

Recommendation:

That the various issues, associated with these suggestions be considered and a report be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on a date to be advised.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10am.

Appendices

- A. Snake Sketches
- B. Pine Cone Sculpture
- C. Brim Silo Treatment

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- i) the Minutes of the Public Art Sunset Committee Meeting held on Friday, 19 February, 2016, be received and noted; and*
- ii) the following recommendation of the Public Art Sunset Committee be considered by Council:*

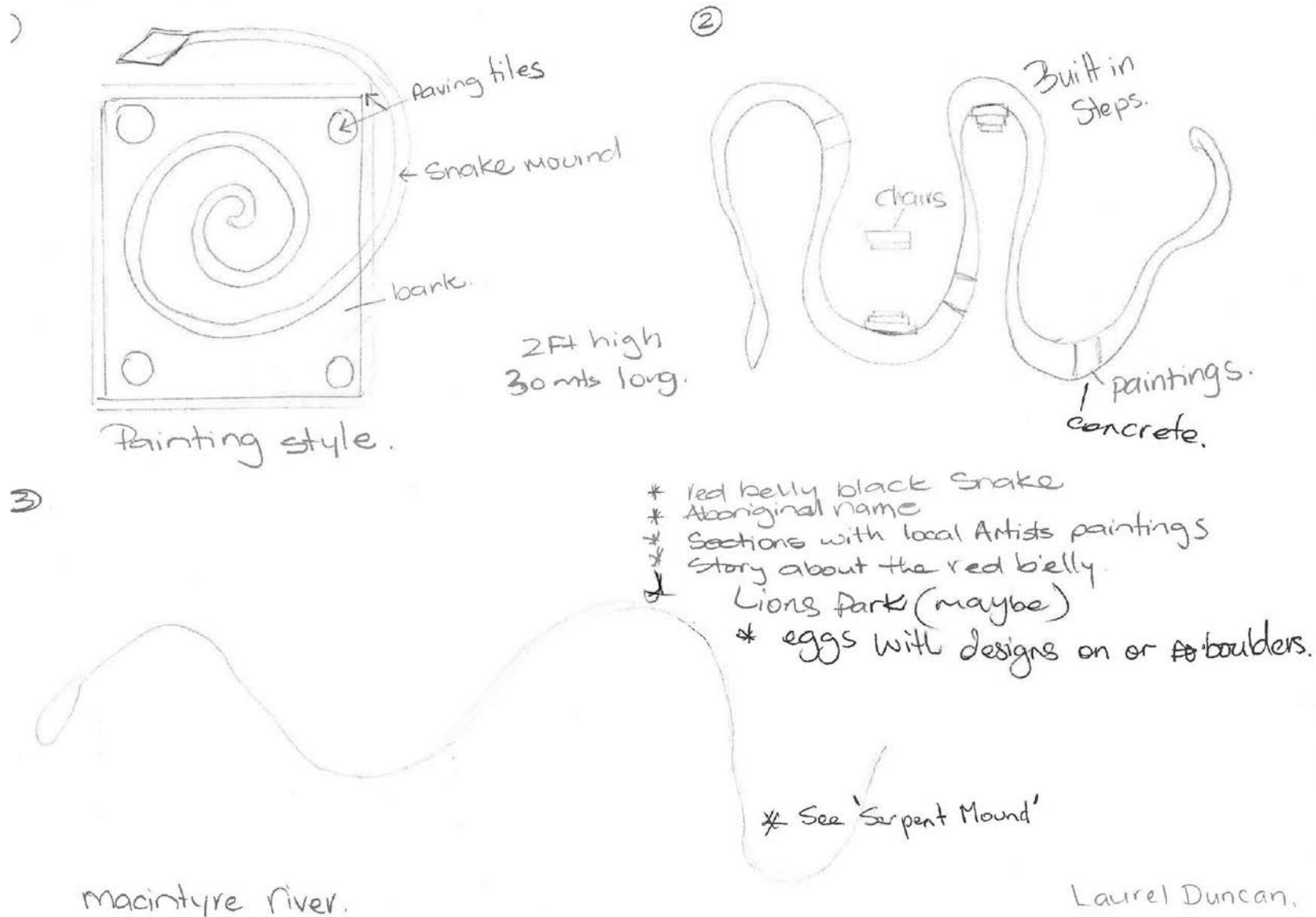
1. ABORIGINAL ART PROJECT

That:

- i) Council approve the concept of another public art project utilising an Aboriginal theme in the suggested location; and*
- ii) further details then be prepared for further consideration.*

APPENDIX A





APPENDIX B



APPENDIX C



TO CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 09/03/2016

ITEM NO:	1.	FILE NO: S28.21.1/09
DESTINATION 5:	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	S
SUBJECT:	URBAN WORKS PROGRAM (LISTING)	
PREPARED BY:	Brett McInnes, Director Civil & Environmental Services	

SUMMARY:

Council is being asked to consider a range of factors that will influence the 2016/17 Urban Works Program and beyond.

COMMENTARY:

Council's Engineering staff have been investigating various projects proposed under Council's Urban Works Program. At the time of writing, these investigations were continuing. This includes an assessment of available resources, particularly given recent grant funding announcements.

It is proposed that further information be tabled to assist the Committee in determining future urban works priorities.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Strategy: S.05 Attractive and vibrant town centres, local centres and community meeting places are provided.

Term Achievement: S.05.01 Local centres, community facilities and prominent meeting places are increasingly valued and recognised by the community as a focus of their village and feature of the Shire.

Operational Objective: S.05.01.01 Engage the Shire's communities in identifying and creating community places that are valued and used.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee receive a supplementary report regarding the Urban Works Program.

TO CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 09/03/2016

ITEM NO:	2.	FILE NO: S28.21.1/09
DESTINATION 5:	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure	S
SUBJECT:	URBAN WORKS PROGRAM	
PREPARED BY:	Brett McInnes, Director Civil & Environmental Services	

SUMMARY:

The Committee is being asked to consider a range of projects and make a recommendation to Council regarding priorities for the 2016/17 Urban Works Program.

COMMENTARY:**Urban Work Proposals**

To enable future planning, the Committee is being asked to consider a range of projects for the 2016/17 Urban Works Program. These projects include Councillor identified priorities and renewal projects from Council's asset management system. The table below provides an overview of these projects in order of apparent priority based on a range of technical assessment criteria.

No.	Project	Issue	Desktop Estimate
1	Chisholm Street (Brae St to Brown St)	Minimal gravel in road shoulder and under existing kerb and gutter, pavement and kerb and gutter extremely deformed due to garbage truck access. Causing significant drainage issues and effecting access to properties	\$630K
2	Old Bundarra Road Pavement Rehab (Macintyre St to Lions Park)	The sealed pavement has reached the end of its useful life and has significant defects, rutting, roughness, edge breaks and potholing. Currently significant maintenance burden to maintain safe and trafficable surface.	\$245K
3	PAMP/Cycleway Program	Grant Applications made to complete further missing links in 16/17. Council needs to have capacity to fund their contribution should a grant be received from the RMS to construct additional footpaths and/or cycleways.	\$70K (Council Contribution)
4	Captain Cook Drive / Wood St intersection pavement and asphalt.	Section of pavement on the corner behind Royal Hotel Motel deformed due to water ingress and high heavy vehicle use. Section to have pavement rehabilitated and Asphalt surface applied.	\$85K

5	Gilchrist Street Shoulders, Kerb and Gutter replacement (Bannockburn Rd to Jack St)	Kerb and Gutter has reached end of useful life. Pavement is thin and weak and deformed due to garbage truck. Project would complete rehab of Gilchrist St	\$50K
6	Town Centre Renewal Plan Works	Council has adopted the design concepts contained in the TCRP to guide the future development of the town centre.	See separate commentary below.
7	Mansfield Street - New Kerb and Gutter including pavement upgrade (Bennett St to SH12)	Final block of Mansfield St upgrade. Pavement in this block at end of useful life, significant maintenance required to keep surface safe and trafficable. Contingent upon SH12 upgrades at intersection.	\$270K. Note this figure is Mansfield St works only. It does not include intersection treatment and turning lanes on SH12. These works are estimated at approx. \$750K.
8	Intersection black spots Mansfield Street	Various intersecting streets with Mansfield have significant crash history. Oliver and Ross Streets are now meeting black spot funding criteria for crashes and funding has been applied for on the basis of a roundabout treatment. Full investigation and safety audit required in order to develop master plan for intersection treatments for all streets along Mansfield.	Unknown at this stage and further investigation required regarding treatments and costings.
9	Cloonan Tce - New Kerb and Gutter including pavement upgrade	Current pavement is failing and lack of completed Kerb and Gutter is causing drainage and access problems for residents.	\$210K
10	Chester Street	Pavement and Kerb and Gutter severely deformed and in need of rehab. Drainage issues, ponding of water and extremely rough surface.	\$450K per block (3 blocks priority further 2 lower priority) doesn't include SH12 intersection upgrade
11	Granville St	Pavement and Kerb and Gutter severely deformed and in need of rehab. Drainage issues, ponding of water and extremely rough surface.	\$450K per block (2 blocks priority further 2 lower priority)
12	Lawrence Street - New Kerb and Gutter	Missing links of kerb and gutter including pavement rehab from Henderson Street to end of street.	\$600K

Obviously, the table above includes a quantum of projects in excess of one (1) year's Urban Works Program. There is currently approximately \$1M unallocated and available for revote in the 15/16 Urban Works Program. This includes a special one-off allocation of \$295K from the strategic capital infrastructure fund. It is intended approximately \$500K (excluding funding for other urban projects detailed below) will be available to allocate to the Urban Works Program in 2016/17. Therefore a total quantum of approximately \$1.5M is available to fund the above or other urban works.

Town Centre Renewal Plan

Council adopted the enhancement concepts contained in the TCRP to guide the future development of the town centre in May, 2014. Since that time implementation works have been undertaken as part of the 2014/15 and 2015/16 Urban Works Program. Council again has the opportunity to identify works from the TCRP it wishes to implement.

Detailed design works have been undertaken and estimates completed for the upgrade of Byron Street between Lawrence and Wood Streets. Council had previously identified this precinct as a priority for completing design work. The design plans will be tabled at the meeting. The project can be broken into two (2) major components being the street edge (footpath, kerb & gutter, drainage etc) renewal and the at grade centre median. Estimates for individual blocks and components are provided below:

• Lawrence to Mansfield Street:	Edge Renewal	\$ 1,715,000
	Centre	\$ 345,000
• Mansfield to Wood Street:	Edge Renewal	\$ 1,510,000
	Centre	\$ 293,000

Whilst the design includes a complete drainage solution for the two (2) blocks, the opportunity exists to complete one (1) element of the drainage upgrade in isolation and with minimal disruption. This would involve the installation of a new drainage line and infrastructure adjacent to KFC (corner of Byron and Mansfield). This could be completed for approximately \$30K and would provide a significant improvement to the nuisance ponding experienced by a number of businesses in that area.

Council at its August, 2015 meeting, resolved to commence the staged removal and replacement of inappropriately planted London Plane Trees in the CBD. These works have subsequently commenced and will involve two (2) stages (Spring & Autumn) during 2015/16. Should Council wish to continue with the staged removal in 2016/17 suitable provision needs to be made in the Urban Works Program. This would include a tree purchase and planting cost (approximately \$2,500 per tree), tree felling cost (approx. \$950 per tree) and undertaking repairs to the damaged civil infrastructure as caused by the Plane Trees. Depending on the tree location and extent of damage, this figure could be \$15,000 for each tree replaced.

Council has undertaken a large number of new tree plantings in and around the CBD since adopting the TCRP. A range of planting opportunities exists if further plantings were to be included in the 2016/17 Urban Works Program. Where limited opportunities are available for tree plantings in street verges, the TCRP (page 26) did identify an option of isolated centre median plantings if Council was interested. Further investigations and recommendations could be made regarding these planting opportunities.

Noting the significant planning and lead up required for any major project in the CBD, Council may also wish to consider making provision to complete further detailed design works based on the adopted TCRP concepts.

Additional Projects

There are a number of other urban based projects identified for 2016/17. These projects are proposed to be funded in addition to Council's dedicated urban works budget and include:

- Wood Street, Gilgai drainage upgrade (funded from urban drainage reserve),
- Swanbrook Rd/Runnymede Dr drainage upgrade and road rehabilitation (funded from urban drainage reserve and working capital),
- Rifle Range Road next stage of Industrial Subdivision (industry development fund),
- Sports Complex Upgrade (Grant Funding and Special Projects allocation).

Resources

The unprecedented expenditure and level of work on Council's rural road network this and next financial year places considerable strain on Council resources. Priority is given to ensuring all externally funded works such as the Roads to Recovery and Regional Roads Repair Program are completed in accordance with funding obligations. Whilst Council will still have the capacity to complete a significant Urban Works Program it would be very difficult to adequately resource any large scale projects during this period.

Conclusion

A range of projects have been identified for consideration for Council's 2016/17 Urban Works Program. Prioritising these projects will enable staff to complete necessary planning works and suitable provision included in the draft 2016/17 budget.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN, DELIVERY PLAN AND OPERATIONAL PLAN:

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POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

The prioritisation of the urban work projects will enable a funding proposal to be included in the draft budget report to be presented to the April Economic and Community Committee meeting.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee make recommendation to Council regarding priorities for the 2016/17 Urban Works Program.

TO CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 09/03/2016

ITEM NO:	1.	FILE NO: S28.21.1/09
DESTINATION 5:	The communities are served by sustainable services and infrastructure.	S
SUBJECT:	WORKS UPDATE	
PREPARED BY:	Justin Pay, Manager Civil Engineering	

SUMMARY:

This report is intended to keep Council updated on the capital works and maintenance programs.

COMMENTARY:**Cameron Park Upgrade**

Construction works are continuing on the amenities building and playground area. The amenities building is nearing completion with the brickwork continuing. The cricket nets are now complete. The playground equipment supplied by Rotary will commence this week and will be completed mid March, 2016 at which time the remainder of the fencing along Medora Street can be completed. Parks and Gardens staff are currently in the process of completing a tree planting plan for the park, once the plan is finalised, extensive tree planting will be undertaken to provide shade and visual amenity.

HW12 Gwydir Highway Rehabilitation & Widening

Construction works have commenced on the final 700 metres of this rehabilitation and widening project. Significant batter works were undertaken on this section early February to improve the road verges for safety reasons and for future routine maintenance. Pavement works on the subbase layer are currently underway and will be completed this week. Pavement works on the base layer is planned for completion early March with a bitumen seal programmed shortly after. All works will be completed and road open to traffic prior to the Easter break.

HW12 Gwydir Highway Fernhill Road Shoulder Widening

Minor shoulder widening works have commenced at the intersection of the Gwydir Highway and Fernhill Road, west of Inverell. The works will be completed under the RMCC Routine Maintenance arrangements with the Road & Maritime Services (RMS). Although this intersection did not meet the Blackspot funding criteria, a recent RMS road safety inspection identified an issue with through traffic travelling west and traffic waiting to turning right into Fernhill Road. As a result, works are underway to provide a 3.5 metre sealed shoulder for through traffic to negotiate whilst a vehicle is turning right. Council will also take the opportunity to improve the intersection when turning left off Fernhill Road by widening the eastern side of the intersection. Works will be completed early March, 2016.

Concrete Works – Ashford Water Treatment Plant

Concrete works at the new Ashford Water Treatment Plant (WTP) have reached the stage of practical completion. These works included construction of driveways, footpaths, adjacent concrete slabs, block retaining walls, kerbing and other associated works. All that remains to be completed is some minor earthworks.

Active Transport Program - Cycleway Construction

Council were successful in obtaining funding for a number of cycleway projects under the Active Transport Program.

Successful projects include cycleway construction at the nature reserve adjacent the Skate Park, Lions Park, Campbell Street from the footbridge across the river to Rivers Street, Glen Innes Road from Henderson Street to Vivian Street and Rivers Street from Vivian Street to Lawrence Street.

Works have commenced on the construction of a 2.5 metre wide cycleway adjacent to the skate park, linking South Inverell and Lions Park with the cycleway along the northern side of the riverbank. Once constructed, the cycleway will complete a missing link with the central business district and will entice more people to utilise the reserve for recreational activities.

Council have engaged the services of two (2) local concreting contractors to complete the 1000 metre long path which makes its way from the low level footbridge over the river (Campbell Street), linking up with Kitching Bridge at Lions Park and continuing around the skate park, baseball/softball field, past the BMX track and linking in with the footpath at the intersection of Old Bundarra Road and Macintyre Street. Works commenced on the cycleway at the end of February, 2016 and will be completed mid March, 2016.

Both contractors will be utilised to complete the remaining cycleway projects around town. By the end of the program, an additional 1.5 kilometres will be added to the cycleway network within Inverell. All projects will be completed by May, 2016.

Airport Taxiway Extension

Works are underway to extend the taxiway at the Inverell airport. The project includes construction of an ironstone pavement with a two coat bitumen seal, as well as associated drainage infrastructure. It is intended to apply the bitumen seal and complete the project in early March, 2016.

Maintenance Grading

Maintenance grading works were undertaken on the following roads during February, 2016:

SR 9	North Star Road	15.1km
SR 12	Blue Nobby Road	9.8km
SR 16	Keetah Road	23.3km
SR 18	Milkomi Road	12.0km
SR 59	Graman Road	12.3km
SR 107	Northcott Road	1.6km
SR 238	Woodstock Road	10.1km
SR 243	Waterloo Road	19.0km
SR 244	Western Feeder	8.3km
SR 267	Spring Mountain Road	15.3km
	Total	126.8km

Reactive/Spot Grading

No Reactive /spot grading works were undertaken during February, 2016.

Heavy Patching

No heavy patching works were undertaken during February, 2016.

Gravel Resheeting

Gravel resheeting works were undertaken on the following roads during February, 2016:

SR 104 Lecoin Road	7.0km
SR 105 Glenesk Road	2.8km
SR 128 Delungra Road	3.5km
SR 164 Haywood Road	3.2km
SR 165 Pretoria Park Road	0.6km

Total 17.1km

Gravel Patching

No gravel patching works were undertaken during February, 2016.

Other Maintenance Activities

Council's State, Regional and Local Roads, Urban and Village Street maintenance activities, such as bitumen patching, drainage and shoulder repairs as well as vegetation control, are continuing as required. Town maintenance will continue as programmed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the items contained in the Information Reports to the Civil & Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 9 March, 2016, be received and noted.