



INVERELL
SHIRE COUNCIL



The final timber bridge in the Inverell Shire – the 63-year-old timber Mathers Bridge over Frazers Creek at Nullamanna – will be replaced, thanks to a \$1.83 million grant from the State Government, Inverell Shire Council's Manager Civil Engineering Justin Pay, left, Mayor Paul Harmon and Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall.

Business Paper

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Wednesday, 24 March 2021

INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL**NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

18 March, 2021

An Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Committee Room, Administrative Centre, 144 Otho Street, Inverell on Wednesday, 24 March, 2021, commencing at **3.00 PM**.

Your attendance at this Ordinary Meeting of Council would be appreciated.

Please Note: Under the provisions of the Code of Meeting Practice the proceedings of this meeting (including presentations, deputations and debate) will be webcast. An audio recording of the meeting will be uploaded on the Council's website at a later time. Your attendance at this meeting is taken as consent to the possibility that your voice may be recorded and broadcast to the public.

I would like to remind those present that an audio recording of the meeting will be uploaded on the Council's website at a later time and participants should be mindful not to make any defamatory or offensive statements.

P J HENRY PSM

GENERAL MANAGER

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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 1993* and Office of Local Government
- **Non-pecuniary** – regulated by Codes of Conduct and policy. ICAC, Ombudsman, Office of Local Government (advice only). If declaring a Non-Pecuniary Conflict of Interest, Councillors can choose to either disclose and vote, disclose and not vote or leave the Chamber.

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?

Local Government Act 1993 and Model Code of Conduct

For more detailed definitions refer to Sections 442, 448 and 459 or the *Local Government Act 1993* and Model Code of Conduct, Part 4 – conflicts of interest.

Disclosure of pecuniary interests / non-pecuniary interests

Under the provisions of Section 451(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (pecuniary interests) and Part 4 of the Model Code of Conduct prescribed by the Local Government (Discipline) Regulation (conflict of interests) it is necessary for you to disclose the nature of the interest when making a disclosure of a pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary conflict of interest at a meeting.

A Declaration form should be completed and handed to the General Manager as soon as practicable once the interest is identified. Declarations are made at Item 3 of the Agenda: Declarations - Pecuniary, Non-Pecuniary and Political Donation Disclosures, and prior to each Item being discussed: The Declaration Form can be downloaded at [Declaration Form](#)

Quick Reference Guide

Below is a legend that is common between the:

- Inverell Shire Council Strategic Plan;
- Inverell Shire Council Delivery Plan; and
- Inverell Shire Council Operational Plan.





MEETING CALENDAR

October 2020 – September 2021

Ordinary Meetings:

Time: 3.00 pm

Venue: Council Chambers

OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT
Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed
28	25	16	No Meeting	24	24	28	26	[^] 23	28	25	22

Major Committee Meetings:

Civil and Environmental Services - 9.00 am

Economic and Community Sustainability - 10.30 am

Venue: Committee Room

OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT
Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed	Wed
14	11	No Meeting	No Meeting	10	10	14	12	9	14	11	8

Members of the public are invited to observe meetings of the Council.

Should you wish to address Council, please contact the Office of the General Manager on 6728 8206.

[^] Meeting at which the Management Plan for 2021/2022 is adopted.



INTERNAL CALENDAR

April 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					Good Friday Easter School Holidays Begin	Easter Saturday
				1.	2.	3.
Easter Sunday Daylight Savings Ends	Easter Monday	Reports due for Committee Meetings by 4.30pm	6.30pm "The Festival of Small Halls" visiting Yetman Hall	Opening of Inverell RLX Upgrade (Tentative)		
4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
			9.00am Civil & Environmental Meeting 10.30am Economic & Community Sustainability Meeting			
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.
Last day of Easter School Holidays Sapphire City Markets	Reports due for Ordinary Meeting by 4.30pm					
18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.
ANZAC Day			3.00pm Ordinary Council Meeting		Fourth quarter rates instalment notices to be sent	
25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	

Council office closed
 Youth Week

1 APOLOGIES

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 February, 2021, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,
INVERELL
ON WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 3.00 PM**

PRESENT: Cr Paul Harmon (Mayor), Cr Anthony Michael (Deputy Mayor), Cr Di Baker, Cr Stewart Berryman, Cr Paul King OAM, Cr Neil McCosker and Cr Jacki Watts.

IN ATTENDANCE: Brett McInnes (Acting General Manager), Paul Pay (Manager Financial Services) and Sharon Stafford (Executive Assistant).

1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION 2021/1

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM

Seconded: Cr Stewart Berryman

That the apologies received from Cr Kate Dight and Cr Mal Peters for personal reasons be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 2021/2

Moved: Cr Jacki Watts

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16 December, 2020, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS / PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

4 PUBLIC FORUM

At this juncture, the time being 3.05pm, the Mayor welcomed the members of the public and opened the Public Forum Session by inviting members of the public to speak.

Inverell Rugby Club

Mr Ross Fuller, President of the Inverell Rugby Club provided Council with an update on the Club's programme of events which includes a 7's tournament to be held on 5 – 6 March, 2021. The tournament is expected to bring more that 500 people from outside the region to visit. Mr Fuller requested financial assistance from Council to assist with additional costs expected to be incurred by a mandatory online registration platform and COVID compliance expenses.

5 NOTICES OF BUSINESS

Nil

6 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

7 ADVOCACY REPORTS

Nil

8 COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - 10 FEBRUARY 2021

RESOLUTION 2021/3

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Stewart Berryman

- i) *That the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee held on Wednesday, 10 February, 2021, be received and noted; and*
- ii) *The following recommendations of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee be adopted by Council.*

CARRIED

8.1.2 Information Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information reports be received and noted.

8.1.2 Governance - Performance Reporting on Road Maintenance Council Contracts

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received and noted.

8.2 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES - 10 FEBRUARY 2021

RESOLUTION 2021/4

Moved: Cr Jacki Watts

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

- i) *That the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee held on Wednesday, 10 February, 2021, be received and noted; and*
- ii) *The recommendations of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee be adopted by Council.*

CARRIED

8.2.1 Public Art Sunset Committee Meeting Minutes - 20 January 2021**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) *That the minutes of the Public Art Sunset Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 20 January, 2021 be received and noted; and*
- b) *The Public Art Committee be delegated authority to select the 'significant person' that will be the subject for the portrait.*

8.2.2 Request to Lease Land - Lot 1 DP 124236 Wyndham Street, Inverell - Scott Cover**RECOMMENDATION:**

That:

- i) *Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Mr Scott Cover for Lot 1 DP 124236, Wyndham Street, Inverell for a five (5) year period with a further five (5) year option;*
- ii) *the Licence fee be \$600.00 per annum (GST Inclusive) with a 3% increase per annum; and*
- iii) *the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

8.2.3 Music in the CBD - Christmas Promotion**RECOMMENDATION:**

That:

- a) *Council allow the playing of music through the public address system in the CBD from 1 December each year; and*
- b) *the volume of the particular speaker in Otho Street be set to its lowest volume.*

8.2.4 Request for Donation - Ashford Business Council**RECOMMENDATION:**

That:

- a) *Council make a donation of up to \$4,000 from the Ashford Village Vote to the Ashford Show Society to enable free entry the 2021 Ashford Show; and*
- b) *the General Manager hold discussions with the secretary of the Ashford Show Society regarding the conditions associated with the provision of the funds.*

8.2.5 Information Reports**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the information reports be received and noted.

8.2.6 Quarterly Budget and Operational Plan 2020/2021**RECOMMENDATION:**

That:

- i) Council's Quarterly Operational Plan and Budget Review for 31 December, 2020 be adopted; and*
- ii) The proposed variations to budget votes for the 2020/2021 Financial Year be adopted providing an estimated Cash Surplus at 30 June, 2021 from operations of \$3,946.*

8.2.7 Governance - Monthly Investment Report**RECOMMENDATION:**

That:

- i) the report indicating Council's Fund Management position be received and noted; and*
- ii) the Certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted.*

8.2.8 Request For Reduction In Water Account**RECOMMENDATION:**

That:

- a) the report be received; and*
- b) Council issues an amended account of \$101.48 for the previous two quarters based on the average consumption of accounts prior to the leak and write off \$188.09.*

9 DESTINATION REPORTS**9.1 CROWN LAND - DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - PUBLIC HALLS S5.19.4/01****RESOLUTION 2021/5**

Moved: Cr Jacki Watts

Seconded: Cr Stewart Berryman

That Council:

- 1. Review and approve the attached draft Plan of Management for Public Halls; and*
- 2. Resolve to refer the draft Plan of Management for Public Halls to the NSW Department of Industry for review and advice.*

CARRIED

9.2 NAMING OF SPORTING FIELDS S5.11.48**RESOLUTION 2021/6**

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman

Seconded: Cr Anthony Michael

That the lower sporting fields at the Inverell Sporting Complex be named the 'Col Campbell Playing Fields'.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2021/7

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

That the Tingha Football Field be named the 'Bob Ward Oval'.

CARRIED

At this juncture, the time being 3.24pm, Cr Di Baker declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 'Request for Assistance – Inverell Rugby Club 7's Tournament S12.22.1/14' due to being a member of the organisation Operating Operation Room which may benefit financially from the proceeds of the gate takings from the Tournament. Cr Baker left the meeting.

9.3 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - INVERELL RUGBY CLUB 7'S TOURNAMENT S12.22.1/14**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM

Seconded: Cr Stewart Berryman

That Council donate \$4,500 to the Inverell Rugby Club to assist with the mandatory online registration and COVID compliance expenses associated with running the 7's Tournament on 5 – 6 March, 2021.

AMENDMENT 2021/8

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Neil McCosker

That Council donate \$1,400 to the Inverell Rugby Club to assist with the COVID compliance expenses associated with running the 7's Tournament on 5 – 6 March, 2021.

The motion on being put to the meeting was lost. The Amendment on being put to the meeting was carried. It then became the motion.

The motion on being put to the meeting was carried.

CARRIED

At 3.28pm, Cr Di Baker returned to the meeting.

9.4 LICENCE FOR NEW AIRPORT HANGAR S5.10.65**RESOLUTION 2021/9**

Moved: Cr Jacki Watts

Seconded: Cr Stewart Berryman

That:

1. *Council make the area on the Southern side of the existing hangars available for lease to Boss Engineering for the construction of a new hangar, subject to the lodgement and approval of a Development Application and the applicant meeting all costs associated with the development.*
2. *The annual licence fee be set at \$1,905.00 per annum including GST per hangar site and the licence fee be subject to an annual 3% increases.*
3. *The licence indicate that the hangars are not to be occupied for residential purpose.*
4. *The licence agreement be subject to any terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

CARRIED**10 INFORMATION REPORTS****RESOLUTION 2021/10**

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

*That the information reports be received and noted.***CARRIED****10.1 STAFF MOVEMENTS: - 01 OCTOBER 2020 TO 31 DECEMBER 2020 S22.25.1****10.2 ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR JANUARY 2021 S18.10.1****10.3 ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2020 S18.10.1****10.4 SEPTIC TANK APPROVALS FOR DECEMBER 2020 S29.19.1****10.5 SEPTIC TANK APPROVALS FOR JANUARY 2021 S29.19.1****10.6 STRATEGIC TASKS - 'SIGN OFF' - JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2021 S4.13.2**

10.7 SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES DURING DECEMBER 2020 S18.10.2/13

10.8 SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES DURING JANUARY 2021 S18.10.2/14

10.9 OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (OLG) - COUNCIL COMPLAINT STATISTICS S4.12.1

10.10 DINE & DISCOVER NSW S14.18.6/14

10.11 STATUS OF TOWN WATER SUPPLIES S32.15.19

11 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Nil

12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS (COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE)

Nil

The Meeting closed at 3.35pm.

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS / PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

4 PUBLIC FORUM

5 NOTICES OF BUSINESS

Nil

6 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

7 ADVOCACY REPORTS

7.1 BORDER REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (BROC) - FEBRUARY 2021

File Number: S14.10.1 / 21/7174

Author: Kate Dight, Councillor

SUMMARY:

Cr Dight attended the Border Regional Organisation of Councils meeting held in Inverell on 12 February, 2021. Cr Dight presents the following report for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. *Council investigate the cost and opportunity to become a member of the Murray Darling Association, recognising the relevance of this lobby group to Local Government at this time. The water industry is growing with innovation, adaptation and adoption, and policy and legislation is being formulated for the future. This is an opportunity for ISC to be represented in this industry.*
2. *Council accepts the invitation of the Southern Inland Water Alliance to join this group.*
3. *Council contact Regional Development Australia indicating the relevant skill sets that are required to service Inverell Shire Council's industry and economy for the future.*

COMMENTARY:

Inverell Shire Council hosted this month's quarterly meeting of the Border Group of Councils. All our visitors left our region thoroughly impressed with the activity buzzing around our town and the growth and development that has taken place over recent years. As always, it was well represented with Council members from St George, Warwick, Tenterfield, Gwydir, Moree and Goondiwindi. Industry representatives were from NSW & QLD Department of State Development & Planning, Department of Main Roads, Inland Rail, Regional Development Australia, and the Department Premier and Cabinet as well as private industry with Bindaree Food Group.

Quarterly Meeting

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

- The application to the \$64M Future Drought Fund that was being assessed on the BROC's behalf by consultant, Mr Nick Tobin was not applicable because the funds need to be matched and it needs to be in partnership with another organisation. However, it is expected the organisations who did apply, will liaise with BROC.
- The interest in Chinese Trade relations that was floated is still being investigated and I have committed to finding the relevant spokesperson for this information session.
- The call for the Cross Border Ag Bubble is less relevant now with industry wide bubbles in place. However, again the e-gate technology and system that Goondiwindi Regional Council (GRC) rolled out was excellent and very efficient and there was consensus to maintain this going forward. GRC did add comment that it isn't without its trials and that it costs their Council considerably to manage it. Kim Murphy from the Department of Main Roads added that DMR have a large role to play here as well going forward.
- The Waste to Energy project will be progressed by Mr Angus Witherby of Moree Shire Council as Mr Terry Dodds has moved on from Tenterfield Shire Council.
- In garnering support for the Warri Gate Hwy, the correspondence from the Hon Michael McCormack made note of the \$500M grant for the Local Roads and Community

Infrastructure Program that is designed to help Local Governments emerge strong and resilient from the pandemic and is specifically to support jobs in local economies.

Presentations

1) Mr Andrew McDonald, Managing Director, Bindaree Food Group

Mr Andrew McDonald was invited to present his thoughts on the state and future of the beef industry, with particular focus on beef processing given this industry underpins the health of all member Council economies. His presentation was excellent and I am attaching it for your reference and interest.

Bindaree purchased the abattoir in Inverell 25 years ago and since then has been supporting a huge manufacturing economy in our Shire, pumping \$1M in wage earning every week into our local economy. Their core business is the supply of beef to Aldi and Coles but in 2018 they added a retail ready plant at Burleigh Heads to support partnership growth and high-end retail products. They supply the large Chinese high-end retail, restaurant chain, Heidi Lam and as they look to the future, this is their growth market. Australia produces only 4% of global beef production but it is 17% of the trade of global stocks and there is currently a 10M tonne shortage of protein in China. This will underpin any market activity going forward. Shanghai imports 80% of the food they consume or 9.1M tonnes of meat, grain, fruit and nuts. Other global nations have a greater ability to meet the cheaper lower end market but Australia's opportunity is in high-end premium product.

From a processing view point, given the worldwide shortage of beef, carcass weights were once capped at 250kg. Now, they are at 350kgs while US carcass weights are at 450kgs indicating that this is where the processing industry will look to go in the future. This lends itself to a quickly growing feedlot industry, heavily based on grain fed beef production. Bindaree purchased Myola Feedlot in 2016 which is currently at 20,000 head capacity. They are growing this to 35,000 head capacity by the end of 2021. The biggest risk to this processing sector is of course drought but also, if China purchases Australian processing licences, monopolising the industry and driving prices lower.

However, there is huge potential in the global beef industry with millions of mouths to feed and a global food shortage. Bindaree Food Group sees a huge future.

2) Ms Emma Bradbury, CEO, Murray Darling Association

Following the BROCC call for a Water Forum in 2021, Emma Bradbury, CEO of the Murray Darling Association (MDA) presented to the group. This organisation is the Local Government peak body for the water industry advocating for water security. With no new water coming into the system, they are tasked with the Ag Plan 2030 vision to "grow industry with innovation, adaptation and adoption". They represent 170 Councils which are divided into 12 regions, all of whom have an appetite for solutions. Their goal is to foster inclusive messaging and work in strong partnerships with science, education and innovation.

Following the meeting of BROCC, the Region 11 group of MDA also met in Inverell. This was led by Mayor Jamie Chaffey, Gunnedah Shire Council. They had very in-depth presentations from Annabelle Guest of Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) and Jane Humphries from the Department of Agriculture, Water & Environment, demonstrating how the organisation works together with these other peak bodies. This highlighted how the flow of information regarding industry water security is disseminated to Local Government and during this time of continual water legislative policy change and assessment, the MDA have a large role to play for Local Government. The presentation from Jane Humphries detailing the newly regulated water environment for both stored and overland flows was excellent and I have attached it for your information.

3) Ms Steph Hogan, Department of Planning QLD & Katie Williams

Continuing with the water forum, Ms Steph Hogan from the QLD Department of Planning presented the broader regional scale and assessment of bulk water infrastructure projects and strategy. In addressing the risk of drought and trying to mitigate this eventuality, they have been looking for storage opportunities, particularly for Warwick and Stanthorpe. They

are aware of the Coffey Scheme and other such diversion schemes but she stated that the reality of these projects coming to fruition is unlikely because of the impact they would have on the losses for existing communities and there are too many reasons for non-sustainability. However, she did state there were feasibility studies in place and they would be publicly available in 12 months. In response to the fluid legislative water environment and the quest for solutions, a group of Councils headed by Mayor, Lawrence Springborg, Goondiwindi Regional Council, have created the Southern Inland Water Alliance and met for the first time last week. They are taking a collaborative approach to establishing sustainable diversion limits and are inviting NSW border Councils to be a part of the group.

4) RDA, Russell Stewart (NSW) & Trudi Bartlett (Darling Downs)

Mr Russell Stewart has been re-elected as Chair of Regional Development Australia (RDA) and BROC congratulated him on his re-appointment. The RDA is the migration office for the region and has been busy solving the current regional employment crisis. The overwhelming issue is the skills list held for each region at a federal level is not extensive enough and does not detail the true skills that are required. The push is to retain young people in regional areas to meet the skills shortage rather than bring in other people from unrelated fields. Russell requested that all member Councils write to RDA detailing the 'skills in demand' for their regions. Trudi is supporting the technologically advanced mapping of water supplies and flows for border regions and advocating for these to be made publicly available. Equally, she is very interested to get a cross border water forum in motion.

General business

- Paroo Shire Council's membership has been accepted and BROC welcomes Paroo to the group.

With the departure of Mr Terry Dodds from Tenterfield Shire Council, the signatories for BROC need to change. As vice-chair of the organisation, I accepted the request to become a signatory.

Noelene Hyde is retiring and Kirsty from Tenterfield is replacing her, and she also accepted this responsibility.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

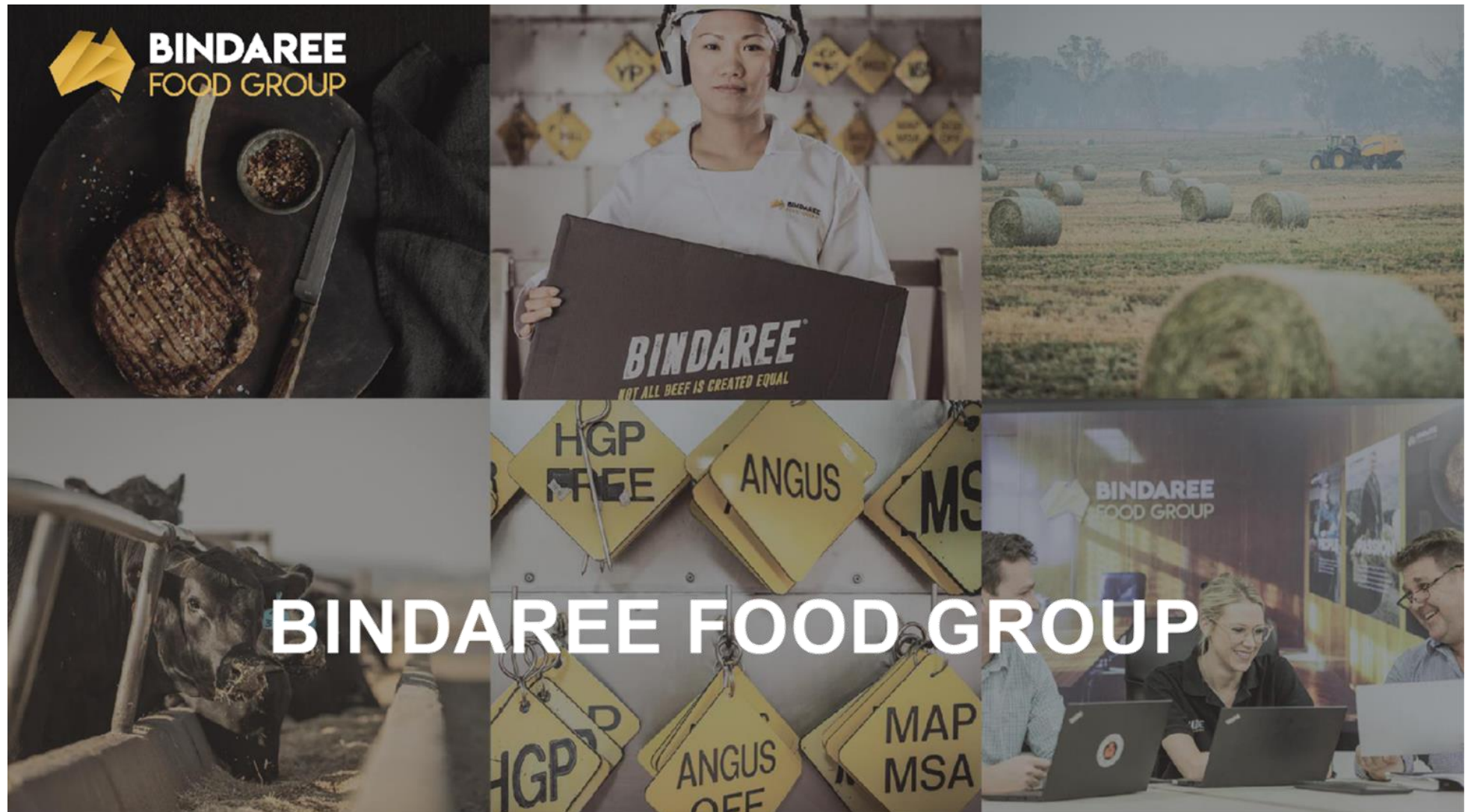
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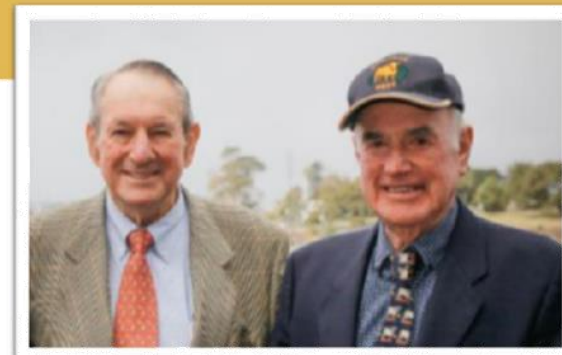
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Presentation - Bindaree Food Group - Andrew McDonald
2. Presentation - Emma Bradbury - Murray Darling Association
3. Presentation - Jane Humphries - Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment



Bindaree Food Group- 40 Years



1981

Bindaree Beef P/L was established in 1981, and was the original name for the company's Lismore abattoir purchased in 1988. Bindaree Beef also operated at the Northern Coop Meat Co Casino from 1981 through to 2006

2001

Secured foundation partnership with ALDI supermarkets and commenced operation of Value-add at Inverell

2016

Acquired Myola Feedlot supporting 20,000 SCU

2018

Establishment of Bursleigh Heads retail ready plant to support partnership growth. 300T capacity

1995

In 1995 Bindaree purchase the Inverell Abattoir from Smorgans and went on to develop the plan from a 600/day operation to a 1300+/day operation.

2015

In July 2015 Bindaree Beef merged with Sanger Sales and Marketing securing distribution in 50 countries.

2017

Strategic Joint venture with Hong Kong based Hui Family. Acquiring 51% of Bindaree Beef Group. With Bindaree management team continuing to be led by CEO Andrew McDonald.

2019

Transformed the business model.

PEOPLE PASSION FLAVOUR

2



Our People

Bindaree Food Group employees over 1100 in Australia, Hong Kong and China.

In Australia -

- Myola Feedlot facility at Croppa Creek in northern NSW
- Bindaree Beef here in Inverell
- Bindaree Food Solutions in Burleigh Heads QLD
- Sanger Australia in Sydney NSW (Export sales & logistics business)

Our China Team has team members operating out of

- Hong Kong (Office)
- Beijing (Office)
- Shanghai (Office)
- Hangzhou & Chengdu (Butcher Shops)



PEOPLE PASSION FLAVOUR

3



Bindaree Inverell- 25 Years

~\$1 billion in Wages- Every Tuesday Night we pump \$1M into the Inverell economy.

10,000 People employed.

25 Employees celebrating 25 Year Work Service Anniversaries

2,500 Traineeships (Certificate II & III Meat Processing)

100 Apprenticeships (Fitters & Electricians)

20 Years as a Registered Training Organisation (RTO)

~\$60 million in Payroll Tax

6.5 million Cattle Processed

1.5 billion kilograms of Beef

100,000 Containers of Beef - exported to 70 countries or sold throughout Australia

Over 120,000 Cattle Truck Movements

PEOPLE PASSION FLAVOUR

4



Global Beef Industry

Australia produces only 4% of global beef but accounts for around 17% of world trade, and has consistently been one of the top three global exporters for several decades.

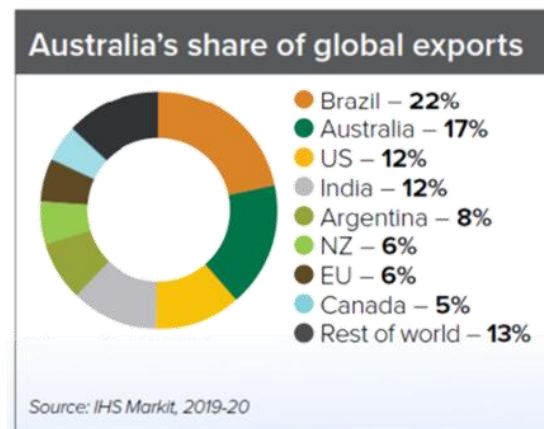
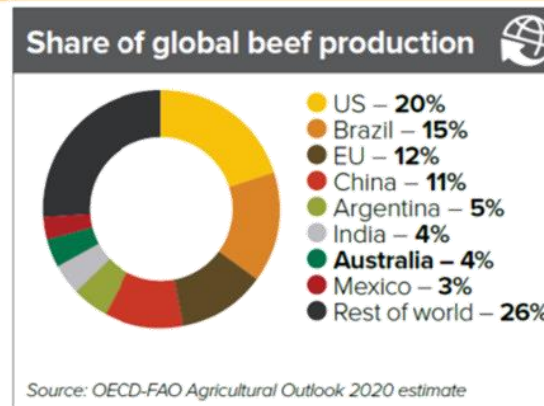
Australia has 25 Million head of Cattle.

Brazil and Argentina - 300 Million Head of cattle.

USA - 100 Million head of Cattle.

China- 90 Million head of cattle.

India- 300 Million Head of cattle/Buffalo.



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World Wide Food Inflation.

Current Price INFLATION

- Brazilian cattle prices **RECORD**
- Australian cattle prices **RECORD**
- Chinese beef prices (market price) **RECORD**
- **VERY HIGH** feed ingredient prices
 - Corn
 - Soybeans and soymeal
 - Wheat
 - MBM (meat and bone meal)

AFS and the Opportunities it creates.

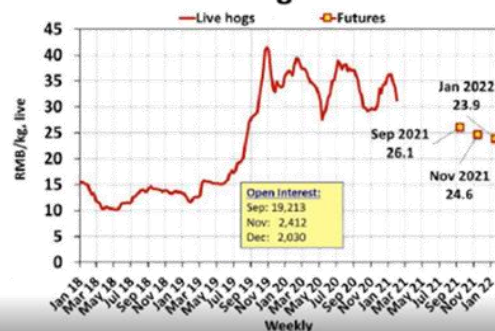
- African Swine Fever (ASF) has had a significant impact on the global meat market, China is short 20Mmt of Protein, IN 2020they imported 10Mmt.

China's herd loss is already 2x the size of the US herd

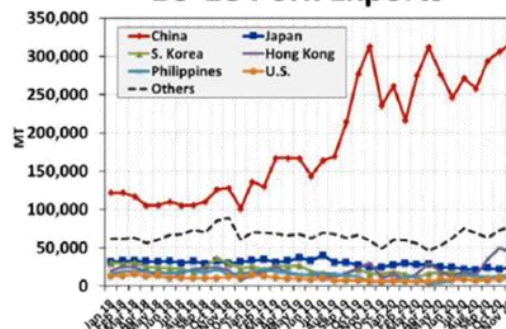
ASF has already resulted in the loss of more than half of China's hog herd in 2019. As a result, Pork prices in Q4 2019 are more than twice as high as in the same period in 2018. The disease will continue to spread in China in 2020, and Rabobank expects pork production to decline further, by 10% to 15% from 2019 levels, given the low inventory of sows and the ongoing impact of the disease.



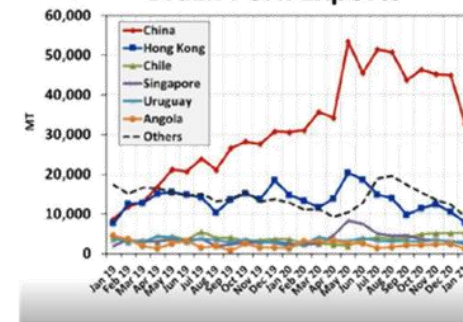
China Live Hogs and Futures



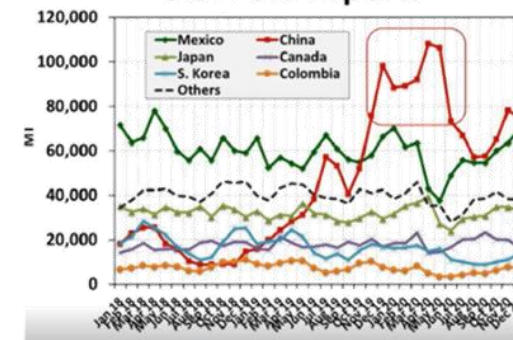
EU-28 Pork Exports



Brazil Pork Exports



U.S. Pork Exports



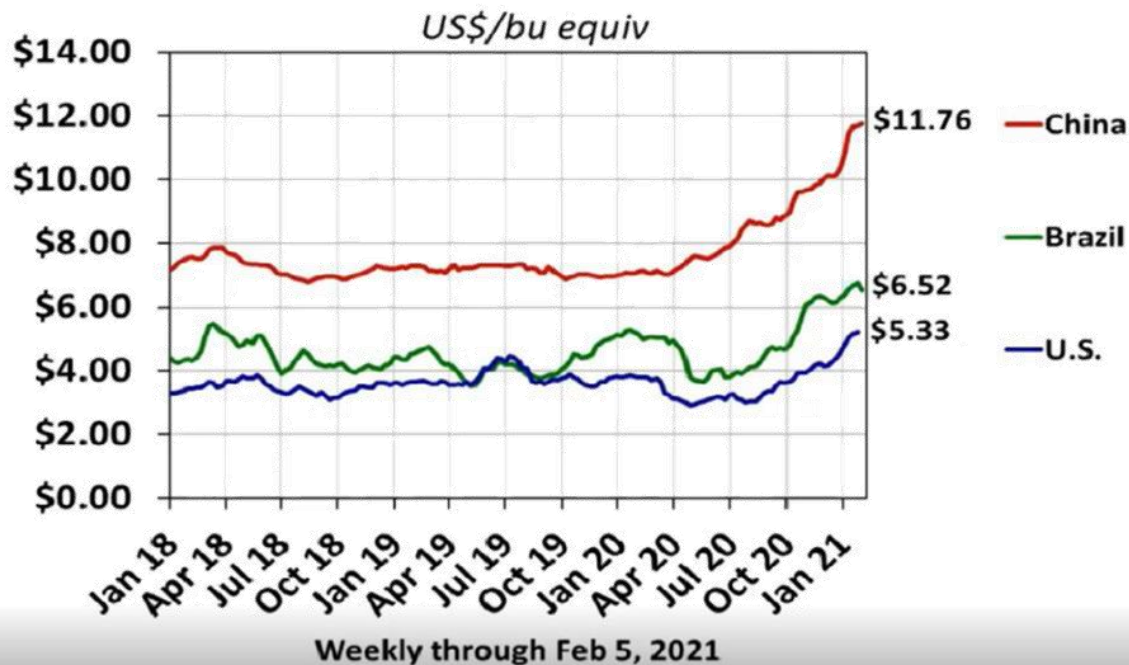
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China Swill Ban

Corn Prices



High corn prices are proving MORE difficult for Chinese farmers...

Their margins fell to \$265/head this week

- Was \$368 a month ago
- Avg \$336 since OCT 2019!

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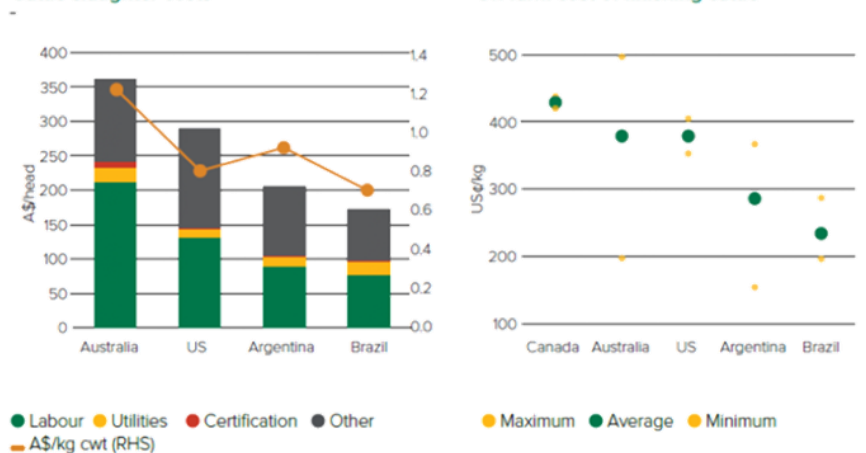
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Feedlot Sector & Change to Supply Chain

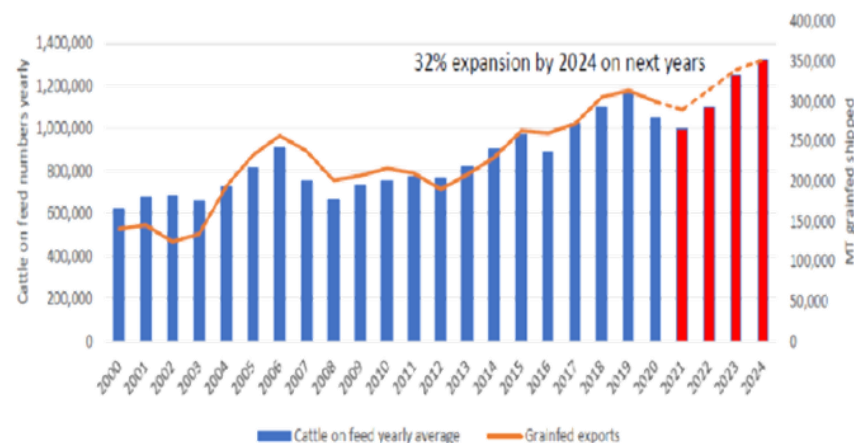
- Australia's cattle and Beef industry operates in a high cost environment.
- Put simply we cannot compete with South American Beef Exports and Prices. Particularly when currencies are not in our favour.
- We have to operate in a premium space. This effectively means Grainfed, or Wagyu or Natural.
- I expect there will be 2 Million cattle on feed within the next 15 years.

Cattle slaughter costs*



Source: *AMPC (Analysis of regulatory and related costs in red meat processing) 2015-16 typical operating slaughter costs and excludes cost of cattle.
 **agri benchmark 2018 typical farm/feedlot cost of finishing cattle, includes the cost of store cattle.

Australian grainfed export volume and cattle on feed 2000-2020



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2020 Shanghai Food Safety White Paper

- In 2020, 80 percent of the food consumed in Shanghai came from outside the municipality.
- The 2.4 million metric tons of vegetables produced by 975 local cooperatives in Shanghai during 2020 was down 16 percent from 2016.
- The 56,000 metric tons of fish and shellfish products from 490 aquaculture production bases was down 47 percent
- 117 Shanghai farms slaughtered 310,000 hogs last year, just 10 percent of the 2.9 million hogs slaughtered there in the peak year of 2014
- The report said Shanghai received 9.1 million metric tons of imported food during 2020. Meat, grain, fruit and nuts were the top food imports, the report said.

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China Access

- 8 Plants = Loss of License
- Currently 35 Plants have Frozen Access, 6 with Chilled
- If Australia losses Beef Access- Cattle prices will fall by 50%
- Australian Lobsters- Were \$80kg wholesale Now \$25.

Current State of the Australian Beef Industry

While our national herd is rebuilding, cattle supply is expected to become even tighter during 2021 as producers retain their breeding stock, while will in turn decrease the national female slaughter numbers.

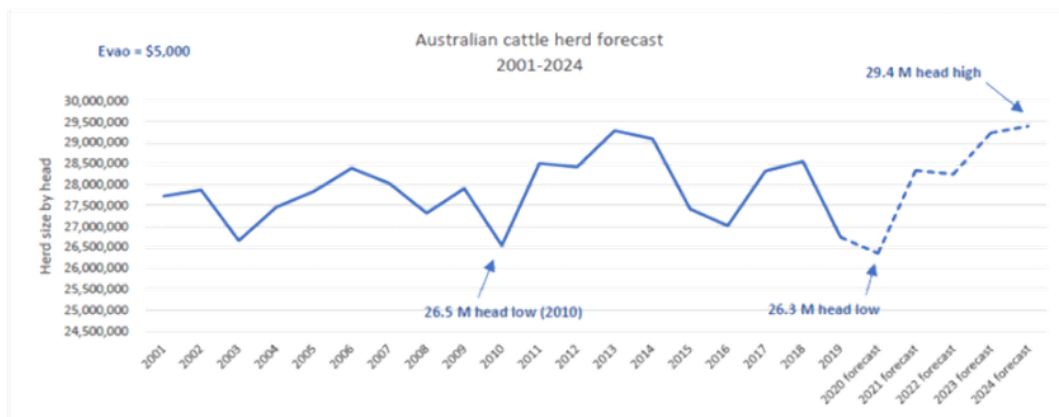
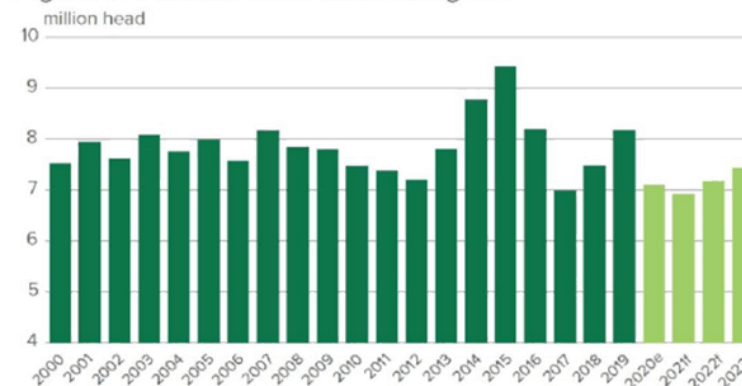


Figure 7: National adult cattle slaughter



Source: ABS, MLA estimates

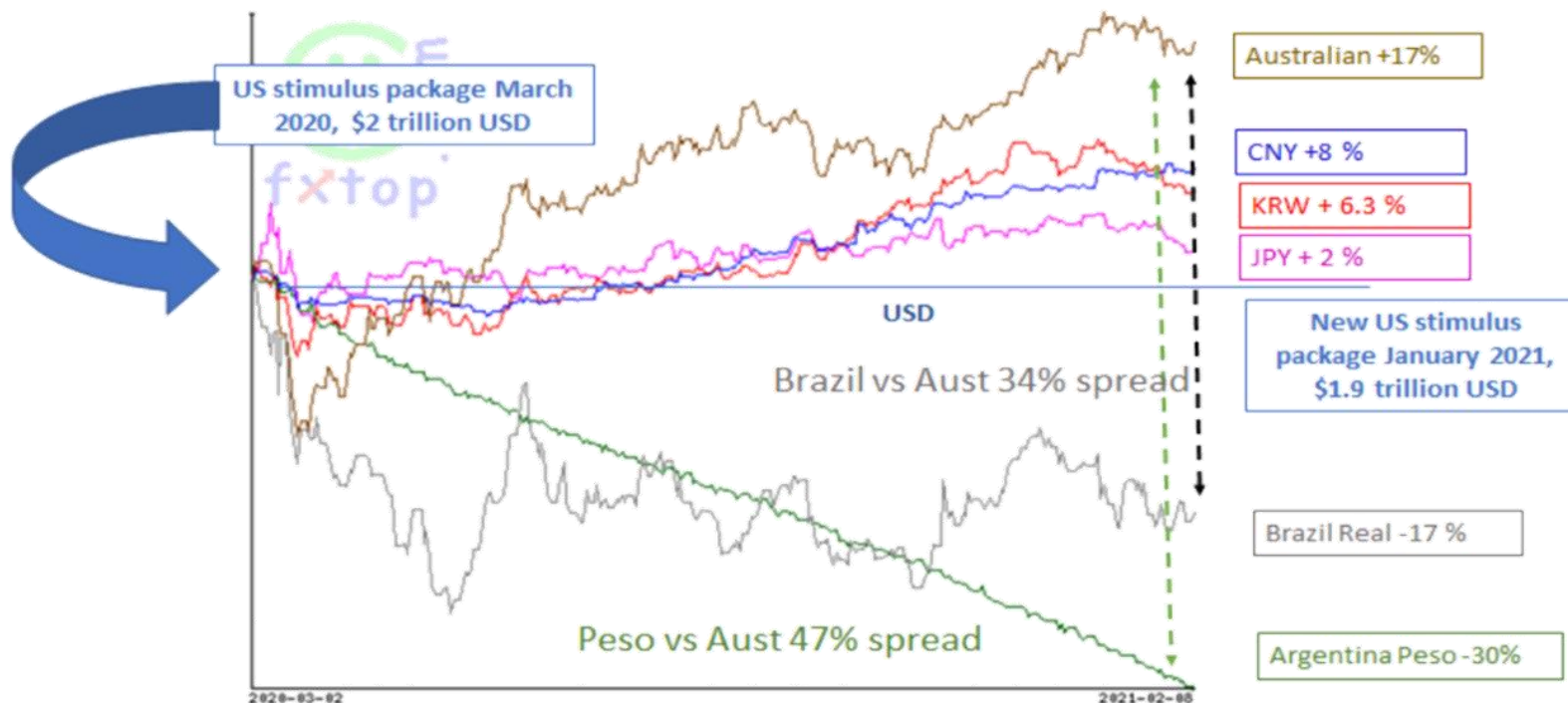
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Currency changes

Currency changes since US stimulus packages introduced

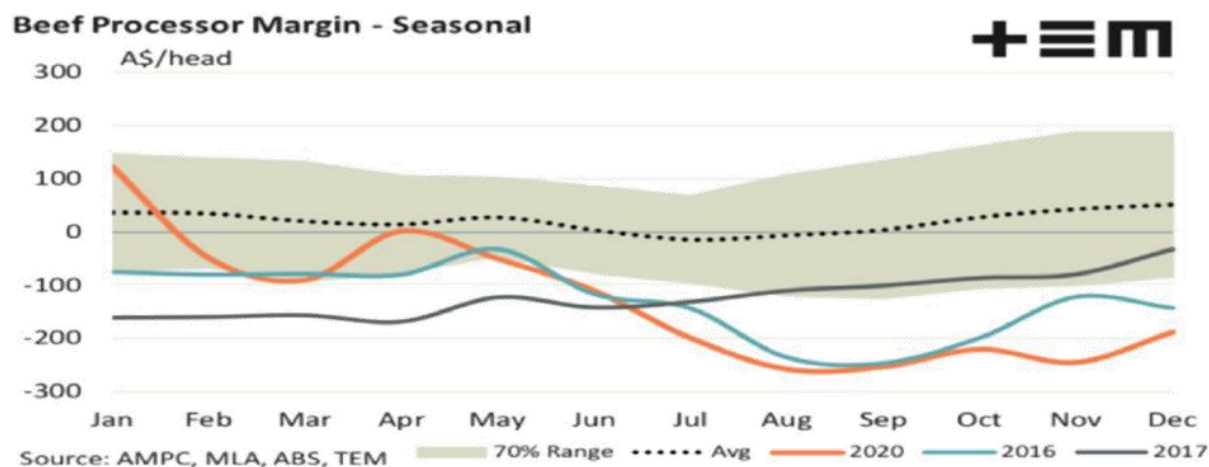


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Beef Processing Industry

- Extremely tough year for cattle supply.
- Record cattle prices with EYCI at \$8.80/kg
- Cows at \$6.00/kg with sustained losses of \$200-\$400 head on Grass-fed Cows.
- Grainfed cattle at \$7.50/kg in Q4 with margins in negative territory.
- We are going to see more Plant closures and shutdowns across NSW and QLD.



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MDA Delegate's Report for tabling at council

February 2021



The Murray Darling Association (MDA) is Australia's peak body representing local government across the Murray-Darling Basin. The following delegate's report provides a detailed report for tabling at council, including a summary of MDA Board Meeting 405, CEO's report, region meetings and the latest edition of the Basin Bulletin.



Registrations for 2021 National Conference now open!

Join us in Wentworth for the Murray Darling Association's **77th National Conference and AGM from 16 - 19 May 2021.**

Following the adversity of droughts, fires and Covid-19 we know that the towns, regions and countries to emerge quickest and strongest are those with innovative, connected local leadership.

Themed Connectivity: Connecting Councils and Catchments, this exciting event will bring together leaders and decision makers from across the Murray-Darling Basin.

This hybrid event will provide a range of attendance options. Meeting in Wentworth will provide those rich opportunities to reconnect with each other, while full digital connectivity will ensure that all options are covered seamlessly in the event of a Covid-19 interruption.

REGISTER TODAY: www.mda.asn.au

1. MDA Board Meeting 405

The Murray Darling Association held its Ordinary Meeting of the Board Meeting 405 on Monday 21st of December 2020. The minutes are now available [here](#).

Key motions include:

Motion 6.2.2 Membership Fees 2021/2022

Motion: That

1. The fees for Membership to the MDA for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 remain unchanged from 2020/21 period in recognition of financial hardship on rural communities due to COVID and to assist in the recovery of their economies.
2. Fees for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 are set as follows
Local Government entity \$0.305 cents per head of population, capped at \$6,681.82 (ex GST).
Under this pricing, the cap benefits councils with a population exceeding 21,900

Non-local government entity \$350 (ex GST)

Individual \$90 (ex GST)

Life Member no fee

Membership fees for new members will be pro-rata, with an annual renewal date of 1 April.

C Davies / J MacAllister

Carried

Motion 6.5: Deliverability Shortfall Risk and options for bypassing the Barmah Choke

Motion: That the MDA write to the independent panel for the MDBA in specific reference to Managing Delivery Risks in the River Murray System seeking the following information:

- a) Details on all and any of the options being considered for restoring or bypassing the Barmah Choke
- b) Details of the proposed consultation process on all and any options
- c) Details of all and any of the works for which contracts are being currently developed as detailed in Figure 9 on page 23 of the [report](#).

J MacAllister / B Thomas

Carried

2. CEO's Report

Welcome back to 2021.

*On behalf of the team here, I am absolutely thrilled to officially launch the webpage and invite you to the **Murray Darling Association's 77th National Conference and AGM** to be held **16 - 19 May 2021** in **Wentworth, NSW**. To register for the event, please visit the conference registration website [here](#).*

The Basin Community Leadership Program (BCLP) will also recommence Face to Face Workshops in a COVID-19-safe environment this March. Workshop details are as follows:

- *Cunnamulla 29-30th March 2021*
- *Dirranbandi 31-1st April 2021*
- *St George 6-7th April 2021*
- *Collarenebri 8-9th April 2021*

The MDA will work in partnership with each of these towns to support the community, boost the local economy and encourage trade in small businesses with the remainder of the workshops to be rolled out across the rest of the year in the same format.

The MDA has also been meeting with CSIRO to develop terms of reference for the MDA Local Government Science and Education Advisory Subcommittee. Discussions are also progressing with CSIRO and MDBA on developing the Basin Climate Ready Communities Program.

3. Region Meetings

Region meetings are an important platform for Basin communities to collaborate and work together within and across their regions. The following is a list of recent and upcoming region meetings:

Region	Meeting Type	Date	Minutes
Region 6	Ordinary Meeting	5 February 2021	Available soon
Region 11	Ordinary Meeting	12 February 2021	Available soon
Region 9	Ordinary Meeting	17 February 2021	Available soon
Region 2	Ordinary Meeting	18 February 2021	Available soon
Region 7	Ordinary Meeting	18 February 2021	Available soon
Region 4	Ordinary Meeting	2 March 2021	Available soon
Region 5	Ordinary Meeting	9 March 2021	Available soon
Region 1	Ordinary Meeting	12 March 2021	Available soon

4. Basin Bulletin Issue 41 & 42 – December 2020 & January 2021 Newsletter

The MDA publishes the Basin Bulletin newsletter monthly. Recent newsletters (Issue 41 & 42) included the following stories:

- 2021 National Conference
- Updates on the latest Basin reports
- Summary of the latest Basin news
- The latest CEO report

Basin Bulletin Issue 41 can be accessed [here](#) and Issue 42 can be accessed [here](#). To receive the next edition of the Basin Bulletin, please register on the MDA website (www.mda.asn.au) or [email](#) MDA Comms and Engagement Officer Jess to request to be added to the distribution list.

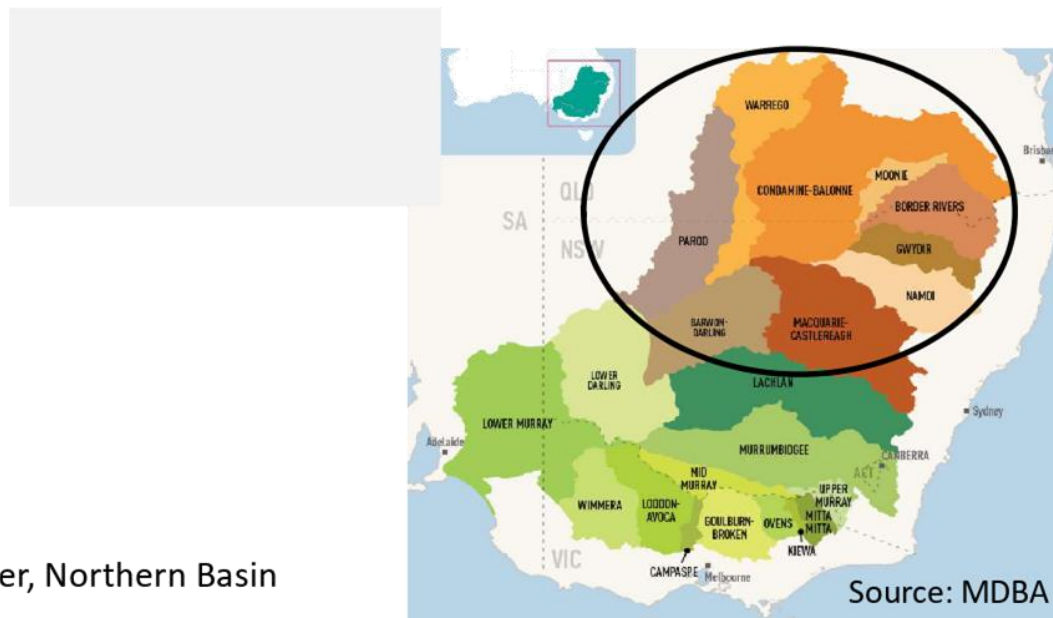
Northern Murray-Darling Basin - Environmental Water & Conditions Update

– Presentation for MDA region 11

Jane Humphries, Local Engagement Officer, Northern Basin Section, 12 February 2021

CEWO North Basin Team: Lindsay White, Nerida Sloane, Hayley Behnke, Jane Humphries, Gavin Pryde, Brooke Sargent, Jason Wilson, Mike Peat, Liz Webb, Neal Foster

Disclaimer: Information shared is to the best of CEWO knowledge and from data that was available to the current date and is shared for information and communication purposes. Do not rely on for legal purposes.



Overview of presentation

1. CEWO Local Engagement Officers
2. Working together
3. Overall MDB CEWO Environmental Water Entitlements, Account and use volumes
4. Environmental Water Plan Summary 2020-21 year
5. Summary of Environmental water deliveries 2020-21 so far
6. Summary for the Barwon-Darling 2020-2021 so far
7. Details for environmental water event details 2020-21
8. Current conditions
9. Current environmental water situation, current and likely actions
10. Engaging with communities



Links and based with communities

1. CEWO Local Engagement Officers



Berri:
Michelle Campbell



Mildura:
Richard Mintern



Wodonga:
Anthony Wilson



Wagga:
Michele Groat



Moree:
Jane Humphries



Walgett:
Jason Wilson



2. Working together – Cooperate, Collaborate, Complement:

- **NSW Environmental Water Group in DPIE Environment, Energy and Science Section (EES) – Key partner – Planning, Delivery, Management, Monitoring**
- **WaterNSW - Delivery and advice re delivery planning**
- **Advisory and Monitoring – NSW EES, Fisheries, Monitoring, Evaluation and Research (MER - UNE & 2rog), MDBA, NPWS, NSW Env. Water Advisory Groups (EWAGs - Gwydir, Macquarie)**
- **Advice and local knowledge – local landholders, local Aboriginal community, irrigation sector, fishing people, other interested community members**
- **Engagement and two-way knowledge sharing and building – MDBA REOs, EES Local officers, NPWS, MER (UNE/2rog), Local Councils, LLS, Fishing clubs, Aboriginal Community, Community groups, Schools +++**



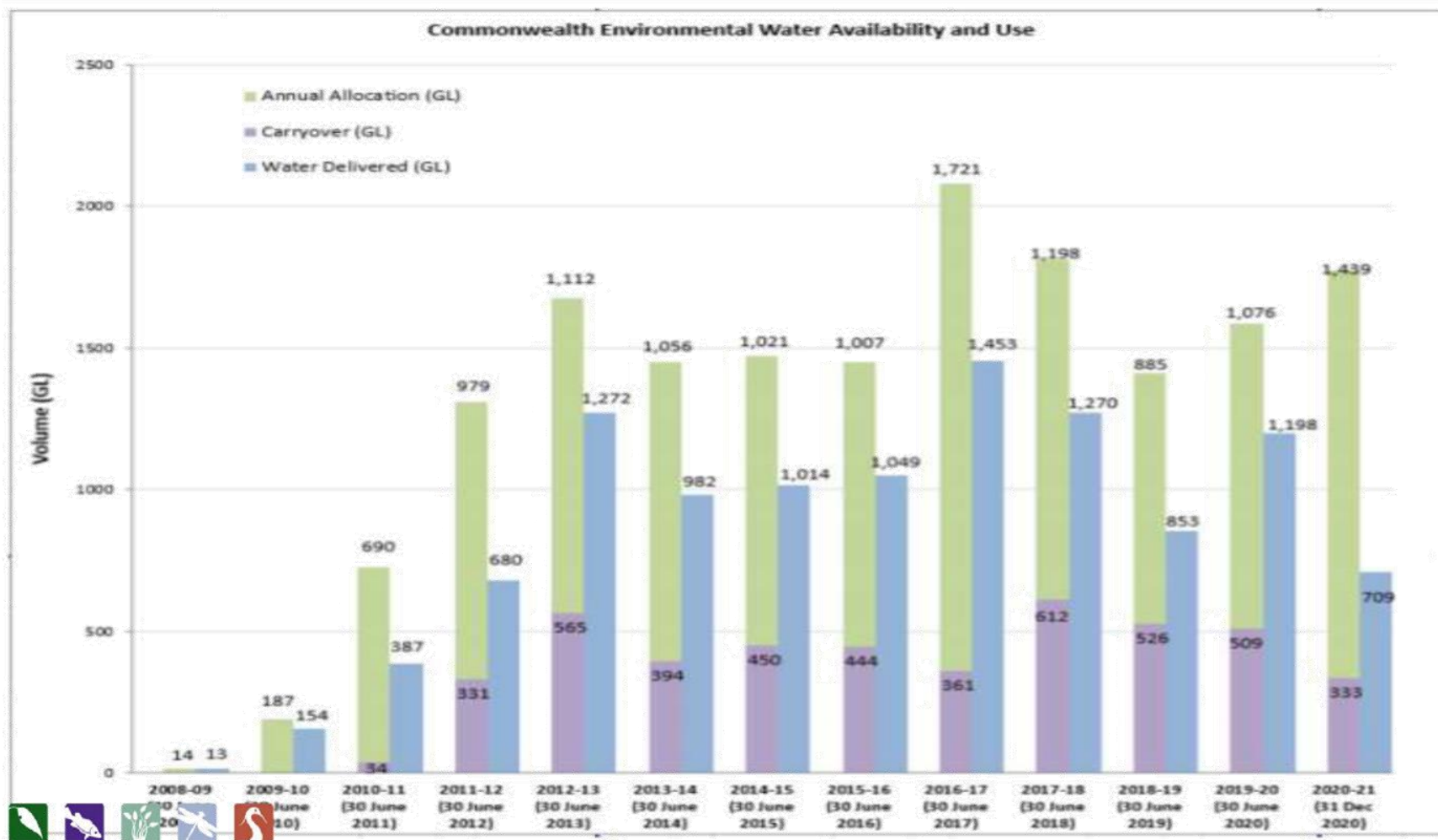
3. CEWO Environmental Water Holdings, Availability and Use at 31 December 2020 – Whole M-D Basin (Final figures TBC)

Key Points:

Water Availability, Use and Portfolio Management

2. The Commonwealth's entitlement holdings stand at **2,876 GL^{1,B}**.
3. The Long Term Average Annual Yield (LTAAY) of the Commonwealth's entitlement holdings stand at **1,989 GL**.
4. The volume of Commonwealth environmental water available for management in 2020-21 is 1,773 GL^B (including water that has been delivered or transferred for delivery). This comprised:
 - a net carryover from 2019–20 of 333 GL; plus
 - 1,439 GL of new allocations.
5. After considering use limits in some regulated northern water sources and groundwater accounts, the volume available for environmental use in 2020-21 is 1,767 GL.
6. The volume of Commonwealth water planned for use in 2020-21 is (up to) 1,679 GL against regulated entitlements and (up to) 743 GL against unregulated entitlements^C.
7. The volume of Commonwealth water delivered to 31 December 2020 is 709 GL².
8. Since 2008-09, a total of 11,033 GL has been delivered across 16 catchments within the Murray-Darling Basin.



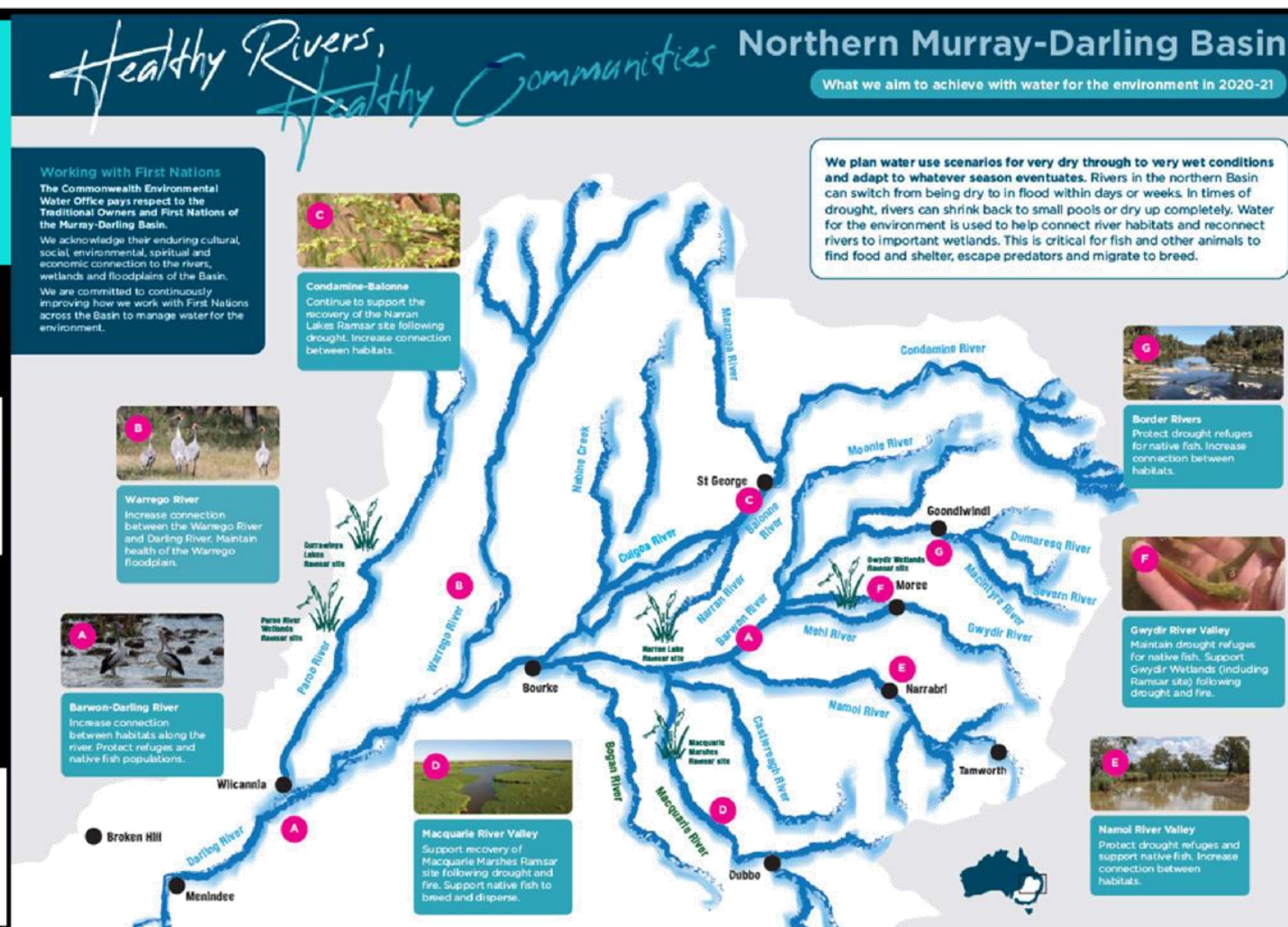


4. Water Management Plan 2020-21

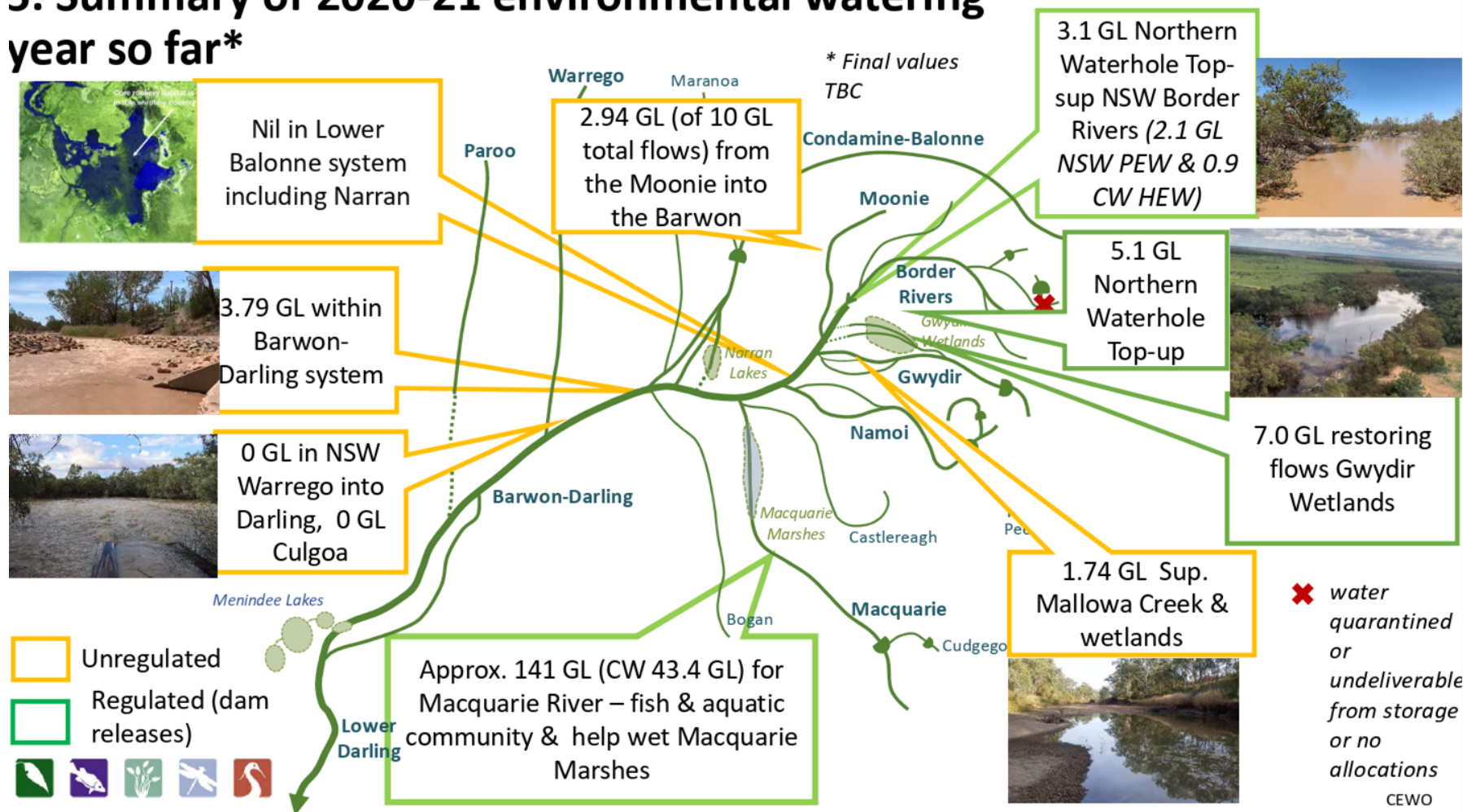
Available On website
<https://www.environment.gov.au/water/cewo/publications/overview-water-mgt-planning-2020-21>

Or can mail/email out

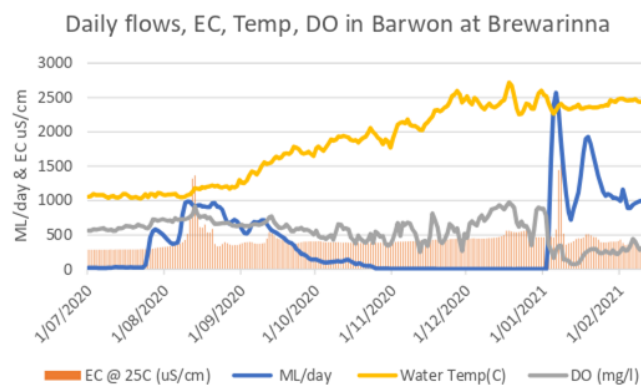
Current CEWO events and updates on website
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5. Summary of 2020-21 environmental watering year so far*

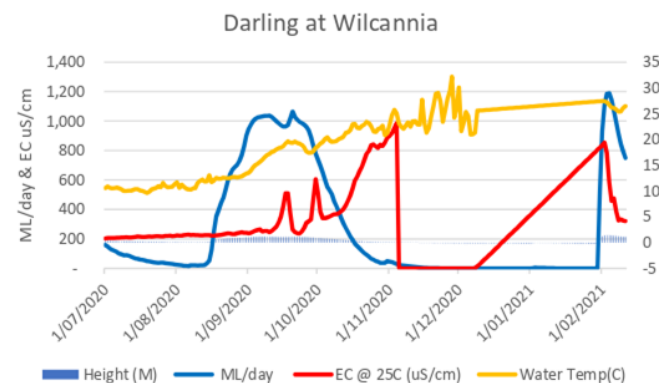
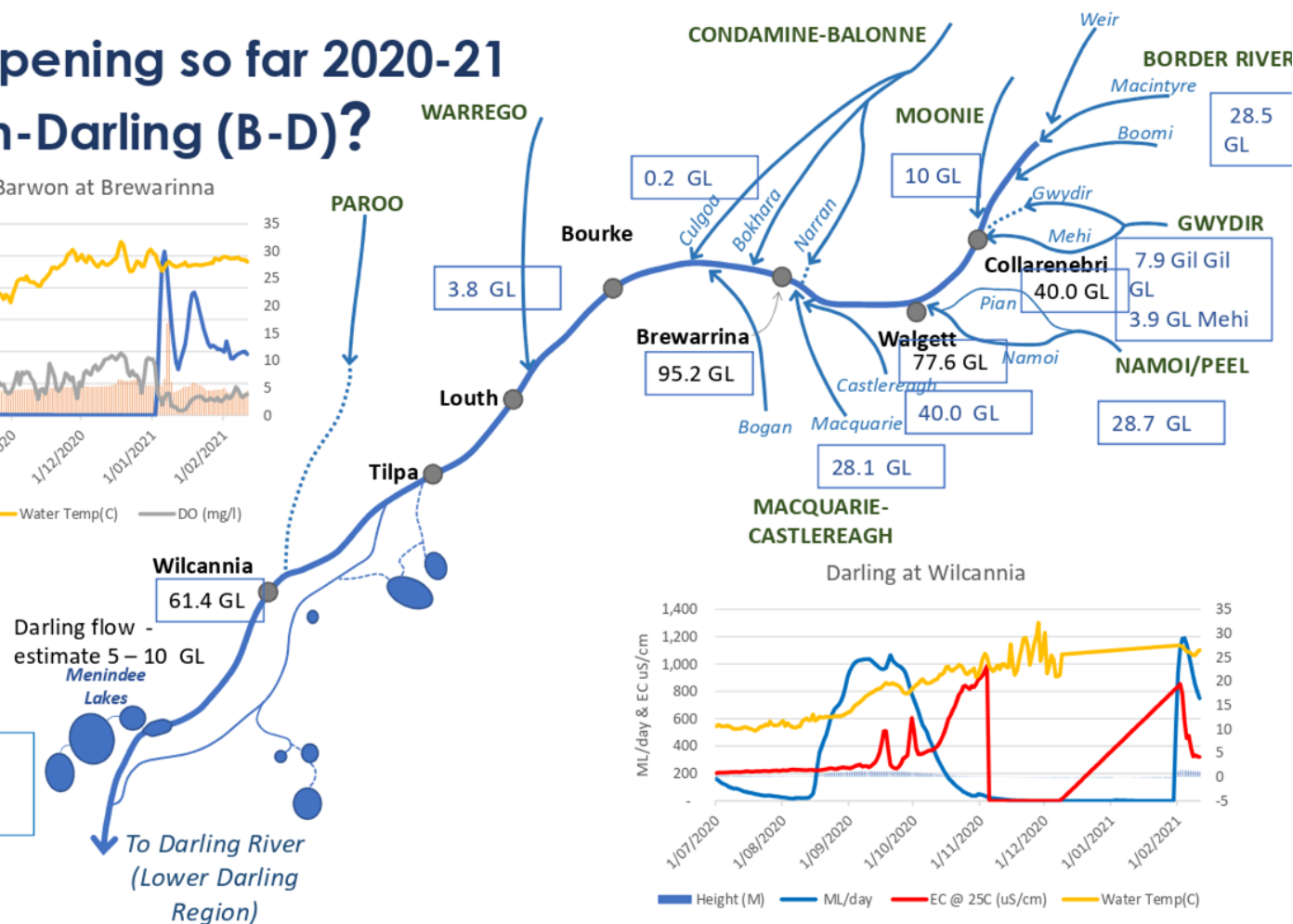


6. What's happening so far 2020-21 in the Barwon-Darling (B-D)?



= total flows within B-D in GL

Numbers in blue boxers are outflows from tributaries into B-D at closest EOS gauge



Pumping ban partially lifted in Barwon-Darling River after 12 days

ABC Western Plains / By Saskia Mabin and Lucy Thackray

Posted 2d ago, updated 2d ago



To note that has been fair bit in media re Barwon – Darling recently with all the changes

Key points:

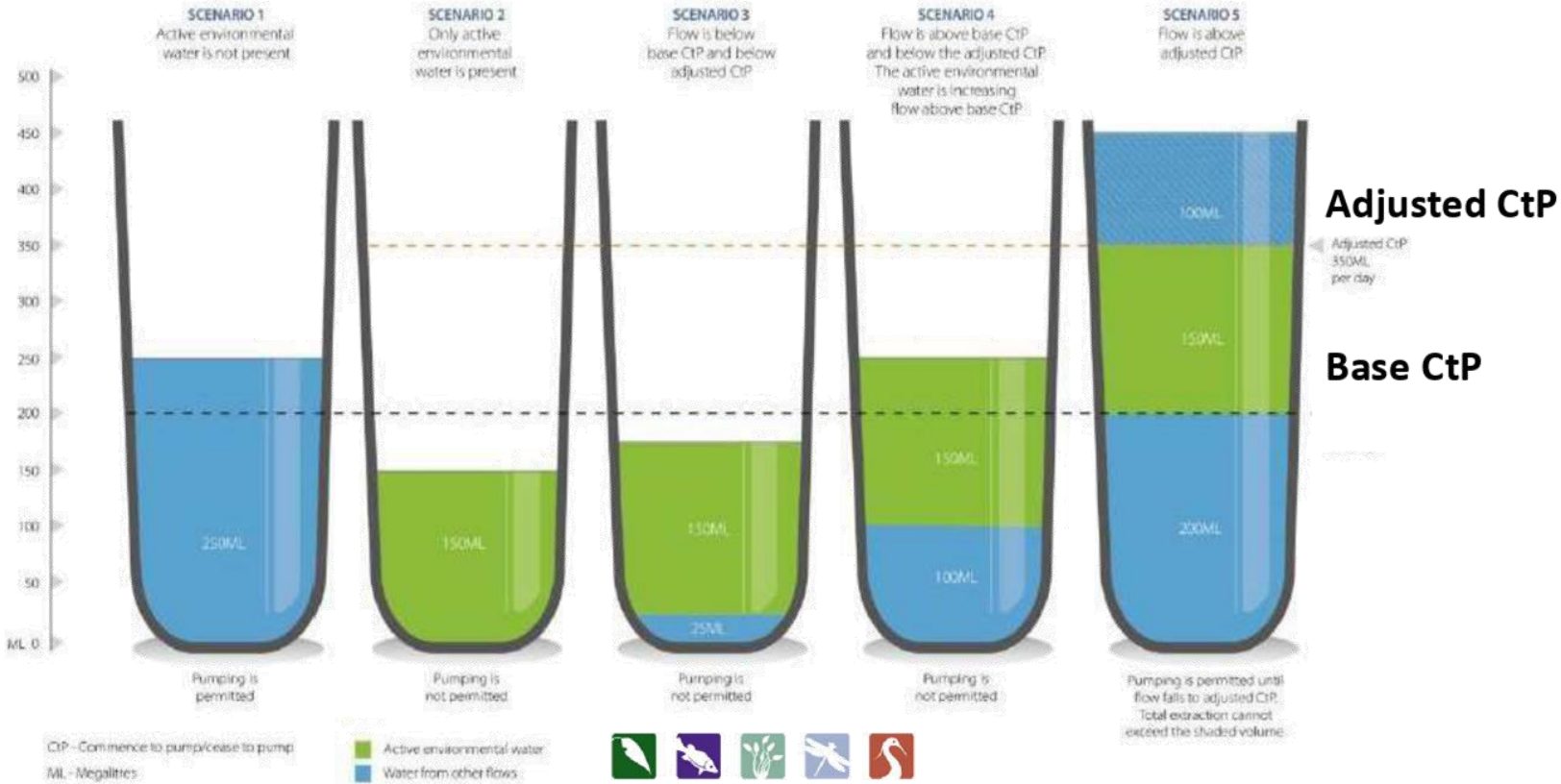
- Low water flows triggered a stop to pumping from the Barwon-Darling River
- But good flows improved the river connectivity and allowed a partial lift of the ban
- The new rule is generally supported by irrigators but some say it "needs more work"

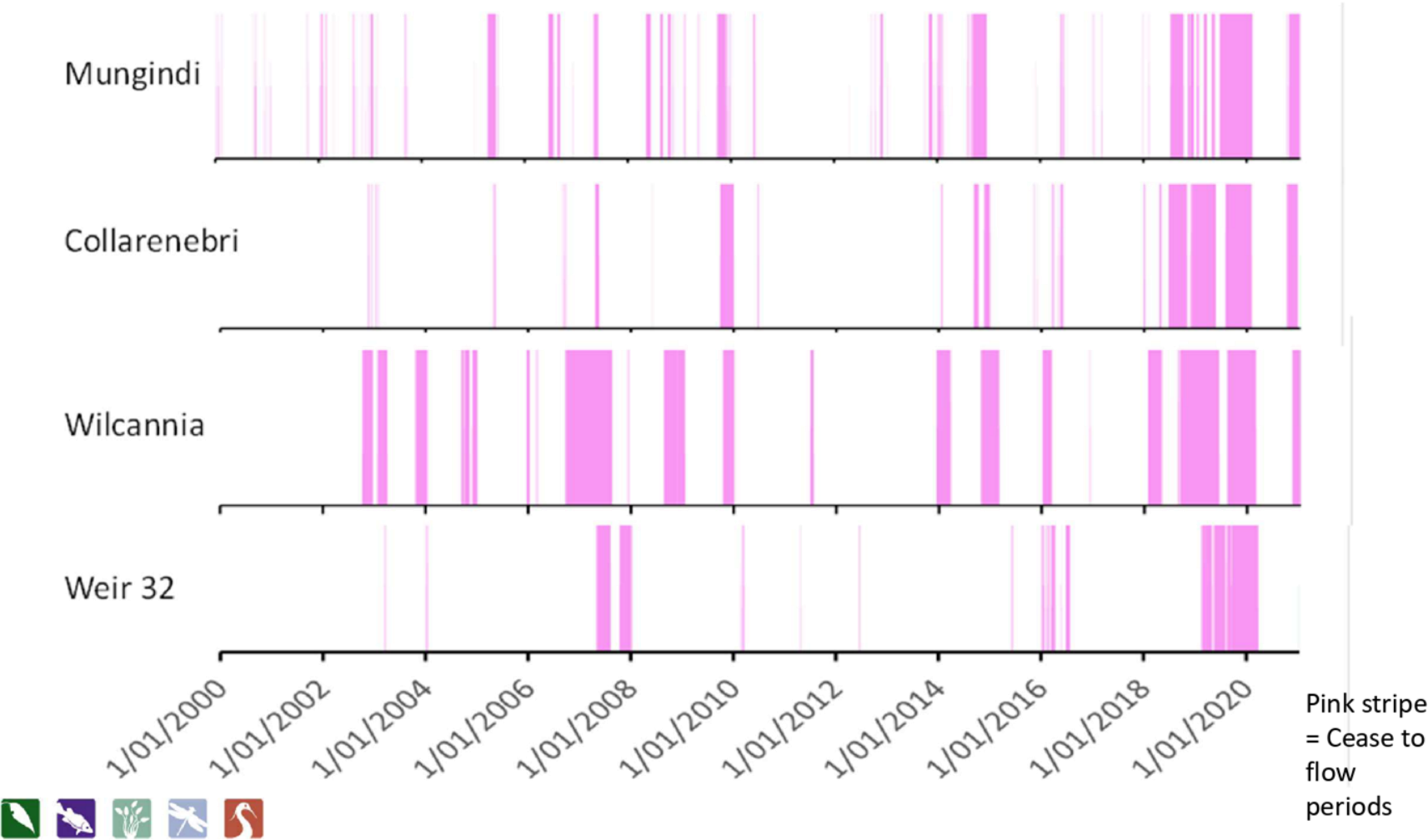
The transition of rules and arrangements in the B-D

1. NRAR boots on the ground, eyes in the sky, metering
2. New resumption of flow rule
3. New active management arrangements
4. New IDECs (individual daily extraction components)
5. ↑ A class commence to pump threshold at Bourke (350 – 605 ML/day)
6. Imminent flow rule removed



Active management – in from 1 December 2020





7. CW & NSW Environmental Water Events 2020- 21



- Macquarie
- Gwydir
- Northern Waterhole Top-up
- Barwon – Darling
- Moonie

Macquarie

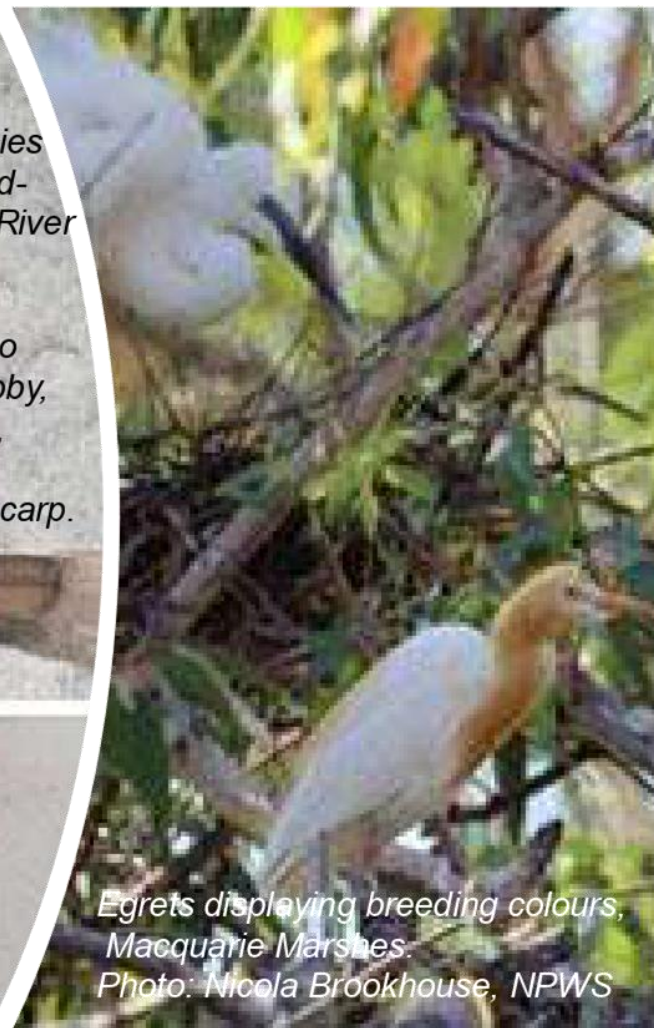
- CW and NSW environmental water to the mid-Macquarie River and Marshes over spring-summer 2020-21
- To support recovery following extreme drought conditions.
- Delivery supported Murray cod breeding along with other species, start the recovery of core wetland vegetation.
- Helped plants, fish, frogs and waterbirds to complete their life cycles.
- NSW Fisheries monitoring - young Murray cod
- <https://www.environment.gov.au/water/cewo/catchment/macquarie/2020-21-macquarie-river-valley-updates>



Top photo: Larval species from the mid-Macquarie River (October-November 2020), top to bottom: Yabby, Murray cod, freshwater catfish and carp.



Bottom photo: a mussel from the mid-Macquarie River. Photo: DPI Fisheries.



Egrets displaying breeding colours, Macquarie Marshes. Photo: Nicola Brookhouse, NPWS

Gwydir

- NSW activated CEWH Supp license in the Mehi River, during the Announced 30% Supplementary Event (DEC 20).
- In total 1740 ML was diverted into the Mallowa Creek Watercourse.
- Jan-Feb 2021 total of 7 GL (ECA/CEWH) was returned to the Gwydir Watercourse and Wetlands (Gingham & Lower Gwydir).
- Helped restore the condition of the wetlands including the Old Dromana and Goddard's Lease Ramsar Sites – important in this 50th year celebration of the Ramsar convention.
- Delivery Northern Waterhole Top-up via Gwydir-Carole-Gil Gil 5.1 GL.
- Small waterbird breeding colony – small top up delivery just starting 12 Feb for Gingham with up to 5GL as needed to fledge young birds.

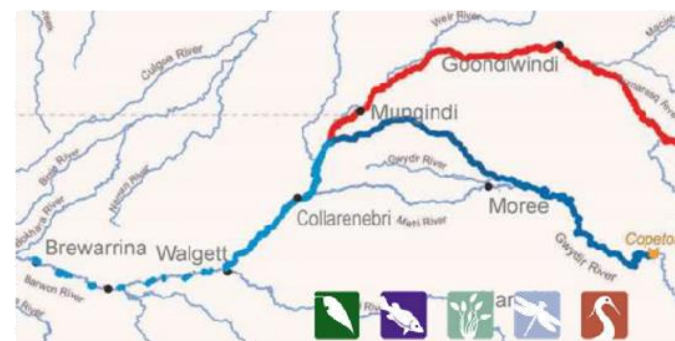


Northern Waterhole Top-up

- Help native fish survive by improving water quality in drying waterholes, and connecting flows
- CW & NSW 8 GL December 2020 – January 2021
- Gil Gil Creek, Macintyre River, upper Barwon River (Mungindi to Walgett)
- <https://www.environment.gov.au/water/cewo/publications/northern-waterhole-top-up-flow-update-3>
- Collarenebri Councillor Kelly Smith recently observed that the “river system is in a far better state at present compared to a month ago.”



Flows at Mogil Mogil Weir, between Mungindi and Collarenebri



Barwon - Darling

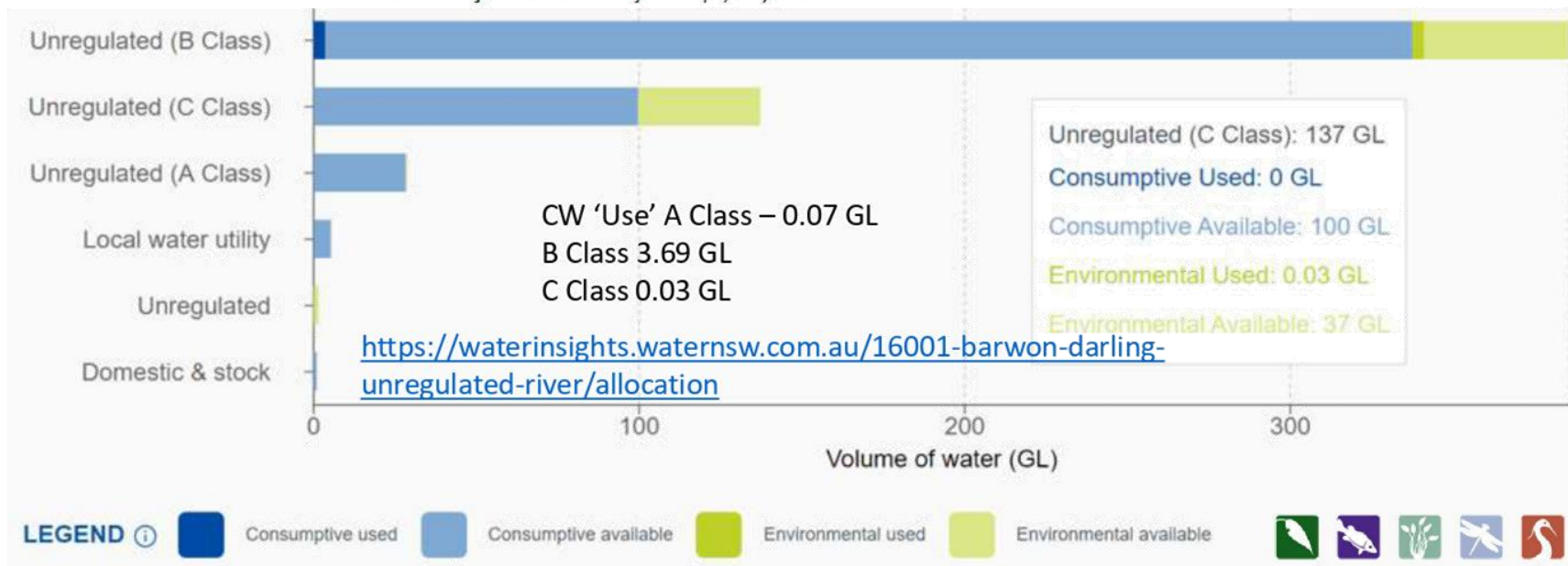
- Activation of B-D unregulated licences entitlement 26.83 GL at 150%
- (B-D up to 300%) in 2020-21



A section of the Brewarrina fish traps, July 2019. Photo: CEWO

Important country for Aboriginal nations

The Barwon-Darling River is long and the country of many Aboriginal nations including the Barkindjiri, Ngemba and Gomeroi, who have a deep and enduring connection with the river.



Barwon-Darling Flow Class Announcement



Effective Date of Announcement:

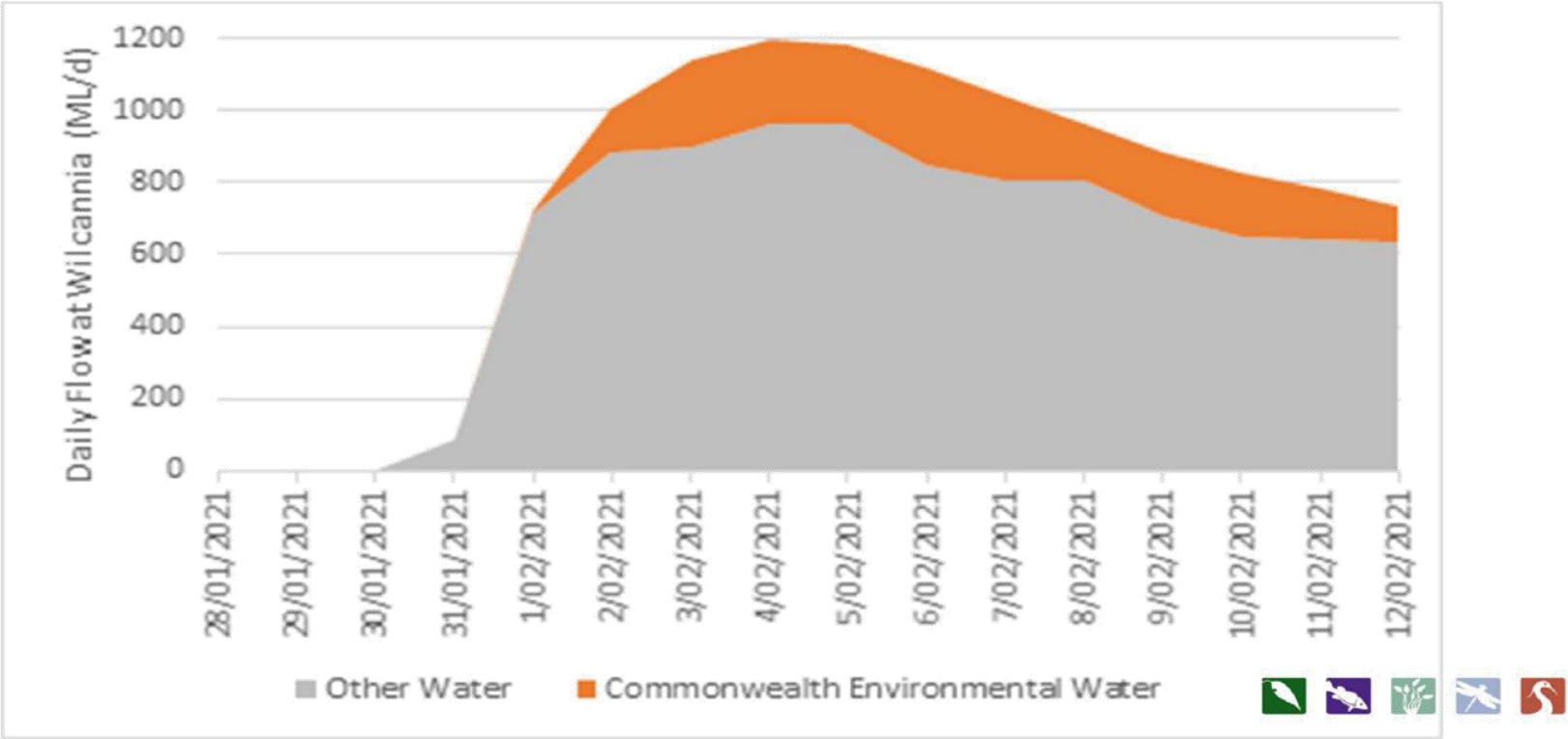
9:00 AM, Wednesday, 3 Feb 2021 to 9:00 AM, Thursday, 4 Feb 2021

U/S B class

Downstream Mogil Mogil to Collarenebri (16224)	Barwon River at Mogil Mogil (422004)	570 (570)	0 ML/day – upstream of any held env water
Collarenebri to Upstream Walgett Weir Pool (16225)	Barwon River at Collarenebri Main Channel (422003)	900 (500)	400 ML/day – against unregulated licences near Collarenebri
Bourke to Louth (16231)	Darling River at Bourke town (425003)	1315 (1250)	65 ML/day – part of the tail of the Northern Waterhole Top-up
Tilpa to Wilcannia (16233)	Darling River at Tilpa (425900)	1195 (1010)	185 ML/day – Mainly Northern Waterhole Top-up



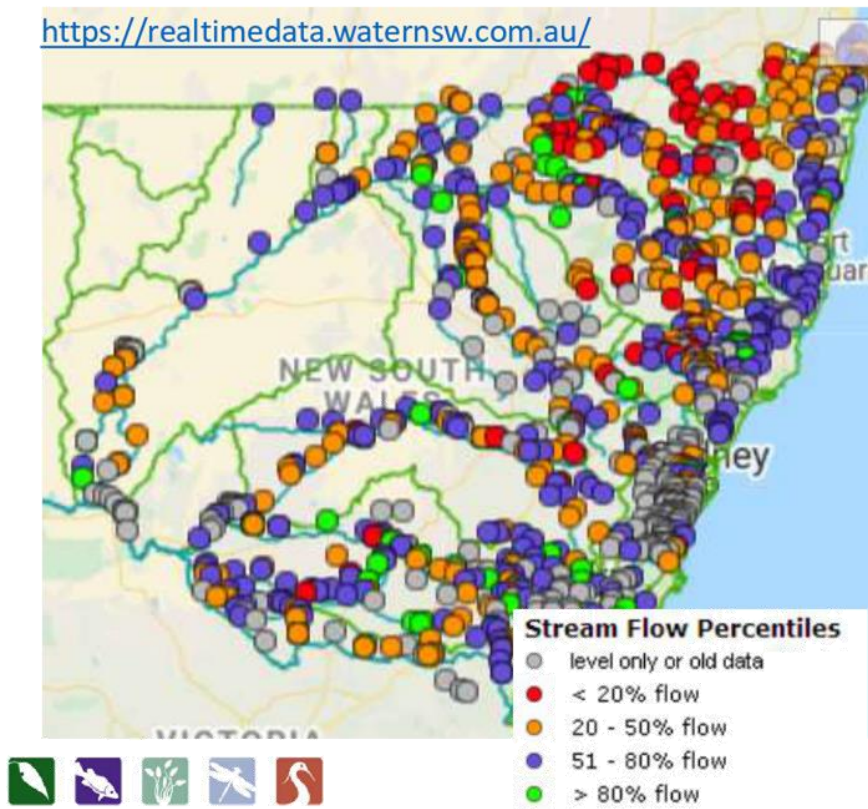
Recent flows in Darling at Wilcannia



8. What's the current conditions now?

Currently NSW & Qld Northern Basin – many places now low or in some places, nil flows

<https://realtime.data.waternsw.com.au/>



Happened/Happening:

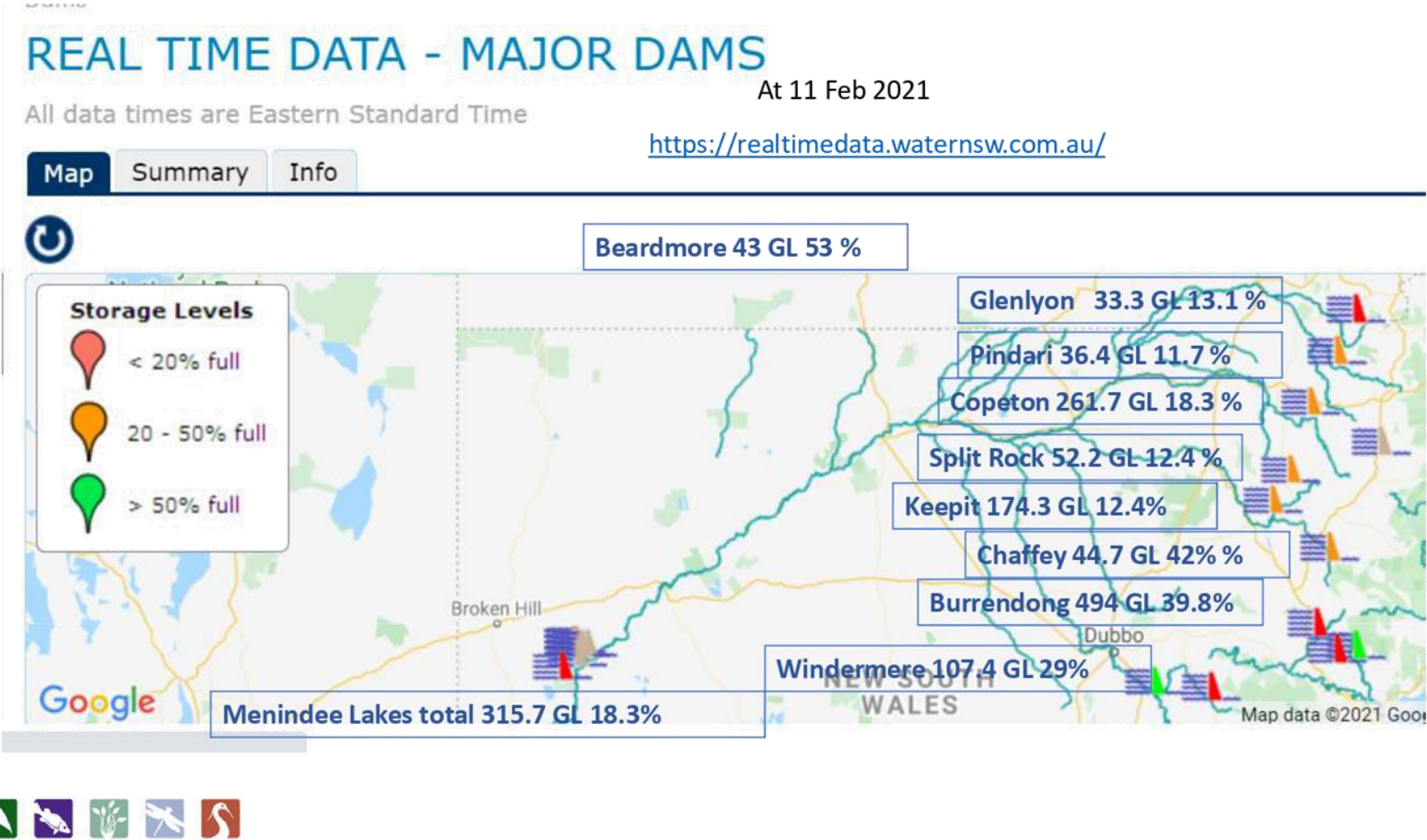
- Macquarie Marshes CW-NSW deliveries
- NSW Border Rivers NSW managed planned environmental water (PEW) deliveries
- Northern Waterhole Top-up (via Border Rivers & Gwydir)
- Gwydir sup and wetlands deliveries
- Moonie and Barwon-Darling unreg
- WaterNSW - Irrigation bulk releases out of Pindari, Copeton, Keepit (late Nov-Dec 2020)
- Now back to normal operations except Border Rivers

Coming up:

- Consideration of possible smaller CW-NSW env. water deliveries from dams in other regulated catchments and use of unreg licences.

Still Hoping:

- Waiting for good rains for unregulated catchments – flows in Condamine-Balonne, further/continued flows in Barwon-Darling and for downstream flows in other systems and to continue to increase storage dam levels

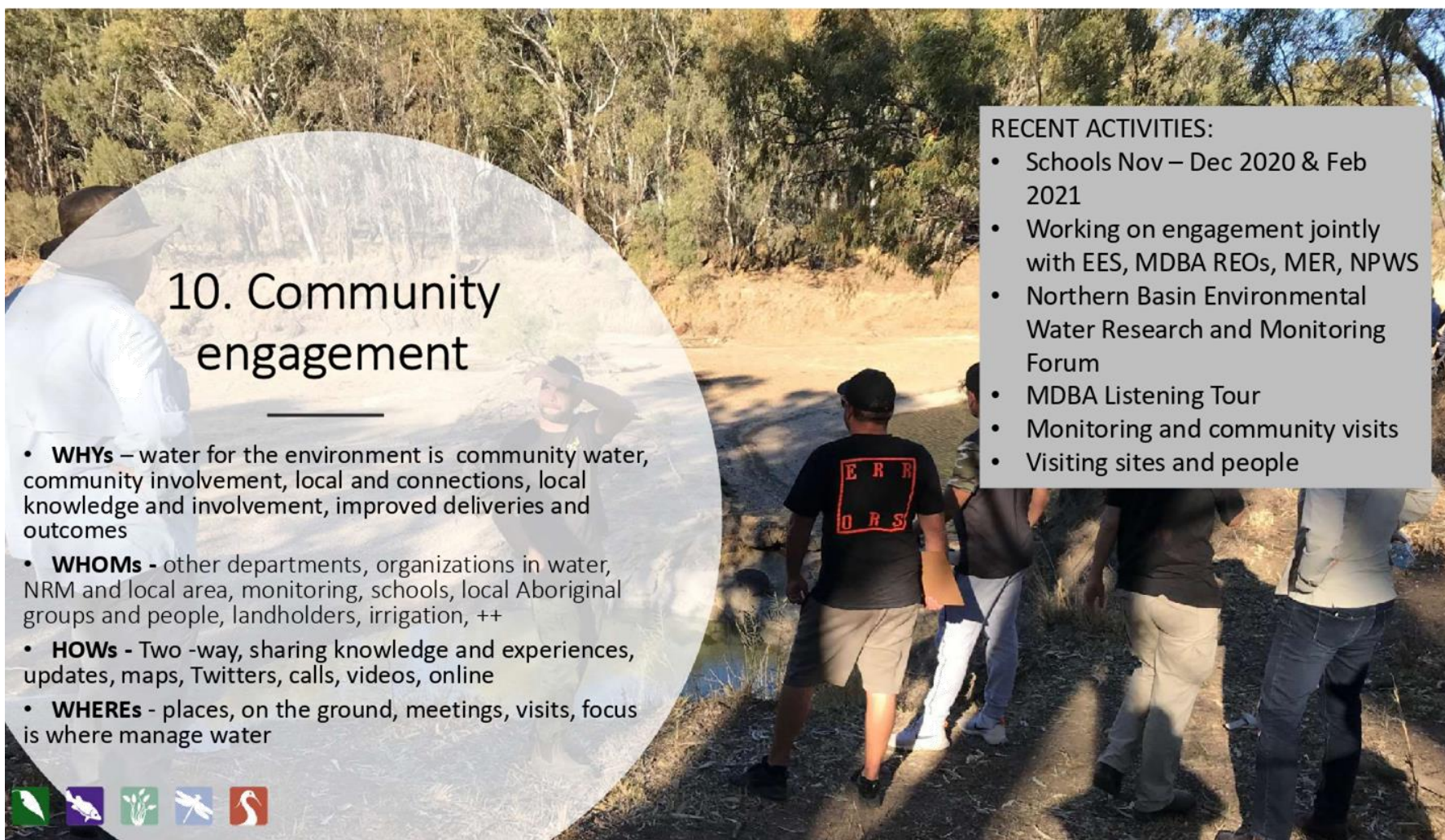


9. Current situation: Environmental water in storages and likely actions

- Estimates as at 11 February 2021 & TBC.
- If events, plus water against unregulated licences, rules and licences administered by states
- Subject to change (adaptive management)
- CEWO & NSW work collaboratively
- *managed planned environmental water

Valley	Recent regulated water deliveries [#]	CW Water available in dams	NSW Water available in dams	Current use plan (subject to change)
Macquarie	Oct 2020 – Feb 2021 April – June 2019	51.53 GL	Around 102 GL	Completed fish recruitment and Macquarie Marshes (extend duration) – around 141 (CW 43 GL) total delivery
Namoi	Nov – Dec 2018	4.9 GL	Not applicable	Possible late autumn &/or early spring Namoi low flow to B-D connection delivery
Peel	June 2018	0.2 GL	1.9 GL	Possible Autumn connection low flow along whole Peel
Gwydir	Dec 20-Feb 21	22.0 GL	21.0 GL	Small wetlands and Northern Waterhole Top-up done Small waterbird breeding top up Gingham If needed - Autumn refuge river and creek waterholes to around Moree
Border Rivers	NWT – Dec 20-Jan 21 SF – Oct 2020	1.2 GL	*Pindari Stimulus Flow (SF) 3.6 GL & Translucency payback approx. 8 GL	NSW 4.4GL Stimulus Flow (SF) done. Northern Waterhole Top-up (NWT) NSW PEW & CW Pindari done, CEWO 1.2 GL – Glenlyon - use?






10. Community engagement

- **WHYs** – water for the environment is community water, community involvement, local and connections, local knowledge and involvement, improved deliveries and outcomes
- **WHOMs** - other departments, organizations in water, NRM and local area, monitoring, schools, local Aboriginal groups and people, landholders, irrigation, ++
- **HOWs** - Two -way, sharing knowledge and experiences, updates, maps, Twitters, calls, videos, online
- **WHEREs** - places, on the ground, meetings, visits, focus is where manage water

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- Schools Nov – Dec 2020 & Feb 2021
- Working on engagement jointly with EES, MDBA REOs, MER, NPWS
- Northern Basin Environmental Water Research and Monitoring Forum
- MDBA Listening Tour
- Monitoring and community visits
- Visiting sites and people



Communications



<https://twitter.com/thecewh?lang=en>

<https://www.environment.gov.au/water/cewo/catchment/macquarie/2020-21-macquarie-river-valley-updates>



Macquarie River Valley 2020–21: Event Update #4
Initial environmental outcomes, 4 February 2021

Objectives: Supporting the recovery of native fish, particularly Murray cod, and core wetland vegetation in the Macquarie Marshes.

Timing: October 2020 – February 2021

Target areas: Mid-Macquarie River, Macquarie Marshes, lower Macquarie River.

Rainfall and natural flow events in early January also benefited the Macquarie River and inundation in the Marshes. The delivery of water for the environment will finish in early February 2021.

Initial outcomes in the Marshes
Monitoring activities by NSW agencies are helping to assess the environmental response to the flows.

Wetland vegetation
Water for the environment has increased the growth, diversity and cover of wetland vegetation in the Macquarie Marshes. With some inundation continuing into the warmer months, wetland vegetation has grown well, especially in water couch and mixed marsh areas. The North Marsh reedbed is also being supported to grow, flower and recover.

Waterbirds
A range of waterbird species were observed responding to inundation in the Macquarie Marshes. Approximately four small (<100 nest) colonies of colonial-nesting birds such as egrets, cormorants, darters and Australian white ibis have

Reeds and marsh club rush at Louisa's Lagoon (CEWH)

Progress of the flow
Water for the environment was delivered during October to support Murray cod, followed by a pulse to the Macquarie Marshes in November to disperse larval fish and help core wetland vegetation to recover from the drought.

Low flow rates (300–400 ML/day) have been provided to the Marshes through December 2020 and January 2021. These flows help wetland plants in inner core wetland areas to finish their growth cycles during the warmer months. This includes the North Marsh reedbed, which has been affected by both fire and drought. Waterbirds, fish, frogs and other plants and animals are also benefiting from these flows.

Egrets displaying breeding colours, Macquarie Marshes (Nicola Brookhouse, NPWS)

Northern Waterhole Top-up – Flow Update 3
21 January 2021

Objectives: Help native fish survive by improving water quality in drying waterholes & gigittres.

Dates: December 2020 – January 2021

Target areas: Gil Gil Creek, Macintyre River, upper Barwon River (Mungindi to Walgett)

Other flows: Releases of water for the environment are coordinated with releases of water for other purposes.

Things are looking up
In mid-December, isolated storms resulted in small flows into some northern rivers and parts of the Barwon-Darling.

The Northern Waterhole Top-up has provided 8 additional gigalitres of Commonwealth and NSW water for the environment.

Original plans for this delivery targeted about 230 km of the Barwon River from Mungindi to Walgett. Thankfully, December storms wet the Barwon River channel which has meant this environmental flow has now reached Brewarrina.

Some of this water will make it as far downstream as Bourke by the end of January. As a result, the Northern Waterhole Top-up will benefit around three times the distance of river we originally expected. The Commonwealth holds licences in the Barwon-Darling and the Moonie, which are also contributing to this event, helping flows reach further.

Water entered the Barwon River between Mungindi and Collarenebri on the Macintyre and Moonie rivers and the Gwydir river system. Each river contributed in different ways at different times. The graph below shows the Macintyre and Moonie contributing the 'peaks' to the flow, while the Gwydir provided the 'body' of the flow.

Flows at Mungindi Mungindi Work, between Mungindi and Collarenebri

When the flow arrived (see satellite images below), it reconnected waterholes, providing better drought refuges for native fish and animals.

Before (left) and during (right) the flow near Collarenebri Work between Collarenebri and Walgett. Satellite images sourced by the MDBA.

Before (top) and during (bottom) the flow at Mungindi Mungindi Work. Photos: CEWH.

Map showing flows from the Northern Waterhole Top-up linking together. The red line shows water for the environment from the Macintyre River and the dark blue shows Gil Gil Creek. The light blue line shows flows connecting along the Barwon to Bourke (the broken line shows the mixing of top-up flows with unregulated flows).

<https://www.environment.gov.au/water/cewo/publications/northern-waterhole-top-up-flow-update-3>



- Some of the places and people (& need time in office to download recent photos)!



MDA & Local Councils engagement



Engagement with MDA - potential discussion points:

- Advice re what is needed and wanted?
- With MDA, Local Councils
- Any advice/links re other groups?
- The what, when, where and how?
(e.g. What sort of information needed, frequency, types - is it phone calls, emails, updates, videos, meetings, how often, at meetings, updates??)
- Options for sharing information via websites, radio, local papers, videos, Twitter, Facebook, meetings??
- Any thoughts re this would be appreciated.

And finally....an issue with the Ford Ranger

(good to see high soil moisture levels in places!)



If you would like further information or to discuss any of this along with any further questions, comments, feedback, this is welcome now (and anytime)

Thanks for the opportunity to share and discuss with you today at the MDA Region 11 Councils meeting



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8 COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - 10 MARCH 2021

File Number: S4.11.16/13 / 21/9043

Author: Kristy Paton, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing

SUMMARY:

Meeting held on Wednesday, 10 March, 2021.

For the consideration of Council.

COMMENTARY:

Refer to the attached minutes of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

- i) *That the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee held on Wednesday, 10 March, 2021, be received and noted; and*
- ii) *The recommendations of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee be adopted by Council.*

8.1.1 REPAIR Program Update - Bundarra Road adjacent to Racecourse

RECOMMENDATION:

That the 2020/2021 REPAIR Program budget be allocated to the upgrade of Bundarra Road adjacent to the racecourse.

8.1.2 Copeton Town Water Supply Production Capacity

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- 1. *The information be received and noted;*
- 2. *Council continue to monitor peak summer demand and report accordingly;*
- 3. *Investigations be undertaken in regards to cost and implications associated with increasing Council's annual allocation from Copeton Dam;*
- 4. *Further evaluation of augmentation options and technologies continue;*
- 5. *Council continue to promote and encourage suitable water conservation measures; and*
- 6. *Council be provided with an ongoing annual report regarding the above matters.*

8.1.3 Information Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information reports be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Minutes of Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting 10 March, 2021

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL
CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,
INVERELL
ON WEDNESDAY, 10 MARCH 2021 AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT: Cr Di Baker (Chairperson), Cr Paul Harmon (Mayor), Cr Stewart Berryman, Cr Mal Peters via Zoom and Cr Neil McCosker via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Anthony Michael (Deputy Mayor), Cr Jacki Watts, Cr Kate Dight and Cr Paul King OAM.

Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil & Environmental Services), Justin Pay (Manager Civil Engineering), Michael Bryant (Manager Environmental Engineering) and Sharon Stafford (Executive Assistant).

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

That the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 10 February, 2021, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

4 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

5 DESTINATION REPORTS

5.1 REPAIR PROGRAM UPDATE - BUNDARRA ROAD ADJACENT TO RACECOURSE S15.8.22

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

That the Committee recommend to Council that the 2020/2021 REPAIR Program budget be allocated to the upgrade of Bundarra Road adjacent to the racecourse.

CARRIED

5.2 COPETON TOWN WATER SUPPLY PRODUCTION CAPACITY S32.15.19**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Stewart Berryman

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

1. *The information be received and noted;*
2. *Council continue to monitor peak summer demand and report accordingly;*
3. *Investigations be undertaken in regards to cost and implications associated with increasing Council's annual allocation from Copeton Dam;*
4. *Further evaluation of augmentation options and technologies continue;*
5. *Council continue to promote and encourage suitable water conservation measures; and*
6. *Council be provided with an ongoing annual report regarding the above matters.*

CARRIED**6 INFORMATION REPORTS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman

Seconded: Cr Neil McCosker

That the information reports be received and noted.

CARRIED**6.1 UPDATE ON TRANSGRID'S UPGRADE TO THE QUEENSLAND - NEW SOUTH WALES INTERCONNECTOR: DUMARESQ SUBSTATION S18.6.12/14****6.2 WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1/14****6.3 CONTRACT MAINTENANCE GRADING OUTCOMES S28.9.12/14****6.4 MAINTENANCE GRADING 2019/2020 S28.21.1/14****6.5 COUNCIL RURAL ROAD NETWORK - HIGHER MASS LIMITS S15.8.100**

The Meeting closed at 9.28am.

8.2 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES - 10 MARCH 2021

File Number: S4.11.17/13 / 21/9045

Author: Kristy Paton, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing

SUMMARY:

Meeting held on Wednesday, 10 March, 2021.

For the consideration of Council.

COMMENTARY:

Refer to the attached minutes of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

- i) *That the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee held on Wednesday, 10 March, 2021, be received and noted; and*
- ii) *The recommendations of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee be adopted by Council.*

8.2.1 Proposal from FutureBus - Hydrogen Plant

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

8.2.2 Governance - Monthly Investment Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- i) *the report indicating Council's Fund Management position be received and noted;*
- ii) *the Certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted; and*
- iii) *further investigation be undertaken on Council's Investment Strategy to identify if there is any opportunities available which would further maximise Council's return on investment.*

8.2.3 Request for Reduction on Water Account

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- a) *The report be received; and*
- b) *Council issue an amended account of \$36.72 for the previous two quarters based on the average consumption of accounts prior to the leak and write off \$ 7430.79.*

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Minutes of Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting 10 March, 2021**

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,
INVERELL
ON WEDNESDAY, 10 MARCH 2021 AT 10.30AM**

PRESENT: Cr Jacki Watts (Chairperson), Cr Paul King OAM, Cr Paul Harmon (Mayor), Cr Kate Dight and Cr Anthony Michael (Deputy Mayor).

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Stewart Berryman, Cr Neil McCosker via Zoom and Cr Di Baker.
Paul Henry (General Manager) and Sharon Stafford (Executive Assistant).

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anthony Michael

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 10 February, 2021, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cr Anthony Michael declared a pecuniary interest in relation to item 6.1, 'Request for Reduction on Water Account S32.10.1/14'. The nature of the interest being that Cr Michael has been appointed to the newly formed Parish Finance Committee.

4 DESTINATION REPORTS

4.1 REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT S32.10.1/14

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

That the matter be referred to Closed Committee for consideration as the matters and information are:

- a personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).*

On balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting; and all reports and correspondence relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

CARRIED

4.2 PROPOSAL FROM FUTUREBUS - HYDROGEN PLANT S8.3.1/14**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon
Seconded: Cr Anthony Michael

That the information be noted.

CARRIED**5 GOVERNANCE REPORTS****5.1 GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2/14****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM
Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

The Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) the report indicating Council's Fund Management position be received and noted;*
- ii) the Certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted; and*
- iii) further investigation be undertaken on Council's Investment Strategy to identify if there is any opportunities available which would further maximise Council's return on investment.*

CARRIED**6 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS (COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE)**

At 10.43am the Chairperson noted that no members of the public or press were in attendance at the meeting therefore the Committee proceeded to consider the motion to close the meeting to the press and public.

At 10:44am, Cr Anthony Michael left the meeting, having previously declared a pecuniary interest in Item 6.1, 'Request for Reduction on Water Account S32.10.1/14'. The nature of the interest being that Cr Michael has been appointed to the newly formed Parish Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon
Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

That the Committee proceeds into Closed Committee to discuss the matters referred to it, for the reasons stated in the motions of referral.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon
Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

That the Committee proceeds out of Closed Committee into Open Committee.

CARRIED

Upon resuming Open Committee at 10.46am, the Chairperson verbally reported that the Committee had met in Closed Committee, with the Press and Public excluded, and had resolved to recommend to Council the following:

6.1 REQUEST FOR REDUCTION ON WATER ACCOUNT S32.10.1/14

That the Committee recommend to Council:

- a) *The report be received; and*
- b) *Council issue an amended account of \$36.72 for the previous two quarters based on the average consumption of accounts prior to the leak and write off \$ 7430.79.*

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon
Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

That the recommendations of Closed Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

At 10:47am, Cr Anthony Michael returned to the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 10.48am.

9 DESTINATION REPORTS

9.1 SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES - 2021

File Number: S12.8.9/05 / 21/9301

Author: Kristy Paton, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to list for consideration a report which deals with confidential matters and information which is recommended for determination by Council in a meeting closed to the public and media.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the matter be referred to Closed Council for consideration as the matters and information are:

- b discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer.*

On balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting; and all reports and correspondence relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

COMMENTARY:

The *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* makes provision for the closure of meetings to the public and media in specified circumstances. In particular s.10A of the Act provides that Council may close to the public and media so much of a meeting as relates to the discussion and consideration of information identified in s.10A(2). The matters which may be closed to the public and media, as stated in the Act, must involve:

- (a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors.)*
- (b) The personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.*
- (c) Information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*
- (d) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:*
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- (g) Advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege.*
- (h) Information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.*

In considering whether to close a part of a meeting to the public and media, Councillors are also reminded of further provisions of s.10D of the Act which states:

Grounds for closing part of meeting to be specified

- (1) The grounds on which part of a meeting is closed must be stated in the decision to close that part of the meeting and must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.*
- (2) The grounds must specify the following:*

- (a) *the relevant provision of section 10A (2),*
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- (c) *the reasons why the part of the meeting is being closed, including (if the matter concerned is a matter other than a personnel matter concerning particular individuals, the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer or a trade secret) an explanation of the way in which discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.*

It is recommended that, pursuant to Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* the matter be referred to Closed Committee for consideration as the matters and information are:

- b discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer.

On balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting; and all reports and correspondence relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the *Local Government Act, 1993*.

9.2 UPDATE ON THE SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES AUCTION**File Number:** S12.8.9/05 / 21/9307**Author:** Kristy Paton, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing**SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to list for consideration a report which deals with confidential matters and information which is recommended for determination by Council in a meeting closed to the public and media.

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9.3 INVERELL SPORTING COMPLEX AMENITIES CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TENDER**File Number:** S5.9.28 / 21/9442**Author:** Kristy Paton, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing**SUMMARY:**

Tenders have been received for the Inverell Sporting Complex Amenities Construction Project. A confidential report has been prepared on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the matter be referred to Closed Council for consideration as the matters and information are:

- d(i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*

On balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting; and all reports and correspondence relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

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9.4 ROUNABOUT - GWYDIR HIGHWAY, BUNDARRA ROAD AND CHESTER STREET**File Number:** **S5.2.59 / 21/9740****Author:** **Kristy Paton, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing****SUMMARY:**

A confidential report has been prepared on the construction of a Roundabout located at the intersection of Gwydir Highway, Bundarra Road and Chester Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the matter be referred to Closed Council for consideration as the matters and information are:

- d(i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*

On balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting; and all reports and correspondence relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

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It is recommended that, pursuant to Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* the matter be referred to Closed Committee for consideration as the matters and information are:

- d(i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

On balance the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information outweighs the public interest in openness and transparency in Council decision-making by discussing the matter in open meeting; and all reports and correspondence relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the *Local Government Act, 1993*.

9.5 REQUEST TO CLOSE COUNCIL ROAD**File Number:** S28.22.1/14 / 21/7465**Author:** Sally Williams, Corporate Support Officer - Governance**SUMMARY:**

Council has received a request from Ron and Judy Morris to close and purchase a portion of Campbell's Road, Bonshaw which adjoins their property, Lot 2 DP 1197935. Council is asked to give in principle support and authorise the process to close the road to commence. A further report detailing outcomes and making a final recommendation will be provided to Council once further information is available.

RECOMMENDATION:*That Council:*

- i) Pending further investigation, due process and consultation, provide in principle support to the closure of the Council road known as part Campbell's Road, Bonshaw with the intent to sell the land to the adjoining land holder;*
- ii) Commence actions to close Council road known as part Campbell's Road, Bonshaw under the Roads Act 1993; and*
- iii) Request a further report be prepared for Council's consideration detailing the outcomes and recommendations prior to any further action being taken.*

COMMENTARY:

Council has received a request from Judith Morris to close and purchase part Campbell's Road which adjoins her property, Lot 2 DP 1197935. A copy of the request is attached. Judith Morris has indicated that she is also in the process of liaising with Crown Lands for the purchase of Crown Road located throughout her property.

Part Campbell's Road is not exclusive access to any property other than that of the potential purchaser. A map is attached showing the proposed road closure.

Processing the request has been delayed for some time as the ownership of the road was unclear. Advice has recently been received from Crown Lands which states that Council is the appointed Road Authority and is able to close the road under the *Roads Act 1993*.

The framework is set out Part 4 Division 3 Roads Act 1993. In summary:

1. It must be established that the road is a Council road. It has been confirmed by Crown lands that this is the case.
2. Must be a formed road. Campbell's Road, Bonshaw has clear evidence of being a formed road.
3. It must not reasonably be required as a road for public use, to provide continuity to the road network or be the only access to a parcel of land. Justin Pay, Manager of Civil Engineering has confirmed that this is the case. 28 day public submission that seeks objections to the closure will be opened in due process.

Council is asked to give in principle support to the application to the extent the road closure process can commence. A further report will be provided that provides details of the outcomes and

recommendation as to whether Council should (or can) close the road and vest the title in Council for sale to the adjoining landholder.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

It is intended that, should the road be closed that the land be vested in Council who would sell to the adjoining landholder.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Council acquired the power to close Council roads in July 2018.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Application to Purchase Road - Road Adjoining Lot 2 DP 1197935 - R & J Morris
2. Road Closure Proposal - Campbell's Road, Bonshaw

Subject: Re: Lot 2 DP 1197935

Would you please submit this enquiry to the Council for consideration.

With reference to map enclosed we would like to purchase the parcel of land which is the remaining part of Campbell Road to grid - marked. This road is not being maintained by Council and has large pot holes and washouts - 1mtr. in depth. As this road is our access to our property we have had to make other tracks outside the existing road for passage. We also have problems with shooters who use this access and shoot on our vacant land without prior consent.

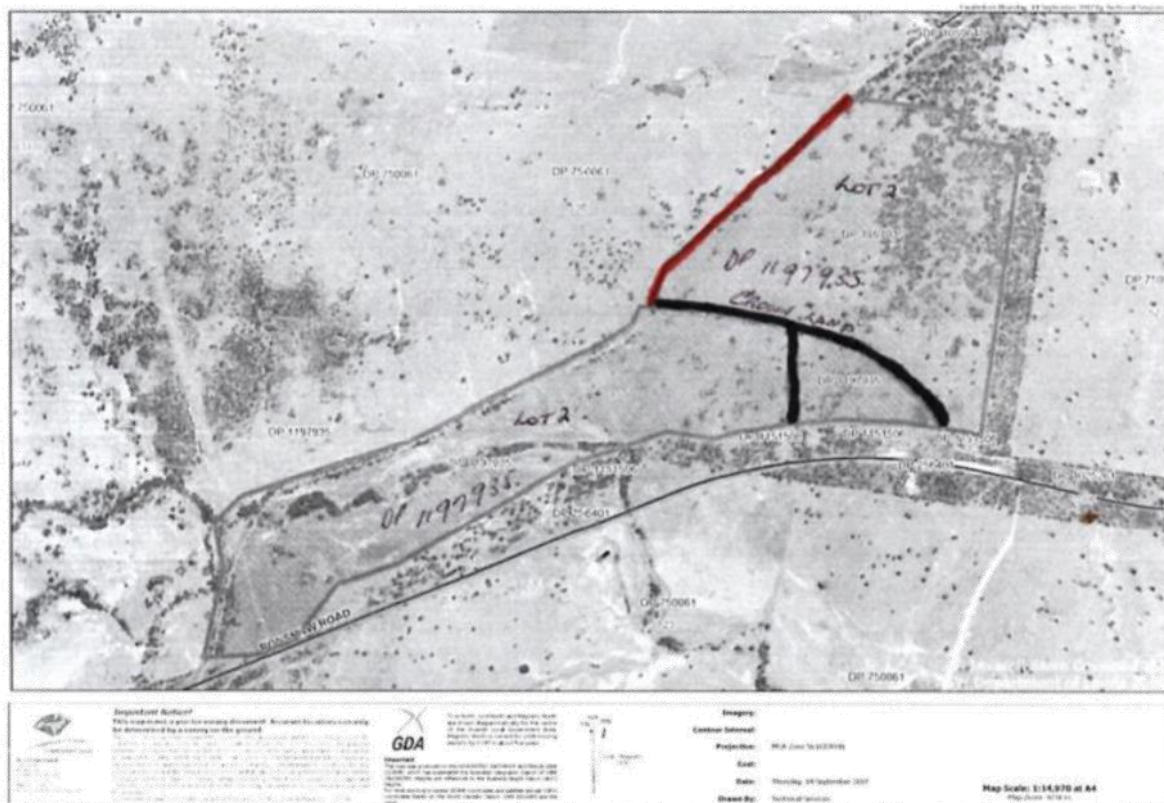
We are in the process of closing/purchasing the Crown Land Roads that are at the end of this road. If successful with this process Campbell Road to grid will be of no benefit to anyone but ourselves. Once completed this will give us complete closure of our property.

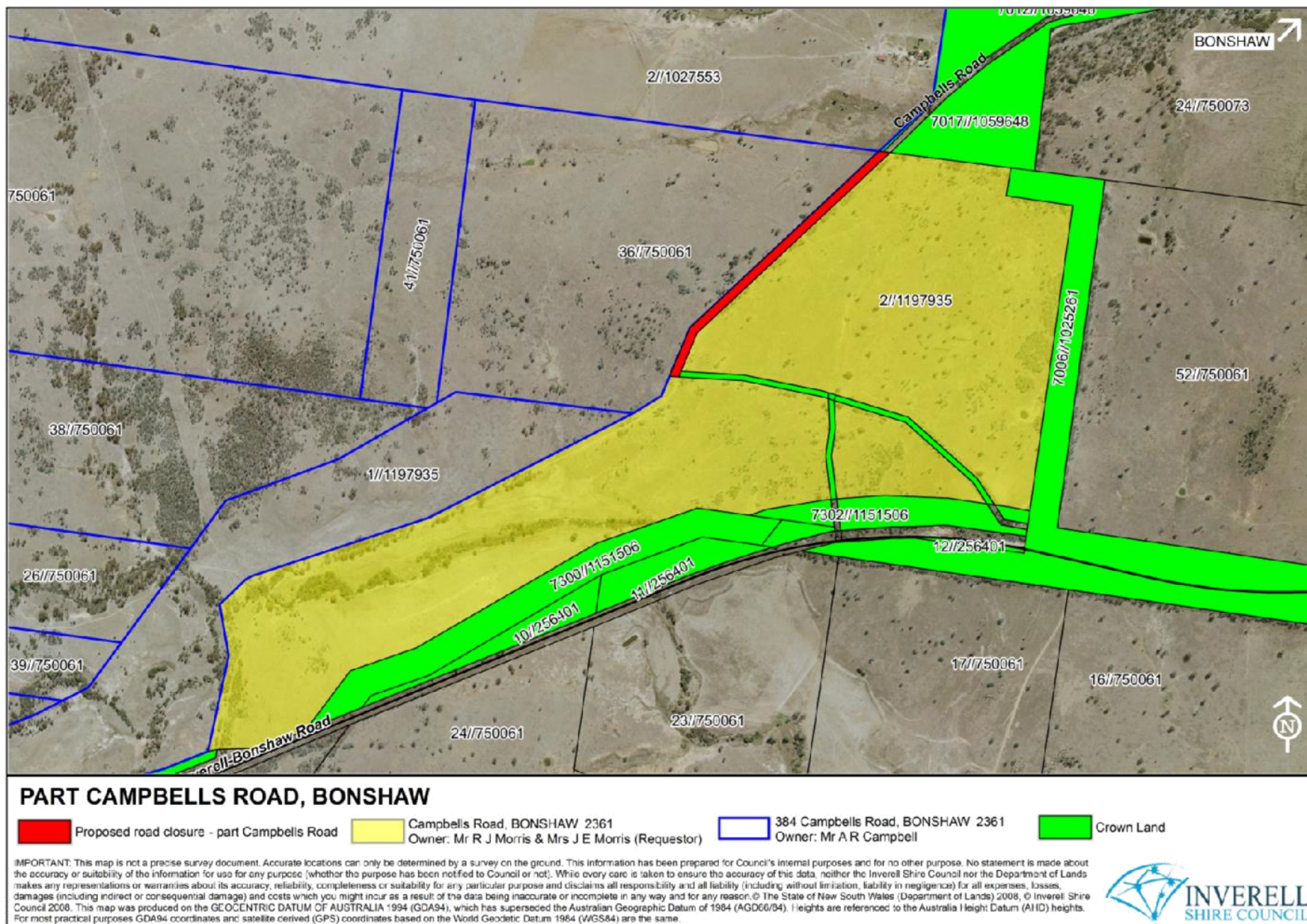
Please advise the outcome of this enquiry. Will forward on map from our other email. Please advise if you do not receive the marked sections on the map you forwarded to me.

Thanks,

Ron and Judy Morris

R. J. J. E. MORRIS.
Property: LOT 2 DP 1197935.





9.6 PAPERLESS DELIVERY OF RATES NOTICES

File Number: S25.9.3 / 21/8855

Author: Emma Murphy, Rates Clerk

SUMMARY:

Council has continued to promote and encourage ratepayers to receive their rates notice by email instead of post. Those nominating to “Go Paperless” will go into the draw to win an iPad.

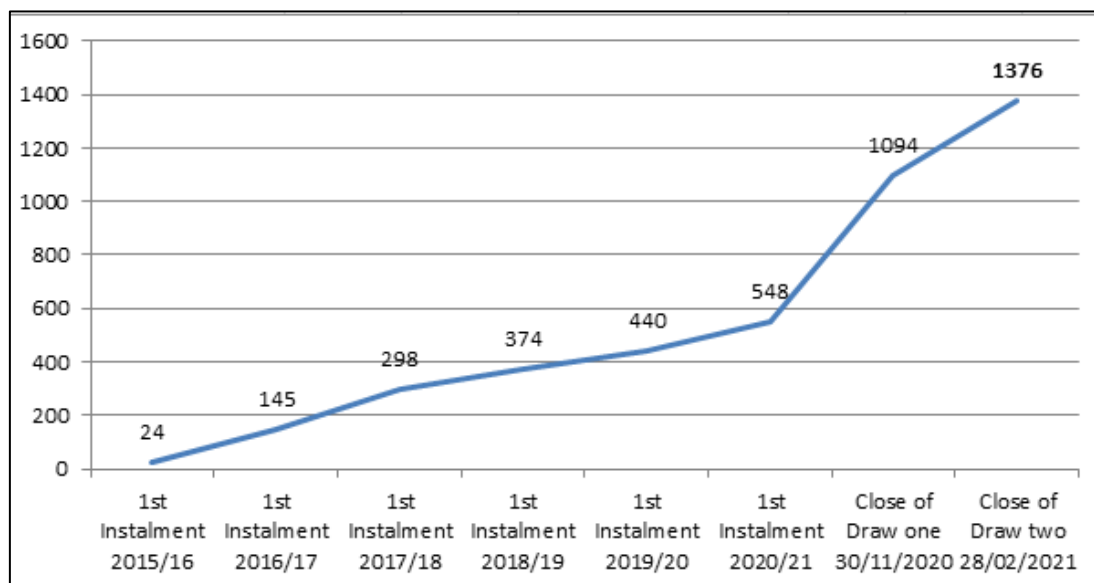
RECOMMENDATION:

That the second draw of the ‘Go Paperless’ promotion be conducted at the commencement of the Council meeting, and the Mayor be authorised to draw the winner, in the presence of the Councillors.

COMMENTARY:

The “Go Paperless Ipad Competition” is running between 01/07/20 and 31/05/2021, encouraging ratepayers to receive their rates notice by email. Ratepayers who nominate to receive their rates notice by email will go into the draw to win an Ipad. Three (3) separate draws will take place over the remainder of the 2020/21 financial year, the first draw took place at the December meeting of Council, the 2nd draw will take place at the March 2021 meeting, and the final draw will take place in June 2021.

At the closing of draw 2 (28/02/21), an additional 282 ratepayers have opted for electronic notices, since draw 1, increasing the total to 1,376. This equates to 16.03% of Council notices being delivered by email.



There are benefits to both the ratepayer and Council to have the notice delivered by email.

Ratepayers will receive their notices promptly and quickly, receiving their rates notice on the same day that the posted notices are lodged with Australia Post. The posted notices are generally received within 5-7 days, which is the standard for Australia Post. In the past, notices posted to regional and remote areas of the Shire, are often received beyond 7 days.

Council will benefit from increased savings in postal and printing costs, as the organisation and delivery of the rates notice by email is considerably cheaper than by print and post.

The cost of printing and posting a notice is approximately: \$1.37/notice.

The cost of issuing a notice by email is: 34cents/notice.

By emailing 1,376 notices annually, Council will save up to \$5,700 a year on postage and printing. This saving will continue to grow as ratepayers elect to have their notices delivery by email.

The promotion to sign up for e-notices will continue to be promoted throughout the remainder of the financial year, with the final draw taking place on 23 June, 2021.

For Draw 2, as per the terms and conditions, of the 1,376 ratepayers who have nominated to receive their rates notice by email:

- 177 are not eligible as the instalment amount is in arrears more than \$5,
- 19 declined to enter the competition,
- 37 were staff or councillors, and
- The winner from draw 1 was excluded.

1,142 ratepayers will be placed in Draw 2 for the Ipad.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

9.7 INVERELL TENNIS CLUB - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**File Number:** S26.4.17 / 21/9014**Author:** Kristy Paton, Temporary Corporate Support Officer - Publishing**SUMMARY:**

Advice has been received from the Inverell Tennis Club informing Council of the new Executives elected at their Annual General Meeting. Council is requested to note the Executives elected to the respective positions on the Committee and appoint the nominated persons to the Section 355 Committee of Council responsible for the reserve on which the tennis courts are located.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the office bearers elected to the Executive positions in the Inverell Tennis Club be noted and the three (3) nominated persons, Matthew Butler, Jose Boland & June Baxter-Turner be formally appointed as members of the Section 355 Committee of Council responsible for the management of the reserve on which the tennis courts are located.

COMMENTARY:

The Inverell Tennis Club recently held their Annual General Meeting. As a result of the meeting the following office bearers were elected to the Executive positions on the Committee:

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| • President | Matthew Butler |
| • Vice Presidents | John Williams |
| | Josh Parker |
| | Geoff Harris |
| • Senior Vice President | John Williams |
| • Secretary | Jose Boland |
| • Treasurer | June Baxter-Turner |
| • Publicity Officers | Greg Fleming and Josh Parker |
| • Sports Council Rep | Greg Fleming |
| • Competition Secretary | Tess Davis |

Three (3) members of the Inverell Tennis Club (Matthew Butler, Jose Boland and June Baxter-Turner) have been nominated to form the Section 355 Committee of Council which is responsible for the reserve on which the tennis courts are located. These persons are to be formally appointed by resolution of Council to the Section 355 Committee.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

9.8 REQUEST FOR LICENCE AGREEMENT - SAPPHIRE BATTERY INSTALLATION**File Number:** S5.10.65 / 21/9100**Author:** Kristy Paton, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing**SUMMARY:**

Council has received correspondence from Sapphire Battery Nominees Pty Ltd requesting Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Sapphire Battery Nominees Pty Ltd for an unformed road for the purpose of enabling the construction, installation and operating of a Battery Installation.

Council is asked to consider the request.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- i) Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Sapphire Battery Nominees Pty Ltd as Trustee for Sapphire Battery Trust for unformed road known as:

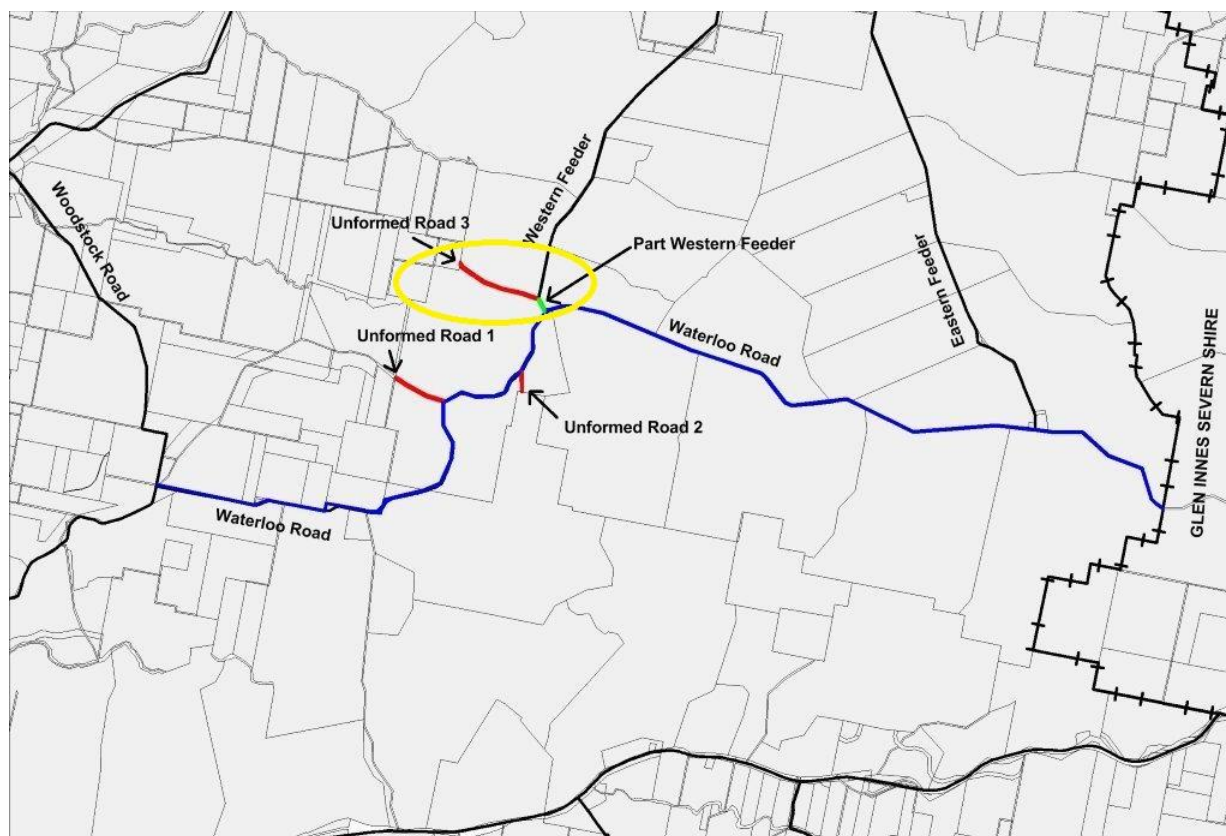
Unformed Road 3 – approximately 1.3 kilometre long, located off Western Feeder approximately 200 metres from Waterloo Road intersection.*
- ii) the Licence Agreement be for a period of 75 years;*
- iii) the Licence Fee be \$1.00 per annum while-ever the Community Fund is in place and operates as agreed at the March, 2016 meeting of Council;*
- iv) should the Community Fund cease to operate as indicated in point iii), that the Licence Fee be reviewed; and*
- v) the Licence Agreement be subject to any other terms and conditions as negotiated by Council's General Manager.*

COMMENTARY:

Council is in receipt of formal correspondence from Sapphire Battery Nominees Pty Ltd as Trustee for Sapphire Battery Trust requesting Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Sapphire Battery Nominees Pty Ltd for unformed road, being:

- Unformed Road 3 – approximately 1.3 kilometre long, located off Western Feeder approximately 200 metres from Waterloo Road intersection.

The unformed road is shown on the map below, highlighted in yellow.



The following information is provided to assist Councillors in making a determination in respect of the request:

- The Sapphire Battery Installation is a component of the Sapphire Solar Farm State Significant Development,
- Term of proposed licence is 75 years,
- Purpose of proposed licence is to enable the construction, installation and operation of a battery installation including without limitation the erection, construction, inspection, repair, maintenance, renewal, removal, replacement, enhancement, enlargement and operation of Transmission Infrastructure and any ancillary infrastructure on the Land and crossing over or under and remaining on with or without vehicles all parts of the Land, and uses thereto and all activities necessary or incidental thereto,
- Proposed licence fee of \$1.00 per annum,
- There is no political risk – no houses at the start or along the unformed roads therefore removing the possibility of dust/noise nuisance.

It is recommended that Council enter into a Licence Agreement with Sapphire Battery Nominees Pty Ltd as Trustee for Sapphire Battery Trust for the aforementioned unformed road to enable Sapphire Batteries Nominees infrastructure.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

9.9 RENEWAL OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONES**File Number:** S18.8.1 / 21/9430**Author:** Paul Henry, General Manager**SUMMARY:**

The Alcohol Free Zones within the Inverell Shire are due and require re-establishment.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- i) re-establish the Alcohol Free Zones over the streets and laneways included in the report for a four (4) year term, expiring 31 December, 2024;*
- ii) Council notify the public of the re-instatement of the Alcohol Free Zones; and*
- iii) Council amend the Alcohol Free Zone signage as required.*

COMMENTARY:Alcohol Free Zones

As Councillors would be aware, a number of Alcohol Free Zones are operational within areas of the Shire in accordance with Section 644 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*. These Alcohol Free Zones, which comprise public roads, footpaths and carparks, help to assist and support the local Police in the prevention of anti-social behaviour and street crime.

The maximum period that an Alcohol Free Zone may be established is for a period not exceeding 4 years. The Alcohol Free Zones that are operational in the Shire are now due for re-establishment.

The re-establishment of the Alcohol Free Zones has the full support of the Police as well as the Inverell & District Liquor Consultative Committee. The Police are very supportive of the zones and indicate that they do not wish to lose this important policing tool.

The current Alcohol Free Zones in Inverell are:

- Byron Street from Ross Hill Bridge to Arthur Street;
- Campbell Street from Captain Cook Drive to Rivers Street;
- Rivers Street from Campbell Street to Vivian Street;
- Evans Street from Campbell Street to Lawrence Street;
- Lawrence Street from Evans Street to Captain Cook Drive;
- Oliver Street from Vivian Street to Wood Street;
- Wood Street from Oliver Street to Captain Cook Drive;
- Otho Street from Byron Street to Rivers Street;
- Vivian Street from Rivers Street to Captain Cook Drive;
- Wynne Street from Borthwick Street to Stirling Street;
- Eugene Street from Borthwick Street to Stirling Street;
- Borthwick Street from Wynne Street to Waratah Avenue;
- Waratah Avenue and Mawson Street;
- Willow Place, Wattle Place, Flinders Place, Elm Place;
- Oxley Place, Cunningham Place and Stirling Street;
- Captain Cook Drive between Campbell Street and Wood Street;

- Gunson Way between Campbell Street and Vivian Street;
- Sweaney Street between Vivian Street and Mansfield Street;
- Mansfield Street from O'Connor Bridge to Oliver Street;
- Byron Lane between Vivian Street and Wood Street;
- Oliver Lane between Vivian Street and Lawrence Street;
- Otho Lane from Byron Street to Rivers Street;
- Campbell Lane between Byron Street and Evans Street;
- Delbridge Lane between Campbell Street and Campbell Lane; and
- May Street from King Street to May Street Park.

The current Alcohol Free Zones in Ashford are:

- Albury Street between Martyn Street and Frazer Street;
- Duff Street between Bukkulla Street and Inverell Street;
- Bala Street between Martyn Street and Frazer Street;
- Martyn Street between Bukkulla Street and Inverell Street; and
- Unnamed laneway between Martyn Street and Duff Street running adjacent to Bala and Albury Street.

The current Alcohol Free Zones in Tingha are:

- Ruby Street Tingha from Opal Street to the Inverell side of the Inverell Road Bridge.
- Guyra Road including those areas under the bridges and extending 40 metres from the road in the area of the bridges on the Guyra and Inverell sides of Tingha.
- Opal Street Tingha extending from Ruby Street Tingha to the Guyra Side of the Guyra Road Bridge.
- Zircon Street Tingha from Ruby Street to Diamond Street, Tingha; and
- The unformed portion of road, which runs to the north off Garnet Street near the Tingha Cemetery.

Maps of the above Alcohol Free Zones (which include the Alcohol Prohibited Areas for ease of reference) are attached as Appendix 1. Council is now requested to consider firstly, whether it wishes to continue these Alcohol Free Zones and secondly, if there are any additional streets/areas or amendments to the Alcohol Free Zones.

The maximum period that Alcohol Free Zones may be re-established under the *Local Government Act, 1993* is four (4) years.

Following a resolution on this matter, Council is required under the *Local Government Act, 1993* to notify the public of the Alcohol Free Zones re-instatement and update relevant signage.

Alcohol Prohibited Areas

It must be noted that Section 632 of the *Local Government Act 1993* enables councils to declare any public place or part of a place to be an Alcohol Prohibited Area, except those places (public roads, footpaths and car parks) which are to be dealt with under the Alcohol Free Zone provisions of the Act.

Council, in accordance with s. 632 of the Act has previously resolved to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in all public places including public parks and reserves in the Inverell town area under Section 632 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, except for the following:

- Varley Oval
- Cameron Park
- The Sporting Complex
- Brooks Oval, and
- Sinclair Park.

Additionally, in the villages, the consumption of alcohol is prohibited in:

Delungra

- Anzac Park in Delungra on Australia Day and ANZAC Day only.

Tingha (vide resolution of Guyra Shire Council)

- The Skate Park and BMX Track on the reserve off New Valley Road opposite the Sport and Recreation Club.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Nil

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Alcohol Free Zones Policy to be updated.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:

Nil

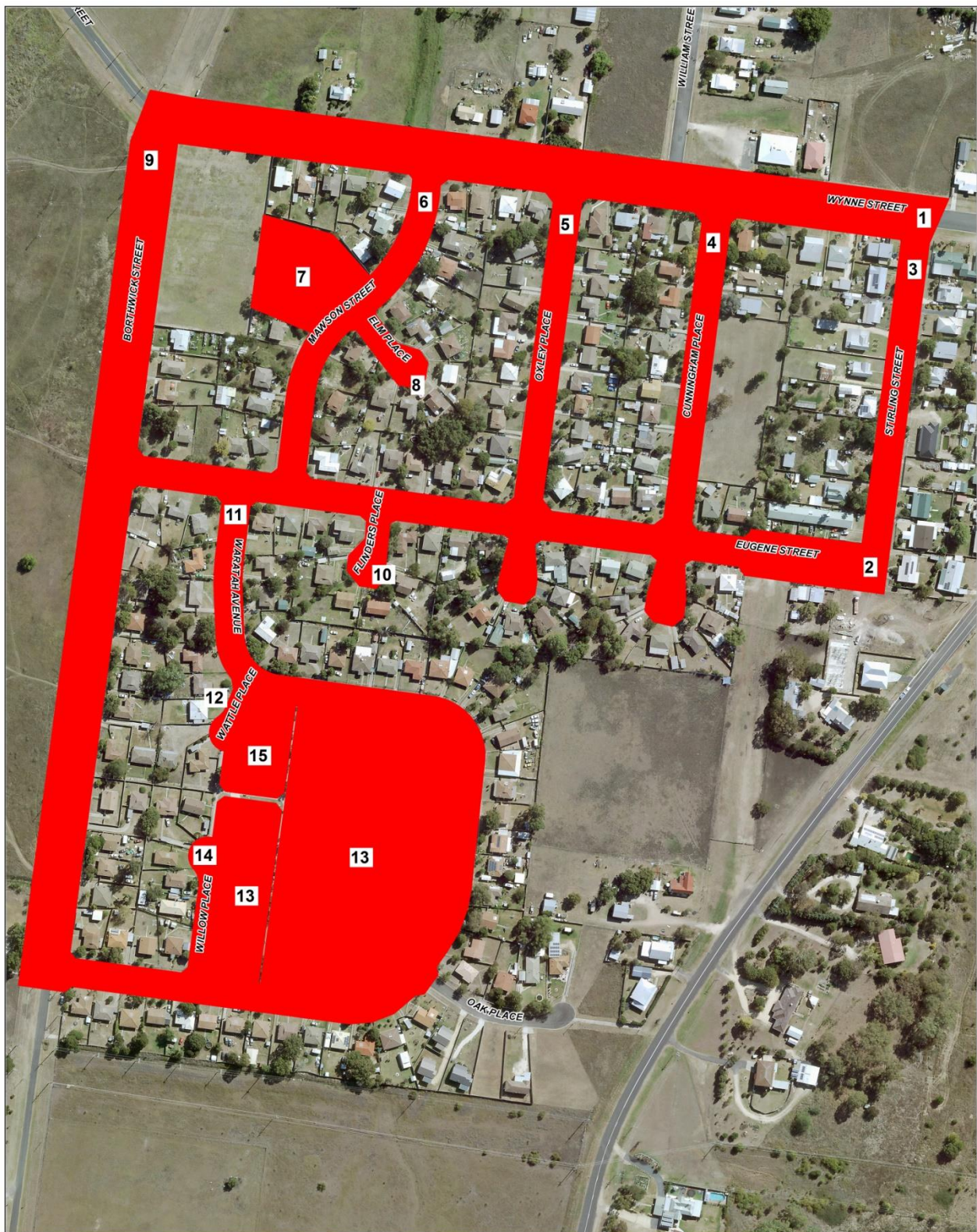
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

In accordance with s. 644 of the *Local Government Act 1993* the maximum period that an Alcohol Free Zone may be established is for a period not exceeding 4 years.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Inverell Alcohol Free Zone Map
2. Inverell South Alcohol Free Zone Map
3. Ashford Alcohol Free Zone Map
4. Tingha Alcohol Free Zone Map
5. Delungra Alcohol Prohibited Area Map





INVERELL SOUTH ALCOHOL FREE ZONES

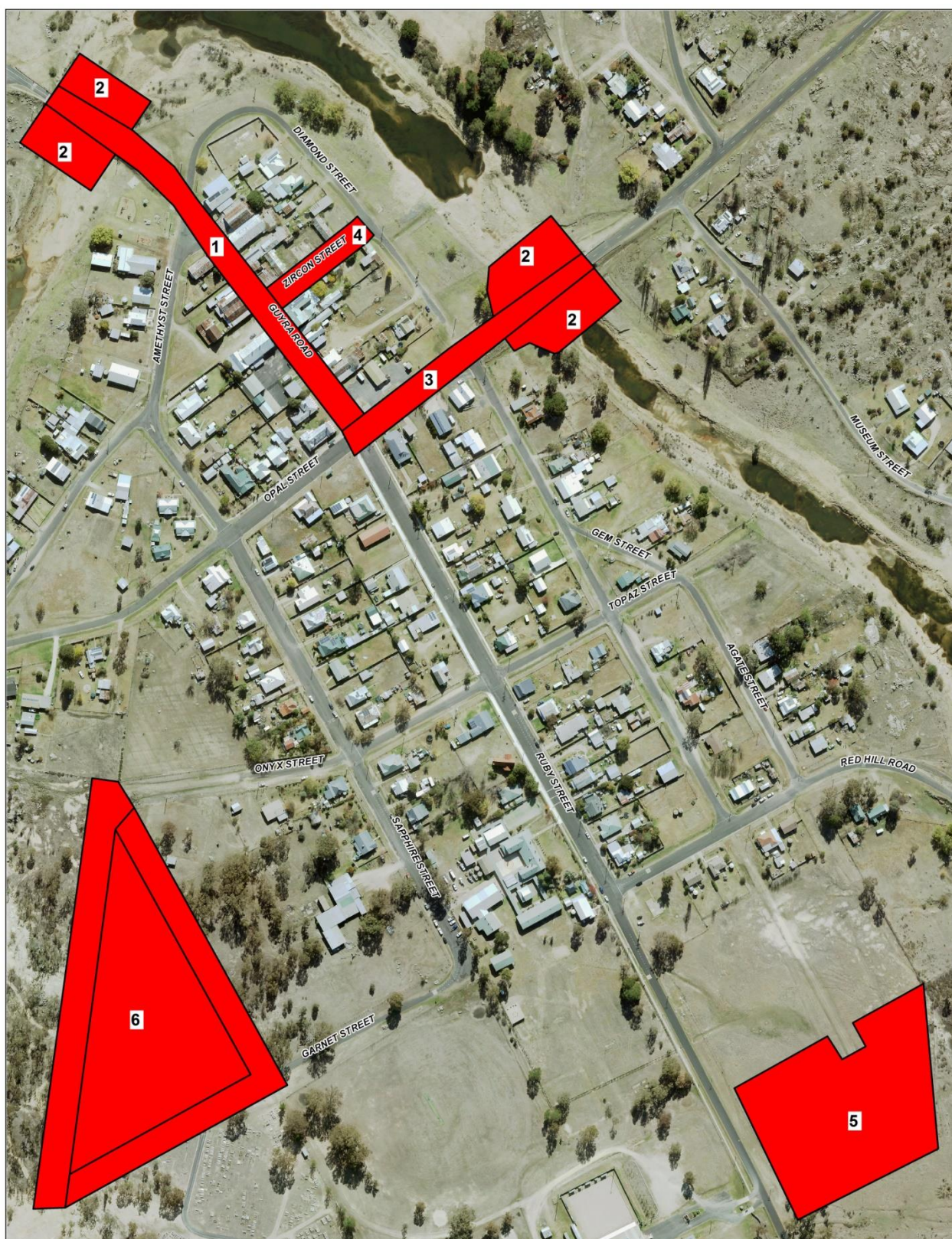
1. Wynne Street, Inverell from Stirling Street to Borthwick Street.
2. The entirety of Eugene Street, Inverell.
3. The entirety of Stirling Street, Inverell.
4. The entirety of Cunningham Place, Inverell.
5. The entirety of Oxley Place, Inverell.
6. The entirety of Mawson Street, Inverell.
7. Mawson Park off Mawson Street, Inverell - Lot 160 DP 255434.
8. The entirety of Elm Place, Inverell.
9. Borthwick Street, Inverell from Wynne Street to 191 Borthwick Street, Inverell.
10. The entirety of Flinders Place, Inverell.
11. The entirety of Waratah Avenue, Inverell.
12. The entirety of Wattle Place, Inverell.
13. Waratah Park off Waratah Avenue Inverell - Lot 291 - 296 DP 705962
14. The entirety of Willow Place, Inverell.
15. Linking Together Centre and Carpark - 5 Wattle Place, Inverell - Lot 254 - 256 DP 705962 & Lot 290 DP 705962.



**ASHFORD ALCOHOL FREE ZONES**

1. Bala Street, Ashford from Frazer to Martyn Streets.
2. Albury Street, Ashford from Frazer to Martyn Streets.
3. Duff Street, Ashford from Bukulla to Inverell Streets.
4. Martyn Street, Ashford from Bukulla to Inverell Streets.
5. McRae Lane, Ashford from Duff to Martyn Streets.
6. Area north of Martyn Street and Ashford Bowling Club - Lot 701 DP 1028615





TINGHA ALCOHOL FREE ZONES

1. Ruby Street Tingha from Opal Street to the Inverell side of the Inverell Road Bridge.
2. Guyra Road including those areas under the bridges and extending 40 metres from the road in the area of the bridges on the Guyra and Inverell sides of Tingha.
3. Opal Street Tingha extending from Ruby Street Tingha to the Guyra Side of the Guyra Road Bridge.
4. Zircon Street Tingha from Ruby Street to Diamond Street, Tingha;
5. The Skate Park and BMX Track on the reserve off New Valley Road opposite the Sport and Recreation Club.
6. Unformed roads (Emerald & Amethyst) north of Garnet Street and Cemetery.



DELUNGRA ALCOHOL FREE ZONES

1. Anzac Park, corner of Railway and Macintyre Street, Delungra - Lot 701 DP1020964.



10 INFORMATION REPORTS**10.1 ANNUAL LEAVE**

File Number: S22.13.2/07 / 21/4499

Author: Melissa Daskey, Human Resources Officer

SUMMARY:

For the information of the Council.

To advise the Council of any Annual Leave pro-rata balance in excess of the Award provisions as per the Management Policy.

COMMENTARY:

In accordance with the Management Policy – Human Resources, Leave Provisions – Annual Leave Accrual, a report is required to be provided to Council, advising of any Annual Leave pro-rata balance in excess of the Award provision.

Council's records indicate thirty-seven (37) employees have a pro-rata balance of leave in excess of the Award provisions.

Letters have been written to each employee advising that they need to discuss this matter with their supervisor and take the necessary steps to reduce the leave to comply with the Award provisions and Council's policy prior to 31 July, 2021.

The Directors have also been advised of the employees in their Division who need to comply with the Policy.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

10.2 STRATEGIC TASKS - 'SIGN OFF' - MARCH 2021**File Number:** S4.13.2 / 21/7537**Author:** Kristy Paton, Corporate Support Officer - Publishing**SUMMARY:**

A part of a successful governance program is a need for administration to indicate to the policy makers that the requirements of the legislation, under which the organisation operates, has been provided. As a result, this information report provides Councillors with a statement of assurance from the General Manager that in accordance with the *Local Government Act, 1993*, the tasks have been complied with.

COMMENTARY:

The March, 2021 tasks required to be undertaken are detailed below. Any of these tasks may be added to as Council becomes familiar with this new initiative.

Date	Compliance Requirement	Achieved/Not Achieved	Comments
1 March 21	Valuer General to provide estimates of changes in the value of land of which supplementary valuations are required within one (1) month of date of request (LGA s 513(2))	Achieved	

I confirm that the performance criteria as set out in the criteria for scheduled tasks have been met for the month of March, 2021. I confirm the accuracy and completeness of the information provided above, in that to the best of my knowledge and understanding, all material information has been herein disclosed.

P J HENRY PSM

GENERAL MANAGER

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

10.3 STATUS OF TOWN WATER SUPPLIES**File Number:** S32.15.19 / 21/8821**Author:** Michael Bryant, Manager Environmental Engineering**SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the status of all town water supplies with the extended drought impacting water resources in the region over the past four (4) years. The northern part of Inverell Shire remains drought affected with Bonshaw and Graman raw water supply bores stressed.

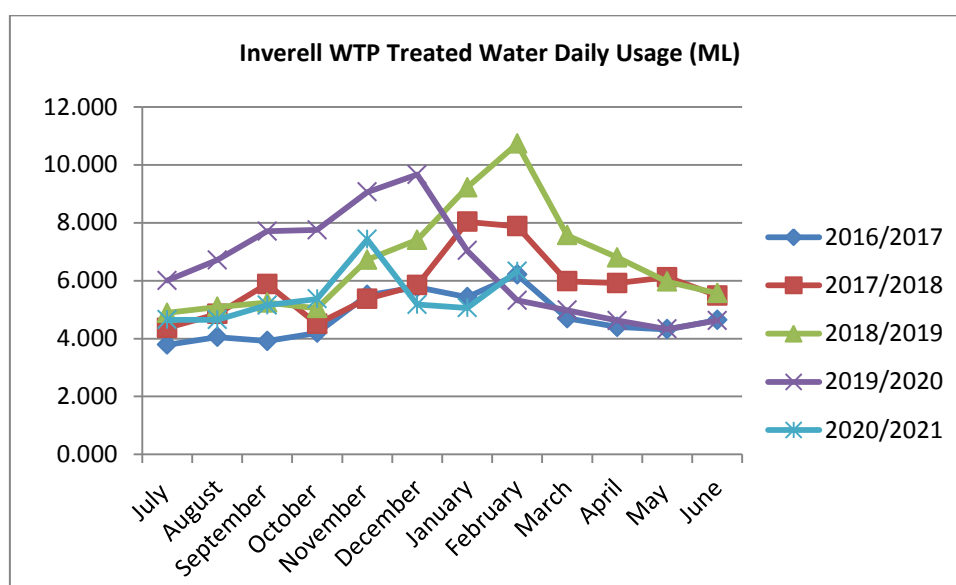
COMMENTARY:

At the November 2019 Ordinary Meeting of Council, it was confirmed that a Status Report on Council water supplies will be provided to monthly Council meetings whilst the drought continues.

Council operates three (3) treated (potable) town water supplies and two (2) raw water supplies. The current status of all water supplies is summarised in the table below. Monthly daily usage trends for the Copeton Scheme are also displayed in a graph.

Status of Water Supplies – 11 March 2021			
Name of Water Supply	Source of Water	Comments on Status of Supply	Remedial Action
Copeton Scheme Treated water supply. Supplies Inverell, Gilgai, Tingha, Mt Russell & Delungra.	Copeton Dam. Storage Capacity 1,364,000 ML. Storage level 18.7% and rising, 269,554 ML. Raw water pumped from dam outlet (no transmission losses).	Full allocation under WSP for 2020/2021. February 2021 average consumption 6.32ML/day. Demand decreasing with below average summer temperatures and recent rainfall in early autumn.	Continue monitoring.
Ashford Treated Water	Pindari Dam. Storage Capacity 312,000 ML. Storage level 12% and rising, 37,576 ML. Raw water pumped from Severn River to Ashford WTP.	Full allocation under WSP for 2020/2021. February 2021 average consumption 0.44ML/day. Demand decreasing with below average temperatures and recent rainfall in early autumn.	Continue monitoring.
Yetman Treated Water.	Ground water – two (2) bores in alluvial aquifer on Macintyre River floodplain.	Full allocation under WSP for 2020/2021. February 2021 average consumption low at 0.11 ML/day.	Continue monitoring ground water levels.
Bonshaw Raw Water – non potable.	Ground water – One (1) bore in alluvial material on Dumaresq River	Flow in the Dumaresq River at Bonshaw recommenced with a	Continue monitoring. Residents requested to limit water usage to

Restricted flow supply suitable for internal non potable domestic use only, mainly toilet flushing.	floodplain.	fresh in the river.	100L per person per day.
Graman Raw Water – non potable. Restricted flow supply suitable for internal non potable domestic use only, mainly toilet flushing.	Ground water – one (1) bore adjacent Graman Creek.	Bore stressed.	Continue monitoring. Residents requested to limit water usage to 100L per person per day.



Public Standpipes – Potable Water

Council has standpipes accessible to the public located at Inverell, Gilgai, Tingha, Delungra, Ashford and Yetman. The standpipes provide the opportunity for members of the community to access potable water. Demand remains low.

Conclusion

Above average rainfall has primed some catchments and with a continuation of this trend dam levels may increase. Copeton Dam and Pindari Dam water levels remain low. Graman and Bonshaw bores remain stressed.

The town water supplies will continue to be closely monitored.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

It is important that the town water supplies are closely monitored to ensure there is potable water available for the community.

The ISC community is very much dependent upon the judicious management of regional water resources by the NSW Government in ensuring that sufficient water reserves are retained in Copeton Dam and Pindari Dam for town water supplies during extended drought sequences.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Council has a Drought Management Plan in place to manage town water supplies.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

10.4 SEPTIC TANK APPROVALS FOR FEBRUARY 2021**File Number: S29.19.1 / 21/9061****Author: Alexandra Kennedy, Administration Officer****SUMMARY:**

The following details the Septic Tank approvals for February 2021.

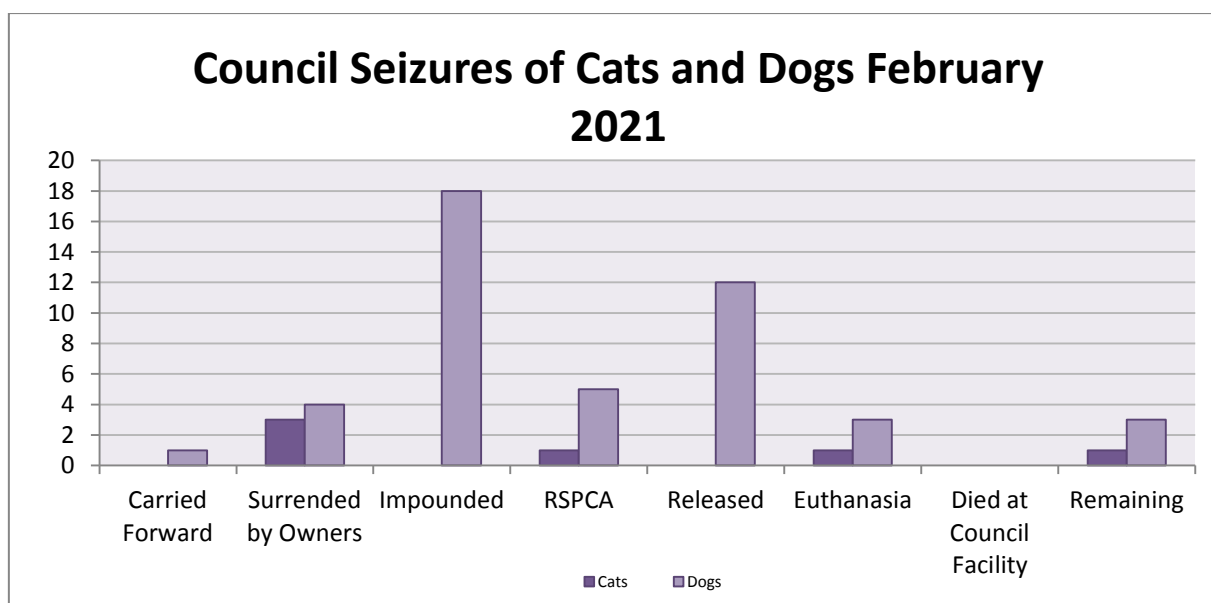
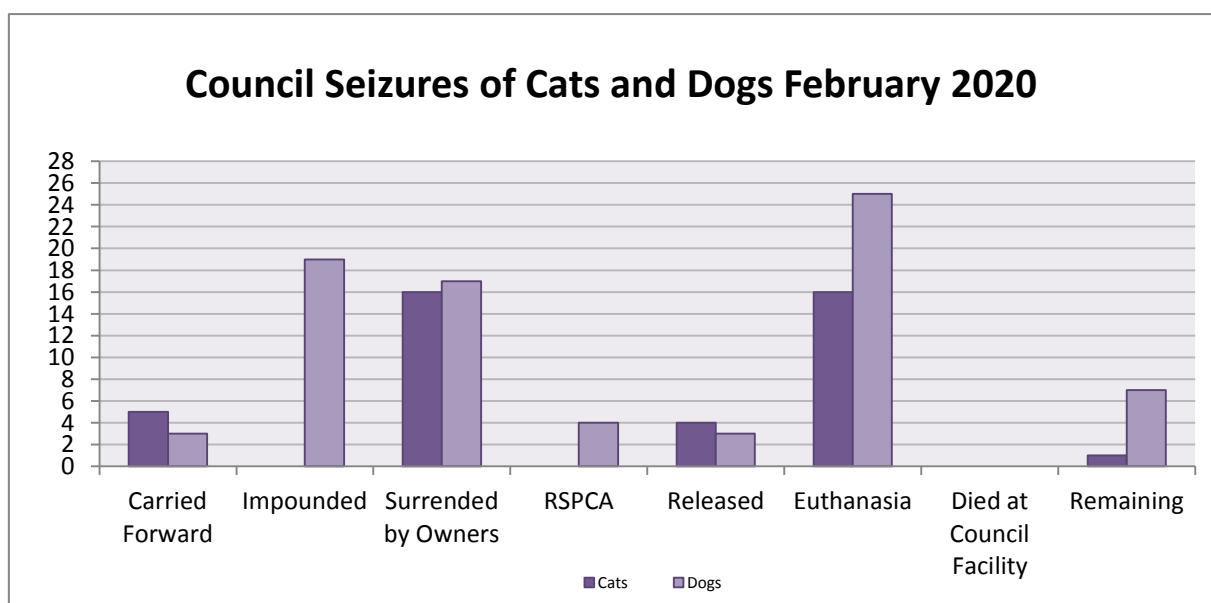
INFORMATION:

<u>Septic Application Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Property</u>
S-7/2021	Mr Christopher James Tonkin	1612 Pindaroi Road, PINDAROI 2361
S-9/2021	Danbuilt Pty Ltd	62 Bimbadeen Drive, INVERELL 2360
S-10/2021	Ms Joanne Louise Bell	92 Pretoria Park Road, DELUNGRA 2403
S-11/2021	Mr Jake Steven Woodward & Mrs Stephanie Madeline Woodward	15 White Box Place, INVERELL 2360
S-12/2021	Mr Murray Ross McIlwain	4303 Bundarra Road, INVERELL 2360
S-14/2021	Ms Edina Edith Kurota	621 Old Mill Road, STANNIFER 2369
S-15/2021	Kata's Hillview Pty Ltd	621 Old Mill Road, STANNIFER 2369

ATTACHMENTS:**Nil**

10.5 ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2021**File Number:** S18.10.1 / 21/9068**Author:** Alexandra Kennedy, Administration Officer**SUMMARY:**

The following details the number of various Ordinance activities carried out during February 2021, in comparison to the same month in 2020.

INFORMATION:**COMPLIANCE****Inverell Shire Council Pound Monthly Report February 2021****Inverell Shire Council Pound Monthly Report February 2020****ATTACHMENTS:****Nil**

10.6 SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES DURING FEBRUARY 2021
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File Number: S18.10.2/14 / 21/9087

Author: Alexandra Kennedy, Administration Officer

SUMMARY:

This report is intended to keep Council updated on the Development Applications, Construction Certificates and Complying Development Certificates determined during the month of February 2021.

DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS, REFUSALS AND VARIATIONS DURING FEBRUARY 2021

Development Approvals

<u>Development Application Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Development</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
DA-156/2020	J I Noad & Co	20 Sapphire Street, TINGHA 2369	Subdivision	Nil
DA-185/2020	Ms Edina Edith Kurota	621 Old Mill Road, STANNIFER 2369	Animal Boarding or Training Facility	Nil
DA-2/2021	Mr Thomas Barry Nelson	650 Old Bundarra Road, INVERELL 2360	New Dwelling	300,000
DA-3/2021	Mr Adam Taylor	22 Zircon Street, INVERELL 2360	Shed	10,000
DA-4/2021	Mr Luke Charles Holder	7 Oakland Lane, INVERELL 2360	Dwelling	340,000
DA-5/2021	Mr Kevin Charles Dawson	496 Yetman Road, INVERELL 2360	Additions to Existing Dwelling and Shed	24,900
DA-6/2021	Mrs Kylie Lynette Hudson	3994 Bundarra Road, INVERELL 2360	Shed	19,495
DA-8/2021	Kata's Hillview Pty Ltd	623 Old Mill Road, STANNIFER 2369	Animal Boarding or Training Establishment	Nil
DA-9/2021	Mr Christopher James Tonkin	1612 Pindaroi Road, PINDAROI 2361	Demolition of Existing Dwelling and Construction of New Dwelling	562,000
DA-10/2021	Mr Barry William Clibborn & Mrs Lesley Ellen Clibborn	3112 Gwydir Highway, SWAN VALE 2370	Concept DA - Construction of Dwelling	Nil

DA-11/2021	Danbuilt Pty Ltd	62 Bimbadeen Drive, INVERELL 2360	New Dwelling	480,000
DA-13/2021	Mr Jake Steven Woodward & Mrs Stephanie Madeline Woodward	15 White Box Place, INVERELL 2360	Dwelling	485,000
DA-14/2021	Mr Murray Ross McIlwain	4303 Bundarra Road, INVERELL 2360	New Dwelling	583,620
Monthly estimated value of Approvals: February 2021			13	2,805,015

Development Amendments

<u>Development Application Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Development</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
DA- 74/2001/A	Mr John William Turner	131 Jindalee Road, KINGS PLAINS 2360	Subdivision	Nil
DA- 145/2020/A	Mr Bryce Matthew Thomson	72 Mackie Lane, INVERELL 2360	Dwelling	Nil
Monthly estimated value of Approvals: February 2021			2	Nil

Development Refusals

Nil

Variation to Development Standards Approved

As part of the monitoring and reporting requirements established by the NSW Department of Planning, a report of all variations approved under delegation in accordance with Clause 4.6 of *the Inverell Local Environmental Plan 2012* must be provided to a full council meeting.

The following details the variations to development standards approved during February 2021.

INFORMATION:

Nil

CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED AND AMENDED DURING FEBRUARY 2021**Construction Certificates approved by Council**

<u>Construction Certificate Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
CC-130/2020	Mr Gary Raymond Howard	6 Rosslyn Street, INVERELL 2360	Carport	2,000

CC-134/2020	Mr Jacob Deryck Tan	9 Butler Street, INVERELL 2360	Subdivision & Dwelling	220,000
CC-1/2021	Ms Sue Ward	3880 Bundarra Road, INVERELL 2360	Alterations and additions	60,000
CC-3/2021	Mr Gavin Wedgwood Lawton	650 Old Bundarra Road, INVERELL 2360	New Dwelling	300,000
CC-5/2021	Mr Luke Charles Holder	7 Oakland Lane, INVERELL 2360	Dwelling	340,000
CC-7/2021	Mr Kevin Charles Dawson	496 Yetman Road, INVERELL 2360	Additions to Existing Dwelling and Shed	24,900
CC-8/2021	Mrs Kylie Lynette Hudson	3994 Bundarra Road, INVERELL 2360	Shed	19,495
CC-9/2021	Mr Peter William Oliver	258 Fernhill Road, INVERELL 2360	Addition to Dwelling	160,000
CC-12/2021	Danbuilt Pty Ltd	62 Bimbadeen Drive, INVERELL 2360	New Dwelling	480,000
CC-20/2021	Mr James Wallace Belford & Mrs Susan Lorna Belford	5 Davey Street, INVERELL 2360	Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling	185,000
Monthly estimated value of Approvals: February 2021			10	1,791,395

Amended Construction Certificates approved by Council

<u>Construction Certificate Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
CC-110/2020/A	Mr Bryce Matthew Thomson	72 Mackie Lane, INVERELL 2360	Dwelling	Nil
Monthly estimated value of Approvals: February 2021			1	Nil

Construction Certificates approved by Private Certifier

Nil

Amended Construction Certificates approved by Private Certifier

Nil

COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES APPROVED AND AMENDED DURING FEBRUARY 2021**Complying Development Certificates Approved by Council**

<u>Complying Development Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
CD-5/2021	Mr Mark Alan Hawkins	90 Lake Inverell Drive, INVERELL 2360	Install and in-ground pool	50,000
CD-6/2021	Mr Russell Robert Hamel & Mrs Shelley Maree Hamel	15 Loxton Road, INVERELL 2360	Shed	13,452
CD-8/2021	Miss Kareena Lee Mitchell	Rifle Range Road, INVERELL 2360	Install swimming pool	36,490
CD-9/2021	Ms Catherine Maree Jorgensen	11 Sunnyside Place, INVERELL 2360	New Dwelling	390,000
Monthly estimated value of Approvals: February 2021			4	489,942

Amended Complying Development Certificates approved by Council

Nil

Complying Development Certificates approved by Private Certifier

<u>Complying Development Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
CD-7/2021	Mr Brock James Mathers & Mrs Erica Jane Mathers	395 Auburn Vale Road, INVERELL 2360	New Dwelling	485,000
CD-10/2021	Mr Rikki Charles Krug & Ms Jaclyn Lee O'Brien	68 Fullers Lane, INVERELL 2360	New Dwelling	384,000
Monthly estimated value of Approvals: February 2021			2	869,000

Amended Complying Development Certificates approved by Private Certifier

Nil

TOTAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FOR INVERELL SHIRE DURING FEBRUARY 2021:

<u>Type of Consent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
Construction Certificates – Council Approved	10	1,791,395
Construction Certificates – Private Certifier	0	Nil
Complying Development – Council Approved	4	489,942
Complying Development – Private Certifier	2	869,000
Totals	16	3,150,337

Estimated Value of Approvals issued in the financial ytd in: **2020/2021** **(123)** **\$20,282,923**
2019/2020 **(91)** **\$10,258,600**

Attachments:

Nil

11 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Nil

12 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS (COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE)**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with the reasons stated in the referral reports:

- 12.1 Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates - 2021**
- 12.2 Update on the Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates Auction**
- 12.3 Inverell Sporting Complex Amenities Construction Project Tender**
- 12.4 Roundabout - Gwydir Highway, Bundarra Road and Chester Street**