



INVERELL  
SHIRE COUNCIL



*The Sapphire City Festival will be held from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022. Featuring an array of exciting events, including the Inverell Art Gallery Exhibition, Inverell's Got Talent, Gem & Craft Show and a Street Parade. The Festival will close out with a finale evening with fireworks.*

Business Paper  
Ordinary Meeting of Council  
Wednesday, 28 September 2022

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

23 September, 2022

An Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Administrative Centre, 144 Otho Street, Inverell on Wednesday, 28 September, 2022, commencing at **3.00pm**.

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 recorded. The 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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## Recording of Council Meetings

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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 Code of Conduct and Office of Local Government
- **Non-pecuniary** – regulated by Code 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?

### Code of Conduct

For more detailed definitions refer to Council's and Model Code of Conduct, Part 4 – Pecuniary Interests and Part 5 – Non – Pecuniary Conflicts of Interest.

### Disclosure of pecuniary interests / non-pecuniary interests

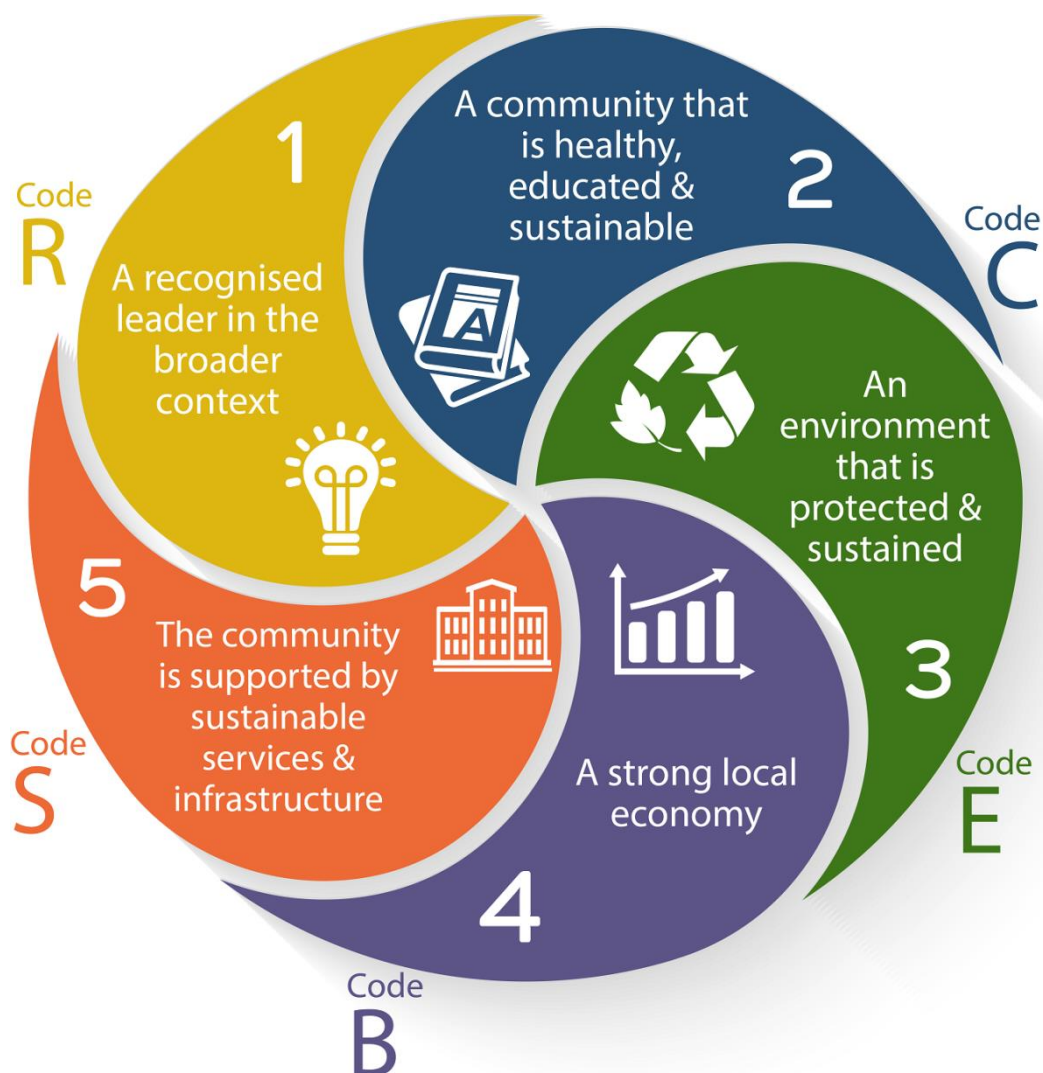
Under the provisions of Part 4 of the Model Code of Conduct prescribed by the Local Government (Discipline) Regulation (conflict of interests) it is necessary for you to disclose the nature of the interest when making a disclosure of a pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary conflict of interest at a meeting.

**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 [Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests form](#) or [Non-Pecuniary Interests 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 2021 – September 2022

### 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
26	23	14	No Meeting	23	23	27	25	<sup>^</sup> 22	27	24	28

### 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
12	9	No Meeting	No Meeting	9	9	13	11	8	13	10	14

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.

<sup>^</sup> Meeting at which the Management Plan for 2022/2023 is adopted.



# INTERNAL CALENDAR

## October 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1.
Daylight Saving Begins  Sapphire City Markets 2.	Labour Day Public Holiday 3.	Reports due for Committee Meetings by 4.30pm 4.	7:30am Public Art Sunset Committee Meeting 5.		Last Day of School Holidays  Inverell Breakfast Toastmasters Communicator of the Year 7.	Inverell Club Antique Auction  Inverell Art Prize 2022-Gala Opening 8.
	12.00pm Sapphire Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Committee 10.		9.00am Civil & Environmental Committee Meeting  10.30am Economic & Community Sustainability Committee Meeting  UnstopAbility Performance 12.	1.30pm Local Government Grants Commission  UnstopAbility Performance 13.	Sapphire City Festival  Inverell's Got Talent 14.	Holy Trinity Race Day 15.
Sapphire City Markets  Pioneer Village Open Day 6.	Reports due for Ordinary Council Meetings by 4.30pm 17.					Poets Breakfast at Campbell Park  Festival Parade & Finale Evening 22.
	LG NSW Annual Conference 24.	LG NSW Annual Conference 25.	LG NSW Annual Conference  2.15pm Pre-Meeting Briefing Session  3.00pm Ordinary Council Meeting 26.		Inverell Theatre Company Production 28.	Inverell Art Society – 60 yr Celebration  Inverell Theatre Company Production 29.
	Reports due for November Committee Meetings by 4.30pm 31.					

Council office closed

**1 APOLOGIES**

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 August, 2022, 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 AUGUST 2022 AT 3.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Kate Dight – Deputy Mayor (Chairperson), Cr Jo Williams, Cr Di Baker, Cr Stewart Berryman, Cr Paul King OAM, Cr Jacko Ross, Cr Wendy Wilks and Cr Nicky Lavender.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil and Environmental Services) and Paul Pay (Director Corporate and Economic Services).

## 1 APOLOGIES

### RESOLUTION 2022/105

Moved: Cr Jacko Ross

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

*That the apology received from Cr Paul Harmon for personal reasons be accepted and leave of absence granted.*

**CARRIED**

Cr Ross submitted an apology for the September Council Meeting for personal reasons. Cr Ross requested leave of absence from that meeting.

### RESOLUTION 2022/106

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

i. *The apology from Cr Ross be accepted; and*

ii. *That leave of absence from the September Council Meeting be granted to Cr Ross.*

**CARRIED**

## 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### RESOLUTION 2022/107

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

*That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27 July, 2022, 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

Cr Jo Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item #11.1 – ‘Summary of Development Applications, Construction Certificates and Complying Development Certificates during July 2022 S18.10.2/15’. The nature of the interest being that she is related to one of the applicants.

### 4 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

### 5 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

### 6 ADVOCACY REPORTS

Nil

### 7 NOTICES OF BUSINESS

Nil

### 8 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

### 9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 9.1 CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - 10 AUGUST 2022

##### RESOLUTION 2022/108

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

- i. That the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee held on Wednesday, 10 August, 2022, be received and noted; and*
- ii. The following recommendations of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee be adopted by Council.*

**CARRIED**

#### 9.1.1 Gravel Resheet Program 2022-2023

##### RECOMMENDATION:

*That:*

- i. the 2022-2023 Gravel Resheeting Program as presented be adopted; and*
- ii. the adopted program be placed on Council's website for the information of the community.*

**9.1.2 Special Projects Roads Infrastructure Funding Allocation - 2022/2023****RECOMMENDATION:**

*That Council allocate \$341,055 funding from the 2022/2023 Special Roads Projects budget to extend the bitumen seal on Jones Road.*

**9.1.3 Procurement of Bitumen and Aggregate Services 2022-2023****RECOMMENDATION:**

*That Council accept the quotation from NSW Spray Seal Pty Ltd under a full service contract for the 2022-2023 Bitumen Resealing Program and the 2022-2023 Construction Spray Sealing Program in the amount of \$1,979,816 and that Roadwork Industries and Boral be notified as alternatives should NSW Spray Seal be unable to service Council's 2022-2023 Construction Spray Sealing Program.*

**9.1.4 Information Reports****RECOMMENDATION**

*That the information reports be received and noted.*

**9.2 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES - 10 AUGUST 2022****RESOLUTION 2022/109**

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

- i. That the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee held on Wednesday, 10 August, 2022, be received and noted; and*
- ii. The following recommendations of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee be adopted by Council.*

**CARRIED****9.2.1 Request for Sponsorship - Inverell Darts Association - Dart Competition - 15-16 October, 2022****RECOMMENDATION:**

*The Council provide a donation to Inverell Darts Association of \$200 from Council's donation budget.*

**9.2.2 Request for a Reduction in a Water Usage Account****RECOMMENDATION:**

*That:*

- i. the report be received; and*
- ii. Council issue an amended account for the property known as 30 Karinda Drive, Inverell for \$79.12, which is based on the average consumption prior to the leak and write off \$2,812.40.*

**9.2.3 Information Reports****RECOMMENDATION**

*That the information reports be received and noted.*

**10 DESTINATION REPORTS****10.1 INVERELL MACINTYRE LIONS CLUB - OFFER OF A BENCH SEAT S2.18.7****RESOLUTION 2022/110**

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

*That:*

- i. The offer of a donation of a seat for installation adjacent to the Riverwalk path for public use, be accepted;*
- ii. The following matters be subject to agreement between the Club and the General Manager;*
  - a) The style of the seating to be purchased by the Club;*
  - b) The location of the seat; and*
  - c) The wording on the small plaque to be affixed to the seat acknowledging the donation.*

**CARRIED**

**10.2 2022 NSW FLOOD INQUIRY S18.6.18****RESOLUTION 2022/111**

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

*That:*

- i. The information be received and noted; and*
- ii. Council seek further advice via the Local Emergency Management Committee in regards to*

*interim response and longer-term implementation of revised emergency management protocols resulting from the Inquiry.*

**CARRIED**

## **SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS**

### **10.3 ACCEPTANCE OF SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS - TENDER - PROVISION OF CLEANING SERVICES S5.8.2/05 AND RIFLE RANGE ROAD SUBDIVISION - EXPRESSIONS TO PURCHASE S5.2.0/15**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the Supplementary reports on these matters be received.*

### **10.4 REFERRAL OF CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the Council refer the matters to Closed (Public excluded) meeting of Council and that the press and members of the public be asked to leave the chambers whilst Council considers the following items:*

**Item:** 13.1 - Tender - Provision of Cleaning Services S5.8.2/05

**Authority:** Section 10A (2)(c) "Information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business." (s.10A(2)(c) Local Government Act 1993) Local Government Act 1993.

**Item:** #13.2 – S5.2.0/15 – Expressions of Interest to purchase land – Rifle Range Road Industrial Subdivision

**Authority:** Section 10A (2)(d)(i) "Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it". Local Government Act 1993.

## **11 INFORMATION REPORTS**

At 3.10pm, Cr Jo Williams left the meeting having previously declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item #11.1 – 'Summary of Development Applications, Construction Certificates and Complying Development Certificates during July 2022 S18.10.2/15'. The nature of the interest being that she is related to one of the applicants.

#### **RESOLUTION 2022/112**

Moved: Cr Nicky Lavender

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

*That the following information report be received and noted.*

**CARRIED**

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**11.1 SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES DURING JULY 2022 S18.10.2/15**

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At 3.11pm, Cr Jo Williams returned to the meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2022/113**

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

*That the following information reports be received and noted.*

**CARRIED**

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**11.2 ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR JULY 2022 S18.10.1**

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**11.3 STRATEGIC TASKS - 'SIGN OFF' - JULY 2022 S4.13.2**

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**12 GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

Nil

**13 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS (COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE)**

At 3.12pm, the Chairperson noted that no members of the public or press were in attendance at the meeting therefore Council proceeded to consider the motion to close the meeting to the press and public.

**RESOLUTION 2022/114**

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Paul King OAM

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

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION 2022/115**

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman

Seconded: Cr Nicky Lavender

*That Council proceeds out of Closed Council into Open Council.*

**CARRIED**

Upon resuming Open Council at 3.22pm, the Chairperson verbally reported that the Council had met in Closed Council, with the Press and Public excluded, and had resolved to recommend to Council the following:

**13.1 TENDER - PROVISION OF CLEANING SERVICES S5.8.2/05****RESOLUTION 2022/116**

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

*That:*

- (i) *Council accept the tender from Charlie Clean for Cleaning Contract 1D for a period of two (2) years with an option of a further two (2) year period at the discretion of Council for the tender price of \$120,000 (excluding GST) per annum with a 5% discount after six (6) months;*
- (ii) *Council accept the tender from Cleveland Property Services for Cleaning Contracts 1A, 1B, 1C and 1E for a period of two (2) years with an option of a further two (2) year period at the discretion of Council for the tender price of \$235,408.89 (excluding GST);*
- (iii) *The General Manager and Mayor be authorised to execute the contracts under the Council Seal.*

**CARRIED****13.2 RIFLE RANGE ROAD SUBDIVISION - EXPRESSIONS TO PURCHASE S5.2.0/15****RESOLUTION 2022/117**

Moved: Cr Paul King OAM

Seconded: Cr Jacko Ross

*That:*

- a) *Lots 5, 6 and 14 in the Rifle Range Road Industrial Estate be offered for sale to Mr Tomas Johansson at the purchase price of \$254,000 plus GST, if applicable;*
- b) *The General Manager be authorised to complete the sale of lots 5, 6 and 14 in the Rifle Range Road Industrial Estate to Mr Tomas Johansson; and*
- c) *Any necessary documents associated with the sale be completed under the Common Seal of Council.*

**CARRIED****ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS****RESOLUTION 2022/118**

Moved: Cr Stewart Berryman

Seconded: Cr Di Baker

*That the recommendations of Closed Council be adopted.***CARRIED****The Meeting closed at 3.25pm.**

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

**4 PUBLIC FORUM**

**5 MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

**6 ADVOCACY REPORTS****6.1 2022 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE - MOTION****File Number: S14.3.13 / 22/33143**

I, Councillor Di Baker, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 28 September 2022, I intend to move the following motion:

**MOTION:**

*'That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW State Government to:*

- i. Undertake a state-wide survey of elected councillors and local government staff on bullying, harassment and intimidation as soon as practicable or in the 2023/24 financial year, to improve workplace and councillor safety;*
- ii. that the results of the survey and review be reported back to LGNSW and all councils for further action if required'.*

**RATIONALE:**

In July 2021, the Presiding Officers, Clerks and Chief Executive Officer (The Parliamentary Executive Group) commissioned an independent review into harmful behaviours including bullying, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct at NSW Parliament workplaces. This review was undertaken by the former Sex Discrimination Commissioner Elizabeth Broderick. The review findings have been published on the Parliament's website.

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/about/Pages/reviews-and-reports.aspx>

It has been drawn to my attention that there is anecdotal evidence of bullying and harassment in the local government sector. At the ALGWA NSW (Australian Local Government Women's Association NSW) conference held in July 2022, many conference delegates shared harrowing stories of the bullying and harassment they experienced in the local government sector. To improve workplace safety in local government there needs to be a way to quantify and identify these behaviours. The ALGWA NSW executive committee resolved at their September 10 meeting to seek support for the survey at the LGNSW conference.

COUNCILLOR DI BAKER

19 SEPTEMBER 2022

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

**6.2 BORDER REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (BROC) MEETING & BRUXNER WAY JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING - 12 AUGUST 2022****File Number:** S14.10.1 / 22/33393**Author:** Kate Dight, Councillor**SUMMARY:**

Cr Dight attended the Border Regional Organisation of Councils meeting held in Thargomindah (Bulloo Shire Council) on 12 August, 2022. A meeting of the Bruxner Way Joint Committee was held immediately afterwards. The minutes of both meetings are attached for the information Council.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That:*

- i) The minutes of the Border Regional Organisation of Councils meeting held on 12 August 2022 be received and noted, and*
- ii) The minutes of the Bruxner Way Joint Committee meeting held on 12 August 2022 be received and noted; and*
- iii) That the Civil and Environmental Services Committee be requested to consider the views of the Bruxner Way Committee in relation to the Getta Getta Road and how Council's current classification of this road matches this view.*

**COMMENTARY:**

The August 2022 BROC meeting was held in Thargomindah on Friday, 12 August 2022. As always it was well attended with Bulloo, Paroo, Inverell, Goondiwindi Regional, Gwydir, Moree Plains, Balonne Council representatives travelling from near and far. We also had Tenterfield and Southern Downs Regional Council attend via Teams. Everyone was there to discuss major issues of roads, rail, water, disaster management, tourism etc and the commonality of these issues to all the regional areas in attendance.

A meeting of the Bruxner Way Joint Committee was held immediately afterwards. The minutes of both meetings are attached for the information of Council.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. **BROC Minutes 12.8.2022** [↓](#)
2. **Bruxner Way Joint Committee Minutes 12.8.2022** [↓](#)

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Email: [broc@inverell.nsw.gov.au](mailto:broc@inverell.nsw.gov.au)

# BROC

## Border Regional Organisation of Councils



# MINUTES

## 12 August 2022 – Thargomindah

(Bulloo Shire Council)

Venue:	Kullilli Room Echidna Place 37 Dowling Street Thargomindah QLD 4492	Date:	12 August, 2022
Chair:	Cr Kate Dight, - Inverell Shire Council	Time:	9am
Invitees:			
Attendees:	In person:		
	Cr Samantha O’Toole Matthew Magin	Balonne Shire Council	
	Cr Kate Dight Sharon Stafford	Inverell Shire Council	
	Cr Rob Mackenzie	Goondiwindi Regional Council	
	Cr John Coulton Alex Eddy	Gwydir Shire Council	
	Cr Lisa Orchin Nick Tobin	Moree Plains Shire Council	
	Cr John Ferguson Amer Tawfik Donna Hobbs	Bulloo Shire Council	
	Cr Suzette Beresford	Paroo Shire Council	
	Via Teams:		
	Cr Bronwyn Petrie Darryl Buckingham	Tenterfield Shire Council	
	Cr Andrew Gale	Southern Downs Regional Council	
	Also in Attendance:		
	James McTavish (Teams) Kellie Urquardt Amy Mouafi	NSW Cross Border Commissioner	
	A/SSgt Chris Mitchell	Qld Police Service	
	Jenny Rix (Teams) Trudi Bartlett	RDA Darling Downs & South West	
	Bill Lansbury (Teams)	Department Transport & Main Roads QLD	
	Katie Williams (Teams)	Premier & Cabinet QLD	
	Angela Doering (Teams)	Inland Rail (Dept Infrastructure)	
	Jo Tait (Teams)	ARTC	
	Nikki Seymour (Teams)	Dept Ag & Fisheries QLD	
Danika Green (Teams)	Department Infrastructure		

	Bernadette Plummer (Teams)	Dept Local Govt Racing & Multicultural Affairs
<b>File Ref:</b>		

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting Open</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Welcome to Country</b>	
	Cassie acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of this land and paid respect to the Elders past, present and emerging.	
	<b>Welcome to Bulloo Shire – Cr John (Tractor) Ferguson, Mayor, Bulloo Shire Council</b>	
	Cr Ferguson welcomed delegates to Bulloo Shire Council.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
	Cr Mark Johnson	Moree Plains Shire Council
	Cr Jane Keir	Walgett Shire Council
	Michael Urquardt	Walgett Shire Council
	Cr Chris Matthews	Gwydir Shire Council
	Max Eastcott	Gwydir Shire Council
	Cassie White	Paroo Shire Council
	Anne Leahy MP	Member for Warrego
	Janelle Saffin MP	Member for Lismore
	Russell Stewart	RDA Northern Inland
	Sally Dickinson	Commonwealth Environmental Water
	Cr Barry Hollman (observer)	Bourke Shire Council
	<b>Moved:           Goondiwindi                               Seconded:       Gwydir</b>  That the apologies be accepted.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Minutes of Meeting – 6 May 2022</b>	
4.1	<b>Moved:           Moree   Seconded: Gwydir</b>  That the Minutes be accepted.	
	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>	
	Nil.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
5.1	<b>Inwards:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank Statements, Correspondence and Fixed Term Certificates - National Australia Bank &amp; Credit Union</li> <li>• Response from from QLD Dept State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government &amp; Planning re: Cross Border Commissioner</li> <li>• Responses from RDA Darling Downs &amp; South West re: Cross Border Water Forum</li> <li>• <b>Note: Further item of correspondence received from the QLD Department Premier &amp; Cabinet re: Cross Border Commissioner – copy to be circulated with minutes.</b></li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Moved: Balonne Seconded: Goondiwindi</b></p> <p>That the correspondence be received and noted.</p>																																
5.2	<p><b>Outwards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter to QLD Police re: Cross Border Disaster Management Workshop</li> <li>Letter to Shadow Minister Communications re: Neutral Hosting of Communication Infrastructure</li> <li>Letter to Visitor Information Centres C/- Inverell Shire Council re: Investigate Merits of Establishing Tourism Trail</li> <li>Letter to QLD Dept State Development, infrastructure, Local Government &amp; Planning re: Cross Border Commissioner</li> <li>Letter to Transport for NSW re: Transfer of Bruxner Way to the State</li> <li>Letter to RDA Darling Downs &amp; South West re: Cross Border Water Forum</li> </ul>																																
	<p><b>Moved: Paroo Seconded: Goondiwindi</b></p> <p>That the correspondence be received and noted.</p>																																
5.3	<p><b>Matters arising from Correspondence</b></p> <p>Nil</p>																																
<b>6.</b>	<b>Financial Report as at 25 July 2022</b>																																
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	<p><b>Moved: Paroo</b></p> <p><b>Seconded: Goondiwindi</b></p> <p>That the Financial Report be accepted.</p>
6.2	<p><b>Matters arising from Financial Report</b></p> <p>It was noted that reminder invoices have been forwarded to Paroo and Moree Plains Councils for their membership.</p>
7.	<p><b>Updates</b></p>
	<p><b>James McTavish, NSW Cross Border Commissioner (CBC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As previously mentioned, the NSW government has committed \$13.4m to the Cross Border Commission for 2022/23 and as such, the employees are growing from 5 to 18 and the Commission is expanding significantly. With this, very importantly, the Commission are willing to support not only NSW Councils but also neighboring border councils in adjoining states.</li> <li>There are 3 Memorandums of Understanding in play with defined cross border regions.</li> <li>The first round of the infrastructure fund is complete and there is another round to be announced in September 2022 for \$10M to support substantial investment in border regions.</li> <li>Commissioner areas of interest continue to centre around health, policing and disaster &amp; emergency management. There has been great recent work done with Goondiwindi Regional Council to tackle the recent crime wave.</li> <li>There has been an extensive round of community surveys completed to assess the Covid response in the border regions and there are 5 major recommendations that have come out of this which are detailed in the document attached. Significantly, there is substantial support to improve the response going forward and already the response to the threat of a Foot &amp; Mouth Outbreak has been much better.</li> <li>BROC will continue to be prioritised as a major partner in communication for the Commission.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>ARTC – Angela Doering &amp; Jo Tait</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Inland Rail project from Narrabri to North star is nearing its final stages of completion with demobilisation expected for November 2022</li> <li>ARTA are running a number of capability workshops for the community and are producing a fact sheet to explain who to refer to in the case of incident. It is a targeted community education plan.</li> <li>There is a huge amount of activity with the Moree SAP project and extensive training and upskilling is in motion.</li> <li>Planning for this season's harvest and getting freight on rail is the current priority. The speed and logistics movements for the new network is being negotiated and there is opportunity to investigate flexibility within the new system and individuals/private industry are invited to engage with ARTC for inter-modal terminals and /or sidings for connectivity.</li> <li>There is still development opportunity for strategic roads that feed into the Inland Rail and watch this space for further funding for these investments.</li> <li>For the rail section north of North Star, the EIS has been submitted but is not finalized and is currently with the Qld govt. The Inland Rail Toowoomba Office is best placed to update and</li> </ul>

	comment on this section.
	<p><b>Bill Lansbury – Qld Department of Transport and Main Roads</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department of Transport and Main Roads in Qld is overwhelmed with \$62m worth of flood damage.</li> <li>There have been 40 declared events since November 2021 which the Department are working through to rehabilitate and reconstruct main roads throughout Southern Qld.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Katie Williams – QLD Department of Premier &amp; Cabinet</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BROC has undertaken considerable advocacy to instate a Qld Cross Border Commissioner and while the Department has stated that this is not something that will be implemented in the near future, it is working with a new model for regional coordination that they hope to be more effective. It will always be about raising the profile of rural and regional communities and the Department still promotes the importance of the relevant agencies and acknowledged them as an important point for issues raised by BROC.</li> <li>Katie informed us that she is leaving her role at the end of August which gave BROC the opportunity to thank her for her efforts with the group over many years and to wish her well in her future endeavours.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Jenny Rix – Director Darling Downs SW RDA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainability with water is the critical issue and the Cross Border Water Forum initiated by BROC is really important for the future management of water in the border regions.</li> <li>The Qld Regional Water project is in its final stages and of the 121 recommendations, cross border collaboration was in the top 3 recommendations.</li> <li>The NSW Regional Water Strategy Plans are also in motion and are further progressed with their consultation period already closed. As such collaboration between NSW &amp; Qld is out of sync but it will be prioritised in early 2023. In the meantime the Cross Border Commissioner confirmed for the group that it sits on the NSW Regional Water Strategy Board and represents on water infrastructure and flood mitigation. If BROC has items of advocacy he invited the collaboration.</li> </ul>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b>
	<p>Donnah Hobbs – Bulloo Shire Council, Rural Services Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural services at the Bulloo Shire Council support a wide cross section of activities; from rural counsellor services, biosecurity services, specialist services (ie fish scientist and field days), agforce support, LLS services and other expertise opportunities that are appropriate to their rural landholders. They accept that they are the major service provider for the community and as such aim to provide that which is needed.</li> </ul> <p>Tammy – Bulloo Shire Council, Tourism &amp; Economic Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With 8 staff and a quickly expanding tourism operation in Thargomindah, this area of the Council is busy. They run 2 festivals per year, the Shearers Shindig attracting the traditional Thargomindah community who have been a part of this primary industry for generations and the Channel Country Music Muster which attracts a slightly more diverse audience from near and far. 207 caravans attended last year's event and they also managed to get shopper</li> </ul>

	<p>dockets to be a part of the design of the day and as such \$80k was put back into the local community from the Music Muster.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thargomindah is increasingly popular for travelling tourists and the last few years of Covid have been fantastic for the town and its tourist activity. They work constantly to maintain this popularity.</li> </ul>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Items Listed</b>
<b>9.1</b>	<p><b>Disaster Management</b></p> <p><b>A/Senior Sergeant Chris Mitchell</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following the last meeting where Sgt Mitchell suggested the Disaster Management Forum, the date has now been reset for 23 &amp; 24 November at Goondiwindi Regional Council and all BROCC members are invited to attend. The first day will be speakers identifying local pinch points for disaster management and Day 2 will be for practitioners, brainstorming exercises to identify gaps in the system and sharing resources.</li> <li>The subject of financial support for the day was raised and BROCC agreed and moved to do this in the order of \$5K because the forum directly meets the BROCC's criteria and is relevant for all member councils.</li> <li>Cross border crime issues are significant and there is a new assistant commissioner for Police for Cross Border Crime at Boggabilla and Toomelah. The Goondiwindi Police Station has been upgraded with additional staff and the Boggabilla Station is well supported. Preventative policing is working with crime trends going down in the Cross Border region. The new cross border policing justice model is succeeding to a degree.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Moved: Gwydir Seconded: Balonne</b></p> <p>That BROCC contribute \$5K towards the Cross Border Disaster Management Conference being held in Goondiwindi in November 2022.</p>
<b>9.2</b>	<p><b>List of Priorities from Individual Councils</b></p> <p><b>AREAS of PRIORITY – Member Councils</b></p> <p>Member council have been asked to contribute their 5 most important areas of interest so that subjects of commonality can be established for the future direction of BROCC. Bulloo and Inverell stated their priorities already and the Western Qld Alliance of Council supplied their Projects, Policies and Program Priorities document for discussion.</p> <p><b>Gwydir</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health care &amp; GPS</li> <li>Transport infrastructure funding &amp; resourcing</li> <li>Disaster recovery – flooding events and betterment</li> <li>Housing</li> <li>Childcare</li> <li>Attracting population &amp; industry</li> </ul> <p><b>Moree Plains</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infrastructure &amp; roads</li> <li>Workforce resources.</li> <li>Housing</li> <li>Health services</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Memorandum of Understanding</li> <li>• Childcare</li> </ul> <p><b>Balonne</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health</li> <li>• Education &amp; Childcare</li> <li>• Transport and Infrastructure</li> <li>• Disaster Management</li> </ul> <p><b>Paroo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Digital Communications</li> <li>• Federal Grants, FAGs</li> <li>• Roads</li> </ul> <p><b>Tenterfield</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handing back the Bruxner Way to NSW State</li> <li>• Disaster Management Systems</li> <li>• Healthcare</li> </ul> <p><b>Goondiwindi Regional</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross Border Crime</li> <li>• Disaster Management</li> </ul> <p><b>Southern Downs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All as above</li> </ul> <p><b>Summary &amp; Areas of Commonality</b></p> <p>All these items were discussed and the following areas of interest and priority were AGREED on as relevant to all Councils. As such it was moved that these priorities were to be listed as a part of #Item 4 in Part 1 of the Constitution. This will be tabled at the meeting in November for discussion and if agreed, will formulate the basis of strategic direction for the group into the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attracting Population and industry</li> <li>• Transport networks</li> <li>• Disaster Recovery, Management &amp; Betterment</li> <li>• Health Services</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Education &amp; Childcare</li> </ul>
<b>9.3</b>	<p><b>BROC Constitution / Terms of Reference</b></p> <p><b>Moved:</b>           <b>Goondiwindi Regional</b>           <b>Seconded:</b>   <b>Balonne</b></p> <p>That notice of the following change to the Constitution be tabled for consideration at the November 2022 BROC meeting:</p> <p>‘Objectives</p> <p>2.   The objectives of the Organisation are to:</p> <p>    i.   Provide a forum for member councils to consider and discuss matters affecting the</p>

	<p>region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. Advocate for the best outcomes for the region at a state and federal government level</li> <li>iii. Ensure the sustainability, and where possible, the growth of the region through contributing to the effectiveness of all member councils</li> <li>iv. Undertake projects that have a material benefit to some or all member councils of the Organisation to promote regional cooperation and the efficiencies of individual councils. Areas of regional strategic importance include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Attracting Population and industry</li> <li>o Transport networks</li> <li>o Disaster Recovery, Management &amp; Betterment</li> <li>o Health Services</li> <li>o Housing</li> <li>o Education &amp; Childcare</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
9.4	<p><b>Carbon Farming (socio economic impacts)</b></p> <p><b>Paroo Carbon Credit – Mayor Suzette Beresford</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carbon Credit take up has had an overwhelming impact on the Paroo Shire with 33% of Qld carbon credits taken up with land holdings in Paroo. As such the population decline since 2012 has been significant as landholders have taken the opportunity to retire and exit the industry with financial remuneration. Huge tracts of mulga lands have been locked away for credits which has led to a lack of landuse management and significant problems for both flora &amp; fauna. In conjunction, the mulga land valuation have increased having a huge impact on rates and other ensuing roll on effects. With carbon credit agreements ranging from 20-30 years, the Shire has witnessed generational change never seen before and the Council has worked exceptionally hard since then to arrest the decline in population.</li> </ul> <p><b>Copy of Carbon Farming presentation made to SWQ CEO's titled 'Darling Downs Land Restoration Fund' kindly provided by Balonne Shire Council and will be circulated with the minutes.</b></p>
9.5	<p><b>Queensland Funding for Preschools and / or Kindergartens</b></p> <p>Goondiwindi Regional Council to investigate matter further. Matter to be held over to next meeting.</p>
9.6	<p><b>Flood Gauges, Access to state Asset Flood Cameras, Standardising Gauges and Reporting</b></p> <p>Goondiwindi Regional Council to investigate matter further. Matter to be held over to next meeting.</p>
9.7	<p><b>Exclusion Fencing</b></p> <p>Noted that update on this matter has been provided previously.</p>
10.	<p><b>Action Log</b></p>
	<p>Item to be held over to next meeting.</p>
11.	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>

	24 November, 2022 at Goondiwindi (Goondiwindi Regional Council) commencing at 2pm.
<b>12.</b>	<b>General Business</b>
	Nil.
<b>13.</b>	<b>Meeting Closed</b>
	There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 12.10pm.

# BRUXNER WAY JOINT COMMITTEE

## MINUTES 12 August 2022 – Thargomindah (Bulloo Shire Council)

Venue:	Thargomindah (Bulloo Shire Council)	Date:	12 August 2022
Chair:	Cr Kate Dight	Time:	1.10pm
Attendees:	Cr Kate Dight	Inverell Shire Council	
	Cr John Coulton	Gwydir Shire Council	
	Alex Eddy		
	Nick Tobin	Moree Plains Shire Council	
File Ref:			

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting Open:</b>				
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies</b>				
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<b>Darryl Buckingham</b>					
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of Meeting</b>				
3.1	Minutes of previous meeting not available.				
<b>4.</b>	<b>Items Listed</b>				
4.1	<p><b>Roads of Strategic Importance</b></p> <p>A written approach has been received from Sam Coulton, a property owner in the North Star area. Mr Coulton is one of many property owners that transports large quantities of freight to Goondiwindi utilising the Getta Getta Road. Mr Coulton stressed the significant importance of this road for this highly productive area and requested that consideration be given to making Getta Getta Road an all weather road.</p> <p><b>Moved Gwydir Seconded Inverell</b></p> <p>That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the Committee notes the strategic importance of the Getta Getta Road (North Star – Yetman),</li> <li>b) as a joint initiative, Gwydir &amp; Inverell Shire Councils investigate sources of funding which may be available to engage a consultant to build a robust business case to make the road an all-weather road.</li> </ul>				

4.2	<b>Road Classification Review</b>  <b>Moved      Gwydir      Seconded   Inverell</b>  That a letter on behalf of the Bruxner Way Joint Committee be forwarded to the the Hon Sam Farraway MLC, Minister for Regional Transport & Roads requesting an update on the Round 2 Road Classification Review application which seeks to hand the Bruxner Highway back to the State.  Note: Tenterfield Shire Council were briefed on the matters discussed at the meeting prior to and after the meeting and were in agreeance with all aspects.
<b>8.</b>	<b>General Business</b>
	Nil.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>
	To be determined.
<b>10.</b>	<b>Meeting Closed at 1.35pm</b>

**7 NOTICES OF BUSINESS**

Nil

**8 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

**9 COMMITTEE REPORTS****9.1 CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - 14 SEPTEMBER 2022****File Number:** S13.5.2/15 / 22/33597**Author:** Melanie Ford, Administration Officer - Corporate Services**SUMMARY:**

Meeting held on Wednesday, 14 September, 2022.

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, 14 September, 2022, be received and noted; and*
- ii. The following recommendations of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee be adopted by Council*

**9.1.1 Road Closure - Eat Drink Live New England****RECOMMENDATION:***That:*

- 1) Council approve the closure of Evans Street between Otho Street and Campbell Street from 12pm on Friday, 11 November 2022 until 6pm Saturday, 12 November 2022; and*
- 2) Council by way of donation cover the costs of the road closure and other in-kind support to facilitate the Eat Drink Live New England Event.*

**9.1.2 Inverell Polocrosse Club - Review of 2022 Swan Cup****RECOMMENDATION:***That:*

- 1) Council assist the Inverell Polocrosse Club to prepare for the 2023 Swan Cup by investigating the available options to:*
  - a. Supply and spread sand on the fields*
  - b. Fill water tanks*
  - c. Promote the event through the Inverell Tourist Centre*
- 2) Council encourage the Inverell Polocrosse Club to prepare a detailed master plan for their polocrosse arena complex.*

**9.1.3 Employment Zones Reform****RECOMMENDATION:**

*That:*

- i. a “recreation facility (outdoor)” be included as a permitted land use in the E4 General Industrial Zone and to advise the Department Planning and Environment’s employment zones reform team; and*
- ii. The Director Civil and Environmental Services be authorised to undertake the procedural steps associated with the progress of the employment zones reform, including any changes and minor amendments consistent with the intent of the reforms.*

**9.1.4 Extension of Temporary Traffic Management Arrangements for Drought Relief Transport****RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the extension of the temporary Drought Recovery Access for Restricted Access Vehicles hauling agricultural commodities on the Shire road network until 19 September, 2023 be approved under the General Manager’s Delegation.*

**9.1.5 Planning Proposal - Request to Amend Inverell Local Environmental Plan 2012 - 1 Burgess Street, Inverell****RECOMMENDATION:**

*That:*

- i. The Planning Proposal to amend the Inverell Local Environmental Plan 2012 to permit a ‘centre-based child care facility’ as an Additional Permitted Use on 1 Burgess Street, Inverell be forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment requesting a Gateway determination in accordance with sections 3.33 and 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;*
- ii. The Director Civil and Environmental Services be authorised to undertake the procedural steps associated with the progress of the Planning Proposal and obtaining the Gateway determination, including any minor amendments, information requests and public exhibition; and*
- iii. a further report be submitted in relation to this matter following public exhibition.*

**9.1.6 Memorandum of Understanding - Access and Use of OneRoad****RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the Memorandum of Understanding with Transport for NSW – Access and Use of OneRoad be executed by Council.*

### 9.1.7 Information Reports

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That the information reports be received and noted.*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. **Minutes of Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting 14 September, 2022**

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL  
CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,  
INVERELL  
ON WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 9:00AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Stewart Berryman (Chairperson), Cr Paul Harmon (Mayor), Cr Di Baker, Cr Jacko Ross and Cr Wendy Wilks

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr Nicky Lavender, Cr Kate Dight, Cr Paul King OAM and Cr Jo Williams

Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil & Environmental Services), Paul Pay (Director Corporate and Economic Services), Justin Pay (Manager Civil Engineering); Anthony Alliston (Manager Development Services) and Chris Faley (Development Services Coordinator)

A minute silence was held to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

**1 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

*That the Minutes of the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 10 August, 2022, 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 Nicky Lavender declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item #5.1 of the Destination Report "Road Closure – Eat Drink Live New England" as she is a committee member of Eat Drink Live.

Cr Nicky Lavender declared a Pecuniary Interest in Item #5.5 of the Destination Report "Planning Proposal – Request to amend Inverell Local Environmental Plan 2012 – 1 Burgess Street, Inverell" as she is the CEO of IDFS, the applicant.

Mr Anthony Alliston, Manager Development Services, declared a Pecuniary Interest in Item 5.5 of the Destination Report "Planning Proposal – Request to amend Inverell Local Environmental Plan 2012 – 1 Burgess Street, Inverell" as his wife is an employee of IDFS, the applicant. Mr Alliston has been excluded from all staff discussion and Committee decisions on this matter.

**4 PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Alex Wrobel and Cameron Neville from Inverell Polocrosse Club

Mr Wrobel provided a summary on the successful inaugural Swan Cup held in July 2022. The Swan Cup is a new concept for polocrosse – a registered Australian Stock Horse (ASH) sale with

an incentive polocrosse competition as well as Open Men's and Women's polocrosse competitions, modelled off the highly successful Nutrien Classic Sale and Campcraft. Put simply, the horses purchased out of the sale are eligible to come back and play in the Swan Cup incentive Polocrosse competition the following year. The Swan Cup is the richest polocrosse event held in the world, with \$70K in prizes. It is estimated that the event contributed \$500K to the local economy.

Mr Wrobel requested Council's support to prepare for the 2023 Swan Cup by providing the following:

- Topdressing the fields with sand
- Providing water throughout the event
- Assisting with event promotion through the Tourist Centre

At 9.20 am, Cr Nicky Lavender left the meeting having previously declared a:

- Pecuniary Interest in respect of Item #5.5 of the Destination Report "Planning Proposal – Request to amend Inverell Local Environmental Plan 2012 – 1 Burgess Street, Inverell" as she is the CEO of IDFS, the applicant.
- Non-Pecuniary Interest in respect of Item #5.1 of the Destination Report "Road Closure – Eat Drink Live New England" as she is a committee member of Eat Drink Live.

### **Mrs Katrina Garrett and Tom Devlin from IDFS**

Mrs Garrett spoke in support of Item #5.5 Item of the Destination Report "Planning Proposal – Request to amend Inverell Local Environmental Plan 2012 – 1 Burgess Street, Inverell". IDFS propose to establish a 30 place bush pre-school at 1 Burgess Street, Inverell and requested that Council support the required changes to the Inverell Local Environmental Plan 2012.

## **5 DESTINATION REPORTS**

### **5.1 ROAD CLOSURE - EAT DRINK LIVE NEW ENGLAND S30.9.2**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

*That the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- 1) *Council approve the closure of Evans Street between Otho Street and Campbell Street from 12pm on Friday, 11 November 2022 until 6pm Saturday, 12 November 2022; and*
- 2) *Council by way of donation cover the costs of the road closure and other in-kind support to facilitate the Eat Drink Live New England Event.*

**CARRIED**

At 9.28 am, Cr Nicky Lavender returned to the meeting.

**5.2 INVERELL POLOCROSSE CLUB - REVIEW OF 2022 SWAN CUP S26.1.1/13****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

*That the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- 1) *Council assist the Inverell Polocrosse Club to prepare for the 2023 Swan Cup by investigating the available options to:*
  - a. *Supply and spread sand on the fields*
  - b. *Fill water tanks*
  - c. *Promote the event through the Inverell Tourist Centre*
- 2) *Council encourage the Inverell Polocrosse Club to prepare a detailed master plan for their polocrosse arena complex.*

**CARRIED**

**5.3 EMPLOYMENT ZONES REFORM S18.6.49****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

*That the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i. *a “recreation facility (outdoor)” be included as a permitted land use in the E4 General Industrial Zone and to advise the Department Planning and Environment’s employment zones reform team; and*
- ii. *The Director Civil and Environmental Services be authorised to undertake the procedural steps associated with the progress of the employment zones reform, including any changes and minor amendments consistent with the intent of the reforms.*

**CARRIED**

**5.4 EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR DROUGHT RELIEF TRANSPORT S28.15.3/12****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

*The Committee recommend to Council that the extension of the temporary Drought Recovery Access for Restricted Access Vehicles hauling agricultural commodities on the Shire road network until 19 September, 2023 be approved under the General Manager’s Delegation.*

**CARRIED**

At 9.50 am, Cr Nicky Lavender left the meeting having previously declared a Pecuniary Interest in respect of the following:

- Item #5.5 of the Destination Report “Planning Proposal – Request to amend Inverell Local Environmental Plan 2012 – 1 Burgess Street, Inverell” as she is the CEO of IDFS, the applicant.

## 5.5 PLANNING PROPOSAL - REQUEST TO AMEND INVERELL LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2012 - 1 BURGESS STREET, INVERELL S18.6.34/11

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wendy Wilks

Seconded: Cr Jacko Ross

*That the Committee recommend to Council that:*

- The Planning Proposal to amend the Inverell Local Environmental Plan 2012 to permit a ‘centre-based child care facility’ as an Additional Permitted Use on 1 Burgess Street, Inverell be forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment requesting a Gateway determination in accordance with sections 3.33 and 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;*
- The Director Civil and Environmental Services be authorised to undertake the procedural steps associated with the progress of the Planning Proposal and obtaining the Gateway determination, including any minor amendments, information requests and public exhibition; and*
- a further report be submitted in relation to this matter following public exhibition.*

**CARRIED**

S375A Record of Voting	Councillors For:	Councillors Against:
Harmon	√	
Baker	√	
Berryman	√	
Ross	√	
Wilks	√	

At 10:06 am, Cr Nicky Lavender returned to the meeting.

## 5.6 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - ACCESS AND USE OF ONEROAD S28.8.5

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Wendy Wilks

*That the Committee recommend to Council that the Memorandum of Understanding with Transport for NSW – Access and Use of OneRoad be executed by Council.*

**CARRIED**

## **6 INFORMATION REPORTS**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Di Baker

Seconded: Cr Jacko Ross

That the information reports be received and noted

**CARRIED**

### **6.1 WORKS UPDATE S28.21.1/15**

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**The Meeting closed at 10.20 am.**

**9.2 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES - 14 SEPTEMBER 2022****File Number:** S13.5.2/15 / 22/33598**Author:** Melanie Ford, Administration Officer - Corporate Services**SUMMARY:**

Meeting held on Wednesday, 14 September, 2022.

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, 14 September, 2022, be received and noted; and*
- ii. The following recommendations of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee be adopted by Council*

**9.2.1 Inverell Showground Land Manager - Request for a Donation for Sewer Charges****RECOMMENDATION:***That:*

- i. Council makes a donation in lieu of sewer rates to the Inverell Showground equivalent to 15% of the sewerage rates for the 2022/2023 financial year; and*
- ii. Council recommend to the Inverell Showground Land Managers that they review the number of toilets required at the showground.*

**9.2.2 Arts North West Membership****RECOMMENDATION:***That:*

- (a) The information be noted; and*
- (b) The request from the Sapphire City Concert Band for an additional donation be declined.*

**9.2.3 Transfer of Internally Restricted Assets and Budget Revotes From 2021/2022****RECOMMENDATION:***That:*

- i) the report be received and noted;*

- ii) *the list of revotes in the attachment be revoted to the 2022/2023 budget; and*
- iii) *the transfers to Council's Externally / Internally Restricted Assets for the 2021/2022 Financial Year totalling \$7,277,088 and Council's transfers from Externally / Internally Restricted Assets for the 2021/2022 Financial Year totalling \$3,498,443 be endorsed.*

#### 9.2.4 Information Reports

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That the information reports be received and noted.*

#### 9.2.5 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.*

#### 9.2.6 General & Special Purpose Financial Reports 2021/2022

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That:*

- i) *the report be received and noted;*
- ii) *Council's DRAFT 2021/2022 Financial Statements be "referred to audit" in accordance with s413(1) of the Local Government Act 1993.*
- iii) *If during the audit process, the NSW Audit Office requires any material changes, or discovers any audit issues that would render the Financial Statements false or misleading in any way, the draft financial statements are to be returned to Council for further consideration.*
- iv) *Council record as an opinion of Council, in accordance with s413 (2c) of the Local Government Act 1993, that the draft 2021/2022 annual financial report is in accordance with:*
  - *the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made there under,*
  - *the Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements,*
  - *the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting, and*
  - *presents fairly the Council's operating result and financial position for the year, and*
  - *accords with Council's accounting and other records; and*
  - *that the Council is not aware of any matter that would render this report false or misleading in any way.*
- v) *Subject to no material audit changes or audit issues discovered as a result of the audit process:*

- i) the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer be authorised to sign the statements as required by s413(2) of the Local Government Act 1993;*
- ii) Council authorise the General Manager to forward the Financial Statements to the Office of Local Government upon receipt of the Audit Reports from the NSW Audit Office;*
- iii) Council authorise the General Manager to place the audited Financial Statements on public exhibition and provide notice in accordance with s418(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, that Council will consider the Reports of its Auditors for the year ended 30 June, 2022 at its Ordinary Meeting to be held on Wednesday 23 November, 2022; and*
- iv) Council present the signed audited Financial Statements to the public at the Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 23 November, 2022 in accordance with s 419 (1) Local Government Act 1993.*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Minutes of Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting 14 September, 2022**

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL  
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,  
INVERELL  
ON WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 11.20AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Paul King OAM (Chairperson), Cr Paul Harmon (Mayor), Cr Kate Dight, Cr Nicky Lavender and Cr Jo Williams

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr Stewart Berryman, Cr Di Baker, Cr Jacko Ross and Cr Wendy Wilks.

Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil & Environmental Services) and Paul Pay (Director Corporate and Economic Services)

**1 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Jo Williams

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 10 August, 2022, 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 DESTINATION REPORTS**

**4.1 INVERELL SHOWGROUND LAND MANAGER - REQUEST FOR A DONATION FOR SEWER CHARGES \$25.9.3**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Jo Williams

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

*The Committee recommends to Council that:*

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- ii. Council recommend to the Inverell Showground Land Managers that they review the number of toilets required at the showground.*

**CARRIED**

**4.2 ARTS NORTH WEST MEMBERSHIP S26.5.4****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

*The Committee recommend to Council that:*

- (a) The information be noted; and*
- (b) The request from the Sapphire City Concert Band for an additional donation be declined.*

**CARRIED**

**4.3 TRANSFER OF INTERNALLY RESTRICTED ASSETS AND BUDGET REVOTES FROM 2021/2022 S12.5.1/15****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

*The Committee recommend to Council that:*

- i) the report be received and noted;*
- ii) the list of revotes in the attachment be revoted to the 2022/2023 budget; and*
- iii) the transfers to Council's Externally / Internally Restricted Assets for the 2021/2022 Financial Year totalling \$7,277,088 and Council's transfers from Externally / Internally Restricted Assets for the 2021/2022 Financial Year totalling \$3,498,443 be endorsed.*

**CARRIED**

**5 INFORMATION REPORTS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

*That the information reports be received and noted*

**CARRIED**

**5.1 BUNDARRA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - CORRESPONDENCE S13.1.1**

## 6 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

### 6.1 GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

*The Committee recommend to Council 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.*

**CARRIED**

### 6.2 GENERAL & SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORTS 2021/2022 S12.11.5

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Nicky Lavender

*The Committee recommended to Council that:*

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  - accords with Council's accounting and other records; and*
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- v) Subject to no material audit changes or audit issues discovered as a result of the audit process:*
  - i) the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer be authorised to sign the statements as required by s413(2) of the Local Government Act 1993;*
  - ii) Council authorise the General Manager to forward the Financial Statements to the Office of Local Government upon receipt of the Audit Reports from the NSW Audit Office;*

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- iv) Council present the signed audited Financial Statements to the public at the Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 23 November, 2022 in accordance with s 419 (1) Local Government Act 1993.*

**CARRIED**

**The Meeting closed at 12.05pm.**

**10 DESTINATION REPORTS****10.1 2022 - 2032 DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN****File Number:** S4.13.2 / 22/32993**Author:** Paul Henry, General Manager**SUMMARY:**

The draft Community Strategic Plan is presented for adoption.

**RECOMMENDATION:***That:*

- i. The 2022 – 2032 Community Strategic Plan be endorsed; and*
- ii. The draft document be placed on public exhibition for 28 days for community feedback.*

**COMMENTARY:**

A draft Community Strategic Plan is attached. This document reflects the collective view expressed during the workshops on this issue.

If the Council endorses the draft document, it can then be placed on public exhibition for comment.

Council consideration of the attached document is sought.

**RISK ASSESSMENT:**

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:**

Nil

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2022 - 2032 Draft Community Strategic Plan [↓](#)



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## COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN



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**INVERELL**  
SHIRE COUNCIL



## Mayor's Message

This Community Strategic Plan sets out a vision for our community; our priorities and aspirations.

This plan was initiated by our community and has been reviewed by Council in 2022. We are confident that this document accurately reflects the views of our Community and sets the direction for Council's actions.

It should be acknowledged that achievement of this vision will require Council and the community to work together. everyone has a role to play.

The various aspects of Council's role in delivering on this vision is discussed in this document.

I look forward to acknowledging our achievements in future years as we move toward Inverell Shire being the progressive and cohesive community we strive to be.

Cr Paul Harmon

Mayor



## Our Vision

### **‘A PROGRESSIVE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITY’**

Council has an aspiration that our community will be recognised as being progressive in both ‘thought and deed’ and united in promoting diversity and social inclusion. To progress towards this aspiration, Council will need to work on achieving a series of objectives.

In this document, these objectives have been grouped under four (4) themes:



Leadership



Prosperity



Liveability



Services and Infrastructure

## Our Mission

### **‘TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY IN PROVIDING AND FACILITATING THE PROVISION OF QUALITY SERVICES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROGRESS AND COHESIVENESS OF THE COMMUNITY’**

The Council's vision for the community is implemented by a partnership of this organisation, that is Inverell Shire Council (Councillors and staff) and the Community.

In this partnership, the organisation will:



Work with the community



Provide quality services



Strive for progress and cohesion

The mission statement is an articulation of Council's intent.

The mission statement also acknowledges the vital role that the community plays in achieving our vision. The community, either individuals, groups or organisations, contribute to the fabric of community life. Therefore it is essential that Council work with the community.

## Council's Role

In delivering on the vision for our community, Council undertakes a variety of roles – depending on the issue before Council or the action required to be taken to address a particular issue.

Council can be:



### A Leader

Who is aware of community issues, focuses on developing a response to these issues, encourages all stakeholders to be involved and applies ethical and principled responses from the organisation.



### An Advocate

Who expresses the community's view to decision makers in other levels of government.



### A Partner

Who works with other service providers and stakeholders to achieve the best possible outcomes for the community.



### A Provider

Of services in an effective and efficient manner.



## LEADERSHIP

**‘WE WILL BE AN ACCOUNTABLE AND RESPONSIBLE COUNCIL THAT WILL BE INVOLVED WITH THE COMMUNITY AND RESPONSIBLY MANAGE PUBLIC RESOURCES’**



## REQUIRED OUTCOME

The Shire is a progressive and inclusive community. The required level of civic leadership is brought to bear on community issues.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

One of Council's most important responsibilities is providing a clear direction for the community and providing the necessary services and infrastructure. To ensure this occurs, Council needs to know the matters that are having an impact on community life, develop an appropriate response and then provide the right people, the right skills and commitment to deliver this response.

## OUR DESTINATION

Inverell Shire is recognised as a community leader; that is respected and delivers an agreed response to the community needs.



### Objectives

*Where do we want to be?*



### Strategies

*How will we get there?*

#### 1. COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE

- 1.1 Partner, engage and communicate with our community to make informed decisions and deliver services, projects and initiatives.
- 1.2 Provide the community with responsible and accountable decision making when undertaking the civic duties of Council.
- 1.3 Advocate on behalf of the community for outcomes important to the community.

#### 2. COUNCIL IS SUSTAINABLE AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- 2.1 Provides clear long-term plans for the future.
- 2.2 Operates in a financially sustainable and responsible manner.
- 2.3 Council's long-term financial plan is based on sound asset management information and is affordable and responsible.

#### 3. COUNCIL IS COGNIZANT OF CURRENT ISSUES

- 3.1 Community networks are established to inform Council on community issues.
- 3.2 Council has a strong working relationship with other levels of Government and an understanding of the community issues being addressed by the Government.

## Partners who can help achieve our objectives

- ✓ Residents and local groups
- ✓ Federal and State Members of Parliament
- ✓ Office of Local Government
- ✓ Other relevant State Agencies
- ✓ Media
- ✓ Local Government NSW



## Outcomes - How do we know we've arrived?

MEASURE	BENCHMARK
Decisions made by Council made in open session	90%
Community consultations with local groups/community	6 per annum
Council has unrestricted cash reserves to meet liquidity needs	\$1.5M - \$4M
Council complies with legislative strategic tasks and Integrated Planning and Reporting.	Achieved
Council receives an unqualified Audit Report each year	Achieved

## PROSPERITY

**‘THE SHIRE HAS A DIVERSE, STRONG LOCAL ECONOMY THAT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE COMMUNITY’**



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## REQUIRED OUTCOME

There is economic and employment growth and the visitor economy continues to grow.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

To underpin sustainable population growth, the Shire's commercial sector will be encouraged to grow and expand. Appropriate services and infrastructure to enhance the commercial sector will be provided. Business will have access to support services including education, training and research.

Inverell is and must remain a service centre for the region. By encouraging stable, ethical and commercially successful businesses, local residents will have access to a wide range of services and work opportunities in the local area.

## OUR DESTINATION

- Inverell is identified and recognised as a major regional service centre.
- A diverse range of businesses are sustainable and maintain a long-term presence in the Shire.
- The private sector provides a significant portion of the Shire's workforce.
- Inverell has sustainable population growth.



### Objectives

*Where do we want to be?*



### Strategies

*How will we get there?*

#### **1. A FRAMEWORK IS IN PLACE TO MAXIMISE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES**

- 1.1** Council provides suitable zoned and sized land to facilitate development.
- 1.2** Business development and investment is encouraged.

#### **2. THE VISITOR ECONOMY IS SUPPORTED**

- 2.1** Tourism opportunities are supported.
- 2.2** Events that foster cultural, recreational and community interaction is supported.

#### **3. THE SHIRE IS REGARDED AS A DESTINATION TO LIVE, WORK AND INVEST**

- 3.1** Council supports opportunities for business expansion.
- 3.2** Advocate for a competitive and progressive agricultural and business environment.

## Partners who can help achieve our objectives

- ✓ Transport for NSW
- ✓ Destination NSW
- ✓ Transport Operators
- ✓ Peak representative bodies for business / agriculture / industry



### Outcomes - How do we know we've arrived?

MEASURE	BENCHMARK
The Shires average 3 year Gross Regional Product is increasing	90%
Visitor numbers through the Visitor Information Centre exceed benchmark and visitor data released by Destination NSW is increasing	60,000 per annum
Asset Renewal	The Building and Asset Renewal Ratio is greater than 100% (average over 3 years)
Infrastructure condition	The Infrastructure Backlog Ratio is less than 2%

## LIVEABILITY

**‘OUR COMMUNITY IS HEALTHY, SAFE, EDUCATED AND OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES. WE VALUE OUR NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT’**



## REQUIRED OUTCOME

The Shire is sustainable and has equitable access to services that deliver health, wellbeing, life-long learning and lifestyle diversity. Our natural environment is preserved and maintained.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

A strong community needs diversity, health lifestyles as well as educational and work opportunities.

The Shire's inclusive services and facilities are available to all who live and work in Inverell Shire.

Through sound urban design, appropriate development and improving our localities, our communities will continue to grow and thrive. People who are in need will find the assistance they require within the Shire.

## OUR DESTINATION

- Diverse and equitable services, facilities and support are available to the community, including lifelong learning opportunities.
- Communities are attractive, welcoming and celebrated.
- Residents and visitors feel safe in harmonious communities that provide opportunities for families, youth and children.
- The health outcomes of the community are improving.
- The community values our natural and built environment.



### Objectives

*Where do we want to be?*



### Strategies

*How will we get there?*

#### 1. OUR COMMUNITY IS SAFE, HEALTHY, EDUCATED AND ACTIVE

- 1.1 Provide a range of sport, recreation and play spaces that encourage active participation in a healthy lifestyle.
- 1.2 Advocate for quality medical and health services.
- 1.3 Partner with the NSW Police Force to deliver community safety programs and reduce crime.
- 1.4 Advocate for a broad range of educational opportunities for all members of the community.
- 1.5 Partner with emergency services to reduce the risks from emergency events.
- 1.6 Provide opportunities for recreational, cultural and social events.

#### 2. OUR COMMUNITY IS INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE

- 2.1 Provide improved access to services, buildings, spaces, places and activities for people with a disability.
- 2.2 Provide services in a manner that supports social interaction.
- 2.3 Partner with responsible agencies to facilitate social and physical wellbeing of the community.

#### 3. OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IS PROTECTED AND SUSTAINED

- 3.1 Partner with local groups and responsible agencies to preserve and maintain our natural environment.
- 3.2 Effectively manage public lands.
- 3.3 Ensure compliance with environmental regulations and controls.

#### 4. OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT IS FUNCTIONAL AND SUSTAINABLE

- 4.1 Ensure the Council's Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is reflective of community needs and expectations.
- 4.2 Advocate for telecommunications services that meet current and future community requirements.

## Partners who can help achieve our objectives

- ✓ Local Community Groups /Clubs
- ✓ Local Land Services
- ✓ State Emergency Services
- ✓ Rural Fire Services
- ✓ NSW Fire and Rescue
- ✓ State Agencies
- ✓ NSW Police Force
- ✓ Hunter New England Health Service



## Outcomes - How do we know we've arrived?

MEASURE	BENCHMARK
Community satisfaction with access to public library and cultural spaces.	90%
Community satisfaction with sport, recreation and playground facilities.	90%
Community satisfaction with accessibility to public spaces.	90%
Community satisfaction with access to health services.	60%
Community satisfaction with public safety services.	80%
Community satisfaction with the state of the environment of the Shire.	80%

## SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE

**‘OUR COMMUNITY IS ENHANCED BY THE PROVISION OF CIVIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE.  
THESE SERVICES ARE PLANNED AND FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE’**



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## REQUIRED OUTCOME

The provision of community-focused services and the maintenance, enhancement and upgrade of infrastructure.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Community growth is supported and enhanced by a wide range of services and infrastructure, including transport, recreational facilities, utilities and telecommunications. Provision of services and infrastructure may be provided through private and public partnerships.

## OUR DESTINATION

- The community has access to a range of quality core and optional services.
- The community has access to a range of well-maintained and appropriate infrastructure, including transport.
- More people are using available technology to connect to the wider Australian community.



### Objectives

*Where do we want to be?*



### Strategies

*How will we get there?*

#### 1. THE TRANSPORT NETWORK IS SAFE, CONVENIENT AND EFFICIENT

- 1.1 Local and regional roads are maintained to a satisfactory standard.
- 1.2 The road network meets the community's needs in terms of traffic capacity, economic and social connectivity.
- 1.3 The cycleway and pedestrian facilities encourages economic and social connections.
- 1.4 The Stormwater Management System is efficient and effective to the design standard.

#### 2. INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDED BY COUNCIL IS FIT FOR CONTEMPORARY USE

- 2.1 Council buildings and facilities are available to deliver services at the level approved by Council.
- 2.2 Council utilises modern and efficient plant/equipment to meet operational needs.

#### 3. COUNCIL PROVIDES SERVICES IN A CONSISTENT AND EQUITABLE MANNER

- 3.1 Water and sewer services meet the needs of the Community.
- 3.2 Waste services effectively integrate waste management and reuse of materials from the waste stream.
- 3.3 Community amenities are clean and serviceable.
- 3.4 Council attracts, retains and trains staff so that the organisation has a skilled and diverse workforce.

## Partners who can help achieve our objectives

- ✓ Council Staff
- ✓ Suppliers and Contractors
- ✓ Various State Agencies



### Outcomes - How do we know we've arrived?

**Note:** The ratios and benchmarks are the Financial Performance Indicators prepared by the Office of Local Government.

MEASURE	BENCHMARK
Building and Asset Renewal Ratio	Greater than 100% average over 3 years
Infrastructure Backlog Ratio	Less than 2%
Assets Maintenance Ratio	Greater than 100% average over 3 years
Real Operating Expenditure per Capita	A decrease in Real Operating Expenditure per Capita over time
Dept Service Ratio	Greater than 0% and less than or equal to 20% average over 3 years
Operating Performance Ratio	Greater or equal to break even average over 3 years



**10.2 CONSULTATION - CORRUPTION RISKS IN THE LOBBYING OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS****File Number:** S14.6.1 / 22/33208**Author:** Paul Henry, General Manager**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Local Government (OLG) is to consider how it should regulate to minimise the corruption risks associated with the Development Approval process. Council is invited to suggest how it should regulate the Lobbying of Public Officials.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*A matter for Council.*

**COMMENTARY:**

Recently, the ICAC conducted two (2) investigations into alleged corrupt activities in a number of planning matters at two (2) Sydney Councils. These investigations were codenamed operation Dasha (Canterbury Council) and Operation Witney (City of Canada Bay).

Concurrently, the ICAC conducted an examination of 'Lobbying, Access and Influence in NSW'. Codenamed Operation Eclipse, the investigation looked at lobbying practices utilised by lobbyists when approaching public officials (both publicly elected members and appointed staff of Government/Councils).

Following these investigations, ICAC made a series of recommendations to Government.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS OF ICAC**

The following are recommendations of the ICAC arising from the investigations:

**a) Operation Dasha**

Recommendation 7 - That the NSW Government amends the LOGO Act to ensure all provisions apply to local government.

Recommendation 8 - That the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE), following a reasonable period of consultation, issues guidelines under section 23A of the LGA to introduce measures to enhance transparency around the lobbying of councillors. The guidelines should require that:

- councils provide meeting facilities to councillors (where practical) so that they may meet in a formal setting with parties who have an interest in a development matter
- councils make available a member of council staff to be present at such a meeting and to prepare an official file note of that meeting to be kept on the council's files (any additional notes made by the member of council staff and/or the councillor should also be kept as part of the council's records)

- all councillors be invited when a council conducts formal onsite meetings for controversial re-zonings and developments
- council officers disclose in writing to the general manager any attempts by councillors to influence them over the contents or recommendations contained in any report to council and/or relating to planning and development in the local government area.

b) Operation Witney

Recommendation 9 - That DPE ensures any guidelines issued pursuant to section 23A of the LGA regarding the lobbying of councillors (see Operation Dasha recommendation above) include advice about:

- the nature and frequency of meetings between councillors and interested parties, including the need to ensure transparency around these interactions • how and where to report concerns about lobbying practices
- the receipt of submissions outside of formal processes, including the transmission of material to specific councillors in a way that excludes other councillors and staff
- councillors' attendance at staff meetings with parties interested in an outcome
- councillor representations to staff arising from lobbying interactions, and
- the lobbying of councillors by interested parties with whom they have a pre-existing relationship.

Recommendation 10 – That DPE updates the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW to refer to any councillor lobbying guidelines and to reflect the substantive advice contained in the guidelines.

c) Operation Eclipse

Key finding 5 - The local government sector faces considerable risk of undue influence and should be regulated by the LOGO Act.

Extending the provisions of the LOGO Act to local government would, among other matters, allow the lobbying regulator to provide guidance about the appropriate policies and procedures that would best suit the circumstances of local councils, particularly regarding matters about planning, land use, the environment and community amenities.

2. RESPONSE FROM OLG

The ICAC recommendations propose two (2) mechanisms for codifying the type of behaviours expected of public officials to avoid the corruption risks associated with lobbying. The two (2) different mechanisms are:

i) Guidelines issued by the OLG, or

Note: s.23A of the Local Government Act authorises the 'Departmental Chief Executive' to issue guidelines relating to the exercise by a Council of any of its functions. These guidelines must be taken into account when a Council exercises its functions. Generally, Council develops a policy that incorporates the guidelines.

ii) Extend the provisions of the *Lobbying of Government Officials Act 2011* (LOGO Act) to cover 'Local Government Official'.

Before, OLG will make a decision on whether to codify any or all of the suggested procedures and which mechanism is the 'best approach' for the Local Government industry, Councillors views are sought.

### 3. WHAT IS COUNCIL BEING ASKED?

Council is being asked to express an opinion on the following matters:

- a) Does it support any or all of the ICAC suggestions (as detailed in section 1 of this report)?;
- b) Are there any other suggestions that should be incorporated into any future guidelines covering lobbying of Public Officials?; and
- c) Should Council Officials be covered by the LOGO Act or behaviours be regulated through the Code of Conduct and/or s.23A Guidelines.

Councillors are requested to form a view on these matters.

### 4. BACKGROUND

#### i) **Lobbying of Government Officials Act:**

This NSW Act places restrictions on the lobbying of Government Officials. The Act:

- Requires a Code of Conduct to be established for lobbyists,
- Authorises the Electoral Commissioner to enforce the Code,
- Bans the giving of a 'success fee' for an outcome of the lobbying,
- Former Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries are subject to an 18 month 'cooling off' period, in which they cannot engage in lobbying Government Officials, after leaving office.

Local Government Councillors and Staff are not covered by this Act.

#### ii) **Local Government Code of Conduct**

The Code does not contain clauses explicitly referring to lobbying, however the code places an obligation on Councillors and staff to at all time act ethically and honestly.

The code has clauses that cover:

- Improper and undue influence (cl.3.1, cl. 3.3, cl. 3.4, cl. 3.13)
- Inappropriate interactions (cl.5.2, cl. 5.3, cl. 5.4, cl. 5.14, cl. 6.1)
- Use and security of confidential information (cl. 8.10, cl. 8.11)
- Record keeping (cl.3.15, cl. 8.22, cl. 8.23)

In addition, when making decisions under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, the decision makers must ensure procedural fairness has been applied. Procedural fairness is demonstrated when decisions follow the process set out in the EPA Act and the requirements of natural justice are evident.

The two (2) primary rules of natural justice are:

- 'hearing rule' – a person affected by a decision is given the opportunity to present their case prior to the decision being made. This requires the decision maker to disclose prejudicial allegations and information, and provides notice that they formed an adverse view prior to the 'hearing'
- 'bias rule' – requires decision makers to objectively consider to be impartial and not to have prejudiced the decision. A decision maker or decision can be 'disqualified' if a fair minded observer reasonably suspects that the decision made is not impartial.

As a result, Inverell Shire Council has the following matters included in the procedures for development applications:

- Councillors are provided with comprehensive reports on DA matters,
- Any inspections of a site, subject to a DA, is organised by Council and all Councillors invited to attend,
- Councillors are not to attend a meeting with a developer independently or make their own enquires of a developer regarding their proposal,
- If the Mayor is asked to meet a prospective developer, the meeting shall take place in the Council office and a staff member(s) is to be present,
- Once a DA is lodged the Mayor declines any request for a meeting,
- The proponent of a DA can address all Councillors at the public forum sessions at Committee or Council Meetings.

### **iii) The Case for Extending the LOGO Act**

The ICAC notes that lobbying is common in local government, and says Councils face considerable risk of undue influence – so should be regulated by the LOGO Act.

Extending the provisions of the Act would allow the regulator to provide guidance about appropriate policies and procedures that would best suit the local government context, particularly in matters regarding planning and land use issues.

Chief Commissioner Hall believes that oversight of lobbying in NSW needs to improve, to detect and sanction improper influence of all Government Officials.

### **iv) The Case Against Extending the LOGO Act**

The conduct of Council officials is now regulated through the Code of Conduct and if policies/procedures are required to address specific issues, then the OLG can issue guidelines under s. 23A of the LG Act that Councils must address.

The extension of the oversight of Council Officials by the Electoral Commissioner has the risk of over regulating the sector. The role of a Councillor is different to other types of Government Officials – they serve in a part time role, they do not have their own staff/offices or budgets and they are easily accessed by the community/lobbyists in unofficial settings.

**5. SUMMARY**

Council is requested to form a view on the matters shown in Section 1 (the ICAC recommendations) and the mechanism for introducing any changes to manage the corruption risks highlighted in the three (3) mentioned ICAC investigations.

This view will form the basis of a submission to the OLG.

**RISK ASSESSMENT:**

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:**

Nil

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

**10.3 CONSIDERATION OF THE AQUATIC CENTRE SUNSET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS****File Number:** S5.9.27 / 22/33372**Author:** Nicole Riley, Administration Coordinator**SUMMARY:**

An Aquatic Centre Planning Sunset Committee meeting is being held on Wednesday, 28 September 2022. It is intended that the consideration of the Aquatic Centre Planning Sunset Committee recommendations from this meeting be tabled at the Council meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*That a supplementary report on this matter be received.*

**COMMENTARY:**

This report is intended to request Council to accept the tabling of the Aquatic Centre Planning Sunset Committee recommendations from the meeting being held on Wednesday, 28 September 2022.

It is intended that a supplementary report will be presented at the Council meeting.

**RISK ASSESSMENT:**

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS COMMENT:**

Nil

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

**11 INFORMATION REPORTS****11.1 COMMUNITY LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY (CLIR)****File Number:** S15.8.127 / 22/28916**Author:** Paul Henry, General Manager**SUMMARY:**

The State Government recently announced that a new funding program had been established to assist councils that were impacted by floods or 'major storm events'.

**COMMENTARY:**

Eligible projects could be the restoration of damaged community facilities or the enhancement of facilities to ensure that these facilities could better cope with future flood/storms. Major road projects were not eligible.

This was a competitive grants program. Advice has been received that the following projects will be funded:

- a) Renew the retaining wall on Riverbank behind Inverell Library - \$40K
- b) Riverbank Tree Replacement - \$20K
- c) Enhance Footbridge (Macintyre River below Girl Guide Hall) - \$150K
- d) Enhance Lake Inverell Drainage and Pathways - \$100K
- e) Install enhanced drainage structures at Ashford Transfer Station - \$50K
- f) Enhance drainage structures and internal roads at Inverell Cemetery - \$200K

Works are required to be completed by 31 December, 2023.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

<b>11.2 SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES DURING AUGUST 2022</b>
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**File Number:** S18.10.2/15 / 22/31441

**Author:** Emma Case, 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 August, 2022.

**DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS, REFUSALS AND VARIATIONS DURING AUGUST 2022**

**Development Approvals**

<b><u>Development Application Number</u></b>	<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	<b><u>Property</u></b>	<b><u>Development</u></b>	<b><u>\$ Amount</u></b>
DA-55/2022	Ruralcert Pty Ltd	52 Mather Street, INVERELL 2360	Construction of Semi-Detached Dwellings, Subdivision and Associated Retaining Wall	900,000
DA-66/2022	Mr Jonathon Bourne	34 Froude Street, INVERELL 2360	Construction of a Steel-frame Shed on Concrete Slab with a Deep Edge Beam & Associated Earthworks & Stormwater Drainage	22,000
DA-71/2022	Ruralplan Consultants	1 Hampton Court, INVERELL 2360	Concept Development Application - Dwelling House and Detached Metal Shed  Stage 1 - Detached Metal Shed (this DA)  Stage 2 - Dwelling House (Future DA)	112,000
DA-74/2022	Mr Jonathon Bourne	32 Daley Close, INVERELL 2360	Dwelling, Shed & Pool	501,600
DA-75/2022	Mr Jonathon Bourne	17 Daley Close, INVERELL 2360	Shed	19,800
DA-84/2022	Mr Jonathon Bourne	5 Brissett Street, INVERELL 2360	One (1) into Three (3) Lot Subdivision	Nil
DA-85/2022	Mr Phillip Aidan and Mrs Luigina O'Meley	29 Daley Close, INVERELL 2360	Shed	50,000

DA-93/2022	Mr Graham William Pagden	15 Daley Close, INVERELL 2360	Dwelling, Shed, Earthworks, Retaining Wall and Landscaping	500,000
DA-94/2022	Mr Marcus James Muggleton	111 Henderson Street, INVERELL 2360	Shed	15,000
DA-97/2022	Mr Jonathon Bourne	55 Urabatta Street, INVERELL 2360	Shed	22,000
DA-99/2022	Mr Jonathon Bourne	15 East Street, INVERELL 2360	Demolition of Two Sheds. Construction of a New Shed, Carport and Roof Over an Alfresco Area.	27,500
DA-100/2022	Mr Tony Clarence Yates	93 MacIntyre Street, INVERELL 2360	Shed	15,000
DA-102/2022	Integrity New Homes New England	38 Sylvan Drive, INVERELL 2360	Dwelling	598,605
DA-103/2022	Ruralplan Consultants	33 Daley Close, INVERELL 2360	Dwelling & Shed	633,000
DA-105/2022	Denori Pty Ltd	2 Sylvan Drive, INVERELL 2360	Dwelling, Shed & Pool	535,904
DA-106/2022	Mr Jonathon Bourne	43 Sylvan Drive, INVERELL 2360	New Dwelling & Shed	430,000
DA-124/2022	Inverell Gold Club Ltd	4076 Bundarra Road, INVERELL 2360	New Shed, Deck Addition to Club House and Concrete Path	90,000
<b>Monthly estimated value of Approvals: August 2022</b>			<b>17</b>	<b>4,472,409</b>

**Development Amendments**

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 August 2022.

**INFORMATION:**

Nil.

**CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATES APPROVED AND AMENDED DURING AUGUST 2022****Construction Certificates approved by Council**

<b><u>Construction Certificate Number</u></b>	<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	<b><u>Property</u></b>	<b><u>Construction</u></b>	<b><u>\$ Amount</u></b>
CC-14/2022	Bindaree Beef Pty Ltd	7253 Gwydir Highway, INVERELL 2360	Upgrade of balance tank and associated works including:  - Installation of new balance water tank;  - Construction and installation of a new 7.138m x 2.701m colourbond pump shed;  - Relocation and upgrade of chlorine gas dosing system;  - Relocation of two existing pumps; Installation of new pipework and valving;  - Relocation of the emergency eye wash station;  - All electrical infrastructure to support; and  - Demolish existing 3m x 3m shed and balance tank.	295,000
CC-53/2022	Mr Luther Sydney and Mrs Gabrielle Maree Robinson	34 Froude Street, INVERELL 2360	Construction of a Steel-frame Shed on Concrete Slab with a Deep Edge Beam & Associated Earthworks & Stormwater Drainage.	22,000
CC-60/2022	Mr Jonathon Bourne	32 Daley Close, INVERELL 2360	Dwelling, Shed & Pool	501,600
CC-62/2022	Mr Thomas John Cartner Graham	7 Brewery Street, INVERELL 2360	Shed	52,000

CC-63/2022	Denori Pty Ltd	7 Rosslyn Street, INVERELL 2360	Construction of New Dwelling resulting in Dual Occupancy (Detached)	391,524
CC-64/2022	Mr Jonathon Bourne	17 Daley Close, INVERELL 2360	Shed	19,800
CC-67/2022	Mr Tony John Baxter	5 Sylvan Drive, INVERELL 2360	New Dwelling & Shed	495,000
CC-70/2022	Mr Daniel Keith Bates and Miss Elly Jay Jurd	41 Sylvan Drive, INVERELL 2360	New Dwelling & Shed	475,200
CC-71/2022	Mr Jonathon Bourne	17 Sylvan Drive, INVERELL 2360	New Dwelling & Shed	435,600
CC-74/2022	Mr Phillip Aidan and Mrs Luigina O'Meley	29 Daley Close, INVERELL 2360	Shed	50,000
CC-83/2022	Mr Jonathon Bourne	55 Urabatta Street, INVERELL 2360	Shed	22,000
CC-84/2022	Mr Tony Clarence Yates	93 MacIntyre Street, INVERELL 2360	Shed	15,000
CC-85/2022	Mr Timothy John Halliday	13 Oakland Lane, INVERELL 2360	New Shed	30,000
CC-88/2022	Mr Joerg Gruenfield	43 Sylvan Drive, INVERELL 2360	New Shed and Earthworks	27,500
<b>Monthly estimated value of Approvals: August 2022</b>			<b>14</b>	<b>2,832,224</b>

**Amended Construction Certificates approved by Council**

Nil.

**Construction Certificates approved by Private Certifier**

<b><u>Construction Certificate Number</u></b>	<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	<b><u>Property</u></b>	<b><u>Construction</u></b>	<b><u>\$ Amount</u></b>
CC-96/2022	Mr Justin John Cruickshank	785 New Valley Road, TINGHA 2369	Dwelling	224,743
<b>Monthly estimated value of Approvals: August 2022</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>224,743</b>

**Amended Construction Certificates approved by Private Certifier**

Nil.

**COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES APPROVED AND AMENDED DURING AUGUST 2022****Complying Development Certificates Approved by Council**

Nil.

**Amended Complying Development Certificates approved by Council**

Nil.

**Complying Development Certificates approved by Private Certifier**

Nil.

**Amended Complying Development Certificates approved by Private Certifier**

Nil.

**TOTAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FOR INVERELL SHIRE DURING AUGUST 2022:**

<b>Type of Consent</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>
Construction Certificates – Council Approved	<b>14</b>	<b>2,832,224</b>
Construction Certificates – Private Certifier	<b>1</b>	<b>224,743</b>
Complying Development – Council Approved	<b>0</b>	<b>Nil</b>
Complying Development – Private Certifier	<b>0</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3,056,967</b>

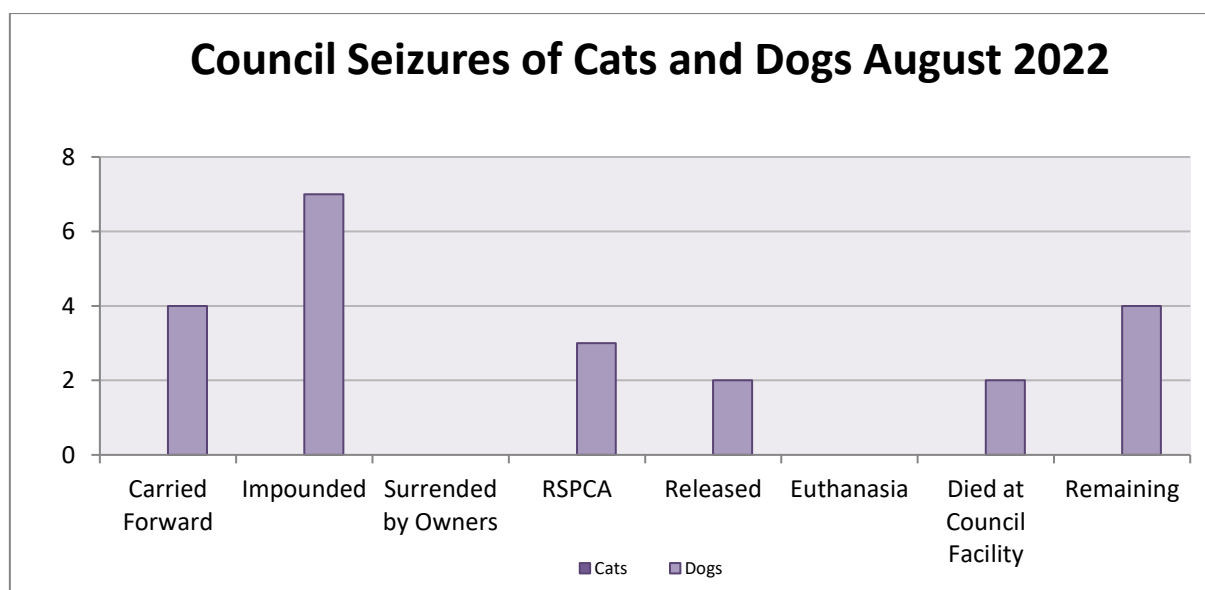
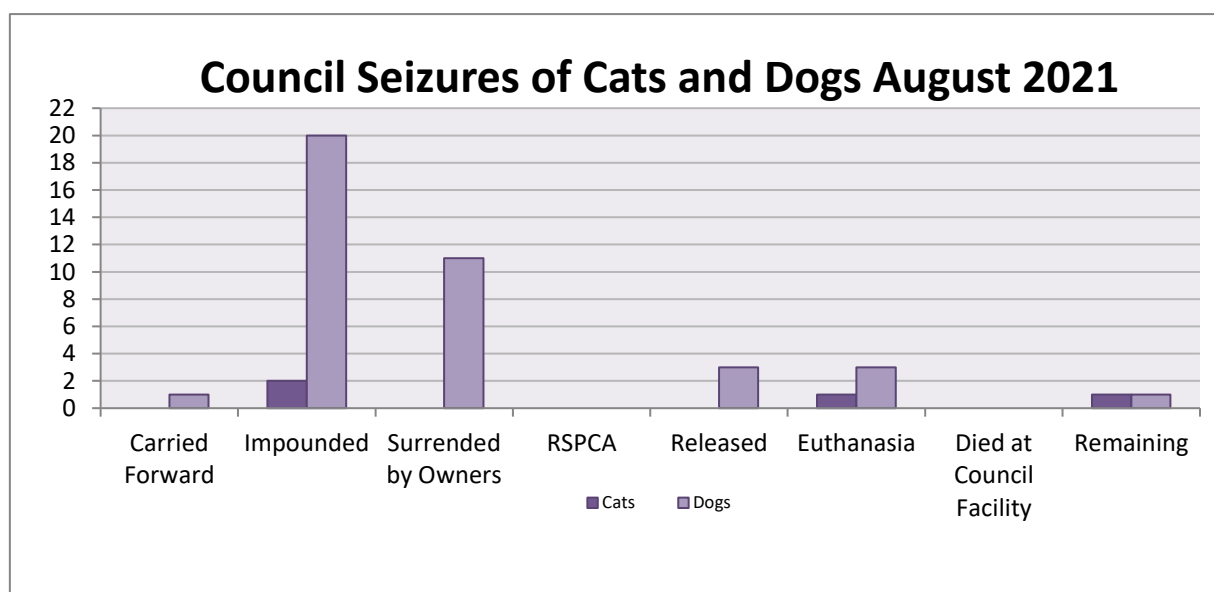
Estimated Value of Approvals issued in the financial ytd in:	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>(23)</b>	<b>\$ 4,025,527</b>
	<b>2021/2022</b>	<b>(33)</b>	<b>\$ 5,673,679</b>

Attachments:

**Nil**

**11.3 ORDINANCE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR AUGUST 2022****File Number:** S18.10.1 / 22/31448**Author:** Emma Case, Administration Officer**SUMMARY:**

The following details the number of various Ordinance activities carried out during August 2022, in comparison to the same month in 2021.

**INFORMATION:****COMPLIANCE****Inverell Shire Council Pound Monthly Report August 2022****Inverell Shire Council Pound Monthly Report August 2021****ATTACHMENTS:****Nil**

**11.4 OPERA NORTH WEST LTD****File Number: S6.8.9 / 22/33305****Author: Paul Henry, General Manager****SUMMARY:**

Correspondence has been received from Opera North West Ltd. Details are provided below for the information of Council.

**COMMENTARY:**

Mrs Peta Blyth has thanked Council for the support of the fund raising event for Médecins and Frontiers (Doctors Without Borders) work in Ukraine.

She states that the evening was a great success with 160 persons attending. A total of \$11,680 was raised.

The raffle and auction contributed significantly to the fundraising effort.

The blackout at the end (before the final two (2) items) added to the effect of the evening.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Nil**

**11.5 HOMES FOR THE AGED****File Number: S6.8.9 / 22/33308****Author: Paul Henry, General Manager****SUMMARY:**

Correspondence has been received from Homes for the Aged. Details are provided for the information of Council.

**COMMENTARY:**

Mr George Kirk expressed sincere thanks for Council's assistance with the cost of sealing internal roads at the Macintyre Street Homes for the Aged Complex. The reseal roads will be a major improvement at the facility and enhance the safety of residents and visitors.

The Committee is in the process of preparing its application for the Sapphire Wind Farm grant program.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil

**11.6 STRATEGIC TASKS - 'SIGN OFF' - AUGUST 2022****File Number:** S13.5.2/15 / 22/33601**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 August 2022 tasks required to be undertaken are detailed below. Any of these tasks may be added to as Council becomes familiar with this new initiative.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Compliance Requirement</b>	<b>Achieved/Not Achieved</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1 August 2022	Last day for rates to be levied by service of rates and charges notice [LGA s562(4); LGReg cl 4131(2)]	Achieved	
17 August 2022	Expected first instalment 2022-23 Financial Assistance Grants	Achieved	Received 18 August 2022
31 August 2022	First quarterly rates instalments due (LGA s562)	Achieved	

I confirm that the performance criteria as set out in the criteria for scheduled tasks have been met for the month of August, 2022. 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**

**12 GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

Nil

**13 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS (COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE)**

Nil