

NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers on **Tuesday, 19 October 2021 at 4.00pm.**

Agenda

1. Submission of Questions for Next Meeting
2. National Anthem
3. Prayer
4. Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners:

"I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we live, work and play. I pay my respects to our Elders past and present and thank them for the contribution they have made, and continue to make, in the cultural identity of our nation."

5. Commencement of recording
6. Apologies
7. Declarations of Interest

At this juncture, Councillors should indicate any items in which they have an interest and therefore will not be participating in discussion or voting.

8. Confirmation of Minutes
 - Ordinary meeting held on 21 September 2021
9. Reports



David Neeves
General Manager

(CM.PR.1)

2021/22 CHRISTMAS CLOSE DOWN

SUMMARY

To seek endorsement for a close down of operations at Christmas 2021/22.

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Since 2011, Council has endorsed a two week shutdown over the Christmas period with all employees required to take leave.

Management staff have considered this timing and propose that for the 2021/22 period, Council offices shut down from close of business on Wednesday, 22 December 2021 until usual opening/starting hours on Tuesday, 4 January 2022.

This would require employees to take five days' leave, however some may take extended leave to coincide with the annual shutdown.

Essential services will continue to be serviced by a skeleton staff in the Infrastructure and Planning & Environment divisions.

Operational community service functions will continue as usual. This generally includes Orana Living, Cooee Lodge, the GIL Collective, the Waste Facility and Library, noting closures will occur on public holidays for the Library and Waste Facility.

Principal Activity

Strategic Leadership

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget Implications

Nil

Delivery Program Actions

4.2.4.2 - Determine initiatives to assist in maintaining a productive and motivated workforce.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse a shutdown of operations from close of business on Wednesday, 22 December 2021 until usual opening/starting hours on Tuesday, 4 January 2022.

David Neeves
General Manager

MOTION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE (LGNSW)

SUMMARY

To consider the following a motion for submission to the LGNSW Conference.

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At its August meeting, Council considered making representation to the NSW Government via a motion to the LGNSW Conference detailing the impacts the Biodiversity OffSet Scheme is having on development in Regional NSW. The following motion has been drafted based on recent issues experienced by Council:

“That LGNSW lobby the NSW Government to amend the Biodiversity Offset Scheme making the scheme better suited to enable development in Rural and Regional NSW.”

Supporting information:

The Biodiversity OffSets Scheme is the framework provided by the NSW Government for offsetting unavoidable impacts on biodiversity from development with biodiversity gains through landholder stewardship agreements.

The area disturbance thresholds varies depending on the minimum lot size.

Minimum lot size associated with the property	Threshold for clearing, above which the BAM and offsets scheme apply
Less than 1 ha	0.25 ha or more
1 ha to less than 40 ha	0.5 ha or more
40 ha to less than 1000 ha	1 ha or more
1000 ha or more	2 ha or more

The scheme is designed to minimise impacts of clearing on the biodiversity value of the land by either paying a financial value of the credit obligation created when applying the Biodiversity Assessment Methodology (BAM) to the NSW Government or by buying equivalent plant community/species credits on the open market or creating a stewardship site on your own to offset the credit obligation being generated.

Whilst this seems a reasonable outcome, the problem exists when the BAM calculator has incorrect land economics values applied as a broad-brush approach across the State. The calculator must be amended to consider the value of a credit in Rural NSW in towns like Gilgandra is much less than those credits in developing areas with extremely higher land values and greater land disturbance like in Western Sydney.

Another problem exists when the proposed credit trading scheme doesn't supply enough credits on the open market to trade or to trade at a reasonable market value with the market values being excessively inflated due to lack of competition. This effectively prohibits the developer buying credits due to the unavailability of credits or what credits are available are grossly overvalued. An additional problem exists when large scale infrastructure projects consume any available credits on the open market and smaller developers don't have capacity to pay the inflated values or generate stewardship sites.

The final problem with the scheme, is that it is encouraging landholders to create stewardship sites but landholders are looking to create stewardship sites on land that is already remnant vegetation and highly unlikely to ever be developed due to the natural constraints that exist in the land, eg flooding, topography etc. So the intent of the scheme is not achieving the results of regenerating previous disturbed land or creating increased biodiversity values. It is just paying landholders to lock up remnant vegetated land which would otherwise only stay a remnant vegetated land, so no net biodiversity gain.

The fundamentals of the scheme have merit but the economics of the scheme to Rural and Regional NSW is not in keeping with regional economics. The scheme prohibits development in our regions thus causing willing rural communities to be impacted. Developers who would otherwise develop in NSW are looking to other States to grow their business at the expense of Regional/Rural NSW. Councils are not seeking to disregard legislation and in fact see ourselves as good environmental citizens of the State of NSW but the basic fundamentals of the scheme are failing Regional and Rural NSW and must be amended.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Representation and Collaboration
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	8.1.3.1 Monitor issues such as law and order, education and health that impact on the Gilgandra community

RECOMMENDATION

That Council support and submit the following motion to the LGNSW 2021 Annual Conference:

“That LGNSW lobby the NSW Government to amend the Biodiversity Offset Scheme making the scheme better suited to enable development in Rural and Regional NSW.”

David Neeves
General Manager

GRANT FUNDING PROJECT PROGRESS

SUMMARY

To outline grant funding received under the Stronger Country Community Fund, Drought Communities Program, Local Roads Infrastructure, Building Better Regions Fund, Regional Cultural Fund, Library Infrastructure Fund and Your High Street's Program over this term of Council.

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Council has received significant additional grant funding over this term of Council from both the NSW State and Federal Government.

Below is a summary of the most significant grants received and progress with the delivery of the community projects associated with this funding:

Funding Sources / Projects	Funding Amount	Status
Stronger Country Communities Round 1 (2016/17) NSW State Government		
CBD Stage 2	\$ 500,000.00	Completed
Stronger Country Communities Round 2 (2018/19) NSW State Government		
McGrane Oval Master Plan	\$ 991,045.00	Completed
Country Halls Program	\$ 238,923.00	In Progress
Shire Parks Program	\$ 237,317.00	Completed
Village Beautification	\$ 149,050.00	Completed
Shire Signage Program	\$ 100,600.00	Completed
Recreation & Art Program	\$ 97,874.00	Completed
	\$ 1,814,809.00	
Stronger Country Communities Round 3 (2019/20) NSW State Government		
McGrane Oval	\$ 304,032.00	In Progress
Skate Park	\$ 100,000.00	Completed
Library Makerspace & Work Readiness	\$ 130,000.00	In Progress
Community Hub & Beautification	\$ 160,000.00	Not commenced
Digital Noticeboards	\$ 75,000.00	Not commenced
	\$ 769,032.00	

Funding Sources / Projects	Funding Amount	Status
DCP Round 1 (2018/19) Federal Government		
Little Athletics	\$11,007	Completed
CWA Tooraweenah	\$11,000	Completed
Curban Hall	\$17,545	Completed
Gilgandra Tennis Club	\$9,565	Completed
Tooraweenah Pre School	\$35,000	Completed
Gilgandra & District Cricket	\$34,170	Completed
Gilgandra High School	\$25,000	Completed
Gilgandra Sporties	\$6,364	Completed
Gilgandra Speedway	\$64,536	In Progress
Gilgandra Basketball Association	\$14,427	Completed
Gilgandra Racecourse & Recreation	\$30,000	Not commenced
Gilgandra Golf Club	\$56,364	Completed
	\$314,978	
Gular Rugby Launch	\$15,000	Completed
Gilgandra Jockey Club NY's Carnival	\$21,000	Completed
Coonamble Landcare Dustbuster Days	\$13,875	Completed
	\$49,875	
Gilgandra Showground Trust	\$211,394	Completed
Gilgandra Pony Club	\$52,958	Completed
Gilgandra Show 2019	\$31,770	Completed
Dust to Dusk 2018	\$65,094	Completed
	\$361,216	
Tooraweenah PA & H	\$206,942	Completed
Tooraweenah Show	\$16,989	Completed
	\$223,931	
Footpath Project	\$50,000	Completed
Total	\$1,000,000	
DCP Round 2 (2019/20) Federal Government		
Gravel Resheeting	\$ 305,000.00	In Progress
Curban Biddon culvert	\$ 175,000.00	Completed
Additional kerb and guttering	\$ 105,000.00	Not commenced
Stormwater discharge	\$ 50,000.00	Completed
Additional footpath upgrades	\$ 150,000.00	Completed
Pool treatment and filtration upgrades	\$ 72,000.00	
Private signage replacement	\$ 20,000.00	Not commenced
CBD Activation & the GIL Events	\$ 50,000.00	In Progress
Armatree Black Dog Ride	\$ 10,000.00	Completed
Gilgandra Speedway	\$ 45,000.00	In Progress

LRCI Round 1 (2019/20) Federal Government		
Biddon creek erosion	\$ 150,717.00	Not commenced
Doorroombah Road concrete over causeway	\$ 90,000.00	In Progress
Gundy's Creek crossing seal extension, Tooraweenah-Mendooran Rd	\$ 60,000.00	Completed
Retaining wall. North of Magie Melon (Paddys Creek)	\$ 25,000.00	Completed
Gilmours Rd, approach slab to Milpulling Creek	\$ 30,000.00	Completed
Armatree War Memorial Precinct	\$ 72,727.00	In Progress
CHC Upgrades	\$ 200,000.00	In Progress
Leeches Creek/Berida Innisfail Rd upgrades	\$ 250,000.00	Not commenced
LRCI Round 2 (2020/21) Federal Government		
Gilgandra Rural Museum Upgrades	\$ 200,059.00	Not commenced
Windmill Walk upgrades	\$ 120,000.00	In Progress
Leeches Creek Road reconstruction	\$ 220,000.00	Not commenced
Landscaping of SES building	\$ 25,000.00	Completed
Shade for Hunter Park play equipment	\$ 30,000.00	In Progress
Fire safety upgrade & landscaping of Cooee Heritage Centre	\$ 102,000.00	In Progress
BBRF4 - The GIL Library Hub (2020/21) Federal Government	\$ 1,479,772.00	In Progress
Regional Cultural Fund - The GIL Library Hub (2019/20) NSW State Government	\$ 1,014,483.00	In Progress
Regional Cultural Fund - Gilgandra Cultural Pecinct (2019/20) NSW State Government	\$ 1,222,034.00	In Progress
Your High Streets - The Mill on Miller (The GIL plaza) (2020/21) NSW State Government	\$ 598,198.00	In Progress
State Library Infrastructure Grant (2016/17) NSW State Government	\$ 199,495.00	In Progress
State Library Infrastructure Grant - fitout (2020/21) NSW State Government	\$ 300,170.00	In Progress
TOTAL	\$11,455,496	

The injection of this funding has provided Council with a unique opportunity to bring forward many projects identified in our long term strategic plans, across a wide range of the services we deliver on behalf of our community.

In addition this funding has allowed Council to work with many community groups across the Shire to renew and upgrade their facilities and assist with the staging of community events.

Council's success with grant applications over recent years, in a very competitive environment, has been outstanding.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Strategic Leadership
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	\$11.5m additional income from these sources
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	4.2.3.1 Provide information to Council and the community regarding grant funding opportunities

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the increased success of grant applications, the wide range of projects, and progress with delivery, made possible through the significant additional injection of grant funding during this term of Council from both NSW State and Federal Government sources.

N J Alchin
Director Corporate Services

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS – YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2021

SUMMARY

To advise completion of the audit of the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021 and obtain the necessary resolution to authorise the issue of the financial statements.

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Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, annual financial statements are required to be prepared within two months of the end of the year and submitted for audit. The auditor must complete the statements within two months of receipt of same.

Section 413 (1) of the Local Government Act (1993) provides as follows:

A council must prepare financial reports for each year, and must refer them for audit as soon as practicable (having regard to the requirements of section 416 (1)) after the end of that year.

Note.

Under section 416 (1), a council's financial reports for a year must be prepared and audited within 4 months after the end of the year concerned, and under section 428 (2) (a) the audited financial reports must be included in the council's annual report.

As Council is aware, the financial statements are prepared under the requirements of Section 413 of the Act and, as required by AAS27, the general purpose financial statement is prepared on a consolidated basis and includes all entities of the Council:

- General Fund
- Water Supply Fund
- Sewerage Services Fund
- Orana Lifestyle Directions Fund
- Carlginda Enterprises Fund
- Cooee Lodge Villa Units Fund
- Cooee Lodge Hostel Fund
- Jack Towney Hostel Fund

The financial statements consist of an Income Statement which provides information on expenses and revenues from ordinary operations and the operating result (before capital expenditure), Statement of Comprehensive Income which details increases and decreases to Councils financial position other than through operations, Statement of Financial Position which shows the assets and liabilities of the Council at the end of the year, Statement of Changes in Equity which shows the movement in equity for the year, Statement of Cash Flows which provides information on inflows and outflows of cash for the year, Notes to the Financial Statements which provide more detail on items appearing in the above Statements and Special Schedules which are required by the Code of Accounting Practice and provide further detail on cost of services and other statistical information.

The Notes to the Financial Statements are designed to provide users with additional information on items appearing on the face of the financial statements and are self explanatory. Special Schedules provide further information on the activities of Council.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

Copies of the Income Statement, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cashflows and Note 27(a) Statement of Performance Measures as at 30 June 2021 are attached to this report.

These statements are consolidated and the auditor will make a presentation of the audit report to Council at the November meeting.

SUMMARY OF RESULT

The audited operating result for Council is a surplus of \$4,789,000. This compares to the budgeted result of a surplus of \$7,374,000 and an actual result of a surplus of \$4,461,000 in 2019/20. The main points of difference compared to the budget are:

- User Charges & Fees increased by \$335,000 due to higher than expected NDIS income.
 - Grants & Contributions decreased by \$985,000 due to some budgeted capital projects and associated funding not occurring during the year.
 - Employee Costs increased by \$1,286,000 due to wage increases and the budget was under estimated compared to the previous year.
 - Depreciation increased by \$871,000 due to the revaluation of the road network the previous year.
 - Materials & Contracts increased by \$1,558,000 as expenses previously classed as other expenses were moved to materials and contracts.
 - Other Expenses decreased by \$1,642,000 as expenses previously classed as other expenses were moved to materials and contracts.
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<u>Principal Activity</u>	Respected Leadership
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Refer to 2020/21 final budget review and statement of account.
<u>Delivery Plan Actions</u>	3.2.2.1 Provide financial planning and reporting to ensure Council maintains accurate and timely financial records that facilitate sound decision making

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the audit of the financial statements be accepted by the Council and be authorised for issue.
2. That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be authorised to sign the Statement by Councillors and Management.

N J Alchin
Director Corporate Services

SERVICE NSW FOR BUSINESS

SUMMARY

To provide background information and seek support to enter into an agreement with Service NSW and to consider future business improvement initiatives.

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Council currently has an agreement in place with Service NSW to promote and provide access to NSW Government information and services to better assist business owners and to support the local economy.

The support provided by Council to individuals and businesses to access these services has been invaluable, particularly during these challenging times.

Service NSW for Business provides free, personalised support to small business owners, to help them understand industry regulations, to guide them through transactions and to access support.

The services provided to business owners include:

- Business Concierges offering over-the-phone and email support and case management.
- An online Business Profile to make it easier for business owners to transact with NSW Government.
- Guidance and support for small business owners impacted by natural disasters or emerging issues to access a range of Government stimulus, support and information.
- Online business information hubs including how-to guides to help business owners understand key tasks and the support available when starting and running a business in NSW.

A new Partnership Agreement has been developed to provide consistency across all councils, reflect the broader focus of Service NSW for Business and provide the opportunity for Gilgandra Shire Council to engage with all services across Service NSW now and into the future.

The new Partnership Agreement includes further detail and clarity about the roles and responsibilities of all agencies in relation to the collection, storage and security of personal information.

The intention of the Partnership Agreement is to build awareness of specialist advice services available, ensure Council staff can direct enquiries to these services and provide applicants with the skills to be better informed and researched prior to lodging and applications.

For Gilgandra Shire Council, the process is to endorse the proposed recommendations and to inform Service NSW when this endorsement has occurred.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Strategic Leadership
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Implications</u>	4.1.1.1 Develop, implement and continually monitor a good governance plan

RECOMMENDATION

1. That to the General Manager be authorised to enter into an agreement with Service NSW.
2. That any necessary documents be authorised for execution under the Common Seal of Council.

N J Alchin
Director Corporate Services

PROPOSED CHANGE TO POOL HOURS

SUMMARY

To present an alternative schedule for pool opening hours for 2021/22.

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This report is submitted to Council to clarify some discrepancies which were reported to Council at the September Meeting.

Table 1 Pool Season 2020/2021

2020-2021	Monday to Friday		Saturday		Sunday
October	6.00am to 8.00am	3.00pm to 6.00pm	Closed	12.00 pm to 6.00pm	12.00 pm to 6.00pm
November	6.00am to 8.00am	3.00pm to 6.00pm	Closed	12.00pm to 6.00pm	12.00 pm to 6.00pm
December & January	6.00am to 8.00am	10.00am to 7.00pm	Closed	10.00 am to 7.00pm	10.00 am to 7.00pm
February	6.00am to 8.00am	3.00pm to 6.00pm	Closed	12.00 pm to 6.00pm	12.00 pm to 6.00pm
March	6.00am to 8.00am	3.00pm to 6.00pm	Closed	12.00 pm to 6.00pm	12.00 pm to 6.00pm

Table 2 Proposed Pool Season 2021/2022

2021-2022	Monday to Friday		Saturday		Sunday
October	6.00am to 8.00am	3.00pm to 6.00pm	Closed	12.00pm to 6.00pm	12.00 pm to 6.00pm
November	6.00am to 8.00am	3.00pm to 6.00pm	Closed	12.00pm to 6.00pm	12.00pm to 6.00 pm
December & January	6.00am to 8.00am	12.00pm to 7.00pm	Closed	12.00pm to 7.00pm	12.00pm to 7.00pm
February	6.00am to 8.00am	3.00pm to 6.00pm	Closed	12.00pm to 6.00pm	12.00pm to 6.00pm
March	6.00am to 8.00am	3.00pm to 6.00pm	Closed	12.00pm to 6.00pm	12.00pm to 6.00pm

Note the pool is closed on Christmas and Boxing days but open for all other public holidays.

Table 1 above lists the opening hours for the most recent pool season (2020/21) which resulted in approximately 3570 hours open to the public through the season. Table 2 above sets out a proposal for a change in hours for the forthcoming 2021/22 season which results in approximately 3420 hours available to the general public a reduction of 150 hours over the 5 month swimming pool season.

These changes are in the shaded boxes and involve sustained discontinuation of Saturday early morning opening throughout the season.

Reducing the opening hours from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday and Sundays and for the December and January will realise a saving of 6 hours per week.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Sense of Place
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Reduced expenditure on casual pool staff
<u>Delivery Program Implications</u>	1.1.1.1 Provide a range of recreational sporting facilities which enable the residents of the Shire to pursue active recreational pursuits

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the discrepancies in the September 2021 report and endorse the alternative opening hours for the 2021/22 pool season.

Jo Manion
Director Community Services

(RD.MT.1)

PRIORITY REPAIR OF ROADS BEFORE HARVEST 2021

SUMMARY

To provide Council with an overview of roads that require priority maintenance before this year's grain harvest

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This year has again provided challenges associated with continuous wet weather impeding the preparation of Council's road network prior to the harvest. Road repairs, excluding structures, which were approved under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement (DRFA) are nearing completion. However, there are some roads or sections of roads where repairs are outstanding and current conditions prevents immediate work. These roads are:

- Berida Road
- Forans Road
- Wyuna Road
- Myall Plains Road
- Cadonia Road
- Youlbung Road
- Hubbards Access

As these roads are in such poor condition and have received little or no treatment since flood damage repairs commenced, it is the Infrastructure Department's intention to prioritise these roads for repairs as soon as conditions permit. This is regardless of their standing within the Local Roads Hierarchy Plan (LRHP) and it may be perceived to be a policy departure, albeit brief.

It is therefore recommended that Council endorse the roads listed above for priority treatment as conditions permit in preparation for the upcoming harvest.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Asset management and service delivery
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	6.2.1.2. Provide and maintain road access for all residents except during periods of extreme wet weather

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the following roads for priority repairs in preparation for the grain harvest:

- Berida Road
- Forans Road
- Wyuna Road
- Myall Plains Road
- Cadonia Road
- Youlbung Road
- Hubbards Access

Daryl Colwell
Director Infrastructure

UPDATE ON SEWER TREATMENT PLANT REPLACEMENT

SUMMARY

To provide Council with an update on progress on the Gilgandra Sewer Treatment Plant replacement.

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Under the Safe and Secure Water Program, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) has been working with local water utilities across regional NSW to address risks to their water and sewerage services.

The Gilgandra Sewer Treatment Plant is a trickling filter type facility that was constructed in the 1960's. Both sewer pump stations (SPS1 and SPS2) immediately upstream of the treatment plant were constructed at the same time. The plant and pump stations are old technology, have reached the end of their useful life and are in poor condition with Council often applying 'band aid' fixes to satisfy operational needs.

In 2019 Council received funding to prepare a business case, including an options assessment and concept design, for augmentation of the treatment plant and pump stations. This work was finalised in August 2020 and submitted to the Prioritisation Review Panel, which is comprised of DPIE, NSW Health, Environment Protection Agency, Office of Local Government, NSW Treasury and NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Council has been advised that the project has been identified as addressing a priority risk and will be funded on a 90% State:10% Council basis. The overall scope of the work includes;

- Detailed design and Section 60 approval (Local Government Act);
- Replacement of the trickling filter type sewer treatment plant with a new Intermittently Decanted Extended Aeration (IDEA) plant;
- the replacement of SPS1 with a new pump station;
- the refurbishment of SPS2
- the replacement of 1.5km of rising main between the two pump stations

The estimate for the above works as of August 2020 was \$12.9M. However, DPIE have noticed that recent projects that are similar in scale and scope have incurred additional expenses of around 20-30%. It is believed that supply issues combined with heightened activity in the construction industry have been driving these cost increases. Therefore, DPIE have requested a review of the estimate before finalising the funding deed. Public Works Advisory (PWA), who were engaged to prepare the business case, have provided an amended estimate of \$16,736,684. This means Council's contribution will be \$1,673,670 with adequate funds in the sewer reserve.

The next steps will involve commencement of the detailed design in order to apply for Section 60 approval. Council has received a fee proposal from PWA that is within this year's allocated budget to perform this work. The proposal is presently being worked through between Council, PWA and DPIE representatives to ensure that all aspects of the risk are adequately addressed.

<u>Principal Activity</u>	Asset management and service delivery
<u>Policy Implications</u>	Nil
<u>Budget Implications</u>	32% increase of overall estimate
<u>Delivery Program Actions</u>	6.1.2.03 Provide an effective sewer connection to all parcels in the Gilgandra village area

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the information provided on the update of the sewer treatment plant replacement.

Daryl Colwell
Director Infrastructure

SCRAP METAL PROJECTS 2021

SUMMARY

Two applications were received from community groups. Council to determine whether these applicants receive funding.

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Council has previously conducted a small grant program from funds collected from the sale of scrap metal at the village landfills. Since closure of the village landfills, scrap metal is only collected at the Gilgandra Waste Facility.

The grant program was advertised for community groups to apply for matching funding up to \$2,000 during late August and September. Council received two applications: from the Gilgandra Evening CWA Branch and the Gilgandra District Cricket Association/Gilgandra Junior Cricket Association.

Gilgandra Evening CWA Branch

Installation of a bench seat in Hunter Park. Preferred location is under the Chinese Elm tree next to the carpark/public amenities. Bench will be made locally with a quote supplied by Central West Machining and Engineering. Cost of the bench is \$1,930 (inc. GST), therefore the CWA are asking for a contribution of \$965 from Council. There has been no inclusion of costs to install the bench. This cost would be Council's responsibility. Ongoing maintenance/replacement costs as a Council asset within Hunter Park should also be a consideration. Also, the bench is not consistent with other park furniture in Hunter Park and would require additional cleaning from staff because it is made of wood rather than metal.

Gilgandra District Cricket Association/Gilgandra Junior Cricket Association

This joint application was also supported by the Gulargambone Rugby Club and Gilgandra Senior Rugby League. The application requested funding for cricket covers, hessian and a trolley for the centre wicket at McGrane Oval. Costs are estimated to total \$4,285:

- \$2,270 for the covers
- \$415 for hessian
- \$1,600 for a trolley

Contributions from the applicants would total \$1,500 being:

- Gilgandra District Cricket Association \$500
- Gilgandra Junior Cricket Association \$500
- Sports Council Reserves \$500
- Gulargambone Rugby Union Club \$250
- Gilgandra Senior Rugby League \$250

An application has been made to Macquarie Valley Cricket Association to contribute to the project (\$2000) and this application is pending.

At its meeting on Monday 11 October, the Sports Council supported a request from Senior Cricket to contribute \$500 from Sports Council reserves to the project.

Senior Cricket suggests that the shortfall in contributions could be made up through this funding program.

At the Sports Council meeting, Senior Cricket clarified that the placement and removal of covers would be undertaken primarily by Cricket volunteers and only on the odd occasion would it be necessary for Council staff to assist.

In summary:

Project	Applicant contribution	Requested Council contribution	Notes
Park bench in Hunter Park	\$965	\$965 plus installation costs	Ongoing maintenance/ replacement costs to be considered. Consistency with other Hunter Park furniture should also be a consideration.
Cricket pitch covers at McGrane Oval	\$1,500 from Local Sporting Groups	\$2,285	Sports Council have supported the application.

Principal Activity

Strategic Leadership

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget Implications

\$6,000 budget allocation for projects, all requests are within budget

Delivery Program Actions

4.2.3.1

Provide information to Council and the community regarding grant funding opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council acknowledge the funding pledge from the Gilgandra Evening CWA Branch, however on this occasion contribute 100% of the estimated costs to install the bench seating so that a low maintenance option is selected and is in keeping with existing public furniture within Hunter Park.
2. That Council acknowledge the funding pledges from the four sporting groups and approve the payment of up to \$2,285 for new cricket wicket covers and trolley subject to the outcome of the application for funding to Macquarie Valley Cricket Association and on the condition that sporting group members accept responsibility for the placement, removal and storage of the covers.

Lindsay Mathieson
Director Planning & Environment

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND NOTATION

SUMMARY

To present reports for information and notation.

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- Statement of Bank Balances (Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation No. 93) and Investment Balances
- Matters Outstanding from Previous Council Meetings
- Development Applications

Any questions which Councillors may have in relation to these reports and/or issues to be raised, should be brought forward at this time.

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENT BALANCES

SUMMARY

To present the following information relative to the above report headings:

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1. Statement of Bank Balances (Local Government Financial Management Regulation No. 19) - Month of September 2021.
2. Certificate of Bank Reconciliation - Month of September 2021.
3. Details of investments as at 30 September 2021 (Local Government Financial Management Regulation No. 19).

CASH BOOK BALANCE AS AT	31-Aug-21	\$7,100,216.53
Plus: Receipts		\$2,417,058.60
Less: Payments		\$6,019,491.03
CASH BOOK BALANCE AS AT	30-Sep-21	\$3,497,784.10

STATEMENT BALANCE AS AT	31-Aug-21	\$7,100,134.02
Plus: Receipts		\$2,433,425.94
Less: Payments		\$5,989,590.76
STATEMENT BALANCE AS AT	30-Sep-21	\$3,543,969.20

Plus: Unpresented Receipts		\$12,403.76
Less: Unpresented Payments		\$58,588.86
RECONCILED BALANCE AS AT	30-Sep-21	\$3,497,784.10

Cashbook balance as at 30 September 2021:	\$3,497,784.10
Investments held as at 30 September 2021:	\$25,053,795.02
Total Cash & Investments Held as at 30 September 2021:	\$28,551,579.12

The bank balances in each of the funds as at 30 September 2021 are:

General Fund	\$12,780,351.93
Water Fund	\$2,896,644.84
Sewer Fund	\$2,159,355.11
Orana Living	\$3,769,747.08
Carlginda Enterprises	\$567,720.05
Cooee Villa Units	\$1,910,146.68
Cooee Lodge	\$3,390,661.05
Jack Towney Hostel	\$575,988.99
Trust Fund	\$500,963.39

Balance as per Total Cash & Investments Held: \$28,551,579.12

Details of Council's investments are as follows:

(a)	\$1,000,000.00	For 365 days @ 0.75%	Due on 10-Mar-22	With AMP Bank
(b)	\$1,000,000.00	For 365 days @ 0.75%	Due on 27-Jan-22	With AMP Bank
(c)	\$500,000.00	For 365 days @ 0.80%	Due on 04-Nov-21	With Bendigo
(e)	\$1,500,000.00	For 212 days @ 0.35%	Due on 04-Mar-22	With Bendigo
(f)	\$500,000.00	For 365 days @ 0.65%	Due on 06-Oct-21	With Bendigo
(g)	\$1,000,000.00	For 180 days @ 0.40%	Due on 12-Jan-22	With Macquarie
(h)	\$2,000,000.00	For 181 days @ 0.20%	Due on 13-Dec-21	With Macquarie
(i)	\$1,000,000.00	For 364 days @ 0.40%	Due on 26-Aug-22	With Macquarie
(j)	\$1,000,000.00	For 363 days @ 0.45%	Due on 14-Apr-22	With ME Bank
(k)	\$1,000,000.00	For 183 days @ 0.55%	Due on 01-Oct-21	With MCU
(l)	\$2,500,000.00	For 180 days @ 0.30%	Due on 13-Dec-21	With Suncorp
(m)	\$500,000.00	For 300 days @ 0.35%	Due on 17-Feb-22	With NAB
(n)	\$2,000,000.00	For 365 days @ 0.35%	Due on 28-Jun-22	With NAB
(o)	\$2,000,000.00	For 365 days @ 0.35%	Due on 22-Feb-22	With NAB
(p)	\$1,000,000.00	For 273 days @ 0.33%	Due on 19-Apr-22	With NAB
(q)	\$500,000.00	For 365 days @ 0.65%	Due on 06-Oct-21	With NAB
(r)	\$3,000,000.00	For 182 days @ 0.26%	Due on 14-Mar-22	With NAB
(s)	\$2,000,000.00	For 180 days @ 0.30%	Due on 15-Sep-22	With NAB
(t)	\$1,053,795.02	0.05% At Call		With TCorp
Total Investments: \$25,053,795.02				

OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

SUMMARY

To provide an update in relation to matters previously resolved at Council Meetings requiring further action to be taken.

<u>Res. No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>
<u>September 2017</u>		
264/17	Mudfords Road	Hon Sam Faraway has referred matter to Minister for Energy and Environment
<u>September 2020</u>		
165/20	Gravel Pit Agreements	To be progressed as time permits
175/20	Graincorp Industrial Precinct	New biodiversity consultant engaged
<u>November 2020</u>		
215/20	Proposed land purchase	Awaiting advice from owners
225/20	Flying Fox Camp	Address from consultant deferred
<u>April 2021</u>		
52/21	Offer to purchase land	Formal response issued. Investigations to be undertaken.
<u>July 2021</u>		
123/21	Gilgandra Cultural Precinct EOI	Lease to be finalised
124/21	Industrial Land – Purchase Offer	Progressing – valuation obtained. Further negotiations pending.
125/21	Opportunity to Purchase Land	No action at this stage

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131/21	Community Strategic plan	Community consultation has commenced
132/21	Motions – LGNSW Conference	Report to this meeting
133/21	Reserves	Report to November meeting as part of QBR

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141/21	Variation of Swimming Pool Opening Hours	Further report to this meeting
145/21	Review of policies	Policies updated
154/21	St Ambrose Anglican Church	Meeting held

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The following development application were approved during September 2021:

DA Number	Received	Applicants Name	Application Description of Work	Property Address	Decision	Development Value
2021/420	06/09/2021	Brian & Lyn Border	Shed	31 Everton Road	Approved	\$64,000
2021/421	20/09/2021	Gail Babbage	Change of use- Medical services provider	140 Warren Road	Approved	\$200,860
2021/379	27/01/2021	Wes Maas	Quarry expansion	2697 Oxley Highway	Approved	\$1,100,000
					SEPTEMBER	\$1,364,860
					TOTAL	\$2,508,820

Applications under assessment

- DA2021/419 – Alterations to existing service station
- DA2021/422 – Office and first aid station

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DA Number	Actual Days	Stopped Days	Total Days	Working Days	Stopped Work Days	Total Work Days
2021/418	14	0	14	10	0	10
2021/415	23	0	23	17	0	17
2021/420	12	0	12	10	0	10

Summary Statistics	
No of Applications	3
Total Actual Days	49.00
Mean Actual Days	16.33
Mean Stopped Days	0.00
Mean Total Days	16.33
Mean Work Days	12.33
Mean Work Stop Days	0.00
Mean Total Work Days	12.33
Median Actual Days	14.00

RECOMMENDATION

That the reports be noted.

David Neeves
General Manager