



WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL

Amendments have been made to the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) allowing councils to meet remotely to assist them to manage the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus at their meetings and to ensure compliance with the Public Health Order. The amendments came into effect on 25 March 2020 and will operate for a period of six months, but may be extended to 12 months by regulation if required.

The amendment to the Act also provides that the requirement under section 10 for meetings to be open to members of the public is satisfied if a webcast of the meeting is made public. Accordingly this meeting will be livestreamed via council's Facebook page.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that an **ORDINARY MEETING** of Wentworth Shire Council will be held **VIA WEBCAST** commencing at **10.00AM**.

KEN ROSS
GENERAL MANAGER

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

22 APRIL 2020

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Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 18 March 2020 be confirmed as circulated.



WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

18 MARCH 2020

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 10.00am

2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Melisa Hederics (Mayor)
Councillor Tim Elstone (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Greg Evans
Councillor Steve Heywood
Councillor Jane MacAllister
Councillor Susan Nichols
Councillor Bill Wheeldon OAM

STAFF: Ken Ross (General Manager)
Matthew Carlin (Director Health and Planning)
Geoff Gunn (Director Roads and Engineering)
Simon Rule (Director Finance and Policy)
Paula Mastrippolito (Manager Organisational Support)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Don McKinnon is an apology for this meeting.

Councillor Peter Nunan is an apology and has requested a leave of absence for this meeting.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the apologies from Councillor McKinnon and Councillor Nunan and grants the Leave of Absence Request from Councillor Nunan for this meeting

Moved Cr. Wheeldon, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 19 February 2020 be confirmed as circulated.

Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 19 February 2020 be confirmed as circulated, noting that Councillor MacAllister updated her conflict of interest declarations for items 9.17 and 12.1.

Moved Cr. Evans, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 WILLANDRA LAKES REGION WORLD HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

File Number: RPT/20/119

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager

Reporting Officer: Paula Matrippolito - Manager Organisational Support

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

The purpose of this report is to update councillors on the appointment of Cr MacAllister to the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Advisory Committee, as reported in item 4.1 of the General Manager's Report 19 February 2020.

Officer Recommendation

That Council notes the appointment of Cr MacAllister to the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Advisory Committee.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the appointment of Cr MacAllister to the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Advisory Committee.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

6.2 ELECTRICITY COSTS

File Number: RPT/20/163

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
Reporting Officer: Hodi Beauliv - Manager Finance

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future
Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

This report responds to an action raised at the Ordinary Council meeting on 19 February 2020, item number 10.2.6.

Councillor Susan Nichols requested electricity costs for the past 12 months for the Midway Centre, new Civic Centre, current Office building, the Library, Visitor Information Centre (VIC) and Wentworth and Alcheringa (Carramar Drive) sporting complexes. Councillor Nichols also asked what grants we have sought for Solar Energy and if drought funding extended to provide solar energy to these buildings.

Recommendation

That Council notes the electricity costs for the past 12 months and the availability of grant funding for solar energy.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the electricity costs for the past 12 months and the availability of grant funding for solar energy.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

6.3 OUTSTANDING ITEM - SUMMARY REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/164

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager

Reporting Officer: Paula Matrippolito - Manager Organisational Support

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

This report summarises the details of actions raised from previous Council meetings that remain outstanding. Individual items that require detailed responses are reported separately.

Officer Recommendation

That Council notes the current list of outstanding action items.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the current list of outstanding action items.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. Heywood

CARRIED

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYORAL REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/127

At 10:07 am Councillor Melisa Hederics left the Council Chambers and Cr Elstone took the chair. In the absence of the Mayor the meeting moved to item 8.1 and returned back to this item when the Mayor returned to the Chambers.

Recommendation

That Council notes the information contained in the Mayoral report.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the information contained in the Mayoral report.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8.1 COUNCILLOR REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

File Number: RPT/20/165

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Paula Mastrippolito - Manager Organisational Support

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

This report provides the opportunity for Councillors to provide verbal updates on the activities of organisations to which they have been appointed as council's delegate.

The notable meetings that have occurred during the reporting period where councillors are encouraged to provide a verbal report are:

Date	Meeting	Proposed Attendees	Location
26 Feb 2020	Wentworth Shire GP Plan Meeting	Cr MacAllister & GM	Dareton
12-13 Mar 2020	MDA Strategic Planning Meeting	Cr MacAllister, Cr Heywood & Cr Elstone	Moama

Recommendation

That the information provided by councillors on the activities of external bodies to which they are council's nominated delegate be noted.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the information tabled by Councillor MacAllister on the MDA Strategic Planning Meeting, and that the Wentworth Shire Health Interagency Group sub-committee has been disbanded.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED

At 10:13 am Councillor Melisa Hederics returned to Council Chambers and the meeting returned to item 7.1

8.2 WENTWORTH SPORTING COMPLEX USER GROUP MEETING TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2020

File Number: RPT/20/117

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering
Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering
Reporting Officer: Barbara George - Administration Officer, Roads and Engineering

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future
Strategy: 4.5 Encourage the self determination of individual townships and community groups

Summary

A meeting of the Wentworth Sporting Complex User Group was held on Tuesday 18 February 2020 and the Minutes of the meeting are attached to this report for the information of Councillors.

Recommendation

That Council notes the minutes of the Wentworth Sporting Complex User Group meeting held on Tuesday 18 February 2020.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the minutes of the Wentworth Sporting Complex User Group meeting held on Tuesday 18 February 2020.

Moved Cr. Evans, Seconded Cr. Heywood

CARRIED

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/128

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

The General Manager's report details information pertaining to meetings attended and general information which are of public interest, and which have not been reported elsewhere in this agenda. Items of note in this report are:

1. OLG Circulars
 - Details of OLG Circulars 20-04 and 20-06 are listed
2. Meetings

As listed
3. Upcoming meetings or events

As listed
4. Other items of note

Recommendation

That Council notes the information contained within the report from the General Manager and approves the out of region travel listed in the list of upcoming events.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the information contained within the report from the General Manager and approves the out of region travel listed in the list of upcoming events, noting that the Willandra Lakes World Heritage Advisory Committee meeting has been postponed and the Menindee Lakes Water Savings Project Advisory Committee meetings have been cancelled.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

9.2 2020 LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

File Number: RPT/20/122

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager

Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.5 Recognise the importance of a healthy Murray-Darling River system

Summary

The annual Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Water Management Conference will be held from 15-17 July 2020 in Narrabri. A broad range of information from a local government perspective on water management, issues associated with water supply and sewerage services provided by water utilities are presented at the conference.

Recommendation

That Council nominates delegates to attend the 2020 LGNSW Water Management Conference to be held in Narrabri from 15-17 July 2020.

Council Resolution

That council, due to COVID-19 alerts, defers a decision about attending this conference.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. Heywood

CARRIED

9.3 2020 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

File Number: RPT/20/125

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets
Strategy: 3.3 Prepare for natural disasters, biosecurity risks and climate change

Summary

The 2020 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference is being held from 19 May to 22 May 2020 at the Empire Theatre, Toowoomba QLD.

The theme of the conference is “*A Flood Resilient Australia: Transforming vision into action*”

Recommendation

That Council notes the report and determines whether to nominate a delegate to attend the 2020 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference being held from 19 May to 22 May 2020 at Toowoomba.

Council Resolution

That Council, due to COVID-19, defers a decision on this conference.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED

9.4 SUNRAYSIA SAFARI RALLY 2020 REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP

File Number: RPT/20/123

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

CSP Goal: 2.0 Wentworth is a desirable Shire to visit, live, work and invest
Delivery Program Objective: 2.1 Grow visitation to the Shire by developing a quality visitor experience and promoting our destination
Delivery Program Strategy: 2.1.1 Provide Visitor Information Services

The Mayor declared that she has a significant non-pecuniary interest in this item as her family competes in the rally.

At 10:46 am Councillor Melisa Hederics left the Council Chambers and Councillor Elstone took the Chair.

Summary

Council is in receipt of a request to provide financial and in-kind sponsorship of the 2020 Sunraysia Safari Cross Country Rally. It is proposed to hold the Rally within the Wentworth Shire region from Wednesday 9 September 2020 to Saturday 12 September 2020 inclusive, subject to venue availability.

Recommendation

That Council considers the application for sponsorship from Rally Management Australia for the 2020 Sunraysia Safari Cross Country Rally from the 2019-2020 Wentworth Shire Tourism and Promotions Budget and determines the level of sponsorship.

Motion

Option B – same as last year on the basis that it proceeds

Moved Cr. Heywood, Seconded Cr. Evans

Council Resolution

That Council provides financial support of \$15,000 plus in-kind support on the proviso that the rally proceeds as planned within the Shire this year.

Moved Cr. Heywood, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED

At 10:48 am Councillor Melisa Hederics returned to Council Chambers and resumed the Chair.

9.5 2020 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

File Number: RPT/20/158

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager

Reporting Officer: Paula Mastrippolito - Manager Organisational Support

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

The 2020 NSW Local Government Elections will be held on Saturday 12 September 2020.

The first NSW Electoral Commission Bulletin has been published and provides information about accessing important election information and the key election dates.

The Office of Local Government website also has valuable information including a guide for candidates in NSW Local Government Elections.

Recommendation

That Council notes the information regarding the 2020 NSW Local Government Elections.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the information regarding the 2020 NSW Local Government Elections.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

Council Resolution

That Council writes to the electoral commission and the Minister for Local Government and the NSW Local Government Association requesting that consideration be given to amending the Local Government Act to enable postal voting in Local Government Elections in light of the Pandemic declaration and the cost of conducting the elections.

Moved Cr. Wheeldon, Seconded Cr. Heywood

CARRIED

9.6 WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT

File Number: RPT/20/152

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Michele Bos - Strategic Development Officer

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire

Strategy: 1.2 Encourage and support population growth and resident attraction

At 10:54 am Councillor Bill Wheeldon left the Council Chambers as he declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in this item as his son has made a submission to the plan.

Summary

Wentworth Shire Council endorsed the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement at its Ordinary Meeting held 20 November 2019, to allow for public exhibition to be conducted from 23 November 2019 to 10 January 2020.

Twenty-five (25) submissions were received during the exhibition period and these have been considered as part of finalising the document.

This report seeks Council's adoption of the final, revised, Local Strategic Planning Statement.

Recommendation

That Council adopts the Wentworth Shire Council Local Strategic Planning Statement to allow for the document to be published on the NSW planning portal in accordance with Section 3.9 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the submission tabled at the meeting and adopts the Wentworth Shire Council Local Strategic Planning Statement to allow for the document to be published on the NSW planning portal in accordance with Section 3.9 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. Heywood

CARRIED

At 11:08 am Councillor Bill Wheeldon returned to Council Chambers.

9.7 ACOHOL FREE ZONE - APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY EXEMPTION

File Number: RPT/20/129

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager

Reporting Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth is a desirable Shire to visit, live, work and invest

Strategy: 2.1 Grow visitation to the Shire by developing a quality visitor experience and promoting our destination

Summary

The Wentworth District Rowing club have applied for a temporary exemption to the Alcohol Free Zone. The application relates to the upcoming annual Easter Wentworth/Mildura joint regatta on 11 and 12 April 2020.

Recommendation

That Council approve a temporary exemption to the Alcohol Free Zone limited to the areas of the Rowing Club and immediate lawn areas on 11 and 12 April 2020.

Council Resolution

That the report be withdrawn as the regatta has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

9.8 DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVALS AS AT END OF FEBRUARY 2020

File Number: RPT/20/160

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Nicky Meredith - Coordinator Health and Planning

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire

Strategy: 1.1 Grow the potential for business and industry to develop and expand

Summary

For the month of February 2020, a total of seven Development Applications and five S4.55 Modification Applications were determined under delegated authority by the Director Health and Planning.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$2,137,453.00. This brings the year to date total to 12 Development Applications approved and six S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$2,338,192.00.

Recommendation

- a) That Council receives and notes the report for the month of February 2020.
- b) That Council publicly notifies, for the purposes of Schedule 1 Division 4 Section 20 (2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the applications as listed in the attachment on the Wentworth Shire Council website.
- c) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*.

Council Resolution

- a) That Council receives and notes the report for the month of February 2020.
- b) That Council publicly notifies, for the purposes of Schedule 1 Division 4 Section 20 (2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the applications as listed in the attachment on the Wentworth Shire Council website.
- c) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED

In accordance with Section 375A of the Local Government Act the Mayor called for a division.

For the Motion : Cllr.s Elstone, Evans, Hederics, Heywood, MacAllister, Nichols and Wheeldon.

Against the Motion: Nil.

9.9 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/139

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Vanessa Lock - Finance Officer

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

Rates and Charges collections for the month of February 2020 were \$1,148,525.15. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 67.32%. For comparison purposes 72.34% of the levy had been collected at the end of February 2019. Council currently has \$27,639,230.02 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

That Council notes the monthly finance report.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the monthly finance report.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED

9.10 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/156

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Hodi Beauliv - Manager Finance

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

As at 29 February 2020 Council had \$26,000,000.00 invested in term deposits. Council received \$52,347.68 from its investments for the month of February 2020.

In February 2020 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 1.63% and it currently has \$8,466,832.09 of internal restrictions and \$16,220,553.78 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

That Council notes the monthly investment report.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the monthly investment report, noting that council has \$16,220,553.78 of externally restricted funds.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED

9.11 WORKS REPORT UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2020

File Number: RPT/20/121

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Allan Eastmond - Manager Works

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

Summary

This report provides a summary of the major works undertaken by the Roads and Engineering Division which have been completed during the month of February 2020 and the planned works for March 2020.

Recommendation

That Council notes the major works undertaken for February 2020 and the proposed works for March 2020.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the major works undertaken for February 2020 and the proposed works for March 2020.

Moved Cr. Heywood, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

9.12 POLICY REVIEW - FENCING AND GRIDS POLICY

File Number: RPT/20/144

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering
Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering
Reporting Officer: Paula Mastrippolito - Manager Organisational Support

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future
Strategy: 4.6 Collaborate with others to achieve desired outcomes for the local community

Summary

The Fencing and Grids Policy was last adopted by council on 28 June 2017. It is proposed to amend the policy to enable the increasing of the co-contribution paid by council under section 6.4 of the policy.

Cr Wheeldon declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in this item as his son may benefit from the policy.

At 11:31 am Councillor Bill Wheeldon left the Council Chambers.

Recommendation

- 1) That Council endorses the revised Fencing and Grids Policy.
- 2) That Council amends the Roads and Engineering Support section of the 2019/20 Annual Fees and Charges to reflect a co-contribution towards fencing of up to \$2,500.00 per km of fencing for a maximum of 5km per grid.

Council Resolution

- 1) That Council endorses the revised Fencing and Grids Policy.
- 2) That Council amends the Roads and Engineering Support section of the 2019/20 Annual Fees and Charges to reflect a co-contribution towards fencing of up to \$2,500.00 per km of fencing for a maximum of 5km per grid.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED

At 11:35 am Councillor Bill Wheeldon returned to Council Chambers.

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

10.1 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR WHEELDON

File Number: RPT/20/140

Motion

That we take legal action against the Audit Office of NSW and the Audit firms that have audited Wentworth Shire Council's financial statements over the past three years, having failed to mention the costs awarded to the Wentworth Shire Council by the Court which could amount up to \$500,000 – having failed to correctly report the assets of our Council – the work these firms have been paid to do.

Moved Cr. Wheeldon

Motion

That the item be opened for debate.

Moved Cr. Wheeldon, Seconded Cr. Nichols

Councillor Nichols advised that she had seconded a motion to open the item for debate, but did not wish to second the motion put by Councillor Wheeldon.

In the absence of a seconder for the motion, the motion lapsed.

10.2 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

10.2.1 JINDALEE ROAD

Cr Susan Nichols asked about the significant road works being undertaken on Jindalee Road.

The Mayor advised that these works were a condition to the development consent that council granted to Jindalee Wines.

10.2.2 COUNCIL EMPLOYED RESOURCES

Cr Susan Nichols asked how many people were employed by council to undertake handyman type jobs.

The Director Roads and Engineering advised that there are no direct resources employed by council as such but staff undertake minor maintenance works and council equipment is used where staff and resources are not deployed elsewhere.

10.2.3 CURLWAA BACK PACKERS

Cr Steve Heywood requested that a report be provided to the next council meeting on the Curlwaa Back Packers.

10.2.4 DARLING RIVER INFLOWS AND WATER QUALITY

Cr Jane MacAllister asked whether front-line staff would be in a position to monitor concerns from the public about the release of water into the Darling River, and whether council has the resources to undertake increase water quality monitoring and testing, as Water NSW have identified that they do not have sufficient resources to

undertake increased testing.

The General Manager and Director Roads and Engineering took the question on notice.

10.2.5 LIFTING OF WATER RESTRICTIONS

Cr MacAllister asked whether Council can lift water restrictions in Pooncarie sooner, rather than later.

Council Resolution

That Council approves the lifting of water restrictions at Pooncarie as soon as possible subject to the parameters in the Drought Management Plan, the availability and quality of water.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

10.2.6 EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Cr Steve Heywood requested that council have an extraordinary meeting in view of the events that are occurring in the Shire.

The General Manager advised that in order to call an extraordinary meeting there needs to be specific items of business raised. A meeting can be called by giving the required notice if there are specific items to be raised.

10.2.7 MEDICAL SERVICES IN WENTWORTH

Cr Bill Wheeldon asked if council would be prepared to lease the current medical practice for 12 months if we were able to get a doctor?

It was decided that Council should discuss this item in a closed session at the end of the meeting.

10.2.8 SAND FILTRATION AT THE WENTWORTH WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Cr Bill Wheeldon asked whether the sand in the water filtration plant in Wentworth has been replaced?

The Director Roads and Engineering took the question on notice, but also advised that a recent joint inspection with Department Industry and Environment (DPIE) across all water treatment plants did not raise any concerns.

The Mayor invited Glenys Beaumont to provide council with an update on the situation with medical services in Wentworth.

10.2.9 CATCH UP BRIEFING

Cr Greg Evans requested that if there was not going to be an extraordinary meeting that there at least be a catch-up briefing in two weeks' time.

The General Manager advised that he would endeavour to provide councillors with additional written information and phone calls if required, noting that at this stage face to face meetings are being limited.

That Council moves into closed session to discuss matters classified as confidential because information would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is

conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the matter outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal sensitive information regarding the provision of medical services in Wentworth which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

10.3 ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Council Resolution

That Council adjourns into a closed session, that the recording of the meeting be paused, that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the closed session, and that access to the correspondence and reports relating to the item considered during the course of the closed session be with-held unless declassified by separate resolution.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

Council moved into closed session at 12.38pm

Council reconvened into open session at 1.25pm

10.4 OPEN COUNCIL – REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

The Mayor requested that the General Manager provide a report to the Open Council on the proceedings of the closed session.

The General Manager advised that during the closed session he updated council on the situation with medical practitioners in Wentworth and that there would be a further report to council if a medical service provider puts forward a proposal to Council.

The Mayor advised that if necessary an extraordinary meeting could be called.

11 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The meeting was declared closed at 1.27pm

NEXT MEETING

22 April 2020

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CHAIR

6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS - SUMMARY REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/194

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
 Reporting Officer: Paula Matrippolito - Manager Organisational Support

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

This report summarizes items raised from previous Council meetings that remain outstanding. Individual items that require detailed responses are reported separately.

Officer Recommendation

That Council notes the current list of outstanding items.

Additional Information

Nil

Attachments

1. Outstanding items - summary report [↓](#)

Outstanding

Division:
Committee:
Officer:

Ordinary Council

Date From:
Date To:

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Outstanding Action Items Report

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYORAL REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/184

Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of meetings, conferences and appointments undertaken by the Mayor for the period 9 March 2020 – 10 April 2020.

Recommendation

That Council notes the information contained in the Mayoral report.

Report

The following table lists the meetings attended by the Mayor for the period (9 March 2020 – 10 April 2020).

Date	Meeting	Location
10 Mar 2020	Mayoral Meeting	Buronga
13 Mar 2020	Carramar Oval	On site
17 Mar 2020	Minister Melinda Pavey	Buronga
18 Mar 2020	Council Briefing	Wentworth
18 Mar 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Wentworth
18 Mar 2020	JO Meeting	Buronga
09 Apr 2020	Trial Council briefing by teleconference	Buronga

Attachments

Nil

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8.1 FORMAL REQUEST OF A REVIEW OF GOL GOL SPEED ZONE

File Number: RPT/20/192

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Belinda Fitzgerald - Road Safety Officer

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

Summary

A meeting of the Local Traffic Committee was held on 13 February 2020 and the Committee has requested that the Reporting Officer seeks resolutions of Council on a review of speed zones at Gol Gol.

Officer Recommendation

That Council requests a formal speed zone review by Transport for NSW of a 1.2km section of the Sturt Highway south east of the Gol Gol township, between Wilga Road and beyond Native Ridge Road.

Additional Information

Delegation and influence:

Speed Zone Reviews are not the delegation of Council or the Local Traffic Committee (LTC) on any road (local or state). However, a request for Transport for NSW (TNSW) to conduct a formal speed zone review can be made by either party.

It is important to note that a review is conducted in accordance with the NSW Speed Zoning Guidelines and the Warrant for each zone. Therefore, a review of a speed zone is not a request for a preferred outcome, but rather a re-evaluation of the road environment in line with the warrant. This means the outcome may be that the speed limit is higher, lower, the same or a zone is shorter, longer or the same.

Background:

Residents on the residential roads intersecting the Sturt Highway south east of Gol Gol township (including Fayes Lane and Knights Road) had lodged road safety customer requests during the course of 2019. These requests were shared with the Local Traffic Committee on each occasion with discussions around the potential for a formal review of the speed zone.

The committee were also made aware of a Development Application (DA2019/098) being assessed by Wentworth Shire Council requiring alternative access from the Sturt Highway to Moontongue Estate (within the area of the speed zone review). The fast growing estate is currently only accessible from Wilga Road and services over 200 residential lots creating a bottleneck to the highway.

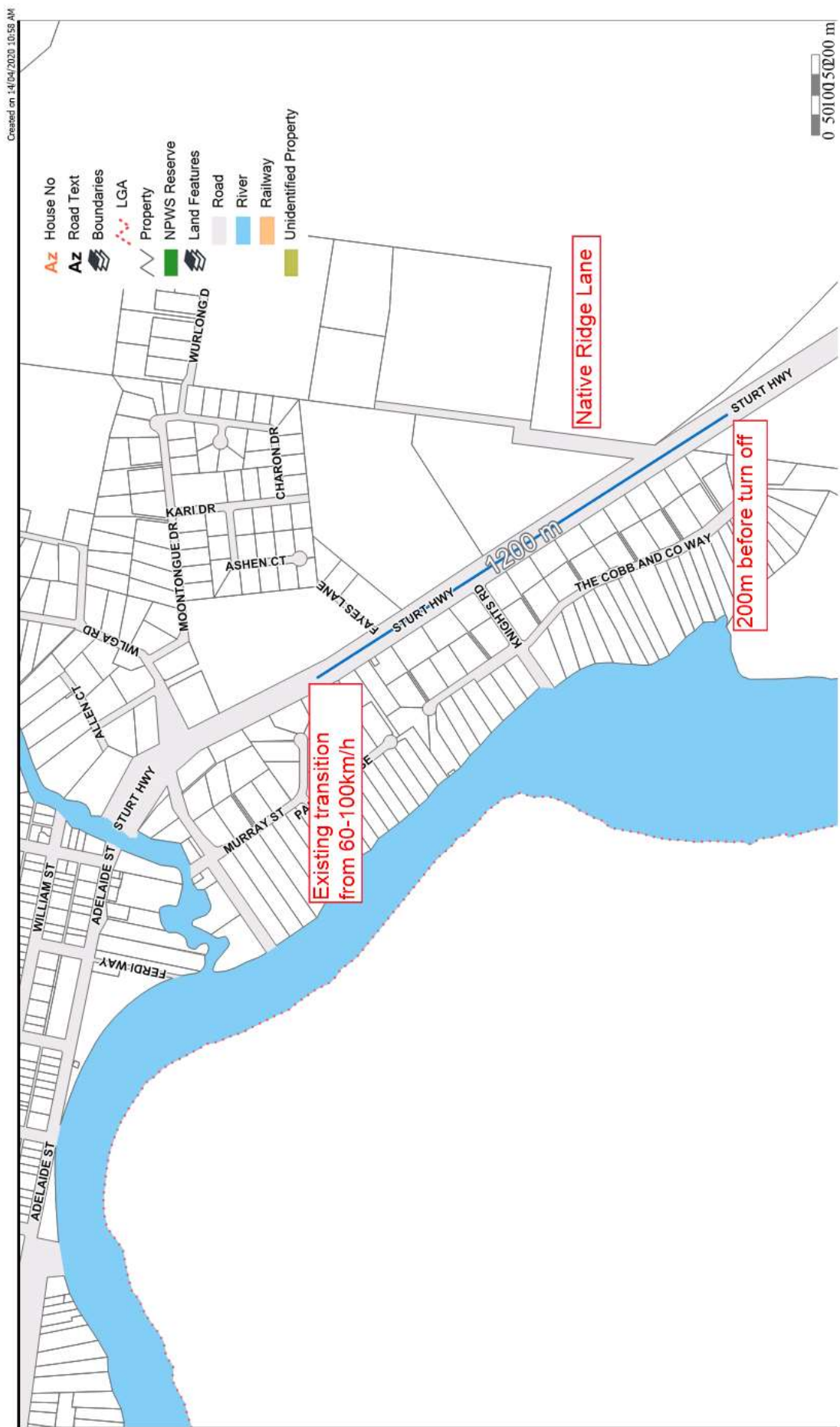
TNSW advised that new evidence or changes to the road or traffic environment are typically the impetus to review a speed zone.

At the last LTC meeting, held on 13 February 2020, the following resolution was made: *The Local Traffic Committee will resubmit the requests for speed zone reviews of the Sturt Highway east of Gol Gol upon confirmation of the formalisation of an additional access to Moontongue Estate.*

DA2019/098 has now confirmed that the agreed additional access to Moontongue Estate shall be via Native Ridge Road 1km into the 100km/h speed zone south east of the 60km/h speed zone in the Gol Gol township. This in turn, will create a change to the road and traffic environment in that section of the 100km/h zone and compel a review of the zone.

Attachments

1. Map showing speed zone recommendation [↓](#)



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⁷ Department of Health, Education, and Services 2017; Pirbright Australia, 2019.
⁸ Department of OH, MCHOA, MOHA, WOHSA, National RCT, Smeared). Department of State Water, NSW RFS, Geoscience Australia, Western Australia, Inquiries Ltd.

Projection:

Date: 14/04/2020

Created By: Belinda Fitzgerald

Map Scale: 1:12500 at A4

8.2 REPORT FROM THE CARRAMAR DRIVE SPORTING COMPLEX USER GROUP MEETING HELD TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2020

File Number: RPT/20/168

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering
 Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering
 Reporting Officer: Barbara George - Administration Officer, Roads and Engineering

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.5 Encourage the self determination of individual townships and community groups

Summary

A meeting of the Carramar Drive Sporting Complex User Group was held on Tuesday 3 March 2020 and the Minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of the Councillors.

Recommendation

That Council notes the minutes of the Carramar Drive Sporting Complex User Group held on Tuesday 3 March 2020

Additional Information

A meeting of the Carramar Drive Sporting Complex User Group was held on Tuesday 3 March 2020 at the Carramar Drive Complex.

Cleaning of the Complex during Football Season will revert back to Friday as requested by the Football Club.

Nick Carroll – Baseball Sunraysia was to address the meeting but was unable to attend. The User Group discussed the implications of having a baseball team use the oval, and expressed concern about the impact line marking and placement of a baseball mound would have of the oval.

Members of the User Group expressed their disappointment at the lack of ongoing maintenance being undertaken at the Complex. A 'walkaround' will be organized to be attended by representatives of the User Group, Director Roads and Engineering, Manager Works, Team Leader Parks and Gardens and Technical Officer.

Discussion regarding the future of the Complex – members of the User Group are keen to explore the installation of a second oval, moving the levee bank and construction of a second club rooms overlooking the river.


The Lions Club will explore grants, and approach the Bendigo Bank for funds to have solar power and water installed to their shed.

All User Groups were encouraged to apply for Club Grants for smaller projects around the Complex.

Several maintenance issues were tabled.

Attachments

1. Minutes of the Carramar Drive Sporting Complex User Group Meeting held Tuesday 3 March 2020 [📎](#)

 <p>Wentworth Shire Council 26- 28 Adelaide Street PO Box 81 WENTWORTH NSW 2648 Tel: 03 5027 5027 council@wentworth.nsw.gov.au</p>	<p>CARRAMAR DRIVE SPORTING COMPLEX USER GROUP MEETING MINUTES</p>
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Our Ref:	Date: Tuesday 3 March 2020	Time: 5:30
Subject: Carramar Drive Sporting Complex User Group Meeting		
Location: Carramar Drive Sporting Complex.		

1. OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was opened at 5:40 by CR Melisa Hederics who welcomed everyone.

2. PRESENT**Councillors:**

CR M Hederics
CR J MacAllister

User Group Members:

Paul Mensch – Football Club
Ben Sobkowiak – Football Club
Peter Chessells – 100 Club
Mark Blows – Cricket Club
Matt Tiley – Cricket Club
Wendy Arney – Lions Club
Bill Darlison – Lions Club

Council Staff:

Barb George – WSC Administration Officer (Minute
taker)

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Ben Roberts – Football Club
Matt Adamson – Cricket Club
Ken Ross - WSC
Geoff Gunn - WSC

The Contact list was tabled – updated as required.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Nick Carroll – Sunraysia Baseball League: Nick was to address this meeting, however is overseas at present. He requested to be invited to the next meeting.
The User Group discussed the implications of having a baseball team use the oval, and are concerned about the impact the line marking and placement of a “mound” would have on the ground.

CR Hederics proposed that the User Group look at the future plans for the Complex. The more users of the Complex, the more opportunity there is to access grants.

- Cleaning of the Complex during Football Season: Confirmation has been received from the Contract Cleaners that cleaning of the Complex during the Football Season will revert back to Fridays.
- Securing of the Kitchen: The Football Club are still to arrange the installation of a security roller door between the kitchen and the main hall of the pavilion. Until this has been undertaken, separate hiring of the kitchen cannot be put in place.
- Management Plan: The Football Club have supplied updated information for placement into the Management Plan.
- Maintenance: The Group expressed their disappointment at the lack of ongoing maintenance being undertaken by Council at the Complex.
- The aerial map presented to the Users (as requested) was rejected as inadequate. A map that shows the Complex and includes view to the River has been requested.

5. Business Arising:

- Discussion regarding the future of the Complex – the Group are keen to explore installation of a 2nd Oval, which would require moving the levee bank. Also desired is a 2nd Clubrooms overlooking the river.
The area in question is Crown Land and flood plain. As well as an extreme amount of planning, a significant grant would have to be in place for this to become a reality.
As part of this plan, the cricket nets would need to be repositioned and extra netball courts constructed. The present club rooms would be retained as a “female sports hub”. It was also decided that replacement of the ticket box and enhancing the park entrance should be put on hold until it was determined if a 2nd oval was feasible.
The Group felt that the construction of a second oval would allow for other sporting groups to use the Complex – namely, but not restricted to: Baseball, Rugby and Lawn Bowls.
- The User Group are concerned about the impact of the new service road coming off the highway. They feel that the Complex is losing a significant amount of area. Cr Hederics explained that this is an RMS project and that Council had no control over what was to occur.
- Repositioning of the playground nearer to the netball courts was tabled.
- Lions Club representatives asked if it would be possible to have installed – solar, water and electricity to their shed.
They were advised that the Bendigo Bank were great supporters of local clubs and that such projects were exactly the sort of thing that could benefit as a result.
All representatives of the clubs were encouraged to look at ‘Club Grants’ to enable smaller projects to become realities.
- The Football Club representative advised the meeting that they are to install new shelters.
- The aerial map presented at the meeting did not give enough information. Request to have a map that extends the view to the river. (Map to be forwarded to representatives as a matter of urgency)
- Management Plan – Following discussion, the group have decided to remove priorities from the “Future Opportunities for Development” list on page 12 of the plan.
Instead, a list has been put together as follows:

- Explore the development of a 2nd oval, move the levee and construct a second club room building overlooking the river.
- Following the above development – re-develop the entrance to the Complex to include a new ticket box and attractive entrance.
- Retain the present club rooms as a female sporting hub.
- Fence the entire Complex
- Replace bollards and seating around the oval with a more aesthetically pleasing fence with seating.
- Construct more netball courts.
- Move the playground closer to the netball courts.
- Install solar, water and electricity to the Lions Club shed.
- Increase the number of cricket nets.
- Extend the present building to include extra female change rooms.

6. Maintenance:

- The exit light in the back room has become dislodged.
- Key access to the pavilion is still an issue.
- The Cricket Finals are being held at the Complex 21 & 22 March 2020. Request that the complex be “looking its best” for this occasion.

ACTIONS FROM MEETING:

Action	Responsibility/Outcome
List of outstanding Maintenance and other issues forwarded to DRE.	DRE to investigate and liaise with Team Leaders, Manager Works and Club Representatives and arrange a ‘walkaround’ Council. CR/20/537. – Geoff Gunn.
Re-installation of exit light in back room of pavilion.	Council. CR/20/535. – Chris James.
Address the key access issue to the Complex as a matter of urgency	Council. CR/20/536 – Chris James.
The Complex to be ‘looking its best’ for the 2020 Cricket Finals to be held 21 & 22 March.	Council. CR/20/538 – Tim Snow.
Aerial Map of Complex that extends to the river.	Council. CR/20/539 – Taygun (Barb to forward map to User Group ASAP)
Securing of the kitchen	Football Club to arrange installation of roller door between the kitchen and main hall area of the pavilion.
Install solar, water and electricity to the Lions Club shed.	Lions Club to explore Bendigo Bank grants and other club grants.

The meeting closed at: 1900

7. NEXT MEETING: TBA.

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/185

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
 Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

The General Manager's report details information pertaining to meetings attended and general information which are of public interest, and which have not been reported elsewhere in this agenda. Items of note in this report are:

1. OLG Circulars
 - Details of OLG Circulars 20-07 to 20-11
2. Meetings
As listed
3. Upcoming meetings or events
As listed
4. Other items of note

Recommendation

- 1) That Council notes the information contained within the report from the General Manager.
- 2) That Council writes to the Minister for Local Government requesting that amendment be made to the Local Government (General) Regulations to prescribe Wentworth Shire Council as a council that is eligible to conduct elections exclusively by postal voting from the September 2021 ordinary election of councillors, and
- 3) That Council, in accordance with section 310B(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, determines that voting at the September 2021 ordinary election of councillors be conducted exclusively by means of postal voting.

Detailed Report

1. OLG Circulars

1.1 Circular 20-07

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) issued two circulars on 12 March 2020 in relation to COVID-19.

The first DPC circular, (C2020-01), relates to employment arrangements in relation to COVID-19. Circular C2020-01 provides guidance on sick leave entitlements, flexible working arrangements, and arrangements for employees who are excluded from the

workplace or who are unable to attend work for other reasons. The circular is available here.

The second DPC circular, (C2020-02), provides advice on international and domestic travel and transport in relation to COVID-19. The circular suggests that all proposed domestic and international travel should be re-evaluated based on the advice available at www.smartraveller.gov.au and that international and domestic travel should be restricted to essential travel only. The circular is available here.

What this will mean for your council

Both circulars apply to NSW public sector agencies. Contrary to the advice contained in each circular, councils are not required to comply with them.

However, councils are encouraged to consider the guidance provided in each circular and to take their own steps to implement that guidance where practicable.

1.2 Circular 20-08 – Guide to webcasting council meetings

- Since 14 December 2019, councils have been required to webcast meetings of the council and committees that comprise only of councillors. The webcasting requirements do not apply to board meetings of joint organisations.
- The Office of Local Government (OLG) has issued a Guide to Webcasting Council and Committee Meetings to assist councils to comply with their webcasting obligations.
- The Guide has been developed in consultation with councils, the Information and Privacy Commission and NSW State Archives and Records.

Requests for a hardcopy of the guide should be forwarded to the GMEA.

1.3 Circular 20-09 – Council and Committee meetings

- The Minister for Health and Medical Research, the Hon. Brad Hazzard MP, has issued the Public Health (COVID-19 Gatherings) Order 2020 (the Public Health Order), restricting gatherings in indoor spaces exceeding 100 persons. Further information about the new Public Health Order is available here.
- Meetings of councils and committees of councils are not exempted from the order as “essential gatherings”, and councils must comply with the order.
- Amendments have been made to the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) allowing councils to meet remotely to assist them to manage the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus at their meetings and to ensure compliance with the Public Health Order. The amendments take effect immediately.
- The amendments will operate for a period of six months, but may be extended to 12 months by regulation if required.

What this means for council

- Council and committee meetings can be held remotely, and individual councillors can participate in meetings remotely
- An amendment has been made to the Act providing that any requirement that councillors attend a meeting is satisfied if the meeting is held remotely using audio-visual links.
- This means that councillors can now participate in meetings by an audio-visual link instead of attending in person.
- Council meetings can be held entirely remotely by audio-visual link. Alternatively, where councils continue to meet in person, individual councillors are permitted to participate in the meeting by audio-visual link.
- Where councillors participate in meetings remotely by an audio-visual link, they continue to be obliged to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at meetings. Councillors continue to be obliged to remove themselves from the consideration of matters in which they have a pecuniary or significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest.
- Where councillors participate in meetings remotely by an audio-visual link, they continue to be obliged to protect any confidential information considered at the

meeting. Where meetings are closed to the public under section 10A of the Act, councillors should ensure that they participate in the meeting in a location where it cannot be seen or heard by anyone else.

1.4 Circular 20-10 – Postponement of Local Government Elections

- The Minister for Local Government has announced that the September 2020 local government elections will be postponed to address the risks posed by the COVID-19 virus.
- The Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) has been amended to confer on the Minister, a time-limited power to postpone council elections.
- The amendment, which operates for only a limited period of 12 months, allows the Minister by an order published in the Gazette, to postpone elections for 12 months from the date of the order. The order may be extended for an additional period to 31 December in the year after the order is made.
- The postponement of the next election will not change the future schedule of council elections, and the subsequent election will still proceed in September 2024 however in line with discussion held last meeting Council may see fit to formally request the following to see if the postponement gives the 18 month lead time necessary to comply with the Act.

In light of the postponement of the Local Government Elections, and having consideration for the resolution made at the previous council meeting, it is recommended that council writes to the Minister for Local Government requesting that amendment be made to the Local Government (General) Regulations to prescribe Wentworth Shire Council as a council that is eligible to conduct the ordinary election of councillors exclusively by means of postal voting in as per the provisions of section 310B of the Local Government Act.

1.5 Circular 20-11 Final Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting

- The final Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (Code) (update 28) is available for preparing councils' 2019-20 financial statements.
- A Joint Organisation (JO) Supplement to the Code is available for preparing JO financial statements for the period.
- Councils and JOs should note key changes.

2. Meetings

Following is a list of meetings or events attended by the General Manager for the period 9 March 2020 – 10 April 2020

Date	Meeting	Location
10 Mar 2020	Mayoral Meeting	Buronga
17 Mar 2020	Minister Melinda Pavey	Buronga
18 Mar 2020	Council Briefing	Wentworth
18 Mar 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Wentworth
18 Mar 2020	JO Meeting	Wentworth
23 Mar 2020	Vehicle Handover Inland Botanical Gardens	Morquong
01 Apr 2020	Local Emergency Management Committee	Video Conferencing
02 Apr 2020	General Managers Meeting COVID -19	Video Conferencing
08 Apr 2020	Helen Dalton Meeting – Doctor Issue	Video Conferencing

08 Apr 2020	Local Emergency Management Committee	Video Conferencing
09 Apr 2020	Trial Council briefing by teleconference	Buronga

3. Events

Following is a list of upcoming events, conferences or committee meetings, including out of region meetings where the Shire has been requested to attend in an official capacity.

Date	Meeting	Proposed Attendees	Location
24 Apr 2020	FWJO GM Meeting	General Manager	Video Conferencing
27 Apr 2020	Bottlebend Reserve Reserve Land Manager Meeting	Cr MacAllister	Video Conferencing
29 Apr 2020	Local Emergency Management Committee	General Manager	Video Conferencing
06 May 2020	Local Emergency Management Committee	General Manager	Video Conferencing
21 May 2020	Wentworth Shire Interagency Group	Cr MacAllister	Video Conferencing
27 May 2020	Bottlebend Reserve Reserve Land Manager Meeting	Cr MacAllister	Video Conferencing

4. Other items of note

Attachments

1. OLG Circular 20-09 [↓](#)
2. OLG Circular 20-10 [↓](#)
3. OLG Circular 20-11 [↓](#)



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Local Government

Circular to Councils

Circular Details	20-09 / 25 March 2020 / A696524
Previous Circular	20-06 <i>Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Development Updates</i>
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers / All council staff
Contact	Council Governance Team/ 02 4428 4100/ olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Council to Implement

Compliance with social distancing requirements to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus at council and committee meetings

What's new or changing?

- The Minister for Health and Medical Research, the Hon. Brad Hazzard MP, has issued the *Public Health (COVID-19 Gatherings) Order 2020* (the Public Health Order), restricting gatherings in indoor spaces exceeding 100 persons. Further information about the new Public Health Order is available [here](#).
- Meetings of councils and committees of councils are **not** exempted from the order as "essential gatherings", and **councils must** comply with the order.
- Amendments have been made to the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) allowing councils to meet remotely to assist them to manage the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus at their meetings and to ensure compliance with the Public Health Order. The amendments take effect immediately.
- The amendments will operate for a period of six months, but may be extended to 12 months by regulation if required.

What this will mean for your council

Council and committee meetings can be held remotely, and individual councillors can participate in meetings remotely

- An amendment has been made to the Act providing that any requirement that councillors attend a meeting is satisfied if the meeting is held remotely using audio-visual links.
- This means that councillors can now participate in meetings by an audio-visual link instead of attending in person.
- Council meetings can be held entirely remotely by audio-visual link. Alternatively, where councils continue to meet in person, individual councillors are permitted to participate in the meeting by audio-visual link.
- Where councillors participate in meetings remotely by an audio-visual link, they continue to be obliged to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at meetings. Councillors continue to be obliged to remove themselves from the consideration of matters in which they have a pecuniary or significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest.
- Where councillors participate in meetings remotely by an audio-visual link, they continue to be obliged to protect any confidential information considered at the meeting. Where meetings are closed to the public under section 10A of the Act, councillors should ensure that they participate in the meeting in a location where it cannot be seen or heard by anyone else.

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Attendance of members of the public at meetings

- The amendment to the Act also provides that the requirement under section 10 of the Act that members of the public be permitted to attend meetings is satisfied if the meeting is held remotely using audio-visual links. The amendment also provides that the requirement under section 10 for meetings to be open to members of the public is satisfied if a webcast of the meeting is made public.
- This means that the requirement under section 10 of the Act for members of the public to be permitted to attend meetings can now be satisfied by livestreaming the meeting using an audio-visual link. Where meetings are livestreamed in this manner, members of the public can be excluded from the chamber.
- All councils have been required to webcast their meetings since 14 December 2019 and the Office of Local Government (OLG) has recently issued a *Guide to webcasting council and committee meetings*. The Guide is available [here](#). Among other things, the Guide provides information on how councils can livestream their meetings using audio-visual links, including technical guidance based on the experiences of councils that currently livestream their meetings using audio-visual links.
- Councils continue to be permitted to close their meetings to the public on the grounds specified under section 10A of the Act. Where councils livestream their meetings, they should ensure that the webcast is stopped while the meeting is closed to the public and resume it when the meeting is reopened to the public.
- Where councils continue to permit members of the public to physically attend meetings, the numbers of members of the public present in the chamber can and should be limited to comply with the Public Health Order and the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee's (AHPPC) recommendations on indoor gatherings (see below).
- Where the number of people seeking to physically attend a meeting exceeds the numbers permissible under the Public Health Order or would prevent compliance with the AHPPC's recommendations on indoor gatherings, councils may consider accommodating excess numbers of people wishing to attend the meeting in another indoor or outdoor space and broadcast the meeting's proceedings to that space.

Public forums

- Requirements for the holding of public forums prior to or at meetings will vary from council to council depending on the provisions contained in their adopted codes of meeting practice.
- Under the provisions contained in Part 4 of the *Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW* (the Model Meeting Code), public forums are discretionary.
- To ensure compliance with the Public Health Order, public forums should only be held in a manner that is consistent with the Public Health Order and the AHPPC's recommendations on indoor gatherings. Where this is not possible, public forums should not be held, or alternative arrangements should be made for the making of public submissions to councillors. For example, submissions could be made to councillors via an audio-visual link or in writing instead of in person.

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Delegations

- As previously advised in [Circular 20-06](#), councils should review their delegations as a matter of urgency to ensure that decisions can be made quickly in response to any developments outside of the normal council meeting cycle. Councils' functions (other than those specified in section 377 of the Act) can be delegated to the general manager, the mayor or another body such as a committee.

Cancellation of meetings

- If councils consider that the holding of a meeting will pose a risk to those attending the meeting, the meeting can be cancelled.
- If adopted by councils, clause 5.14 of the Model Meeting Code provides that where it becomes apparent prior to the commencement of a meeting that the safety and welfare of councillors, council staff and members of the public may be put at risk by attending the meeting, the mayor may, in consultation with the general manager and, as far as is practicable, with each councillor, cancel the meeting.
- Where a meeting is cancelled, notice of the cancellation must, at a minimum, be published on the council's website. Councils should also take additional steps to communicate the cancellation to ensure as many people know about it as possible.
- Where a meeting is cancelled, the business to be considered at the meeting may instead be considered, where practicable, at the next ordinary meeting of the council or at an extraordinary meeting.

Other measures

- The amendment to the Act allows the Minister for Local Government to approve other arrangements for satisfying the requirements for councillors and members of the public to "attend" meetings, but only if audio-visual links are not reasonably available.
- If councils are not able to comply with any of the above requirements, they should advise OLG in writing so that alternative arrangements may be considered for approval. In doing so, councils should advise:
 - why they are not able to comply with any of the options outlined above
 - what alternative arrangements are being proposed
 - how the proposed arrangements will ensure any members of the public wishing to attend a meeting can view the meeting in real time
 - arrangements for ensuring that conflicts of interest are appropriately disclosed and managed
 - arrangements for ensuring that confidential information is protected.

Key points

- The AHPPC has made recommendations on risk mitigation measures to be applied to indoor gatherings. The recommendations are available [here](#).
- The AHPPC recommends the following risk mitigation strategies:
 - In a given occupied space, there must be a density of no more than one person per four square metres of floor space.
 - Availability of hand hygiene products and suitable waste receptacles, with frequent cleaning and waste disposal.

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- Promotion of the Department of Health recommendations for unwell individuals to isolate at home and not attend.
 - For settings where there is ongoing movement and an increased number of interactions between individuals, an individual's attendance should be less than two hours in duration.
 - For settings that are primarily static, an individual's attendance should be limited to four hours in duration.
- Councils should apply these measures when holding council or committee meetings and any other indoor gatherings.

Where to go for further information

- See OLG's *Guide to webcasting council and committee meetings* which is available [here](#).
- If councils require assistance to identify and procure technical solutions to allow councillors to participate in meetings by audio-visual link or to livestream their meetings by video, the Local Government Procurement (LGP) ICT Panel Contract (LGP115) has a variety of providers who can deliver video collaboration solutions. For more information see the LGP website [here](#) or contact Luke Kenny, Chief Executive Officer, on 0421 059 172 or at lkenny@lgp.org.au.
- For further information please contact the Council Governance Team on 02 4428 4100 or by email at olg@olg.nsw.gov.au.



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Circular to Councils

Circular Details	20-10 / 25 March 2020 / A696536
Previous Circular	20-06 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Development Updates
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers / All council staff
Contact	Council Governance Team/ 02 4428 4100/ olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Information

Postponement of the September 2020 Local Government Elections

What's new or changing?

- The Minister for Local Government has announced that the September 2020 local government elections will be postponed to address the risks posed by the COVID-19 virus.
- The *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) has been amended to confer on the Minister, a time-limited power to postpone council elections.
- The amendment, which operates for only a limited period of 12 months, allows the Minister by an order published in the Gazette, to postpone elections for 12 months from the date of the order. The order may be extended for an additional period to 31 December in the year after the order is made.
- The postponement of the next election will not change the future schedule of council elections, and the subsequent election will still proceed in September 2024.

What this will mean for your council

- Where the Minister exercises the power to postpone elections under section 318B, the election requirements of the Act are suspended for the period specified in the order and current councillors will continue to hold their civic offices.
- Popularly elected mayors will continue to hold their office until an ordinary election is held. In the case of mayors elected by councillors, mayoral elections will need to be held for mayors elected in September 2018 when their two year-terms expire. Mayors elected in September 2019 will continue to hold office until September 2021, once the election date is determined.
- The composition of joint organisation boards may need to change if mayors of member councils elected by councillors are not re-elected.
- The postponement of elections will have implications for the activities councils may be required to undertake in the current and next integrated planning and reporting (IP&R) cycles. In general, OLG will seek to extend the current IP&R cycle for 12 months, with a next cycle to be truncated to 3 years. The Office of Local Government will be providing further detailed guidance on this and other changes to statutory timeframes that may become necessary as a result of deferring elections.

Where to go for further information

- For further information please contact the Council Governance Team on 02 4428 4100 or by email at olg@olg.nsw.gov.au.

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Circular to Councils

Circular Details	20-11 / 30 March 2020 / A691689
Previous Circular	Circular 19-04
Who should read this	General Managers / Financial accounting business areas
Contact	Policy Team / (02) 4428 4100 / code@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Council/Joint Organisations to implement

Final Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (update 28) including Joint Organisations Supplement

What's new or changing

- The final Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (Code) (update 28) is available for preparing councils' 2019-20 financial statements.
- A Joint Organisation (JO) Supplement to the Code is available for preparing JO financial statements for the period.
- Councils and JOs should note key changes.

What this will mean for your council/JO

- The Code must be used by councils and JOs to prepare their annual financial statements in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

Key points

- Changes highlighted in yellow are new for this year. Commentary in red relates to the Office of Local Government (OLG) requirements and commentary in blue relates to the Australian Accounting Standards.
- Key changes in this year's draft Code were highlighted in Circular 19-29.
- Extensive feedback received from the Audit Office, councils and others has resulted in a significant number of changes being made to the final Code.
- Councils should carefully review the *Summary of changes to the Code* (update 28) document in conjunction with the Code.
- The JO Supplement to the Code will support JOs preparing financial statements.
- The introduction and overview of the Code provides guidance to JOs on the application of the JO Supplement.

Where to go for further information

- OLG's website has the:
 - Code comprising of five documents:
 1. General Purpose Financial Statements
 2. Special Purpose Financial Statements
 3. Special Schedules
 4. Joint Organisations Supplement
 5. Appendices.
 - *Summary of changes document to the Code* (update 28)
- OLG's Accounting Practice page can be found here:
<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/council-finances/financial-reporting/local-government-code-of-accounting-practice-and-financial-reporting/>

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9.2 PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES TO WENTWORTH TOWNSHIP

File Number: RPT/20/224

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
 Reporting Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth is a desirable Shire to visit, live, work and invest
 Strategy: 2.2 Enhance access to local health and aged care services

Current References: Wentworth Doctors Proposal - In Closed Council

Summary

The role of medical service provision is that of one shared between Federal and State Government. With Local Government being the closest link to our communities there is often a perceived concept that a Local Council should buy into the solution of medical services. This has been the case in recent times with Wentworth Shire Council previously entering into an agreement with Wentworth Family Doctors where financial support was provided on a service delivery model.

In October last year the agreement was questioned on the capacity of the Wentworth Family Doctor to uphold the obligation to provide the Wentworth Clinic with one EFT General Practitioner for 5 days per week. Subsequently the agreement was terminated and now the premises in Darling Street Wentworth is vacant, but partly furnished for the running of a medical practice.

Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc. (WDCMC Inc.) and Coomealla Health Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) have both now provided Council with proposals to establish medical services within the township of Wentworth.

Whilst a level of detail is provided in this report, there are some aspects of the proposals which will require consideration in closed council.

Recommendation

That Council notes that proposals have been received from Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc. (WDCMC Inc.) and Coomealla Health Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) for the provision of medical services in the Wentworth township and that the confidential aspects of the proposal be considered in the closed session.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information on two proposals to establish medical services within the township of Wentworth.

Background

Wentworth Shire Council has previously entering into an agreement with Wentworth Family Doctors where financial support was provided on a service delivery model. In October last year the agreement was questioned on the capacity of the Wentworth Family Doctor to uphold the obligation to provide the Wentworth Clinic with one EFT General Practitioner for 5 days per week. Subsequently the agreement was terminated and now the premises in Darling Street Wentworth is vacant, but partly furnished for the running of a medical practice.

Matters under consideration

Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc. (WDCMC Inc.) and Coomealla Health Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) have both now provided Council with proposals to establish medical services within the township of Wentworth.

Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc. is a volunteer community group set up six months ago and are currently *undertaking foundation work to support the goal of a fit for purpose contemporary community owned medical centre that will accommodate a medical clinic, allied health and pathology services to suit current and future community needs.*

Coomealla Health Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) –is an Aboriginal community-controlled Health Organisation that serves the communities of Dareton, Wentworth, Buronga, Gol Gol, Euston and Balranald with multidisciplinary primary health care services that are led by Aboriginal Health Practitioners and bring together a range of clinical and non-clinical services around their clients. CHAC is registered with the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission.

The Sustainable Wentworth Strategy has set a clear vision for a health precinct to be located around the Adelaide Street Office, Town Hall, Library and Murray House area. This concept is not a council owned infrastructure model but rather for Council to play a role of facilitation working with relevant health agencies and Murray House. The consultation in relation to this will determine the best facility outcome for the precinct and indeed what size shape and detail this facility may become.

The Community Strategic Plan identifies two items in relation to health. Goal 2 – Wentworth is a desirable shire to visit, live, work and invest (social) – 2.2 – Enhance access to local health and aged care services and 2.3 – Enhance access to maternal and child health service, child care centres and preschool services.

Conclusion

The role of medical service provision is that of one shared between Federal and State Government. Council, through the Community Strategic Plan, is drawn into the question of how best to provide medical services.

The further consideration of the confidential information provided by the two organisations may assist in finding a way forward.

Attachments

Nil

9.3 2020 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

File Number: RPT/20/214

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
 Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets
 Strategy: 3.3 Prepare for natural disasters, biosecurity risks and climate change

Summary

The 2020 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference is being held from 20 May to 21 May 2020 with online delivery.

The theme of the conference is “*A Flood Resilient Australia: Transforming vision into action*”

Recommendation

That Council notes the report and determines whether to nominate a delegate(s) to attend the 2020 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference being held from 20 May to 21 May 2020 online.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to determine whether to nominate a delegate(s) to the 2020 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference.

Background

Floodplain Management Australia (FMA) is committed to promoting wise floodplain development and helping reduce the risks of flooding to life and property.

FMA, formerly the Floodplain Management Association, was established in 1961 as a network of New South Wales flood mitigation authorities, and has grown into an association of over 140 local government councils, catchment authorities, government agencies, businesses, and professionals involved in all aspects of urban and rural floodplain risk management.

The FMA Conference has been held annually for over 50 years and is the most respected flood risk management event held in Australia.

The theme of the conference is “*A Flood Resilient Australia: Transforming vision into action*”, which will focus on bringing together various partners and sharing of great research and ideas to set a clear and compelling vision, mission and priorities for the flood community of Australia.

The conference is for anyone interested in making our communities more flood safe. It will bring together a range of professionals, from regional communities to urban hubs, with interests in floodplain risk management. The content will be beneficial for Commonwealth, State and Local Government representatives, research organisations and education providers as well as consultants, engineers, land-use planners, emergency responders and community volunteer organisations.

Matters under consideration

Councillor Bill Wheeldon OAM is Council's nominated representative on the Floodplain Management Committee and has previously attended the FMA National Conference as council's representative.

Financial Implications

Attendance at this conference has the following financial implications for Council:

FMA Full, Corporate and Professional Members \$100 for one login (user)

FMA Full, Corporate and Professional Members \$200 for up to six logins (users)

Conclusion

A council decision is required to enable a council delegate(s) to attend the 2020 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference online 20 May to 21 May 2020.

Attachments

1. 2020 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference [↓](#)

2020 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference

Keep Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st May open for the digital FMA Conference!

The FMA Conference has been held annually for over 50 years and is the most respected flood risk management event held in Australia. This year the Conference has been challenged by the unprecedented spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. FMA believes that even in the most challenging times supporting its Members' professional learnings is vital, and we've found a way to adapt our event to suit most circumstances.

The FMA National Conference will be convened online on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st May, and will still keep the theme "A Flood Resilient Australia: transforming vision into action."

Much of the event content will remain as outlined in the preliminary program that was circulated in the lead-up to our scheduled in-person Conference in Toowoomba. This is only possible due to the cooperation and support of our scheduled presenters, who will either be pre-recording their presentations, or setting aside time to speak to you through a live webinar with interactive Q&A time.

This event is for anyone interested in making our communities more flood safe, and will bring together a range of professionals, from regional communities to urban hubs, with interests in floodplain risk management. The blessing of this format is that it opens the door for many to attend that may not have been able to in the past due to limits on travel, budget or time.

The content will be beneficial for Commonwealth, State and Local Government representatives, research organisations and education providers as well as consultants, engineers, land-use planners, emergency responders and community volunteer organisations.

We will be sending out information on how to register and further program details next week, but here are the key things you need to know right now:

What: 2020 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference

When: Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st May, 2020

Where: Online!

Cost: Varies, depending on your Membership and user requirements...

FMA Full, Corporate and Professional Members \$100 for one login (user)

FMA Full, Corporate and Professional Members \$200 for up to six logins (users)

FMA Individual and Student Members \$50 for one login (user)

Non Members \$200 for one login (user)

Non Members \$300 for up to six logins (users)

Presenters FREE login (no charge).

We will not be running the Pre-Conference Workshops this year, but will bring those back along with all other regular Conference offerings at our Sydney event in 2021.

If you have any questions, please just hit 'reply' and let me know.

9.4 CRITICAL WATER ADVISORY PANEL DELEGATES

File Number: RPT/20/200

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
 Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets
 Strategy: 3.5 Recognise the importance of a healthy Murray-Darling River system

Summary

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council 20 November 2019, a resolution was carried nominating Councillor Nichols, MacAllister and the Director Roads and Engineering as the preferred delegates to represent the Wentworth Shire Council on the Barwon-Darling/Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel.

Cr Nichols formally advised Council on 6 April 2020 that she would like to relinquish her position on this panel, and Council is therefore asked to consider nominating a replacement delegate.

Recommendation

That Council considers nominating a replacement delegate for the Critical Water Advisory Panel.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider nominating a replacement delegate on the Critical Water Advisory Panel to replace Cr Nichols who has relinquished her position.

Background

Cr Nichols formally advised Council on 6 April 2020 that she wishes to relinquish her position on this panel. Cr Nichols, Cr MacAllister and the Director of Roads and Engineering were nominated as Councils delegates at the 20 November 2019 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Report Detail

The Critical Water Advisory Panel or CWAP is made up of several Government agencies who plan, monitor and action water activities. Representation on this panel allows Council to have input into water management particularly in relation to the Menindee Lakes and Lower Darling River system.

Conclusion

With Cr Nichols relinquishing her position on this panel, Council is required to decide whether to nominate another delegate to replace Cr Nichols.

Attachments

Nil

9.5 STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES

File Number: RPT/20/187

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Emma Holgate - Team Leader, Library Services

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future
Strategy: 4.6 Collaborate with others to achieve desired outcomes for the local community

Summary

The NSW Public Libraries Association has requested the support of NSW councils in its advocacy to State Government to develop a sustainable funding model for NSW libraries.

Recommendation

1. That Council makes representation to the local State Member, Helen Dalton (MP), in relation to the need for a sustainable state funding model for the ongoing provision of public library services.
2. That Council writes to the Premier and the Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bi-partisan support for Consumer Price Index (CPI) indexation of state funding for NSW public libraries, as well as legislation of all elements of the 2019-20 to 2022-23 NSW state funding model.
3. That Council takes a leading role in lobbying for sustainable state government funding for libraries.
4. That Council endorses the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association NSW library sustainable funding advocacy information in Council libraries, as well as involvement in any actions proposed by the Association.

Detailed Report**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider lobbying for more sustainable State Government funding of Libraries.

Background

The NSW Public Libraries Association's 2018-19 Renew Our Libraries campaign was a spectacular success, delivering an increase of \$60m in state funding for NSW public libraries over the quadrennial period 2019-20 to 2022-23. This is the largest single increase in state funding since the NSW Library Act was introduced in 1939.

This outcome was achieved as a result of the remarkable support of councils, libraries and communities across the state. Over 80% of NSW councils formally endorsed Renew Our Libraries through council resolutions.

Report Detail

Renew Our Libraries Phase Two has recently been launched. Well known media and advocacy company Essential Media has been engaged to administer the campaign, the objectives of which are to:

- Index the total increased state funding contribution to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in perpetuity. Without indexation the actual value of state funding for NSW libraries will decline over time, leaving NSW councils to either meet the shortfall or reduce services.
- Protect the new funding commitment by including all elements of the new state funding model in legislation through the Library Act and/or the Library Regulation. Currently, only the per-capita component of the funding model (increasing from \$1.85 per capita to \$2.85 per capita over the 4-year period 2019-20 to 2022-23) is included in library legislation, leaving 46% of the total funding for NSW libraries at risk.

Index the Funding - Protect the Funding

These two simple measures will ensure that NSW councils continue to receive a significantly increased state government contribution to the operation of public libraries across the state, which will be protected by legislation and will not be subject to cost of living attrition over time.

This will also mean that the NSW Public Libraries Association, its member councils and libraries across the state can direct their funds and efforts to the ongoing support and development of high quality library services for NSW communities, rather than engaging in expensive and time consuming future funding campaigns.

This is our opportunity to lock in the historic 2019 state funding increase for NSW libraries once and for all, thereby ensuring the future prosperity of the NSW public library network.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council supports the NSW Public Libraries Association by formally endorsing Phase Two of the Renew Our Libraries Campaign to secure a sustainable funding model for NSW public libraries in perpetuity.

Attachments

Nil

9.6 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/193

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Vanessa Lock - Finance Officer

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

Rates and Charges collections for the month of March 2020 were \$725,992.12. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 73.34%. For comparison purposes 74.83% of the levy had been collected at the end of March 2019. Council currently has \$27,439,054.96 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

That Council notes the monthly finance report.

Detailed Report

The purpose of this report is to indicate to Council the position in relation to the rate of collections and the balance of cash books.

Reconciliation and Balance of Funds held as at 31 March 2020

The reconciliation has been carried out between the Cash Book of each fund and the Bank Pass Sheet as at 31 March 2020.

	Combined Bank Account
Cash Balance as at 1 March 2020	\$ 1,639,230.02
Add: Receipts for the Period Ending 31 March 2020	\$ 4,922,706.17
Rates, Debtors, Miscellaneous	
Less: Payments for the Period Ending 31 March 2020	
Cash Book entries for this Month	\$ 4,122,881.23
Cash Balance at at 31 March 2020	\$ 2,439,054.96
Investments	
Total Investments as at 31 March 2020	\$ 25,000,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 27,439,054.96

Collection of Rates and Charges

Rates and Charges collections for the month of March 2020 were \$725,992.12. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 73.34%. A summary of the Rates and Charges situation as at 31 March 2020 is as follows:

	Rates and Charges	
Levies		
Balance Outstanding at 30 June 2019 - Rates	1,048,851.71	
Balance Outstanding at 30 June 2019 - Water (Jan-June 2019)	913,670.40	
Rates and Charges Levied 24 July 2019	8,808,110.28	\$ 10,770,632.39
+ Additional Water Charges	877,372.40	
+ Supplementary Rates and Charges	100,435.70	
+ Additional Charges	81,083.46	
- Credit Adjustments	12,348.26	
- Abandonments	1,266.92	\$ 11,815,908.77
Deductions		
- Payments	8,489,966.56	
- Less Refunds of Payments	8,043.44	\$ 8,481,923.12
		\$ 3,333,985.65
- Pensioner Subsidy		
Government Subsidy	100,850.21	
Council Subsidy	82,507.70	\$ 183,357.91
Total Rates/Water Charges Outstanding		\$ 3,150,627.74

Note: For comparison purposes 74.83% of the levy had been collected at the end of March 2019.

Rates/Water write offs and adjustments

Rates and charges that have been written off under the delegated authority of the General Manager for the month of March 2020.

Account	Date	Amount	Comment
724-44	10.3.2020	31.95	Credit Raw water charge- Council connected this property to neighbours property while being built as Council was unable to tap into main. This was a short term fix
323-3	25.3.2020	561.2	Meter readings were entered inadvertently therefore account was incorrect

Council Loans Report

Name	Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Loan Amount	Amount Outstanding	Due Date
Loan 201	National Australia Bank	Buronga Landfill	4.550% Fixed	\$ 920,000.00	\$ 499,795.34	30/01/2025
Loan 202	ANZ Bank	Civic Centre	3.470% Fixed	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 722,583.91	21/10/2026
Loan 203	National Australia Bank	Midway Centre	3.586% Fixed	\$ 1,900,000.00	\$ 1,763,276.60	28/04/2023
Loan 204	Bendigo Bank	Buronga Landfill	5.290% Fixed	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,368,184.42	12/05/2037
				TOTAL	\$ 4,353,840.27	

Overtime and Travelling

Month	Mar-19	Pay Periods	2	
Overtime				
	Time and a Half		Double Time	
Department	Hours	Amount	Hours	Amount
Animal Services	2.00	\$ 90.56	2.00	\$ 120.48
Civil Works	3.00	\$ 150.18		
Finance	7.25	\$ 380.66		
Health & Planning	2.00	\$ 105.88	16.00	\$ 1,129.41
Human Resources	30.00	\$ 2,618.26	30.00	\$ 3,490.98
Parks & Gardens	14.00	\$ 546.81	23.00	\$ 1,210.20
Roads - Council	80.50	\$ 3,552.14	113.00	\$ 6,502.02
Roads - RMS	120.50	\$ 5,321.83	93.50	\$ 5,719.89
Roads & Eng Indoor	3.00	\$ 139.54	0.25	\$ 14.65
Waste Management	0.50	\$ 18.04		
Water & Waste Water	52.00	\$ 2,443.19	99.50	\$ 6,210.63
Workshop	2.00	\$ 93.88	1.00	\$ 62.59
Total	316.75	\$ 15,460.97	378.25	\$ 24,460.85
Travel Allowance				
Department	Kms	Amount		
Civil	78	\$ 60.84		
Health & Planning	1,058	\$ 825.24		
Roads & Eng Indoor	48	\$ 37.44		
Total	1,184	\$ 923.52		
Grand Total		40,845.34		

Conclusion

The report indicates to Council that its finances are in a favourable position.

Attachments

Nil

9.7 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/198

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Hodi Beauliv - Manager Finance

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

As at 31 March 2020 Council had \$25,000,000.00 invested in term deposits. Council received \$63,389.87 from its investments for the month of March 2020.

In March 2020 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 1.58% and it currently has \$8,466,832.09 of internal restrictions and \$15,958,611.36 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

That Council notes the monthly investment report.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the current status of its investments.

Matters under consideration

As at 31 March 2020 Council had \$27,439,054.96 invested with eight financial institutions.

Breakdown of Total Funds Available

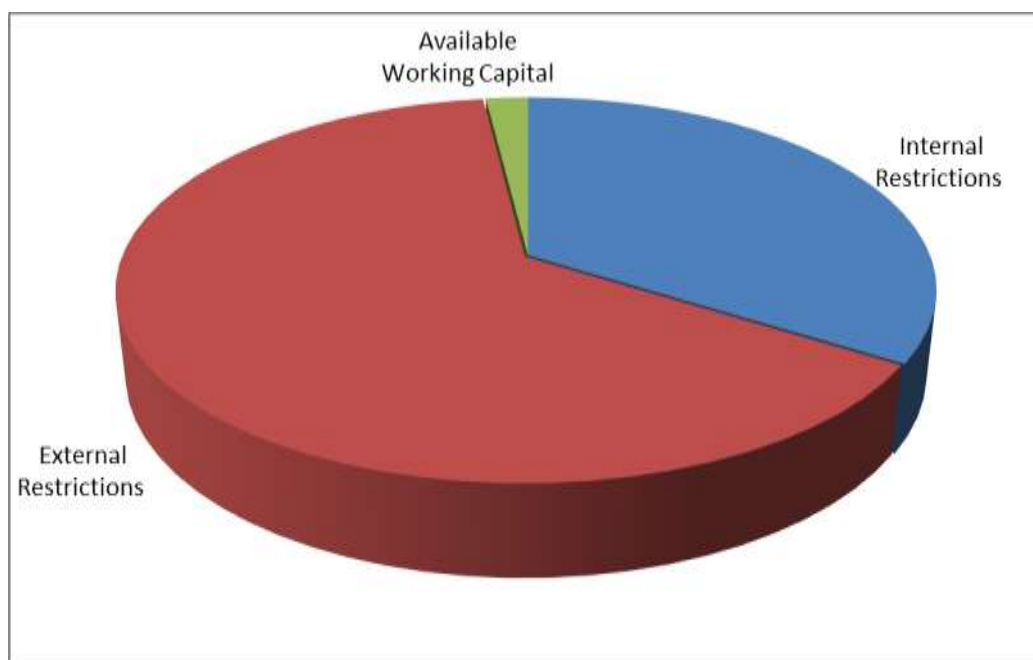
Financial Institution	Amount	Percentage of Available Funds
AMP	\$ 6,000,000.00	21.87%
Bank of Queensland	\$ 4,000,000.00	14.58%
Bendigo Bank	\$ 5,439,054.96	19.82%
IMB Bank	\$ 2,000,000.00	7.29%
Macquarie Bank	\$ 2,000,000.00	7.29%
Members Equity Bank	\$ 3,000,000.00	10.93%
National Australia Bank	\$ 4,000,000.00	14.58%
Westpac Banking Corporation	\$ 1,000,000.00	3.64%
	\$ 27,439,054.96	100.00%

Investments on Hand as at 31 March

Investments on Hand as at 31 March 2020						
Investee	Date Invested	Date of Maturity	Effective Interest Rate	Investment Type	Amount Invested	Rating
AMP (2)	7/11/2019	7/05/2020	1.75%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
AMP (5)	24/03/2020	22/09/2020	1.80%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
AMP (6)	14/10/2019	14/04/2020	1.70%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
AMP (7)	25/11/2019	25/05/2020	1.90%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
AMP (9)	13/11/2019	13/05/2020	1.80%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
AMP (10)	10/01/2020	9/04/2020	1.75%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bank of Queensland (6)	23/01/2020	23/04/2020	1.53%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bank of Queensland (7)	17/03/2020	13/08/2020	1.45%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bank of Queensland (8)	4/02/2020	3/06/2020	1.48%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bank of Queensland (9)	26/02/2020	26/08/2020	1.55%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bendigo Bank (7)	29/11/2019	29/04/2020	1.50%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bendigo Bank (9)	21/02/2020	19/08/2020	1.45%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bendigo Bank (10)	5/12/2019	3/05/2020	1.50%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
IMB Bank	6/03/2020	9/06/2020	1.50%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB
IMB Bank (2)	19/02/2020	20/05/2020	1.50%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB
Macquarie Bank	12/02/2020	10/06/2020	1.60%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1/A+
Macquarie Bank	5/03/2020	2/07/2020	1.70%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1/A+
Members Equity Bank	24/02/2020	26/08/2020	1.55%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB
Members Equity Bank (10)	15/01/2020	16/06/2020	1.55%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB
Members Equity Bank (11)	19/11/2019	16/04/2020	1.55%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1+/AA-
National Australia Bank (1)	9/03/2020	9/06/2020	1.40%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1+/AA-
National Australia Bank (3)	2/03/2020	30/06/2020	1.40%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1+/AA-
National Australia Bank (4)	28/01/2020	27/04/2020	1.60%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1+/AA-
National Australia Bank (5)	11/03/2020	9/06/2020	1.37%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1+/AA-
Westpac Banking Corporation	20/02/2020	19/06/2020	1.55%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1+/AA-
Total					\$ 25,000,000.00	
Representing:						
- Internal Restrictions						
- Employee Entitlements				\$ 2,376,437.00		
- Doubtful Debts				\$ 48,595.00		
- Tip Remediation				\$ 1,372,493.54		
- Future Development Reserve				\$ 1,113,213.94		
- Trust Account				\$ 356,092.61		
- Capital Projects				\$ 1,000,000.00		
- Plant Replacement Reserve				\$ 2,200,000.00	\$ 8,466,832.09	
- External Restrictions						
- Water Fund				\$ 9,209,416.75		
- Sewer Fund				\$ 2,629,989.35		
- Developer Contributions Reserve				\$ 619,065.20		
- Domestic Waste Management Reserve				\$ 104,796.78		
- Unexpended Grants				\$ 2,543,580.21		
- Crown Reserves Reserve				\$ 333,116.80		
- Loan Guarantee Reserve				\$ 10,774.04		
- Prepayments Cemeteries				\$ 507,872.23	\$ 15,958,611.36	
- Day to Day Liquidity					\$ 574,556.55	
					\$ 25,000,000.00	
Operating Account					\$ 2,439,054.96	
Total Funds Available					\$ 27,439,054.96	

Note: Ratings provided are from Moody's and Standard & Poors Rating Agencies

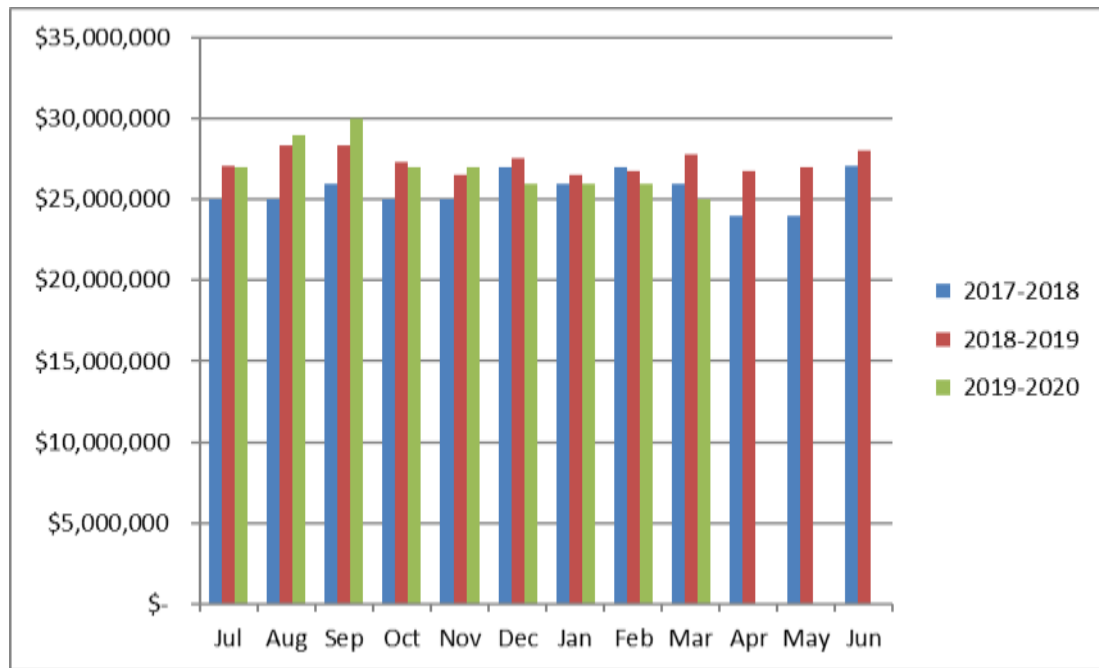
Breakdown



Summary – Unexpended Grants as at 31 March 2020

Grant	Amount
Block Grant	\$1,388,692.36
Roads to Recovery	\$0.00
Pooncarie Weir	\$77,746.00
RFS R & M Grant 2011-2018	\$260,923.00
Financial Assistance Grant 2019/20 Received in Advance	\$771,097.25
Drought Communities Programme	\$45,121.60
Stronger Country Communities Fund	\$0.00
Total	\$2,543,580.21

Total funds invested

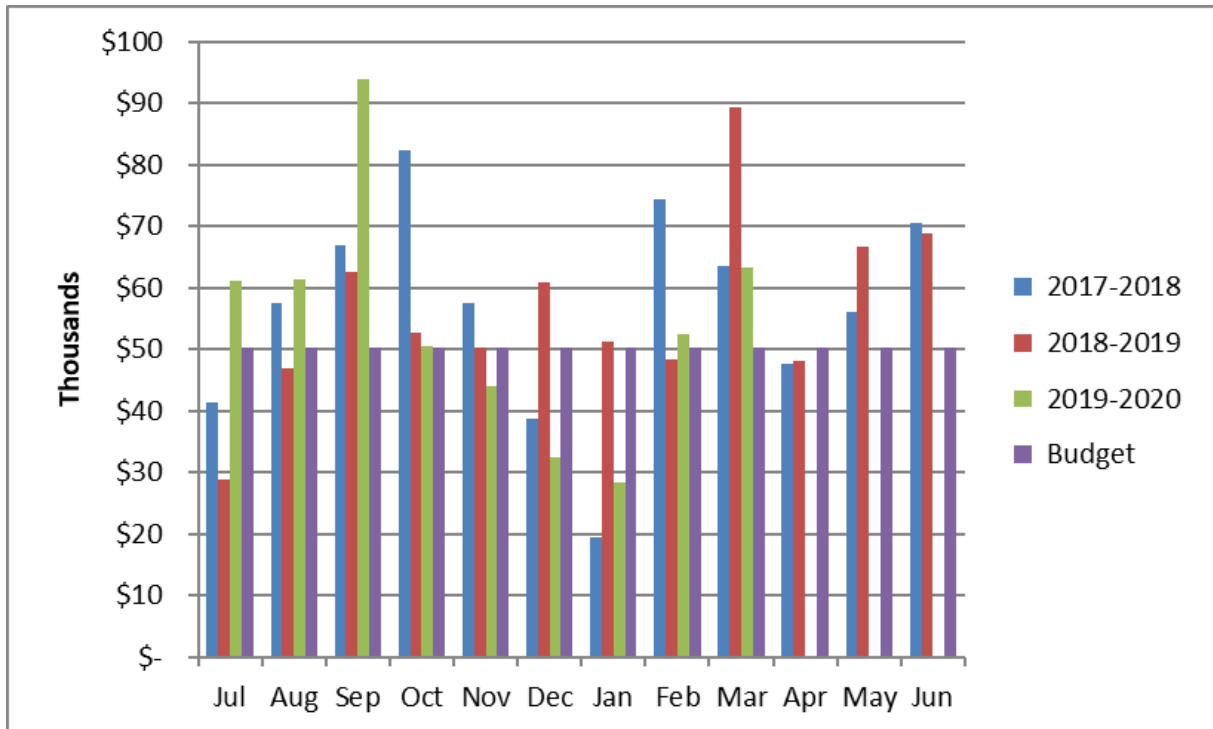


Eight term deposits matured in March earning Council \$63,389.87 in interest. The budget for March was \$50,212.50. Year to date Council has received \$487,315.64 in interest. The year to date budget is \$451,912.50.

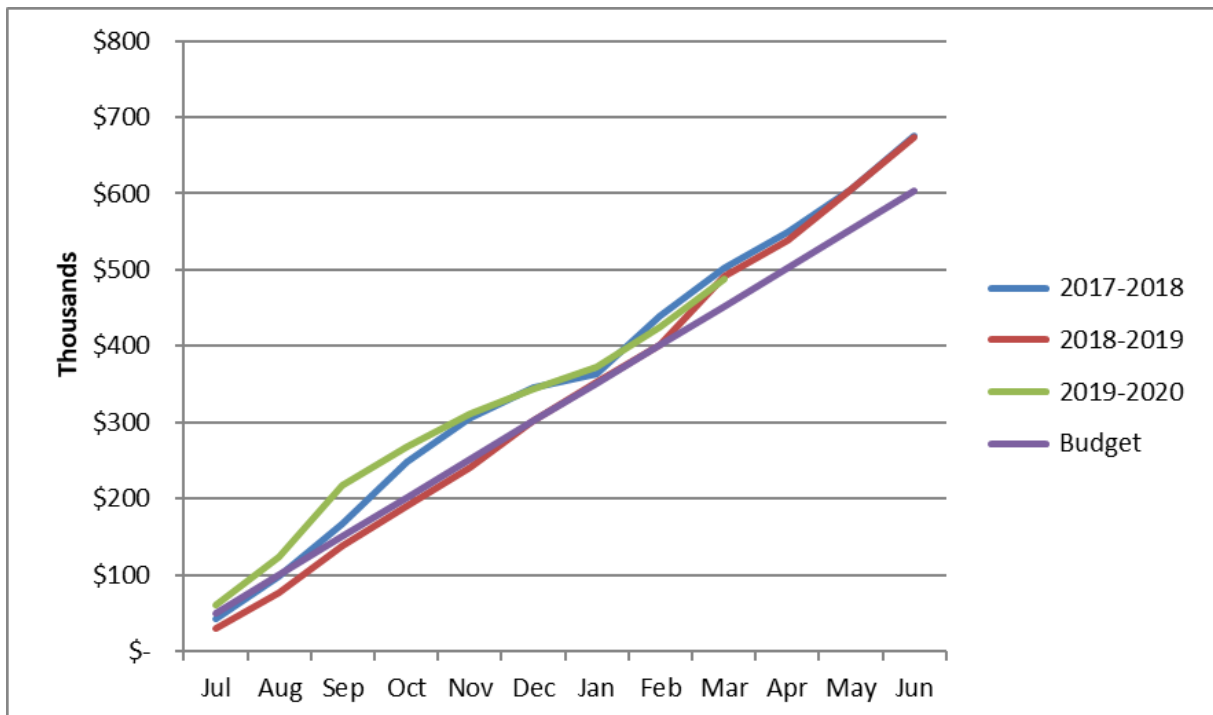
Investments maturing in March 2020

Investee	Date Invested	Date of Maturity	Effective Interest Rate	Investment Type	Amount Invested	Interest Earned
AMP (5)	25/09/2019	24/03/2020	1.75%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 8,678.08
Bank of Queensland (7)	19/06/2019	17/03/2020	2.08%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 15,500.27
Bendigo Bank (6)	4/09/2019	4/03/2020	1.60%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 7,978.08
IMB Bank	9/12/2019	6/03/2020	1.59%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 3,833.42
Members Equity Bank (9)	29/10/2019	31/03/2020	1.55%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 6,539.73
National Australia Bank (1)	11/09/2019	9/03/2020	1.73%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 8,531.51
National Australia Bank (3)	3/12/2019	2/03/2020	1.54%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 3,797.27
National Australia Bank (5)	13/09/2019	11/03/2020	1.73%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 8,531.51
Total						\$ 63,389.87

Interest received March 2020

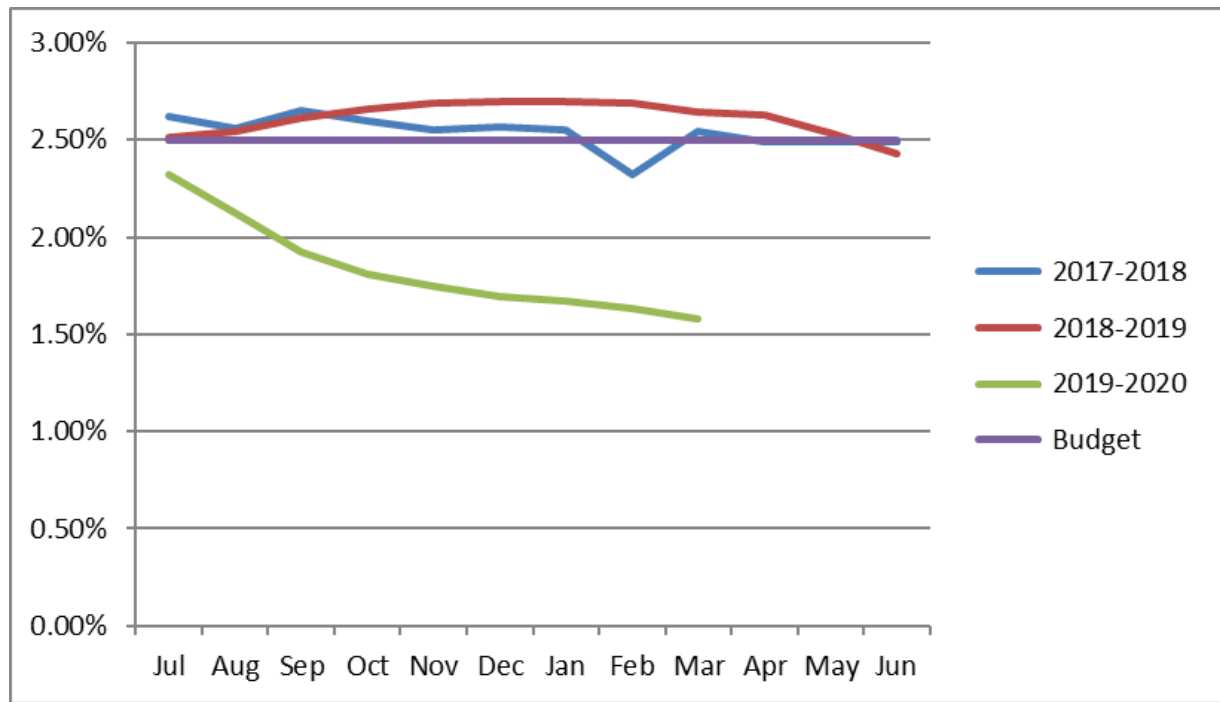


Total Interest received July 2019 – June 2020



For March 2020 Council's investments returned an effective average rate of 1.58%. Year to date the effective average rate has been 1.83%. The budget for 2019-2020 is 2.50%.

Effective average Interest Rate



Impact of COVID-19 on Council's Investments

The current COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic has had a significant impact on financial markets. While at the moment this has not impacted on interest rates, it is likely to in the future.

The pandemic has, however, resulted in some agencies reviewing the ratings of financial institutions impacted by the current financial conditions. Council's investment policy is based on ratings provided by Standard & Poor's and Moody's. At present neither of these agencies have reviewed their ratings. Over the next month staff will monitor this situation and table any necessary amendments to Council's Investment Policy at the May Council meeting.

Conclusion

The Director Finance and Policy certifies that all investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 and Council's investment policy.

Council is investing its funds prudently to optimise returns and reduce exposure to risk in accordance with legislation and its own investment policy.

Attachments

Nil

9.8 MANAGING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP FROM COVID-19

File Number: RPT/20/174

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
 Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
 Reporting Officer: Vanessa Lock - Finance Officer
 Hodi Beauliv - Manager Finance

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

For Council to consider options for providing relief for ratepayers, businesses and organisations experiencing hardship due to the current COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

Recommendation

That Council approve the following measures to provide relief for ratepayers, businesses and organisations suffering hardship as a result of the current COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19):

- 1) That under Section 5.3 of Council's Hardship policy, Council recognises COVID-19 as exceptional circumstances, allowing delegated Council Officers to enter into payment agreements with ratepayers for the payment of rates and charges due, including writing-off or reducing interest if the person complies with the agreement (Section 564 of the Local Government Act 1993)
- 2) The Council approves the modification of debt recovery procedures under Council's Debt Recovery Policy, as outlined below for the next 3 months:
 - a. not commence any new legal actions to recover unpaid debts
 - b. not action any notices of demand that have already been issued
 - c. continue to progress any claims already active in the court system until a judgement is completed
- 3) Note that Council has been required to cancel and refund hire fees and user charges for a range of Council's facilities as a result of the lock down measures in place as a result of COVID-19

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider options for providing relief for ratepayers, businesses and organisations experiencing hardship due to COVID-19.

Background

Local businesses and organisations are experiencing hardship caused by COVID-19. As directed by the NSW Government many local businesses have closed their doors, ceased operation or reduced their normal trade and are currently experiencing cash flow problems.

It is expected that many residents will be impacted by COVID-19, losing their employment in the coming months as businesses can no longer operate.

Matters under consideration

Hardship

Under Section 564 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, (the Act) Council is able to assist ratepayers by offering agreements as to periodical payment of rates and charges. A Council may accept payment of rates and charges due and payable by a person in accordance with an agreement made with the person. The council may also write off or reduce interest accrued on rates or charges if the person complies with the agreement.

Under Section 5.3 of Council's Hardship Policy (attached), other exceptional circumstances will be considered on an individual basis. It is recommended that Council consider recognising COVID-19 as an exceptional circumstance.

As at 7 April 2020, Council had received 10 requests for assistance. It is expected this rate will continue to rise as more businesses and individuals are impacted by COVID-19 or when the final rate instalment is issued in May.

If approved, a dedicated Hardship application form will be developed for anyone seeking to apply for hardship due to COVID-19. This will help simplify the process. The form will be available online or hard copies can be posted. Once submitted, applications will be reviewed by Council's Rates Officer and a recommendation made to the delegated Officer of Council regarding a payment agreement (section 564 of the Act) and the reduction of interest or write off of accrued interest (Section 567 of the Act), if required.

The General Manager currently has the delegated authority to write off amounts less than \$2,000 of any rate or charge under the Local Government (General) Regulation, 2005. As decisions are made, they will be reported to Council in the monthly finance report. It is anticipated that the income lost due to interest being written off for a period of 6 months would be approximately \$30,000.

Debt Recovery

The Debt Recovery Policy (attached) outlines Council's debt recovery procedures. During COVID-19 these procedures may need to be temporarily modified to be sympathetic to ratepayers and debtors suffering genuine financial hardship.

The policy states Recovery Action shall commence for debts of \$20 or more, unless arrangements have been made for a payment plan. Recovery action includes reminder notices and final notices, prior to legal action being commenced. The first step of legal action is a notice of demand advising that Council will be progressing with legal proceedings if the debt is not paid.

It is recommended for the next three months Council not commence any new legal actions. Where a notice of demand has been issued, this not proceed to the next stage of legal actions. If a claim has already entered the court system, however, it is recommended that this process continue until a judgement is completed.

Council Fees and Charges

Due to the lock down measures in place as a result of COVID-19, a number of Council's facility bookings have had to be cancelled. This has resulted in a loss or refund of Council fees and charges. At this stage, this cost has been minimal, with an approximate reduction in income of \$3,000. This number is expected to increase if the lockdown continues, but it is not expected to have a significant impact on Council's financial position.

Options

Council can choose to approve, modify or not approve the measures listed to provide relief for ratepayers, businesses and organisations suffering hardship as a result of COVID-19.

Legal, strategic, financial or policy implications

The above recommendations comply with Council Policy and the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Conclusion

COVID-19 is creating financial hardship for ratepayers, businesses and organisations across the Wentworth Shire. Council can provide some relief to these ratepayers, businesses and organisations by extending its hardship policy for those impacted by COVID-19, modifying Council's debt recovery procedures and refunding hire fees and user charges for activities cancelled as a result of COVID-19.

Attachments

1. Wentworth Shire Council POLICY no AF013 - HARDSHIP [↓](#)
2. Wentworth Shire Council POLICY no AF014 - DEBT RECOVERY [↓](#)

Wentworth Shire Council

Council Policy No. AF013 (previously CP135)

HARDSHIP**DOCUMENT SUMMARY**

This Official Council Policy deals with residents experiencing hardship.

1. STATEMENT OF POLICY INTENT

The intent of this policy is to establish the circumstances in which Council will provide assistance to ratepayers suffering substantial financial hardship.

2. POLICY SCOPE

This policy is applicable to residents experiencing hardship.

3. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS (used in this policy)

This table summarises the main definitions and abbreviations contained within this policy.

Act	Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
GM	General Manager
Pensioner	An eligible pensioner as defined in clause 13 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005
Regulations	Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 (NSW)

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The purpose of this policy is to guide Council to offer assistance to ratepayers who are experiencing financial hardship.

5. POLICY

It is the policy of this Council that:-

- 5.1 Council will consider alternative arrangements in respect of the timing of their rate payments. Assistance is offered to ratepayers who are experiencing financial difficulties in paying their rates and charges. This assistance may take the form of:
 - Extending the period of time in which the outstanding rates may be repaid.
 - Writing off accrued interest.
 - Arranging of a payment agreement or schedule.
- 5.2 Each individual case will be considered on its merits. The criteria for assessment will be, but is not limited to, the following:
 - The amount of any rate increase when compared to the average rate increase for the rate category.
 - The amount of rates levied compared to the average rate of the rate category.
 - The ratepayer must own and occupy the property as their principal place of residence
 - The ratepayer is required to provide Council with details of all income and expenses from all sources, with supporting evidence
 - The ratepayer is to provide reasons and reasonable proof of financial hardship

The waiving of interest and/or the deferral of the payment of rates would only occur for ratepayers in the following circumstances, and subject to satisfactory completion of the Hardship Application form.

Wentworth Shire Council

Council Policy No. AF013 (previously CP135)

HARDSHIP

- Pensioners
- Extended Illness/Hospitalisation
- Unemployed – Upon production of written evidence

- 5.3 Other exceptional circumstances will be considered on an individual basis. The situation for each ratepayer where there is an agreement to defer payment of rates, is reviewed annually.

Council may write off unpaid rates, charges and interest accrued in the circumstances outlines in paragraph 131 of the Regulations. Such write off can occur by resolution of Council or by order in writing of the GM.

As a deterrent for late payment of rates, Council adopts the maximum interest rates to all overdue rates as advised by the Division of Local Government. The assistance provided will be determined under the legal requirements of the Act. Delegated Officers of Council can enter into payment agreements with ratepayers (Section 564 and 567 of the Act).

- 5.4 The Act provides Council with options for providing assistance to ratepayers who are finding it difficult to pay their rates and charges because of financial hardship. A summary of the options are as follows:

Section 601 refers to hardship arising from land valuation changes. Paragraph 1 states that if a ratepayer “..suffers substantial hardship...” as a result of the most recent land valuation “...used for the making and levying of a rate...may apply to Council for (rate) relief under this section”. Under paragraph 2, Council may waive, reduce or defer all or any of the increase referred to above “....as it thinks fit”.

Applications under Section 601 of the Act must be made during the first year a new land value is used for rating purposes. Where an application is made in the first year, an application can also be made in subsequent years of the valuation base date.

Pensioners’ rates and charges may be written off in accordance with Section 582 and 583 of the Act.

Section 577 of the Act allows an extension of the pensioner concession to avoid hardship and permits Council to issue an order specifying a person who is not an eligible pensioner and satisfies the criteria in paragraph (1)(a) to be an eligible pensioner for the purposes of this Section and therefore qualify for the full pensioner rate concession in respect of the property for the term of the order.

Section 564 & 567 enables Council to enter into payment agreements with rate payers, who cannot meet their normal instalment payments as provided by the LGA 1993.

7. ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

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Council Policy No. AF013 (previously CP135)

HARDSHIP

Document Approval

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This policy may be amended or revoked by Council at any time.



Policy Dated 28 June 2017

Approved and signed by Peter Kozlowski
General Manager of Wentworth Shire Council

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Council Policy No. AF014 (previously CP136)

DEBT RECOVERY**DOCUMENT SUMMARY**

This Official Council Policy deals with Council's debt recovery procedures.

1. STATEMENT OF POLICY INTENT

The intent of this policy is to:-

- To outline clear and appropriate debt recovery procedures which will be undertaken by Wentworth Shire Council; and
- To ensure effective control over all invoiced debts owed to Council (including Rates and Charges, Sundry Debtors and Water Usage Charges); and
- To be sympathetic to those ratepayers and debtors suffering genuine financial hardship; and
- To fulfill statutory requirements of both the Local Government Act, 1993 and Civil Procedure Act 2005, with respect to the recovery of rates and other debts; and
- To ensure the integrity and confidentiality of all proceedings for both the Council and the debtor.

2. POLICY SCOPE

This policy is applicable to all debtors of Wentworth Shire Council regardless of whether the debt is in relation to ordinary rates, special rates, charges, fees or income from services provided.

3. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS (used in this policy)

This table summarises the main definitions and abbreviations contained within this policy

Act	Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
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4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Nil.

5. POLICY

It is the policy of this Council that:-

- 5.1 Recovery action shall be commenced for all debts of \$20.00 or more unless arrangements have been made for payment by periodic payments under Section 564 of the Act.
- 5.2 Recovery action shall include Reminder Notices and Final Notices, prior to legal action being commenced.
- 5.3 Legal action shall be undertaken for all overdue debts that are \$300 or greater or at the discretion of the Director Sustainable Organisation and shall include a Notice of Demand, Statement of Liquidated Claim (Summons), Writs, garnishee orders, Section 569 notices, warrants of apprehension, notices to wind up a company and sale of land for overdue rates under Section 713 of the Local Government Act 1993.

7. ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Policy Dated 26 June 2017

Approved and signed by Peter Kozlowski
General Manager of Wentworth Shire Council

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Council Policy No. AF014 (previously CP136)

DEBT RECOVERY

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Policy Dated 28 June 2017

Approved and signed by Peter Kozlowski
General Manager of Wentworth Shire Council

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9.9 DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVALS AS AT END OF MARCH 2020

File Number: RPT/20/212

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Nicky Meredith - Coordinator Health and Planning

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire

Strategy: 1.1 Grow the potential for business and industry to develop and expand

Summary

For the month of March 2020, a total of 21 Development Applications and five S4.55 Modification Applications were determined under delegated authority by the Director Health and Planning.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$2,825,301.00. This brings the year to date total to 33 Development Applications approved and 11 S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$5,163,493.00.

Recommendation

- a) That Council receives and notes the report for the month of March 2020.
- b) That Council publicly notifies, for the purposes of Schedule 1 Division 4 Section 20 (2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the applications as listed in the attachment on the Wentworth Shire Council website.
- c) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW).

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a list of Development Applications as tabled in Attachment 1, determined under delegated authority by the Director Health and Planning for the month of March 2020, hence complying with the requirements under section 3.20 of the Office of Local Government Promoting Better Practice Program.

Conclusion

The total value of determinations was \$2,825,301.00 for the month of March 2020, which was more than the previous month of \$2,137,453.00. The average determination time was 34 days.

Attachments

1. Determination of Development Applications for the Month of March 2020 [↓](#)

DETERMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2020

File Number	Owner	Location	Description	Value (Ex GST)	Determination Date	Active Days to 31/03/2020
DA2019/100	Val Leake	15 Carramar Drive Lot 2 DP 240719 Gol Gol	Retaining wall	\$5,000.00	30/03/2020	136
DA2019/102	James & Barbara Harwood	59 Carramar Drive Lot 1 DP 1181910 Gol Gol	Boat Shed extension, pergola, access ramp & disabled access deck	\$25,000.00	18/03/2020	119
DA2019/158	Gerard Warburton	14 Boeill Creek Road Lot 14 DP 1188223	Storage shed	\$51,800.00	6/03/2020	50
DA2019/160	John O'Connor & Fiona Lavery	176 Pitman Avenue West Lot 407 DP 756961 Buronga	Dwelling, swimming pool & shed	\$900,000.00	13/03/2020	64
DA2020/003	Wentworth Angling Club Inc	1703 Renmark Road Lot 1 DP 1128335 Wentworth Fort Courage	Shade sail	\$3,000.00	2/03/2020	37
DA2020/004	Larry Dimasi	15A Modica Crescent Lot 1 DP 1194971 Buronga	Subdivision - One Lot into two Lots	\$0.00	20/03/2020	49
DA2020/005	Darcy Gordon	11 Mitchell Court Lot 30 DP 1229757 Gol Gol	Storage shed	\$12,000.00	2/03/2020	31
DA2020/006	Gerardus & Geraldine De Jong	13 Livingstone Drive Lot 54 DP 1229757 Gol Gol	Dwelling	\$270,900.00	2/03/2020	30
DA2020/007	Michael & Tanyia Brown	5 Hume Street Lot 3 Section 6 DP 758338 Dareton	Pergola	\$9,687.00	10/03/2020	35
DA2020/008	Brian & Cathryn James	17 River Road Lot 1 DP 1087658 Coomealla	Storage shed	\$99,000.00	5/03/2020	31
DA2020/009	Brock Chapman	26B Wadsworth Drive Lot 2 DP 1138324 Gol Gol	Carport	\$6,223.00	5/03/2020	29

DA2020/010	Sallie-Ann & Trevor Roelofs	7 Pine Road Lot 5 DP 1253735 Gol Gol	Dwelling with verandah & storage shed	\$404,688.00	2/03/2020	20
DA2020/011	Gerardus & Geraldine De Jong	13 Livingstone Drive Lot 54 DP 1229757 Gol Gol	Storage shed	\$16,173.00	10/03/2020	26
DA2020/012	Christopher Moyle & Sarah Woodburn	10 Livingstone Drive Lot 31 DP 1229757 Gol Gol	Storage shed	\$18,260.00	17/03/2020	25
DA2020/014	NSW Police Force	48-52 Sturt Place Lot 1 DP 856484 Dareton	Demolition of existing carport structure & replacement with 2 new carports	\$50,000.00	10/03/2020	18
DA2020/015	Jason & Natarsha Cullinan	169B Ryans Road Lot 124 DP 448616 Curlwaa	2 Storage sheds	\$142,258.00	18/03/2020	24
DA2020/017	Tracey Maynard	West Road Lot 424 & 425 DP 756961 Buronga	Subdivision - Boundary re-alignment 2 Lots into 2 Lots	\$0.00	20/03/2020	25
S4-55/2020/006	John O'Connor & Fiona Lavery	176 Pitman Avenue Lot 407 DP 756961 Buronga	Modify DA2019/142 Amend storage shed location	\$0.00	2/03/2020	10
DA2020/019	Donchai Chanchangthahan & Sarinthip Mahachot	66 Wood Street Lot 4 DP 1253735 Gol Gol	Dwelling & storage shed	\$376,900.00	25/03/2020	24
S4-55/2020/007	Cary Bennett	594 Pomona Road Lot 2 DP 185053 Pomona	Modify DA15/034 Amend dwelling design & location	\$0.00	30/03/2020	26
S4-55/2020/008	Bradley & Cheryl Smythe	68 Manly Road Lot 10 DP 807828 Curlwaa	Modify DA2019/109 Amend dwelling extension & renovation design	\$0.00	31/03/2020	27
DA2020/020	Karlle & Giuseppe Brigante	Waratah Court Lot 6 DP 1248641 Gol Gol	Dwelling	\$363,899.00	25/03/2020	22
DA2020/022	Wentworth Shire Council	308 Alcheringa Drive Lot 1 DP 604281 Buronga	Storage shed extension	\$10,512.74	16/03/2020	12
S4-55/2020/009	Dean & Deidre Cross	9 Perry Street Lot 1 DP 1074371 Wentworth	Modify DA2019/135 Basics change heating & cooling from evaporative to reverse cycle	\$0.00	12/03/2020	10

S4-55/2020/010	Amanda Edwards / Hederics	37 Drings Way Lot 45 DP 1069595 Gol Gol	Modify DA2018/166 Amend shed distance from boundary	\$0.00	12/03/2020	8
DA2020/028	Crown - Wentworth Shire Council Trustee	Mitchell Avenue Lot 7012 DP 1101611 Dareton	Relocation of existing scoreboard & erection of new scoreboard - George Gordon Oval sporting Complex	\$60,000.00	16/03/2020	8

9.10 A52 NOB ROAD CLOSURE & REALIGNMENT (OPENING)

File Number: RPT/20/176

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Hilary Dye - Property and Land Tenure Officer

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire

Strategy: 1.1 Grow the potential for business and industry to develop and expand

Summary

Council has been approached by Tronox Holdings to close a section of Nob Road Pooncarie so they can extend their mining operation at Snapper Mines, Pooncarie.

The proposal consists closing off a section of the existing Nob Road, with a new realignment to the west and a new intersection into Roo Roo Road as shown in the plan attached (1).

Recommendation

That Council supports the proposal by Tronox Holdings to close a section of Nob Road and realign with a new opening to the west of the existing road and creating a new intersection into Roo Roo Road, and undertakes the necessary steps outlined in the report in order to comply with the requirements of the Roads Act 1993.

Detailed Report**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide Councilors with the opportunity to review the proposal from Tronox Holdings to close a section of Nob Road, realign a new road to the west and create a new intersection into Roo Roo Road, Pooncarie.

Background

Tronox Holdings are expanding their existing Snapper Mine operations. As part of the extension, the proposed expanded mine area will extend over part of Nob Road, hence the closure of a section of the current formed road and realignment (attachment 4).

Tronox have engaged Tonkin to assist in the design and Council to determine the preferred alignment and the specific requirements for the relocation of the road.

Nob Road is currently a Council maintained road and lies within the approved area for Type 1 A-doubles and modular B-triples. It is also within the approved area with travel conditions for AB-triples

Onsite discussion was held between Tronox and Council representatives being the Manager of Works and the Team Leader of Roads; a Tonkin Consultant and their Project Engineer, as well as the Tronox Holdings Environmental Approvals Manager who agree to the determined realignment requirements for Nob Road.

From the advice of Council, Tronox Holdings have engaged a licensed surveyor who has surveyed the area & provided Council with the plans (3).

The road status report confirms that the road is a formed Council Public Road dedicated the Wentworth Shire Council.

Council being the Road Authority will need to undertake the procedure of the road closure and the road opening following the NSW legislative procedure set out in the *Roads Act 1993*.

Matters under consideration

1. Cost recovery
As defined in *Part 13 Division 5 Section 223 Road Act 1993* a Road Authority may charge fees for services - *but must not exceed the maximum fee (if any) prescribed by or calculated in accordance with the regulations for the kind of service concerned.*
2. Land Disposal *Roads Act 1993 s43*
When a constructed council public road is closed, it remains vested in council as council land. Councils may facilitate the subsequent sale of the council land and receive the proceeds of sale (proceeds of the sale can only be used for acquiring land for public roads or carrying out work on public roads).

OR

Upon the road closure, the land can be surrendered / vested to Crown Lands for their disposal making it claimable land which they may incorporate into existing Western Lands Leases (WLL).

Options

Based on the information contained in this report, the options available to address this matter are to:

- Proceed with Tronox Holdings proposal
- Refuse the proposal

It is recommended that council proceeds with the proposal. Council as the Road Authority will need to undertake the procedure of the road closure and the road opening in accordance with the *Roads Act 1993*.

1. Place a Public Notice advertisement in a local paper circulating in the same area as the intended road closing, providing 28 days for receipt of any submissions following the NSW legislative procedure as set out in the *Roads Act 1993*. (Note: this will be subject to print availability due to COVID19 constraints)
2. Advertise on Council's website
3. Send a letter of notification of the proposal to all affected parties (including adjoining and adjacent neighbours) and public authorities, noting the 28 days submission period.
4. Council staff will consider all submissions received and take appropriate action to resolve any objections.
5. After closure of exhibition period provide a report to Council.
6. All costs to be borne by Tronox Holdings

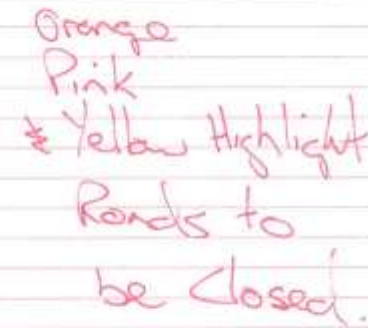
Upon the road closure, the land comprising of the former road will be vested to Crown Lands for their disposal.

Conclusion

It is concluded that the most appropriate course of action is for the Wentworth Shire Council, being the Authority of Nob Road to proceed with the proposed closure and opening of the new realignment under NSW legislative requirement of the *Roads Act 1993*.

Attachments

1. Road Map [↓](#)
2. Mine expansion / road alignment [↓](#)
3. Surveyed Plan Sheets [↓](#)
4. Snapper Mines Extension [↓](#)

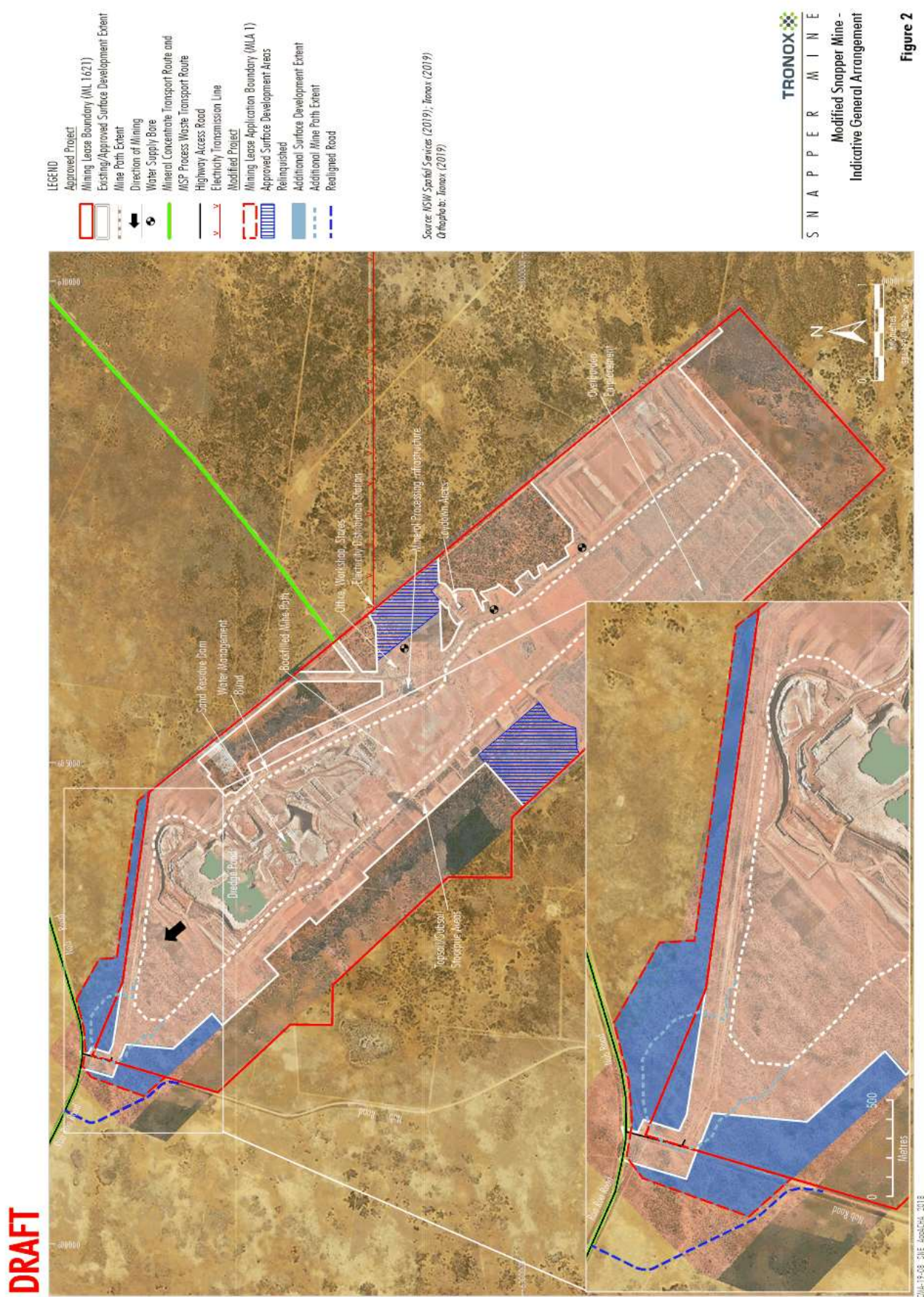












9.11 WENTWORTH LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2011 - PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR RECREATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE ZONES IN WENTWORTH

File Number: RPT/20/201

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning
Responsible Division: Health and Planning
Reporting Officer: Michele Bos - Strategic Development Officer

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth is a desirable Shire to visit, live, work and invest
Strategy: 2.5 Maintain/create desirable open spaces and recreation facilities

Summary

Wentworth Shire Council resolved to submit a Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment for consideration of a Gateway Determination, at its Ordinary Meeting 16 October 2019.

A Gateway Determination to proceed was received from the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment dated 28 November 2019. The Gateway to proceed was subject to conditions, all of which have been satisfied.

This report seeks Council's endorsement to refer the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment requesting that a draft LEP be prepared, Parliamentary Counsel Opinion be sought and plan be made, to allow for finalisation and notification of the amendment on the legislative website.

Recommendation

- a) That Council submits the Planning Proposal to amend the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011, by rezoning the subject sites to RE1 Public Recreation, RE2 Private Recreation and SP2 Infrastructure zones to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces requesting that, as Council does not have plan making delegations, a draft LEP be prepared and Parliamentary Counsel Opinion be sought and authority is given to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to make the plan, in accordance with Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- b) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement to refer the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment (the Department) seeking their assistance to prepare the draft LEP, obtain a Parliamentary Counsel Opinion and to make the plan to allow for the Wentworth LEP 2011 to be amended.

Background

The Planning Proposal for Recreation and Infrastructure zones in Wentworth was prepared as part of the implementation of actions contained in the Sustainable Wentworth Strategy 2016.

Council resolved to submit a Gateway Determination request to the Department at its Ordinary Meeting 16 October 2019. The Gateway Determination was issued by the Department dated 28 November 2019.

Refer to Attachment 1 - Gateway Determination issued 28 November 2019.

Matters under consideration

The Gateway Determination to proceed issued by the Department included five conditions, of which all have been satisfactorily satisfied.

Public exhibition was conducted from 10 January 2020 to 7 February 2020. The exhibition documents were available for viewing on Council's website and at the following locations:

- Council Office, 26 Adelaide Street, Wentworth
- Dareton Library, Millie Street, Dareton
- Midway Centre, Midway Drive, Buronga

Two public notice advertisements were also included in the Sunraysia Daily and the Friday Focus of the Mildura Weekly newspapers.

At the close of the exhibition period, Council had not received any public submissions to the planning proposal.

The Gateway Determination also required Council to consult with the Crown Lands division of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Initial consultation with Crown Lands culminated in their response advising that they did not support the proposed rezoning of Site 13 - Wentworth Sporting Complex to RE2 Private Recreation.

The Crown Lands response also highlighted a mapping error contained in the planning proposal. A small portion of the lot used by the Wentworth Rifle Range club was included in the proposed rezoning of Site 12 – Wentworth Showgrounds. This error was rectified prior to the Planning Proposal being exhibited and Site 12 now only pertains to the Wentworth Showgrounds.

Refer to Attachment 2 – Crown Lands Pre- Gateway response to Planning Proposal.

Consultation during the exhibition period as conditioned by the Gateway Determination culminated in Council receiving a response from Crown Lands. In particular, the response advised that upon further review of Site 13 – Wentworth Sporting Complex, Crown Lands submitted that it did not object to the proposal to rezone Site 13 to RE2 Private Recreation.

Refer to Attachment 3 – Crown Lands formal response to Planning Proposal.

To ensure the matter had been finally resolved with Crown Lands, Council sought their advice by letter 31 January 2020. The response received confirmed Crown Lands support to rezone Site 13 to RE2 Private Recreation and acknowledgement that the Rifle Range Club area had been removed from the mapping.

Refer to Attachment 4 – Crown Lands final response to Site 13.

Following consultation with Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands, the Planning Proposal has been finalised for submission to the Department.

Refer to Attachment 5 – Final Planning Proposal Amendment to WLEP 2011 Recreation & Infrastructure zones.

The Gateway Determination issued by the Department did not delegate plan making authority to Council. Therefore Council is required to request that the Department prepare the draft plan, seek Parliamentary Counsel Opinion and make the plan to finalise the amendment, on behalf of Wentworth Shire Council.

Options

Based on the information contained in this report, the options available to address this matter are to:

- Submit the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment requesting that the draft plan be prepared, Parliamentary Counsel Opinion is sought and the final plan for notification on the legislative website is made in accordance with S3.36 of the EP&A Act.

Legal, strategic, financial or policy implications

The resolution of Council as recommended by this report satisfies Council's obligations under the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 and the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

The finalisation of this planning proposal will ensure that Recommendation 1 of the Sustainable Wentworth Strategy 2016 is satisfactorily actioned and completed.

Conclusion

It is concluded that the appropriate course of action is to resolve to submit this planning proposal to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to seek the Department's assistance to prepare the draft plan, obtain Parliamentary Counsel Opinion and to make the final plan for notification on the legislative website.

Attachments

1. Attachment 1 - Gateway Determination issued 28 November 2019.[↓](#)
2. Attachment 2 - Crown Lands Pre-Gateway response to Planning Proposal.[↓](#)
3. Attachment 3 - Crown Lands formal response to Planning Proposal.[↓](#)
4. Attachment 4 - Crown Lands final response to Site 13.[↓](#)
5. Attachment 5 - Final Planning Proposal Amendment to WLEP 2011 Recreation & Infrastructure zones.[↓](#)



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Mr Ken Ross
General Manager
Wentworth Shire Council
PO Box 81
WENTWORTH NSW 2648

Attention: Ms Michele Bos, Strategic Development Officer

Dear Mr Ross

Planning proposal (PP_2019_WENTW_003_00) to amend Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011- recreation and infrastructure.

I am writing in response to Council's request for a Gateway determination under section 3.34(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) in respect of the planning proposal to rezone public land to RE1 Public Recreation, RE2 Private Recreation and SP2 Infrastructure to reflect the current land use and make minor land use table amendments.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, I have now determined that the planning proposal should proceed subject to the conditions in the enclosed Gateway determination.

I have also agreed, as delegate of the Secretary, the planning proposal's inconsistencies with section 9.1 Directions 1.2 Rural Zones, 1.5 Rural Lands, 2.1 Environment Protection Zones, 2.3 Heritage Conservation, 3.1 Residential Zones, 4.3 Flood Prone Land are justified in accordance with the terms of the Direction. In relation to section 9.1 Direction 6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes, I have agreed to the creation of land for public purposes on the basis that the land is currently being utilised for recreation purposes and the only change as part of this proposal is to confirm the appropriate land zoning. No further approval is required in relation to these Directions.

I have considered Council's request to be the local plan-making authority and have determined not to condition the Gateway for Council to be the local plan-making authority as Council are the owners or trustees of the land subject to the planning proposal.

I also note the Crown Lands, as the land owner, has raised no objection to the proposed rezonings except for Site 13 – Wentworth Sporting Complex being rezoned to zone RE2 – Private Open Space. Consultation with Crown Lands is required to resolve this matter prior to the amending local environmental plan (LEP) being

submitted to the Department for finalisation.

The amending LEP is to be finalised within 12 months of the date of the Gateway determination. Council should aim to commence the exhibition of the planning proposal as soon as possible. Council's request for the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to draft and finalise the LEP should be made ten (10) weeks prior to the projected publication date. A copy of the request should be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (westernregion@planning.nsw.gov.au).

All related files for LEP Amendment, including PDF maps, Map Cover Sheet, planning proposal document and GIS data, if available, must be submitted to the Department via the Planning Portal website at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/reporting/online-submission-planning-data.

The state government is committed to reducing the time taken to complete LEPs by tailoring the steps in the process to the complexity of the proposal, and by providing clear and publicly available justification for each plan at an early stage. In order to meet these commitments, the Minister may take action under section 3.32(2)(d) of the Act if the time frames outlined in this determination are not met.

Should you have any enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mr Haydon Murdoch to assist you. Mr Murdoch can be contacted on (02) 62297914.

Yours sincerely



28/11/2019

Damien Pfeiffer
Director, Western Region
Local and Regional Planning

Encl: Gateway determination



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Gateway Determination

Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP_2019_WENTW_003_00): to rezone public land to RE1 Public Recreation, RE2 Private Recreation and SP2 Infrastructure to reflect the current land use and make minor amendments to the land use tables.

I, the Director, Western Region at the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, as delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, have determined under section 3.34(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) that an amendment to the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2011 to rezone public land to RE1 Public Recreation, RE2 Private Recreation and SP2 Infrastructure to reflect the current land use and make minor land use table amendments should proceed subject to the following conditions:

1. Public exhibition is required under section 3.34(2)(c) and schedule 1 clause 4 of the Act as follows:
 - (a) the planning proposal must be made publicly available for a minimum of **28 days**; and
 - (b) the planning proposal authority must comply with the notice requirements for public exhibition of planning proposals and the specifications for material that must be made publicly available along with planning proposals as identified in section 6.5.2 of *A guide to preparing local environmental plans* (Department of Planning and Environment, 2018).
2. Consultation is required with Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands under section 3.34(2)(d) of the Act. Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands is to be provided with a copy of the planning proposal and any relevant supporting material and given at least 21 days to comment on the proposal.
3. A public hearing is not required to be held into the matter by any person or body under section 3.34(2)(e) of the Act. This does not discharge Council from any obligation it may otherwise have to conduct a public hearing (for example, in response to a submission or if reclassifying land).
4. Prior to the submission of the planning proposal under section 3.36 of the Act, mapping must be prepared and be compliant with the Department's 'Standard Technical Requirements for Spatial Datasets and Maps' 2017.
5. The time frame for completing the LEP is to be **12 months** following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated 28 day of November 2019.



**Damien Pfeiffer
Director, Western Region
Local and Regional Planning
Department of Planning, Industry and
Environment**

**Delegate of the Minister for Planning
and Public Spaces**

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10/05/2019

Thank you for the opportunity to review the planning proposal to rezone the listed recreational areas within your local government area.

A spreadsheet outlining the proposed changes, along with the Departments responses has been provided below:

Please note, there are no objections from Site 1 through to Site 12 and also Site 14 through to Site 16

The Department does not support Site 13 being rezoned into proposed RE2 - Private Recreation, as this is not consistent with the gazetted use for Public Recreation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if any further clarification is required

Kind Regards

Deena Robinson

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Site Number	SLM/Name of Reserve	Management	Purpose	Usage	Current Tenure	Recommend Zoning Change
1	Wentworth Sporting Complex Reserve Trust	Wentworth Shire Council	Public Recreation	Swimming Pool and Oval	NA	No objections to rezoning proposal
2	Wentworth EDS Reserve Trust (RESERVE TRUST)	Wentworth Shire Council	Access	1/705886 is owned by Wentworth Shire Council	NA	No objections to rezoning proposal
3	Strother Park Reserve Trust	Wentworth Shire Council	Public Recreation	unsure	NA	No objections to rezoning proposal
4	Reserve 66671	Wentworth Shire Council - devolved	Public Recreation	Playground	NA	No objections to rezoning proposal
5	Reserve 89749	Wentworth Shire Council - devolved	Public Recreation		NA	No objections to rezoning proposal
6	The Great Murray Darling Junction Reserve Trust	Wentworth Shire Council	Public Recreation		591049 - pipeline, pump station, storage area, temporary site office.602093 -Acquisition Water NSW	No objections to rezoning proposal
7	Wentworth Rowing Club Reserve Trust	Wentworth Shire Council	Public Recreation	Rowing Club	NA	No objections to rezoning proposal
8	Wentworth Wharf Reserve Trust	Wentworth Shire Council	Public Recreation	Sewer Pump Station	Current Acquisition for sale of Wentworth Wharf Sewer Pump Station. 465619 -Current Licence	No objections to rezoning proposal

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					for Mooring Piles and Wharf by Council			
9	Wentworth Public Recreation (R87379) Reserve Trust	Wentworth Shire Council	Public Recreation	Fotherby Sewer Pump Station		No objections to rezoning proposal		
10	Apex Park Reserve Trust	Wentworth Shire Council	children's playground	Playground	568688 - Acquisition for Sewer Pump Station - Wentworth Shire Council	No objections to rezoning proposal		
11	Wentworth Public Recreation (R81861) Reserve Trust	Wentworth Shire Council	Public Recreation	Rotary Playground	NA	No objections to rezoning proposal		
12	Wentworth Showgrounds Reserve Trust - 630001	Wentworth Shire Council	Showground	Showground	Licence 187980 for Wentworth Show Society Inc- pumpsite. Licence 192185 Wentworth Rifle Club for rifle range. 592200 - current Acquisition 592200 for Sewerage Disposal Project by Wentworth Shire Council	Lot 1 DP 762875 has been cut by proposed rezoning. Larger area to the north should be included to capture/include all of firing range- this would be consistent with Site 14		
13	Adams Street And Thegoa Lagoon Reserve Trust	Wentworth Shire Council	Public Recreation	Golf Course	Current Trust Tenure - 472309	No objections to rezoning proposal		
	Wentworth Sporting Complex Reserve Trust	Wentworth Shire Council	Public Recreation	Golf Course	Current Trust Tenure - 472309	No objections to rezoning proposal		

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	Thegoa Lagoon Reserve Trust	Wentworth Shire Council	Plantation, Public Recreation		507251 - NSW Water monitoring gauge, pipeline	Rezoning proposal for RE2 not supported by Crown Lands . No objections to rezoning of this area as RE1 or RU1
14	WLL 13725(Account 168778)	Wentworth Pistol Club Inc	Business, Recreation	Pistol Club		No objections to rezoning proposal
15	Owned by Wentworth Shire Council			Wentworth Water Treatment Plant		No objections to rezoning proposal
16	R32015	Defaulted to Minister	public buildings			No objections to rezoning proposal
	Wentworth War Memorial Reserve Trust	Wentworth Shire Council	war memorial	war memorial		No objections to rezoning proposal



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Our ref: WL93H0002-3
File: DOC20/017830

30 January 2020

Dear Mr Amoateng

Subject: L1/78 - External Referral Crown Lands - Planning Proposal - Rezone Recreation and Infrastructure Lots in the Wentworth Township PP_2019_WENTW_003_00

I refer to your email dated 9 April 2019 seeking comment from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands (the department) regarding the rezoning of 16 sites within your local government area.

In our initial response dated 10 May 2019, the department noted no objections to the proposed rezoning of lands at the following sites:

- Site 1 through to Site 12
- Site 14 through to Site 16

Objections were however noted to the rezoning of Site 13. The department has again reviewed Site 13 and now has **no** objection to the proposal to rezone the area from RU5 Village/RU1 Primary Production to RE2 Private Recreation.

Also, it was noted in the department's response:

- Site 12 – Wentworth Showgrounds

Lot 1 DP 752875 has been partially included in diagram for rezoning to RE1 but has not been included in the Table 14 (Lots contained in Site 12). The department has no objection to the whole of Lot 1 DP 752875 being included in this rezoning, as there is a current licence over this lot for the purpose of "Rifle Range".

Should you require any further information or clarification, please contact Deena Robinson at deena.robinson@crownland.nsw.gov.au or (02) 6883 5459.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Barker'.

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24 February 2020

Dear Mr Amoateng

Subject: L1/78 - External Referral Crown Lands - Planning Proposal - Rezone Recreation and Infrastructure Lots in the Wentworth Township PP_2019_WENTW_003_00

I refer to your letter dated 31 January 2020 seeking confirmation from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands (the department) regarding the change in zoning for Site 13 in your L1/78 PP 2019 Wentworth Planning Proposal within the Wentworth Local Government Area.

In our response dated 30 January 2020, the department noted the initial objections to the proposed rezoning of lands have been investigated further by the department, and now has no objections to Site 13 being zoned as RE2 – Private Recreation.

It is also noted Council have amended the zoning map to exclude Lot 1 DP 752875, which was originally included in error.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please contact Deena Robinson at deena.robinson@crownland.nsw.gov.au or (02) 6883 5459.

Yours sincerely,

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Shaun Barker
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Planning Proposal

Amendment to the Wentworth Local Environment Plan 2011

2019 Wentworth Recreation & Infrastructure Planning Proposal



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INTRODUCTION

This planning proposal relates to numerous identified parcels of land ('the subject lands') in and around the Wentworth Township. The subject lands are presented in Table 1 and Figure 1. The planning proposal seeks to rezone the subject lands to better reflect their purposes and optimise their uses. Overall, the planning proposal contains amendments to the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan (WLEP) 2011 land use table and land zoning maps.

The planning proposal has been prepared in accordance with Section 3.33 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) and the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's: *A Guide to Preparing Planning Proposals 2016 ('the guide')*. The planning proposal seeks a Gateway Determination under Section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The completed Information Checklist is provided in Appendix 1.

Council is seeking delegation to make this plan as the matters contained in the planning proposal are considered to be of local significance. The evaluation criteria for the delegation of plan making function checklist will be provided separately.

Table 1: Summary of subject lands

Site	Description	Current Zoning	Proposed Zoning
1	Wentworth Swimming Pool and Football Oval	RU5 Village	RE1 Public Recreation
2	Wentworth Highway Rest Stop	RU5 Village	RE1 Public Recreation
3	Wentworth Strother Park	RU5 Village	RE1 Public Recreation
4	Sturt Park	RU5 Village	RE1 Public Recreation
5	Wentworth Junction Park	RU5 Village	RE1 Public Recreation
6	Wentworth Junction Point (Ski Reserve)	RU5 Village	RE1 Public Recreation
7	Wentworth Rowing Club	RU5 Village	RE1 Public Recreation
8	Wentworth Wharf	RU5 Village	RE1 Public Recreation
9	Wentworth Fotherby Park	RU5 Village	RE1 Public Recreation
10	Wentworth Apex Park	RU5 Village	RE1 Public Recreation
11	Wentworth Rotary Park	RU5 Village	RE1 Public Recreation
12	Wentworth Showgrounds	Part RU5 Village and Part RU1 Primary Production	RE1 Public Recreation
13	Wentworth Sporting Complex	Part RU5 Village and Part RU1 Primary Production	RE2 Private Recreation
14	Wentworth Pistol Club	RU1 Primary Production	RE2 Private Recreation
15	Wentworth Water Works	RU5 Village	SP2 Infrastructure



Figure 1: Subject lands of the planning proposal

PART 1 – OBJECTIVES AND INTENDED OUTCOMES

This planning proposal proposes minor amendments to the land zoning and land use table of the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan (WLEP) 2011. The specific objectives and intended outcomes of the planning proposal are to:

- a) Ensure the zoning of the subject lands accurately reflect their actual uses and purposes.
- b) Ensure protection and availability of the subject lands for their current and intended uses and purposes in the future.
- c) Rectify inconsistencies contained in the land use table.
- d) Achieve optimum planning, land use and management outcomes and public interest for the subject lands.

PART 2 – EXPLANATIONS OF PROVISIONS

The subject lands are proposed to be rezoned to either RE1 Private Recreation, RE2 Private Recreation or SP2 Infrastructure based on their assessed current uses and potential future uses under the Sustainable Wentworth Strategy 2016. The intended outcome will be achieved by amending the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan (WLEP) 2011 as follows:

- Insert an amended Land Zoning Map LZN 002D as per Figure 17.
- Amend Land Use Table for Zone RE2 Private Recreation zone by deleting *Home industries and Seniors Housing* from 3 Permitted with consent.

PART 3 – JUSTIFICATION

This section of the Planning Proposal sets out the justification for the intended outcomes and provisions, including the process for their implementation. The questions to which responses have been provided are taken from the guide.

Justifications provided under criteria 1 to 5 below apply to the planning proposal in general.

Justifications under criteria 6 to 12 are provided individually for the subject lands.

Section A – Need for the Planning Proposal

1. Is the planning proposal a result of any strategic study or report?

Yes. The planning proposal is consistent with the Sustainable Wentworth Strategy. This document was adopted by the Wentworth Shire Council in August 2016 to guide the future development of the township of Wentworth and to provide opportunities for alternative uses of specific sites around the township.

The strategic document identifies and recommends the subject lands for rezoning to facilitate effective development and maintenance of recreational areas and infrastructure in the town. The subject lands were also recommended for rezoning to ensure that the land zones applied to them accurately reflect the on ground uses and purposes.

2. Is the planning proposal the best means of achieving the objectives or intended outcomes, or is there a better way?

This planning proposal is considered to be the best means of achieving the objective and intended outcome for the subject lands consistent with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The objective and intended outcomes aim to facilitate efficient and sustainable development and use of the subject lands to meet current and future needs of the Wentworth community. These intended outcomes are elaborated below:

- i. The subject lands for rezoning are all currently zoned RU5 Village, except Sites 12 and 13 which are partly zoned RU1 Primary Production and Site 14 which is wholly zoned RU1 Primary Production. In terms of the proposed zoning, Sites 1-12 are proposed to be rezoned to RE1 Public Recreation, Sites 13-14 to RE2 Private Recreation and Site 15 to SP2 Infrastructure. It should be noted that while the existing zones applied to all 15 sites support their current recreational and infrastructure uses, the proposed zones, being RE1 Public Recreation, RE2 Private Recreation and SP2 Infrastructure will more accurately reflect current uses, purposes, ownership and management of the respective subject lands. So while rezoning is not required in theory for these subject lands, it is practical and relevant to do so to reflect and optimise their current and future uses and management.
- ii. It is further proposed to amend the land use table for the RE2 Private Recreation zone by deleting “Home industries” and “Seniors Housing” from permitted with consent, as these uses do not complement the intent of this recreational zone. It is noted that these uses were incorrectly included as ‘permitted with consent’ under the land use table for the RE2 Private

Recreation zone, given that the suite of residential accommodation including dwelling houses are currently prohibited in the zone.

The intended outcomes outlined above can only be achieved through a planning proposal to amend the land use table and land zoning map of WLEP 2011.

3. Is there a net community benefit?

There is an overall net community benefit from the planning proposal through generation of social, economic and environmental gains in the Wentworth Township.

The proposed zones, RE1 Public Recreation and RE2 Private Recreation for the existing recreational areas will facilitate proper development and management of public open spaces and parks in the town. This will subsequently provide social and biodiversity benefits such as healthy environment and enhanced community interaction among others. In addition, the proposed zone SP2 Infrastructure is envisaged to improve efficiency and provide flexibility in the development and maintenance of infrastructure at the subject land, which will positively impact on the delivery of essential services for the Wentworth community.

Thus, this planning proposal provides greater opportunity for continued availability of recreational facilities and essential infrastructure services in Wentworth.

Section B – Relationship to Strategic Planning Framework

4. Is the planning proposal consistent with the objectives and actions of the applicable regional, sub-regional or district plan or strategy (including any exhibited draft plans or strategies)?

The regional plans applicable to the planning proposal are the Far West Regional Plan 2036 and the Draft Murray Regional Strategy 2009-2036.

The Far West Regional Plan 2036 is the NSW Government's 20-year development blueprint for the future of Western NSW. The goal of the plan is to create a diverse economy supported by the right infrastructure, an exceptional natural environment and resilient communities in the Far West region. This planning proposal is consistent with the plan as the rezoning will ensure better protection and management of natural and man-made recreational areas in Wentworth. In addition, the planning proposal will facilitate efficient development and maintenance of essential infrastructure in the town.

The Draft Murray Regional Strategy 2009-2036 is a long-term land use planning strategy prepared by the NSW Government to guide sustainable land use and economic development in the NSW Murray Region over a period of 25 years. Among others, the strategy identifies the need for an adequate supply of new employment land and continued provision of adequate services and infrastructure to support the residents and jobs in the regions. The proposed rezoning of the subject lands in this planning proposal is consistent with the strategy as it will ensure availability of recreational and infrastructure facilities to support residents of Wentworth.

5. Is the planning proposal consistent with a council's local strategy or other local strategic plan?

This planning proposal is consistent with the Wentworth Shire Council's Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027 and the Sustainable Wentworth Strategy 2016.

The Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027 articulates a vision of making the Wentworth Shire a thriving region, supported by a robust economic base, distinctive open spaces, and strong local governance and leadership.

The four strategic goals of the plan are to make the Wentworth Shire a:

- a) vibrant, growing and thriving shire;
- b) desirable shire to visit, live, work and invest;
- c) community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets; and
- d) caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future.

This planning proposal to rezone the subject lands is consistent with the goals of the plan in that it will enhance management and availability of recreational areas, as well as facilitate efficient provision and maintenance of infrastructure services in the Wentworth Township. Thus, the objectives and intended outcomes of this planning proposal enable execution of strategies and actions developed to achieve the goals and deliver the vision of the strategic plan.

This planning proposal is consistent with the Sustainable Wentworth Strategy, which was adopted by the Wentworth Shire Council in August 2016. The strategic document was developed to guide development of the Wentworth Township to ensure continued provision and availability of services that meet the expectations and future needs of the residents.

The recommendation section of the document states that some sites or areas in the town that are currently zoned RU5 Village or RU1 Primary Production zone should be rezoned to support anticipated future land uses required for ensuring continued growth and sustainability of the township.

Specifically, 'Recommendation 1' of the strategy identified and recommended Sites 1-15 to be rezoned to more accurately reflect the on ground activities and purpose of those sites. Therefore, this planning proposal in effect implements the strategic document, which was strongly supported by the community and Council.

Site 1 – Wentworth Swimming Pool and Football Oval – Justification

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to rezone Lot 7322 DP 1158106 and part of Lot 7320 DP1158106, which are located at the corner of Beverley and Adelaide Streets from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The lots are Crown owned land and managed by Wentworth Shire Council as Trustee for public recreational use. The lots contain the Wentworth Swimming Pool and MacLeod Football Oval, which are both open to the public. This site is proposed for rezoning to more accurately reflect the existing recreational use.

The proposed amendment will be achieved by amending land zoning map sheet **LZN_002D** as shown in Figure 2 below.



Figure 2: Site 1- Wentworth Swimming Pool and Football Oval

6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

There is no applicable SEPP for this site.

7. Is the Planning Proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s. 9.1 Directions)?

The relevant Section 9.1 Directions are assessed in 2 Table below.

Table 2: Assessment of Site 1 against applicable Ministerial Directions

Section 9.1 Direction	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
3. Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development			
3.1 Residential Zones	Y	N	This planning proposal is inconsistent with this direction as it proposes to rezone the subject land from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The inconsistency is of minor significance as the land is identified for public recreation purposes and will not be developed for residential purposes.
5. Regional Planning			
5.10 Implementation of Regional Plans	Y	Y	The planning proposal is consistent with all relevant regional plans as discussed under Section B of Part 3 above.
6. Local Plan Making			
6.1 Approval and Referral Requirements	Y	Y	Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning.

6.2	Reserving Land for Public Purposes	Y	Y	Council has obtained approval from Crown Land to proceed with the proposed rezoning.
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Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact

8. Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?

The proposed rezoning will not have adverse impact on critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

9. Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?

There are no other foreseen significant environmental effects associated with the proposed rezoning of the subject land.

10. How has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?

The planning proposal is anticipated to have a positive social effect on the locality by ensuring availability of recreational areas for use by community and visitors. This will promote social cohesion, as well as provide an opportunity for active, healthy lifestyle choices in Wentworth.

Section D – State and Commonwealth interests

11. Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?

The planning proposal will not result in additional demand for public infrastructure.

12. What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination?

Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning. Additional consultation with any State or Commonwealth public authorities can be conditioned as part of the gateway determination.

Site 2 – Wentworth Highway Rest Stop - Justification

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to rezone Lot 7344 DP 1150178 and Lot 1 DP705886 on Adams Street from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. Lot 7344 DP 1150178 is Crown owned land with Wentworth Shire Council as Trustee while Lot 1 DP705886 is Council owned land. The site is used as rest area and public open space. The park is equipped with a Barbeque, park tables and benches and an information bay. This site is proposed for rezoning to more accurately reflect the existing recreational use.

The proposed amendment will be achieved by amending land zoning map sheet LZN_002D as shown in Figure 4 below.



Figure 3: Site 3-Wentworth Highway Rest Stop

6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

There is no applicable SEPP for this site.

7. Is the Planning Proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s. 9.1 Directions)?

The relevant Section 9.1 Directions are assessed in Table 4 below.

Table 3: Assessment of Site 3 against applicable Ministerial Directions

Section 9.1 Direction	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
2. Environment and Heritage			
2.1 Environment Protection Zones	Y	Y	The planning proposal does not propose to reduce the environmental protection and conservation standards applying to environmentally sensitive areas within the subject land.
3. Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development			
3.1 Residential Zones	Y	N	This planning proposal is inconsistent with this direction as it proposes to rezone the subject land from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The inconsistency is of minor significance as the land is identified for public recreation purposes and will not be developed for residential purposes.
4. Hazard and Risk			

4.3 Flood Prone Land	Y	Y	This planning proposal does not propose any land use or development that will result in significant flood impacts to other properties. Moreover, any future development on the flood affected part of the subject land will be subject to the flood planning controls under Clause 7.3 Flood Planning of the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011, which are consistent with the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy and the principles of the Floodplain Development Manual 2005 (including the Guideline on Development Controls on Low Flood Risk Areas). The WLEP 2011 provisions on flood prone land are commensurate with flood hazard, and include consideration of the potential flood impacts both on and off site and requirement for development within flood planning area to be at least 0.75 m freeboard of the flood planning level.
5. Regional Planning			
5.10 Implementation of Regional Plans	Y	Y	The planning proposal is consistent with all relevant regional plans as discussed under Section B of Part 3 above.
6. Local Plan Making			
6.1 Approval and Referral Requirements	Y	Y	Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning.
6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes	Y	Y	Council has obtained approval from Crown Land to proceed with the proposed rezoning.

Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact

8. *Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?*

The proposed rezoning will not have adverse impact on critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

9. *Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?*

There are no other foreseen significant environmental effects associated with the proposed rezoning of the subject land.

10. *How has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?*

The planning proposal is anticipated to have positive social effect on the locality by ensuring availability of recreational areas for use by the community and visitors. This will promote social cohesion, as well as provide active, healthy lifestyle choices in Wentworth.

Section D – State and Commonwealth interests

11. ***Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?***

The planning proposal will not result in additional demand for public infrastructure.

12. ***What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination?***

Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning. Additional consultation with any State or Commonwealth public authorities can be conditioned as part of the gateway determination.

Site 3 – Wentworth Strother Park - Justification

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to rezone Lot 7351 DP 1178836 on Beverley Street from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The lot is Crown owned land and managed by Wentworth Shire Council as Trustee for public recreational use. The site is an existing park that serves as public open space and is equipped with playground equipment, public toilets and park tables and benches. This site is proposed for rezoning to more accurately reflect the existing recreational use.

The proposed amendment will be achieved by amending land zoning map sheet LZN_002D as shown in Figure 3 below.



Figure 4: Site 2-Wentworth Strother Park

6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

There is no applicable SEPP for this site.

7. Is the Planning Proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s. 9.1 Directions)?

The relevant Section 9.1 Directions are assessed in Table 3 below.

Table 4: Assessment of Site 2 against applicable Ministerial Directions

Section 9.1 Direction	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
3. Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development			
3.1 Residential Zones	Y	N	This planning proposal is inconsistent with this direction as it proposes to rezone the subject land from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The inconsistency is of minor significance as the land is identified for public recreation purposes and will not be developed for residential purposes.
5. Regional Planning			
5.10 Implementation of Regional Plans	Y	Y	The planning proposal is consistent with all relevant regional plans as discussed under Section B of Part 3 above.
6. Local Plan Making			
6.1 Approval and Referral Requirements	Y	Y	Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning.
6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes	Y	Y	Council has obtained approval from Crown Land to proceed with the proposed rezoning.

Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact

8. ***Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?***

The proposed rezoning will not have adverse impact on critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

9. ***Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?***

There are no other foreseen significant environmental effects associated with the proposed rezoning of the subject land.

10. ***How has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?***

The planning proposal is anticipated to have a positive social effect on the locality by ensuring availability of recreational areas for use by the community and visitors. This will promote social cohesion, as well as provide an opportunity for active, healthy lifestyle choices in Wentworth.

11. ***Section D – State and Commonwealth interests***

12. ***Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?***

The planning proposal will not result in additional demand for public infrastructure.

13. ***What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination?***

Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning. Additional consultation with any State or Commonwealth public authorities can be conditioned as part of the gateway determination.

Site 4 – Wentworth Sturt Park - Justification

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to rezone Lots 9 & 10 Section 8 DP 759074 on Cadell Street from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The lot is Crown owned land and managed by Wentworth Shire Council as Trustee for public recreational use. The site is an existing park that is used as public open space and is equipped with playground equipment and park tables and benches. This site is proposed for rezoning to more accurately reflect the existing recreational use.

The proposed amendment will be achieved by amending land zoning map sheet LZN_002D as shown in Figure 5 below.



Figure 5: Site 4- Wentworth Sturt Park

6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

There is no applicable SEPP for this site.

7. Is the Planning Proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s. 9.1 Directions)?

The relevant Section 9.1 Directions are assessed in the Table 5 below.

Table 5: Assessment of Site 4 against applicable Ministerial Directions

Section 9.1 Direction	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
3. Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development			
3.1 Residential Zones	Y	N	This planning proposal is inconsistent with this direction as it proposes to rezone the subject land from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The inconsistency is of minor significance as the land is identified for public recreation purposes and will not be developed for residential purposes.
5. Regional Planning			
5.10 Implementation of Regional Plans	Y	Y	The planning proposal is consistent with all relevant regional plans as discussed under Section B of Part 3 above.
6. Local Plan Making			
6.1 Approval and Referral Requirements	Y	Y	Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning.
6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes	Y	Y	Council has obtained approval from Crown Land to proceed with the proposed rezoning.

*Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact***8. Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?**

The proposed rezoning will not have adverse impact on critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

9. Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?

There are no other foreseen significant environmental effects associated with the proposed rezoning of the subject land.

10. How has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?

The planning proposal is anticipated to have a positive social effect on the locality by ensuring availability of recreational areas for use by the community and visitors. This will promote social cohesion, as well as provide opportunity for active, healthy lifestyle choices in Wentworth.

*Section D – State and Commonwealth interests***11. Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?**

The planning proposal will not result in additional demand for public infrastructure.

12. What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination?

Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning. Additional consultation with any State or Commonwealth public authority can be conditioned as part of the gateway determination.

Site 5 – Wentworth Junction Park - Justification

This site is proposed to be rezoned from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. This site comprises 25 lots as listed in Table 6, and are all Crown owned land with Wentworth Shire Council being the Trustee. The existing park at the site serves as public open space and a playground, and is equipped with facilities such as barbeque, park tables and benches, public toilet and information bay. This site is proposed for rezoning to more accurately reflect the existing recreational use of the site.

Table 6: Lots contained in Site 5

Lot	Address	Land Tenure	Current Zoning
Lot 1 Sec 4A DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 2 Sec 4A DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 3 Sec 4A DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 4 Sec 4A DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 5 Sec 4A DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 6 Sec 4A DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 7 Sec 4A DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 8 Sec 4A DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 7335 DP 1173326	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 1 Sec 4 DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 2 Sec 4 DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 3 Sec 4 DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 4 Sec 4 DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 5 Sec 4 DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 6 Sec 4 DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 7 Sec 4 DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 8 Sec 4 DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 9 Sec 4 DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 10 Sec 4 DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 7336 DP 1173326	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 1 Sec 3 DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 2 Sec 3 DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 3 Sec 3 DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 4 Sec 3 DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 5 Sec 3 DP 759074	Cadell Street	Crown	RU5 Village

The proposed amendment will be achieved by amending land zoning map sheet **LZN_002D** as indicated in Figure 6 below.



Figure 6: Site 5-Wentworth Junction Park

6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

There is no applicable SEPP for this site.

7. Is the Planning Proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s. 9.1 Directions)?

The relevant Section 9.1 Directions are assessed in Table 7 below:

Table 7: Assessment of Site 5 against applicable Ministerial Directions

Section 9.1 Direction	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
2. Environment and Heritage			
2.1 Environment Protection Zones	Y	Y	The planning proposal does not propose to reduce the environmental protection and conservation standards applying to environmentally sensitive areas within the subject land.
2.3 Heritage Conservation	Y	Y	The planning does not seek to modify or reduce any heritage protection and conservation standards applying to heritage items at the subject land.
3. Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development			
3.1 Residential Zones	Y	N	This planning proposal is inconsistent with this direction as it proposes to rezone the subject land from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The inconsistency is of minor significance as the land is identified for public recreation purposes and will not be developed for residential purposes.
4. Hazard and Risk			
4.3 Flood Prone Land	Y	Y	This planning proposal does not propose any land use or development that will result in significant flood impacts to other properties. Moreover, any future development on the flood affected part of the subject land will be subject to the flood planning controls under Clause 7.3 Flood Planning of the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011, which are consistent

				with the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy and the principles of the Floodplain Development Manual 2005 (including the Guideline on Development Controls on Low Flood Risk Areas). The WLEP 2011 provisions on flood prone land are commensurate with flood hazard, and include consideration of the potential flood impacts both on and off site and requirement for development within flood planning area to be at least 0.75 m freeboard of the flood planning level.
5. Regional Planning				
5.10 Implementation of Regional Plans	Y	Y		The planning proposal is consistent with all relevant regional plans as discussed under Section B of Part 3 above.
6. Local Plan Making				
6.1 Approval and Referral Requirements	Y	Y		Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning.
6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes	Y	Y		Council has obtained approval from Crown Land to proceed with the proposed rezoning.

Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact

8. Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?

The proposed rezoning will not have adverse impact on critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

9. Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?

There are no other foreseen significant environmental effects associated with the proposed rezoning of the subject land.

10. How has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?

The planning proposal is anticipated to have positive social effect on the locality by ensuring availability of recreational areas for use by the community and visitors. This will promote social cohesion, as well as provide the opportunity for active, healthy lifestyle choices in Wentworth.

Section D – State and Commonwealth interests

11. Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?

The planning proposal will not result in additional demand for public infrastructure.

12. What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination?

Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning. Additional consultation with any State or Commonwealth public authority can be conditioned as part of the gateway determination.

Site 6 – Wentworth Junction Point (Ski Reserve) - Justification

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to rezone Lot 2 DP 817572 from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. This lot is Crown owned land and is managed by Wentworth Shire Council as the Trustee for public recreational use. The site is used as public open space and existing facilities supporting its recreational use include park tables and benches, public toilet, car park and boating launching ramp. This site is proposed for rezoning to more accurately reflect the existing recreational use of the site.

The proposed amendment will be achieved by amending land zoning map sheet LZN_002D as shown in Figure 7 below.



Figure 7: Site 6-Wentworth Junction Point (Ski Reserve)

6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

There is no applicable SEPP for this site.

7. Is the Planning Proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s. 9.1 Directions)?

The relevant Section 9.1 Directions are assessed in Table 8 below.

Table 8: Assessment of Site 6 against applicable Ministerial Directions

Section 9.1 Direction	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
2. Environment and Heritage			
2.1 Environment Protection Zones	Y	Y	The planning proposal does not propose to reduce the environmental protection and conservation standards applying to environmentally sensitive areas within the subject land.
2.3 Heritage Conservation	Y	Y	The planning does not seek to modify or reduce any heritage protection and conservation standards applying to heritage items at the subject land.
3. Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development			
3.1 Residential Zones	Y	N	This planning proposal is inconsistent with this direction as it proposes to rezone the subject land from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The inconsistency is of minor significance as the land is identified for public recreation purposes and will not be developed for residential purposes.
4. Hazard and Risk			

4.3 Flood Prone Land	Y	Y	This planning proposal does not propose any land use or development that will result in significant flood impacts to other properties. Moreover, any future development on the flood affected part of the subject land will be subject to the flood planning controls under Clause 7.3 Flood Planning of the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011, which are consistent with the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy and the principles of the Floodplain Development Manual 2005 (including the Guideline on Development Controls on Low Flood Risk Areas). The WLEP 2011 provisions on flood prone land are commensurate with flood hazard, and include consideration of the potential flood impacts both on and off site and requirement for development within flood planning area to be at least 0.75 m freeboard of the flood planning level.
5. Regional Planning			
5.10 Implementation of Regional Plans	Y	Y	The planning proposal is consistent with all relevant regional plans as discussed under Section B of Part 3 above.
6. Local Plan Making			
6.1 Approval and Referral Requirements	Y	Y	Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning.
6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes	Y	Y	Council has obtained approval from Crown Land to proceed with proposed rezoning.

Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact

8. Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?

The proposed rezoning will not have adverse impact on critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

9. Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?

There are no other foreseen significant environmental effects associated with the proposed rezoning of the subject land.

10. How has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?

The planning proposal is anticipated to have positive social effect on the locality by ensuring availability of recreational areas for use by the community and visitors. This will promote social cohesion, as well as provide opportunity for active, healthy lifestyle choices in Wentworth.

Section D – State and Commonwealth interests

11. ***Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?***

The planning proposal will not result in additional demand for public infrastructure.

12. ***What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination?***

Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning. Additional consultation with any State or Commonwealth public authority can be conditioned as part of the gateway determination.

Site 7 – Wentworth Rowing Club – Justification

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to rezone Lot 1464 DP763434 on Darling Street from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The lot is Crown owned land and managed by Wentworth Shire Council as Trustee. The site contains the Wentworth Rowing Club building, which is accessed and used for recreational purposes by club members. This site is proposed for rezoning to more accurately reflect the existing recreational use.

The proposed amendment will be achieved by amending land zoning map sheet **LZN_002D** as indicated in Figure 8 below.



Figure 8: Site 7-Wentworth Rowing Club

6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

There is no applicable SEPP for this site.

7. Is the Planning Proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s. 9.1 Directions)?

The relevant Section 9.1 Directions are assessed in Table 9 below.

Table 9: Assessment of Site 7 against applicable Ministerial Directions

Section 9.1 Direction	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
2. Environment and Heritage			
2.1 Environment Protection Zones	Y	Y	The planning proposal does not propose to reduce the environmental protection and conservation standards applying to environmentally sensitive areas within the subject land.
3. Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development			
3.1 Residential Zones	Y	N	This planning proposal is inconsistent with this direction as it proposes to rezone the subject land from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The inconsistency is of minor significance as the land is identified for public recreation purposes and will not be developed for residential purposes.
4. Hazard and Risk			
4.3 Flood Prone Land	Y	Y	This planning proposal does not propose any land use or development that will result in significant flood impacts to other properties.

Moreover, any future development on the flood affected part of the subject land will be subject to the flood planning controls under Clause 7.3 Flood Planning of the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011, which are consistent with the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy and the principles of the Floodplain Development Manual 2005 (including the Guideline on Development Controls on Low Flood Risk Areas). The WLEP 2011 provisions on flood prone land are commensurate with flood hazard, and include consideration of the potential flood impacts both on and off site and requirement for development within flood planning area to be at least 0.75 m freeboard of the flood planning level.

5. Regional Planning				
5.10	Implementation of Regional Plans	Y	Y	The planning proposal is consistent with all relevant regional plans as discussed under Section B of Part 3 above.
6. Local Plan Making				
6.1	Approval and Referral Requirements	Y	Y	Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning.
6.2	Reserving Land for Public Purposes	Y	Y	Council has obtained approval from Crown Land to proceed with the proposed rezoning.

Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact

8. Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?

The proposed rezoning will not have adverse impact on critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

9. Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?

There are no other foreseen significant environmental effects associated with the proposed rezoning of the subject land.

10. How has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?

The planning proposal is anticipated to have positive social effect on the locality by ensuring availability of recreational areas for use by the community and visitors. This will promote social cohesion, as well as provide opportunity for active, healthy lifestyle choices in Wentworth.

Section D – State and Commonwealth interests

11. Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?

The planning proposal will not result in additional demand for public infrastructure.

12. What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination?

Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning. Any additional consultation with any State or Commonwealth public authority can be conditioned as part of the gateway determination.

Site 8– Wentworth Wharf – Justification

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to rezone Lot 7034 DP1126248 on Wharf Street from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The lot is Crown owned land and managed by Wentworth Shire Council as Trustee for public recreational use. The site serves as public open space and recreational area, and consists of the Wentworth Wharf, mooring poles, boat launching ramp and park tables and benches. This site is proposed for rezoning to more accurately reflect the existing recreational uses.

The proposed amendment will be achieved by amending land zoning map sheet **LZN_002D** as indicated in Figure 9 below.



Figure 9: Site 8-Wentworth Wharf

6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

There is no applicable SEPP for this site.

7. Is the Planning Proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s. 9.1 Directions)?

The relevant Section 9.1 Directions are assessed in Table 10 below.

Table 10: Assessment of Site 8 against applicable Ministerial Directions

Section 9.1 Direction	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
2. Environment and Heritage			
2.1 Environment Protection Zones	Y	Y	The planning proposal does not propose to reduce the environmental protection and conservation standards applying to environmentally sensitive areas within the subject land.
2.3 Heritage Conservation	Y	Y	The planning does not seek to modify or reduce any heritage protection and conservation standards applying to heritage items at the subject land.
3. Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development			
3.1 Residential Zones	Y	N	This planning proposal is inconsistent with this direction as it proposes to rezone the subject land from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The inconsistency is of minor significance as the land is identified for public recreation purposes and will not be developed for residential purposes.
4. Hazard and Risk			

4.3 Flood Prone Land	Y	Y	This planning proposal does not propose any land use or development that will result in significant flood impacts to other properties. Moreover, any future development on the flood affected part of the subject land will be subject to the flood planning controls under Clause 7.3 Flood Planning of the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011, which are consistent with the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy and the principles of the Floodplain Development Manual 2005 (including the Guideline on Development Controls on Low Flood Risk Areas). The WLEP 2011 provisions on flood prone land are commensurate with flood hazard, and include consideration of the potential flood impacts both on and off site and requirement for development within flood planning area to be at least 0.75 m freeboard of the flood planning level.
5. Regional Planning			
5.10 Implementation of Regional Plans	Y	Y	The planning proposal is consistent with all relevant regional plans as discussed under Section B of Part 3 above.
6. Local Plan Making			
6.1 Approval and Referral Requirements	Y	Y	Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning.
6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes	Y	Y	Council has obtained approval from Crown Land to proceed with the proposed rezoning.

Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact

8. *Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?*

The proposed rezoning will not have adverse impact on critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

9. *Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?*

There are no other foreseen significant environmental effects associated with the proposed rezoning of the subject land.

10. *How has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?*

The planning proposal is anticipated to have positive social effect on the locality by ensuring availability of recreational areas for use by the community and visitors.. This will promote social cohesion, as well as provide opportunity for active, healthy lifestyle choices in Wentworth.

Section D – State and Commonwealth interests

11. *Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?*

The planning proposal will not result in additional demand for public infrastructure.

12. *What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination?*

Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning. Any additional consultation with any State or Commonwealth public authority can be conditioned as part of the gateway determination.

Site 9 – Wentworth Fotherby Park– Justification

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to rezone Lot 7337 DP 1173879 on Silver City Highway from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The lot is Crown owned land and managed by Wentworth Shire Council as Trustee for public recreational use. The site currently serves as public open space and is equipped with facilities such as playground equipment, public toilets, barbeque, park tables and benches and information bay. This site is proposed for rezoning to more accurately reflect the existing recreational uses.

The proposed amendment will be achieved by amending land zoning map sheet **LZN_002D** as indicated in Figure 10 below.



Figure 10: Site 9-Wentworth Fotherby Park

6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

There is no applicable SEPP for this site.

7. Is the Planning Proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s. 9.1 Directions)?

The relevant Section 9.1 Directions are assessed in Table 11 below.

Table 11: Assessment of Site 9 against applicable Ministerial Directions

Section 9.1 Direction	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
2. Environment and Heritage			
2.1 Environment Protection Zones	Y	Y	The planning proposal does not propose to reduce the environmental protection and conservation standards applying to environmentally sensitive areas within the subject land.
2.3 Heritage Conservation	Y	Y	The planning proposal does not seek to modify or reduce any heritage protection and conservation standards applying to heritage items at the subject land.
3. Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development			
3.1 Residential Zones	Y	N	This planning proposal is inconsistent with this direction as it proposes to rezone the subject land from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The inconsistency is of minor significance as the land is identified for public recreation purposes and will not be developed for residential purposes.

4. Hazard and Risk			
4.3 Flood Prone Land	Y	Y	This planning proposal does not propose any land use or development that will result in significant flood impacts to other properties. Moreover, any future development on the flood affected part of the subject land will be subject to the flood planning controls under Clause 7.3 Flood Planning of the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011, which are consistent with the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy and the principles of the Floodplain Development Manual 2005 (including the Guideline on Development Controls on Low Flood Risk Areas). The WLEP 2011 provisions on flood prone land are commensurate with flood hazard, and include consideration of the potential flood impacts both on and off site and requirement for development within flood planning area to be at least 0.75 m freeboard of the flood planning level.
5. Regional Planning			
5.10 Implementation of Regional Plans	Y	Y	The planning proposal is consistent with all relevant regional plans as discussed under Section B of Part 3 above.
6. Local Plan Making			
6.1 Approval and Referral Requirements	Y	Y	Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning.
6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes	Y	Y	Council has obtained approval from Crown Land to proceed with the proposed rezoning.

Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact

8. *Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?*

The proposed rezoning will not have adverse impact on critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

9. *Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?*

There are no other foreseen significant environmental effects associated with the proposed rezoning of the subject land.

10. *How has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?*

The planning proposal is anticipated to have positive social effect on the locality by ensuring availability of recreational areas for use by the community and visitors. This will promote social cohesion, as well as provide opportunity for active, healthy lifestyle choices in Wentworth.

Section D – State and Commonwealth interests

11. *Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?*

The planning proposal will not result in additional demand for public infrastructure.

12. *What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination?*

Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning. Additional consultation with any State or Commonwealth public authority can be conditioned as part of the gateway determination.

Site 10– Wentworth Apex Park– Justification

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to rezone Lots 9 & 10 DP756994 at 68-76 Williams Street from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The lot is Crown owned land and managed by Wentworth Shire Council as Trustee for public recreational use. The existing park at the site is used as public open space and is equipped with playground equipment and park tables and benches. This site is proposed for rezoning to more accurately reflect the existing recreational uses.

The proposed amendment will be achieved by amending land zoning map sheet **LZN_002D** as indicated in Figure 11 below.



Figure 11: Site 10-Wentworth Apex Park

6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

There is no applicable SEPP for this site.

7. Is the Planning Proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s. 9.1 Directions)?

The relevant Section 9.1 Directions are assessed in Table 12 below.

Table 12: Assessment of Site 10 against applicable Ministerial Directions

Section 9.1 Direction	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
3. Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development			
3.1 Residential Zones	Y	N	This planning proposal is inconsistent with this direction as it proposes to rezone the subject land from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The inconsistency is of minor significance as the land is identified for public recreation purposes and will not be developed for residential purposes.
5. Regional Planning			
5.10 Implementation of Regional Plans	Y	Y	The planning proposal is consistent with all relevant regional plans as discussed under Section B of Part 3 above.
6. Local Plan Making			
6.1 Approval and Referral Requirements	Y	Y	Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning.
6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes	Y	Y	Council has obtained approval from Crown Land to proceed with the proposed rezoning.

*Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact***8. Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?**

The proposed rezoning will not have adverse impact on critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

9. Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?

There are no other foreseen significant environmental effects associated with the proposed rezoning of the subject land.

10. How has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?

The planning proposal is anticipated to have positive social effect on the locality by ensuring availability of recreational areas for use by the community and visitors. This will promote social cohesion, as well as provide opportunity for active, healthy lifestyle choices in Wentworth.

*Section D – State and Commonwealth interests***11. Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?**

The planning proposal will not result in additional demand for public infrastructure.

12. What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination?

Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning. Additional consultation with any State or Commonwealth public authority can be conditioned as part of the gateway determination.

Site 11– Wentworth Rotary Park– Justification

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to rezone Lot 5 Section 34 DP759074 at 144 Darling Street from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The lot is Crown owned land and managed by Wentworth Shire Council as Trustee for public recreational use. The lot is used as public open space and playground. Facilities available at the park include playground equipment and park benches. This site is proposed for rezoning to more accurately reflect the existing recreational uses.

The proposed amendment will be achieved by amending land zoning map sheet **LZN_002D** as indicated in Figure 12 below.



Figure 12: Site 11-Wentworth Rotary Park

6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

There is no applicable SEPP for this site.

7. Is the Planning Proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s. 9.1 Directions)?

The relevant Section 9.1 Directions are assessed in Table 13 below.

Table 13: Assessment of Site 11 against applicable Ministerial Directions

Section 9.1 Direction	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
3. Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development			
3.1 Residential Zones	Y	N	This planning proposal is inconsistent with this direction as it proposes to rezone the subject land from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The inconsistency is of minor significance as the land is identified for public recreation purposes and will not be developed for residential purposes.
5. Regional Planning			
5.10 Implementation of Regional Plans	Y	Y	The planning proposal is consistent with all relevant regional plans as discussed under Section B of Part 3 above.
6. Local Plan Making			
6.1 Approval and Referral Requirements	Y	Y	Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning.
6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes	Y	Y	Council has obtained approval from Crown Land to proceed with the proposed rezoning.

Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact

8. ***Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?***

The proposed rezoning will not have adverse impact on critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

9. ***Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?***

There are no other foreseen significant environmental effects associated with the proposed rezoning of the subject land.

10. ***How has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?***

The planning proposal is anticipated to have positive social effect on the locality by ensuring availability of recreational areas for use by the community and visitors. This will promote social cohesion, as well as opportunity for active, healthy lifestyle choices in Wentworth.

Section D – State and Commonwealth interests

11. ***Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?***

The planning proposal will not result in additional demand for public infrastructure.

12. ***What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination?***

Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning. Additional consultation with any State or Commonwealth public authority can be conditioned as part of the gateway determination.

Site 12– Wentworth Showground– Justification

This site is proposed to be rezoned from RU5 Village and RU1 Primary Production to RE1 Public Recreation. This site comprises 4 lots as listed in Table 14, and are all Crown owned land with Wentworth Shire Council being the Trustee. This site contains the Wentworth Showgrounds, which is used for various public recreational activities including the Wentworth Show and Wentworth Races. A number of facilities and structures exist at the showground that support its recreational use. This site is proposed for rezoning to more accurately reflect the recreational use.

Table 14: Lots contained in Site 12

Lot	Address	Land Tenure	Current Zoning
Lot 7352 DP 1177510	Armstrong Avenue	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 84 DP 756994	1 Old Wentworth Road	Crown	Part RU1 Primary Production and Part RU5 Village
Lot 2618 DP 764646	Armstrong Avenue	Crown	RU1 Primary Production
Lot 121 DP 756994	Armstrong Avenue	Crown	RU1 Primary Production

The proposed amendment will be achieved by amending land zoning map sheet **LZN_002D** as indicated in Figure 13 below.



Figure 13: Site 12-Wentworth Showgrounds

6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

The planning proposal is consistent with the relevant SEPP as indicated in Table 15 below.

Table 15: Assessment of Site 12 against applicable SEPP

State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
State Environmental Planning Policy (Rural Lands) 2008	Y	Y	The planning proposal is consistent with the aims and principles of this SEPP as it does not cause fragmentation and alienation of rural lands or rural land use conflicts.

7. Is the Planning Proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s. 9.1 Directions)?

The relevant Section 9.1 Directions are assessed in Table 16 below.

Table 16: Assessment of Site 12 against applicable Ministerial Directions

Section 9.1 Direction	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
1. Employment and Resources			
1.2 Rural Zones	Y	Y	The proposed zoning for the subject land is not disallowed by this Direction. In addition, the subject land is used for recreation and not for primary production purposes.
1.5 Rural Lands	Y	Y	The proposed rezoning is to reflect the existing recreational use of the subject land and does not fragment and alienate rural lands or cause rural land use conflict.
2. Environment and Heritage			
2.1 Environment Protection Zones	Y	Y	The planning proposal does not propose to reduce the environmental protection and conservation standards applying to environmentally sensitive areas within the subject land.
3. Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development			
3.1 Residential Zones	Y	N	This planning proposal is inconsistent with this direction as it proposes to rezone the subject land from RUS Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The inconsistency is of minor significance as the land is identified for public recreation purposes and will not be developed for residential purposes.
4. Hazard and Risk			
4.3 Flood Prone Land	Y	Y	This planning proposal does not propose any land use or development that will result in significant flood impacts to other properties. Moreover, any future development on the flood affected part of the subject land will be subject to the flood planning controls under Clause 7.3 Flood Planning of the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011, which are consistent with the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy and the principles of the Floodplain Development Manual 2005 (including the Guideline on Development Controls on Low Flood Risk Areas). The WLEP 2011 provisions on flood prone land are commensurate with flood hazard, and include consideration of the potential flood impacts both on and off site and requirement for development within flood planning area to be at least 0.75 m freeboard of the flood planning level.
5. Regional Planning			
5.10 Implementation of Regional Plans	Y	Y	The planning proposal is consistent with all relevant regional plans as discussed under Section B of Part 3 above.

6. Local Plan Making				
6.1 Approval and Referral Requirements	Y	Y	Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning.	
6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes	Y	Y	Council has obtained approval from Crown Land to proceed with the proposed rezoning.	

Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact

8. Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?

The proposed rezoning will not have adverse impact on critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

9. Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?

There are no other foreseen significant environmental effects associated with the proposed rezoning of the subject land.

10. How has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?

The planning proposal is anticipated to have positive social effect on the locality by ensuring availability of recreational areas for use by the community and visitors. This will promote social cohesion, as well as provide the opportunity for active, healthy lifestyle choices in Wentworth.

Section D – State and Commonwealth interests

11. Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?

The planning proposal will not result in additional demand for public infrastructure

12. What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination?

Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning. Additional consultation with any State or Commonwealth public authority can be conditioned as part of the gateway determination.

Site 13 – Wentworth Sporting Complex - Justification

This site is proposed to be rezoned from RU5 Village and RU1 Primary Production to RE2 Private Recreation. This site comprises 9 lots as listed in Table 17, and are all Crown owned land with Wentworth Shire Council being the Trustee except Lot 7321 DP 1158106 that has The Scout Association of Australia (Victorian Branch) as the Trustee. This site contains a number of recreational facilities including the Golf Club House, Golf Course, Bowls Court, Tennis Court and Boy Scouts Building, which are accessed and used for recreational purposes by club/association members. This site is proposed for rezoning to more accurately reflect the intended and existing recreational use.

Table 17: Lots contained in Site 13

Lot	Address	Land Tenure	Current Zoning
Lot 190 DP 820470	Beverley Street	Crown	RU1 Primary Production
Lot 1272 DP 762867	Beverley Street	Crown	RU1 Primary Production
Lot 7017 DP 1126020	84 Beverley Street	Crown	RU1 Primary Production
Lot 2 DP 817569	Beverley Street	Crown	RU1 Primary Production
Lot 7320 DP 1158106*	64A Beverley Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 7321 DP 1158106	54 Beverley Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 7313 DP 1127027	Alice Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 1 DP 817569	Beverley Street	Crown	RU5 Village
Lot 7321 DP 1158106	54 Beverley Street	Crown	RU5 Village

* Only a part of the lot is proposed for rezoning to RE2 Private Recreation. The lot boundary will be realigned to mirror the new zoning after completion of proposed rezoning.

The proposed amendment will be achieved by amending land zoning map sheet **LZN_002D** as indicated in Figure 2 below.



Figure 14: Site 13-Wentworth Sporting Complex

6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

The planning proposal is consistent the relevant SEPP as indicated in Table 18 below.

Table 18: Assessment of Site 13 against applicable SEPP

State Planning Policy (SEPP)	Environmental	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
State Planning Policy (Rural Lands) 2008	Environmental	Y	Y	The planning proposal is consistent with the aims and principles of this SEPP as it does not cause fragmentation and alienation of rural lands or rural land use conflicts.

7. Is the Planning Proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s. 9.1 Directions)?

The relevant Section 9.1 Directions are assessed in 19 Table below.

Table 19: Assessment of Site 13 against applicable Ministerial Directions

Section 9.1 Direction	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
1. Employment and Resources			
1.2 Rural Zones	Y	Y	The proposed zoning for the subject land is not disallowed by this Direction. In addition, the subject land is used for recreation and not for primary production purposes.
1.6 Rural Lands	Y	Y	The proposed rezoning is to reflect the existing recreational use of the subject land and does not fragment and alienate rural lands and/or cause rural land use conflict.
2. Environment and Heritage			
2.1 Environment Protection Zones	Y	Y	The planning proposal does not propose to reduce the environmental protection and conservation standards applying to environmentally sensitive areas within the subject land.
3. Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development			
3.1 Residential Zones	Y	N	This planning proposal is inconsistent with this direction as it proposes to rezone the subject land from RU5 Village to RE1 Public Recreation. The inconsistency is of minor significance as the land is identified and used for recreational purposes and will not be developed for residential purposes.
4. Hazard and Risk			
4.3 Flood Prone Land	Y	Y	This planning proposal does not propose any land use or development that will result in significant flood impacts to other properties. Moreover, any future development on the flood affected part of the subject land will be subject to the flood planning controls under Clause 7.3 Flood Planning of the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011, which are consistent

				with the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy and the principles of the Floodplain Development Manual 2005 (including the Guideline on Development Controls on Low Flood Risk Areas). The WLEP 2011 provisions on flood prone land are commensurate with flood hazard, and include consideration of the potential flood impacts both on and off site and requirement for development within flood planning area to be at least 0.75 m freeboard of the flood planning level.
5. Regional Planning				
5.10 Implementation of Regional Plans	Y	Y		The planning proposal is consistent with all relevant regional plans as discussed under Section B of Part 3 above.
6. Local Plan Making				
6.1 Approval and Referral Requirements	Y	Y		Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning.
6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes	Y	Y		Council has obtained approval from Crown Land to proceed with the proposed rezoning.

Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact

8. Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?

The proposed rezoning will not have adverse impact on critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

9. Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?

There are no other foreseen significant environmental effects associated with the proposed rezoning of the subject land.

10. How has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?

The planning proposal is anticipated to have positive social effect on the locality by ensuring availability of recreational areas for use by the community and visitors. This will promote social cohesion, as well as provide the opportunity for active, healthy lifestyle choices in Wentworth.

Section D – State and Commonwealth interests

11. Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?

The planning proposal will not result in additional demand for public infrastructure

12. What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination?

Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning. Additional consultation with any State or Commonwealth public authority can be conditioned as part of the gateway determination.

Site 14– Wentworth Pistol Club– Justification

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to rezone Lot 179 DP720995 at 77 Old Wentworth Road from RU1 Primary Production to RE2 Private Recreation. The lot is Crown owned land with Wentworth Pistol Club Incorporated as lease holder. The site is accessed and used for recreational shooting purposes by club members of the public. This site is proposed for rezoning to more accurately reflect the recreational use.

The proposed amendment will be achieved by amending land zoning map sheet **LZN_002D** as indicated in Figure 15 below.



Figure 15: Site 14-Wentworth Pistol Club

6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

The planning proposal is consistent the relevant SEPP as indicated in Table 20 below.

Table 20: Assessment of Site 14 against applicable SEPP

State Planning Policy (SEPP)	Environmental	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
State Planning Policy (Rural Lands) 2008	Environmental	Y	Y	The planning proposal is consistent with the aims and principles of this SEPP as it does not cause fragmentation and alienation of rural lands or rural land use conflicts.

7. Is the Planning Proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s. 9.1 Directions)?

The relevant Section 9.1 Directions are assessed in Table 21 below.

Table 21: Assessment of Site 14 against applicable Ministerial Directions

Section 9.1 Direction	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
1. Employment and Resources			

1.2 Rural Zones	Y	Y	The proposed zoning for the subject land is not disallowed by this Direction. In addition, the subject land is used for recreation and not for primary production purposes.
1.7 Rural Lands	Y	Y	The proposed rezoning is to reflect the existing recreational use of the subject land and does not fragment and alienate rural lands or cause rural land use conflict.
2. Environment and Heritage			
2.1 Environment Protection Zones	Y	Y	The planning proposal does not propose to reduce the environmental protection and conservation standards applying to environmentally sensitive areas within the subject land.
4. Hazard and Risk			
4.3 Flood Prone Land	Y	Y	This planning proposal does not propose any land use or development that will result in significant flood impacts to other properties. Moreover, any future development on the flood affected part of the subject land will be subject to the flood planning controls under Clause 7.3 Flood Planning of the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011, which are consistent with the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy and the principles of the Floodplain Development Manual 2005 (including the Guideline on Development Controls on Low Flood Risk Areas). The WLEP 2011 provisions on flood prone land are commensurate with flood hazard, and include consideration of the potential flood impacts both on and off site and requirement for development within flood planning area to be at least 0.75 m freeboard of the flood planning level.
5. Regional Planning			
5.10 Implementation of Regional Plans	Y	Y	The planning proposal is consistent with all relevant regional plans as discussed under Section B of Part 3 above.
6. Local Plan Making			
6.1 Approval and Referral Requirements	Y	Y	Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning.
6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes	Y	Y	Council has obtained approval from Crown Land to proceed with the proposed rezoning.

Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact

8. ***Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?***

The proposed rezoning will not have adverse impact on critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

9. ***Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?***

There are no other foreseen significant environmental effects associated with the proposed rezoning of the subject land.

10. ***How has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?***

The planning proposal is anticipated to have positive social effect on the locality by ensuring availability of recreational areas for use by the community and visitors. This will promote social cohesion, as well as provide the opportunity for active, healthy lifestyle choices in Wentworth.

Section D – State and Commonwealth interests

11. ***Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?***

The planning proposal will not result in additional demand for public infrastructure

12. ***What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination?***

Council has consulted with Crown Lands and obtained approval to proceed with the proposed rezoning. Additional consultation with any State or Commonwealth public authority can be conditioned as part of the gateway determination.

Site 15 – Wentworth Water Works – Justification

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to rezone Lot 1 DP705031 at 82 Beverley Street from RU5 Village to SP2 Infrastructure. The lot is a freehold land owned by Wentworth Shire Council. The site contains filtered water treatment plant, filtered and raw water pump stations, and filtered and raw water reservoirs, which are used for water supply for Wentworth Township. This site is proposed for rezoning to more accurately reflect the existing water supply infrastructure use.

The proposed amendment will be achieved by amending land zoning map sheet **LZN_002D** as indicated in Figure 16 below.



Figure 16: Site 15-Wentworth Water Works

6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

The planning proposal is consistent the relevant SEPP as indicated in Table 22 below.

Table 22: Assessment of Site 15 against applicable SEPP

State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007	Y	Y	The planning proposal is consistent with this SEPP as it will promote flexibility and efficiency in the development and maintenance of infrastructure and services at the subject land.

7. Is the Planning Proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s. 9.1 Directions)?

The relevant Section 9.1 Directions are assessed in Table 23 below.

Table 23: Assessment of Site 15 against applicable Ministerial Directions

Section 9.1 Direction	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comment/Justification
3. Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development			

3.1 Residential Zones	Y	N	This planning proposal is inconsistent with this direction as it proposes to rezone the subject land from RU5 Village to SP2 Infrastructure. The inconsistency is of minor significance as the land is used for water supply infrastructure and will not be developed for residential purposes.
5. Regional Planning			
5.10 Implementation of Regional Plans	Y	Y	The planning proposal is consistent with all relevant regional plans as discussed under Section B of Part 3 above.
6. Local Plan Making			
6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes	Y	Y	No consultation with public authorities and the Director-General of the Department of Planning and Environment is required as the subject land is Council owned

Section C – Environmental, social and economic impact

8. *Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?*

The proposed rezoning will not have adverse impact on critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

9. *Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?*

There are no other foreseen significant environmental effects associated with the proposed rezoning of the subject land.

10. *How has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?*

The planning proposal will improve flexibility and efficiency in the delivery and maintenance of essential infrastructure and services for use by community members.

Section D – State and Commonwealth interests

11. *Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?*

The planning proposal will not result in additional demand for public infrastructure.

12. *What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination?*

The planning proposal does not require consultation with State or Commonwealth public authorities.

PART 4 – MAPPING

This part contains the mapping for this planning proposal in accordance with the guide.

The planning proposal seeks to amend sheet **LZN_002D** of the Land Zoning Map of the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011. An indicative land zoning map is shown in Figure 17 below.

Council requests the ability to lodge the template maps at S3.36 stage rather than prior to exhibition. The maps provided as part of this planning proposal are detailed enough for public exhibition purposes.



Figure 17: Proposed zoning for subject lands

PART 5 – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Council has already completed initial consultation with DPI Crown Lands, as owner of some of the subject lands of this planning proposal. DPI Crown Lands consented to the proposed rezoning of those subject lands.

Public exhibition and community consultation will be undertaken by Council as part of the Gateway determination process. Given the minor scale and low impact nature of the planning proposal, it will be exhibited for a period of 28 days in accordance with Clause 4 of Schedule 1 of the EP&A Act 1979 and the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's: *A guide to preparing local environmental plans 2016*. A public hearing will be conducted as part of the public exhibition period if required by the Gateway determination.

PART 6 – PROJECT TIMELINE

The indicative timeframe for completing the planning proposal is presented in Table 24 below.

Table 24: Project timeline

Task	Timeframe
Anticipated commencement date (date of Gateway determination)	28 November 2019
Anticipated timeframe for the completion of required technical information	N/A
Timeframe for government agency consultation as required by Gateway determination	
Pre exhibition	10 January 2020 – 07 February 2020
Post exhibition	March 2020
Commencement and completion dates for public exhibition period	10 January 2020 – 07 February 2020
Dates for public hearing (if required)	N/A
Timeframe for consideration of submissions	March 2020
Timeframe for the consideration of a proposal post exhibition	March 2020
Date of submission to the Department to finalise the LEP	April 2020
Anticipated date RPA will make the plan (if delegated)	May 2020
Anticipated date RPA will forward to the Department for notification	May 2020

CONCLUSION

The planning proposal seeks to rezone various parcels of land in Wentworth consistent with a strategic plan adopted for sustainable growth of the township. The subject lands are proposed to be rezoned to reflect on the ground activities and optimise their uses for sustainable development of Wentworth Township. The planning proposal will bring net community benefit to the Wentworth Township.

The planning proposal is consistent with the relevant State Environmental Planning Policies, Section 9.1 Ministerial Directions, regional plans and Council's strategic plans. The planning proposal is of minor local significance and will have no negative economic, environmental or social impacts on the local area.

APPENDIX 1: INFORMATION CHECKLIST

STEP 1: REQUIRED FOR ALL PROPOSALS

(under s55(a) – (e) of the EP&A Act)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objectives and intended outcome Mapping (including current and proposed zones) Community consultation (agencies to be consulted) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explanation of provisions Justification and process for implementation (including compliance assessment against relevant section 117 direction/s) |
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STEP 2: MATTERS – CONSIDERED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS

(Depending on complexity of planning proposal and nature of issues)

PLANNING MATTERS OR ISSUES	To be considered	N/A		To be considered	N/A
Strategic Planning Context			Flooding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consistent with the relevant regional plan, district plan, or corridor/precinct plans applying to the site, including any draft regional, district or corridor/precinct plans released for public comment; or	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Land/site contamination (SEPP55)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consistent with a relevant local council strategy that has been endorsed by the Department; or	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Resources (including drinking water, minerals, oysters, agricultural lands, fisheries, mining)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Responding to a change in circumstances, such as the investment in new infrastructure or changing demographic trends that have not been recognised by existing planning controls; or	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sea level rise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Seeking to update the current planning controls if they have not been amended in the last 5 years.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Urban Design Considerations		
Site Description/Context			Existing site plan (buildings vegetation, roads, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Aerial photographs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Building mass/block diagram study (changes in building height and FSR)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site photos/photomontage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lighting impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Traffic and Transport Considerations			Development yield analysis (potential yield of lots, houses, employment generation)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Local traffic and transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Economic Considerations		
TMAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Economic impact assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Retail centres hierarchy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cycle and pedestrian movement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Employment land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Considerations			Social and Cultural Considerations		
Bushfire hazard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heritage impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acid Sulphate Soil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aboriginal archaeology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Noise impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open space management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flora and/or fauna	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	European archaeology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Soil stability, erosion, sediment, landslip assessment, and subsidence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social & cultural impacts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Water quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stakeholder engagement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stormwater management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Infrastructure Considerations		
			Infrastructure servicing and potential funding arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Miscellaneous/Additional Considerations		
			List any additional studies that should be undertaken post Gateway determination		

9.12 DRAFT BURONGA GOL GOL STRUCTURE PLAN 2020

File Number: RPT/20/177

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning
 Responsible Division: Health and Planning
 Reporting Officer: Paul Amoateng - Development Services Officer

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire
 Strategy: 1.2 Encourage and support population growth and resident attraction

Summary

Council's Health and Planning Division has prepared a draft structure plan for the townships of Buronga and Gol Gol (Buronga Gol Gol).

The draft Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan (BGGSP) provides strategic land use framework to facilitate quality and sustainable urban development in the Buronga Gol Gol area by setting out what, when, where and how land use and infrastructure development should occur.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the draft Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan for community consultation for a period of 28 days in accordance with Council's Community Participation Plan.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with the opportunity to review the draft BGGSP for the purpose of endorsing it for community consultation. A copy of the draft plan has been distributed separately to all councilors and can be downloaded from council's website.

Background

The Buronga Gol Gol area is currently experiencing rapid housing development prompting the need for a strategic land use plan to guide, monitor and manage future growth and development in the area.

The most recent structure plan developed by Council to guide the development of the area is the Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan 2005. The plan is nearly fifteen years old and therefore, considered to be outdated and obsolete.

A new draft Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan has been prepared following extensive review of the previous structure plan and analysis of current local and regional conditions. Issues considered and addressed in the draft structure plan include housing, population services, infrastructure delivery, community facilities and environmental management among others.

The draft BGGSP constitutes a land use planning framework that will guide the Council, community, businesses and development industry about appropriate directions and opportunities for land development. The plan sets short, medium and long-term strategic land use directions for achieving sustainable urban development and optimising land development in Buronga Gol Gol.

Matters under consideration

Draft Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan

Council's Health and Planning Division has prepared a draft Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan to facilitate quality and sustainable urban development of the Buronga Gol Gol area.

The vision of the BGGSP is that *“Buronga Gol Gol to become a relatively sustainable, self-sufficient and vibrant town with well-balanced urban and rural characteristics that have strong relationship to the surrounding rural landscape and adequately supports the social, economic, cultural and environmental needs and aspirations of the residents”*.

Buronga Gol Gol will achieve this vision through an urban development pattern that provides for housing and lifestyle choices, local businesses and employment, serviceable infrastructure and community facilities, active transport friendly road network, attractive and functional open spaces/recreational areas and protection of natural environments.

Key focus areas of the structure plan are:

- Consolidating of future development towards Midway to facilitate amalgamation of the Buronga and Gol Gol townships into a single contiguous sustainable built environment
- Facilitating development of a commercial precinct to promote relative self-sufficiency in Buronga Gol Gol.
- Rezoning of lands to support future and emerging land use needs in Buronga Gol Gol.
- Expanding and upgrading infrastructure and facilities to meet demands of future growth Buronga Gol Gol.
- Staging plan for urban land release to match-up with infrastructure delivery

Key highlights of the structure plan are outlined below.

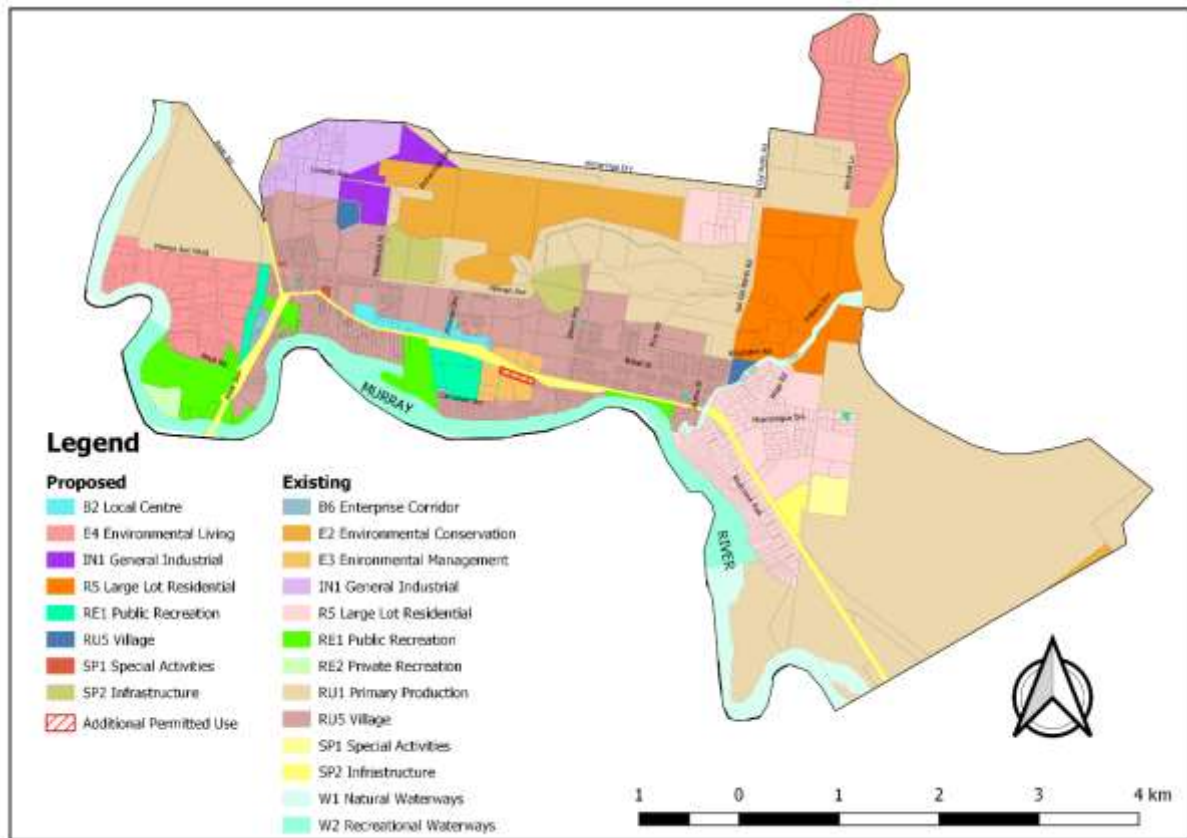
Population & Housing

- The population of Buronga Gol Gol is expected to increase by 1,883 people to reach 4,742 people by 2040.
- Buronga Gol Gol would require 785 new dwellings to accommodate the additional residents based on the anticipated average household size of 2.4 persons.

Land Use Zoning

- The structure plan proposes to rezone various parcels of land in Buronga Gol Gol as shown in Map 1 below.

Map 1: Future land use zones in Buronga Gol Gol



- Based on the existing and proposed land use zonings, the future land budget for key urban land uses in Buronga Gol Gol is presented in Table 1 below.
- From Table 1, Buronga Gol Gol will have a total of 300 ha of future residential land for housing development purposes.
- The future residential land translates into 2,015 new dwellings far above the new dwellings that would be required to accommodate additional residents.

Table 1: Future urban land budget for Buronga Gol Gol

Zone	Existing (ha)	Proposed (ha)	Total (ha)	Allowance for road & non-residential uses (ha)	Residential / Industrial uses (ha)	Average residential/industrial lot size (m ²)	Expected lot yield (Additional lots)	Expected annual lot take-up rate	Years of supply
RU5 Village	176	10	186	56	130	850	1482	91	17
R5 Large Lot Residential	93	150	243	73	170	3500	486	37	13
Industrial	33	32	65	10	55	3500	157	6	26
B2 Local Centre	-	36	36						

Infrastructure & Services

- The existing water supply and sewerage treatment plants have adequate capacity to support existing and future development.
- The structure plan proposes new and upgrades to various infrastructure and road including road network, traffic treatments, footpaths, community facilities, drainage, water supply and sewerage systems infrastructure. These are summarised in the Table 2 and Map 2.

Table 2: Summary of the recommendations and implementation plan of the structure plan

No.	Project Title/Description	Category	Responsible/ Co-ordinating organisation or agency L: Lead S: Support	Timing (years) Short: 0- 3 Medium: 3-5 Long: 10+	Funding Source
1	Traffic light and pedestrian crossing installation at Midway Drive and Sturt Highway Intersection	Infrastructure development	L: Transport for NSW S: WSC	Short	NSW Federal WSC
2	Review Moontongue Drive	Infrastructure planning	WSC	Short	WSC
3	Provision of Bus Stop at Wilga Road and Modikerr Way intersection	Community facility/service	L: CDC Mildura S: WSC	Short	CDC Mildura WSC
4	Planning proposal to rezone proposed health and emergency precincts to SP1 Special Activities	Land use planning	WSC	Short to Medium	WSC
5	Planning proposal to rezone nominated existing public open spaces to RE1 Public Recreation	Land use planning	WSC	Short	WSC
6	Planning proposal to rezone land for expansion of Alcheringa Oval Reserve to RE1 Public Recreation	Land use planning	WSC	Short	WSC
7	Planning proposal to rezone Hendy Road Commercial Precinct	Land use planning	WSC	Short	WSC
8	Planning proposal to rezone Buronga West and the Mitchell Lane areas to E4 Environmental Living and change minimum lot size	Land use planning	WSC	Short	WSC
9	Planning proposal to rezone Bridge Road precinct to RE1 Public Recreation	Land use planning	WSC	Short	WSC
10	Planning proposal to apply minimum lot size to RU5	Land use planning	WSC	Short	WSC

	Village zone				
11	Development of Dawn Avenue Depression Drainage Basin	Infrastructure development	WSC	Short	WSC
12	Construction of service road between Melaleuca Street and Dawn Avenue	Infrastructure development	WSC	Short	WSC
13	Construction and establishment of 'superclinic'	Community facility/service	L: NSW Health S: WSC	Short	NSW
14	Bridge Road Upgrade	Infrastructure development	WSC	Short	WSC
15	Acquisition and development of Pink Lake as Drainage Basin (including retention basin, boardwalk, landscaping, seats, play equipment)	Asset acquisition	WSC	Short	WSC
16	Water Demand Management Program	Infrastructure planning	WSC	Short to Medium	WSC
17	Upgrade the George Chaffey Bridge to accommodate for safe pedestrian and cyclist use or consider pedestrian & cyclist-only from Buronga Gol Gol (Buronga Riverside Caravan Park) to Mildura	Infrastructure development/planning	L: Transport for NSW S: WSC, MRCC	Short to Medium	NSW VIC Federal
18	Strategic Water Supply Master Plan	Infrastructure planning	WSC	Short to Medium	WSC
19	Stormwater Infrastructure Master Plan	Infrastructure planning	WSC	Short to Medium	WSC
20	Sewerage Infrastructure Master Plan	Infrastructure planning	WSC	Short to Medium	WSC
21	Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan	Infrastructure planning	WSC	Short to Medium	WSC
22	Development of residential aged care facility or retirement village	Community facility/service	WSC	Short to Medium	Private
23	Upgrade the Bus Pole at the northern end of Midway Drive to Bus Shelter	Community facility/service	L: CDC Mildura S: WSC	Medium	CDC Mildura WSC
24	Seal Pine Road	Infrastructure development	WSC	Medium	WSC
25	Relocation of Carramar Drive western end connection with Sturt Highway	Infrastructure development	L: Transport for NSW S: WSC	Medium	NSW
26	Planning proposal to rezone proposed school site to SP2 Infrastructure	Land use planning	WSC	Medium	WSC

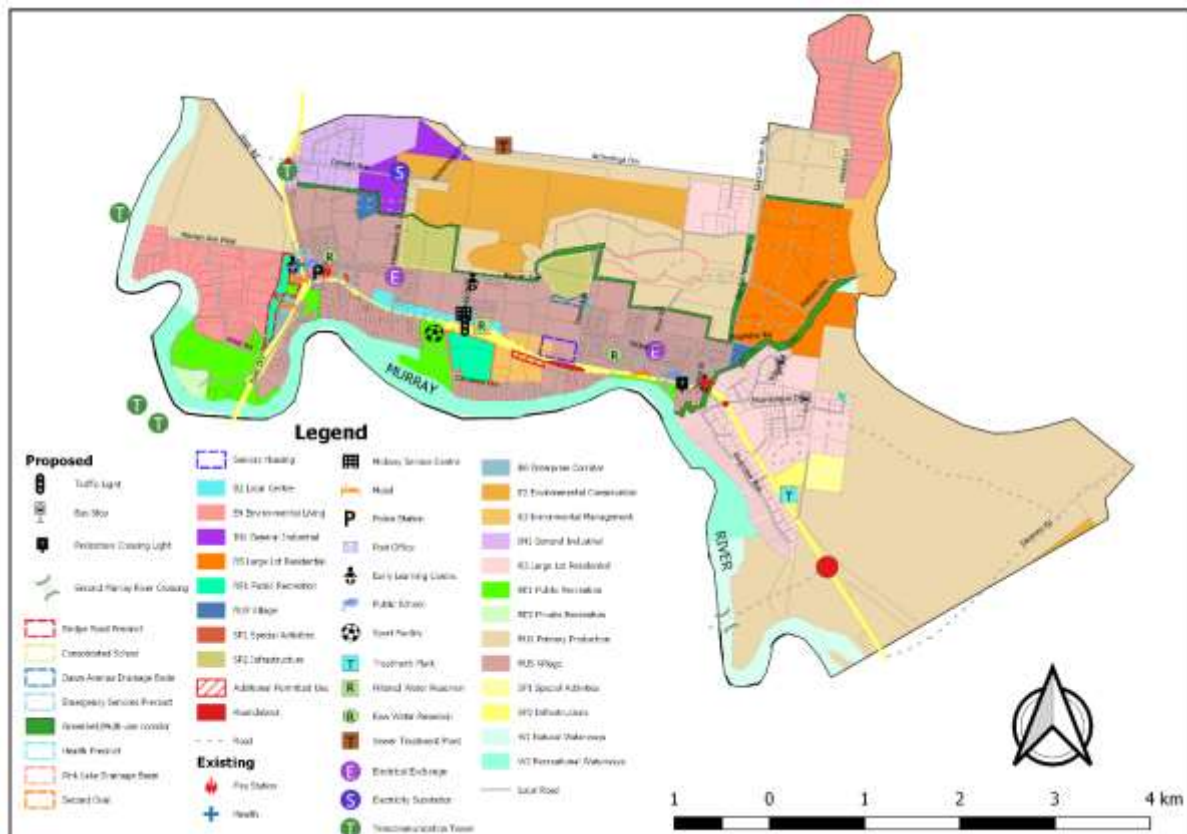
27	Planning proposal to change minimum lot size of RU1 Primary Production land adjoining the RU5 Village land to the north	Land use planning	WSC	Medium	WSC
28	Improve public transport network and service	Community facility/service	L: CDC Mildura S: WSC	Medium	CDC Mildura WSC
29	Bridge Road Precinct Upgrade	Community facility/service	WSC	Medium	WSC
30	Acquisition of land and establishment of greenbelt/ecological buffer at the interface of industrial, rural and residential land uses in north Buronga	Asset acquisition	WSC	Medium	WSC
31	Acquisition of land and establishment of greenbelt/ecological buffer at the interface of rural and residential land uses between Melaleuca Street and Dawn Avenue in north-east Buronga	Asset acquisition	WSC	Medium	WSC
32	Acquisition of land and establishment of greenbelt/ecological buffer at the interface of rural and residential land uses between Dawn Avenue and Gol Gol North Road in north Gol Gol	Asset acquisition	WSC	Medium	WSC
33	Acquisition of land and establishment of greenbelt/ecological buffer along northern part of Gol Gol North Road and between Gol Gol North Road and Mitchell Road at the interface of rural, rural residential and residential land uses in north east Gol Gol	Asset acquisition	WSC	Medium	WSC
34	Provision of 3.5 km trail through the zone E2 Environmental Conservation land to Pink Lake Drainage Basin	Infrastructure development	WSC	Medium to Long	WSC
35	Provision of 2.4 km trail from Pink Lake Drainage Basin to Dawn Avenue Depression Drainage Basin	Infrastructure development	WSC	Medium to Long	WSC
36	Prepare On-site Stormwater Detention Policy	Infrastructure planning	WSC	Medium to Long	WSC
37	Improvement of dirt roads	Infrastructure	WSC	Medium to	WSC

	and rural arterial networks	development		Long	
38	Footy oval, netball court and swimming pool construction at Alcheringa Oval Reserve	Community facility/service	WSC	Medium to Long	WSC
39	Extension of sewerage services to R5 Large Residential Lot zone	Infrastructure development	WSC	Medium to Long	WSC
40	Construction of service road south of Sturt Highway between Punt Road and Bligh Street	Infrastructure development	L: WSC S: Transport for NSW	Medium to Long	WSC NSW
41	Establishment of emergency precinct	Community facility/service	L: NSW Health, Police & RFS S: Ambulance VIC, WSC	Medium to Long	NSW
42	Construction of additional water reservoir and pumps	Infrastructure development	WSC	Long	WSC
43	Construction and establishment of consolidated school	Infrastructure development	L: NSW Dept of Ed S: WSC	Long	NSW
44	Planning proposal to rezone proposed RU5 Village land	Land use planning	WSC	Ongoing as per Urban Land Release Staging Plan	WSC
45	Planning proposal to rezone proposed IN1 General Industrial land	Land use planning	WSC	Ongoing as per Urban Land Release Staging Plan	WSC
46	Planning proposal to rezone land south of Potters Drive to R5 Large Lot Residential	Land use planning	WSC	Ongoing as per Urban Land Release Staging Plan	WSC
47	Extension of stormwater services	Infrastructure development	Private Developers WSC	Ongoing as per Stormwater Extension Staging Plan	Private WSC
48	Sewerage reticulation system extension and upgrade	Infrastructure development	Private Developers WSC	Ongoing as per Sewer Extension Staging Plan	Private WSC
49	Retrofit footpaths & sharedways as per Pedestrian Access &	Infrastructure development	L: WSC S: Transport	Ongoing as per PAMPs	WSC NSW

	Mobility Plan		for NSW		
50	Water supply system upgrade and extension	Infrastructure development	Private Developers WSC	Ongoing as per Water Supply Extension Staging Plan	Private WSC
51	Routine maintenance of the Gol Gol Creek riparian areas	Environmental management	WSC	Ongoing	WSC
52	Road safety audit on Sturt and Silver City Highways	Infrastructure planning	WSC Transport for NSW	Ongoing	WSC NSW
53	Review and update Pedestrian Access & Mobility Plan	Infrastructure planning	WSC	Ongoing	WSC
54	Revamp Buronga Riverfront as per Buronga Riverfront Master Plan	Community facility/service	WSC	Ongoing	WSC
55	Provide and upgrade of bus stop facilities at vantage locations	Community facility/service	L: CDC Mildura S: WSC	Ongoing	CDC Mildura WSC
56	Explore options for a bypass or second river crossing	Infrastructure planning	L: Transport for NSW, Regional Roads Victoria S: WSC, MRCC	Ongoing	NSW VIC Federal
57	Encourage and promote the development of housing solutions for the region's aging population	Land use planning	WSC	Ongoing	WSC
58	Amenities upgrade (Public Toilets)	Community facility/service	WSC	Ongoing	WSC
59	Wilga Road Roundabout	Infrastructure development	L: Transport for NSW S: WSC, MRCC	Medium	NSW VIC Federal
60	Corbett Avenue Roundabout	Infrastructure development	L: Transport for NSW S: WSC	Long	NSW
61	Relocation of River Road intersection with Silver City Highway	Infrastructure development	L: Transport for NSW S: WSC	Long	NSW
62	Dawn Avenue Roundabout	Infrastructure development	L: Transport for NSW S: WSC	Medium	NSW Federal
63	Improvements at Pitman Avenue, Pitman West & Silver City Highway	Infrastructure development	L: WSC S: Transport	Long	WSC NSW

	intersection		for NSW		
64	Construction of bridge upstream of Gol Gol Creek	Infrastructure development	WSC	Long	WSC
65	Development of active transport loop	Infrastructure development	L: WSC, MRCC S: Transport for NSW Regional Roads Victoria	Medium	NSW VIC Federal WSC MRCC
66	Engage with Essential Energy to eliminate overhead powerlines	Land use planning Infrastructure development	L: Essential Energy S: WSC	Long	Essential Energy
67	Development of Moontongue Recreation Park	Community facility/service	WSC	Short	WSC
68	Widen and realign Sturt Highway at intersection with Melaleuca Street	Infrastructure development	L: Transport for NSW S: WSC	Medium	NSW
69	Extend service road south of Sturt Highway between Rose Street and Carramar Drive to connect with Carramar Drive	Infrastructure development	L: WSC S: Transport for NSW	Medium	WSC NSW
71	Formalise the Danson Road corridor	Infrastructure planning Infrastructure development	L: WSC S: Transport for NSW	Medium	WSC NSW

Map 2: Elements of the township structure plan



Community Consultation

Council's Community Participation Plan requires the draft Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan to be exhibited for a period of 28 days.

Community consultation would include:

- Two advertisements in a newspaper
- Publishing plan on Council's website
- Social media announcements
- Letter mail-out to selected property and business owners
- Consultation with government agencies and adjoining local government authorities, e.g. DPIE, RMS, MRCC

Any submissions received during the consultation period will be considered in a report to Council following the consultation period.

Options

Based on the information contained in this report, the options available to address this matter are to:

- Endorse the draft Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan for community consultation, or
- Refuse to endorse the draft Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan for community consultation.

Legal, strategic, financial or policy implications

The endorsement of the attached Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan allows for community consultation to be conducted in accordance with the Community Participation Plan.

The endorsement also provides Council with the opportunity to progress the preparation of a strategic land use framework to guide and manage the fast-paced growth occurring in Buronga Gol Gol.

Conclusion

Having consideration of the content of this report it is concluded that the appropriate course of action is to endorse the draft Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan for community consultation.

Attachments

Nil

9.13 WORKS REPORT UPDATE - MARCH 2020

File Number: RPT/20/195

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Allan Eastmond - Manager Works

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

Summary

This report provides a summary of the major works undertaken by the Roads and Engineering Division which have been completed during the month of March 2020 and the planned works for April 2020.

Recommendation

That Council notes the major works undertaken for March 2020 and the proposed works for April 2020.

Detailed Report

During March, the Roads and Engineering Division commenced maintenance grading on identified roads.

Other projects:

Continued carting of water to property owners who do not have access to potable water, the carting will continue until otherwise advised.

April will see major works continuing on the Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant electrical and process upgrade, Wentworth and Dareton Sewer Upgrades.

Works are continuing at the Barrett Pavilion.

Works continuing at the George Gordon Oval Netball Courts. Unfortunately, the newly resurfaced netball courts have sustained damage from tyre tracks. Council are working with the contractors on a course of action to repair damage.

Aerodrome Update -

The project is still running to schedule even with the current environment and economy and the uncertainty of COVID-19. Construction works are to commence from the week commencing 20 April. Taking into consideration the effects of COVID-19 our team have put in place strict measures and guidelines regarding the requirements around working in this current climate.

Council's Public Amenities Update –

Additional measures taken on Council's public toilet cleaning schedule in response to the Corona Virus pandemic.

- Cleaning schedule for local and RMS toilets as per normal scheduling.
- Contractor including additional bleach with disinfectant for cleaning.
Contractor instructed to pay extra attention to frequently touched surfaces along with secondary surfaces.
- Strother Park toilet closed to public as of 31 March – this is due to the Wentworth Gaol & Museum being closed to the public – closure noted on Shire website.

- McLeod Oval toilets closed to public as of 31 March – closure due to skate park closed to the public – closure noted on Shire website.
- George Gordon Oval toilets not being cleaned due to suspension of footy season.
- New toilet paper dispensers installed for toilet upgrades have temporally been removed (were being damaged to access paper) and old cost saver dispensers re-instated.
- Contractors have reported toilet paper being stolen from public toilets.

Attachments

1. Attachment 1 - Project Update [↓](#)
2. Attachment 2 - Project Photos [↓](#)

Works completed March 2020

Roads RMS

Construction works on a 500m length at segment 95 Sturt Highway Monak have been completed and sealed.

Sealing Program

- Undertake works to identify locations and commence patching prior to reseal works for stage 2 reseals within the local and regional roads network.

Maintenance Grading

- Roads and Engineering were able to undertake scheduled maintenance grading to remove known hazards and improve the conditions of the roads due to the decent rainfall the region received in March. Roads that were graded include; Ivanhoe, Willcara, Kapa Kora and Pooncarie-Menindee Road.

Projects

Wentworth Aerodrome

- Detailed Design complete.
- Perimeter fencing nearing completion.
- Continued consultation with key stakeholders including Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).
- Materials stockpile site and entry established.
- Worksite construction and water supply works nearing completion.
- Delivery of drainage materials commenced with 50% delivered to site.
- Tender for supply and installation of lighting duct banks compete and awarded with Purchase Orders issued.
- Delivery of runway pavement materials commenced with 6,000 Tonne stockpiled on site to date.

Dareton Sewer Upgrade

- Clearing of Golf Course Road vegetation for pump station power supply commenced.
- Pump station security fence completed.
- Awaiting installation of permeant power supply works by Essential Energy for Golf Course Road pump station site.

Wentworth Sewer Upgrade

- Rising Main Pipeline Pooncarie Road 80% complete.
- PS1 Rising Main works on Adelaide, Beverly and Frances Street completed.

Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant Electrical and Process upgrade

- Continuation of Switch Room construction
- Installation completed of rising main flow meter
- Modifications to Inlet works area 90% completed.

Toilet Upgrades

- As a result of the current COVID-19 situation some material supply deliveries have been delayed with works now anticipated to be completed by the end of April.
- Quotes received for the tiling upgrade works, project awarded to the Tiling Centre Mildura. Works anticipated to be completed by mid-May.
- The painting upgrade works are being undertaken by Karym Cleaning and where scheduled for completion end of March, due to the current situation with COVID-19, Karym's resources have been diverted to meet extra cleaning requirements from businesses requiring their services. Anticipated completion pushed back to the end

April 2020.

- Continuing with floor painting for the following toilet locations; Buronga Wetlands, Gol Gol Cemetery, Midway Centre and Coomealla Cemetery.
- Continuing with Painting for the following toilet locations; O'Donnell Park, Alcheringa Oval, Short Street and McLeod Oval.
- Continue with tiling works for the following toilet locations; pitman avenue, Wentworth sporting complex and O'Donnell Park Curlwaa.

Buronga EDS

- Pontoon slab has been to be poured
- The contractor has put works on hold due to current restrictions with the government restrictions with COVID-19.

Buronga Shed Extension

- DA has been approved.
- Works have been postponed from 4 April and now scheduled to commence late April / early May by Mallee Sheds.

Emergency Water Carting to Property Owners

- Emergency water carting to property owners continued during March with 9 delivers undertaken.
- Letter drafted requestion further funding

Stronger Country Communities Grant Funded

George Gordon Netball Courts

- Concrete foundations for the lighting poles have been completed
- Commenced stormwater works
- Existing floodlights replaced
- Commenced the perimeter works
- Playing surface completed.

Wentworth Sporting Complex (Bowling Green Construction)

- New irrigation system installed to outer bank.
- Outer bank reformed on three sides.
- Pavement layers installed and compacted in preparation for synthetic turf.

Curlwaa Hall

- All internal contract works completed
- Final inspection undertaken and Certificate of Occupancy being prepared
- Materials for sealing of the concrete floor purchased and sealing to be coordinated by Council.
- Car parking being undertaken by Council and landscaping works to progress.

Barrett Pavilion

- Works are progressing according to the program
- Underground electrical works placed along with plumbing and septic system
- Slab completed in three stages
- Steel frame work erection progressing

Works ongoing during April 2020

- Roads
- Construction on a 500m section on segment 130 Sturt Highway Trentham Rehabilitation site establishment to commence on 15 April with the stabilisation of Sub Base programmed for 22 April 2020.
 - Realignment and sealing of the last bend on Pitman Avenue West to commence late April.
- Maintenance Grading
- Due to the rainfall in March Roads and Engineering have scheduled continued maintenance grading to remove known hazards and improve the conditions of the roads on the following roads; Arumpo, High Darling, Low Darling, Downham and Anabran Road.
- Projects
- Wentworth Aerodrome
- Completion of boundary fencing of the aerodrome works to be finished end April 2020.
 - Design submitted to Essential Energy for approval for the electrical infrastructure upgrade.
 - Advertise the tender documentations for the supply and installation of the aerodrome runway and apron lighting.
 - Will commence construction of the drainage and electrical works.
 - Runway material supply to be completed by mid-May 2020.
 - Site establishment work commencing 14 April 2020.
 - Airport operations will be closed from Sunday 19 April for the commencement of construction works.
 - Earthworks construction to start Monday 20 April 2020.
 - installation of drainage culverts to commence first week of May 2020.
 - Installation of Runway Lighting Duct Banks to commence second week of May 2020.
- Dareton Sewer Upgrade
- Proposed commencement of Golf Course Road power supply to pump station to commence
 - Repair of defective Namatjira Sewerage lagoon linings.
 - Installation of fourth sewerage lagoon lining, delayed until completion of repairs to lagoon linings.
 - Decommissioning of Dareton Sewerage Treatment works, delayed due to same reason as above.
- Wentworth Sewer Upgrade
- Begin installation of new pumps and switchboard upgrade at SPS 1
 - Commence works on final lagoon liner.
- Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant Electrical and Process upgrade
- Commence modifications to Raw Water Pump Station switch room.
 - Commence installation of balance tank drainage and telemetry mast.
 - Complete modifications to Inlet work area
- Buronga EDS
- The contractor has put works on hold due to current restrictions with the government restrictions with COVID-19.
- Toilet Upgrades
- Hand dryer installation only Short St remains, plumbing and secondary tiling works

to be completed by end of April 2020.

- James King Park to be completed by end of April.

Wentworth & Dareton Pool Tiling

- Meeting with the Tile Centre Mildura early April to choose suitable coping and wall tiles.
- Dareton Pool requires entire re-tile of lap, Intermediate and Toddler pools.
- RFQ for tiling works being developed.
- Wentworth pool tiling works anticipated to commence early to mid-August with works completed by the end August 2020.
- Works to be completed by 30 September for hand over to Water & Waste Water Team.

Stronger Country Communities Grant Funded Projects

Curlwaa Hall

- Complete entrance and car parking area.
- Complete irrigation modification and lay turf.

Barrett Pavilion

- Continuation with frame erection.
- Continuation with fire service installation works.

George Gordon Netball Courts

- Progression of perimeter works
- Lighting poles to be erected on new courts.
- Bluestone crusher dust and players boxes concrete pads to be installed around courts.
- Anticipated completion of project May 2020.

Wentworth Sporting Complex

- Final pavement layer to be placed and compacted
- The synthetic turf to be installed
- Works scheduled for completion end of April / early May by Oasis Unmatched.

Project Update – Images



Image 1 – George Gordon Oval Netball Courts, damage to courts caused by tyre marks



Image 2 – Segment 95 Sturt Highway reconstruction



Image 3 – Alcheringa Oval / Service Road extension



Image 4 – Alcheringa Oval / Service Road extension



Image 5 – Barrett Pavilion, installation of underground services



Image 6 – Barrett Pavilion erection of the steel frame



Image 7 – Wentworth Aerodrome stockpile site delivery of Class 3 material for runway construction



Image 8 – Wentworth Aerodrome drainage materials



Image 9 – Wentworth Aerodrome installation of new 50,000 litre poly tank



Image 10 – Curlwaa Hall inside hall



Image 11 – Curlwaa Hall Kitchen



Image 12 – Curlwaa Hall entrance way



Image 13 – Wentworth Bowling Green



Image 14 – Installation of the Geo-Fab



Image 15 – James King Park construction of new roofing

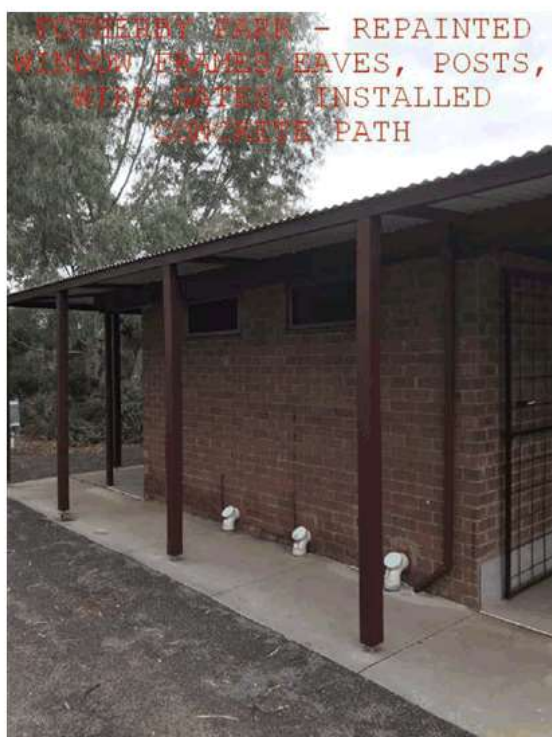


Image 16 – Fotherby Park, repainting of the external features



Image 17 – Buronga Toilets new hand dryer and soap dispensers and repainting



Image 18 – Wentworth Sporting Complex

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Despite the right of members of the public to attend meetings of a council, the council may choose to close to the public, parts of the meeting that involve the discussion or receipt of certain matters as prescribed under section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act.

With the exception of matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) (10A(2)(a)), matters involving the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer (10A(2)(b)) or matters that would disclose a trade secret (10A(2)(d)(iii)), council must be satisfied that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

The Act requires council to close the meeting formonly so much of the discussion as is necessary to preserve the relevant confidentiality, privilege or security being protected. (section 10B(1)(a))

Section 10A(4) of the Act provides that a council may allow members of the public to make representations to or at a meeting, before any part of the meeting is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

Section 10B(4) of the Act stipulates that for the purpose of determining whether the discussion of a matter in an open meeting would be contrary to the public interest, it is irrelevant that:-

- (a) a person may misinterpret or misunderstand the discussion, or
- (b) the discussion of the matter may -
 - (i) cause embarrassment to the council or committee concerned, or to councillors or to employees of the council, or
 - (ii) cause a loss of confidence in the council or committee.

Recommendation

That Council adjourns into Closed Session and members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session, and that access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution.

This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:-

12.1 Farm Stay Accommodation 83 Williams Road Curlwaa. (RPT/20/202)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the item outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making.

12.2 Plant Replacement - Approval of Tenders for Placement of Plan 517 - 7500KG Flat Bed Truck. (RPT/20/190)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would

reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.3 Plant Replacement - Approval of Tenders for Replacement of Plant 67 - 4 to 5 Tonne Rubber Traction Mini Excavator. (RPT/20/191)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.4 Plant Replacement - Approval of Tenders for Replacement of Plant 527 - Single Axle Tip Truck. (RPT/20/196)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.5 Plant Replacement - Approval of Tenders for Replacement of Plant 309 - 4x4 Long Wheel Single Cab Utility. (RPT/20/197)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

9.5 Wentworth Doctors Proposal. (RPT/20/216)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the item outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making.

12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

12.1 FARM STAY ACCOMODATION 83 WILLIAMS ROAD CURLWAA

File Number: RPT/20/202

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire

Strategy: 1.1 Grow the potential for business and industry to develop and expand

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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12.2 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL OF TENDERS FOR PLACEMENT OF PLAN 517 - 7500KG FLAT BED TRUCK

File Number: RPT/20/190

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Allan Eastmond - Manager Works

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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12.3 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL OF TENDERS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 67 - 4 TO 5 TONNE RUBBER TRACTION MINI EXCAVATOR

File Number: RPT/20/191

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Allan Eastmond - Manager Works

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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12.4 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL OF TENDERS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 527 - SINGLE AXLE TIP TRUCK

File Number: RPT/20/196

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Allan Eastmond - Manager Works

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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12.5 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL OF TENDERS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 309 - 4X4 LONG WHEEL SINGLE CAB UTILITY

File Number: RPT/20/197

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Allan Eastmond - Manager Works

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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12.6 WENTWORTH DOCTORS PROPOSAL

File Number: RPT/20/216

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager

Reporting Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth is a desirable Shire to visit, live, work and invest

Strategy: 2.2 Enhance access to local health and aged care services

Current References: Proposals to provide medical services to Wentworth township

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

NEXT MEETING

13 May 2020