



# WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL

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 in the **MIDWAY CENTRE, BURONGA AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING**, commencing at **10:00AM**.

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**KEN ROSS**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

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**1 OPENING OF MEETING**

THE MAYOR REQUESTS THAT THE GENERAL MANAGER MAKES  
ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING THE LIVE-STREAMING OF THE MEETING.

**2 PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**3 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Recommendation**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 16 December 2020 be confirmed as  
circulated.



# **WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES**

**16 DECEMBER 2020**

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## 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 10:01AM

## 2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

### PRESENT:

**COUNCILLORS:** Councillor Susan Nichols (Mayor)  
Councillor Tim Elstone (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillor Steve Heywood  
Councillor Jane MacAllister  
Councillor Don McKinnon  
Councillor Peter Nunan  
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)  
Gayle Marsden (Executive Assistant to General Manager)  
Chloe Horne (Business Support Officer)

## 3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Evans requested a Leave of Absence for this meeting.

### Council Resolution

That Council notes the apologies and grants the Leave of Absence Request from Cr Evans.

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Nunan**

**CARRIED**

### Council Resolution

That Item 9.6 be brought forward to hear a presentation from the Auditors.

**Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. MacAllister**

**CARRIED**

## 4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Cr MacAllister declared a pecuniary interest in Item 9.14 as one of the items listed relates to a neighbour.

## 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### Recommendation

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

### Council Resolution

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



Moved Cr. Wheeldon, Seconded Cr. Nunan

CARRIED

## 6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 6.1 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File Number: RPT/20/833

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 Outstanding Matters report provides details of activities raised at previous Council meetings that remain outstanding.

#### Officer Recommendation

That Council notes the list of outstanding matters as at 9 December 2020.

#### Council Resolution

That Council notes the list of outstanding matters as at 9 December 2020.

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. McKinnon**

**CARRIED**

## 7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

### 7.1 MAYORAL REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/785

#### **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. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Elstone**

**CARRIED**

## **8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

### **8.1 WENTWORTH SPORTING COMPLEX USER GROUP MEETING THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2020**

File Number: RPT/20/793

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 Thursday 26 November 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 held on Thursday 26 November 2020.

#### **Council Resolution**

That Council notes the Minutes of the Wentworth Sporting Complex User Group held on Thursday 26 November 2020.

**Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. Heywood**

**CARRIED**

**8.2 WILLANDRA LAKES REGION WORLD HERITAGE ADVISORY GROUP**

File Number: RPT/20/828

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: 4.7 Promote the celebration of the region's rich cultural and social heritage

**Summary**

Councillor MacAllister is the Local Government representative on the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Advisory Council and information from these meetings is attached to this report for the information of Councillors.

**Officer Recommendation**

That Council notes the report from the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Advisory Group.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes the report from the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Advisory Group.

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Heywood**

**CARRIED**

## 9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 9.1 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/786

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager  
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager  
Reporting Officer: Chloe Horne - Business Support 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**

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  
Circulars 20-38 to 20-39
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.

#### **Council Resolution**

That Council notes the information contained within the report from the General Manager.

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Elstone**

**CARRIED**

**9.2 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION PROPOSED NAME CHANGE**

File Number:	RPT/20/830
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 Murray Darling Association (MDA) is currently consulting with members and stakeholders regarding a proposed name change to include the words Local Government in their name. The proposed name is Murray-Darling Local Government Association. The Murray Darling Association has four membership categories: Council Organisations, Non-Council Organisations, Individuals, and Life Members. Currently there is one member in the Non-Council Organisation and approximately 10-12 members each in the Individual and Life Member categories.

**Recommendation**

That Council

- a) support the name change from Murray Darling Association to Murray-Darling Local Government Association; or
- b) not support the name change from Murray Darling Association to Murray-Darling Local Government Association.

**Council Resolution**

That Council not support the name change from Murray Darling Association to Murray-Darling Local Government Association.

**Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. MacAllister**

**CARRIED**

**9.3 SUNRAYSIA SAFARI RALLY 2021 REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP**

File Number: RPT/20/770

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager  
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager  
Reporting Officer: Chloe Horne - Business Support Officer

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

**Summary**

Council is in receipt of a request to provide financial and in-kind sponsorship for the 2021 Sunraysia Safari Cross Country Rally. It is proposed to hold the Rally within the Wentworth Shire region from Wednesday 8 September 2021 to Saturday 11 September 2021 inclusive, subject to venue availability. Council approved financial support for the 2020 Rally however, due to COVID-19 the event did not occur and therefore the funds were not provided.

**Recommendation**

That Council consider the request to support the 2021 Sunraysia Safari Cross Country Rally by either:

- a) providing financial support only to the value of \$15,000.00 (ex GST);
- b) providing financial support of \$15,000.00 (ex GST) plus in-kind support;
- c) providing only in-kind support of use of the Wentworth Showgrounds for a period of nine (9) days; or
- d) not providing any financial or in-kind support to the 2021 Sunraysia Safari Cross Country Rally.

**Council Resolution**

That Council support the 2021 Sunraysia Safari Cross Country Rally by providing financial support of \$15,000.00 (ex GST) plus in-kind support.

**Moved Cr. Heywood, Seconded Cr. McKinnon**

**CARRIED**



**9.4 AUSTRALIA DAY 2021 AWARDS**

File Number:	RPT/20/783
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:	4.7 Promote the celebration of the region's rich cultural and social heritage

**Summary**

This year Council requested nominations for the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year (must be 18 years or over on 26 January 2021)
- Young Citizen of the Year (must be under 18 years on 26 January 2021)
- Sportsperson of the Year (must be 18 years or over on 26 January 2021)
- Young Sportsperson of the Year (must be under 18 years on 26 January 2021)
- Environmental Award (individuals or groups)

Nominations were received for four categories. There were no nominations for the Sportsperson of the Year.

**Recommendation**

That Council determines the individual award recipients through a secret ballot and that the results remain confidential until announced at the official Australia Day event at the Buronga Wetlands.

**Council Resolution**

That Council determines the individual award recipients through a secret ballot and that the results remain confidential until announced at the official Australia Day event at the Buronga Wetlands.

**Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Elstone**

**CARRIED**

**Council Resolution**

That council resolve to move the voting via secret ballot for Item 9.4 into Closed Council.

**Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Elstone**

**CARRIED**

**9.5 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT STATISTICS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

File Number: RPT/20/774

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

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 Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct requires a report to be presented to Council within three months of the end of September each year on Code of Conduct complaints.

The information contained in the report pertains to the period ended 30 September 2020.

**Recommendation**

That Council notes the reporting of the Code of Conduct complaints statistics for the period ended 30 September 2020.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes the reporting of the Code of Conduct complaints statistics for the period ended 30 September 2020.

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. McKinnon**

**CARRIED**

**9.6 PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC**

File Number: RPT/20/801

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

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****Recommendation**

That Council notes the presentation of the Annual Financial Statements and the movements in Council's internal and external reserves.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes the presentation of the Annual Financial Statements and the movements in Council's internal and external reserves.

**Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Heywood**

**CARRIED**

**9.7 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT**

File Number: RPT/20/812

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 November 2020 were \$1,429,772.52. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 55.07%. For comparison purposes 55% of the levy had been collected at the end of November 2019. Council currently has \$31,745,805.92 in cash and investments.

**Recommendation**

That Council notes the monthly finance report.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes the monthly finance report.

**Moved Cr. Wheeldon, Seconded Cr. MacAllister**

**CARRIED**

**9.8 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

File Number: RPT/20/835

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 30 November 2020 Council had \$22 million invested in term deposits and \$5,001,664.61 in other cash investments. Council received \$24,423.61 from its investments for the month of November 2020.

In November 2020 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 0.75% and it currently has \$9,165,513.01 of internal restrictions and \$14,708,305.24 of external restrictions.

**Recommendation**

That Council notes the monthly investment report.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes the monthly investment report.

**Moved Cr. McKinnon, Seconded Cr. Nunan**

**CARRIED**

**9.9 SUSPENSION OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONE - WENTWORTH ROWING CLUB AND LAWNS**

File Number: RPT/20/787

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning  
Responsible Division: Health and Planning  
Reporting Officer: Deborah Zorzi - Administration Officer, Health and Planning

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**

Council has received a request from the Wentworth District Rowing Club to lift the alcohol-free zone for the Rowing Club and immediate lawn area for one event.

The Wentworth District Rowing Club has sought approval for the suspension of the alcohol-free zone in past years for community events.

There have been no incidents or problems in past events that would warrant Council refusing the temporary lifting of the alcohol-free zone as requested.

**Recommendation**

- 1) That Council, in accordance with Section 645 of the Local Government Act 1993, suspends the operation of the alcohol-free zone in the area of the Wentworth Rowing Club and Lawns as shown on the map attached to this report, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 22:00 on 3 April 2021 and 12:00 noon and 20:00 on 4 April 2021.
- 2) That Council advertises the suspension of the alcohol-free zone in a locally circulated newspaper and,
- 3) That Council advises the NSW Police of the details of the suspensions of the alcohol-free zone.

**Council Resolution**

That Council

- 1) In accordance with Section 645 of the Local Government Act 1993, suspends the operation of the alcohol-free zone in the area of the Wentworth Rowing Club and Lawns as shown on the map attached to this report, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 22:00 on 3 April 2021 and 12:00 noon and 20:00 on 4 April 2021.
- 2) Advertises the suspension of the alcohol-free zone in a locally circulated newspaper and,
- 3) Advises the NSW Police of the details of the suspensions of the alcohol-free zone.

**Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. Nunan**

**CARRIED**

**9.10 LAND ACQUISITION - A54 WILGA ROAD REALIGNMENT**

File Number: RPT/20/789

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**

A Council resolution is required to commence the compulsory acquisition of Lot 2584 DP 764612 at Gol Gol, NSW from Crown Lands for the purpose of a public road.

**Recommendation**

That Council

1. Proceed to acquire Lot 2584 Deposited Plan 764612 by the compulsory process under the terms of the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (NSW)* by authority contained in the *Roads Act 1993 (NSW)* for the purpose of public road
2. Dedicate the land as public road in accordance with the *Roads Act 1993 (NSW)*
3. That minerals are to be excluded from this acquisition
4. That the acquisition is not for the purpose of resale
5. That the necessary applications be made to the NSW Minister for Local Government and the NSW Governor for approval to compulsorily acquire the Crown land for the public purpose
6. That the Common Seal of Wentworth Shire Council be affixed to all documentation required to be sealed to give effect to this resolution and that Mayor and General Manager be delegated to sign any related documents.

**Council Resolution**

That Council

1. Proceed to acquire Lot 2584 Deposited Plan 764612 by the compulsory process under the terms of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (NSW) by authority contained in the Roads Act 1993 (NSW) for the purpose of public road
2. Dedicate the land as public road in accordance with the Roads Act 1993 (NSW)
3. That minerals are to be excluded from this acquisition
4. That the acquisition is not for the purpose of resale
5. That the necessary applications be made to the NSW Minister for Local Government and the NSW Governor for approval to compulsorily acquire the Crown land for the public purpose
6. That the Common Seal of Wentworth Shire Council be affixed to all documentation required to be sealed to give effect to this resolution and that Mayor and General Manager be delegated to sign any related documents.

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Elstone**

**CARRIED**

**9.11 A54 WILGA ROAD - DEED OF AGREEMENT**

File Number: RPT/20/803

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**

Wentworth Shire Council is in discussions with property developer, Jarrod Roberts of CPM Builders, to establish legal access to his proposed subdivision being, Lot 56 Deposited Plan 756946.

The proposed subdivision is land locked due to a parcel of Crown owned land (Lot 2584 DP 764612) restricting access via Wilga Road.

Council has investigated two options to gain legal access to the proposed Roberts development.

1. Wilga Road opening & realignment
2. Bridge over the Gol Gol Creek, linking to Potters Drive.

**Recommendation**

1. That Council enters into a Deed of Agreement with the property developer whereby the property developer agrees to pay all costs associated with the project, including any compensation payable associated with the Crown land acquisition.
  - a) For the extension of Wilga Road
  - b) For access via a bridge over the Gol Gol Creek linking to Potters Drive
2. That Council proceed with the application to transfer crown road being Potters Drive to Council's authority
3. That Council bring forward the future requirement as identified in the Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan 2020, for the construction of a bridge crossing over the Gol Gol Creek connecting to Potter Drive.

**Council Resolution**

That Council

1. Enters into a Deed of Agreement with the property developer whereby the property developer agrees to pay all costs associated with the project, including any compensation payable associated with the Crown land acquisition.
  - a) For the extension of Wilga Road
  - b) For access via a bridge over the Gol Gol Creek linking to Potters Drive
2. Proceed with the application to transfer crown road being Potters Drive to Council's authority
3. Bring forward the future requirement as identified in the Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan 2020, for the construction of a bridge crossing over the Gol Gol Creek connecting to Potter Drive.

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Elstone**

**4. CARRIED**



**9.12 NATURAL DISASTERS LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN CLAUSE**

File Number: RPT/20/790

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

**Summary**

The Department of Planning, Industry & Environment has prepared a Standard Instrument Natural Disasters Clause in response to natural disasters that occurred during the 2019/2020 summer.

This clause will clarify that consent can be granted for the purposes of repairing or replacing a dwelling that has been destroyed or damaged by a natural disaster.

The clause is optional for inclusion in Local Environmental Plans (LEP), including the selection of zones where the clause will apply. This report recommends that Council resolve to 'opt in' so the clause can be inserted in to the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011.

**Recommendation**

- a) That Council resolves to advise the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces that it endorses and supports an amendment to the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 by the insertion of Clause 5.9 of the Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Amendment (Natural Disasters) Order 2020, with the clause applying to RU1 Primary Production, RU5 Village, R5 Large Lot Residential, E3 Environmental Management and E4 Environmental Living, B6 Enterprise Corridor, IN2 Light Industrial, SP1 Special Activities and SP3 Tourist zones.
- b) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

**Council Resolution**

- a) That Council resolves to advise the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces that it endorses and supports an amendment to the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 by the insertion of Clause 5.9 of the Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Amendment (Natural Disasters) Order 2020, with the clause applying to RU1 Primary Production, RU5 Village, R5 Large Lot Residential, E3 Environmental Management and E4 Environmental Living, B6 Enterprise Corridor, IN2 Light Industrial, SP1 Special Activities and SP3 Tourist zones.
- b) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Nunan**

**CARRIED**

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

*For the Motion :*                      *Clr.s Elstone, Heywood, MacAllister, McKinnon, Nichols, Nunan and Wheeldon.*

*Against the Motion:*              *Nil.*

**9.13 PLANNING PROPOSAL - REZONE LOTS 56 & 73 DP 756946 WILGA ROAD GOL GOL FROM RU1 PRIMARY PRODUCTION ZONE TO R5 LARGE LOT RESIDENTIAL ZONE & AMEND MINIMUM LOT SIZE FROM 10,000 HA TO 3,000 SQM**

File Number: RPT/20/779

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

**Summary**

Council received a Gateway Determination to proceed with a planning proposal to rezone Lots 56 and 73 DP 756946 Wilga Road, Gol Gol from RU1 Primary Production zone with a minimum lot size of 10,000 hectares to R5 Large Lot Residential zone with a minimum lot size of 3,000 square metres, from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on 31 July 2020.

Public exhibition has been conducted in accordance with Condition 2 of the Gateway Determination. Three submissions were received, including two objections. A response was sent to both objectors addressing the issues raised in their submission, one objection has been maintained and one withdrawn. All other conditions of the Gateway Determination have been satisfied.

This report details the grounds for objecting, provides details of the response to those grounds and seeks Council approval to request an Opinion from Parliamentary Counsel and submit the Planning Proposal to the Minister for the Department of Planning and Public Spaces to finalise and notify 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 land from RU1 Primary Production to R5 Large Lot Residential and amending the minimum lot size from 10,000 hectares to 3,000 square metres to Parliamentary Counsel for opinion; and
- b) That Council submits the Planning Proposal to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces for finalisation and notification of the amendment to the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011, in accordance with Section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*; and
- c) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

**Council Resolution**

- a) That Council submits the Planning Proposal to amend the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 by rezoning the subject land from RU1 Primary Production to R5 Large Lot Residential and amending the minimum lot size from 10,000 hectares to 3,000 square metres to Parliamentary Counsel for opinion; and
- b) That Council submits the Planning Proposal to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces for finalisation and notification of the amendment to the Wentworth Local

Environmental Plan 2011, in accordance with Section 3.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*; and

- c) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

**Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. MacAllister**

**CARRIED**

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

***For the Motion :***                      ***Clr.s Elstone, Heywood, MacAllister, McKinnon, Nichols, Nunan and Wheeldon.***

***Against the Motion:***              ***Nil.***

**9.14 DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVALS AS AT END OF NOVEMBER 2020**

File Number: RPT/20/813

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 November 2020, a total of 18 Development Applications and four S4.55 Modification Applications were determined under delegated authority by the Director Health and Planning.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$1,858,373.00. This brings the year to date total to 156 Development Applications and 35 S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$30,940,386.00.

*At 10:28 am Councillor Jane MacAllister left the meeting as she declared a pecuniary interest in Item 9.14.*

**Recommendation**

- a) That Council receives and notes the report for the month of November 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 November 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. Nunan, Seconded Cr. McKinnon**

**CARRIED**

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

***For the Motion :*** ***Clr.s Elstone, Heywood, McKinnon, Nichols, Nunan and Wheeldon.***

***Against the Motion:*** ***Nil.***

*At 10:29 am Councillor Jane Macallister returned to the meeting.*

**9.15 WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL AERODROMES - ADOPTION OF FEES AND CHARGES**

File Number: RPT/20/804

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Tarryn Kampman - Administration 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**

Wentworth Shire Council endorsed the draft Fees and Charges for the Wentworth Shire Council Aerodromes for public exhibition at its Ordinary Meeting held 21 October 2020.

Two submissions were received at the end of the public exhibition period and these have been considered in the final plan.

This report seeks Council's adoption of the final Fees and Charges for the Wentworth Shire Council Aerodromes.

**Recommendation**

That Council resolves to adopt the amended Fees and Charges for the Wentworth Shire Council Aerodromes and include in Councils Fees and Charges for 2020/21.

**Council Resolution**

That Council adopts the amended Fees and Charges for the Wentworth Shire Council Aerodromes and include in Councils Fees and Charges for 2020/21.

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Nunan**

**CARRIED**

**9.16 WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL AERODROMES - ADOPTION OF CONDITIONS OF USE AND ACCESS**

File Number: RPT/20/806

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Tarryn Kampman - Administration 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**

Wentworth Shire Council endorsed the draft Conditions of Use and Access for the Wentworth Shire Council Aerodromes for public exhibition at its Ordinary Meeting held 21 October 2020.

Three submissions were received at the end of the public exhibition period and these have been considered in the final plan.

This report seeks Council's adoption of the final Conditions of Use and Access for the Wentworth Shire Council Aerodromes.

**Recommendation**

That Council resolves to adopt the amended Conditions of Use and Access for the Wentworth Shire Council Aerodromes and include in Councils operations of the Aerodromes.

**Council Resolution**

That Council adopts the amended Conditions of Use and Access for the Wentworth Shire Council Aerodromes and include in Councils operations of the Aerodromes.

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Heywood**

**CARRIED**

**9.17 PROJECT AND WORKS REPORT UPDATE - DECEMBER 2020**

File Number: RPT/20/810

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Tarryn Kampman - Administration 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**

This report provides a summary of the projects and major works undertaken by the Roads and Engineering Department which have been completed during the month of November 2020.

**Recommendation**

That Council notes the major works undertaken for November and the scheduled works for December 2020.

**Council Resolution**

That Council notes the major works undertaken for November and the scheduled works for December 2020.

**Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. McKinnon**

**CARRIED**



**10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE****10.1 SPEED HUMP MATONG STREET DARETON**

Cr Peter Nunan asked if Council could complete the installation of the speed hump in Matong Street, Dareton near the RSL flats as previously approved.

**10.2 SPEED LIMIT OVER WENTWORTH BRIDGE**

Cr Bill Wheeldon would like to see the speed limit reduced to 50km per hour over the Wentworth Bridge through Sandwych Street.

**10.3 WENTWORTH TIP OPENING HOURS**

Cr Wheeldon requested that the opening hours at the Wentworth Tip be extended to be 9am to 4:30pm on Wednesday & Sunday.

**10.4 BOTTLE BEND RESERVE LAND MANAGERS - SHIPPING CONTAINERBOTTLE BEND RESERVE LAND MANAGERS - SHIPPING CONTAINER**

Cr Jane MacAllister advised Bottle Bend Reserve Land Managers are looking to purchase a shipping container for the use of the volunteers and requested if Council may have something suitable that could be donated.

**10.5 HARD WASTE COLLECTION**

Cr Susan Nichols requested a hard waste collection in the New Year.
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## 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 for only 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, the recording of the meeting be suspended, and members of the press and public be excluded from 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 Water Account Reduction Request. (RPT/20/763)**

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

#### **12.2 Plant Replacement - Approval of Tenders for replacement of Plant 648 Mazda BT50 & Plant 649 Mazda BT50. (RPT/20/794)**

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.

**Council Resolution**

That Council adjourns into Closed Session, the recording of the meeting be suspended, and members of the press and public be excluded from 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.

**Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Heywood**

**CARRIED**

*Council moved into closed session at 10:43am  
Council resumed into open session at 10:49am*

## 12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

### 12.1 WATER ACCOUNT REDUCTION REQUEST

File Number: RPT/20/763

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

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

Strategy: 3.1 Promote the efficient delivery of water supply, sewer and drainage services for the long term interests of future generations

#### **REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

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

The General Manager advised that Council waived the sum of \$2,929.35 from the water account of assessment number 00325-0000, Lot 41 DP1232042, Dawn Avenue Gol Gol NSW leaving an amount of \$443.66.

**12.2 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL OF TENDERS FOR  
REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 648 MAZDA BT50 & PLANT 649 MAZDA BT50**

File Number: RPT/20/794

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**

*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.*

The General Manager advised that Council accepted the tender from Davison Motor Group for the supply of two Ford Ranger XL utilities for the total sum of \$131,417.75 inc GST, and accept the trade price of \$50,990 inc GST for the Council owned Mazda BT50s, plant item 648 and plant item 649 with a total changeover price of \$80,427.75 inc GST

The Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### **13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

The Mayor closed the meeting at 10:53 AM

### **NEXT MEETING**

20 January 2021

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**CHAIR**

## 6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 6.1 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File Number: RPT/21/30

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 Outstanding Matters report provides details of activities raised at previous Council meetings that remain outstanding.

#### **Officer Recommendation**

That Council notes the list of outstanding matters as at 12 January 2021.

#### **Additional Information**

Nil

#### **Attachments**

1. Outstanding Action Report as at 12 January 2021 [↓](#)

<b>Outstanding</b> <b>Outstanding Action Items Report</b>			<b>Division:</b> Ordinary Council <b>Committee:</b> <b>Officer:</b>		<b>Date From:</b> <b>Date To:</b> <b>Printed:</b> Tuesday, 12 January 2021 2:17:31 PM
Meeting	Item	Title	Item	Action Record (latest first)	
Ordinary Council 15/07/2020	10.2	Dareton Town Plan	Cr Peter Nunan asked about the progress of the Dareton Town Plan	6 Jan 2021 - 3:03 PM - Gayle Marsden Draft Dareton Town Plan currently with Councilors for feedback and will be presented in finalised draft form to Council in Mar/Apr - Action Complete	
Ordinary Council 15/07/2020	10.4	Update on flats at Dareton	Cr Melisa Hederics requested an update on a clean-up order that has been issued to the owner of flats in Dareton.	12 Jan 2021 - 9:19 AM - Matthew Carlin Site inspection conducted on 12 January 2021. Premises have some white goods and metal on site that need to be removed.	
Ordinary Council 16/09/2020	10.1	Bombala Road encroachment of vines into Road Reserve	Cr Peter Nunan asked that Council investigate the encroachment of vines into the road reserve on Bombala Road, Coomealla.	6 Jan 2021 - 3:05 PM - Gayle Marsden Investigation of further options continuing	
Ordinary Council 16/09/2020	10.3	The Big Yabby	Cr Steve Heywood requested a report on Councils position on the Big Yabby becoming a project.	6 Jan 2021 - 3:06 PM - Gayle Marsden For consideration in the Wentworth Riverfront Strategy in the future - Action Complete	
Ordinary Council 21/10/2020	10.3	Aerodrome User Group	Cr Peter Nunan requested that an aerodrome user group be established.	12 Jan 2021 - 2:15 PM - Gayle Marsden Process put in place for engagement - Action Complete	
Ordinary Council 16/12/2020	10.1	Speed Hump Matong Street Dareton	Cr Peter Nunan asked if Council could complete the installation of the speed hump in Matong Street, Dareton near the RSL flats as previously approved.	5 Jan 2021 - 2:56 PM - Tarryn Kampman Approval of speed hump installation in Matong Street will be considered at the next Local Traffic Committee meeting following a review of the trial speed hump installation in Millie Street.	
Ordinary Council 16/12/2020	10.2	Speed Limit over Wentworth Bridge	Cr Bill Wheeldon would like to see the speed limit reduced to 50km per hour over the Wentworth Bridge through Sandwyck Street.	5 Jan 2021 - 3:17 PM - Tarryn Kampman Council can request formal review the speed zone from Traffic for NSW,	



Division: Ordinary Council				Date From:
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Outstanding Action Items Report				
				however the outcome of this review may not be the desired result envisaged by Council.
Ordinary Council 16/12/2020	10.3	Wentworth Tip opening hours	Cr Wheeldon requested that the opening hours at the Wentworth Tip be extended to be 9am to 4:30pm on Wednesday & Sunday.	11 Jan 2021 - 4:06 PM - Simon Rule Report to be provided to the February 2021 Council meeting.
Ordinary Council 16/12/2020	10.4	Bottle Bend Reserve Land Managers - Shipping Container	Cr Jane MacAllister advised Bottle Bend Reserve Land Managers are looking to purchase a shipping container for the use of the volunteers and requested if Council may have something suitable that could be donated.	5 Jan 2021 - 3:15 PM - Tarryn Kampman Council do not have any available shipping containers in the list of inventory. Action Completed.
Ordinary Council 16/12/2020	10.5	Hard Waste Collection	Cr Susan Nichols requested a hard waste collection in the New Year.	5 Jan 2021 - 11:31 AM - Simon Rule Currently sourcing quotes from contractors to undertake the kerbside collection. Considering options for collection to take place in mid to late March.

## 7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

### 7.1 MAYORAL REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/855

#### **Summary**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of meetings, conferences and appointments undertaken by Mayor Nichols for the period of 7 December 2020 – 8 January 2021.

#### **Recommendation**

That Council notes the information contained in the Mayoral report.

#### **Report**

The following table lists the meetings attended by Mayor Nichols for the period of 7 December 2020 – 8 January 2021.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>
7 Dec 2020	Wentworth Regional Tourism Meeting	Coomealla
8 Dec 2020	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
10 Dec 2020	Dareton Streetscape Funding Meeting	Dareton
11 Dec 2020	Wentworth Shire Council All Staff Meeting	Wentworth
15 Dec 2020	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
16 Dec 2020	Pre-Meeting Ordinary Council Meeting	Buronga
16 Dec 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Buronga
17 Dec 2020	Far West Joint Organisation Board Meeting	Video Conference
22 Dec 2020	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
5 Jan 2021	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth

#### **Attachments**

Nil

**8      REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

Nil

## 9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 9.1 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/847

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager  
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager  
 Reporting Officer: Chloe Horne - Business Support 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**

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  
Circulars 20-40 to 20-42
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.

#### **Detailed Report**

##### 1. OLG Circulars

###### 1.1 OLG Circular 20-40

Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting 2020-21

- The code must be used by Councils and JO's to prepare their annual financial statements in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

###### 1.2 OLG Circular 20-41

Further Extension of Increased Tendering Exemption Threshold for Contracts for Bushfire Response and Recovery to 30 June 2021

- Until 30 June 2021, Councils will not be required to tender when entering into contracts with a value of up to \$500,000 that are primarily for the purpose of bushfire-related response and recover.
- After 30 June 2021, the usual \$250,000 tendering exemption threshold will apply.
- Councils should continue to apply the appropriate standards of probity in their procurement for bushfire response and recovery work and should continue to ensure that the contracts they enter into represent best value for money.

###### 1.3 OLG Circular 20-42

Release of Exposure Draft Bill on Local Government Rating Reform

- Councils, ratepayers and other interest individuals and organisations are invited to provide feedback to help shape the final Bill, which is intended to be introduced into the Parliament in early 2021.
- A consultation guide, *Towards a Fairer Rating System*, has also been released to explain the proposed changes to help guide submissions.

**Submissions will be received until close of business 5 February 2021.**

- This timing is needed to allow a final bill to be passed, if approved, and provisions commence for those Council created in 2016 by 1 July 2021.

## 2. Meetings

Following is a list of meetings or events attended by the General Manager for the period of 7 December 2020 – 8 January 2021.

Date	Meeting	Location
7 Dec 2020	Murray Darling Association Conference Meeting	Video Conference
8 Dec 2020	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
8 Dec 2020	Murray Darling Association Region 4 Meeting	Buronga
10 Dec 2020	Inspection of Pooncarie Weir with WaterNSW	Pooncarie
10 Dec 2020	Dareton Streetscape Funding	Dareton
11 Dec 2020	Wentworth Shire Council All Staff Meeting	Wentworth
15 Dec 2020	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
15 Dec 2020	Meeting with Ashley Albury, Chris Hanger and Ken Harrison from Department of Regional NSW	Wentworth
16 Dec 2020	Pre-Meeting Ordinary Council Meeting	Buronga
16 Dec 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Buronga
17 Dec 2020	Statecover General Manager's Report Meeting	Video Conference
17 Dec 2020	Far West Joint Organisation Board Meeting	Video Conference
18 Dec 2020	Meeting with Claire Butler – Prime Minister & Cabinet Drought & Flood	Wentworth
19 Dec 2020	Victoria / New South Wales Border Update	Video Conference
22 Dec 2020	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth
27 Dec 2020	Victoria / New South Wales Border Update	Video Conference
29 Dec 2020	Victoria / New South Wales Border Update	Video Conference
4 Jan 2021	Victoria / New South Wales Border Local Government Area Briefing	Video Conference
5 Jan 2021	Far West Joint Organisation General Manager Meeting	Video Conference
5 Jan 2021	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth

## 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
21 Jan 2021	Wentworth Shire Health Interagency Meeting	Cr Jane MacAllister & General Manager	Buronga
21 Jan 2021	Meeting with Mildura Rural City Council Mayor and CEO	Mayor, Deputy Mayor & General Manager	Mildura
26 Jan 2021	Australia Day Ceremony	All Councillors & General Manager	Midway
2 Feb 2021	Far West Joint Organisation General Manager Meeting	General Manager	Video Conference
2 Feb 2021	Mayoral Meeting	Mayor, Deputy Mayor & General Manager	Wentworth

4. Other items of note

Nil

**Attachments**

Nil

## 9.2 2021 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - CALL FOR MOTIONS

File Number: RPT/20/834

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager  
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager  
 Reporting Officer: Chloe Horne - Business Support Officer

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

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

### **Summary**

The 2021 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) is being held in Canberra from 20-23 June 2021. The NGA provides an opportunity for Councils to identify and discuss national issues of priority for the sector. Councils are invited to submit motions by 26 March 2021.

It is normal practice to send the Mayor and the General Manager to represent Council.

### **Recommendation**

- (a) That Council notes the call for motions for inclusion in the National General Assembly's agenda by 26 March 2021 and that Council considers any motions at its meeting in February.
- (b) That Council endorses the attendance of the Mayor and General Manager at the National General Assembly of Local Government "Working Together for our Communities" 20-23 June 2021 in Canberra.

### **Detailed Report**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council that the 2021 National General Assembly of Local Government is providing an opportunity for Councils to identify and discuss national issues of priority for the sector. To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA business papers, motions must follow the principles set out by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Board, namely:

1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally.
2. Be consistent with the themes of the NGA.
3. Complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association.
4. Be from a Council which a financial member of their state or territory local government association.
5. Propose a clear action and outcome.
6. Not to be advanced on behalf of external third parties which may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interest of, local government.

To assist Councils in preparing motions, a discussion paper has been prepared and is attached. Motions should be received by ALGA no later than 11.59pm Friday 26 March 2021.

**Attachments**

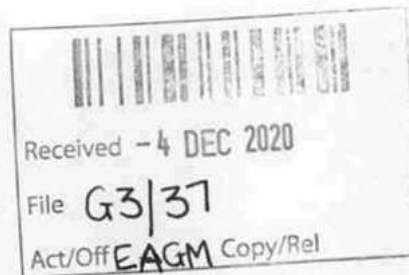
1. ALGA Call for Motions for NGA by 26 March 2021 [↓](#)
2. ALGA Call for Motions NGA Discussion Paper [↓](#)





27 November 2020

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To the Mayor, Councillors and CEO (please distribute accordingly)

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is now calling for Notices of Motions for National General Assembly 2021 (NGA).

The NGA provides a platform for Local Government to address national issues and advocate to the federal government on critical issues facing our sector.

The theme for the 2021 NGA is *'Working Together for our Communities'*. This theme acknowledges the need to come together and with other partners, including the Federal Government, to deliver for our communities.

ALGA received significant feedback on the motions process and topics from the 2018 and 2019 NGA. In response to the feedback received, ALGA has prepared a discussion paper that explores data that identifies critical areas local government needs to consider now and into the future.

To inform the submission of motions, please read the discussion paper (included with this letter) and ensure motions meet the identified criteria.

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:


1. be relevant to the work of local government nationally;
2. be consistent with the themes of the NGA;
3. complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association;
4. be from a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association;
5. propose a clear action and outcome; and
6. not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

All motions require, among other things, a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and endorsement of your council. Motions should be lodged online at [alga.asn.au](https://alga.asn.au) no later than 11:59pm on Friday 26 March 2021.

Any administrative inquiries can be directed to ALGA by calling 02 6122 9400.

Included with the Discussion Paper is an invitation to register for the 2021 National General Assembly for Local Government, which will be held in Canberra on 20-23 June. The Regional Forum will be held onsite in Canberra on 20 June 2021. At this time it is unclear whether COVID-19 restrictions will still be in force in June 2021, but if this is the case the NGA may also include virtual participation and attendance. Lastly, Stilmark has recently become a major sponsor for the Australian Local Government Association events and we have included a brochure outlining how they wish to partner with Councils to improve the resilience of telecommunications for your community.

Yours sincerely



Adrian Beresford-Wylie  
ALGA CEO

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## Call for Motions

20 - 23 June 2021  
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## SUBMITTING MOTIONS

The National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) is an important opportunity for you and your council to influence the national policy agenda.

The 2020 NGA "Working Together for Our Communities" was unfortunately cancelled due to COVID-19 but the ALGA Board has decided to retain the theme and emphasise the importance of partnerships to building and maintaining resilience in our councils and our communities.

To assist you to identify motions that address the theme of the 2021 NGA, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Secretariat has prepared this short discussion paper. You are encouraged to read all the sections of the paper but are not expected to respond to every question. Your motion/s can address one or more of the issues identified in the discussion paper.

Remember that the focus of the NGA is on partnerships, working together, and resilience so your questions could focus on how local governments can work in partnership with the Australian Government to address the challenges our communities face, or the opportunities that are arising to build back better.

## Criteria for motions

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:

1. be relevant to the work of local government nationally;
2. not be focussed on a specific location or region – unless the project has national implications. You will be asked to justify why your motion has strategic national importance and should be discussed at a national conference;
3. be consistent with the themes of the NGA;
4. complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association;
5. be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association;
6. propose a clear action and outcome i.e. call on the Australian Government to do something;
7. be a new motion that has not already been debated at an NGA in the preceding two years; and
8. not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

## KEY DATES

**16 November 2020**

Opening of Call for Motions

**26 March 2021**

Acceptance of Motions Close

**20 - 23 June 2021**

National General Assembly

**To submit your motion go to:**

[alga.asn.au](http://alga.asn.au)

## INTRODUCTION

2020 has been a year like no other. A year that many individuals and organisations, including councils, would wish to forget. While the drought lessened its hold on parts of the country to be replaced by floods, more than 110 local government areas were severely impacted by the Black Summer (2019-20) bushfires - and no one was spared the effects of the battle against COVID-19. The 2020-21 storm and fire season may add to the sense that it was a year of disasters.

Friedrich Nietzsche said: "That which does not kill us, makes us stronger." So how can councils become stronger after 2020? How can we ensure that our communities are stronger and more resilient? How do we work together and with our partners to ensure that we build back better from the series of unprecedented events that have marked 2020?

## OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

Motions should generally be in a form that seeks the NGA's support for a particular action or policy change at the Federal level which will assist local governments to meet local community needs. Motions should commence as follows: This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to restore funding for local government Financial Assistance Grants to a level equal to at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

To ensure efficient and effective debate where there are numerous motions on a similar issue, the ALGA Board NGA Subcommittee will group the motions together under an overarching strategic motion. The strategic motions have either been drafted by ALGA or are based on a motion submitted by a council which best summarises the subject matter. Debate will focus on the strategic motions. Associated sub-motions will be debated by exception only.

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au). All motions require, among other things, a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and the endorsement of your council. Motions should be received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 26 March 2021.

Please note that for every motion it is important to complete the background section on the form. The background section helps all delegates, including those with no previous knowledge of the issue, in their consideration of the motion. There is a word limit of 150 for the motion and 200 for the national objective and 300 for the key arguments.

All motions submitted will be reviewed by the ALGA Board's NGA Sub-Committee, as well as by state and territory local government associations to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers. When reviewing motions, the Sub-Committee considers the importance and relevance of the issue to local government and whether the motions meet all the criteria detailed above.

Please note that motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued.

With the agreement of the relevant council, motions may be edited before inclusion in the NGA Business Papers to ensure consistency. If there are any questions about the substance or intent of a motion, the ALGA Secretariat will raise these with the nominated contact officer.

Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local, state or territory issues will be referred to the relevant state or territory local government association and will not be included in the NGA Business Papers.

There is an expectation that any council that submits a motion will be present at the National General Assembly to move and speak to the motion.

## COUNCIL RESILIENCE

In the first quarter of 2020, state and territory Governments closed facilities where people gathered in numbers to reduce the probability that hospitals would be overwhelmed by a rise in COVID-19 cases. This included a substantial number of council owned and operated revenue generating facilities which had flow-on effects for other revenue- generating enterprises such as paid parking. Major funding gaps rapidly emerged in many councils that typically generated significant amounts of own revenue.

Councils that cannot generate significant amounts of the own revenue are typically dependent on grant funding from other levels of government, including Financial Assistance Grants from the Australian Government. These councils tend to service rural, regional and remote communities that are often large in area but small in terms of population. The capacity of these councils to deliver all their required services and infrastructure can be severely strained at any time.

With local government funding under pressure across the nation, and other levels of government facing fiscal constraints, councils may need to do more with less in the near term and be innovative with both budgeting, service delivery, balancing competing demands and longer term financial planning. Services may need to be scaled down or delivered in innovative ways. Asset management and maintenance programs may need to be varied. Working collaboratively with neighbouring councils or forming alliances may be a way of achieving efficiencies and enhancing service delivery along with fostering innovation, cutting red tape, and working in partnership with third parties may be others.

Digital service delivery and working from home - adopted during the height of the pandemic - may become the new norm. This may increase opportunities for councils to innovate, work together and share resources, and fill long term skill gaps. New challenges may emerge including how staff are supported and how productivity, collaboration and motivation maintained. There may be significant consequences for local democracy and council's ability to engage authentically with their communities. Digital transformation and technology modernisation will be essential for some councils. Even already well-established adopters of digital technology may need to rethink their approach.

*Can the Australian Government assist councils with efficiency measures that reduce the cost of services without a major change in service levels experienced by the community?*

*What opportunities are available to enhance the adaptive capacity of councils and its potential to 'weather the storm' through innovation and creativity? How can the Australian Government assist?*

*Apart from Financial Assistance Grants, how can the Australian Government assist councils to become more financially sustainable and able to better meet the needs of their communities? Are there new partnership programs or policy changes the Government*



## COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Community resilience is the capacity of communities to respond to, withstand, and recover from adverse situations including natural disasters, persistent drought, pandemics, fluctuations in global trade, recession, and a rise in inequality. In some circumstances in response to these pressures and stresses, local communities are not able to recover to their previous state. Instead they need to adapt to cope with long term stresses. But ideally, we want all communities to not only survive but thrive.

Local governments play a critical role in building resilient and sustainable communities and helping to buffer people and places against social, economic, and environmental disruptions and overcome adversity. One critical area is through the provision of resilient infrastructure. Councils' infrastructure should meet the community's current and future demand, be built to contemporary standards, be affordable for both the council and the user, and be reliable with appropriate asset management practices in place to ensure maximum return on investment.

In addition to physical infrastructure, social infrastructure is also vital for resilience. Social infrastructure is broader than just buildings, it includes the individuals and groups, places, and institutions, including councils, that foster community cohesion and social support. Communities and individuals with good social networks and connections demonstrate greater resilience.

The loneliness epidemic is challenging social resilience. Research produced before the coronavirus pandemic revealed that one in four adult Australians are experiencing loneliness with over half the nation reporting they feel lonely for at least one day each week. In addition to its impacts on community resilience, feeling lonely can pose a bigger risk for premature death than smoking or obesity and can be associated with depression, poorer cardiovascular health and, in old age, a faster rate of cognitive decline and dementia.

Communities that are more vulnerable to shocks and disasters are often reliant on only one industry, have minimal redundancy or no backups for essential services and infrastructure such as only one source of water, one powerline or one access road. They also often only have few voluntary or charitable organisations working in the community. Often community leadership is weak or fails to inspire, engage, and unleash the power of other leaders and critical social networks.

Community resilience cannot be built and then left to its own devices. It needs to be strengthened continuously, not just in times of crisis. It involves people getting together to create sustainable links within their community and the community and its leaders having the ability to learn from experience and improve over time.

*How can councils work in partnership with the other tiers of government to adopt a community development approach that builds resilience?*

*What are the best models available to councils to ensure that our communities thrive and focus on prevention and preparation rather than relief and recovery? How can the Australian Government partner with councils to ensure thriving communities?*

*What actions can councils take, in partnership with others including the Australian Government to promote community resilience and protect against external shocks such as industry closures or natural disasters? Are tools available to assist councils build community resilience or do we need new or different tools?*

## COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

Creating a resilient community and ensuring a resilient and sustainable council requires partners. Councils can work with partners in different ways to find local solutions to local problems. They can partner with a wide range of organisations including other councils, other levels of government, the voluntary and community sector or business and research sector organisations. The aims of these partnerships are typically to improve services and deliver changes to benefit the local area.

Collaboration and partnerships with other councils and public or private organisations can also bring benefit from economies of scale in providing services or purchasing in bulk for example. Procurement partnerships have been a particularly successful example of this. Working in partnership can make a considerable contribution to efficiency improvements, such as through cost savings in back-office functions or sharing of plant and equipment.

Other benefits associated with partnerships and collaboration include opening the way for local communities to share ideas and connect with others. Partnerships enhance the ability of a council to access innovation, enhance skills development, work across council boundaries to address regional issues, and maximise competitive advantage in the delivery of major infrastructure projects.

Strategic collaboration is not just about savings and sharing resources. It is also about maximising capacity in addressing community expectations, or working with members of the community to overcome challenges and seize opportunities. For example, building and maintaining productive partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities is critical for councils committed to Closing the Gap and involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in decision-making and service development and delivery.

Collaboration and partnerships that work well are underpinned by good governance, an agreed purpose, and mutual benefit.

There is a long history of local government partnering with the Australian Government to deliver projects and programs that benefit local communities, achieve fairness and equity across the nation, and support local delivery of services and infrastructure. In the absence of constitutional change, how do we further build and strengthen this partnership with the Australian Government?

*How do we encourage and incentivise councils to embrace partnerships and collaborative arrangements more enthusiastically including those which seek to ensure the development of economic development supporting infrastructure?*

*What are the obstacles to working in partnership with other councils or organisations? Can the Australian Government help overcome these?*

*How do councils, together with their communities, work in partnership to build resilience and entrench it into everyday life?*



### 9.3 REQUEST TO AMEND MAY ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING TO HOST THE MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION 2021 NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN WENTWORTH

File Number: RPT/21/1

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager  
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager  
Reporting Officer: Chloe Horne - Business Support Officer

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**

Wentworth is hosting the annual Murray Darling Association 2021 National Conference.

The proposed date for the Murray Darling Association National Conference is 17-19 May 2021. The Ordinary Council Meeting is also scheduled for 19 May 2021.

It is proposed that Council consider amending the date of the Ordinary Council Meeting from 19 May 2021 to 12 May 2021 to allow Council to host the Murray Darling Association National Conference that is scheduled to be held in Wentworth on 17-19 May 2021. By bringing the date for the May Ordinary Council meeting forward to 12 May 2021 this will still allow appropriate time for the Operational Plan to be placed on public exhibition prior to the June 2021 Ordinary Council meeting.

#### **Recommendation**

That Council amend the date of the Ordinary Council Meeting from 19 May 2021 to 12 May 2021 to avoid the date conflict with the Murray Darling Association National Conference that is scheduled to be held in Wentworth on 17-19 May 2021.

#### **Detailed Report**

##### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to request Council consideration to amend the Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 May 2021 to 12 May 2021 to allow Council to host the Murray Darling Association National Conference on 17-19 May 2021.

##### **Background**

Wentworth is hosting the annual Murray Darling Association 2021 National Conference. The proposed date for the Murray Darling Association National Conference is 17-19 May 2021. This date has been selected with consideration being given to Commonwealth, NSW, VIC & SA parliamentary sitting dates.

##### **Conclusion**

Due to Council hosting the Murray Darling Association National Conference on 17-19 May 2021, it is recommended that Council amend the May Ordinary Council Meeting from the 19 May 2021 to 12 May 2021 instead.

#### **Attachments**

Nil

#### 9.4 BARKANDJI CONSULTATION WORKING GROUP

File Number: RPT/21/13

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: 4.4 Encourage the self determination of the Aboriginal Community

#### Summary

Council is in receipt of email correspondence from NTSCORP on behalf of the Barkandji Corporation seeking to form an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) Working Group with Wentworth Shire Council. The Barkandji Corporation have nominated three directors being Betty Pearce, Kathy Potter and Warren Clark to represent them on the working group.

#### Recommendation

That Council nominate three representatives to form the Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) Working Group.

#### Detailed Report

##### Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to nominate representatives to be part of the Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) Working Group to examine the future dealings with the development of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the Barkandji Corporation.

##### Background

Wentworth Shire Council has been exploring opportunities to work collaboratively with the Barkandji Board. In part this has been by Council representatives attending several Barkandji Board meetings in the last 18 months. These discussions have been met with mutual agreement for guiding the way forward to working together for the benefit of all community members is through the construction of a formal agreement in the form of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement. This report now seeks for Council to nominate three representatives to be part of the Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) Working Group.

##### Report Detail

The Barkandji Corporation have nominated three directors to form the Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) Working Group with Wentworth Shire Council. Those directors are Betty Pearce, Kathy Potter and Warren Clark.

Within the email correspondence to Council the following detail was provided by NTSCorporation:

*"We note that the Working Group cannot make any decisions on behalf of the Barkandji Corporation. Representatives will report back to the Board on any meetings of the Working Group. It is considered reasonable for Wentworth Shire Council to meet all expenses of the working group incurred, including sitting fees, travel costs, meals and venue hire."*

##### Conclusion

In reply to the request for Council membership to this Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) Working Group acknowledging that the Barkandji Corporation have nominated three directors and accordingly Council should nominate the same number of representatives. The intent of this group is to work with the Barkandji group to reach agreement on the terms of each individual agreement and then seek resolution from Council to attach the council seal

and authorise the Mayor and General Manager to sign the agreement. This process will be tested in the near future whereby the detail of agreement needs to be considered by the group in relation to the Wentworth Aerodrome.

**Attachments**

Nil

## 9.5 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM EXTENTION (PHASE 2)

File Number: RPT/21/32

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager  
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager  
 Reporting Officer: Robyn Ryan - Manager Tourism and Promotion

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**

In late 2020, Wentworth Shire Council received notification from the NSW Government advising of an additional funding allocation of \$1,037,539 under the NSW Government Local Roads and Infrastructure Program Extension (LRCI) Phase 2.

This extended program will continue to assist local Councils to deliver local road and community infrastructure projects and create local job opportunities to support the national recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council formally accepted the funding offer on 17 December 2020 and is now in a position to identify and submit the eligible projects to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications for consideration. The funding was released on 1 January 2021 and all approved projects must be completed by 31 December 2021.

### **Recommendation**

That Council endorse the following projects under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (Phase 2) and that applications be submitted.

1. Wentworth Riverfront Sheet Piling \$200,000 ex GST
2. Buronga Riverfront (Stage 2) \$100,000 ex GST
3. Wentworth Showground race tower and shade structure \$250,000 ex GST
4. Wentworth Library outdoor riverfront gathering space \$487,539 ex GST

### **Detailed Report**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of an additional funding allocation under the NSW Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (Phase 2) and seek endorsement of potential projects.

#### **Background**

An audit of "wish list" projects has been undertaken and consideration has also been given to current projects that require additional funding to complete.

Following investigation, the projects detailed below have been assessed as the best utilisation of the LRCI funds as they are "shovel ready" and can be delivered within the program timeline.

It is envisaged that a (4) to six (6) week assessment period will apply to all applications, as per Phase One (1) with no work to commence prior to approval.

**Identified Projects**

<p><b>Wentworth Riverfront Sheet Piling</b>                      This project is funded by Council, however due to an amended scope of works, as resolved by Council (February 2019) an additional \$200,000 is required to deliver the project.</p>	<p>\$200,000 ex GST</p>
<p><b>Buronga Riverfront Stage 2</b>                      The Buronga Riverfront Redevelopment is currently being rolled out under the Stronger Country Communities Fund.                      As per Council resolution (November 2020) an additional \$100,000 was approved for the hardscape playground equipment, with the funding source to be identified.                      This project will be categorised as an enhancement to the new recreational space.</p>	<p>\$100,000 ex GST</p>
<p><b>Wentworth Showground Race Tower and Shade Structure</b>                      The current race tower and nearby shade structures at the Wentworth Showground have been condemned by Wentworth Shire Council.                      In order for events to proceed at this venue replacement structures will need to be constructed.                      This proposal would deliver compliant multipurpose structures for use by multiple ground user groups and meet the 2021 event timelines for the Wentworth Show and Wentworth Race Day.                      Costings are currently being sought, however it is recommended that a maximum of \$250,000 be allocated to this project with any underspend transferred to the Wentworth Library outdoor riverfront gathering space.</p>	<p>\$250,000 ex GST</p>
<p><b>Wentworth Library Outdoor Riverfront Gathering Space</b>                      This program offers Council the opportunity to fund the construction of the Wentworth Library outdoor riverfront gathering space as part of the Civic Centre redevelopment.                      As this component of the Civic Centre project is well advanced Council would be in a position to complete construction within the program timelines.                      Any underspend in the above three (3) projects allocated to this space. Current minimum allocation is \$487,539.</p>	<p>\$487,539 ex GST</p>
<p><b>TOTAL</b></p>	<p><b>\$1,037,539</b> ex GST</p>

**Conclusion**

Council has received an allocation of \$1,037,539 under the NSW Government Local Roads and Infrastructure Program Extension (LRCI) Phase 2 with all approved projects to be completed prior to 31 December 2021.

As outlined in this report, Council has a number of identified projects that are either urgent, require additional funding to complete their amended scope of works or progress the development of the new Civic Centre.

Should this recommendation be endorsed by Council, it will provide an opportunity to

- complete the Wentworth Riverfront Sheet Piling and the Buronga Riverfront (Stage 2) projects;

- enhance facilities at the Wentworth Showground through the construction of a new race tower and shade structure, and
- commence works at the Civic Centre through the construction of the outdoor space component of the redevelopment.

**Attachments**

Nil

## 9.6 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

File Number: RPT/21/3

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 December 2020 were \$443,888.03. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 59.01%. For comparison purposes 58.68% of the levy had been collected at the end of December 2019. Council currently has \$30,728,376.74 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 December 2020

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

	Combined Bank Account
<b>Cash Balance as at 1 December 2020</b>	<b>\$ 4,744,141.31</b>
Add: Receipts for the Period Ending 31 December 2020 Rates, Debtors, Miscellaneous	\$ 7,004,408.74
Less: Payments for the Period Ending 31 December 2020 Cash Book entries for this Month	\$ 10,027,648.16
<b>Cash Balance at at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>\$ 1,720,901.89</b>
<b>Investments</b>	
Total Investments as at 31 December 2020	\$ 29,007,474.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 30,728,376.74</b>

#### Collection of Rates and Charges

Rates and Charges collections for the month of December 2020 were \$443,888.03. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 59.01%. A summary of the Rates and Charges situation as at 31 December 2020 is as follows:

	Rates and Charges	
<b>Levies</b>		
Balance Outstanding at 30 June 2020 - Rates / Water	1,206,927.30	
Rates and Charges Levied 22 July 2020	9,193,808.18	\$ 10,400,735.48
+ Additional Water Charges	796,054.70	
+ Supplementary Rates and Charges	63,204.55	
+ Additional Charges	4,545.00	
- Credit Adjustments	18,110.51	
- Abandonments	3,341.42	\$ 11,243,087.80
<b>Deductions</b>		
- Payments	6,456,030.86	
- Less Refunds of Payments	4,123.12	\$ 6,451,907.74
		\$ 4,791,180.06
- Pensioner Subsidy		
Government Subsidy	100,534.42	
Council Subsidy	82,255.44	\$ 182,789.86
Total Rates/Water Charges Outstanding		\$ 4,608,390.20

Note: For comparison purposes 58.68% of the levy had been collected at the end of December 2019.

#### 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	\$ 432,147.17	30/01/2025
Loan 202	ANZ Bank	Civic Centre	3.470% Fixed	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 691,156.76	21/10/2026
Loan 203	National Australia Bank	Midway Centre	3.586% Fixed	\$ 1,900,000.00	\$ 1,710,389.62	28/04/2023
Loan 204	Bendigo Bank	Buronga Landfill	5.290% Fixed	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,334,302.20	12/05/2037
				<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 4,167,995.75	



Rates/Water/Debtors write offs and adjustments

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

Account	Date	Amount	Comment
<b>Debtors</b>			
Warra Warra Legal services	10.12.2020	146	Cancelled hall booking
<b>Rates</b>			
430-1	27.11.2020	269.42	Owner agreed to pay previous licence holders rates if interest was written off

Overtime and Travelling

<b>Overtime - December 2020</b>				
	<b>Time and a Half</b>		<b>Double Time</b>	
<b>Department</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Administration				
Aerodrome				
Animal Services	7.75	\$ 357.97	7.25	\$ 446.64
Caravan Park				
Civil Works	8.00	\$ 429.92	10.00	\$ 778.67
Finance	10.00	\$ 636.66	3.00	\$ 337.27
Health & Planning				
Governance	1.25	\$ 62.38		
Human Resources				
Library				
Parks & Gardens	93.50	\$ 3,670.46	26.50	\$ 1,433.73
Roads - Council	140.00	\$ 6,260.52	26.50	\$ 1,745.70
Roads - RMS	57.00	\$ 2,489.59	137.50	\$ 7,959.80
Roads & Engineering Indoor	16.00	\$ 1,112.72	11.00	\$ 1,014.95
Tourism				
Waste Management	8.00	\$ 411.12	15.50	\$ 1,464.99
Water & Waste Water	46.00	\$ 2,188.89	51.50	\$ 3,199.62
Workshop				
<b>Total</b>	<b>387.50</b>	<b>\$ 17,620.23</b>	<b>288.75</b>	<b>\$ 18,381.37</b>
<b>Travel Allowance</b>				
<b>Department</b>	<b>Kms</b>	<b>Amount</b>		
Health & Planning	720	\$ 561.60		
Finance	73	\$ 56.94		
<b>Total</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>\$ 618.54</b>		
		<b>36,620.14</b>		

Conclusion

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

Attachments

Nil

## 9.7 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/863

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 December 2020 Council had \$20 million invested in term deposits and \$10,728,376.74 in other cash investments. Council received \$27,857.92 from its investments for the month of December 2020.

In December 2020 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 0.67% and it currently has \$9,165,513.01 of internal restrictions and \$16,139,898.36 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 December 2020 Council had \$30,728,376.74 invested with eight (8) financial institutions.

### Breakdown of Total Funds Available

Financial Institution	Amount	Percentage of Available Funds
AMP	\$ 4,005,734.07	13.04%
Bank of Queensland	\$ 4,000,000.00	13.02%
Bendigo Bank	\$ 5,720,901.89	18.62%
Commonwealth Bank	\$ 1,000,000.00	3.25%
IMB Bank	\$ 1,000,000.00	3.25%
Macquarie Bank	\$ 6,001,653.11	19.53%
Members Equity Bank	\$ 3,000,087.67	9.76%
National Australia Bank	\$ 6,000,000.00	19.53%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 30,728,376.74</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Investments on Hand as at 31 December

**Term Deposits**

Investee	Date Invested	Date of Maturity	Effective Interest Rate	Amount Invested	Rating
AMP (10)	9/04/2020	7/01/2021	1.85%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bank of Queensland (6)	22/10/2020	22/07/2021	0.60%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bank of Queensland (7)	13/08/2020	11/02/2021	0.75%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bank of Queensland (8)	2/09/2020	3/03/2021	0.70%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bank of Queensland (9)	26/08/2020	24/02/2021	0.70%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bendigo Bank (1)	24/08/2020	20/05/2021	0.65%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bendigo Bank (10)	31/07/2020	29/01/2021	0.65%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bendigo Bank (7)	29/09/2020	29/03/2021	0.50%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bendigo Bank (9)	19/08/2020	18/01/2021	0.60%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Commonwealth Bank	15/12/2020	15/06/2021	0.42%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1+/A
IMB Bank	9/12/2020	9/03/2021	0.97%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB
Macquarie Bank	8/10/2020	8/04/2021	0.55%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1/A+
Macquarie Bank (3)	15/10/2020	12/02/2020	0.50%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1/A+
Members Equity Bank (2)	16/09/2020	14/01/2021	0.60%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB
National Australia Bank (2)	13/08/2020	9/02/2021	0.73%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1+/AA-
National Australia Bank (3)	28/10/2020	26/04/2021	0.50%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1+/AA-
National Australia Bank (4)	31/08/2020	28/05/2021	0.75%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1+/AA-
National Australia Bank (6)	25/11/2020	23/02/2021	0.45%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1+/AA-
National Australia Bank (7)	28/09/2020	29/03/2021	0.60%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1+/AA-
National Australia Bank (8)	27/11/2020	25/02/2021	0.45%	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1+/AA-

**Total Term Deposits** \$ 20,000,000.00

**Other Cash Investments**

Investee	Date Invested	Date of Maturity	Effective Interest Rate	Amount Invested	Rating
Bendigo Bank - Operating A/c	N/A	Ongoing		\$ 1,720,901.89	A2/BBB+
AMP (11) - 31 Days Notice A/c	22/09/2020	Ongoing	0.95%	\$ 3,005,734.07	A2/BBB+
Macquarie Bank (4) - Cash at Call A/c	27/11/2020	Ongoing	0.45%	\$ 4,001,653.11	A1/A+
ME Bank (5) - Cash at Call A/c	1/12/2020	Ongoing	0.42%	\$ 2,000,087.67	A2/BBB

**Total Other Cash Investments** \$ 10,728,376.74

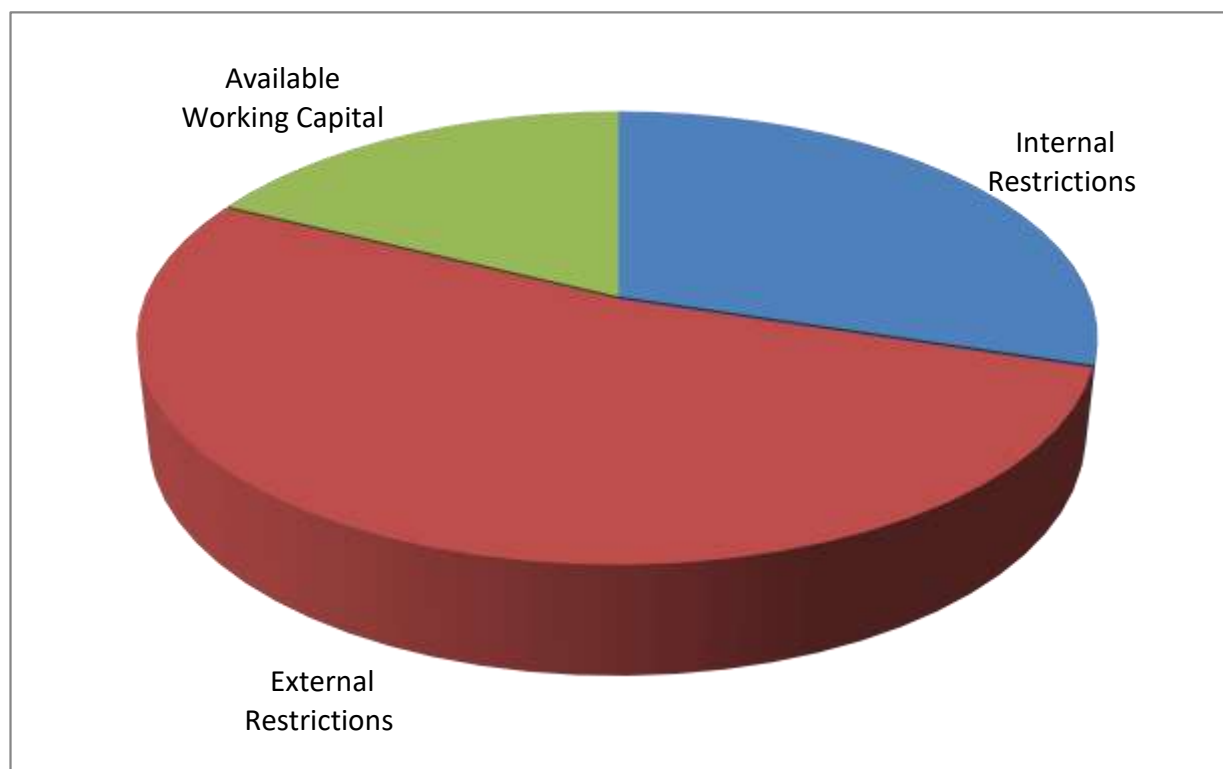
**Total Funds Available** \$ 30,728,376.74

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

Restrictions

<b>Internal Restrictions</b>		
- Employee Entitlements	\$ 2,376,437.00	
- Doubtful Debts	\$ 115,367.00	
- Tip Remediation	\$ 2,484,384.00	
- Future Development Reserve	\$ 1,113,213.94	
- Trust Account	\$ 576,111.07	
- Capital Projects	\$ 1,000,000.00	
- Plant Replacement Reserve	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 9,165,513.01
<b>External Restrictions</b>		
- Water Fund	\$ 9,844,301.84	
- Sewer Fund	\$ 2,796,980.42	
- Developer Contributions Reserve	\$ 639,646.61	
- Unexpended Grants	\$ 2,054,000.07	
- Crown Reserves Reserve	\$ 289,128.84	
- Loan Guarantee Reserve	\$ 3,162.86	
- Prepayments Cemeteries	\$ 512,677.72	\$ 16,139,898.36
<b>Day to Day Liquidity</b>		\$ 5,422,965.37
<b>Total Funds Available</b>		<b>\$ 30,728,376.74</b>

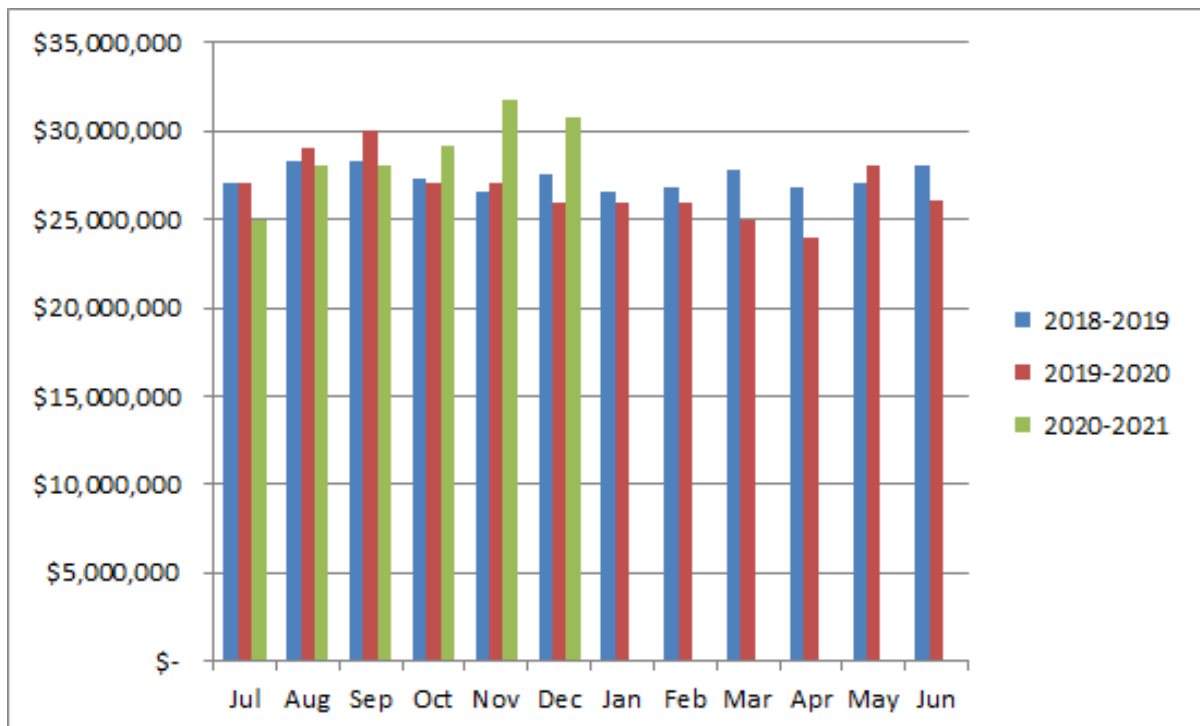
Breakdown



Summary – Unexpended Grants as at 31 December 2020

Grant	Amount
Pooncarie Weir	\$77,746.00
RFS Repairs & Maintenance Grant	\$25,780.07
State Library Infrastructure Grant	\$500,000.00
NSW Fixing Local Roads	\$1,450,474.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,054,000.07</b>

Total Funds Invested

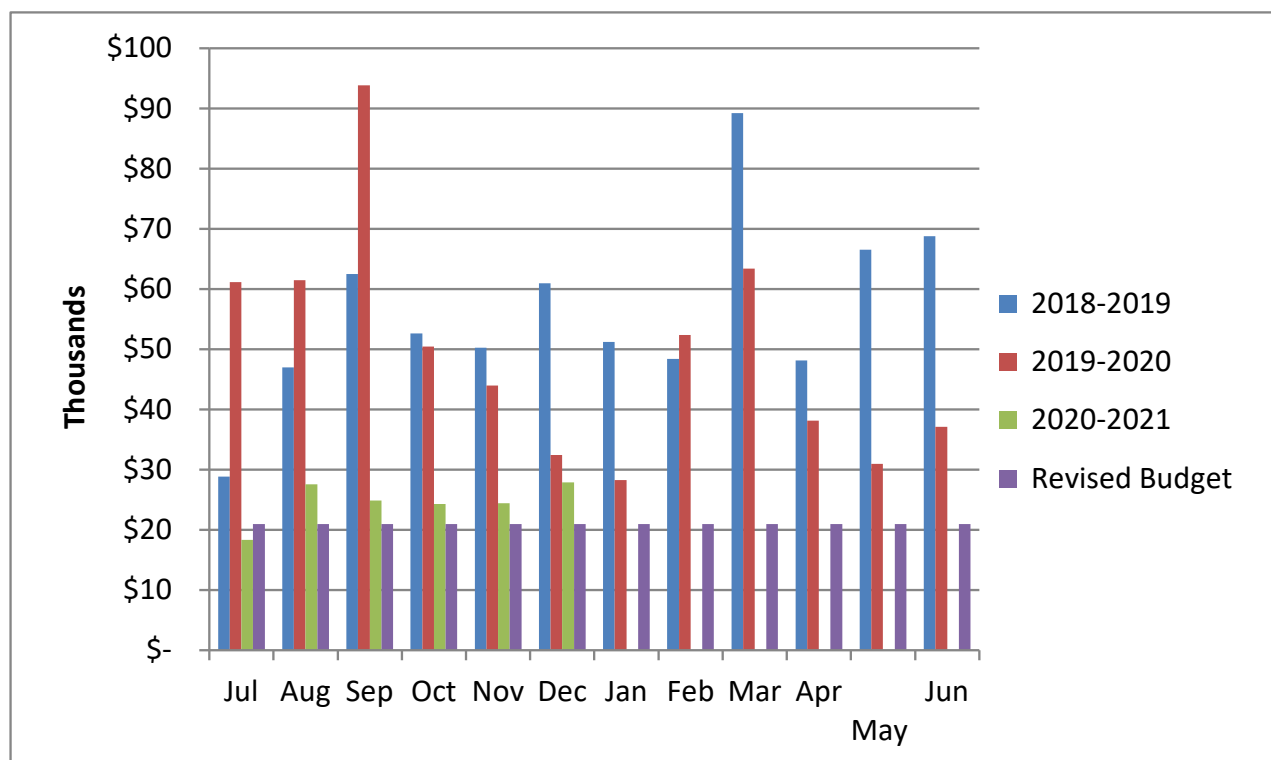


Five (5) term deposits and three (3) other accounts matured or provided interest in December earning Council \$27,857.92 in interest. The revised budget for December was \$20,916.67 following the reduction in interest revenue adopted in the September Quarterly Budget Review. Year to date Council has received \$147,258.50 in interest. The revised year to date budget is \$125,500.00.

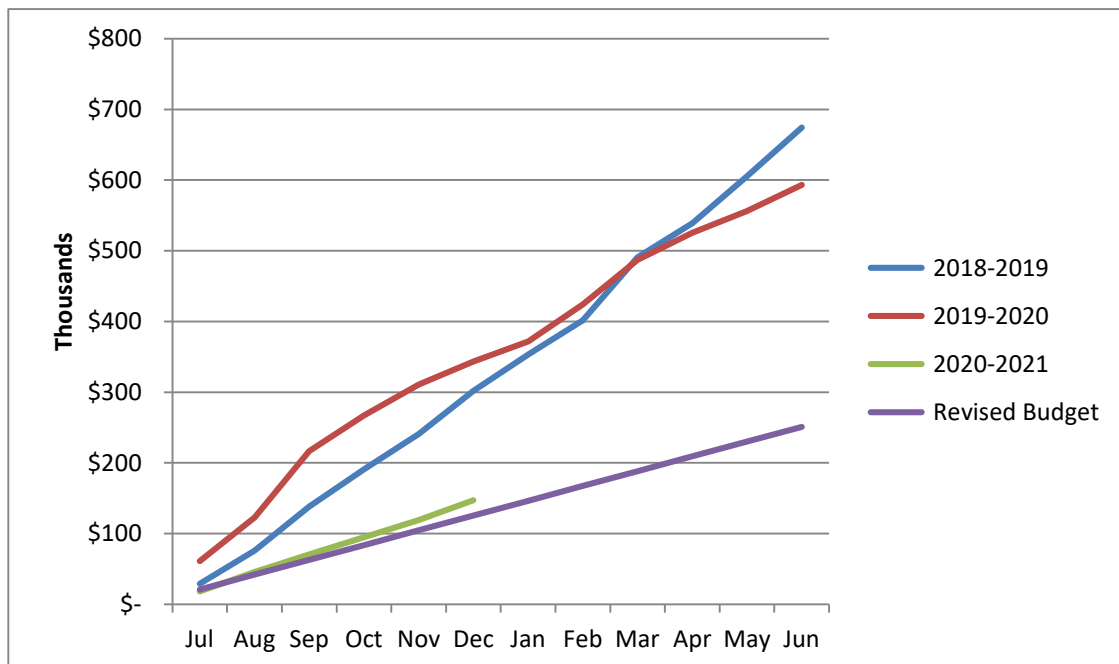
Investment Revenue in December 2020

Investee	Date Invested	Date of Maturity	Effective Interest Rate	Amount Invested	Interest Earned
<b>Term Deposits</b>					
AMP (9)	13/05/2020	9/12/2020	1.65%	\$1,000,000.00	\$9,493.15
IMB Bank	9/09/2020	9/12/2020	1.04%	\$1,000,000.00	\$2,592.88
Macquarie Bank (2)	2/07/2020	3/12/2020	0.85%	\$1,000,000.00	\$3,586.30
ME Bank	24/08/2020	22/12/2020	0.65%	\$1,000,000.00	\$2,136.99
ME Bank (10)	16/06/2020	15/12/2020	0.85%	\$1,000,000.00	\$4,238.36
<b>Other Cash Investments</b>					
AMP (11)	22/09/2020	Ongoing	0.95%	\$3,005,734.07	\$4,069.46
Macquarie Bank (4)	27/11/2020	Ongoing	0.45%	\$4,001,653.11	\$1,653.11
ME Bank (5)	1/12/2020	Ongoing	0.42%	\$2,000,087.67	\$ 87.67
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$27,857.92</b>

Investment Revenue received December 2020

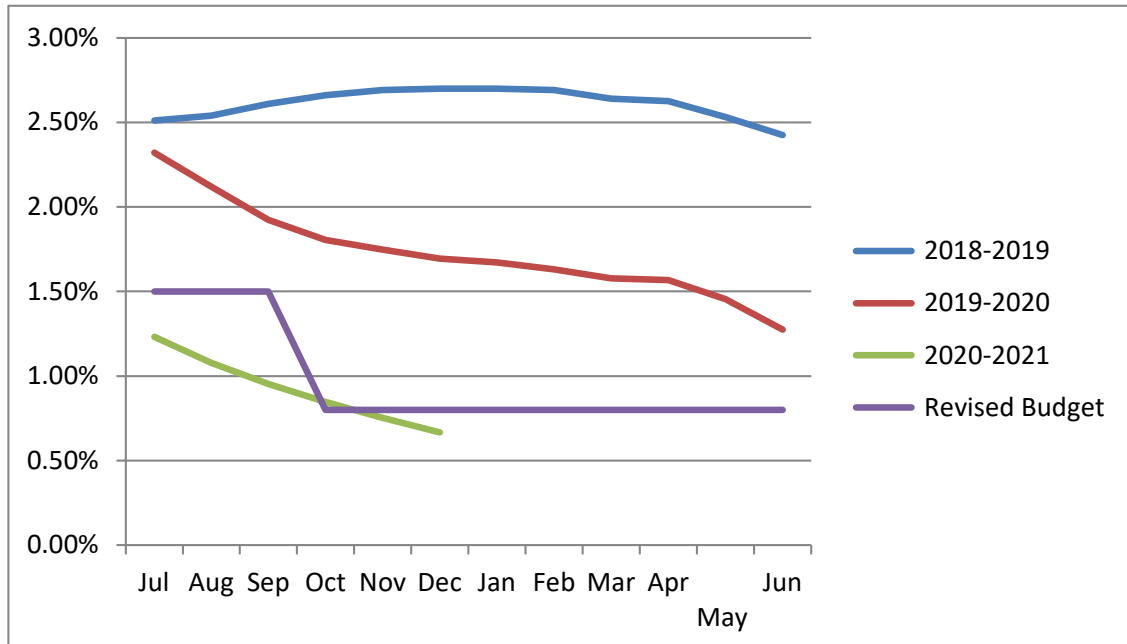


Total Interest received July 2020 – June 2021



For December 2020 Council's investments returned an effective average rate of 0.67%. Year to date the effective average rate has been 0.92%. The budget for 2020-2021 was 1.50%, but this was reduced to 0.8% following the first Quarterly Budget Review to reflect the reduction in interest rates.

Effective average Interest Rate



Conclusion

The Director Finance & 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 DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVALS AS AT END OF DECEMBER 2020

File Number: RPT/21/4

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

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 December 2020, a total of 23 Development Applications and three S4.55 Modification Applications were determined under delegated authority by the Director Health and Planning.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$5,061,940.00. This brings the year to date total to 179 Development Applications and 38 S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$36,002,326.00.

### Recommendation

- a) That Council receives and notes the report for the month of December 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 December 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 \$5,061,940.00 for the month of December 2020. The average determination time was 23 days.

### Attachments

1. Delegated Authority Approvals as at 31 December 2020 [1](#)

## DETERMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2020

FILE NUMBER	OWNER	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (EX GST)	DETERMINATION DATE	ACTIVE DAYS
DA2020/143	Darren & Roxan Biddle	9 Fuchsia Court Lot 13 DP 1098922 Buronga	Storage shed	\$16,120.00	1/12/20	28
DA2020/144	Melissa Laing	31-33 Wood Street Lot 1 DP 1079553 Gol Gol	Carport	\$15,760.00	1/12/20	28
DA2020/145	Jayke Sudweeks	Karl Drive Lot 19 DP 1242927 Gol Gol	Dwelling with garage	\$550,000.00	1/12/20	27
DA2020/148	Jayden Ouchirenko & Nicholas Athorn	44 Dawn Avenue Lot 11 DP 1259103 Gol Gol	Dwelling with garage	\$430,596.00	4/12/20	26
DA2020/149	Mitchel Davison	2 Mitchell Court Lot 2 DP 1229757 Gol Gol	Dwelling with garage & storage shed	\$400,000.00	3/12/20	24
DA2020/150	Carloyn & Brendan De Jong	9 Morrison Court Lot 10 DP 1267581 Gol Gol	Dwelling with garage & storage shed	\$345,000.00	4/12/20	24
DA2020/151	Cindy & Justin Andrews	7 Morrison Court Lot 9 DP 1267581 Gol Gol	Dwelling with garage & storage shed	\$338,880.00	7/12/20	25
S4-55/2020/034	Caitlyn Adamson	8 Mitchell Court Lot 10 DP 1229757 Gol Gol	Modify DA2020/072 reduce size of storage shed - dwelling reduced in size & altered	\$0.00	7/12/20	21
DA2020/152	Anthony Garreffa	42 Dawn Avenue Lot 10 DP 1259103 Gol Gol	Dwelling with garage	\$270,234.00	14/12/20	26
DA2020/154	Glen Fogarty	51 Summer Drive Lot 25 DP 1005640 Buronga	Shipping container for storage	\$2,000.00	15/12/20	26
DA2020/155	Christopher & Melanie Wall	103 Poplar Road Lot 9 DP 119126 Curiwaa	Demolition of existing dwelling & deferred commencement of new dwelling	\$300,000.00	17/12/20	26

**DETERMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2020**

DA2020/156	Justin Kassulke	Silver City Highway Lot 2 DP 1267034 & Lot 4 DP 807826 Curlwaa	2 Lot Boundary Realignment	\$0.00	23/12/20	35
DA2020/157	Alinga Grove Pty Ltd	5 Morrison Court Lot 8 DP 1267581 Gol Gol	Dwelling, garage & storage shed	\$366,380.00	14/12/20	22
DA2020/158	Alinga Grove Pty Ltd	3 Morrison Court Lot 7 DP 1267581 Gol Gol	Dwelling, Garage & Storage Shed	\$351,980.00	14/12/20	22
DA2020/159	Cirillo Farms Pty Ltd	Paringi Road Lot 2 DP 1032272 Paringi	2 Lot Subdivision	\$0.00	17/12/20	24
DA2020/160	Salvatore & Kirsten Sapuppo	115 Potters Drive Lot 2 DP 790006 Gol Gol	Agricultural Storage shed	\$31,000.00	17/12/20	22
DA2020/161	Michael Ball & Stacey Adams	5 Nix Court Lot 28 DP 1242927 Gol Gol	Colorbond boundary fence	\$1,500.00	17/12/20	22
DA2020/163	Heath Caldwell & Stephanie Murley	21 Karl Drive Lot 24 DP 1242927 Gol Gol	Dwelling with garage	\$520,000.00	21/12/20	22
S4-55/2020/035	Wentworth Shire Council	82 Beverley Street Lot 1 DP 705031 Wentworth	Modify DA15/012 to extend Liquor License to include both bowling greens	\$0.00	1/12/20	21
DA2020/164	Bradley & Amanda Brooks	11 Pine Road Lot 14 DP 1267581 Gol Gol	Dwelling, Garage & Storage Shed	\$410,000.00	22/12/20	22
DA2020/165	Aidan James	4 Thomas Street Lot 14 DP 1259103 Gol Gol	Storage shed	\$15,000.00	22/12/20	20
DA2020/166	Karl & Amanda Berryman	28 Thomas Street Lot 26 DP 1259103 Gol Gol	Dwelling with garage	\$396,990.00	22/12/20	20
DA2020/167	Mark & Bronwyn King	Burke Road Lot 78 DP 19026 & Lot 1 DP 1080555 Pomona	Subdivision - 2 Lot boundary realignment	\$0.00	22/12/20	18
DA2020/168	Mark & Bronwyn King	Burke Road Lot 78 DP 19026 Pomona	Demolition of existing dwelling & deferred commencement of replacement dwelling	\$300,000.00	22/12/20	18

**DETERMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2020**

S4-55/2020/037	Crown Land NSW - Wentworth Shire Council Trustee	71A Caravan Park Road Lot 1 DP 1032974 Buronga	Modify DA2020/042 addition of 2 ensuite bathroom units containing 4 bathrooms & relocation of 2 single ensuites	\$0.00	8/12/20	22
DA2020/169	Melissa Holland & Ryan McCaig	3 Fiona Drive Lot 27 DP 1038712 Gol Gol	Boundary Fencing	\$500.00	22/12/20	17

## 9.9 REDEVELOPMENT OF THE WENTWORTH CIVIC CENTRE PROJECT UPDATE

File Number: RPT/21/9

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager  
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager  
 Reporting Officer: Rachael Withers - Subdivision 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**

As part of the Office of Local Government (OLG) Capital Expenditure Review, quarterly project update reports are to be provided to Council. The report includes overall progress of the project, identifies any budget variances that may impact on the project, and also identifies any issues that may have an adverse impact on the works.

Council allocated funding within the 2020-21 Operational Plan for the upgrade of the Wentworth Civic Centre. The upgrade was identified as a significant capital project.

Council on 26 June 2019, accepted a tender from GSD Architects to undertake project management of the Civic Centre Redevelopment. Accordingly, GSD Architects were engaged to manage various phases of the redevelopment including planning, design, procurement, construction, commissioning and handover. A Council officer has been appointed to collaboratively work with GSD Architects.

Council endorsed Concept 8 for the Wentworth Shire Civic Centre on 18 December 2019, after which the Concept Plan was further developed and finalised late in 2020. It is believed that the finalised Concept Plan incorporates functionality, serviceability and the inclusion of all required facilities to promote a space that employees, the local community and visitors successfully utilise.

The State Library of New South Wales confirmed on 5 June 2020, that Council had been successful in securing \$500,000.00 in funding by way of the 2019/20 Public Library Infrastructure Grant.

Council submitted on 2 September 2020, a Funding Application for the relocation of the Wentworth Visitor Information Centre to the Civic Centre, as part of Round 7 of the Resources for Regions Program. Funding of \$941,023.00 was requested. Council continue to await an official response.

### **Recommendation**

That Council

1. Notes the information contained within this report.
2. In accordance with clause 166 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 determine to conduct the procurement process by way of the selective tendering method by which invitations to tender for the Redevelopment of the Wentworth Shire Civic Centre Project proposed contract are made following a public advertisement asking for expressions of interest

### **Detailed Report**

#### **Background**

To date the following works have been completed:

- A 3D model design of the Civic Centre building has been prepared by GSD Architects.
- GSD Architects, with the assistance of Council's officer, continue to prepare tender documentation for the construction and fit out of the building, including "For Tender Issue" drawings and specifications.
- A Preliminary Building Code of Australia (BCA) Assessment was completed by Regional Building Consultants identifying areas of non-compliance within the Civic Centre. GSD Architects and Regional Building Consultants continue to investigate and progress identified areas of non-compliance for inclusion within the tender specification.
- Brandi Projects (Brandi), a consultancy firm of designers, project managers and production staff based in Brisbane, were engaged by GSD Architects to complete a Concept Design for the relocation of the Wentworth Visitor Information Centre into the Civic Centre building. A preliminary Concept of Interpretive Themes proposed by Brandi Projects has been prepared, and is being further developed by Brandi based upon initial feedback of Council's Manager of Tourism and Promotion. The final Concept Design will include indicative project costings for the interpretive themes proposed by Brandi.
- A Development Application for alterations to the existing building and change of building use, was lodged with the Wentworth Shire Council on 22 September 2020, reference DA2020/125. Development Consent is yet to be issued.
- BRT Consulting Pty Ltd were engaged by GSD Architects to complete concept and option planning of mechanical and electrical services throughout the building. An initial Mechanical and Electrical Concept Plan has been prepared for review and consideration, after which BRT Consulting will progress with preparing a Schematic Design including specification for both mechanical and electrical, and hydraulic and fire services for tender issue.
- Brent Williams and Associates have completed an Asbestos containing materials inspection of the Civic Centre building. An Assessment Report including an Asbestos Management Plan, if required, will be provided to Council by Brent Williams and Associates in due course.
- Tonkin Consulting have been engaged to assess structural components of the Civic Centre building. Structural assessment will include the proposed steel framed canopy to the entrance of the public area of the building (assess to the Visitor Information Centre and Library), retaining walls proposed within the landscaped courtyard of the Library, and verification of the floor loading for proposed compactus units.
- A Quantity Surveyor has been engaged to conduct a cost assessment based on current detail. A preliminary cost plan has been prepared with further development required.
- Council staff have engaged in regular consultation with the Wentworth Historical Society to develop the space and layout proposed for use by the Historical Society within the Library. Council recently received approval from the Historical Society for the space proposed.
- Council staff continue to compile specifications for information and communications technology, infrastructure and systems required within the redeveloped building.

Based on the outstanding detail required to complete tender documentation, it is planned that GSD Architects will proceed with advertising an expression of interest in late January 2021. It is anticipated that an expression of interest (EOI) could provide an assortment of suitably qualified contractors interested in tendering for work associated to the construction and fit out of the building, pending finalisation of tender documentation. Upon review and consideration of the EOI information received, it is considered that Council may then be in a position to:

1. Invite Tenders from all EOI applicants;
2. Invite Tenders from only those EOI applicants Council considers can meet the proposed contract requirements; or
3. Decline to invite Tenders from any of the EOI applicants.

**Attachments**

1. Preliminary Floor Plan for the Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment [↓](#)
2. Preliminary Elevation Plan for the Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment [↓](#)





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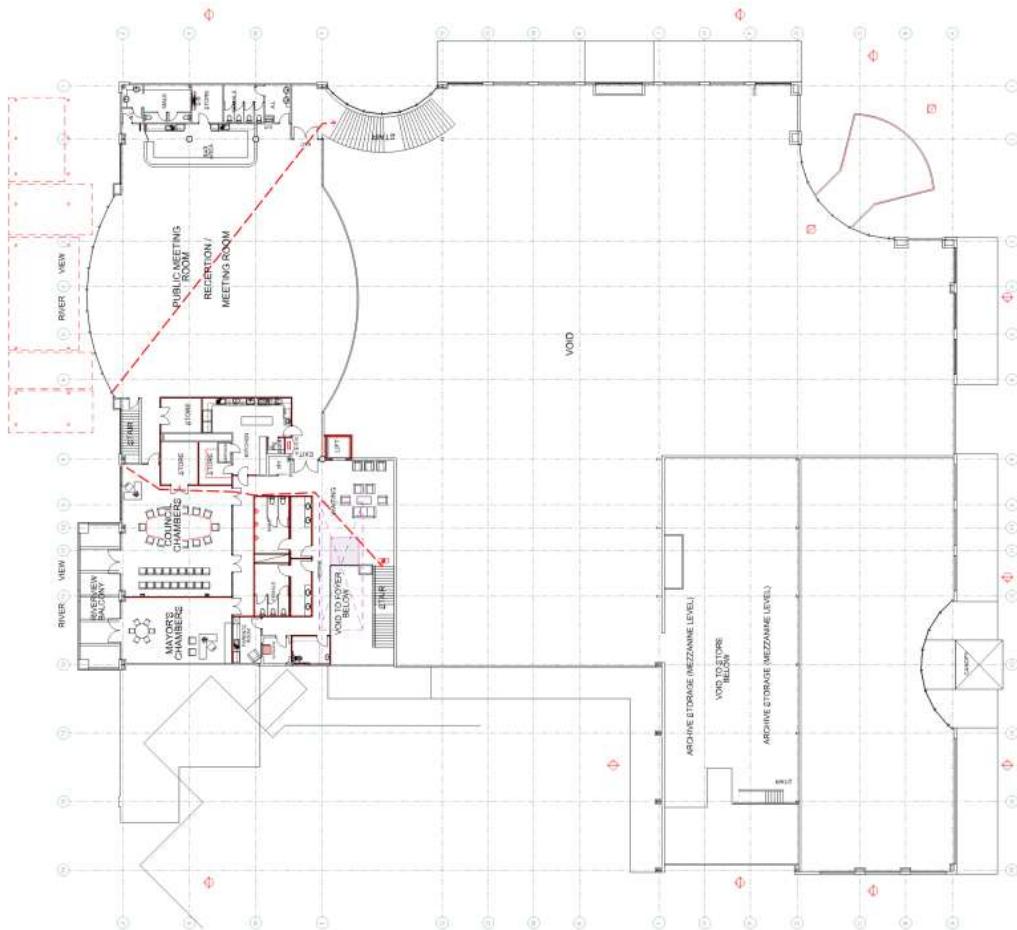
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## 9.10 WENTWORTH AERODROME UPGRADE - PROJECT UPDATE

File Number: RPT/21/14

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Tarryn Kampman - Administration 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**

As part of the OLG Capital Expenditure Review, quarterly project update reports are required to be provided to Council.

The report includes overall progress of the project, identifies any budget variances that may impact on the project and also identifies any issues that may have an adverse impact on the works.

Council are currently undertaking a major upgrade of the Wentworth Aerodrome. The works include the construction of a new 08/26 Runway and redevelopment of the existing 08/26 Runway to a parallel taxiway, plus an upgrade and expansion of the existing apron area. The new runway and supporting infrastructure have been designed to Code 2B instrument, non-precision requirements in accordance with the Part 139 (Aerodrome) Manual of Standards 2019 (MOS).

As part of the project Pilot Activated Lighting (PAL) will be installed enabling 24-hour usage of the Aerodrome. This incorporates Aeronautical Ground Lighting (AGL), Apron Floodlighting and Illuminated Wind Direction Indicators (IWDI).

NSW Treasury confirmed in May 2019 that Council was successful in securing \$8,420,000 in Restart funding through the Regional Growth: Economic Activation Fund – Growing Local Economies Program. With Council's contribution of \$700,000 the overall budget for the project equals \$9,120,000.

### **Recommendation**

That Council notes the information contained in this report.

### **Detailed Report**

#### **Background**

To date the following works have been completed:

- Site establishment;
- Full site survey and set up of reference markers;
- Installation of all stormwater culvert crossings and table drain connections;
- Installation of all electrical lighting duct bank crossings across runway and taxiway areas;
- Bulk earthworks cut and fill of 50,000m<sup>2</sup>, shaping and set out of the runway, taxiway and apron areas;
- Lime stabilisation of 53,000m<sup>2</sup> of subgrade materials on the runway and taxiway;
- Supply, placement and compact 50,000 tonne of pavement materials;

- New toilet block and undercover seating area completed and operational. Landscaping still to be done, scheduled for January 2021;
- New Aerodrome office building completed and operational. Landscaping still to be done, scheduled for January 2021;
- The installation of the runway and apron area lighting and electrical upgrades continuing;
- Bitumen, asphalt works completed.
- Linemarking to be completed on all runway, taxiway and apron areas in January following material supply delays prior to the Christmas period;
- Electrical transformer has been upgraded and an application has been submitted to AGL (Electrical supplier) to increase WSC supply agreement from small to large.
- Stage 2 provisional works on extended apron parking area and eastern side taxiway link to commence January;
- Landscaping works at entrance and around internal buildings to be completed end of January;
- Wentworth Aerodromes fees and charges and conditions of use and access have been approved by Council to be implemented on completion of upgrade.

The project is ahead on budget with no individual contract variations incurred to date. Additional works on stage 2 construction, including taxiway extension, apron parking area and service entry road have commenced. However, with the recent VIC/NSW border closure, delays are being incurred with external contractors engaged to undertake the linemarking works, completion of the lighting and additional surfacing works unable to gain the required approvals to access the project site.

**Attachments**

Nil

## 9.11 PROJECTS AND WORKS REPORT UPDATE - JANUARY 2021

File Number: RPT/21/16

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Tarryn Kampman - Administration 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**

This report provides a summary of the projects and major works undertaken by the Roads and Engineering Department which have been completed during the month of December 2020.

### **Recommendation**

That Council notes the major works undertaken for December and the scheduled works for January 2021.

### **Detailed Report**

Refer to Attachments 1 & 2 for updates of the works completed in December 2020 and planned activities scheduled for January 2021.

### **Attachments**

1. Attachment 1 - Project and Works Update [↓](#)
2. Attachment 2 - Project and Works Update Photos [↓](#)

**Projects and Works update for December 2020****Roads**

- Arumpo Road reconstruction continuing through December and scheduled to be completed early 2021.
- Installation of 200m pedestrian fencing at Hendy Road opposite the IGA site completed third week December.

**Projects****Wentworth Aerodrome Upgrade**

- Asphalt and sealing works completed second week December.
- Landscaping of the entrance way to the Aerodrome programmed to commence early January.
- Landscaping around internal buildings to commence early January.
- Further works to extend tie down parking and larger areas is being undertaken as part of provisional contract item works, preliminary designs and drawings completed.

**Barrett Pavilion**

- External door seals to be placed and stormwater outlets completed.
- project issued practical completion third week December.

**Buronga EDS**

- Pit excavation and installation works commenced in December.

**Buronga Riverfront**

- Contract documentation signed by both Council and Contractor.

**Dareton Sewer Upgrade**

- Geofabric clay impregnated liner installed into lagoon 1 third week December, waiting for final levels confirmation prior to turning on lagoon 1.
- Increased flows from Namatjira settlement investigated with leaking areas rectified, flows being monitored, should now see decrease in flows to ponds
- Inlet works - new slide gates and mesh screen installed.
- Demolition of Dareton Sewer Treatment Plant, 80% completed.
- Dareton sewer treatment plant demolition was halted due to asbestos found onsite in late December.
- Asbestos investigation completed, and authorities notified. Specialised asbestos contractor engaged to remove all identified waste.
- All waste has been safely removed and awaiting disposal, awaiting confirmation of site clearance.
- Contractor to recommence demolition works at sewer plant once all clear is signed off on, estimated to recommence 11/1/21.

**Dareton Shared way continuation**

- Consultation about location and alignment.
- Feature survey has been undertaken.
- Design works completed.
- Quotations for footpath works sourced prior to Christmas.

**George Gordon Netball Courts**

- Contractor to confirm the dates for the LUX testing of the flood lights.
- Court repairs scheduled to commence early 2021 following delays with access to NSW by Melbourne based contractors.

**Gol Gol Shared way**

- Feature survey has been undertaken.
- Proposed alignment design completed.
- Quotations footpath works sourced and received prior to Christmas Period.

**Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant Electrical and Process upgrade**

- Contractor to continue testing dosing systems for commissioning.
- Laboratory refurbishment works completed.
- Relocation of turbidity meters to laboratory completed.
- Deployment of PLC and SCADA architecture and testing system as changeover of individual areas occur.
- Installation of chemical dosing flushing systems completed.
- Painting of Filter, Clear water tank and Balance tanks completed.
- Repairs to lagoon 1 outlet valve.
- Cleaning of Lagoon 1, desludging of waste material to waste bunded area of plant reserve area completed.
- System functioning testing continuing for each dosing system as it's changed over.
- Security fencing installation completed at Balance tank site.
- Laboratory cabinetry installed, new flooring continues to be laid, painting continues, testing points installed, as well as flow meter readers
- Painting of exterior points has commenced, filters and pipework.
- Lunch room fit out continues, purchasing and supply and installation of kitchen table, cutlery, computer desks and chairs
- Reinstatement of lawn areas with irrigation sprinklers, monitoring and watering continues.
- Repairs undertaken to lagoon 1 as holes were found and water penetration was evident through banding that had broken around key asset points, Pond entry/ exit ladders ladders were also for pond entry or to be used as "emergency exit points"

**Mourquong Pipeline**

- The preliminary concept plans and surveying has been completed by the contractor engaged by Council. The pipeline proposal to tap off the Buronga / Dareton treated water transfer pipeline and to supply residents with filtered water.

**Pitman Avenue and Wood Street Shared Paths**

- The contracts for Pitman Ave and Wood St have been awarded for the completion of the shared path works.

**Pooncarie Hall Painting**

- Painting of Hall completed 22 December.

**Perry Sandhills**

- The main picnic structure and toilets were targeted approximately 16 December 2020 where wall and roofing iron was removed along with theft of the water tank.
- Police report filed no perpetrators located.
- Quotes for rectification works were received prior to Christmas works scheduled for completion 15 January.
- To prevent sheets being removed the contractor is using Hex head screws and rounding the screws off.

**Wentworth Riverfront BBQ & Nature Play Area**

- Works area has been fenced, preventing access to the public.
- Excavation for the playground area completed.
- 85% of the path alignment excavated.

**Wentworth RV Dump Point (Wentworth Sporting Complex)**

- Feature survey and design works undertaken.
- Quotations for the installation of a RV dump point sourced and received prior to Christmas.

**Wentworth Sewer Upgrade**

- The Contractors electrical contractor continues to undertake SCADA works to Sewerage Pumping Stations #1 and #2.
- Control philosophy continues to be developed.
- Neville Street Stormwater works will continue in areas where possible, culverts will be placed, infrastructure assets will require lowering for works to continue. Filtered and Raw water mains and Telstra services relocated.
- Cleaning out of lagoon 2 to commence and stock pile sludge onsite to dry out.
- Lagoon perimeter vermin proof fencing construction completed.

**Willow Bend Caravan Park Upgrade**

- The engineering consultant has commenced works on the design of the remaining service assets including: sewer, filtered water, raw water, irrigation, internal electrical supply (lighting and powered sites), and fire services.



**Projects and Works scheduled for January 2021****Roads**

- Arumpo Road reconstruction works continuing, expected completion date February 2021.
- Major reconstruction works for TfNSW on a 3km section, at segment 40 Sturt Highway to commence late January 2021.

**Maintenance Grading**

- Planned maintenance grading to repair major storm damage over the Christmas / New Year period on Top Hut, Arumpo and Wambera Roads.

**Projects****Wentworth Aerodrome Upgrade**

- Linemarking to be completed on all runway, taxiway and apron areas in second week January following material supply delays prior to the Christmas period.
- Stage 2 provisional works on extended apron parking area and eastern side taxiway link to commence early January.
- Landscaping works at entrance and around internal buildings to be completed by end of January.

**Buronga EDS**

- Slab installation to commence on the completion of the pit works.

**Buronga Riverfront**

- Site set-out to commence January.
- Landscape works to commence end of January.
- Hardscape items to be finalised with the contractor.

**Carramar Drive oval fencing**

- Contract has been awarded for the new service road to be fenced.
- Works are scheduled to commence late January 2021.

**Dareton Shared way Continuation**

- Purchase orders to be awarded for the completion of works.
- Council to advise residents and businesses of the proposed works along Silver City Highway and School Road.
- Works scheduled to begin June.

**Dareton Swimming Pool Break-In**

- Pool canteen was broken into early December 2020.
- Shire and Belgravia Leisure reviewed options regarding strengthening security whilst maintaining functionality. Concept proposed and adopted.
- Installation of new security roller door works undertaken early January 2021.

**George Gordon Netball Courts**

- Contractor to undertake LUX testing of the flood lights late February pending travel conditions.
- Court repairs scheduled to commence early March 2021 pending travel conditions.

**George Gordon Oval Perimeter Fencing**

- Quotes have been received and under review.
- Works are scheduled to commence in February 2021.

**Gol Gol Shared way**

- Purchase orders to be awarded for the completion of works.
- Council to advise residents of the proposed works along Adelaide Street, Tapio Street and William Street.
- Works scheduled to begin Mid-March.

**Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant Electrical and Process upgrade**

- System functioning testing continuing for each dosing system as it's changed over.
- New laboratory flooring continues to be laid, painting continues.
- Painting of exterior points continues, including filters and pipework.
- Lunch room fit out continues, purchasing and supply and installation of kitchen table, cutlery, computer desks and chairs.
- PLC and SCADA architecture testing ongoing as system continues to be changed over.

**Midway Centre - Bendigo Bank Agency**

- All fit out, security and IT works completed, awaiting signage from Bendigo Bank.

**Mourquong Pipeline**

- The pipeline alignment is currently under review.
- Hydro excavations to be performed to proof underground services. Contractor is due to commence proofing in late January 2021 once alignment is confirmed.

**Pitman Avenue and Wood Street Shared Paths**

- Council to advise impacted residents of footpath works in Wood Street.
- Pitman Avenue residents to be advised of planned works in 2021, with other residents notified as shared path locations are finalised.

**Wentworth RV Dump Point (Wentworth Sporting Complex)**

- Purchase orders to be awarded for works to be undertaken.
- Works scheduled to begin Mid-February.

**Wentworth Riverfront BBQ & Nature Play Area**

- The playground is currently being manufactured with installation scheduled for February 2021.
- Electrical conduits and mains to be installed in preparation for switchboard arrival.
- Irrigation alterations to be undertaken.

**Willow Bend Caravan Park Upgrade**

- Detailed design for assets to continue.



Image 1 - 4 - Pooncarie Hall



**Images 5 – 10 – Dareton Sewer Upgrade**





**Images 11- 15 - Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant  
Electrical and Process upgrade**



**Image 16 – Wentworth Riverfront**

**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 for only 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, the recording of the meeting be suspended, and members of the press and public be excluded from 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 Wentworth Aerodrome Upgrade - Supply of additional VIC Roads Class 3 Road Base Material for Stage 2 Construction. (RPT/21/8)**

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.

#### **12.2 Wentworth Aerodrome Upgrade - Supply of additional concrete box culvert sections for Stage 2 Construction. (RPT/21/15)**

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## 12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

### 12.1 WENTWORTH AERODROME UPGRADE - SUPPLY OF ADDITIONAL VIC ROADS CLASS 3 ROAD BASE MATERIAL FOR STAGE 2 CONSTRUCTION

File Number: RPT/21/8

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering  
 Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering  
 Reporting Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

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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## 12.2 WENTWORTH AERODROME UPGRADE - SUPPLY OF ADDITIONAL CONCRETE BOX CULVERT SECTIONS FOR STAGE 2 CONSTRUCTION

File Number: RPT/21/15

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Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

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## **13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**

### **NEXT MEETING**

17 February 2021