

Kyogle Council

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Stratheden Street, Kyogle, on Monday, 8 February, 2016.

PRESENT

Cr Danielle Mulholland (Mayor in the Chair), Cr Maggie Creedy, Cr Ross Brown, Cr Chris Simpson, Cr John Burley, Cr Robert Dwyer, Cr Lindsay Passfield and Cr Michael Reardon.

IN ATTENDANCE

The General Manager, the Executive Manager Infrastructure Works, the Executive Manager Administration and Community, the Executive Manager Planning and Environment, Executive Manager Urban and Assets, the Personal Assistant to the General Manager and Administration and Community.

MEETING COMMENCEMENT

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 5pm.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Councillor Janet Wilson.

080216/01 RESOLVED

Moved Councillor Ross Brown, seconded Councillor John Burley.

That the apology be received and noted.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson, Lindsay Passfield, Michael Reardon

ITEM 2 OPENING PRAYER

The Mayor read the opening prayer.

ITEM 3 TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the Traditional Lands of the Bundjalung people.

ITEM 4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cr. Ross Brown declared an interest in the following item/s:

- Item No 13B.2 Planning Proposal to Amend the Kyogle Local Environmental Plan 2012 to Remove Minimum Lot Sizes for Residential Land on Eastern Edge of the Kyogle CBD
Reason for Declaration - Owner of land available for similar types of development in competition.

Executive Manager Administration and Community Carol O'Neill declared an interest in the following item:

- Item No 13B.1 Development Applications Determined and Outstanding for the period 27 November 2015 to 29 January 2016 -- Development Applications Determined 2013/11
Reason for Declaration - neighbouring property owner.

Councillor Lindsay Passfield arrived at the meeting at 5.05pm.

ITEM 5 QUESTION TIME

Elva Jones: The condition of footpaths in Bloore Street, Kyogle, particularly along the left hand side of the road are a disgrace. There is no footpath along many sections of the street. The grass verge is uneven and difficult to walk on. I am currently walking along the gutter because that is the most even part of the road. There is no footpath to the town's cinema. Can Council look at installing/improving the footpaths in Bloore Street?

Council used to sweep the gutters in the area surrounding the CBD. This has not been undertaken for ages. In Ettrick Street, the gravel on the side of the road is very dangerous. When I disembark the train at 2.50am, I virtually have to walk up the middle of the road. When I ride my scooter, I have to ride on the road. I can't take the scooter to the gutter because the small gravel locks up the wheels, this means I have to drive it on the road, which can be quite dangerous. Can Council sweep the streets every three months to keep the gravel off the road?

There are trees overhanging the footpath in the area where the Bazar is held. Can Council check out the trees along the footpath with the aim of trimming them.

Councillor Chris Simpson asked if there were any provisions within Council's Long Term Financial Plan to upgrade footpaths in Bloore Street.

The Executive Manager Urban and Assets advised that the PAMP (Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan) was the strategic document in which new footpaths are identified. The PAMP is due for review and Council is working with the Public

Transport Working Group to provide input into that review. The issues identified by Mrs Jones can be included in the review process.

The Executive Manager Urban and Assets advised Mrs Jones that the matters she raised would be handled as customer requests and would be dealt with following Council's normal customer request process, meaning they would be inspected and any works identified that may need doing would be prioritised.

ITEM 6 PUBLIC ACCESS

Nil

ITEM 7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE 9 NOVEMBER 2015 ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

**REPORT BY: GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE
CONTACT: GENERAL MANAGER DAVID TUXFORD**

080216/02 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Ross Brown, seconded by Councillor Chris Simpson.

That Council adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 November, 2015.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson, Michael Reardon

7.2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 14 DECEMBER 2015 ORDINARY MEETING

**REPORT BY: GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE
CONTACT: GENERAL MANAGER DAVID TUXFORD**

080216/03 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Ross Brown, seconded by Councillor Chris Simpson:

That Council adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 December, 2015.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson, Michael Reardon

ITEM 8 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil.

ITEM 9 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

ITEM 10 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

10.1 QUESTIONS FROM THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT BY: GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE
CONTACT: GENERAL MANAGER DAVID TUXFORD

080216/04 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Lindsay Passfield, seconded by Councillor Robert Dwyer.

That Council receives and notes the report, Questions from the Last Council Meeting.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson, Michael Reardon

ITEM 11 DELEGATES REPORTS

Nil.

ITEM 12 INFORMATION PAPERS

12.1 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING ACTION

REPORT BY: GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE
CONTACT: GENERAL MANAGER DAVID TUXFORD

080216/05 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Ross Brown, seconded by Councillor Chris Simpson.

That Council receives and notes the report, Council Resolutions Requiring Action.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson, Michael Reardon

12.2 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

REPORT BY: ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY
CONTACT: EXECUTIVE MANAGER ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY
CAROL O'NEILL

080216/06 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Ross Brown, seconded by Councillor John Burley.

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the Monthly Financial Report .

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson, Michael Reardon

12.3 WORKS PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

REPORT BY: ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY
CONTACT: EXECUTIVE MANAGER ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY
CAROL O'NEILL

080216/07 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Robert Dwyer, seconded by Councillor Chris Simpson.

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the Works Program Progress Report January 2016.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson, Michael Reardon

ITEM 13 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM 13A TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORT

13A.1 NATIONAL STRONGER REGIONS FUNDING

REPORT BY: INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS /URBAN AND ASSETS

CONTACT: EXECUTIVE MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS JEFF BREEN / EXECUTIVE MANAGER URBAN AND ASSETS GRAHAM KENNETT

080216/08 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Maggie Creedy, seconded by Councillor Chris Simpson.

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report on National Stronger Regions Funding;
2. Provides a commitment to including the \$1.7 million of matching funding required for the reconstruction of Culmaran Creek Road in the 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years should the application under the National Stronger Regions Fund Round 3 be approved;
3. Writes to the Member for Page, Kevin Hogan MP, expressing its appreciation for his efforts in supporting Council's applications under the National Stronger Regions Fund, and in particular the successful Round 2 project for the initial sealing of the Toonumbar Dam access road.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson, Michael Reardon

13A.2 GOLD COAST TWEED MOTORSPORTING CLUB 2016 EVENTS

REPORT BY: INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS

CONTACT: EXECUTIVE MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS JEFF BREEN

080216/09 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Lindsay Passfield, seconded by Councillor Chris Simpson.

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report, Gold Coast Tweed Motorsporting Club 2016 Events.
 2. Agree in principle to the holding of the 2016 Border Ranges and Yowie Country Rallies.
 3. Through its maintenance program ensures each of the rally roads have a patch grade 4 weeks prior to and after the event if required.
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4. Assist with the mailing of road closure letters to residents along the road proposed to be closed.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - John Burley, Lindsay Passfield, Danielle Mulholland, Chris Simpson, Maggie Creedy, Bob Dwyer

AGAINST VOTE - Ross Brown

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson, Michael Reardon

13A.3 PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

REPORT BY: INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS

CONTACT: EXECUTIVE MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS JEFF BREEN

080216/10 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Chris Simpson, seconded by Councillor Maggie Creedy.

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report, Pesticide Use Notification Plan.
2. Resolve to advertise and receive submissions on the reviewed Pesticide Use Notification Plan for a minimum of four weeks in accordance with Clause 21 of the Pesticide Regulation (2009).

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson, Michael Reardon

13A.4 SUGGESTION FOR NAMING OF NEW BRIDGE AT SEXTONVILLE

REPORT BY: INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS

CONTACT: EXECUTIVE MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS JEFF BREEN

080216/11 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Lindsay Passfield, seconded by Councillor Robert Dwyer.

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report, Suggestion for Naming of New Bridge at Sextonville.
2. Advertise the proposal to name the new Sextonville Road bridge "Bill Berry Bridge" for public comment or submissions for a period of 28 days and that a further report be brought to Council on submissions received.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson, Michael Reardon

ITEM 13B PLANNING SERVICES REPORT

13B.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED AND OUTSTANDING FOR THE PERIOD 27 NOVEMBER 2015 TO 29 JANUARY 2016

**REPORT BY PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
CONTACT EXECUTIVE MANAGER PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
MANFRED BOLDY**

080216/12 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Lindsay Passfield, seconded by Councillor Ross Brown.

That Council:

With the exception of the following item in which Executive Manager Administration and Community Carol O'Neill has declared an interest,

- Executive Manager Administration and Community Carol O'Neill 13B.1 Development Applications Determined and Outstanding DA 2013/11 - Reason for Declaration - neighbouring property owner.

Receive and note the information contained in the report Development Applications Determined and Outstanding for the 26 November 2015 to 29 January 2016.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson, Michael Reardon

Executive Manager Administration and Community Carol O'Neill left the meeting at 5.35pm

080216/13 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Ross Brown, seconded by Councillor Chris Simpson.

That Council receive and note the information contained in the report Development Applications Determined and Outstanding for the period 26 November 2015 to 29 January 2016 only in relation to DA2013/11 in which Executive Manager Administration and Community Carol O'Neill has declared an interest.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson, Michael Reardon

Executive Manager Administration and Community Carol O'Neill returned to the meeting at 5.35pm.

13B.2 PLANNING PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE KYOGLE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2012 TO REMOVE MINIMUM LOT SIZES FOR RESIDENTIAL LAND ON EASTERN EDGE OF THE KYOGLE CBD

**REPORT BY: PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
CONTACT: EXECUTIVE MANAGER PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES MANFRED BOLDY**

Councillor Ross Brown left the meeting at 5.36pm

Councillor Michael Reardon arrived at the meeting at 5.36pm.

080216/14 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor John Burley, seconded by Councillor Maggie Creedy.

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report on the proposed amendment of its KLEP to remove reference to a minimum lot size on the Minimum Lot Size Map.
2. Resolves to amend the *Kyogle Local Environmental Plan 2012* (KLEP), through the preparation of a Planning Proposal generally in accordance with the changes outlined in this report.
3. Authorise the General Manager to prepare a Planning Proposal consistent with the contents of this report and submit the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) for review and Gateway Determination.
4. Proceed with the LEP amendment on receipt of a Gateway Determination and that the General Manager be authorised to make any necessary changes to the Planning Proposal in accordance with the requirements of the Department and undertake the necessary administrative procedures of the LEP amendment process in accordance with the provisions of Part 3 Division 4 of the EP&A Act, including public consultation.
5. Amend the Kyogle Development Control Plan 2014 (KDCP) to reflect the changes referred to in this report.
6. Undertake public consultation on the draft Development Control Plan amendment in accordance with legislative requirements for a minimum of 28 days.
7. Consider a further report on conclusion of the public consultation stage, outlining the outcomes of the consultation process including any submissions that were received.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Ross Brown, Janet Wilson

Councillor Lindsay Passfield called for a division under section 375A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

FOR	AGAINST
Cr Danielle Mulholland	
Cr Robert Dwyer	
Cr Maggie Creedy	
Cr John Burley	
Cr Chris Simpson	
Cr Lindsay Passfield	
Cr Michael Reardon	

Councillor Ross Brown returned to the meeting at 5.54pm.

13B.3 FINALISATION OF LEP AMENDMENT NO. 6- PLANNING PROPOSAL TO PERMIT ADDITIONAL USES IN RURAL ZONES AND ASSOCIATED DCP PROVISIONS

**REPORT BY: PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
CONTACT: EXECUTIVE MANAGER PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
MANFRED BOLDY**

080216/15 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Ross Brown, seconded by Councillor Maggie Creedy.

That Council:

1. Reiterate its support for the planning proposal to amend the Kyogle Local Environmental Plan 2012 to permit additional land uses in Zone RU1 Primary Production and Zone RU2 Rural Landscape with the consent of Council.
2. Pursuant to section 59(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, Council request Parliamentary Counsel's Office to prepare a draft legal instrument.
3. Upon receiving from Parliamentary Counsel's Office a draft LEP amendment and an Opinion that the plan can be made, exercise its delegation and its delegate make the plan and request NSW Planning and Environment to carry out notification of the making of the plan.
4. Pursuant to Part 3 Division 3 Clause 21(1)(b) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, approve the associated amendments to Kyogle Development Control Plan 2014.
5. Give public notice of the approval of the DCP provisions in the Richmond River Express Examiner, pursuant to Part 3 Division 3 Clause 21(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson

Councillor Lindsay Passfield called for a division under section 375A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

FOR	AGAINST
Cr Danielle Mulholland	
Cr Robert Dwyer	
Cr Maggie Creedy	
Cr John Burley	
Cr Chris Simpson	
Cr Ross Brown	
Cr Lindsay Passfield	
Cr Michael Reardon	

ITEM 13C ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

Nil.

ITEM 13D CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

13D.1 MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

REPORT BY: ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY

**CONTACT: EXECUTIVE MANAGER ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY
CAROL O'NEILL**

080216/16 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Lindsay Passfield, seconded by Councillor Ross Brown.

That Council adopt the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW – November 2015 and the provisions for administering the Code.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson

13D.2 DECEMBER 2015 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

REPORT BY: ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY

**CONTACT: EXECUTIVE MANAGER ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY
CAROL O'NEILL**

080216/17 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Maggie Creedy, seconded by Councillor Chris Simpson.

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the December 2015, Quarterly Budget Review Statement;

2. Approve the variation of estimates contained in the table below:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES DECEMBER QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW		
DETAILS	QUARTERLY ADJUSTMENT	
	INCOME	EXPENSES
Water Fund - Capital Grants	69,360	
Water Fund - Construction		69,360
Totals	69,360	69,360
	Net Adjustment	-

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson

13D.3 REVIEW OF DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN

REPORT BY: ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY
CONTACT: EXECUTIVE MANAGER ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY
CAROL O'NEILL

080216/18 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Robert Dwyer, seconded by Councillor Chris Simpson.

That Council receives and notes the 31 December, 2015, review of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson

13D.4 MINUTES OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR 10 DECEMBER 2015

REPORT BY: ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY
CONTACT: EXECUTIVE MANAGER ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY
CAROL ONEILL

080216/19 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Ross Brown, seconded by Councillor Chris Simpson.

That Council receives and notes the minutes of the Internal Audit Committee meeting held December 10, 2015.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson

13D.5 DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

REPORT BY: ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY
CONTACT: CAROL O'NEILL

080216/20 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Lindsay Passfield, seconded by Councillor Ross Brown.

That Council:

1. Receives and notes Community Strategic Plan report;
2. Place the draft Community Strategic Plan on public exhibition and invite submissions up until 22 April, 2016.
3. Engage in public consultation during the exhibition period as detailed in the report

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson

ITEM 13E COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Nil.

ITEM 13F GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

13F.1 PROPOSED COUNCILLOR WORKSHOP

REPORT BY: GENERAL MANAGER

CONTACT: GENERAL MANAGER DAVID TUXFORD

080216/21 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Chris Simpson, seconded by Councillor Ross Brown.

That a Councillor Workshop be held on Monday, 22 February, 2016 commencing at 5pm and concluding at 7pm for the purpose of discussing the next phase of the Fit for the Future process as well as the 2015/2016 Capital Works program and the formation of the 2016/2017 Draft Budget and Capital Works Program.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson

ITEM 14 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

080216/22 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Lindsay Passfield, seconded by Councillor Ross Brown.

That the report, Offer of Sale Water Fund House, be considered as urgent business.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson

The Mayor declared the matter to be of great urgency.

14.01 MOVED INTO CLOSED COMMITTEE

ITEM 14.1 OFFER OF SALE OF WATER FUND HOUSE

This report is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

(d) commercial information of a confidential nature

It is not in the public interest and would be contrary to the privacy provisions to reveal these details.

Pursuant to Section 10A(4), the public were invited to make representations to the council meeting before any part of the meeting was closed, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

080216/23 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Lindsay Passfield, seconded by Councillor Chris Simpson.

That Council:

1. Resolve to move into closed council to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting;
2. Pursuant to section 10A(1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, exclude the media and public from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2) as outlined above;
3. Withhold the correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business from access to the media and public as required in Section 11 (2) of the Local Government Act.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson

Council closed its meeting at 6.10pm. The public and the media left the chamber.

14.02 OPEN COUNCIL RESUMES

080216/24 RESOLVED

Moved by Councillor Lindsay Passfield, seconded by Councillor Chris Simpson.

That Council move out of closed Council and into open Council.

CARRIED

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Janet Wilson

Open Council resumed at 6.20pm.

The Mayor read the following resolutions of Closed Council to the meeting:

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report, Offer of Sale Water Fund House;
2. Not accept the offer of sale dated 5 February 2016;
3. Authorises the General Manager to negotiate the sale of the property and enter into a contract for the sale of the property at or above the amount nominated in the report;
4. Authorises the use of the common seal on documentation associated with a contract for the sale of the property at or above the amount nominated in the report.

ITEM 15 QUESTIONS FOR NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

Councillor Robert Dwyer

- There has been some temporary work done on Anzac Drive over the past week, where the road has been damaged by trucks associated with building the levy bank. I would hope this is only a temporary measure. I was of the understanding that part of the contract for that job was that the road was to be rehabilitated by the contractors. Is the work that has been done a temporary measure? Who has paid for it? And what is the long term solution to that problem.

The Executive Manager Infrastructure Works advised that the work was a temporary solution to current problems on the road and that a permanent fix would not be carried out until the water supply augmentation/flood mitigation project works were complete. That work was scheduled to be completed by later this month.

The Executive Manager Urban and Assets advised that the contractor was not obliged to fix the road. While the road has deteriorated during the period of the contract, the road had failed before the contract started. There is no obligation on the contractor to cover the cost of the repairs, but there is provision under the contract for the contractor to undertake repairs under a schedule of rates that they provided as part of the contract documentation. The Executive Manager Infrastructure Works and the Executive Manager Urban and Assets will work together to come to an agreement on the scope of works that Council will ask the contractors to undertake under those rates which will include that area of Anzac Drive and a couple of other minor areas that need repair post completion of construction work. The water augmentation project and the flood modification project will pay a share of, or a contribution to, those repairs.

The Executive Manager Infrastructure Works reiterated that the road was under stress anyway and the problems were not caused by the works that have been undertaken as part of the two projects. The deterioration of the road had been "hurried along a little bit" by the works but the problem on the road had to be addressed by Council at some stage.

Councillor Ross Brown left the meeting at 6.23pm.

Councillor Maggie Creedy

- I would like to congratulate the organising committee of the very successful Australia Day celebrations at Kyogle. It was very professionally organised and extremely well attended and enjoyed by all those who were present.

Councillor John Burley

- Are there any funds in the budget to carry out an external audit of the facilities at Toonumbar Dam? If we are going to seal the access road to the dam, it would pay dividends to get an audit done on what needs to be done to improve facilities at the dam.

Councillor Chris Simpson

- Visitors to the town have discussed with me the look of the entrances to the town, in particular the upkeep of the gardens surrounding the entrance signs. Has there been a reduction in maintenance of these gardens and the slashing of the roadsides on the entrance to Kyogle?

Executive Manager Urban and Assets advised that the wet weather had had a serious impact on Council's ability to mow over the past 12 months. Council does try to prioritise the mowing as best it can, with sporting facilities and recreational areas taking precedence over the town entry. The gardens in question were also starting to show their age.

Councillor Maggie Creedy

- Can Council look at upgrading the signs at the entrance of Kyogle? The signs are tatty and in disrepair and are giving people a poor first impression of the town and the Council area.

Councillor Lindsay Passfield

- The Christmas decorations at Woodenbong are getting jaded -- can they be taken down?
- Will Council be able to address the recently submitted maintenance request in relation to slashing and potholes on the route between Woodenbong and Urbenville? This is school bus route and a very heavily trafficked road.

ITEM 16 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS PAPER

Nil

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.28pm.