



I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Monday, 11 July 2022
Time: 2pm
Location: Kyogle Council Chambers, Stratheden Street, Kyogle

AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting

11 July 2022

**Graham Kennett
General Manager**

Dear Councillor,

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, you are hereby notified of the following Ordinary Council Meeting to be held at the Kyogle Council Chambers, on Monday 11 July 2022, at 2pm.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillors and Senior Staff are reminded to consider whether a Pecuniary Interest exists in any matter on the Agenda for this Meeting or raised during the course of the Meeting. The term "Pecuniary Interest" should be extended to include possible "conflicts of interest" and immediately declared prior to discussion of the Agenda item. Where a direct or indirect pecuniary interest exists, the member must refrain from commenting on or voting on the subject matter and must leave the Chamber.

ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

As per 3.23 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Councillors are reminded that on election to Council they took an Oath/Affirmation of Office in which they pledged to undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of the Kyogle Local Government Area and the Kyogle Council and that they would faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgment.

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GRAHAM KENNETT
GENERAL MANAGER

OPENING STATEMENT

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COUNCIL PRAYER

We seek guidance as we come together to make decisions in the best interest of our communities which support the development of a peaceful and just environment to encourage our people to thrive and live purposeful lives to reflect a modern, inclusive and diverse community.

Adopted by Council on 14 December, 2020.
Resolution CO/1220/3

Note: Council Policy is for the Mayor or Chairperson to lead the Council Meeting in the Prayer at the start of the first meeting of the day.

Council acknowledges that this meeting is being held on the Traditional Lands of the Bundjalung people and we acknowledge elders, past and present and future.

Adopted by Council on 11 December 2006.
Resolution 111206/21

DISCLAIMER

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GRAHAM KENNETT
GENERAL MANAGER

Public Forum (Council Policy)

The council may hold a public forum as part of the ordinary meeting of the council for the purpose of hearing oral submissions from members of the public on items of business to be considered at the meeting.

To speak at a public forum, a person must first make an application to the council in writing. Applications to speak at public forum must be received two hours before the meeting, and must identify the item of business on the agenda of the council meeting the person wishes to speak on, and whether they wish to speak 'for' or 'against' the item. Applications can be left with Customer Service staff at Council's Administration Centre, sent to PO Box 11, Kyogle, NSW, 2474, or emailed to council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au.

A person may apply to speak on no more than two items of business on the agenda of the council meeting.

Legal representatives acting on behalf of others are not to be permitted to speak at a public forum unless they identify their status as a legal representative when applying to speak at the public forum.

The general manager or their delegate may refuse an application to speak at a public forum. The general manager or their delegate must give reasons in writing for a decision to refuse an application.

No more than two speakers are to be permitted to speak 'for' or 'against' each item of business on the agenda for the council meeting.

Approved speakers at the public forum are to register with the council any written, visual or audio material to be presented in support of their address to the council at the public forum, and to identify any equipment needs no more than two working days before the public forum. The general manager or their delegate may refuse to allow such material to be presented.

The general manager or their delegate is to determine the order of speakers at the public forum.

Each speaker will be allowed five minutes to address the council. This time is to be strictly enforced by the chairperson. A councillor (including the chairperson) may, through the chairperson, ask questions of a speaker following their address at a public forum. Answers by the speaker, to each question are to be limited to two minutes.

Speakers are under no obligation to answer questions put to them by councillors and cannot ask questions of the council, councillors or council staff.

Speakers at public forums must not digress from the item on the agenda of the council meeting they have applied to address the council on. If a speaker digresses to irrelevant matters, the chairperson is to direct the speaker not to do so. If a speaker fails to observe a direction from the chairperson, the speaker will not be further heard.

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- 1 OPEN MEETING**
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7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 COUNCIL REPORT - 14 JUNE 2022

Author: Executive Assistant

Authoriser: General Manager

Attachments: 1. Minutes 14 June 2022 Ordinary Meeting (under separate cover) [↓](#) 

RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirms the minutes of the Council meeting of the 14 June 2022.

PURPOSE / SUMMARY

This report presents the minutes of the 14 June 2022 Ordinary Meeting to Council for confirmation.

8 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR TOM COOPER: START TIME OF COUNCILLOR WORKSHOPS

Attachments: Nil

MOTION

That Council changes the time for the regular Councillor Workshops to commence at 2pm and conclude by approximately 4pm.

RATIONALE

Bringing forward the starting time of the Councillor workshops to 2pm would bring them into line with the new starting time of Ordinary Council meetings and would enable staff to attend the workshops within office hours.

10 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Nil

11 REPORTS FROM DELEGATES**11.1 DELEGATE'S REPORT: CR DANIELLE MULHOLLAND - AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Author: Councillor Danielle Mulholland

Authoriser: General Manager

Attachments: 1. Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly Delegate's Report (under separate cover) 

SUMMARY / PURPOSE

The following Delegate's Report by Cr Danielle Mulholland provides information for Councillors on the Australia Local Government Association National General Assembly held in Canberra from 19-22 June 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes Cr Danielle Mulholland's Delegate's Report on the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly.

REPORT

Held each year in Canberra, the National General Assembly (NGA) is the peak event for Local Government. It is attended by more than 800 Council representatives each year and provides the opportunity for Local Government to engage directly with the Federal Government, to develop national policy, and to influence the future direction of councils and the communities they represent. The theme for this year's conference was Partners in Progress.

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Kylie Thomas was unable to attend the NGA. In her absence, Cr Danielle Mulholland, represented Kyogle Council.

Attached is Cr Mulholland's Delegate's Report on the NGA, which includes a summary of the key issues raised, and motions debated, at the conference.

12 INFORMATION REPORTS

12.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT - JUNE 2022

Author: Manager Financial Services

Authoriser: General Manager

Attachments: 1. Monthly Finance Report - June 2022  

SUMMARY / PURPOSE

This report presents financial reports to Council for information.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the report, *Monthly Finance Report – June 2022*.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Legislative Requirements

Clause 212 of the Local Government Act (General) Regulation 2005 states that:

- (1) *The responsible accounting officer of a council:*
 - (a) *Must provide the council with a written report (setting out details of all money that the council has invested under section 625 of the Act) to be presented:*
 - (i) *if only one ordinary meeting of the council is held in a month, at that meeting,*
or
 - (ii) *if more than one such meeting is held in a month, at whichever of those meetings the council by resolution determines, and*
 - (b) *Must include in the report a certificate as to whether or not the investment has been made in accordance with the Act, the regulations and the council's investment policies.*
- (2) *The report must be made up to the last day of the month immediately preceding the meeting*

REPORT

The following information is presented for information only.

(A) Finance Reports

Summary reports outlining Council's financial position. The reports presented include:

- Rates statement and graph
- Statement of bank balances
- Summary of investments

It should be noted that these reports do not include accounting adjustments to be brought to account on an annual basis. The reports also remain unaudited as at the date of presentation to Council.

(B) Councillors' Travel Expenses Report

Included as an attachment to this report is a schedule showing payments to Councillors for travel claims made during the month. As stated in the notes, some Councillors may have outstanding claims that cover more than one period.

Kyogle Council



Financial Reports

30 June 2022

Rates Statement

Rates/Charges – Write Off's

Statement of Bank Balances

Summary of Investments

Councillor Travel

NOTE: All Financial Data presented is unaudited at the date of presentation to Council

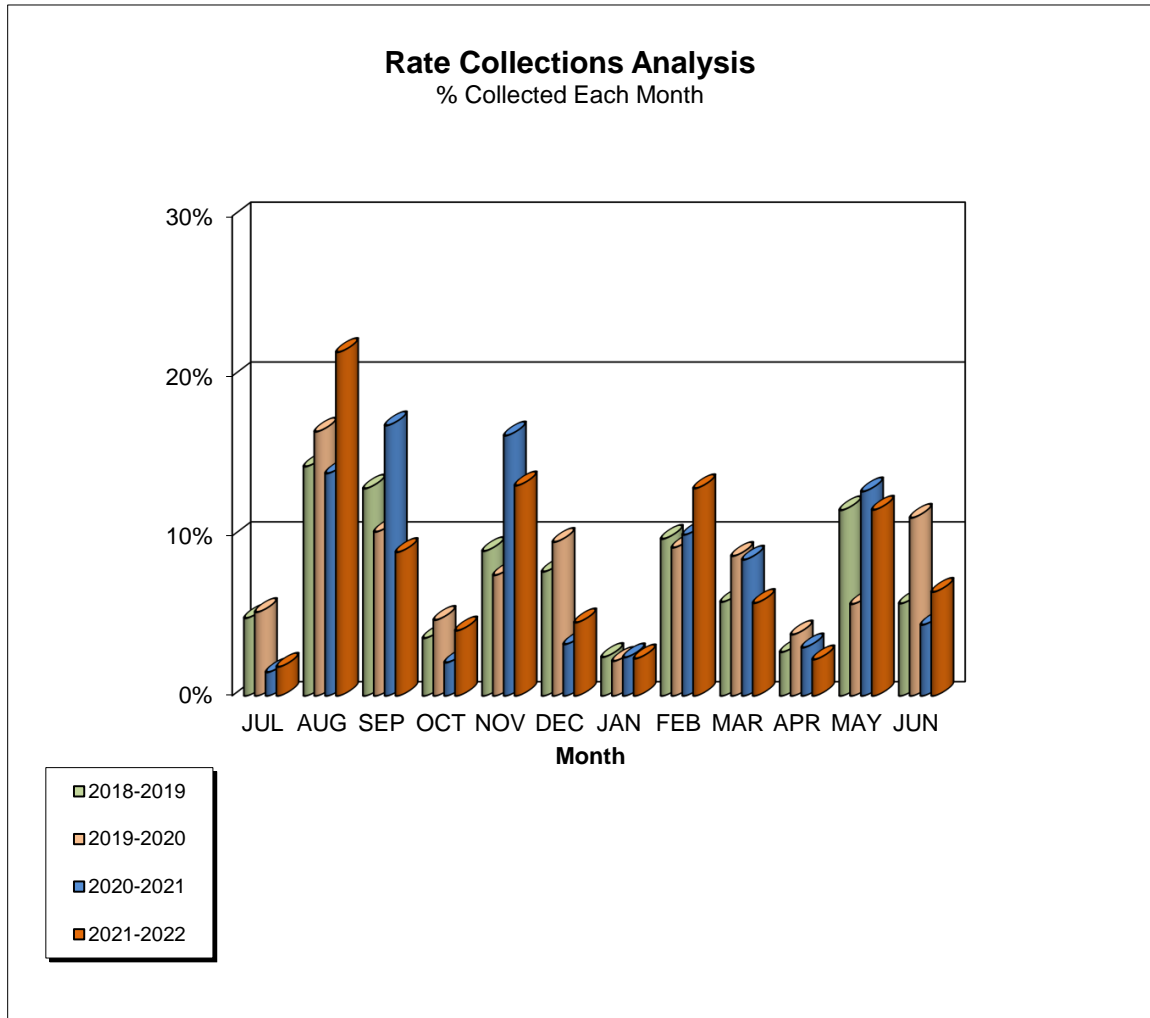
KYOGLE COUNCIL RATES STATEMENT AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

	ARREARS 1-Jul-2021	NET CHARGES 2021-2022	PAYMENTS	OUTSTANDING BALANCE 30/06/2022	ARREARS 30/06/2022	% TOTAL COLLECTED incl ARREARS	% ARREARS COLLECTED 2021-2022
RATES, SERVICES AND INTEREST	791,480.69	12,439,002.42	12,645,036.67	585,446.44	175,659.24	95.58%	77.81%

PRESENTED TO COUNCIL JULY 2022

Note:

Some ratepayers have made arrangements, whilst others are at different stages of legal action.



Write offs under delegated authority - Rates and Charges 2021-2022

July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total Write Offs
\$ -	\$ 40.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.01	\$ -	\$ 8.76	\$ 342.94	\$ 392.06

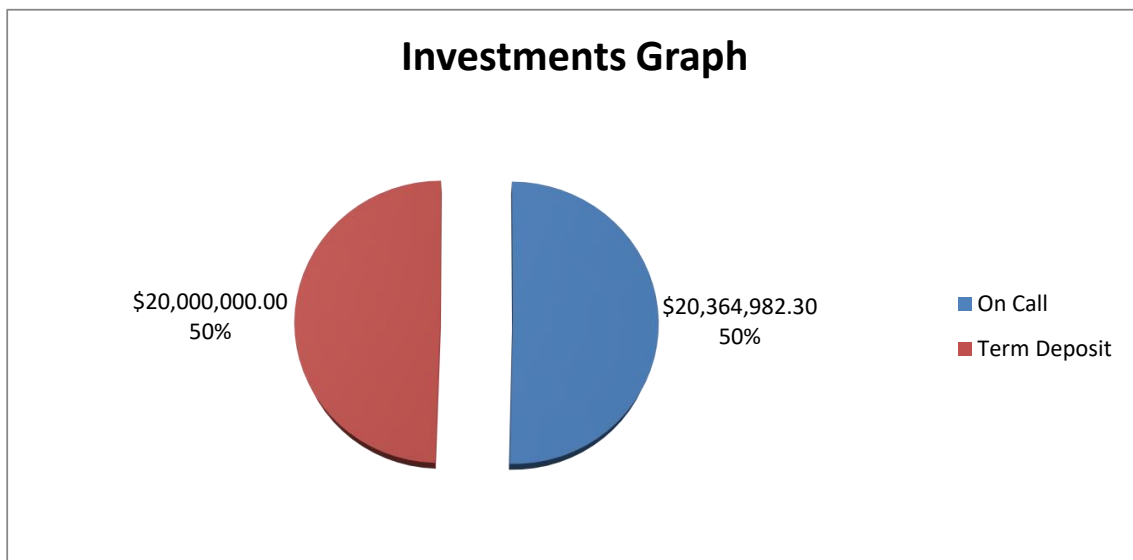
<u>Kyogle Council</u>	
STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCES as at 30-Jun-22	
Fund	Closing Balance
General Fund	
Unrestricted	25,749,591.39
Internally Restricted	4,172,177.00
State Highways	(19,571.70)
Quarries	970,453.97
Plant	3,329,310.04
Externally Restricted	4,118,526.56
Total General Fund	38,320,487.26
Restricted	
Water Supplies	643,422.32
Sewerage Systems	1,230,975.04
Domestic Waste	131,949.63
Trust Fund	38,148.05
Total Restricted	2,044,495.04
Total Consolidated Funds at Bank	40,364,982.30

KYOGLE COUNCIL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS REPORT AS AT 30/06/2022								
Institution	Investment Type	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Interest Type	Interest Frequency	Interest rate	Investment Amount	% of Portfolio
CBA	On Call	At Call	At Call	Variable	Monthly		20,364,982.30	50.45%
Total Cash at Call							20,364,982.30	50.45%
CBA	Cash Deposit	17-Mar-22	30-Jun-22	Fixed	Maturity	0.38%	1,000,000.00	2.48%
NAB	Term Deposit	07-Apr-22	01-Jul-22	Fixed	Maturity	0.69%	2,000,000.00	4.95%
NAB	Term Deposit	05-May-22	07-Jul-22	Fixed	Maturity	0.75%	1,000,000.00	2.48%
CBA	Cash Deposit	26-May-22	14-Jul-22	Fixed	Maturity	0.96%	2,000,000.00	4.95%
Suncorp	Term Deposit	21-Apr-22	20-Jul-22	Fixed	Maturity	0.56%	1,000,000.00	2.48%
NAB	Term Deposit	12-May-22	28-Jul-22	Fixed	Maturity	1.09%	2,000,000.00	4.95%
NAB	Term Deposit	22-Jun-22	04-Aug-22	Fixed	Maturity	1.33%	1,000,000.00	2.48%
CBA	Cash Deposit	23-Jun-22	11-Aug-22	Fixed	Maturity	1.70%	2,000,000.00	4.95%
Suncorp	Term Deposit	19-May-22	17-Aug-22	Fixed	Maturity	1.27%	1,000,000.00	2.48%
CBA	Cash Deposit	27-Jun-22	25-Aug-22	Fixed	Maturity	1.94%	2,000,000.00	4.95%
Suncorp	Term Deposit	02-Jun-22	31-Aug-22	Fixed	Maturity	1.47%	2,000,000.00	4.95%
Suncorp	Term Deposit	09-Jun-22	07-Sep-22	Fixed	Maturity	1.67%	2,000,000.00	4.95%
NAB	Term Deposit	29-Jun-22	15-Sep-22	Fixed	Maturity	2.05%	1,000,000.00	2.48%
Total Cash at Call							20,000,000.00	49.55%
Total Investment Portfolio							\$40,364,982.30	

I hereby certify that the above investments have been made in accordance with section 625 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Councils Investment Policy.

Glenn Rose

Responsible Accounting Officer



COUNCILLORS TRAVEL EXPENSES Jun-22

Councillor Name	Kilometres Claimed		Current Rate per Kilometre	Amount Reimbursed	
	Jun-22	YTD		Jun-22	YTD
K. Thomas	0	880	\$0.80	\$0.00	\$704.00
H. Doolan	0	0	\$0.80	\$0.00	\$0.00
J. Wilson	0	0	\$0.80	\$0.00	\$0.00
J. Burley	0	725	\$0.80	\$0.00	\$580.00
R. Dwyer	0	0	\$0.80	\$0.00	\$0.00
D. Mulholland	0	3,838	\$0.80	\$0.00	\$3,015.36
L. Passfield	0	1,124	\$0.70/\$0.80	\$0.00	\$829.68
M. May	0	0	\$0.80	\$0.00	\$0.00
E. Grundy	0	1,040	\$0.80	\$0.00	\$811.20
T. Cooper	1,428	3,706	\$0.80	\$1,142.40	\$2,964.80
R. Cullen	0	0	\$0.80	\$0.00	\$0.00
J. Murray	0	0	\$0.80	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	1,428	11,313		\$1,142.40	\$8,905.04

Notes

- (1) The above figures represent amounts actually paid.
- (2) The amounts paid in the current month will relate to claims for travel in prior months
- (3) Some councillors may have claims outstanding for more than one month.

12.2 WORKS PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT - JUNE 2022

Author: Manager Financial Services

Authoriser: General Manager

Attachments:

1. **Bridge Program Status Report - June 2022**  
2. **Works Program Progress Report June 2022 (under separate cover)** 

SUMMARY / PURPOSE

This report provides an update on the progress of Council's capital works program, plant replacement program, quarry operations, and RMS ordered works for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the information contained in the report, *Works Program Progress Report – June 2022*.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This report is intended to present to Council information on the progress of the implementation of the annual works programs across all departments of Council, as well as the performance of the quarry and State Highways operations.

REPORT

The report is provided as a separate attachment covering four main areas;

1. Capital Works Report

This section of the report shows all capital works projects and provides a brief status report and expenditure year-to-date for each project, including any external funding which applies.

2. Plant Acquisition and Sales

This section of the report shows the plant replacement program and the year-to-date income and expenditure associated with the program.

3. State Highways' Ordered Works

This section of the report shows the status of the Ordered Works under the Roads and Maritime Road Maintenance Council Contract (RMS RMCC) which is included in the State Highway's budget area. The report shows each approved Works Order and the approved income and expenditure year-to-date.

4. Quarries Report

This section of the report shows the income and expenditure for each of the four operational quarries for the year-to-date, including stock on hand and a brief description of current activities relating to quarries.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report is provided for information only and any budgetary issues that may be identified as a result of these reports will be dealt with during the regular budget review process.



KYOGLE COUNCIL BRIDGE PROGRAM MONTHLY STATUS REPORT 2021 / 2022

REPORTING MONTH: June 2022

REPORT DATE: 29/06/2022

PROGRESS SNAPSHOT

TOTAL NUMBER OF TIMBER BRIDGES REPLACED = 31 of 93 (33.3%)

FCB DEED PERIOD ELAPSED – 54 of 149 weeks (36.2%) Revised Deed Period

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide additional commentary on the current progress of the Kyogle Council Bridge Replacement Program. For information on the status of each bridge refer to the Monthly Works Program Progress Report.

2 MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights for June 2022 include:

- Three FCB Bridges Completed (Saunders, Gooleys and Old Tweed)
- Discussions with TfNSW still in progress regarding funding variations

3 RISKS TO DELIVERY PROGRAM

- Availability of specialised Contractors for Piling Works: still limited availability
- Limited availability of Prestressed Concrete manufacturers could impact delivery of some bridges
- Rising costs of materials is impacting Council and suppliers.

4 PAGE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PACKAGE

There are 8 bridges in the 2021 / 2022 Page Bridge Replacement Package. Seven (7) of the eight have been completed. Updates on the remaining bridges are below:

BRIDGE ID	BRIDGE NAME	COMMENTS	EXPECTED COMPLETION
68/8166	Horseshoe Creek Bridge	Final design received – materials procurement in progress.	August / September 2022

5 FIXING COUNTRY BRIDGES (FCB)

5.1 GROUP 1 – KYOGLE COUNCIL MANAGED PROJECTS

5.1.1 SINGLE SPAN BRIDGES

There are 70 bridges in the Group 1 FCB program. Eighteen (18) of 70 have been replaced and opened to traffic.

The below table summarises bridges in the Construction stage:

BRIDGE ID	BRIDGE NAME	COMMENTS	EXPECTED COMPLETION
118/407	Saunders Road	Works completed, open to traffic – early June	June 2022
56/198	Gooleys Road	Works Completed open to traffic – early June	June 2022
191/1448	Old Tweed Road	Works Completed open to traffic - in late June	June 2022
77/185	Walsh Road	Abutment works in progress	Late July 2022
18/3442	Brumby Plains Road	Works in Construction – will be open to traffic in early July	July 2022
273/108	Castilles Road	Works in construction – Piling works complete	July 2022
4/78	Aspreys Road	Piling Works complete – abutment works in progress	July 2022
19/4293	Bingebebra Road – Adams No.1	Piling works complete – abutment works in progress	Late July 2022
19/5977	Bingebebra Road - Scofields	Piling Works complete – works will recommence after completion of Adams No.1 Bridge. Side track in place.	August 2022

The next bridges planned for construction are:

- 138/558 Duck Creek Curtis Dip Bridge (Pending Design Finalisation)
- 79/11064 Lynches Creek Hinde and Hurrell
- 185/0 Campbell Rd Clark Bridge

5.1.2 BRIDGE TO PIPES

Five (5) of the 8 FCB bridge to pipe projects have been completed. The bridge to pipe crew are still working on the Hootons Road Pipe Replacement. Expected to recommence bridge to pipe projects in late July 2022.

5.2 GROUP 2 – BRIDGES

There are 6 bridges in Group 2. Ozwide Bridge Rail and Civil are currently working on design development for these bridges.

6 OTHER BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS

Cedar Point Bridge 47/9639: The contractor is having issues with the availability of the Crane Sub -contractor for the Centre Truss Lift (specialised high risk lift). This is delaying the works. This lift has been programmed for 18th July - pending weather.

Ozwide have been continuing with installation of the concrete approach spans and the road works. There is estimated 5 weeks work remaining after installation of the centre truss. Forecast completion is in late August 2022.



13 STAFF REPORTS

13.1 KYOGLE FLYING FOX CAMP MANAGEMENT PLAN

Author: Senior Environmental Services Officer

Authoriser: General Manager

Attachments:

1. Public submissions (under separate cover) 
2. Kyogle Flying Fox Camp Plan of Management (under separate cover) 

SUMMARY / PURPOSE

The purpose of report is to brief to Council on the submissions received on the *draft Kyogle Flying Fox Camp Management Plan* and to adopt the final *Kyogle Flying-fox Camp Management Plan*.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report, *Kyogle Flying Fox Camp Management Plan*;
2. Adopts the attached Kyogle Flying Fox Camp Management Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In March 2021, Council received \$10,000 from the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) to prepare the *Kyogle Flying-fox Camp Management Plan* (the Plan). In June 2021, Council engaged GeoLINK to prepare a draft Plan by September 2021 and assist with community engagement. In March 2022, Council released a draft Plan for public comment for 30 days. The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the submissions received on the draft Plan prior to the Plan being referred to Council for adoption.

The Plan has been prepared to guide future management of the flying-fox camp/s along Fawcetts Creek from the Kyogle Recreation Reserve to the Kyogle Showground. The Plan aims to reduce conflicts between humans and the flying-fox camp through implementation of key management actions identified in the Plan.

Extensive effort was made to engage with the community during the development of the Plan. Media releases, flyers, hardcopy and online questionnaires, direct communication with stakeholder groups, direct communication with impacted residents and businesses within 300m of the camp, a webinar information session, and a drop-in consultation event were methods used to engage with the community during the Plan's development. The questionnaire included identification and ranking of management options to help identify a range of general and location specific management actions. The information and views collected, along with the various policies and acts, were used to inform the Plan and, in particular, the management actions outlined.

In March 2022, Council endorsed the release of a draft Plan for public comment.

REPORT

Sixteen public submissions were received on the draft Plan during the public exhibition in March-April 2022. Submissions were received from the following types of interest groups: environmental protection organisations, flying-fox experts/environmental professionals, directly impacted stakeholders, and interested private citizens who are not directly impacted by the flying-fox camp.

Council officers have reviewed the submissions provided in detail and major observations are summarised below:

- Flying-fox experts and environmental professionals were overall supportive of the draft Plan and the proposed management actions.
- Several submissions were made without the submitters reading the Plan. These submitters incorrectly assumed that Council were wanting to harm the flying-foxes, and commented accordingly. This assumption was clearly refuted in submissions received from flying-fox experts/ environmental professionals.
- Dispersal of the flying-foxes is not proposed in the Plan and this was supported by many submissions.
- Stakeholders provided a lot of additional detail and suggestions on delivery of the Plan's management actions (e.g. community engagement, education and awareness activities; tourism opportunities; community participation activities; developing the protocols for routine works and to manage extreme weather incidents; and monitoring activities). This detail is not appropriate for inclusion in the Plan, however, the information and feedback provided will be considered and utilised where appropriate when implementing the Plan.
- Some submissions highlighted management actions for the Kyogle Recreation Reserve and the riparian area along Fawcetts Creek which will be further considered and may assist with identifying future collaborative projects.
- There was some community interest in Council looking at a more LGA-wide approach with regards to understanding the relationship between the existing flying-fox camps and their management, looking at historic flying fox camps, and exploring opportunities for additional flying-fox habitat improvement and creation within the LGA. There were some suggestions of extending the focus of flying-fox management and the Plan to cover other camps within the Kyogle LGA (e.g. Lynches Creek, Budgeam/Moore Park), however this is not within the scope of the current project and available funding.
- A submission was received by the Kyogle Golf Club, a stakeholder directly impacted. They questioned whether the proposed walking track in the northern part of the Kyogle Recreation Reserve where it would meet the golf course would have safety issues for golfers and walkers. Council will address their concerns by providing educational material regarding flying-fox disease and health information and involve them in discussions on the walking track.


The draft Plan has been amended in response to the submissions received to clarify any points of misunderstanding, improve understanding and correct minor grammatical errors.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Flying Fox Camp Management Plan includes a series of Management Actions and Controls that have cost implications. These have been recorded in the plan such that any actions that cannot be delivered within existing budget allocations are shown as being subject to external funding support.

In December 2021, \$20,000 funding was received from DPIE (now DPE) to prepare a Vegetation Management Plan and undertake associated on-ground activities for flying-fox habitat enhancement and creation at the northern end of Kyogle Recreation Reserve. The funding is a direct result of having this plan in draft form, as the project was identified as a high priority management action within the plan. Regeneration and revegetation of this area would increase the potential for flying-foxes to roost in this area, reducing the conflicts between humans and the flying-fox camp.

13.2 TABULAM WATER SUPPLY**Author:** General Manager**Authoriser:** General Manager**Attachments:**

1. Tabulam Water Supply Scoping Study (digital copy available on Council website – hard copy available on request) 
2. Tabulam Town Water Supply Groundwater Supply Position Report (digital copy available on Council website – hard copy available on request)

SUMMARY / PURPOSE

To update Council on the progress of the investigations into a possible future water supply for the village of Tabulam, and to present the Tabulam Scoping Study and Groundwater Supply Position Paper for endorsement.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report on the Tabulam Water Supply;
2. Endorses the Tabulam Water Supply Scoping Study and the Tabulam Town Water Supply Groundwater Supply Position Report;
3. Authorises the General Manager to commence negotiations in relation to purchase of land by agreement to accommodate the needs of the future water supply, and report back to Council on the outcomes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Tabulam Visions of Village Life Master Plan identified the desire for the village of Tabulam to be provided with a town water supply. Council was successful in securing \$103,500 (75%) towards a project value of \$138,000 under the NSW Government's Safe and Secure Water Program (SSWP), for the scoping study to investigation options for the provision of a town water supply for the village of Tabulam.

The initial scoping study was completed in June 2021 and endorsed by the NSW State Government regulatory bodies and funding partners. The Scoping Study recommended additional investigations be undertaken into the two new test bores that were drilled in the village of Tabulam as part of the emergency drought works associated with the Bonalbo Water Supply.

The additional groundwater supply position report was completed in January 2022. The Scoping Study and Groundwater Supply Position Paper are now being presented to Council and the community.

REPORT

The Scoping Study identifies an opportunity for a staged approach to the provision of a town water supply for Tabulam. The first stage is to commission, and undertake additional testing and monitoring of the Hall Bore to ensure its viability (estimated at \$0.2 million).

The second stage would see the Hall Bore used as the raw water source for a town water supply, with minimal treatment, and a new reservoir and reticulation to the existing houses constructed (estimated at \$1.95 million).

The third stage would see the raw water source accessing the Clarence River alluvial groundwater expanded, the treatment plant upgraded, and the additional population growth serviced (estimated at \$0.65 million)

The fourth stage would see the raw water system upgraded further, an additional reservoir, and a truck main constructed to supply the Jubullum Aboriginal Land Council site with water in addition to the village of Tabulam (estimated at \$5.73 million)

Council has budgeted \$155,150 in 2022/23 to commission the Hall Bore, with \$50,000 of grant funding through the Australian Government's Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants. This will allow for the ongoing testing and monitoring program to commence, and for the bore to be used for fire-fighting and other non-potable uses. Note that the use of the Hall Bore for potable water may be limited while the on-site sewerage systems remain in place, and the ongoing monitoring program is intended to assess if this is a barrier to its use in the interim while the village waits for a reticulated sewerage system to be developed.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The current Long Term Financial Plan includes a provisional sum of \$2.462 million in 2025/26 for construction of stage 2, subject to 75% external funding being secured.



In order to have the best case for funding applications to cover the 75% of construction costs, Council will need to secure land for the treatment plant and reservoir, and progress the preferred option identified in the Scoping Study through to concept and detailed design. There may be funding opportunities to assist with this work, however it may also be necessary for Council to fund the next stage of the process, including the land matters.

13.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FLOOD RECOVERY GRANTS

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Attachments:

1. Local Government Recovery Grants Guidelines (under separate cover) 
2. Local Government Recovery Grants - Companion Animals - Guidelines (under separate cover) 

SUMMARY / PURPOSE

This report advises Council of the guidelines for the additional round of Local Government Flood Recovery Funding to assist with community recovery following flood events in 2022, and identifies eligible activities for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the report on Local Government Flood Recovery Grants;
2. Authorises the General Manager to submit a Program of Works for the additional \$2.375 million allocation under the Local Government Recovery Grants for the 2022 flood and storm event on the following basis;
 - (a) \$500,000 for the Fairymount Community Recreation Precinct Activation
 - (b) \$250,000 for a Community Recovery Grants Program
 - (c) \$500,000 for the Community Place Management Project
 - (d) \$500,000 for the Critical Open Space Upgrades project
 - (e) \$250,000 for Community Asset Business and Management/Marketing Plans
 - (f) \$375,000 for the Dogs and Cats Living Together project.

REPORT

The Office of Local Government has released the guidelines for the additional round of the Local Government Flood Recovery Funding.

Council has been granted an additional \$2 million to allocate in accordance with the attached general guidelines, plus \$375k specific companion animals funding.

This is in addition to the original \$1 million that Council resolved at its May 2022 meeting to spend as follows;

- (a) \$250,000 for the extension of the Community Resilience Officer role to assist with community recovery
- (b) \$250,000 for a round of community recovery grants
- (c) \$250,000 for improvements to community led evacuation centres and associated resources
- (d) \$250,000 for repairs and improvements to community infrastructure including;
 - (i) Bonalbo and Woodenbong Pre-Schools
 - (ii) Kyogle Visitor Information Centre
 - (iii) Kyogle Memorial Swimming Pool.

The timeline for the program requires that Council have the projects identified and adopted by Council at the July Ordinary Meeting, in order for the works program to be submitted by the required date of 2 August 2022.

A recommended funding allocation has been compiled based on feedback received from Councillors and the community, and a staff review of the key priorities from the new Community Strategic Plan (CSP). This is particularly focused on the need for engagement with community groups to identify opportunities to improve their capacity to provide services sustainably into the future.

The goal is to help identify opportunities that will support social enterprise in partnership with Council, and leveraging Council-controlled assets to assist with revenue streams, which may in turn reduce the dependency on volunteerism for some of these groups.

The following have been recommended for consideration:

1. Fairymount Community Recreation Precinct Activation - \$500,000

- a. Funding to provide for initial improvements and long-term strategic master plan for the Fairymount land once acquisition is completed. Works to include:
 - i. Topographic and flora and fauna survey of reserve;
 - ii. Concept and Layout/Masterplan of reserve;
 - iii. Detailed design of future mountain bike trails;
 - iv. Upgrade lookout, access road and parking facilities;
 - v. Upgrade and stabilise surface of existing trail to summit;
 - vi. Rest area seating, shelters and signage adjacent to existing trail;
 - vii. Management/maintenance agreement/discussion with stakeholders.

2. Community Place Management (CPM) Project - \$500,000

- a. Engagement with community groups (including Village Maintenance Groups, Progress Associations, Landcare, Businesses, Clubs, Local Aboriginal Land Councils etc) to review management/maintenance issues and opportunities.
- b. Development of CPM Priority projects and resourcing plan – integration with Open Space Design Guide
- c. Investment (including training, equipment, SLA etc) to enable on-ground works
- d. Future resourcing, monitoring and consultation plan

3. Critical Open Space Upgrades - \$500,000

- a. Complete/finish space/place upgrade projects across the communities of the Kyogle Local Government Area (LGA).
- b. Suggest projects for funding be identified as part of the program identified above – as it will get buy-in for the initial community consultation and incentives groups to subsequently assist in place management. Initial priorities identified include:
 - i. Kyogle Amphitheatre Park – additional seating, electrical outlets and bins
 - ii. Bonalbo Normal Johnson Park – additional covered seating/tables, and connecting paths
 - iii. Tabulam Oval – connecting paths and commission bore
 - iv. Mallanganee – relocation and refurbishment of memorial gates

4. Community Grants Program - \$250,000

- a. To be added to the allocation from the initial grant to bring the total community grants package to \$500,000

5. Community Asset Business and Management/Marketing Plans - \$250,000

- a. Develop strategic plans and business models for key community assets aimed at recreational accommodation facilities including;
 - i. Council-controlled camping and caravan park plans;
 - ii. Toonumbar Waters Retreat business and management plan to assist with attracting operators to lease the facility post funded refurbishment works.
- b. Balance to be used for investment to contribute to priority works and marketing of the area identified during the planning process

6. Dogs and Cats Living Together - \$375,000

- a. Upgrade existing pound facility to ensure compliance with the NSW Animal Welfare Code of Practice, providing suitable accommodation and infrastructure for both dogs and cats (Council currently does not have a facility to safely keep cats that are surrendered or impounded).
- b. Portable enclosures to enable companion animals to be securely housed with their owners at Evacuation Centres during natural disasters where appropriate.
- c. Include a nominal amount of around \$30-\$40k for support programs to increase de-sexing and registrations

There is a separate semi-competitive funding program from the NSW Government, the Community Local Infrastructure Recovery Program (CLIRP) which targets community infrastructure damaged by floods and storms, and provides funding for repairs and improved resilience. The initial round had an indicative allocation of \$1 million for the Kyogle LGA, with only areas affected by the 2021 storms and floods eligible. Council has applied for;

- Replace bark chip softfall with rubber at Tabulam Oval, Bonalbo NJ Park, and Apex and Anzac Parks in Kyogle
- Mallanganee campground drainage improvements and resurfacing, including internal roads
- Kyogle caravan park upgrade to common area amenities, additional fencing and asphalt resurfacing of internal roads
- Asphalt resurfacing of internal roads at Apex Park and Kyogle Recreation Grounds

Officers from Regional NSW have advised that there will be a further round of the CLIRP, that will be focused on the community infrastructure damaged in the 2022 storms and floods, but guidelines and funding allocations have not yet been released. Priorities already identified for the next round include;

- Bonalbo tennis courts fencing and resurfacing
- Kyogle Anzac Park Norton Street parking and drainage improvements

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The projects and programs outlined in the report and recommendations are all funded 100% from external grant funding.

14 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

15 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS PAPER

Nil

16 CLOSE OF MEETING