

Minutes

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
GUNDAGAI**

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OPEN FORUM

Council conducts open forum sessions at the commencement of each ordinary meeting. During Open Forum sessions, members of the public are invited to address council on any local government issue.

General questions posed during the Open Forum section may be answered by the Chairperson or may be answered later in writing in the minutes. General Council related questions will be uploaded to Council's website with other Frequently Asked Questions.

1) Laurence Byron – Gundagai Stormwater Management System

Mr Byron spoke about the Gundagai stormwater system saying that water flow and drains are poorly managed, carrying silt in to the stormwater system and damaging roads and private property, in addition to creating an additional flow of silt and pollution in to Morley's Creek.

Mr Byron stated that Council has not cooperated with his personal complaints about stormwater damage to his private property and that he has been dissatisfied with Council feedback.

2) Michael Kingwill – Gundagai Main Street

Mr Kingwill spoke about the special rates variation applying to ratepayers in the former Gundagai Shire Council area that was used for the purpose of the main street upgrade. He advised that farmland ratepayers are paying the substantiate share of the increase and that business and residential ratepayers are not making a fair contribution.

Mr Kingwill asked that Council review the rates distribution, and although he has been advised that Council can not make changes to the rating structure for four years, he hopes there is a way to correct the issue sooner.

Mr Kingwill spoke about the local government signage being removed to allow for the logos to be updated, and noted that the Main Street Upgrade sign is out of date in any case, because it lists the total project cost as \$4million, and the project scope and budget has increased to \$5.4million.

The Administrator said that the will discuss the rate issue with the Minister for Local Government to understand what options there may be.

3) Trevor Glover – Coolac Transfer Station

Mr Glover spoke about the Coolac Transfer Station and stated that there was some misinformation at the Waste workshop held in Coolac. Mr Glover said that at the workshop, it was stated that the Coolac Transfer Station was set up as a trial, however this is incorrect because the Transfer Station was set up to replace the Coolac tip that was closed, not on a trial basis.

Mr Glover has been advised by Council staff that the Gundagai area rural transfer stations are operating at a loss of \$35,000 per annum, and he has requested further information about the costings for each transfer station, and what the \$35,000 loss is comprised of.

Mr Glover spoke about the transfer station skip bin system being a better way to handle farmland waste.

The Administrator advised that Council will look into all these issues and that nothing will be changed during the administration period.

4) Gordon Lindley – Shire Logo, Education, Business and Employer Community Listening Session

Mr Lindley asked the Interim General Manager whether had taken the former Gundagai Shire Council emblem to Cootamundra.

The Interim General Manager advised that it is kept at the Gundagai Depot and will be given to the History Society.

Mr Lindley asked whether the Community Listening Session scheduled for this evening has been cancelled.

The Administrator advised that the meeting was cancelled when the minimum attendance numbers weren't achieved.

Mr Lindley asked that the business houses be sent an invitation to the Listening Sessions when they are rescheduled.

5) Leigh Bowden – Community Listening Sessions

Mrs Bowden thanked Council for organising the Community Listening Sessions and advised that she had attended the session in Gundagai this afternoon. Mrs Bowden is from Cootamundra and was interested in understanding what the concerns of the Gundagai residents was.

Mrs Bowden said the session was well worth her time and recommended that people register and participate.

6) Pip McAlister – Morley's Creek, Roads Infrastructure Condition Assessment Report, Crest of the former Gundagai Shire Council, Yarri Sculpture, Consultants Expense, Council Communication

Mrs McAlister commented on the four Gundagai Transfer Stations and said that they were self-funding for the former Gundagai Shire Council.

Mrs McAlister commented on the state of Morley's Creek and reiterated her statement from previous meetings that it is Council's responsibility. She said if the former Gundagai Shire Council had been responsible for Morley's Creek they would have cleaned it up.

Mrs McAlister asked for the roads infrastructure condition assessment report that is being prepared, and requested it be released to the public in entirety.

Mrs McAlister asked that the crest of the former Gundagai Shire Council be taken to the museum, rather than kept at the Depot.

Mrs McAlister said it was inappropriate for the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council to be referenced on the Yarri Sculpture.

Mrs McAlister asked why Council is wasting money on hiring consultants.

Mrs McAlister advised that she does not think the Council is responsive or communicative and asked that Council addressed this issue.

7) Rod Chalmers – Peer Review

Mr Chalmers asked when the Peer Review report would be released, and whether it would be available for public inspection.

The Administrator advised that he expected to receive it in about two weeks.

Mr Chalmers spoke about *Item 8 – Fees for Councillors*. Mr Chalmers questioned the recommendation that the Deputy Mayor is only remunerated if they act in the role of Mayor for a week at a time, and requested this be reviewed to allow the Deputy Mayor to be remunerated if they attend one-off events and the Mayor isn't able to attend.

Mr Chalmers complimented the Council on the new logo.

8) Nancy Lawton – Community Listening Session

Ms Lawton said the community listening session were a total waste of time and the consultants were overpaid.

In regard to the waste transfer station, Ms Lawton advised that Tumblong residents are very happy with the current arrangements.

Ms Lawton asked that the Citizen of the Year board be put in the entrance to the library.

THESE ARE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COOTAMUNDRA-GUNDAGAI REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON 29 MAY 2017 IN THE GUNDAGAI COUNCIL CHAMBERS COMMENCED AT 4.26 PM.

AFFIRMATION OF OFFICE BY ADMINISTRATOR

I, Stephen Sykes, solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of Cootamundra-Gundagai Region and the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Note: *With the Proclamation of the Local Government Amendment (Governance and Planning) Act 2016, the provisions of Section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993 have come into force, requiring all councillors (including mayors and administrators) to take either an Oath of Office or an Affirmation of Office at or before the first meeting of the council after the councillor is elected.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land that we are meeting on today. I would also like to pay my respects to Elders, both past and present, of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people who are present today.

PRESENT

Administrator Stephen Sykes

Also Present

Interim General Manager, Director Operations, Interim Director Development and Community, Director Corporate Services

APOLOGIES

Nil

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1. That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday 10 April 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**
- 2. That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Friday 28 April 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

01/05/17 RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes Seconded: Sykes

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- 2. That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Friday 28 April 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

1) RECOGNITION OF PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATOR, MRS CHRISTINE FERGUSON

I wish to place on record my appreciation for the work undertaken by the previous Administrator, Mrs Christine Ferguson, over the 12 months prior to my taking the Administrator's role.

As I have engaged with Parliamentarians and State bureaucrats over the past eight weeks, seeking funding for the replacement of the Gundagai Sewerage Treatment Plant and other necessary infrastructure, I have become aware of the vast amount of groundwork that was undertaken in all these areas by Christine. This has certainly made it easier for me to press the case for the needs of the new Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council for financial assistance with a myriad of infrastructure and other backlog issues.

I am aware of the nature of the task Christine was given in commencing the journey toward delivering a whole of community approach to delivering services in the most efficient and effective way, for the ultimate good of all. Whilst this remains a work in progress I have been impressed by the numbers of people in both communities who have benefited from Christine's commitment to listen and willingness to help with any issue. Again I acknowledge, that this has been of great assistance to me in taking up the role.

In years to come the success of the Council will owe much to Christine and her determination to fight for a better future for all.

That the information be noted.

02/05/17 RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes Seconded: Sykes

That the information be noted.

2) REQUEST TO VARY THE COOTAMUNDRA DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN (DCP) 2013 TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FLOOR SPACE FOR A SHED – DA2017/32

Introduction

The applicant seeks consent for a 12m x 8m, corrugated, barn style shed at 325 Parker Street Cootamundra. The proposed shed is inconsistent with the maximum floor area for outbuilding in accordance with controls of the Cootamundra Shire Council DCP 2013. Site plan and elevations form **TABLED DOCUMENT 1 MAY 2017 (pages 1-2)**.

Applicant

M.G. Barber & N.P. Troy

Owner

M.G. Barber & N.P. Troy

Property Description

325 Parker Street, COOTAMUNDRA

Zoning

R3 – Medium Density Residential

Existing Use

Detached dwelling with associated outbuildings

Proposal

12m x 8m corrugated shed

Discussion

The application for a shed at 325 Parker Street Cootamundra proposes a total floor area of 96m². This is inconsistent with the numerical controls of the Cootamundra Shire Council DCP 2013 which has a maximum floor area of 70m² for outbuildings on lots between 601m²-900m² in stipulated residential zones (of which R3 is one). While the proposal is a large shed, it is replacing

an existing shed onsite and will better suit the needs of the applicant who wishes to use to shed for caravan and car storage. This use is not uncommon in Cootamundra and sheds of this size can be found within close vicinity to this site.

The application was notified to adjoining neighbours 20 April 2017 – 5 May 2017. No submissions were received.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council grant a variation to the Cootamundra Shire Council DCP 2013 (maximum floor area for outbuildings) to permit the proposed shed of 12m x 8m, subject to full Development Assessment of DA2017/32.
2. That numerical controls for floor space ratios such as maximum floor area for outbuildings be reviewed.

03/05/17 **RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes** **Seconded: Sykes**

1. That Council grant a variation to the Cootamundra Shire Council DCP 2013 (maximum floor area for outbuildings) to permit the proposed shed of 12m x 8m, subject to full Development Assessment of DA2017/32.
2. That numerical controls for floor space ratios such as maximum floor area for outbuildings be reviewed.

VOTING RECORD for Minute 03/05/17 - REQUEST TO VARY THE COOTAMUNDRA DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN (DCP) 2013 TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FLOOR SPACE FOR A SHED – DA2017/32

FOR RESOLUTION	AGAINST RESOLUTION
Stephen Sykes	Nil
ABSENT	DECLARED INTEREST
Nil	Nil

3) REQUEST TO VARY THE COOTAMUNDRA DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN (DCP) 2013 TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FLOOR SPACE FOR A SHED – DA2017/33

Introduction

The applicant seeks consent for a 25m x 15m, shed at 10 Rathmells Lane, Cootamundra. The proposed shed is inconsistent with the maximum floor area for outbuilding in accordance with controls of the Cootamundra Shire Council DCP 2013. Site plan and elevations form **TABLED DOCUMENT 2 MAY 2017 (pages 3-4)**.

Applicant

D.J. Thompson

Owner

D.J. Thompson & F.T. Thompson

Property Description

10 Rathmells Lane, COOTAMUNDRA

Zoning

RU4 – Primary Production Small Lots

Existing Use

Detached dwelling with associated outbuildings

Proposal

25m x 15m shed

Discussion

The application for a shed at 10 Rathmells Lane Cootamundra proposes a total floor area of 375m². This is inconsistent with the numerical controls of the Cootamundra Shire Council DCP 2013 which has a maximum floor area of 110m² for outbuildings on lots over 900m² in stipulated residential zones (of which RU4 is one). While the proposal is a large shed, it is appropriate in a rural context and will be used to store and service machinery necessary for the maintenance 10 Rathmells Lane which is almost 3 hectares. This use is not uncommon in rural living areas and hobby farms. Sheds of this size can be found within close vicinity to this site.

The application was notified to adjoining neighbours 20 April 2017 – 5 May 2017. No submissions were received.

RECOMMENDATION

These are the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council
held on 29 May 2017

1. That Council grant a variation to the Cootamundra Shire Council DCP 2013 (maximum floor area for outbuildings) to permit the proposed shed of 25m x 15m, subject to full Development Assessment of DA2017/33.
2. That inclusion of the RU4 Zone in the residential chapter of the DCP be reviewed.

04/05/17 RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes Seconded: Sykes

1. That Council grant a variation to the Cootamundra Shire Council DCP 2013 (maximum floor area for outbuildings) to permit the proposed shed of 25m x 15m, subject to full Development Assessment of DA2017/33.
2. That inclusion of the RU4 Zone in the residential chapter of the DCP be reviewed.

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FOR RESOLUTION	AGAINST RESOLUTION
Stephen Sykes	Nil
ABSENT	DECLARED INTEREST
Nil	Nil

4) APPLICATION FOR EVENTS AT THE COOTAMUNDRA SHOWGROUND – LOT 18 DP 1116090 LOTS 19-20 DP 6079, LOT A DP 368160 and LOTS 124-125 DP 753601 PINKERTON ROAD, COOTAMUNDRA

Introduction

The applicant is seeking consent to hold various events at the Cootamundra Showgrounds, some of which will serve alcohol. The application is proposed to last for a period of two years, at the end of which a new development application will have to be lodged. A site plan is provided **TABLED DOCUMENT 3 MAY 2017 (page 5)**.

Applicant

Showground Users Group

Owner

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council

Property Description

Showground, Pinkerton Road COOTAMUNDRA

Zoning

RE1 – Public Recreation

Existing Use

Recreation facility (major)

Proposal

The applicant is seeking consent to hold various events at the Cootamundra Showgrounds, some of which will serve alcohol. The application is proposed to last for a period of two years, at the end of which a new development application will have to be lodged.

Discussion

The Cootamundra Showground has been used for over a century to hold various community and country events including dog shows, circuses and bachelor and spinster balls. The impact on the amenity of the area has been varied over the years, however use of the showground is an economic and social asset for Cootamundra.

Noting that a higher concentration of residential development has surrounded the Showground, it is important to balance the activities of the Showground with the comfort and amenity of residences. Conditions of this reports are recommended seeking to maintain and/or decrease the level of impact these events have on surrounding residences while also offering a ready to go development approval which the Showground Users Group can use to market and attract

events to Cootamundra. This development approval would be valid for a period of two years, upon which the Showground Users Group can apply for a five year development approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That DA2017/34 be approved subject to the following conditions:

GENERAL CONDITIONS

(1) Compliance with Council

The Development being completed in accordance with plans and specifications stamped by Council, and the Statement of Environmental Effects, except where varied by conditions of this consent.

Reason: To confirm the details of the application as submitted by the applicant and as approved by Council.

(2) Compliance with Legislation

Regardless of consent the applicant is still responsible for adhering to the requirements of State Legislation including (but not limited to) the Protection of Environment Operations Act and Dangerous Goods (Road and Rail Transport) Act.

Reason: This consent does not remove obligations imposed by State and Federal Legislation.

(3) Not certify compliance with BCA or NCC

The issue of this Development Consent does not certify compliance with the relevant provisions of the Building Code of Australia or National Construction Code Series.

Reason: This consent does not certify compliance with the BCA or NCC.

(4) Public Land Costs

Costs attributed to all work involved on public land shall be borne by the proponent.

Reason: Need for applicants to be reasonable for costs arising as a result of development work

DURING WORKS

(1) Events to be undertaken in Accordance with the Approval.

Conduct of proposed events are to be undertaken are to be carried out in accordance with the conditions of development consent. Only events listed in the approved Statement of Environmental Effects are to take place.

Reason: ensure all events are carried out in accordance with the development consent.

(2) Condition – Dust Free Carpark.

Carpark area and access driveway is to be maintained in good, dust free condition.

Reason: To ensure that no dust nuisance occurs.

ONGOING USE

(1) Hours of Operation.

The development shall only be conducted between the hours of:-

Monday to Thursday from **8am to 9pm**

Friday to Saturday from **8am to 11pm**

Sundays and public holidays from **10am to 4pm**

Reason: So that the development does not reduce the amenity of the area.

(2) Hours of Operation for B & S Ball, Wedding Receptions, Birthday and Engagement Parties

These events shall only be conducted between the hours of:-

Friday to Saturday from **10am to 11pm**

Sundays and public holidays from **10am to 4pm**

Reason: So that the development does not reduce the amenity of the area.

(3) Litter Bins.

Garbage receptacles for the disposal of litter shall be installed, maintained and regularly emptied.

Reason: So that the development does not reduce the amenity of the area by reason of an accumulation of litter

(4) Clean and Tidy.

The premises are to be maintained in a clean and tidy condition at all times.

Reason: So that the development does not reduce the amenity of the area.

(5) Condition –Amenity General.

The development is to be conducted in a manner that will not interfere with the amenity of the locality by reason of the emission of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit, oil, by causing interference to television or radio reception or otherwise.

Reason: So that the development does not reduce the amenity of the area.

(6) Access

The existing access to the property shall be maintained in its present location being Pinkerton Road, use of entry off White Street will only be permitted for set up and take down of events and is never to be used by patrons or during the conduct of an event.

Reason: The Council does not permit the exiting property access point to be re-located or additional access points being installed due to risks associated with traffic movements, visibility or sub-surface infrastructure location.

(7) Erection and Use of Tent, Marquee, Booth, Stage or Platform.

The following conditions must be complied with: -

1. The structure must be erected at ground level
2. Arrangements must be in place for the collection of any waste or recyclable materials likely to be generated as a result of the use of the structure
3. The structure must be dismantled and removed from the land within 2 days after the conclusion of the event or activity for which it has been erected
4. The event (excluding any part of the event involving the provision of public entertainment on licensed premises) may take place only within the times stipulated in this consent.
5. The event must be covered by public liability insurance of an amount of at least \$10 million, and the structure may be erected on the land for no more than 14 days
6. In the case of the erection and use of a stage or platform, a notice indicating the actual distributed and concentrated load for which the stage or platform has been designed must be conspicuously displayed on the stage or platform.

Reason: To comply with the requirements of State Planning Policy (Temporary Structures and Places of Public Entertainment) 2007.

(8) Use of Tent or Marquee as Place of Public Entertainment:

For the subdivision of the land and the creation of a Land Title Plan, the following setbacks are required: -

1. The number of people who are in the tent or marquee at any one time while entertainment is being provided must not exceed the number of square metres of the floor area of the tent or marquee, and person must be appointed to ensure that is complied with.
2. A sign must be displayed in a prominent position in the tent or marquee that specifies: -
 - a. The maximum number of persons who are permitted in the tent or marquee at any one time while entertainment is being provided, calculated in accordance with paragraph (1)

- b. The name, address and telephone number of the Council of the area in which the tent or marquee is located
3. If entertainment concludes after 10.00 pm, a person must be appointed to assist with the quiet and orderly dispersal of the audience of the entertainment.
4. The LA10 noise level emitted while entertainment is being provided (as determined in accordance with Australian Standard AS 1055.1-1997, Acoustics-Description and measurement of environmental noise, Part 1: General procedures) must not exceed the ambient background noise level (LA90) in any octave band centre frequency (31.5Hz to 8KHz inclusive) by more than 5dB at the boundary of the lot on which any residential accommodation is located.

Reason: *To comply with the requirements of State Planning Policy (Temporary Structures and Places of Public Entertainment) 2007.*

(9) Service and Consumption of Alcohol

Alcohol is only to be served and consumed in those areas marked on approved plans and by events preapproved to serve alcohol.

Reason: *To comply with relevant legislative requirements of the Department of Industry: Liquor & Gaming.*

(10) Residential Clearance Zone for the B&S Ball

A clearance area of no less than 30m from the back fences of residences of Mary Angove Crescent and McConaghy Street is to be established during the conduct of the B&S Ball. No person is permitted in this clearance area during the conduct of the event.

Reason: *To mitigate impacts on the amenity of residents and damage to property.*

05/05/17 **RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes** **Seconded: Sykes**

That DA2017/34 be approved subject to the following conditions:

GENERAL CONDITIONS

(1) Compliance with Council

The Development being completed in accordance with plans and specifications stamped by Council, and the Statement of Environmental Effects, except where varied by conditions of this consent.

Reason: *To confirm the details of the application as submitted by the applicant and as approved by Council.*

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Regardless of consent the applicant is still responsible for adhering to the requirements of State Legislation including (but not limited to) the Protection of Environment Operations Act and Dangerous Goods (Road and Rail Transport) Act.

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Costs attributed to all work involved on public land shall be borne by the proponent.

Reason: Need for applicants to be reasonable for costs arising as a result of development work

DURING WORKS

(1) Events to be undertaken in Accordance with the Approval.

Conduct of proposed events are to be undertaken are to be carried out in accordance with the conditions of development consent. Only events listed in the approved Statement of Environmental Effects are to take place.

Reason: ensure all events are carried out in accordance with the development consent.

(2) Condition – Dust Free Carpark.

Carpark area and access driveway is to be maintained in good, dust free condition.

Reason: To ensure that no dust nuisance occurs.

ONGOING USE

(1) Hours of Operation.

The development shall only be conducted between the hours of:-
Monday to Thursday from **8am to 9pm**
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Sundays and public holidays from **10am to 4pm**

Reason: So that the development does not reduce the amenity of the area.

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These events shall only be conducted between the hours of:-
Friday to Saturday from **10am to 11pm**
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Reason: So that the development does not reduce the amenity of the area.

(3) Litter Bins.

Garbage receptacles for the disposal of litter shall be installed, maintained and regularly emptied.

Reason: So that the development does not reduce the amenity of the area by reason of an accumulation of litter

(4) Clean and Tidy.

The premises are to be maintained in a clean and tidy condition at all times.

Reason: So that the development does not reduce the amenity of the area.

(5) Condition –Amenity General.

The development is to be conducted in a manner that will not interfere with the amenity of the locality by reason of the emission of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit, oil, by causing interference to television or radio reception or otherwise.

Reason: So that the development does not reduce the amenity of the area.

(6) Access

The existing access to the property shall be maintained in its present location being Pinkerton Road, use of entry off White Street will only be permitted for set up and take down of

events and is never to be used by patrons or during the conduct of an event.

Reason: *The Council does not permit the exiting property access point to be re-located or additional access points being installed due to risks associated with traffic movements, visibility or sub-surface infrastructure location.*

(7) Erection and Use of Tent, Marquee, Booth, Stage or Platform.

The following conditions must be complied with: -

1. The structure must be erected at ground level
2. Arrangements must be in place for the collection of any waste or recyclable materials likely to be generated as a result of the use of the structure
3. The structure must be dismantled and removed from the land within 2 days after the conclusion of the event or activity for which it has been erected
4. The event (excluding any part of the event involving the provision of public entertainment on licensed premises) may take place only within the times stipulated in this consent.
5. The event must be covered by public liability insurance of an amount of at least \$10 million, and the structure may be erected on the land for no more than 14 days
6. In the case of the erection and use of a stage or platform, a notice indicating the actual distributed and concentrated load for which the stage or platform has been designed must be conspicuously displayed on the stage or platform.

Reason: *To comply with the requirements of State Planning Policy (Temporary Structures and Places of Public Entertainment) 2007.*

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For the subdivision of the land and the creation of a Land Title Plan, the following setbacks are required: -

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2. A sign must be displayed in a prominent position in the tent or marquee that specifies: -

- a. The maximum number of persons who are permitted in the tent or marquee at any one time while entertainment is being provided, calculated in accordance with paragraph (1)
 - b. The name, address and telephone number of the Council of the area in which the tent or marquee is located
3. If entertainment concludes after 10.00 pm, a person must be appointed to assist with the quiet and orderly dispersal of the audience of the entertainment.
 4. The LA10 noise level emitted while entertainment is being provided (as determined in accordance with Australian Standard AS 1055.1-1997, Acoustics-Description and measurement of environmental noise, Part 1: General procedures) must not exceed the ambient background noise level (LA90) in any octave band centre frequency (31.5Hz to 8KHz inclusive) by more than 5dB at the boundary of the lot on which any residential accommodation is located.

Reason: *To comply with the requirements of State Planning Policy (Temporary Structures and Places of Public Entertainment) 2007.*

(9) Service and Consumption of Alcohol

Alcohol is only to be served and consumed in those areas marked on approved plans and by events preapproved to serve alcohol.

Reason: *To comply with relevant legislative requirements of the Department of Industry: Liquor & Gaming.*

(10) Residential Clearance Zone for the B&S Ball

A clearance area of no less than 30m from the back fences of residences of Mary Angove Crescent and McConaghy Street is to be established during the conduct of the B&S Ball. No person is permitted in this clearance area during the conduct of the event.

Reason: *To mitigate impacts on the amenity of residents and damage to property.*

VOTING RECORD for Minute 05/05/17 - APPLICATION FOR EVENTS AT THE COOTAMUNDRA SHOWGROUND – LOT 18 DP 1116090 LOTS 19-20 DP 6079, LOT A DP 368160 and LOTS 124-125 DP 753601 PINKERTON ROAD, COOTAMUNDRA

FOR RESOLUTION	AGAINST RESOLUTION
Stephen Sykes	Nil
ABSENT	DECLARED INTEREST
Nil	Nil

5) RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT A LATE REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

That the late report, March Quarterly Budget Review, be accepted.

06/05/17 RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes Seconded: Sykes

That the late report, March Quarterly Budget Review, be accepted.

6) MARCH QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present a summary of Council's financial position at the end of the March 2017 quarter and to report on progress made against the original budget adopted by Council in its 2016-17 Operational Plan.

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the quarterly ended 31 March 2017 forms **SEPARATE TABLED DOCUMENT A**.

Discussion

This third quarterly budget review has been produced from the two separate financial systems that currently exist at Cootamundra and Gundagai, and the accuracy of the information is dependent on the internal controls in place in those two systems.

Council's first operational plan was adopted on 25 July 2016, and included the two separate budgets of the former Councils. Staff have now integrated these adopted budgets in to one, to form the basis of this budget review.

The process for integrating the two budgets has been to reorganise both budgets in to one structure, grouping Council's functional areas based on the adopted organisational structure. Line items has been transferred exactly as they were adopted by the former Cootamundra and Gundagai Shire Councils.

This Quarterly Budget Review is a high level document. The full detail of previous budget statements has also been made publically available on Council's website, and includes numerical references to the two adopted budget documents, to allow for direct comparison.

Due to the differences in the way the two former council's prepared their budgets, the budget items do not always align well. There are differences in the levels that the councils reported to, and differences in the way they split their functional areas. Therefore, it is recognised that this budget review is limited, and will continue to develop and be improved upon. The budget will be further developed to simplify the level of reporting, reviewing budget line items and correcting any that may not have been translated correctly.

The next step in the process to prepare a single budget will be the continuation of the ongoing service review process. We are systematically reviewing each of Council's Service Units, looking for potential efficiency gains through cost savings or improved service delivery.

For the purpose of the presentation of this quarterly budget review, Council's internally restricted reserves have been combined, except where reserves are specifically for one town or one system. Staff will conduct a thorough review of Council's reserves in the coming months. Staff have conducted a high level review of the integrated budget and have identified several items that should be adjusted to reflect current expectations. The budget variations detailed in this report have been recommended to Council.

The revised estimated net operating result for the financial period to 30 June 2017 is a surplus of \$11,859,000 (original budget was a surplus of \$13,144,000) and the revised estimated result before capital grants and contributions is a \$790,000 deficit (original \$1,497,000 surplus). The net movement in the current quarter is \$2,418,000. The material variations from the original budget for the year to date are attributed to:

- The Federal Government has announced early payment of the Financial Assistance Grants, causing a timing difference to Council's income. Council will receive \$2,419,096 of next year's income early, this year.
- Council has received \$1,002,000 in capital grants and contributions.
- Council has contributed \$1,109,237 to 46 community groups for a range of community projects, through the NSW Stronger Communities Funding program. This amount is treated as a budget expense.
- Originally adopted income budget estimates were overstated, and have been adjusted down, by \$61,000.
- Originally adopted depreciation budget estimates were understated. Council is going through a process to thoroughly review and consolidate its register of assets in order to prepare a more accurate depreciation estimate, however, based on the most recent audited financial statements, the depreciation budget was increased by \$2,286,000.

RECOMMENDATION

That the March 2017 quarterly budget review be accepted and that the recommended budget changes listed in the attached report be adopted.

07/05/17

RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes

Seconded: Sykes

That the March 2017 quarterly budget review be accepted and that the recommended budget changes listed in the attached report be adopted.

7) INVESTMENT REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a list of Council funds invested as at 30 April 2017.

A summary of investments for the Cootamundra Area as at 30 April 2017 forms **TABLED DOCUMENT 4 MAY 2017 Page 6.**

A summary of investments for the Gundagai Area as at 30 April 2017 forms **TABLED DOCUMENT 5 MAY 2017 Page 7.**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Investment Reports as at 30 April 2017 be received and noted.

08/05/17 RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes Secinded: Sykes

That the Investment Reports as at 30 April 2017 be received and noted.

GOVERNANCE AND BUSINESS SYSTEMS

8) DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2017-18 FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Introduction

This report presents the draft Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council for the 2017-18 financial year, which is recommended for public exhibition prior to its adoption in June. It includes the Council's draft budget, proposed rates and annual charges, and proposed fees and charges.

Discussion

This is the second Operational Plan of the Council, and it has been prepared on the basis that all of the services of the two former Councils; Cootamundra Shire and Gundagai Shire, be continued.

In Local Government, we have a long history of serving the community, and we are a vital and integral part of the communities we serve. Our role is to provide community services that meet or exceed community expectations.

Council is responsible for providing a wide range of services to the community as well as to build and maintain community assets and infrastructure such as roads, footpaths and water and sewer networks, as well as to enforce various laws.

The Operational Plan outlines the activities to be undertaken by Council during the year to provide those services. This plan is broken in to three sections, that are provided as **SEPARATE TABLED DOCUMENTS B, C AND D**, and include the draft:

- Budget,
- Revenue Policy and
- Fees and Charges.

Local councils in NSW are required to undertake their planning and reporting activities in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework; this framework is one of the central components of local government in NSW.

This framework allows Council to draw its various plans together, to understand how they interact and to get the maximum leverage from its efforts by planning holistically for the future.

This 2017-18 Operational Plan and associated budget, revenue policy and fees and charges is based primarily on the direction provided in the Community Strategic Plans and Delivery Programs of the two former Councils.

Following the first ordinary election in September 2017, the newly elected Council will be required to prepare a new Community Strategic Plan that responds to the priorities of the community, and will develop a new Delivery Program and Long Term Financial Plan.

Financial Overview

In order to live sustainably Council has to look into the future and provide future generations with a sustainable infrastructure and environment without the burden of excessive debt. Council's Operational Plan is a one year plan - a subset of the combined long term financial plans produced by the former Cootamundra and Gundagai Shire Councils.

The objective of the Long Term Financial Plan is to ensure that Council remains financially sustainable into the future. A financially sustainable Council is one who's planned long term service and infrastructure levels and standards are met without unplanned increases in rates or disruptive cuts to services.

The objectives of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council are:

- to have a sound financial strategy that will ensure Council's financial sustainability is protected and improved;
- to accommodate asset maintenance and asset renewal and replacement activity and be fully integrated with Council's Asset Management Plans; and
- to accommodate service levels proposed in Council's Delivery Programs.

Constraints

NSW councils are subject to rate pegging legislation, whereby the amount of revenue councils can raise from ordinary and special rates is limited by a capped percentage increase announced by Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal each year.

Council is impacted by the Government's decision to freeze the rate paths of the former Cootamundra and Gundagai Shire Councils for four years. As a result, Council cannot apply for a Special Rates Variation (SRV) during that period.

Council has been heavily affected by a Federal Government decision to freeze indexation of Financial Assistance Grants for three years to 30 June 2017. This funding represents approximately 20% of Council's annual income, and is vitally important for the provision of Council services. It is estimated that the decision has cost the Cootamundra-Gundagai community \$670,000 in lost income, annually.

With constrains placed over two major sources of income, the Council faces the necessity to increase income from other sources while finding savings to enable financial sustainability. A greater reliance on capital grants will be necessary to maintain an acceptable level of asset infrastructure.

Financial Strategy

Both of the former Cootamundra and Gundagai Shire Councils were budgeting net operating losses prior to their amalgamation. Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's Long Term Financial Plan also projects net operating losses over the longer term. The 10 year budget Income Statement in this document shows budget deficits that gradually improve over the period.

Council is intent on maintaining all current levels of services for 2017-18 and beyond, and in order to achieve this, it is likely that Council will need to consider increasing its revenue to match the increasing costs of expenditure.

Council's financial strategies to meet its goals are:

- To explore all cost effective opportunities to maximise Council's revenue base.
- To ensure ratepayer's value for money by providing effective and efficient service.
- To generate revenue in an equitable manner over time and ensure that there is capacity to finance peaks in asset renewal costs and other outlays when necessary.

- To build up cash reserves over the ten year planning period to enable infrastructure renewals as projected in Council's Asset Management Plans.

Capital Works Program

The capital works program is structured to provide significant asset renewal funding to community infrastructure; primarily roads, bridges and footpaths. The works program is developed through analysis of the state of Council's assets, with decisions targeted to reduce total expenditure over the life of the asset by renewing assets at the optimal time.

Cash Reserves

Council has a strategy to build up cash reserves in years when expenditure is lower, for use in years when expenditure is higher. Council ensures that cash reserves are used for their intended purpose by adopting a policy in regards to the use of internally restricted cash.

Merger Costs and Funds

Council has received \$5 million funding to fund the upfront merger implementation costs. Of the total \$5m funding, \$1.5m has been included for budgeted implementation expenditure in the 2017-18 financial year.

Council has also received \$10 million to fund community projects and major infrastructure renewals. Of this, Council has granted \$1.1 million to local community groups, and will allocate the remaining amount to major infrastructure projects, with a focus on asset renewal, budgeted for expenditure over the next 2 years.

Financial Summary

The 2017-18 budget presented in this report has been developed through a process of integrating the budgets of the former Councils of Cootamundra and Gundagai Shires, so that all existing services and outputs are maintained.

The budget financial statements set out in the Draft Operational Plan set out the financial performance, financial position and cash flows projected for the four year planning period. In addition, the Operational Plan sets out the budget detail for every function, service and activity of Council, including planned capital and operational expenditure.

When reviewing the budgeted Income Statement, it should be noted that the Rates and Annual Charges income amount includes a temporary special rates variation that is collected and used for capital purposes. This special rates variation is in place from 1 July 2014 to 1 July 2024. It is valued at \$423,793 in 2018 dollars, and it is used for the purpose of the Gundagai main street upgrade. On 1 July 2024, Council will be required to reduce its general income to the level it would have been without the special variation.

The operating result in the 2017-18 year is affected by significant timing differences which should be taken in to account when considering the budgeted financial results.

	2017-18 Budget \$'000
Net operating result excluding capital grants	(5,675)
<i>Adjusted for timing differences:</i>	
50% Financial Assistance Grant amount paid early	2,419
Merger implementation funds budgeted for expenditure	1,492
Adjusted net operating result excluding capital grants	(1,764)

An adjusted operating deficit of \$1.76 million is projected for 2017-18. The total capital expenditure on Council's roads, bridges and footpaths will be \$3.27 million, and additional expenditure for major infrastructure projects from the merger funding allocation.

The 2017-18 budget will ensure Council continues the service delivery of the two former Councils. Future budgets will focus on continuous review of all services and capital infrastructure to ensure Council is investing its scarce resources in the most efficient and effective areas.

Rates

The NSW Government's policy is that there is a 4-year rate path freeze for any newly created council. The Local Government Amendment (Rates—Merged Council Areas) Bill 2017 was passed through parliament in March 2017, and ensures that the two rating structures adopted by the former Cootamundra and Gundagai Shires as at 12 May 2017, will continue to apply for 4 years. This means that:

- The ratio of rates collected from each of the former Local Government Areas will be retained for 4 years.
- The ratio of rates collected from each of the rating categories and sub-categories adopted by the former Councils, will be retained for 4 years.
- The special rate variation previously approved for the former Gundagai Shire Council will continue to apply to the Gundagai area.
- The rate pegging increase announced by IPART will be applied.

The NSW Government has advised that newly elected councils will review the rate structure during their first term.

Annual Charges

Proposed waste management charges are based on the charges adopted by the former Cootamundra and Gundagai Shire Councils, plus 3%. At its March Council meeting, Council proposed a strategy to bring the waste service together, with the objective being to provide one unified service and fair charging structure across the area. However, feedback has been received from ratepayers who would like Council to do more work on this proposal before proceeding. Staff will prepare a business case for the proposed waste service in the coming 12 month period, and will continue to involve ratepayers in the discussion.

Proposed water access and usage charges are based on the charges and planned increases adopted by the two former Councils. An increase of 2.5% has been applied in the Cootamundra area, and 10% in the Gundagai area. Water rates in the Gundagai area are comparatively low, and the former Gundagai Shire Council recognised the need to apply a larger increase, in order to ensure the infrastructure renewal targets can be achieved.

Proposed sewer access and usage charges are based on the charges of the former Cootamundra and Gundagai Shire Councils, increased by 3.5%. This represents a change to the former Gundagai Shire Council strategy that had recognised the urgent need to fund the replacement of the Gundagai Sewerage Treatment plant, and had budgeted for three more years of 10% increases to the sewer charges. Council recognises that the Gundagai sewer charge is already comparatively high, and is currently looking for alternative sources of funding.

Fees and Charges

All of the proposed fees and charges are based on continuing the existing fees of the former Cootamundra and Gundagai Shire Councils, with duplicated fees being removed. Where the two former Councils had different charging systems, for the same service, a choice has been made to keep one of the fees. In most cases, the simplest fee structure has been retained.

Fees and charges that apply to specific facilities and assets, will not necessarily be aligned. For example, the water and sewer infrastructure in Cootamundra and Gundagai are distinct, and revenue policies for these assets are matched to the cost of maintaining and renewing the network infrastructure, with funds collected from users of each system to be used for the operation, maintenance and renewal of that same system.

Council applied a 3% increase to fees, subject to rounding, with some exceptions, for example some fees are limited by regulation. In some cases, Council has reviewed the cost of providing the service, and the fees have been increased or decreased to ensure parity between revenue and cost of service delivery.

To assist with reviewing the draft fees and charges document, the following information is displayed.

- Last year fee, for comparative purposes.
- Current year fee and GST status is displayed.
- % increase on previous year is shown.
- The unit of charge is shown.
- Where the fee has been based on an existing fee, the former Council is identified, to allow comparison. In many cases, both former Councils adopted the same fee. And in a very small number of cases the fee is different from both former Councils, and is labelled "N" for new.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Draft Operational Plan 2017/18 is put on public exhibition for 28 days for the period from Tuesday 30 May to Tuesday 27 June 2017.**
- 2. That following the public exhibition period, a further report be brought to Council outlining any submissions received.**
- 3. That the draft 2017/18 fees and charges that have been placed on public exhibition be applicable for the period 1 July 2017 to 31 July 2018.**

09/05/17

RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes

Seconded: Sykes

- 1. That the Draft Operational Plan 2017/18 is put on public exhibition for 28 days for the period from Monday 29 May to Monday 26 June 2017.**
- 2. That following the public exhibition period, a further report be brought to Council outlining any submissions received.**

9) FEES FOR COUNCILLORS

Introduction

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has reviewed Councillor and Mayoral fees effective from 1 July 2017 and awarded an annual fee increase of 2.5%.

Council elections will be held in September 2017, and the Council is required to adopt a fee structure to remunerate the elected Councillors and Mayor.

Discussion

Pursuant to section 241 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has determined the maximum and minimum amount of fees to be paid to mayors and councillors for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2016. The report of the Tribunal forms **TABLED DOCUMENT 8 MAY 2017 (pages 8-32)**. Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council has been included in the 'Rural' category.

Category		Councillor/Member Annual Fee		Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee*	
		Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
General Purpose Councils – Metropolitan	Principal CBD	26,310	38,580	160,960	211,790
	Major CBD	17,540	32,500	37,270	105,000
	Metropolitan Large	17,540	28,950	37,270	84,330
	Metropolitan Medium	13,150	24,550	27,940	65,230
	Metropolitan Small	8,750	19,310	18,630	42,120
General Purpose Councils – Non-metropolitan	Regional City	17,540	30,500	37,270	95,000
	Regional Strategic Area	17,540	28,950	37,270	84,330
	Regional Rural	8,750	19,310	18,630	42,120
	Rural	8,750	11,570	9,310	25,250
County Councils	Water	1,740	9,650	3,730	15,850
	Other	1,740	5,770	3,730	10,530

The Tribunal is required to have regard to the Government's wages policy when determining the increase. The public sector wages policy currently provides a cap on increases of 2.5%. The Tribunal reviewed the key economic indicators, including the Consumer Price Index and Wage Price Index, and found that the full increase of 2.5% is warranted.

The Tribunal made a decision to adopt the above categorisation structure, including a definition for the *Rural* category, that applies to this Council.

Councils categorised as Rural will typically have a population below 20,000. Other features which distinguish them from other non-metropolitan councils include:

- *one or two significant townships combined with a considerable dispersed population spread over a large area and a long distance from a major regional centre.*
- *a limited range of services, facilities and employment opportunities compared to Regional Rural councils.*
- *local economies based on agricultural/resource industries.*

The Statutory Provisions contained in Division 5 of the *Local Government Act 1993* require the Council to fix the annual fee for the councillors and for the mayor in accordance with the determination of the Remuneration Tribunal. In addition, the Council may resolve a fee for the deputy mayor for such time as they act in the office of the mayor. The amount of the fee so paid must be deducted from the mayor's annual fee.

The maximum Mayoral and Councillor fees have been allowed for in the Draft Operational Plan for the 2016-2017 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council adopt the Councillor annual fee of \$11,570; and the Mayoral (additional) annual fee of \$25,250.**
- 2. That the Deputy Mayor receive a pro-rata payment of the Mayor's additional fee for such time as the Deputy Mayor acts in the office of the Mayor, for a minimum of one week, with the amount of the fee being deducted from the Mayor's annual fee.**

10/05/17

RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes

Seconded: Sykes

- 1. That Council adopt the Councillor annual fee of \$11,570; and the Mayoral (additional) annual fee of \$25,250.**
- 2. That the Deputy Mayor receive a pro-rata payment of the Mayor's additional fee for such time as the Deputy Mayor acts in the office of the Mayor, for a minimum of one week, with the amount of the fee being deducted from the Mayor's annual fee.**
- 3. That the new Council, when elected, may review the Councillor, Mayor and Deputy Mayor fees.**

10) AUDIT OFFICE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AUDITS

Introduction

From 4 April 2017 new provisions relating to performance audits came into force in the Local Government Act 1993. These gave the financial audit role to the Auditor-General and at the same time gave a new performance audit role to the Auditor-General.

Discussion

Council has received correspondence from the Auditor-General regarding her offices approach to performance audits, along with a request that this information be tabled at the next council meeting. The correspondence forms **TABLED DOCUMENT 9 MAY 2017 (pages 33-41)**.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted

11/05/17 RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes Seconded: Sykes

That the information be noted

HUMAN RESOURCES

11) APPOINTMENT AND REMUNERATION OF GENERAL MANAGER

Introduction

The present Interim General Manager, Mr Ken Trethewey, will cease employment with Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council on 2 June 2017 pursuant to Clause 10.3.5 of his contract.

Therefore, in accordance with section 334 of the *Local Government Act* 1993, I have appointed Mr Allen Joseph Dwyer to the position of Interim General Manager of CGRC.

Discussion

Mr Dwyer has entered into a one year contract of employment with, commencing on 5 June 2017 and concluding on to 4 June 2018, for a total remuneration of \$273,600 per annum comprising; \$239,846 salary, \$10,000 motor vehicle, \$23,736 superannuation.

Mr Dwyer's contract is a Standard Contract of Employment for General Managers in NSW, including the role description developed by Hudson Talent Management and used by Mercer in its assessment of the role of General Manager during the period of Administration, as supplied to the previous Administrator. This Mercer independent assessment forms **TABLED DOCUMENT 10 MAY 2017 Pages 42-49**.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

12/05/17

RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes

Seconded: Sykes

That the information be noted.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

OPERATIONS

12) TENDER - SIX WHEELER HEAVY DUTY TIPPING TRUCKS, REPLACEMENT OF PLANT NUMBERS 35 & 36

Introduction

In line with Council's plant replacement program, tenders were recently called for the replacement of Council's two six wheel heavy duty trucks with 9m³ tipping bodies, currently operating from the Cootamundra depot.

Tenders were called through NSW Local Government Procurement (Vendor Panel) and closed on 21 April 2017. Submissions were received from four suppliers and are shown below in order of price:

Discussion

Supplier	Brands	Type	hp	KW	GVM	GCM	Total Cost
Wagga Trucks	Hino	FS 2844 Air 700 Series	437	321	28300	55000	\$188,884.83
Wagga Trucks	Hino	FM 2635 500 Series	350	257	26000	45000	\$189,720.00
Wagga Trucks	Hino	FS 2848 Proshift Air 700 series	480	353	28300	72000	\$202,538.57
Wagga Trucks	UD Trucks	Quon GW 26 420		308	26000	55000	\$203,894.00
Hartwigs Trucks	FUSO	Heavy FV51	455	335	24500	53000	\$230,719.50
Isuzu Trucks	Isuzu	Giga CXZ 455 6x4	453	338	24000	57000	\$224,331.21
Hartwigs Trucks	Freightliner	CST112	450	336	26000	80000	\$248,215.00
Hartwigs Trucks	Mercedes Benz	Actros 2643 LS	455		26000	45000	\$264,715.00
Hartwigs Trucks	Freightliner	Coronado 114	500	373	26000	80000	\$268,834.50
Hartwigs Trucks	Western Star	4864FS2	597		24500	106000	\$287,424.50
Inland Truck Centre	Kenworth	T359	440		24600	50000	\$288,805.00

It is noted that all three tendered prices supplied by Wagga Trucks for the Hino vehicles are below that of the other tenderers.

Council currently operates a number of Hino light and heavy trucks and have found them to very reliable and suitable for Council's purposes. After sales service and availability of spare parts has been excellent through Wagga Trucks.

During the tender process Council's workshop staff have been in contact with neighbouring councils currently operating the Hino 700 series truck and have reported they are satisfied with the performance of this vehicle.

Council staff consider the FS 2844 Air 700 Series with 437hp to be suitable to carry out the work required.

As part of the tendering process, trade prices were also sought including auction estimate from Pickles Auctions based in Wagga. The auction estimate received was between \$6,000 to \$10,000 higher than the trade price submitted. As such Plant Number 35 and Plant number 36 will be disposed of through Pickles Auctions.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council award the Tender for the replacement of Plant No.s 35 and 36 to Wagga Trucks for the supply and delivery of two Hino FS 2844 Air 700 Series including 9m3 tipping bodies for \$188,884.83 (plus GST) each. Total cost \$377,769.66 (plus GST).

13/05/17 RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes Seconded: Sykes

That Council award the Tender for the replacement of Plant No.s 35 and 36 to Wagga Trucks for the supply and delivery of two Hino FS 2844 Air 700 Series including 9m3 tipping bodies for \$188,884.83 (plus GST) each. Total cost \$377,769.66 (plus GST).

13) REPLACEMENT OF LOW LOADER SEMI TRAILER PLANT NUMBER 1015

Introduction

Council currently utilises a 1983 Freighter Low Loader to float plant between work sites. Council's plant replacement program currently allows for the replacement of this low loader in the 2016/17 financial year.

Discussion

The 1983 Freighter Low Loader currently being used to float plant and equipment between work sites is coming to the end of its useful life with Council. Due to its age, width and carrying capacity the low loader is unable to safely and legally cart a number of Council's larger items of plant. On a number of occasions contractors have been engaged to float these items.

Council staff recommend that a good quality second hand tri-axle expander deck low loader with aggregate trailer mass (ATM) of 45t would be suitable for Council's operations.

Investigations show that trailers of this type range in price from \$80,000 to \$120,000 including GST.

The proposed process is that suitable trailers will be sourced on the second hand market so that accurate comparative pricing can be obtained. When a suitable trailer is located Council's Workshop supervisor will undertake a field inspection of the unit prior to purchase to ensure that it is suitable for Council needs and is also to verify its condition.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council provides delegated authority to the Director of Operations to approve the purchase of a second hand low loader semi-trailer up to the value of \$120,000.00 (inc. GST).

14/05/17

RESOLVED – Moved: Sykes

Seconded: Sykes

That Council provides delegated authority to the General Manager to approve the purchase of a second hand low loader semi-trailer up to the value of \$120,000.00 (inc. GST).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.51pm.

These Minutes were confirmed by resolution of Council at the Council Meeting held on Monday 26 June 2017 and endorsed by:

ADMINISTRATOR

INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER