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## ORDINARY MEETING OF GREATER HUME SHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of the Greater Hume Shire Council will be held at 4.30pm at the Community Meeting Room, Library Complex, Library Court, Holbrook.

### Citizenship Ceremony

A Citizenship Ceremony will be conducted at 4.00pm for Ms Ghina Al-Sarraf.

Councillors are encouraged to be in attendance.

STEVEN PINNUCK  
GENERAL MANAGER

ORDER OF BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED  
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**BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**

**1. PRAYER**

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

*"I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri people, and pay my respect to elders both past and present".*

**3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST (CONFLICT OF INTEREST)**

**4. APOLOGIES**

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- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council – 20 May 2015

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- Environment and Planning

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## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

### **1. ANZAC CENTENARY – COUNCIL COMMEMORATION**

**MOVED** Meyer/

That Greater Hume Shire Council strike plaques to recognise the Centenary of Anzac commemorated by communities throughout the shire on April 25 2015 and that these plaques be permanently attached to cenotaphs in those communities recognising:-

"On ANZAC Day 2015 the RSL Sub Branch of [ ..... ] commemorated the 100 year anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915 and Greater Hume Shire Council and community of [ ..... ] extend our sincerest respect to fallen and returned war service personnel and their families from all wars, and observes the esteem and regard in which they are held."

and further that the plaques be unveiled on Armistice Day 11th November 2015.

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## **OFFICERS' REPORTS – PART A – FOR DETERMINATION**

### **GOVERNANCE**

1. **PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL - WIRRAMINNA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE AND CREATIVE CATCHMENT KIDS PROGRAM**

**Report prepared by Executive Assistant Governance/Economic Development – Marg Killalea**

#### **REASON FOR REPORT**

To advise that Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre will be making a presentation to Council regarding current activities and to deliver a power point presentation on the Creative Catchment Kids Program.

#### **REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS**

Goal 12.1 Maintain biodiversity and a high quality natural environment.

#### **DISCUSSION**

A request has been received from Darryl Jacob, Chairperson, Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre to make a short presentation to Council at the June meeting. Ms Stacey Staunton-Latimer, Education Officer will also assist with the presentation.

Wirraminna occupies four hectares of formerly unused ground around the old government dam, between the school and the recreation ground in Burrumbuttock. From its beginning in 1995, it has developed into an award winning environmental education centre that provides opportunities for discovery and learning about the natural environment, the ecology of the local woodlands and the beauty of native plants for our gardens. Over 2,000 primary school children visit Wirraminna annually, from schools throughout the region.

A power point presentation will also be made which highlights the Creative Catchment Kids Program.

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre and the Creative Catchment Kids Program connects children to their region by providing important environmental education experiences and learning.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That standing orders be suspended to allow a presentation by Darryl Jacob and Stacey Staunton-Latimer.

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## **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1. **REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – WIRRAMINNA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE**

**Report prepared by Director Corporate & Community Services – David Smith**

### **REASON FOR REPORT**

To enable representatives to present requests from Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre and Burrumbuttock Recreation Ground Committee for financial assistance under Council's Financial Assistance to Community Groups – Loans Policy.

### **REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION**

Strategy 1.3 Enhance the opportunities for volunteer groups to receive the maximum funding possible.

Action 1.3.2 Increase opportunities for community project funding ensuring potential projects are well planned and plans are well advanced and regularly updated.

### **DISCUSSION**

Correspondence has been received from Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre and the Burrumbuttock Recreation Ground Committee seeking loans of \$8,000 and \$10,000 respectively over a term of ten years under Council's Financial Assistance to Community Groups – Loans Policy.

The purpose of each loan is summarised below:

#### **Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre**

The Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre loan is to fund the construction of a storage shed and electrical work within the recently constructed visitors BBQ shelter. The total cost of the works is \$13,756. A copy of the correspondence from Wirraminna is included as **ANNEXURE 1**.

#### **Burrumbuttock Recreation Ground Committee**

The Burrumbuttock Recreation Ground Committee loan is to fund the replacement of existing fencing around the six tennis courts at the Recreation Reserve. The total cost of the project is \$31,966. A copy of the correspondence from the Burrumbuttock Recreation Reserve Committee is included as **ANNEXURE 1**.

As Councillors would be aware, Council's Financial Assistance to Community Groups – Loans Policy is aimed at assisting volunteer groups to access low-cost funds to facilitate to provision of community infrastructure. Wirraminna is a Section 355 Committee of Council delegated responsibility for the operation of the Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre on Crown Reserve land at Burrumbuttock.

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Council's Financial Assistance to Community Groups – Loans Policy states that applications for loans will be considered up to a maximum of \$50,000, subject to the loan liability to the Council for any one community group not exceeding \$50,000 at any one time and that the quantum of all loans approved shall not exceed \$250,000 at any one time.

At present, outstanding loans provided under the policy total \$46,040 and as such the loans of \$8,000 to Wirraminna and \$10,000 to Burrumbuttock Recreation Reserve Committee will not lead to the maximum outstanding balance exceeding the \$250,000 threshold.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Very minor impact of Council's budget position as the proposed interest rate of 3% is in line with current investment returns.

**CONCLUSION**

Council's Financial Assistance to Community Groups – Loans Policy is aimed at assisting volunteer groups to access low-cost funds to facilitate the provision of community infrastructure. Accordingly, it is recommended that Council approve loans to Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre and the Burrumbuttock Recreation Reserve Committee for \$8,000 and \$10,000 respectively over a term of ten years in accordance with Council's Financial Assistance to Community Groups – Loans Policy.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. Council provide a loan of \$8,000 over a term of ten (10) years to Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre in accordance with Council's Financial Assistance to Community Groups – Loans Policy.
2. Council provide a loan of \$10,000 over a term of ten (10) years to Burrumbuttock Recreation Reserve Committee in accordance with Council's Financial Assistance to Community Groups – Loans Policy



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## **OFFICERS' REPORTS – PART A – FOR DETERMINATION**

### **ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

#### **1. FUTURE LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ON SOUTHERN FRINGE OF JINDERA**

**Report by Habitat Planning and the Director Environment and Planning –  
Colin Kane**

##### **REASON FOR REPORT**

The purpose of the report is to seek Council's endorsement for a Master Plan approach to future low density residential development on the southern fringe of Jindera. The approach is necessary to avoid the ad hoc development of individual parcels of land leading to unsatisfactory and inefficient outcomes for service provision and in particular access to Urana Road.

Council's endorsement is also sought for the preparation of a Developer Contributions Plan specifically for this precinct as well as the future development of land south of the Jindera Industrial Estate. The purpose of this plan will be to offset the costs to Council for the provision of sewer and road works (including intersection works) to these developments.

##### **REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN**

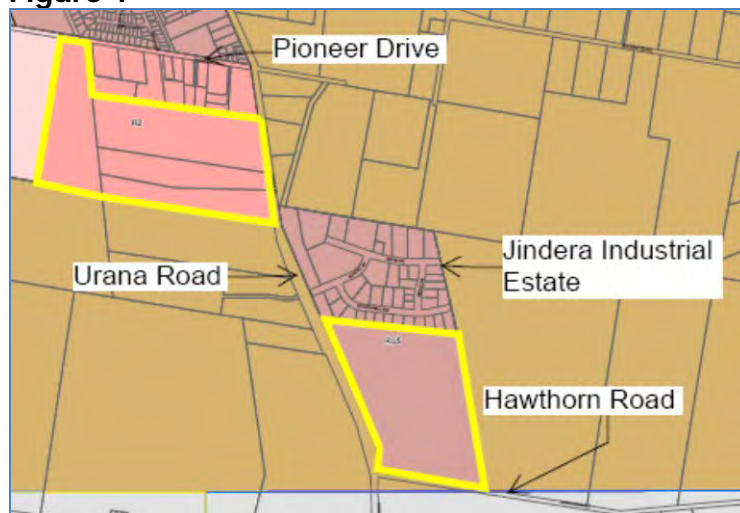
Goal 2.1: Attract new residents to the shire.

##### **DISCUSSION**

###### **Subject Land**

The first parcel of land is located at the entrance to Jindera on the western side of Urana Road between the Industrial Estate and Pioneer Drive. It is currently zoned R2 Low Density Residential in the *Greater Hume Local Environmental Plan 2012* (see Figure 1) and is preferred for low density residential development. The minimum lot size for subdivision in this zone is 4,000m<sup>2</sup> or 0.4 hectares.

**Figure 1**



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This land contains four larger en globo land parcels that are yet to be developed. Any subdivision of these lots will require lots to be connected to the Jindera Sewerage System.

The second parcel is Lot 11 DP1164647 Hawthorn Road Jindera (see Figure 1). This lot is owned by Council and has been endorsed for an expansion of the industrial estate at the northern end and for the portion at the southern end to be sold englobo for low density residential development. This land is currently zoned RU5 Village which allows for a wide range of land uses. The southern part will however need to be rezoned to R2 if it is to be developed for low density residential purposes and the Structure Plan for Jindera in the Greater Hume Development Control Plan 2013 will also need to be amended to change the preferred use of this land from 'Industrial (future)' to 'Low Density Residential'. The preparation of a planning proposal for this allotment was mentioned in a report pertaining to this allotment which was received by the May ordinary meeting of Council.

**Master Plan**

Figure 1 shows that three of the lots have frontage to Urana Road and the fourth to Pioneer Drive. The three fronting Urana Road and two in particular are long and narrow with very little road frontage. This makes them difficult to develop in isolation and will result in three new intersections on to Urana Road at the entrance to Jindera. These intersections will be very close together and potentially create traffic conflicts with vehicles utilising Urana Road.

**Figure 2**



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In recognition of this issue, Council officers commissioned consultants to prepare a possible subdivision layout over the four en globo lots, treating it as one parcel (see Figure 2). The purposes of this exercise was to ascertain whether it was feasible to take an integrated approach to the four lots that would result in better overall design outcome and minimise accesses on to Urana Road. This plan will form the basis of a future Master Plan that will provide the framework for the future development of the land.

**Infrastructure**

Council officers have also undertaken a preliminary cost analysis of providing a reticulated sewerage network for future subdivision and intersection works relating to the two precincts. In summary, this analysis calculates the cost of sewer at \$929,500 based on a potential yield of 193 low density and industrial lots and the cost of works at two intersection being \$253,000. This represents a total cost in the vicinity of \$1.2 million.

Council has the option of recouping some of this expense (and the Master Plan preparation) through a site specific Developer Contributions Plan under Section 94 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* and the Section 64 of the *Local Government Act*. Under such a plan, a financial contribution to Council on each new lot created would be required.

**Progressing this Matter**

Subject to this report being adopted by Council it is envisaged that Council will write to the respective land owners of allotments adjacent to Pioneer Drive and Urana Road and advise them that Council is proposing to undertake a Master Plan and Developer Contribution Plan that will affect their land. The letter will request access for surveyors to enter the land for the purposes of designing the sewer extension. It will also invite them to contact the Director of Environment and Planning to discuss the implications for them of the master plan and contribution plans.

**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

There will be a cost to Council in preparation of the Master Plan and Developer Contributions Plan although some of this will be recoverable through contributions. There will also be some cost to Council of providing road and sewerage infrastructure as not all costs will be recouped through a Developer Contributions Plan.

**CONCLUSION**

Through a Master Plan process and Developer Contributions Plan Council has the opportunity to facilitate a high standard low residential density development on the fringe of Jindera and offset the costs of providing reticulated sewerage and intersection works to this and the land south of the Jindera Industrial Estate.

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FUTURE LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ON SOUTHERN FRINGE OF JINDERA [CONT'D]

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. endorse the preparation of an integrated Master Plan for future low density residential development on Lots 4 and 6 DP240938, and Lots 30 and 31 DP1062153 in Urana Road and Pioneer Drive Jindera.
2. prepare a Developer Contributions Plan under Section 64 of the *Local Government Act* and Section 94 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* for intersection works and reticulated sewerage associated with the future development of Lots 4 and 6 DP240938, Lots 30 and 31 DP1062153 and Lot 11 DP1164647 in Urana Road and Pioneer Drive Jindera.
3. endorse the preparation of a Planning Proposal under Section 55 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1997* to facilitate the rezoning of the portion of Lot 11 DP1164647 which may be utilised for Low Density Residential Development.

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## **GOVERNANCE**

*Item 1 dealt with earlier in the agenda.*

### **2. SALE OF LOT 134 MORGANS ROAD WALLA WALLA – FORMER NORTH WALLA WALLA RECREATION RESERVE**

**Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck**

#### **REASON FOR REPORT**

For Council to approve signing the Memorandum of Transfer for the sale of Lot 134, Morgan's Road, Walla Walla.

#### **REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS**

**Strategy 2.1** – Attract new residents to the shire.

#### **DISCUSSION**

At the May meeting Council accepted an offer from Stacey Staunton-Latimer and Rory Bell offered \$185,000 including GST for Lot 134, Morgan's Road, Walla Walla.

Contracts have now been exchanged and approval is sought for the Mayor and General Manager to sign the Memorandum of Transfer under the Common Seal of Council.

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

No impact on the budget as Council has previously resolved to Reserve the sale proceeds of Lot 134 to assist in the redevelopment of the Walla Walla Sportsground.

#### **CONCLUSION**

This is an administrative matter only.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the Memorandum of Transfer for Lot 134, Morgan's Road, Walla Walla under the Common Seal of Council.

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**3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUNDAY 11 – TUESDAY  
13 OCTOBER 2015**

**Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck**

**REASON FOR REPORT**

To advise councillors of correspondence from LGNSW seeking motions for the 2015 Local Government NSW Annual Conference.

**REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS**

Nil.

**DISCUSSION**

Correspondence has been received from Local Government NSW advising that this year's Conference will be held at the Rosehill Gardens Racecourse, James Ruse Drive, Rosehill from Sunday 11 – Tuesday 13 October 2015.

**Voting**

Council is required to nominate the names of their voting delegates for voting on motions and voting in the elections for Office Bearers and the Board. It is assumed that as has been the case in previous years Greater Hume Shire Council will have two voting delegates.

**Motions**

Council has the opportunity to submit motions for consideration at the conference.

The Board has resolved that motions will be included in the Business Paper for the Conference where they:

1. are consistent with the objects of the Association (rule 4 of the Association's rules);
2. relate to Local Government in NSW and/or across Australia;
3. concern or are likely to concern local government as a sector;
4. seek to advance the Local Government policy agenda of the Association and/or improve governance of the Association;
5. have a lawful purpose (a motion does not have a lawful purpose if its implementation would require or encourage non-compliance with prevailing laws);
6. are clearly worded and unambiguous in nature; and
7. do not express preference for one or several members over one or other several members.

Motions from Council are required to be submitted by **24 August 2015**. Accordingly, it is requested that councillors submit proposed motions to the General Manager by 31 July 2015 to enable investigation (if required) and a report to be prepared for consideration at the August Council meeting to be held on 19 August 2015.

It is also anticipated that motions from the Rural Regional Issues Workshop held on 4 June 2015 will also be included in the LGNSW Conference Business Paper.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUNDAY 11 – TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2015[CONT'D]

**Attendance**

Generally Council approves the attendance of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as voting delegates and the General Manager and one other Councillor as observers for the annual Conference of the peak local government body in NSW. Last year Council approved Cr Osborne as an additional delegate due to her position on the LGNSW Board.

To contain costs it is recommended that attendance be restricted to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Osborne (as the other Councillor) and the General Manager.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Expenditure allocations are included in the 2015/2016 Budget to enable Councillor and Senior staff attendance at Conferences.

**CONCLUSION**

The annual conference of NSW Local Government is an excellent forum to raise issues affecting local government and Council should be represented and give consideration to formulating motions to put forward.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference as voting delegates and Cr Osborne and General Manager as Observers and
2. Councillors submit proposed motions to the General Manager by 31 July 2015 to enable a report to be submitted to the August Council meeting for consideration.

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**4. NSW HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE – ACQUISITION OF LOT 15 SECTION 4 DP 5523 & LOT 1 DP 862523, EDWARD STREET, CULCAIRN**

**Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck**

**REASON FOR REPORT**

For Council to consider correspondence from NSW Health Infrastructure concerning the acquisition of Lot 15 Section 4 DP 5523 and Lot 1 DP 862523 to facilitate the major redevelopment of the Culcairn Health Service.

**REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS**

**Strategy 2.1** – Attract new residents to the Shire.

**DISCUSSION**

Correspondence has been received from Robert Lee, Project Director NSW Health Infrastructure advising that NSW Health Administration Corporation is aiming to acquire of Lot 15 Section 4 DP 5523 and Lot 1 DP 862523 to facilitate the major redevelopment of the Culcairn Health Service. A copy of the correspondence is attached as **ANNEXURE 2**.

Lot 15 Section 4 DP 5523 was purchased with funds raised by the Culcairn community from Greater Murray Area Health Service in September 1998. The purchase price was \$9,000 and the land was vested in Council for the future development of Kiltearn House Hostel. A map delineating the both Lots is also attached as **ANNEXURE 2**.

Lot 1 DP 862523 is a section of closed road where the covered link between the Culcairn Hospital and Kiltearn House currently exists.

Furthermore, the Culcairn Health Service Local Advisory Committee has been lobbying for 6 additional aged care beds at Culcairn for more than a decade. A copy of correspondence received from the Chair of the Culcairn Health Service Local Advisory Committee dated 21 September 2004 is also attached as **ANNEXURE 2**.

Currently the Culcairn Health Service is a 27 bed facility consisting of 5 inpatient flexible beds, 12 high care aged beds, 10 low care aged beds. The redevelopment would result in the creation of a 35 bed facility including an additional 2 inpatient flexible beds and 6 high care aged beds along with much needed staff accommodation.

Whilst it is proposed that Lot 15 Section 4 DP 5523 will house only ancillary infrastructure such as water tanks, landscaping etc. it is considered consistent with the original purpose of acquisition in that it will facilitate the development of an additional 6 aged care beds and 2 inpatient flexible beds.

In relation to Lot 1 DP 862523 Council has previously closed lanes and streets to facilitate health facility development at both Culcairn and Henty.



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NSW HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE – ACQUISITION OF LOT 15 SECTION 4 DP 5523 & LOT 1 DP 862523, EDWARD STREET, CULCAIRN [CONT'D]

Subject to the redevelopment of the Culcairn Health Service receiving final approval and funding it is recommended that Lot 15 Section 4 DP 5523 and Lot 1 DP 862523 be transferred to NSW Health Administration Corporation on the following conditions:

1. All costs associated with the transfer be borne by NSW Health Administration Corporation.
2. Lot 15 Section 4 DP 5523 and Lot 1 DP 862523 be valued and identified as a Council/Community contribution to the project.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

This is no impact on Council's cash flow as a result of the recommendation.

**CONCLUSION**

The Culcairn Health Service Local Advisory Committee has been lobbying for an additional 6 aged care beds at Culcairn for over a decade. The proposed redevelopment of the Culcairn Health Service facility will be of great benefit to the Culcairn and district community and therefore transfer of Lot 15 Section 4 DP 5523 and Lot 1 DP 862523 (subject to conditions) is recommended.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That subject to the redevelopment of the Culcairn Health Service receiving final approval and funding, it is recommended that Lot 15 Section 4 DP 5523 and Lot 1 DP 862523 be transferred to NSW Health Administration Corporation on the following conditions:

1. all costs associated with the transfer be borne by NSW Health Administration Corporation.
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**5. DRAFT FIT FOR THE FUTURE SUBMISSION**

**Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck**

**REASON FOR REPORT**

For Councillors to consider endorsement of Council's Fit for the Future submission prior to approve its submission to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal prior to 30 June 2015.

**REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS**

Nil.

**DISCUSSION**

At the May meeting councillors considered a draft Fit for the Future submission and the following was resolved:

*That Council:*

- 1. endorse the draft Fit for the Future submission and the submission be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days commencing Thursday, 21 May 2015; and*
- 2. consider any comments received at the June Council meeting prior to final adoption and lodgement of the submission.*

During the public exhibition period Council undertook the following initiatives to further raise awareness of the Fit for the Future program:

- Issued media releases on 20 April, 25 May and 4 June 2015
- Held three community information sessions to explain and answer questions on Council's Fit for the Future submission
- Maintained a dedicated webpage and Facebook presence
- Conducted web and paper based community survey
- Conducted web and paper based staff survey

In addition in mid-April a 4403 Fit for the Future Information brochures were forwarded to residents of the Shire. The Fit for the Future information brochure was supported by a media release issued on 20 April.

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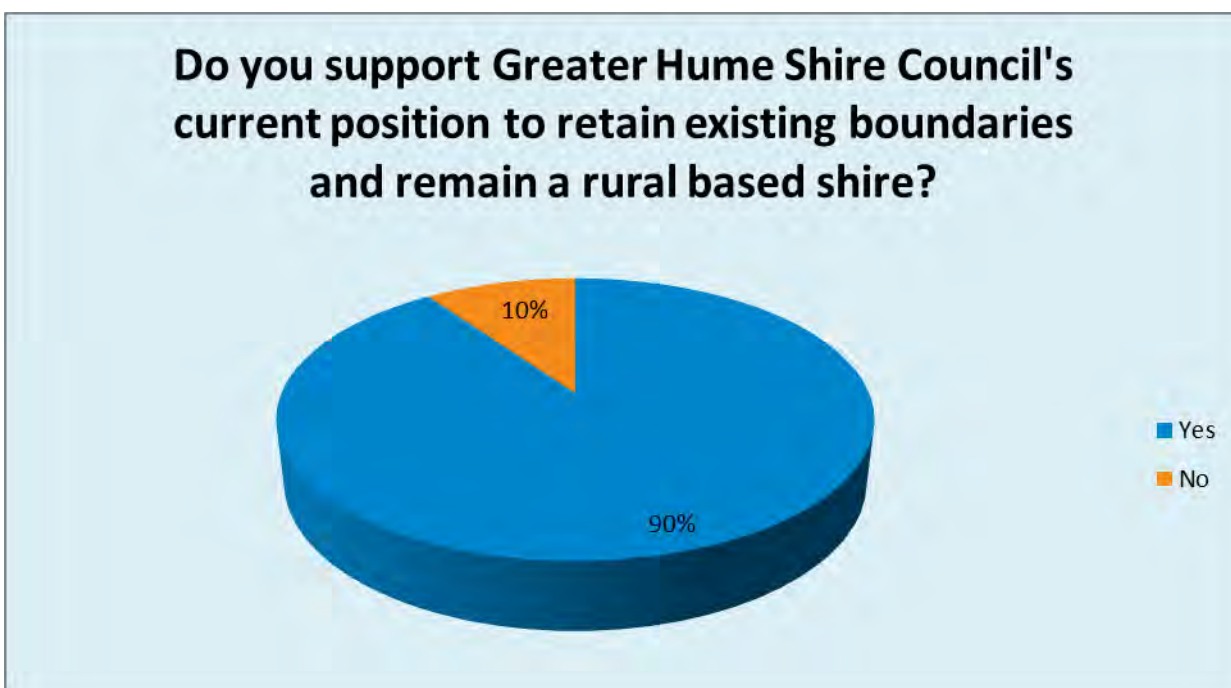
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Community engagement activities resulted in the outcomes outlined in the table below:

<b>Community engagement activity</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Fit for the Future information brochure	4403 distributed
Media releases	Three issued during engagement period – 20 April, 25 May & 4 June 2015 with excellent coverage particularly through Radio 2AY
Direct emailed invitations to participate in on-line survey and to attend community meetings	311
Community Information sessions (3)	83 attended
Fit for the Future Web page	426 hits
Fit for the Future Facebook page	A number of posts by Council but no comments received
Community survey (web and paper based)	337 returned
Written submissions	8
Staff survey (web and paper based)	59 returned
Staff suggestions boxes	16 individual contributions (this is in addition to the comments provided on the staff surveys)

The graphs overleaf provide an over view of the community and staff survey results.

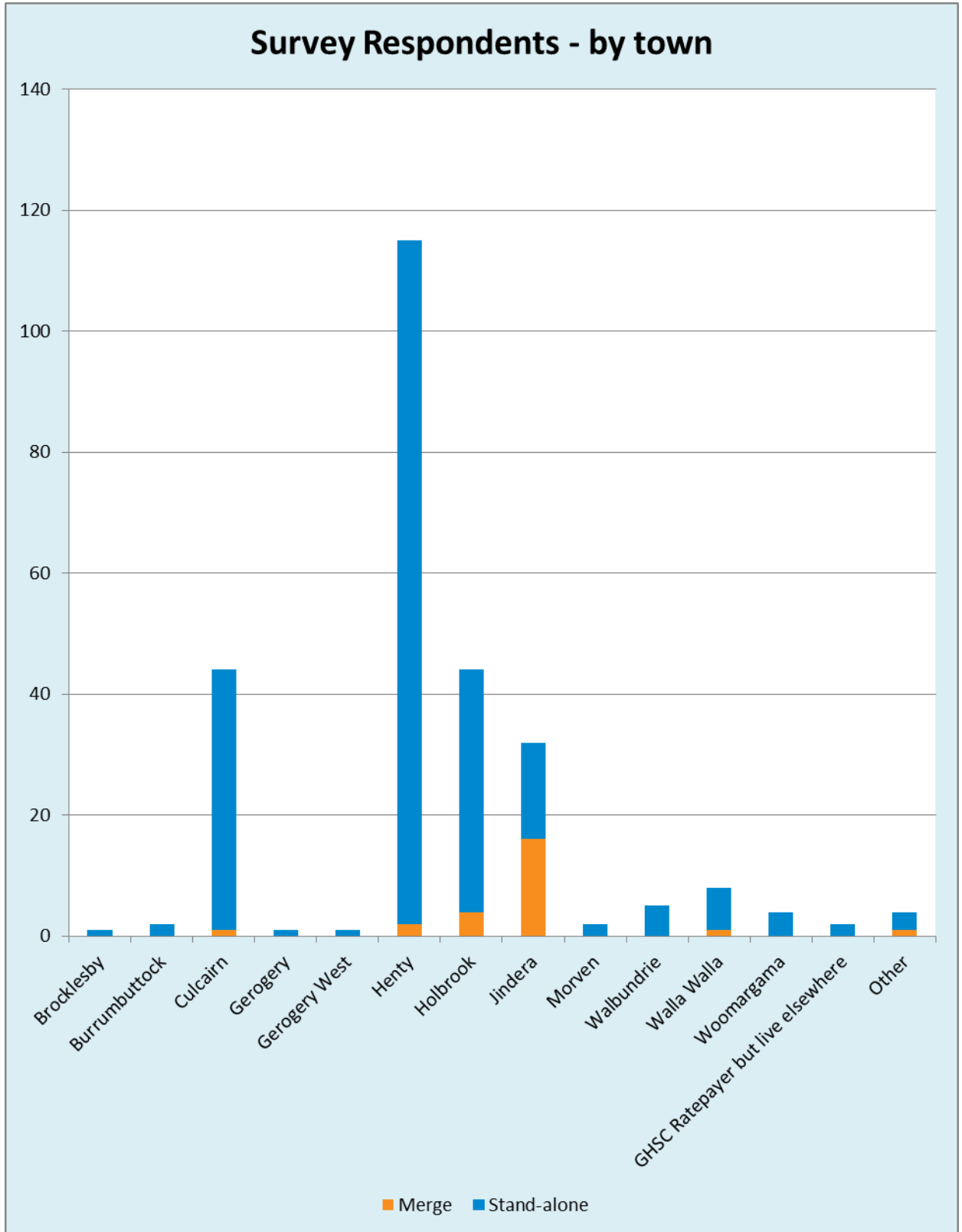
**What did the community say?**



*Respondents (337) - Yes (295) – No (32) - Skipped question (10)*

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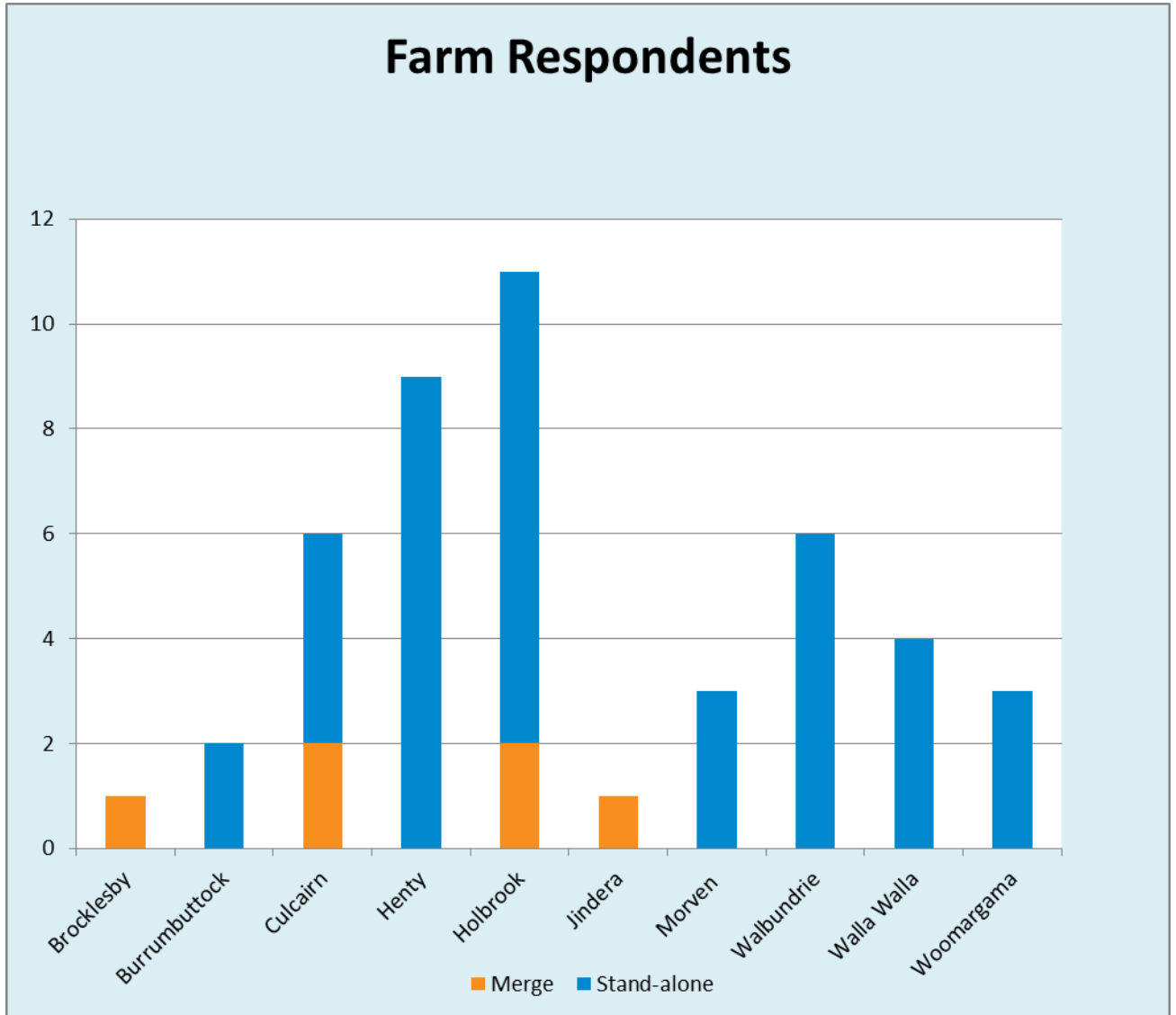
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*Respondents (269) - Yes (240) – No (25) - Skipped question (4)*

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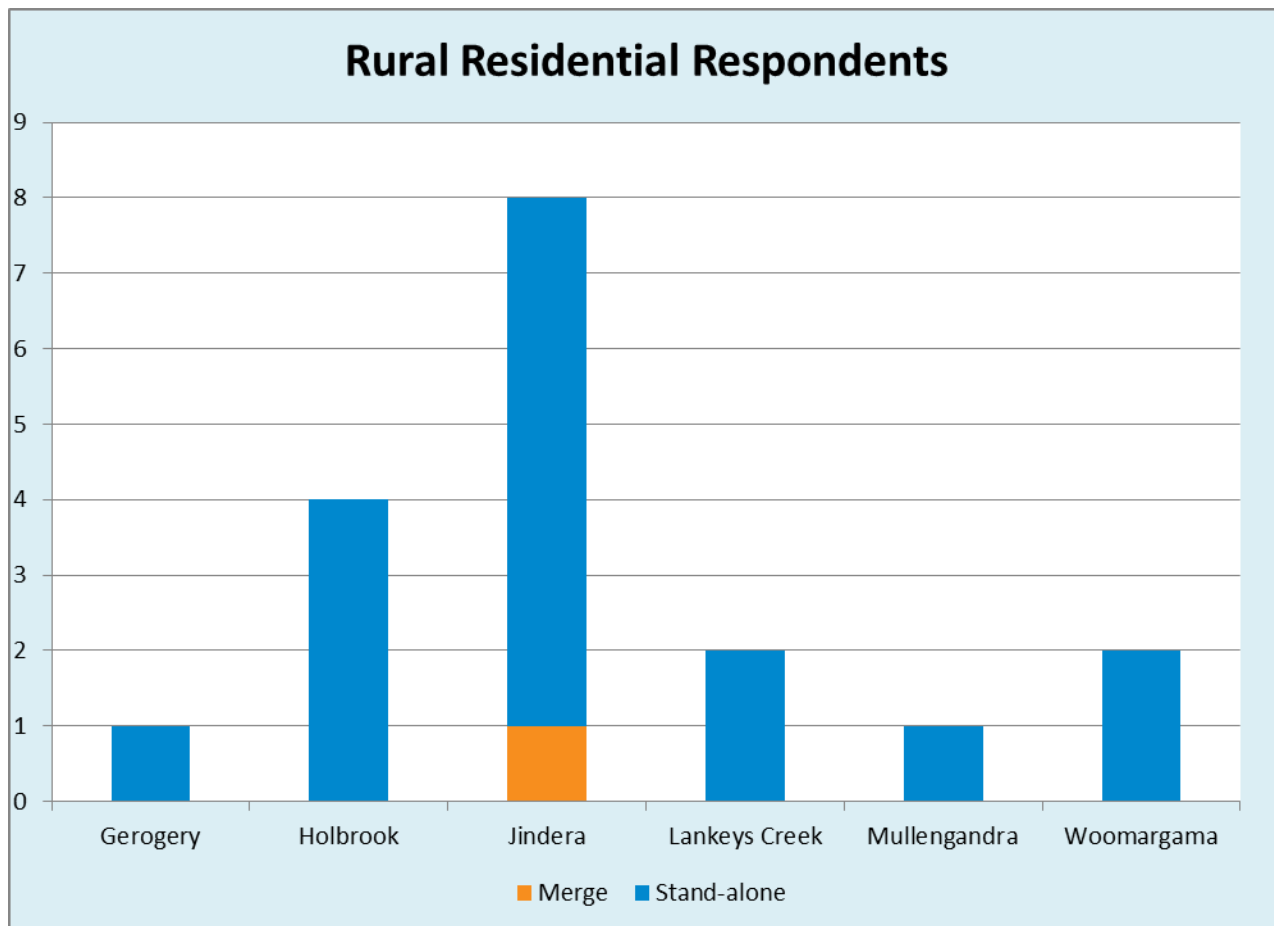
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*Respondents (46) – Stand-alone (42) – Merge (6) - Skipped question (1)*

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*Respondents (21) – Stand-alone (17) – No (1) - Skipped question (3)*

A comprehensive survey report including the above graphs and all comments received from residents and ratepayers has been posted to Council's Fit for the Future webpage.

<http://www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au/GreaterHumeCouncil/GreaterHumeShireFitfortheFuture/tabid/637/Default.aspx>

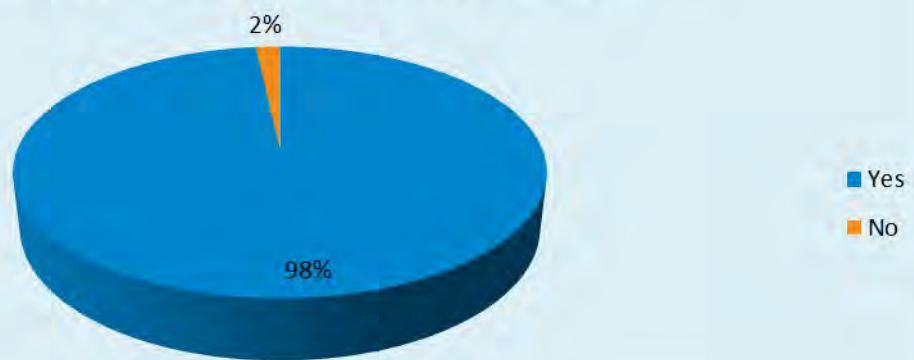
A copy of the survey report is included as **ANNEXURE 3a**.

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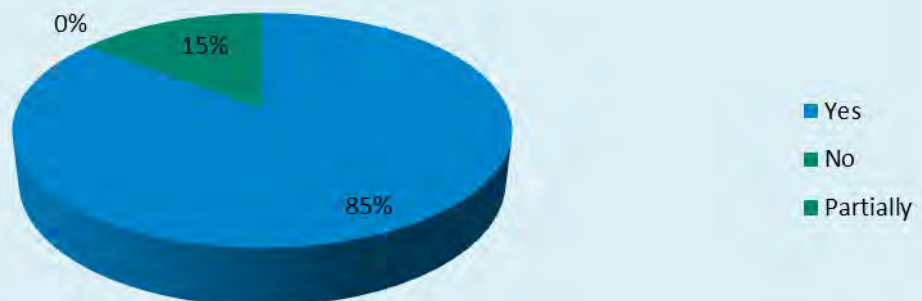
**What did the staff say?**

**Do you support Greater Hume Shire Council's current position to retain existing boundaries and remain a rural based shire?**



*Respondents (59) - In favour (57) - Against (1) - Skipped question (1)*

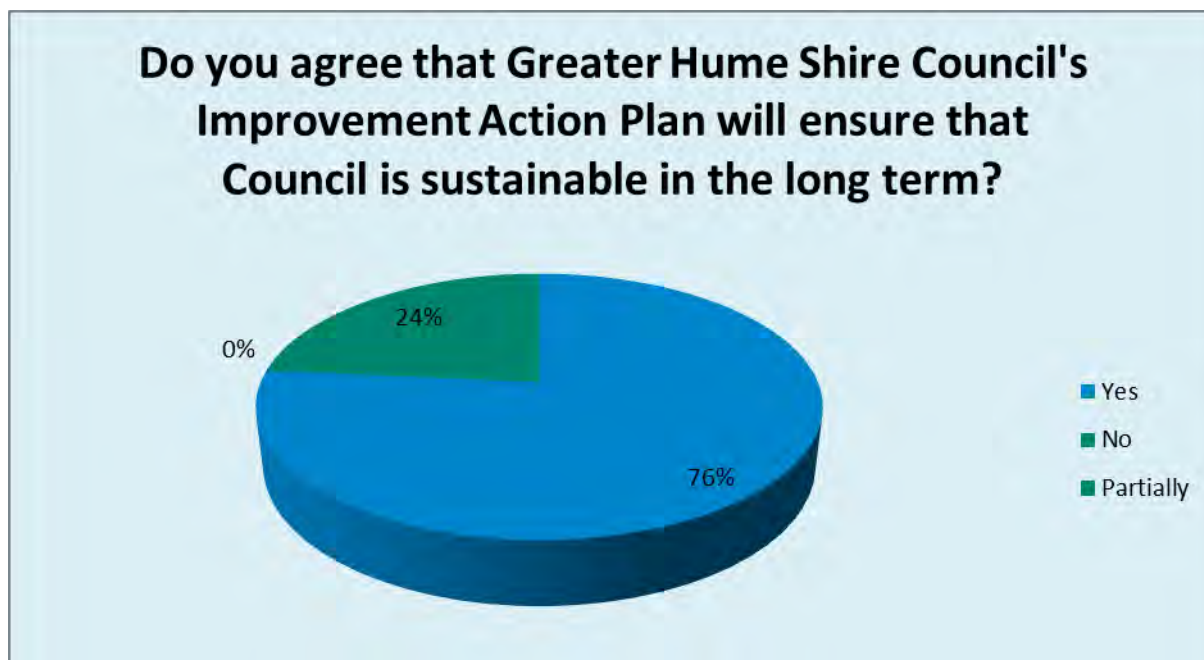
**Do you agree with the Submission and evidence put forward that Greater Hume Shire Council is Fit for the Future?**



*Respondents (59) - Agree (48) - Don't Agree (0) - Partially Agree (8) - Skipped question (3)*

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*Respondents (59) - Agree (40) – Don't Agree (0) - Partially Agree (12) - Skipped question (7)*

As a result of the community engagement a number of changes and refinements have been made to the Fit for the Future submission which is also attached as **ANNEXURE 3b**.

The changes are highlighted in red for ease of identification and a summary is provided in the table below.

<b>Page No.</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
1 – 1.1 Executive summary	Highlighted blue area amended to state that Council will meet all 7 benchmarks by 2019/2020
3 – 1.2 Scale and Capacity	Strengthened Council's commitment to participating in the Riverina Joint Organisation as opposed to the Upper Murray Joint Organisation  Strengthened that a full or partial merger not in best interests of Greater Hume residents and ratepayers.
4 & 5 – 1.2 Scale and Capacity	Minor alterations only
9	Amended <b>strengths</b> to highlight importance of agriculture and associated industries to the Shire.  Also expanded examples of manufacturing industries
11 – 2.2 SWOT analysis	Included residential development as an opportunity
12 – 2.3 Sustainability (own source revenue)	Change commentary on 'Own source revenue' to include Financial Assistance Grants in calculation.



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<b>Page No.</b>	<b>Amendment</b>
13 – 2.3 Sustainability (own source revenue)	Deleted paragraph concerning difficulty in achieving 60% benchmark
15 – 2.3 Infrastructure and Service Management (Asset Management ratio)	Included an explanation of the risk based approach being taken to Asset maintenance and renewal
20 – 3.1 Improvement Actions (Sustainability)	Included a strategy to investigate and implement actions to increase the availability of residential land across the Shire.
24 – 3.3 Improvement Actions (Efficiency)	Included commentary on the programmed Service and Efficiency Reviews
25 – 3.3 Improvement Actions (Efficiency)	Included a strategy to develop a Communications Plan to ensure contemporary and effective engagement techniques are used.
26 – 3.4 Improvement Action Plan	Included an action to investigate and implement actions to increase the availability of residential land across the Shire.  Included an action to develop a Communications Plan to ensure contemporary and effective engagement techniques are used.
27 – 3.4 Improvement Action Plan (outline the process that underpinned the development of the Action Plan)	Included a table of community engagement initiatives.
28 – 3.5 Other actions considered	Rewritten to clarify that Council's resolved position is to retain Greater Hume's existing boundaries as a stand-alone Council.
42 – 4 Expected improvement in performance	Amended ratios to take into account Service and Efficiency Review productivity improvements and inclusion of Financial Assistance Grants as own source revenue.
44 – 5 Putting your plan into action	Comments deleted due service and efficiency review savings included and financial assistance grants considered as own source revenue.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Greater Hume Shire Council Fit for the Future submission as amended be adopted.
2. The General Manager be authorised to lodge the submission with the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal by 30 June 2015.

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## **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

*Item 1 dealt with earlier in the agenda.*

### **2. DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM AND ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2015/2019**

**Report prepared by David Smith – Director Corporate & Community Services**

#### **REASON FOR REPORT**

To present the 2015/2019 Draft Delivery Program and Revenue Policy for formal adoption by Council.

#### **REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION**

Not applicable – legislative requirement.

#### **DISCUSSION**

At the Council meeting held on 20 May 2015, Council resolved as follows: -

**4061 RESOLVED** [Schoff/O'Neill]

*That the 2015/2019 Draft Delivery Program incorporating Statement of Revenue Policy and Estimates of Income and Expenditure for Council's General, Sewerage and Water Supply and noting an amendment to the table of subscriptions and donations (to delete the contribution to Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod) be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days commencing Monday, 25 May 2015.*

The following table summarises the revised budget position for 2015 / 2016.

Operating Revenue	\$ 25,314,173
Capital Revenue	\$ 3,491,136
Loan Funds Raised	\$ 1,000,000
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>\$29,805,309</b>
<i>Less:</i>	
Operating Expenditure	\$ 26,167,626
Capital Expenditure (inc loan repayments)	\$ 10,757,958
Non Cash Depreciation contra	-\$ 6,714,327
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$30,211,257</b>
Transfer (To) /From Reserves and Unexpended Grants	<b>\$ 413,381</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 7,433</b>

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**Special Rate Variation**

As previously advised, Greater Hume Shire Council's application for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) has been approved by the Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). A copy of IPART's determination is **ENCLOSED SEPARATELY** for the information of Councillors.

**Submissions Received**

The Draft Delivery Program and Revenue Policy has been publicly exhibited and made available for inspection at Council's two main offices, three customer service offices and Council's Website.

At time of preparing this report, one submission has been received in response the Draft Delivery Program. A copy of the submission is **ENCLOSED SEPARATELY** for the information of Councillors.

**Resourcing Strategy**

In addition to the preparation of the Draft Delivery Program and Revenue Policy, Council's existing Long Term Financial Plan has been updated to reflect the revised budget projections. A copy of the updated Long Term Financial Plan for the ten year period ending 30 June 2025 is included as **ANNEXURE 4**.

**CONCLUSION**

The draft budget as presented provides for a small surplus in the 2015/2016 year, however as indicated above a number of operational areas will require close scrutiny over the course of the 2015/2016 financial year in order to ensure budget integrity into the future.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That:

1. Council note and consider any public submissions made in respect to the 2015/2019 Draft Delivery Program
2. The 2015/2019 Draft Delivery Program incorporating estimates of income and expenditure for Council's General, Sewerage and Water Supply Funds and the Draft Revenue Policy be adopted.
3. Fees and Charges as advertised in the Draft Revenue Policy be implemented from 1 July 2015
4. Council's 10 Year Long Term Financial Plan 2015/2016 – 2024/2025, incorporating estimates of income and expenditure for Council's General, Sewerage and Water Supply Funds be adopted
5. In accordance with Section 535 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council **make** the following Rates and Charges for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

**ORDINARY RATES**

Council **makes** the following rates for the rating year 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, comprising a base rate under Section 499 and an ad valorem amount under Section 498 of the Local Government Act 1993.

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- a. **Residential** – An ordinary rate of zero point seven four six three zero six (0.746306) cents in the dollar on the land value in addition to a base amount of two hundred and eighty two dollars (\$282.00) per assessment being forty seven point eight percent (47.8%) of the total amount payable on all rateable land in the Greater Hume Shire categorised as “Residential” in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 this rate be named “Residential”.
- b. **Residential – Villages** – An ordinary rate of zero point four eight three three six eight (0.483368) cents in the dollar on the land value in addition to a base amount of two hundred dollars and fifty cents (\$200.50) per assessment being thirty nine point six percent (39.6%) of the total amount payable on all rateable land in the Greater Hume Shire categorised as “Residential” sub-category “Villages” in accordance with Section 516 and Section 529 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 this rate be named “Residential – Villages”.
- c. **Residential – Rural** – An ordinary rate of zero point four six four three four three (0.464343) cents in the dollar on the land value in addition to a base amount of two hundred and seventy two dollars (\$272.00) per assessment being thirty percent (30.0%) of the total amount payable on all rateable land in the Greater Hume Shire categorised as “Residential” sub-category “Rural” in accordance with Section 516 and Section 529(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 this rate be named “Residential – Rural”.
- d. **Business** – An ordinary rate of zero point six six one eight one five (0.661815) cents in the dollar on the land value in addition to a base amount of three hundred and twenty eight dollars and fifty cents (\$328.50) per assessment being forty nine point one percent (49.1%) of the total amount payable on all rateable land in the Greater Hume Shire categorised as “Business” in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 this rate be named “Business”.

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- e. **Farmland – Ordinary** – An ordinary rate of zero point two nine one five six nine (0.291569) cents in the dollar on the land value in addition to a base amount of two hundred and eighty eight dollars (\$288.00) per assessment being fourteen point three percent (14.3%) of the total amount payable on all rateable land in the Greater Hume Shire categorised as “Farmland” in accordance with Section 515 of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 this rate be named “Farmland – Ordinary”.
  
- f. **Farmland – High Intensity Forestry** – An ordinary rate of zero point four five seven four one six (0.457416) cents in the dollar on the land value in addition to a base amount of one hundred and seventy four dollars (\$174.00) per assessment being fifteen point six percent (15.6%) of the total amount payable on all rateable land in the Greater Hume Shire categorised as “Farmland” sub-category “High Intensity Forestry” in accordance with Section 515 and Section 529(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 this rate be named “Farmland – High Intensity Forestry”.

**WATER SUPPLY CHARGES**

Council makes the water supply charges for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 as follows.

- a. An annual water availability charge of three hundred and thirty nine dollars (\$339.00) per assessment be charged on all strata, single residential and unmetered rateable land categorised Residential or Residential-Villages in accordance with Section 501 and Section 552 of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named “Water Access Charge”.

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- b. An annual water availability charge based on water meter size for non-rateable and multi residential properties as follows:

<b>PRICING STRUCTURE – GREATER HUME WATER SCHEME</b>	
<b>Component</b>	<b>2015/2016 Charges</b>
<b>Water Meter Size</b>	
20mm	\$339.00
25mm	\$375.00
32mm	\$425.00
40mm	\$493.00
50mm	\$574.00
80mm	\$792.00

be charged per meter on all multi residential rateable land categorised as Residential or Residential-Villages in accordance with Section 501 and Section 552 of the Local Government Act 1993 and non-rateable land in accordance with Section 503 of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named "Water Access Charge".

- c. An annual water availability charge of three hundred and thirty nine dollars (\$339.00) be charged on all unmetered rateable land categorised as Business in accordance with Section 501 and Section 552 of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named "Water Access Charge".
- d. An annual water availability charge based on water meter size as follows:

<b>PRICING STRUCTURE – GREATER HUME WATER SCHEME</b>	
<b>Component</b>	<b>2015/2016 Charges</b>
<b>Water Meter Size</b>	
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be charged per meter on all rateable land categorised as Business or Farmland in accordance with Section 501 and Section 552 of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named "Water Access Charge".

- e. A water consumption charge per kilolitre as follows:

<b>PRICING STRUCTURE – GREATER HUME WATER SCHEME</b>	
<b>Component</b>	<b>2015/2016 Charges</b>
<b>Usage Charge per KL \$</b>	
< 200kl per kl	\$1.60
>200kl per kl	\$2.40

be charged on all metered assessments in accordance with Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named "Water Consumption".

### **SEWERAGE RATES**

Council makes the sewerage charges for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2015 as follows.

- a. An annual sewerage availability charge of five hundred and four dollars (\$504.00) per assessment be charged on all strata, single residential and unmetered rateable land categorised Residential in accordance with Section 501 and Section 552 of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named "Sewer Access Charge".

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- b. An annual sewerage availability charge based on water meter size for non-rateable assessments and multi residential properties as follows:

<b>PRICING STRUCTURE – GREATER HUME SEWER SCHEME</b>	
<b>Component</b>	<b>2015/2016 Charges</b>
<b>Water Meter Size</b>	
20mm	\$254.00
25mm	\$288.00
32mm	\$334.00
40mm	\$390.00
50mm	\$465.00
80mm	\$640.00

be charged per meter on all multi residential rateable land categorised as Residential in accordance with Section 501 and Section 552 of the Local Government Act 1993 and non-rateable land in accordance with Section 503 of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named "Sewer Access Charge".

- c. An annual sewerage availability charge of five hundred and four dollars (\$504.00) be charged on all unmetered rateable land categorised as Business in accordance with Section 501 and Section 552 of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named "Sewer Access Charge".
- d. An annual sewerage availability charge based on water meter size as follows:

<b>PRICING STRUCTURE – GREATER HUME SEWER SCHEME</b>	
<b>Component</b>	<b>2015/2016 Charges</b>
<b>Water Meter Size</b>	
20mm	\$254.00
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50mm	\$465.00
80mm	\$640.00



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be charged per meter on all rateable land categorised as Business in accordance with Section 501 and Section 552 of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named "Sewer Access Charge".

- e. A sewerage usage charge per kilolitre will be charged on all non-residential metered assessments with sewerage discharge as follows:

<b>PRICING STRUCTURE – GREATER HUME SEWER SCHEME</b>	
<b>Component</b>	<b>2012/2013 Charges</b>
<b>Usage Charge per KL \$</b>	\$1.36 per kilolitre for all non-residential discharges.

be charged on all metered non-residential assessments with sewerage discharge subject to the aligned discharge factor in accordance with Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named "Non Residential Sewer Usage Charge".

- f. In accordance with Section 542 of the Local Government Act 1993 the minimum charge (being the combined total of the Sewer Access Charge and the Non Residential Sewer Usage Charge) applicable to non-residential metered assessments will be five hundred and four dollars (\$504.00) for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Council makes the waste management charges for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 as follows.

**Residential**

- a. A domestic waste management collection charge of two hundred and thirty five dollars (\$235.00) per service be charged on all occupied rateable land other than land classified as Business which have a domestic waste management service available in accordance with Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named "Garbage – Domestic".

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**Commercial**

- a. A commercial waste management collection charge of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) per service in respect of each parcel of land to which a non-domestic waste management service (garbage and recycling) is both available and provided under Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named "Garbage – Commercial".
- b. A commercial waste management collection charge of two hundred and twenty dollars (\$220.00) per service in respect of each parcel of land to which a non-domestic waste management service (garbage only) is both available and provided under Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named "Waste – Garbage Only Service".
- c. A commercial waste management collection charge of one hundred and fifteen dollars (\$115.00) per service in respect of each parcel of land to which a non-domestic waste management service (recycling only) is both available and provided under Section 502 of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named "Waste – Recycling Only Service".

**Vacant Land**

- a. A waste management charge of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per assessment be charged on all vacant rateable land located within designated domestic waste scavenging areas in accordance with Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993 be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named "Garbage – Domestic Vacant Land".

**ON SITE SEWAGE MANAGEMENT CHARGE**

Council makes the on-site sewerage management charge for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 as follows.

An on-site sewage management charge of twenty dollars (\$20) per annum in respect of each parcel of land or rateable assessment where a dwelling(s) or other occupied building(s) is/are connected to any form of on-site sewage management system or systems be now made for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 and in accordance with Section 543(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 this charge be named "Onsite Sewage Management Chg".

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**INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES**

The rate of interest to be charged on overdue rates and charges in accordance with Section 566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 be set at eight point five percent (8.50%) per annum on a daily simple interest basis for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.

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**3. LOANS TO COMMUNITY GROUPS POLICY**

**Report prepared by Director Corporate & Community Services – David Smith**

**REASON FOR REPORT**

To propose an amendment to Council's existing Financial Assistance to Community Groups – Loans Policy.

**REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION**

Strategy 1.3 Enhance the opportunities for volunteer groups to receive the maximum funding possible.

Action 1.3.2 Increase opportunities for community project funding ensuring potential projects are well planned and plans are well advanced and regularly updated.

**DISCUSSION**

As discussed at the Interim Budget Workshop held on 1 April 2015, Council's Financial Assistance to Community Groups policy currently states that a fixed interest rate of 5%p.a. will apply to all loans made under the policy. As councillors would be aware, interest rates are currently at historically low levels and management are of the view that the rate of 5% applying to loans to community groups is too high and that the existing policy should be amended.

That being the case, it is recommended that the applicable interest rate be reduced to 3% per annum effective from 1 July 2015 and that the rate be reviewed in May each year taking into account prevailing interest rates at the time. No other amendments to the policy are proposed at this time. A copy of the revised policy is attached as **ANNEXURE 5**.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Very minor impact of Council's budget position as the proposed interest rate of 3% is in line with current investment returns.

**CONCLUSION**

Council's Financial Assistance to Community Groups – Loans Policy is aimed at assisting volunteer groups to access low-cost funds to facilitate the provision of community infrastructure. Accordingly, the applicable interest rate under the policy should be consistent with current interest rate trends.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Financial Assistance to Community Groups – Loans Policy be amended to provide for a fixed interest rate of 3% per annum from 1 July 2015 applying to all loans issued under the policy.

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## **ENGINEERING**

### **1. TREE REMOVAL COMPLAINT - BURRUMBUTTOCK**

**Report prepared by Director Engineering – Greg Blackie**

#### **REASON FOR REPORT**

To table a letter of complaint regarding the removal of a tree on Council land at Burrumbuttock and to consider a change to the notification process.

#### **REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION**

Strategy 5.2 To provide and maintain safe and serviceable public facilities and infrastructure including roads, drainage and footpaths.

Action 5.2.6. Ensure that a quality rural road network is provided and maintained throughout the shire.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Dr Maggie Watson of 43 Howlong Road Burrumbuttock has written a letter of complaint to Council and has requested that the letter be tabled at Council. A copy of the letter is attached in **ANNEXURE 6**.

The letter follows the removal by Council of a tree that was located in an unused Council "green" lane at the rear of the properties that front Howlong-Burrumbuttock Road.

The general complaint in the letter relates to the Council process for notifying nearby residents when considering the removal of a tree/s on Council land. It also calls on Council to introduce a Tree Preservation Orders process.

The tree in this instance was a non-native "Peppercorn Tree" that was impacting on existing and future private infrastructure and that could have led to future liability claim against Council.

The current process Council utilises before the removal of any tree has been in place for many years and is a documented process in which the tree is inspected and assessed and the public notified prior to the removal of any tree. See **ANNEXURE 6** for a copy of Council's Tree Management Policy, Tree Inspection Assessment and Recommendation Procedure and associated form.

The process commences with a request received by Council or from staff regarding a tree. Council's Parks and Town Maintenance Ganger then assesses the tree, taking into consideration aspects such as site conditions, tree characteristics and defects and impact on adjoining infrastructure (both private and public). It concludes with a recommendation. The assessment and recommendation is then forwarded to the writer for consideration. If further assessment is considered appropriate a qualified tree arborist is then employed to undertake a detailed assessment of the tree.

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If after all required assessments are completed a recommendation for removal is determined, the tree is marked with a prominent green cross. Public comment is then received for 14 days after the placement of the cross. If no comment is received then arrangements are made for the tree to be removed.

Council does not notify surrounding residents in writing because this process was previously undertaken and found to be cumbersome and ineffective, and did not engage the wider community. Problems identified when using the letter notification process included:

- the time for letters to reach individuals,
- the issue of absentee landholders not getting a say within the allotted time;
- tenants not being notified as they are not the land owner, and
- nearby residents may have some interest in the tree not being made aware of a tree being removed.

It has been found that marking a tree is very effective in informing the public that something is going to occur to the tree as was to the case with the recent removal of the large Sugar Gum at the Henty Memorial Park reported at the March 2015 Meeting.

As Council is aware Council maintains more than 2,000km of rural roads and nine Towns and villages including many streets, parks and "green lanes".

To notify every adjoining owner in writing about every tree that is identified for removal would be well beyond Council's budget, time consuming and not effective for the reasons described above. The current process has been found to be very effective in its results and accepted by the community. In this instance the notification process was found to be less effective as the tree was in a "green" lane away from reasonable public viewing.

Following this incident it is recommended that an addition be made to the tree removal procedure for those trees situated in "green" lanes or "obscure locations" to include Council staff notifying immediate landowner(s) either in person or by leaving a prepared notice at the residence at the time the tree is marked for removal.

It is considered that the addition will further improve the current process.

A statement within the letter of complaint also indicates that NSW planning legislation dictates that any tree over 4.5m high requires Council approval before removal. This is not correct as NSW Government planning provisions for the protection of trees was delegated to Council a number of years ago.

The government however introduced a new standard Instrument LEP "Preservation of trees or vegetation" (5.9) to encourage the standardisation of LEPs across local areas and replace individual Council Tree Protection Orders. Council when adopting its latest LEP in 2013 adopted the standard instrument with changes based on the local environment.

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A copy of Chapter 7 Vegetation Removal of the Greater Hume Development Control Plan (GHDCP) shown in **ANNEXURE 6** dictates that only the following nominated tree species require approval prior to being removed: River Red Gum, White Cypress Pine, Black Cypress Pine, Blakely's Gum, Yellow Box, Grey Box and White Box Trees, and also only if they are 5m high or more and are located in the RU5 Village Zone, R2 Low Density Residential Zone, R5 Large Lot Residential Zone or SP3 Tourism Zone.

**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

The proposed addition to the tree inspection and recommendation procedure will add some additional costs however the cost will be able to be managed within Council current budget for tree management.

**CONCLUSION**

Whilst it is clear in this instance that the concerned landowner was not aware of Council's intention to remove the tree in question, the process in which Council undertook the assessment and notification was correct. This incident has, however, shown where an improvement could be made and it is recommended that the change in process be endorsed by Council

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. receive the tabled letter from Dr Maggie Watson of 43 Howlong Road Burrumbuttock, and
2. endorse the change in procedure that in addition to the marking of a cross, if the tree is in a rear laneway or "green" lane or an "obscure location" that the immediate landowners be notified by staff verbally when they are marking the tree and if the owner is not present a standard notice advising of Council's intention to remove the tree be left at the residence.

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**2. DRINKING WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

**Report prepared by Director Engineering – Greg Blackie and Manager  
Water & Sewer – Tom Plunkett**

**REASON FOR REPORT**

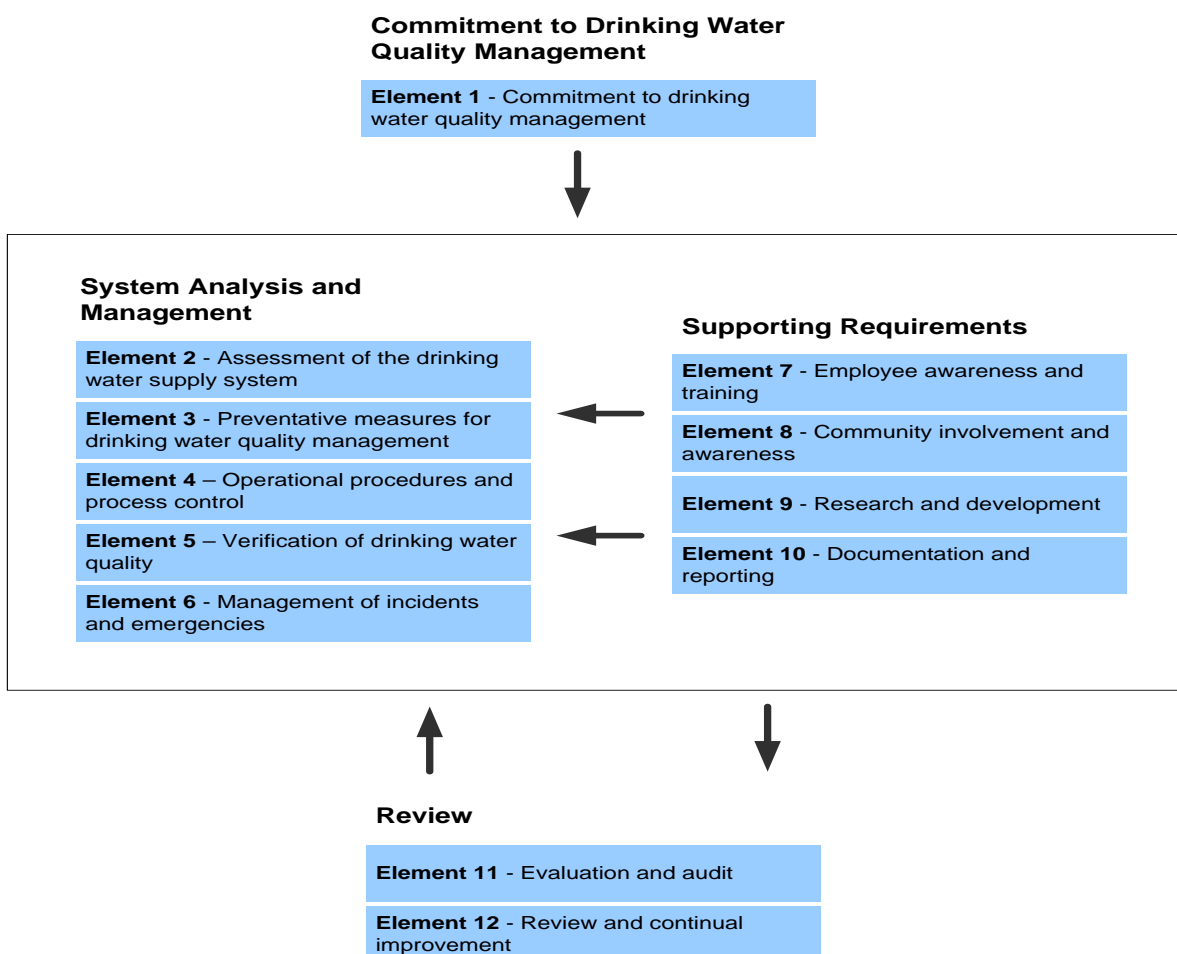
To present to Council a Draft Drinking Water Management System (DWMS) for endorsement.

**REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION**

Not applicable.

**DISCUSSION**

The *NSW Public Health Act 2010* (the Act) was passed by Parliament at the end of 2010 and came into effect on 1 September 2012. The Act includes the requirement for water suppliers to produce a drinking water management system (DWMS) that complies with the Public Health Regulation 2012 (NSW) (The Regulation). These documents form Greater Hume Shire Council's response to the development of a drinking water management system and is based on the 12 Elements, 32 Components and 76 Actions of the "Framework for the Management of Drinking Water Quality" provided in the *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG) 2011*. A summary of the Framework elements are presented below.





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To assist councils preparing a complying DWMS, NSW Department of Health funded NSW Public Works consultants to work with Council staff and the NSW Office of Water in preparing the DWMS. In developing the DWMS, Greater Hume Shire Council undertook a risk assessment workshop on 5 and 6 February 2014 for the Culcairn and Villages Water Supplies. The workshop involved analysing historical water quality and flow data, site visits and speaking to Council's operators to identify critical control points from catchment to the consumer and to establish mechanisms for operational control to ensure that unsafe water is not released into the distribution systems and that it is protected from contamination during distribution. These documents act as a roadmap of the activities that Council undertakes to ensure the provision of safe drinking water to its customers.

A number of actions were identified through the risk assessment and a Drinking Water Quality Improvement Plan has been developed. The actions are assigned to staff members, and where necessary, external contractors/consultants to follow-up. The improvement plan is to be reviewed regularly as actions are completed and as part of the annual planning cycle.

This suite of documents that make up the draft Drinking Water Management System is also supported by a range of procedures, registers, data management systems, flow diagrams and process and instrumentation diagrams which are all referenced at appropriate points in the documents.

This Drinking Water Management System documents are living documents that will be reviewed and updated in a timely manner.

The implementation of the Risk Based Drinking Water Management System document and the supporting documents, the Water Quality Risk Assessment Workshop Output Paper, Critical Control Point, Standard Operating Procedures and Incident Response Plans and the Drinking Water Quality Improvement Plan, will assist Council to ensure that the water supplied is safe for human consumption.

A Draft Drinking Water Management System document has been **ENCLOSED SEPARATELY** containing the following sections:

1. Risk- Based Drinking Water Management System
2. Water Quality Risk Assessment Workshop Output Paper
3. Critical Control Points, Standard Operating Procedures and Incident Response Plans
4. Drinking Water Quality Improvement Plan

**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

All elements as detailed in the document have been costed within Council's current 4 Year Delivery Plan and Council's Long Term Financial Plan for Water and Wastewater.

**CONCLUSION**

The attached draft documents make up Council's Drinking Water Management System that shows commitment and provides a set of strategies to managing its drinking water supply systems effectively to ensure consumers are provided with safe, high-quality water that complies with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

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DRINKING WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM [CONT'D]

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the Drinking Water Management System (DWMS).

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**3. RENAMING OF OLD HUME HIGHWAY NORTH OF HOLBROOK AS SYDNEY ROAD**

**Report prepared by Manager Assets – Andrew Vonarx**

**REASON FOR REPORT**

To confirm 'Sydney Road' as the name for the old Hume Highway section from Albury Street to its northern end.

**REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION**

Strategy 5.2; To provide and maintain safe and serviceable public facilities and infrastructure including roads, drainage and footpaths.

**DISCUSSION**

Council, at its April meeting resolved:

*"That Council advertise the proposal to rename the old Hume Highway north of Albury St to its northern end as Sydney Road."*

The proposed road name has been advertised for the minimum of two weeks and is now being brought back to council with no comments received.

**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

Minor cost for the installation of standard signage at the intersections with Albury Street and also at Racecourse Road. This can be met from Council's existing roads budget.

**CONCLUSION**

The proposed road name has been advertised for the minimum of two weeks and is now being brought back to council with no comments received.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council confirm the renaming of the old Hume Highway north of Albury St to its northern end as 'Sydney Road' and the relevant authorities and residents be notified.

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## **ITEM TO BE REFERRED TO CLOSED COUNCIL**

### **1. POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF LAND – ROSLER PARADE, HENTY**

**Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck**

#### **REASON FOR REPORT**

To provide an update to Council on the possible sale of the Sweetwater Retirement Complex and the purchase by Council of Lots 56 & 57 DP 270552 at Henty.

#### **REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS**

**Strategy 5.05** – To maintain our health and aged care services.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Reports were submitted to the April and October 2014 and the March 2015 meeting outlining a proposal to acquire Lots 56 & 57 DP 270552 in lieu of outstanding rates and charges owing by Sweetwater Living Pty Ltd (in Receivership).

At the October 2014 Council meeting the following was resolved:-

*That subject to a developer purchasing the 33 vacant allotments in the Sweetwater Retirement Complex:*

- 1. Council purchase Lots 56 & 57 DP 270552 for an amount of \$98,750 (exc. GST) to facilitate the reopening of Rosler Parade.*
- 2. the consideration for Lots 56 & 57 DP 270552 be offset against rates and charges outstanding to Greater Hume Shire Council.*
- 3. remaining rates and charges outstanding to Greater Hume Shire Council be funded from the sale proceeds.*

Following consideration of a report submitted to the March 2015 meeting Council resolved:-

*That Council advise Jirsch Sutherland that it does not intend to proceed with the purchase of Lots 56 & 57 DP 270552, Rosler Parade, Henty at this time.*

Negotiations have continued with Receivers Jirsch Sutherland and another offer has been submitted for Council's consideration.

If Council is able to facilitate a sale of the Sweetwater Retirement Complex it will deliver a number of positive outcomes including:

1. Enable the reopening of Rosler Parade (previously closed to facilitate parts for the development that will no longer proceed).
2. Extinguish significant outstanding rates and charges owing on the complex.
3. Provides opportunities for further development within the complex.
4. Potentially provide an economic stimulus for Henty.

Council has engaged Solicitors, Commins Hendricks to act on our behalf.

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POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF LAND – ROSLER PARADE, HENTY [CONT'D]

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

As advised to the October 2014 Council meeting the proposed acquisition of Lots 56 & 57 DP 270552, Rosler Parade, Henty will have a negative impact on cash flow in the short to medium term.

**CONCLUSION**

As the potential acquisition of Lots 56 & 57 DP 270552, Rosler Parade at Henty will have implications for the Mortgagors of the Sweetwater Living Retirement Village and existing property owners within the development it is recommended that the matter be referred to Closed Council in accordance with section 10 A (2) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the potential acquisition of Lots 56 & 57 DP 270552, Rosler Parade at Henty be referred to Closed Council in accordance with section 10 A (2) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

**REASON FOR REFERRAL**

On balance the need to preserve the confidentiality of the terms of the Contract of Sale for the acquisition of DP 270552 Rosler Parade at Henty outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Council decision making because the disclose of this information could compromise the commercial position of the Mortgagors in possession.

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## **PART B - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **GOVERNANCE**

#### **1. OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CIRCULARS**

##### **REASON FOR REPORT**

To ensure councillors are updated with changes to legislation or the strategic direction of Local Government in NSW.

##### **DISCUSSION**

**ENCLOSED SEPARATELY** with the agenda is a listing of OLG Circulars 15 - 21/2015. Copies of OLG Circulars are available from the website [www.olg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au) or alternatively by contacting Council.

##### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

##### **CONCLUSION**

For councillors' information.

#### **2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW SOUTH WALES (LGNSW) – WEEKLY CIRCULARS**

##### **REASON FOR REPORT**

To ensure councillors are updated with changes to legislation or the strategic direction of Local Government in NSW.

##### **DISCUSSION**

**ENCLOSED SEPARATELY** is a listing of Table of Contents of LGNSW Weekly Circulars and 19 to 23/2015. Copies of LGSA Weekly Circulars are available from the website [www.lgsa.org.au](http://www.lgsa.org.au) or alternatively by contacting Council.

##### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

##### **CONCLUSION**

For councillors' information.

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**3. TOURISM AND PROMOTIONS OFFICER'S REPORT**

**Report by Tourism and Promotions Officer – Kerrie Wise**

**REASON FOR REPORT**

To update councillors regarding working projects undertaken by the Tourism and Promotions Officer.

**DISCUSSION**

Attached, at **ANNEXURE 7** is the report on projects being undertaken by the Tourism and Promotions Officer, Kerrie Wise.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**CONCLUSION**

For councillors' information.

**4. ANNUAL LEAVE – GENERAL MANAGER**

**Report prepared by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck**

**REASON FOR REPORT**

To advise councillors of annual leave to be taken by the General Manager.

**REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS**

Nil.

**DISCUSSION**

Staff Leave

I advise that the Mayor has approved annual leave for the General Manager from Monday, 28 June to Friday, 3 July

David Smith will act in the position General Manager for that period.

**CONCLUSION**

For councillors' information.

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**1. CUSTOMER REQUEST MODULE – SUMMARIES OF MONTHLY REQUESTS**

For councillors' information, the Customer Request Module reports are **ENCLOSED SEPARATELY**.

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**2. STATEMENTS OF BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 MAY 2015**

Attached, in **ANNEXURE 8** are the statements of bank balances and investment report as at 31 May 2015.

**3. HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT FOR MAY 2015**

**REASON FOR REPORT**

To advise councillors on human resources activities such as new staff, resignations and staff development programmes.

**REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION**

Strategy 9.4 To provide appropriate training and mentoring for our shire's workforce.  
Action 9.4.1 Implement continual learning actions.

**DISCUSSION**

No staff commenced or ceased duties with Greater Hume during May 2015.

**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

Nil.

**CONCLUSION**

For councillors' information.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT TENDERS**

**Report prepared by Director Corporate & Community Services – David Smith**

**REASON FOR REPORT**

To advise councillors of the signing of tenders through Local Government Procurement.

**REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION**

Not applicable.

**DISCUSSION**

Local Government Procurement (LGP) recently completed prescribed tendering contracts for the Supply of Electricity for Buildings and Facilities (Large Sites), Buildings and Facilities (Small Sites) and Unmetered Public Lighting (Street Lighting)

Following supplier evaluation and assessment, ERM Energy was selected as the recommended tenderer by LGP for the Supply of Unmetered Public Lighting and Origin Energy selected for Buildings and Facilities (Large Sites). Greater Hume Shire Council along with a number of other participating councils authorised LGP to proceed with the tender arrangements and final contracts have now been signed by the participating organisations. All contracts conclude 31 December 2018.



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CONFIRMATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT TENDERS [CONT'D]

Pricing achieved through the tender process for Unmetered Public Lighting was significantly lower than the maximum benchmark price of an average of 4.5c/kWh set by LGP at the commencement of the tender process. Actual pricing under the contract for the period 1/1/2018 to 31/12/2018 is an average of 4.04c/kWh. Whilst this pricing is higher than the current average contract rate of 3.7c/kWh for the period 1/7/2015 to 30/6/2016 it is nonetheless lower than the maximum benchmark price determined by LGP and enables Council to lock-in a competitive pricing structure until the end of 2018.

Pricing submitted by Origin Energy for Buildings and Facilities (Large Sites) of 5.477c/kWh (Peak and Shoulder periods ) and 3.1816c/kWh (Off Peak Times) is also well below the maximum benchmark price of 5.9c/kWh (Peak and Shoulder periods) and 3.9c/kWh (Off Peak times) set by LGP at the commencement of the tender process. Like the pricing for Unmetered Public Lighting, pricing under the Buildings and Facilities (Large Sites) contract is higher than the current contract rates however as mentioned the pricing it is lower than the maximum benchmark price determined by LGP and enables Council to lock-in a competitive pricing structure until the end of 2018.

In relation to the tender process for small tariff sites, the rates obtained by this tender process have resulted in a reduction of 50% below the Peak benchmark price for Small Tariff Sites. The benchmark price was the maximum acceptable price pre-approved by the participating councils and organisations for acceptance by LGP.

Fifteen NSW Councils (15) (Participating Councils) and five (5) Not-for Profit (NFP) organisations gave authorisation to LGP to run a request for tender on their behalf for the supply of small tariff site electricity. The Small Sites tenders encompassed over 1,600 small tariff sites across NSW.

The best offer received from Powerdirect Pty Ltd provides a 24% discount on their standard retailer energy consumption rates excluding ancillary/controlled load. This equates to a total savings of ~\$1.26 million over the total agreement term across all participating Councils.

**BUDGET IMPLICATION**

Operational costs associated with the supply of electricity costs are included in Council's annual budget. It is anticipated that the competitive pricing negotiated by LGP on Council's behalf for these essential utilities will result in significant ongoing savings for the duration of the contracts.

**CONCLUSION**

For councillors' information.

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## **ENGINEERING**

### **1. REPORT OF WORKS – MAY 2015**

#### **Grants Program**

##### **State Roads Maintenance (RMCC):**

Maintenance works on state roads under the RMCC with the Roads and Maritime Services is continuing.

Replacement of drainage culverts, headwalls and associated sediment control has been completed on MR78 (Olympic Hwy) 6km south of The Rock.

Heavy patching on MR78 (Olympic Hwy) on a number of segments is complete. A number of smaller patches are undergoing repairs.

##### **Regional Roads Block Grant:**

Heavy Patching on MR331 (Jingellic Rd) is complete.

#### **Local Roads**

##### **Sealed:**

3km of the 10.5km project has been completed and sealed as part of Alma Park Rd widening project from Lockhart boundary.

Pavement maintenance on local roads is ongoing.

##### **Unsealed:**

Maintenance grading has taken place on the following roads in May.

Barbers Rd	Humphreys Rd
Boxwood Park Rd	Kensall Green Rd
Brittas Reserve Rd	Lenons Rd
Chambers Rd	Reapers Rd
Coppabella Rd	Reynella Rd
Crawleys Rd	Roblins Rd
Diffseys Rd	Scholz Rd
Ferguson Rd	Sherwyn Rd
Fowlers Rd	Whoemarks Rd
Glenelg Ln	Walla Stock Route
Graetz Rd	Waterworks Rd
Henty Swamp Rd	Wenkes Rd
Hickory Hill Rd	Wymah Rd

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REPORT OF WORKS [CONT'D]

**Urban Streets:**

Drainage maintenance has been undertaken in Culcairn and Holbrook, including drainage and table drain rehabilitation in Murray St, Holbrook.

Footpath grinding has taken place in Culcairn and Holbrook.

**General:**

Roadside slashing has been undertaken on Bowna Rd, Selby Rd, Bungowannah Rd, Brocklesby Goombargana Rd and Burrumbuttock Walla Rd.

General maintenance of parks, gardens and public toilets throughout the shire is ongoing

**Monthly Works Maintenance Expenditure:**

Local Roads Program	Original Budget	Amended Budget (September budget Review)	YTD Budget	YTD Expenditure	YTD Variance
Urban Roads Sealed	\$540,000	\$540,000	\$495,000	\$412,460	\$82,540
Urban Roads Unsealed	\$90,000	\$116,000	\$106,333	\$52,513	\$53,820
Rural Roads Sealed	\$790,000	\$820,000	\$751,667	\$579,237	\$172,430
Rural Roads Unsealed	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$916,667	\$1,085,519	\$168,852
Street Tree Maintenance	\$220,000	\$236,200	\$216,517	\$200,880	\$15,637

Regional Roads Program	Original Budget	Amended Budget (March Budget Review)	YTD Budget	YTD Expenditure	YTD Variance
Maintenance	\$521,782	\$528,998	\$484,915	\$517,078	- \$ 32,163
Traffic Facilities	\$129,030	\$130,000	\$119,167	\$96,702	\$22,465

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**2. WATER AND SEWER REPORT – MAY 2015**

**Capital Works Program:**

- Install backflow prevention devices on all Culcairn SPS.
- Ordered new valve pit lids for Culcairn SPS.
- Young St Holbrook sewer main relining.
- Wattle St Culcairn sewer main relining
- Inspection and cleaning of Jindera Gap reservoir.

**New Water Services:**

- Two new water services connected at Jindera.
- One new water service connected at Gerogery.

**Operation & Maintenance:**

- Three service repairs carried out in Culcairn.
- One water main repair carried out at in the Jindera area.
- Meter reading completed.
- Raise valve covers Urana St Jindera.

**Drinking Water Monitoring Program:**

- Eight water samples for Microbial Water Analysis submitted in the month of May 2015 for Villages and Culcairn Water Supply have all complied with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

**Quarterly Waste Water Sampling:**

- Waste water samples taken for analysis in the month of May 2015 for Sewerage Schemes have all complied with EPA licence requirements.

**Upcoming Month:**

- Ongoing fire hydrant repairs being conducted throughout the Culcairn water mains reticulation.
- Villages Water Scheme, water main maintenance.
- Drilling of new bore for Culcairn TWS.
- Ongoing – installation of backflow prevention devices for Culcairn SPS.
- Ongoing - reservoir repairs in the Village water supply scheme.

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## **ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

### **1. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2015**

Attached, as **ANNEXURE 9** is the schedule of development applications processed for the month of May 2015.

### **2. SENIOR WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT – MAY 2015**

Green Cestrum inspections along the Billabong Creek from Walbundrie to Rand have all been completed for this year. Some plants were found to have regrown from the control work done last year and were retreated.

Horehound spraying has commenced along the roads in the western part of the shire around Walbundrie and Brocklesby. African Boxthorn along these roads is being treated at the same time using the cut and paste method.

Inspections for African Boxthorn and Montpellier Broom have been carried out in and around Henty and Jindera.

At the recent ERNWAG meeting held in Albury guest speaker Neil Durning from Ag & Vet Agronomy Services outlined the increasing amount of resistance present in various vegetation species across the Riverina and what options are available to spray operators. This talk should hopefully assist councils to reduce the amount of resistance occurring on our roadside verges.

The Senior Weeds Officer recently had a visit from four year 6 students at the Culcairn Public School. The subject is titled 'Local Land Heroes' under the 2015 Creative Catchment Kids program. The project encourages primary school children with an interest in agriculture and the environment to identify local individuals, couples, a business or industry making a difference in their local community by contributing to productive agriculture.

After a tour of the work place that involved visiting a red guide post area, the prickly pear bio-control site and the roadside regeneration on Britta Reserve Road the students returned to school where the information and photographs gathered by the students will be used to produce a 12-page booklet.

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**3. RANGER'S REPORT – MAY 2015**

**COMPANION ANIMALS**

<b>No. of Complaints Received 29</b>		<b>Including 7 barking dogs and 14 roaming dogs. 1 aggressive dog. Dealing with 1 excessive numbers of animals kept, 5 Infringements issued.</b>	
No. of dog attacks:	3	Location:	
		Culcairn	1 dog killed a lamb and the dog was surrendered by its owner.
		Holbrook	Sheep being herded and attacked. Cameras installed. Neighbouring properties visited and investigations continuing.
		Holbrook	A dog entered a yard and killed a chicken and took it away. Dog located and investigations continuing.
		Holbrook	One lamb killed in a paddock. No dogs identified.
		Gerogery West	A dog rushed out and bit another dog and investigations continuing.
		Henty	A dog entered a yard and killed 2 chickens. Investigations continuing.
		Jindera	2 dogs were chasing cows in a paddock. Nuisance dog orders and infringements issued.
		Jindera	2 dogs were roaming and showing unreasonable behaviour towards multiple children and adults walking to school. Notice of intention to declare menacing dog orders issued and a letter of appeal received and being assessed.
Comments:			
		<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>
<b>In Council's Facility at Beginning of Month</b>			
<b>Captured &amp; Returned to Owners</b>		6	
<b>Captured &amp; Impounded</b>		11	15
<b>Released from Pound to Owners</b>		7	3
<b>Surrendered by Owners</b>		1	
<b>Rehomed</b>		1	
<b>Euthanased</b>		3	8
<b>Remaining in Council's Facility at End of Month</b>			4

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**FERAL CATS**

<b>No. of Complaints:</b>	6
<b>No. Feral Cats caught:</b>	28

**LIVESTOCK**

	<b>Cattle</b>	<b>Sheep</b>	<b>Horses</b>	<b>Goats</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>No. of Reports of Stock on Roads</b>	6	6		1	
<b>Instances - Returned to owners</b>	6	5		1	
<b>Impounded</b>		1			
<b>Vehicle accidents involving stock</b>					

**OTHER LIVESTOCK, WILDLIFE COMPLAINTS**

2 kangaroos euthanased after being injured in the Jingellic Road area.

**ABANDONED VEHICLES**

One abandoned vehicle removed by owner in Jindera.

One abandoned vehicle removed by the owner in the Culcairn area.

Eight vehicles remain impounded.

<b>POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS</b>	
<b>Inspection conducted: Overgrown Vegetation Unsafe Land</b>	One notice of proposed order issued.
<b>Pollution: Noise</b>	Jindera, Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook and Morven – dogs barking complaints and owners spoken to.  Holbrook – barking dog. Dog removed.  Holbrook and Jindera – roosters noise complaints and orders issued.
<b>Pollution: Waste</b>	Jindera – white goods dumped in a laneway were removed by their owner.  Jindera – tyres and oil left on road reserve removed by Council employees as owner not identified.

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<p><b>Pollution: Air</b></p> <p><b>Backyard burning</b></p>	<p>Brocklesby- trucks entering and exiting Grain Corp facility creating dust issues. Letter sent to Grain Corp and contractor advising to control the dust.</p> <p>An article is being run in the community newsletters advising residents of requirements for backyard burning, wood heaters and your health and for firewood collection permits required.</p>
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**ON-SITE SEWERAGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

<b>Inspection Type</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Compliant</b>	<b>Orders for Work Issued</b>	<b>Re-Inspection Required</b>
<b>OSMS Compliance Inspections</b>	2			2
<b>Pre-Purchase Inspections</b>	2		2 2 reports written	
<b>OSMS Orders Compliance Inspections</b>				

**OTHER WORKS CONDUCTED**

- OSMS inspections and register updates continuing.
- Checking the compliance for unregistered and barking dogs.
- Overgrown vegetation inspections.
- Dangerous and menacing dog inspections for compliance.
- Checking for compliance with firewood collection permits.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Part B of the Agenda be received and noted.



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## **PART C – COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS**

Attached, in **ANNEXURE 10**, are minutes/notes of the following meetings:

- Minutes Of The Greater Hume Youth Advisory Committee Meeting held on 4 June 2015
- Minutes of the General Meeting of the Riverina and Murray Regional Organisation Of Councils (Ramroc), held in the Ian Gilbert Room at Jerilderie Shire Council on Wednesday 6 May 2015
- Minutes of the Greater Hume Shire Council Work Health and Safety/Risk Management Committee Meeting held on 2 June 2015
- Minutes of the Walla Walla Community Development Committee Meeting held on 4 May 2015.

### **DELEGATES REPORTS**

#### **Meetings and Representations by the Mayor**

13 May 2015 Culcairn. Fit for the Future workshop  
14 May 2015 Holbrook. Volunteers Week. Presentation @ Submarine Museum  
27 May 2015 Walbundrie. 2015 Red Cross Zone Conference  
28 May 2015 Holbrook. Rotary International Dinner  
29 May 2015 Tumut. SWG meeting  
02 June 2015 Mullengandra. FFtF Community meeting  
03 June 2015 Burrumbuttock. FFtF Community meeting  
04 June 2015 Culcairn. FFtF Community meeting  
09 June 2015 Henty. Meeting re HMFd with Board  
10 June 2015 Lankeys Creek. Yarara Gap meeting with community  
12 June 2015 Holbrook. Meeting re proposed feasibility study re rail upgrade Culcairn to Holbrook  
12 June 2015 Holbrook. Meeting with Elizabeth Haberman ERC  
13 June 2015 Interview on radio re GHSC happenings  
17 June 2015 FFtF workshop and finalise submission  
18 June 2015 Holbrook. Meeting @ Holbrook Health Service with CE and Chairman of Board  
18 June 2015 Holbrook. EDO meeting

#### **Meetings and Representations by the Deputy Mayor**

Report is attached as **ANNEXURE 10**.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Part C of the Agenda be received and noted.