



Greater Hume Shire

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ORDINARY MEETING OF GREATER HUME SHIRE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 19 JULY 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of the Greater Hume Shire Council will be held at Community Meeting Room, Library Complex, Library Court, Holbrook commencing at 6.00pm.

GREG BLACKIE
Acting GENERAL MANAGER

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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

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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- Environment and Planning
- Corporate and Community Services
- Engineering

PART B For Information

- Governance
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- Engineering
- Environment and Planning

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NOTICE OF MOTION

1. **NOTICE OF MOTION – CR QUINN – MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION –
POLICY POSITION OF GREATER HUME SHIRE COUNCIL**

Greater Hume is a large rural shire with significant foreshore frontage to the Hume Weir. Environment discharges should be orderly so as not to create havoc downstream between Albury and Yarrawonga.

The recent report prepared by the RMCG Group on behalf of irrigators in the Murray Valley identifies that the socio-economic impacts of the Murray Darling Plan on communities and local economies is much weaker than predicted in the Plan.

Greater balance between the protection of the environment and the protection of rural communities and local economies needs to be achieved. Therefore the following motion is proposed.

MOTION [Quinn/

That as a policy position, Council seeks to promote Lake Hume as a supply source for domestic water throughout the Murray Valley with access to irrigation for agriculture and water supply to stimulate industries associated with agriculture and tourism within the Murray Valley.

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OFFICERS' REPORTS – PART A – FOR DETERMINATION

GOVERNANCE

1. **LOOSE-FILL ASBESTOS IMPLEMENTATION TASKFORCE PRESENTATION -
UPDATE AND BRIEFING ON DEMOLITION PROCESS**

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

REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Council that Kelly Bird [Coordinator, Engagement] and Erin Hore [Community Liaison Officer] with the Loose-fill Asbestos Implementation Taskforce will make a presentation to inform Council regarding the demolition process of affected properties.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Nil.

DISCUSSION

Loose-fill asbestos is raw crushed asbestos, which in the 1960s and 70s was installed as ceiling insulation in an unknown number of NSW homes. Over time hazardous airborne fibres can move from the ceiling into living spaces.

The NSW Government, with input from a range of experts, has determined that demolition, comprehensive site remediation and disposal are the best ways to ensure the health and safety of the NSW community. The NSW Government has tasked the NSW Department of Fair Trading which has established the Taskforce to manage the project.

At the time of writing, the current number of properties in Greater Hume Shire testing positive to loose-fill asbestos is 38.

The Department of Fair Trading has established the Loose-fill asbestos insulation Voluntary Purchase and Demolition Program which has involved properties being tested and provision of an assistance package.

It is now appropriate that Taskforce officers make a presentation to inform councillors and the community regarding the demolition process.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil.

CONCLUSION

Greater Hume Shire Council has been actively involved in the project by way of financial assistance measures, liaison and lobbying on behalf of affected property owners, and the holding of regular support group meetings for those residents directly impacted by loose-fill asbestos. Council becoming informed regarding the demolition process is the next important step in the process.

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RECOMMENDATION

That standing orders be suspended to permit a presentation by the Loose-fill Asbestos Taskforce representatives.

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ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2017.18.1 – PRIVATE CHAIR LIFT LOT 711 DP1202940 - 4 RIBERY COURT JINDERA

Report by Consultant Planner – Habitat Planning

INTRODUCTION

Council is in receipt of a development application for a private chair lift at 4 Ribery Court, Jindera. The proposal is on land described as Lot 711 DP1202940 which is an 8.4 hectare lot at the rear of the Glenhom Estate on the southern side of Hueske Road, southwest of Jindera ("the subject land"). The applicant and landowner is Aaron Van Werkhoven.

Following lodgement of the application additional information (including an acoustical assessment) was sought from the applicant and received by Council officers.

This report represents an assessment of the application under the requirements of Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) and is being reported to Council because of a number of objections to the proposal being received.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

The proposal is described in the application as a private/non-commercial chairlift. It extends over a distance of approximately 400 metres and has been designed to operate with just four 'quad chairs'. The lift line is supported by six steel towers not exceeding 8.5 metres in height supported by a drive station at the bottom and a top station at the top. The towers are to be painted green to blend with the landscape as much as possible. The chairlift would convey users from the lower portion of the lot to near a ridgeline on the southern boundary.

The chairlift is intended for the use of the Van Werkhoven family and friends and will only be operated periodically during daylight hours falling between 9am and 8pm Monday to Friday and between 9am and 5pm on weekends. There will be no public access or use of the chairlift.

CONSULTATION & REFERRAL PROCESS

The application was notified to all surrounding and nearby landowners. Submissions were received from 10 properties during this public exhibition period. Consideration of these submissions is undertaken later in the report.

ASSESSMENT

A development application is required to be assessed by Council against the following 'matters for consideration' listed in Section 79C(1) of the EP&A Act.

The provisions of any current or draft environmental planning instrument, development control plan, or matters prescribed by the regulations:

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State Environmental Planning Policies

State Environmental Planning Policy 55 - Remediation of Land (SEPP55) requires Council to consider the potential for any land proposed for development to be contaminated. There is no evidence or known specific locations within the subject land that may have been utilised for activities leading to potential contamination. Consequently Council can be satisfied that further investigation of the land for potential contamination is not warranted.

Local Environmental Plans

The *Greater Hume Local Environmental Plan 2012* ("the LEP") is the principal environmental planning instrument applicable to the property. The relevant matters of the LEP are addressed as follows.

The subject land is zoned mostly RU4 Primary Production Small Lots under the LEP with a small portion adjoining Coogera Circuit zoned R5 Large Lot Residential. A personal chairlift best fits the land use definition in the Dictionary of the LEP of '*recreation facility (outdoor)*' being:

a building or place (other than a recreation area) used predominantly for outdoor recreation, whether or not operated for the purposes of gain, including a golf course, golf driving range, mini-golf centre, tennis court, paint-ball centre, lawn bowling green, outdoor swimming pool, equestrian centre, skate board ramp, go-kart track, rifle range, water-ski centre or any other building or place of a like character used for outdoor recreation (including any ancillary buildings), but does not include an entertainment facility or a recreation facility (major)

A '*recreation facility (outdoor)*' is permissible with consent in both the RU4 and R5 zones.

The objectives of the RU4 zone are:

- *To enable sustainable primary industry and other compatible land uses.*
- *To encourage and promote diversity and employment opportunities in relation to primary industry enterprises, particularly those that require smaller lots or that are more intensive in nature.*
- *To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones.*

The first two objectives relate to agriculture and not relevant to the application. The third requires consideration because of the adjacent R5 zone that is principally for residential purposes. In terms of a potential 'conflict', consideration needs to be given to impact of the chairlift on adjoining and nearby residents. These potential impacts are addressed later in the report.

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The chairlift is located within an area mapped for biodiversity on the Terrestrial biodiversity map in the LEP and consequently Clause 6.2 of the LEP applies. Clause 6.2(3) requires that:

(3) Before determining a development application for development on land to which this clause applies, the consent authority must consider:

(a) whether the development is likely to have:

- (i) any adverse impact on the condition, ecological value and significance of the fauna and flora on the land, and*
 - (ii) any adverse impact on the importance of the vegetation on the land to the habitat and survival of native fauna, and*
 - (iii) any potential to fragment, disturb or diminish the biodiversity structure, function and composition of the land, and*
 - (iv) any adverse impact on the habitat elements providing connectivity on the land, and*
- (b) any appropriate measures proposed to avoid, minimise or mitigate the impacts of the development.*

In addition, Clause 6.2(4) requires that:

(4) Development consent must not be granted to development on land to which this clause applies unless the consent authority is satisfied that:

- (a) the development is designed, sited and will be managed to avoid any significant adverse environmental impact, or*
- (b) if that impact cannot be reasonably avoided by adopting feasible alternatives—the development is designed, sited and will be managed to minimise that impact, or*
- (c) if that impact cannot be minimised—the development will be managed to mitigate that impact.*

It is considered that the construction and periodic operation of the chairlift will have minimal to no impact on biodiversity in the area. No trees are to be removed to accommodate the proposal. Consequently Council can be satisfied in regards to the requirements of this clause.

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Development Control Plans

There are no matters in the *Greater Hume Development Control Plan 2013* ("the DCP") directly relevant to the proposal. Section 2.11 of the DCP provides controls applicable to development considered ancillary to residential development. For rural living, the DCP cross-references the Rural Housing Code contained within *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008* ("the Codes SEPP"). Whilst there is a section in the Rural Housing Code applicable to ancillary development, it only addresses swimming pools.

The likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality

The following table assesses the likely environmental impacts of the development.

ISSUE	ACCEPTABLE	RESPONSE
Context & setting	✓	The proposed chairlift is located within a new low density residential estate near Jindera. The characteristics of this estate can be described as large new homes on large lots. Many feature large ancillary structures such as sheds that are generally of a much greater size that might be found in an urban environment. Whilst a chairlift would without doubt be a unique structure within this environment, it does not necessarily have any greater impact on the setting of the low density estate than other ancillary structures.

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ISSUE	ACCEPTABLE	RESPONSE
Noise	✓	<p>The applicant originally submitted acoustic information relating to existing chairlifts elsewhere. Having regard for the level of public interest in the application, Council officers requested an acoustical assessment specifically relating to the specifications and circumstances of the proposal. The applicant subsequently commissioned a report from Ray Walsh and Associates and this is to be relied upon for the purposes of considering the impacts of noise from the proposed chairlift. This assessment concluded as follows:</p> <p><i>Based on the noise modelling using the measured noise data from Thredbo, as detailed in Section 5 of this report, the acceptable noise limits will be met for this proposal at the closest receptors without the need for additional mitigation. It is likely in practice that the level of noise emission from the proposed private chairlift will be lower still given the size of the motors and plant being considerably smaller when compared to the Thredbo chairlift as measured.</i></p> <p><i>None the less a final compliance assessment should be undertaken once the chairlift is installed and is operational to ensure the acceptable noise limits are met. In the event that a reduction in noise emission is required, noise controls will not be onerous and could easily be implemented post installation.</i></p> <p>Based on this report by a qualified acoustical consultant it is accepted there will be no detrimental impacts arising from noise generated by the chairlift. It is appropriate however to make provision in the consent for a further acoustical assessment be undertaken by the applicant post-development if Council is given cause to do so.</p>
Access & parking	✓	No parking in addition to that available to the existing dwelling is necessary to construct and periodically operate the chairlift for private purposes.
Roads & traffic	✓	The chairlift will not generate such additional traffic that it is beyond the design capacity of existing roads both within the estate and broader road network (Hueske and Urana Roads).
Utilities	✓	Power for the chairlift can be sourced from the supply to the lot.
Heritage	✓	There are no heritage items at the site for the chairlift or on the lot within which it is located.

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ISSUE	ACCEPTABLE	RESPONSE
Archaeology	✓	There are no known archaeological items at the subject land. The likelihood of such items being present is low having regard for the elevation of the land.
Stormwater	N/A	-
Soils & erosion	✓	Any works associated with the construction will need to be undertaken in accordance with the <i>Soil and Water Management Guidelines for Subdivisions – Albury, Wodonga & Hume Councils</i> . This will require the implementation of erosion control measures to prevent the transport of sediment in stormwater away from disturbed areas.
Flora & fauna	✓	No trees are to be removed to accommodate the chairlift and there will be minimal ground disturbance to establish the six supporting towers and structures at both ends.
Flooding	N/A	-
Bushfire	✓	The chairlift is not considered to be any more of a fire risk than other outdoor activities undertaken within the estate.
Technological hazards	N/A	-
Safety, security & crime prevention	✓	The chairlift is to be constructed in accordance with the relevant standards. As the chairlift will not be open to the public, the responsibility for its safe operation rests with the applicant.
Privacy	✓	Whilst users of the chairlift will be placed in an elevated position that will provide longer views into adjoining and nearby properties, the distance to residences will be such that privacy will not be compromised. It is noted that the slope of land in this part of the estate already means that even at ground level views are obtainable into other properties.
Landscaping	N/A	-
Overshadowing	✓	The six 8.5 metre high towers supporting the chairlift will cast a shadow, but not across any adjoining property. In any case, the shadow is minimal and less than many of the large trees in this part of the estate.
Land resources	N/A	-

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The suitability of the site for the development

The site is suitable for the proposed development because it will have little to no impact on the amenity of adjoining and nearby residents. The low density of residential development within the Glenholm Estate creates an environment where activities and structures ancillary to residential use can be accommodated in circumstances that otherwise might be unsuitable in an urban environment. It is noted that the lot upon which the chairlift is proposed is one of the largest in the estate at 8.6 hectares.

Any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the regulations

All submissions received to the application were by way of objection **ANNEXURE 1**. The issues raised in submissions are summarised and responded to in the following table.

ISSUE	RESPONSE
Possibility of expanding beyond private use.	The applicant is obliged to undertake the development in accordance with the plans and statements made in the development application. The applicant has stated that the chairlift is for private purposes only. It would be appropriate to condition the consent to reinforce this. Any change to that arrangement would require the further approval of Council and this would be advertised. Without pre-empting the outcome of any such application, it is unlikely that an expanded use would be supported.
Detrimental impact on fauna.	Having regard for the infrequent use of the chairlift, it is not considered fauna will be detrimentally affected. It is noted no trees need to be removed to install the chairlift. The extent of ground disturbance required to install the towers and the top and bottom structures is relatively minor.
Detrimental impact on landscape values.	It is acknowledged that the chairlift will be visible from public (roads etc) and private places (nearby residences). However compromised of just six towers, a small number of chairs and cables, this presence is not considered to have such impact that the application should be refused on these grounds. It is noted that the chairlift is not being introduced into a natural rural landscape as it is located within a low density residential estate comprising large residences, sheds, roads and other ancillary structures.
Removal in the event use ceases.	Obsolescence is not usually a planning consideration but within the context of this proposal it is a valid issue. In the event that the chairlift becomes inoperable over a period of time for whatever reason, it is appropriate that it be dismantled and removed. Consequently the consent should include a condition that requires the removal of the chairlift in the event it becomes derelict.
Accessibility in the event of a fire.	Plans for the proposal indicate an access road to the top station. This road would also provide access in the event of a fire, whether or not it is related to the chairlift. As the proposal is not for public purposes, the standard of this road is the responsibility of the landowner. There is no evidence to suggest that the chairlift presents as an unacceptable fire risk.

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ISSUE	RESPONSE
Loss of residential amenity.	Other than being visible, there are no other aspects of the proposal that would have an impact on the residential amenity. The nearest existing residence to the chairlift is 115 metres away. The chairlift runs parallel to the western boundary of the lot with a setback of 20 metres. The adjoining lot, when it gets created, will also be a large lot and any dwelling will be forced to the northern end because of the zone boundary.
Stated hours of operation will extend into the night for part of the year creating the possibility of lights.	This observation is correct. It is likely this was not intentional and it is appropriate that the consent be conditioned to clearly restrict the operation of the chairlift to daylight hours. Whilst the scope of operating hours sought by the applicant is extensive, the chairlift will only operate for small periods of time given it is restricted to private use.
Is the power supply adequate?	It is understood chairlift will be able to operate without straining the electricity supply to other properties.
Traffic will increase because of sightseers.	The point is taken that some traffic is likely to be generated by a small amount of people curious about the chairlift. Whilst this may be the case initially it won't be an ongoing issue. There is capacity within the local road network to accommodate any slight increase in traffic.
How is the restriction on private use to be enforced?	A condition will be imposed on the consent restricting the use to private purposes. In the event it can be demonstrated this is not being adhered to, the enforcement provisions of the EP&A Act are available to Council to ensure compliance.
Responsibility for safety.	As the chairlift is for private use, the onus is on the applicant to ensure it is safe and complies with relevant industry standards. In this regard the chairlift does not pose any threat to persons or property outside the lot boundaries. It will not be possible to secure the chairlift site because of the required post and wire fencing used in the low density residential estate. Steps could be taken however to prevent access to the towers by securing the access ladders. Providing such security can be conditioned on the consent.
Loss of amenity through noise.	Some objectors reject the claim that the operation of the chairlift will be silent and others are concerned that noise from people on the chairlift will be detrimental to their amenity. The acoustical assessment prepared specifically for the proposal adequately demonstrates there will be no detrimental impact from noise (see assessment of environmental matters above). Any noise generated from users of the chairlift is considered to be no different than that potentially generated by persons utilising outdoor areas of other large lots in the estate and is therefore not given weight as grounds for objection.
Potential breach of covenants on title.	Council is not responsible for the imposition or enforcement of covenants, unless they are related to Council business (eg infrastructure).

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ISSUE	RESPONSE
Horses and native fauna will be 'spooked' by the chairlift operating.	There is no evidence to support this claim. It is noted that within a low density residential estate, there will be significant movement (eg cars) that could potentially have the same effect. It is also noted that the chairlift will only be infrequently operated.
Chairlift not anticipated by residents in the estate.	<p>Within the RU4 zone, which applies to land at the rear of the Glenholm Estate, the following activities are permissible with the consent of Council:</p> <p><i>Air transport facilities; Animal boarding or training establishments; Aquaculture; Bed and breakfast accommodation; Boat building and repair facilities; Boat launching ramps; Boat sheds; Camping grounds; Caravan parks; Cellar door premises; Cemeteries; Charter and tourism boating facilities; Correctional centres; Crematoria; Depots; Dual occupancies; Dwelling houses; Environmental facilities; Farm stay accommodation; Flood mitigation works; Forestry; Freight transport facilities; Function centres; Heavy industrial storage establishments; Helipads; Highway service centres; Home-based child care; Home businesses; Home industries; Home occupations (sex services); Hotel or motel accommodation; Information and education facilities; Jetties; Marinas; Mooring pens; Moorings; Passenger transport facilities; Plant nurseries; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (major); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Roadside stalls; Rural industries; Rural workers' dwellings; Signage; Truck depots; Veterinary hospitals; Waste or resource management facilities; Water recreation structures; Water storage facilities; Wharf or boating facilities</i></p> <p>An application for any of these activities where the RU4 zone applies can be made to Council for consideration under the assessment criteria in the EP&A Act.</p>

The public interest

The question of 'public interest' within the context of Section 79C(1) essentially requires consideration of the weight in the assessment to be given to the general public benefit of the proposal versus that of the general public detriment. It is a consideration for example where the demolition of a heritage item is required to build a hospital.

In this case there is no public benefit of the proposal because it is for private purposes and there is also no public detriment because any impacts are considered to be restricted to the immediate surrounds of the site.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

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CONCLUSION

In making a decision as the consent authority under the EP&A Act, Council can:

1. approve the application, with or without conditions;
2. defer the application for further information or redesign; or
3. refuse the application.

After considering the assessment requirements of Section 79C of the EP&A Act, the application is supported for conditional approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That consent be granted to development application 10.2017.18.1 for a private chairlift on Lot 711 in DP1202940 located within the Glenholm Estate in Hueske Road Jindera subject to the following conditions:

GENERAL

APPROVED PLANS

- 1 Development shall be generally in accordance with the approved plans and accompanying information (including the Statement of Environmental Effects), except where modified by the following conditions.
- 2 This approval shall expire if the development hereby permitted is not commenced within five (5) years of the date of consent.

PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF A CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

The following conditions of consent must be complied with prior to the issue of a construction certificate by a Certifying Authority. The Certifying Authority can be either Greater Hume Shire Council or an Accredited Certifier. All necessary information to comply with the following conditions of consent must be submitted with the application for a construction certificate.

- 3 **Approval required prior to the issue of construction certificate**
The following documentation is to be submitted to Council or the Accredited Certifier, prior to the granting of the construction certificate:
 - a. Full design plans that have been endorsed by a suitable qualified structural engineer.

PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY WORKS

The following conditions of consent have been imposed to ensure that the administration and amenities relating to the proposed development comply with all relevant requirements. A Certifying Authority can either be Greater Hume Shire Council or an accredited certifier. All of these conditions are to be complied with prior to the commencement of any works on site.

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4 Construction Certificate Required

Prior to the commencement of any works, a construction certificate is required to be issued by a Certifying Authority.

Enquiries regarding the issue of a construction certificate can be made to Council on (02)6036 0100

5 Appointment of a Principal Certifying Authority

Prior to the commencement of any works, the person having benefit of a development consent, or complying development certificate must:

- a. appoint a Principal Certifying Authority; and
- b. notify Council of the appointment.

6 Notify Council of Intention to Commence Works

The applicant must notify Council, in writing of the intention to commence works at least two (2) days prior to the commencement of any works on site.

PRIOR TO OCCUPATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT

The following conditions of consent must be complied with prior to the issue of an Interim Occupation Certificate or Final Occupation Certificate by the Principal Certifying Authority.

7 Interim / Final Occupation Certificate Required

Prior to the commencement of any use and/or occupation of the subject development (whole or part), either an Interim Occupation Certificate or Final Occupation Certificate must be issued.

Prior to the issue of any Occupation Certificate the Principal Certifying Authority must be satisfied that the development (part or whole) is in accordance with the respective Development Consent, Construction Certificate or Complying Development Certificate.

GENERAL CONDITIONS – DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

8 The chairlift structure and operation shall comply will all relevant industry standards.

9 Following construction of the chairlift but prior to commencement of its use, the applicant shall provide to Council an engineer's certificate certifying that the structure and equipment are satisfactory for their intended use.

10 The chairlift shall be for private use only and not for any commercial purpose or groups of people unrelated to the applicant or resident on the site.

11 A maximum of four chairs shall be used on the chairlift.

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- 12 The chairlift is not to be used in conjunction with any other non-residential activity on the lot.
- 13 The approved use must not cause unreasonable amenity impacts to persons beyond the boundaries of the lot.
- 14 The towers and ancillary structures shall be painted in dull earthy tones that are consistent with the landscape backdrop of the site.
- 15 All earthworks associated with the installation of the chairlift shall be undertaken with appropriate erosion and sediment control devices in place.
- 16 All disturbed surfaces on the land resulting from the development must be appropriately revegetated and stabilised to the satisfaction of Council.
- 17 Access structures on towers (ladders etc) shall be designed and secured to prevent unauthorised use.
- 18 Following commencement of the chairlifts operation, the applicant shall provide an acoustical assessment prepared by a suitably qualified person if requested by Council.
- 19 The applicant shall undertake any noise mitigation measures to the chairlift requested by Council.
- 20 No lights shall be installed or operated on any component of the chairlift structure.
- 21 The chairlift shall operate in daylight hours only.
- 22 During construction measures must be taken to minimise and control the emission of noise and dust which may impact upon neighbouring properties.
- 23 The chairlift shall not operate when a total fire ban has been declared for the area.
- 24 Prior to the commencement of the use authorised by this consent, an Operational and Management Manual to the satisfaction of Council must be prepared and submitted to Council for approval. When approved the Operational and Management Manual will be endorsed and form part of this consent. The Operational and Management Manual must include (but not be limited to) the following:

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- a. The contact details of the nominated person(s) responsible for the day-to-day management and control of the chairlift;
- b. Details of hours of operation, as specified by this consent;
- c. Documented emergency procedures in the event of any systems failure, as well as measures for safe passenger evacuation should it be required; and
- d. Frequency and method of inspection of equipment, including erosion management inspection.

25 At all times, the chairlift must be operated and managed to the satisfaction of Council in accordance with the endorsed Operational and Management Manual.

26 If the chairlift becomes derelict through lack of use or maintenance it shall be dismantled and removed by the applicant at the request of Council.

Reason for conditions

The above conditions have been imposed:

- (i) to ensure compliance with the terms of the environmental planning instruments;
- (ii) having regard for the requirements of any agency consulted as integrated development;
- (iii) having regard to Council's duties of consideration under Section 79C of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, as well as Section 80A which authorises the imposing of the consent conditions; and
- (iv) having regard to the circumstances of the case and the public interest.

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**2. RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE – BLACKBERRY INFESTATION LOT 6
DP 832658 - 207 FERNDAL ROAD, WOOMARGAMA**

Report by Director Environment and Planning - Colin Kane

REASON FOR REPORT

This report responds to a question on notice from Councillor Hicks seeking further information in response to a presentation made by a Mr Geoff Noakes to the Council's June Ordinary meeting where he indicated that he was refusing to pay land rates due to his perception that Council has not acted in accordance with the Weeds Act 1993 in relation to an infestation of blackberries on the neighbouring property at Lot 6 DP 832658 207 Ferndale Road Woomargama.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN

Not applicable

DISCUSSION

At Council's June Ordinary Meeting Mr Geoff Noakes of 299 Ferndale Road Woomargama addressed Council to advise that he was refusing to pay his land rates due to Council's inaction in addressing a blackberry infestation at the neighbouring property which is Lot 6 DP 832658 207 Ferndale Road Woomargama.

This report will respond to the question on notice from Councillor Hicks requesting additional information in relation to this matter which will be provided by summarising the concerns of Mr Noakes, explaining the requirements for landholders to control of blackberry under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 and then providing details of Council's activities in relation to the control of blackberries at Lot 6 DP 832658 207 Ferndale Road Woomargama.

From Mr Noakes presentation it is believed that his concern with Council was that it had failed to take action as it is required to do under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 to have the neighbouring property owner control blackberries on their land. As a consequence he expended considerable amounts of money in controlling blackberries on his own property which justified not paying land rates to Council.

In order to respond to Mr Noakes assertions that Council had failed to enforce the provision of the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 it is necessary to consider Section 18 of that Act which is titled "*Local control authority may require owners or occupiers of land (other than public authorities or other local control authorities) to control noxious weeds*". Section 18(1) states "*A local control authority may, by notice (a weed control notice) given to an owner or occupier of land, require the owner or occupier to carry out any of the occupier's obligations to control noxious weeds on that land as required under a weed control order*". In both the title and the subsequent clause the word "may" is inserted which clearly means that Council is not compelled to take action under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 in response to a weeds infestation.

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FERNDALE ROAD WOOMARGAMA [CONT'D]

In the Greater Hume Shire Council area blackberries are a declared Class 4 – locally controlled weed which requires:

The growth of the plant must be managed in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plant to spread and where applicable:

- The plant must not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed;
- Volunteer plants must be managed in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plant to spread; and
- The plant must be controlled where it impacts on normal agricultural practices including cropping and pasture management.

The reason that Blackberries are a class 4 weed is that they are very widespread particularly in the eastern half of the Greater Hume Shire Council area making eradication extremely difficult. At best a process of reducing their impact can occur by controlling the isolated outbreaks and reducing the larger infestations by carrying out a perimeter control measure. Blackberries are very likely to spread aided by the berry fruit being eaten by native birds as well as feral animals eg foxes and dogs. The seed from the berry is then easily deposited over a large area in this way and may not be coming from the next door neighbour but in actual fact from a distance.

There are many other class 4 weeds within the Greater Hume Shire Council area that are equally as widespread such as African box thorn, galvanised burr, fire weed and St John Wort. Due to widespread nature of these weeds it has to be accepted by landowners that weeds can become established through many different pathways and if they wish to keep their property free of Category 4 weeds then they will need to undertake control measures.

It has been shown that Council was not compelled to take any action under the Weeds Act 1993 in relation to Mr Noakes' neighbour and that a landholder will always need to undertake their own measure to control category 4 weeds on their property. Notwithstanding these two points, Council has undertaken some compliance work at the neighbouring property at Lot 6 DP 832658 207 Ferndale Road Woomargama. A chronology of the compliance work undertaken by the Noxious Weeds Officer is **ENCLOSED SEPARATELY** for councillors' information.

There is a number of limiting factors that will mitigate Council's ability to provide enforcement of Category 4 weeds which include the fact that they are extremely widespread. Other factors are the size of the shire (5,746 km²) and the existence in the shire of many other destructive weeds that are categorised higher such as the Category 2 alligator weed and black willow. These weeds must be given the majority of Council's limited resources that are available for noxious weeds, due to significant impact of these weeds.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There is a negative effect on Council's budget due to land rates being in arrears.

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CONCLUSION

This report has responded to the question on notice by summarising the concerns of Mr Noakes, explaining the requirements for landholders to control of blackberry under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 and then providing details of Councils activities in relation to the control of blackberries at Lot 6 DP 832658 207 Ferndale Road Woomargama. From the report it is shown that Council should not condone Mr Noakes choosing to not pay his rates due to the situation concerning the blackberries at Lot 6 DP 832658 207 Ferndale Road Woomargama.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. LEASE TO HUME BANK – JINDERA MULTI PURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Report prepared by Director Corporate & Community Services – David Smith

REASON FOR REPORT

To seek Council approval to sign lease documentation between Council and Hume Bank under the Common Seal of Council.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Nil.

DISCUSSION

Council currently sub-leases part of the premises located at the Jindera Plaza, Urana Road, Jindera which accommodates Council's Customer Service Centre to the Hume Bank.

The relocation of the Hume Bank to the new Jindera Multi Purpose Community Centre has been a central component of the development and Hume Bank has been a committed partners since the inception of the project.

Construction of the building is now complete and Hume Bank have undertaken all works associated with the fitting out of their area within the building. That being the case, formal lease documentation has now been prepared and duly signed by Hume Bank and is awaiting execution by Council. The term of the lease is for a period of three (3) years with an option to renew for a further period of three (3) years.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Rent and outgoings are provided for in Councils Estimates of Income and Expenditure.

CONCLUSION

The relocation of the Hume Bank to the new Jindera Multi Purpose Community Centre has been a central component of the development and the proposed lease to the Hume Bank will ensure ongoing capacity to provide a key service to Jindera and surrounding community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the lease between Greater Hume Shire Council and Hume Bank Limited for office space within the Jindera Multi Purpose Community Centre, Urana Road, Jindera under the Common Seal of Council.

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2. DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE – J & JM HOFER

Report prepared by Director Corporate & Community Services – David Smith

REASON FOR REPORT

To seek Council approval to sign Discharge of Mortgage documentation between Council and J & JM Hofer under the Common Seal of Council.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Nil.

DISCUSSION

The former Hume Shire Council provided a loan to J & JM Hofer to purchase property within the Jindera Industrial Estate. The loan was secured by a First Mortgage over the property being Lot 16 DP1006644.

The loan has been paid in full and as such Council has been requested to discharge the Mortgage held over the property. The required Discharge of Mortgage paperwork has been prepared and is awaiting execution by Council under the Common Seal.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

CONCLUSION

The original loan to J & JM Hofer has been paid in full and as such the Mortgage held over Lot 16 DP1006644 can be discharged.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the Discharge of Mortgage for Lot 16 DP1006644 under the Common Seal of Council.

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ENGINEERING

1. PROPOSED BRIDGE NAMING

Report prepared by Assets Engineer – Andrew Vonarx

REASON FOR REPORT

To consider naming of two bridges at Holbrook.

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

1) Naming of proposed new footbridge on the Ian Geddes Walk Holbrook

At the November meeting in 2011 a letter was presented, written by Bryan Winnett requesting acknowledgment for the contribution that his father's family made to the area. (**ANNEXURE 3**).

At Council's ordinary meeting on Wednesday 20 August 2014 a Notice of Motion by Cr Denice Osborne stated:

As noted at the June and July, 2014 meetings of Council, Cr Osborne undertook to follow up with a report on the above which has now been an action report for a lengthy period.

It was during the June meeting when this came up for discussion that Cr John McInerney mentioned that an opportunity to recognise Mr Alex Winnett may have presented itself with the construction of a footbridge on the Ian Geddes Walk.

The late Alex Winnett, and indeed many of his relatives, have made an enormous contribution to engineering works in the Holbrook area over a lengthy period and in fact Alex Winnett was involved in the construction of 64 major road and bridge works over a 30 year period. It was at the instigation of Mr Winnett's son Bryan that I became aware of the involvement of this family. In discussion with Bryan Winnett recently, I advised him of the footbridge and sought his concurrence that I put this to Council as an appropriate construction to recognise the Winnett family. It is my understanding that both Walter Winnett and Bill Winnett still reside in the Holbrook area.

It is therefore suggested that the footbridge on the Ian Geddes Walk, on the western side of the main road, be named the Winnett Bridge in recognition of this family's involvement in engineering works in the Holbrook and adjacent region.

RECOMMENDATION

*That the footbridge on the western side of the Ian Geddes Walk be named Winnett Bridge.
3849 RESOLVED [Osborne/Quinn]*

That the footbridge on the western side of the Ian Geddes Walk be named Winnett Bridge.

The bridge construction referred to is included in the 2017/2018 budget and in line with the resolution of the August 2014 meeting the name is being presented for consideration.

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PROPOSED BRIDGE NAMING [CONT'D]

2) Naming of the bridge in Albury Street Holbrook

At the council meeting on 17 May 2017 the Director Engineering presented a report stating;- Council has received correspondence from Roy and Laurel Willis from Holbrook requesting the upgraded bridge on Albury Street over 10 Mile Creek be named Germanton Bridge.

The reasons why they recommend the bridge be named Germanton Bridge are:

- Germanton was the original name of our town until 1915 when circumstances at the time dictated a change of name. The change is part of Holbrook's history but the sentiment of the times has altered in the hundred years since then.
- The name would connect Holbrook back to its early German roots which due to circumstances have been lost, and perhaps would catch the interest of the numerous tourists that frequent the area.
- The new bridge connects the heritage precinct of Holbrook to its more recent history along Albury Street.

Council has no policy on naming of bridges with only some of the bridges in Greater Hume having names. Most are known by the creek over which the bridge is located. (ie 10 Mile Creek Bridge Holbrook, Billabong Creek Bridge at Culcairn and Walbundrie).

In this instance because of the prominent nature of the bridge (in the centre of Holbrook) management does not object to the naming of the bridge. However, as there is no process (ie policy) on the naming of such structures and due to the possible differing views of residents on a possible name, the Writer is of the view that any consideration on naming not proceed until Council has a policy and process to name such structures.

A copy of the letter and the Bridge Naming Policy are attached (**ANNEXURE 3**).

As a Bridge Naming Policy has been developed and adopted by Council at the June meeting, it is now appropriate to consider both names put forward.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

To undertake naming of structures such as bridges may impact on Council's recurrent budget and staff time.

CONCLUSION

The policy has been developed and the names suggested for the bridges fit within the Bridge Naming Policy therefore management recommends these bridges be named Winnett Bridge and Germanton Bridge.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. adopt the proposed bridge names of Winnett Bridge, for the yet to be constructed pedestrian bridge in Ian Geddes Bush Walk and Germanton Bridge for the bridge over Ten Mile Creek on Albury Street.
2. advertise the proposed bridge names for 14 days to allow residents to make any comments with the intent of considering these names at the next Council meeting for adoption.

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ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO CLOSED COUNCIL

1. **WARREN AND HELEN THOMPSON (WAZLEN PTY LTD) – PROPOSED SALE OF THE SUBMARINE CAFÉ**

Report by General Manager – Steven Pinnuck

REASON FOR REPORT

For Council to consider a request from Warren and Helen Thompson (Wazlen Pty Ltd) to transfer the remainder of their existing lease to a potential purchaser and provide a guarantee of an extension to the lease.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

Council has received correspondence from Warren and Helen Thompson (Wazlen Pty Ltd) advising that they are aiming to sell their business known as the Submarine Café and retire. Mr & Mrs Thompson have received an offer to purchase the business from a very interested party and are seeking to have the lease transferred to them. A copy of the correspondence is included for Councillors' information as **ANNEXURE 4**.

The Submarine Café building was originally built by Mr & Mrs Thompson in 2004 and purchased by Council in 2006, which time a ten year lease was entered into. The purchase was funded by a loan borrowing that will be fully repaid by 30 June 2018.

The original lease expired on 30 June 2016 at which time negotiations commenced for an extension of the lease.

To inform the negotiations Council engaged Valuer's Taylor Byrne to undertake a rent assessment. The outcome of the negotiations was that the lease was varied to a further term of three (3) years with a further option of two (2) years. This equates to a total lease of 15 years.

The prospective purchaser has advised that due to the significant investment proposed at the site they would be seeking to negotiate a lease of at least 10 years.

Further information on the prospective purchaser is included in a confidential report to Council to the July meeting

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The current rental exceeds the loan repayments and when the loan has been fully repaid will provide a substantial return on investment.

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SUBMARINE CAFÉ [CONT'D]

CONCLUSION

As the terms of the exiting lease to Wazlen Pty Ltd and requirements of the prospective purchaser are confidential it is recommended that the matter be referred to Closed Council (Committee Of The Whole) for discussion, in accordance with the relevant section of the Local Government Act 1993 section 10A 2 (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

RECOMMENDATION

That the matter of the transfer of the lease of the Submarine Café be referred to Closed Council (Committee Of The Whole) for discussion, in accordance with the relevant section of the Local Government Act 1993 section 10A 2 (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

REASON

Information relating to the terms of the existing lease with Wazlen Pty Ltd and business objectives of the proposed purchaser are of a confidential nature at this point in discussions and outweighs the need for the report to be discussed in Open Council at this point. When negotiations have been completed disclosure will be made public.

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**2. WASTE WATER ISSUES LOT 1 DP 900464 2 URANA ROAD
BURRUMBUTTOCK**

Report by Director Environment and Planning- Mr Colin Kane

REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Council that it will be necessary for Council to fund through a loan, works on private property to address issues associated with a defective waste water system that is located at Lot 1 DP 900464 2 Urana Road Burrumbuttock (the property).

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN

DISCUSSION

This report provides details relating to works at Lot 1 DP 900464 2 Urana Road Burrumbuttock (the property) that will need to be funded by Council through a loan in order to ensure that waste water is disposed of appropriately.

CONCLUSION

As the matter of the disposal of waste water relates to the confidential personal dealings of a resident or ratepayer it is recommended that the matter be referred to Closed Council in accordance with section 10A (2) (b) "confidential personal dealings" of any resident or ratepayer.

RECOMMENDATION

That consideration of confidential personal dealings of the ratepayer be referred to Closed Council in accordance with section 10A (2) (b) "confidential personal dealings" of any resident or ratepayer.

REASON

On balance the public interest in preserving the confidential personal dealings of a resident or ratepayer outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Council decision making at this time.

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3. WRITING OFF UNRECOVERABLE RATES AND CHARGES 2016-2017

Report prepared by Accounting Officer - Camilla Webb

REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Council of unrecoverable rates and charges written off during the 2016/2017 Financial Year.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Nil

DISCUSSION

The General Manager has delegated authority to write off any individual rates and charges where the amount is \$1000 or less.

It is recommended that consideration of the report on the writing off of unrecoverable rates and charges be referred to Closed Council in accordance with Section 10A 2(b) of the Local Government Act, 1993 – the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

The write offs of these balances has a small negative impact on Council's budget throughout the year.

CONCLUSION

This report is provided to council is an administrative report in accordance with Clause 131 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

RECOMMENDATION

That consideration of the report on the writing off of unrecoverable rates and charges be referred to Closed Council in accordance with Section 10A 2(b) of the Local Government Act, 1993 – the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.

REASON

On balance the need to preserve the confidentiality of the persons subject to the writing off of rates and charges outweighs the public interest in maintaining transparency in Council decision making because the information in the report may disclose issues of personal hardship or other person information relating to individuals.

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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 11 - 19/2017. Copies of OLG Circulars are available from the website 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 23 - 26/2017. Copies of LGSA Weekly Circulars are available from the website www.lgsa.org.au or alternatively by contacting Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONCLUSION

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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

The report on projects being undertaken by the Tourism and Promotions Officer is attached at **ANNEXURE 5**.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONCLUSION

For councillors' information.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

**Report by Executive Assistant Governance & Economic Development –
Marg Killalea**

REASON FOR REPORT

To update councillors regarding working projects undertaken during the quarter.

DISCUSSION

The report on projects being undertaken is attached at **ANNEXURE 6**.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONCLUSION

For councillors' information.

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. CUSTOMER REQUEST MODULE – SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REQUESTS

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

2. STATEMENTS OF BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 JUNE 2017

The statements of bank balances and investment report as at 30 June 2017 are attached at **ANNEXURE 7**.

3. HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT FOR MAY 2017

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 duties with Council during June 2017.

The following staff ceased duties with Council during June 2017.

Staff Member	Position
Anne Cox	Support Coordinator Family Day Care
Hannah Daniell	Trainee Library & Youth Officer
Kira-Lee Foster	Building Surveyor

CONCLUSION

For Councillors' information.

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ENGINEERING

1. JUNE 2017 REPORT OF WORKS

Grants Program

State Roads Maintenance (RMCC):

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

Regional Roads Block Grant:

General maintenance is continuing on all Regional Roads.

Shoulder grading has commenced on Wagga Rd (MR211).

Shoulder widening has commenced on Urana Rd at the intersection of Roblins Rd, between Walbundrie and Rand.

Linemarking has been carried out on a number of Regional Roads.

Heavy patching works on Urana Rd (MR125) south of Jindera, Walla Walla Jindera Road (MR547) and Walbundrie Road (MR331) is complete.

2 km road reconstruction and widening on Walla Walla Jindera Road (MR547) as part of Council's Black Spot Program has been completed with the exception of linemarking, which will be undertaken in July.

Local Roads

Sealed:

1.7km road reconstruction of Wymah Road from end of seal through to Wymah Recreation Reserve as part of Roads to Recovery Program is complete.

1km road widening and reconstruction of Culcairn Cemetery Rd has been completed.

1km stabilisation on Back Walbundrie Rand Rd, from Trigg Rd is complete.

Unsealed:

Gravel resheeting on River Rd has been undertaken during the month of June.

Maintenance grading has taken place on the following roads in June:

- Balldale Rd
- Newton Rd Rosewood Rd
- Walla West Rd

Urban Streets:

Pothole repairs and pruning overhanging trees in urban laneways has continued.

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REPORT OF WORKS [CONT'D]

General:

Fencing has been installed at the Gerogery Recreation Reserve around septic trenches at the back of new toilet block.

Installation of new playground equipment at Eric Thomas Park, Culcairn has been completed.

Installation of new service pit at the Culcairn Works Depot is now complete.

Replacement of a number of signs on rural roads and urban streets is continuing.

Major reconstruction works by RMS on Ten Mile Creek Bridge in Albury St, Holbrook is nearing completion.

General maintenance of all parks and public toilets within 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 Local Roads	\$530,000.00	\$530,000.00	\$530,000.00	\$428,689.03	\$101,310.97
Urban Roads Unsealed	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$45,106.90	\$14,893.10
Rural Roads Sealed	\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$758,353.24	-\$158,353.24
Rural Roads Unsealed	\$1,050,625.00	\$1,050,625.00	\$1,050,625.00	\$1,785,473.55	-\$734,848.55
					<i>*See Note Below</i>
Street Tree Maintenance	\$247,235.00	\$247,235.00	\$247,235.00	\$261,693.45	-\$14,458.45

Regional Roads Program	Original Budget	Amended Budget (September Budget Review)	YTD Budget	YTD Expenditure	YTD Variance
Maintenance	\$799,360.00	\$800,321.00	\$800,321.00	\$820,431.86	-\$20,110.86
Traffic Facilities	\$133,933.00	\$136,000.00	\$136,000.00	\$78,775.44	\$57,224.56

Sportsgrounds, Parks & Public Toilets	Original Budget	Amended Budget (September Budget Review)	YTD Budget	YTD Expenditure	YTD Variance
Sportsground Maintenance	\$112,000.00	\$112,000.00	\$112,000.00	\$145,639.36	-\$33,639.36
Parks & Gardens Maintenance	\$240,643.00	\$240,643.00	\$240,643.00	\$284,587.71	-\$43,944.71
Public Toilets Maintenance	\$171,134.00	\$171,134.00	\$171,134.00	\$138,191.17	\$32,942.83

** There have been no adjustments for storm damage Sept/October to rural roads as yet - awaiting further information from RMS*

NB : Sportsground Maintenance excludes annual GHSC contribution payment

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2. WATER & SEWER REPORT – JUNE 2017

Capital Works Program:

- Diesel back up pump for Holbrook SPS 1 completed
- New motor & gearbox received for Culcairn STW
- New standby pumps received for Holbrook SPS 2 & 3.

Operation & Maintenance:

- Meter replacements - Culcairn
- Replace frost damaged meters – VWS
- Water service repairs – Culcairn
- Water service repairs – Jindera area
- Raising sewer manhole lids in Culcairn, Henty & Holbrook
- Replace outlet valves - Jindera STW
- SV repair Dight St Jindera.

Drinking Water Monitoring Program:

- 8 - Water samples for Microbial Water Analysis submitted in the month of June 2017 for Villages and Culcairn Water Supply have all complied with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

Upcoming Month:

- Village Water Scheme, water main maintenance and new services
- Culcairn, water main maintenance
- Sewer relining – Henty Fox Street.

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2017

The schedule of development applications processed for the month of June 2017 is attached at **ANNEXURE 8**.

2. SENIOR WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT – JUNE 2017

As a result of the recent rain Council's weeds staff have commenced Horehound spraying on roadsides around Walbundrie. This will be a follow up spray program to complete the major program that was started in 2015.

Several new infestations of Coolatai Grass that were located along road reserves have been treated by removing and bagging the seed head and then digging the plant out.

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SENIOR WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT – JUNE 2017

Inspections for Blackberry, Illyrian Thistle and African Boxthorn have continued on both private land and roadside reserves.

Landholders adjacent to where the Coolatai Grass outbreaks will be notified to be alert for this weed.

There have been some changes to the Greater Hume Council weeds information section on the website. Any reference to the old Noxious Weeds Act has been removed and a note referring to the new Act put in place. When policies and information become available they will be added to this site.

**Bio-Security Act 2015 update
Murray Weed Management Plan**

The plans contain established strategies and actions to achieve goals that focus on shared responsibility for weed management, sustainable landscapes and collaborative leadership and innovation.

The Biosecurity Act 2015 adopts the concept of a general biosecurity duty, which means that anyone who is aware of a potential risk should take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise or eliminate that risk.

For the first time in NSW there are a set of agreed priorities and actions which apply across both public and private land.

Increased collaboration in the management of weeds will improve biosecurity outcomes and increase agricultural productivity.

To find out more about weed management in NSW and download a copy of your regional plan visit: www.lis.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/weed-control/nsw-weed-reforms

A full legal training course for new officers and a bridging course for old officers are now being prepared and will be presented in October and November.

The DPI has prepared a number of notices and these are available on the web for councils to use.

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3. RANGER'S REPORT – JUNE 2017

COMPANION ANIMALS

No. of Complaints Received 23		Including: 2 barking dogs, 17 roaming dogs and dealing with 2 aggressive dogs.	
No. of dog attacks: 1		Location: Culcairn	A dog was attacked while being walked on a lead. Attacking dog not located.
Comments:			
		Dogs	Cats
In Council's Facility at Beginning of Month			
Captured & Returned to Owners		6	2
Captured & Impounded		12	3
Released from Pound to Owners		8	2
Surrendered by Owners		1	
Rehomed		2	
Euthanased		2	1
Remaining in Council's Facility at End of Month		1	

FERAL CATS

No. of Complaints:	3
No. Feral Cats caught:	

LIVESTOCK

	Cattle	Sheep	Horses	Goats	Other Pigs
No. of Reports of Stock on Roads	2	5			
Instances - Returned to owners	2	5			
Impounded					
Vehicle accidents involving stock		1			

OTHER LIVESTOCK, WILDLIFE COMPLAINTS

Culcairn – car hit a lamb. Lamb had to be euthanized.

ABANDONED VEHICLES

Jindera, Gerogery, Holbrook and Culcairn cars all removed by the owner.

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RANGER'S REPORT [CONT'D]

POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS

Inspection conducted: Overgrown Vegetation Unsafe Land	2 Orders issued.
Pollution: Noise	Holbrook and Morven. Barking. Owners issued nuisance dog orders.
Pollution: Waste	Brocklesby – household waste. No owner identified. Holbrook – chemical dumped. Cleaned up by Council. No owner identified.

ON-SITE SEWERAGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Inspection Type	No.	Compliant	Works required	Order Issued	Reinspection Required
OSMS Compliance Inspections	3		3		3
Pre-Purchase Inspections	1	1			
OSMS Orders Compliance Inspections	6	6			
Local Government Approval Inspections					
OSMS Approvals To Operate Issued					

OTHER WORKS CONDUCTED

- Companion Animal Registrations continuing to come in from the letters sent out and follow up.
- Menacing and dangerous dog compliance checks.
- Microchipping dogs and cats.
- Assisting the RSPCA with welfare of animals kept.
- RID online (Report Illegal Dumping online) updating with data entry.
- Noise monitoring.
- Woodcutting permit checks.
- OSMS Policy updating.
- Parking complaints.

RECOMMENDATION

That Part B of the Agenda be received and noted.

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PART C – COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS

Attached, in **ANNEXURE 9**, are minutes of the following meeting:

- Minutes of the Walla Walla Community Development Committee Meeting held on 1 May 2017

DELEGATE REPORTS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That Part C of the Agenda be received and noted.