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TO BE HELD AT
MEETING ROOM, JINDERA COMMUNITY HUB, 83 URANA ST JINDERA
ON WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2025

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OFFICERS' REPORTS – PART A - FOR DETERMINATION

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 10.2025.10.1 – EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY – ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW QUARRY TO PROCESS EXTRACTIVE MATERIAL UP TO 30,000 TONNES PER ANNUM ON LOTS 1-2 DP 134394, LOT 1 DP 356941 AND LOT 12 DP 585865 AT 3556 OLYMPIC HIGHWAY CULCAIRN NSW 2660.**

Report prepared by Acting General Manager – Colin Kane and Town Planner – Gayan Wickramasinghe.

REASON FOR REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide an assessment and recommendation for the above development application, which seeks to establish a new quarry to process extractive material up to 30,000 tonnes per annum on Lot 1-2 DP 134394, Lot 1 DP 356941, and Lot 12 DP 585865 at 3556 Olympic Highway, Culcairn, NSW 2660.

Following the public exhibition of the Development Application from 31 January 2025 to 20 February 2025, Council received a total of six (6) submissions. Three (3) of these submissions supported the proposal, while the remaining three (3) requested that Council take further action prior to determining the application. The submissions primarily focused on the proposed egress and ingress arrangements, cumulative impacts on Jennings Road, and traffic safety concerns associated with the development. One of the submissions in support of the proposal indicated that the opening of the quarry would be a significant opportunity for the local community. A further discussion of these submissions can be found in Section 4.15(1)(a)(d) of this report (**ANNEXURE 1**).

Accordingly, this matter is reported to Council for determination in accordance with the Council's adopted policy for the assessment of development applications.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN

None Relevant.

DISCUSSION - DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

This application seeks approval for the establishment of a new quarry (hereafter referred to as "extractive industry") on the above-mentioned allotments. It is proposed that extraction and transport of quarried gravel material for commercial sale within the local area will not exceed 30,000 tonnes per annum. To support the operation of the extractive industry, the applicant proposes to construct a new 7m-wide, 619m-long haul road. In addition, the following ancillary works are also proposed:

1. Placement of mobile ablutions for construction and quarry staff at the site.
2. Stripping topsoil and retaining for rehabilitation use at cessation of operation.
3. Stripping overburden (using D9 dozer) to approximately 2.5 m.
4. Construction of noise bunds with waste overburden.
5. Installation of environmental controls (dust and sediment and erosion controls) as well as establishment of bench areas

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The submitted Test of Significance notes that the proposal will result in the removal of 1.27 ha of vegetation, which includes up to 0.02 ha of native vegetation and 1.25 ha of non-native vegetation. The following operational information has also been provided as part of the submitted Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE).

1. The use of a D9 dozer to push gravel into product stockpiles.
2. Use of a Cat 324DL (or similar to load stockpiled material to mobile crusher).
3. Crushing and screening onsite of no more than 150 t per day.
4. Loading of material with a Cat 980 loader or similar to truck and dog haulage configuration with a 27-t load capacity.
5. Extraction and transport of quarried gravel material for commercial sales within the local area of not more than 30,000 m³ per annum.
6. Operational hours 7-5pm Monday to Friday.
7. Loading of material with a L60E loader to truck and dog haulage configuration (42.6 T GVM) with a 33- t load capacity.
8. Haulage of gravel materials will be undertaken on improved haul tracks to Jennings Lane and West to the Olympic Highway.
9. Average haulage of approximately 4 loads per day (33t capacity) via the identified routes, with no more than 2 trucks onsite within any, one-hour interval.
10. Dust control at the quarry will be undertaken with the use of a spray mist unit.
11. All water will be sourced from existing dams on the Subject Property.

The submitted documentation noted that no blasting will be undertaken as part of the quarry operations. The subsequent correspondence received from the applicant noted that no permanent fuel storage is proposed at the site, and that mobile and fixed plant will be refuelled by mobile equipment as required. Consent is sought to operate the extractive industry for up to thirty (30) years from the date Council grants the consent. The applicant (Terra Tech) has made the development application with the consent of the current owners of the site **(ANNEXURE 2)**.

This Application is supported by the following.

1. A planning report including the Statement of Environmental Effect (SEE), prepared by Terra Tech Consulting and dated 23 January 2025.
2. A series of preliminary plans (site plan, a plan showing the nearest sensitive receivers, and Aboriginal heritage items within the vicinity) prepared by Terra Tech Consulting
3. Preliminary Biodiversity Assessment Report prepared by The Environmental Factor and dated December 2024;
4. Air Quality Assessment prepared by Terra Tech Consulting and dated 7 January 2025;

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5. Environmental Noise Assessment Report prepared by DDEG and dated 18 December 2024; and
6. Draft Environmental Management Plan prepared by Terra Tech Consulting and undated.

The application was internally referred to Council's Engineering Department and also referred to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) for their respective comments. The development is neither considered to be Integrated Development pursuant to section 4.46 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (EP&A Act) 1979, nor is it designated development pursuant to section 26 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 (EP&A Reg). The applicant noted that the cost of the development is approximately \$55,000.00.

The following figures (Figures 1-2) illustrate the nature of the proposed development.



Figure- 1 proposed extractive industry by the applicant

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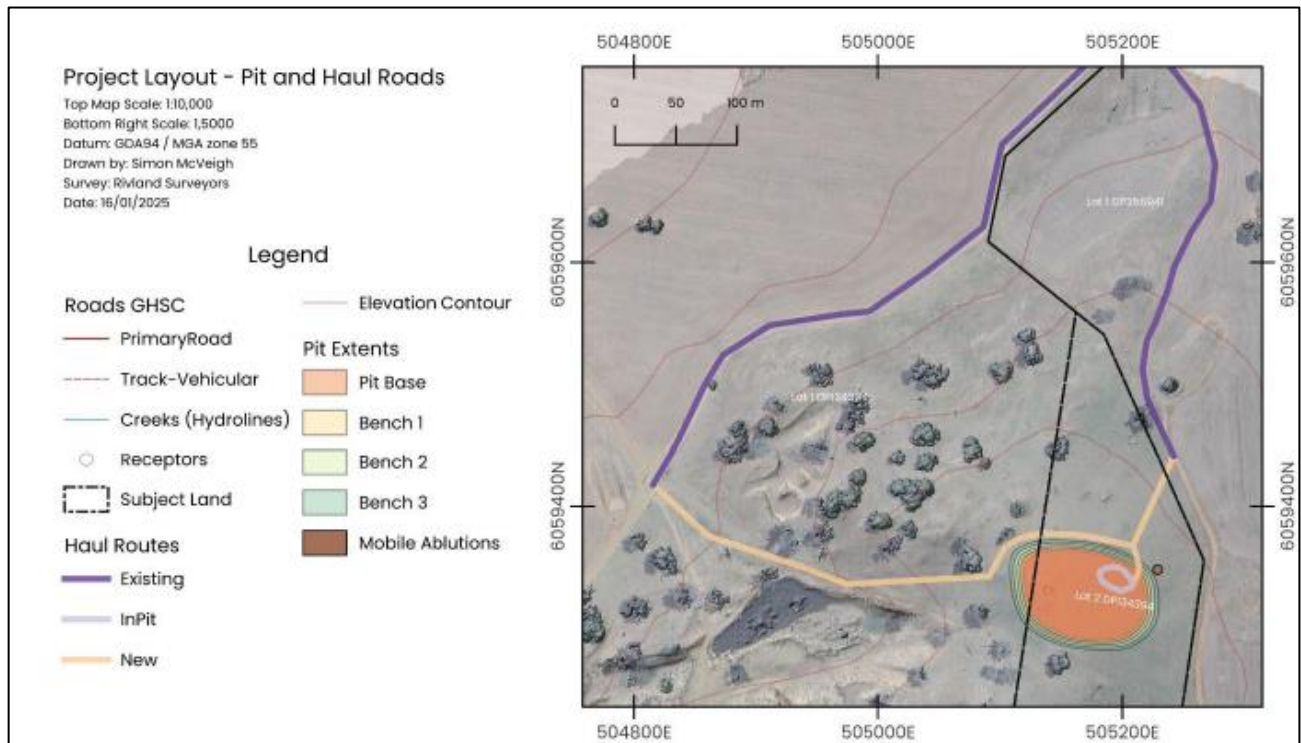


Figure -2 Zoomed-in version of the proposed extractive industry by the applicant

Please refer to the submitted plans, and the body of the report for background and further details.

1.1 DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE AND LOCALITY

The development site is located at 3556 Olympic Highway, Culcairn, NSW 2660. The site consists of allotments of land legally described as Lot 1-2 DP 134394, Lot 1 DP 356941, and Lot 12 DP 585865.

An open quarry, historically used for the extraction of decomposed granite gravels, is located on the western side of the hill on Lot 1 DP 134394. The area proposed for the new quarry is partly located on Lot 1 and Lot 2 DP 134394, on the eastern side of the same hill. This area consists predominantly of cleared agricultural land, with scattered remnant native trees and exotic pasture grasses and weeds. An existing haul road enters the property from Jennings Road and follows along the eastern boundary of Lot 12 DP 585865 at the northern end of the subject land. The site is accessed off Jennings Road to the north. Jennings Road is classified as a Council-managed local road.

The subject land contains two (2) small waterways in the northern portion of the property, along with five (5) farm dams. A quarry dam is also located within the historic quarry pit, approximately 160 m west of the proposed new quarry pit. The site is sloped to the east in accordance with the local topography.

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The development site is zoned RU1 – Primary Production pursuant to the Greater Hume Local



Environmental Plan (GHLEP) 2012. The following figures show the location of the development, along with the applicable planning controls.

Figure -3 Zoomed-in version of the development site (Lot 1 and 2 DP 134394). **Source:** IntraMaps

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Figure-4 Zoomed-in version of the development site (Lot 1 and 2 DP 134394). **Source:** IntraMaps **Section 1.7 Application of Part 7 of Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and Part 7A of Fisheries Management Act 1994.**

Part 7 of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act) requires Council, as the consent authority, to determine whether the proposal is likely to impact threatened species or their habitats and to assess whether ancillary clearing (i.e., potential clearing associated with construction) is likely to harm these species. The submitted documentation noted that the proposal would consist of the following key features and would result in the removal of the following:

1. Construction of one (1) new quarry pit within 0.90 ha of non-native vegetation.
2. A new 7 m wide, 619 m long haul road within 0.02 ha of native vegetation and 0.33 ha of non-native vegetation.
3. A 20 m vegetation clearing buffer (0.02 ha) around the access gate at Jennings Road to allow for the installation of a cattle grid and sediment control works.

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The application is supported by a preliminary biodiversity assessment report (identified as a Test of Significance) prepared by B. Turner on behalf of The Environmental Factor consultancy, dated December 2024. The submitted report has assessed the impact of the proposal as follows:

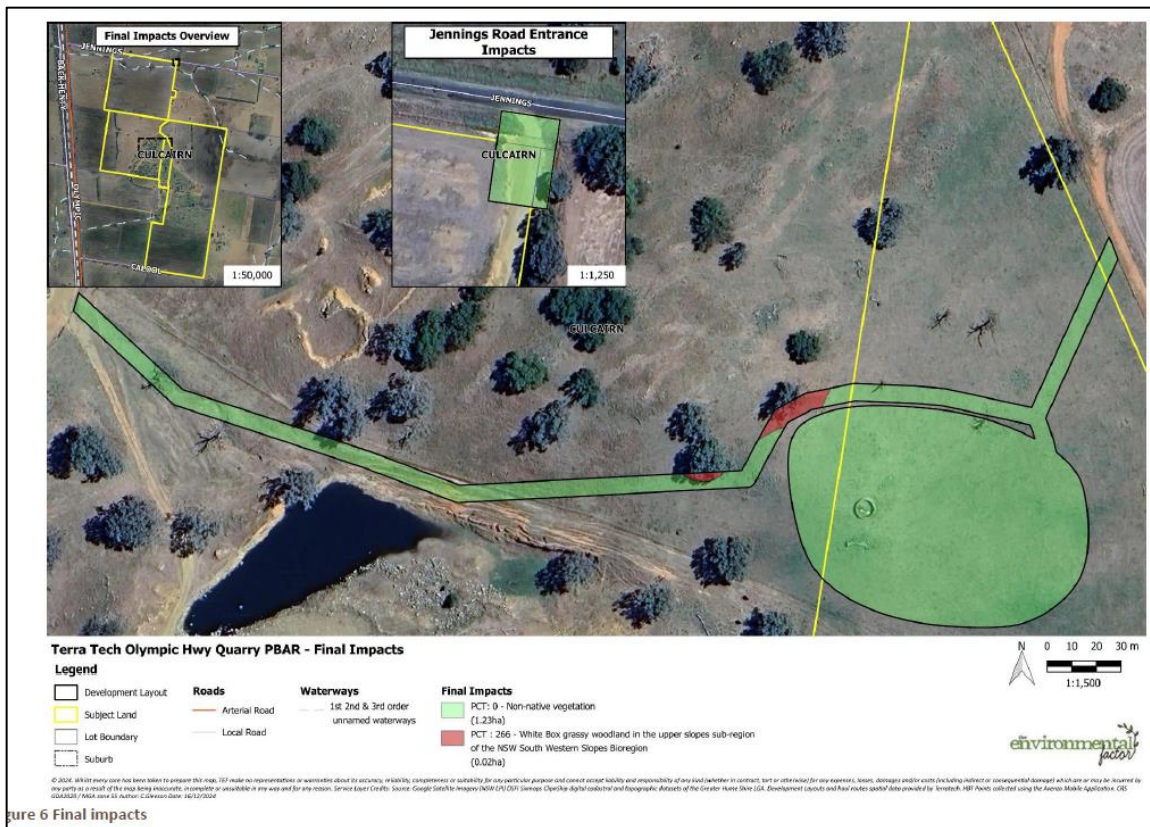


Figure 4 – The area assessed under the Biodiversity Assessment Report supplied by the Applicant.

“In total, up to 0.02 ha of native tree canopy conforming to degraded Box-Gum Woodland TEC occurs within the subject site and will be directly impacted (limb-lopped) by the Proposal.

The Subject Land measures a total area of 291.45 ha, of which 30.02 ha were directly assessed and vegetation ground-truthed. The total direct impact area within the Subject Land is 1.27 ha and includes:

- Impacts to up to 0.02 ha of native vegetation,
- Impacts to a cumulative total of 1.25 ha of non-native vegetation.

Participation in the Biodiversity Offset Scheme (BOS) is required for Proposals assessed under Part 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) if triggered by any of four (4) different pathways;

1. Biodiversity Values Map (BVM)

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2. Area Criteria Threshold
3. Areas of Outstanding Biodiversity Value (AOBV)
4. Assessments of Significance threshold.

No areas containing mapped biodiversity values as identified on the BVM occur within the Subject Land, therefore no impacts to mapped BVM areas would occur as a result of the Proposal.

The minimum lot size for the Subject Land is 40 ha (**of note, this should be read as 100ha**) ; subsequently the clearing threshold for the site based on the minimum lot size is >1 ha. The Proposal will result in the removal of up to 0.02 ha of native vegetation. Subsequently, as per the requirements of the BOS outlined in Section 2.2.3, the clearing threshold for native vegetation will not be exceeded by this Proposal.

No areas of AOBV occur within the Subject Land.

Based on the above, the submitted report justified the likely removal of vegetation associated with the proposed subdivision on the subject lot as below;

“ One (1) threatened fauna species was observed with the woodlands near the historic quarry site during the site assessment, Brown Treecreeper (eastern subspecies) (Climacteris picumnus victoriae), which likely utilises habitat resources on site. Four (4) additional threatened fauna species to occur and be impacted. Impacts to TECs and threatened species considered likely to occur were assessed pursuant to Section 7.3 of the BC Act (5-part test), and the Significant Impact Criteria Assessment for EPBC Matters of National Environmental Significance – Significant impact guidelines 1.1 (DEWHA, 2009). The outcome of these assessments determined that the Proposal would be unlikely to have a significant impact on threatened biota (Appendix F, Appendix G, Section 6.2).

Therefore, as the Proposal will not impact significantly on any areas of mapped BVM, AOBV, threatened species, ecological communities or their habitats occurring within the Subject Land, and will not exceed the area criteria threshold, it is determined that participation in the BOS is not required.

Environmental Safeguards and other mitigation measures aimed at protecting ecological values on site are highly recommended to be implemented during construction, as outlined in Section 7. Environmental safeguards and mitigation measures will be included in the CEMP to be developed...”

If the Council approves the proposal, there will be no detrimental impacts on biodiversity, and Council staff agree with the conclusions of the submitted biodiversity assessment report. It is also noted that Council staff are satisfied that, subject to the imposition of a condition on any consent granted (i.e., any vegetation clearance associated with the development must comply with the recommendations outlined in the Biodiversity Assessment Report), before the development can proceed.

Section 4.10 - Designated development

Schedule 3, Part 2, Section 26 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation (EP&A Reg) 2021 sets out the threshold requirements for the purpose of Section 4.10 of the EP&A Act and extractive industries. Council staff have considered the threshold criteria (1–4) and are satisfied that the proposal does not meet the specific criteria to be classified as Designated Development.

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Section 4.14 - Consultation and development consent—certain bush fire prone land

The subject site is not mapped as bushfire prone land on the map maintained by the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS). Therefore, no consultation or additional documentation is required in support of the application.

Section 4.46 - What is “integrated development”?

The proposal does not require a separate approval from any other acts as outlined in this Section. Therefore it is not considered to be integrated development pursuant to Section 4.46 and 4.47 of the Act.

4.15 Evaluation

(1) Matters for consideration-general

In determining a development application, a consent authority is to take into consideration such of the following matters as are of relevance to the development the subject of the development application:

(a) the provisions of:

- (i) any environmental planning instrument, and*
- (ii) any proposed instrument that is or has been the subject of public consultation under this Act and that has been notified to the consent authority (unless the Planning Secretary has notified the consent authority that the making of the proposed instrument has been deferred indefinitely or has not been approved), and*
- (iii) any development control plan, and*
- (iiia) any planning agreement that has been entered into under section 7.4, or any draft planning agreement that a developer has offered to enter into under section 7.4, and*
- (iv) the regulations (to the extent that they prescribe matters for the purposes of this paragraph), and*
- (v) (Repealed)*

that apply to the land to which the development application relates,

- (b) the likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality,*
- (c) the suitability of the site for the development,*
- (d) any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the regulations,*
- (e) the public interest.*

Section 4.15(1)(a)(i) - The provisions of any environmental planning instrument

The subject land is zoned RU1 Primary Production under the *GHLEP 2012*. The relevant matters of the LEP are addressed as follows.

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**Greater Hume Local Environmental Plan (GHLEP) 2012
Zone RU1 Primary Production
Objectives of zone**

- *To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base.*
- *To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area.*
- *To minimise the fragmentation and alienation of resource lands.*
- *To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones.*
- *To maintain the rural landscape character of the land.*

The applicant noted that the materials extracted from the quarry will be utilized for commercial sales within the local area without fragmentation of the land. Therefore, Council staff consider that the proposal will diversify the primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area while maintaining the rural landscape character of the land and meeting the objectives of the zone.

The proposed development is best defined as an 'extractive industry' under the GHLEP 2012.

GHLEP 2012 defines "extractive industry" as follows:

extractive industry means the winning or removal of extractive materials (otherwise than from a mine) by methods such as excavating, dredging, tunnelling or quarrying, including the storing, stockpiling or processing of extractive materials by methods such as recycling, washing, crushing, sawing or separating, but does not include turf farming.

Note—

Extractive industries are not a type of *industry*—see the definition of that term in this Dictionary.

extractive material means sand, soil, gravel, rock or similar substances that are not minerals within the meaning of the [Mining Act 1992](#).

Section 5.10 Heritage Conservation

The site does not contain any known items of environmental heritage significance as outlined in Schedule 5 of the GHLEP 2012. The applicant has also provided an AHIMS Search with a 1,000m buffer in support of the application. The search identified six sites within the search radius. Three sites (scar trees) occur within the broader property (the Subject Land); however, these sites are outside the proposed disturbance and operational footprint, and no disturbance is proposed that could impact these sites. In the event that consent is granted for the subject application, a standard condition related to the protection of Aboriginal heritage will be imposed.

Section 6.1 Earthworks

- (1) *The objective of this clause is to ensure that earthworks for which development consent is required will not have a detrimental impact on environmental functions and processes, neighboring uses, cultural or heritage items or features of the surrounding land.*

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The earthworks associated with the proposal cannot be considered to be of a minor nature. It is noted that the existing quarry is located in a rural setting, with the nearest dwelling located approximately 1.4 km from the proposed quarry site, which is also owned by the beneficiary of the consent. According to the applicant's correspondence, the proposal will not involve blasting for the purpose of extracting materials. As a result, should Council consent to the proposal, Council's staff are satisfied that, subject to the imposition of conditions, the proposal can proceed.

(2) *Development consent is required for earthworks unless—*

- (a) *the earthworks are exempt development under this Plan or another applicable environmental planning instrument, or*
- (b) *the earthworks are ancillary to development that is permitted without consent under this Plan or to development for which development consent has been given.*

The earthworks associated with the proposal cannot be classed as exempt development under this plan or other applicable environmental planning instrument. ([Subdivision 15 of State Environmental Planning Policy \(Exempt and Complying Development Codes\) 2008](#)) Therefore, the earthworks had been carried out and are planning to carryout will require a separate approval and that can be granted along this consent.

(3) *Before granting development consent for earthworks (or for development involving ancillary earthworks), the consent authority must consider the following matters—*

- (a) *the likely disruption of, or any detrimental effect on, drainage patterns and soil stability in the locality of the development;*

The proposed earthworks may have the potential to change the natural drainage pattern and soil stability in the locality. Therefore, in the event that consent is granted, a condition related to sediment controls will be imposed to ensure that the development is consistent with this criterion.

- (b) *the effect of the development on the likely future use or redevelopment of the land,*

The intent of the existing and proposed earthworks is to facilitate the extraction of materials. It is noted, however, that the applicant only wishes to carry out the development onsite for up to thirty (30) years from the date that Council grants consent. In the event that consent is granted, a condition will also be imposed regarding the rehabilitation of the site to its natural state, enabling its future intended use.

- (c) *the quality of the fill or the soil to be excavated, or both,*

The quality of the soil to be used for the rehabilitation of the site must be the same as the soil excavated from the site. A condition will be placed on any consent granted to reflect this requirement.

- (d) *the effect of the development on the existing and likely amenity of adjoining properties,*

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The proposed extractive industry may have the potential to generate detrimental noise and air impacts on the adjoining properties. The submitted noise assessment noted that, subject to the imposition of relevant conditions and additional remediation measures, the proposal will not generate any detrimental noise impacts on the nearest sensitive receivers. The accompanying air quality assessment concluded that dust emissions from the proposal will not be detrimental to the sensitive receptors located nearby. However, it has recommended that air quality controls (e.g., controlled excavation rates, application of water spray, etc.) be implemented during the operation of the extractive industry. Therefore, it is considered that the proposal will have minimal detrimental impacts on adjoining properties, subject to the imposition of relevant conditions on any consent granted.

(e) the source of any fill material and the destination of any excavated material,

In the event that the Applicant is required to source fill material for rehabilitation works, a condition will be recommended stating that the fill material must meet the definition of "virgin excavated natural material" under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

(f) the likelihood of disturbing relics,

The submitted AHIMS Search indicates that there are three sites (scar trees) within Lot 1 DP 134394, which forms part of this application. It is noted, however, that these sites are located outside the proposed disturbance and operational footprint. Therefore, Council is satisfied that, subject to the imposition of a condition related to the protection of Aboriginal heritage, the development can proceed.

(g) the proximity to, and potential for adverse impacts on, any waterway, drinking water catchment or environmentally sensitive area.

The development site is located well away from an area that has been identified as an 'environmentally sensitive area,' and no waterway or drinking water catchment is located in close proximity to the site.

(h) any appropriate measures proposed to avoid, minimise or mitigate the impacts of the development.

As discussed above within the body of the report, Council staff are satisfied that subject to imposition of standard and specific conditions, the development can proceed.

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Section 6.7 Essential services

Development consent must not be granted for development unless the consent authority is satisfied that any of the following services that are essential for the development are available or that adequate arrangements have been made to make them available when required:

Subsection	Comment
(a) the supply of water,	As no manager's residence or worker's unit has been proposed in this instance, the supply of water is not considered to be required. The applicant noted that the operator will supply containers of potable water for consumption by workers.
(b) the supply of electricity,	As above
(c) the disposal and management of sewage,	The applicant has proposed to install portable toilet. A suitable condition will be placed on any consent granted to reflect this requirement.
(d) stormwater drainage or on-site conservation,	A condition will be imposed to reflect this requirement.
(e) suitable vehicular access	It is noted that Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has granted concurrence for the proposal, while the Engineering Department has also determined that a road opening permit is required to be lodged with Council to formalize the driveway arrangement.

State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs): The following SEPPs are applicable for the development:

- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021;*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021;*
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Resources and Energy) 2021.*

State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021

Chapter 3 Koala habitat protection 2020

The subject land is not considered to be core koala habitat or potential core koala habitat.

Chapter 4 Koala habitat protection 2021

Section 4.9 of this policy is expressively applicable for the proposed development. As per Council records, the following is noted;

- (a) the land does not have an approved koala plan of management applying to the land and,
- (b) the Council is satisfied that the land is not core koala habitat.

Therefore, Council as consent authority is satisfied that the proposed development can proceed without an additional assessment.

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State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021

Chapter 3 Hazardous and offensive development

This chapter requires the consent authority to consider whether an industrial proposal is classified as a potentially hazardous or potentially offensive industry, and whether any proposed measures to reduce the impact of the development are taken into account.

The proposed extractive industry is not classified as a ‘hazardous’ or ‘potentially hazardous industry,’ as the development only involves the extraction of in-situ materials and does not include the use or processing of any hazardous materials or chemicals. It is also noted that an ‘extractive industry’ is defined in the GHLEP 2012 as not being classified as an industry. Please refer to the definition above within the report.

Therefore, no further assessment is required.

Chapter 4 Remediation of land

Chapter 4, Section 4.6(1) of this policy requires that, in determining development applications for potentially contaminated sites, Councils consider whether previous uses on the site may have resulted in contamination and whether the site is suitable for the proposed development.

As per Section 4.6(1)(a), a search of Council files indicated that the land has not been used for any approved activities that would render the soil contaminated. Therefore, it is considered that the land is suitable in its current state for the proposed development.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Resources and Energy) 2021

This SEPP outlines where various extractive industry activities are permissible both with and without development consent and specific design criteria to be considered when assessing an application.

Section 2.17 - Compatibility of proposed mine, petroleum production or extractive industry with other land uses

The extractive industry is located at a considerable distance from the closest sensitive receiver, while the adjoining lands have been used for farming operations. As a result, it is considered that the extractive industry will continue to have a negligible impact on the amenity of the surrounding agricultural land. Council also notified owners of adjoining properties of the application for fourteen (14) days. Council received a total of three (3) objections. The referral response from the Engineering Department indicates that the concerns raised in the submissions can be appropriately addressed, subject to the imposition of specific conditions.

Section 2.19 Compatibility of proposed development with mining, petroleum production or extractive industry

The project is not in the vicinity of an existing mine or extractive industry. Therefore, it is considered that the application will not result in any conflicts arising from incompatibility. A further assessment of potential impacts can be found in Section 4.15(1)(a)(b) of this report.

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2.20 Natural resource management and environmental management

Consideration of a number of issues is required under this section of the SEPP. Due to the small scale of the development, Council staff are satisfied that, subject to the imposition of appropriate conditions, the application can proceed. A further assessment of potential impacts can be found in Section 4.15(1)(a)(b) of this report.

2.21 Resource recovery

The resource recovery issue requires Council to consider the efficiency of the development in terms of resource recovery and to determine whether the consent should be issued subject to conditions aimed at optimizing the efficiency of resource recovery and the reuse or recycling of material.

As noted previously, Council staff are satisfied that, subject to the imposition of relevant conditions (e.g., rehabilitating the site to its in-situ condition), the proposal can proceed.

2.22 Transport

The following wording is noted in the SEE that is related to transport:

“Heavy Vehicle Movements at the site include:

- *Up to 5 trucks per day, with no more than 18 per week and 2 operating at site simultaneously.*
- *Loading and hauling of materials via the identified haulage routes to Jennings Road.”*

It is noted that, as per Chapter 2 and Section 2.22 of the SEPP (Resources and Energy) 2021, the application was referred to TfNSW and to Council’s Engineering Department. In correspondence dated 21 February 2025, TfNSW indicated that, subject to the following conditions, the proposal can proceed:

1. *“All vehicular access for the proposed quarry operations is to be via the defined haulage route utilising the intersection of the Olympic Highway and Jennings Road as per the submitted documentation.*
2. *A maximum of five (5) truckloads of material is to leave the development site in any given day of operation as per the submitted documentation.”*

Additionally, the internal response from the Engineering Department indicates that they do not object to the proposal, subject to the imposition of conditions on any consent granted. It is therefore considered that the proposal is consistent with this criterion.

2.23 Rehabilitation

The submitted documentation also incorporates a draft environmental management plan. The plan outlines the pathway for how the site will be rehabilitated upon cessation of extraction. The submitted plan has been reviewed by Council staff, who are satisfied with the proposed measures. A condition will be imposed on any consent granted to reflect this requirement.

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Section 4.15(1)(a)(ii) - any proposed instrument that is or has been the subject of public consultation under this Act and that has been notified to the consent authority (unless the Planning Secretary has notified the consent authority that the making of the proposed instrument has been deferred indefinitely or has not been approved);

None of the proposed draft instruments will change the outcome of this assessment.

Section 4.15(1)(a)(iii) - any development control plan;

The Greater Hume Development Control Plan (GHDCP) 2013 applies to the proposal.

It is noted the GHDCP 2013 does not contain any specific design criteria for the proposed development other than '**Notification Policy**' in 'Chapter 10'. As a result the proposal was advertised on the NSW Planning Portal from 31 January 2025 to 20 February 2025. Please refer to **Section 4.15(1)(a)(d)** for further comment.

Section 4.15(1)(a)(iv) - the regulations (to the extent that they prescribe matters for the purposes of this paragraph);

The following division within the EPA Reg 2021 has been considered in the assessment of the application;

- Division 2, Subdivision 1 Development in general – Section 69-74 & Section 81 within Subdivision 2

It is noted that, due to the nature of the proposal, no Prescribed Conditions are applicable in this instance.

Section 4.15(1)(a)(b) - The likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality;

Council staff have considered the likely impacts of the development on both natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality.

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IMPACT	COMMENT
Context & setting	<p>The subject land is located within an established rural area to the northeast of the small township of Culcairn. Consequently, development in this area is largely limited to broad acre agricultural activities and associated rural dwellings.</p> <p>The remainder of the site consists of open paddock with sporadic pockets of established vegetation, reflecting the site's historical use for agricultural purposes and its ongoing approved use as a quarry.</p> <p>Due to its isolated location, significant setback from Jennings Road to the north, and the topography of the site, it is considered that, in the event Council grants consent for the development, no additional detrimental visual impacts will arise, other than occasional truck movements along the proposed haulage road.</p> <p>As part of the overall development, the applicant has proposed to install only a number of portable toilets. Therefore, Council also considers that approval of the development will not drastically change the built fabric or the local context of the area, given the agricultural operations and use of adjoining sites.</p>
Access & parking	<p>As briefly discussed in the body of the report, the proposal will involve limited vehicle movements (a maximum of 5 truck movements per day). As noted previously, Council's Engineering Department does not consider that the proposal will have a detrimental impact on the local road network. Additionally, due to the insignificant traffic movements, the proposal was not required to be supported by a Traffic Impact Assessment. It is noted, however, that objections received for the application indicated concerns that the proposal may detrimentally impact Council-owned Jennings Road, and the submissions also raised safety concerns due to the introduction of heavy vehicles on Jennings Road. These matters have been extensively discussed with Council's Engineering Department. The referral response received includes specific conditions to address the concerns raised in the submissions.</p>

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Noise	The applicant noted that the proposal will not involve blasting for the extraction of materials. Therefore, road users and the nearest sensitive receptors will not experience sudden noise impacts. The application is supported by a noise assessment prepared by DDEG, dated 18 December 2024. The noise assessment has been prepared in accordance with the proposed operational measures and concludes that the anticipated noise levels are acceptable. The assessment further notes that as the quarry progresses and the pit depth increases, noise levels at surrounding residences will be reduced compared with the modelled scenario due to the increased acoustic screening of plant and equipment.
Heritage	Neither the subject site has been identified as a heritage conservation area in accordance with the Greater Hume Shire Community-Based Heritage Study 2010, nor is the site listed on Schedule 5 of the GHLEP 2012. It is noted, however, that, as discussed previously, a standard condition related to the protection of Aboriginal Heritage will be imposed on any consent granted.
Flora & fauna	As noted in Section 1.7 of this report, the proposal will result in the removal of approximately 1.27 ha of combined native and non-native vegetation. The submitted biodiversity development assessment (ToS) has concluded that the proposal is unlikely to have a significant impact on threatened flora and fauna populations, ecological communities, or their habitats. The assessment also concluded that the proposal does not trigger entry to the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme.
Economic	The applicant has reiterated that the purpose of the works is to extract materials for commercial sales within the local area. The applicant claims that the materials will be used for road upgrades and other infrastructure projects. The total number of employees expected during operation is approximately 8. Therefore, the proposal is expected to provide a much-needed economic boost to the local community.
Air	Council considers that the operation of the quarry will have some impact on the air quality within the immediate surrounding area. As such, the proposal has been supported by an air quality assessment. The air emission sources identified in the proposal include excavation of soils, haulage of soils across designated site roads, stockpiling of soils, and fugitive dust emissions from exposed surfaces. The assessment concluded that dust emissions will be acceptable at the nearest off-site receptors under assumed worst-case scenarios, consisting of maximum concentrations of particulate constituents. Notwithstanding this, to minimize the potential impact of dust on the immediate surroundings, suitable conditions will be imposed on any consent granted.

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Water quality	The subsequent email correspondence received from the applicant noted that the proposed quarry would access resources to a maximum depth of 25 m below ground level over the life of the quarry. As such, no groundwater will be intercepted.
Natural Hazards	Neither has the site been identified as flood-prone nor as bushfire-prone land. As also noted within the body of the report in Chapter 4, the site is not identified as a potentially contaminated site. It is therefore considered that no further assessment is necessary.

Section 4.15(1)(a)(c) - The suitability of the site for the development

Having regard to the site context, the existing functions of the subject land, and the locality, Council considers that the proposed use of the above-mentioned development sites is suitable. The particular development is permitted with consent within the GHLEP 2012 for land zoned RU1 Primary Production. The assessment against the relevant regulations and other environmental planning instruments (SEPPs) concluded that there are no issues of non-compliance with legislation that would warrant refusal of this application.

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In this regard, the site is considered suitable for the continuation of use.

Section 4.15(1)(d) - Any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the regulations

External Referral	Response
Transport for NSW (TfNSW)	Transport for NSW (TfNSW), in their correspondence dated 21 February 2025, have consented to the proposal subject to the imposition of conditions on any consent granted.
Internal Referrals	
Engineering Department	Council's Engineering Department has reviewed the proposal together with the submissions. They have provided their in-principle support, subject to the imposition of conditions on any consent granted.
Public Submissions	
<p>The application was notified to adjoining property owners from 31 January 2025 to 20 February 2025. As mentioned previously within the body of the report, Council received a total of six (6) submissions, of which three (3) were in support of the proposal, while the other three (3) requested that Council take further action prior to the determination of the application. As all of the concerns raised in the submissions were related to Council's Engineering Department, the submissions were forwarded to Council's Director of Engineering and Manager of Traffic & Infrastructure. This is in addition to the internal referral undertaken by the assessment staff.</p> <p>The main points raised in the objections and the responses from the assessing officer are summarized as follows:</p>	
Content of the submission	Response from Council staff
The proposed egress and ingress arrangements are not suitable and may result in damage to Jennings Road.	Council's Engineering Department has reviewed the submission and has recommended a specific condition requiring any road pavement damage along Jennings Road and at the quarry entrance, determined to be caused by large haulage vehicles (due to twisting movements), to be repaired by the beneficiary of the consent, in accordance with Council's advice. Therefore, Council is satisfied that this matter can be appropriately addressed through conditions on any consent granted.
There are potential safety concerns as a result of introducing heavy vehicles on Jennings Road.	Council acknowledges the concern. Upon discussing this matter with the Engineering Department, they have recommended that two signs be erected to warn all road users of slow-moving vehicles entering Jennings Road. Additionally, the operators of the trucks are required to adhere to the prescribed speed limit. It is further noted that the operation of the quarry is limited to the hours of 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. As a result of these measures, it is considered that any potential safety concerns can be effectively managed.

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Section 4.15(1)(e) - The Public Interest

It is acknowledged that the quarry provides a valuable resource, as well as economic benefits to the Greater Hume LGA and employment for a number of residents. The above assessment against the applicable legislation, together with the neighbour notification, reveals that the proposed development will have no additional impacts on the environment.

Therefore, on balance, it is considered that the broader public interest will benefit from the approval of the application. Issues raised during the assessment and public exhibition of the application have been considered and relevant, conditions have been recommended to manage the impacts attributed to these issues.

Section 7.12 Contributions Plan

Not applicable in this instance as the proposed cost of development is under \$100,000.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONCLUSION

An assessment of the proposal against Section 4.15 of the Act has been undertaken, and the proposal is consistent with the relevant environmental planning instruments and regulations that apply to the development.

It is considered that any potential adverse environmental impacts can be appropriately mitigated. Therefore, it is recommended that the proposal be supported, subject to the recommended conditions of consent contained within this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to:

1. approve Development Application No. 10.2025.10.1 at 3556 Olympic Highway Culcairn NSW 2660 on Lot 1-2 DP 134394, Lot 1 DP 356941 and Lot 12 DP 585865 for an Extractive Industry – Establishment of a new quarry to process extractive material up to 30,000 tonnes per annum subject to the conditions attached to this report pursuant to Sections 4.16 and Section 4.17 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

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Part A – GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Approved Plans and Limitation of the Consent

Development must be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the plan/s, Statement of Environmental Effects and supporting and supplementary documents submitted with the development application receipted and subject to the following conditions. The following works and activities are permitted as part of this consent:

- a) Establishment of an extractive industry (quarry) with a total disturbed area of less than 2 hectares and a total extraction rate less than 30,000 cubic metres of extractive material per year.
- b) Storage and processing of earthworks, overburden and won material;
- c) Transportation and haulage of extracted material off-site
- d) Undertake rehabilitation works to ensure the site is returned to its natural state

A separate development application must be submitted, or this consent must be modified and approved by Council for any other works (e.g., establishment of an office, etc.) on the above site.

Pursuant to the Section 4.17(d) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (EP&A) Act 1979, extraction of material and any other activities outlined in Condition 1 within this consent shall expire thirty (30) years from 19 March 2025 unless it is extended by Council on written application made to it prior to the date of expiration. Should any activities approved by this consent cease prior to the expiration date of the consent, written advice shall be provided to Council.

Reason: To ensure all parties are aware of the approved plans and supporting documentation that applies to the development.

2. Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Conditions of Consent

- i. All vehicular access for the proposed quarry operations is to be via the defined haulage route utilising the intersection of the Olympic Highway and Jennings Road as per the submitted documentation.
- ii. A maximum of five (5) truckloads of material is to leave the development site in any given day of operation as per the submitted documentation.

Reason: To ensure compliance with TfNSW requirements.

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3. Hours of Operation

Hours of operation for truck haulage to and from the site, associated with quarry, stockpile processing, and distribution activities, shall be limited to 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

Reason: To ensure the development is carried out as assessed.

4. Aboriginal Objects Discovered During Work

If any object having interest due to its age or association with the past is uncovered during the course of the work, all work must stop immediately in that area. The applicant must immediately notify Heritage NSW as soon as practical by calling 131 555 or emailing: info@environment.nsw.gov.au. Work may recommence in the affected area(s) if Heritage NSW advises that additional assessment and/or approval is not required in accordance with the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

Reason: To protect Aboriginal heritage and to ensure compliance with the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

5. Maintenance of the Site

The area outside the extractive area site being managed in a sustainable manner, and maintained to control weeds, minimise bushfire risk, prevent unsightly conditions, prevent the transport of soil, sediment, pollutants and the like off the site and offset potential adverse effects on other land and waterways.

Reason: To ensure the development is carried out as assessed and to protect the amenity of the local area.

6. Waste Management

All hard waste must be contained within the site and then be recycled or removed to an authorised waste disposal facility. No waste must be placed in any location or in any manner that would allow it to fall, descend, blow, wash, percolate or otherwise escape from the site.

Reason: To ensure the development is carried out as assessed and to protect the amenity of the local area.

PART B – BEFORE THE ISSUE OF A CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

NIL

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PART C – BEFORE BUILDING WORK COMMENCES

7. Quarry Extraction Area Boundary and Cross Section of the Quarry

Prior to use the site for the approved use the following documentation must be submitted to the Council:

- i. The perimeter of the total area to be worked for the thirty (30) year life of the quarry shall be surveyed and marked with substantial size fence posts for easy recognition in the field. **A COPY OF THE SURVEY PLAN SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL.**
- ii. A cross-section showing the existing and proposed quarry bench/batter slope must be submitted and approved by Council. The maximum depth of the cross-section should not exceed 25 m below the existing natural ground level.

Reason: To ensure the development is carried out as assessed.

8. Compliance Bond

To ensure compliance with these conditions of consent, a bank guarantee or insurance bond for the sum of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)** is to be submitted to Greater Hume Council prior to the commencement of any works on site.

The Compliance Bond will be refunded once the rehabilitation and landscaping works have been completed to the satisfaction of Council within six (6) months of the completion of the extractive industry.

Reason: To protect the amenity of the area.

9. Council Infrastructure – Photograph Dilapidation Survey

Recent photographs of Council's Road infrastructure, with date and time stamps (e.g., entrance of the quarry and Jennings Road, etc.), must be submitted to Council, to the satisfaction of Council's Engineering Department, prior to the commencement of any works.

Reason: To ensure the development is carried out as assessed.

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10. Section 68 Application

An application under Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993 must be lodged with Council via the NSW Planning Portal (**application fees apply**) and approved prior to the following works commencing on the site:

- b. To carry out water sewerage work in accordance with **Part B** of Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- c. Operate a system of sewage management (within the meaning of section 68A) in accordance with **Part C** of Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Once the Section 68 approval has been granted, before any sanitary plumbing and drainage work or water supply work (up to the point of connection) is commenced, a Notice of Work (NoW) must be submitted to Council 48 hours **prior to works commencing**.

Reason: To comply with the Local Government Act 1993

11. Emergency Response Plan

The operator or the beneficiary of this consent must maintain, and implement as necessary, an emergency response plan for the premises. The emergency response plan must document systems and procedures to deal with all types of incidents (e.g. unauthorised discharges, spills, explosions or fire) that may occur at the premises or that may be associated with activities that occur at the premises, and which are likely to cause harm to the environment. A copy of the plan must be submitted to the Council prior to the commencement of any works.

Reason: To ensure the development is carried out as assessed.

12. Amended Environmental Management Plan

The “Draft Environmental Management Plan” must be updated to incorporate the following:

- i. Approved development consent and the applicable conditions.
- ii. Preliminary Biodiversity Assessment Report (on Pages 47-49)).
- iii. Detailed landscaping measures around the stockpile areas and the western and northern sides of the excavation pit to reduce the visual impact. The plan shall be prepared by a suitably qualified person and shall incorporate predominantly local native plant species, including a variety of short-lived, fast-growing native trees and shrubs, so that adequate landscape screening is achieved in the short to medium term.
- iv. A Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan to the satisfaction of Council. This Plan shall include details of sedimentation dam specifications, site drainage strategy, proposed staging of the works, water use on site, access track erosion control, progressive and final rehabilitation plans, fencing, and topsoil strategy.

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- v. A revegetation and rehabilitation plan, prepared to the satisfaction of the Council, which shall include overburden and top-soil replacement, sowing techniques, species, rates, fertilizers, tree plantings, tree regeneration, respreading for final rehabilitation, including batter grades, berms, drainage and stabilization, runoff diversion and treatment, erosion and sediment protection and stabilization, and sediment control ponds.
- vi. A Fuel Storage Management Plan indicating where fuels are stored on site **(if any)**, and what emergency plans shall be followed in the event of a fuel spill to control the spill, prevent it from entering the environment, and rehabilitate the area.

Once Council has approved the plan, it will form part of this Development Consent.

Reason: To protect the amenity of the area and to ensure the development is carried out as assessed.

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PART D – DURING BUILDING WORK

13. Vegetation Removal

There must be no clearing of any vegetation (including within Council's road reserve) other than the vegetation approved to be removed on the 'Preliminary Biodiversity Assessment Report; prepared by B Turner and Dated December 2024.

Trees that contain hollows is to be inspected by a suitably qualified fauna ecologist and the following measures are required to be undertaken:

- tree removal should be scheduled to take place outside of breeding season wherever possible.
- All hollows identified for removal are to be inspected prior to removal. Where any threatened or non-threatened species are identified the fauna ecologist is to advise of best course of action.
- The felling of all hollow-bearing trees is to be conducted under the supervision of a fauna ecologist. Hollows of high quality or with fauna residing within shall be dismantled and all hollows are to be inspected for occupation, activity and potential for reuse; and
- re-used hollows or those with likely occupation are to be relocated to natural areas within close proximity to the site.

The parking of machinery and vehicles, or the storing of materials, soil, rubbish, or similar items, within the temporary barrier fencing around trees to be retained is prohibited.

Reason: To comply with the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and to protect the natural environment.

14. Soil Contamination - Unexpected Finds

A suitable soil chemical analysis and investigation report is required **IF ANY EVIDENCE OF CONTAMINATION** on the subject site is found during works. If any evidence of contamination is found, all works at the location must cease immediately. If remediation works are required, works must not recommence on the subject site until Council is satisfied any required remediation techniques have been appropriately completed.

Reason: To ensure the subject site is not contaminated.

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PART E – BEFORE THE ISSUE OF AN OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE

15. Letter of Completion

The Applicant must not allow or permit the development to be occupied or used, until:

1. All conditions of this consent have been completed in full.
2. Correspondence being submitted to Council outlining how each relevant condition has been met; and
3. Council has issued a Letter of Completion.

Reason: To ensure compliance with conditions of consent.

PART F – OCCUPATION AND ONGOING USE

16. Annual Report

The applicant shall prepare an Annual Report due on the 31 July each year. The first report being due in the July after physical commencement. The report shall compose

- i. **Compliance Report** - which reviews the environmental performance of the development in terms of the conditions of this consent. This report shall bring to Council's notice those matters which the applicant/operator considers may require further investigation.
- ii. **Land Management and Site Rehabilitation Plan** -All matters related to land management, erosion and sediment control, water management, weed control, and site rehabilitation shall be addressed.

Reason: To ensure compliance with conditions of consent.

17. Site Rehabilitation Plan

- iii. Only fill characterised as Virgin Excavated Natural Material (VENM)(as defined within the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997) or Excavated Natural Material (ENM)(as defined within the NSW EPA Resource Recovery Order 'The excavated natural material order 2014') shall be used in this development.
Where Council cannot be satisfied that the fill is suitable, Council may request the operator to provide a validation report.
- iv. At the time the quarrying of the land has ceased, all equipment, rubbish that relate to the extraction industry shall be removed from the site and the area left in a neat and tidy condition with all rehabilitation and revegetation carried out in accordance with the approved rehabilitation plan within six (6) months of the completion of the extractive industry. The operator of the quarry shall contact Council for an inspection to ensure that

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- v. rehabilitation has been carried out in accordance with the approved plans. On non-compliance with any of the above requirements, Council may cause the required works to be completed at the applicant's cost.

Reason: To ensure the amenity of the area is not adversely impacted upon.

18. Noise Control

Noise from the quarry including the operation of any mechanical plant and equipment must comply with all standards outlined in the [Noise Policy for Industry 2017](#) (NSW EPA) & [A Guide to the Noise Policy for Industry](#) (NSW EPA).

In the event the use exceeds permitted levels, the person in control of the premises must arrange for an acoustic investigation to be carried out by an accredited acoustic engineer and implement those measures to reduce noise to acceptable levels. Additional ongoing mitigations will be required to be installed and maintained for the life of the development.

Further acoustic review to confirm compliance with the NPfI Project Amenity Noise Levels and Project Noise Trigger Levels should be undertaken if:

- i. The applicant is proposed to use any of the following equipment: Cat D9 Dozer, Cat 324DL Excavator, Cat 980 Loader, Off Highway Haulage Trucks, Rock Crusher or Screen Stockpiler.
- ii. The quarry or any associated mechanical plant is to operate outside the currently proposed operating hours (7 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday);
- iii. If any vehicles or mobile plant will utilise tonal warning beepers;
- iv. If the noise bund is not able to be constructed to the modelled height and extent of the noise bund as outlined in Section 6.2.4 before standard operations of the quarry commence.

Reason: To ensure the safe operation of the premises and to protect the amenity of surrounding area and to ensure the development is carried out as assessed

19. Dust Suppression –

The applicant/operator shall:

- i. The design, construction and maintenance of all earthworks for run-off control sedimentation dams, spillways, water disposal areas and track drainage shall be in accordance with the NSW Department of Environment and Conservation "Erosion and Sediment Control – A Resource Guide for Local Councils".
- ii. In order to mitigate dust impacts from trucks, the operator shall instruct his truck drivers not to exceed 40km per hour whilst travelling on unsealed sections within the subject site.
- iii. Trucks entering and leaving the premises that are carrying loads must be covered at all times, except during loading and unloading.

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Reason: To ensure the safe operation of the premises and to protect the amenity of surrounding area and to ensure the development is carried out as assessed

20. Road Haulage and Road Works

a) Road Haulage

- i. Vehicles shall be loaded so that no spillage can occur at any stage.
- ii. At no time shall any vehicles leave the site with a load giving it a gross tonnage in excess of the absolute maxima as required by the Roads and Traffic Authority;
 - i. In extreme weather conditions Council may suspend road haulage on Jennings Road and the quarry entrance where it considers that road safety may be jeopardised, or road pavement may be extensively damaged.
 - ii. The applicant or quarry operator shall ensure that at all times its employees or subcontractors comply with the requirements of the relevant Government Department, including TfNSW.
 - iii. The applicant or quarry operator shall ensure that at all times its employees and subcontractors comply with appropriate safety and security requirements of the Work Cover Authority.
 - iv. The applicant or quarry operator shall refuse to load any vehicle it deems unsuitable to be used for the haulage of product from the quarry.
 - v. The applicant or quarry operator shall ensure that convoying of materials haulage vehicles does not occur.
 - vi. The applicant or quarry operator shall stipulate that its employees or sub-contractors do not apply exhaust brakes within the 60 km per hour speed zones within the Greater Hume Local Government Area.

b) Road Works

i. Vehicular Crossover/ Road Opening Permit

A new heavy duty rural driveway crossover to be constructed in accordance with Council's Specifications. All works associated with the vehicle crossover shall be inspected by Council's Engineering Department prior to any pouring of concrete. **A Road Opening Permit will only be issued upon completion of "Road Opening Permit Application" and payment of the fee applicable.**

ii. Access - Driveway Constructed With Cut-Off Drains

The driveway area being fully constructed using a proper road base material and fitted with adequate cut-off drains and sediment traps, rumble grids or alike to ensure sedimentation does not transfer onto public road network.

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- iii. **Signage For “*BEWARE OF SLOW MOVING VEHICLES ENTERING TRAFFIC*”**
Two (2) slow moving vehicle safety signs to be installed on either side of Jennings Road according to Transport for NSW warning sign guidelines and in consultation with Council’s Engineering Department. Please contact Council’s Manager Traffic & Infrastructure on (02) 6036 0100 for additional advice. Once the signs are erected, the applicant must contact the Council for inspection and final approval. The approved warning signs are to be maintained to an acceptable level. If any deterioration of the signs becomes noticeable, the signage must be replaced in conjunction with the advice received from Council as soon as possible to enable safe vehicular passage.
- iv. A give-way sign and road line markings to be installed at the entrance of the quarry and Jennings Road to the satisfaction of Council.
- v. Directional signage be installed at the entrance of the quarry and Jennings Road to allow adequate safe intersection sight distances (SISD).
- vi. The shoulders of the existing entrance at the quarry and Jennings Road is to be sealed in accordance with the Road Design Guidelines and to the satisfaction of Council to cater for the swept path of haulage vehicles and reduce shoulder wear to the intersection.
- vii. The swept path of the largest vehicle entering/exiting the subject site and maneuverability through the site is to be in accordance with the current Australian standards to Council's satisfaction.
- viii. Gates within the fence are to be set back a minimum of 30 meters from the road shoulder so as to allow storage of long vehicles to service the site.
- ix. Any road pavement damage along Jennings Road and at the quarry entrance from large haulage vehicles (twisting movements) is to be repaired by the beneficiary of the consent as per the advice from the Council.

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Advice To Applicant

- a. It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure compliance with the requirements of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (DDA). Note: Compliance with the Building Code of Australia does not necessarily meet the requirements of the DDA. You are advised to seek advice from the Australian Human Rights Commission (phone (02) 9284 9600) in respect of your application.
- b. The land subject to this consent may have restrictive private covenants applying to it. It is the responsibility of the Applicant and owner/builder to ensure private covenants are adhered to. Council does not enforce or regulate private covenants and therefore accepts no responsibility for checking the compliance of building design with such covenants.
- c. Underground assets may exist in the area subject to this application. In the interests of health and safety and to prevent damage to third party assets, please contact Dial Before You Dig at www.1100.com.au or telephone on 1100 before excavating or erecting structures. If alterations are required to the configuration, size, form or design of the development upon contacting the Dial Before You Dig service, an amendment to the development consent (or a new development application) may be necessary.

Individuals owe asset owners a duty of care which must be observed when working in the vicinity of plant or assets on the relevant property via contacting the Dial Before You Dig service in advance of any construction or planning activities.

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GOVERNANCE

1. ALBURY WODONGA HEALTH – NEW SITE NEW HOSPITAL OR REDEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING HOSPITAL

Report prepared by Acting General Manager – Colin Kane

REASON FOR REPORT

The purpose of this Council Report is to provide the Council with sufficient information to determine its position as to whether to support a new single hospital on a new site or the redevelopment of the current Albury Health Campus.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN

Theme: Healthy Communities

Outcome: Our lifestyle and services nurture the health and wellbeing of the individual and community as a whole.

DISCUSSION

Councillors would be aware that there has been a long-standing campaign for improved hospital facilities for Albury Wodonga Health whose catchment incorporates many communities including those located in Greater Hume Council.

In October 2022 a \$558 million joint funding commitment was made by NSW, Victorian and Australian Governments for the Albury Wodonga Regional Hospital Project. The Project on the existing Albury Hospital Site would deliver approximately 28,000 sqm of new and refurbished space and 2600 sqm of enabling and early works. The announced project would support clinical services outlined in the clinical services plan and a framework for future staged development. From the scope of the project the new regional hospital will deliver an increase of beds to provide a significant expansion and enhancement of clinical and non-clinical services. There will be:

- More than 80 additional new beds for medical and surgical inpatients across three new inpatient units with 60 per cent single rooms and remainder in double rooms.
- New and enhanced Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Enhanced Maternity and birthing services, including a special care nursery
- 32-bed Mental Health inpatient unit to replace and expand the existing Nolan House current 24-bed service
- New Surgical and operating theatres, including a hybrid theatre plus procedure room
- New Cardiac Catheter Lab
- New central sterile supply department adjacent to theatres
- Expanded ambulatory care, cardiac diagnostics and allied health therapies
- New hospital main entrance and public drop-off zone from Keene Street, Aboriginal Family Lounge, Multi-faith Centre and retail opportunities
- Increased in carparking on site

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The benefits of this project are:

- Consolidate acute hospital services on the Albury Campus
- Deliver the best possible healthcare environment in modern facilities, that reflect the needs of the local community
- Attract and train skilled and specialised medical, nursing, allied health and support staff
- Benefit from the retention of existing high value health assets, including the regional cancer centre and the recently completed Emergency Department expansion
- Enable further growth in sub-acute, day surgical and ambulatory care at Wodonga Campus by relocating existing inpatient maternity, birthing, neonatal care and day medical services to the Albury Campus.

NSW and Victorian governments are in support of the redevelopment of Albury Hospital. Since the announcement of the funding there has been a campaign for a new hospital on a new site. Proponents for a single hospital include Border Medical Association, Better Border Health and Wodonga City Council. One reason for the campaign for the single hospital option is that this was the recommendation from the 2021 Clinical Services Plan.

Better Border Medical Association represents local clinicians, and they have concerns about the redevelopment of Albury Hospital. They have written to Premier Chris Minns of NSW, Premier Jacinta Allen of Victoria and Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and their letter is endorsed by 200 local doctors. Within the letter the Border Medical Association raises the following concern:

It is unacceptable that AWH currently operates two undersized regional hospitals merely 10 kilometers apart. Splitting key services threatens safe patient care on a daily basis and leads to inefficiencies and duplications. The risk to patient safety is compounded by perilous deficits in bed capacity, operating theatres, outpatient clinics, renal dialysis, critical care services and support services. As it stands, the proposed redevelopment will see all of this continue.

Better Border Health Incorporated is an advocacy group comprising volunteer, community members supporting the long-standing advocacy of the Border Medical Association in calling for a new Hospital.

They have produced a final advocacy document (**ANNEXURE 3**) that calls for a single hospital on a new site. One of the reasons listed in the document for their stance is that the existing hospitals currently has an insufficient number of beds and given increases in population the new hospital will not have enough new beds to address this issue.

Recently Albury City Council has joined with Wodonga City Council to support the campaign for a new hospital on a new site and on the 6 December 2024, they released a media release

(**ANNEXURE 4**). Alpine Shire, Indigo Shire, Mansfield, Berrigan Shire, Federation Council, Edward River and Towong Shires also have declared their support for a new hospital on a new site.

Wodonga Council has been hosting advocacy meetings to promote the campaign and the author and Mayor attended a meeting on Thursday 30 January 2025 and online on the 7 March 2025. To date the advocacy has resulted in the Mayors of Albury and Wodonga meeting with the Victorian Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas and campaigning at the Victorian Parliament on the 5 March 2025.

To date when votes have been held at the abovementioned meetings in relation to the advocacy of the greenfield hospital Council representatives have abstained from voting.

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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

No implications unless travel for advocacy is required.

CONCLUSION

This report has been prepared to provide Council with sufficient information in order to determine a resolution as to whether to support the redevelopment of the existing hospital at Albury or alternatively support a new hospital on a new site which could be located either in Wodonga or Albury.

RECOMMENDATION

Council resolve either of the following options:

1. To support the redevelopment of a new regional hospital for Albury Wodonga Health at the existing hospital located in Albury
2. To support the development of a new hospital for Albury Wodonga Health on a green field site to be located in either Wodonga or Albury.

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2. CHANGE OF COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Report prepared by Acting General Manager – Colin Kane

REASON FOR REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek a resolution on the rescheduling of the date for three Ordinary Council meetings to be held in 2025.

For Councillors to consider the rescheduling of Council meeting times.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS

Objective We lead a vibrant, connected and inclusive community

Outcome 1.1 Leadership and advocacy is demonstrated and encouraged in our community

DISCUSSION

It is proposed that the April, June and September 2025 meetings be changed to the following dates with the venue to remain as Council Chambers, Culcairn.

Month	Meeting Date as Resolved 9 October 2024	Proposed amended meeting date	Venue
April	Wednesday 16	Wednesday 23	Council Chambers, Culcairn
June	Wednesday 18	Wednesday 25	Council Chambers, Culcairn
September	Wednesday 10	Wednesday 17	Council Chambers, Culcairn

The change of dates for the Ordinary April meeting is to allow for a 28-day exhibition time for the Community Strategic Plan. The change to the Ordinary June meeting is allow for exhibition of the budget. The Ordinary September meeting is rescheduled so that it does not fall on the confirmed dates for the Henty Machinery field days.

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CHANGE OF COUNCIL MEETING DATES [cont.]

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

No budget implications

CONCLUSION

It is necessary to change dates for the April and June Ordinary Meetings of Council to allow sufficient time for exhibition of Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation including the budget. The change to the September Ordinary Meeting is suggested to avoid the meeting falling on the week of the Henty Machinery field days

RECOMMENDATION

Council resolves to alter the April, June and September Ordinary meetings to the following dates:

- Wednesday 23 April 2025
- Wednesday 25 June 2025
- Wednesday 17 September 2025

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3. **DEED OF COVENANT – CULCAIRN LIONS CLUB AND MURRUMBIDGEE HEALTH – 31 BALFOUR STREET CULCAIRN**

Report By Acting General Manager – Mr. Colin Kane

REASON FOR REPORT

The intention of this report is for the Acting General Manager to be authorised by the Council to Execute a Deed of Covenant to be registered on the title of 31 Balfour Street Culcairn which will burden Council on the use of the building in the event the property is ever sold.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN

Objective: Our lifestyle and services nurture the health and wellbeing of the individual and community as a whole.

Outcome: Our infrastructure and services are aligned to the health, wellbeing and safety needs of the community.

DISCUSSION

At the February Ordinary Meeting Council resolved to purchase and own 31 Balfour Street Culcairn for the purpose of its development as an Allied Health Facility. The report to the February Meeting outlined that funding for the building would come from a number of sources including:

- \$280,000 held by Murrumbidgee Health in trust for the Culcairn LHAC which required Councils approval for release.
- \$200,000 donation from the Culcairn Lions Club.

Both the Culcairn LHAC and the Culcairn Lions Club have requested a Deed of Covenant that would burden the Council on the use of the building and in the event the Council resolved to sell the property in the future. In the event of the sale then Culcairn LHAC is requesting that the funds be returned to Murrumbidgee Health to be held in trust for another similar purpose and the Culcairn Lions Club is requesting the return of funds. Both Deeds of Covenant are **(ENCLOSED SEPARATELY 1)**. The terms of the Deed of Covenant are not considered to be unreasonable.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There is legal expense incurred for the preparation of the Deed of Covenant.

CONCLUSION

As funding has been provided to Council for the purchase of 31 Balfour Street Culcairn it is considered reasonable that a Deed of Covenant be registered on the title that will burden the Council with respects to the use of the building and in the event of the property's sale.

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BALFOUR STREET CULCAIRN [cont.]

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Authorise the Acting General Manager to execute a Deed of Covenant with Murrumbidgee Health and Lions Club of Culcairn that will be registered on title of 31 Balfour Street Culcairn where the Deed of Covenant will burden the Council with the restrictions on use of the building and require the return of funds should the building be sold.

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. **TENANCY A 39 YOUNG STREET, HOLBROOK – LEASE BETWEEN HUME BANK AND GREATER HUME - AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE**

Report prepared by Director Corporate and Community Services – Louise Frichot

REASON FOR REPORT

To obtain Council approval for the execution of a lease under Council Seal.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Nil.

DISCUSSION

Council entered into a lease agreement with Hume Bank Limited to occupy Council's premises at Tenancy A 39 Young Street, Holbrook for a term of 1 year commencing on 1 February 2024 with an option to renew for a period of 2 years.

The initial term terminated on 31 January 2025 and Hume Bank Limited has exercised its option to renew the agreement for a further 2 year period commencing 1 February 2025 to 31 January 2027.

Accordingly, new lease documentation has been finalised and requires approval from Council for the execution of the Lease by the Mayor and General Manager to complete the process.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Ongoing maintenance costs and other outgoings will be offset by rental income from tenants of the building.

CONCLUSION

Approval is now sought from Council for the execution of the Lease to Hume Bank Limited for the premises Tenancy A 39 Young Street, Holbrook by the Mayor and General Manager under the Common Seal of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

The Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the Lease between Hume Bank Limited and Greater Hume Shire Council in relation to the Tenancy A 39 Young Street Holbrook, under the Common Seal of Council.

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2. **SIGNING OF CONTRACT FOR RESIDENCE AND SERVICE CONTRACT – UNIT 5 KALA COURT, HOLBROOK NSW 2644**

Report prepared by Director Corporate & Community Services – Louise Frichot

REASON FOR REPORT

To seek Council approval to sign the Residence and Service Contract, Unit 5 Kala Court, Holbrook (Kala Court Retirement Complex Independent Living Unit) under the Common Seal of Council.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Nil.

DISCUSSION

The new tenants to Unit 5 Kala Court and have signed the Residence and Service Contract.

Accordingly, approval is hereby sought for the Mayor and General Manager to execute the required contracts under the Common Seal of Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil

CONCLUSION

Approval is sought to execute contract documentation for occupation of Unit 5 Kala Court, Holbrook under the Common Seal of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to sign the Kala Court Retirement Complex, Independent Living Unit - Residence and Services Contract under the Common Seal of Council for Unit 5 Kala Court Holbrook.

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3. POLICY DEVELOPMENT – REVIEW OF PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS POLICY

Report prepared by Director Corporate and Community Services – Louise Frichot

REASON FOR REPORT

To present the revised Draft Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors Policy for endorsement prior to it being placed on public exhibition for 28 days for comment.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Objective Our leadership and communication cultivate confidence in our future direction.
Outcome Our decision making is inclusive, collaborative and encourages ownership of the future.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with Section 252 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (the Act)*, Council is required to adopt a policy concerning the payment of expenses and provision of facilities to the Mayor and Councillors in relation to discharging functions of civic office.

The policy is no longer required to be reviewed annually but is to be reviewed and adopted within 12 months of each term of a Council. Section 253 of the Act requires Council to give 28 days of public notice of any intended amendments and allow 40 days for public submissions prior to adopting this policy.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

An expenditure allocation is included in recurrent budgets for the payment of expenses and provision of facilities to the Mayor and Councillors.

CONCLUSION

The Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors Policy is required to be reviewed within 12 months of each term of Council. This includes a public exhibition process to allow for the making of submissions.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

place the Draft Policy on public exhibition for 28 days and allow 40 days to consider any submissions at the May 2025 Council meeting. If no submissions are received the Council resolves to adopt the Policy.

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4. GREATER HUME COUNCIL 2025 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Report prepared by Director Corporate and Community Services – Louise Frichot

REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Councillors of the comprehensive results of the recent Community Consultation and Engagement activities including community feedback and key insights.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Theme Leadership & Communication.

Objective Our Leadership and communication cultivate confidence in our future direction.

Outcome L1 Our decision making is inclusive, collaborative and encourages ownership of our future.

StrategyL1.1 Support local decision-making through transparent communication and Inclusive community engagement.

DISCUSSION

Council recently engaged Karoo Consultancy to undertake Community Engagement in order to obtain data and information to assist in the identification of the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future. As per our requirement under the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 to prepare Council's Community Strategic Plan 2025 – 2035 the results from the community engagement are presented in **(ANNEXURE 5)**

With nearly 10% of the population responding to Community engagement Survey, this response rate provides a strong, representative sample of community sentiment, reflecting voices from across Greater Hume's towns and villages. The consultation identified key priorities, strengths, challenges, and aspirations, shaping the direction for Council's long-term planning and decision-making. These have been reflected in the development of Council's Community Strategic Plan 2025 - 2035.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

A provision for Community Engagement Activities was allocated in the 2024-2025 budget.

CONCLUSION

This report presents the findings from the Greater Hume Council 10-Year Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2025-2035 consultation process. These have been reflected in the development of Council's Community Strategic Plan 2025 - 2035.

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GREATER HUME COUNCIL 2025 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT REPORT
[cont.]

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Receive and note the Greater Hume Council 2025 Community Consultation and Engagement Report prepared by Karoo Consultancy.

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5. DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Report prepared by Director Corporate & Community Services – Louise Frichot

REASON FOR REPORT

This report seeks approval for public exhibition of the draft Community Strategic Plan 2025- 2035.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Theme: Leadership & Communication

Objective: Our leadership and communication cultivate confidence in our future direction

Outcome L1: Our decision- making is inclusive, collaborative and encourages ownership of our future.

DISCUSSION

Council is required to undertake corporate planning and reporting activities in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, and the NSW Government's *Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines and Handbook 2021*, also referred to as the IP&R framework in this report. Under this legislation, Council is required to:

- engage with the community to review and prepare a revised 10-year Community Strategic Plan every four years, and before 30 June in the year following the election of a new Council
- prepare a 10-year Resourcing Strategy, reviewed every four years
- prepare a four-year Delivery Program for the term of elected Council, and review annually
- prepare an annual Operational Plan including budget and Fees and Charges
- publicly exhibit all of these documents for at least 28 days and invite submissions.

This report presents the draft Community Strategic Plan 2025 - 2035 (CSP) refer to **(ANNEXURE 6)**. Council prepares the CSP on behalf of the community. It is the highest level strategic planning document and reflects the aspirations and vision of the local community. Council is not wholly responsible for its implementation. Other parties, including federal and state government agencies, non-government organisations and community groups, also play a vital role in implementing the plan.

The CSP is structured around community values referred to as five pillars:

- Our Community
- Our Economy
- Our Environment
- Our Infrastructure
- Our Civic Leadership

The CSP is based on the social justice principles of equity, access, participation and equal rights, and addresses social, environmental, economic and governance issues in an integrated manner. Community engagement strategies were undertaken from July 2024 to February 2025 and included Cuppa with Councillor across our towns and villages, Community Engagement Survey distributed by mail drop, social media posts, Zoom Sessions and Councillor workshops.

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DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN [cont.]

Council and Executive team members were involved in the preparation of the draft CSP. Subject to Council adopting the recommendation, the draft CSP would be exhibited for 28 days during March to April to ensure Council meets the legislated deadlines. The feedback received during the public exhibition period and any resulting revisions to the CSP will be reported to Council in April 2025 Ordinary Meeting.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

All costs associated with preparing the draft CSP have been met from existing budget allocations.

CONCLUSION

Council is required to undertake corporate planning and reporting activities in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, and the NSW Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines and Handbook 2021. The draft Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 has been prepared following extensive community consultation, and it is recommended that the document be placed on exhibition and that Council accepts submissions until 19th April 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That.

1. Council places the draft Community Strategic Plan 2025 -2035 on public exhibition and accepts submissions until 19th April 2025.
2. Staff prepare a further report outlining the outcomes of the public exhibition for presentation at the April 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.

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ENGINEERING

1. CLASSIFICATION OF COUNCIL LAND – 64 AND 66 BARDWELL STREET HOLBROOK

Report prepared by Engineering Admin Officer – Amanda Williams

REASON FOR REPORT

This report seeks approval to classify land recently acquired by Council as Operational Land in accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Nil

DISCUSSION

As part of the construction of the Holbrook Levee Project, Council has acquired the below parcels of Land:

- Lot 8, Section D, DP 4512, 64 Bardwell Street, Holbrook
- Lot 9, Section D, DP 5364, 66 Bardwell Street, Holbrook

In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council must resolve that land acquired be classified as Community Land or Operational Land, before the land is acquired or within three months after acquiring.

Council must also give public notice of its intended classification. The public notification process to classify the parcels of land as Operational Land has been completed, and a resolution of Council is now sought to finalise the classification process.

The public notice advertisement regarding the proposed classification appeared in the Border Mail, Council's Website and Facebook page on Saturday 1 February 2025 with the submission period closing on Friday 28 February 2025 for the required of 28 Days.

No submissions were received objecting (or otherwise) to the proposal.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Nil.

CONCLUSION

A resolution of Council is now sought to classify the land recently acquired at Holbrook as Operational Land.

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CLASSIFICATION OF COUNCIL LAND – 64 AND 66 BARDWELL STREET HOLBROOK [cont.]

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council resolve that the below parcels of land to be classified as Operational Land.

- Lot 8, Section D, DP 4512, 64 Bardwell Street, Holbrook
- Lot 9, Section D, DP 5364, 66 Bardwell Street, Holbrook

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OFFICERS' REPORTS – PART B – TO BE RECEIVED AND NOTED

GOVERNANCE

1. GENERAL MANAGER'S LEAVE

Report prepared by Acting General Manager – Colin Kane

REASON FOR REPORT

To advise Council of the appointment of an Acting General Manager by the Mayor in accordance with the Mayoral delegation.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS

Statutory Matter

DISCUSSION

In accordance with the Mayoral delegation leave has been approved for the Acting General Manager from Saturday 12 April 2025 to Tuesday 22 April 2025.

Following discussions with the Acting General Manger, the Mayor has approved the appointment of Council's Director Engineering, Greg Blackie, to act in the position of Acting General Manager for the period of the Acting General Manager's annual leave.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Allowances are made in the budget for annual leave and additional payments for acting roles.

CONCLUSION

This is an information report in accordance with the Mayoral delegation

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. COMBINED INVESTMENT ACCOUNT – MONTH ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

Report prepared by Senior Accountant/Finance Team Leader – Camilla Webb

REASON FOR REPORT

This report presents to Council details of all funds invested as at 28 February 2025 as required by the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Objective	We lead a vibrant, connected and inclusive community
Outcome 1.1	Leadership and advocacy is demonstrated and encouraged in our communities

DISCUSSION

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Responsible Accountant must present to Council monthly, the status of the investments held by Council. The Responsible Accountant must detail the investments held, and their compliance with both internal policy and external regulation under the Ministerial Order of Investments.

In accordance with the recommendations made by the Office of Local Government (OLG) Investment Policy Guidelines published in June 2010, the monthly Investments Reports are attached to the Council investment report. This allows a stand-alone report to be published on Council's website for the public to view without having to peruse the Council meeting agenda for the relevant meeting.

Councillors should note that Council has engaged an external investment manager, Curve Securities, to source appropriate investment opportunities with the aim of transitioning Council's investment portfolio to meet the investment parameters as detailed in Council's revised Investment Policy. Curve Securities will work with Council to ensure that Council's overall investment portfolio is diversified across a wider spectrum of approved financial institutions thereby achieving improved security and asset protection. It should be noted that each individual investment is still held directly by Council with each financial institution.

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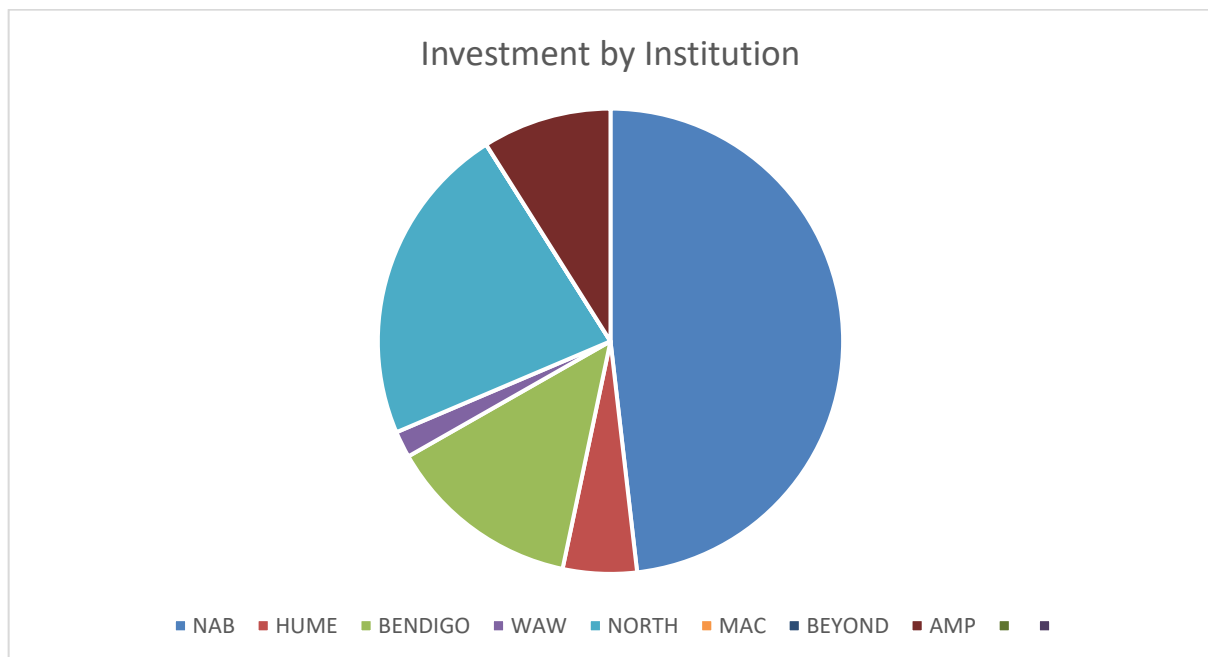
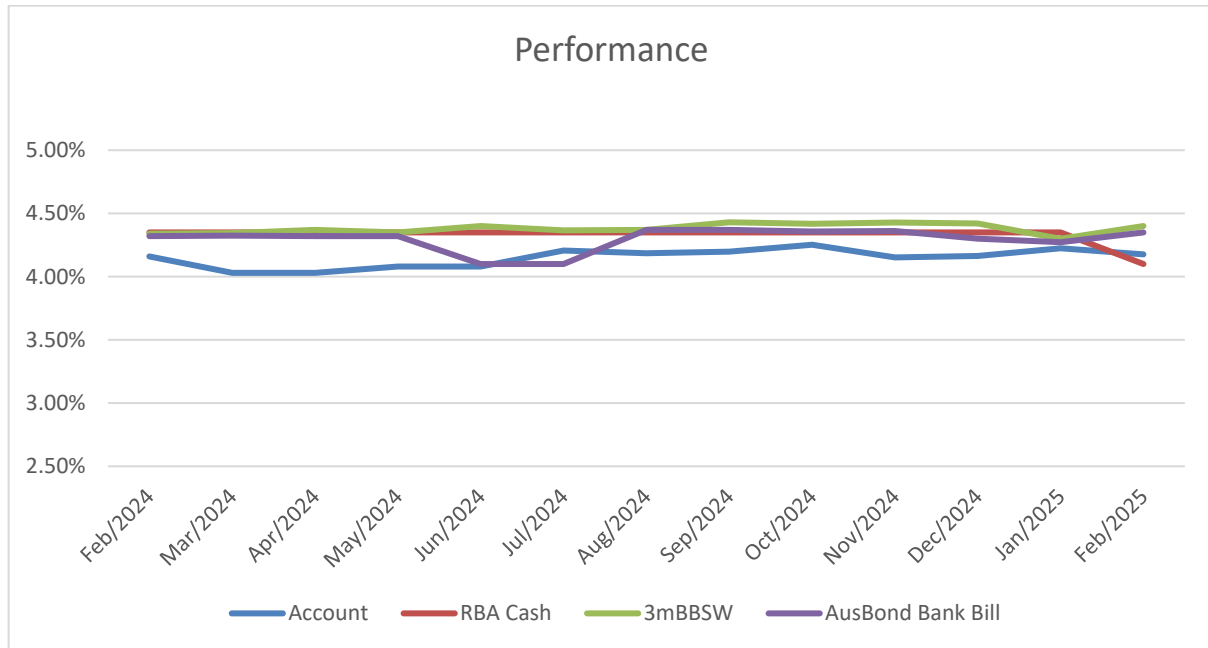
COMBINED INVESTMENT ACCOUNT – MONTH ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025 [cont.]

Greater Hume’s overall investment portfolio

Term Deposits and Treasury Bonds		
Balance held as at 31 January 2025	25	\$22,575,487.69
Add: New Investments this month	3	\$1,911,143.90
		\$24,486,631.59
Less: Matured Investments this month	3	\$1,911,143.90
Balance held as at 28 February 2025	25	\$22,575,487.69
At Call Account		
Account balance as at 31 January 2025		\$3,761,909.83
Add: Net movement to/from At Call account		-\$1,021,895.54
Account balance as at 28 February 2025		\$2,740,014.29
Total Portfolio Value as at 28 February 2025		\$25,315,501.98
Investment Yield		
Weighted Average Yield (rolling 13 months)		5.06%
Reserve Bank Cash Rate		4.10%
Notes:		

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Investment Register

Contract Number	ADI/Security Name	Amount	Settlement Date	Maturity Date	Term in Days	Yield	Monthly Accrued Interest
70654	Hume Bank	\$71,245.02	1/03/2024	1/03/2025	365	5.10%	\$278.73
79513	NAB	\$500,000	1/10/2024	3/03/2025	153	4.95%	\$1,898.63
80792	NAB	\$1,000,000	11/12/2024	12/03/2025	91	4.95%	\$3,797.26
81020	NAB	\$500,000	20/12/2024	21/03/2025	91	4.95%	\$1,898.63
76031	Bank Of Queensland	\$1,000,000	3/07/2024	31/03/2025	271	5.20%	\$3,989.04
79512	NAB	\$1,000,000	1/10/2024	1/04/2025	182	5.00%	\$3,835.62
79149	Bank Of Queensland	\$519,489.73	10/09/2024	8/04/2025	210	4.87%	\$1,940.76
81241	NAB	\$1,500,000	15/01/2025	16/04/2025	91	4.90%	\$5,638.36
79379	NAB	\$500,000	19/09/2024	17/04/2025	210	4.95%	\$1,898.63
79887	NAB	\$500,000	23/10/2024	22/04/2025	181	5.00%	\$1,917.81
72064	Hume Bank	\$46,751.06	2/05/2024	2/05/2025	365	5.20%	\$186.49
72069	Hume Bank	\$1,000,000	10/05/2024	10/05/2025	365	5.20%	\$3,989.04
81976	WAW Credit Union	\$411,143.90	9/02/2025	11/05/2025	91	4.50%	\$1,013.78
81677	Bank Of Queensland	\$1,000,000	10/02/2025	12/05/2025	91	4.55%	\$2,368.49
79227	NAB	\$2,000,000	12/09/2024	12/05/2025	242	4.95%	\$7,594.52
78549	AMP Bank	\$1,000,000	9/08/2024	5/06/2025	300	5.20%	\$3,989.04
56079	Northern Territory Treasury Corp	\$1,000,000	14/01/2022	15/06/2025	1,248	1.40%	\$1,073.97
81242	Bendigo And Adelaide Bank	\$2,000,000	15/01/2025	16/06/2025	152	4.90%	\$7,517.81
52490	Northern Territory Treasury Corp	\$1,500,000	27/05/2021	16/06/2025	1,481	1.10%	\$1,265.75
75895	Hume Bank	\$26,857.98	27/06/2024	27/06/2025	365	5.00%	\$103.02

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81105	Bendigo And Adelaide Bank	\$1,000,000	6/01/2025	2/07/2025	177	5.00%	\$3,835.62
81090	Bank Of Queensland	\$500,000	3/01/2025	2/07/2025	180	4.95%	\$1,898.63
81240	AMP Bank	\$1,000,000	15/01/2025	14/07/2025	180	5.10%	\$3,912.33
81678	NAB	\$500,000	10/02/2025	11/08/2025	182	4.75%	\$1,236.30
51782	Northern Territory Treasury Corp	\$2,500,000	15/04/2021	15/06/2026	1,887	1.30%	\$2,493.15
49570	NAB	\$2,740,014.29	28/02/2025	1/03/2025	1	4.40%	\$330.30
Total		\$25,315,501.98					\$69,901.71

Declaration

I, Dean Hart, as the Responsible Accounting Officer of Greater Hume Shire Council, hereby certify the investments listed in the attached reports have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 and Council's Investment Policy.

All investments have been appropriately recorded in Council's financial records and reconciled monthly.

CONCLUSION

As at 28 February 2025 total Investments held were \$25,315,501.98. The year-to-date accrued investment earnings for 2024/2025 was \$757,479.98. The rolling 13-month average investment yield is 5.06%.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Investment Balances Report for the month of February 2025.

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2. **GRANT SUBMISSIONS/STATUS REPORT**

Report prepared by Finance Team Leader – Camilla Webb

REASON FOR REPORT

This report provides Council with an overview of current grant projects in progress and recent grant submissions.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

Theme: Leadership & Communication

Objective: Our leadership and communication cultivate confidence in our future direction.

DISCUSSION

Council relies on significant grant funding to complete a range of projects and deliver key services to our community.

The total grant and funding portfolio current consists of 46 active projects. Grant funding received to date totals \$13,329,833.29.

During February, Council has submitted the following grant applications:

- Regional Economic Development and Community Investment Program – Jingellic Road Regional Enhancement Project

Council has also been unsuccessful in the following grant applications:

Active Transport Fund – 3 submissions for Shared Paths (Culcairn, Burrumbuttock and Henty)

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The Council currently has \$35,511,739 in grant funding budgeted for the 2024-25 year.

CONCLUSION

All current grants and programs are progressing and meeting their prescribed timelines.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Grant Progress and Submission report (**ANNEXURE 7**) for February 2025.

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ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVES.

Report prepared by Report prepared by Acting General Manager – Colin Kane

REASON FOR REPORT

To provide an update on the strategic planning initiatives currently being undertaken by the Council.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS

The following strategies have direct or indirect connection with the following strategic planning initiatives as outlined in the Greater Hume Council Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032:

1. *'Our towns and villages are championed to stimulate economic growth, investment and employment opportunities.'*
2. *Our communities share responsibility to increase sustainability and minimising our environmental impacts.*
3. *Our leadership and advocacy is responsive to the needs of our diverse community.'*

DISCUSSION

Greater Hume Council has committed to a forward-thinking, proactive approach in planning for the community's long-term success. This report serves as a formal update on the following strategic initiatives that are currently in progress.

1. Greater Hume settlement strategy
2. South Jindera Low Density Residential Development Control Plan
3. West Jindera Residential Precinct

Greater Hume settlement strategy

At the last Council meeting held on 19 February 2025, Council staff presented a report informing Council about the preferred consultant to carry out the Greater Hume Settlement Strategy. Council's Acting General Manager has formally informed PSA Consultant of the appointment, and the consultant has acknowledged the appointment. As per the letter, Council expects the final contract to be finalised within two weeks, and the strategy will commence three weeks after the contract is signed. This much-needed strategy will ensure that potential land is identified for residential, commercial, and industrial purposes, thereby addressing community needs and providing a solid framework for the future growth and development of our Local Government Area (LGA)

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STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVES. [cont.]

South Jindera Low Density Residential Development Control Plan

Council is undertaking an amendment to the Greater Hume Development Control Plan 2013 in accordance with Clause 6.8 of the Greater Hume Local Environmental Plan (GHLEP) 2012. The proposed amendment (hereafter referred to as the 'South Jindera Low-Density Residential Development Control Plan) specifically focuses on the following allotments:

1. Lot 224 DP1280394
2. Lots 2 and 4 DP240938
3. Lots 31 and DP1062153

The purpose of this site specific DCP is to provide for a coordinated urban extension to the south of the Jindera urban area, for the identified land zoned R2 Low Density Residential. This precinct-based amendment will contain specific controls related to the subdivision of land, road network, flooding, landscaping provisions, and utilities and infrastructure for the above allotments.

Council has received a copy of the draft precinct-based amendment, and staff are in the process of reviewing the document. This amendment will also incorporate a site-specific Section 7.11 Contribution Plan, which is similar to the existing Section 7.11 Contribution Plan adopted by Council in July 2018.

Once the precinct-based DCP and the contribution plan have been finalised, a follow-up report will be presented to Council prior to the exhibition, seeking a resolution to exhibit the plan.

West Jindera Residential Precinct

The West Jindera Residential Precinct is a project that has received \$165 000 funding under Round 2 of the Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund. So far biodiversity assessment has been completed with no impediments found. Flooding Studies are continuing with new flood maps required to be produced which included updated rainfall data. Also under preparation is masterplan, planning proposal, development control plan and infrastructure plan. It is anticipated that this strategic planning exercise will be completed in 2026 and the precinct may facilitate the development of 750 new dwellings.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The funds for the above strategic planning initiatives have been allocated through grants or budgets. No variation is required

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the progress of the strategic planning initiatives outlined above

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ENGINEERING

1. UPDATE ON FUNKS PIT REHABILITATION

Report Prepared by Director Engineering - Greg Blackie

REASON FOR REPORT

To update the Council on the rehabilitation of "Funks Pit" on Red Hill Road, Tabletop.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTION

- **CSP Strategy:** N2 – Our road and transport network is maintained and accessible.
- **Initiative:** N2.1.1 – Implement asset management and renewal programs in accordance with adopted budgets and capital works programs.

DISCUSSION

The rehabilitation of Funks Pit is ongoing following the removal of the material as required by the Clean-up Notice issued by the EPA. With the completion of all requirements of the Clean-up Notice, this matter is now considered closed.

The material from Funks Pit was relocated to Walla Walla Landfill and subsequently sieved to produce compliant material used for the remediation of the Walla Walla Landfill. This resulted in substantial cost savings compared to the estimated cost of the remediation. The remaining spraying and seeding of the landfill site will be undertaken upon the arrival of cooler weather.

Recently, staff investigated opportunities to obtain a replacement source of compliant material required at Funks Pit. Investigations and testing were conducted on several sites. Staff identified a site close to Funks Pit, and arrangements were made to acquire and transport the material to Funks Pit.

As of the week ending 14th March, most of the material has been delivered onsite.

The development of the procurement process for the remaining rehabilitation works at Funks Pit is currently in progress. These plans involve the initial spreading and seeding of the material transported onsite and spraying of batters, which is expected to occur in April/May, with the planting of required vegetation in May/June. A maintenance program is also being developed for the completed works.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Council has a reserve fund for the rehabilitation of existing Council quarries and gravel pits, from which the cost of the required work will be funded. A more detailed report on these costs will be provided at the next Council meeting.

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UPDATE ON FUNKS PIT REHABILITATION [cont.]

CONCLUSION

The rehabilitation of Funks Pit is continuing with the removal of material to Council's Walla Walla Landfill as required by the Clean-up Notice issued by the EPA. With the completion of all requirements, associated with this matter it is now considered closed. The rehabilitation of Funks Pit has now been recommended, with all works proposed to be completed by June.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the report.

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PART C - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

GOVERNANCE

1. TOURISM AND PROMOTIONS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2025

Prepared by: Emily Jones, Tourism and Communications Coordinator

Greater Hume Council Websites

Outcome 4.2 - Our communication is open, effective and purposeful to connect and educate our community.

Continued implementation of the GHC Communication Plan. Maintain and manage the Greater Hume Council suite of websites which are compliant with accessibility standards. Seamless CMS (OpenCities now Granicus) is the provider of Council's websites – Greater Hume Council, Visit Greater Hume, Greater Hume Children Services and Town and Village websites.

Comments

		greaterhume.nsw.gov.au		ghchildren.com.au		visitgreaterhume.com.au	
February 25		Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	Current
Website Traffic	New	9731	9308	415	488	1408	1285
	Returning	4015	3994	370	189	1369	714
Traffic Source	Organic	7833	7159	276	355	871	821
	Direct	1187	1154	125	114	154	119
	Referral	127	218	0	12	363	326
	Social	561	783	14	4	19	18
Device Paths	Desktop	2178	2359	135	149	492	418
	Mobile	3902	3530	261	220	861	616
	Tablet	125	130	3	1	39	31

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www.greaterhume.nsw.gov.au - top pages:

1. Your Greater Hume – Council Meetings
2. Your Greater Hume Council – Careers with Us
3. Living in Greater Hume – Waste and Recycling
4. Contact Us
5. Living in Greater Hume – Rates

www.ghchildren.com.au – top pages:

1. Family Day Care
2. A Higher Rate of Child Care Subsidy
3. Contact Us
4. Enrol Your Child – Family Day Care
5. Holbrook Centre

www.visitgreaterhume.com.au – top pages:

1. Natural Wonders - Wymah Ferry
2. Culcairn - Explore Eat Stay/ Culcairn Caravan Park
3. Natural Wonders- Table Top Reserve
4. Culcairn
5. Culcairn – History and Heritage

Social Media

Outcome 4.2 - Our communication is open, effective and purposeful to connect and educate our community.

Continued implementation of the GHC Communication Plan. Expand the information available to the community online and encourage online collaboration and self-serve service platforms

Comments

Instagram, #visitgreaterhume – 1201 followers

Individual Facebook pages:

- Greater Hume Council – 4169 followers
- Visit Greater Hume – 872 followers
- Holbrook Submarine Museum – 1353 followers
- Greater Hume Children’s Services – 1100 followers
- Greater Hume Youth Advisory Committee – 483 followers
- Buy Local in Greater Hume – 684 followers

Greater Hume Council Newsletters

Outcome 4.2 - Our communication is open, effective and purposeful to connect and educate our community.

Develop quarterly Council newsletters and rates notice insert whilst ensuring effective and targeted content

Comments

Autumn edition of Greater Hume Council Newsletter is currently in production and will be available in two weeks of March. The issue will cover topics such as Australia Day 2025, Development Applications process, Engineering Projects for the Autumn period.

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TOURISM AND PROMOTIONS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2025 [cont.]

Greater Hume Tourism and Promotions

Outcome 2.3 - Our region's highlights are celebrated, maintained and promoted to enhance our visitor experience

Comments

- Monthly newsletters are sent to all Greater Hume Tourism Operators, providing latest information on tourism opportunities, marketing, social media and promotional campaigns as well as relevant contacts and statistics.
- Managing over 250 Greater Hume ATDW Listings. The Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) is Australia's national platform for digital tourism marketing in Australia. ATDW distributes information to over 60 partners' websites to support local tourism businesses in expanding their online exposure, bookings and marketing.
- Submitted visitor and What's On advertising in Eat Play Autumn Edition 2025 plus the 2025 Hume League Draw. The print run is 24,000, 14,000 are inserted into The Border Mail and the additional 10,000 distributed. Distribution is to all Visitor Information Centres through NE Victoria and Southwest NSW/Riverina plus Canberra and Melbourne. Other business (inc motels) and advertisers.
- Emailed (over 600) 'What's on in March' to Visitor Information Centres in NSW and VIC, coach/bus/tour companies, tourism operators within shire and regional, media, visitor information points and to interested residents in the shire.
- Currently redoing signage around Greater Hume, including visitor signage, tourist maps and billboard designs.
- The photoshoot in Holbrook has now been completed and the images have been distributed to the Tourism Operators and well as utilised on our platforms.
- Engaged local operators to attend Tourism Resilience workshops run by Destination NSW and Visit the Murray.
- Partnering with Murray Regional Tourism to host the May Tourism Managers Forum within Greater Hume.
- Completed the Summer social campaign 'Experience Something Great in Greater Hume'. Engagement and visitation levels across website and platforms were boosted. An Autumn School holiday social plan is currently be drafted.
- Completed the 2025 Country Change marketing project with a video focus on Culcairn. Our focus month this year is April, and our content will be published on the Country Change website and social media for that month.

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Visitor Information Centre and Submarine Museum

Outcome 2.3 - Our region's highlights are celebrated, maintained and promoted to enhance our visitor experience.

Offering visitors to Greater Hume information and advice on accommodation, places to eat, attractions, maps, tours, road conditions, events and other general information. Reception and admission to Submarine Museum.

Comments

Visitor Information Centre Statistics:

Feb 25 - Walk In – 1095, Phone Calls - 31, Emails – 0.

Feb 24 - Walk In – 1206, Phone Calls - 22, Emails – 0.

Submarine Museum Statistics:

Feb 25 - Adult - 154, Child - 33, Concession - 204, Family - 25, Group - 6, Total - 422.

Feb 24 - Adult - 106, Child - 16, Concession - 237, Family - 30, Group - 0, Total - 389.

Events

Outcome 2.3 - Our region's highlights are celebrated, maintained and promoted to enhance our visitor experience

To assist with the promotion of Greater Hume's many and varied events. Encourage more residents to be involved in Greater Hume and events.

Comments

During this period, we have supported over 20 events across Greater Hume. We have supported or are currently supporting Henty Ag Show, Festival by the Sub, Holbrook Triathlon and Holbrook Agricultural Show, Morgan Country Car Club Show and Shine, West Hume Landcare events, Flyfarie Wines Pick and Picnic and various Jindera Pioneer Museum events.

Australia Day

Outcome 1.1 - Our communities are welcoming and inclusive to support diversity and social connectedness

Comments

Australia Day 2026 is to be held in the Jindera Community. Preparations will begin October 2025 for this event.

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Signage

Outcome 2.3 - Our region's highlights are celebrated, maintained and promoted to enhance our visitor experience.

Comments

Tourism and Village Signage is being developed in Burrumbuttock, the Submarine Precinct and Gallipoli Park, Holbrook. The drafts of the Burrumbuttock signage have been sent to the Committee, the new signage at Gallipoli Park, Holbrook will be installed in April and the Submarine Precinct signage is still being drafted. Council has supported the install of new heritage signage around Walla Walla.

Murray Regional Tourism (MRT)

Outcome 2.3 - Our region's highlights are celebrated, maintained and promoted to enhance our visitor experience

MRT is a joint venture between Albury, Balranald, Berrigan, Campaspe, Corowa, Deniliquin, Gannawarra, Greater Hume, Mildura, Moira, Murray, Swan Hill, Wakool, Wodonga, as well as Tourism Vic and Destination NSW.)

Comments

- Currently attending monthly zoom meetings with MRT and the VIC network group.
- Advocacy for current flooding crisis along the Murray and positive promotions depicting The Murray as still open for visitors with a wide range of activities still open.
- COVID Recovery Funding - A Greater Hume promotional campaign in partnership with Murray Regional Tourism and Destination NSW has now been completed with statistics to be released shortly.
- Staff are undergoing Social Media Training which begun February, led by Murray Regional Tourism. This training includes one on one mentoring sessions.
- Partnered with MRT to provide various programs to Greater Hume Tourism Operators. These have been promoted, supported and utilised by a variety of TOs over the year. Three more programs have just been launched for 2025.
- Murray Tourism are currently creating a new website, Council Staff have been working in partnership with Murray Tourism to ensure Greater Hume is represented on the website.
- Partnered with MRT in a Mates of the Murray Campaign that will be released in May.
- Hosting the MRT May Tourism Managers Forum in Greater Hume.

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Museums and Heritage

Outcome 1.3 - Our connection to the local culture and environment fosters positive relationships and learning for sustained health benefits.

GHC currently has 11 public or private museums and three historical societies. Museum Advisor (Vanessa Keenan) – In partnership with Albury City Council and Museums and Galleries NSW.

Comment

A new Community Museum engagement training plan has been developed by the Museum Advisor. Staff are working towards completing this plan with Community Museum volunteers. Museums included within this program have been supported with grant applications, mission statements, collection support and community mapping programs. The 2025 Workshop and Training program has commenced, including a site visit to all participating Museums. The Second Round of sites visits will commence in April.

Greater Hume Community Museums now have an extensive library of objects on eHive, with over 250 objects now listed, (eHive is a web-based collection cataloguing system used worldwide by hundreds of museums, societies and private collectors to catalogue objects, store images, manage acquisition information and publish their collections online.) for those looking to learn more about some of the region's most significant objects/artefact's.

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CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. GREATER HUME CUSTOMER RELATIONS AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Report prepared by Acting Customer Relations Coordinator– Carly Toll

REASON FOR REPORT

To inform Council on library membership and participation in Greater Hume Council Libraries, and Youth Services programs and events held in Greater Hume.

REFERENCE TO DELIVERY PLAN ACTIONS

Theme	Healthy Communities.
Objective	Our communities are welcoming and inclusive to support diversity and social connectedness. Our lifestyle and services nurture the health and wellbeing of the individual and community as a whole.

DISCUSSION

The Greater Hume Council Libraries and Youth Services continue to organise and facilitate programs and services that meet the needs and wants of the community.

Books to Boot Program – Mobile Library Transition Programme

The Books to Boot Program was introduced as interim service to transition library members from the Mobile Library Program to our online library services and physical library spaces. Following the withdrawal of Greater Hume Council from the mobile library, aiming to provide books, magazines, DVD's and promote online library resources to villages previously served by the mobile library. The program was scheduled for multiple visits over December 2024, January and February 2025.

The initiative was promoted through a range of mediums including social media, in our local newsletters and promoted on the local radio station 2GHR. The community take up of the Transitional Programme has now been completed.

Community Engagement Strategy

The Customer Relations team promoted and assisted the community to complete the Community Engagement Strategy over the period from 17th to 28th February 2025 at each of four libraries.

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Library Programs- February 2025

Library Programs	Location	Event
Library Lovers Day	Culcairn, Jindera, Holbrook, Henty	Our libraries were decorated, and chocolate hearts were given to our borrowers on Friday 15 February.
Cuppa with a Councillor	Henty	Henty library hosted “Cuppa with a Councillor” on Friday 21 February, Councillor Ben Hooper spent 2 hours in the library chatting with the 10+ residents that attended.
Books to Boot	Village visits	A mobile library transition program that provided a selection of books to our villages affected by the ceasing of the Mobile Library. This also included information on how to use online library programs.
Book Nooks	Henty, Culcairn and Holbrook	Each month children’s picture books and adult ‘coffee table’ nonfiction books are delivered to businesses and organisations. This continues to be popular.
Story Time	Henty, Culcairn, Holbrook and Jindera	Story time continues to be held at the libraries each month. Participants include before school aged children, preschool and school students.
Culcairn Knitting Club	Culcairn	The Culcairn Knitting Club attend on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month for the bi – weekly gathering to share their blanket making prowess & morning tea together
Jindera Knitting Group	Jindera	A group of 7 – 9 ladies gather weekly in our library for social and knitting for charity and themselves and using this time as social time.
Jindera Craft Ladies	Jindera	Our craft group has grown from 3 to now being 6 this month. One lady does cross stitch another does scrap booking, another knitting, another makes the cutest flowers and pieces to go on gifts out of material. Another was doing card making.

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Upcoming Library Programs – March 25

Upcoming Programs	Location	Event Description
Seniors Week	Henty, Holbrook, Culcairn and Jindera	Local artist Georgia Keogh from “The Painting Yard” will facilitate guided painted sessions with our Senior Communities and a shared morning tea will follow.
Billabong High School	Culcairn	Weekly volunteering from our students to assist residents with their tech needs.
Knitting Club	Culcairn	Bi-weekly visits to knit and connect with other group members.
Story Time	Henty, Culcairn, Holbrook and Jindera	Story time continues to be held at the libraries each month. Participants include before school aged children, preschool and school students.

Library Statistics – February 25

Library Statistics – February 25	Henty	Culcairn	Holbrook	Jindera
Issues	165	229	506	109
Online Resources	177	107	198	46
Door Count	1382	3402	2467	1567

(Please note Henty Library is only open 20 hours per week – Tuesday – Friday 12pm - 5pm. All other libraries are open Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5pm)

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil. Works are funded from budget allocations.

CONCLUSION

Greater Hume Council continues to provide programs and services for all members of the community, a combination of events has led to an exceptionally busy period for the Customer Relations team, and they have managed the increased demand with dedication and efficiency.

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2. **STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 28TH FEBRUARY 2025**

The statement of bank balances as at 28th February is attached (**ANNEXURE 8**)

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ENGINEERING

1. FEBRUARY REPORT OF WORKS

Grants Program

State Roads Maintenance (RMCC)

Maintenance works, inspections and sign replacement on State Roads, Olympic Highway (MR78) and Tumbarumba Road (MR284) is continuing under the RMCC with Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW).

Heavy Patching on MR78 is continuing.

Resealing on MR78 is continuing.

TfNSW has commenced the installation of new guardrail on MR284, as part of safety upgrades.

Regional Roads

General maintenance is continuing on all Regional Roads.

Widening of Wantagong Creek Bridge on Jingellic Road (MR331) is continuing.

Local Roads

Sealed:

General maintenance on local roads is continuing.

Brocklesby Balldale Road (Stage 2) Road reconstruction is continuing. The final 1.1km is being prepared.

Council's resealing program is continuing.

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Unsealed:

Gravel resheeting as per Council's Resheeting Program is continuing on various local roads.

Maintenance grading has been carried out on the following roads during February. See Map **(ANNEXURE 9)**.

Road Name	Location	Length Graded (km)
ROAD NAME	LOCATION	APPROX. LENGTH
Angaston Road	Full length	0.7
Bellevue Road	Full length	1.7
Boxwood Park Road	Full length	3.6
Cannings Road	Full length	4.1
Chambers Road	Full (unsealed) length	2.8
Fielder Moll Road	Full length	4.6
Hoffmans Road	Full length	2.8
Hudsons Road	Kywang Howlong Rd to Barkers Rd	5.2
Jobsons Road	Full length	2.6
Lemke Road	From Greenwood Rd	0.8
Llewellyn Road	Full length	2.5
Mate Street Morven	Full length	1.4
Merri Meric Road	2.4 KM from Olympic Hwy to end	6.1
River Road	Jingellic end	10
Thugga Road	1.5km from Culcairn Holbrook Rd to end	4.4
West Showground Road	Full length	0.4
	Total	53.7

Urban Streets:

General maintenance of urban streets including signage replacement is continuing.

Street Light installation at Hueske Road and Urana Road intersection is complete.

Dight Street, Jindera - Road rehabilitation and kerb & gutter/drainage installation project is continuing.

Swift Street, Holbrook - Road rehabilitation and kerb & gutter/drainage installation project is continuing.

General:

General maintenance of public toilets and parks is continuing.

Holbrook Flood Levy construction is continuing.

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Monthly Works Maintenance Expenditure:

Local Roads Program	Current Budget	Monthly Budget to Date	YTD Expenditure	Monthly Budget Variance to Actual	Vandalism	Natural Disaster & Pothole Expenditure to Date	Comments
Urban Roads Maintenance	\$248,307	\$165,538	\$114,943	\$50,595		\$19,537	
Urban Roads Town Maintenance	\$439,945	\$293,297	\$335,019	-\$41,722	\$0	\$0	Overspend is compensated by under spend in Urban Roads Maintenance.
Rural Roads Sealed	\$1,011,459	\$674,306	\$665,569	\$8,737	\$1,430	\$1,466,026	
Rural Roads Unsealed	\$1,548,030	\$1,032,020	\$985,229	\$46,791		\$637,414	
Street Tree Maintenance	\$264,195	\$176,130	\$152,876	\$23,254	\$0	\$0	

Sportsgrounds, Parks & Public Toilets	Current Budget	Monthly Budget to Date	YTD Expenditure	Monthly Budget Variance to Actual	Vandalism	Natural Disaster & Pothole Expenditure to Date	Comments
Sportsground Maintenance	\$391,477	\$260,985	\$236,248	\$24,737	\$1,922	\$0	
Parks & Gardens Maintenance	\$307,863	\$205,242	\$204,037	\$1,205	\$14,167	\$0	
Public Toilets Maintenance	\$281,042	\$187,361	\$156,544	\$30,817	\$6,340	\$0	

NB : Sportsground Maintenance excludes annual GHC contribution payment

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Major Projects Expenditure:

Project	Budget	YTD	Committed	Total	% Budget Expended	% Work Completed	Comments
2024-2025 Resealing Program	\$2,093,708	\$1,583,293	\$1,000,991	\$2,584,284	75.62%	80.00%	Resealing has commenced and is programmed to be completed in March 25.
2024-2025 Gravel Reheeting Program	\$1,706,700	\$847,975	\$453,362	\$1,301,337	49.69%	52.00%	Resheeting Works are progressing to program.
Brocklesby Balldale Road Rehab - Stage 1 & 2	\$4,671,579	\$4,012,074	\$264,114	\$4,276,188	85.88%	90.00%	Stage 2 has had 12.1m sealed and work is progressing on the final 1km, project is progressing to schedule.
Regional Emergency Road Repair Program	\$9,130,569	\$7,355,368	\$0	\$7,355,368	80.56%	80.56%	Works are Progressing as per Approved Project Plan
Jingellic Road - 5 Bridges/culverts	\$4,520,000	\$4,223,130	\$18,940	\$4,242,070	93.43%	95.00%	Work is continuing on the Wantagong Bridge widening.
Culcairn Residential Subdivision	\$3,217,391	\$2,707,428	\$38,255	\$2,745,683	84.15%	88.00%	Project is near completion with Lots to be put on the market shortly.

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ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

1. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025

(ANNEXURE 10)

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PART D

COMMUNITY MEETING- MINUTES

Attached in (**ANNEXURE 11**) are minutes of the following items:

- Woomargama Hall Committee General Meeting 3 February 2025
- Woomargama Hall Committee Annual General Meeting 3 March 2025
- Culcairn Community Development Committee Meeting 18 February 2025
- Morven Community Meeting 27 February 2025

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