



**G W Y D I R**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

## **MINUTES OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

**Held on Thursday 9 February 2023**

**Commencing at 9:04 am**

**in the Roxy Conference Room**

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**Present**

**Members:** Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor), Cr Marilyn Dixon OAM, Cr Jim Moore, Cr David Coulton, Cr Tiffany Galvin, Cr Chris Matthews, Cr Lyndon Mulligan and Mr Alex Eddy

**Staff:** Max Eastcott (General Manager), Helen Thomas (Manager Finance), Thais Simpson (Administrative Assistant) and Justin Hellmuth (Business Improvement and IT Manager)

**Public:**

**Visitors:**

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## 1 OFFICIAL OPENING AND WELCOME - DEPUTY MAYOR

The Deputy Mayor welcomed all present to the meeting.

## 2 APOLOGIES

Crs J Coulton and G Smith have both submitted their apologies for this Committee Meeting.

The apologies received from Crs J Coulton and Cr Geoff Smith together with Mrs Leeah Daley are accepted.

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

**THAT the Minutes of the Public Infrastructure Committee 8 September 2022 as circulated be taken as read and CONFIRMED.**

**(Moved Cr Galvin, Seconded Cr Matthews)**

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr Egan, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan, Cr Smith and Alex Eddy**

**Against: Nil**

## 4 PRESENTATION

Nil

## 5 CALL FOR THE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, GIFTS RECEIVED AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 6 OFFICERS' REPORTS

### 6.1 Technical Services

**File Reference:** NA

#### **Delivery Program**

**Goal:** 5. Organisational management

**Outcome:** 2.1 Our economy is growing and supported

**Strategy:** 2.1.1 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

**Author:** Alex Eddy Engineering Services Manager

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**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil****IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

This report is for reception.

**TABLED ITEMS Nil****BACKGROUND**

The Monthly Technical Services report has been identified by Council as the process of reporting the activities carried out monthly by the Technical Services Department.

**COMMENT****Construction*****IB Bore Road Upgrade***

Work continues on the SR9 IB Bore Road Upgrade near North Star this month. This project is jointly funded by the Fixing Country Roads Program (\$9.54m), and the Federal Government's Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (\$2m). Despite regular rainfall slowing progress, a 1.5km section approximately 8km from North Star has been completed and bitumen sealed. Staff continue construction of the project with earthworks stabilisation on an adjacent 1km section underway. The project is tracking to be delivered within the available budget.

***Horton Road Bitumen Sealing***

Construction work continues on the SR11 Horton Road upgrade. This project is funded by the Fixing Local Roads Program (\$5m), with Council co-contributing \$800,000. A section of the road 3.8km long from Noogera Creek Bridge towards Upper Horton has now been sealed, leaving 6km of the 16km long project to be completed. Gravel carting and stabilising of the next 3km is underway and is expected to be sealed prior to Christmas, leaving only 3km to be completed early in the new year. This project continues to track well within the available budget.



*SR11 Horton Road*

***Getta Getta Road Resheeting***

The Getta Getta Road resheeting project, funded by the Fixing Local Road Program, is well underway with works nearing completion of a 5km section at the eastern end of the 20.9km project. The project is tracking under budget, in part due to trucks for gravel carting being supplied by local landholders under Council's self-help program.

***Girraween Road Resheeting***

Crews have completed resheeting a 6km section of SR225 Girraween Road, where they had been carting granite out of a local property owner's pit.

***Blue Nobby Road Pavement Enhancement***

A 22.9km pavement enhancement project has been completed on Blue Nobby Road. The pavement enhancement included reshaping the existing unsealed pavement with the incorporation of a polymer binder. Very minimal resheeting took place, with only existing gravels being used. As part of the works, the entire road was reformed, and all drains reinstated. The cost of the pavement enhancement was significantly below that of resheeting the same length and has thus far shown comparable results.



*SR40 Blue Nobby Road Pavement Enhancement*

***Disaster Recovery***

Following flooding in October, construction crews were moved temporarily from the IB Bore Road and Horton Road projects to Gwydir Highway to complete emergent works on the Gravesend Bridge. Granite was carted to fill washouts in the pavement, before crews heavy patched the bridge approaches, reinstating access less than a week after damages were incurred.



*HW12 Gwydir Highway, Gravesend Bridge – Before and After*

### **Maintenance**

General maintenance continues on Regional and State roads, including vegetation control, slashing and whipper snipping of guideposts and guard rails.

Seal maintenance is ongoing on all State, Regional and Local Roads as potholes continue to develop. Maintenance crews have been attending to a new round of emergent works throughout the Shire following recent flooding and multiple road closures.

### **Maintenance Grading**

During November maintenance grading was carried out on the following roads

- SR266 Kellys Gully Road
- SR99 Riverview Road
- SR19 Whitlow Road
- SR18 Gineroi Road
- SR50 Thornleigh Road
- SR30 Caroda Road
- SR38 Adams Scrub Road
- SR23 Wearnes Road
- SR15 Gulf Creek Road
- SR259 Hybla Lane

### **Slashing**

During November, roadside slashing was undertaken on

- RR7705 North Star Road
- MR63 Allan Cunningham Rd
- MR134 Delungra Road

### **Flood Damage**

Throughout November, Flood damage crews have commenced resheeting and drainage works on a 3km section of SR119 Woodburn Emello Road. A second crew are currently working on resheeting an 8km section of SR76 Bristol Lane with help from locals under a self-help program.



SR119 Woodburn Emello Road



SR76 Bristol Lane

Council contractors, Aztech Civil, commenced resheeting a 2.4km section of SR31 Eulourie Road, north from the intersection of SR32 Pallal Road, and a 4.2km of SR55 Moreena Mail Road. These works were temporarily suspended due to SR30 Caroda Road suffering significant flood damage in October.



SR31 Eulourie Road

Flood damage work has been completed on the following Roads:



SR67 Agincourt Road – 3.0km  
SR45 Bereen Road – 6.0km  
SR62 Hibernia Road – 12.0km  
SR54 Pinecliff Road – 4.5km  
SR97 Sadowa Road – 0.8km  
SR99 Terreege Road – 3.4km (including 0.3km of new seal)  
SR14 Mosquito Creek Road at Racecourse Creek  
SR21 Terry Hie Hie Road – 1.2km  
SR68 Goat Road – 6.0km  
SR16 Trevallyn Road – 6.5km  
SR34 Bonanza Road – 3.0km  
SR82 Kirewa Road – 1.5km  
SR69 Tucka Tucka Road – 2.5km  
SR72 Scotts Road – 1.7km  
SR56 Glenelg Road – 0.2km  
SR61 Peates Road – 8km  
SR23 Wearnes Road – 4km  
SR42 Mungle Road – 8km  
SR31 Eulourie Road – 2.4km (North of SR32 Pallal Road, 1.2km remaining)  
SR32 Pallal Road – 2km  
SR55 Moreena Mail Road – 4.2km (0.9km remaining)  
SR76 Bristol Lane – 8km

Staff from all areas of Engineering Services have been carrying out emergent works across Council's road network following flooding in October. Graders have been working overtime, patch grading multiple unsealed roads to reinstate access to as many cut-off properties as possible. Many bridge and causeway approaches have been reinstated and debris removed from drainage structures. These emergent works will continue until late December.

### **County Boundary Road Reconstruction Project**

Council have accepted a tender from Finn Valley Plant and Civil Heatherbrae NSW for the construction of 6 new causeways and drainage on the entire length of the project. Establishment will be carried done in January 2023 with construction planned to start in February 2023 and expected to take 11 months to complete.

### **TfNSW Natural Disaster claims**

Works are underway on flood damage repairs and are progressing when weather permits.

Following the significant rain event in mid-September 2022, Resilience NSW has declared the fourth natural disaster event in the Shire since 10 December 2020. This declaration was extended to cover flooding in October. Staff are now in the process of identifying and prioritising immediate repair works and damages from the recent

event. It is expected that the claim for funding for this event will exceed \$7 million. This brings the total expected claimable flood damage costs since December 2021 to more than \$25 million.

### **Local Emergency Management Committee**

The focus for the committee is now back on updating Council's Emergency Management Plan and preparing for a busy fire season.

### **Warialda Asset Protection Zone**

The RFS has obtained additional funding to construct the southern section of the Warialda APZ which has remained untouched for several months. The Soil Conservation Service has been contracted to complete the work which is currently underway and is expected to be finalised by 23 December 2022. There are also Council contractors doing final clean-up and maintenance of the cleared APZ sections in readiness for the fire season.

### **ROADS MAINTENANCE COUNCIL CONTRACT – WORK ORDERS ISSUED BY TfNSW**

All Work Orders issued by RMS are quality assurance schedule of rates projects carried out by Council staff under the Roads Maintenance Council Contract with Transport for New South Wales.

Design reviews on MR63 Fossickers Way have now progressed for 'Wendouree' Rehabilitation, segment 5150 and 'Hollymount' Rehabilitation, segment 6120, with the 'Upper Bingara North' Rehabilitation, segment 4420 now issued for construction. This year's heavy patching and reseal preparation programs have now been approved with works scheduled to start in November. This year's extensive resealing program is currently being priced, with works likely to be completed by Fulton Hogan by the end of February. Flood damage works have now been completed on the HW12 Gwydir Highway Gravesend Bridge with only guardrail works to be completed. An additional Works Proposal will be submitted in November for recently scoped out guardrail and end terminals that are currently non-compliant.

With a maintenance budget almost double that of recent years, routine maintenance will continue each week undertaking inspections, rest area services, vegetation control and bitumen repairs, with additional focus on minor patching and drainage works.

### **TOWN UTILITIES MONTHLY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022**

#### **Water and Sewer**

The Boiled water alert issued for Gravesend water supply was lifted Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The alert was issued due high turbidity readings in the Gwydir River due to flood waters and large volumes of water being released from Copeton Dam.

Water and Sewerage operators carried out routine operational tasks and in addition attended 38 service line repairs, repaired 7 main breaks, 6 sewer blockages and replaced 31 water meters during the reporting period.

Regular weekly tasks carried out by Water and Sewerage staff include grounds maintenance at the Warialda truck wash and truck wash ponds, both sewerage treatment plants, sewer pump stations, water treatment plants and reservoirs.

Other work was undertaken at the Bingara RSL rose garden, Gwydir River, Bingara Showground, Gwydir Oval and Bingara and Warialda Cemeteries.

### **North Bingara Sewer Extension**

The North Bingara sewer extension construction tender was advertised on Local Government Procurement vendor panel on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022. There was a mandatory pretender meeting at the Roxy conference room on 6<sup>th</sup> December. The tender closed 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and are being evaluated.

### **Gwydir Regional Water Strategy**

The Dept of Planning and Environment Water launched Gwydir's Regional Water Strategy in November. The Strategy combines the best and latest climate modelling and data to identify the key water challenges our region needs to tackle in the coming decades, when managing the increased pressures on water resources. The Strategy was developed following comprehensive engagement and consultation with numerous government agencies and Council.

The Strategy and associated documents can be found at Gwydir Regional Water Strategy | Water ([nsw.gov.au](http://nsw.gov.au))

### **Warialda Truck wash**

The truck wash facility was used by 128 trucks during November, with an average wash down time of 71 minutes and total water used was 988kL. The estimated income for November is \$10,084.00 less monitoring fees and expenses.

The truck wash operational hours will be reduced from 6am to 8pm at night from the 5<sup>th</sup> December due to some complaints regarding noise. There were 12 trucks in September, 11 trucks in October and 17 trucks in November outside these hours.

### **Bingara Showground**

In November the showground user group discussed the layout of the camp draft arena that is part of the stronger country community fund round 5. The CMCA Rally containers and marquees were removed from the Showground during November. Much of the wet weather damage has been tidied up and there are some minor works were undertaken in December.

### **Grant Projects**

#### ***Federal Drought Program***

Upper Horton water supply – Complete

All Abilities Park – landscaping of the western end of the park including terracing and sandstone retaining wall has been delayed due to the availability of the contractor.

Cunningham Park – project completed.

#### ***Covid Stimulus Funding***

Batterham's Lookout – the guardrail installation has been delayed due to resourcing issues. Council has engaged a contractor that will undertake the work during January and February 2023.

#### ***Bingara Showground***

Phase 2 Showground Stimulus Funding – The refurbishment of the Bingara Showground Grandstand has been completed.

Phase 2b Showground Stimulus Funding – Led Lighting upgrade – complete  
New amenities block – complete

***Regional Sports Facility Program***

The asphalt was installed, and the shed erected during November 2022. There will be some delay in the netball court markings. A concrete slab will be installed between the toilet block and the netball court. A skillion roof will be build covering this area and the aluminum seating will be installed in this area.



*Gwydir Oval netball court*

This multipurpose space will be used for community sporting competitions and is a welcome addition for Gwydir oval sports hub. The facility will also provide a convenient, all-weather alternative for local events, community activities and market stalls.



*Gwydir Oval Netball Court*

### ***Open Spaces Program***

Tenders for quotations for construction of the Long Run Skate Park Engineering designs have been called.

### **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure:**

Gravesend recreation ground irrigation system has been installed underground. In November a pad was installed for a new Rhino tank and pump set which will be installed following the construction of the rhino tank.



*Gravesend recreation ground rhino tank pad*

### **Parks and Gardens**

All parks and gardens continue to be maintained. Council undertakes weekly inspections of playgrounds and cleaning of handrails and touch areas. Mowing, weed control, irrigation, hedging, and trimming were routinely undertaken during May. Council continues to mark and maintain the fields for the community groups using Council's ovals. Myall Creek and the Glacial area are inspected on a weekly basis. In November several street trees were planted in Riddell Street.

In November graffiti was carried out in Warialda with playground equipment, BBQs and footpaths being vandalised. Parks staff removed the graffiti as soon as discovered with pressure cleaner and detergent.



*Graffiti in Captain Cook Park*

### **Workshops and Depots – November 2022**

<b>Workshop Services and Jobs</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>
<b>Total number of services in Workshops</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Total number of repairs in Workshops</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>167</b>

Major Repairs and maintenance undertaken in the workshops during November included:

P1723 – tractor - repairs to PTO

P1838 – ute – repairs to trailer harness

P1713 – Jetmaster – repairs to gravel bin

P1986 – excavator – fuel system repairs

P1963 – tractor – electrical repairs

P1719 – truck – repairs to hydraulics

P1841 – excavator – repairs to hydraulics

P1446 – Jetpatcher – repairs to transmission cooler fan

### **Plant replacement**

A new 5.5 tonne Kubota excavator was delivered in November. This excavator will be based at the northern end of the shire and used for various projects from footpaths to drainage maintenance.



*P2057 – Excavator*

The new road broom attachment for skid steer loader was delivered in November. This will be based in the southern end of the council and used for town street maintenance.



P2060 – Road Broom attached for skid steer loader

## DECEMBER AND JANUARY MONTHLY REPORT

### Construction

#### *IB Bore Road Upgrade*

Work continues on the SR9 IB Bore Road Upgrade near North Star this month. This project is jointly funded by the Fixing Country Roads Program (\$9.54m), and the Federal Government’s Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (\$2m). Due to clear weather, good progress has been made with, a 1.5km section approximately 8km from North Star completed and bitumen sealed. Staff continue construction of the project with earthworks stabilisation on an adjacent 2km section approximately 75% complete.



SR9 IB Bore Road

#### *Horton Road Bitumen Sealing*

Construction continues on the SR11 Horton Road upgrade. This project is funded by the Fixing Local Roads Program (\$5m), with Council co-contributing \$800,000. Gravel carting and stabilising of the base layer for the last 3.5km is underway and is expected to be sealed by the end of February. This project continues to track well within available budget.



SR11 Horton Road

#### *Getta Getta Road Resheeting*

The Getta Getta Road resheeting project, funded by the Fixing Local Road Program, is well underway with polycom currently being added to a 5km section at the eastern



end of the 20.9km project. Gravel carting for the next 5km section is almost complete. The project is tracking under budget, in part due to trucks for gravel carting being supplied by local landholders under Council's self-help program.



*SR6 Getta Getta Road*

### **Maintenance**

General maintenance continues on Regional and State roads, including vegetation control, slashing and whipper snipping of guideposts and guard rails.

Seal maintenance is ongoing on all State, Regional and Local Roads as potholes continue to develop. Heavy Patching has started in Gravesend and heading west.

Crews have also been installing a new septic tank at 2 Mile Hill Rest Area and stormwater pipe repairs in Gravesend. Crews also attended the fire at Bingara Landfill.

### **Maintenance Grading**

During December and January maintenance grading was carried out on the following roads

- SR50 Thornleigh Road
- SR18 Gineroi Road
- SR103 Ravenscraig Road
- SR71 Mt Jerrybang Road
- SR20 Gravesend Road
- SR8 Gragin Road
- SR10 Yallaroi Road
- SR47 Glenesk Road

### **Slashing**

During December and January, roadside slashing was undertaken on

- HW12 Gwydir Highway
- RR63 Wairlada Road

### **Flood Damage**

Throughout December and January, Flood damage crews completed work on a 0.5km section on SR92 Killarney Gap Road and have since commenced emergent works on SR15 Gulf Creek Road. A second crew are currently working on resheeting a 15km section of SR30 Caroda Road.



*SR92 Killarney Gap Road*

Council contractors, Aztech Civil, completed resheeting a 4.9km section of SR30 Caroda Road. Council has engaged a full service gravel road maintenance crew from Rollers Australia, who have commenced work on SR19 Whitlow Road.



*SR30 Caroda Road*

Flood damage work has been completed on the following Roads:

- SR67 Agincourt Road – 3.0km
- SR45 Beren Road – 6.0km
- SR62 Hibernia Road – 12.0km
- SR54 Pinecliff Road – 4.5km
- SR97 Sadowa Road – 0.8km
- SR99 Terregee Road – 3.4km (including 0.3km of new seal)
- SR14 Mosquito Creek Road at Racecourse Creek
- SR21 Terry Hie Hie Road – 1.2km
- SR68 Goat Road – 6.0km
- SR16 Trevallyn Road – 6.5km
- SR34 Bonanza Road – 3.0km
- SR82 Kirewa Road – 1.5km
- SR69 Tucka Tucka Road – 2.5km
- SR72 Scotts Road – 1.7km
- SR56 Glenelg Road – 0.2km

SR61 Peates Road – 8km  
SR23 Wearnes Road – 4km  
SR42 Mungle Road – 8km  
SR31 Eulourie Road – 2.4km (North of SR32 Pallal Road, 1.2km remaining)  
SR32 Pallal Road – 2km  
SR55 Moreena Mail Road – 4.2km (0.9km remaining)  
SR76 Bristol Lane – 8km  
SR92 Killarney Gap Road – 0.5km Resheeting & 6km maintenance grading  
SR262 Nunga Road – 2km

### **County Boundary Road Reconstruction Project**

Construction of floodways of this major project are underway, with Council contractor Finn Valley Plant and Civil having prepared the subgrade forming the foundation of the first major causeway. The drainage aspect of this project is expected to take 11 months to complete.

### **TfNSW Natural Disaster Claims**

Works are underway on flood damage repairs and are progressing well. Staff are continually reassessing and reprioritising works as the condition of Council's road network evolves due to existing damage, traffic and weather.

### **Warialda Asset Protection Zone**

The Soil Conservation Service under contract to the RFS are completing the last few crown land sections on the western side and southern side of Warialda and are expected to be completed by the end of January 2023.

Council is now carrying out regular maintenance of the completed sections of APZ using several contractors with funding provided from a Rural Fire Service Hazard Reduction Grant.

### **Local Emergency Management**

Engineering Services have registered with the RFS to make available graders and water trucks available to be called out in the event of a Section 44 fire.

'Section 44' refers to a part of the [New South Wales Rural Fires Act 1997](#). Essentially it is used to describe when the [Rural Fire Service Commissioner](#) declares a localised 'State of Emergency' for a specific district suffering severe fire conditions that cannot be managed without drawing in extensive resources from other areas.

Once declared by the Commissioner the district has access to any and all [fire-fighting](#) personnel/equipment from across the State at no cost to the district or RFS, with the State Government footing the bill of all related Section 44 declared operations.

All Council plant operators and supervisors that may be required to work on any active fireground completed Bush Fire Awareness training in December 2022.

### **Roads Maintenance Council Contract – Works Orders issued by TfNSW**

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All Work Orders issued by RMS are quality assurance schedule of rates projects carried out by Council staff under the Roads Maintenance Council Contract with Transport for New South Wales.

A Works Proposal for \$2.3M has now been submitted for the 'Upper Bingara North' Rehabilitation Project, segment 4420 on MR63 Fossickers Way. The project will likely see all drainage works completed this financial year, with the pavement construction started and to be finished next financial year. This year's heavy patching program has kicked off with an internal crew starting on HW12 Gwydir Highway. Unfortunately, the additional contractor crew has had mechanical breakdowns and has been unable to start works. A Works Proposal for this year's extensive resealing program has also been submitted, with works to be completed by Fulton Hogan by the end of March. Two additional Works Proposals, totalling \$800,000, have been submitted and approved for recently scoped out non-compliant guardrail and end terminals that are to be removed and replaced. These works are scheduled to take place towards the end of the financial year.

With a maintenance budget almost double that of recent years, routine maintenance continues each week undertaking inspections, rest area services, vegetation control and bitumen repairs, with additional focus on minor patching and drainage works.

## **Town Utilities Monthly Report – JANUARY 2023**

### **Water and Sewer**

The Boiled water alert issued for Gravesend water supply was lifted Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The alert was issued due high turbidity readings in the Gwydir River due to flood waters and large volumes of water being released from Copeton Dam.

Water and Sewerage operators carried out routine operational tasks and in addition attended 21 service line repairs, repaired 2 main breaks, 9 sewer blockages and replaced 8 new water meters during the reporting period. Water main extension of 180m along Dunrobyn Road Gravesend was carried out including the installation of 2 fire hydrants. The extension involved crossing Gwydir Highway and traffic control was used for the safety of the workers.

Regular weekly tasks carried out by Water and Sewerage staff include water testing, grounds maintenance at the Warialda truck wash and truck wash ponds, both sewerage treatment plants, sewer pump stations, water treatment plants and reservoirs.

Other work was undertaken at Moffett Park Gravesend which included replacement of the rumble drain for public toilet. Bingara Showground, Gwydir Oval, Bingara and Warialda Cemeteries.

### **North Bingara Sewer Extension**

The North Bingara sewer extension construction tender was advertised on Local Government Procurement vendor panel on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022. A pre-tender meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> December in Bingara. The meeting was attended by 4 contractors, demonstrating good the interest in the project.

The tender closed on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

A second, product supply tender (materials for the construction) was advertised on Local Government Procurement vendor panel 4<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023. Council has received 3 tenders which are under assessment.




Warialda Truck wash

The truck wash facility was used by 112 trucks during December and 78 during January, with an average wash down time of 52 minutes and total water used was 1520kL. The estimated income for December and January is \$13,770.24 less monitoring fees and expenses.

The hours of operation are from 6am to 11pm, the amenities building is open 24 hours per day accessed using the AVDATA fob. This appears to have minimal effect on the truck wash facility.

The treatment of the ponds with Diatomix has made a considerable improvement on the water quality and no odour is present. Fifty Kings Park Special callistemons were planted during January on the western perimeter fence.

A return to drier, hotter weather has resulted in a significant drop in the level of both dewatering lagoons.

		
<p>Pond 1</p>	<p>Pond 2</p>	<p>Trees</p>

Bingara Showground

Preliminary discussions have been held with users groups on the proposed layout for showground camp draft arena. The proposal, funded under Stronger Country Communities Round 5 maintains the existing ring and places all yards and loading outside. This will mean some power outlets will need to be relocated. Plans are being modified to suit ideas in the discussion and will be further discussed at the February user group meeting.

**Grant Projects**

Federal Drought Program

The Upper Horton water supply upgrade is complete.

All Abilities Park – landscaping of the western end of the park including terracing and sandstone retaining wall has been delayed due to the availability of the contractor.

Covid Stimulus Funding

The Batterham’s Lookout guardrail installation was completed during December.



*Batterham's Lookout guardrail*

Regional Sports Facility Program

The covered netball court shed was completed in December. Court line marking and lighting will be installed in February the area will be a great asset to the local community.



*Gwydir Oval netball court*

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure

Gravesend recreation ground underground irrigation system was installed in November and the installation of the Rhino tank and pump was completed during the reporting period. The pressure pump and electrical work will be completed in February 2023.



*Gravesend recreation ground*

### Parks and Gardens

All parks and gardens continue to be maintained. Council undertakes weekly inspections of playgrounds and cleaning of handrails and touch areas. Mowing, weed control, irrigation, hedging, and trimming were routinely undertaken during December and January. Council continues to mark and maintain the fields for the community groups using Council's ovals. Myall Creek and the Glacial area are inspected on a weekly basis.

During December and January staff were kept busy keeping the water up to the towns' gardens and new street trees.



*Town Street tree guards*

### Workshops and Depots – December and January

Workshop Services and Jobs	Nov	Dec	Jan
Total number of services in Workshops	33	16	24
Total number of repairs in Workshops	167	84	133

Major Repairs and maintenance undertaken in the workshops during December and January included:

- P1686 truck – electrical repairs
- P1713 Jet Patcher - compressor repairs
- P1724 tractor - air conditioner repairs
- P1993 slasher – repairs
- P1855 mower - transmission repairs
- P1718 truck - fit new clutch and repair PTO
- P1446 – Jet Patcher – suspension repairs
- P1950 Mower – hydraulic repairs
- P2011 – Water truck – hydraulic repairs
- P1679 – utility – replace timing belt
- P1691 – Loader - hydraulic repairs
- P1721 – Grader – coolant repairs

### Plant replacement



JCB Backhoe delivered in December 2022. The old Komatsu backhoe will be sent to Pickles auctions before the end of financial year. A new skid steer slasher was delivered in January 2023.



*P2059 – JCB 3CX Backhoe*



*P2066 – Skid Steer Slasher*

Council purchased a second hand Broons roller from Glen Innes Severn Shire Council, in December 2022. The roller will be used in the northern end of the side for maintenance grading. The grader is a combination roller having both multi tyres and smooth drum.



*P2064 – Broons ECombi roller*

## **CONCLUSION**

The activities carried out by the Technical Services Department are in line with the 2022/23 Management Plan and as otherwise directed.

## **CONSULTATION**

Consultation is carried out within the Technical Services Department during the monthly Technical Services Team Meetings and with other relevant persons.

## **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Monthly Technical Services Report for November 2022 and January 2023 be received.**

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

**THAT the Monthly Technical Services Report for November 2022 and January 2023 be received.**

**(Moved Mulligan, Seconded Galvin)**

**CARRIED**

**For: Cr Egan, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr D Coulton, Cr Mulligan and Alex Eddy**

**Against: Nil**

During the discussion the Councillors were advised of the proposed stabilisation works below the 7th Hole at the Bingara Golf Course being funded by a recent State Government Grant. This work is required due to the damage caused in the recent flooding event.

An update was given regarding the tenders for the current extension of the sewerage to the northern part of Bingara over the river and Old Keera Street.

## **7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Nil

## **8 CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 10.26 am.