



MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING

Held on Thursday 24 March 2022

Commencing at 9:00 am

in the Warialda Office Council Chambers

Present

Councillors: Cr John Coulton (Mayor), Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor), Cr Marilyn Dixon OAM, Cr Jim Moore, Cr Geoff Smith, Cr David Coulton, Cr Chris Matthews and Cr Lyndon Mulligan (Arrived 9.16 am)

Staff: Leeah Daley (Deputy General Manager), Helen Thomas (Manager Finance), Alex Eddy (Manager, Engineering Services), Justin Hellmuth (Business Improvement & IT Coordinator) and Thais Simpson (Administrative Assistant)

Public: Nil

Visitors: Richard McLean (Recoupa), Naomi Tonscheck (ARTC Inland Rail), Isabella Hall (ARTC Inland Rail) and Mel Elms (TRans4m Rail)

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1 OFFICIAL OPENING AND WELCOME - MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed all present to the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

An apology has previously been received from Cr T Galvin

Also, the General Manager is an apology

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the apologies received from Max Eastcott (General Manager) and Cr Tiffany Galvin are accepted.

Moved Cr D Coulton, Seconded Cr Moore

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary and Confidential Meetings held on Thursday 24th February 2022 as circulated be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr Egan, Seconded Cr Dixon OAM)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

4 PRESENTATION

The Council's Auditor, Paul Cornall, made a presentation via Teams regarding the 2020/21 Financial Statements.

Richard McLean from *Recoupa* made a presentation about the services offered by his firm regarding debt collection.

Representatives from the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC Inland Rail) and TRans4m Rail made a presentation concerning the Narrabri to North Star component of the Inland Rail Project.

Azaria Dobson made a Teams' presentation regarding the Namoi Regional Jobs Precinct.

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

Nil

6 OFFICERS' REPORTS

6.1 Adoption of Committee Recommendations

File Reference:	NA
Delivery Program	
Goal:	5. Organisational management
Outcome:	5.1 Corporate management
Strategy:	5.1.3 Administrative and support functions
Author:	General Manager

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report recommends the adoption of the following recommendations from both the Public Infrastructure and Community Services & Planning Committees:

Public Infrastructure Committee

January 2022 Monthly Report

THAT the Monthly Technical Services Report for January 2022 be received.

FURTHER that Resilience NSW be advised that the Council strongly objects to the arbitrary declaration covering the allowable gravel coverage.

Community Services & Planning Committee (Confidential)

Organisation & Community Development Report

THAT the report be received.

Councillors' Reports

THAT the Councillors' Reports relating to the Bingara Pool and Caravan Park; Mullumbimby/Bangalow Flood Appeal; and; various Business Plans are noted.

Community Services & Planning Committee

Executive Services Report

THAT the report be received.

Organisation & Community Development Report

THAT the report be received.

Councillors' Reports

THAT the Councillors' Reports relating to the Bingara Lookout Telstra mobile phone tower batteries; Bombelli Street issues; Warialda Rail Shade Cover; Shop closure in Warialda; Football Season kick-off; TV

reception in Bingara; and The future of the TLC Interpretive Centre are noted.

TABLED ITEMS Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committees' recommendations be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the recommendations of the Public Infrastructure and Community Services & Planning Committees, namely:

Public Infrastructure Committee January Monthly Report

THAT the Monthly Technical Services Report for January 2022 be received.

FURTHER that Resilience NSW be advised that the Council strongly objects to the arbitrary declaration covering the allowable gravel coverage.

Community Services & Planning Committee (Confidential)

Organisation & Community Development Report

THAT the report be received.

Councillors' Reports

THAT the Councillors' Reports relating to the Bingara Pool and Caravan Park; Mullumbimby/Bangalow Flood Appeal; and various Business Plans are noted.

Community Services & Planning Committee

Executive Services Report

THAT the report be received.

Organisation & Community Development Report

THAT the report be received.

Councillors Reports

THAT the Councillors' Reports relating to the Bingara Lookout Telstra mobile phone tower batteries; Bombelli Street issues; Warialda Rail Shade Cover; Shop closure in Warialda; Football Season kick-off; TV reception in Bingara; and The future of the TLC Interpretive Centre are noted.

THAT the Committees' recommendations be adopted.

(Moved Cr Egan, Seconded Cr Mulligan)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

6.2 Audit Risk Improvement Committee Meeting Resolutions

File Reference: NA
Delivery Program
Goal: 5. Organisational management
Outcome: 5.1 Corporate management
Strategy: 5.1.1 Financial Management and accountability systems
Author: General Manager

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report is to note the resolutions of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee.

TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

This Committee held its meeting on Monday 14th March 2022 and resolved the following:

Risk and Safety Presentation

THAT the Risk and Safety Presentation Report be received.

FURTHER that the progress against the actions proposed be reported back to future meetings of this Committee.

Delivery of Naroo Aged Care Facility Review

THAT the Delivery of Naroo Aged Care Facility Review Report is received.

Interim Management Letter

THAT the Auditor's Interim Management Letter be received.

Final Management Letter

THAT the Auditor's Final Management Letter be received.

FURTHER that the improvement against the Interim Management Letter is noted.

2021 Annual Financial Statements

THAT the 2021 Annual Financial Statements' Report is received.

FURTHER that the overall review of the benchmarks relating to the Fit for the Future Process be attached to the Meeting Minutes when circulated (attached to this report).

FURTHER that the Committee commence a service review process with the following Business Plans being considered at the June Committee Meeting:

Bingara Pool/Caravan Park; and;

The Living Classroom.

FURTHER that the Committee review its proposed audit program at its June Meeting.

COMMENT

Both the independent members of the ARIC (Audit and Risk Improvement Committee) are due for reappointment, and this is recommended on the same terms and conditions.

Also, the future meeting schedule for this Committee was determined at the meeting:

Tuesday 7th June 2022;

Tuesday 6th September 2022; and;

Tuesday 6th December 2022.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the resolutions of the Audit and Risk Improvement Committee are noted.

FURTHER that Mr Jack O'Hara and Mr Rod Smith are reappointed for a term of two years as the independent members of the Gwydir Shire's Audit and Risk Improvement Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Improvement Plan [6.2.1 - 1 page]

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the resolutions of the Audit and Risk Improvement Committee are noted.

FURTHER that Mr Jack O'Hara and Mr Ian Roderick Smith are reappointed for a term of two years as the independent members of the Gwydir Shire's Audit and Risk Improvement Committee.

(Moved Cr D Coulton, Seconded Cr Smith)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

6.3 Executive Services Report

File Reference:	NA
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Delivery Program**Goal:** 5. Organisational management**Outcome:** 5.1 Corporate management**Strategy:** 5.1.5 Provision of responsible internal governance**Author:** General Manager**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil**IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

The monthly Town Utilities report provides information on the activities carried out during the month of February 2022 in the Parks and Gardens, Water and Sewer and Plant and Workshops departments of Council.

TABLED ITEMS Nil**COMMENT****Water and Sewer**

Water and Sewerage operators attended 27 service line repairs, 3 water main breaks, installed 10 new water meters and repaired 4 sewer blockages during February 2022.

Warialda Saleyard bore had the submersible pump replaced during February. A new pump was ordered for stock to minimise delays if other issues occur.

Other work was undertaken at the Bingara Showground, Bingara Caravan Park, The Living Classroom, Gwydir Oval, Warialda Caravan Park, Warialda truckwash, Bingara Showground, Nicholson Oval and Captain Cook Park Warialda, Cunningham, CWA and Bicentennial Parks Bingara, Gwydir River boat ramp, Bingara and Warialda cemeteries and Whitfeld Place, Bingara.

Major work was undertaken in Long Street Warialda at the intersection with Gragin Road. The water main that was located directly under the intersection has now been made redundant and mains have been extended on Long Street footpath across Market Street. Due to the main being within the vicinity of the power pole, Essential Energy was required to be onsite for the duration of the job. Affected properties were advised that they would be without water on the day the main was commissioned.



Water main replacement with Essential Energy present Long St, Warialda

Warialda Truckwash

The truck wash facility was used by 96 trucks during February with an average wash down time of 62 minutes and total water used was 653KL. The estimated income for February is \$6,011 less monitoring fees.

The larger pressure pumps were installed in January and the truck wash usage has increased substantially during February 2022.

Grant Projects

Federal Drought Program

Upper Horton water supply – a new bore has been drilled and cased; a solar bore pump needs to be installed to complete the project.

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 contractor.

Cunningham Park – the pool fencing and concrete pathway construction has been completed.

State Drought Program

Cunningham Park toilet block has been completed and is now open to the public.

Cunningham Park BBQ and shelter – completed.

Covid Stimulus Funding

Batterham’s Lookout - the top lookout entrance signage has been replaced. The carpark barrier has been replaced. Walkway to the rear viewing platform has been reconstructed. The guardrail installation on the roadside is now scheduled to be installed during March/April.

Picnic shelters and tables have been installed at Nicholson Oval, Captain Cook Park Warialda, and Gwydir River Foreshore.

Showground Stimulus funding

Part of Phase 2 Showground Stimulus funding included the erection of a new amenities block on the eastern side of Bingara Showground. After many delays, this project is now completed with the recent laying of turf adding the final touch.



The new amenities block with freshly laid turf

The installation of four LED light towers at the Bingara Showground was completed during November. The power cables were installed during January and the lights have now been connected to power and tested. The installers attended the site in February with a cherry picker truck to finalise focusing of the lights.



Lights at Bingara Showground



Aerial view showing the lights at Bingara Showground

The refurbishment of the Bingara Showground grandstand is also part of the Phase 2 Showground Stimulus funding however completion of this work has been delayed by the Contractor.

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 February. 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.

Workshops and Depots – February

Workshop Services and Jobs	Dec	Jan	Feb
Total number of services in Workshops	16	15	26
Total number of jobs in Workshops	112	73	142

Repairs and maintenance undertaken in the workshops during February included:

- P1713 – jet patcher – repairs to brakes, broom and heater hose, blower motor
- P1724 – tractor – repairs to alternator, hydraulic hose on power steering
- P1690 – grader – replace blade slide and repair end caps

- P1468 – dingo – repairs to chain on trencher
- P1866 – tractor – new PTO solenoid

Plant replacement

The mulching head for new 13t excavator was delivered in February. This unit can be utilised as a mower on roadside banks and also has the capability of mulching trees up to 150mm in diameter.

A new support vehicle was purchased to replace the support vehicle for Warialda Jetpatcher.



P1986 – new mulching head for Caterpillar excavator



P2023 – support vehicle for Warialda Jetpatcher

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OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the monthly Town Utilities report for February be received

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the monthly Town Utilities report for February be received

(Moved Cr Egan, Seconded Cr Matthews)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

6.4 LGNSW Special Conference Feb-March 2022

File Reference: NA

Delivery Program

Goal: 4. Proactive regional and local leadership

Outcome: 4.2 We work together to achieve our goals

Strategy: 4.2.2 Work in partnership to plan for the future

Author: General Manager

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report is for notation

TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Crs. Galvin and D Coulton together with the General Manager attended the LGNSW (Local Government New South Wales) Special Conference in Sydney from Sunday 28th February to Wednesday 2nd March 2022.

The record of decisions made at the Conference are attached for the information of Councillors.

Any debate that touched on politically sensitive issues highlighted the divide in the voting patterns of delegates between the City and Country, which was disappointing but highlighted why it is so important to attend these types of conferences to ensure the rural point of view is heard.

COMMENT

All the Council's representatives thank the Council for the opportunity to attend.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report and record of the Conference's decisions are noted.

ATTACHMENTS

1. LGNSW 2022 Special Conference- Records of Decisions [6.4.1 - 36 pages]

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the report and record of the Conference's decisions are noted.

(Moved Cr D Coulton, Seconded Cr Egan)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

6.5 Correspondence - R Tremain

File Reference: S5672

Delivery Program

Goal: 1. A healthy and cohesive community

Outcome: 1.1 We have healthy and inviting spaces and places

Strategy: 1.1.3 Provide the right places, spaces and activities

Author: General Manager

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report is for reception and the action outlined.

TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

The attached communication has been received from Mr R Tremain who purports to represent a cross section of concerned citizens and ratepayers.

Where the requests can be dealt with, such as streetlights not working or tree lopping required, they will be referred to the appropriate officer for attention.

One that I found particularly interesting was that *the main Council HQ should be in Warialda (Middle of the Council area)*. I found this of interest because the then Cr Tremain was one of the Yallaroi representatives on the joint Yallaroi/Bingara Shires working group that resolved to have the current split of activities between the two offices – Administration in Bingara and Technical services in Warialda.

Many of the other 'issues' raised occurred while Mr Tremain was a Gwydir Shire Councillor and the Mayor for one term. Is he criticising himself?

Each signatory who can be identified will be advised in writing addressing the matters raised as a 'cc' to the letter forwarded to Mr Tremain, which unfortunately may prove to be embarrassing for the Hon/Sec.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the correspondence is noted and that a reply be forwarded to all the signatories who can be identified from the correspondence.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Complaint - Robert Tremain [6.5.1 - 1 page]

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the correspondence is noted and that a reply be forwarded to all the signatories who can be identified from the correspondence.

(Moved Cr Egan, Seconded Cr Dixon OAM)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

6.6 Standard Instrument LEP Agritourism Amendment Order

File Reference: NA

Delivery Program

Goal: 2. Building the business base

Outcome: 2.1 Our economy is growing and supported

Strategy: 2.2.1 Increase the range of opportunities to work locally

Author: Environmental And Sustainability

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report recommends that the Council support the proposed inclusion of the Farm Stay Accommodation and Farm Gate Premises clauses into the Council's LEP.

BACKGROUND

The NSW Government is proposing amendments to the NSW planning system to streamline the approval of agritourism development and small-scale agricultural development. An 'Explanation of Intended Effect' (EIE), prepared by the DPE, detailing the proposed changes is provided in Attachment 2.

The DPE is proposing the introduction of clauses 5.23 and 5.24 into the Standard Instrument Local Environmental Plan as well as new land use terms.

It is expected that these changes will provide farmers with the opportunity for additional income sources and provide for sustainable tourism as outlined in the New England Northwest Regional Plan.

Inclusion of the clauses in each Council's Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is voluntary and the Department is seeking Council's advice as to if it wishes to pursue the inclusion of clause 5.23 and 5.24 within the Gwydir LEP 2013.

Insertion of the clauses within the Gwydir LEP 2013 is supported and is consistent with the Gwydir Community Strategic Plan and Local Strategic Planning Statement.

Councils are also invited to identify land use zones to permit the new land use terms for 'Agritourism,' 'Farm Experience' and 'Farm Gate Premises' in their LEP's.

COMMENT

This report recommends that Council advises the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) to include clause 5.23 - Farm Stay Accommodation and clause 5.24 – Farm Gate Premises in the Gwydir Local Environmental Plan 2013 and to permit with consent 'Agritourism', 'Farm Experience' and 'Farm Gate Premises' in the zones that currently have 'Agriculture' as a permissible land use.

Currently, the RU5 Village and R5 Large Lot Residential zones under the Gwydir LEP 2013 permit 'Extensive agriculture' without consent and prohibits all other types and sub classes of 'Agriculture'. It is recommended that these new sub-classes of 'agriculture' (being Agritourism, Farm Experiences and Farm Gate premises) should not be added as permitted with consent or permitted without consent but will be included in the prohibit section for both the RU5 Village and R5 Large Lot Residential zones under the Gwydir LEP 2013.

Following the exhibition of the EIE in March-April 2021, the draft Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Amendment (Agritourism) Order 2021 (LEP Order) was prepared by the DPE. The LEP Order will amend the Standard Instrument LEP. This is the first stage of rolling out the proposals in the EIE.

A copy of the draft optional clauses is provided in Attachment 1. Councils can nominate to adopt the optional clauses and/or specify the land use zones to permit the new land uses in their LEPs.

It is recommended that Council adopts the optional clauses as the changes will provide farmers with potentially additional income sources. The clauses will also enable them to better recover from natural disasters, the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and provide opportunities for sustainable tourism.

The development standards in the optional clauses and comments regarding Council's recommendations are provided in the table below:

Type of Development	Standard in EIE	Amended Standard after public consultation	Council Comments
Farm stay accommodation building – maximum guests	3 times the number of bedrooms in clause 5.4(5) or another number nominated by council	3 times the number of bedrooms in clause 5.4(5) or 20 guests	This will provide a maximum cap on guests to ensure that farm stays are small scale. Councils can reduce the number of guests for a development through a condition of development consent.
Farm stay accommodation building – maximum Gross Floor Area (GFA) for a building	75sqm or a number that council specifies (that is not more than 75sqm)	A number that council nominates which is greater than 60sqm	It is recommended that the maximum GFA is 100sqm.
Farm stay accommodation – GFA exclusion for dwellings	As above	The maximum GFA will not apply to a change of use of an existing dwelling.	This will allow an existing dwelling house which is larger than 100sqm to be converted into farm stay accommodation.
Farm stay accommodation maximum number of moveable dwellings	-	A number council nominates which is no more than 6	It is recommended that no more than 6 moveable dwellings are to be used for the accommodation of guests in order to be consistent with clause 5.4 of the Gwydir LEP 2013.

Farm stay accommodation - dwelling entitlement	Modify clause 2.6 to prevent the creation of a dwelling entitlement in relation to farm stay accommodation	Farm stay accommodation will be required to be on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the same lot as an existing lawful dwelling house, or 2. on a lot for which a minimum size is shown for a dwelling house on the council's Lot Size Map and the size of which is not less than the minimum size shown. 	This clause is intended to prevent the fragmentation of agricultural land.
Farm gate premises – maximum gross floor area	200sqm or the number council specifies in its LEP	A number council nominates which is no greater than 200sqm	It is recommended that the maximum GFA of 200sqm is adopted.
Farm gate premises - maximum number of guests	50 guests or the number council specifies in its LEP	A number council nominates which is no greater than 50 guests	It is recommended that the maximum number of 50 guests is adopted.

Council can also specify the land use zones to permit the new land uses of 'Agritourism', 'Farm Experience' and 'Farm Gate Premises' in their LEP's and provide justification for their nominations. Comments regarding Council's recommendations for the new land uses are provided in the table below:

Agritourism:

Zone	Permit or Prohibit	Comments
RU1 Primary Production	Permit with consent	It is recommended to permit 'Agritourism' with consent in this zone as 'Agriculture' is currently a permissible use in the RU1 zone.
R5 Large Lot Residential	Prohibited	It is recommended to prohibit 'Agritourism' with consent in this zone as 'Agriculture' is currently a prohibited use in the R5 zone.
RU5 Village	Prohibited	It is recommended to prohibit 'Agritourism' with consent in this zone as 'Agriculture' is currently a prohibited use in the RU5 zone.

Farm Experience:

Zone	Permit or Prohibit	Comments
RU1 Primary Production	Permit with consent	It is recommended to permit 'Farm Experience' with consent in this zone as 'Agriculture' is currently a permissible use in the RU1 zone.
R5 Large Lot Residential	Prohibited	It is recommended to prohibit 'Farm Experience' with consent in this zone as

		'Agriculture' is currently a prohibited use in the R5 zone.
RU5 Village	Prohibited	It is recommended to prohibit 'Farm Experience' with consent in this zone as 'Agriculture' is currently a prohibited use in the RU5 zone.

Farm Gate Premises:

Zone	Permit or Prohibit	Comments
RU1 Primary Production	Permit with consent	It is recommended to permit 'Farm Gate Premises' with consent in this zone as 'Agriculture' is currently a permissible use in the RU1 zone.
R5 Large Lot Residential	Prohibited	It is recommended to prohibit 'Farm Gate Premises' with consent in this zone as 'Agriculture' is currently a prohibited use in the R5 zone.
RU5 Village	Prohibited	It is recommended to prohibit 'Farm Gate Premises' with consent in this zone as 'Agriculture' is currently a prohibited use in the RU5 zone.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council advise the Department of Planning and Environment to incorporate the proposed Farm Stay Accommodation and Farm Gate Premise Clauses (Clauses 5.23 and 5.24), as detailed in Attachment 1, into the Gwydir Local Environmental Plan 2013, and to permit 'Agritourism', 'Farm Experience' and 'Farm Gate Premises' in the zones that currently have 'Agriculture' as a permissible land use.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 DRAFT Standard Instrument LEP Amendment Agritourism Order 2021
- Attachment 2 Explanation of Intended Effect

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the Council advise the Department of Planning and Environment to incorporate the proposed Farm Stay Accommodation and Farm Gate Premise Clauses (Clauses 5.23 and 5.24), as detailed in Attachment 1, into the Gwydir Local Environmental Plan 2013, and to permit 'Agritourism', 'Farm Experience' and 'Farm Gate Premises' in the zones that currently have 'Agriculture' as a permissible land use.

(Moved Cr Dixon OAM, Seconded Cr Mulligan)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

6.7 March Monthly Investment and Rates Collection Report

File Reference: NA
Delivery Program
Goal: 5. Organisational management
Outcome: 5.1 Corporate management
Strategy: 5.1.1 Financial Management and accountability systems
Author: CFO

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST The General Manager has an interest in an attached parcel of land to the subdivision plan mentioned in this report as having the Seal of Council affixed.

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

At each monthly Ordinary Meeting, the Council is presented with the schedule relating to Investments, as at the end of the previous month.

TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Clause 19(3) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1993, the following information provides details of Council’s funds invested as at 28th February 2022.

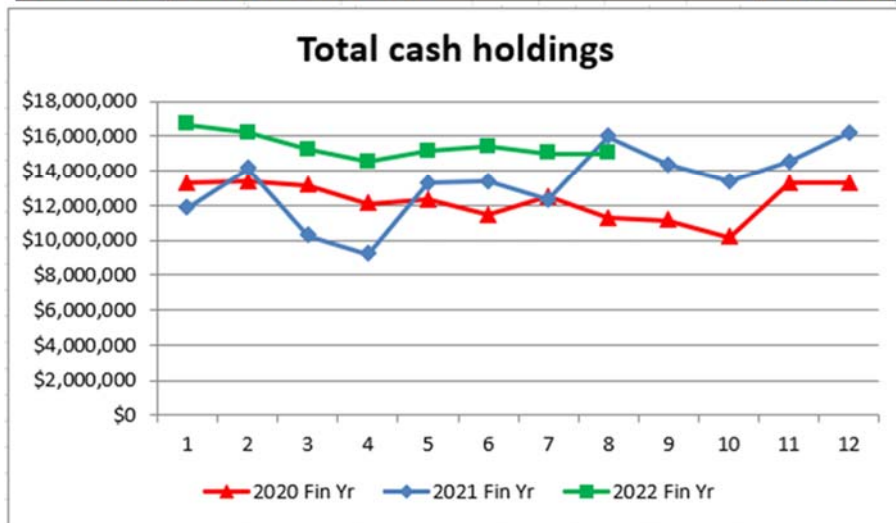
Direct Investments							
Broker	ID	Investment Name	Rating	Type	Next Rollover	Yield	Current Value
NAB	2021.10	NAB	AA	TD	23/04/2022	0.38%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2021.2	NAB	AA	TD	23/04/2022	0.38%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2021.3	NAB	AA	TD	23/04/2022	0.38%	\$1,000,000.00
Grand Total							\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds							
Fund	Investment Horizon	Type	3 Mth Avg Yield		Current Value		
Regional Australia Bank	At Call	Cash	See report		\$406,849.48		
Tcorp Cash Fund	At Call	Cash	See report		\$ 8,799,236.44		
Tcorp Medium Term Fund	At Call	Cash	See report		\$ 1,444,196.59		
Grand Total							\$10,650,282.51
Total Investments							
Direct Investments							\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds							\$10,650,282.51
Grand Total							\$13,650,282.51

Cash and Investments

Total Investments	
Direct Investments	\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds	\$10,650,282.51
Grand Total Investments	\$13,650,282.51

Total Cash and Investments	
Investments	\$13,650,282.51
Cash at bank	\$1,754,028.57
Grand Total Cash and Investments	\$15,404,311.08

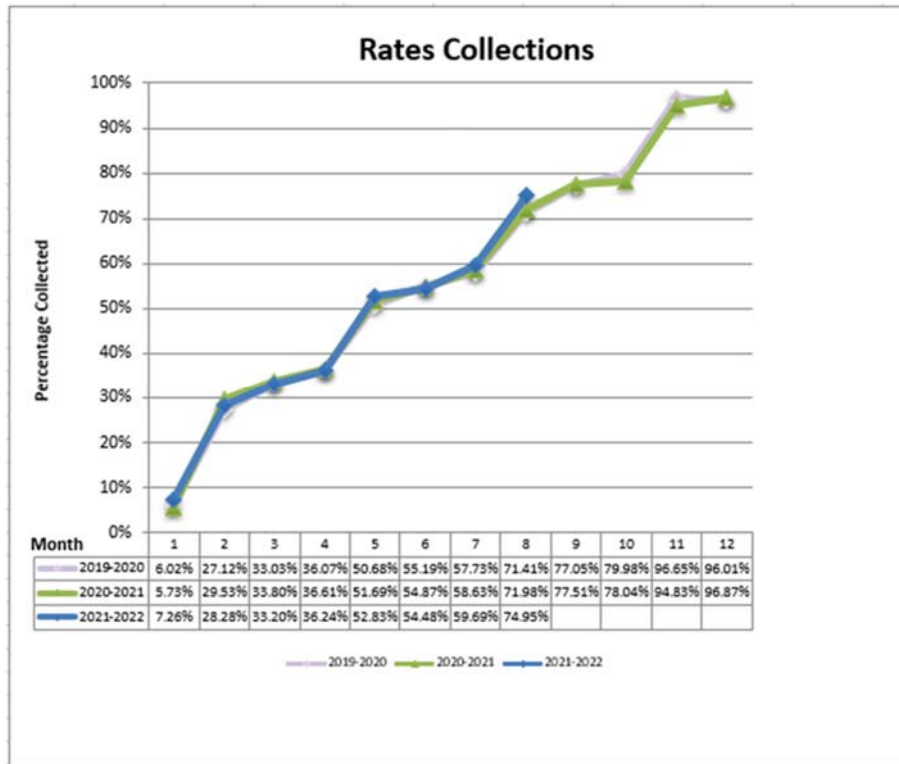
General Fund Cash	
Total cash and investments	\$15,404,311.08
LESS:	
Water fund*	-\$1,043,237.02
Sewer fund*	-\$2,917,358.25
Waste fund*	-\$4,278,530.35
Other restrictions:	
Employee leave entitlements*	-\$900,000.00
Carry over works in progress*	-\$3,824,250.00
Asset replacement*	-\$850,245.00
Bonds and deposits	-\$1,182,486.12
Developer contributions	-\$200,000.00
*These figures may change with end of year processing	
Discretionary General Fund Cash	\$208,204.34



I, Helen Thomas, CFO and Responsible Accounting Officer for Gwydir Shire Council, certify that the Council’s investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council’s Investment Policy, as amended.

RATES COLLECTIONS

The graph below represents a comparative of the percentage collections for the current year against the two previous rating years. The current years collections are up to 28th February 2022.



The proposed closure and sale of land adjacent to 2 Gwydir Street Bingara had the Seal of Council attached to the relevant documents inline with the resolution 342/19 passed on 24th October 2019.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the February Monthly Investment and Rates Collection report be received.

FURTHER that the affixing of the Seal to subdivision of land is noted.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the February Monthly Investment and Rates Collection report be received.

FURTHER that the affixing of the Seal to subdivision of land is noted.

(Moved Cr D Coulton, Seconded Cr Smith)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

7 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cr John Coulton

Cr Coulton advised of a request to utilize Caravan Parks for accommodation for flood victims.

After a discussion the consensus is for Council to wait for requests and consider them on a case by case basis.

Cr Coulton thanked Councillors and Staff for their attendance at the Public Meetings.

Cr David Coulton

With regard to R Tremain's demands, Cr D Coulton advised that his contacts who signed the list seemed unaware of what they were signing.

Cr Catherine Egan

Cr Egan advised Council she had attended the Regional Library Meeting and Gwydir statistics continue to be positive.

Requested a farewell letter to Mr Bill Haezlett from Walcha be sent for his contribution as Chair of this group.

Cr Chris Matthews

Cr Matthews requested the Welcome to Country and payment of respects at every Council Meeting.

Cr James Moore

Cr Moore advised that there was feedback in the community about renaming Poverty Flat and Nicholson Oval.

Cr Moore advised that there was a gentleman that has been camping at the Old Saleyards Site Warialda for a considerable amount of time. Enquired about the time visitors are able to camp on this site.

Cr Lyndon Mulligan

Cr Mulligan thanked the Council staff for their work to improve the roads and waste disposal points in the northern area of the Shire.

Cr Mulligan requested Andrew Cooper report to Council about the water security concerns for Warialda and North Star.

Cr Geoff Smith

Cr Smith requested that the Public Meetings be spread further apart to make it easier for attendance.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the Councillors' Reports are noted.

(Moved Cr D Coulton, Seconded Cr Dixon OAM)

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:

THAT the Council resolve into Confidential Session, Committee of the Whole and that in the public interest and in accordance with Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the public and press be excluded from the meeting.

(Moved Cr D Coulton, Seconded Cr Dixon)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon, Cr Matthews, Cr Moore, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

Upon returning to the Open Ordinary Meeting there were no recommendations made for acceptance.

8 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 12.50 pm.