



LATE ITEM AGENDA

Mayoral Minutes take precedence over all other matters so the revised order of reports is listed below

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women, to get back into the workforce, boosting productivity and the economy.

Many Australian women don't work more than three days a week because that is the tipping point where the cost of care becomes unreasonably expensive when compared with earning potential. As a result, these women experience difficulty when they try to increase the amount they work and face lifelong challenges through lost earnings and low superannuation. Many women drop out of the workforce because of the cost of early learning and childcare.

Local Government runs hundreds of centres around Australia. This is not a party-political issue: the campaign calls on all sides of politics to commit to supporting early learning and childcare.

I am recommending that we support this campaign and call on all parties to commit to support a high quality, universally accessible and affordable early learning system that creates a brighter future for our children.

Gwydir is well served by its existing preschools but better resourcing would always be welcomed.

MAYORAL RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the Thrive by Five campaign to support high-quality, universally accessible and affordable early learning and childcare.

FURTHER that the Council formally advise LGNSW and Australian Local Government Association, that Council has endorsed the Thrive by Five campaign and supports the Associations in their involvement in the campaign.

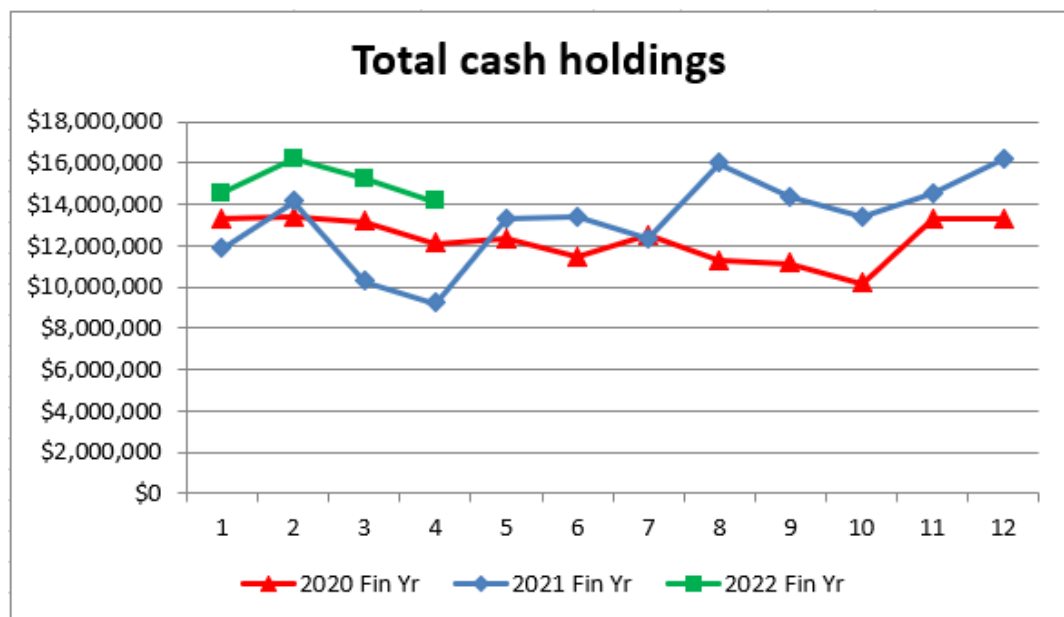
FURTHER that the Council write to Prime Minister The Hon. Scott Morrison, the Leader of the Opposition The Hon. Anthony Albanese, the Minister for Education and Youth The Hon. Alan Tudge, the Shadow Minister for Early Childhood Education and Youth The Hon. Amanda Rishworth and the Shire's local Federal Members of Parliament, seeking bipartisan support for the campaigns objectives.

FURTHER that the Council endorse the distribution and display of the Thrive by Five information on Council premises, primarily in childcare centres, as well as involvement in any relevant actions arising from the initiative.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

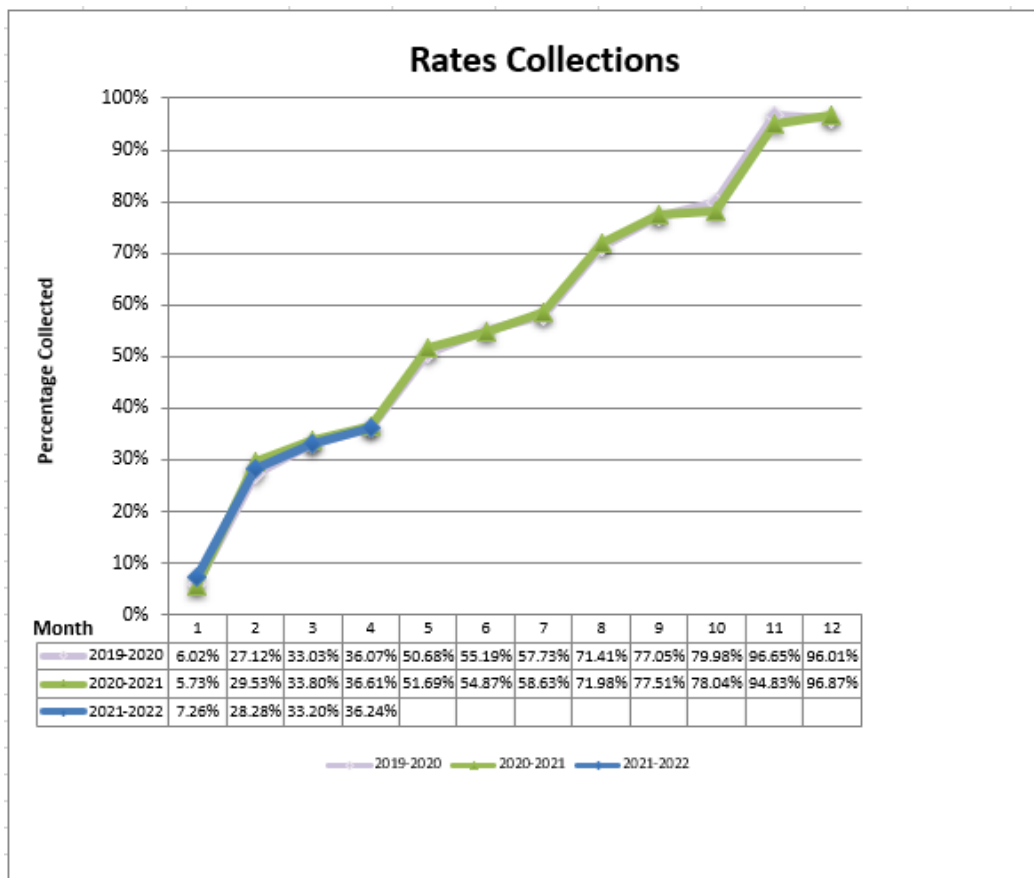
Cash and Investments	
Total Investments	
Direct Investments	\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds	\$10,957,171.46
Grand Total Investments	\$13,957,171.46
Total Cash and Investments	
Investments	\$13,957,171.46
Cash at bank	\$ 582,734.32
Grand Total Cash and Investments	\$14,539,905.78
General Fund Cash	
Total cash and investments	\$14,539,905.78
LESS:	
Water fund*	-\$833,049.90
Sewer fund*	-\$2,829,240.86
Waste fund*	-\$3,512,625.05
Other restrictions:	
Employee leave entitlements*	-\$900,000.00
Carry over works in progress*	-\$4,034,350.00
Asset replacement*	-\$904,000.00
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	\$144,153.85



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 31st October 2021.



OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.