

LATE ITEM AGENDA

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Item 1 Thrive by Five Campaign Early Learning Reform

FILE REFERENCE 21/30359

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 GM external
- AUTHOR Mayor

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report recommends that the Council supports the Thrive by Five campaign

TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

I am requesting the Council's support for the Thrive by Five campaign.

During the first five years of life, the human brain develops to 90 per cent of an adult's size. This makes the early years critical for lifelong learning and wellbeing. Early learning can help give children the best start in life, impacting on their future health, wellbeing, working potential and social participation.

Every child should start school ready to learn, with the opportunity to fulfil their potential. But Australia's early learning and childcare system has become outdated and expensive.

Although it's an essential service, Federal Government funding has failed to keep pace, leaving families out-of-pocket with expenses and creating unequal access to appropriate, high-quality early learning and childcare. Parents, educators, experts, people from all sides of politics and all walks of life have come together to support this campaign which aims to ensure every Australian child can benefit from high quality, universally accessible and affordable early learning and childcare.

Reform of the early learning and childcare system will drive workforce participation, particularly for women, boost productivity and GDP, boost our nation's education performance, and give children the best possible start in life. Reducing out-of-pocket costs for working families will flow directly into increased household spending. A high quality, universally accessible and affordable early learning system will allow an extra 98,800 parents, mainly 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 highquality, 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

Item 1 October Monthly Investment and Rates Collection Report

FILE REFERENCE 21/30358

DELIVERY PROGRAM

- GOAL: 5. Organisational Management
- OUTCOME: 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT
- STRATEGY: 5.1.1 Financial management and accountability systems -CFO - internal
- **AUTHOR** Manager, Finance

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

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 31st October 2021.

COMMENT

Direct Investments							
		Investment			Next		
Broker	ID	Name	Rating	Туре	Rollover	Yield	Current Value
NAB	2021.10	NAB	AA	TD	25/10/2021	0.27%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2021.2	NAB	AA	TD	25/10/2021	0.27%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2021.3	NAB	AA	TD	25/10/2021	0.27%	\$1,000,000.00
Grand Total							\$3,000,000.00
		Manage	d Funds				
Fund		Investment	t Horizon	Туре	3 Mth Av	vg Yield	Current Value
Regional Australia Bank			At Call	Cash	See report		\$407,387.51
Tcorp Cash Fund			At Call	Cash	See report		\$9,091,985.05
Tcorp Medium Term Fund			At Call	Cash	See report		\$1,457,798.90
Grand Total							\$10,957,171.46
		Total Inv	estments				
Direct Investments							\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds							\$10,957,171.46
Grand Total							\$13,957,171.46

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 i	\$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 chan	ge with end of year processing				
Discretionary G	eneral 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.