



G W Y D I R
SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Held on 7 March 2024

Commencing at 10:10 am

at the North Star Sporting Club

Present

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

Staff: Max Eastcott (General Manager), Leeah Daley (Deputy General Manager), Helen Thomas (Manager Finance) and Bronwyn Wilson (Executive Assistant)

Public:

Visitors:

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1 OFFICIAL OPENING AND WELCOME - MAYOR

The Mayor welcomed all present to the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

All Present

Cr Egan advised that she will be an apology for any meetings held to 20 April.

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Minutes of the Public Infrastructure Committee held on 16 November 2023 as circulated be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr D Coulton, Seconded Cr Smith)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, 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 ADDITIONAL/LATE ITEMS

Nil

7 OFFICERS' REPORTS

7.1 Technical Services Report

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:	Alexander Eddy, Director of Engineering Services

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**IB Bore Road Upgrade**

Works continue 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).

Over half of the project's length, approximately 11.5 kilometers, has been completed. The team continue with the next section, approximately 11.5 kilometers from the intersection of Croppa Creek Road and IB Bore Road, where they have completed 3km of earthworks.

County Boundary Road Upgrade

The County Boundary Road sealing project is jointly funded by the Federal Government's Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) Program (\$9.75 million) with Council contributing an additional \$2.44 million.

Council staff have completed Stage 1 of the construction and sealing of County Boundary Road with the initial seal carried out by contractors on 30 November 2023.

The second 3 km long stage is currently under construction. Work was temporarily stopped to allow staff to complete a 3.5km super patch trial adjacent to the project on Croppa Moree Road. Lime stabilisation of the subgrade is now programmed to start on 25 March 2024. It is expected that the 12.3 km long project will be completed by April 2025.

Gulf Creek Road Timber Bridge Replacement

This project is funded by the Fixing Country Bridges Program (\$252,500) with a co-contribution from Council (\$30,000). Project planning and procurement have been completed.

The drainage works have been completed marking a significant milestone of the project. The base layer for the road has been laid down, and the table drains have been formed successfully. The next phase of the project involves sealing this section of the road to be undertaken by middle of March and installing guardrails.

Wearnes Road Sealing

In February, works continued on the Wearnes Road Sealing project. This project is jointly funded under round 4 of the Fixing Local Roads program (\$2,845,929) and Council (\$256,133.61).

Polycom stabilising is complete for stage 2 of the project and underway for stage 3. 4.7km of the road has been reconstructed and sealed, with a further 5km is programmed to be sealed in early March.

Kerb and Gutter Maintenance

Concreting contractors continue this month with kerb and gutter replacement works. The program will see them complete works at the new Plunkett Street units by the end of this month and Heber, Frazer, Ridley and Maitland Streets in Bingara. It is expected that the contracted crew will finish up works by the end of March 2024.

Maintenance

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

Seal maintenance is ongoing on all State, Regional and Local Roads as potholes continue to develop. Maintenance crews have installed NBN conduit for the new buildings along Plunkett Street, Warialda and backfilled for kerb.

Street sweeping has also been carried out this month. Crews have also been busy helping with drainage pipes on County Boundary Road Construction, IB Bore Road Construction and repairs to drainage pipes along Allandale Road.

Heavy Patching crews have completed a 700m section on Gwydir Highway and have moved south of Bingara with sections to be completed.

Maintenance Grading

During February maintenance grading was carried out on the following roads

- Allandale Road
- Agincourt Road
- Ottley Road
- Munsies Road
- Forest Creek Road
- Goat Road
- Riverview Road
- Thornleigh Road
- Towarra Road

Slashing

During February slashing was carried out on the following roads

- Gwydir Highway
- Airstrip Road
- Warialda Road
- North Star Road
- Bingara Airstrip
- Cobbadah Road
- Horton Road
- Macintyre Road
- Gulf Creek Road
- Copeton Dam Road
- Bundarra Road

Flood Damage

Throughout February, Flood damage crews have completed work on repairs to 2.8km of SR66 Reserve Creek Road, 12km of Glenesk Road. Crews are currently working on the last 2km of damages on SR38 Adam Scrub Road and resheeting and formation grading/ drainage works on a 1.6km section of SR81 Langley Road.



SR66 Reserve Creek Road



SR47 Glenesk Road

Council continues to value add to contracted flood damage restoration works wherever possible, by extending works using existing, Council funded maintenance budgets.

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 Terreegee 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
SR61 Peates Road – 8km
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 – 3.5km
SR30 Caroda Road – 10.6km
SR71 Mt Jerrybang Road – 2.6km
SR49 Michell Lane – 4km
SR12 Upper Whitlow Road – 2.4km
SR19 Whitlow Road – 2km
SR119 Woodburn/ Emello Road – 2.8km
SR50 Thornleigh Road – 3.7km
SR51 Towarra Road – 2.3km
SR60 Pound Creek Road – 2km
SR76 Bristol Road – 8km
SR13 Oregon Road – Culvert Replaced
SR3 Elcombe Road – Culvert Washout
SR105 Fairweather Road – 0.7km
SR106 Flemmings Road – 0.3km
SR43 Buckie Road – 1.5km
SR93 Sheepstation Creek Road – 6km
SR20 Gravesend Road – 15km
SR41 County Boundary Road – 4.2km
SR1 Copeton Dam Road – 3888m² Heavy Patching
SR2 Bingara Road – 924m² Heavy Patching
MR133 Killarney Gap Road – 5525m² Heavy Patching
SR89 Glenarthur Road – 3.5km
SR34 River Road – 3km
SR57 Currangandi Road – 3.55km
SR205 Singapore Road – 2km
SR102 Nourmea Road – 4km

SR116 Forest Road – 2.7km
SR64 Gournama Road – 1km
SR63 Gil Gil Crk Rd 20.0km Formation grading
SR18 Gineroi Rd 2.7km
SR286 Sonoma Rd 900m
SR103 Ravenscraig Rd New causeway, 2.7km formation grade
SR267 Cumble Road .6km
SR14 Mosquito Creek Road 4.1km
SR63 Gil Gil Creek Road 2.9km
SR100 Kellys Access Road 2.3km
SR44 Boundary Creek Road 4.2km
SR113 Royal Oak Road 2km
SR66 Reserve Creek Road 2.8km
SR47 Glenesk Road .5km

Roads Maintenance Council Contract – Works Orders issued by TfNSW

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

The 'Hollymount' Rehabilitation Project, segment 6120 on MR63 Fossickers Way continues again this month, currently cleaning up major storm damage and retrieving lost materials, after receiving 120mm of rain in a single downpour. The crew have all steel work completed for the eastern wingwall and are now ready to transfer formwork from the western wingwall to the eastern wingwall, once sediment and erosion controls have been reinstalled and the work area desilted. Heavy patching also continues this month with the crew currently working on MR63 Fossickers Way, completing patches within reseal segments, so that the reseal program can be completed prior to colder conditions. The reseal program will be completed in conjunction with the patches being sealed as the program progresses.

Routine maintenance continues each week undertaking inspections, rest area services, vegetation control and bitumen repairs.

Asset Protection Zone Maintenance

Regular slashing work is being undertaken on the Warialda APZ with another round programmed for the end of February 2024.

TfNSW Natural Disaster Claims

Works are underway on flood damage repairs and are progressing well. Staff have completed all emergency works from the latest event and repair works estimates for the final suite of claims from event AGRN 1034 are almost complete. It is expected that the final claim for funding will exceed \$10 million which brings the total expected claimable flood damage costs since December 21 to more than \$25 million. Currently there has been over \$18 million in flood damage claims approved by TfNSW.

Local Emergency Management Committee

The LEMC had a regular quarterly meeting in February that was well attended.

NSW Fire and Rescue advised the meeting that two new members for Bingara have been approved and booked into training and a third is currently being recruited. This is beginning to address a long running problem with the shortage of firefighters in Bingara. The SES also advised that there are now 2 members in Warialda that are booked into training. This has similarly been a long road to recruit new members and the SES have been very active in Warialda with several community engagement events in recent months.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

THAT the report be received.

(Moved Cr D Coulton, Seconded Cr Dixon OAM)

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil

The meeting was advised that the Council was about to accept the various Inland Rail level crossings from the ARTC due to the crossings meeting the relevant safety standards although it is apparent that some residents continue to have safety concerns.

A full report will be submitted to the March Ordinary Council Meeting.

8 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 10.51 am.