



# OUTCOMES OF THE JULY STANDING COMMITTEES

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Councillors met at 5.30pm on 13 July for the Dubbo Regional Council Standing Committees meetings. Outcomes from the standing committees will be taken to the Ordinary Council meeting on 27 July for adoption.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**REPORT OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENCE COMMITTEE - MEETING 30 MAY 2023:** Councillors noted the report.

**BENOLONG BRIDGE - TEMPORARY LOAD LIMIT DUE TO TIMBER BRIDGE CONDITION:** Councillors concurred with the operational decision to impose a temporary gross vehicle load limit of 15 tonnes on Benolong Bridge, noting it did not go to the local traffic committee meeting. The CEO is to determine the course of action for the load limit duration in conjunction with a price for fixing the bridge.

**BUILDING SUMMARY - JUNE 2023:**Councillors noted the report. The report highlighted the total number of dwellings approved stands at 468 for the financial year, which is the highest figure since 2015/2016. The total value was in excess of \$378M which is 33 per cent up on the same period in 2021/2022. It was noted the June period includes the approval of the \$19M seniors' housing development on Minore Road.

**DIGITAL MAPS FOR THE DUBBO REGIONAL LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2022:**Councillors supported the movement to digital maps for the Dubbo Regional Local Environment Plan 2022. A request will be submitted to the NSW Government Department of Planning and Environment for this to happen. The PDF maps will be retired and replaced with digital maps and community consultation will be waived as moving to digital maps will not change any provisions within the Dubbo Regional Local Environmental Plan 2022.

## **CULTURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**REPORT OF THE SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MEETING 16 MAY 2023:**Councillors noted the report of the Social Justice Advisory Committee.

**REPORT OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COMMITTEE - MEETING 5 JUNE 2023:**Councillors noted the report of the Wellington Town Committee.

**REPORT OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL - MEETING 6 JUNE 2023 AND MEETING 4 JULY 2023:**Councillors noted the reports of the Youth Council. It was acknowledged there was no quorum for the meeting on 6 June however members in attendance discussed several items. Apologies were received for the 4 July meeting and the meeting was cancelled due to no quorum. Youth interested in taking part in the Youth

Council can contact Charmaine Mara on 6801 4000.

**REPORT OF THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE - MEETING 20 JUNE**

**2023:**Councillors noted the report from the Sister City Committee. Councillors acknowledged the amount and quality of applications that came through for the sister city exchange.

**REPORT OF THE RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP -**

**MEETING 4 JULY 2023:**Councillors noted the report of the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group. Councillors discussed the meaning of the proposed Wiradjuri names for the new Council Chamber and Council Conference rooms, which will be officially opened at the July Ordinary Council Meeting.

**DELROY PARKLANDS RECREATIONAL PRECINCT - PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF REVISED MASTERPLAN:**

Councillors endorsed the Delroy Parklands Recreational Precinct for the purpose of public exhibition. It will go on exhibition for 28 days before a report is provided back to Council.

**CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**REPORT OF THE DUBBO REGIONAL LIVESTOCK MARKETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MEETING 13 JUNE 2023:**

Councillors noted the report of the Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets Advisory Committee.

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE -**

**MEETING 4 JULY 2023:**Councillors adopted the report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

**MONTHLY REPORTING SNAPSHOT FOR COUNCILLORS - JUNE**

**2023:**Councillors noted the report from the CEO which provided a high

level snapshot for Councillors regarding Council's financial performance, facility performance and major capital projects.

Councillors acknowledged the airport figures which have been trending upwards over the past six months.

**2023/2024 CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR CLOSURE PERIOD:**Councillors noted the report from the CEO which provided Councillors with an update on the plan for continued services to the Community and Communications over a two week Christmas / New Year closure period. The two week closure will support fatigued employees, reduce leave balances and align to a range of other sectors for the closure period.

**INVESTMENT UNDER SECTION 625 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT - JUNE 2023:**Councillors noted the information in the report.

#### **NATURAL DISASTER DECLARATIONS - FINANCIAL YEAR**

**2022/2023:**Councillors noted the report and acknowledged communications activities would be undertaken to build community awareness regarding the role Council takes in natural disasters, including preparations for the upcoming bush fire season. Councillors spoke on the rise in disasters over the past few years and the increasing costs in dealing with the disasters.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW - 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE:**Councillors selected Cllr Chowdhury, Cllr Etheridge and Cllr Black who alongside the Mayor will act as voting delegates at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2023. The nominated delegates will represent DRC at the conference along with Cllr Wright, Cllr Ivey, Cllr Gough and Cllr Burns who will attend as non-voting councillors.

**ENHANCED CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2023:**Councillors called for the CEO to seek corporate partners to the minimum value of \$20,000 to extend Councils existing investment in the 2023 Christmas Program and acknowledged if a corporate partner was not identified and endorsed by Council, that Council would continue with the proposed Christmas Program and associated budget of \$25,000 for 2023.

**REVISED DRAFT MEDIA POLICY 2023:**Councillors recommended the draft Media Policy be placed on public exhibition for 28 days before a further report be provided to Council following the exhibition period.

**LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE - PHASE 4 - PROJECT NOMINATIONS:**The CEO will submit the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 4 project nominations to the funding body for approval. And in the case that any project nomination is rejected by the funding body the CEO is authorised to submit alternative projects or amendments to approved projects.

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**GROWING REGIONS PROGRAM - ROUND 1 - PROJECT PROPOSALS ID23/1709:**Councillors advised the CEO of the preferred project preferences that are to undergo further investigation to determine eligibility and suitability in meeting the guidelines of the program. An amendment was made for the Mayor to write to the relevant Commonwealth and State Government ministers seeking extra funding for the Wiradjuri Tourism Centre. A further report will be brought to Council at the 27 July meeting detailing suitable projects and seeking Council endorsement to submit expression of interest.

**QUOTATION FOR SUPPLY OF MICROSOFT SOFTWARE LICENCING**

**ID23/1595:**The quotation from Datacom Systems (AU) Pty Ltd for the supply of Microsoft Licencing at a cost of \$856,136.49 (ex GST), with a year 1 contract payment of \$285,378.83 (ex GST) was accepted.

**DUBBO REGIONAL AIRPORT GENERAL AVIATION DRAINAGE UPGRADE  
STAGE 3 TENDER ID23/1573:**Council accepted the tender T22-014 Separable “Part B” works price submitted for the Norther Regular Passenger Transport Apron Extension from Aitken Civil Engineering in the sum of \$1,083,546 ex GST for Separable Part B.

**ENDS**

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