



BUSINESS PAPER

Supplementary Report Ordinary Council Meeting Wednesday, 15 September 2021

Date: Wednesday, 15 September 2021

Time: 10.00 am

**Location: Shire Chamber
Coonamble**

Pre-Meeting Session: Kindly note that a Pre-Meeting Session will be held at 9:00am in the Council Chamber to allow for questions from Councillors to be asked regarding items included with the Business paper – in order to ensure clarity and an informed decision-making process. Councillors are also encouraged to make contact with the General manager or the applicable Executive Leader before the Council Meeting to clarify any questions that you may have.

**Hein Basson
General Manager**

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with information on the works in progress within Council's Infrastructure Department.

BACKGROUND

(a) Relevance to Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

- 11.1 Maintain local road maintenance and construction.
- 13.1 Deliver safe drinking water and sewerage services.
- 4.1 Ensure long term management and protection of our community assets.

(b) Financial Considerations

Provision is made within the 2021 / 2022 Operational Plan and Budget to fund the associated works and programs listed in this report.

COMMENTARY

(a) Plant / Fleet:

- Routine inspections and servicing were completed as planned.

(b) Airport:

- Routine inspection and maintenance works are ongoing.
- The Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program Round 7 work has been completed and final report lodged for the acquittal of the grants.
- In accordance with Council's request at its meeting of 11 August, sink holes in the grassed area between the runway and the gable markers have been filled in liaison with the Aero Club. A stockpile of fill material has been stored on-site to enable the Aero Club to also fill any remaining sink holes voluntarily

(c) Water & Sewer:

- General maintenance has been completed on an 'as-needs' basis.
- Samples from Coonamble and Gulargambone Sewer Treatment Plants are being sent for COVID-19 testing each Tuesday. This will provide additional information to the community regarding the presence of COVID-19 in each town.

The weekly results can be checked on the NSW Health website. <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/stats-nsw.aspx#map>

- The Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy project is progressing. Council is currently supplying data related to water, sewer, and stormwater systems. This project will result in a 30-year business plan / strategy, to ensure that the Water and Sewer Assets are maintained to provide an adequate level of performance.
- The restoration of the concrete Pasveer Channel is underway at the Gulargambone Sewer Treatment Plant. This is the first of two projects planned for this year to ensure Environment Protection Agency (EPA) compliance for the plant.
- A local contractor has been selected for the replacement of a water main on Gidgerah Street, Quambone. This replacement is in accordance with Council's Water Asset Management Plan.

(d) Quarry:

- Quarry operations have returned to normal following the cone rebuild, and routine maintenance is performed as needed.
- Demand for product has been very high from other shires including Brewarrina

(e) Landfill sites:

- Council has been issued with a clean-up notice by the EPA for the old landfill site at the end of Wingadee Street.
- An assessment has been carried out and is now with the EPA for review. Some preliminary works have been carried out to ensure the availability of water on site for the capping project and to aid the revegetation of the site after the works have been carried out.
- The reviewed assessment will be presented to Council once received back from the EPA, with an action plan to address the issue.

(f) Levee Upgrade:

- Stage 4 has been completed, and the funding obligations met.
- A work plan for Stage 5 has been approved.
- Easement acquisition on all affected properties has commenced with letters of offer for compensation being sent. Public Works Advisory (PWA) are the Project Managers for this project and property owners should start receiving their individual letters soon. Property owners who have questions can contact PWA but they may also contact Council staff.

(g) Saleyards:

- Discussions between staff and the EPA regarding the future of the saleyard licence are continuing. This is a matter that will be taken over in due course by the Executive Leader Environment, Strategic Planning and Community.

(h) State Highway:

- All heavy patching works on the Highway are scheduled to resume in October.
- Line marking of previous heavy patching and reseal areas complete.
- The replacement of 14 culverts north of Coonamble with extensions commenced in February. This work has been delayed due to wet weather and work cannot recommence until the work sites dry out. This project is unlikely to be recommended for some months due to the high volume of water still present at the site.

Routine Activities

- Routine activities, including pothole and edge break repairs, sign maintenance, rest area maintenance, litter collection, removal of debris, vegetation control and routine inspections have been completed on the Castlereagh Highway.

(j) Urban, Local and Regional Roads:**Routine Activities**

- Routine activities, including pothole and edge break repairs on sealed roads, sign maintenance, litter collection and removal of debris and routine inspections are ongoing.

Bertram Street

- The revised engineering investigations are now completed. An additional drainage outlet has been designed to drain the large ponding problem adjacent to the causeway. Quotations for the work have now been requested and work will commence subject to contractor availability.

Maule Lane

- The new K&G has been installed roadworks are nearing completion. Bitumen sealing was carried out on 2 September to complete the rehabilitation.

Tooraweenah Road

- The engineering design and review of environmental factors have been on public exhibition, seeking feedback from the public in accordance with the funding requirements. The review of environmental factors highlighted land matter issues and Crown Land access licences have been applied for. The geotechnical report has been reviewed with more accurate traffic data to finalise the required pavement depths. Preparation of the "Road Project Proposal Report" has commenced and will be submitted to TfNSW for approval when completed.

Warren Road (Intersection with Hwy)

- Advice has been received from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications that the proposed upgrade of the intersection of the Warren Road and Castlereagh Highway, (to the estimated value of \$820,000) was successful to the amount of \$410,000 under the National Heavy Vehicle Safety Productivity Program – which accounts for a 50%

contribution to the project. Council has adopted a resolution to fund the other 50% from its Regional Roads Grant Funding allocation. Crown Land access licences have been applied for. The engineering design is being prepared by TfNSW who estimate completion of the design in October.

Warren Road

- The Funding Deed for the Fixing Country Roads Round 2 – Warren Road Upgrade (various sections) has been submitted. Kindly note that this project is separate to the upgrade of the Warren Road intersection. Staff have completed the relevant documents, which were submitted in early November (i.e., policy documents, various project plans etc.). Issues have arisen associated with the administration of this project between the State and Federal Governments. Staff are working with both levels of government to ensure administrative requirements can be met for all parties. The Federal Government will be contributing \$1,930,000. Discussions are currently being held to finalise the scope of works in Warren Shire.

Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (Flood Damage)

- In addition to the list of “immediate reconstruction works” reported to Council at the September 2020 meeting, the Walla Walla Road, Willow Downs Road and Talegar Road have also been included.
- A consultant has been engaged to aid with the preparation and progress of claims. An application for Natural Disaster assistance has been submitted for the March 2021 storm / flooding event and the State and Federal Ministers have jointly announced that Coonamble Shire is now eligible for disaster relief under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA). Work is continuing on preparing potential claims for funding.

Item	Task	Comments
1	MR202 Merri Merri – Maintenance Grading	In progress
2	SR86 Carinda Road – Rehabilitation – FLR Phase 1	Partly completed
3	SR4 Emby Road – Reform / Resheeting	Delayed by wet conditions
4	SR16 Mungery Road – Reform / Resheeting	In Progress
5	SR7 Wingadee Road – Reforming/resheeting/causeways	Delayed by wet conditions
6	SR12 Back Gular Road – Reform / Resheeting	In Progress
7	SR 87 Box Ridge Road – Shoulder Flood Damage Repair	Delayed by wet conditions
8	Maule Lane – Rehabilitation	Completed
9	SR93 Walla Walla Road – Maintenance Grade	Completed
10	SR119 Nortongong Road – Maintenance Grade	Scheduled October
11	SR52 Talegar Road – Maintenance Grade	Completed
12	SR41 Nelgowrie Road – Maintenance Grade	Completed
13	SR19 Gulargambone Road – Maintenance Grading	Completed
14	Various Gular – Unsealed Streets – Maintenance Grading	Completed
15	SR92 Fairmile Road – Maintenance Grade	Completed
16	SR54 Floddenfield Road – Maintenance Grade	Completed
17	Willow Downs Road – Maintenance Grade	In Progress
18	Urawilkie Road - Maintenance Grade	In Progress
19	Nedgera Road – Maintenance Grade	In Progress

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Funding

- Phase two (2) of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure funding has been confirmed with Coonamble being allocated \$723,922.

Council has resolved (Resolution 2021/76) for this amount to be allocated as follows:

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| 1. Selected flood damage sites
(including the VIC driveway/carpark) | \$400,000.00 |
| 2. Box Ridge Rd – Reconstruction | \$263,922.00 |
| 3. Beanbah Rd – Bridge abutments | \$ 60,000.00 |

- Phase three (3) of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure funding has just been announced with Coonamble being allocated \$1,859,636. The period for works to be undertaken under Round Three is between 1 January 2022 and 30 June 2023.

Fixing Local Roads

- Funding approval of Fixing Local Roads – Round Two has been received for patching and sealing works on SR86 Carinda Road:

Location 1: Ch: 40.830 – 41.930km; and

Location 2: Ch: 45.360 – 45.960km.

Council has been allocated \$569,943 to complete these works, and the funding deeds for this project now have been executed.

- Round 3 has opened and Council's application for heavy patching and culvert repairs on SR86 Carinda Rd Ch: 55.656 – 61.950km has been lodged – in line with Council's resolution adopted in this regard at its June 2021 Meeting. Approval is pending.

(a) Governance/Policy Implications

Maintenance of Council's infrastructure assets is carried out in accordance with Council's adopted management plans.

(b) Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

(c) Social Implications

Maintenance works are programmed where practical, to minimise social impacts.

(d) Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

(e) Economic/Asset Management Implications

Works are scheduled in accordance with Council's adopted 2021 / 22 Operational Plan and Budget.

(f) Risk Implications

Maintenance works are programmed to minimise the risk to Council and the public.

CONCLUSION

This report provides updated information on the projects and planned works within the Infrastructure Department for Council's information.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the information in this report.