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Item 6	Preliminary 2021/22 End of Year Financial Summary and Budget carry forward	<p>RESOLVED [42/22] (Gordon/Lyon) that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive and note the Preliminary 2021/22 End of Year Financial Summary Report, acknowledging that it is a preliminary summary prior to end of year adjustments and audit. 2. Approve the transfers to and from reserve as detailed in Tables 2 - 8 of the report. 3. Approve the funds to be carried forward as detailed in Tables 9 - 16 of the report.
Item 7	Retail water bad debt write-off	<p>RESOLVED [43/22] (Ndiaye/Rob) that Council, in accordance with its Debt Management and Financial Hardship policy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the write-off of one (1) Water Filling customer due to bankruptcy. 2. Approve the write-off of three (3) Retail Water Billing customers due to cycle unit issues not accurately recording water usage.
Item 8	Retail water customer account assistance	<p>RESOLVED [44/22] (Ndiaye/Rob) that Council in accordance with section 356 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> and its 'Retail Water Customer Account Assistance' policy, approve financial assistance as listed in Table 1 of the report.</p>
Item 10	Rous Regional Demand Management Plan 2023-2026	<p>RESOLVED [45/22] (Ndiaye/Lyon) that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorses the draft Rous Regional Demand Management Plan (2023-2026) attached to the report, for public exhibition for the period 22 August to 12 September 2022. 2. If public submissions are made during the public exhibition period, a report be furnished to Council's October 2022 meeting, including staff comment on how the submissions have been considered, for Council to determine a position on endorsement of the Plan. 3. If no public submissions are made during the public exhibition period, the version of the draft Rous Regional Demand Management Plan (2023-2026) placed on

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		<p>public exhibition, is deemed to be adopted by Council.</p> <p>4. Note that constituent councils will be advised in writing once the draft Regional Demand Management Plan is on public exhibition.</p>
Item 11	Supply of backflow prevention devices	<p>RESOLVED [46/22] (Bruem/Gordon) that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accept the tender submitted by Australian Valve Group Pty Ltd for a contract lump sum price of \$261,293.41 incl. GST for the supply of backflow prevention devices. 2. Approve an additional \$25,000 (incl. GST) as a contingency amount. <p><i>Cr Lyon left the meeting at 11.24am and returned at 11.27am.</i></p> <p><i>Cr Lyon was absent during voting on the above resolution.</i></p>
Item 13	Code of Meeting Practice	<p>RESOLVED [47/22] (Rob/Gordon) that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revoke the Code of Meeting Practice dated 19 June 2019 and any other document revived as a result of the revocation; and 2. Adopt the revised Code of Meeting Practice (Attachment 1).
Item 14	Delegation - General Manager	<p>RESOLVED [48/22] (Cadwallader/Lyon) that Council approve the instrument of delegation for the position of General Manager as presented in Attachment 2.</p> <p><i>Cr Rob left the meeting at 11.36am and returned at 11.38am.</i></p> <p><i>Cr Rob was absent during voting on the above resolution.</i></p>
Item 15	Rous Cultural, Environmental and Information Centre	<p>RESOLVED [49/22] (Cadwallader/Bruem) that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive and note the report.

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		<p>2. Endorse the termination of the lease of 207 Molesworth Street, Lismore.</p> <p>3. Endorse the reallocation of funds to the catchment and cultural awareness budget for progressing reconciliation activities.</p> <p>4. Receive a progress report at the February 2023 Council meeting.</p> <p>Voting against: Cr Gordon</p>
Item 16	Debt Management and Financial Hardship policy and Retail Water Account Assistance policy (reviewed)	<p>RESOLVED [50/22] (Rob/Humphrys) that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive and note the report. 2. Publicly exhibit the revised Retail Water Customer Account Assistance policy and Debt Management and Financial Hardship policy (Attachment 1 and 2) for a period of 28 days, and: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i). Should no public submissions be received: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The following policies be revoked and any policies revived as a result of the revocation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debt Management and Financial Hardship policy dated 15 April 2020; and • Retail Water Customer Account Assistance policy dated 19 September 2018. (b) The revised policies attached to the report be adopted. (c) The revised Retail Water Customer Account Assistance policy be applied to those properties identified as staff having excess water usage in flood affected areas for Quarter 4 (February to May 2022). ii). Should any public submission be received, those submissions be considered by Council at its next meeting in conjunction with consideration

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		<p align="center">of revoking the above policies and adopting the revised policies.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Fix the amount above which debts may be written off only by resolution of Council at \$5,000 (incl. GST). 4. Approve the removal the paragraph referring to write-offs: Rates, Charges and Debts to Council from the Revenue policy (Fees and Charges 2022-23) as it is captured in the General Manager’s delegation. <p><i>Cr Ndiaye left the meeting at 11.50am and returned at 11.52am.</i></p> <p><i>Cr Ndiaye was absent during voting on the above resolution.</i></p>
Item 16	Public Interest Disclosure	<p>RESOLVED [51/22] (Cadwallader/Rob) that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revoke the ‘Public Interest Disclosures’ policy dated 17 June 2020 and any policies revised as a result of the revocation; and 2. Adopt the revised ‘Public Interest Disclosures’ policy attached to the report.
Item 17	Asset Management and Capitalisation	<p>RESOLVED [53/22] (Rob/Humphrys) that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revoke the following policies and any policies revived as a result of the revocation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Asset Management policy adopted on 21 June 2017; and b. Asset Capitalisation policy adopted on 21 June 2017. 2. Adopt the following revised policies attached to this report: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Asset Management policy; and b. Asset Capitalisation policy.
Item 18	Payment of expenses and provision of facilities	<p>RESOLVED [54/22] (Ndiaye/Cadwallader) that Council publicly exhibit the revised ‘Councillor</p>

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		<p>fees, expenses and facilities' policy (Attachment 3) for a period of 28 days, and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Should no public submission be received, the following policies be revoked and the revised 'Councillor fees, expenses and facilities' policy is adopted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 'Chairperson and member fees' policy dated 21 December 2016; and (b) 'Payment of expenses and provision of facilities for chairperson and councillors' policy dated 19 April 2017, <p>and any policies revived as a result of the revocation.</p> 2. Should any public submission be received, those submissions be considered by Council at its next meeting in conjunction with consideration of revoking the above policies and adopting a revised 'Councillor fees, expenses and facilities' policy. 3. Carers' allowance be increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000 ex GST per councillor – any increases to that amount be at the discretion of the General Manager.
Item 19	Privacy policy (revised)	<p>RESOLVED [55/22] (Rob/Cadwallader) that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revoke the Privacy Management policy adopted on 14 June 2015 and any policies revived as a result of the revocation. 2. Adopt the proposed Privacy policy attached to the report. 3. Note that, subject to the adoption of the proposed policy that a Privacy Management Plan be developed, approved by the General Manager and made available as open access information. <p><i>Cr Bruem left the meeting at 12.10pm and returned at 12.12pm.</i></p> <p><i>Cr Bruem was absent during voting on the above resolution.</i></p>
Item 19	Related Party Disclosures policy	<p>RESOLVED [56/22] (Cadwallader/Lyon) that Council:</p>

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revoke the Related Party Disclosure policy dated 17 May 2017, and 2. Approve the revised Related Party Disclosure policy (Attachment 2). 				
Item 20	INFORMATION REPORTS					
Item 20	Information reports for approval	<p>RESOLVED [57/22] (Cadwallader/Rob) that the following information reports be received and noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investments - July 2022 2. Debt write-off information summary 3. Water consumption - July 2022 4. Delivery program progress update: January to June 2022 5. Audit Risk and Improvement Committee: meeting update including the Committee Performance report for the period 2021 - 2022. 6. Reports/actions pending 				
Item 21	CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS	<p><u>MOVED TO CLOSED COUNCIL</u></p> <p>RESOLVED [58/22] (Cadwallader/Ndiaye) that Council move into Closed Council with the press and public excluded from the meeting based on the grounds detailed below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="842 1134 1912 1401"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="842 1134 1055 1185">Report</th> <th data-bbox="1055 1134 1912 1185">Richmond Water Laboratories (RWL) strategic options</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="842 1185 1055 1401">Grounds for closure</td> <td data-bbox="1055 1185 1912 1401"> Section 10A(2)(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors). Section 10A(2)(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (ii). confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Report	Richmond Water Laboratories (RWL) strategic options	Grounds for closure	Section 10A(2)(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors). Section 10A(2)(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed: (ii). confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the
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		<div data-bbox="842 316 1912 368" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Council. </div> <p>The meeting moved to Closed Council at 12.17pm.</p> <p><u>RESUME TO OPEN COUNCIL</u></p> <p>RESOLVED [59/22] (Ndiaye/Rob) that the meeting resume to Open Council.</p> <p>The meeting moved to Open Council at 1.00pm.</p> <p>The General Manager read to the meeting the following resolution of Council:</p>
Item 21	Richmond Water Laboratories (RWL) strategic options	RESOLVED [60/22] (Cadwallader/Bruem) that Council receive and note the information provided and adopt Option 3 as recommended in the report.
Item 23	Notice of Motion: Local Government NSW Annual Conference	
Item 25	Notice of Motion: Future Water Project 2060 progress to secure additional water sources	