

Reports / Actions Pending

Responsible Officer: General Manager (Phillip Rudd)

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

Background

Following is a list of pending resolutions with individual comments provided on current position and expected completion date.

COUNCIL MEETING 11-12-2019	
Report	Richmond River Cane Growers Association submission: Review of Tuckombil Canal fixed weir (Letters 118585 / 53238)
	<i>Responsible Officer: Group Manager Planning and Delivery (Andrew Logan)</i>
ACTION	<p>October 2023 – Richmond Valley Council has recently adopted a report on the <i>Richmond Valley Flood Study</i> which includes a new flood model. With this work now finalised, Rous can consider relevant results from this work, the scope of the review of the Tuckombil Canal fixed weir and how the work will be funded as part of a future budget.</p> <p>The review of the Tuckombil Canal fixed weir and a budget will be considered as part of the annual budget process commencing in November 2023 for the 2024/25 year. Council will be able to consider this in April 2024, as part of the draft budget for 2024/25.</p> <p>June 2024 - The most likely source of funding for an investigation into the Tuckombil Fixed Weir is the State Government Floodplain Management Program. To be eligible for funding under this program, the State Government requires works and investigations to be identified within a Floodplain Risk Management Plan before they will be considered. With Richmond Valley Council (RVC) now commencing the development of a Floodplain Risk Management Plan for the Richmond River, this presents the best option for funding. Rous will be a member of the Project Control Group for the Plan development and will be able to advocate for its inclusion. Further updates will be provided as RVC develop the Plan and Rous becomes involved. Given this, a budget for the Review of the Tuckombil Canal Fixed Weir was not included in the draft 2024/25 budget considered by Council at the April 2024 Council meeting.</p>
COUNCIL MEETING 13-12-2023	
Report	Proposed Dunoon Dam - acquisition of properties
	<i>Responsible Officer: Group Manager Planning and Delivery (Andrew Logan)</i>
Resolution	<p>(Breum/Cadwallader) that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To reconfirm its prior position in relation to acquisition of land in the Proposed Dunoon Dam area as shown in the Attachment 1 and land of strategic interest to the Future Water Strategy 2060.

<p>ACTION</p>	<p>b. The terms of such acquisition are to be in accordance with Council's current 'Land Management' policy, Item 4 (Attachment 2), namely:</p> <p>c. Acquisition to be upon offer of sale by existing landowner.</p> <p>d. Meets the proposed operational need or strategic objective of the future water strategy 2060.</p> <p>e. Such acquisition costs to be calculated with due consideration to market and strategic value.</p> <p>June 2024 - An update to Council regarding strategic land purchases for the Future Water Strategy 2060 will be provided at the December 2024 Council meeting.</p>
<p>Report</p>	<p>Update on interim arrangements for Lismore Levee Scheme</p>
	<p><i>Responsible Officer: Group Manager Planning and Delivery (Andrew Logan)</i></p>
<p>Resolution</p> <p>ACTION</p>	<p>(Rob/Cadwallader) that Council in addition to previous resolutions on the matter:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive and note this update. 2. Authorise the General Manager to approve access to the Lismore Levee Scheme assets by Lismore City Council (LCC) for the purposes of progressing new asset construction and renewal and upgrade work under the <i>Northern Rivers Recovery and Resilience Program(NRRRP)</i>, subject to LCC's written confirmation that they will assume ownership of the new, upgraded and renewed assets. <p>Receive a further update before end of August 2024.</p>
<p>Report</p>	<p>Staff investigation and response - Notice of Motion "Acquisition of low-lying, high-risk rural floodplain areas"</p>
	<p><i>Responsible officer: Group Manager Planning and Delivery (Andrew Logan)</i></p>
<p>Resolution</p> <p>ACTION</p>	<p>(Bruem/Ndiaye) that Council adopts the following position regarding the acquisition of low-lying, high-risk rural floodplain areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acknowledge the challenges associated with coastal riverine floodplain land uses, particularly those relating to the lowest lying land (i.e. less than 1m above mean sea level). 2. Write to the State Government requesting a review of current floodplain land uses and development of a long-term strategic direction on how different areas of the floodplain will be used, acknowledging all stakeholders, including First Nations, interests. <p>This position also be referred to the State and Federal Government seeking funding.</p> <p>Write to the State Government requesting a review of current floodplain land uses as in point (2) and seek funding from State and Federal Government.</p> <p>June 2024 – Rous provided a response to the State Government's <i>MEMS Coastal Floodplain Drainage Options Report (2023)</i> in April 2024. Rous suggested that the State Government undertakes a review of current floodplain land uses, particularly those relating to the lowest lying land (i.e. less than 1m above mean sea level) which are primary sources of both acidity and deoxygenated water and develops a long-term strategic direction on how different areas of the floodplain will be used, acknowledging all stakeholders including First Nations.</p>

	Funding to progress this work will be sought as relevant programs and opportunities become available.
COUNCIL MEETING 17-04-2024	
Report	Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee – meeting update
Resolution	<p>(Rob/Cadwallader) that Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. receive and note the attached minutes from the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting of 5 April 2024; 2. make a submission to the Office of Local Government seeking to permit county councils to include capital revenue in the assessment of financial performance; and 3. Prepare a submission for the 2024 LGNSW Annual Conference seeking to permit county councils to include capital revenue in the assessment of financial performance, to be further considered by council at the June council meeting.
ACTION	<p>Make a submission to the Office of Local Government seeking to permit county councils to include capital revenue in the assessment of financial performance.</p> <p>Prepare a submission for the 2024 LGNSW Annual Conference for consideration by Council at June meeting.</p> <p>COMPLETED – refer to report furnished to 19 June 2024 Council meeting.</p>