

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SINGLETON COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS QUEEN STREET SINGLETON ON TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2023, COMMENCING AT 5.47PM FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC FORUM.

PRESENT:

Crs S Moore (Mayor and Chairperson), S George, T Jarrett, H Jenkins, S Johnstone, M McLachlan, T McNamara and V Scott were present in the Council Chambers and Cr D Thompson attended the meeting via Audio Visual Link.

APOLOGIES

- 1/23 **MOVED** Cr Jenkins **SECONDED** Cr George that the apologies from Cr G Adamthwaite for non-attendance at the meeting be accepted.

CARRIED

IN ATTENDANCE

Jason Linnane, General Manager; Vicki Brereton, Director Organisation & Community Capacity; Dwight Graham, Director Corporate & Commercial Services; Justin Fitzpatrick-Barr, Director Infrastructure and Planning; Melinda Curtis, Executive Manager; Mark Wiblen, Manager Corporate Services and Larissa Britton, Coordinator Governance. There were representatives of the media and members of the public present in the gallery.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 2/23 **MOVED** Cr McNamara **SECONDED** Cr McLachlan that the minutes of the Meeting of Singleton Council held on Tuesday 20 December 2022, be confirmed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cr S George declared a pecuniary interest in Item DOCC4/23 – Singleton Community Economic Development Fund (CEDF) – Approval of Round Two Applications as she is the President of the Singleton Neighbourhood Centre Inc and the Centre has applied for funding from the CEDF.
- Cr H Jenkins declared a non-significant non-pecuniary interest in Item DI&P7/23 – Ravensworth Homestead, Complex and its Setting – Request for Advice – Proposed State Heritage Listing as her son is employee of Glencore.

WITHDRAWAL OF ITEMS AND LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- Item DI&P2/23 – Removal of Monument at Sedgefield Cemetery was withdrawn from the Agenda.
- A Supplementary Agenda was circulated which included:
 - DI&P7/23 – Ravensworth Homestead, Complex and its Setting – Request for Advice – Proposed State Heritage Listing
 - Minutes – Singleton Heritage Advisory Committee – 17/02/2023

*Presentations***PR1/23 Presentation - Liam Byrne - Young Achiever of the Year Learning and Development Program FILE:18/00182/01-07/03**

Mr Liam Byrne, 2022 Young Achiever of the Year gave a presentation on the Learning and Development Program. Mr Byrne participated in the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme in December, 2022.

NOTED*Mayoral Minutes***MM1/23 Support for the NSW Public Libraries Association FILE:23/00008**

Trove, the National Library of Australia's expansive public digital archive is used by local historians, family historians and researchers. Trove provides access to the National Library of Australia (NLA) collections and the collections of other cultural institutions, ensuring they are available to all Australians free of charge, regardless of where they live and who they are, receiving over 20 million visits per year.

In 2022, Trove Collaborative Services (TCS) introduced a new pricing model which raised serious concerns regarding the affordability and ongoing viability of participation in resource sharing for New South Wales public libraries.

Hundreds of organisations, including libraries across NSW, contribute to Trove, to ensure it remains the single national database within Australia. The change in subscription model has seen approximately 13% of libraries across NSW withdraw their contributions due to the significant fee increases, resulting in implications for the integrity of Trove. Further funding cuts, due in July 2023, will magnify this situation.

In addition, TCS has indicated that they will no longer support the national Document Delivery system (LADD) for resourcing sharing, raising concerns for library staff about the longer-term impact on inter-library loans (ILLs). ILLs are a vital and core service of public libraries, allowing open, democratic access to quality information for all community members, resulting in an inclusive, informed and connected communities.

Without additional funding the NLA be unable to maintain Trove and therefore the people of NSW (and Australia) will no longer have access to Trove and the ability to

search the 6 billion records on the national treasure trove of artefacts, curiosities, and stories from Australia's cultural, community and research institutions.

In July 2022 NSW Public Libraries Association (NSWPLA) wrote to the Minister for the Arts, Hon. Tony Burke expressing concern regarding the national database being under threat due to the lack of funding with the last tranche of funding expiring in July 2023. NSWPLA also expressed the associations concern for affect this would have on the community and stated what a travesty it would be if the single national treasure trove of artefacts, curiosities, and stories from Australia's cultural, community and research institutions; a database of more than 6 billion digital items, is no longer be fully maintained or kept up to date or, worst case scenario unavailable. NSWPLA has not been successful in gaining a meeting with Minister Burke or his representative.

Trove is essential in providing equity of access to information across not only New South Wales, but the whole of Australia and further. It is a world-leading resource, free and available for anyone anywhere to use. Trove's impact on research at all levels is immeasurable and its value to all Australians cannot be underestimated.

Accordingly, it is recommended that Council supports the NSWPLA by formally endorsing the actions of the NSWPLA in lobbying for additional sustainable funds for the continuation of free access to the Trove national database and upgrade of the digital archive systems of Trove.

3/23 **MOVED** Cr Moore **SECONDED** Cr George that Council:

1. Make representation to the local Federal Member, Mr Dan Repacholi MP, in relation to the need for a sustainable federal funding model for the continuation of free access to the Trove national database and upgrade of the digital archive systems of Trove.
2. Write to the Hon. Tony Burke, Federal Minister for the Arts and the Hon. Paul Fletcher, Shadow Minister for Science and the Arts, calling for sustainable funding to ensure the continuation of free access to the Trove national database and upgrade of the digital archive systems of Trove.
3. Endorse the actions of the NSW Public Libraries Association in lobbying for additional sustainable funds for the continuation of free access to the Trove national database and upgrade of the digital archive systems of Trove.

CARRIED

4/23 **MOVED** Cr George **SECONDED** Cr McLachlan to bring forward Item DI&P7/23 – Ravensworth Homestead, Complex and its Setting – Request for Advice – Proposed State Heritage Listing for consideration.

CARRIED

Cr Hollee Jenkins left the meeting, the time being 6:03pm.

**DI&P7/23 Ravensworth Homestead, Complex and its Setting –
Request for Advice – Proposed State Heritage Listing FILE:20/00035**

A report was provided with advice on the proposed listing of the Ravensworth Homestead Complex and its Setting (Ravensworth Homestead) as State heritage on the NSW State Heritage Register and seeking Council's support to the proposal.

5/23 **MOVED** Cr McNamara **SECONDED** Cr McLachlan that Council:

1. Note the:
 - a. resolution of Council (21/22) recommending that *the Ravensworth Homestead and the outbuildings be relocated to McNamara Park at Broke as part of the Glendell Mine Extension Approval and that the General Manager of the Singleton Local Government Area prepare and deliver to the Independent Planning Commission a verbal and written submission supporting the proposal to relocate the Ravensworth Homestead and the outbuildings to McNamara Park at Broke;*
 - b. decision of the Independent Planning Commission on 28 October 2022 to refuse consent to the development application for the Glendell Continued Operations Project;
 - c. advice of Council's Heritage Advisor detailing the evidence base regarding the heritage significance of the Ravensworth Homestead and its Setting; and
 - d. recommendation of the Singleton Heritage Advisory Committee to support the State heritage listing of the Ravensworth Homestead Complex and its Setting; and
2. Not support, on the balance of evidence, the State heritage listing of the Ravensworth Homestead Complex and its Setting.

CARRIED

*Upon being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried.
For the Motion were Crs S Moore, T McNamara, V Scott, D Thompson, S George, T Jarrett and M McLachlan Total (7).*

Against the Motion was Cr S Johnstone Total (1).

Absent for the vote were Crs G Adamthwaite and H Jenkins Total (2).

Cr Hollee Jenkins returned to the meeting, the time being 6:18pm.

General Manager's Report (Items Requiring Decision)

GM1/23 Use of Council's Seal - Freedom of Entry to Singleton FILE:18/00182/03

A report was provided for Council to consider granting approval for Freedom of Entry to Singleton being exercised by the Area Commander and personnel of the Singleton Military Area on Friday, 17 March 2023. The occasion will be the 57th Anniversary of the Granting of Freedom of Singleton to the Singleton Military Area, the 157th Anniversary of the declaration of the Municipality of Singleton and the 50th Anniversary of the School of Infantry being established at the Lone Pine Barracks, Singleton.

The Freedom of Entry to Singleton has been exercised on a number of occasions and a Certificate under the Common Seal of Council has been prepared to commemorate each occasion.

It is proposed that a similar certificate be prepared to the occasion on 16 October 2021.

- 6/23 **MOVED** Cr George **SECONDED** Cr McLachlan that Council approve the Common Seal be affixed to a Certificate to commemorate the exercising on 17 March 2023 of the Freedom of Entry to Singleton for the Singleton Military Area.

CARRIED

GM2/23 Competitive Neutrality and Complaints Handling Policy FILE:13/0409

A report was provided for Council to rescind the Competitive Neutrality and Complaints Handling Policy from Council's policy register as it has been replaced with the Competitive Neutrality Complaint Handling Protocol.

- 7/23 **MOVED** Cr Jenkins **SECONDED** Cr Scott that Council rescind POL/30003.5 Competitive Neutrality and Complaints Handling Policy.

CARRIED

GM3/23 Draft Conflicts of Interest - Council Related Development Policy

FILE:19/00530

A report was provided for Council to consider the draft Conflicts of Interest – Council Related Development Policy.

- 8/23 **MOVED** Cr Jenkins **SECONDED** Cr George that Council adopt POL/1025.1 draft Conflicts of Interest – Council Related Development Policy.

CARRIED

GM4/23 Annual Conference Attendance by Councillors FILE:21/00158/001

A report was provided for Council to consider annual conference attendance by Councillors in accordance with the Councillors Expenses & Facilities Policy.

- 9/23 **MOVED** Cr McLachlan **SECONDED** Cr McNamara that:

1. Council appoint Councillor delegates to attend each of the following conferences being held in 2023:
 - a. Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference – the Mayor, Cr McLachlan and Cr Jenkins, who will also be Council's three nominated

- voting delegates.
- b. Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly of Local Government – the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, with the Mayor also being Council's voting delegate.
 - c. Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) NSW Conference: Cr Jenkins.
 - d. Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Destination and Visitor Economy Conference – Cr George.
 - e. Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Water Management Conference – Cr George.
 - f. Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference – Cr Scott.
 - g. Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National Local Roads and Transport Conference – Cr Jarrett.
 - h. Waste Conference – Cr McLachlan.
2. Council reimburse expenses in accordance with POL/1008.15 Councillors Expenses & Facilities Policy.
 3. Councillor delegates provide a written report for the information of Council within three months of conference attendance.

CARRIED

Corporate and Commercial Services Report (Items Requiring Decision)

DCCS1/23 Draft Related Party Disclosures Policy**FILE:13/0633**

A report was provided for Council to consider the draft revised Related Party Disclosures Policy.

10/23 **MOVED** Cr Jenkins **SECONDED** Cr Scott that Council:

1. Adopt POL/40010.4 Related Party Disclosures Policy.
2. Rescind POL/40010.3 Related Party Disclosures Policy.

CARRIED**DCCS2/23 General Manager Delegation of Authority Review****FILE:20/00133**

A report was provided for Council to consider revised delegations for the General Manager to increase the limit in relation to acceptance of tenders from \$1 million to \$2 million ex GST and to temporarily increase the limit in relation to acceptance of tenders to \$5 million ex GST for the period from 22 February 2023 until 30 September 2023 to assist with efficiencies in relation to flood recovery.

11/23 **MOVED** Cr McLachlan **SECONDED** Cr McNamara that:

1. All previous delegations of Functions to the General Manager be revoked.
2. The person who from time to time holds the position of General Manager of Council (General Manager) be delegated authority under section 377 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, to exercise and/or perform on behalf of Council the Council's Functions under all Legislation in force and as amended from time to time:
 - a. Subject to the following conditions and limitations:
 - i. Determination of Development Applications that are required to be reported to the elected Council in accordance with the Determination of Development Applications by Council Policy.
 - ii. The writing off of bad debts greater than \$5,000 in accordance with clause 131(1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation, 2021*.
 - iii. Authorise and accept tenders in accordance with the limitations set out in the Tender Determination Criteria and to the limit of \$2 million ex GST.
 - iv. Temporarily authorise and accept tenders for the period from 22 February 2023 until 30 September 2023 in accordance with the limitations set out in the Tender Determination Criteria and to the limit of \$5 million ex GST to assist with efficiencies in relation to flood recovery.
 - b. Excluding those Functions:
 - i. That are expressly prohibited from delegation as listed under section 377 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*.
 - ii. Which are expressly required by legislation to be exercised by a resolution of Council.
3. The General Manager be delegated any Function which is taken to be conferred or imposed on the Council pursuant to section 381(1) of the *Local Government Act, 1993*.
4. In the absence of the General Manager that a person appointed by resolution to act as General Manager assume all Functions, delegations, and sub-delegations of the General Manager for the period only of the absence of the General Manager unless otherwise resolved by the Council.
5. These delegations and authorities are subject to, and are to be exercised in accordance with:
 - a. The requirements of the relevant legislation;

- b. Any conditions of limitations set out above; and
 - c. Any resolution or policy, procedure or budget adopted from time to time by the Council.
6. These delegations and authorities are effective from the date of the Resolution of the Council and remain in force until amended or revoked by a resolution of Council.
7. The Mayor be authorised to sign the Instrument of Delegation to General Manager on behalf of Council.

CARRIED**DCCS3/23 December 2022 Quarterly Budget Review Statement FILE:22/00265/002**

A report was provided to present to Council the December 2022 Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRs). Following this review, Council's Net Operating Result before capital items for the year shows a projected deficit of \$703 thousand compared to Council's original budget of a \$577 thousand deficit and capital expenditure is projected to be \$34.5 million compared to the original budget of \$36.8 million.

- 12/23 **MOVED** Cr McNamara **SECONDED** Cr Johnstone that Council adopt the recommended budgetary changes presented in the December 2022 Quarterly Budget Review Statement.

CARRIED**DCCS4/23 Flood Recovery Road Infrastructure Works****FILE:T2023.005**

A report was provided to Council seeking approval to proceed with road infrastructure flood recovery works upon grant approval on roads that have been significantly damaged by the recent major flood events. The recommendation sought to prevent delay and ensure efficient delivery of these projects to the community.

- 13/23 **MOVED** Cr McNamara **SECONDED** Cr Jarrett that Council approve the expenditure of grant funds received from Transport for NSW, for the purpose of flood recovery infrastructure works.

CARRIED

DCCS5/23 Elderslie Road Upgrade - Budget Review**FILE:T2022.017**

A report was provided for Council to review the proposed advanced (from 2023-2024 budget) budget allocation for the Elderslie Road Upgrade project to allow efficient tendering and project delivery for the community.

14/23 **MOVED** Cr McNamara **SECONDED** Cr Johnstone that Council:

1. Approve the 2023/2024 budget of \$564,233 for Phase 2 Elderslie Road Upgrade to allow tendering for both project phases in 2022/2023.
2. Note that expenditure of the budget in recommendation 1 is subject to grant funding allocation from Transport for NSW.

CARRIED*Organisation and Community Capacity Report (Items Requiring Decision)***DOCC2/23 Singleton Storytelling Project - Approval of Funding** **FILE:23/00127**

A report was provided advising that a report has been prepared for Council's consideration in Closed Council as it contained commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct business).

15/23 **MOVED** Cr McLachlan **SECONDED** Cr George that the report for the Singleton Storytelling Project – Approval of Funding be considered in Closed Council with the press and public excluded in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, on the grounds that the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

CARRIED**DOCC3/23 Draft Environmental Management Policy****FILE:18/00185**

A report was provided seeking adoption of a revised draft Environmental Management Policy that expressed Singleton Council's commitment to protecting and preserving the environment within our Local Government Area (LGA) and outlined our approach to minimising environmental impacts associated with our activities.

16/23 **MOVED** Cr Jenkins **SECONDED** Cr George that Council:

1. Adopt draft POL/5013.3 Environmental Management Policy.

2. Rescind POL/5013.2 Environmental Management Policy.

CARRIED

Cr Sue George left the meeting, the time being 6:26pm.

**DOCC4/23 Singleton Community Economic Development Fund -
Approval of Round Two Applications** **FILE:21/00285/008**

A report was provided seeking Council's approval of Round Two funding applications recommended by the Singleton Community Economic Development Fund – Joint Management Board (CEDF-JMB).

- 17/23 **MOVED** Cr Jenkins **SECONDED** Cr Johnstone that Council approve the allocation of \$108,857 for the following funding applications submitted under Round Two of the Singleton Community Economic Development Fund.

CARRIED

Cr Sue George returned to the meeting, the time being 6:27pm.

Infrastructure & Planning Report (Items Requiring Decision)

**DI&P1/23 Exhibition of the Draft Electric Vehicle Charging
Infrastructure on Council Land Policy** **FILE:22/00406**

A report was provided for Council to consider the adoption of the draft Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure on Council Land Policy following a period of public exhibition. The Policy details clear processes to guide prospective Providers and Council on the provision, installation, operation and management, maintenance and removal of EVCI on appropriate parcels of Public Land.

- 18/23 **MOVED** Cr Thompson **SECONDED** Cr Jenkins that:

1. Council place draft POL/10070.1 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure on Council Land Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and provide notice of its intention to adopt the policy subject to consideration of submissions received.
2. Draft POL/10070.1 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure on Council Land Policy be adopted following the public exhibition period subject to consideration of submissions received and provided that there are no objections.

3. Should objections be received a further report will be presented to Council for the adoption of the draft POL/10070.1 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure on Council Land Policy with consideration of the submissions received during the public exhibition period.

CARRIED**DI&P3/23 Minutes - Singleton Sports Council - 15/12/2022****FILE:23/00030**

A report was provided to present to Council the minutes from the meeting of the Singleton Sports Council held on 15 December 2022 for Councils consideration.

19/23 **MOVED** Cr Thompson **SECONDED** Cr McLachlan that Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Singleton Sports Council meeting held on 15 December 2022.
2. Adopt the following recommendation of the Singleton Sports Council:

Item 5.1 Consolidation - Accounts and Sports Grants Program**Recommendation:**

That the Singleton Sports Council endorse the consolidation of the three existing financial accounts associated with the Singleton Sports Council into the Sports Grant Fund (\$4\$ Fund) and present to Council for adoption.

CARRIED**DI&P4/23 Exhibition of the Draft Playground Shade Policy****FILE:POL/25043**

A report was provided for Council to consider the draft Playground Shade Policy with a recommendation that it be placed on public exhibition.

20/23 **MOVED** Cr McNamara **SECONDED** Cr McLachlan that:

1. Council place draft POL/25043 Playground Shade Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days and provide public notice of its intention to adopt the draft policy subject to consideration of submissions received.
2. Draft POL/25043 Playground Shade Policy be adopted following the public exhibition period subject to submissions received and provided there are no objections.

3. Should objections be received a further report be presented to Council for the adoption of the draft POL/25043 Playground Shade Policy with consideration of the submissions received during the public exhibition period.

CARRIED**DI&P5/23 Minutes - Extraordinary Local Traffic Committee -
18/01/2023****FILE:23/00048**

The Local Traffic Committee held an extraordinary meeting on 18 January 2023. The minutes of the meeting were provided for Council's consideration.

21/23 **MOVED** Cr George **SECONDED** Cr McLachlan that Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Extraordinary Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on 18 January 2023.
2. Adopt the following recommendations made by the Local Traffic Committee:

Item 1 – Event – Wine Machine 2023 – Temporary Traffic Management

Local Traffic Committee recommends that Council endorses the Traffic Management Plan for the Wine Machine 2023 event with the following conditions:

1. As per the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*, traffic controllers and marshals must:
 - a. be properly inducted by the Event Organiser
 - b. receive training for their specific work site
 - c. be aware of their responsibilities in emergencies
 - d. be provided with proper personal protective equipment.
2. The Event Organiser is responsible for ensuring that the traffic control measures set out in the Traffic Guidance Schemes (TGS's) are properly and fully implemented.
3. Marshals, or any other person associated with the event, have no legal power to stop, hold, or direct traffic on any public road (unless they hold current accreditation).
4. Traffic Controllers must hold current traffic controller certification – 'Traffic Controller' (previously blue card)
5. Traffic Controllers can only operate in accordance with a TGS that has been authorised by the relevant Roads Authority, under *Roads Regulation 2018*
6. Traffic controllers must display their authorisation at all times when controlling traffic.

7. Traffic controllers shall be relieved after two hours work and may be either rested or placed on other duties for a period of at least 15 minutes before being returned to traffic control duties.
8. The implementation of TGS's must be undertaken by a person that holds current certification – 'Implement Traffic Control Plans' (previously yellow card)
9. Any changes or modifications to the TGS's can only be made by a person that holds appropriate current certification – 'Prepare a Work Zone Traffic Management Plan' (previously red card)
10. Regular inspections of the bunting on Dalwood Road are to be undertaken to ensure that drivers do not remove or interfere with it to facilitate parking.
11. The bus services to and from the event are to utilise the State and Regional road network, specifically the New England Highway and Wine Country Drive, instead of the local road network.
12. Appropriate traffic control is to be provided at the intersection of New England Highway and Wine County Drive to facilitate bus movements and approval is to be obtained from TfNSW.
13. The lighting level at the intersection of New England Highway and Wine County Drive is to be assessed and, if required, temporary lighting is to be provided at the intersection while it is under temporary traffic control.
14. Leconfield Road/Hollingshed Street is to be temporarily closed to traffic, except for residents and emergency services, during vehicle ingress and egress.
15. The event organiser must undertake letterbox drops to all affected businesses and residents at least 7 days prior to the event taking place to advise of the upcoming event.

CARRIED

DI&P6/23 Proposed Land Acquisition & Road Closure - Lilavale Track

FILE:23/00145

A report was provided advising Council that a report had been prepared for Council's consideration in Closed Council as it contained commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

- 22/23 **MOVED** Cr Jenkins **SECONDED** Cr Thompson that the report for the proposed land acquisition and road closure – Lilavale Track be considered in Closed Council with the press and public excluded in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, on the grounds that the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is

conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

CARRIED

**DI&P8/23 Minutes - Singleton Heritage Advisory Committee -
17/02/2023**

FILE:20/00035

A report was provided to note the minutes of the Singleton Heritage Advisory Committee (SHAC) held on 17 February 2023 and to seek Council's endorsement of the Committee's recommendations.

23/23 **MOVED** Cr McNamara **SECONDED** Cr Jarrett that Council:

1. Note the minutes of the Singleton Heritage Advisory Committee (SHAC) dated 17 February 2023.
2. Approve funding for Major Works for repairs and painting at 4 Elizabeth Street, Singleton to the value of \$23,540.
3. Support the recommendation of the Singleton Heritage Advisory Committee in relation to the Former Pump Station at Water Works Lane, being:
 - Council continues to consult with Transport for NSW regarding the dismantling, relocation and archival of the Former Pump Station and well; and
 - The Archaeological Assessment report and archival be sent to the Singleton Library.

CARRIED

General Manager's Report (Items for Information)

**GM5/23 Councillors Expenses & Facilities - 01/07/2022 to
31/12/2022**

FILE:21/00162

A report was provided with details of expenditure in accordance with the Councillors Expenses & Facilities Policy for the six months from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022.

NOTED

*Corporate and Commercial Services Report (Items for Information)***DCCS6/23 Investment Report - December 2022****FILE:22/00272**

In accordance with clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation, 2021* a report was provided to Council advising of funds invested under section 625 of the *Local Government Act, 1993* as at 31 December 2022.

NOTED**DCCS7/23 Investment Report - January 2023****FILE:22/00272**

In accordance with clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation, 2021* a report was provided to Council advising of funds invested under section 625 of the *Local Government Act, 1993* as at 31 January 2023.

NOTED*Organisation and Community Capacity Report (Items for Information)***DOCC5/23 Minutes - Singleton Community Economic Development Fund Joint Management Board - 15/12/2022****FILE:21/00285/007**

The Singleton Community Economic Development Fund Joint Management Board held its meet on 15 December 2022. The minutes were provided for Council's information.

NOTED

24/23 **MOVED** Cr McLachlan **SECONDED** Cr George to **MOVE** to Closed Council (Confidential Section of Ordinary Meeting – Closed to the Public) at 6.34pm.

CARRIED**OPEN COUNCIL RESUMED AT 6.41PM.**

Closed Council

CC3/23 Singleton Strategic Storytelling Project - Approval of Funding**FILE:22/00403**

It was **RECOMMENDED** that Council approve the allocation of \$146,500 from the Mount Thorley Warkworth Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) part of the Singleton Community and Economic Development Fund for the Singleton Strategic Storytelling Project as follows:

- \$73,250 (50%) – Mount Thorley Warkworth CEDF VPA interest component
- \$73,250 (50%) – Mount Thorley Warkworth CEDF VPA principal component.

CC4/23 Proposed Land Acquisition and Road Closure - Lilavale Track**FILE:23/00145**

It was **RECOMMENDED** that Council:

1. Enter into a land acquisition agreement to acquire a total of 4940m2 of Lot 8 on DP740670, 51 Lilavale Track, Putty and following the land acquisition, dedicate the area as public road as per s10 *Roads Act 1993*.
2. Approve to advertise the official road closure of a 4179m2 section of Lilavale Track road reserve for 28 days as per s38B *Roads Act 1993*.
3. Should no submissions be made, approve to officially close the section of road reserve, and vest the land in Council as operational land.
4. Complete a "land swap" of the closed road reserve and transfer the land to the adjoining owner as compensation for the land acquisition.
5. Authorise the General Manager and Mayor to execute and affix the Common Seal of Council to all documents required for the land acquisition and road closure.

25/23 **MOVED** Cr George **SECONDED** Cr Thompson that the recommendations of Closed Council be adopted.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 6.44pm and the minutes pages 1 to 17 were confirmed on 21 March 2023 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 21 February 2023.

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Mayor/Chairperson.....
General Manager

It is noted the Public Forum was held prior to the commencement of the Council Meeting and included the following items.

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DI&P/23 Ravensworth Homestead Complex
(Supplementary Agenda)

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Speakers

Speakers Against the recommendation	
Shane Scott	On behalf of Glendell Mine
Stewart Ewen OAM	On behalf of the Broke Village Square

Speakers For the recommendation	
Nil	