

AGENDA
Mount Thorley Warkworth Voluntary Planning Agreement Community Committee

Members	Sue Moore, Mayor Gary Mulhearn Yancoal Representative Ian Hedley Community Representative Pauline Rayner Community Representative Neale McCallum Community Representative Stirling Keayes Community Representative Sarah Purser Community Representative Judith Leslie Alternate Community Representative Melinda Curtis (Executive Director) Jess Dunston (VPA Projects Officer) Alessandra Seidler (VPA Projects Officer) Kellie Jordan (IP+R Specialist)
Attendees	
Meeting Date and Time	19 February 2026 at 1pm - 3pm
Location	Bulga Community Centre

1 Welcome and Apologies

- Welcome
- Acknowledgement of Country by Chair

I would like to begin by paying my respects to Elders past and present of the Wanaruah, Wonnarua people and acknowledge their custodianship of the land on which we are meeting today. I also pay my respects to all Aboriginal people from other nations that are here today and live in Wanaruah, Wonnarua country.

- Apologies

2 Disclosure of Interests
3 Confirmation of Minutes

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6 Other Business

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8 Next Meeting

- [insert date, time and location of next meeting]

Sue Moore, Mayor

Chair

Present	Sue Moore, Mayor (Chair) Gary Mulhearn (Yancoal Representative) Ian Hedley (Community Representative) Pauline Rayner (Community Representative) Neale McCallum (Community Representative) Stirling Keayes (Community Representative) Sarah Purser (Community Representative) Jess Dunston (VPA Projects Officer)
In Attendance	Rebecca Bailey (Governance Lead)
Meeting Location	Committee Room

1 Welcome and Apologies

- Welcome
- Acknowledgement of Country by Chair
- Apologies:
 - Judith Leslie (Alternate Community Representative)
 - Melinda Curtis (Executive Director)
 - Kellie Jordan (IP+R Specialist)
 - Alessandra Seidler (VPA Projects Officer)

2 Disclosure of Interests

- Nil

3 Confirmation of Minutes

- **MOVED** NM **SECONDED** GM that the minutes of the Mount Thorley Warkworth Voluntary Planning Agreement Community Committee meeting held on Thursday 11 September 2025, were confirmed.

4 Matters arising from the Minutes

- Nil.

5 Agenda Items

5.1 Submission Workshop - Round 2 2025 FILE:25/00027/006-01 Executive Summary

The Mount Thorley Warkworth VPA Community Committee assessed and voted on the project proposal submitted during Round 2 of the 2025 Mount Thorley Warkworth VPA Funding Program.

The following project was assessed by the Committee. A full breakdown of voting and feedback provided by the Committee is included below.

1. Resurfacing of Cricket Pitch at Bulga Recreation Ground

Total of:

- 2 recommended approval votes
- 5 recommended approval with conditions votes

Recommendation: Recommended with conditions

Committee Votes and Feedback:

- **Pauline – Yes**

The community want this project. Would complement the upgrade to the Bulga Tennis Courts. Hopefully the cricket pitch will be used more including by local schools.

- **Stirling – Yes with conditions**

Requested that the following condition be included in the project scope of work: The surface is to be removed first and an assessment of works to be undertaken be determined at this stage. If minor repairs can be completed to repair the cricket pitch back to an acceptable state that would be the recommendation. If it is determined that a full replacement is needed than replacement will be undertaken.

- **Sarah – Yes with conditions**

Yes with the following condition: The surface is to be removed first and an assessment of works to be undertaken be determined at this stage. If minor repairs can be completed to repair the cricket pitch back to an acceptable state that would be the recommendation. If it is determined that a full replacement is needed than replacement will be undertaken.

- **Neale – Yes with conditions**

Yes with the following condition: The surface is to be removed first and an assessment of works to be undertaken be determined at this stage. If minor repairs can be completed to repair the cricket pitch back to an acceptable state that would be the recommendation. If it is determined that a full replacement is needed than replacement will be undertaken.

- **Mayor – Yes**

The community want this project - lots of community interest and support for this project.

- **Gary – Yes with conditions**

Did a site visit to the cricket pitch. The upgrade to the cricket pitch will complement the Bulga Tennis Court Project. Yes with the following condition: The surface is to be removed first and an assessment of works to be undertaken be determined at this stage. If minor repairs can be completed to repair the cricket pitch back to an

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acceptable state that would be the recommendation. If it is determined that a full replacement is needed than replacement will be undertaken.

- **Ian – Yes with conditions**

Yes with the following condition: The surface is to be removed first and an assessment of works to be undertaken be determined at this stage. If minor repairs can be completed to repair the cricket pitch back to an acceptable state that would be the recommendation. If it is determined that a full replacement is needed than replacement will be undertaken.

MOVED SK SECONDED PR

Summary of Project Outcome:

Project assessed	Amount	Committee Recommendation
Resurfacing of Cricket Pitch at Bulga Recreation Ground	\$31,200	Recommended with conditions

NOTED

6 Action List

Pulse/Action No	Meeting Date	Action	Responsible Officer	Due Date
	30 October 2025	Provide further information for insurance requirements for event organisers using the Bulga Cricket Pitch.	VPA Projects Officer	February Meeting
	30 October 2025	Clarify with Council technical staff what the new proposed surface of the Bulga Cricket Pitch will be.	VPA Projects Officer	February Meeting

7 General Business

- Pauline Rayner raised about the Bulga Stock Reserve walking trails. This project would require a new funding application to be submitted. VPA Projects Officer to meet with Pauline to discuss project further.
- Sarah Purser provided the Committee with a quick update on the Bulga Milbrodale Equestrian Centre Feasibility Study Project. Scope of works for feasibility study are to be rewritten by Project Manager and submitted back to VPA Projects Officer for approval so that a quotation for consultant can be obtained.

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8 Next Meeting

- 19 February 2026 at 1pm – 3pm, Bulga Community Centre

The meeting closed at 1.34pm.

Sue Moore, Mayor
Chair

5.1. Action Update
Author: VPA Projects Officer

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Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Committee members with an update on actions that have arisen from MTW VPA minutes.

FOR INFORMATION

Start Date	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Status
30/10/2025	Provide further information for insurance requirements for event organisers using the Bulga Cricket Pitch.	Project Officer - Voluntary Planning Agreement	The Committee was provided information regarding event insurance including a link to Council's event application process which outlines the insurance requirements based on each event.	Completed
30/10/2025	Clarify with Council technical staff what the new proposed surface of the Bulga Cricket Pitch will be.	Project Officer - Voluntary Planning Agreement	Technical staff have advised that the new proposed surface of the cricket pitch will be concrete with synthetic grass.	Completed
11/09/2025	VPA Staff to liaise with Bulga Stock Reserve Project Manager and determine whether community members can visit the Stock Reserve.	Project Officer - Voluntary Planning Agreement	VPA Staff have consulted with technical staff and they advised that the community can visit the Bulga Stock Reserve, but it is recommended to limit visitation while contractors are on site undertaking work. Committee was advised via email on 24/09/2025.	Completed
11/09/2025	VPA Staff to meet with Council technical staff and identify what details of the itemised milestone costings for the Bulga Stock Reserve Restoration and Weed	Project Officer - Voluntary Planning Agreement	VPA Staff met with Council Procurement Staff to determine what costing information can be provided to the Committee. Information sent to	Completed

Start Date	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Status
	Management tender can be provided to the Committee.		Committee via email on 13/11/2025.	
11/09/2025	Liase with Bulga Tennis Court Refurbishments Project Manager to identify the possibility of adding an acknowledgment sign to project scope to inform community that the Bulga Tennis Court Refurbishment Project was funded through the MTW VPA.	Project Officer - Voluntary Planning Agreement	Acknowledgment sign will be installed at completion of Project.	Completed
11/09/2025	Provide the Committee with information regarding the history of the proposed acquisition of private land next to Bulga Stock Reserve.	Project Officer - Voluntary Planning Agreement	VPA Staff have provided the Committee with information on the history of the proposed land acquisition of private land next to Bulga Stock Reserve. Information sent to Committee via email on 13/11/2025.	Completed
11/09/2025	Provide Committee with an overview of Liability Insurance information on Council owned property and facilities such as sporting fields and parks.	Project Officer - Voluntary Planning Agreement	VPA Staff have consulted with technical staff and they advised that Council holds Public Liability insurance, as required by law, to cover claims for injury, loss, or damage caused by negligence in its operations and the management of its services and facilities, including parks and sporting fields. Claims must demonstrate a duty of care, a breach, and resulting harm. Claims involving recreational activities may fall under the "dangerous recreational activity" provision of the Civil Liability Act 2002. All claims are investigated and assessed on the individual circumstances of the	Completed

Start Date	Action Name	Responsible Officer Position	Comments	Status
			<p>incident and its legal merit.</p> <p>Regarding event insurance, there is an event application process which outlines the requirements based on each event.</p>	
11/09/2025	VPA staff to contact applicant for the Resurfacing of Cricket Pitch Project to request application for project is resubmitted with further community feedback, including support from the local Primary School.		<p>VPA Staff contacted Project Applicant to invite them to resubmit their original application for the resurfacing of the Bulga Cricket Pitch. Application re-submitted as part of Round 2 of the 2025 Funding Program. Project was recommended yes by MTW VPA Community Committee at their Community Committee meeting held on 31/10/2025 and endorsed by Council their ordinary meeting held on 09/12/2025.</p> <p>Funding Deed currently being finalised before assessment of condition of pitch and subsequent works can commence.</p>	
11/09/2025	VPA staff to re-distribute Bulga Stock Reserve Masterplan and Design Plan information with Committee.	Project Officer - Voluntary Planning Agreement	Bulga Stock Reserve Masterplan and Design Plan was redistributed to the Committee via email on 24/09/2025.	Completed

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

5.2. Financial Report
Author: VPA Projects Officer

FILE:
26/00027/001-01

Executive Summary

Attached for the Committee's information is the Financial Report as of February 2026.

FOR INFORMATION

Attachments

AT- MTW VPA A4 Financial Report - February 2026

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AT- MTW VPA A3 Financial Report - February 2026

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VPA : Warkworth and Mount Thorley Continuation Projects
Bulga Community Project Fund
as at 05/02/2026

		Allocated Funding	Allocated Funding Spent and Committed	Allocated Funding Remaining
INCOME				
Contribution	Bulga Community Project Fund	6,600,000.00		
Interest received to date		925,693.71		
TOTAL INCOME		7,525,693.71		
EXPENDITURE				
Work Orders				
	9505 Recreation Area Improvements and Exercise Equipment	80,000.00	80,000.00	-
	10052 Bulga Stock Reserve - Management Plan	60,000.00	25,734.84	34,265.16
	10155 Community Notice Board	2,000.00	7,237.02	(5,237.02)
	10330 Restoration of Old Bulga School	430,000.00	23,092.95	406,907.05
	10360 Wollombi Brook Walking Trail Masterplan	20,000.00	21,232.50	(1,232.50)
	10406 Electronic message board	27,014.00	26,930.00	84.00
	10407 Milbrodale Public School - Welsh's Road 600m sealing	517,259.88	517,259.88	-
	30148 Bulga Stock Reserve - Stage 1 Maintenance Works	46,811.82	43,918.82	2,893.00
	30149 Bulga Stock Reserve - Detailed Site Survey	15,000.00	6,500.00	8,500.00
	30167 Bulga Stock Reserve - Aboriginal Cultural Study	10,000.00	2,977.27	7,022.73
	30168 Bulga Stock Reserve - Detailed Landscape Design	20,000.00	3,975.23	16,024.77
	30327 Bulga Milbrodale Equestrian Centre Feasibility Study	80,000.00	-	80,000.00
	30328 Bulga Stock Reserve - Ecological Restoration Plan	34,800.00	19,026.00	15,774.00
	30331 Bulga Stock Reserve - Stage 4 - Detailed Design plans	25,000.00	-	25,000.00
	31152 Bulga Tennis Court Refurbishment	526,004.76	2,761.35	523,243.41
	31231 Bulga Stock Reserve - Strategic Restoration Plan	500,000.00	381,445.56	118,554.44
	31426 Bulga Community Centre Improvements	115,016.00	61,769.54	53,246.46
	31460 Bulga War Memorial Gates Refurbishment	56,047.90	900.00	55,147.90
	31516 Resurfacing of the Cricket Pitch at Bulga Recreation Ground	31,200.00	-	31,200.00
	31458 Mount Thorley Warkworth VPA - Bulga and Milbrodale Community Events Fund	20,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00
	31459 Mount Thorley Warkworth VPA - Equipping Bulga Hall for Emergencies	28,000.00	-	28,000.00
	30150 & 30418 Bulga Recreation Ground - Dump Point	60,000.00	53,131.89	6,868.11
	10070, 10331, 30326 & 30329 Bulga Community Centre (Hall)	242,480.64	214,869.51	27,611.13
	Sub-Total	2,946,634.60	1,497,762.16	1,448,872.64
Completed Projects				
	Total for Completed Projects	97,188.40	97,188.40	-
	Sub-Total	97,188.40	97,188.40	-
Administration				
	23800 & 31298 VPA Projects Officer	390,000.00	319,335.84	70,664.16
	10359 Project Management Incidentals	24,000.00	6,358.21	17,641.79
	Sub-Total	414,000.00	325,694.05	88,305.95
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		3,457,823.20	1,920,644.61	1,537,178.59

Reports - 5.2

VPA : Warkworth and Mount Thorley Continuation Projects																	137,538.30		
as at 30/06/2026																			
Type	Reference	Allocated Funding	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	2025/2026	Actuals	Allocated Funding Remaining	
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Bulgia Community Project Fund																			
Opening Balance			2,531,384.50	2,927,409.42	3,289,420.09	3,429,618.45	3,419,319.07	3,794,960.76	4,394,737.27	4,395,432.06	4,378,590.48	4,355,359.94	4,341,187.69	4,344,002.87	4,793,050.24	4,384,737.27			
INCOME																			
	Contribution	GL 00543 0830 9006	8,600,000.00	450,000.00	450,000.00	450,000.04	450,000.00	450,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	450,000.00	-	450,000.00	5,600,000.84	5,005,048.44	
	Interest received to date	GL 00543 0065 9006	925,693.71	64,996.12	44,913.63	30,000.00	22,402.99	165,564.26	265,561.88	16,376.29	15,818.60	15,671.15	15,481.27	15,462.72	17,163.20	17,266.44	925,693.71	999,999.66	
Interest includes adjustments of \$137,538.30 in June 2024 and \$93,573.71 in June 2025 as per Financial Statements																			
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 7,525,693.71	\$14,996.12	\$494,913.63	\$480,000.00	\$472,403.03	\$615,564.26	\$715,561.88	\$16,376.29	\$15,819.60	\$15,671.15	\$15,481.27	\$15,462.72	\$467,163.20	\$17,266.44	\$63,240.67	\$6,525,693.75	\$6,005,048.10
EXPENDITURE (incl. commitments)																			
Work Orders																			
	Recreation Area Improvements and Exercise Equipment	WO 9505	80,000.00	79,908.44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80,000.00	-	
	Bulgia Stock Reserve - Management Plan	WO 10052	60,000.00	22,548.00	11,574.84	(8,388.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,734.84	34,265.16	
	Community Notice Board	WO 10195	2,000.00	4,426.40	2,819.62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,237.02	(5,237.02)	
	Restoration of Old Bulgia School	WO 10330	430,000.00	-	13,822.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,092.95	406,907.05	
	Wakemir Brook Walking Trail Masterplan	WO 10360	20,000.00	-	15,872.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,232.50	(1,232.50)	
	Electronic message board	WO 10406	27,014.00	-	26,930.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,930.00	84.00	
	Mitrodale Public School - Walsh's Road 600m sealing	WO 10407	517,299.68	-	25,867.59	367,418.83	224,131.10	(46,157.84)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	517,299.68	-	
	Bulgia Stock Reserve - Stage 1 Maintenance Works	WO 30148	46,811.82	-	40,787.83	-	-	3,131.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,918.82	2,893.00	
	Bulgia Stock Reserve - Detailed Site Survey	WO 30149	15,000.00	-	6,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,500.00	8,500.00	
	Bulgia Stock Reserve - Aboriginal Cultural Study	WO 30187	10,000.00	-	2,977.27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,977.27	7,022.73	
	Bulgia Stock Reserve - Detailed Landscape Design	WO 30188	20,000.00	-	3,975.23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,975.23	16,024.77	
	Bulgia Mitrodale Equestrian Centre Feasibility Study	WO 30327	80,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80,000.00	
	Bulgia Stock Reserve - Ecological Restoration Plan	WO 30328	34,800.00	-	-	11,360.00	7,666.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,026.00	15,774.00	
	Bulgia Stock Reserve - Stage 4 - Detailed Design plans	WO 30331	25,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000.00	
	Bulgia Tennis Court Refurbishment	WO 31152	526,004.76	-	-	-	-	1,504.09	127.26	-	-	-	-	199.42	930.58	1,257.26	2,761.25	523,243.41	
	Bulgia Stock Reserve - Strategic Restoration Plan	WO 31231	500,000.00	-	-	-	-	11,830.04	10,878.75	26,912.80	2,220.00	1,740.00	2,220.00	3,480.00	-	47,451.55	58,481.59	118,554.44	
	Bulgia Community Centre Improvements	WO 31426	115,016.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,709.99	23,457.25	4,602.70	-	-	-	51,769.94	53,246.46	61,769.54	
	Bulgia War Memorial Gates Refurbishment	WO 31460	56,047.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	900.00	900.00	55,147.90	
	Resurfacing of the Cricket Pitch at Bulgia Recreation Ground	WO 31516	31,200.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,200.00	
	Bulgia Recreation Ground - Dump Point	WO 30150 & 30418	80,000.00	-	4,550.17	48,581.72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53,131.89	6,868.11	
	Bulgia Community Centre (Hall)	WO 10070, 10031, 30326 & 30329	242,480.64	12,088.36	1,488.84	104,315.16	31,915.35	65,061.78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	214,869.91	27,611.13	
	Mount Thorley Warkworth VPA - Bulgia and Mitrodale Community Events Fund	WO 31458	20,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,800.00	5,800.00	15,000.00	
	Mount Thorley Warkworth VPA - Equipping Bulgia Hall for Emergencies	WO 31459	28,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,000.00	
Administration																			
	VPA Projects Officer	GL / WO 23800 & 31298	380,000.00	110,420.01	69,604.98	9,541.55	27,137.28	51,507.24	4,802.75	5,619.12	12,874.10	4,456.27	5,824.84	14,436.41	3,011.29	51,124.78	319,335.84	70,664.16	
	Project Management Incidentals	WO 10359	24,000.00	1,466.65	180.00	14.96	2,794.96	1,901.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,358.21	17,641.79	
Total for Completed Projects			97,188.40	-	23,317.95	73,870.00	0.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97,188.40	-	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			\$ 3,487,823.20	\$118,971.20	\$152,902.96	\$319,801.64	\$482,702.41	\$329,922.57	\$25,785.17	\$15,681.50	\$32,659.18	\$38,903.69	\$29,653.52	\$12,647.54	\$18,115.83	\$3,941.87	\$157,503.13	\$1,587,600.64	\$1,537,178.59
TOTAL			\$ 4,067,870.51	\$396,024.92	\$342,010.67	\$160,198.36	\$(10,299.35)	\$285,641.69	\$689,776.51	\$694.79	\$(16,839.58)	\$(23,232.54)	\$(14,172.25)	\$2,815.18	\$449,047.37	\$13,324.57	\$405,737.54	\$4,938,013.11	\$4,067,870.51
Completed Projects :																			
	Mitrodale Public School - Yarning Circle	WO 10408	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000.00	-	
	Mitrodale Public School - Kitchen Renovations	WO 10409	22,000.00	-	-	22,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,000.00	-	
	Friends of St Mark's - Church Replacement Fence Project	WO 30151	17,590.44	-	17,590.44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,590.44	-	
	Balmain Cave Access - Public Access Road	WO 30247	36,677.96	-	5,727.51	30,950.00	0.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36,677.96	-	
	Gravel-bus U-turn Bay off Walsh's Road	WO 30472	17,920.00	-	-	17,920.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,920.00	-	
Total for Completed Projects			\$ 97,188.40	-	23,317.95	73,870.00	0.45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97,188.40	-	

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5.3. Project Update
Author: VPA Projects Officer

FILE:
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Executive Summary

For the Committee's information, attached is the project list, with updates on the active/open MTW VPA funded projects as of February 2026.

FOR INFORMATION

Attachments

AT- MTW VPA - Projects Update - February 2026

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MTW VPA Project Updates - as at 03/02/2026

Current project

Project completed and finances to be acquitted - process was approved by Committee in August 2024 meeting.

Other

Project	Project update for 19/02/2026 Committee meeting
Resurfacing of Cricket Pitch at Bulga Recreation Ground	Project was endorsed by Council on 9 December 2025 with the condition that the surface of the cricket pitch be removed and an assessment of works be completed to determine if repair is possible. The scope of works for the project is currently being determined.
Bulga War Memorial Gates Refurbishment	Arborist Report has been completed. Conclusion of report is that the subject tree is considered retainable during and after the development. Project Manager will confirm any adjustments to scope of works and options for cobblestone component of the project. Details will be provided MTW VPA Committee before other works commence. Upgrade to top of gates element can commence.
Bulga Tennis Court Refurbishment	Scope of works for this project is being finalised. Once completed Tender process will be underway. Updates will be provided to the MTW VPA Community Committee.
Bulga Stock Reserve - Strategic Restoration Plan (Application titled: Restoration and Weed Management - Bulga Stock Reserve)	Constance Conservation continue to conduct this project. Measures are being undertaken to ensure protection of the River Red Gums. Year 1 of the works concentrated on Weed control works Years 2 to 5 include Maintenance and upkeep of site.
Bulga Community Centre (Hall) Improvement	The following components of the project are now complete: - Remove and Replace Ceiling - Electrical Upgrade - Shutters in kitchen servery area Media System Upgrade is due for completion soon.
Bulga Milbrodale Equestrian Centre Feasibility Study	Scope of works for feasibility study are to be rewritten by Project Manager and submitted back to VPA Projects Officer for approval so that a quotation for consultant can be obtained. Once quotation is obtained, Funding Deed will be implemented.
Restoration of Old Bulga School	Land owners consent has been granted by Crown Lands. Project Manager is now sourcing an updated quote for the works and a Funding Deed will be implemented once quotation is received.
Equipping the Bulga Community Centre for Emergencies	Funding Deed for this project has been finalised. Once signed by Project Manager work can commence.
Bulga and Milbrodale Community Event Fund	Funding Deed for this project has been finalised and work can commence.
Bulga Stock Reserve - Detailed Landscape Design	Initial work on this project halted when Council was advised of need for Ecological Restoration Plan. This can now be reviewed now that the Ecological Restoration Plan has been completed. Detailed timeline of Bulga Stock Reserve projects provided as part of meeting agenda on 20 February 2025.

Project	Project update for 19/02/2026 Committee meeting
Bulga Stock Reserve Master Plan and Management Plan - Bulga Stock Reserve	Plan of Management can be reviewed now that the Ecological Restoration Plan has been completed. Detailed timeline of Bulga Stock Reserve projects provided as part of meeting agenda 20 February 2025.
Bulga Stock Reserve - Stage 4 - Detailed Design Plans	Detailed Design Plans project was put on hold while the Ecological Restoration Plan was being completed. Detailed timeline of Bulga Stock Reserve projects provided as part of meeting agenda 20 February 2025.
Bulga Hall Improvements - media system and verandah	This was the first Bulga Community Centre project endorsed for funding. Works were completed as endorsed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend sound system to media system • Verandah improvement Project completion report for this project will be provided for Committee consideration in August 2025 (per the project acquittal process approved by the Committee at August 2024 meeting).
Bulga Community Centre (Hall) - Public Wi-Fi Network	This was the second Bulga Community Centre project endorsed for funding. Works were completed as endorsed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of a public wi-fi network Project completion report for this project will be provided for Committee consideration in August 2025 (per the project acquittal process approved by the Committee at August 2024 meeting).
Bulga Community Centre (Hall) - additional improvement works	This was the third Bulga Community Centre project endorsed for funding. Project works endorsed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and repair existing plumbing and install under deck water tanks. • Re-sheet external walls with new Colourbond sheeting. • Prepare and paint roof, gutters, fascias, window surrounds, handrails and fencing. • Install new electronic automatic swing door on disabled toilet. Significant works completed and there was increased material costs, drainage, bush fire requirements and some unexpected works required. Allocated funding for this project has been exhausted. Project completion report for this project will be provided for Committee consideration in August 2025 (per the project acquittal process approved by the Committee at August 2024 meeting).
Bulga Community Hall Replacement of Hall Ceiling	This was the fifth Bulga Community Centre project endorsed for funding. Project works endorsed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace the ceiling • Remove the existing lights, fans and cover strips • Remove existing masonite sheeting, allowing electrician to carry out existing proposed electrical upgrade prior installing new sheeting • Sheet with new gyprock and set/sand • Undercoat and paint ceiling and any effected wall areas The projects works were completed as part of other Bulga Community Centre projects. There will be no further expenditure on this project as any remaining works will be completed as part of the new Bulga Community Centre Improvements project. Project completion report for this project will be provided for Committee consideration in August 2025 (per the project acquittal process approved by the Committee at August 2024 meeting).

Project	Project update for 19/02/2026 Committee meeting
Bulga Recreation Ground - Dump Point	<p>Works were completed as endorsed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install dump point at Bulga Recreation Ground <p>Project completion report for this project will be provided for Committee consideration in August 2025 (per the project acquittal process approved by the Committee at August 2024 meeting)</p>
Wollombi Brook Walking Trail Masterplan	<p>This was the second Bulga Stock Reserve project endorsed for funding.</p> <p>Works were completed as endorsed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of Wollombi Brook Walking Trail Masterplan to coincide with the Bulga Stock Reserve Plan of Management <p>Project completion report for this project will be provided for Committee consideration in August 2025 (per the project acquittal process approved by the Committee at August 2024 meeting).</p>
Bulga Stock Reserve - Stage 1 Maintenance Works	<p>This was the third Bulga Stock Reserve project endorsed for funding.</p> <p>Project works endorsed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance works to clear Bulga Stock Reserve <p>Clearing works were halted due to location of the endangered River Redgums. Council was notified of the need for an Ecological Restoration Plan before any further works could happen with Bulga Stock Reserve. Following the completion of the Ecological Restoration Plan, Council contractors cleared some remaining growth in 2023/24.</p> <p>Project completion report for this project will be provided for Committee consideration in August 2025 (per the project acquittal process approved by the Committee at August 2024 meeting)</p>
Bulga Stock Reserve - Detailed site	<p>This was the fourth Bulga Stock Reserve project endorsed for funding.</p> <p>Works were completed as endorsed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete detailed site survey of Bulga Stock Reserve <p>Project completion report for this project will be provided for Committee consideration in August 2025 (per the project acquittal process approved by the Committee at August 2024 meeting)</p>
Bulga Stock Reserve - Aboriginal	<p>This was the fifth Bulga Stock Reserve project endorsed for funding.</p> <p>Works were completed as endorsed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complete Aboriginal Cultural Study of Bulga Stock Reserve <p>Project completion report for this project will be provided for Committee consideration in August 2025 (per the project acquittal process approved by the Committee at August 2024 meeting)</p>
Bulga Stock Reserve - Ecological Restoration Plan	<p>This was the seventh Bulga Stock Reserve project endorsed for funding.</p> <p>Works were completed as endorsed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop Ecological Restoration Plan for Bulga Stock Reserve <p>The completed ERP is being used to guide the current 'Bulga Stock Reserve - Strategic Restoration Plan' works.</p> <p>VPA staff chasing any remaining invoices.</p>

Project	Project update for 19/02/2026 Committee meeting
Community Notice Board	<p>Works were completed as endorsed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install community noticeboard <p>As previously discussed with Committee a charge for the electronic noticeboard was charged to this work order.</p> <p>Project completion report for this project will be provided for Committee consideration in August 2025 (per the project acquittal process approved by the Committee at August 2024 meeting).</p>
Electronic message board	<p>Works were completed as endorsed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install electronic community noticeboard <p>As previously discussed with Committee a charge for the electronic noticeboard was charged to the Community Noticeboard work order.</p> <p>Project completion report for this project will be provided for Committee consideration in August 2025 (per the project acquittal process approved by the Committee at August 2024 meeting).</p>
Welsh's Road sealing 600m	<p>Project works endorsed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seal 600m of unsealed road alongside the public school <p>Project works completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 980m of road was sealed to extend the full length of the Council-owned road. The additional 380m was funded by Council. <p>Project completion report for this project will be provided for Committee consideration in August 2025 (per the project acquittal process approved by the Committee at August 2024 meeting).</p>
Recreation Area Improvements and Exercise Equipment	<p>Works were completed as endorsed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree planting • Playground equipment • Outdoor exercise equipment installed in and around recreation area <p>Project completion report for this project will be provided for Committee consideration in August 2025 (per the project acquittal process approved by the Committee at August 2024 meeting).</p>

5.4. Overview of MTW VPA 2026 Funding Program - Round 1
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Executive Summary

This report provides guidance for the Committee on the process and dates for Round 1 of the 2026 MTW VPA Funding Program.

FOR INFORMATION

Round 1 of the MTW VPA Funding Program commenced on 2 February 2026.

2026 MTW VPA Funding Program - Round 1 dates

- Advertising period commenced: 2 February 2026
- Applicant Information Session: 2pm – 4pm, 11 February 2026, Bulga Community Centre
- Community Drop In Session: 3pm – 5pm, 5 March 2026, Bulga Community Centre
- Funding Program Closes: 29 March 2026
- Committee meeting + submission workshop: 23 April 2026, 1pm – 4pm, Singleton Council Building

Information for applicants

All information and important documents for applicants are available on the Singleton Council website. A printed copy of all important documents, including Funding Guidelines and Application Forms will also be available at the Community Information Sessions. During the Applicant Information Session, VPA staff will also guide potential applicants through the MTW VPA Funding Program and Application process.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report