



AGENDA FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 4th December 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to clause 7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the Council Meeting of Castlereagh Macquarie County Council will be held at the **Coonamble Shire Council Chambers** on **4th December 2023** commencing at **11:00am** to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Michael Urquhart
GENERAL MANAGER

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

Time:_____am

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land we gather upon today and pay respect to the Elders both past, present and emerging.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of Absence
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That the leave of absence received from _____are accepted and a leave of absence granted.</p> <p>Moved:</p> <p>Seconded:</p>

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors and senior staff are reminded of their obligation to declare their interest in any matters listed before them.

In considering your interest you are reminded to include pecuniary, non-pecuniary and conflicts of interest as well as any other interest you perceive or may be perceived of you.

Councillors may declare an interest at the commencement of the meeting, or alternatively at any time during the meeting should any issue progress or arise that would warrant a declaration.

Councillors must state their reasons in declaring any type of interest.

Councillor	Item No.	Pecuniary/ Non-Pecuniary	Reason

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

SPEAKER	TOPIC
Todd Pallister – Local Land Services	Update on Hudson Pear Programme

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

6.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 30th October 2023

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 30 th October 2023
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 30th October 2023, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.</p> <p>Moved:</p> <p>Seconded:</p>

Attachments:

Meeting Minutes – 30th October 2023

CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT ACACIA MOTOR LODGE MEETING ROOM, COONABARABRAN ON MONDAY
30th OCTOBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 9:33AM**

PRESENT: Cllr D. Batten, Cllr P Cullen and Cllr Z Holcombe, Cllr B Fisher, Cllr G Whiteley, Cllr I Woodcock and Cllr D Todd

ABSENT: Cllr N Kinsey, Cllr M Cooke and Cllr G Peart

STAFF MEMBERS: M. Urquhart (General Manager), A. Fletcher (Senior Biosecurity Officer), R Wilson (Administration Services Officer)

WELCOME: Meeting was opened at 9:33am and Chairman Cllr D Batten welcomed all councillors and staff to the meeting.

07/23/01 Leave of Absence

Resolved:

That the leave of absence received from Councillors N Kinsey, M Cooke and G Peart is accepted and a leave of absence granted.

Moved: Cllr Whiteley

Seconded: Cllr Cullen

Carried

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Nil

07/23/02 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 28th August 2023

Resolved:

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 28th August 2023, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Cllr Cullen

Seconded: Cllr Holcombe

Carried

07/23/03 Determination of Method of Voting for Election of Chairperson & Deputy Chairperson By Councillors
<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That Council adopt the ordinary ballot method for the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Whiteley Seconded: Clr Todd</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>

At this juncture, Chairperson Clr D Batten vacated the Chair and handed over to the General Manager to act in the role of Returning Officer for the election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for period ending September 2024.

The General Manager declared the Chairperson seat vacant and confirmed one legitimate nomination had been received from Clr D Batten.

07/23/04 Election of Chairperson for period ending September 2024
<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the report be received and noted and the election for the position of Chairperson be held now.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Cullen Seconded: Clr Fisher</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>

The General Manager duly declared Councillor Doug Batten as the Chairperson for the ensuing period finishing September 2024.

The General Manager declared the Deputy Chairperson seat vacant and confirmed one legitimate nomination had been received from Clr B Fisher.

07/23/05 Election of Deputy Chairperson for period ending September 2024
<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the report be received and noted and the election for the position of Deputy Chairperson be held now.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Woodcock Seconded: Clr Holcombe</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>

The General Manager duly declared Councillor Bill Fisher as the Deputy Chairperson for the ensuing period finishing September 2024.

No ballot papers used in determination of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. Destruction of ballot papers resolution not required.

07/23/06 Council's Decision Action Report – October 2023

Resolved:

That the Resolution Register for October 2023 be received and noted

Moved: Cllr Woodcock
Seconded: Cllr Whiteley

Carried

07/23/07 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government

Resolved:

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 23-11 to 23-12 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: Cllr Todd
Seconded: Cllr Holcombe

Carried

07/23/08 Cash and Investment Report – 31st August 2023 & 30th September 2023

Resolved:

That the investment report for 31st August 2023 & 30th September 2023 received and noted.

Moved: Cllr Todd
Seconded: Cllr Whiteley

Carried

07/23/09 Quarterly Budget Review Statement – September 2023

Resolved:

That Council adopt the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 30th September 2023 as tabled.

Moved: Cllr Woodcock
Seconded: Cllr Fisher

Carried

07/23/10 First Quarter Operational Plan for 2023/2024

Resolved:

That Council accept the progress made on the 2023/2024 Operational Plan as at 30th September 2023.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Holcombe

07/23/11 Pecuniary Interest Returns 2022/2023

Resolved:

That the General Manager's report to received and noted.

Moved: Clr Whiteley

Seconded: Clr Fisher

07/23/12 Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Councillors Policy

Resolved:

That;

(a) The General Manager's report to received

(b) Council having not received any submission during the exhibition period, now formally adopts the "Payment of Expenses & Provision of Facilities to Councillors" policy as tabled.

Moved: Clr Todd

Seconded: Clr Cullen

07/23/13 CMCC Christmas & New Year Closure Period

Resolved:

That Council operations close from Friday 22nd December 2023 to Friday 6th January 2024, inclusive, and the General Manager make satisfactory arrangements for the maintenance of essential services and provision of emergency call out services.

Moved: Cllr Fisher
Seconded: Cllr Cullen

Carried

07/23/15 Important Dates for Councillors – Upcoming Meetings and Events

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the list of upcoming meetings and events.

Moved: Cllr Woodcock
Seconded: Cllr Fisher

Carried

07/23/16 Quarterly Biosecurity Report

Resolved:

That the report be received and noted.

Moved: Cllr Cullen
Seconded: Cllr Todd

Carried

Date of the next CMCC Council Meeting to be Monday 18th December 2023 in Coonamble

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 10:25am

Chairman

General Manager

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Minutes of North West & Central West Regional Weeds Committee Meeting
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That the minutes of the North West and Central West Regional Weeds Committee Meeting be received and noted.</p> <p>Moved:</p> <p>Seconded:</p>

7.1 NW REGIONAL WEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Local Land Services



Minutes

NW Regional Weeds Committee Meeting

Details

Location: Moree Services Club

Date/time: 3 August 2023
9.30am

Chairperson: Clare Felton-Taylor, Narrabri Shire Council

Minutes: Pete Dawson

People present: Andrea Fletcher-Dawson (CMCC), Ian Schwartz & Lachlan Biddle (More Plains Shire Council), Lee Amidy (Gunnedah Shire Council), Aaron Cross, Clare Felton-Taylor, Cr Darrell Tiemens (Narrabri Shire Council), Pete Dawson (NW LLS), Deb Bancroft (Northern Slopes Landcare), Mat Savage (CMCC), Anne Michie, Nicola Dixon, Bill Davidson (NSW DPI) Rob burr (Tamworth Regional Council) Vicky Lyons, Bonnie Miller (Crown Lands), Josh Biddle (NPWS), Scott Graham (NWLLS)

Apologies

Keith Harris (LLS NW Board), Mal Scott (NWLLS), Matthew Davidson (NWLLS), (Tamworth Regional Council), Mike Whitney (Liverpool Plains Shire Council), Michael Mulholland (NPWS)

1.0 Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country

The meeting convened at 09:35 am.

2.0 Apologies

The above apologies were noted by the committee.

3.0 Correspondence

No formal correspondence was tabled

4.0 Previous Minutes

Moved that the previous minutes are a true and accurate record of meeting

Moved: Andrea Fletcher-Dawson

Second: Aaron Cross

5.0 Regional Weeds Coordinators Report

Pete Dawson, Regional Weeds Coordinator North West, tabled the Coordinators report and the following was noted:

- NW is in the process of recruiting a Regional Weeds Coordinator
- Parthenium has been noted to be on TSRs in conjunction with cattle. Due to multiple stakeholders, there have been issues with control and communication. Potential for increasing risk with drying conditions
- Hudson Pear Control Program at Walgett, currently recruiting a field officer for project delivery and control activities, project coordinator to commence in early June, Castlereagh Macquarie County Council currently implementing control via five contractors on private land, chemical is

then being delivered to landholders who are contractually obligated to deliver follow-up spraying

- Harissia cactus are currently contained along the Gwydir Highway with a couple of outbreaks reported. Control program has been extended to 2025. Andy Fletcher noted seeing it along the Newell Highway between Coonabarabran and Gilgandra and in the Warren Shire
- Currently low levels of reporting of Parthenium, raising concern of unreported spread
- Alligator Weed outbreak in the Namoi River
- Parkinsonia outbreak noted in the Narran River system near Angledool
- Annual WAP reporting to be undertaken by LCAs going forward – need to identify training options and dates for transition.
- Annual reporting due by end of August

Scott Graham – Long Term Grazing permits currently being reviewed

Working on Parthenium weed response for Croppa creek, Harrisia cactus control and St Johns Wort

6.0 NSW DPI Biosecurity Update

Nic Dixon tabled the DPI Update and the following was noted:

- Parthenium control drives are continuing including Parthenium Weed communications Plan
- Ongoing property inspections program in the Upper Hunter
- Management group meetings regarding Feathergrass, Chinese Violet and Tropical Soda Apple
- Comment around Drought fodder and the new risk of Red Imported Fire ants (RIFA) being introduced to NSW through hay supplies from Southeast QLD.
- Control Order is now in place for RIFA

1. STAFFING

- Robyn Henderson has joined the Weeds Biosecurity team as State Priority Weed Coordinator for South-East region and will be responsible for the state-wide WIDx-WAP subsystem.
- Jill O'Grady is on 6 months leave, DPI contacts for the Central Tablelands and Central Westerns regions will be Robyn Henderson and Rod Ensby.

2. PROHIBITED MATTER RESPONSES

Parthenium weed

- An exercise is underway to trace livestock movements from parthenium weed IPs and this will guide an inspection program.
- DPI will lead a 2-day multi-agency parthenium surveillance exercise in Missabotti on 7-8 November 2023 and Palm Vale on 10-11 October 2023
- DPI, Tamworth Regional Council and Gunnedah Shire Council worked with Tate Animals to search for parthenium weed at two infested premises. The dogs found several seedlings at each site, which were immediately removed.
- DPI Staff met to plan the upcoming season for the header inspection program. DPI are planning to move the Goondiwindi inspection site from a QLD location off the highway across to Boggabilla in association with a Transport for NSW location, under sub-let agreement with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator. Negotiations are well under way and this site will be a much-improved location on the Newell Highway

- DPI has secured a permit from QLD Department of Transport authorising the installation of 15 roadside signs that will communicate the entry requirements for grain harvesting machinery entering NSW from QLD. The signs will be installed in August along major roads into NSW at Goondiwindi, Tallwood, Dirranbandi and Hebel
- The Hebel grain harvesting machinery inspection pad has been upgraded by DPI and LLS ahead of the 2023 winter cereal grain harvest season.

Hawkweed

- DPI convened and chaired a NSW Hawkweed Task Force Meeting in Cooma on 14 June 2023.

3. OTHER STATE PRIORITY WEEDS

Boneseed

- DPI will convene and chair the next Task Force meeting in October.

Chinese Violet

- DPI convened and chaired a Task Force meeting on 2 May 2023 in Nelsons Bay and the Task Force will next meet in November 2023 in the MidCoast Council LGA.

Tropical soda apple

- DPI convened and chaired a Task Force meeting 12 July 2023 in Coffs Harbour. The Taskforce is currently drafting a best practice manual to be finished and printed in September 2023.

Alligator weed

- DPI led an alligator weed surveillance exercise in the Griffith and Carrathool areas (R LLS) on 16-18 May 2023.
- The Namoi Alligator Weed Taskforce met 27 June 2023.
- DPI is planning to lead an Alligator Weed surveillance exercise in the Somerton region in Tamworth LGA (NW LLS region) during early December 2023.

Parkinsonia

- Aerial surveillance of the Barwon and Narran Rivers in Moree Plains, Walgett and Brewarrina Shires in March revealed 31 new infestations. Ground control work commenced 15 May.

4. BIOCONTROL

- Harrisia cactus weevil (*Ericereophaga humeridens*) have been brought back from Brazil to the quarantine facility, Orange. The weevil will be reared for additional (confirmation) host-range testing including some economically important plants grown in Australia. DPI can now begin the process of getting this agent approved for release in the invaded areas of the state. It is suggested that weevil would likely to establish and perform better in NSW in the absence of other competing agents such as mealybug.
- A release of 200 *Cyrtobagous salviniae* weevils was made at a *Salvinia molesta* site near Newcastle in July. Post-release evaluation monitoring was also performed at two sites where biocontrol agents have been established (salvinia – Byron Bay and sagittaria – near Nambucca heads)
- DPI presented a biocontrol workshop for the GS LLS region on Tuesday 13 June 2023. The workshop was attended by approx. 50 weeds professionals
- DPI conducted long-term monitoring of the cochineal biocontrol agent at four Hudson pear sites in Cumborah and Grawin. Plant collections (mother-of-millions, Harrisia cactus, *Cylindropuntia* spp.) were made for rearing insect cultures and training material

Contact Fritz Heystek about biocontrol agents Ph 0499 787 319 E fritz.heystek@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Contact Andrew McConnachie about weed biocontrol workshops E
Andrew.mcconnachie@dpi.nsw.gov.au

5. TRAINING

- DPI delivered Prohibited Matter training to 16 officers in Sydney 3-4 May and to 17 officers in Wagga Wagga on 6-7 June 2023.
- DPI delivered a pilot Weeds Officer Induction Training Course to 11 people in Tamworth on 27-29 June 2023 and a course to 14 officers in Goulburn 25-28 July 2023. This training addresses: roles and statutory responsibilities of local control authorities and authorised officers; weed prioritisation; high risk site and pathway inspections; working with land managers; DPI systems; where to find support.
- There will be a "Getting to know Prohibited matter course run at Cobar on 5-6 September 2023.

Direct all weeds training enquiries to invasives.training@dpi.nsw.gov.au

6. COLLABORATION

- DPI led and participated in a NSW/Victorian cross border priority weeds meeting. These meeting are held twice annually to discuss the weed programs and to help improve cross border collaboration and contacts. Species such as parthenium, black knapweed, frogbit, hawkweeds, and alligator weed were addressed, with online illegal sales and Prohibited Matter training programs also discussed.
- Dr. Pat Lu-Irving has commenced as a new Weed Botanist at the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust: This is a three-year contract co-funded by DPI. Dr Irving will assist in early detection and rapid response of high risk weed incursions, giving NSW the best chance to eradicate these weeds before they establish.

7. CAPACITY BUILDING AND ENGAGEMENT

- WeedScan is a nationwide weed identification and reporting tool that will be launched later in 2023. WeedScan can identify 268 priority weeds, 23 of these are NSW prohibited matter and 151 have a NSW WeedWise profile. Automatic alerts are sent to NSW DPI and local control authorities when priority weeds are reported in NSW
- A poster to increase community awareness about prohibited matter weeds in NSW is now available – you're your Regional Weeds Coordinator for copies and please post these at rural stores and other high-risk sites.
- Updated Prime Fact resources (two versions) are now available on the weeds extranet which discuss and summarise the relationship between the General Biosecurity Duty and the economic principle of externality. They explain how these principles interact with biosecurity risk and clarify why most widespread weeds are not suitable for compliance and enforcement programs.
Version 1. for authorised officers, weeds biosecurity officers and regional weed coordinators to inform their communities, local councillors and LLS Board members about the weed prioritisation process.
Version 2. for the general public, can be included in responses to widespread weed complaints.

8. BIOSECURITY AUDITS

The local control authority audit program has commenced. It will examine management performance of local control authorities against their statutory functions under the Biosecurity Act by applying the Standard for Weed Management Capacity in NSW. Notification letters have been sent to three local control authorities.

10. NSW WEEDS ACTION PROGRAM

- Year 3 Reporting for 2022-2023 due end of August 2023.
- DPI currently reviewing the WIDX system for the WAP and BIS to be linked commencing 2025-2026. This will allow more accurate outcomes-based reporting.

7.0 Regional Strategic Weeds Management Plans

As previously discussed, all the new regional plans are with the Minister awaiting endorsement.

8.0 WAP 202-2025

- Annual reporting due by end of August
- Despite some anecdotal discussion, there are no formal indication of changes to funding beyond the normal expectations.

9.0 General Business

Anne Michie – Need for further education around weed priorities as weeds don't seem to be a priority for Grey Nomads.

Peri-Urban responsibilities around GBD

Pete D commented that NWLLS, Margo Weekes is running a series of Small Farm field days and involving Weeds Officers where she can.

Josh Biddle – Update on NPWS activities around Pilliga Hudson pear, aerial surveillance using drones and new acquisitions at Bullo Downs which is approximately 1 million hectares to manage.

Scott Graham – TSR unit is happy to work with LCAs on known or proposed livestock movements through known Parthenium weed incursion sites – need to keep communication channels open.

Vicky Lyons – Crown Land Improvement Funding (CRIF) will open in September and she may require panel members to assist with application assessments.

Deb Bancroft was introduced as the new Harrisia Cactus Project Officer based with Northern Slopes Landcare Association at Bingara.

Lach Biddle – Update on Water Hyacinth control, Parthenium weed incursion site management, Green cestrum at Brigalow creek along with Harrisia control works

Rob Burr – TRC Parthenium inspection at ALEC utilising sniffer dogs as well as Alligator weed surveillance and control. Rob also commented on the Scotch Broom situation in the upper reaches of the Peel and Barnard rivers and is looking to develop a local control plan to establish a containment line. Chilean needle grass is an increasing problem which is continuing to spread across the Tamworth district from machinery and fodder movements.

Lee Amidy provided an update on Gunnedah Shire Council activities including ongoing high risk pathways and site inspections for Parthenium weed as well as erecting new water weed signs.

Action – LCAs to undertake Induction Training with Grain Corp to facilitate inspections around silo facilities going forward.

CMCC – Staff have been working with 20 plus landholders, NPWS and LLS staff on TSR inspections around Hollywood land and Calrose road near Pilliga.

Gwydir SC – Ramping up Parthenium weed inspections along with mandatory training and upskilling for WAP program.

Narrabri SC – Updating communications with RMS and upgrading Parthenium weed signage for incursion sites.

Meeting closed 12:55 pm

This Meeting:

No.	Action	Responsible
1	LCAs to undertake Induction Training with Grain Corp to facilitate inspections around silo facilities going forward.	LCA Officers
2	Year 3 Reporting for 2022-2023 due end of August 2023	NWLLS / LCAs

Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd November, Location TBC

7.2 CW REGIONAL WEEDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Local Land Services



Minutes

CW Regional Weeds Committee Meeting

Details

Location: LLS 209 Cobra Street

Date/time: 10 October 2023
10.00am

Chairperson: Damian Wray (Bogan Shire Council)

Minutes: Jodie/Tanya

(Forbes Shire Council), Carl Molloy and Kevin Watling (CMCC), Warwick Knight (NSW Farmers), Peta Bolam (CWLLS), Matthew Croft (Dubbo Regional Council), Des Mackay (Dubbo Regional Council), Midnight Brydon (CWLLS Board), Corey, Jane and Kelly Frost (Wedding Shire Council), Alan Benson

Apologies

Andy Fletcher (CMCC), Glen Caprararo (Water NSW), Michael Mulholland and George Barrett- Brown (National Parkes), Tracey Blackburn (NSW Farmers), Michael Chambers (Parkes Shire Council),

Andrew Cozier, Laurie, Andy Fletcher, Paul Adams and Kristen Coady

People present: Jane Crystal (CWLLS), Archie Harding (Narromine from FCNSW.

Shire Council), Tanya Muccillo (CWLLS), Dave Waters (LLS Board), Glenn Sloane and Ron Milne (Parkes Shire Council), Andrew McKellar

1.0 Welcome, acknowledgment to country and apologies

The meeting convened at 10.00am.

Chair, Damian Wray welcomed all to the meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the meeting was held.

The above apologies were noted by the committee.

WHS considerations were addressed.

Conflict of Interest- No conflicts of interest were declared.

Welcome to Shannon and Anush from Forbes, Craig from Cotton Australia. Welcome back to Nick from NPWS.

Review of minutes and actions

Jodie outlined the actions and progress from the previous minutes, which were approved by the Committee.

- State significant development planning processes to ensure biosecurity plans. This has gone to the Central West LLS Board. The LLS Board will be meeting in a few weeks to progress the action.
- Some renewables organisations do have detailed biosecurity plans in place which is promising to hear.
- No update on Mimosa classification. **Action: Follow up with Land Management team.**
- Chair's training- Jodie is in the process of organising the training. **Action: Contact Jodie if interested in attending.**

- Comms and social media have been published on road base weed risks, sticky nightshade and Alligator Weed.
- Access landholder information- Information is not able to be released/passed on to trace priority weeds due to privacy reasons. **Action: Further investigate whether there are any avenues for sharing information with Councils. Warwick will take it to NSW Farmers. CWLLS will take it to the LLS Board.**
- Jodie has followed up with UGL about Rail Corridor weed management. **Action: Andy Fletcher to follow up.**

2.0 SOS NSW

Craig Chandler- Area Manager Macquarie Valley

- Weather and Network Data system minimises risk of spray drift during inversions. Has been used in the Macquarie Valley since 2023. It is free to register and free to use. 1600 users with 150 new users coming on board per month. Looking to expand to a 24-hour forecast.
- Cotton production is a significant industry in the region with value of \$170million. This year potential for \$300 million return.
- GRDC Spray drift incidents are costing significant damage to crops.
- As a result of the losses, have installed profile inversion towers to collect data on conditions
- Objective to provide growers with real time data and assist in decision making to reduce risk of drift. App provides data on hazardous inversion, temp, wind, wind direction, humidity, solar radiation, rainfall and accumulated rainfall.
- Can log into any tower within proximity. Can set variety of default locations within app as well. App shows whether inversion present, what conditions are expected.
- Benefits- most reliable and accurate method for determining conditions. Can predict conditions up to 2hrs ahead. Allows growers to understand conditions and likelihood or presence of inversion. A good tool to make sure people aren't spraying at the wrong time.
- Different variations are currently being developed.
- Satacrop- Cotton Australia's web-based satellite mapping of locations of different crops. It is available to the public. Is used frequently by apiarists to ensure beehives won't be affected by drift.
- Cotton Australia will work to determine blackspots and install additional towers if needed.
- Fact sheets available from Cotton Australia.
- Web References:
 - www.sos-nsw.com
 - app.wand.com.au
 - www.satacrop.com.au

2.0 RWC Update

Jodie provided an update on recent work covered in her RWC report undertaken which included:

- RSWMP is now live and is on the website.
- WAP reports have been completed and have been sent to DPI. Awaiting feedback. Overall \$11000 underspent.
- Operations meeting on 10th May
- Blue Heliotrope manual is now completed. Jodie is organising to have some printed. It will be made available online.
- Meeting on 26th October at Quanda for walkthrough (possibly might be rescheduled due to clash with Macquarie Valley meeting.
- No space for weeds and Gardening Responsibly merchandise has arrived and has been distributed.
- Gardening Responsibly have asked for contributions towards their website. Will look to have them come and do some workshops.
- Demonstration sites are up and running for St John's Wort.
- Weeds Conference was a big success. Jodie has attached feedback from the conference to the report.
- Forbes and Weddin Shire Councils have new staff on board.
- Action: Jodie to investigate Sticky Nightshade communications products.
- DPI conducting tracing of Parthenium weeds across the state (stock movements). Dubbo, Lachlan and CMCC have received trace notifications. 439 properties of interest in NSW have been identified.

4.0 DPI Update

Robyn Henderson provided the following update from DPI:

Jill O'grady is on Long Service leave until next year. Robyn Henderson is working with the Red Imported Fire Ants response. Please see attached report.

5.0 St John's Wort Trials

- Trial sites set up at Grenfell, Wellington and Coolah. Sites selected with uniform conditions and densities.
- Treatments were determined after consultation with the RWC.
- Varied chemical types, rates and application methods are being investigated.
- First slashing treatment has been completed. In comparison with the control, the control area has progressed with growth and the slashing has knocked back the growth which was to be expected. Second slashing will be completed in a fortnight.
- Spraying will commence in the next few weeks.
- A field walk is being planned for late November (proposed dates 28-30th November). Andrew McConochie might attend the Grenfell walk.

6.0 Roadside Signage

- Red signposts and signage is being inconsistently used. Councils to see whether they can add signage to provide more information about weeds being present along with the red signposts.

7.0 Stakeholder Presentation – National Parkes and Weddin Shire Council

- NPWS

- Focus is on pig control on parks at the moment

- Staff have been reminded to keep an eye out for any emerging weed problems
- Seeking advice from the RWC on weeds to watch or anything that might be useful for staff to be aware of.
- Open to suggestions for weed identification/control training and any useful information.
- **Action: Jodie to send information on Prohibited Matter training**

- Weddin Shire Council

- Two new starters- Corey and Jamie have started with WSC and have started a succession plan.
- Boxthorn and Bridal Creeper and other weeds are having a bumper season. New populations are popping up. Anticipating St John's Wort will be a big problem this season.
- Have a local weeds committee and are getting back on track with regular meetings.

- FCNSW

- Recent weed control operations- Gilgandra Boxthorn, Coonamble/Coonabarabran- tree pear and mother of millions, Forbes- Boxthorn
- Attended Hudson Pear meet up at Coonamble with neighbours. NPWS and CMCC. Inspected areas of Pilliga West State Forest but did not find evidence of infestations. Reported findings back to CMCC.
- Weeds operations are ending now due to weather. Utes swap back to being fire trucks throughout summer.
- Are looking to potentially use bio control around the Pilliga during summer months.

- Water NSW

- Approved appointment of Biosecurity planner position covering 42 dams. Will be advertising the position shortly. Looking to develop systems to assess and undertake general biosecurity duty to assist in keeping on top of responsibilities.

8.0 NSW Weeds Conference Wrap Up

The weeds conference was a huge success. A big thanks to the Committee for their hard work on the conference and for helping out during the event.

9.0 Mandatory Documents Review

- Rapid Response Plan, Regional Inspection Program, High Risk Pathways Management Plan and Incursion Plan for High-Risk Weeds need to be updated and aligned with the new RSWMP. Jodie will begin updating the information to reflect changes to the RSWMP and will work with the Operations group to revise these documents. They will then be sent to the RWC for final review and endorsement.

8.0 Joint Project Opportunities

- Nil

9.0 Correspondence

- Stop off-target spraying (SOS NSW)
- Weed Biocontrol Workshop – Orange
- Parthenium weed tracing
- Prohibited Matter Training

10.0 Nominated Weed for Review – Fireweed – Des Mackey

Des provided the group with interesting and informative presentation on Fireweed.

-Fireweed was discovered in Dubbo during Winter. The first population was found near Southlakes in town. Unsure how it was spread. Another population was found in on blocks near Cobra St. Potentially linked to an old nursery and entered in contaminated soil. Have done a letterbox drop with Fireweed flyers in target areas and have had a good response. Council are undertaking regular fortnightly inspections and spraying at affected sites. Landholder with population is also complying with control direction.

- Some Frogbit was found for sale on Facebook marketplace and Council have found the owner on a semi-rural property at Eumungerie and confiscated the materials. The seller was issued with a destruction notice and receipt. Action: Jodie to forward to DPI. 1kg was retrieved. The source was traced back to an aquarium in Victoria.

11.0 Strategic business

- Next meeting location- December meeting location possibly Condobolin TBC
- Parthenium Weed Tracing
- Gardening Responsibly
- BH Manual Print
- Parkes Shire Council are interviewing shortly for a new biosecurity officer.
- Weed for review next meeting- Sticky Nightshade. Action: Jodie to see whether Andy Cole can do the review.

Meeting closed 12:35pm

Previous Meeting

Action	Responsible	Status
<p><i>Recommendation: The Committee has recognised the risks associated with State Significant Developments and have provided the following recommendations to the CWLLS Board and State Weeds Committee:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>To pursue an addition to the development application process for State Significant Developments that includes the development of a Weed Management Plan for the sites to be managed under the application. (ie develop an action plan and ensure there is a component of budget allocated to weed management works)</i> <i>To recommend that the RSWMP is considered and incorporated into the planning and approvals guidelines and processes.</i> <i>That the appropriate agency that procures management services for used and unused railway corridors and transmission lines be notified of their responsibilities under the Biosecurity Act in managing weeds and the Committee recommends the development of Weed Management Plans by those agencies.</i> <p>Update 23/11: Referred to the Central West board for action. Update 06/12: The CWLLS Board has referred to the State Board.</p>	Jodie/Board	Ongoing
<p><i>Jodie to investigate truck advertising and see if it is viable.</i></p> <p>Update 23/11: Depending on cost and what funds are left as the end 2023 the Group agreed that truck advertising was a great idea and further investigations should be undertaken. It was suggested that targeting local courier such as DXT, Western Parcels Express, Macquarie Valley and Parkes Couriers. Jodie to revisit later in 2023 depending on WAP funds.</p>	Jodie	Ongoing
<p><i>Mimosa Bush – request to the CW LLS Board that they follow up with LLS regarding the re-classification of Mimosa Bush. Update 06/12: In progress with the Board</i></p>	Jodie	Ongoing
<p><i>Organise Chairs/Governance training again for Committee; Update 23/11: On hold until a new chair is elected.</i></p>	Jodie	Ongoing

This Meeting:

No.	Action	Responsible
1	Follow up with LLS Land Management team to see whether any updates on Mimosa bush listing.	Jodie Lawler
2	Contact Jodie if interested in attending Chair's training	ALL
3	Further investigate whether there are any avenues for sharing information with Councils. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Warwick to take to NSW Farmers- CWLLS to take to CWLLS Board	Warwick Knight Jodie/Tanya
4	Follow up with UGL re: rail corridor weed control	Andy Fletcher
5	Send upcoming Prohibited Matter training info to the Committee	Jodie Lawler
6	See if Andy Cole can do the Sticky Nightshade weed for review at the next meetnig	Jodie Lawler

Next Meeting:

TBC – Condobolin

8. CORRESPONDENCE

ITEM 8.1 LETTER TO MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE THE HON. TARA MORIARTY MLC FROM CMCC CHAIRPERSON CLR DOUG BATTEN – DPI FUNDING FOR WAP



Office of the Chairman

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

7th September 2023

The Hon. Tara Moriarty MLC
Minister for Agriculture
Minister for Regional NSW
Minister for Western NSW
52 Martin Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000.

Re: DPI Funding for Weed Action Programs

Dear Minister,

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council (CMCC) is a Local Weed Control Authority (LCA) under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* and constituted under the *Local Government Act 1993* with the member Councils of Coonamble, Coonabarabran, Gilgandra, Warren and Walgett.

I am deeply concerned the NSW Government may be considering a reduction in funding for the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) which will ultimately result in a removal or a reduction in the annual allocation to LCA's for funding of the NSW Weed Action Program (WAP) and the joint DPI and CMCC Bio control breeding program for Hudson Pear which is situated in Lightning Ridge. I would hate to think a reduction in funding is not another cost shifting exercise to Local Government.

The NSW Weed Action Program (WAP) is a five-year program funding Councils via Local Land Services to assist the NSW Government in implementing the NSW Invasive Species Plan and NSW Biosecurity Strategy. These funds are primarily used by Councils to assist in their delivery of their functions as Local Control Authorities under Section 371, *Biosecurity Act 2015*. The WAP guidelines published by NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) states that the WAP demonstrates the NSW Government's commitment to support:

- state, regional, and local processes to detect and respond to new weed incursions.
- integrated, cooperative, cross-disciplinary, and cross-jurisdictional weed management systems.
- prioritisation of weed management activities to achieve the greatest benefit.
- effective and targeted on-ground risk mitigation for high priority weeds.
- behaviour change strategies that increase community ownership and involvement in effective weed management
- the knowledge base for weed management and its influence on community, industry, and other stakeholders.

- cost-sharing arrangements for effective and strong partnerships.

The WAP's are a collaboration between the DPI and LCA's for the management, control and land manager compliance of noxious weeds. The WAPS's have been in place since 2010 and have delivered successful outcomes across the state. Castlereagh Macquarie County Council (CMCC) under the WAP funding has made in-roads into the containment and reduction of Hudson Pear in the Walgett Shire, a decline in the presence of St Johns Wort in Warrumbungle Shire and serious suppression of African Box Thorn in Coonamble Shire, just to name a few success stories. CMCC also owns and operates a bio control facility in Lightning Ridge that is jointly funded by the DPI and CMCC for the breeding of bio agents (cochineal) used in the control of Hudson Pear.

The statewide funding allocation for the WAP program is estimated at \$12.6 for the past three (3) years and this enables the LCA's to conduct a comprehensive property inspection program. In the 22/23 financial year CMCC received \$305k from the State Government to assist with the program while CMCC made a similar contribution from its general revenue constituent council contributions.

CMCC is responsible for an area of 60,568 sq kilometres and the inspection of properties for landowner compliance is carried out by just six (6), Bio Security Officers under the WAP program.

Any reduction in funding to DPI programs will have an immediate and devastating impact on Local Control Authorities such as CMCC affecting its ongoing ability to proactively monitor noxious weed control, detection of invasive weeds, compliance programs and more importantly it will have serious consequences for the long-term financial sustainability of the organisation.

On behalf of the County Council, its constituent Councils' and their communities, I would sincerely request the Minns Labor State Government to provide assurances the WAP and Biocontrol funding will not be reduced and the Government's commitment to the NSW Invasive Species Plan and NSW Biosecurity Strategy shall continue into the future.

Please call me should you have any questions.

Doug Batten



Chairman
Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

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Member for Dubbo – Dugald Saunders
Member for Barwon – Roy Butler

ITEM 8.2 LETTER TO MEMBER FOR BARON ROY BUTLER MP FROM MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE THE HON. TARA MORIARTY MLC – DPI FUNDING FOR WAP

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The Hon Tara Moriarty MLC

Minister for Agriculture
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Minister for Western New South Wales



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Re: Funding for the NSW Weed Action Plan

Dear Mr Butler,

Thank you for your letter of 22 August 2023 on behalf of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council (CMCC) concerning a potential reduction in funding under the Weed Action Plans and joint biocontrol programs.

I am pleased to advise the NSW Government is increasing funding for weed-associated programs within the Department. The annual NSW Weeds Action Program (WAP) funding has been maintained for 2023/24 at \$12.8 million and to complement this program, the NSW Government will establish the Good Neighbour Program, with \$10 million to tackle pest and weed infestations between neighbouring public and private lands over the next three years.

Our commitment to weeds biosecurity is further demonstrated in our progress towards the establishment of an Independent Biosecurity Commissioner, that will provide independent advice and report to Parliament on an annual basis on the extant invasive species and their management, especially on neighbouring private and public lands. In June 2023, I appointed Dr Marion Healy as the interim Biosecurity Commissioner to start this important process, and the Natural Resources Commission will soon start a review into pest and weed management across all of NSW.

The NSW Government continues to offer support to Councils (as the Local Control Authority (LCA) for weeds). NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) is the state lead on weed management and will continue to work closely with the LCAs to set the standards expected by all land managers. Since the Biosecurity Act commenced on 1 July 2017, over 400,000 inspections for weeds have been undertaken by LCAs across NSW.

DPI is investigating the current process for delivery of funding to LCAs. DPI will look for efficiencies and improvements and will be informed by the Natural Resources Commission's review of pest and weed management and advice from the NSW Biosecurity Commissioner. This will then inform the amount of funding flowing to each LCA.

Councils (as LCAs) have a Statutory obligation to perform weed functions and have powers under the Biosecurity Act to prevent, eliminate or minimise weed biosecurity risk.

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Their Biosecurity Weeds Officers play an important role, through early detection and rapid response on high-risk weeds. DPI supports these LCAs for weeds via funding through the WAP, but this is supplementary funding.

This funding allows LCAs to have a greater focus on the State's important weeds, which are listed as Prohibited Matters or under Control Orders. The CMCC undertakes excellent compliance work on state weeds like Parthenium weed and Parkinsonia and lower regional priority weeds like Hudson pear. CMCC staff have also assisted DPI with harvester inspections on the NSW/QLD border to prevent Parthenium weed from entering NSW.

In addition to the WAP funding to CMCC, I understand DPI has recently provided CMCC with additional funding including an extra \$60,000 to undertake urgent surveillance and treatment works for Parkinsonia following floods and an additional \$90,000 to support the Hudson Pear biological control rearing facility at Lightning Ridge for the next two financial years (variation to CONT22/433).

Biosecurity is a shared responsibility. LCAs are encouraged to work directly with their respective Local Land Services Regional Weed Coordinator to determine additional funding strategies for individual circumstances. Regional Weed Coordinators have a key role in identifying funding opportunities and co-investment partners. Local Councils also have the ability to raise rates to fund weed programs, Regional Weed Coordinators can also advise on this option.

The WAP funding helps prevent the establishment of State important weeds (listed as Prohibited Matters or under Control Orders with the Biosecurity Act) from establishing in NSW. NSW is working hard to prevent these from being established in NSW. As some of these weeds are established in Queensland, support from LCAs in the CMCC and surrounding areas is important for the early detection of incursions. Early detection gives NSW the best chance to eradicate a weed before it can impact primary production, the community, or the environment.

Weeds like Parthenium weed infest over 60 million hectares in Queensland and cause an annual \$69 million loss in beef production as well as significant health problems to people living in those areas. These health issues cost the Queensland Government an extra \$20 per person in the areas this weed has invaded. NSW for over 50 years has had a successful program to keep NSW free of established infestations. DPI and LCAs working together have been critical to this success.

More recently, Parkinsonia, a prickly bush, has spread into NSW via flooding through Queensland into NSW. This plant would restrict access to land for stock and access to waterways. CMCC, Brewarrina Shire and Moree Shire Councils (as LCAs) have been working with DPI to detect new incursions following the recent wet years.

Rubber vine also infests 700,000 hectares in Queensland. It is a major threat to the grazing industry, as it is toxic to livestock and causes severe stomach issues, burning and blisters on livestock skin and then eventually death.

Further information on weeds can be found by visiting www.weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds.

I trust this is of assistance, however, I have asked Mr Scott Charlton, Chief Invasive Species Officer at DPI, to be available to answer any further questions you may have. Mr Charlton can be contacted on 0459 054 668 or by email at scott.charlton@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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ITEM 8.3 DECALRED OUCOMES OF THE LGNSW BOARD ELECTION

Dear Mr Urquhart,

The Australian Electoral Commission has now officially declared the outcomes of the LGNSW Board election, conducted at our Annual Conference on Monday 13 November, 2023.

The successful candidates have been declared as:

President: Cr Darriea Turley AM (Broken Hill City Council)

Treasurer: Cr Nuatali Nelmes (City of Newcastle)

Vice President Rural/Regional: Cr Phyllis Miller OAM (Forbes Shire Council)

Vice President Metropolitan/Urban: Cr Khal Asfour (City of Canterbury Bankstown)

Rural/Regional Directors *(in alphabetical order):*

- Cr Jamie Chaffey (Gunnedah Shire Council)
- Cr Scott Ferguson (Blayney Shire Council)
- Cr Romola Hollywood (Blue Mountains City Council)
- Cr Dominic King (Bellingen Shire Council)
- Cr Claire Pontin (MidCoast Council)
- Cr Dallas Tout (City of Wagga Wagga)
- Cr Cameron Walters (Wollongong City Council).

Metropolitan/Urban Directors *(in alphabetical order):*

- Cr Julie Griffiths AM (Blacktown City Council)
- Cr Christine Kay (Ku-ring-gai Council)
- Cr Ned Mannoun (Liverpool City Council)
- Cr Michael Mijatovic (Fairfield City Council)
- Cr Penny Pederson (City of Ryde)
- Cr Philippa Scott (Inner West Council)
- Cr Philipa Veitch (Randwick City Council).

Yours sincerely,

David Reynolds

LGNSW Chief Executive

9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

ITEM 9.1 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2023

REPORTING SECTION: Office of Chairman
AUTHOR: Chairman Doug Batten

Summary:

This report provides Council with information regarding the activities of the Chairman for the past two (2) months.

Background:

On the 25th October 2023 the General Manager and I travelled to Bathurst for the inaugural County Council Collaboration meeting.

The meeting on the 26th October 2023 was attended by the representatives of Central Tablelands Weeds Authority (CTWA), New England Weeds Authority (NEWA), Rous County Council (RCC), Upper Hunter Weeds Authority (UHWA), New England Weeds Authority (NEWA), Hawksbury River County Council (HRCC) and Castlereagh Macquarie County Council (CMCC).

Chairman of CTWA Andrew McKibbin opened the Chairmans session with the following items on the agenda – CTWA IP agreement, common compliance and enforcement, policy and systems.

The General Managers session included discussion on shared services, ICT systems, GIS systems CRM's, inspection data finance data, chart of accounts, insurances, and financial sustainability of County Councils.

The combined afternoon session items included membership to LGNSW, formalising a County Council association, ARIC's, OLG Financial reporting, Audit, IP&R, Policy Framework and future funding of the WAP.

Presentations were made by representatives of the Natural Resources Commission on the NSW Invasive Species Management Review and County Council delegates were invited to provide input on the issues affecting them with invasive weeds. The group also discussed the future funding of the WAP 2025 and the NSW Governments commitment to its funding.

The member Council's agreed the group should commence regular six (6) monthly meetings with a name for the group yet to be decided.

Delegates agreed they had many issues in common and this forum was an excellent vehicle to tackle these issues. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2024 in Armidale at the new headquarters of NEWA.

On Sunday 29th October 2023 seven (7) Councillors, the General Manager, Senior Biosecurity Officer, and Biosecurity Officer Matt Savage participated in Council's first annual weed's bus tour, and this year it was held in the Warrumbungle LGA.

The group travelled to Binnaway to see firsthand the results of control programs targeting Blue Heliotrope that was endemic in the village some years ago. It was evident the control program has been highly successful.

The next port of call was Leadville where Councillors viewed small infestations of St Johns Wort on the Crown Reserve west of Leadville.

On the tour it was noticeable the shire roads were largely free of noxious weeds which highlighted the fact, Council's roadside control program was having a huge success, however, the crown reserves and commons present a problem for control and compliance.

When travelling north from Mendooran along the Coonabarabran Road the Senior Biosecurity Officer pointed out the remnant Native Olive trees that were controlled in previous seasons with huge success. The Biosecurity Officers also pointed out the presence of native dodder.

Highlight of the day was a visit to Siding Springs observatory, Australia's premier optical and infrared astronomical observatory which gave delegates an insight into the working of the telescope and an amazing view of the north- west and far west of NSW.

Blackberry was the problem weed for land managers on the western side of Coonabarabran, with some landowners resorting to a burning off program to reduce the incidence of the weed. It was evident several control burns had been successful with just some old canes remaining on these properties.

The bus tour was three (3) years in the making, and I can say it was very enjoyable to see firsthand the great work our team of Biosecurity Officers and contractors are doing to control the many noxious weeds that are present in the County area.

Chairmans Report – December 2023
Recommendation: That the Chairman's report be received and noted. Moved: Seconded:

Attachments:

Nil

10. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

ITEM 10.1 COUNCIL'S DECISION ACTION REPORT – OCTOBER 2023

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Michael Urquhart

Summary:

This schedule summarises the current position of action taken in respect of matters considered at the previous meetings of Council when the outcomes have not been finalised.

Background:

Attached is the Resolution Register which summaries outstanding action in respect of all resolutions which required action and are still outstanding. The exception is for the last meeting where items that have been completed are included. Councillors are reminded that any queries should be raised with the General Manager prior to the meeting.

Current Position:

Details of actions taken/being taken are flagged for each motion. Over time the register may grow in size because, whilst resolutions are actioned after the meeting, it is not always possible to resolve issues quickly, especially if other government agencies are involved or Council's own in-house resources are stretched, Council has to prioritise work commitments.

In these circumstances the register becomes the simple tool of keeping track of matters awaiting attention.

Again, Councillors are reminded that any queries should be raised with the General Manager prior to the meeting as this would streamline the meeting process and also resolve minor issues more expediently.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Resolution Register.

Governance Issues:

Standard Procedure dictates that Council resolutions should be implemented as soon as practicably be achieved.

Environmental Issues:

Nil.

Stakeholders:

CMCC Council

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Nil.

Conclusion:

That the Resolution Register be received and noted. It is requested that any queries be raised with the General Manager prior to meeting day to facilitate proceedings at the meeting.

Council's Decision Action Report – October 2023
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Recommendation:

That the Resolution Register October 2023 be received and noted.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachment:

Action Resolution Register.



CMCC ACTION RESOLUTION REGISTER

27.06.22	06/22/09	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council join with the Far North West Joint Organisation and its member Councils in establishing a Shared Audit Risk and Improvement Committee in accordance with Section 428B of the Local Government Act 1993. 2. That Council delegate authority to the Far North West Joint Organisation to appoint the chair and two (2) independent members from the Shared Audit Risk and Improvement Committee to serve the Far North West Joint Organisation, all three (3) members Council's and Castlereagh Macquarie County Council. 3. That Council appoint Cllr Bill Fisher to serve as the non-voting board members on the ARIC for this Council only. 4. That Council adopt the Drafts Terms of Reference developed for the operation of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee noting the initial term to cater to the shorter period to be served by the current Council and the fact there is no current need for the Chair to be pre-qualified at this stage. 	GM	<p>FNWJO have appointed Chair and committee. Meeting with member Councils held in November 2023 and this was attended by Mr. Ray Smith (Chairman), Ms. Liz Jeremy, Mr. Ron Gillard Committee Members, CMCC representative Cr. Bill Fisher and the General Manager Mike Urquhart. The Committee has requested the General Manager prepare a terms of reference for the next meeting scheduled for February 2024.</p> <p>The General Manager reported Council had approved funding for the engagement of a WH&S specialist to review Council's policy and procedures for high risk activities such as roadside spraying.</p>	In Progress
27.06.2022	06/22-11	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the report be received and noted. 2. Media Awareness Program to be undertaken by GM in conjunction with distribution of flyers with rates notices 	GM	<p>Flyers to quarterly rate notices. Information to be advertised in constituent Council newsletter</p> <p>Media releases have been issued for Harrisia Cactus, St Johns Wort and Hudson Pear.</p>	<p>Continuing</p> <p>Continuing</p>

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19.12.2022	12/22/12	<p>(a) That Council receive the General Managers report</p> <p>(b) The General Manager liaise with the LLS and DPI in the development of a control plan for the area, and the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council actively participate in the roll out of all elements of the control program.</p> <p>(c) That the Hudson Pear Co-ordinator be invited to attend the next and subsequent meetings of CMCC to enable face to face updates of the Hudson Pear Control project and its progression.</p>	GM	<p>Containment project with CMCC managing initial stage 1 is now complete and LLS have appointed a co-ordinator and spray operator.</p> <p>Hudson Pear Co-ordinator has been invited to attend future CMCC meetings and update Councillors on the progress of containment and control of Hudson Pear in the Lightning Ridge district.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>
26.06.23		<p>Action Request;</p> <p>Council depots have noxious weeds signs displayed and that the Senior Bio Security office attend all Council depots to provide information on noxious weeds to constituent Council Staff.</p>	SBO	<p>The Senior Bio Security Officer has commenced the roll-out of the training program.</p>	In progress
28.08.23		<p>Action Request;</p> <p>That the General Manager contact Todd (LLS Coordinator) and request that he attend every CMCC Council meeting to provide an update on the Hudson Pear program.</p>	GM	<p>Co-ordinator invited to attend the bi-monthly meetings</p>	In progress
28.08.23	06/23/08	<p>That;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Draft Annual Financial Reports for 2022/2023 be referred to Council's Auditor. 2. The Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, General Manager be authorised to sign the necessary Financial Statements. 3. On receipt of the Audit Report, a copy be forwarded to the Office of Local Government and any other relevant statutory body. 	GM	<p>Financials referred to auditor.</p> <p>Certificates duly signed by relevant parties.</p> <p>Waiting of audited financials.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Agenda –4th December 2023 – Ordinary Council Meeting

		4. Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to set the date at which the Auditor's report and the Financial Statements be presented		It is planned to submit the 22/23 Financials to the December 23 Ordinary meeting.	In progress
28.08.23	06/23/12	<p>That;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The General Manager's report be received. 2. Council endorse the action of the General Manager in entering into a lease for the property situated at 55 Fox Street Walgett for a period of two (2) years with a rental of \$10,400 per annual (excluding GST) (\$200 per week) from SL and DJ Kelly. 3. That lease fee be increase to \$300 per week (plus GST) should part of the premises at 55 Fox Street be sublet. 4. The General Manager continue investigations to sublet part of the premises at 55 Fox Street to offset annual lease costs. 5. The Council Seal be affixed to the lease agreement and the General Manager be authorised to execute the lease documents. 6. The General Manager be authorised to execute any sub-lease documents. 	GM	The lease has been duly executed and returned to the Solicitors and Council will be issuing a licence to Regional NSW for the lease of office space at the Walgett office in Fox Street Walgett.	Complete

ITEM 10.2 CIRCULARS RECEIVED FROM THE NSW OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Michael Urquhart

Summary:

Copies of circulars received from the Local Government Office Department of Premier and Cabinet are attached for Councillors information. Circulars are emailed to Councillors when published from LGNSW.

Background:

The General Manager has listed the following circulars issued by the Office of Local Government:

- 23-13 Release of the Information and Privacy Commission's follow up of audit of councils' compliance with open access requirements in relation to returns of interests
- 23-14 Public Spaces (unattended Property) Act 2021 – Commencement of Special arrangements for stock animals in emergencies

Governance Issues:

All circulars have Governance implications. Where necessary the subject of particular circulars will be raised in following reports.

Stakeholders:

Councillors
Castlereagh Macquarie County Council staff

Financial Implications:

Obviously some circulars will have a financial impact and where this is the case, Councillors particular attention will be drawn to them.

Conclusion:

Council will need to comply with the various requirements set out in the circulars.

Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 23-13 to 23-14 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.</p> <p>Moved: Seconded:</p>

Attachments:

Circulars 23-13 to 23-14



Office of
Local Government

Circular to Councils

Circular Details	23 -13 / 30 October 2023 / A871320
Previous Circular	Circular No 22 – 15 Guidance for Councils on the publication of disclosure of interest returns
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers / Council Governance Staff
Contact	Council Governance / olg@olg.nsw.gov.au / (02) 4428 4100
Action required	Information / Council to Implement

Release of the Information and Privacy Commission's follow up audit of councils' compliance with open access requirements in relation to returns of interests

What's new or changing

- The Information and Privacy Commission (IPC) has issued a report on the outcome of its follow-up audit undertaken on councils' compliance with the requirement to publish information in returns of interest lodged by councillors and designated persons on their websites. The IPC's recent audit follows an earlier audit conducted in July 2021 which identified significant compliance failures.
- The IPC's report is available [here](#).
- The IPC has made a commitment to develop further guidance to assist councils to comply with the "open access" requirements of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (the GIPA Act).

What this will mean for your council

- The IPC's report found that while there has been significant improvement in councils' compliance with their obligations under the GIPA Act to publish information in returns of interests submitted by councillors and designated persons on their websites, some councils continue to be non-compliant.
- The report makes seven recommendations for councils to implement to promote openness, transparency, and accountability in relation to the disclosure of information in returns of interests.
- The IPC will continue to monitor compliance by the local government sector and, where relevant, assist the sector in its implementation of the recommendations set out in the report.

Key points

- The Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW requires councillors and designated persons to complete, and lodge returns of their interests with the general manager.
- The GIPA Act designates returns of interests as open access information. The public disclosure of information in returns of interests facilitates the identification and management of potential conflicts of interest that might arise where councillors and other key staff participate in decisions from which

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they may directly or indirectly derive, or be perceived to derive, personal or financial benefit.

- The IPC's report found improvements in compliance with:
 - public availability of returns of interests by councillors and designated persons - a significant increase from 61% to 88% (46) fully compliant (+27%)
 - the ease of accessibility of returns of interests - significant improvements from 52% (27) to 88% (46) (+36%)
 - making returns of interests fully accessible without conditions - a significant increase from 65% to 88% (46) (+23%).
- The report also identified that the returns of interest of 19% (10) of councils were either not up to date or had not been published at all.

Where to go for further information

- The IPC's Guideline 1 assisting local councils to determine public interest considerations for and against disclosure of information contained in returns of interests is available [here](#).
- The IPC's video animation providing guidance to councils on the requirement to publish returns of interests is available [here](#).
- The IPC's Fact Sheet explaining to agencies that they are required to make a range of open access information publicly available under the GIPA Act and the *Government Information (Public Access) Regulation 2018* unless there is an overriding public interest against disclosure of the information is available [here](#).
- The IPC has developed a toolkit titled, 'The Essential Guidance Toolkit on information access and privacy fundamentals' which is available [here](#).
- For more information on these requirements contact the IPC at 1800 472 679 or by email at ipcinfo@ipc.nsw.gov.au.
- The Office of Local Government (OLG) has issued guidance on the completion of returns of interests which is available [here](#).
- For more information on these requirements, contact OLG's Council Governance Team by telephone on 4428 4100 or by email at olg@olg.nsw.gov.au.



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Circular to Councils

Strengthening local government

Circular Details	22-14 / 30 October 2023 / A872350
Previous Circulars	23-01 Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 – Conclusion of the Grace Period and updated guidance 22-31 Commencement of Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 22-19 Consultation on regulatory proposals for a new Public Spaces (Unattended Property) (PSUP) Regulation 2022 and to commence the PSUP Act 21-39 The NSW Government's Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 19-30 Review of the Impounding Act 1993 and Release of Discussion Paper
Who should read this	Councillors/General Managers/Regulatory and Public Space management staff
Contact	Policy Team / 02 4428 4100 / olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Information

Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 – Commencement of Special arrangements for stock animals in emergencies

What's new or changing

Stock animal emergency provisions

- Section 19 of the PSUP Act was not commenced in late 2022 with the rest of the Act to enable time for detailed guidance to be developed to help authorities work together and with farming communities when dealing with emergencies involving stock.
- Guidance has now been developed with input from the Department of Primary Industries, NSW Police and key stakeholders, to help authorised officers balance public safety, animal welfare and biosecurity considerations. This guidance is included as a new Appendix B in the *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Guideline for Councils and Other Authorities (PSUP Guidelines)*.
- With guidance now in place, section 19 of the PSUP Act has now been commenced by Ministerial Proclamation, effective **1 November 2023**.

Feedback and Guidance Updates

- Since the commencement of the PSUP Act the Office of Local Government (OLG) has been in regular contact with councils, members of the public and other stakeholders to answer policy queries and monitor implementation of the new laws.
- The *PSUP Guidelines* have been updated with new information to reflect the upcoming changes to the law from 1 November 2023 and to provide additional information to support councils to feel confident in implementing the new laws locally.

Communication materials for local communities

- OLG has also updated and published relevant fact sheets, infographics and social tiles for use in communicating the PSUP laws, to reflect the commencement of the stock emergency provisions.

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What this will mean for your council

- Following the proclamation of Section 19 of the PSUP Act, authorised officers may now use section 19 to help manage stock in emergencies.
- Authorised officers should ensure they are familiar with the PSUP laws, regulations and updated *PSUP Guidelines* for authorities.
- Councils in regional and rural areas are urged to work collaboratively with their local NSW Police and other agencies such as the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and Local Land Services (LLS) to establish agreed arrangements for dealing with emergencies involving stock animals in accordance with section 19 of the PSUP Act and Appendix B of the *PSUP Guidelines*.
- Councils are encouraged to develop appropriate policy, in consultation with their local community, and procedures in relation to local enforcement action under the PSUP laws. Additionally, councils should communicate and implement any such policies fairly and consistently to ensure there is a common understanding by the community of how the council will apply the PSUP laws within its local government area.
- Councils should also use the resources available on the PSUP website to educate local communities about the PSUP laws.

Key points

- The PSUP Act empowers authorised officers of council to take regulatory action when they reasonably believe property to be unattended, and that the property is causing a safety risk, or access issue, or amenity issue, or has been left in the same place, or substantially the same place, for too long.
- Section 19 of the PSUP Act empowers authorised officers of council to place one or more unattended stock animals on any practicable premises in the vicinity, without taking possession of the animal, in certain emergency situations, if the authorised officer has made a reasonable attempt to obtain the relevant landowner or occupier's consent.
- These provisions recognise that in certain emergency situations involving stock animals it may not be possible for an authorised officer to immediately take an unattended stock animal to a place of care but failure to quickly move the animal poses an unacceptable risk to the health or safety of persons.

Where to go for further information

- The *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021* and *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Regulation 2022* are available on the Legislation Register at <https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/>
- Further information, including the PSUP Guidelines and resources for councils to use to educate and update local communities, is available at: <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/unattendedproperty>.



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ITEM 10.3 CASH ON HAND AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31st OCTOBER 2023

REPORTING SECTION: Executive
AUTHOR: Rebecca Wilson – Administration Officer

Summary:

This report provides a summary and analysis of Council's cash and investments for the period ending 31st October 2023.

Background:

The investment portfolio consists of bank accounts and fixed rate interest bearing deposits. The portfolio is regularly reviewed to maximise investment performance and minimise risk. Council's investment portfolio is not subject to share market volatility.

Comparisons are regularly made between existing investments with available products that are not part of Council's portfolio, but that meet Council's policy guidelines.

All investments at 31st October 2023 are compliant with the Relevant Reference Documents and Policies listed later in this report.

Current Position:

Council at 31st October 2023 held a total of \$787,523.80 in on-call and interest bearing deposits with financial institutions within Australia. All investments are held with approved deposit taking institutions with a short term rating A-2(A2)/BBB or higher. Council does not have any exposure to unrated institutions.

31st October 2023

Investment Number	Date invested	Amount \$	Lodged With	Rate % per annum	Term	Due Date
General Fund Bank Account Balance		\$287,523.80	CBA	3.75%		N/A
TD396363517	10.05.2023	\$500,000.00	AMP	4.95%	184 days	10/11/2023
TOTAL		\$787,523.80				

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Local Government Act (NSW), 1993
Local Government (General) Regulation 2021
Ministerial Investment Order 5th January 2016
Investment Policy

Governance issues:

Nil

Environmental issues:

Nil

Financial Implications:

As per report

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council
Constituent Councils
Residents of Constituent Councils
Financial Institutions

Certification – Responsible Accounting Officer

1. I hereby certify that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, the *Investment Order (of the Minister) 5th January 2016* and Council's Investments Policy.
2. I hereby certify that Council's cash book and ledger have been reconciled to the bank statement as at the end of month.

Michael J Urquhart

General Manager – Responsible Accounting Officer

Conclusion:

As at 31st October 2023, Council's available cash and invested funds totalled \$787,523.80

Cash and Investment Reports – 31st October 2023

Recommendation:

That the investment report for 31st October 2023 be received and noted.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

Nil

ITEM 10.4 ADOPTION OF ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Michael Urquhart

Summary:

This report is presented to Council for consideration and adoption of the revised organisational structure.

Background:

The General Manager presents the reviewed organisational structure to Council in accordance with Section 333 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Current Position:

Council's operational workforce now has a full complement of Bio Security Officers with the employment of an officer for the Walgett LGA based in Walgett Shire.

Furthermore, Council in August formally endorsed the action of the Chairman in approving the employment of a part-time Administration Officer also based in Walgett. This decision came about with the cessation of administrative support by Walgett Shire Council.

Relevant Documents/Policies:

Local Government Act 1993

Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW

Local Government State Award 2021

Stakeholders:

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

Constituent Councils

Governance issues:

Council compliance with the above legislation.

Environmental issues:

NIL.

Financial Implications:

Provision is made in the current operational plan for the proposed organisational structure. The long-term financial plan will be amended in 2024 to reflect the new organisational structure.

Legal issues:

NIL.

Alternative solutions:

Council does not adopt the organisational structure.

Conclusion:

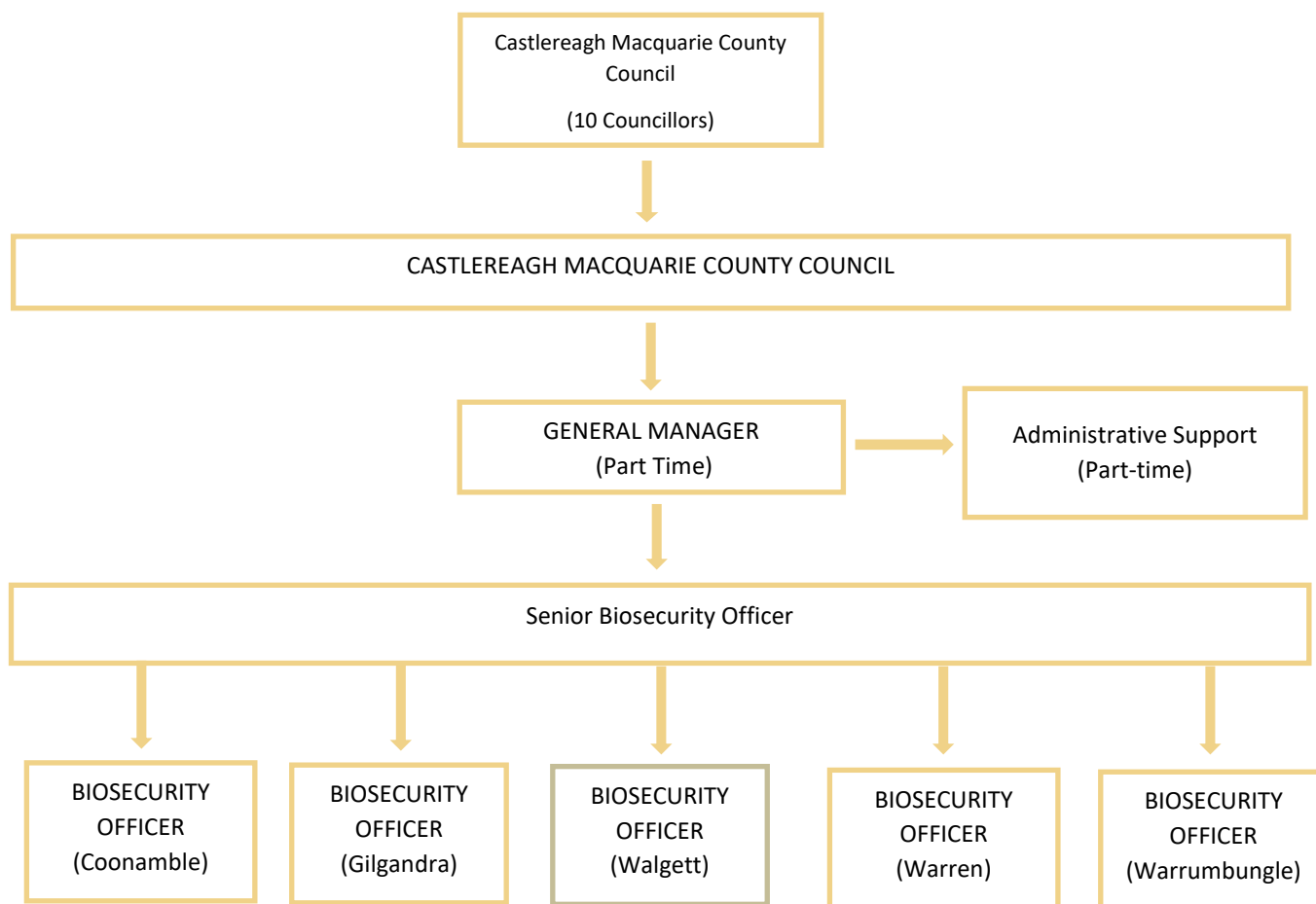
The writer recommends to Council the organisation structure as presented, be adopted.

ADOPTION OF ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That Council receives and adopts the Organisation Structure as presented.</p> <p>Moved:</p> <p>Seconded:</p>

Attachments:

CMCC Organisational Structure

Current Organisational Structure



General Manager: This position is part-time and currently held by Michael Urquhart. The General Manager is responsible for the management of CMCC in accordance with the **LGA 1993**.

Administration Officer: This is a part-time position based at Councils administration office in Walgett. The Administration Officer is responsible for payroll, accounts receivable, accounts payable, records management, customer service, finance and personal assistant to the General Manager.

Senior Biosecurity Officer: This position is a full-time position with the Senior Biosecurity Officer being responsible for the day to day management of CMCC and supervision of District Biosecurity Officers. The position is based at our Coonabarabran Depot.

Biosecurity Officers: These positions are on a full time/casual/contract basis with duties including but not limited to property inspections for the presence of invasive plants on private lands and Council controlled lands, raising community awareness through public awareness programs in their designated Shires.

ITEM 10.5 GOVERNMENT INFORMATION PUBLIC ACCESS ACT – (GIPA) – ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

REPORTING SECTION: Executive
AUTHOR: Rebecca Wilson – Administration Officer

Summary:

This report is provided to Council for adoption of its annual GIPA return.

Background:

On the 1st July 2010 the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act) came into effect.

Current Position:

Council is required to prepare an annual report in accordance with the requirements of section 125 of the GIPA Act and clause 7 of the GIPA Regulation. The annual report is also required to include statistical information on formal access applications in the form required by Schedule 2 of the GIPA Regulation.

Upon adoption of the attached annual report Council shall forward a Web link to the Information Commissioner.

Governance issues:

Council must comply with the reporting requirements under the GIPA Act and GIPA regulation.

Environmental issues:

NIL.

Stakeholders:

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council
Information and Privacy Commission New South Wales

Financial Implications:

NIL

Alternative Solutions/Options:

NIL

Conclusion:

Council adopt the attached Annual GIPA Report.

Government Information Public Access Act – Annual Report

Recommendation:

That;

1. the Administration Officers report be received
2. Council adopt the attached GIPA Annual Report for 2022/2023
3. The information Commissioner be sent a link to Council's 2022/2023 Annual Report.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

Annual GIPA Report 2022/23

Government Information (Public Access) Act – Annual Report for Agency Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council

Clause 8A: Details of the review carried out by the agency under section 7 (3) of the Act during the reporting year and the details of any information made publicly available by the agency as a result of the review

Reviews carried out by the agency	Information made publicly available by the agency
Yes	Yes

Clause 8B: The total number of access applications received by the agency during the reporting year (including withdrawn applications but not including invalid applications)

Total number of applications received
0

Clause 8C: The total number of access applications received by the agency during the reporting year that the agency refused either wholly or partly, because the application was for the disclosure of information referred to in Schedule 1 to the Act (information for which there is conclusive presumption of overriding public interest against disclosure)

Number of Applications Refused	Wholly	Partly	Total
	0	0	0
% of Total	0%	0%	

Government Information (Public Access) Act – Annual Report for Agency Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council

Schedule 2 Statistical information about access applications to be included in annual report

Table A: Number of applications by type of applicant and outcome*

	Access Granted in Full	Access Granted in Part	Access Refused in Full	Information not Held	Information Already Available	Refuse to Deal with Application	Refuse to Confirm/Deny whether information is held	Application Withdrawn	Total	% of Total
Media	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Members of Parliament	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Private sector business	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Not for profit organisations or community groups	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Members of the public (by legal representative)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Members of the public (other)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
% of Total	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		

* More than one decision can be made in respect of a particular access application. If so, a recording must be made in relation to each such decision. This also applies to Table B.

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Table B: Number of applications by type of application and outcome*

	Access Granted in Full	Access Granted in Part	Access Refused in Full	Information not Held	Information Already Available	Refuse to Deal with Application	Refuse to Confirm/Deny whether information is held	Application Withdrawn	Total	% of Total
Personal information applications*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Access applications (other than personal information applications)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Access applications that are partly personal information applications and partly other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
% of Total	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		

* A personal information application is an access application for personal information (as defined in clause 4 of Schedule 4 to the Act) about the applicant (the applicant being an individual).

Government Information (Public Access) Act – Annual Report for Agency Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council

Table C: Invalid applications

Reason for invalidity	No of applications	% of Total
Application does not comply with formal requirements (section 41 of the Act)	0	0%
Application is for excluded information of the agency (section 43 of the Act)	0	0%
Application contravenes restraint order (section 110 of the Act)	0	0%
Total number of invalid applications received	0	0%
Invalid applications that subsequently became valid applications	0	0%

Table D: Conclusive presumption of overriding public interest against disclosure: matters listed in Schedule 1 of Act

	Number of times consideration used*	% of Total
Overriding secrecy laws	0	0%
Cabinet information	0	0%
Executive Council information	0	0%
Contempt	0	0%
Legal professional privilege	0	0%
Excluded information	0	0%
Documents affecting law enforcement and public safety	0	0%
Transport safety	0	0%
Adoption	0	0%
Care and protection of children	0	0%
Ministerial code of conduct	0	0%
Aboriginal and environmental heritage	0	0%
Privilege generally - Sch 1(5A)	0	0%
Information provided to High Risk Offenders Assessment Committee	0	0%
Total	0	

*More than one public interest consideration may apply in relation to a particular access application and if so, each such consideration is to be recorded (but only once per application). This also applies in relation to Table E

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Table E: Other public interest considerations against disclosure: matters listed in table to section 14 of Act

	Number of times consideration used*	% of Total
Responsible and effective government	0	0%
Law enforcement and security	0	0%
Individual rights, judicial processes and natural justice	0	0%
Business interests of agencies and other persons	0	0%
Environment, culture, economy and general matters	0	0%
Secrecy provisions	0	0%
Exempt documents under interstate Freedom of Information legislation	0	0%
Total	0	

Table F: Timeliness

	Number of applications*	% of Total
Decided within the statutory timeframe (20 days plus any extensions)	0	0%
Decided after 35 days (by agreement with applicant)	0	0%
Not decided within time (deemed refusal)	0	0%
Total	0	

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Table G: Number of applications reviewed under Part 5 of the Act (by type of review and outcome)

	Decision varied	Decision upheld	Total	% of Total
Internal review	0	0	0	0%
Review by Information Commissioner*	0	0	0	0%
Internal review following recommendation under section 93 of Act	0	0	0	0%
Review by NCAT	0	0	0	0%
Total	0	0	0	
% of Total	0%	0%		

*The Information Commissioner does not have the authority to vary decisions, but can make recommendations to the original decision-maker. The data in this case indicates that a recommendation to vary or uphold the original decision has been made by the Information Commissioner.

Table H: Applications for review under Part 5 of the Act (by type of applicant)

	Number of applications for review	% of Total
Applications by access applicants	0	0%
Applications by persons to whom information the subject of access application relates (see section 54 of the Act)	0	0%
Total	0	

Table I: Applications transferred to other agencies.

	Number of applications transferred	% of Total
Agency-Initiated Transfers	0	0%
Applicant - Initiated Transfers	0	0%
Total	0	

ITEM 10.6 PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE – ANNUAL REPORT

REPORTING SECTION: Executive
AUTHOR: Rebecca Wilson – Administration Officer

Summary:

This report provides Council with information for the adoption of the 2022/2023 Annual Public Interest Disclosure report.

Background:

In March 2011 amendments were made to the Public Interest Act 1994 and Council is required to report annually on its obligations under the PID Act. This report must be in accordance with the requirements of section 31 of the PID Act and clause 4 of the Public Interest Regulation.

Current Position:

Commentary on PID obligations

What actions the head of the public authority has taken to ensure his or her staff awareness responsibilities under section 6E(1)(b) of the PID Act have been met.

Statistical information on PIDs (clause 4(a)-(c)-PID Regulations)

	Made by public officials performing their day to day functions	Under a statutory or other legal obligation	All other PIDs
Number of public officials who made PIDs directly	0	0	0
Number of PIDs received	0	0	0
Of PIDs received, number primarily about:			
Corrupt conduct	0	0	0
Maladministration	0	0	0
Serious and substantial waste	0	0	0
Government information contravention	0	0	0
Local government pecuniary interest contravention	0	0	0
Number of PIDs finalised	0		

Governance issues:

Council as an agency has obligations under the Public Interest Disclosures Act and Regulation.

Environmental issues:

NIL.

Stakeholders:

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

Financial Implications:

NIL

Alternative Solutions/Options:

NIL

Conclusion:

The 2022/2023 Public Interest Disclosures Annual Report as detailed above is tabled for adoption.

PID Annual Report
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.The Administration Officers report be received2. Council adopt the 2022/23 Public Interest Disclosures Annual Report <p>Moved:</p> <p>Seconded:</p>

Attachments:

Nil

ITEM 10.7 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDIT REPORT

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Michael Urquhart

Summary:

This report is to recommend that Council formally receives the Audited Financial Reports together with the Auditor's Reports for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Background:

Council in accordance with Section 419 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 must present its audited financial accounts together with the auditor's report at a meeting of Council.

Current Position:

Copies of Council's Audited Financial Reports and Auditor's Report are provided under separate cover.

NET OPERATING RESULT

For the year ended 30th June 2023 Council's operating result was a surplus of \$9,000 before capital grants and contributions. The original budget forecast was an operating surplus of \$35,560.

WORKING CAPITAL

The "Working Capital" approach is another financial indicator that identifies Council's liquidity or capacity to fund the day to day general purpose operations and delivery of services to the Constituent Councils and community in the short to medium term. It's also a measure of an organisation's operational efficiency and short-term health. For the year ended 30th June 2023 Council's operations posted a working capital surplus of \$9,000 which increased the accumulation account leaving a year-end balance of \$834,000.

At years end the "working capital" consisted of cash, inventories (stores) and net sundry creditors/debtors.

Stores	\$79,000
Unrestricted Cash	\$697,000
Net creditor/debtor	\$58,000
Total	\$834,000

CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Council's overall cash position has decreased by \$51,000 throughout the year with a year-end closing balance of \$1,081,000. The cash and investments are held for the following purposes.

Internal Restrictions

Plant Reserve	37,000
Building Reserve	20,000
Employees Leave Reserve	96,000
Unrestricted Cash	697,000
Sub-total	\$850,000

External Restrictions

Government grants	231,000
Total	\$1,081,000

Local Government Industry Financial Performance Indicators

1. Operating Performance Ratio

This ratio measures Council's achievement of containing operating expenditure within operating revenue.

Benchmark $\geq 0.00\%$. Council result (2.53%). The negative result has occurred due to the increased roadside control program that was approved at budget for the St Johns Wort in Warrumbungle Shire LGA.

2. Unrestricted Current Ratio

This ratio assesses the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council.

Benchmark ≥ 1.5 times Council result 5.78times

3. Cash Expense Cover Ratio

This ratio measures the number of months a Council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow.

Benchmark ≥ 3.00 months. Council result 6.63 months.

Council remains in a very sound financial position having met two (2) of the three (3) above performance indicators in 2022/2023.

Conclusion.

Council's overall working capital position has improved with the accumulation account at a healthy \$834,000. This level of working capital when considered in conjunction with the long term internal reserves is an excellent financial position.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Local Government Act (1993)

Financial Reports and Auditors Report to 30 June 2023

Governance issues:

Presentation to Council of the Annual Financial Statements is a key governance requirement and forms part of Council's reporting to the community.

Environmental issues:

There are no identified environmental issues in relation to this matter.

Alternative Solutions/Options:

There are no alternative solutions / options.

Stakeholders:

Office of Local Government

NSW Audit Office

Nexia Sydney

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

Financial Implications:

The Financial implications for Council are detailed in the auditor's report and the supporting ratios. It should be noted Council made a conscious decision to once again increase the St Johns Wort roadside control program in Warrumbungle Shire LGA.

The sound financial position provides the flexibility for Council to further increase control programs in the coming years.

2022/2023 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Report
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That Council receive adopt the Audited Financial Reports together with the Auditor's Reports for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.</p> <p>Moved:</p> <p>Seconded:</p>

Attachments:

Audited Primary Financial Statements for year ended 30 June 2023.

See the 2022-2023 Annual Report or Councils web page for a complete set of 2023 financials.

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2023

Original unaudited budget 2023 \$ '000		Notes	Actual 2023 \$ '000	Actual 2022 \$ '000
Income from continuing operations				
187	User charges and fees	B2-1	148	95
5	Other revenues	B2-2	6	5
883	Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	B2-3	1,636	921
6	Interest and investment income	B2-4	27	3
5	Net gain from the disposal of assets	B4-1	15	46
1,086	Total income from continuing operations		1,832	1,070
Expenses from continuing operations				
591	Employee benefits and on-costs	B3-1	551	564
538	Materials and services	B3-2	1,218	437
80	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	B3-3	94	98
1,209	Total expenses from continuing operations		1,863	1,099
(123)	Operating result from continuing operations		(31)	(29)
(123)	Net operating result for the year attributable to Council		(31)	(29)
(123)	Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes		(31)	(29)

The above Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2023

		Actual 2023 \$ '000	Actual 2022 \$ '000
	Notes		
Net operating result for the year – from Income Statement		(31)	(29)
Other comprehensive income:			
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result			
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-8	253	–
Total items which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result		253	–
Total other comprehensive income for the year		253	–
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to Council		222	(29)

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2023

	Notes	Actual 2023 \$ '000	Actual 2022 \$ '000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	C1-1	581	632
Investments	C1-2	500	500
Receivables	C1-4	105	78
Inventories	C1-5	79	49
Total current assets		1,265	1,259
Non-current assets			
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)	C1-6	576	367
Right of use assets	C2-1	10	15
Total non-current assets		586	382
Total assets		1,851	1,641
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Payables	C3-1	47	70
Lease liabilities	C2-1	5	5
Employee benefit provisions	C3-2	171	148
Total current liabilities		223	223
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	C2-1	5	10
Employee benefit provisions	C3-2	–	7
Total non-current liabilities		5	17
Total liabilities		228	240
Net assets		1,623	1,401
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus	C4-1	1,186	1,217
IPPE revaluation reserve	C4-1	437	184
Council equity interest		1,623	1,401
Total equity		1,623	1,401

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023			2022		
		Accumulated surplus \$ '000	IPPE revaluation reserve \$ '000	Total equity \$ '000	Accumulated surplus \$ '000	IPPE revaluation reserve \$ '000	Total equity \$ '000
Opening balance at 1 July		1,217	184	1,401	1,246	184	1,430
Net operating result for the year		(31)	–	(31)	(29)	–	(29)
Net operating result for the period		(31)	–	(31)	(29)	–	(29)
Other comprehensive income							
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6	–	253	253	–	–	–
Other comprehensive income		–	253	253	–	–	–
Total comprehensive income		(31)	253	222	(29)	–	(29)
Closing balance at 30 June		1,186	437	1,623	1,217	184	1,401

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2023

Original unaudited budget 2023 \$ '000		Notes	Actual 2023 \$ '000	Actual 2022 \$ '000
Cash flows from operating activities				
<i>Receipts:</i>				
187	User charges and fees		125	49
6	Interest received		23	2
883	Grants and contributions		1,782	921
5	Other		6	90
<i>Payments:</i>				
(591)	Payments to employees		(535)	(554)
(601)	Payments for materials and services		(1,362)	(466)
–	Other		(55)	(74)
(111)	Net cash flows from operating activities	G1-1	(16)	(32)
Cash flows from investing activities				
<i>Receipts:</i>				
–	Redemption of term deposits		1,000	375
40	Proceeds from sale of IPPE		23	77
<i>Payments:</i>				
–	Acquisition of term deposits		(1,000)	–
(70)	Payments for IPPE		(53)	(167)
(30)	Net cash flows from investing activities		(30)	285
Cash flows from financing activities				
<i>Payments:</i>				
(5)	Principal component of lease payments		(5)	(4)
(5)	Net cash flows from financing activities		(5)	(4)
(146)	Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(51)	249
1,066	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		632	383
920	Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	C1-1	581	632
121	plus: Investments on hand at end of year	C1-2	500	500
1,041	Total cash, cash equivalents and investments		1,081	1,132

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

ITEM 10.8 ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Michael Urquhart

Summary:

This report provides tables the Annual Report highlighting Council's achievements for 2022/2023.

Background:

In accordance Section 428 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council must within five (5) months after the end of year prepare a report on achievements and the effectiveness of the principal activities undertaken in achieving the objectives.

Current Position:

The Annual Report is attached for Council's information. 2022/2023 has been an exceptional year in terms of Council attaining its many strategic objectives along with a number of new projects around Parkinsonia and Hudson Pear, both of which had positive results after a collaborative approach with DPI.

Governance issues:

Local Government Act 1993
Local Government Regulation (2021)

Environmental issues:

N/A

Stakeholders:

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council
Constituent Councils

Financial Implications:

NIL

Alternative Solutions/Options:

NIL

Conclusion:

Council should note the progress made during the 2022/2023 year.

Annual Report 2022/2023
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That Council formally adopts its Annual Report for 2022/2023.</p> <p>Moved:</p> <p>Seconded:</p>

Attachments:

Annual Report 2022/2023 – *Under Separate Cover*

ITEM 10.9 IMPORTANT DATES – UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Michael Urquhart

Summary:

A list of upcoming meetings and events is provided for Councillors information.

Background:

This report provides Councillors with an overview of upcoming meetings and events that Castlereagh Macquarie County Council staff are involved in.

Current Position:

Councillors are requested to raise any queries prior to the meetings listed.

Conclusion:

Provided there are no changes it is appropriate to receive and note the information.

Important Dates For Councillors - Upcoming Meetings & Events
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That Council receive and note the list of upcoming meetings and events.</p> <p>Moved:</p> <p>Seconded:</p>

Attachments:

Calendar of events 2023

IMPORTANT DATES - Upcoming Meetings and Events – 2023

DATE	MEETING/FUNCTION	LOCATION	NOTES
4 th December 2023	CMCC Council Meeting Presentation to Matt Savage & Xmas Lunch	Coonamble Shire Council Chambers	Councillors, GM & Senior Bio Security Officer, and all Bio Security Officers
5 th December 2023	Central West Regional Meeting	Condobolin	Senior Bio Security Officer
22 nd December 2023	Christmas Closure Period for CMCC Bio Security Staff		

11. BIOSECURITY REPORT

ITEM 11.1 QUARTERLY BIOSECURITY REPORT

REPORTING SECTION: Biosecurity Control Works
AUTHOR: Andrea Fletcher

Summary:

The attached report provides an update of biosecurity matters in the County Council area.

Background:

Council has an obligation in accordance with the Biosecurity Act 2015 to prevent, eliminate, minimise, and manage biosecurity risks in the County Council local government area.

Current Position:

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council provides funding to resource its obligation in accordance with the Biosecurity Act 2015, and the adopted Delivery Program and Operational Plan set out the activities, objectives and performance measures necessary for compliance.

Governance issues:

Biosecurity Act 2015
Local Government Act 1993

Environmental issues:

Any environmental issues are detailed in the attached update.

Stakeholders:

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council
Constituent Councils
County Council LGA Ratepayers

Financial Implications:

Control and compliance operational expenditure matters are funded from the annual operational budget.

Alternative Solutions/Options:

There are no alternate options.

Conclusion:

The Senior Biosecurity Officer submits the attached report for Councils information.

Quarterly Biosecurity Report
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That the report be received and noted</p> <p>Moved:</p> <p>Seconded:</p>

Attachments:

Senior Biosecurity Officer Information on control activities.

Senior Biosecurity Report December 2023

Hudson Pear-Calrose Road/Holly Wood Lane TSR, Walgett Shire. 25 staff from Castlereagh Macquarie County Council and Local Land Services coordinated another walk through of the TSR inspecting Hudson Pear. This site has had previous infestations stopping cattle access, no plants were found.

Hudson Pear – Another walk through inspection was carried out 31st October 2023 at “Wilgadeen” Pilliga Road Coonamble (43km from Coonamble, heading towards the Pilliga finding no plants. This area joins a private property and a Reserve known as Hollywood Reserve and adjacent is a National Park all of these areas have had Hudson Pear infestations, no plants were found on these sites. On a quarterly basis landowners, National Parkes, Local Land Services and Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meet on site for a walk through inspection of the areas.

Hudson Pear-Quanda, Coonamble Shire. A walk through was held on Tuesday 14th November with 30 volunteers from Central West Councils, National Parkes, Crown lands, Central West Local Land Services, North West Local Land Services coming together to spot spray Hudson Pear. It is estimated that 1500-2000 plants were sprayed which hopefully will annihilate the next generation of Hudson Pear. The site has been disturbed after having tracks and boundary fences cleared this year. While the tracks were necessary for access small plants from .5 cm to 3 cm were found. It was a very successful event and a great example of cross agency collaboration and what can be done when we all work together. We are very appreciative of the volunteers who worked hard on the day. ABC were there to do a story on site and interviewed volunteers.



Castlereagh Macquarie County Council have been involved in many education and awareness **YouTube videos and podcasts for Hudson Pear** overtime which are worth viewing and sharing.

SUMMIT BIOSECURITY AND THE HUDSON PEAR - YouTube



Join Andy Fletcher a Senior Biosecurity Weeds Officer with Castlereagh Macquarie County Council as she discusses how using SUMMIT has streamlined processes, brought teams across the State together and helped them track and control an infestation weed called Hudson Pear across Australia.

How to Biocontrol the Hudson Pear with Summit Biosecurity



YouTube channels

1. What is Hudson pear?
2. What is cochineal and how does it work?
3. Don Mackenzie Weed Biocontrol Facility
4. Collecting cladodes
5. Storing and transporting cladodes
6. Releasing infected cladodes Hurry up and wait!
7. GPS and mapping
8. Control methods
9. Stop the spread of hygiene
10. Program and conclusion



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Podcast - Seeds for Success: Andy Fletcher

Did you catch our latest Seeds for Success podcast episode? Andy Fletcher is a dedicated and passionate weeds officer for the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council based out of Coonabarabran. No matter how big the weed problem is, she will have a go at getting on top of it. In this episode Andy talks to our mixed farming adviser Callen Thompson about some of the biocontrol projects she's been involved with to help manage Blue Heliotrope and Hudson Pear.



Truck Advertising – Truck advertising was discussed at our Central West Operations Group meeting and the group agreed that they would like to progress with this campaign as fodder movements are likely to increase if the drought sets in. It was agreed the Parthenium Weed advertisement on trucks would be most appropriate as this is our biggest threat to our region.

St Johns Wort Demonstration sites – Three St Johns Wort demonstration sites across the region have been established – Coolah, Greenfell and Wellington. Workshops have been organized for:

*Grenfell – St Johns Wort and biological field day 28th November 2023

*Wellington- St Johns Wort and Livestock Nutrition field day 30th November 2023

*Coolah-St Johns Wort and Livestock Nutrition field day 1st December 2023

Trial sites are progressing well updates ongoing.

St John's Wort & Livestock Nutrition Field Day

Come along to our upcoming field day in Coolah to look at the control of St John's Wort and to hear about livestock nutrition.

Topics include:

- Livestock rations
- Supplementary feeding
- Early weaning
- Herbicide options for St John's Wort

A field walk is also included to see the St John's Wort herbicide demo. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. So please RSVP for catering purposes.

Date: Friday, 1st December

Time: 9am – 2:30pm

Location: Coolah Community Hall, 10-12 Binnia Street, Coolah, NSW

RSVP by: Friday, 24th November

Contact: jodie.lawler@lls.nsw.gov.au | 0437 842 214



Blue Heliotrope-After 3 years of input the Blue Heliotrope manual has now been printed. This manual is also on-line however if anyone would like a printed copy please let me know.

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Weeds Bus Tour - Sunday 29th October 2023 Castlereagh Macquarie County Council General Manager and Councillor's travelled to Coonabarabran for a weeds bus tour. While there were more lollies than weeds to see, the afternoon was most pleasurable hearing the interest for what happens on ground.

The African Olive site on Warrumbungle Way, Mendooran Road attracted great interest. This site is 5km with widths of 20 and 50 meters and had a 100 % density infestation. CMCC started this project under an eradication program and the outcome is outstanding. It is a site that shows using several techniques to stay in budget and to get the right results are achievable.



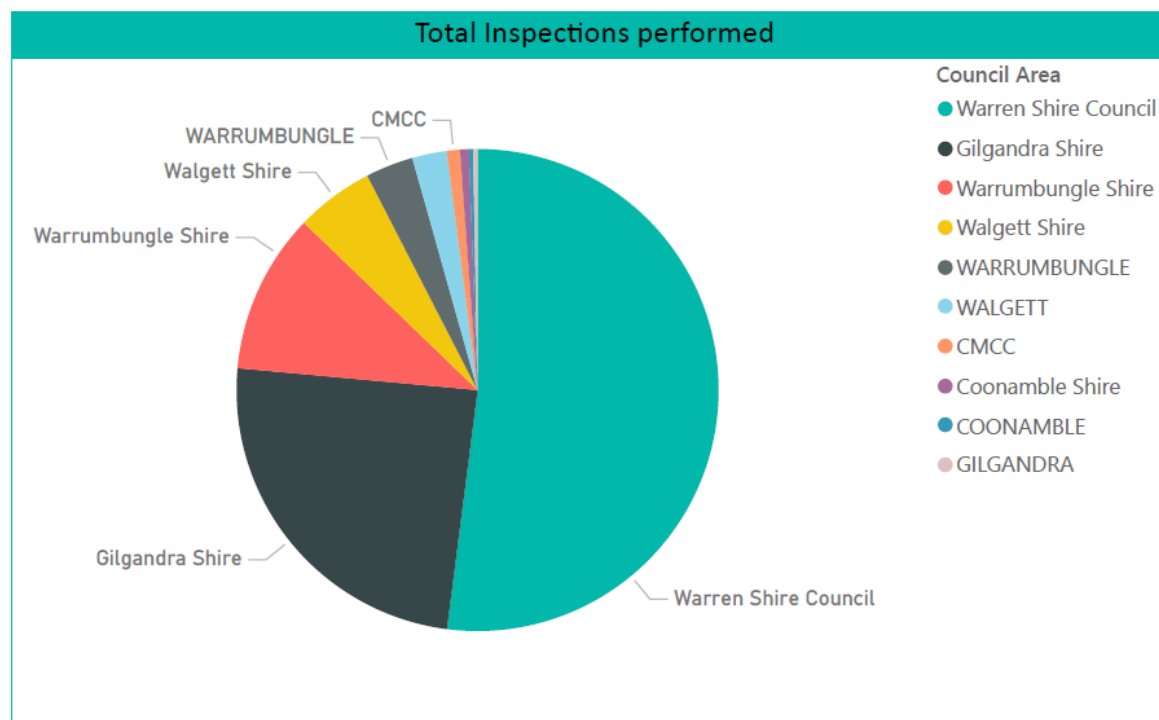


Highlight of the afternoon was a tour was a personalised tour by Cllr Zoe Holcombe at the Siding Spring Observatory. The Observatory is Australia's premier optical astronomical research facility. Located 27 kilometres west of Coonabarabran on the edge of the Warrumbungle National Park, it is home to Australia's largest optical telescopes. Cllr Zoe Holcombe's knowledge of the facility was remarkable and a warm thank you and appreciation goes to her for a fantastic tour.



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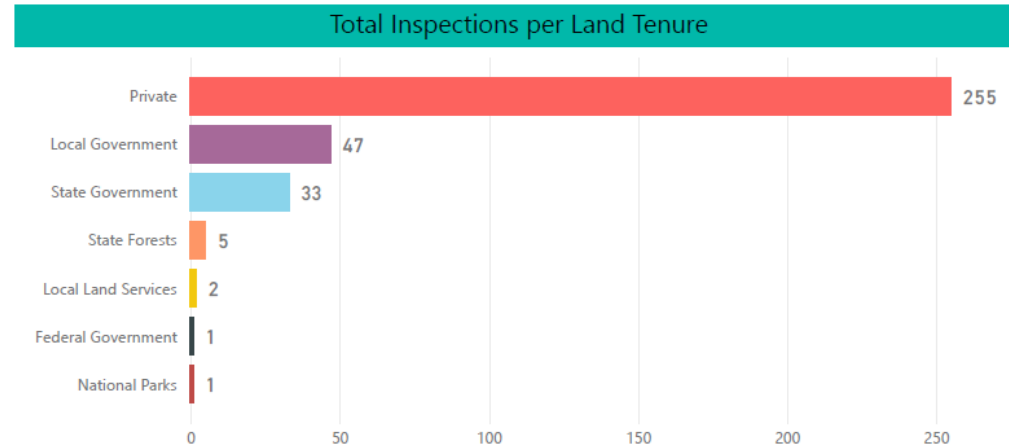
Total Inspections performed	
Council Area	Total Inspections
CMCC	3
COONAMBLE	1
Coonamble Shire	2
GILGANDRA	1
Gilgandra Shire	84
WALGETT	8
Walgett Shire	18
Warren Shire Council	179
WARRUMBUNGLE	11
Total	344





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Total Inspections per Land Tenure in each Council Area		
Council Area	Land Tenure	Count of Inspections
CMCC	Local Government	1
CMCC	Private	1
CMCC	State Government	1
COONAMBLE	State Government	1
Coonamble Shire	Private	1
Coonamble Shire	State Government	1
GILGANDRA	State Government	1
Gilgandra Shire	Local Government	20
Gilgandra Shire	Local Land Services	2
Gilgandra Shire	Private	49
Gilgandra Shire	State Forests	5
Gilgandra Shire	State Government	8
WALGETT	Local Government	3
WALGETT	State Government	5
Walgett Shire	Local Government	1
Walgett Shire	National Parks	1
Walgett Shire	Private	12
Walgett Shire	State Government	4
Warren Shire Council	Local Government	9
Warren Shire Council	Private	170
WARRUMBUNGLE	Local Government	11
Warrumbungle Shire	Federal Government	1
Warrumbungle Shire	Local Government	2
Total		344

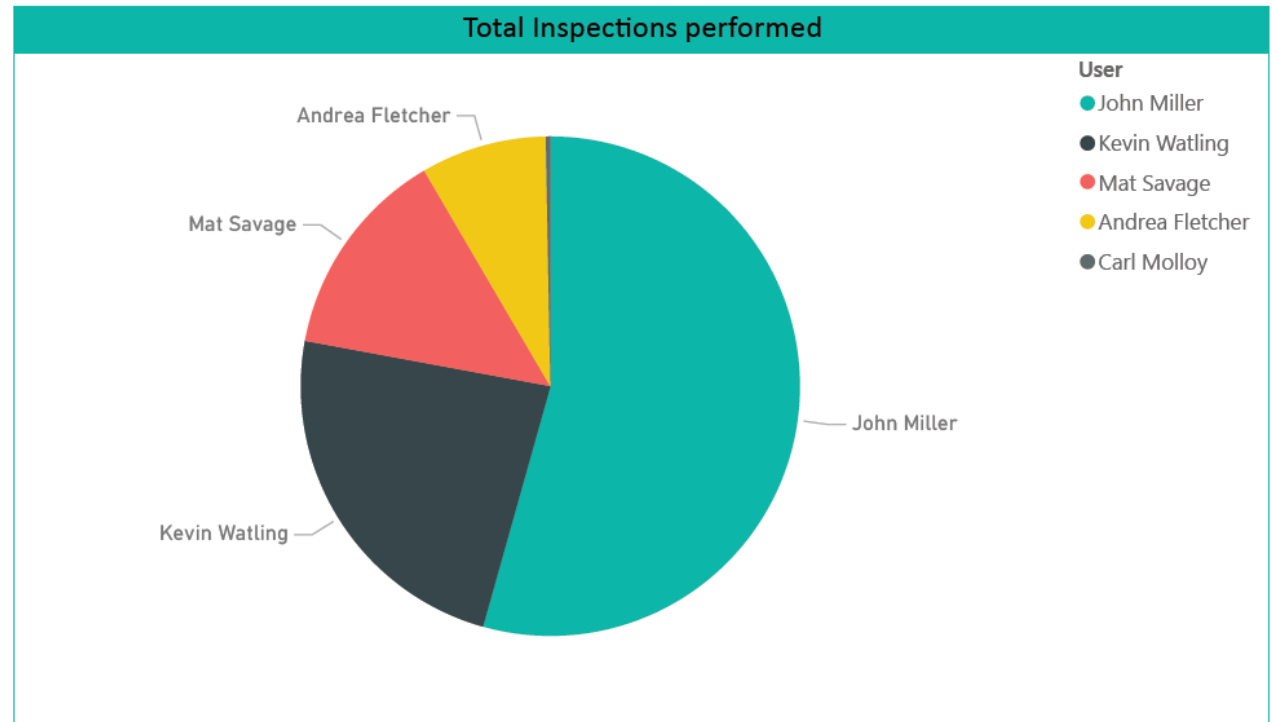


Total Inspections per Land Tenure	
Land Tenure	Count of Inspections
Federal Government	1
Local Government	47
Local Land Services	2
National Parks	1
Private	255
State Forests	5
State Government	33
Total	344



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Total Inspections performed	
User	Total Inspections
Andrea Fletcher	28
Carl Molloy	1
John Miller	187
Kevin Watling	81
Mat Savage	47
Total	344





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Andy's Inspection Stats					
User	Reportable Codes	Land Tenure	Total Inspections	Area Inspected	Area Infested (hectares)
Andrea Fletcher	High Risk Crown Lands	Federal Government	1	262.87	180.00
Andrea Fletcher	High Risk Crown Lands	State Government	4	261.44	70.00
Andrea Fletcher	Inspection of TSRs	Local Government	1	3.00	0.02
Andrea Fletcher	Inspections of council owned land	Local Government	1	0.17	0.50
Andrea Fletcher	Inspections of council owned land	Private	12	501.73	25.30
Andrea Fletcher	Inspections of land owned / managed by State bodies	State Government	4	127.01	24.00
Andrea Fletcher	Private Property Inspections	Private	4	813.73	21.50
Andrea Fletcher	Roadside Inspection(s)	Local Government	1		0.02
Total			28	1,969.95	321.34



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Carl's Inspection Stats					
User	Reportable Codes	Land Tenure	Total Inspections	Area Inspected	Area Infested (hectares)
Carl Molloy	High Risk Crown Lands	State Government	1	28.63	20.00
Total			1	28.63	20.00



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John's Inspection Stats					
User	Reportable Codes	Land Tenure	Total Inspections	Area Inspected	Area Infested (hectares)
John Miller	-----##-----Private Property Sites-----##-----	Private	2	148.45	
John Miller	Inspections of council owned land	Local Government	2	1,090.94	
John Miller	Other Council lands	Local Government	1	594.24	
John Miller	Private Property Inspections	Local Government	6	92.10	1.00
John Miller	Private Property Inspections	Private	175	41,628.16	10.00
John Miller	Waterways High Risk Pathways	State Government	1		30.00
Total			187	43,553.89	41.00



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Kevin's Inspection Stats					
User	Reportable Codes	Land Tenure	Total Inspections	Area Inspected	Area Infested (he
Kevin Watling	High Risk Pathways Inspection	State Forests	3	196.70	
Kevin Watling	High Risk Pathways Inspection	State Government	1	0.00	
Kevin Watling	Inspections of council owned land	State Government	2	0.00	
Kevin Watling	Inspections of land owned / managed by State bodies	Private	1	48.12	
Kevin Watling	Inspections of nurseries, pet shops and sale yards	Private	4	0.68	
Kevin Watling	Local Land Services Reserves	Local Land Services	2	112.41	
Kevin Watling	Private Property High Risk Area	State Forests	2	131.13	
Kevin Watling	Private Property Inspections	Private	37	1,741.74	
Kevin Watling	Roadside Inspection(s)	State Government	5	0.00	
Kevin Watling	Roadside Inspections High Risk Inspections	Local Government	20	0.00	
Kevin Watling	Roadside Inspections High Risk Inspections	Private	3	0.00	
Kevin Watling	Roadside Inspections High Risk Inspections	State Government	1	0.00	
Total			81	2,230.78	14



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Mat's Inspection Stats					
User	Reportable Codes	Land Tenure	Total Inspections	Area Inspected	Area Infested (hectares)
Mat Savage	High Risk Crown Lands	State Government	1	554.62	554.00
Mat Savage	High Risk Pathways Inspection	Local Government	1		
Mat Savage	High Risk Pathways Inspection	State Government	5		800.00
Mat Savage	Inspections of land owned / managed by State bodies	National Parks	1	250.59	
Mat Savage	Inspections of land owned / managed by State bodies	State Government	4	2,959.48	2,957.00
Mat Savage	Inspections of rail corridors	State Government	3	15.15	35.00
Mat Savage	Private Property High Risk Area	Private	9	15,443.20	12,999.00
Mat Savage	Private Property High Risk Re-Inspections	Private	1	45.60	45.00
Mat Savage	Private Property Inspections	Private	7	11,050.50	4,569.00
Mat Savage	Re-inspections	Local Government	1		150.00
Mat Savage	Roadside Inspection(s)	Local Government	11		756.00
Mat Savage	Roadside Inspections High Risk Inspections	Local Government	3	0.00	7.00
Mat Savage	Roadside Inspections High Risk Inspections	State Government	1		1.00
Total			48	30,319.14	22,873.00

12. QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

13. CONFIRMATION DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: 26th February 2024, in Coonamble

14. CLOSE OF MEETING

Time: