



G W Y D I R
SHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 16 May 2024

Commencing at 9:00 am

in the Warialda Office Council Chambers

Present

Members: Cr John Coulton (Mayor), Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor), Cr Marilyn Dixon OAM, Cr Geoff Smith, Cr David Coulton, Cr Tiffany Galvin, Cr Chris Matthews and Cr Lyndon Mulligan

Staff: Max Eastcott (General Manager), Helen Thomas (Manager Finance) Alexander Eddy (Director of Engineering Services) and Bronwyn Wilson (Executive Assistant)

Public:

Visitors:

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1 OFFICIAL OPENING AND WELCOME - MAYOR

2 APOLOGIES

Leeah Daley and Cr Jim Moore are apologies for this meeting

3 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Minutes of the Public Infrastructure Committee held on Thursday 7 March 2024 as circulated be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

(Moved Cr D Coulton, Seconded Cr Galvin)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Mulligan, Cr Smith and Alex Eddy

Against: Nil

4 PRESENTATION

Nil

5 CALL FOR THE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, GIFTS RECEIVED AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

6 ADDITIONAL/LATE ITEMS

THAT the following Items namely:

Community Services and Planning Committee

Late Item 7.2

Draft Long Term Financial Plan

and

Confidential Community Services and Planning Committee

Late Item 7.2

Property Matter

are accepted as a late Item to this Agenda for discussion.

(Moved Cr Egan, Seconded Cr Galvin)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Matthews, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

7 OFFICERS' REPORTS

File Reference: NA

Delivery Program

Goal: 5. Organisational Management

Outcome: 2.1 Our economy is growing and supported

Strategy: 2.1.1 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

Author: Alexander Eddy, Director of Engineering Services

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report is for reception.

TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

The Monthly Technical Services report has been identified by Council as the process of reporting the activities carried out monthly by the Technical Services Department.

COMMENT

IB Bore Road Upgrade

Works continue on the SR9 IB Bore Road upgrade near North Star this month. This project is jointly funded by the Fixing Country Roads Program (\$9.54m), and the Federal Government's Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (\$2m).

Over half of the project's length, approximately 11.5 kilometers, has been completed. The team is continuing with the next 3km section, with stabilisation and gravel carting completed. The section is expected to be sealed by the end of May.



SR9 IB Bore Road

County Boundary Road Upgrade

The County Boundary Road sealing project is jointly funded by the Federal Government's Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) Program (\$9.75 million) with Council contributing an additional \$2.44 million.

Council staff completed Stage 1 of the construction and sealing of County Boundary Road in December 2023. The second 3 km long stage is currently under construction with lime stabilisation of the subgrade now completed and the base layer construction well under way. It is expected that the 12.3 km long project will be completed by April 2025.

Wearnes Road Sealing

In April, works continued on the Wearnes Road Sealing project. This project is jointly funded under round 4 of the Fixing Local Roads program (\$2,845,929) and Council (\$256,133.61).

9.4km of the project is sealed with approx. 6.6km remaining with approximately 3km of that carted and undergoing Polycom treatment.

Maintenance

General maintenance continues on Regional and State roads, including vegetation control, slashing, whipper snipping and spraying of guideposts and guard rails and sign maintenance.

Seal maintenance is ongoing on all State, Regional and Local Roads as potholes continue to develop. Maintenance crews have continued work with the installing new kerb and gutter and driveways for the new buildings along Plunkett Street, Warialda. The last driveway will be completed in early May.

Maintenance crews have also been building eastern wingwall at Hollymount, where the concrete was poured through April.

Maintenance Grading

During April maintenance grading was carried out on the following roads

- Elcombe Road
- Caroda Road
- Butlers Road
- Pallal Road
- Ottley Road

- Croppa Moree Road
- Blue Nobby Road

Slashing

During April slashing was carried out on the following roads

- Gwydir Highway
- Killarney Gap Road
- Warialda Road
- Warialda Bypass

Flood Damage

Throughout April, Flood damage crews have completed repairs to 500m of damages on Fairford Road and 12km of formation grading. Crews continue working on resheeting a 4.5km section on the western end of SR38 Adam Scrub Road and have begun 750m of damage and drainage repairs on SR270 Rocky Springs Road.

Rollers Australia have been engaged with a two man crew equipped a 3.5t Excavator to clear the inlets / outlets on pipelines, culverts throughout our road network.

The crew are marking the pipelines that are obstructed with silt and require flushing out.



SR75 Fairford Road

Council continues to value add to contracted flood damage restoration works wherever possible, by extending works using existing, Council funded maintenance budgets.

Flood damage work has been completed on the following roads:

SR67 Agincourt Road – 3.0km

SR45 Bereen Road – 6.0km

SR62 Hibernia Road – 12.0km

SR54 Pinecliff Road – 4.5km

SR97 Sadowa Road – 0.8km

SR99 Terregee Road – 3.4km (including 0.3km of new seal)

SR14 Mosquito Creek Road at Racecourse Creek

SR21 Terry Hie Hie Road – 1.2km

SR68 Goat Road – 6.0km
SR16 Trevallyn Road – 6.5km
SR34 Bonanza Road – 3.0km
SR82 Kirewa Road – 1.5km
SR69 Tucka Tucka Road – 2.5km
SR72 Scotts Road – 1.7km
SR61 Peates Road – 8km
SR42 Mungle Road – 8km
SR31 Eulourie Road – 2.4km (North of SR32 Pallal Road, 1.2km remaining)
SR32 Pallal Road – 2km
SR55 Moreena Mail Road – 4.2km (0.9km remaining)
SR76 Bristol Lane – 8km
SR92 Killarney Gap Road – 0.5km Resheeting & 6km maintenance grading
SR262 Nunga Road – 3.5km
SR30 Caroda Road – 10.6km
SR71 Mt Jerrybang Road – 2.6km
SR49 Michell Lane – 4km
SR12 Upper Whitlow Road – 2.4km
SR19 Whitlow Road – 2km
SR119 Woodburn/ Emello Road – 2.8km
SR50 Thornleigh Road – 3.7km
SR51 Towarra Road – 2.3km
SR60 Pound Creek Road – 2km
SR76 Bristol Road – 8km
SR13 Oregon Road – Culvert Replaced
SR3 Elcombe Road – Culvert Washout
SR105 Fairweather Road – 0.7km
SR106 Flemmings Road – 0.3km
SR43 Buckie Road – 1.5km
SR93 Sheepstation Creek Road – 6km
SR20 Gravesend Road – 15km
SR41 County Boundary Road – 4.2km
SR1 Copeton Dam Road – 3888m² Heavy Patching
SR2 Bingara Road – 924m² Heavy Patching
MR133 Killarney Gap Road – 5525m² Heavy Patching
SR89 Glenarthur Road – 3.5km

SR34 River Road – 3km
SR57 Currangandi Road – 3.55km
SR205 Singapore Road – 2km
SR102 Nourmea Road – 4km
SR116 Forest Road – 2.7km
SR64 Gournama Road – 1km
SR63 Gil Gil Crk Rd 20.0km Formation grading
SR18 Gineroi Rd 2.7km
SR286 Sonoma Rd 900m
SR103 Ravenscraig Rd New causeway, 2.7km formation grade
SR267 Cumble Road .6km
SR14 Mosquito Creek Road 4.1km
SR63 Gil Gil Creek Road 2.9km
SR100 Kellys Access Road 2.3km
SR44 Boundary Creek Road 4.2km
SR113 Royal Oak Road 2km
SR66 Reserve Creek Road 2.8km
SR47 Glenesk Road .5km
SR81 Langley Road 1.2km
SR231 Tolga Road 2km
SR75 Fairford Road 1km

Roads Maintenance Council Contract – Works Orders issued by TfNSW

All Work Orders issued by Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) are quality assurance schedule of rates projects carried out by Council staff under the Roads Maintenance Council Contract with TfNSW.

The 'Hollymount' Rehabilitation Project, segment 6120 on MR63 Fossickers Way, had a great start back this month after staff shortages and wet weather delays. The eastern wingwall has now been poured with a view being backfilled, ready for the pavement crew during the first week of May. The pavement crew will then finalise the remaining 200m of pavement works and tidy up earthworks. Completion is now expected by the end of May, with a primer seal and guardrail works to follow the pavement crew.

Heavy patching continues this month with the crew back onto HW12 Gwydir Highway, finalising the program. It is anticipated that they will be finished by the first week in May. The reseal program has been delayed further due to contractor availability and will now be completed by the first week in May as well.

Routine maintenance continues each week undertaking inspections, rest area services, vegetation control and bitumen repairs.

Asset Protection Zone Maintenance

Regular slashing work is being undertaken on the Warialda APZ with another round of slashing work almost complete.

TfNSW Natural Disaster Claims

Works are continuing on flood damage repairs and they are progressing well. Currently there has been over \$18 million in flood damage claims approved by TfNSW.

Water and Sewer

Water and Sewerage operators carried out routine operational tasks and in addition attended 14 service line repairs, repaired 4 water main breaks, attended 7 sewer blockages, installed 1 new water meters, repaired 1 stop valve # new water main during the reporting period.

Regular weekly tasks carried out by Water and Sewerage staff include water testing, grounds maintenance at the water treatment plants, reservoirs, both sewerage treatment plants, sewer pump stations, Warialda truck wash and truck wash ponds.

Other work was undertaken at Captain Cook Park, Plunkett Street Units, Apex Park, Warialda Truck wash, Cunningham Park and cemeteries in Bingara and Warialda.

Warialda Truck wash

The truck wash facility was used by 51 trucks during April with an average wash down time of 67 minutes and total water used was 468kL. The estimated income for the reporting period of April is \$4,554.00 less monitoring fees and expenses.

Open Spaces Program

The Bingara skate park contractor has completed all the concrete for the skate park and pump track. Council will now establish footpaths and set up irrigation for the turf areas. The aim is to open the skate park by 30th May 2024.



Skate Park aerial view

Stronger Country Communities Round 5

Bingara Campdraft arena upgrade has commenced with all the new panels and loading ramp delivered to the showground.



Campdraft arena panels

The new scoreboard for Gwydir Oval, Bingara has been installed in time for the winter football competition.



Gwydir Oval scoreboard

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure phase 3

Upper Horton Amenities building has been delivered, access ramp and plumbing will be completed before 30th June 2024.

Parks and Gardens

All parks and gardens continue to be maintained. Council undertakes weekly inspections of playgrounds and cleaning of handrails and touch areas. Mowing, weed control, irrigation, hedging, and trimming were routinely undertaken during the reporting period. Council continues to mark and maintain the fields for the community groups using Council’s ovals. Myall Creek and the Glacial area are inspected on a weekly basis.

Bingara Showground

The Showground continues to be regularly booked for various equestrian events and private bookings. In April the Bingara Pony Club ran their annual minicamp and there were 40 caravans camped at showground for the RSL Club country music event.

Workshops and Depots – April

Workshop Services and Jobs	Feb	Mar	Apr
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Total number of services in Workshops	34	39	15
Total number of repairs in Workshops	199	162	116

Fabrication of security boxes, skid steer level bar and slasher skid plates.

Plant update:

Major Repairs and maintenance undertaken in the workshops during April included:

P1891 - reclaimer – fit new water pump and install new hydraulic motor

P1472 - traffic lights - install computers and 2 new aerials

P1788 – grader – hydraulic repairs

P1474 – roller - install new alternator

P2054 – mower – replace mower deck gearbox

P1891 - water cart - rebuild water pump for rear spray bar

P1691 – loader - install new turbo have intercooler repaired cracked

P1786 – backhoe - fit new pads to hand brake and adjust

P1963 – tractor - PTO repairs

P1713 - jet patcher - service transmission

P1788 - grader - radiator repairs

P1933 - lime truck – transmission repairs

P1715 – truck - new uni joints to PTO shaft

P1805 - tag trailer – hydraulic repairs

P1838 – utility – engine replacement

P1855 – mower - engine for rebuild

P2032 – excavator - repair inside door handle

P1700 - wood chipper – recall for drawbar

P1779 – utility - fit new EGR valve

P1467 – excavator - track plate repairs

P1675 – utility – replace hydraulic pump on tailgate lifter

P1859 - grader - electrical repairs

CONCLUSION

The activities carried out by the Technical Services Department are in line with the 2023/24 Management Plan and as otherwise directed.

CONSULTATION

Consultation is carried out within the Technical Services Department during the monthly Technical Services Team Meetings and with other relevant persons.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Monthly Technical Services Report for April 2024 be received.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

THAT the Monthly Technical Services Report for April 2024 be received.

Further that the Council express its complete dissatisfaction with the acquittal process being used in the reimbursement of flood claims.

Further that the Council support the Bingara Lions Clubs' endeavours to have a public phone located at the skate park in Bingara.

(Moved Cr Galvin, Seconded Cr Mulligan)

CARRIED

For: Cr J Coulton, Cr Egan, Cr D Coulton, Cr Dixon OAM, Cr Galvin, Cr Matthews, Cr Mulligan and Cr Smith

Against: Nil

8 CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 9.27 am.