



LATE ITEMS

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Item 1 Infrastructure Contributions Reform**DELIVERY PROGRAM****GOAL: 4. Proactive Regional and Local Leadership****OUTCOME: 4.1 WE ARE AN ENGAGED & CONNECTED COMMUNITY****STRATEGY: 4.1.2 Enable broad, rich and meaningful engagement to occur - GM - external****BACKGROUND**

Infrastructure contributions are made by developers to help deliver the infrastructure needed as communities grow. They are a means of financing public infrastructure that is required as a direct or indirect result of new development.

One of the strengths of the current system is that there is a nexus between the contribution received from the developer and the work to be undertaken.

This is based on a long-standing impactor/beneficiary pays principle of the existing planning system i.e. new development makes a contribution towards the cost of infrastructure that will meet the additional demand it generates and benefits from.

This local infrastructure ranges from critical infrastructure components such as roads, footpaths, street lighting, stormwater and drainage facilities, to community facilities that improve amenity, such as parks, playgrounds, playing fields, skate parks, basketball courts, libraries, childcare centres and public pools.

The NSW Planning and Public Spaces Minister Rob Stokes is proposing to amend a number of planning rules, including the rules governing developer contributions, through the Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill. The Bill, and regulations associated with it, could:

- Reduce the type of community infrastructure that could be funded by developer contributions; and;
- Pour developer contributions into four regional funds, with no guarantees that the money would be funnelled back into projects in the local areas where the levies had been collected.

Essentially the reforms remove the right of local communities to ensure the development in their area is matched by the community infrastructure they want and need. Without developer contributions, councils will be forced to either forgo the infrastructure or raise rates.

They take funding from the areas of greatest need and put it into a pot that can be dispersed anywhere by the State Government with no accountability on where or on what it is spent.

Communities, of course, will still expect councils to provide the same infrastructure and facilities but without the funding to do so. Councils' contributions revenue will decrease while rates will need to increase, cost-shifting the delivery of infrastructure to ratepayers. •

A survey of councils has found that a reduction in developer contributions would have a significant financial impact on any council's ability to deliver community infrastructure. For example, a 50% reduction in developer contributions over a 10-year period would cost:

- About \$3 million for a small local government area; and;
- More than \$1 billion for a large local government area

Gwydir Shire's estimated income from developer contributions is quite modest at around \$100,000 to \$150,000 annually.

COMMENT

The NSW Government introduced the Infrastructure Contributions Bill into Parliament on 22 June, which was then referred to the Upper House Planning & Environment Committee for inquiry and report.

The Committee called for submissions and held a hearing on 16 July 2021 where local government representatives, including LGNSW, appeared as witnesses.

LGNSW made a submission to the inquiry, opposing the passage of the Bill in this form and calling for it to be withdrawn.

The Committee tabled its report on 10 August 2021 and recommended that the Bill not proceed until the draft regulations have been developed and released for consultation and the reviews into the rate pegging system, benchmarking and the essential works list have been published by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal.

Although Gwydir Shire is not impacted greatly by this proposal it does receive some Section 94 Contributions and should display solidarity with other NSW local authorities, some of whom will be detrimentally impacted to a significant extent.

MAYORAL RECOMMENDATION

THAT Gwydir Shire calls on the NSW Government to withdraw the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill 2021* from the NSW Parliament.

FURTHER that Gwydir Shire Council calls on the NSW State Government to undertake further genuine consultation with the local government sector on any proposed reforms to the infrastructure contributions' system.

FURTHER that the Hon. Adam Marshall MP be advised of this Shire's strong opposition to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Infrastructure Contributions) Bill 2021* in its current form.

Item 9 Councillors August Activity Report**FILE REFERENCE** 21/23740**DELIVERY PROGRAM****GOAL:** 5. Organisational Management**OUTCOME:** 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT**STRATEGY:** 5.1.3 Administrative functions - GM - internal**AUTHOR** General Manager**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

This report is for reception.

TABLED ITEMS Nil**COMMENT**

August 2021		
Councillor	Event	Date
Cr J Coulton (Mayor)	Zoom Meeting	3 August
	Stormwater Consultation Teams Meeting.	5 August
	Committee Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room - Bingara	12 August
	Queensland border briefing teams meeting – James McTavish	16 August
	Teams Council meeting test	24 August
	Ordinary Council Meeting via Teams	26 August
	NEJO Board Meeting via Zoom	30 August
Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor)	Showground Management Meeting	10 August
	Committee Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room - Bingara	12 August
	Teams Council meeting test	24 August
	Ordinary Council Meeting via Teams	26 August
Cr David Coulton	Gwydir Shire LEMC Committee COVID-19 update meeting via teams	19 August
	Teams Council meeting test	24 August
	Ordinary Council Meeting via Teams	26 August
Cr Geoff Smith	Committee Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	12 August
	Teams Council meeting test	24 August
	Ordinary Council Meeting via Teams	26 August
Cr Stuart Dick	RFS preseason brief	2 August

	Warialda RFS AGM	4 August
	Committee Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	12 August
	Gwydir Shire LEMC Committee COVID-19 update meeting via teams	12 August
	LEMC Committee COVID-19 update meeting via Teams	19 August
	Teams Council meeting test	24 August
	Ordinary Council Meeting via Teams	26 August
Cr Dixon OAM	Committee Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	12 August
	Teams Council meeting test	24 August
Cr T Galvin	Committee Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room - Bingara	12 August
	Teams Council Meeting test	24 August
	Ordinary Council Meeting via Teams	26 August
Cr J Moore	Committee Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	12 August
	Teams Council meeting test	24 August
	Ordinary Council Meeting via Teams	26 August
Cr F Young	Committee Meeting – The Roxy Conference Room Bingara	12 August
	Gwydir Shire LEMC Committee COVID-19 update meeting via teams	12 August
	Teams Council meeting test	24 August
	Ordinary Council Meeting via Teams	26 August
	NSWLP Host Reporting Meeting via Teams	30 August

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Item 10 August Monthly Investment and Rates Collection Report

FILE REFERENCE 21/24268

DELIVERY PROGRAM

GOAL: 5. Organisational Management

OUTCOME: 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

STRATEGY: 5.1.1 Financial management and accountability systems -
CFO - internal

AUTHOR Manager, Finance

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

At each monthly Ordinary Meeting, the Council is presented with the schedule relating to Investments, as at the end of the previous month.

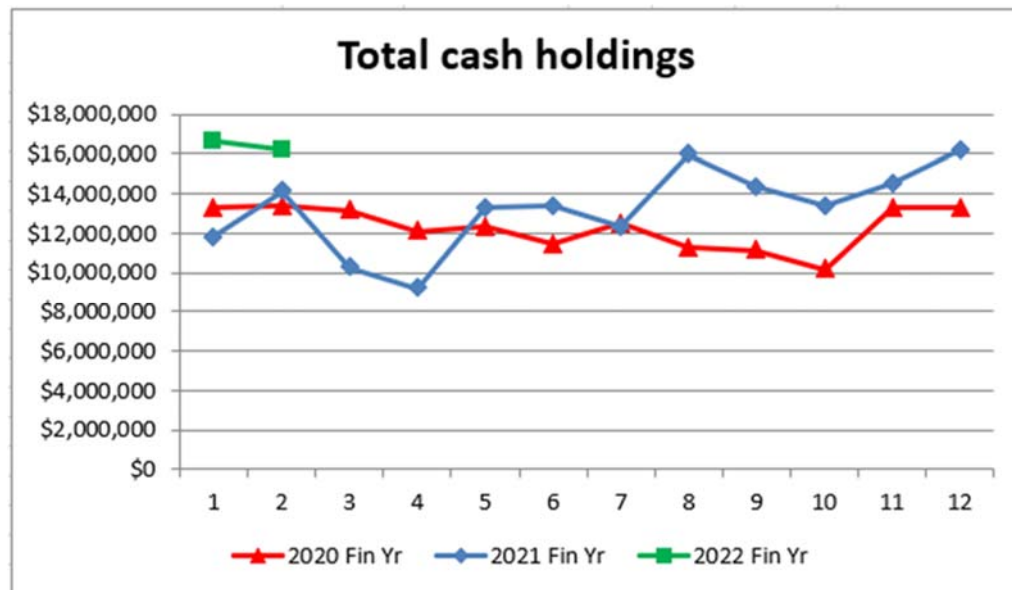
TABLED ITEMS Nil

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Clause 19(3) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1993, the following information provides details of Council's funds invested as at 31st August 2021.

Direct Investments							
Broker	ID	Investment Name	Rating	Type	Next Rollover	Yield	Current Value
NAB	2021.10	NAB	AA	TD	25/10/2021	0.27%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2021.2	NAB	AA	TD	25/10/2021	0.27%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2021.3	NAB	AA	TD	25/10/2021	0.27%	\$1,000,000.00
Grand Total							\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds							
Fund	Investment Horizon	Type	3 Mth Avg Yield		Current Value		
Regional Australia Bank	At Call	Cash	See report		\$406,849.48		
Tcorp Cash Fund	At Call	Cash	See report		\$7,100,249.69		
Tcorp Medium Term Fund	At Call	Cash	See report		\$1,485,580.51		
Grand Total							\$8,992,679.68
Total Investments							
Direct Investments							\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds							\$8,992,679.68
Grand Total							\$11,992,679.68

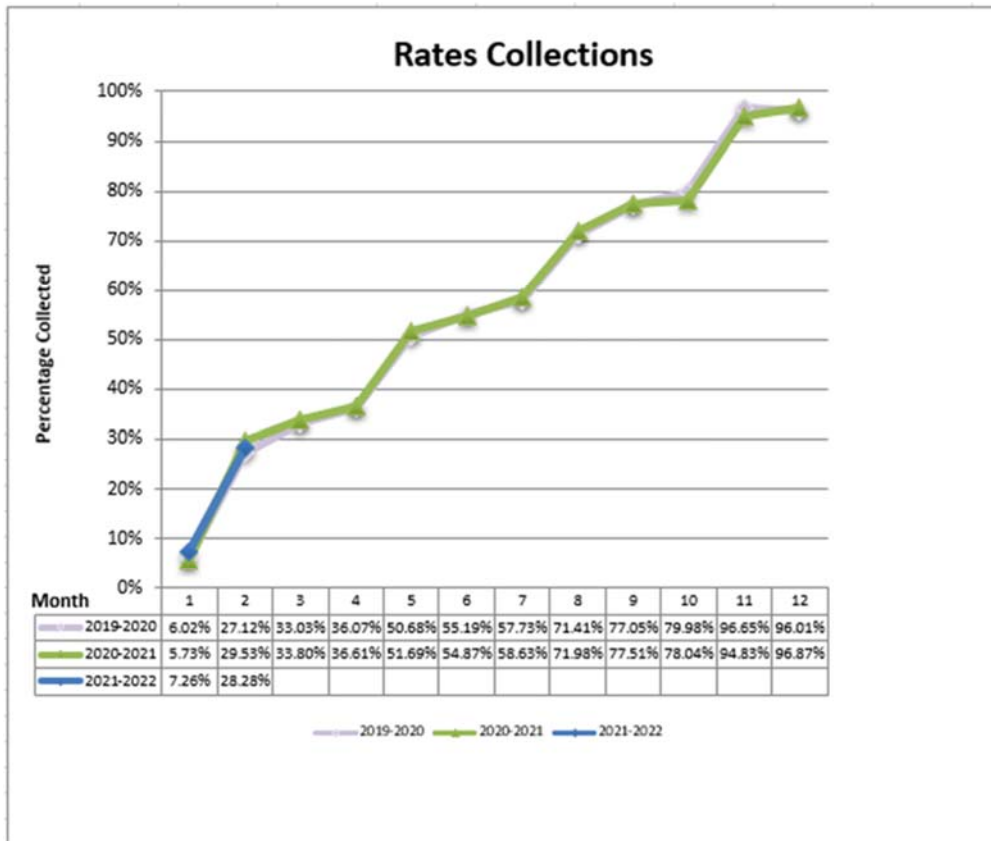
Cash and Investments	
Total Investments	
Direct Investments	\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds	\$8,992,679.68
Grand Total Investments	\$11,992,679.68
Total Cash and Investments	
Investments	\$11,992,679.68
Cash at bank	\$ 4,698,304.18
Grand Total Cash and Investments	\$16,690,983.86
General Fund Cash	
Total cash and investments	\$16,690,983.86
LESS:	
Water fund*	-\$833,049.90
Sewer fund*	-\$2,829,240.86
Waste fund*	-\$3,512,625.05
Other restrictions:	
Employee leave entitlements*	-\$900,000.00
Carry over works in progress*	-\$6,034,350.00
Asset replacement*	-\$954,000.00
Bonds and deposits	-\$1,182,486.12
Developer contributions	-\$200,000.00
*These figures may change with end of year processing	
Discretionary General Fund Cash	\$245,231.93



I, Helen Thomas, CFO and Responsible Accounting Officer for Gwydir Shire Council, certify that the Council's investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council's Investment Policy, as amended.

RATES COLLECTIONS

The graph below represents a comparative of the percentage collections for the current year against the two previous rating years. The current years collections are up to 31st August 2021.



OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the August Monthly Investment and Rates Collection report be received

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.