

## **ORDINARY MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**24 JANUARY 2023**

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## **PRESENT**

Cr Robert Aitchison  
Cr Loretta Baker  
Cr Kristy Ferguson  
Cr Stephanie Fisher  
Cr Peter Garnham  
Cr Mitchell Griffin  
Cr Bill Hackney  
Cr Sally Halliday  
Cr Ben Mitchell  
Cr Philip Penfold, Mayor  
Cr Kanchan Ranadive  
Cr Ben Whiting  
Cr Mike Yarrington

### **1 INVOCATION**

The General Manager read the customary prayer at the commencement of the meeting.

### **2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The General Manager read the Acknowledgement of Country.

### **3 APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND REMOTE ATTENDANCE**

Nil

### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

### **5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 6 December 2022 be confirmed.

**Moved Cr B Whiting, Seconded Cr P Garnham**

**CARRIED**

**6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Nil

**7 WITHDRAWAL OF ITEMS AND ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Nil

**8 PUBLIC ACCESS**

**Lee Galloway** representing herself spoke **against** Agenda Item 17.1 Walka Water Works Redevelopment Funding

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**THAT an extension of one (1) minutes be granted to Lee Galloway.  
Moved Cr S Halliday, Seconded Cr R Aitchison**

**CARRIED**

**Rachael King** representing herself spoke **against** Agenda Item 17.1 Walka Water Works Redevelopment Funding

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**THAT an extension of one (1) minutes be granted to Rachael King.  
Moved Cr S Fisher, Seconded Cr R Aitchison**

**CARRIED**

## 9 MAYORAL MINUTE

### 9.1 DONATION - MAITLAND DISTRICT MOTORCYCLE CLUB

FILE NO: 35/5/1  
 ATTACHMENTS: Nil  
 RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: David Evans - General Manager  
 AUTHOR: Philip Penfold - Mayor

#### MAYORAL MINUTE

#### THAT

Following a destructive fire at Maitland District Motorcycle Club facility on Council land. Council approve the allocation of \$2,000 to Maitland District Motorcycle Club the under Section 356 of the Local Government Act, 1993 to assist them with replacing their loss. Funding to be accounted for in quarterly budget review. ON

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT following a destructive fire at Maitland District Motorcycle Club facility on Council land. Council approve the allocation of \$2,000 to Maitland District Motorcycle Club the under Section 356 of the Local Government Act, 1993 to assist them with replacing their loss. Funding to be accounted for in quarterly budget review. ON

Moved Mayor P Penfold

CARRIED

For:	Cr R Aitchison	Against:
	Cr L Baker	
	Cr K Ferguson	
	Cr S Fisher	
	Cr P Garnham	
	Cr M Griffin	
	Cr B Hackney	
	Cr S Halliday	
	Cr B Mitchell	
	Mayor P Penfold	
	Cr K Ranadive	
	Cr B Whiting	
	Cr M Yarrington	

## 9.2 ADDITIONAL 2023/24 OPERATIONAL PLAN CONSIDERATION ITEMS

**FILE NO:** 35/5/1  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** David Evans - General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Philip Penfold - Mayor

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### MAYORAL MINUTE

#### THAT

In preparing the 23/24 Operational Plan and budget, Council Officers investigate options to install a large Christmas tree, in a prominent public place in the city, and install a large flagpole in the Queen Elizabeth II Park, for Council consideration.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT in preparing the 23/24 Operational Plan and budget, Council Officers investigate options to install a large Christmas tree, in a prominent public place in the city, and install a large flagpole in the Queen Elizabeth II Park, for Council consideration.

Moved Mayor P Penfold

CARRIED

For: Cr R Aitchison  
Cr L Baker  
Cr K Ferguson  
Cr S Fisher  
Cr P Garnham  
Cr M Griffin  
Cr B Hackney  
Cr S Halliday  
Cr B Mitchell  
Mayor P Penfold  
Cr K Ranadive  
Cr B Whiting  
Cr M Yarrington

Against:

## **10 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS**

Nil

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## 11 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

### 11.1 LANDCARE 12 MONTH REVIEW

<b>FILE NO:</b>	55/2
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	1. Photos of Bolwarra Landcare Event 2. Landcare Policy
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Matthew Prendergast - Group Manager Planning & Environment Catherine Pepper - Manager Environment & Sustainability
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Yann Buissiere - Biodiversity & Resilience Officer
<b>MAITLAND +10</b>	Outcome 11. To reduce our reliance on non-renewable natural resources
<b>COUNCIL OBJECTIVE:</b>	11.1.1 Provide opportunities to participate in environmental learning activities and programs

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*On 26 October 2021, Council endorsed the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Maitland City Council and the Hunter Regional Landcare Network (HRLN). In its Delivery Program 2022-2026 incorporating Operational Plan 2022/23 Council further committed to Action 11.1.1.2 Develop a Landcare plan to support local volunteers to deliver projects on public land. This report outlines the outcomes of the first twelve months of the Landcare program and provides an update on progress towards a Landcare plan for the Local Government Area. This report also recommends the adoption of a Landcare Policy and adequate resourcing to support the development of an overarching "Maitland Landcare" incorporated association.*

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

##### THAT

1. Council notes the achievements of the first twelve months of the Landcare program
2. The partnership between Hunter Region Landcare Network and Maitland City Council be continued and reported to Council annually
3. Council adopts the Landcare policy to support the development of the Landcare program in the future to the extent provided for in Council's forward budget and operational plan
4. Council supports the establishment of an additional two Landcare sites in 2023: Durban Crescent, East Maitland and Tannant Avenue, Rutherford

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**THAT**

- 1. Council notes the achievements of the first twelve months of the Landcare program**
- 2. The partnership between Hunter Region Landcare Network and Maitland City Council be continued and reported to Council annually**
- 3. Council adopts the Landcare policy to support the development of the Landcare program in the future to the extent provided for in Council's forward budget and operational plan**
- 4. Council supports the establishment of an additional two Landcare sites in 2023: Durban Crescent, East Maitland and Tannant Avenue, Rutherford**

**Moved Cr L Baker, Seconded Cr S Halliday**

**CARRIED**

**For:**

**Cr R Aitchison  
Cr L Baker  
Cr K Ferguson  
Cr S Fisher  
Cr P Garnham  
Cr M Griffin  
Cr B Hackney  
Cr S Halliday  
Cr B Mitchell  
Mayor P Penfold  
Cr K Ranadive  
Cr B Whiting  
Cr M Yarrington**

**Against:**

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## 12 CULTURE, COMMUNITY AND RECREATION

### 12.1 SECTION 356 HIGH ACHIEVERS GRANT

<b>FILE NO:</b>	10/5/19
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Judy Jaeger - Group Manager Culture, Community & Recreation Suellen Goynes - Acting Manager Community and Recreation Cordelia Hough - Coordinator Community and Recreation Planning David Baker - Team Leader Community and Recreation Planner
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Jessica Elliott - Community Development & Programs Officer
<b>MAITLAND +10</b>	Outcome 15. Diverse, identified and connected leaders
<b>COUNCIL OBJECTIVE:</b>	2.3.2 To identify and deliver relevant and targeted community education projects

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*This report presents to Council a recommendation to endorse the funding of four (4) applications under Council's Section 356 High Achievers Grant Program, in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act.*

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

##### THAT

Council adopts the Maitland Sport and Recreation Advisory Board (MSRAB) endorsement of the following four (4) applications for funding through the Section 356 High Achievers Grant Program:

- Michael Owen – National Level Sports - National 23 and Under Softball Championships 2023 - \$450.00
- Maxwell Ferguson – National Level Sports - U10 Futsal Nationals 2023 - \$450.00
- Noah Powell – National Level Sports - National U16 Softball Championships 2023 - \$450.00
- Caleb Hyslop – National level Sports - School Sports Australia Track & Field Championships 2022 - \$450.00

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**THAT**

**Council adopts the Maitland Sport and Recreation Advisory Board (MSRAB) endorsement of the following four (4) applications for funding through the Section 356 High Achievers Grant Program:**

- **Michael Owen – National Level Sports - National 23 and Under Softball Championships 2023 - \$450.00**
- **Maxwell Ferguson – National Level Sports - U10 Futsal Nationals 2023 - \$450.00**
- **Noah Powell – National Level Sports - National U16 Softball Championships 2023 - \$450.00**
- **Caleb Hyslop – National level Sports - School Sports Australia Track & Field Championships 2022 - \$450.00**

**Moved Cr S Fisher, Seconded Cr B Whiting**

**CARRIED**

**For:**

Cr R Aitchison  
Cr L Baker  
Cr K Ferguson  
Cr S Fisher  
Cr P Garnham  
Cr M Griffin  
Cr B Hackney  
Cr S Halliday  
Cr B Mitchell  
Mayor P Penfold  
Cr K Ranadive  
Cr B Whiting  
Cr M Yarrington

**Against:**

## 13 INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKS

### 13.1 LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (DECEMBER 2022) & EVENT TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT

<b>FILE NO:</b>	140/5
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes - December 2022</li> <li>2. Local Traffic Committee Meeting Agenda Item 5.1 - Live at the Levee - Event Traffic Management</li> </ol>
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Kevin Stein - Manager Engineering & Design David Moloney - Group Manager Infrastructure & Works
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Chris Pinchen - Operations Manager Transport & Infrastructure Engineering
<b>MAITLAND +10</b>	Outcome 2. To easily get to where we want to go
<b>COUNCIL OBJECTIVE:</b>	2.2.2 Make our roads safer through the timely delivery of road maintenance and safety programs

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*The minutes of Maitland City Council's Local Traffic Committee meeting held Thursday 1 December 2022 are attached for information. At this meeting temporary road closure applications were considered and accepted for one event. Council resolution is required to implement the temporary road closures associated with the management of the event.*

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Local Traffic Committee meeting minutes of 1 December 2022 be noted.
2. That Council approve the traffic management plans and road closures for the following event:
  - a. Live at the Levee – Event Traffic Management

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

1. That the Local Traffic Committee meeting minutes of 1 December 2022 be noted.
2. That Council approve the traffic management plans and road closures for the following event:
  - a. Live at the Levee – Event Traffic Management

Moved Cr S Halliday, Seconded Cr R Aitchison

**CARRIED**

For:

Cr R Aitchison  
Cr L Baker  
Cr K Ferguson  
Cr S Fisher  
Cr P Garnham  
Cr M Griffin  
Cr B Hackney  
Cr S Halliday  
Cr B Mitchell  
Mayor P Penfold  
Cr K Ranadive  
Cr B Whiting  
Cr M Yarrington

Against:

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## **14 STRATEGY, PERFORMANCE AND BUSINESS SYSTEMS**

### **14.1 RATING POLICIES REVIEW**

<b>FILE NO:</b>	<b>117/1</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>1. Pensioner Concession Policy 2023 2. Debt Recovery Policy 2023 3. Hardship Policy 2023</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	<b>Leah Flint - Group Manager Strategy Performance and Business Systems Annette Peel - Manager Finance &amp; Procurement</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Kate Webber - Executive Support Officer</b>
<b>MAITLAND +10</b>	<b>Outcome 15. To have an effective and efficient Council</b>
<b>COUNCIL OBJECTIVE:</b>	<b>15.3.1 Monitor and report progress against the delivery of projects and services, as identified in the community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and annual Operational Plan</b>

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with Council's policy review process, the Pensioner Concession Policy, Hardship Policy and Debt Recovery Policy have been reviewed, with minor changes made.

The revised policies are presented for adoption.

#### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

##### **THAT**

- 1. Council adopt the Pensioner Concession Policy 2023;**
- 2. Council adopt the Hardship Policy 2023;**
- 3. Council adopt the Debt Recovery Policy 2023.**

#### **PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF**

A motion was moved being the Officers Recommendation  
(Cr S Halliday / Cr M Griffin)

Cr R Aitchison moved an amendment:

**THAT** the wording of Attachment 3 – Hardship Policy 2023, point 4 Hardship Assistance due to certain valuation changes, paragraph 1 be changed to the following:

Notwithstanding the provision, Council will not consider applications under this provision **based on an increase in valuation alone**, as valuations are independently determined by the Valuer General.

(Cr R Aitchison / Cr B Whiting)

The amendment when put to the meeting was declared carried.

For:	Cr R Aitchison	Against:
	Cr L Baker	
	Cr K Ferguson	
	Cr S Fisher	
	Cr P Garnham	
	Cr M Griffin	
	Cr B Hackney	
	Cr S Halliday	
	Cr B Mitchell	
	Mayor P Penfold	
	Cr K Ranadive	
	Cr B Whiting	
	Cr M Yarrington	

The amendment on becoming the motion was declared carried.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

### THAT

1. Council adopt the Pensioner Concession Policy 2023;
2. Council adopt the Hardship Policy 2023 with the following wording changes to point 4:  
Notwithstanding the provision, Council will not consider applications under this provision **based on an increase in valuation alone**, as valuations are independently determined by the Valuer General.
3. Council adopt the Debt Recovery Policy 2023.

Moved Cr R Aitchison, Seconded Cr B Whiting

**CARRIED**

For:	Cr R Aitchison	Against:
	Cr L Baker	
	Cr K Ferguson	
	Cr S Fisher	
	Cr P Garnham	
	Cr M Griffin	



Cr B Hackney  
Cr S Halliday  
Cr B Mitchell  
Mayor P Penfold  
Cr K Ranadive  
Cr B Whiting  
Cr M Yarrington

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**14.2 CHANGE OF MEETING DATE FROM 25 APRIL TO 26 APRIL 2023**

<b>FILE NO:</b>	<b>35/7</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	<b>Leah Flint - Group Manager Strategy Performance and Business Systems</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Kate Webber - Executive Support Officer</b>
<b>MAITLAND +10</b>	<b>Outcome 15. To have an effective and efficient Council</b>
<b>COUNCIL OBJECTIVE:</b>	<b>15.1.4 Implement and maintain a contemporary governance, audit and risk framework</b>

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Maitland City Council, under its Code of Meeting Practice, requires that Council holds two meetings each month, to be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. However, in the month of April 2023, the fourth Tuesday of the month falls on the Anzac Day public holiday. As such, it is recommended the meeting be held the following day, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION****THAT**

- 1. The second council meeting of the month in April 2023 is held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, due to Anzac Day Public Holiday falling on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION****THAT**

- 1. The second council meeting of the month in April 2023 is held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, due to Anzac Day Public Holiday falling on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

**Moved Cr M Griffin, Seconded Cr P Garnham**

**CARRIED**

<b>For:</b>	<b>Cr R Aitchison</b>	<b>Against:</b>
	<b>Cr L Baker</b>	
	<b>Cr K Ferguson</b>	
	<b>Cr S Fisher</b>	
	<b>Cr P Garnham</b>	
	<b>Cr M Griffin</b>	

Cr B Hackney  
Cr S Halliday  
Cr B Mitchell  
Mayor P Penfold  
Cr K Ranadive  
Cr B Whiting  
Cr M Yarrington

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### 14.3 RESOURCES FOR REGIONS ROUND 9 GRANT FUNDING SUCCESS

<b>FILE NO:</b>	65/21
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Leah Flint - Group Manager Strategy Performance and Business Systems
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Kelly Arnott - Manager Corporate Planning and Performance
<b>MAITLAND +10</b>	Outcome 15. To have an effective and efficient Council
<b>COUNCIL OBJECTIVE:</b>	15.1.1 Continue to attain major State and Federal Government grants to deliver new and enhanced infrastructure

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*The NSW Government allocated \$140 million in funding to support mining impacted communities under Round 9 of the Resources for Regions grant program. The program aims to support the ongoing prosperity of mining communities in regional NSW by providing economic opportunities, improved amenity, and positive social outcomes.*

*Twenty six (26) impacted councils were eligible for the funding, each being prescribed an allocation based on a mining employment location quotient. Council was advised of an allocation of just over \$2.7 million for eligible infrastructure project(s) or community programs.*

*On 13 September 2022, Council endorsed an application to support the final redevelopment stages of the Maitland Regional Sportsground Complex at Harold Gregson Park.*

*Council's application was successful and has been awarded \$2,708,640 million to deliver works that complement the infrastructure and amenity improvements being delivered under the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Fund.*

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

#### THAT

- 1. Council note the NSW Government grant funding outcome under Round 9 of the Resources for Regions which awards \$2,708,640 to deliver the Maitland Regional Sportsground Complex (stage 4b) at Harold Gregson Park;**
- 2. Council note that funding is subject to complying with the obligations of the executed funding deed.**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**THAT**

- 1. Council note the NSW Government grant funding outcome under Round 9 of the Resources for Regions which awards \$2,708,640 to deliver the Maitland Regional Sportsground Complex (stage 4b) at Harold Gregson Park;**
- 2. Council note that funding is subject to complying with the obligations of the executed funding deed.**

**Moved Cr B Whiting, Seconded Cr S Fisher**

**CARRIED**

**For:**

Cr R Aitchison  
Cr L Baker  
Cr K Ferguson  
Cr S Fisher  
Cr P Garnham  
Cr M Griffin  
Cr B Hackney  
Cr S Halliday  
Cr B Mitchell  
Mayor P Penfold  
Cr K Ranadive  
Cr B Whiting  
Cr M Yarrington

**Against:**

## 14.4 MULTI-SPORT COMMUNITY FACILITY FUND

<b>FILE NO:</b>	65/55
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Leah Flint - Group Manager Strategy Performance and Business Systems Kelly Arnott - Manager Corporate Planning and Performance
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Christopher Gorman - Corporate Grants Lead
<b>MAITLAND +10</b>	Outcome 15. To have an effective and efficient Council
<b>COUNCIL OBJECTIVE:</b>	15.1.1 Continue to attain major State and Federal Government grants to deliver new and enhanced infrastructure

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*The NSW Government committed \$100 million (2022/2023 – Round 2) to the Multi-Sport Community Facility Fund, recognising the critical role local sport infrastructure plays in keeping communities healthy, active and connected.*

*On 23 August 2022, Council resolved to submit an application to improve Coronation/Hartcher Oval multisport facility, Telarah, seeking \$2,450,000 in grant funding, to be matched by a co-contribution of \$2,450,000.*

*Council has recently been advised that its application under this round was unsuccessful.*

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

#### THAT

1. Council note the application to Round 2 of the Multi-Sport Community Facility Fund to improve facilities at Coronation / Hartcher Oval was unsuccessful.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

#### THAT

1. Council note the application to Round 2 of the Multi-Sport Community Facility Fund to improve facilities at Coronation / Hartcher Oval was unsuccessful.

Moved Cr P Garnham, Seconded Cr S Fisher

**CARRIED**

For:

Cr R Aitchison  
Cr L Baker  
Cr K Ferguson  
Cr S Fisher  
Cr P Garnham  
Cr M Griffin  
Cr B Hackney  
Cr S Halliday  
Cr B Mitchell  
Mayor P Penfold  
Cr K Ranadive  
Cr B Whiting  
Cr M Yarrington

Against:

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## 14.5 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS - NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2022

<b>FILE NO:</b>	<b>82/2</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	<b>Leah Flint - Group Manager Strategy Performance and Business Systems Annette Peel - Manager Finance &amp; Procurement</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Laura Barry - Financial Accountant Kira-lee Tyrrell - Financial Accountant</b>
<b>MAITLAND +10</b>	<b>Outcome 15. To have an effective and efficient Council</b>
<b>COUNCIL OBJECTIVE:</b>	<b>15.1.2 Ensure Council is financially sustainable and meets required levels of performance</b>

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires Council to report on its investments.*

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

#### THAT

1. The report indicating Council's Funds Management position for the months of November and December 2022 be received and noted;
2. The certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

#### THAT

1. The report indicating Council's Funds Management position for the months of November and December 2022 be received and noted;
2. The certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.

Moved Cr S Halliday, Seconded Cr M Griffin

**CARRIED**



For:

Cr R Aitchison  
Cr L Baker  
Cr K Ferguson  
Cr S Fisher  
Cr P Garnham  
Cr M Griffin  
Cr B Hackney  
Cr S Halliday  
Cr B Mitchell  
Mayor P Penfold  
Cr K Ranadive  
Cr B Whiting  
Cr M Yarrington

Against:

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## 14.6 ARIC MEETING MINUTES - 7 DECEMBER 2022

**FILE NO:** 81/26

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. Draft ARIC Minutes - 7 December 2022

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Leah Flint - Group Manager Strategy Performance and Business Systems  
Stephen McDonald - Manager Governance and Risk

**AUTHOR:** Fiona Goodman - Coordinator Risk

**MAITLAND +10** Outcome 15. To have an effective and efficient Council

**COUNCIL OBJECTIVE:** 15.1.4 Implement and maintain a contemporary governance, audit and risk framework

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*The Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) meeting was held on 7 December 2022. The draft minutes of the meeting are submitted to Council for information.*

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council notes the draft minutes of the ARIC meeting of 7 December 2022.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT

1. Council notes the draft minutes of the ARIC meeting of 7 December 2022.

Moved Cr K Ferguson, Seconded Cr R Aitchison

**CARRIED**

For: Cr R Aitchison                      Against:  
Cr L Baker  
Cr K Ferguson  
Cr S Fisher  
Cr P Garnham  
Cr M Griffin

Cr B Hackney  
Cr S Halliday  
Cr B Mitchell  
Mayor P Penfold  
Cr K Ranadive  
Cr B Whiting  
Cr M Yarrington

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**15 DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION**

Nil

**16 WORKPLACE CULTURE AND SAFETY**

Nil

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## 17 VIBRANT CITY

### 17.1 WALKA WATER WORKS REDEVELOPMENT FUNDING

<b>FILE NO:</b>	103/160/2
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Rachel MacLucas - Executive Manager Vibrant City
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Matt vanderWall - Manager City Experiences and Economy
<b>MAITLAND +10</b>	Outcome 16. To work together to be the best our community can be
<b>COUNCIL OBJECTIVE:</b>	16.1.2 Work with service providers and other levels of government to deliver land use planning and community infrastructure outcomes

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*In late September 2022, following Council resolutions from the meeting of 13 September 2022, Council (as the lead agency) along with Crown Lands as the landowner and Reflections Holiday Parks as accommodation operator, applied for \$20 million under the NSW Government Regional Tourism Activation Fund – Round 2 for stage one redevelopment works at Walka Water Works.*

*Council was advised under embargo in December 2022 that the application had been successful in the amount of \$10 million. A public announcement was made on 10 January 2023 by Hon. Taylor Martin MLC Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter.*

*This report acknowledges the financial recommitment of Crown Lands and Reflections Holiday Parks and seeks endorsement from Council to reconfirm its original commitment of \$2 million to bring the total funding for the project to \$15.1 million.*

*Once Council confirms its financial commitment, the parties will work together on a revised scope of works that will be reported to Council once a funding deed is in place.*

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

##### THAT

- 1. Council notes the success of the funding application for the Redevelopment of Walka Waterworks – Stage 1 of \$10m under the NSW State Government's Regional Tourism Activation Round 2.**
- 2. Council notes the financial recommitments from Crown Lands and Reflections Holiday Parks of \$1.5m and \$1.6m, respectively, as co-contributions to the project.**

3. Council reaffirms its original commitment of \$2m as co-contribution (to be sourced from borrowings) to bring the total funds for the project to \$15.1m
4. A further report be presented to Council once the funding deed/s are finalised.
5. Further reports on the progress of the Redevelopment of Walka Waterworks – Stage 1 continue to be presented to Council at key milestones.
6. Council establish a Walka Water Works Community Reference Group to work with Council for the duration of the project.

Moved Mayor P Penfold, Seconded Cr P Garnham

#### PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

Mayor P Penfold with the acceptance of the Seconder Cr P Garnham varied Point 6 of his motion to the following:

6. Council establish a Walka Water Works Community Reference Group to work with Council for the duration of the project. The Community Reference Group formation is to be established within 3 months and the first Community Reference Group meeting be held within 5 months of Council Meeting 24 January 2023.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

##### THAT

1. Council notes the success of the funding application for the Redevelopment of Walka Waterworks – Stage 1 of \$10m under the NSW State Government’s Regional Tourism Activation Round 2.
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3. Council reaffirms its original commitment of \$2m as co-contribution (to be sourced from borrowings) to bring the total funds for the project to \$15.1m
4. A further report be presented to Council once the funding deed/s are finalised.
5. Further reports on the progress of the Redevelopment of Walka Waterworks – Stage 1 continue to be presented to Council at key milestones.
6. Council establish a Walka Water Works Community Reference Group to work with Council for the duration of the project. The Community Reference Group formation is to be established within 3 months and the first Community Reference Group meeting be held within 5 months of Council Meeting 24 January 2023.

Moved Mayor P Penfold, Seconded Cr P Garnham

**CARRIED**

For:

Cr R Aitchison  
Cr L Baker  
Cr K Ferguson  
Cr S Fisher  
Cr P Garnham  
Cr M Griffin  
Cr B Hackney  
Cr S Halliday  
Cr B Mitchell  
Mayor P Penfold  
Cr K Ranadive  
Cr M Yarrington

Against:

Cr B Whiting

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**18 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Nil

**19 NOTICES OF MOTION/RESCISSION**

Nil

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## 20 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

### 20.1 JAMES STREET RESERVE

SUBMITTED BY CR MITCHELL GRIFFIN

FILE NO: 35/7/2  
ATTACHMENTS: Nil  
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: David Evans - General Manager

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Cr Mitchell Griffin has asked the following Question With Notice for the Council Meeting being held on 24 January 2023:

On January 25, 2022 Council resolved in favour of the following motion in relation to the James Street Reserve in Morpeth:

*"In order to assist the General Manager in the future planning for the current term of council, Maitland Council resolve that the below items be presented as in-principal positions or actions supported by council: Preparation of concept plans for landscaping at James Street Reserve at Morpeth."*

Can council advise of the progress including actions undertaken over the last 12 months in relation to the resolution of this motion relating to the James Street Reserve?

#### RESPONSE BY GROUP MANAGER

Councils planning team have conducted site visits and workshopped with other departments to identify opportunities for this site. The development of the concept plan is listed in our internal work program for March this year to develop a concept plan for presentation to Council. Community engagement is also programmed to occur as part of this process.

**21 URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

**22 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Nil

**23 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Nil

**24 CLOSURE**

The meeting was declared closed at 7.23 pm.

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Chairperson