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Community Update

October 2017



Your new Council

Introduction from the Mayor

Cr David West, Mayor

Cr Katheryn Smith, Deputy Mayor

Cr Brad Christensen

Cr Kathryn Bell

Cr Claire Pontin

Cr Len Roberts

Cr David Keegan

Cr Peter Epov

Cr Jan McWilliams

Cr Troy Fowler

Cr Karen Hutchinson



Our pledge to our community

Oath / Affirmation of Office

As duly elected Councillors of MidCoast Council, we will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the MidCoast Council region and we will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in us under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of our ability and judgment.

27 September 2017



Roles & responsibilities: summary

Mayor	Governing body	GM & staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Leader of the governing body › External spokesperson › Regional representative › Chairs council meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Makes & upholds collective decisions › Represents the community & the interest of the local area › Oversees council performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Day-to-day management › Appoint & dismiss staff in accordance with agreed structure › Implement council decisions

- Role of the ‘modern’ councillor & complexity of the role
- Council as a ‘Board’
- Ongoing development - capability and capacity building

Organisation mission

- › The ‘why’ we exist as an organisation
- › Development of a common purpose, line of sight
- › Critical for staff to identify with mission and understand the link between what they do and bigger picture
- › Strong link to development of a customer focus culture

**We deliver benefits for our community in a way
that adds value and builds trust**



Councillor onboarding

Workshops held with new Council

Why

- Bring Council on the MidCoast journey to date
- Building relationships and focus on outcomes for community – an ‘all of us’ perspective

What

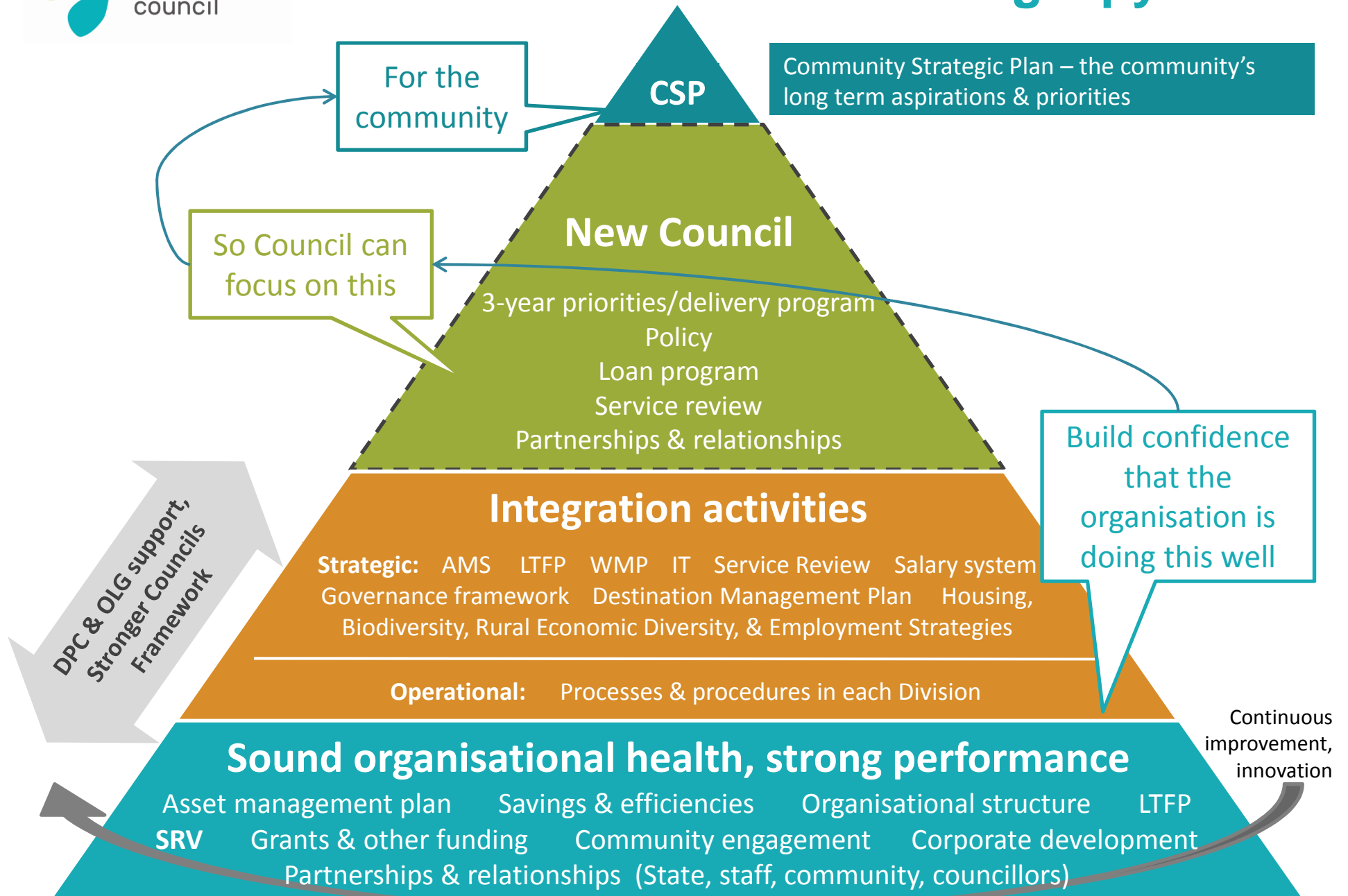
- Strategic priorities
- Governance, Code of Conduct
- Community survey priorities
- Organisation structure
- Integration journey
- Focus areas for new Council

How

- In house
- Local Government NSW – *Capable Councils workshops*, Office of Local Government workshop



Strategic pyramid



Community strategic plan

- › High level document
- › Community aspirations for long term
- › Some items Council responsibility and some other agencies and/or community
- › Informed by engagement undertaken in 3 former regions, MCC identity workshops & community surveys
- › Draft CSP will be on exhibition late Nov/Dec; adoption in Feb
- › Council then builds a Delivery Program outlining priorities for their term from the CSP



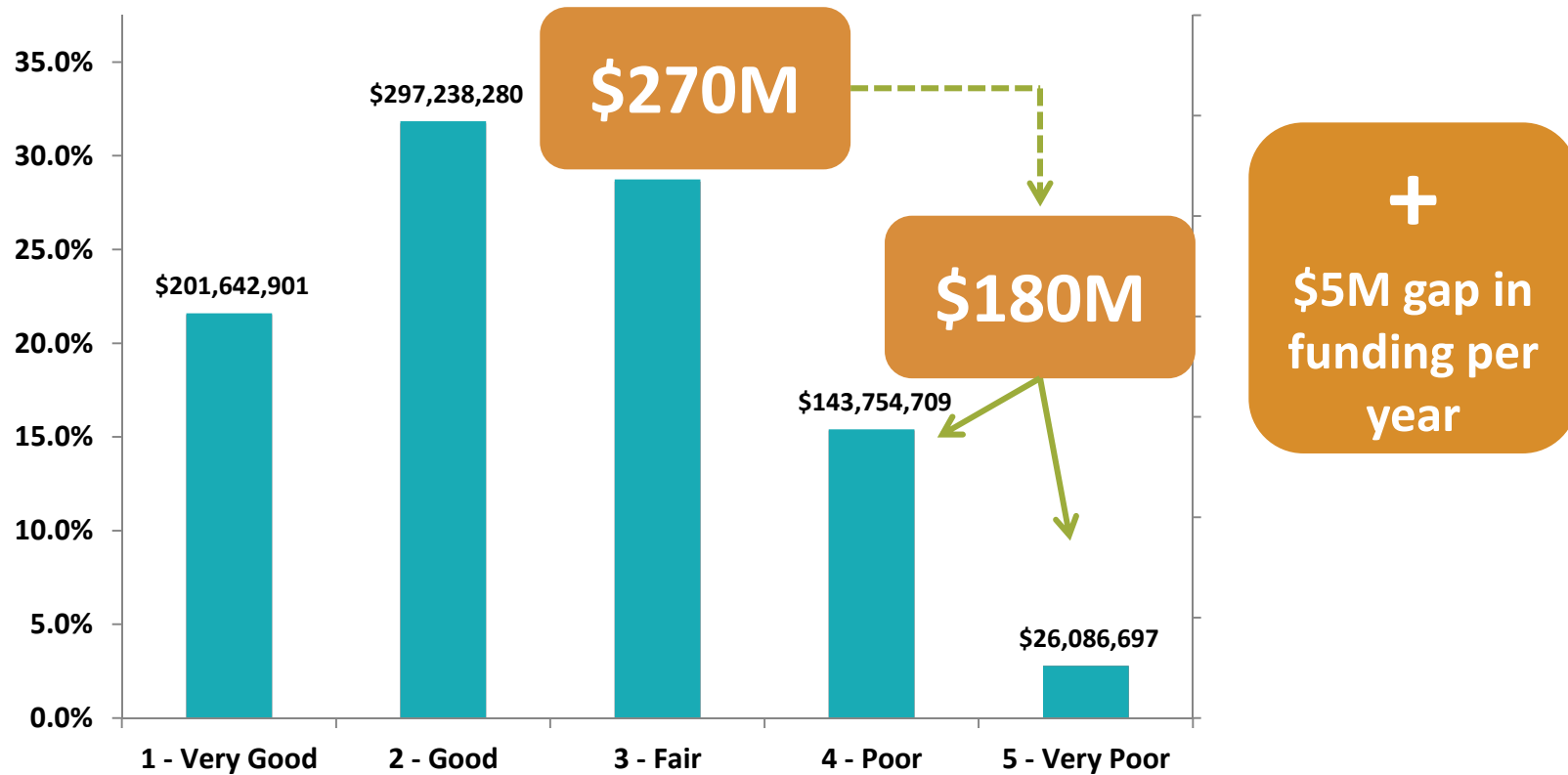


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Assets and Finances



Sealed Roads Condition



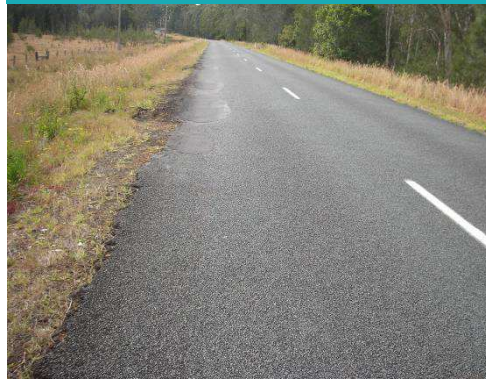
* Highlighted figures include roads & bridges

Road condition ratings

1 – very good



2 – good



3 – fair



4 – poor



5 – very poor



How to find out more

- › Council website
- › MidCoast Council Facebook
- › [Super Smooth - Resealing Part 2.mp4](#)

Road Repair & Renewal - How & Why?

We get lots of questions about the type and scope of work we do on the region's roads.

For example, why do we reseal what looks like a perfectly good road in one instance, and patch potholes in others? You might be wondering how we decide which roads we will repair, which to reconstruct and what it costs to undertake different road repairs and construction.

Find out how and why below. Click on the subject headings to reveal the information.

Road Structure

A road consists of several layers, each with a different purpose. The pavement is designed to spread the wheel load so that by the time it is transferred to the natural material below, the load has been reduced sufficiently to enable it to be supported. Councils generally construct roads as **flexible pavements** which mean they deflect slightly under wheel loads. This deflection can be up to 1mm without any detriment but greater deflections will lead to deterioration of the pavement over time in a similar manner to a piece of metal that is bent backwards and forwards continuously.

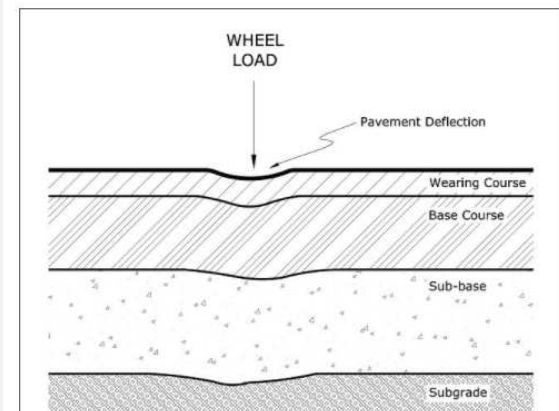



Diagram of road layers

MidCoast Council
September 26 at 5:17pm · 🌐

The roads team were back again for part two of the reseal in Wingham. Check out the video to find out about this final stage in our road reseal process.



1.5K Views

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Council Works

For the latest information on roadworks, road and bridge conditions and the status of roads and bridge emergencies please visit the [MyRoadInfo](#) website. This site is maintained with information relevant to **Region** as well as the Northern Rivers and North Western Slopes regions. MyRoadInfo is available as a free mobile device app on both the 'App Store' (for Apple devices) and for devices.

- [Click here to download the MyRoadInfo app for Apple devices](#)
- [Click here to download the MyRoadInfo app for Android devices](#)

Live updates on the status of the **Pacific Highway** are available from [Live Traffic NSW](#).

[Click to find out more about our road repair and maintenance strategy](#)

11 Result(s) Found

Combined & Dennes Streets, Wingham

Asphalt sealing works have concluded on Combined and Dennes Streets in Wingham, still outstanding is the linemarking which is scheduled to be completed in October.

Search Works & Projects

By Phrase or Keyword

Road Segments by Current Condition



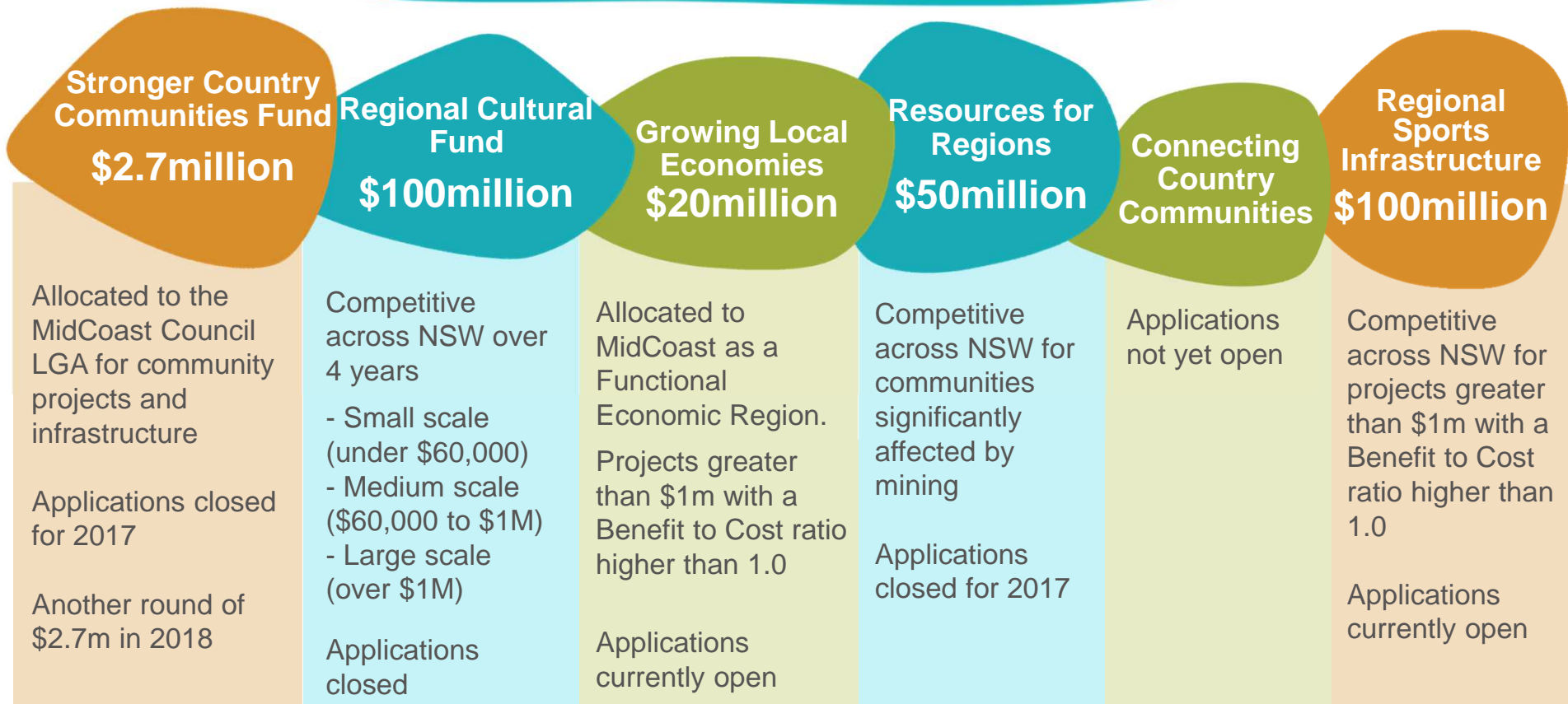
Funding our assets

Source &/or project	\$ Amount
MCC – Special Rate Variation - borrowings	50 million
NSW State Government – matching ??	50 million
MCC Roadcare Program (savings, State Gov merger implementation funding)	30 million
NSW State Government – Cedar Party Bridge ??	20 million
NSW State Government – Bucketts Way	8.3 million
Federal Government – Bucketts Way matching ??	8.3 million
NSW State Government ‘bridge bonanza’ (50/50 funding)	13 million

Regional Growth Fund

MCC is eligible for all six components

Funding available: \$1.3billion



* There has been \$12.3 million in other grant funding attracted since merger

Financial position

- › Council adopted a balanced budget for 2017/18
- › Changes during 1st quarter (SRV, re-indexation of FAG grants, Roads to Recovery)
- › Will have better handle on current budget position at completion of September quarterly review process
- › \$30 million Roadcare program (\$16m/14m) funded through ongoing merger savings and one-off savings
- › Long term financial projection with SRV - forecast an operating surplus over 10 years
- › Water Services to be consolidated into Council's long term plan – will have a positive impact on the general purpose and water services budget



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Water services



About Water Services

- Formed as a Division of MidCoast Council on 1 July 2017
- Service 40,000 homes and businesses in 16 towns
- Provide 8.7 billion litres of drinking water through 5 water treatment plants
- Treat 6.8 billion litres of wastewater at 20 sewage treatment and water recycling plants
- 1200km of water mains, 1123km of sewer mains



Bootawa Water Treatment Plant



Current issues

- Water supply security – need for restrictions monitored & reviewed weekly
- Water conservation and demand management
- Sustainable effluent management
- Environmental sustainability
- Financial sustainability



Manning River 31 January 2014



Figure 1 ~ Manning Water usage comparison 2017/18

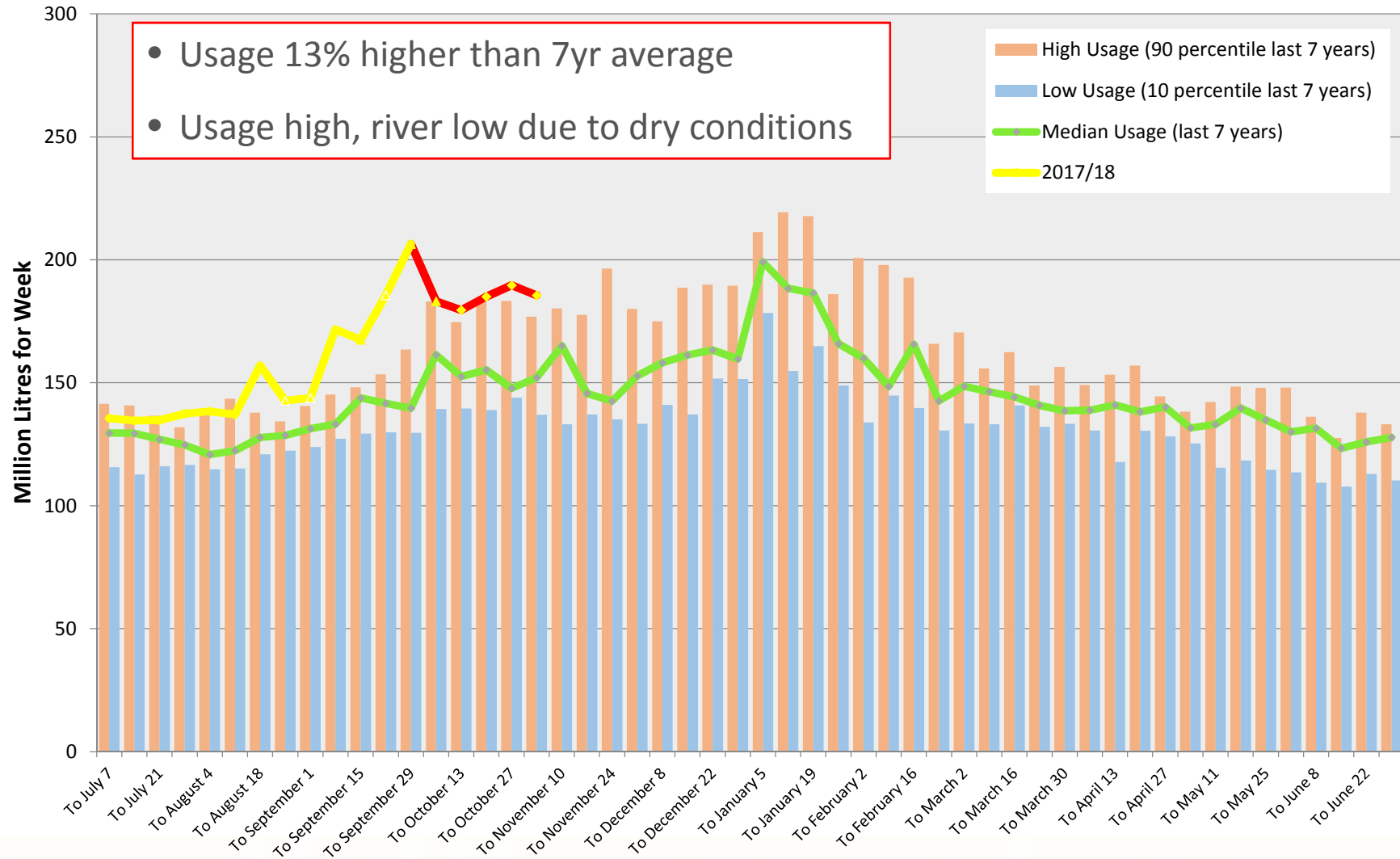
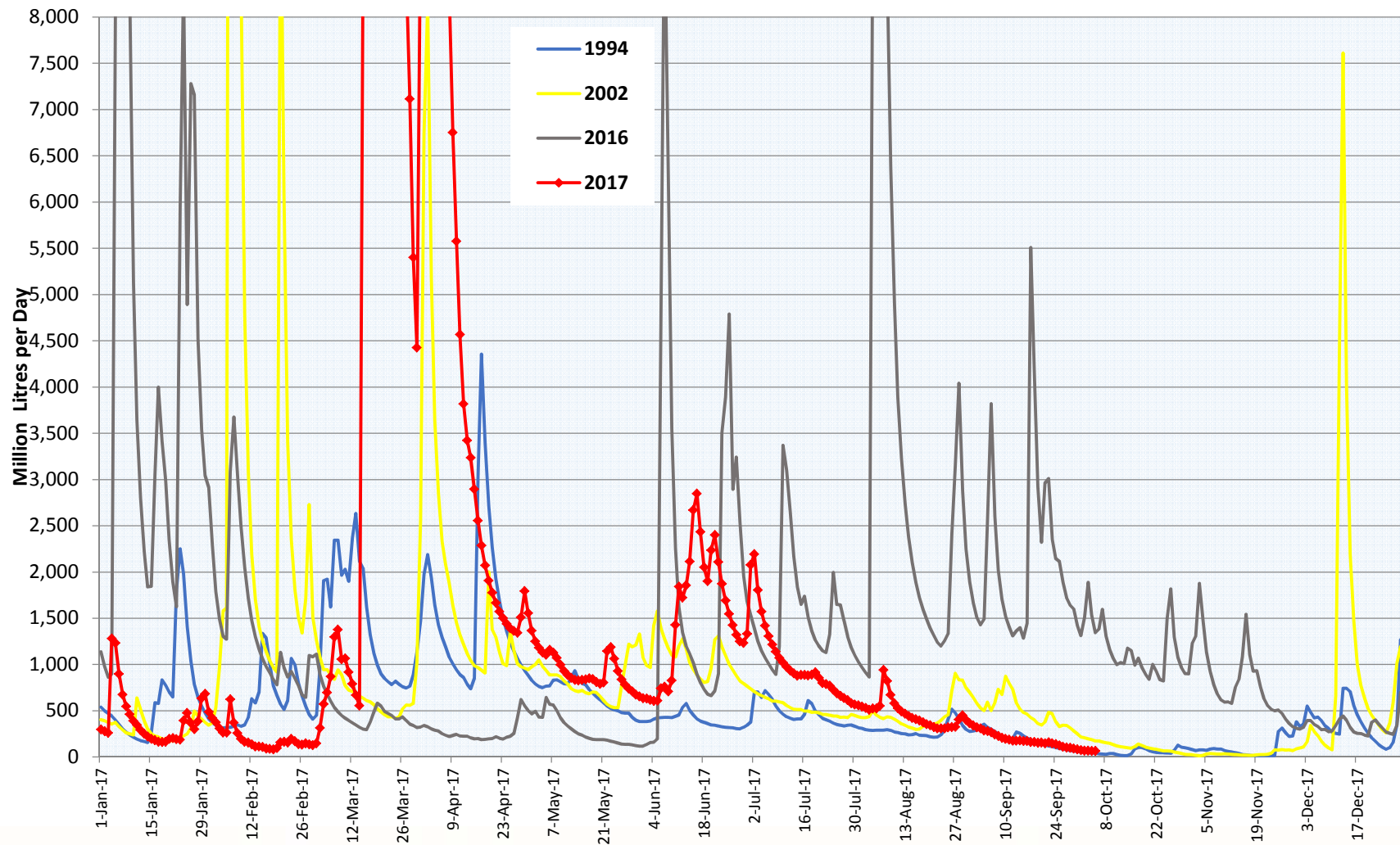


Figure 2 ~ Manning River Flows ~ 2017 Compared to 1994, 2002 & 2016





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Key strategies



Community survey focus areas

5 key priority areas

Community Survey, Sept 2016

(n = 500)

Importance v performance

- › The condition of roads
- › Being well-run and managed
- › Providing value for money for rates
- › Decisions made in interest of community
- › Community consultation & engagement

Re-survey to be undertaken in October/November 2017



Key strategies

- › Roads & bridges
- › Community consultation & engagement
- › Building capacity & capability to ensure well-run & managed, value for money
- › Rural Opportunities Land Use Strategy (ROLUS)
- › Housing Diversity & Affordability Strategy (HDAS)
- › Destination Management Plan (DMP)
- › Economic development & job creation, Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS)



132 community consultations

across

26 projects

and **30** community meetings



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Around the area



Update on activities *Taree area*

- › Water quality report card launch in December (includes Myall, Wallis, Smiths & Manning estuaries)
- › Northern Gateway Stage 2 – expecting determination from Dept of Planning & Environment – community engagement to follow
- › Rehabilitation of Hannam Vale & Lansdowne Rds commencing this financial year
- › Kolodong rezoning – land supply & demand assessment underway to be reported to Council in November as per Government requirement – that will determine whether rezoning proceeding
- › Increase in the gravel road re-sheet budget of \$700K



'...this project is an outstanding gain for the MidCoast region as a whole, with sustained benefits for the local economy. The National Stronger Regions Fund investment of \$6m is a significant contribution to the development of the new community facilities on site'

Mr David Gillespie, Federal Member for Lyne

Civic precinct

- › Planning proposal approved by NSW Dept of Planning & Environment
- › Conditional approval of development application by Joint Regional Planning Panel
- › Development agreement between Enyoc & Council for design & construction of community facilities
- › Residual of site to be developed in stages by Enyoc for commercial purposes
- › Separate development consent for cinema, nightclub & child care centre

Other areas



Update on activities *Forster – Tuncurry area*

- › Water quality report card launch in December (includes Myall, Wallis, Smiths & Manning estuaries)
- › Awaiting confirmation of grant application for maintenance navigational dredging at Tuncurry (adjacent to boat ramp)
 - Grant application for \$162,500; with matching Council contribution
 - Matching funding from environmental rate
- › North Tuncurry release area currently being assessed by Newcastle office Dept Planning & Environment
- › Main Beach consultation on ***Friday 13 Oct, 2:45pm*** at Council

Update on activities *Gloucester area*

- › Water quality report card launch in December (includes Myall, Wallis, Smiths & Manning estuaries)
- › ?? Water Services – service, infrastructure and price point
- › Grant funding approved for playground equipment in Billabong Park
- › Community consultation commencing in November to discuss the Gloucester library refurbishment
- › ?? Waste - Landfill Fees and charges in Gloucester; annual waste charges on rates inequity
- › ?? Health - charges at Gloucester for On site and Food Premises inspections
- › Strategic Planning - Industrial development controls - comparison with Great Lakes and Taree DCP controls completed and finding is that Gloucester's are the most flexible
- › Increase in the gravel road re-sheet budget of \$700K
- › Very little rain has hampered our maintenance grading efforts
- › Scone Road seal extension currently underway
- › Geale's Bridge, Scone Road complete
- › Currently undertaking heavy patching works throughout the Gloucester area for our resealing program.
- › Callaghan's Creek Bridge replacement to commence shortly.

Update on activities *Hallidays Point area*

- › Manufactured home estate
- › Funding for Skate Park has been approved and engagement to commence shortly
- › Diamond Beach roadworks and Seascape round-a-bout
- › Blackhead Road Rehabilitation (north and south of federation drive)
- › Lions – development of community plan
- › Increase in the gravel road re-sheet budget of \$700K

Update on activities *Tea Gardens area*

- › Solar heating for pool will be funded from the 2016-17 budget surplus
- › - **Lisa is aware of current situation Myall River Downs rezoning -**
Awaiting proponents to provide fees to Council for the processing of the application for Fame Cove
- › DPE has issued amended approval to concept plan for Riverside development
- › Increase in the gravel road re-sheet budget of \$700K

Update on activities *Harrington area*

- › Grant for playground equipment at Diamontina. Playground will be moved to near the boat ramp.
- › Grant funding to upgrade the boat ramp
- › Dog park grant
- › Harrington Road roadworks
- › Fig tree removal
- › Natural Systems - Council has applied for funding for maintenance navigation dredging of the Harrington Back channel. Expected to be successful with Council matching 50%. Work would be undertaken during 2018.
- › Strategic Planning - Roche Group seniors development as per Deed of Agreement with Council. Council is liaising with Roche Group on process for assessment of alternative site.
- › Increase in the gravel road re-sheet budget of \$700K



Update on activities *Wingham area*

- › Cedar Party Creek Bridge and Wingham pool update
- › Continuing with heritage restoration project of the Library/District Office
- › Moorall Creek Road re-sheeting to commence this FY
- › Increase in the gravel road re-sheet budget of \$700K



Update on activities *Bulahdelah area*

- › Planning Proposal for Highway Service Centre - proponent about to lodge a revised PP with Economic Impact Assessment
- › Bulahdelah Skate park
- › Increase in the gravel road re-sheet budget of \$700K



Update on activities *Old Bar area*

- › Manning Point beach access being closed
- › Future of Mud Bishops
- › Upgrade to Toilet block near surf club?
- › Funding of \$160K from State Govt to match MCC funds for the Coastal Management Program for Old Bar - Manning Point. A plan will be developed for this coastal compartment over the next 18 months. Extensive community participatory processes are embedded into the plan development process.
- › Council has applied for funding through the Rescuing Our Waterways Program for dredging at Farquhar inlet for purposes of navigation. Expected to be successful with Council matching 50%. Work would be undertaken during 2018.
- › **Strategic planning - CMP and CZMP - Lisa is aware of status**
- › \$250K being spent on kerb and gutter replacement works throughout ? Where?
- › Bohnock Boat Ramp and Car park under construction.
- › Manning Point Road **rehab/recon** to commence this FY
- › Manning Point Road reseals to commence this FY
- › Beach Road and Sandridge Road re-sheeting works to commence this FY
- › Pelican Bay Road Bridge replacement to commence shortly
- › Increase in the gravel road re-sheet budget of \$700K

Update on activities *Stroud area*

- › Increase in the gravel road re-sheet budget of \$700K

