



Notice of Ordinary Meeting

**to be held at the Council Chambers
2 Pulteney Street, Taree**

18 April 2018 at 2.00pm

The order of the business will be as detailed below (subject to variation by Council):

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians
2. Prayer
3. Declaration of Pecuniary or Conflicts of Interest (nature of interest to be disclosed)
4. Apologies
5. Confirmation of Minutes
6. Matters arising from Minutes
7. Addresses from the Public Gallery
8. Consideration of Officers' reports
9. Close of meeting

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Steve Embry
Acting General Manager

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CONSIDERATION OF OFFICERS' REPORTS:

DIRECTOR PLANNING & NATURAL SYSTEMS

1 MODIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENT DA-521-2017 (MODIFICATION A)

Report Author **Robyn Shelley, Senior Development Assessment Planner**

File No. / ECM Index **DA-521/2017**

Date of Meeting **18 April 2018**

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report has been prepared to consider an application to modify development consent DA-521/2017. The application relates to a development known as 'the civic precinct'. Due to Council being the owner of the land and a beneficiary of the development, the application has been assessed by City Plan Services, an independent planning consultancy. The modification seeks to:

- Reduce Section 7.11 (formerly Section 94) contributions payable,
- Delay the receipt of certification for water, sewerage and electrical infrastructure,
- Reduce the maintenance period for bio-retention pods.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

That development consent DA-521/2017 is modified by the amendment of Condition No. 8, 92, 93 and 95.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- Cost of defending any appeal against Council's decision.
- Reduction in Section 7.11 contribution revenue.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

A decision for approval, subject to conditions or refusal, may lead to an appeal to the Land and Environment Court requiring legal representation.

ATTACHMENTS

A: Independent Assessment to MidCoast Council - Assessment of Proposed Modification A to consent conditions DA-521/2017 - City Plan Services - March 2018 | N-17019

Attachment A has been circulated in hard copy to the Councillors and Senior Staff, however this Attachment is publicly available on Council's website.

BACKGROUND

- Development application No. 521/2017 was lodged with Council on 15 May 2017.
- In accordance with the former Great Lakes 'Applications by Council' Policy, it was resolved at the Development Control Meeting held on 14 June 2017 that the application, and any subsequent applications to modify the consent, is to be assessed by an independent planning consultant.
- City Plan Services were engaged by Council to assess the development application.
- The application was approved, subject to conditions, by the Hunter and Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel on 20 September 2017.
- An application to modify the development consent (Modification A) was lodged with Council on 11 October 2017.
- The application was referred to City Plan Services for assessment.

DISCUSSION

The application to modify the development consent (Modification A) seeks to:

- Reduce Section 7.11 contributions payable for each stage (Condition No. 8).
- Alter the timing of the requirement for a Certificate of Compliance from Midcoast Water to occur prior to the finalisation of provision of services (Condition No. 92).
- Alter the timing of the requirement for a Notice of Arrangement from Essential Energy to occur prior to the finalisation of the provision of services (Condition No. 93).
- Reduce the maintenance period for the street bio-retention pods from a five (5) year maintenance period to a one (1) year maintenance period consistent with other civil works requirements (Condition No. 95).

The application has been assessed by City Plan Services. A copy of the assessment report and recommendations are included as Attachment A. It is recommended that the application be determined in accordance with the recommendations of the City Plan Services report.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. The applicants request to modify Condition No. 8 by reducing the amount of developer contributions levied under Section 7.11 (previously Section 94) plans, Great Lakes Wide and Forster District, is **refused** on the basis that the reasons provided by the applicant relating to demographics and trip generation are irrelevant in the calculation of the levy within the plan, it would set an undesirable and dangerous precedent for the area in affecting future levies, it will affect the future delivery of the plan and would not be in the public interest.
2. The applicants request to modify Condition No. 8 by correcting a minor miscalculation to the non-commercial aspect of the development is **supported**. Condition No. 8 of development consent DA-521/2017 is to be amended to read as follows:

Condition No. 8.

A total monetary contribution of \$2,742,479.45 is to be paid to Council, pursuant to Section 7.11 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the relevant contribution to each stage is to be payable prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate in respect of the relevant stage of the proposed development:

Stage 1 - \$717,533.97
Stage 2 - \$837,973.77
Stage 3 - \$419,512.50
Stage 4 - \$767,459.21

The amount of contribution payable under this condition has been calculated on the basis of the current rate as at the date of consent and is based on the most recent quarterly Consumer Price Index (CPI) release made available by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). The CPI index rate is expected to rise at regular intervals and therefore the actual contribution payable is indexed and recalculated at the CPI rate applicable on the day of payment.

Reason: In the public interest and pursuant to Section 7.11 of the EP&A Act 1979.

3. Condition No. 92 of development consent DA-521/2017 is amended to read as follows:

Condition No. 92.

Prior to the issue of a Subdivision Certificate for Stage 1A, a letter from MidCoast Water is to be provided to Council confirming that appropriate infrastructure has been made suitably available to that part of the development to facilitate future servicing.

For all remaining stages (including stage 1B), a Certificate of Compliance from MidCoast Water is to be obtained prior to the issue of each Subdivision Certificate and provided to Council, stating that satisfactory arrangements have been made and all payments finalised for the provision of MidCoast Water services to the development.

Reason: To ensure suitable water and sewage disposal is provided to the development.

4. Condition No. 93 of development consent DA-521/2017 is amended to read as follows:

Condition No. 93

Prior to the issue of a Subdivision Certificate for Stage 1A, a letter from Essential Energy shall be provided to Council confirming that appropriate infrastructure has been made suitably available to that part of the development to facilitate future servicing.

For all remaining stages (including stage 1B), a Notification of Arrangement from Essential Energy is to be obtained and provided to Council prior to the issue of each Strata Subdivision Certificate (confirming satisfactory arrangements have been made for the provision of power).

It is the Applicant's responsibility to make the appropriate application with Essential Energy for the supply of electricity to the subdivision/development, which may include the payment of fees and contributions.

Reason: To ensure suitable energy infrastructure is provided to the development.

5. Condition No. 95 of development consent DA-521/2017 is amended to read as follows:

Condition No. 95

Maintain stormwater treatment measures for the life of the development in accordance with the approved WSUD Operations and Maintenance Manual, with the exception of the approved bioretention pods within the West and Lake Street road reserves which shall be maintained for a period of 1 year from the date of installation.

Reason: To ensure ongoing compliance with Council's water quality objectives.

2 MODIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENT DA 521-2017 (MODIFICATION B)

Report Author Robyn Shelley, Senior Development Assessment Planner

File No. / ECM Index DA-521/2017

Date of Meeting 18 April 2018

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report has been prepared to consider an application to modify development consent DA-521/2017. The application relates to development known as 'the civic precinct'. Due to Council being the owner of the land and a beneficiary of the development, the application has been assessed by City Plan Services, an independent planning consultancy. The modification seeks to amend Condition No. 62 of the consent to allow limited construction activities to occur on Saturdays and Sundays from 9am to 4pm.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the proposed modification to amend Condition No. 62 be refused and Condition No. 62 be retained in its current form.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Cost of defending any appeal against Council's decision.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

A decision for approval subject to conditions or refusal may lead to an appeal to the Land and Environment Court requiring legal representation.

ATTACHMENTS

A: Independent Assessment to MidCoast Council - Assessment of Proposed Modification B to consent conditions DA-521/2017 - City Plan Services - March 2018 | N-17019

Attachment A has been circulated in hard copy to the Councillors and Senior Staff, however this Attachment is publicly available on Council's website.

BACKGROUND

- Development application No. 521/2017 was lodged with Council on 15 May 2017.
 - In accordance with the former Great Lakes 'Applications by Council' Policy it was resolved at the Development Control Meeting held on 14 June 2017, that the application and any subsequent application to modify the consent be assessed by an independent planning consultant.
 - City Plan Services were engaged by Council to assess the development application.
 - The application was approved subject to Conditions by the Hunter and Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel on 20 September 2017.
 - Application to modify the consent (modification B) was lodged with Council on 30 October 2017.
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DISCUSSION

The application to modify the consent (modification B) seeks to amend Condition No. 62 which limits construction hours to allow limited construction activities to occur on Saturdays and Sundays from 9am to 4pm.

The application has been assessed by City Plan Services. A copy of the assessment report and recommendations are included as Attachment A. It is recommended that the application be determined in accordance with the recommendations of the City Plan Services report.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the proposed modification to amend Condition No. 62 be refused and Condition No. 62 be retained in its current form.

3 MODIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENT 247/2016/DA

Report Author Petula Bowden, Senior Development Planner

File No. / ECM Index 247/2016/DA/D

Date of Meeting 18 April 2018

DETAILS

Application Number	247/2016/DA/D
Applicant	Coastplan Pty Ltd
Owner	Hallidays Point Development Pty Ltd
Date Lodged	7 February 2018
Land to be Developed	Lot 4 DP 260256
Land Use Zone	RU 1 Primary Production
Variations to Development Controls	Na
Summary of Variations	Na
Integrated Development	Na
Number of Submissions Received	Na

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report has been prepared to consider an application to modify development consent 247/2016/D. The consent granted approval for a Rural Tourist Facility (caravan park, equestrian centre, café, service station, community building, oval) in stages. The modification seeks to defer completion of a roundabout until Stage 3 of the development. A temporary roundabout has been constructed and is requested to remain until completion of Stage 3.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the proposed modification to amend Conditions 20B, 69, and 69A be refused and Conditions 20B, 69, and 69A be retained in their current form.

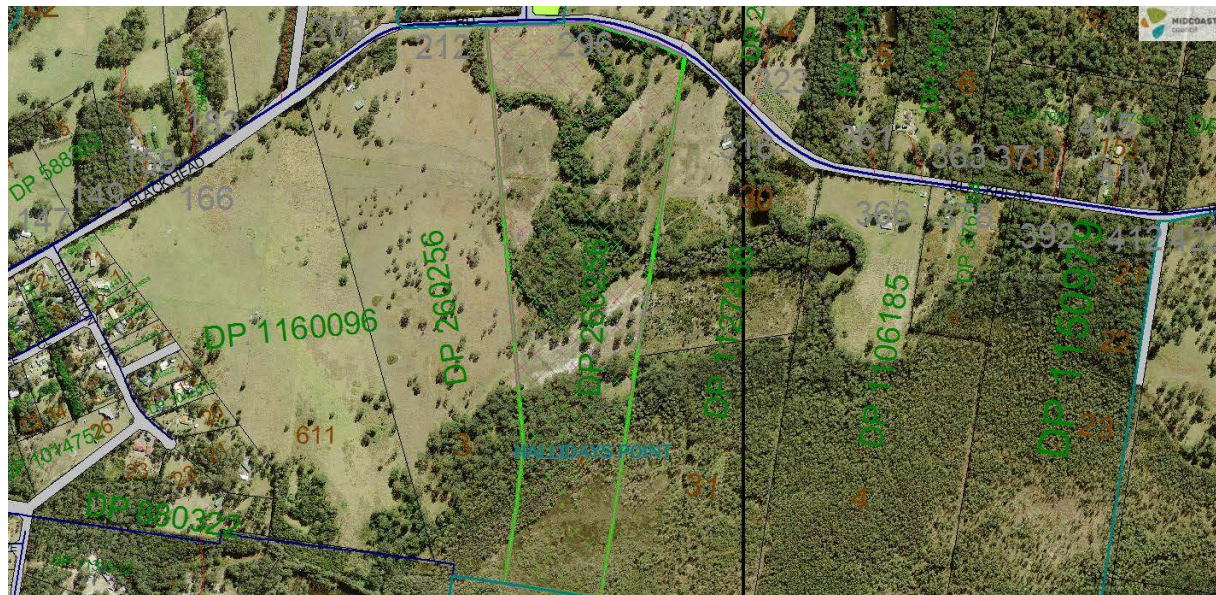
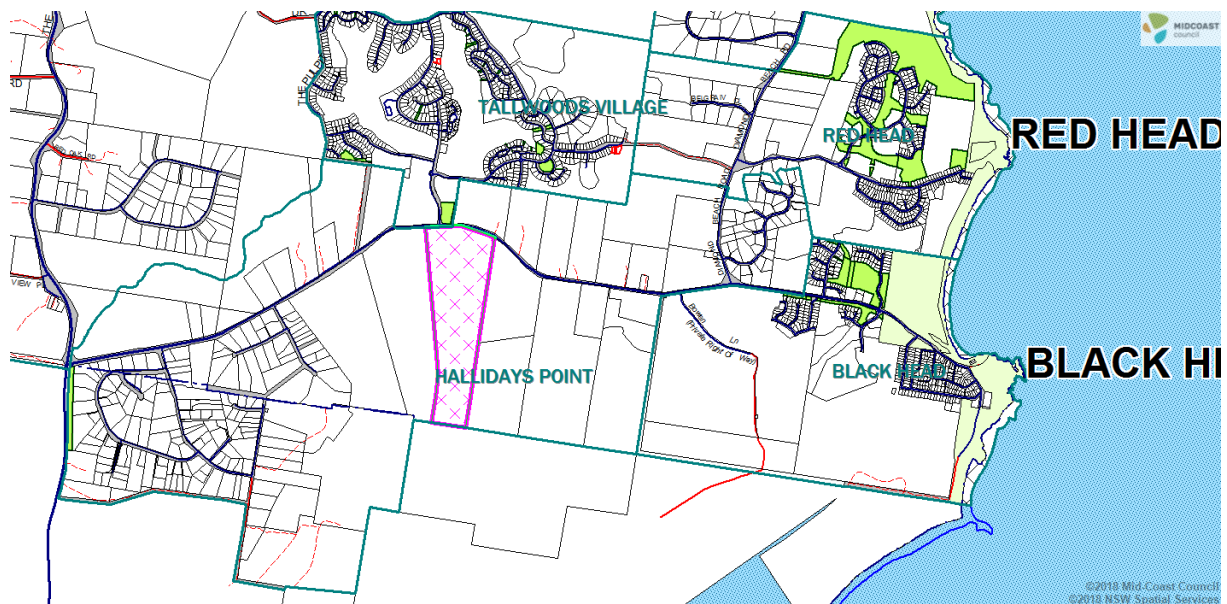
FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Cost of defending any appeal against Council's decision.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

A decision for refusal may lead to an appeal to the Land and Environment Court requiring legal representation.

SUBJECT SITE AND LOCALITY



BACKGROUND

Development Application 738/2006 was granted consent on appeal to the Land and Environment Court on 4 November 2008.

The consent provided a staged approval for a tourist facility (involving a 292 site caravan park and horse facilities) as follows:

- Stage 1 - Concept Approval of entire development
- Stage 2 - 77 sites with associated horse facilities, office, shop, café and service station
- Stage 3 - 122 sites and recreational facilities and community building
- Stage 4 - 93 sites.

Being a staged (concept) consent separate development consent is required for stages 2 - 4.

The consent has been modified (Da 738/2006/DA/B) by Greater Taree City Council to be:

- Stage 1 - Concept Approval of entire development
- Stage 2A - Bulk earthworks (filling for part of Stage 2)
- Stage 2B - 33 sites with amenities block, shop, office and temporary stables
- Stage 2C - 44 sites and stables/equestrian facilities
- Stage 3 - 122 sites, Service Station, oval and community building
- Stage 4 - 93 sites.

Development Consent 166/2013/DA was issued on 27 March 2013 for the Bulk Earthworks (Stage 2A).

Development Consent 247/2016/DA was issued on 13 July 2016 for 33 sites with amenities block, shop, office and temporary stables (Stage 2B).

As a condition of consent, a roundabout was required to be constructed at the intersection of Blackhead Road and access road to the development. The requirement for the roundabout was in keeping with the court issued Staged (Concept) consent 738/2006/DA and is required for the safety of motorists and pedestrians.

In November 2017 an application to modify the consent was received. The modification sought to delay construction of the permanent roundabout and permit construction of a temporary roundabout to allow the park to open for the 2017 Christmas holidays.

The consent was modified to allow construction of a temporary roundabout, with the permanent roundabout required to be completed within 12 months of the date of physical completion of the temporary roundabout, or within 6 months of being advised by Council that the temporary roundabout had deteriorated to an untenable condition. To ensure that the permanent roundabout was completed a bond of 150% of the cost of completing the works was required to be paid.

The bond is in accordance with Council policy which facilitates payment of a guarantee bond for completion of outstanding works. Council's policy provides that such a bond is to be limited to twelve months and shall be an amount 1.5 times the contract sum for completion of the outstanding works.

The relevant conditions of the consent are conditions 20B, 69, and 69A which are reproduced below:

20B Prior to the commencement of any works on Blackhead Road, plans for the civil works (for both the temporary and permanent roundabouts), prepared in accordance with Council's Auspec Design Manual and the relevant Bush Fire Safety Authority are to be submitted to and approved by MidCoast Council. Plans are to be accompanied by the current appropriate fees, together with a civil works construction certificate application and long service levy.

The applicant must design the following works –

1. Permanent Roundabout

- a. At the intersection of Blackhead Road, The Boulevard and Road A, a flexible pavement roundabout. The kerb returns must be designed for a double lane roundabout with 12 metre diameter raised concrete central island and splitter islands sized for a single lane roundabout circulating roadway. Provision must be made for bicycle lanes, merge tapers to single lanes for both eastern and western legs to RMS, Council's and*

Austroad's Standards and specifications which will also include but not be limited to: Line Marking, Signage, Street Lighting, Drainage, Landscaping, Concrete Splitter Islands and Medians.

(The design should take into consideration that a concrete pavement must be designed and constructed to RMS, Council's and Austroad's standards on the approaches and within the circulating roadway of the roundabout prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate for Stage 3 of the development.)

The roundabout must be designed generally in accordance with the concept plan prepared by David Stewart Consulting P/L number CTP04 2 Lane RAB Revision A dated 8/10/2014, and submitted to Council for approval.

- b. Widen the existing pavement of Blackhead Road with respect to merge tapering either side of the roundabout, east or west of the proposed roundabout on Blackhead Road fronting the development.*
- c. Reconstruct and seal the shoulder of Blackhead Road for a width of 1.2m along the full frontage of the development.*
- d. Surface pedestrian crossing point(s) across Blackhead Road which meet the requirements of the RMS and Austroads documents. The crossing(s) must provide pedestrian refuge within the splitter island(s) for the roundabout no less than 2 metres in width. The pedestrian refuge must include lighting.*

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2. Temporary Roundabout

The temporary 12 meter diameter centre rubberised roundabout must be designed in accordance with RMS, Council's and Austroad's Standards and specifications a set of detailed construction plans are to be submitted to council for approval prior to any works.

Information to be included: details of pavement widening and pavement treatments, details on the line marking and tactile markings to be used, details on the rubber roundabout system and fastening.

- 69. The following will be required after practical completion of the final works and services in Blackhead Road to Council's standards:*
 - a. A "Works as Executed" (WAE) set of drawings of all civil works prepared in accordance with the requirements of Council's Auspec Design Manual. These must be original drawings showing as constructed details of all works and services, suitably endorsed as correct on each sheet by the Superintendent. A copy of the survey plan (in DXF or DWG format) and locality sketches for SSM's/ PM's (in pdf format) must be submitted The WAE drawings must also be in electronic format with GPS locations for all drainage structures.*
 - b. Maintenance Deposit - Deposit with Council (or a Bank Guarantee) for a period of twelve months from the date of issue of a Practical Completion Certificate of a sum equal to 5% of the cost of engineering works. This security is to be lodged to guarantee the quality of work and to ensure that the contractor carries out all maintenance and repairs required during this period.*

- c. *Bonding Policy - Any work to be bonded must be in accordance with Council Auspec Design Manual. Generally bonds will only be accepted for final seal or Asphaltic Concrete surfacing. Bonding will be via a cash bond or bank guarantee in the sum of 150% of the current cost of carrying out the work at Council rates. The time limit for such bonds is three (3) months.*
- d. *The actual contract values of all assets (roads, stormwater drainage, open space, etc) dedicated to the public are to be submitted with "Works as Executed" drawings on Council's standard form.*

69A *The applicant must construct the following intersection works within the public road reserve*

Temporary roundabout

- i. *At the intersection of Blackhead Road, The Boulevard and Road A, a flexible pavement rubberized roundabout is to be constructed. Provision must be made for bicycle lanes, merge tapers to single lanes for both eastern and western legs to RMS, Council's and Austroad's Standards and specifications which will also include but not be limited to: RRPM's, Line Marking, Signage, Drainage, Landscaping, Painted Splitter Islands and Medians.*
- ii. *The temporary rubberised roundabout must be constructed in accordance with the approved construction plans.*
- iii. *Widen the existing pavement of Blackhead Road with respect to merge tapering either side of the roundabout, east and west of the proposed roundabout on Blackhead Road fronting the development.*
- iv. *Reconstruct and seal the shoulder of Blackhead Road for a width of 1.2m along the full frontage of the development.*
- v. *Surface pedestrian crossing point(s) across Blackhead Road which meet the requirements of the RMS and Austroads documents. The crossing(s) must provide pedestrian refuge within the splitter island(s) for the roundabout no less than 2 metres in width. The pedestrian refuge must include lighting.*
- vi. *For the term of the temporary roundabout the segment of road surface will have to be maintained by the proponent in a safe and serviceable condition.*
- vii. *A bond to the value of 150% of the cost to construct the Permanent Roundabout intersection is to be lodged with Council prior to the issue of the Occupation Certificate for Stage 2B. This bond will be released on practical completion of the permanent roundabout.*
- viii. *The temporary roundabout is to be constructed prior to the issue of the Occupation Certificate for Stage 2B.*

Permanent Roundabout

- a. *At the intersection of Blackhead Road, The Boulevard and Road A, a flexible pavement roundabout. The kerb returns must be constructed for a double lane roundabout with 12 metre diameter raised concrete central island and splitter islands sized for a single lane roundabout circulating roadway. Provision must be made for bicycle lanes, merge tapers to single lanes for both eastern and western legs to RMS, Council's and Austroad's Standards and specifications which will also include but not be limited to: Line Marking, Signage, Street Lighting, Drainage, Landscaping, Concrete Splitter Islands and Medians.*
- b. *Reconstruct and widen the existing pavement of Blackhead Road with respect to merge tapering either side of the roundabout, east or west of the proposed roundabout on Blackhead Road fronting the development.*
- c. *Reconstruct and seal the shoulder of Blackhead Road for a width of 1.2m along the full frontage of the development.*
- d. *Surface pedestrian crossing point(s) across Blackhead Road which meet the requirements of the RMS and Austroads documents. The crossing(s) must provide pedestrian refuge within the splitter island(s) for the roundabout no less than 2 metres in width. The pedestrian refuge must include lighting.*

The permanent roundabout is to be constructed within 12 months of the date of physical completion of the temporary roundabout, or within 6 months of being advised by Council that the intersection is in an untenable condition.'

SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject site is located on the southern side of Blackhead Road, opposite the Tallwoods Village entrance, The Boulevard.

The site currently contains a caravan park of 33 sites, and associated amenities. A temporary roundabout has been recently constructed at the entrance to the site.



PROPOSAL

The subject application to modify DA 247/2016/D seeks to defer completion of the roundabout until Stage 3 of the development. The application also proposes deletion of the bond. The applicants justification for the modification is that the temporary *'roundabout has been constructed to a much higher standard and would be suitable for a much longer life than the original'* and *'financial hardship'*.

The application to modify the consent proposes that conditions 20B, 69, and 69A be amended as follows:

- I. Condition 20B - defer design requirements for the permanent roundabout until Stage 3
- II. Condition 69 - deletion of the requirement to pay the 150% bond
- III. Condition 69A - removal of requirements for a permanent roundabout, deletion of references to a temporary roundabout, and deletion of the requirement for payment of a 150% bond.

The reasons expressed in the application for the above modifications is:

- a. *To allow the caravan park to open and provide tourist accommodation in the area, and*
- b. *Current requirements create a significant financial burden...likely to make the proposal unviable and would result in significant waste of resources.*

ASSESSMENT

Pursuant to the provision of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (s96(2)), an application to modify a development consent must demonstrate that the development to which the consent as modified relates is substantially the same development for which the consent was originally granted.

It is considered that the proposed modifications to the development would be in accordance with this provision.

Requirement for the Roundabout

The subject roundabout was required as an element of the tourist development to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians travelling across Blackhead Road between the Tallwoods Golf Course and the Tourist Facility. The staged (concept) consent issued by the Land and Environment Court required the roundabout to be constructed before any use of the development.

A previous modification proposal seeking to defer the roundabouts' construction until Stage 3 was determined to require the roundabout at Stage 2B on the basis that:

- This will be a cross intersection with movements across a busy and high speed road, vehicles would travel between Tallwoods and the tourist facility to access the golf course, cafe and shop.
- The majority of trips into this new development will be done by people (tourists) that will not know the intersection and may not appreciate the volumes and speeds along Blackhead Road.

- There will be a significant number of large vehicles such as caravans and horse floats making turning movements into and out of this site. These vehicles will be slow turning vehicles on this busy road. The provision of a roundabout would provide them with a safe intersection that would require vehicles on Blackhead Road to give way to these long vehicles already in the roundabout. A cross intersection would not require traffic on Blackhead Road to slow down as they would have the priority and will not be expecting slow vehicles in the middle of the intersection.
- A roundabout would provide the safest facility for this important intersection as it would be catering for Tallwoods village, new tourist facility and the eastern section of Hallidays Point. A cross intersection provides the opportunity for the most dangerous crash type being “cross traffic” or “turning across” (commonly called “T-boned”) and these crashes are usually at speed and result in serious crashes and injuries. A roundabout removes the “T-bone” style of crashes and must be installed at this busy intersection for this new development.

Modifications of consent

The current proposal is the 4th modification sought to DA 247/2016. The most recent modification in November 2017 sought to modify the conditions of consent to allow the roundabout to be constructed in two phases, initially as a temporary installation to allow the caravan park to open for Christmas 2017, and then as a permanent installation in 2018.

To allow this to proceed, and to ensure the permanent installation of the roundabout the consent was modified with the addition of a condition requiring the payment of a bond to the amount of 150% of the completion cost, should the applicant fail to complete the works.

It is pertinent to note that a temporary roundabout has been constructed, but the monetary bond has not been paid.

Impact of proposed modification

Council’s development engineers have advised that the roundabout as constructed to date is inadequate for prolonged use for the following reasons:

1. The surface seal is a 2 coat emulsion and not asphaltic seal,
2. Blisters and medians have been line marked only, not constructed as concrete,
3. Blackhead Road has not been widened by the required 1.2m,
4. The use of bollards to divert traffic is ineffective, and
5. Lighting has not been installed.

Depending on the results of geotechnical investigations and final design, the cost to complete the roundabout to permanent status could be in the vicinity of \$200 000.

Should Stage 3 of the development never proceed (which is a possibility given land required to complete stage 3 is in separate ownership) Council will acquire a sub-standard asset (temporary roundabout) that doesn’t meet the appropriate life expectancy, with no allocated money to complete the work.

Discussions

During assessment of the application several discussions have been held between the applicant and Council staff.

The applicant acknowledges the concern of staff in delaying completion of the roundabout until stage 3 of the development. The applicant has indicated a preparedness to complete the roundabout as soon as practical, but is not in a position to pay a bond for completion of the works.

It would be open to Council to delete the requirement to pay the bond or reduce the amount of the bond.

However, if there is no bond or the amount of the bond is less than required to complete the works, Council would be financially responsible for completion of the roundabout or alternatively would need to commence legal proceedings for use of the tourist facility to cease and the temporary roundabout be removed.

If the development never ceases to operate and the roundabout not removed by the applicant, Council would still need to consider completion or removal of the temporary roundabout, however such consideration would not be complicated with access issues concerning an operating tourist facility. Removal of the roundabout would be at substantially less cost than completion of the roundabout.

CONCLUSION

The proposed modification to defer the completion of the temporary roundabout until Stage 3 of the development has financial implications for Council and safety implications for users.

As there are limited avenues for Council to ensure the carrying out of Stage 3 of the development in a timely manner, the proposal to further modify Development Consent 247/2016/DA is recommended to be refused.

Similarly, permitting use of the development subject to completion of the roundabout at a time to be determined also exposes Council to financial risk.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the proposed modification to amend Conditions 20B, 69, and 69A be refused and Conditions 20B, 69, and 69A be retained in their current form for the following reasons:

- The roundabout as constructed to date is inadequate for prolonged use;
- Council may acquire a sub-standard asset with inadequate life expectancy; and
- potential financial implications to Council if completing the works is required.

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4 CONSENTS ISSUED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY - MARCH 2018

Report Author Lisa Schiff, Director - Planning & Natural Systems

File No. / ECM Index Development Consents Issued Under Delegated Authority

Date of Meeting 18 April 2018

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Consents which have been issued for March 2018 under authority delegated by Council on 14 October 2012 are contained in Annexure "A".

Should any Councillor have a query regarding the attached Annexure, please contact the Director - Planning & Natural Systems, so that the appropriate documentation may be brought to the meeting for clarification.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the information be noted.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

REPORT

Consents which have been issued for March 2018 under authority delegated by Council 14 October 2012 are contained in Annexure "A".

Should any Councillor have a query regarding the attached Annexure, please contact the Director - Planning & Natural Systems, so that the appropriate documentation may be brought to the meeting for clarification.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the information be noted.

ANNEXURES

A: Consents issued for the month of March 2018.

DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS ISSUED MARCH 2018

DA Number	Names	Address	Suburb	Description	Value of works	Decision type
DA-9/2018	Ms S G Low	39 Headland Road	BOOMERANG BEACH	New dwelling and detached parking structure	\$407,169.00	APPROVED
DA-34/2018	HARRISON BUILDING DESIGN	1378 The Bucketts Way	ALL WORTH	Proposed cafe and distillery, car parking, access, ancillary storage shed, associated earthworks and a dwelling	\$721,436.00	APPROVED
DA-113/2018	RGR DESIGN	150 Green Point Drive	GREEN POINT	Construction of Secondary Dwelling (Granny Flat)	\$80,100.00	APPROVED
DA-123/2018	Mr S McGough	5 Lucas Avenue	GREEN POINT	Dwelling	\$222,836.00	APPROVED
DA-140/2018	TATTERSALL LANDER PTY LTD	2A Engel Street	TEA GARDENS	Subdivision - 2 lots	\$5,000.00	APPROVED
DA-144/2018	UNIPLAN GROUP PTY LTD	40 Kamarooka Street	COOMBA PARK	Manufactured home	\$230,000.00	APPROVED
DA-172/2018	Mr R Yuen	7 The Boulevarde	HAWKS NEST	Proposed rooftop terraces incorporating access stair, tiled viewing areas, retractable sun shading blinds and new canopy over and aligning with existing front balcony	\$96,953.00	APPROVED
DA-173/2018	Macintosh PETROLEUM P/L	84 Macintosh Street	FORSTER	4 x Townhouses	\$700,000.00	APPROVED
DA-190/2018	IAN SERCOMBE ARCHITECT	2 Ski Cove Street	SMITHS LAKE	New secondary dwelling 60sqm	\$125,795.00	APPROVED
DA-215/2018	W Turner	12 Oriana Close	FORSTER	Storage shed	\$12,000.00	APPROVED
DA-219/2018	Mr G R Riordan	260 Boomerang Drive	CHARLOTTE BAY	Alterations and additions	\$397,548.00	DEFERRED COMMENCEMENT
DA-224/2018	Ms R Wile	98 Koree Street	PINDIMAR	Proposed shed	\$25,861.00	APPROVED
DA-226/2018	MATTO LUKE CORP PTY LTD	7 Osprey Place	DARAWANK	Dwelling and amendment to building envelope.	\$437,548.00	APPROVED
DA-237/2018	Dr J C O'Gorman	63 Kinka Road	SEAL ROCKS	Alterations & additions to existing dwelling	\$249,500.00	APPROVED
DA-242/2018	RGR DESIGN	85 Burgess Road	FORSTER	Two storey dwelling	\$479,000.00	APPROVED
DA-254/2018	MCDONALDS PROPERTIES AUST PTY LTD	18-22 Mark Street	FORSTER	Alterations and Additions to an Existing McDonald's Operation	\$273,857.00	APPROVED
DA-263/2018	NEWELL CONSTRUCTIONS	38 Shoreline Drive	TEA GARDENS	Two (2) lot subdivisions and construction of new dwellings	\$525,000.00	APPROVED
DA-270/2018	Mr E Lindstrom	12 Ibis Avenue	HAWKS NEST	New verandah / decks to front and rear of existing residence and rumpus extension / addition	\$60,282.00	APPROVED
DA-274/2018	IAN SERCOMBE ARCHITECT	10 Macwood Road	SMITHS LAKE	Deck and associated awning	\$10,680.00	APPROVED
DA-275/2018	IAN SERCOMBE ARCHITECT	90 Patsys Flat Road	SMITHS LAKE	Dwelling and swimming pool	\$660,620.00	APPROVED
DA-277/2018	M Hittings	5 Bangalow Place	FORSTER	Solid fuel heater under section 68	\$4,500.00	APPROVED
DA-284/2018	Ms A N Carew	33 Charles Street	SMITHS LAKE	Dwelling	\$213,803.97	APPROVED
DA-285/2018	Mr S Nelson	8 Daiman Street	FORSTER	Self-storage units	\$350,000.00	APPROVED
DA-297/2018	Mr N S Travis	13 Manara Crescent	FORSTER	Install wood heater	\$4,000.00	APPROVED
DA-306/2018	Mrs T S McGarry	55 Belbourie Crescent	BOOMERANG BEACH	Enclose verandahs and install pool	\$48,240.00	APPROVED
DA-311/2018	Mr P J Hore and Mrs C L Hore	5 Murray Avenue	FORSTER	Upper floor addition to existing residence	\$63,900.00	APPROVED
DA-321/2018	Mrs L J Canuso	5 Carawa Street	FORSTER	Carport	\$7,000.00	APPROVED
DA-323/2018	BLUEPRINT CONCEPTS PTY LTD	3-17 Breese Parade	FORSTER	Removal of existing pylon sign. Replacement with new 1.1m x 3.15m pylon sign with static + digital.	\$115,000.00	APPROVED
DA-325/2018	BUILDPLAN CONSULTANTS	37 Angus Drive	FAILFORD	Single dwelling, shed and carport	\$221,000.00	APPROVED
DA-336/2018	Mr R H McMahon	5 Sweet Pea Road	FORSTER	Ground level extension of existing building	\$150,000.00	APPROVED
DA-340/2018	Mrs J Buckingham	82 Clarkson Street	NABIAC	Storage Shed for Buckingham's Real Estate	\$24,563.00	APPROVED

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DA-341/2018	SORENSEN & CALDON	9A Carmona Drive	FORSTER	New residential dwelling	\$226,333.00	APPROVED
DA-347/2018	UNIPLAN GROUP PTY LTD	70 Bowdens Lane	STROUD ROAD	New single dwelling erected as Stage 2 - DA 253/2014	\$150,000.00	APPROVED
DA-348/2018	Mr K M Brown	Riverlands Estate 54 Mahogany Rd	COOLONGOLOOK	Machinery shed	\$49,876.00	APPROVED
DA-350/2018	Mrs D G McMurray	48 Underwood Road	FORSTER	Fibreglass swimming pool	\$38,500.00	APPROVED
DA-355/2018	Mr G Nelson	6 Roseville Close	FORSTER	Garage	\$27,571.00	APPROVED
DA-356/2018	Mr G R Riordan	93 Wamara Crescent	FORSTER	Single story brick dwelling and wood heater	\$293,176.00	APPROVED
DA-366/2018	PDA PLANNING	59 Clarkson Street	NABIAC	Demolition of sheds and secondary dwelling	\$32,431.00	APPROVED
DA-371/2018	Mr R Smith	1328 Coomba Road	COOMBA BAY	Machinery Shed	\$37,150.00	APPROVED
DA-372/2018	PERRY HOMES (AUST) PTY LTD	13 Carefree Road	NABIAC	New dwelling	\$317,000.00	APPROVED
DA-375/2018	RGR DESIGN	85 Green Point Drive	GREEN POINT	Additions to dwelling	\$30,000.00	APPROVED
DA-376/2018	Mr C J Saillard and Mrs B Saillard	15 Leeward Circuit	TEA GARDENS	Detached garage	\$61,980.00	APPROVED
DA-377/2018	BRUCE21 PTY LTD	21 Bruce Street	FORSTER	Proposed alterations to existing dwelling (Dual Occupancy) for the provision of an additional on-site car parking space	\$15,400.00	APPROVED
DA-379/2018	MURRAY BOURKE BUILDER	6 Windsor Street	TARBUCK BAY	Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling	\$42,000.00	APPROVED
DA-385/2018	Mr T Crowther	Riverlands Estate 19 Spotted Gum Rd	COOLONGOLOOK	PERGOLA	\$8,000.00	APPROVED
DA-391/2018	Mr J R Barrett	17-19 Russell Street	HAWKS NEST	Extension to existing residence	\$18,210.28	APPROVED
DA-399/2018	Mr S J Hallam and Mrs D S J Hallam	Riverlands Estate 24 Acacia Dr	COOLONGOLOOK	Single storey house	\$118,460.03	APPROVED
DA-419/2018	Mr N K Harvey and Mrs J Harvey	37 Curfew Avenue	HAWKS NEST	Detached shed	\$16,756.80	APPROVED
DA-422/2018	HUDSON HOMES	6 Simmsville Road	STROUD	New dwelling with attached garage	\$311,835.00	APPROVED
DA 2583/2017	Mr KE Mulhall	49 Anygle Street	BARRINGTON	Detached Garage	\$25,000.00	APPROVED
DA 2596/2017	Calco Surveyors Pty Ltd	4651-4655 The Bucketts Way South	GLOUCESTER	Additions to Golf Cart Shed	\$8,000.00	APPROVED
DA 2597/2018	Mr AJ Channells	382 Berrico Creek Road	BERRICO	New Dwelling/Dual Occupancy	\$208,240.00	APPROVED
DA 2599/2018	CKT Developments Pty Ltd	8 Peebles Street	BARRINGTON	Installation of Manufactured Home, Deck & Garage	\$190,000.00	APPROVED
118/2018/DA	Club Projects Newcastle Pty Ltd	34 Beach Street	HARRINGTON	Extension of outdoor gaming lounge	\$25,000.00	APPROVED
123/2004/DA/A	PDA Planning	361 Blackhead Road	HALLIDAYS POINT	Retirement village (staged) (Modification)	-	APPROVED
144/2018/DA	Sorensen & Caidon Pty Ltd	17 Cottlesoe Circuit	RED HEAD	Dwelling & attached garage	\$314,455.00	APPROVED
148/2018/DA	T D Cross	96 Old Bar Road	GLENTHORNE	Commercial additions	\$38,750.00	APPROVED
183/2018/DA	T P McLean and M A McLean	39 Appletree Street	WINGHAM	Bed & breakfast	-	APPROVED
190/2018/DA	Eastern Solar Design	7 Lewis Street	OLD BAR	Dwelling & attached garage	\$290,140.00	APPROVED
193/2018/DA	T J Mees and K A Gooley	81 Beecher Street	TINONEE	Dwelling	\$100,000.00	APPROVED
202/2017/DA/A	McGlashan & Crisp Pty Ltd	43 Alpine Drive	TINONEE	Subdivision - 4 lots (staged) (Modification)	-	APPROVED
203/2018/DA	F A Vanderloo	24 Ridge Road	TINONEE	Dwelling	\$100,000.00	APPROVED
209/2018/DA	BHI Builders	6 Scotts Road	ISLAND	Dwelling	\$300,000.00	APPROVED

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228/2017/DA/A	Innerchi Studios	23 Jubilee Parade	DIAMOND BEACH	Dwelling additions & swimming pool (Modification)	-	APPROVED
247/2018/DA	Barry Evans & Associates	21 Lorikeet Way	TALLWOODS VILLAGE	Dwelling & attached garage	\$363,508.00	APPROVED
256/2018/DA	Austin McFarland Pty Ltd	9 Price Street	WINGHAM	Preschool alterations & additions	\$89,100.00	APPROVED
259/2018/DA	R E Crisp and C J Plinter	128 Bimbaddeen Road	WHERROL FLAT	Subdivision - 2 lot	-	APPROVED
260/2018/DA	PDA Planning	52 Coastal View Drive	TALLWOODS VILLAGE	Subdivision - 3 lots	-	APPROVED
262/2018/DA	K Byrne and K Stanley	45 Ocean Drive	WALLABI POINT	Secondary dwelling	\$70,000.00	APPROVED
265/2018/DA	S V Thompson	45 Murray Street	HARRINGTON	Dwelling additions - bedroom & ensuite	\$50,000.00	APPROVED
291/2018/DA	PDA Planning	4 Torside Close	TALLWOODS VILLAGE	Relocated dwelling, carport & additions	\$30,000.00	APPROVED
297/2018/DA	S C Soul	3 Cogljan Avenue	WINGHAM	Storage facility (two stages)	\$140,000.00	APPROVED
302/2018/DA	Coastplan Group Pty Ltd	15 Albert Street	BLACK HEAD	Granny flat, alterations & additions	\$95,000.00	APPROVED
304/2018/DA	J A England	770 Tinonee Road	MONDROOK	Carport & detached shed	\$13,000.00	APPROVED
307/2018/DA	G S Bain and S L Bain	42 Francis Redman Place	HANNAM VALE	Dwelling	\$467,635.00	APPROVED
317/2018/DA	J K Coxon	5 Reef Close	HARRINGTON	Dwelling	\$133,000.00	APPROVED
319/2018/DA	Ranbuild Taree	35 Bayview Crescent	TAREE	Carport	\$5,921.00	APPROVED
324/2013/DA/A	Edgewater Shores Pty Ltd	310 Diamond Beach Road	DIAMOND BEACH	Subdivision (Modification)	-	APPROVED
327/2018/DA	Kompara Kreations	299 Waitui Road	WAITUI	Alterations to existing residence	\$50,000.00	APPROVED
328/2018/DA	C E Johnson	4 Moon Street	WINGHAM	Garage	\$11,557.00	APPROVED
330/2018/DA	Key Homes & Constructions	47 Scarborough Circuit	RED HEAD	Dwelling & attached garage	\$360,000.00	APPROVED
332/2018/DA	Optus Mobile Pty Ltd	30 Country Club Drive	WINGHAM	Optus Mobile Telecommunication Facility	\$250,000.00	APPROVED
334/2018/DA	B C Brown and M Popek	8 Eastern Valley Way	TALLWOODS VILLAGE	Dwelling & attached garage	\$400,000.00	APPROVED
335/2018/DA	T D Cross	225 Kundie Kundie Road	KUNDIE KUNDLE	Dwelling additions	\$122,500.00	APPROVED
339/2018/DA	McGlashan & Crisp Pty Ltd	59 Wingham Road	TAREE	Subdivision - 2 Lot	-	APPROVED
341/2018/DA	T D Cross	26 Peets Avenue	WALLABI POINT	Dwelling & shed	\$520,000.00	APPROVED
347/2018/DA	S A Downey	15 Claxton Street	TINONEE	Garage	\$17,542.00	APPROVED
351/2018/DA	K R Ryan	5 Hampton Court	LANDSDOWNE	Dwelling	\$100,000.00	APPROVED
352/2018/DA	T O'Neill	164 Roys Road	KRAMBACH	Dwelling	\$232,000.00	APPROVED
353/2018/DA	D L Couture	346 Saltwater Road	WALLABI POINT	Dual occupancy	\$500,000.00	APPROVED
354/2018/DA	M A Whitton	64 Albatross Way	OLD BAR	Dwelling	\$265,000.00	APPROVED
357/2018/DA	S P Mac Taggart	Lot B Ph Dawson	UPPER LANDSDOWNE	Dwelling	\$80,000.00	APPROVED
360/2018/DA	G M Merriman	16 Plummer Street	TAREE	Garage	\$14,921.00	APPROVED
364/2018/DA	M D Williams and E J Ulett	27 Plantation Lane	CEDAR PARTY	Additions & alterations - dwelling	\$200,000.00	APPROVED
365/2018/DA	E A Beard	Lot 42 Clarkes Road	TINONEE	Dwelling	\$300,000.00	APPROVED
366/2018/DA	M Dalton	11 Station Street	JOHNS RIVER	Detached shed	\$8,100.00	APPROVED
367/2018/DA	Tim Cross Building & Design	11 Treetops Parade	WINGHAM	Dwelling & retaining wall	\$262,000.00	APPROVED
370/2018/DA	P L Hobson	3 Granter Street	HARRINGTON	Dwelling additions	\$49,900.00	APPROVED
371/2018/DA	Tony Dove Drafting	15 Church Street	HARRINGTON	Verandah & garage	\$60,000.00	APPROVED
376/2018/DA	J R Pearsall and A V Pearsall and D J Pearsall	22 Walter Fay Street	WALLABI POINT	Dwelling	\$300,000.00	APPROVED

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381/2018/DA	Ranbuild Taree	3 Appletree Street	WINGHAM	Detached garage	\$12,981.00	APPROVED
386/2018/DA	G M Duber	2 John Hall Drive	TAREE	Dwelling additions, pool & spa	\$198,000.00	APPROVED
387/2018/DA	Caprice Home Additions	19 Coronation Street	OLD BAR	Insulated patio cover	\$10,945.00	APPROVED
388/2018/DA	M K Barton	2 McLeod Close	TAREE	Dwelling additions, double garage & porch	\$40,000.00	APPROVED
390/2018/DA	Tim Cross Building & Design	29 Corkwood Street	OLD BAR	Dwelling	\$284,400.00	APPROVED
391/2018/DA	S R Gill	7 Tropicbird Crescent	OLD BAR	Dwelling	\$190,000.00	APPROVED
400/2018/DA	Cleanwater Pools	24 Albatross Way	OLD BAR	Swimming pool	\$24,500.00	APPROVED
410/2018/DA	B A Stevenson and T L Stevenson	39 South Heron Road	OLD BAR	Shed	\$34,067.00	APPROVED
415/2018/DA	N J Lewis	111 Murray Road	WINGHAM	Detached garage	\$25,653.00	APPROVED

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5 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION MATTERS BEFORE LAND & ENVIRONMENT COURT - MARCH 2018

Author: Bruce Moore - Manager, Development Assessment

Index: Land and Environment Court Appeals - Development Applications

Ordinary Meeting: 18 April 2018

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report lists and provides an update on development application matters currently before the Land and Environment Court.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the information be noted.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Indicated in Annexure 'A'.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Indicated in Annexure 'A'.

REPORT:

This report lists and provides an update on development application matters currently before the Land and Environment Court.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the information be noted.

ANNEXURES:

A: List of development application matters currently before the Land and Environment Court.

Name	DA No.	Proposal	Location	Nature of Appeal	Council representation	Current Status	Likelihood of recovering Costs	Costs
R L Wilson Vs MidCoast Councils	DA-206/2015	Service Station	19 The Lakes Way, Tuncurry	Class 1 Appeal Appeal in relation to s94 Development Contributions	Local Government Legal	Listed for directions hearing on 9 April 2018	No	Not finalised
Australian Native Landscapes Vs MidCoast Council	DA-200/2018	Food organics and garden organics processing facility	12 Pindimar Road, Tea Gardens	Class 1 Appeal Appeal in relation to deemed refusal	Local Government Legal	Listed for directions hearing on 9 April 2018	No	Not finalised
Gateway Lifestyle Vs MidCoast Council	169/2010/DA/B	Manufactured Home Estate	Lot 1 Lewis Street, Old Bar	Class 1 Appeal Appeal in relation to deemed refusal	Local Government Legal	Listed for S34 conference on 28 May 2018	No	Not finalised
Gateway Lifestyle Vs MidCoast Council	407/2017/DA	Manufactured Home Estate	303 Blackhead Road, Hallidays Point	Class 1 Appeal Appeal in relation to Council's refusal to grant consent	Local Government Legal	Listed for directions hearing on 9 April 2018	No	Not finalised

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING & INFRASTRUCTURE

6 CAPITAL WORKS REPORT - APRIL

Report Author **Stuart Small, Team Leader Project Delivery**

File No. / ECM Index **ROADS - Asset Management**

Date of Meeting **18 April 2018**

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report provides advice on work currently in progress or recently completed within MidCoast Council by day labour staff and contractors. Also included is advice on the status of the 2017/18 Capital Works Program.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the information included in this report.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Projects listed within this report are included in 2017/2018 Operational Plan of MidCoast Council or grant funding that has subsequently been accepted by Council.

Work funded under Council's Road Maintenance Council Contract (RMCC) with Road & Maritime Services (RMS) for the state road sections of The Lakes Way and Failford Road is also included.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

A: 2017/18 Capital Works Program Status

Attachment A has been circulated in hard copy to the Councillors and Senior Staff, however this Attachment is publicly available on Council's website.

BACKGROUND

An update on the progress of capital works included in the 2017/18 Operational Plans for the MidCoast Council area is included in this report. It also includes works undertaken through special grants and the RMCC. The report is provided for the information of Council.

DISCUSSION

Attachment A provides a summary of the current status of the Capital Works Program being managed by the Projects and Engineering team. The table is an extract from the Master Spreadsheet that coordinates the delivery of the 2017/18 Capital Works Program, several columns have been added to facilitate reporting the status of the program to Council. The Progress Status and Budget Status columns have been populated by coloured cells; either green/amber/red, providing a quick and easy identifier to the general status of projects.

Projects that potentially will be contracted to external parties will not have a budget figure listed. Once a contract is signed the contract amount will be inserted. Council administration costs will be included in expenditure against these projects and the budget figure will thus be exceeded. Upon completion of the contract the actual total budget figure will be inserted.

Current highlights from the Capital Works Program that will be of interest follows:

Carryover Projects from FY16/17

- The Bucketts Way Stage 5 (including Kelly's Bridge) – Burrell Creek. Prior to the recent bad weather, this project was programmed to be sealed and completed at the end of March. The contractor is now effecting repairs caused by the wet weather and preparing to seal the works.
- Lee St/Stroud St Bulahdelah. The Head Contractor has experienced significant problems sourcing a subcontractor to complete the project, Council is currently awaiting notification of their preferred subcontractor prior to work recommencing. It is expected that works will recommence during April.

Urban Rehabilitation

- Albert Street (Taree) and Hadley Street (Forster). Stage one of works completed during Christmas school holidays. Stage two of Albert St is programmed for the April school holidays.
- Pulteney Street contract awarded and will commence in April.
- Tate Street and Hume Street, Gloucester. Tate Street budget was insufficient for minimum works deemed necessary and decision made to balance expenditure by altering the scope of the less critical works for Hume Street.

Urban Construction

- Manning Regional Art Gallery Carpark design has been finalised and works scheduled to commence end of April.

State Road

- Ordered Works. Council is awaiting direction regarding works that will be undertaken during May 2018.

Other Internal Council Works

- Jimmy's Beach Sand Transfer System. Awarding of the contract is currently waiting on finalisation of OEH grant funding. This is due in early April.
- Tea Gardens Pontoons. Tender values exceed budget and awaiting directions on how to proceed.

Rural Rehabilitation

- Blackhead Road - works are progressing with the road corridor prepared for commencement of pavement works. Works were halted for the April school holidays to prevent disruption to holiday traffic.

Rural Construction

- No update this month.

Regional Rehabilitation

- Main Street Cundletown. Council's Operations Team are preparing the worksite for contractors, through replacement of kerb and gutter and rectification of a stormwater pit. Once these works are complete in late April, asphalt contractors will undertake night operations to reconstruct the road pavement. This will significantly reduce the length of time the adjoining residents will be impacted by the works and reduce traffic disruptions during the day.
- Old Bar Road. Design is almost finalised. The Project Delivery team will be managing shoulder widening works with a local contractor, which will be undertaken during the day. Pavement reconstruction will be undertaken at night using asphalt. This delivery methodology will reduce the impacts upon motorists utilising Old Bar Road. These works are expected to cross into next financial year.
- Thunderbolts Way – the slips. Significant road pavement problems have been experienced and council has finalised a design to resolve the issues. Contractors are expected to commence works early in April.

Bridge Renewals

- Bulga Ck Bridge. Contractor currently finalising the design.
- Bobin Ck Bridge. Contractor currently finalising the design.
- Callaghans Ck Bridge. Recently announced grant funding for this project has required a change in design to meet grant requirements. The old bridge has been decommissioned in preparation for construction of its replacement. The new design is in progress.
- Council has developed a concept of utilising RMS Bridge Planks for our forward bridge program; a supplier on the NSW Local Government Procurement's supply contract is expected to deliver planks for several bridges to Council's local stockpile site prior to the end of June.

Bitumen Resealing Program

- Council's bitumen resealing program is complete except for a few roads in Taree/Lansdowne/Wingham that have been delayed by the recent wet weather. These will be completed during April.

Gravel Resheeting Program

- Gravel resheets are currently being completed in the Taree area (Wallanbah Road, Bucca Wauca).

CONSULTATION

The management and coordination of all aspects of the Capital Works Program is undertaken in consultation with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders.

The key stakeholders in the preparation of this monthly report include the Transport Assets Section, Projects and Engineering Section, Operations (North and South) Sections and the Finance Section.

COMMUNITY IMPACTS

Community Impacts are considered and managed as part of each Capital Works Program project.

ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY PLAN/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Section 4 of the 2017-2018 Operational Plan is the Asset Management Program (Capital Works). This report to Council details the progress in delivering this section of the plan.

TIMEFRAME

Details are reported within the attachment.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Attachment A details current expenditure against individual projects and budget details for these individual projects. Current total expenditure within the Capital Works Program is within budget.

RISK CONSIDERATION

Each individual project is proactively managed to reduce risks associated with the project.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the information in this report.

7 PROPOSED ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGE STATION - NABIAC

Report Author Ron Hartley, Director Engineering and Infrastructure

File No. / ECM Index Electric Recharge Station

Date of Meeting 18 April 2018

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The report advises of a proposal by NRMA to construct an electric vehicle recharge station in NABIAC

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council support the proposed electric vehicle recharge station in Clarkson St, NABIAC in principle and delegate authority to the General Manager to continue negotiations with NRMA and execute an agreement for the installation and operation of the electric vehicle recharge station.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The proposal will require the formalisation of the road shoulder in this location. It is proposed that this work be incorporated into a suitable road rehabilitation program.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The installation will be subject to a negotiated legal agreement between Council and NRMA.

ATTACHMENTS

A: NRMA partnership proposal for the installation of an electric vehicle recharge station. This attachment has only been provided to Councillors and senior staff as it is confidential

The attachment is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed:
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it

Details, should they be revealed, may result in commercial disadvantage to parties involved in the negotiations. Some information provided to Council by other party is provided on the basis that Council will treat it as commercial in confidence.

It is not in the public interest to reveal all details of these negotiations at this point in time.

BACKGROUND

Council was recently approached by NRMA seeking discussions with regard to the possible installation of an electric vehicle (EV) recharge station in NABIAC.

It was explained that this would be part of a series of EV recharge stations being installed by NRMA to service its members as well as the general public.

Following initial discussions a site meeting was held in NABIAC to review possible sites for the installation. In attendance at the meeting were representatives of NRMA, Council parks, economic development and engineering staff as well as a representative of the NABIAC Village Futures Group.

The aim and requirements of the program were explained by NRMA and several sites were examined to assess their suitability in meeting the needs of the program as well as the needs of the NABIAC Community.

The preferred options were in Clarkson St, outside the Police Station and in NABIAC St in the vicinity of the swimming pool. Following the inspection it was agreed that the preferred location is in Clarkson St, subject to there being access to suitable power at a reasonable capital cost. Ongoing discussions are being undertaken with Essential Energy by NRMA to assess the power supply for this site.

DISCUSSION

Attachment A to this report is a confidential (at the request of NRMA) document provided by NRMA which sets out the background to the program and the expectations of the partners to the program.

In summary, it is intended that NRMA will fund the installation of 40 fast-charge stations across NSW and ACT, with a maximum distance of 200km between sites. Each of these stations will be capable of charging a 50kW vehicle to around 80% in 30 minutes.

The stations will provide universal access with reduced fees for NRMA members.

The preferred sites are available 24 hours, close to facilities such as shops, playgrounds and amenities, exclusively available for charging and available for expansion in the future if the demand exists. An essential component of the selected site is access to the power grid at a reasonable installation cost.

The facility is also seen as an opportunity for economic development by attracting motorists away from the highway.

A number of potential sites were discussed but many were dismissed for reasons such as the loss of a parking space required for other uses, unsuitable for nose in or rear in parking, poor lighting, distance to amenities etc.

The two preferred sites and their suitability are as follows:

Clarkson St outside the Police Station.

This site is a wide unsealed road shoulder. There is currently a section signposted for Police Vehicles only and the preferred site is adjacent to this designated area. The site is adjacent to a playground and within a short walk to amenities and shops. The shoulder is used as an informal bus bay and would have to be sealed and drained to accommodate the EV charging station.

Nabiac St in the vicinity of the swimming pool, amenities, tennis courts.

This location satisfies all of the requirements for an EV charging station. However, there would be conflict during periods of high sporting use such as during the summer swimming season or during sporting events.

As a result of the potential conflict with sporting events, the Clarkson St site was preferred by those attending the site visit.

CONSULTATION

Consultation was in the form of a site inspection and discussion with NRMA, Nabiac Village Futures Group representatives and representatives of Council staff from Parks, Economic Development and Engineering.

COMMUNITY IMPACTS

The EV charging stations are being provided as a support for the travelling public as well as the local community. The installation is also seen as an attractor to passing motorists who may not otherwise stop in the village.

ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY PLAN/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The proposal is identified within the Nabiac Community Strategic Plan.

TIMEFRAME

It is likely that, if approved, the installation will proceed in the next Financial Year.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The proposal will require the formalisation of the unsealed road shoulder, including the provision of kerb and gutter. This work can be accommodated within the current road rehabilitation program.

RISK CONSIDERATION

The proposal will be subject to a legal agreement with NRMA, with the installation subject to approval by the Local Traffic Committee. Advice from Council's Planning Division indicates that Development Consent is not required.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council support the proposed electric vehicle recharge station in Clarkson St, Nabiac in principle and delegate authority to the General Manager to continue negotiations with NRMA and execute an agreement for the installation and operation of the electric vehicle recharge station.

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DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SPACES & SERVICES

8 LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING

Report Author Sarah Wilkinson, Community Engagement Officer

File No. / ECM Index MidCoast Council Ord Meeting

Date of Meeting 18 April 2018

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report outlines the importance of community planning in order to achieve greater outcomes within communities, and the process that Council has undertaken in this area. Staff have been supporting a number of communities in the development of their own local community plans, which are now being presented for noting and further consideration in Council's planning framework.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Congratulate the Coolongolook, Wang Wauk and Wallingat Rivers Catchment Communities and the Wootton community on the development of their local community plans.
2. Note the Coolongolook, Wang Wauk and Wallingat Rivers Catchment Communities – Community Plan 2017 – 2021.
3. Note the Wootton Community Plan 2017 - 2021.
4. Considers both plans in the development of Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan.
5. Provides feedback to the Coolongolook, Wang Wauk and Wallingat Rivers Catchment Communities and the Wootton community on how the plans have been incorporated into the Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

- A: Integrated Planning Framework with inclusion of community plans
- B: Coolongolook, Wang Wauk and Wallingat Rivers catchment communities – Community Plan – 2017 - 2021
- C: Wootton Community Plan – 2017 - 2021

Attachments A-C have been circulated in hard copy to the Councillors and Senior Staff, however these Attachments are publicly available on Council's website.

BACKGROUND

Local community planning is a process which involves the community working together to identify their own long term objectives to improve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of their community. Actions identified within these plans can be community led or joint initiatives with other stakeholders.

The local community plans are intended to compliment Council's Intergrated Planning and Reporting Framework, as well as other local and regional plans. This relationship is outlined in Attachment A. Local community plans are an opportunity to develop a vision and range of actions specific to that community, while linking in with the higher level objectives outlined in the MidCoast Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

DISCUSSION

Since the merger, Community Engagement staff have been working with a number of community groups to develop their own community plans. Two of these communities are the Coolongolook, Wang Wauk and Wallingat Rivers catchment communities; and the Wootton community. Both of these communities have finalised their local community plans, which are provided in Attachments B and C respectively.

Council is currently in the process of developing the Delivery Program and Operational Plan. In working with the Coolongolook, Wang Wauk and Wallingat Rivers catchment communities; and Wootton community to develop their local community plans, we have kept in mind the opportunity to link in with Council's IP&R framework to ensure the greatest outcomes can be achieved.

CONSULTATION

Community engagement is an essential part of any community planning process and to ensure the integrity of this process, staff worked alongside community groups to ensure the input gathered was representative of the diversity that exists within those communities.

In addition to this, as part of the development of the community plans we met with the lead community group numerous times to provide advice and support on the consultation process.

COMMUNITY IMPACTS

As a part of consultations run since the merger, many members of the community have expressed concern at a possible loss of identity and voice for smaller regional communities. Local community plans provide a means by which communities can maintain a strong voice through a representative driven process and provide a key linkage point between Council and the community.

As well as this, the other benefits of community planning include:

- Outcomes are more likely to have a greater impact and be long lasting
- Greater community ownership over priorities and actions, which in turn can increase community pride.
- Communities that are well organised are more likely to be able to make the most of arising opportunities. For example grants.
- Provides an opportunity to build relationships and connections within communities that may not have otherwise happened.

ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY PLAN/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The outcomes associated with local community planning link strongly with all of the sections within our community strategic plan *MidCoast 2030: Shared Vision, Shared Responsibility*. The local community plans address the social, economic, environmental and governance objectives, which link directly with the values outlined *MidCoast 2030*.

The recommendation provided in this report outlines the potential for consideration of the local community plans in the development of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Congratulate the Coolongolook, Wang Wauk and Wallingat Rivers Catchment Communities and the Wootton community on the development of their local community plans.
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DIRECTOR CORPORATE & BUSINESS SYSTEMS

9 INVESTMENTS REPORT - MARCH 2018

Report Author Phil Brennan, Manager Finance

File No. / ECM Index Investments - Monthly Reports

Date of Meeting 18 April 2018

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report provides details of the funds invested by Mid-Coast Council under section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 as required by clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

A monthly report on Investments made and held by Council together with a statement by Council's Responsible Accounting Officer is required by legislation.

BACKGROUND

Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993 permits a Council to invest money that is not, for the time being, required for any other purpose. This money may only be invested in a form of investment that has been notified in an Order by the Minister for Local Government.

Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires that the Responsible Accounting Officer of Council must provide Council with a written report setting out all money invested under section 625 of the Local Government Act, at the last day of the month immediately preceding the meeting. It also requires that the Responsible Accounting Officer must include a certificate as to whether or not the investments have been made in accordance with the Act, Regulations and Policies. This Certificate is included as Annexure A.

DISCUSSION

At 31 March 2018 Council had \$169,568,234 in invested funds with financial institutions.

Those funds were held by the former offices as set out below:

Office	Amount Invested
Gloucester Office	\$3,000,000
Taree Office	\$37,600,000
Forster Office	\$82,619,724
Water Division - Sewer Funds	\$39,341,838
Water Division - Water Funds	\$7,006,672
Total	\$169,568,234

The Investment Policy requires a report on the following matters:

1. *Details of each investment* - these details are shown in Annexure B to this report. That report provides the following detail for each investment held by Council:

Investment Date, Interest Rate, Security Type, Duration, Amount Invested, Maturity Date, Counter Party (who holds the investment), Credit Rating

2. Counterparty Holdings

The Policy provides for the following Counterparty Limits (maximum amount to be held with any one institution):

Credit Rating	Individual % of Portfolio	Estimated \$ Limit
AAA / A-1	20%	\$30 Million
AA / A-1	20%	\$30 Million
A / A-1 & A / A-2	13%	\$20 Million
BBB / A-2	7%	\$10 Million
Unrated	1.3%	\$2 Million

The position at 31 March 2018 with respect to Counterparty compliance is as follows:

Counterparty	Rating	Amount Invested	% Invested	Max % Limit	Comply (Y / N)
NSWTC ICM CF (TCorp)	AAA	\$4,867,527	2.87%	20.00%	Y
ANZ Bank	AA-	\$303	0.00%	20.00%	Y
Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$13,523,757	7.98%	20.00%	Y
BankWest	AA-	\$16,400,000	9.67%	20.00%	Y
NAB	AA-	\$23,400,000	13.80%	20.00%	Y
Westpac	AA-	\$9,576,647	5.65%	20.00%	Y
Rabobank	A+	\$1,000,000	0.59%	13.00%	Y
Suncorp-Metway	A+	\$6,400,000	3.77%	13.00%	Y
UBS	A+	\$2,000,000	1.18%	13.00%	Y
AMP Bank	A	\$5,000,000	2.95%	13.00%	Y
Credit Suisse AG	A	\$1,000,000	0.59%	13.00%	Y
ING Bank	A	\$5,000,000	2.95%	13.00%	Y
Macquarie Bank	A	\$1,000,000	0.59%	13.00%	Y
Bank of Queensland	BBB+	\$13,250,000	7.81%	7.00%	N
Bendigo - Adelaide (Rural) Bank	BBB+	\$6,500,000	3.83%	7.00%	Y
People's Choice Credit Union	BBB	\$4,000,000	2.36%	7.00%	Y
Beyond Bank	BBB	\$7,700,000	4.54%	7.00%	Y
Bank Australia	BBB	\$2,000,000	1.18%	7.00%	Y
Greater Bank	BBB	\$10,000,000	5.90%	7.00%	Y
Defence Bank	BBB	\$3,000,000	1.77%	7.00%	Y

Counterparty	Rating	Amount Invested	% Invested	Max % Limit	Comply (Y / N)
Credit Union Australia	BBB	\$1,750,000	1.03%	7.00%	Y
IMB Bank	BBB	\$10,200,000	6.02%	7.00%	Y
Newcastle Permanent	BBB	\$2,250,000	1.33%	7.00%	Y
Members Equity Bank	BBB	\$9,000,000	5.31%	7.00%	Y
MyState Bank	BBB	\$4,500,000	2.65%	7.00%	Y
Teachers Mutual Bank	BBB	\$500,000	0.29%	7.00%	Y
Auswide Bank	BBB-	\$2,500,000	1.47%	7.00%	Y
Bank of Sydney	Unrated	\$250,000	0.15%	1.30%	Y
Police Credit Union SA	Unrated	\$2,000,000	1.18%	1.30%	Y
Bananacoast Credit Union	Unrated	\$1,000,000	0.59%	1.30%	Y
Total		\$169,568,234	100.00%		

Council remains in excess of the counterparty limit in respect of Bank of Queensland. With Term Deposits totalling \$3.5 million maturing during June the portfolio can be brought back into alignment through the reallocation of these maturities to other institutions.

Given the current level of invested funds and monthly fluctuations in the total holding the Bank of Queensland holdings will track along at or just over the limit until June.

3. Dissection based on Maturity Horizon

The policy classifies investments with a maturity shorter than 1 year as short term investments with those greater than 1 year as long term investments. This is based on the term of the initial investment not the remaining period to maturity at the date of the report.

The current positioning of the portfolio is as follows:

Investment Maturity	Amount	% of Portfolio	Policy Limits
Short Term - 1 year or less	\$140,568,234	82.90%	60% - 100%
Long Term - Greater than 1 year	\$29,000,000	17.10%	0% - 40%

4. Portfolio by Credit Rating

The table below shows the diversification of the portfolio by credit rating:

Credit Rating	Amount	% of Portfolio	Policy Limits
AAA Category	\$4,867,527	2.87%	20%
AA Category	\$62,900,707	37.10%	80%
A Category	\$21,400,000	12.62%	80%
BBB Category	\$77,150,000	45.49%	65%
Unrated ADIs	\$3,250,000	1.92%	4%
Total	\$169,568,234	100.00%	

Council is within policy limits for all credit ratings at the end of March 2018.

5. Benchmarking across the Investment Horizon

The following shows the weighted average yield at the end of March across the various investment horizons, as indicated in the Investment Policy.

Investment Horizon	Amount Invested	Expected Min. Return Range	Expected Min Return %	Council's Wgt Avg. Yield	Council's Wgt Avg. Duration
On Call	\$7,946,674	Cash Rate	1.50%	1.64%	0
0 - 3 mths	\$77,171,560	BBI + 40-50bp	2.09%	2.52%	44
3 - 6 mths	\$36,450,000	BBI + 50-70 bp	2.24%	2.58%	128
6 - 12 mths	\$19,000,000	BBI + 70-90bp	2.44%	2.71%	260
1 - 2 yrs	\$11,750,000	BBI + 90-100bp	2.59%	3.03%	606
Greater	\$17,250,000	BBI + 100bp	2.64%	3.12%	1,138
Council's Portfolio	\$169,568,234		2.21%	2.60%	234

Generally Council's investment portfolio remains well spread across institutions, ratings and maturities given the competing demands to manage operational cashflow across 4 offices while achieving a reasonable return on funds under investment. Council's aggregated position has generally been conservative and there is some capacity to achieve higher returns through the consolidation and management of the entire portfolio and a move into longer dated investments.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted.

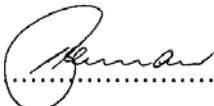
ANNEXURES

A: Responsible Accounting Officer's Certificate

Investment Certificate

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulations, Part 9 Division 5 Clause 212, I certify that Council's Investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

This certificate is to be read in conjunction with the Investment Report and Annexures for the month of March 2018.



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Phil Brennan
Responsible Accounting Officer
9 April 2018

B: Mid-Coast Council Investments at 31 March 2018

Financial Securities as at 31 March 2018							
Investment Date	Interest Rate	Security Type	Duration	Amount Invested	Maturity Date	Held With	Credit Rating
FORSTER OFFICE INVESTMENTS							
Floating Rate Notes							
27/11/2013	BBSW +1.30	FRN		\$1,000,000.00	27/11/2018	Bendigo & Adelaide	BBB+ / A-2
24/06/2014	BBSW +110	FRN		\$1,000,000.00	24/06/2019	Bank of Queensland Ltd	BBB / A-2
7/07/2015	BBSW+110	FRN		\$1,000,000.00	3/03/2020	Macquarie Bank	A / A-1
19/08/2015	BBSW+110	FRN		\$1,000,000.00	18/08/2020	Bendigo & Adelaide	BBB+ / A-2
20/10/2015	BBSW +125	FRN		\$1,000,000.00	20/10/2020	Suncorp Metway	A+ / A-1
5/11/2015	BBSW+108	FRN		\$1,000,000.00	5/11/2020	NAB	AA- / A-1+
29/01/2016	BBSW +115	FRN		\$1,000,000.00	18/01/2021	Commonwealth Bank	AA- / A-1+
4/03/2016	BBSW +150	FRN		\$1,000,000.00	4/03/2021	Rabobank	A+ / A-1
9/03/2016	BBSW +195	FRN		\$1,000,000.00	9/03/2021	Credit Suisse	A / A-1
27/06/2016	BBSW+148	FRN		\$1,000,000.00	18/05/2021	Bank of Queensland Ltd	BBB / A-2
9/08/2016	BBSW+152	FRN		\$1,000,000.00	7/06/2019	Greater Bank	BBB / A-2
30/08/2016	BBSW+155	FRN		\$1,500,000.00	30/08/2019	Greater Bank	BBB / A-2
28/10/2016	BBSW+140	FRN		\$500,000.00	28/10/2019	Teachers Mutual Bank	BBB / A-2
24/02/2017	BBSW +145	FRN		\$1,000,000.00	24/02/2020	Greater Bank	BBB / A-2
20/03/2017	BBSW +130	FRN		\$750,000.00	20/03/2020	CUA	BBB / A-2
2/06/2017	BBSW +140	FRN		\$1,000,000.00	29/05/2020	Greater Bank	BBB / A-2
7/06/2017	BBSW +140	FRN		\$1,000,000.00	29/05/2020	Greater Bank	BBB / A-2
31/08/2017	BBSW +125	FRN		\$2,000,000.00	6/04/2020	Members Equity Bank Pty Ltd	BBB / A-2
6/02/2018	BBSW+140	FRN		\$1,250,000.00	6/02/2023	Newcastle Permanent	BBB / A-2
8/03/2018	BBSW+90	FRN		\$2,000,000.00	8/03/2023	UBS	A+ / A-1
21/03/2018	BBSW+140	FRN		\$500,000.00	6/02/2023	Newcastle Permanent	BBB / A-2
21/03/2018	BBSW +165	FRN		\$500,000.00	24/01/2022	Newcastle Permanent	BBB / A-2
				\$23,000,000.00			
Floating Rate Notes							
Floating Term Deposits							
19/02/2015	BBSW + 95	FTD		\$1,000,000.00	21/02/2020	ING	A / A-1
11/12/2014	BBSW + 106	FTD		\$1,000,000.00	11/12/2019	NAB	AA- / A-1+
11/12/2014	BBSW + 106	FTD		\$1,000,000.00	11/12/2019	NAB	AA- / A-1+
1/12/2015	BBSW + 120	FTD		\$1,000,000.00	1/12/2020	Westpac Bank	AA- / A-1+
				\$4,000,000.00			
Floating Term Deposits							
On Call Bank Accounts							
31/03/2018	1.4000%	On call		\$2,196.72		Commonwealth Bank	AA- / A-1+
31/03/2018	2.1100%	On call		\$4,867,527.11		T-Corp	AAA / A-1+
				\$4,869,723.83			

Term	Deposit	Rate	Amount	Term	Bank	Rating
15/02/2018	Term Deposit	2.6500%	\$1,000,000.00	12/11/2018	AMP	A / A-1
25/08/2017	Term Deposit	2.6000%	\$1,000,000.00	24/05/2018	AMP	A / A-1
21/09/2017	Term Deposit	2.6000%	\$1,250,000.00	20/09/2018	AMP	A / A-1
12/10/2017	Term Deposit	2.6000%	\$1,500,000.00	12/04/2018	Auswide Bank	BBB- / A-3
26/10/2017	Term Deposit	2.5600%	\$1,000,000.00	30/05/2018	Bank Australia	BBB / A-2
5/12/2017	Term Deposit	2.5700%	\$1,000,000.00	20/06/2018	Bank of Queensland Ltd	BBB / A-2
11/04/2018	Term Deposit	2.6000%	\$1,000,000.00	11/01/2019	Bank of Queensland Ltd	BBB / A-2
22/03/2018	Term Deposit	2.6000%	\$1,000,000.00	27/09/2018	Beyond Bank	BBB / A-2
7/09/2017	Term Deposit	2.5000%	\$1,500,000.00	12/04/2018	Commonwealth Bank	AA- / A-1+
21/09/2017	Term Deposit	2.6000%	\$1,000,000.00	21/06/2018	Commonwealth Bank	AA- / A-1+
30/11/2017	Term Deposit	2.5000%	\$1,000,000.00	31/05/2018	CUA	BBB / A-2
16/11/2017	Term Deposit	2.6500%	\$1,000,000.00	16/05/2018	Defence Bank	BBB / A-2
25/01/2018	Term Deposit	2.6000%	\$1,000,000.00	26/07/2018	Defence Bank	BBB / A-2
27/10/2017	Term Deposit	2.7800%	\$1,000,000.00	25/10/2018	Defence Bank	BBB / A-2
4/01/2018	Term Deposit	2.8000%	\$1,500,000.00	1/11/2018	Greater Bank	BBB / A-2
21/09/2017	Term Deposit	2.6500%	\$1,000,000.00	20/09/2018	ING	A / A-1
8/02/2018	Term Deposit	2.5800%	\$1,000,000.00	8/11/2018	Members Equity Bank Pty Ltd	BBB / A-2
22/08/2017	Term Deposit	2.6000%	\$1,000,000.00	10/05/2018	Members Equity Bank Pty Ltd	BBB / A-2
17/08/2017	Term Deposit	2.6000%	\$1,000,000.00	17/05/2018	Members Equity Bank Pty Ltd	BBB / A-2
7/09/2017	Term Deposit	2.5700%	\$1,500,000.00	5/04/2018	My State Bank	BBB / A-2
2/11/2017	Term Deposit	2.5500%	\$1,000,000.00	31/05/2018	My State Bank	BBB / A-2
7/12/2017	Term Deposit	2.6000%	\$1,000,000.00	5/07/2018	My State Bank	BBB / A-2
30/06/2017	Term Deposit	2.6500%	\$1,000,000.00	30/08/2018	My State Bank	BBB / A-2
1/02/2018	Term Deposit	2.6100%	\$1,000,000.00	9/08/2018	NAB	AA- / A-1+
15/03/2018	Term Deposit	2.6700%	\$1,500,000.00	14/03/2019	Westpac Bank	AA- / A-1+
22/03/2018	Term Deposit	2.7000%	\$1,000,000.00	4/10/2018	Bananaoast Credit Union	Unrated
23/03/2018	Term Deposit	2.7500%	\$1,000,000.00	29/03/2019	Rural Bank	BBB+ / A-2
7/12/2017	Term Deposit	2.6100%	\$1,000,000.00	12/07/2018	Peoples Choice Credit Union	BBB / A-2
14/12/2017	Term Deposit	2.5300%	\$1,000,000.00	19/07/2018	Peoples Choice Credit Union	BBB / A-2
21/12/2017	Term Deposit	2.6500%	\$1,000,000.00	14/06/2018	Police Credit Union SA	Unrated
28/09/2017	Term Deposit	2.5500%	\$1,000,000.00	21/06/2018	Police Credit Union SA	Unrated
5/12/2017	Term Deposit	2.6100%	\$1,000,000.00	26/04/2018	Suncorp Metway	A+ / A-1
5/12/2017	Term Deposit	2.6100%	\$1,000,000.00	7/06/2018	Suncorp Metway	A+ / A-1
5/12/2017	Term Deposit	2.6100%	\$1,000,000.00	14/06/2018	Suncorp Metway	A+ / A-1
5/12/2017	Term Deposit	2.6100%	\$1,000,000.00	27/06/2018	Suncorp Metway	A+ / A-1
			\$37,750,000.00			
Stronger Communities Investments						
12/10/2017	Term Deposit	2.6700%	\$1,000,000.00	18/10/2018	Auswide Bank	BBB- / A-3
27/11/2017	Term Deposit	2.6500%	\$1,000,000.00	31/05/2018	Bank Australia	BBB / A-2
27/06/2016	FRN	BBSW-148	\$1,000,000.00	18/05/2021	Bank of Queensland Ltd	BBB / A-2
8/03/2018	Term Deposit	2.6000%	\$1,000,000.00	6/09/2018	Beyond Bank	BBB / A-2
7/03/2018	Term Deposit	2.6000%	\$1,000,000.00	13/09/2018	Beyond Bank	BBB / A-2

8/03/2018	2.6600%	Term Deposit	364	\$2,000,000.00	7/03/2019	Westpac Bank	AA- / A-1+
28/09/2017	2.5700%	Term Deposit	273	\$1,000,000.00	28/06/2018	Commonwealth Bank	AA- / A-1+
4/01/2018	2.8000%	Term Deposit	308	\$1,000,000.00	8/11/2018	Greater Bank	BBB / A-2
21/09/2017	2.6500%	Term Deposit	371	\$1,000,000.00	27/09/2018	ING	A / A-1
5/01/2018	2.7000%	Term Deposit	181	\$2,000,000.00	5/07/2018	Greater Bank	BBB / A-2
1/02/2018	2.6100%	Term Deposit	371	\$1,000,000.00	7/02/2019	Rural Bank	BBB+ / A-2
				\$13,000,000.00			
TOTAL FORSTER OFFICE INVESTMENTS				\$82,619,723.83			

GLUCESTER OFFICE INVESTMENTS

Term Deposits							
14/09/2017	2.5000%	Term Deposit	209	\$1,000,000.00	11/04/2018	Commonwealth Bank	AA- / A-1+
25/10/2017	2.5500%	Term Deposit	181	\$500,000.00	24/04/2018	Beyond Bank	BBB / A-2
9/11/2017	2.5500%	Term Deposit	180	\$250,000.00	8/05/2018	Bank of Sydney	Unrated
21/11/2017	2.5500%	Term Deposit	231	\$250,000.00	10/07/2018	Bank of Queensland Ltd	BBB / A-2
10/01/2018	2.6000%	Term Deposit	181	\$1,000,000.00	10/07/2018	Members Equity Bank Pty Ltd	BBB / A-2
				\$3,000,000.00			
TOTAL GLUCESTER OFFICE INVESTMENTS				\$3,000,000.00			

TAREE OFFICE INVESTMENTS

Term Deposits							
6/12/2017	2.4500%	Term Deposit	119	\$2,000,000.00	4/04/2018	IMB Bank	BBB / A-2
14/12/2017	2.4600%	Term Deposit	111	\$1,500,000.00	4/04/2018	NAB	AA- / A-1+
21/12/2017	2.4600%	Term Deposit	111	\$1,200,000.00	11/04/2018	NAB	AA- / A-1+
30/12/2017	2.4400%	Term Deposit	98	\$1,200,000.00	11/04/2018	IMB Bank	BBB / A-2
20/12/2017	2.4500%	Term Deposit	119	\$2,000,000.00	18/04/2018	IMB Bank	BBB / A-2
30/12/2018	2.4400%	Term Deposit	105	\$1,000,000.00	18/04/2018	Beyond Bank	BBB / A-2
10/01/2018	2.4600%	Term Deposit	104	\$700,000.00	24/04/2018	Beyond Bank	BBB / A-2
11/01/2018	2.4600%	Term Deposit	103	\$1,200,000.00	24/04/2018	NAB	AA- / A-1+
17/01/2018	2.5000%	Term Deposit	105	\$1,500,000.00	2/05/2018	NAB	AA- / A-1+
31/01/2018	2.5000%	Term Deposit	91	\$2,000,000.00	2/05/2018	BankWest	AA- / A-1+
5/02/2018	2.4500%	Term Deposit	93	\$1,000,000.00	9/05/2018	BankWest	AA- / A-1+
7/02/2018	2.4500%	Term Deposit	91	\$1,400,000.00	9/05/2018	BankWest	AA- / A-1+
14/02/2018	2.5000%	Term Deposit	91	\$1,500,000.00	16/05/2018	BankWest	AA- / A-1+
21/02/2018	2.5000%	Term Deposit	91	\$2,500,000.00	23/05/2018	BankWest	AA- / A-1+
28/02/2018	2.5000%	Term Deposit	77	\$1,500,000.00	16/05/2018	BankWest	AA- / A-1+
28/02/2018	2.4500%	Term Deposit	91	\$1,000,000.00	30/05/2018	Beyond Bank	BBB / A-2
1/03/2018	2.5000%	Term Deposit	97	\$2,000,000.00	6/06/2018	BankWest	AA- / A-1+
1/03/2018	2.5000%	Term Deposit	97	\$1,500,000.00	6/06/2018	BankWest	AA- / A-1+
1/03/2018	2.5000%	Term Deposit	90	\$1,500,000.00	30/05/2018	BankWest	AA- / A-1+
7/03/2018	2.5700%	Term Deposit	98	\$1,300,000.00	13/06/2018	NAB	AA- / A-1+

7/03/2018	2.5700%	Term Deposit	98	\$1,500,000.00	13/06/2018	NAB	AA-/A-1+	Sewer
14/03/2018	2.5800%	Term Deposit	98	\$1,500,000.00	20/06/2018	NAB	AA-/A-1+	Sewer
14/03/2018	2.5000%	Term Deposit	98	\$1,500,000.00	20/06/2018	Beyond Bank	BBB/A-2	Water
21/03/2018	2.4500%	Term Deposit	98	\$1,400,000.00	27/06/2018	Suncorp Metway	A+/A-1	Sewer
21/03/2018	2.5700%	Term Deposit	98	\$1,000,000.00	27/06/2018	NAB	AA-/A-1+	Sewer
28/03/2018	2.5800%	Term Deposit	98	\$1,200,000.00	4/07/2018	NAB	AA-/A-1+	Sewer
		Term Deposits		\$37,600,000.00				
		TOTAL THREE OFFICE INVESTMENTS		\$37,600,000.00				

WATER SERVICES DIVISION INVESTMENTS

Term Deposits								
21/09/2017	2.5000%	Term Deposit	196	\$2,000,000.00	5/04/2018	People's Choice Credit Union	BBB/A-2	Sewer
29/09/2017	2.5100%	Term Deposit	209	\$2,000,000.00	26/04/2018	Commonwealth Bank	AA-/A-1+	Sewer
29/09/2017	2.5100%	Term Deposit	216	\$3,000,000.00	3/05/2018	Commonwealth Bank	AA-/A-1+	Sewer
28/09/2017	2.5100%	Term Deposit	218	\$3,021,560.00	4/05/2018	Commonwealth Bank	AA-/A-1+	Water
31/10/2017	2.5800%	Term Deposit	171	\$2,500,000.00	20/04/2018	Rural Bank	BBB+/A-2	Sewer
20/11/2017	2.5000%	Term Deposit	184	\$2,500,000.00	23/05/2018	IMB Bank	BBB/A-2	Sewer
20/11/2017	2.5000%	Term Deposit	226	\$2,500,000.00	4/07/2018	IMB Bank	BBB/A-2	Sewer
20/12/2017	2.5800%	Term Deposit	196	\$2,500,000.00	4/07/2018	Bank of Queensland Ltd	BBB/A-2	Sewer
22/12/2017	2.6200%	Term Deposit	180	\$2,500,000.00	20/06/2018	Bank of Queensland Ltd	BBB/A-2	Sewer
11/01/2018	2.6000%	Term Deposit	182	\$1,000,000.00	12/07/2018	Members Equity Bank Pty Ltd	BBB/A-2	Sewer
11/01/2018	2.6000%	Term Deposit	189	\$1,000,000.00	19/07/2018	Members Equity Bank Pty Ltd	BBB/A-2	Sewer
11/01/2018	2.5000%	Term Deposit	210	\$2,000,000.00	9/08/2018	NAB	AA-/A-1+	Sewer
11/01/2018	2.8000%	Term Deposit	730	\$2,000,000.00	11/01/2020	ING	A/A-1	Water
31/01/2018	2.5500%	Term Deposit	182	\$3,000,000.00	1/08/2018	Bank of Queensland Ltd	BBB/A-2	Sewer
1/02/2018	2.6500%	Term Deposit	182	\$1,000,000.00	2/08/2018	Members Equity Bank Pty Ltd	BBB/A-2	Sewer
1/02/2018	2.6500%	Term Deposit	190	\$1,750,000.00	10/08/2018	AMP	A/A-1	Water
15/02/2018	2.5100%	Term Deposit	210	\$3,000,000.00	13/09/2018	NAB	AA-/A-1+	Sewer
8/03/2018	2.5800%	Term Deposit	182	\$2,000,000.00	6/09/2018	NAB	AA-/A-1+	Sewer
22/03/2018	2.6100%	Term Deposit	210	\$2,000,000.00	18/10/2018	NAB	AA-/A-1+	Sewer
22/03/2018	2.7200%	Term Deposit	384	\$2,000,000.00	21/03/2019	Westpac Bank	AA-/A-1+	Sewer
		Term Deposits		\$43,271,560.00				
At Call Bank Accounts								
31/03/2018		At Call		\$303.24		ANZ Bank	AA-/A-1+	Water
31/03/2018	1.2300%	At Call		\$2,841,837.96		Westpac Bank	AA-/A-1+	Sewer
31/03/2018	1.2300%	At Call		\$234,808.89		Westpac Bank	AA-/A-1+	Water
		At Call Deposits		\$3,076,950.09				
		TOTAL WATER SERVICES DIVISION INVESTMENTS		\$46,348,510.09				
		TOTAL MID-COAST COUNCIL INVESTMENTS		\$169,568,233.92				

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DIRECTOR WATER SERVICES

10 WATER SERVICES EXECUTIVE MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - MARCH 2018

Report Author Darryl Hancock, Executive Manager Corporate Services

File No. / ECM Index A635886

Date of Meeting 18 April 2018

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The report provides key information on MidCoast Water Services financial position, risk and compliance, injury statistics, customer service and request for maintenance.

MidCoast Water Services financial position as at 31 March 2018 is better than expected against the current budget. Our current financial position shows an operating surplus of \$0.5m, an improvement over the projected revised budgeted March 2018 deficit of \$2.2m. This is due to increased revenue due to increases in charges and significant reductions in operating expenses.

MidCoast Water Services actual capital expenditure as at 31 March 2018 is \$12.8m. Expenditure on capital projects is not consistent over the financial year, therefore timing variations on actual expenditure is normal.

As at 31 March 2018, there is an outstanding debt of \$2.9m, with \$2.4m debt in arrears of greater than 90 days. A total of 4,530 customers are currently in arrears, with 3,205 in arrears for more than 90 days. We are continuing to work with our customers to establish payment plans to manage the outstanding debt.

MidCoast Water Services environmental performance continues to show excellent compliance. Water production for the month of March is consistent with previous years.

There were no lost time injury information provided for the March 2018.

The Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate for FY 2016/17 was 10.5.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

MidCoast Water Services Executive Monthly Performance Reports for March 2018 be received and noted.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

This report indicates that MidCoast Water Services is currently generating sufficient funds to service our operational and capital expenditure.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

A: MidCoast Water Services Executive Monthly Performance Report for March 2018

Attachment A has been circulated in hard copy to the Councillors and Senior Staff, however this Attachment is publicly available on Council's website.

BACKGROUND

MidCoast Water Services provides a monthly report as a snapshot of critical business metrics. This enables Council and management to identify and take appropriate action on a timely basis if any areas of concern are identified.

ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY PLAN/OPERATIONAL PLAN

This report aligns to MidCoast Water Services Strategic Objective:

3.4: Ensure responsible financial management.

TIMEFRAME

Year to date as at 31 March 2018

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no outstanding budget implications as a result of the report findings.

RISK CONSIDERATION

The Risk and Compliance section specifically reports on treatment plant licence compliance, drinking water quality and any environmental impacts from sewage spills.

RECOMMENDATION

MidCoast Water Services Executive Performance Report for March 2018 be received and noted.

11 WATER SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT STATUS REPORTS - MARCH 2018

Report Author **Brendan Guiney, Director Water Services**

File No. / ECM Index **A636433**

Date of Meeting **18 April 2018**

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This monthly report provides the status of major infrastructure projects and highlights potential issues with schedule, cost or impacts on delivery. Recommendations to change project budget or schedule are identified against individual projects or programs.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

That the infrastructure project status reports be received and noted

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Projects are currently progressing within or less than their allocated budget. Projects listed within this report have been included in the 2017/18 Operational Plan

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

A: Project Status Reports

Attachment A has been circulated in hard copy to the Councillors and Senior Staff, however this Attachment is publicly available on Council's website.

BACKGROUND

The attachment to this report contains individual status reports and a covering index.

DISCUSSION

A brief synopsis of the project status reports for the period ending 31 March 2018 is as follows:

- Sewer gravity mains renewals program – renewal of the gravity sewer network in Gloucester catchment no. 3 is continuing. Preparatory work is underway in Hawks Nest prior to the sewer relining contractor commencing.
 - Pacific Palms Sewage Treatment Plant Stage 1 – detailed design has recommenced and is 50% complete.
 - Gloucester Water Treatment Plant Upgrades – Design of electrical upgrades is underway. Polymer chemical dosing skid has been manufactured and will be delivered in the next period.
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- Nabis Water Supply Scheme – Construction of the Nabis Water Treatment Plant has continued with the installation chemical dosing equipment and completion of the control building. Communications equipment has been installed for the monitoring bore network. Factory acceptance testing has been completed for the control system.
- Water Mains Renewals Program – Renewal works are continuing in Glenelg.
- Bootawarra Dam Safety Works 2017 – Finalisation documentation has been received. It is expected that the project will be completed and reporting will cease next period.
- Switchboard Renewals Program – Post tender negotiations have been completed, with formal contract acceptance to occur next period.
- Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Chemical Systems Renewals – Tea Gardens WTP scope of work is complete. Chlorine dosing system replacements are underway at Bulahdelah WTP and Stroud WTP.

CONSULTATION

The management and coordination of all aspects of infrastructure projects are undertaken in consultation with a range of internal and external stakeholders.

The internal stakeholders which have contributed to the preparation of this monthly report include the Planning & Development Group and Capital Works Group.

COMMUNITY IMPACTS

Community impacts are considered and managed in accordance with communication plans tailored to individual infrastructure projects.

ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY PLAN/OPERATIONAL PLAN

These activities align with the following objectives of MidCoast Water's Operational Plan:

- 1.1.3 Deliver our asset management strategy
- 3.1.5 Monitor and report on our progress towards our strategic goals

TIMEFRAME

The timeframes associated with each infrastructure project are outlined in Attachment A.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

These activities are proceeding within existing financial and resource allocations. Projects listed within this report have been included in the 2017/18 Operational Plan.

RISK CONSIDERATION

The risks associated with each infrastructure project are identified and managed within individual management plans in accordance with MidCoast Water Services' risk management framework.

RECOMMENDATION

That the infrastructure project status reports be received and noted

12 WATER USAGE AND WATER RESOURCES AND THE OUTLOOK FOR 2017/18

Report Author Graeme Watkins, Manager Water Management & Treatment

File No. / ECM Index A635880

Date of Meeting 18 April 2018

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide information on water usage, water resources and the outlook for 2017/18. The outlook for water resources looks reasonable for the immediate future. Water restrictions were utilised from 1 February to 2 March 2018.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION

That the report on water usage, water resources and the outlook for 2017/18 be received and noted.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Weather impacts have a major influence on water usage revenue, increasing consumption in dry/hot periods and reducing in wet/cold periods.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

BACKGROUND

This report provides Council with information on bulk water usage, water resource data used as the source to supply each scheme and the water resource outlook for the coming three months.

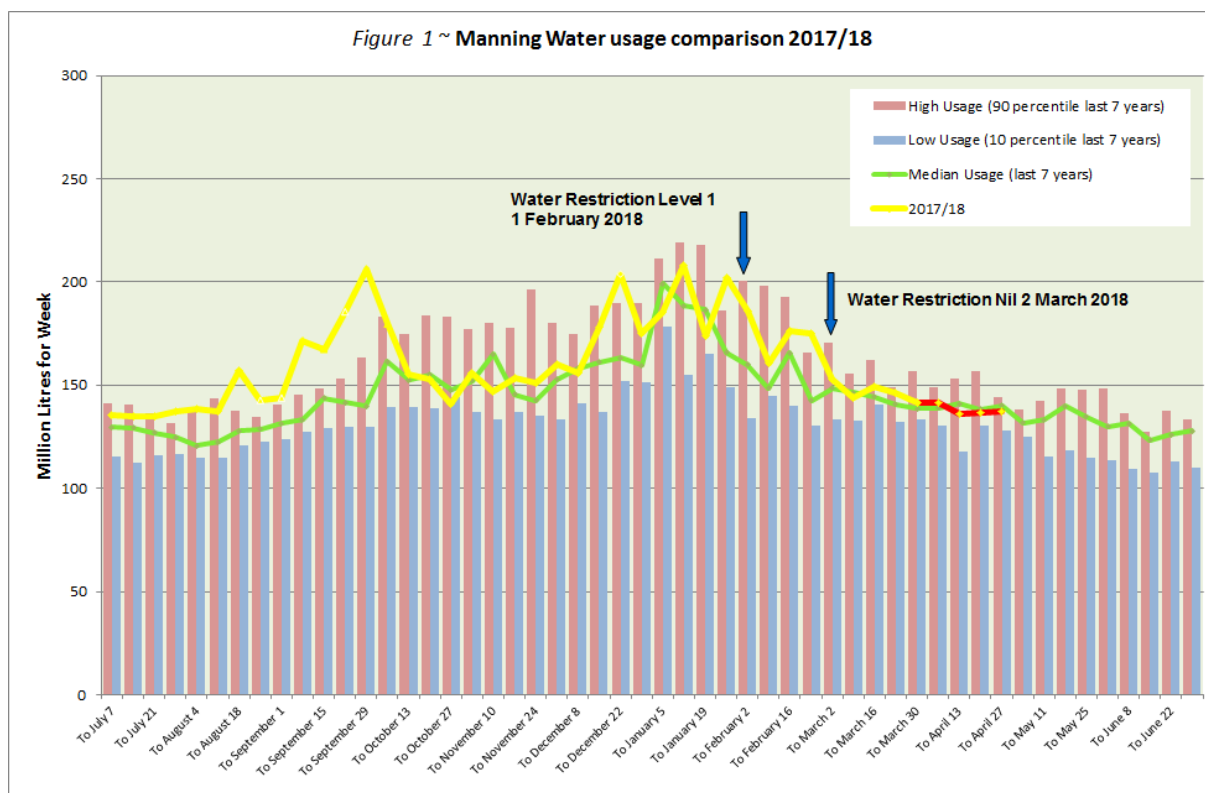
DISCUSSION

Water Usage

During 2017/18 water usage for the Manning scheme has been high from July to September and through December to February due to the extended warm and dry conditions. It is unlikely that water restrictions will now be required over autumn and winter till at least Spring if dry weather persists.

The attached *Figure 1 ~ Manning Water Usage Comparison 2017/18* graphs weekly water usage in the Manning supply compared to the "high", "low" and median comparison lines. The red line shows expected usage for the next four weeks.

As at 3 April 2018, water usage for the Manning scheme in 2017/18 was 1.2% **above** that during 2016/17 and 7.9% **above** the median of usage over the last seven years.



Use of water restrictions

Implementation of water restrictions consider flow in river, demand for water from our customers, storage levels, immediate rain outlook (one to two weeks) and season.

Water restrictions have been generally aligned with rural irrigators, so rural and town users cut usage (in the case of town users outside watering) at the same time.

Need for restrictions usually occurs first at Stroud, then those in the Manning. Bulahdelah and Tea Gardens typically much later if at all. On occasions water restrictions have been common for all schemes for ease of administration and demonstration of equity within our service area for a common rate.

Water restrictions were utilised for about four weeks. Both MidCoast Water Services and the rural water extractors observed voluntary cease to pumps (CTP) as formal CTP's were never finalised.

Water Resources as at 3 April 2018:

Manning River Flows

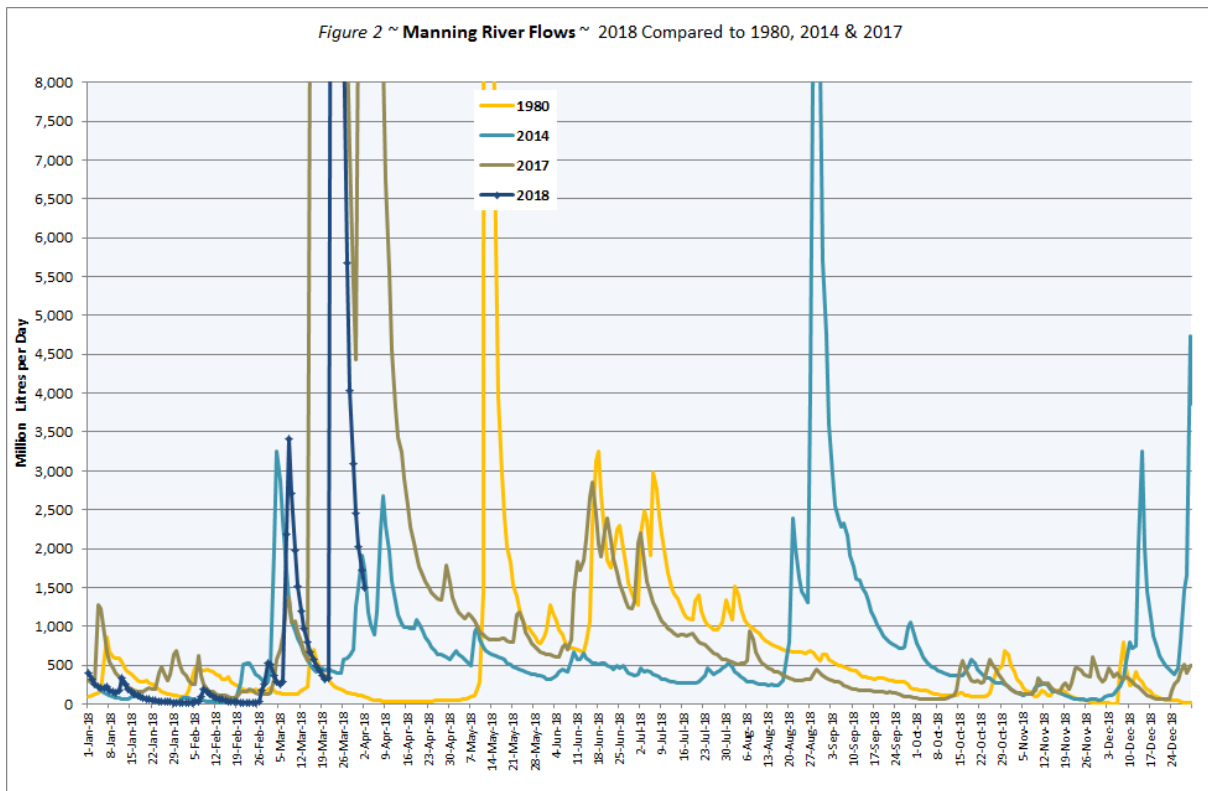
The current year flows are plotted against other recent dry years in figure 2. The Manning River flow for 2018 at Killawarra had a minor rise during the early part of January, however rain has remained limited and as a consequence the Manning is very low at Killawarra. Worst case scenarios have been plotted for 1994, 2002 and the recent year of 2016 for comparison. The current river flows are a similar magnitude to 2014 in recent months.

The Barrington River was the main contributor of water during this low flow period again, while most of the other tributaries had stopped or very low flow.

There were 15 days below 50ML/d, a rise above 50ML/d for nine (9) days where Bootawa storage was partly refilled and a further 13 days below 50ML/d at Killawarra. The longest period below 50ML/d was 26 days in 1980 and 2002. This event of continuous days below 50ML/d was the sixth longest period recorded since 1945 when records began. The Manning at Killawarra recorded a low of 17ML/d with the lowest recorded of 7ML/d in 1980 and 1981.

The level in Bootawa Dam dropped to the lowest of about 70% or 50 to 55 days of supply still available out of a starting point of 60 to 70 days supply full. Currently Bootawa storage is about 92% due to operational reasons.

Water consumption remains average for this time of year.



Crawford River flows (Bulahdelah scheme)

The Crawford on river storage lowest point was 0.6metres below the fish passage which allows flow, currently flow is over the weir. Water consumption remains average for this time of year.

Tea Gardens aquifer

Tea Gardens did not receive as much rainfall as further north and the aquifer water levels remain in the lower range. Water consumption remains average for this time of year. There is no cease to pump for this aquifer.

Barrington River flows (Gloucester scheme)

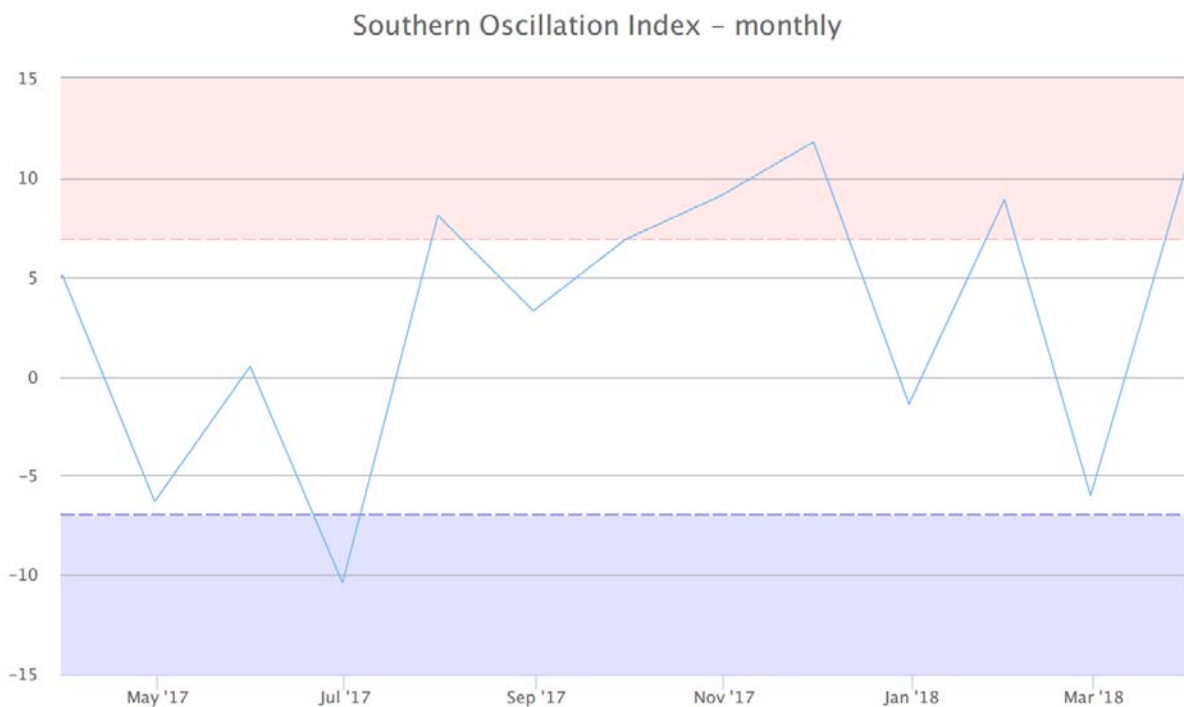
Barrington River has flow of over 410ML/d (no cease to pump for MidCoast Water Services). Water consumption remains average for this time of year. There is no water security for this scheme as there is no storage provided. Once the river stops flowing there is no water available, however in over 70 years of river flow data, the Barrington River has never completely stopped flowing.

Karuah River flows (Stroud scheme)

The Karuah River has ceased to flow round 18 January (3.5ML/d cease to pump for MidCoast Water Services) and flow restored 28 February 2018. Water consumption remains modest. Off river storage some 50ML lowest point was 78% full with storage back to 92% for operational reasons.

Weather Outlook

The Southern Oscillation Index for 2017/18 has remained neutral inferring no clear direction in rainfall.

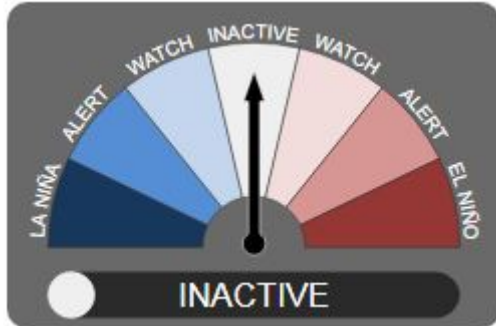


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Oceanic and atmospheric indicators reflect this neutral state. Sea surface temperatures remain cooler than average, but within the neutral range. However, waters beneath the surface have warmed and will likely extend to the surface in the coming weeks to months. In the atmosphere, trade winds and cloudiness patterns are near normal, consistent with a neutral state. Although the 30-day Southern Oscillation Index (SOI) has bounced back into the La Niña range, this is a result of transient tropical systems, including tropical cyclones *Marcus* and *Nora*, and does not reflect the broader climate state.

Most international models surveyed by the Bureau indicate the tropical Pacific Ocean is likely to remain ENSO (El Niño–Southern Oscillation)-neutral through the southern hemisphere autumn and into winter. A neutral ENSO pattern does not necessarily indicate average rainfall and temperature for Australia. Rather, it indicates a reduced chance of widespread very wet or very dry weather, and that other climate drivers may have greater influence over the coming months.

The Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) is currently neutral. IOD events are unable to form between December and April. Four out of six international models suggest a neutral IOD for autumn and early winter, while two show a shift towards a negative IOD during winter. A negative IOD during winter tends to enhance rainfall in southern Australia. However, model accuracy during autumn is lower than at other times of year, so these outlooks should be used with caution.

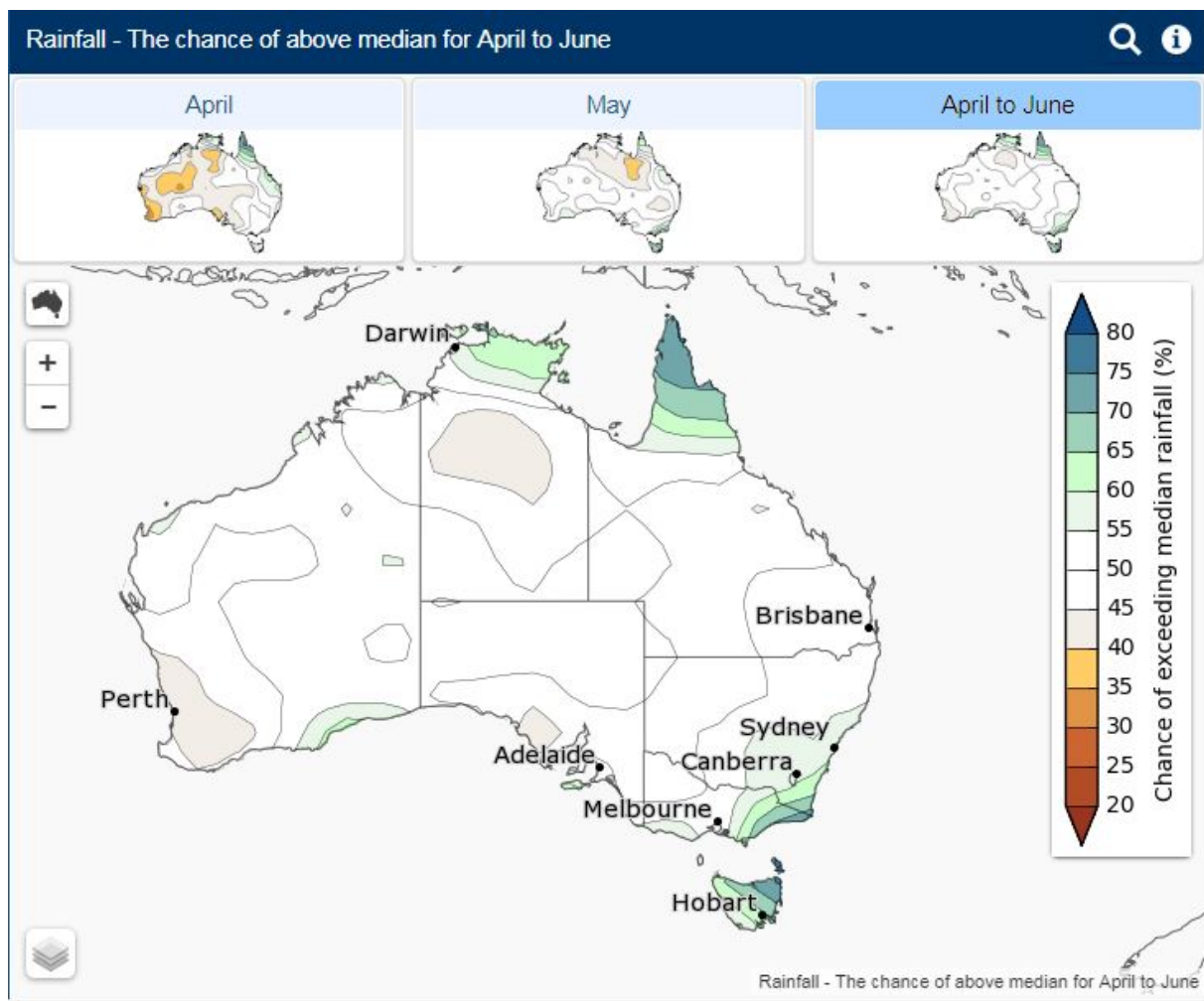


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Main rainfall forecast features:

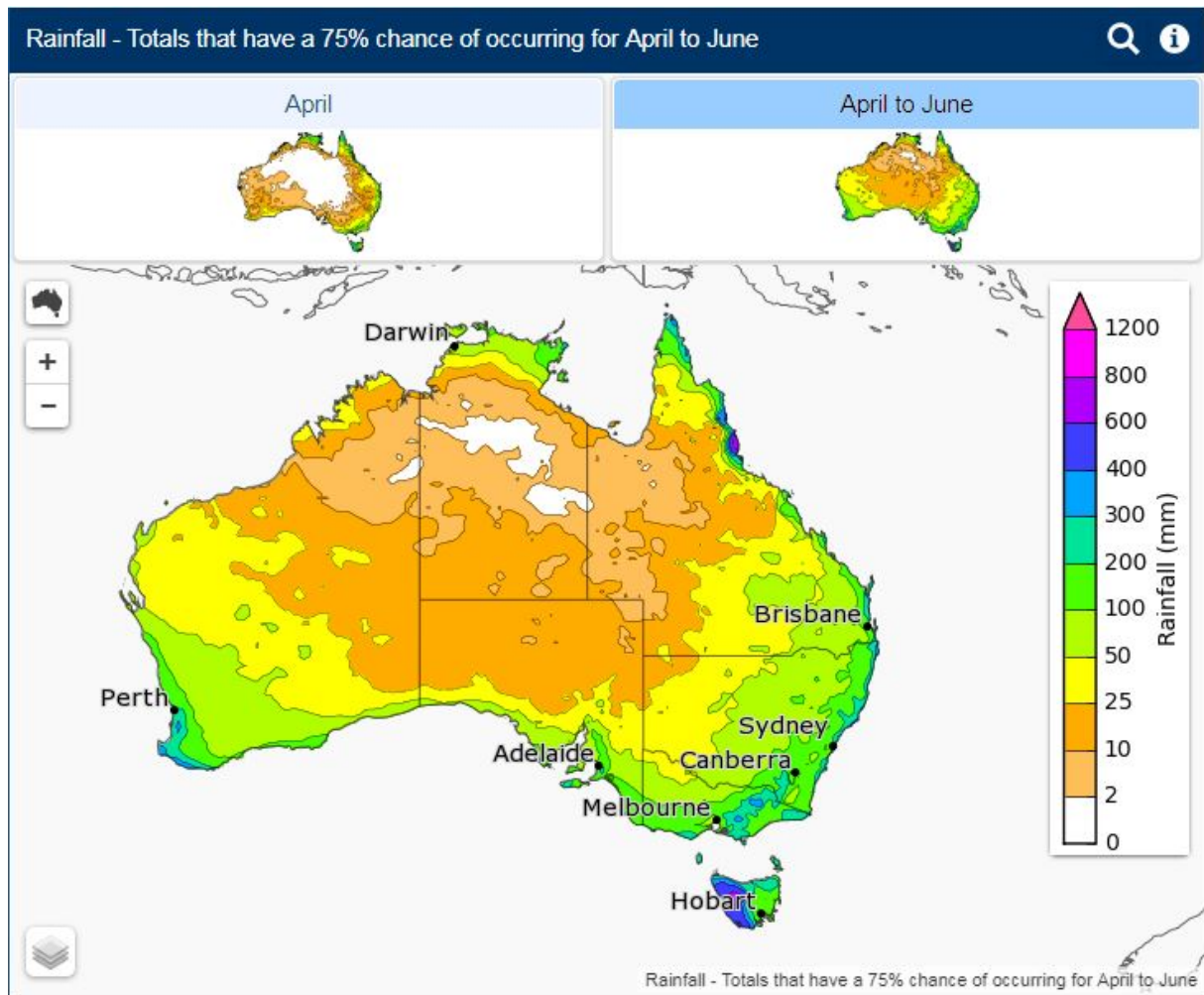
- A wetter than average April to June is likely for parts of the tropical north, eastern Victoria, Tasmania, and southeast NSW. Elsewhere, the chances of a wetter or drier season are roughly equal.
- Historical outlook accuracy for April to June rainfall is moderate to high over most of Australia, but low in Tasmania and small patches across the south. See map for more detail.
- The El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) remains neutral – neither El Niño nor La Niña. The ENSO Outlook is INACTIVE, meaning there is little sign of El Niño or La Niña developing in the coming months.
- Our region has a 50 to 55% chance of above average rainfall, with average rainfall for this time of the year at its highest.

Chance of above median rainfall is presented in the below figure.



Date of issue 29 March 2018 Bureau of Meteorology Rainfall totals within our region between April and June 2018 will remain reasonable between 200 to 300mm for the three month period.

Rainfall totals that have a 75% chance of occurring is presented in the below figure.



Date of issue 29 March 2018 Bureau of Meteorology

Conclusion

It is unlikely water restrictions will be required till at least next Spring if dry continues. River flows will likely remain moderate over the cooler months. The forecast has remained promising however we have experienced extreme amounts of rainfall or nothing. Consumption is average for all water supply schemes for this time of year.

CONSULTATION

Continue waterwise program for customers and awareness of low river lows.

COMMUNITY IMPACTS

Weather plays a big part in water consumption, with dry and hot periods increasing water usage. MidCoast Water Services continues to issue its waterwise summertime message to remind customers to use their water wisely and efficiently.

ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY PLAN/OPERATIONAL PLAN

- 1.1.1 Implement a drinking water quality assurance program.
- 1.2.1 Provide timely, accurate and relevant access
- 2.4.1 Identify risks to sustainability and threats to security of supply
- 2.4.2 Provide multiple water quality controls
- 2.4.3 Develop and implement risk controls

TIMEFRAME

For the period April to June 2018.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Weather impacts have a major influence on water usage revenue, increasing consumption in dry/hot periods and reducing in wet/cold periods.

RISK CONSIDERATION

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on water usage and water resources and the outlook for 2017/18 be received and noted.

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13 FURTHER REPORT - LEASE - 7-9 ELIZABETH ST TAREE TO ROADS & MARITIME SERVICES

Report Author Melissa Scott-Young, Property Officer

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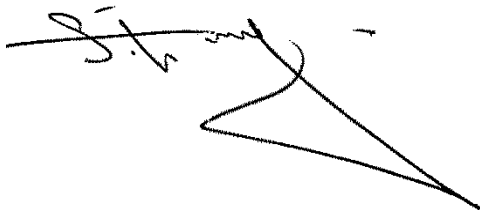
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Steve Embry
Acting General Manager