



LEETON
SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA

28 JULY 2021
7.00PM

TO BE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
23-25 CHELMSFORD PLACE
LEETON NSW 2705

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LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

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1. CIVIC PRAYER
 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
 3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS
 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND ANY MATTERS ARISING
- RECOMMENDATION**
- THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 30 June 2021, as circulated, be taken as read and CONFIRMED.
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11. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

11.1 GOGELDRIE WEIR CARAVAN PARK AND CAMPGROUND LICENCE

It is recommended that the Council resolve into Closed Council with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2) (a) (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that the report contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals; AND the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

11.2 ROXY REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE AND REVISED BUDGET

It is recommended that the Council resolve into Closed Council with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2) (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. (The report details total costs of the planned Roxy Development - prior to tender. Disclosure of the total planned costs could inhibit the tender process)

12. CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Council meetings are now video recorded. Members of the public are advised that their voice and/or image may form part of that recording.

PUBLIC REPRESENTATION

If any member of the public wishes to formerly address the Council in relation to a matter in this agenda they are to register to speak for a maximum of three (3) minutes by Tuesday 12 noon preceding the meeting.

Contact Kate Weston – 6953 0903

Public Attendance Restrictions

Due to COVID-19 there are limits on numbers of people in the Council chambers.

Residents and ratepayers wishing to address Council will need to register in advance so that Council has time to arrange presentation schedules and options.

ETHICAL DECISION MAKING AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A GUIDING CHECKLIST FOR COUNCILLORS,
OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

- Is the decision or conduct legal?
- Is it consistent with Government policy, Council's objectives and Code of Conduct?
- What will the outcome be for you, your colleagues, the Council, anyone else?
- Does it raise a conflict of interest?
- Could your possible conflict of interest lead to private gain or loss at public expense?
- Can the decision be justified in terms of public interest?
- Would it withstand public scrutiny?

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- A conflict of interest is a clash between private interest and public duty. There are two types of conflict: Pecuniary – regulated by the Local Government Act and Division of Local Government and, Non-pecuniary – regulated by Codes of Conduct and policy. ICAC, Ombudsman, Division of Local Government (advice only).

THE TEST FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Is it likely I could be influenced by personal interest in carrying out my public duty?
- Would a fair and reasonable person believe I could be so influenced?
- Conflict of interest is closely tied to the layperson's definition of "corruption" – using public office for private gain.
- Important to consider public perceptions of whether you have a conflict of interest

IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS

- 1st Do I have private interest affected by a matter I am officially involved in?
- 2nd Is my official role one of influence or perceived influence over the matter?
- 3rd Do my private interest conflict with my official role?

Whilst seeking advice is generally useful, the ultimate decision rests with the person concerned.

AGENCY ADVICE

Officers of the following agencies are available during office hours to discuss the obligations placed on Councillors, Officers and Community Committee members by various pieces of legislation, regulation and Codes.

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Office of Local Government	4428 4100	olg@olg.nsw.gov.au	www.olg.nsw.gov.au
NSW Ombudsman	9286 1000 Toll Free 1800 451 524	nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au	www.ombo.nsw.gov.au

GENERAL MANAGER'S MATTERS

ITEM 8.1 RESULTS OF THE LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY 2021

RECORD NUMBER	21/265
RELATED FILE NUMBER	EF15/4
AUTHOR/S	Executive Manager IPR, Governance and Engagement
APPROVER/S	General Manager

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the findings of the Leeton Shire Council Community Satisfaction Survey that was undertaken June 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives and notes for information the results of the Leeton Shire Council Community Satisfaction Survey 2021.

REPORT

(a) Background

Micromex Research and Consulting was first contracted to undertake a Community Satisfaction Survey in Leeton Shire September 2019.

At that time it was decided that Council should conduct a Community Satisfaction Survey every two years to track changes in community priorities and satisfaction over time. The data could then be used to ensure Council continued to address those issues of particular importance to the community

Micromex was contracted again in 2021 to conduct a follow-up survey.

This survey, conducted via telephone (landline and mobile), was carried out during June 2021. A total of 403 residents completed the survey, providing an appropriate sample size for in-depth data analysis.

As it did in 2019, the 2021 Community Satisfaction Survey focused on two key areas:

1. Quality of Life – this included focusing on understanding community priorities for the Leeton Shire area, overall quality of life rating and identifying community agreement with statements around roads and transport, community safety, infrastructure/development, the natural environment and services/facilities.
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2. Community Satisfaction – this included rating Council administration, elected councillors, a range of services and facilities under the auspices of Council and identifying the local community's desired level of investment in a range of assets managed and maintained by Council.

So that accurate comparisons between the results of the two surveys could be made, exactly the same questions were asked in 2021 as were asked in 2019, except that a number of questions relating to the feasibility of a heated pool were added to the 2021 survey.

These questions were added because the community has asked Council to look into the possibility of constructing and operating an indoor heated swimming pool and/or therapy pool in Leeton. At the April 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council heard a report on SGL Consulting's investigation into the feasibility of a heated swimming pool/therapy pool. The report made it clear that the ongoing cost of operating a warm water pool would be high and it was unlikely that the cost would be covered by pool user fees. Councillors indicated that a great deal more community consultation was needed before any decisions about a heated pool option could be made.

The questions included in the survey were aimed at helping Council gauge:

- the level of community interest in having a heated pool
- potential usage of a heated pool
- the degree of willingness to pay for the cost of operating a heated pool.

Micromex benchmarked the results of both Leeton Shire surveys against the results of Councils of a similar size (population and area) to give a true picture of Leeton Shire Council's performance.

(b) Discussion

Micromex Managing Director Stuart Reeve will present the survey results at the July 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting. A snapshot of some of the results is provided below.

General survey responses

Some of the key results received from the survey included:

- Ninety-seven percent (97%, up from 91% in 2019) of those surveyed rated their quality of life in Leeton Shire as Good (26%), Very Good (44%) or Excellent (27%).
- The vast majority of Leeton residents (97%, up from 93% in 2019) were at least somewhat satisfied with the performance of Council administration over the past 12 months. The overall satisfaction rating of 3.81 is the highest rating Micromex has measured for a regional council in the past 9 years.
- Similarly, the vast majority of residents (93%, the same percentage as in 2019) were at least somewhat satisfied with the performance of elected Councillors.
- As demonstrated by a high rating out of 5, respondents were most satisfied with Council's provision of: library services (4.36); ovals, sportsgrounds and sporting

facilities (4.26); tourism/the Visitor Information Centre (4.20); playgrounds and parks (4.20); cemeteries (4.16); waste management (4.11); swimming pools (4.11); community and heritage buildings (4.04); and cultural opportunities such as the Roxy Theatre, museums and public art (4).

- As demonstrated by a lower rating out of 5, respondents were least satisfied with: local roads – sealed and unsealed (2.97); building certification and development approvals (3.21); recreational areas along the river (3.26); Council considering community opinion when making decisions (3.26); storm water drainage in rural areas (3.28); Council engaging the community when planning for the future (3.35); economic development (3.36); and access to air travel (3.39).
- When asked to rate comparative levels of importance, respondents rated water supply services (4.74) as being of most importance. Public safety (4.71) was rated of next highest importance, followed by local sealed town roads (4.70), waste management – including recycling and landfill (4.67), street lighting (4.58), Council keeping the community informed (4.57), sound financial management (4.54) and Council engaging the community when planning for the future (4.54).
- When asked whether they agreed with a number of statements, the majority of respondents agreed that they feel safe during the day (94%), that Leeton Shire gives you a sense of living in community (85%), that people in Leeton Shire have fair opportunity to participate in community life (84%), that sporting facilities in the area meet their needs (81%) and that we are preserving an attractive urban landscape and protecting our heritage (80%).
- There were much lower levels of agreement with the statements: we have access to a good range of health services (25%), police services in Leeton Shire are responsive and effective (26%) and public transport is adequate for your needs (38%).

Council will use the results of the survey in a number of ways. First, it will use the data to guide the development of a new Community Strategic Plan. Second, it will use the data to redirect resources towards improving community satisfaction with Council services and facilities that received the lowest satisfaction ratings. Third, it will use the data to advocate for improvements in services for which Council has no responsibility but which are clearly of significance to the community. Policing and health care fall into this latter category.

Heated pool question responses

Survey respondents were asked whether they would use a heated pool if there was one in the Shire.

Three-hundred and ten of the 403 respondents indicated that they would use a heated pool. Sixty-eight percent of the 310 said they would use the pool all year round, while 32% indicated that they would only use the pool during the cooler months.

Respondents were also asked for what purpose they would use the pool. Responses varied, as indicated below.

Purpose	Percentage
Coaching/Squad training	16%
Lap swimming	52%
Therapy/Rehabilitation	59%
Exercise programs	65%
Learn to swim	41%
Other	13%

When asked how supportive they would be of paying an additional \$55–\$65 (per household) on top of pool entry fees to cover the operating shortfall of a heated pool, 68% of all respondents expressed a degree of support. Twelve percent said they were not very supportive and 20% said they were not at all supportive.

(c) Options

This report is for information only.

IMPLICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

(a) Financial

The survey, data collation, benchmarking and regression analysis cost \$30,470, including gst.

(b) Policy

Nil

(c) Legislative/Statutory

Nil

(d) Risk

The survey results detail what Council is doing well and outlines some areas for improvement both from an advocacy and service delivery point of view. Council needs to be mindful that it puts in place appropriate actions to address identified areas of improvement.

CONSULTATION

(a) External

Around 1,100 residents of Leeton Shire were contacted and offered the opportunity to take part in the Community Satisfaction Survey. Four-hundred and three residents completed the survey.

Council thanks everyone who took the time to participate.

A copy of the Leeton Shire Council Community Satisfaction Survey Results report will be available via Council's website so that residents have the opportunity to access and review the full survey findings.

(b) Internal

General Manager

LINK/S TO THE DELIVERY PROGRAM/OPERATIONAL PLAN (DPOP)

Under the Key Priority Area THEME 6 - "STRONG LEADERSHIP" within Council's adopted Delivery Program/Operational Plan – 19 - A community that speaks up and gets involved – 19b is to "Seek input from the Leeton community on Council projects/programs – Run an active Community Engagement Program".

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 [↓](#) Community Satisfaction Survey 2021 - Topline results
- 2 [↓](#) Community Satisfaction Survey Results 2021 - Presentation

Topline results – Leeton Shire Council Community Satisfaction Survey 2021

Q2. Overall, how would you rate the quality of life you have living in the Leeton Shire Council area?

Rating	2021	2019
1 – Very poor	0%	1%
2 – Poor	0%	1%
3 – Fair	3%	7%
4 – Good	26%	21%
5 – Very good	44%	45%
6 – Excellent	27%	25%
Average	4.94	4.85
Base/number of respondents	402	401

* Note: blue and red font colours are used to identify statistically significant differences

Q5. Overall, for the last 12 months, how satisfied are you with the performance of Council administration, not just on one or two issues, but across all responsibility areas?

Rating	2021	2019
1 – Not at all satisfied	2%	1%
2 – Not very satisfied	4%	7%
3 – Somewhat satisfied	24%	25%
4 – Satisfied	51%	54%
5 – Very satisfied	20%	14%
Average	3.81	3.74
Base/number of respondents	403	401

Q6. Thinking overall about the elected Councillors, how satisfied are you with their performance?

Rating	2021	2019
1 – Not at all satisfied	2%	2%
2 – Not very satisfied	6%	5%
3 – Somewhat satisfied	26%	26%
4 – Satisfied	50%	54%
5 – Very satisfied	17%	13%
Average	3.73	3.70
Base/number of respondents	403	401

Q3. Importance of, and satisfaction with, Council services

Council services	Importance		Satisfaction	
	2021	2019	2021	2019
Youth events & facilities	3.73	3.82	3.56	3.69
Heritage sites protected and maintained	3.86	3.92	3.96	3.99
Ovals, sportsgrounds and sporting facilities	4.26	4.28	4.26	4.30
Community buildings/halls	3.80	3.89	3.84	3.94
Swimming pools	4.22	4.22	4.11	3.98
Cultural opportunities and services, such as Roxy Theatre, museums and public art	3.91	4.13	4.00	4.07
Library services	3.76	4.03	4.36	4.44
Festival and events programs	3.97	4.15	3.85	4.02
Cemeteries	4.38	4.43	4.16	4.20
Recreational areas along the river	4.05	4.19	3.26	3.32
Public safety	4.71	4.66	3.75	3.74
Access to air travel	4.15	4.24	3.39	3.58
Tourism/Visitor Information Centre	3.86	4.10	4.20	4.17
Economic development	4.50	4.36	3.36	3.50
Building Certification and development approvals	3.98	4.03	3.21	3.54
Council considers community opinion when making decisions	4.51	4.47	3.26	3.31
Council engages the community when planning for the future	4.54	4.56	3.35	3.38
Council keeps the community informed	4.57	4.59	3.64	3.60
Supporting community groups and volunteering	4.36	4.56	3.97	4.04
Financial management	4.54	4.58	3.66	3.68
Local sealed town roads	4.70	4.73	3.04	3.18
Local sealed rural roads	4.47	4.53	2.96	3.00
Local unsealed rural roads	4.09	4.25	2.91	3.04
Bridges and footbridges	4.04	4.20	3.87	3.68
Footpaths and cycleways	4.39	4.31	3.75	3.89
Bus shelters	3.55	3.69	3.63	3.83
Playgrounds and parks	4.42	4.57	4.20	4.21
Public toilets	4.46	4.48	3.77	3.63
Community & heritage buildings	4.06	4.22	4.04	4.07
Street lighting	4.58	4.44	3.88	3.79
Water supply & services	4.74	4.77	3.94	3.89
Storm water drainage in town areas	4.47	4.37	3.58	3.85
Storm water drainage in rural areas	4.18	4.10	3.28	3.51
Waste management including recycling and landfill	4.67	4.64	4.11	4.06

Q7. Please indicate your level of agreement with each statement

Statement	Agreement (%)		Average	
	2021	2019	2021	2019
Public transport is adequate for your needs	38%	43%	0.04	0.11
Leeton Shire is a safe area for pedestrians	67%	73%	0.85	0.98
Leeton Shire is a safe area for cyclists	63%	69%	0.81	0.90
Traffic systems provide for safe and efficient traffic flow	73%	85%	0.94	1.16
You feel safe during the day	94%	94%	1.62	1.58
You feel safe during the night	62%	65%	0.80	0.80
You feel safe using public facilities	72%	70%	1.00	0.95
Graffiti is adequately controlled	74%	72%	1.04	0.92
Police services in Leeton Shire are responsive and effective	26%	27%	-0.33	-0.15
Shops and services in shopping areas meet residents' needs	46%	54%	0.40	0.51
There is adequate access to parking in the CBD	68%	64%	0.80	0.75
We are preserving an attractive urban landscape and protecting our heritage	80%	78%	1.08	1.07
There is urban vitality and a good lifestyle quality in Leeton Shire communities	78%	81%	1.10	1.10
The natural environment is respected and protected	77%	84%	1.05	1.15
Litter is adequately controlled	71%	77%	0.88	0.98
Councils planning and leadership are contributing to a sustainable environment in Leeton Shire	66%	64%	0.78	0.73
Weed incursions are adequately managed in the LGA	53%	60%	0.44	0.56
Renewable energy is important for our community	73%	73%	1.03	1.10
We have access to a good range of health services	25%	28%	-0.32	-0.27
There is a good range of leisure and recreation opportunities	55%	61%	0.59	0.72
Sporting facilities in the area meet your needs	81%	81%	1.11	1.14
Living in Leeton Shire gives you a sense of living in a community	85%	85%	1.31	1.27
There is a good range of community groups and support networks for residents	73%	81%	0.95	1.13
The cost of living in Leeton Shire is affordable for you	77%	75%	1.06	1.02
The community in Leeton Shire is harmonious, cohesive and inclusive	74%	68%	0.95	0.87
People in Leeton Shire have fair opportunity to participate in community life	84%	82%	1.13	1.16
There is a good range of opportunities for cultural and artistic activities and expression	67%	67%	0.83	0.87

Q4. Should Council invest less, the same, or more than they currently invest in each asset?

Asset	Less	Same	More	Average 2021	Average 2019
Local sealed town roads	2%	24%	74%	0.73	0.74
Local sealed rural roads	1%	23%	75%	0.74	0.77
Local unsealed rural roads	2%	35%	64%	0.62	0.68
Bridges and footbridges	4%	66%	30%	0.27	0.34
Footpaths and cycleways	7%	43%	50%	0.43	0.30
Bus shelters	9%	59%	32%	0.23	0.23
Playgrounds and parks	2%	67%	31%	0.29	0.37
Public toilets	1%	56%	43%	0.42	0.51
Community & heritage buildings	7%	69%	24%	0.17	0.24
Street lighting	2%	55%	44%	0.42	0.50
Water supply & services	2%	53%	45%	0.43	0.51
Storm water drainage in town areas	2%	49%	49%	0.47	0.36
Storm water drainage in rural areas	2%	48%	50%	0.48	0.46
Waste management including recycling and landfill	1%	67%	32%	0.31	0.32

Heated Pool Feasibility Questions

Respondents were told that Council is being asked by the community to look into whether or not it would be feasible to construct and operate an indoor heated pool in Leeton. If they indicated they would use a heated pool, they were asked a number of questions, including the following.

Q8c. For what purposes would you use the pool?

Purpose	2021
Coaching/Squad training	16%
Lap swimming	52%
Therapy/Rehabilitation	59%
Exercise programs	65%
Learn to swim	41%
Other	13%
Base/number of respondents	310

Q8d. Would you use the heated pool only during the cooler months or all year round?

Usage	2021
Only during cooler months	32%
All year round	68%
Base/number of respondents	310

All respondents, whether they said they would use the pool or not, were asked the following question.

Q8f. How supportive would you be of paying an additional \$55 to \$65 (per household) on top of pool entry fees to cover the operating shortfall of a heated pool to be able to swim all year round?

Rating	2021
1 – Not at all supportive	20%
2 – Not very supportive	12%
3 – Moderately supportive	23%
4 – Supportive	26%
5 – Very supportive	19%
Average	3.12
Base/number of respondents	403



Background & Methodology

Objectives (Why?)

- Understand and identify community priorities for the Leeton LGA
- Identify the community's level of agreement with statements regarding the Leeton Shire Council area
- Identify the community's overall level of satisfaction with Council performance
- Explore and understand resident attitudes towards a heated pool facility in the area

Sample (How?)

- Telephone survey (landline and mobile) to N = 403 residents
- We use a 5 point scale (e.g. 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied)
- Greatest margin of error +/- 4.9%

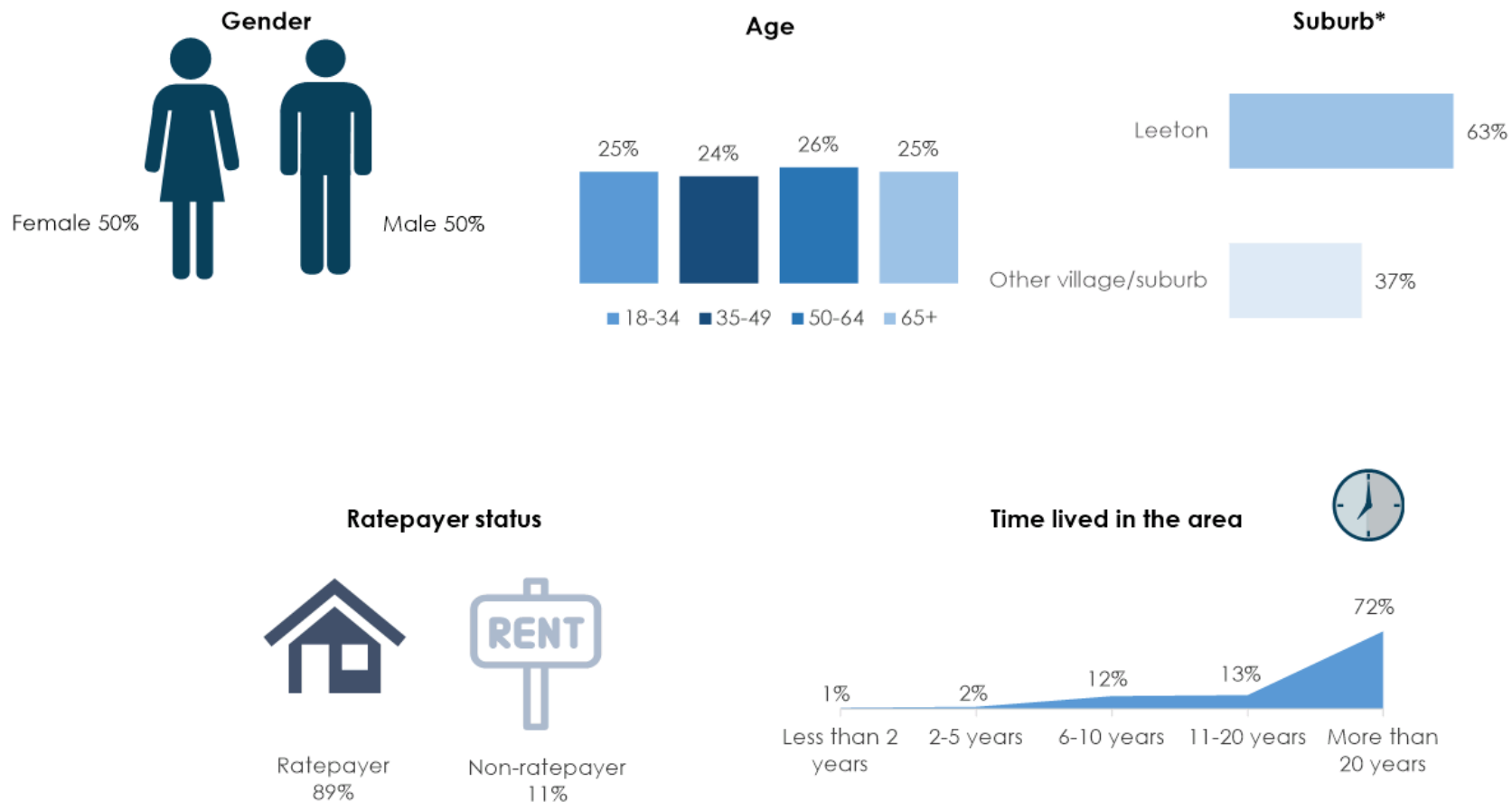
Timing (When?)

- Implementation 8th – 28th June 2021



Sample Profile

The sample was weighted by age and gender to reflect the 2016 ABS community profile of Leeton Shire Council.



Please see Appendix B for full breakdown of suburb
 Base: N = 403

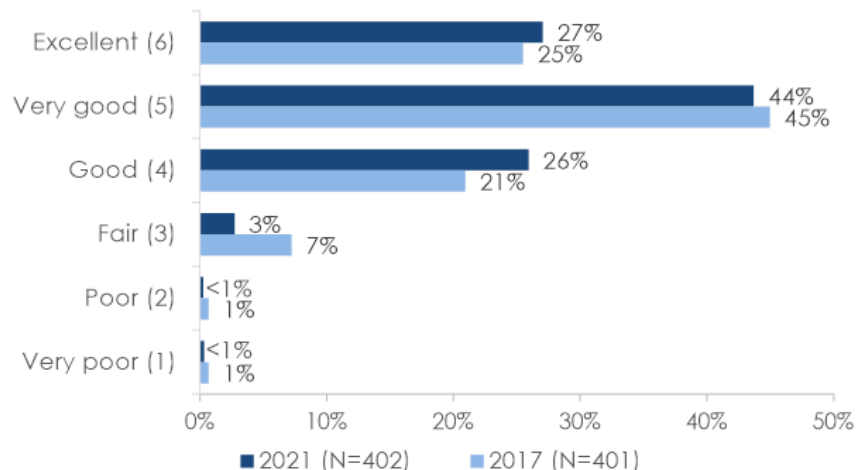


Quality of Life

Q2. Overall, how would you rate the quality of life you have living in the Leeton Shire?

	Overall 2021	Overall 2019	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer
Mean rating	4.94	4.85	4.92	4.95	4.82	4.88	4.90	5.14▲	4.98▲	4.59
Base	403	401	200	202	101	96	107	100	358	45

	Suburb		Time lived in the area		
	Leeton	Other village/suburb	10 years or less	11 – 20 years	More than 20 years
Mean ratings	5.03▲	4.78	4.77	4.84	4.99
Base	252	151	58	55	289



	Leeton Shire Council 2021	Leeton Shire Council 2019	Micromex LGA Benchmark - Regional
Mean rating	4.94	4.85	4.96
T3 Box	97%▲↑	91%	94%
Base	403	401	4,861

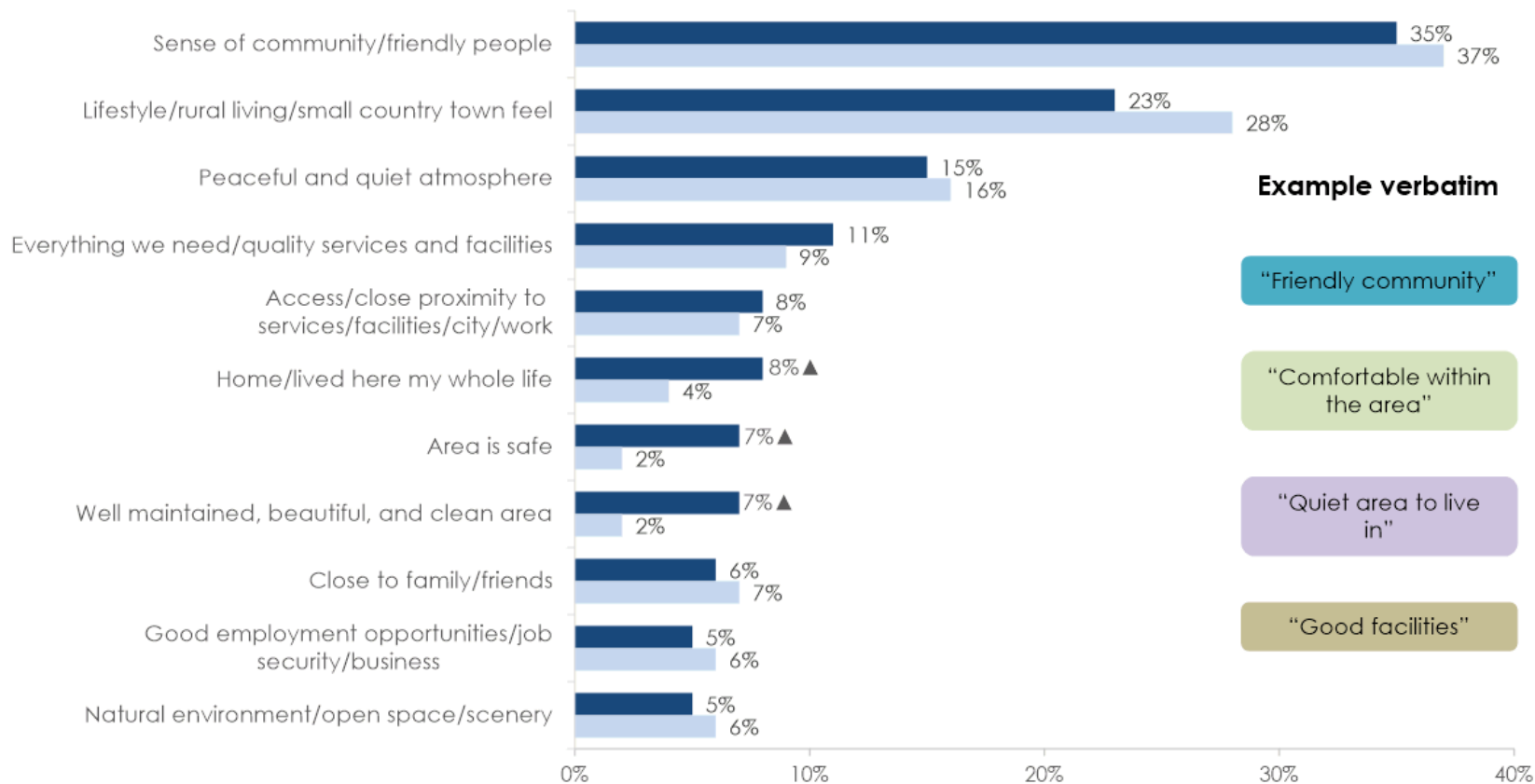
▲▼ = A significantly higher/lower rating (by group)

↑↓ = A significantly higher/lower rating (compared to the Benchmark),
 Scale: 1 = very poor, 6 = excellent

Despite of the pandemic, quality of life has strengthened.
97% of residents rated their quality of life as good-excellent.

Most Valued Aspect

Q1a. What do you value most about living in the Leeton Shire region?



Example verbatim

"Friendly community"

"Comfortable within the area"

"Quiet area to live in"

"Good facilities"

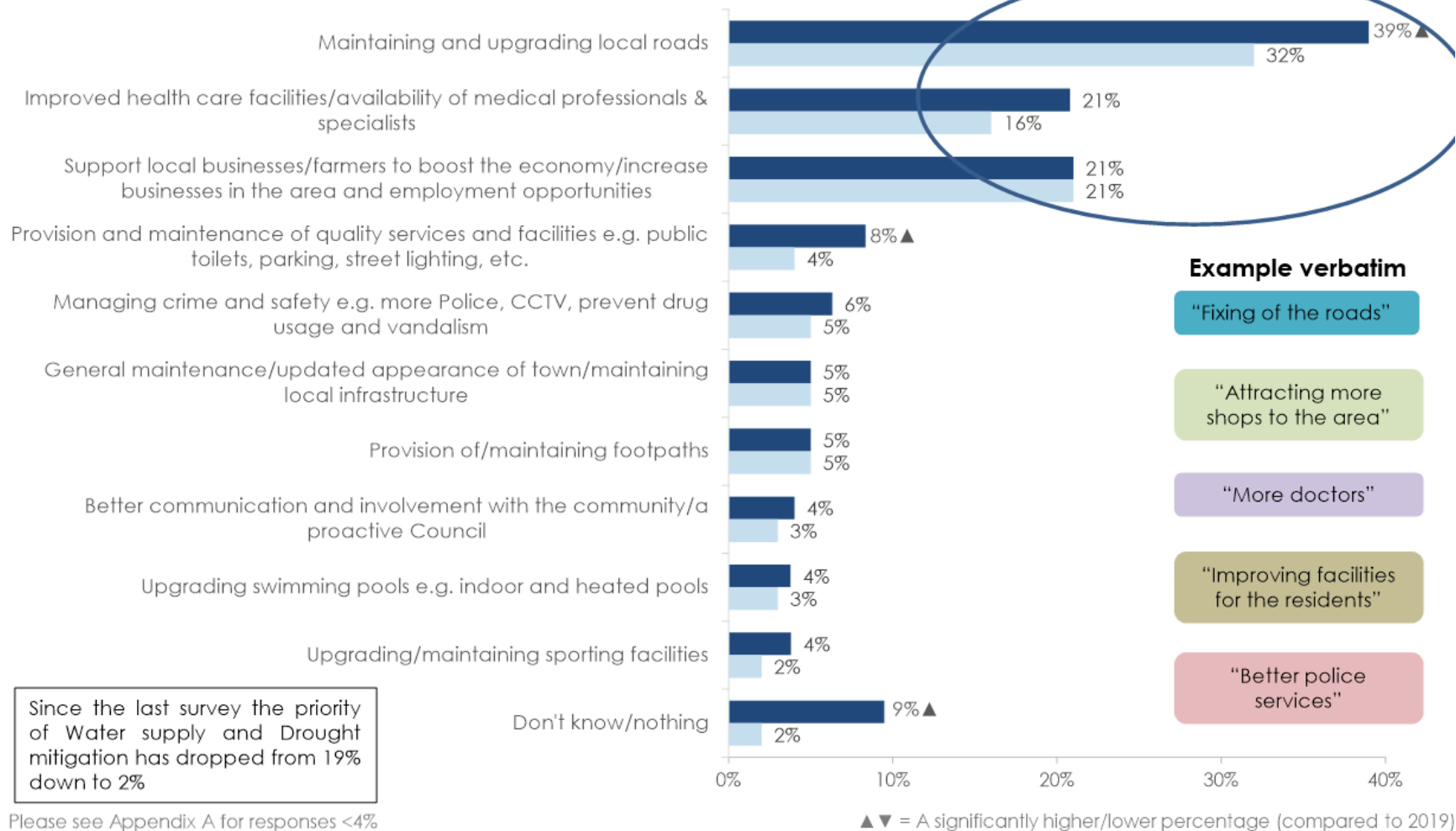
Please see Appendix A for responses <5%

▲ ▼ = A significantly higher/lower percentage (compared to 2019)

A sense of community, and a country lifestyle are the core strengths of the region.

Priorities for the Next 4 Years

Q1b. What do you think the priorities should be for Leeton Shire Council over the next 4 years?



Example verbatim

- "Fixing of the roads"
- "Attracting more shops to the area"
- "More doctors"
- "Improving facilities for the residents"
- "Better police services"

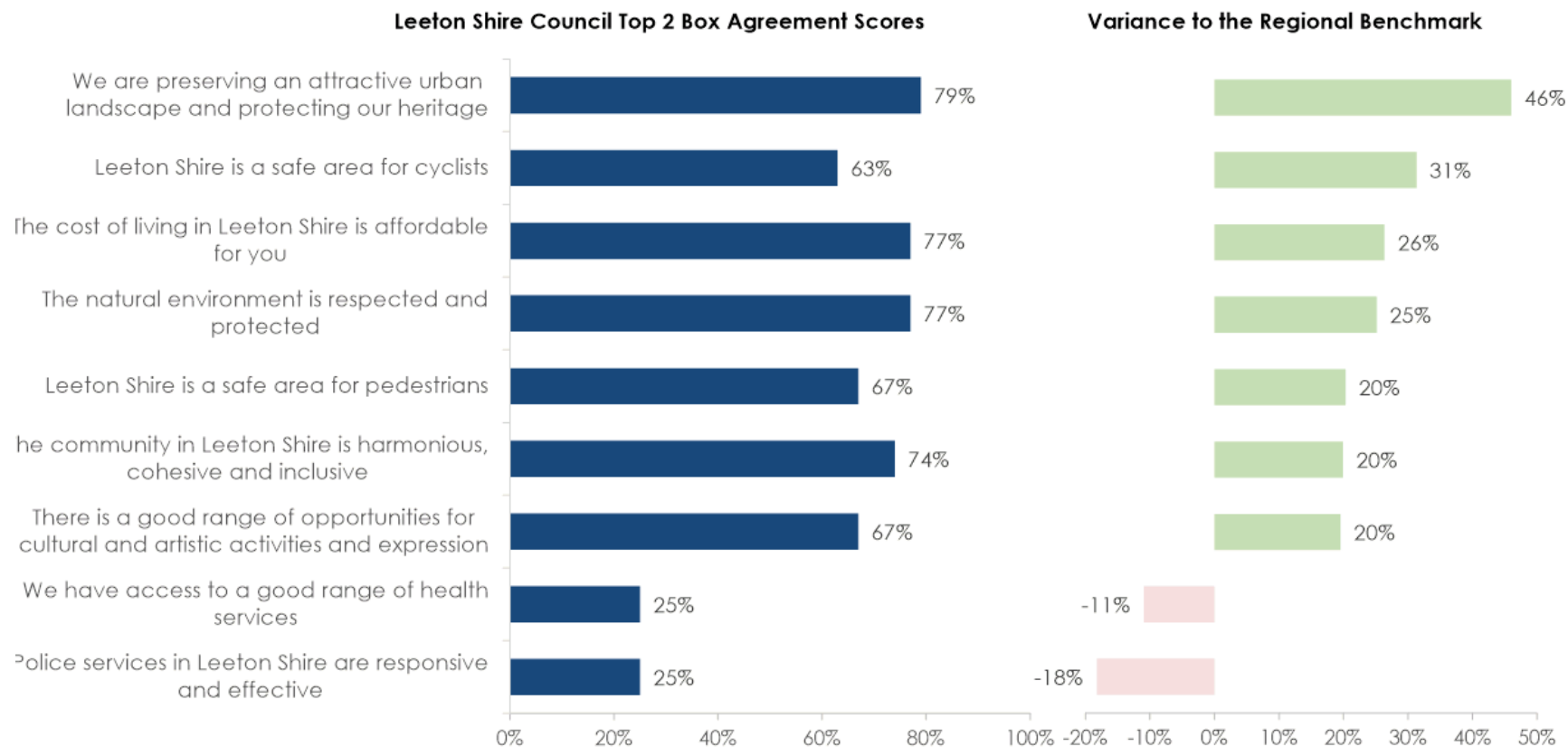
Since the last survey the priority of Water supply and Drought mitigation has dropped from 19% down to 2%

Please see Appendix A for responses <4%

While the condition of local roads is the highest rated priority, healthcare and economic development/support are also key considerations.

Living in the Leeton Compared to the Micromex Benchmark

The chart below shows the variance between Leeton Shire Council's top 2 box agreement scores and the Micromex Benchmark. Measures shown in the below chart highlight larger positive and negative gaps.



Please see Appendix A for variances <10%

Compared to our benchmarks the Leeton Shire is safe, affordable, harmonious and well maintained.

Access to health care and police servicing are areas of comparative weakness.



Heated Pool Feasibility Overview

Concept Statement

Council is being asked by the community to look into whether or not it would be feasible to construct and operate an indoor heated pool in Leeton.

Potentially a heated pool could be used for a range of programs and activities. Such as:

- Coaching/Squad training
- Lap swimming
- Therapy/Rehabilitation
- Exercise programs
- Learn to swim

Currently, ratepayers subsidise the Leeton Regional Aquatic Centre by around \$170,000 per year.



Currently 59% of residents use the aquatic centre claiming on average to visit the facility 11 times a year.



If provided 77% of residents indicated that they would use a heated facility. The average claimed future visitation is 51 times a year.



On average residents were willing to pay \$5.20 per visit which is \$0.70 above the current charge



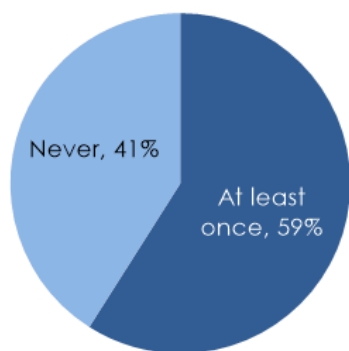
68% of residents were at least moderately supportive of paying more in their rates for a heated pool

Current Visitation to Leeton Regional Aquatic Centre

Q8a. In an average year how many times would you visit the Leeton Regional Aquatic centre?

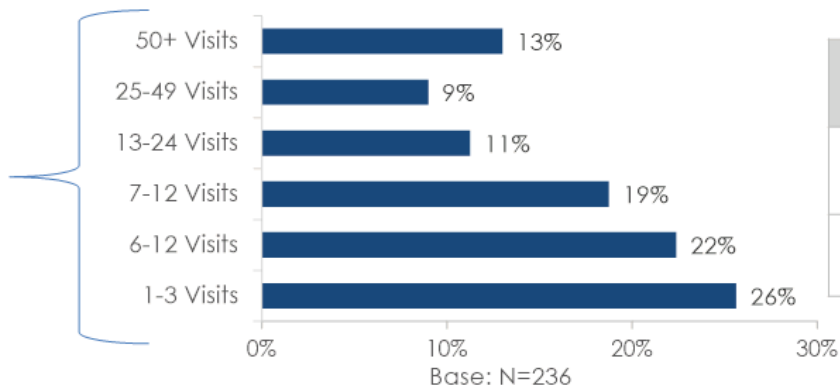
Those who have visited at least once

	Overall 2021	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer
50+	13%	10%	17%	4%	28%▲	5%▼	16%	13%	16%
25-49	9%	3%	13%▲	9%	7%	9%	11%	8%	11%
13-24	11%	12%	10%	11%	9%	17%	8%	13%	0%
7-12	19%	18%	19%	26%	21%	13%	6%▼	17%	35%
4-6	22%	29%	17%	23%	21%	27%	18%	24%	14%
1-3	26%	28%	24%	27%	15%	29%	41%▲	26%	24%
Base	236	108	128	73	75	55	32	208	28*



2021 (N=403)

Those who have visited at least once



Leeton Shire Council 2021	
Average visit frequency	11
Base	403

Please see Appendix A for further demographics
 *Caution low base size

▲▼ = A significantly higher/lower percentage (by group)

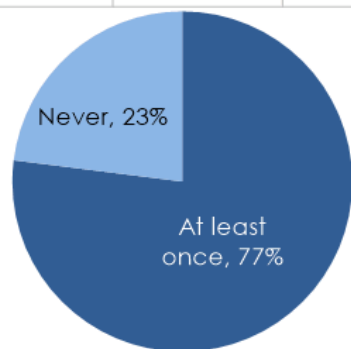
Almost half of the respondents attend the pool at least once a year.

Estimated Visit Frequency

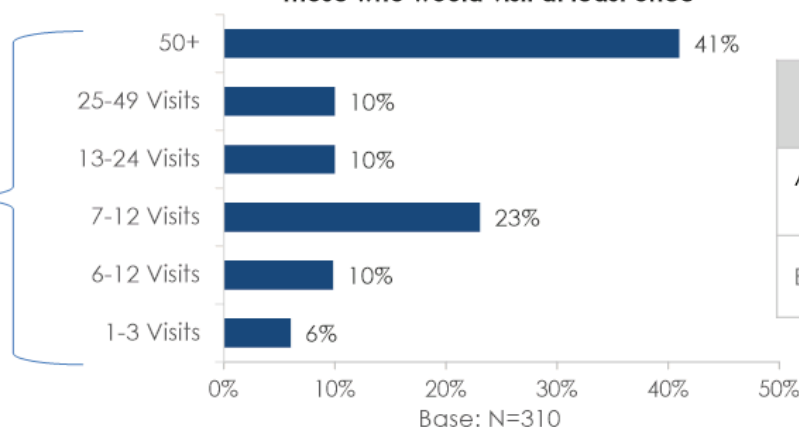
Q8b. How many times do you think you might use the heated pool each year?

Those who would visit at least once

	Overall 2021	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer
50+	41%	32%	49%▲	28%	65%▲	29%▼	45%	41%	39%
25-49	10%	12%	8%	16%	6%	8%	8%	8%	19%
13-24	10%	9%	12%	12%	10%	13%	5%	12%▲	1%
7-12	23%	23%	23%	41%▲	9%▼	24%	14%▼	22%	30%
4-6	10%	15%▲	5%	3%	5%	14%	19%▲	10%	10%
1-3	6%	9%▲	3%	0%▼	5%	11%▲	9%	7%	1%
Base	310	148	162	85	80	82	63	270	40



Those who would visit at least once



Leeton Shire Council 2021	
Average visit frequency	51
Base	310

Please see Appendix A for further demographics

▲ ▼ = A significantly higher/lower percentage (by group)

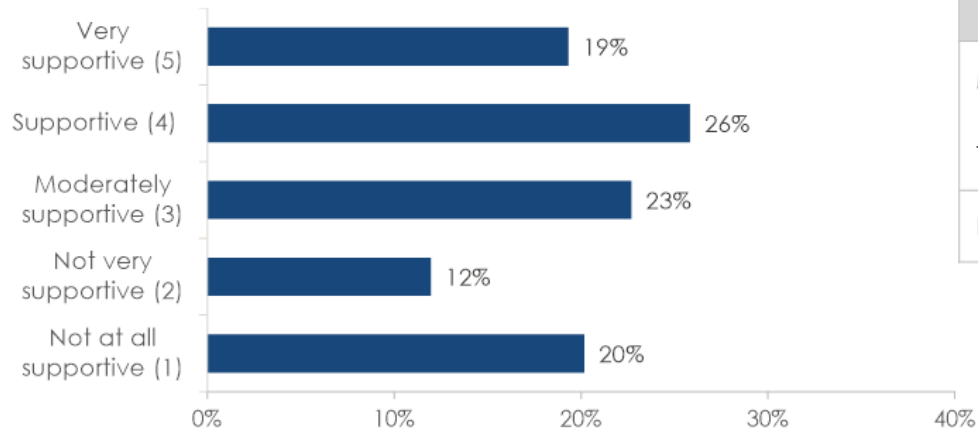
77% of the population believe they would use the heated pool at least once per year. Over 50% of those residents believe they would attend more than 25 times per year.

Support for a Heated Indoor Pool

Q8f. How supportive would you be of paying an additional \$55 to \$65 (per household) on top of pool entry fees to cover the operating shortfall of a heated pool to be able to swim all year round?

	Overall 2021	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer
Mean rating	3.12	3.11	3.13	2.83	3.19	3.37▲	3.08	3.09	3.39
Base	403	201	202	101	96	107	100	358	45

	Suburb	
	Leeton	Other village/suburb
Mean rating	3.29▲	2.84
Base	252	151

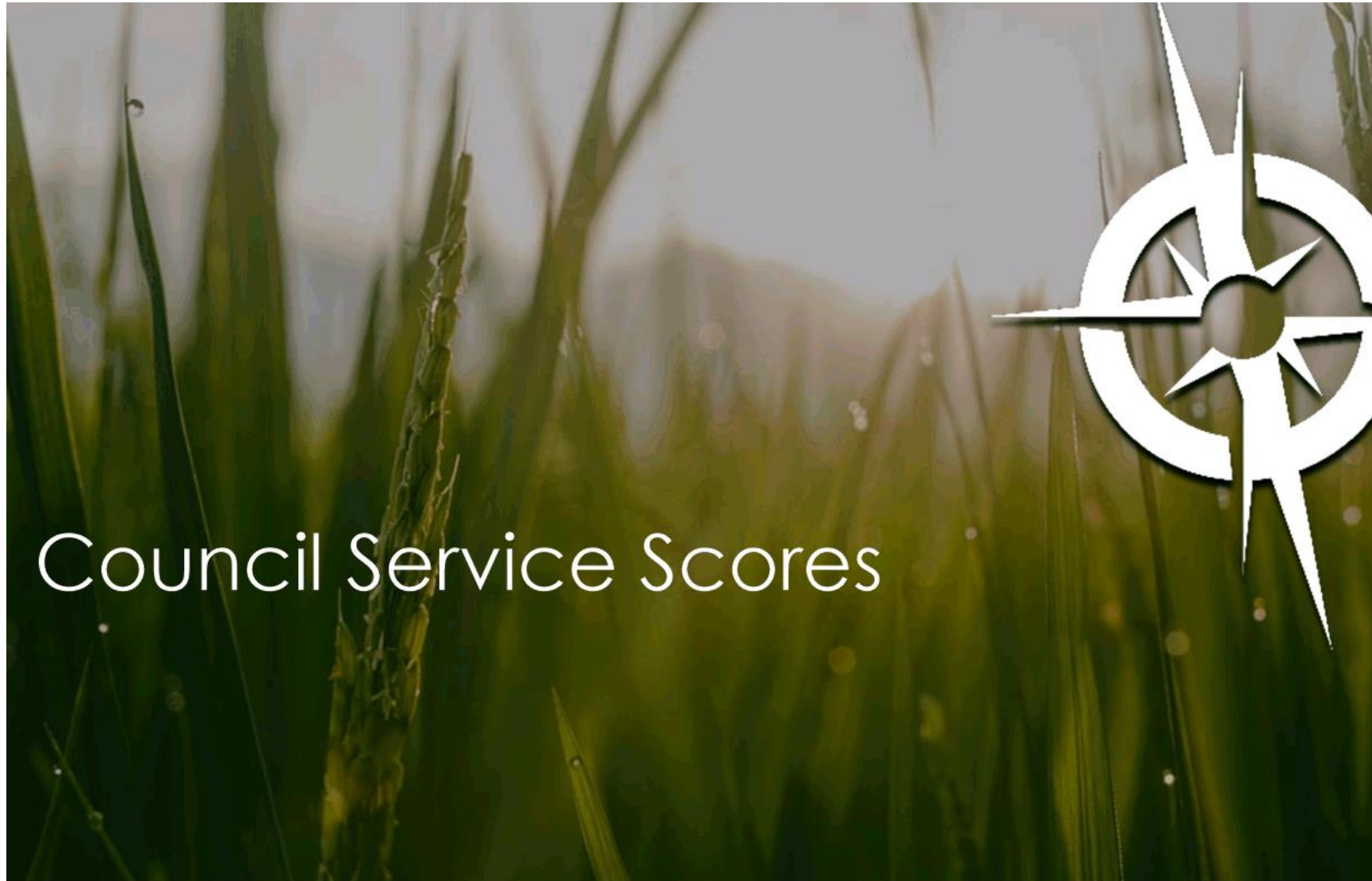


	Potential Users
Mean rating	3.35
T3 Box	75%
Base	310

Scale: 1 = not at all supportive, 5 = very supportive

▲ ▼ = A significantly higher/lower level of support (by group)

68% of residents are at least somewhat supportive of paying more rates for a heated indoor pool.
75% of potential users least somewhat supportive of paying more a heated indoor pool.

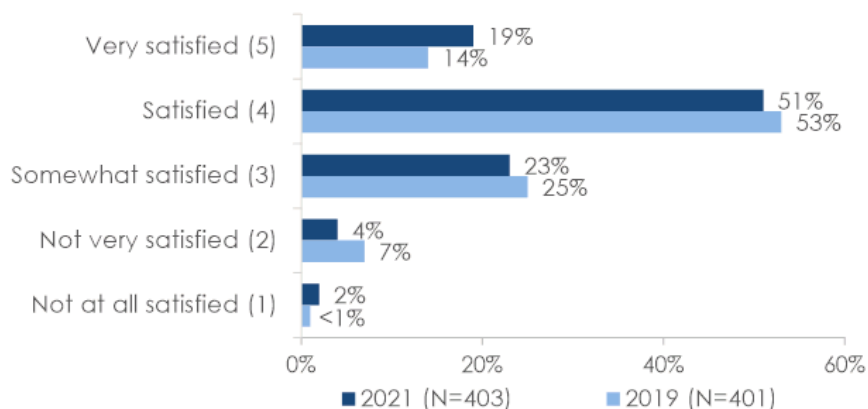


Overview – Overall Satisfaction

35. Overall, for the last 12 months, how satisfied are you with the performance of Council administration, not just on one or two issues, but across all responsibility areas?

	Overall 2021	Overall 2019	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer
Mean rating	3.81	3.74	3.66	3.96▲	3.73	3.59	3.89	4.01▲	3.83	3.62
Base	403	401	201	202	101	96	107	100	358	45

	Suburb		Time lived in the area		
	Leeton	Other village/suburb	10 years or less	11 – 20 years	More than 20 years
Mean ratings	3.85	3.74	3.71	3.59	3.87
Base	252	151	58	55	290



	Leeton Shire Council 2021	Leeton Shire Council 2019	Micromex LGA Benchmark - Regional
Mean rating	3.81↑	3.74	3.35
T3 Box	94%↑	93%	83%
Base	403	401	37,746

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied

▲ ▼ = A significantly higher/lower level of satisfaction (by group)

↑ ↓ = A significantly higher/lower level of satisfaction (compared to the Benchmark)

94% of residents are at least somewhat satisfied with Overall Council performance. Leeton Shire Council scores well above our regional benchmark, and has consolidated on a strong 2019 result.

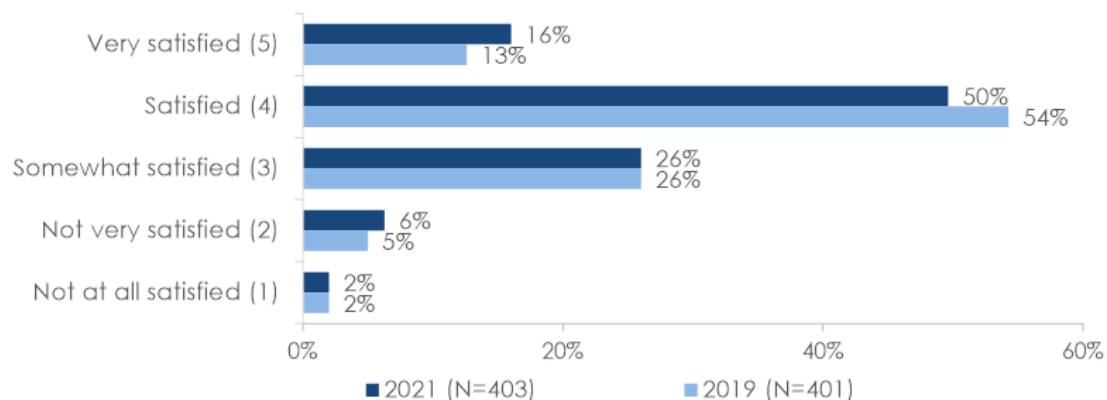
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Overall Performance of Elected Councillors

Q6. Thinking overall about the elected Councillors, how satisfied are you with their performance?

	Overall 2021	Overall 2019	Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Ratepayer	Non-ratepayer
Mean rating	3.73	3.70	3.59	3.87▲	3.63	3.60	3.70	3.98▲	3.75	3.57
Base	403	401	201	202	101	96	107	100	358	45

	Suburb		Time lived in the area		
	Leeton	Other village/suburb	10 years or less	11 – 20 years	More than 20 years
Mean ratings	3.78	3.64	3.37▼	3.64	3.82▲
Base	252	151	58	55	290



Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied

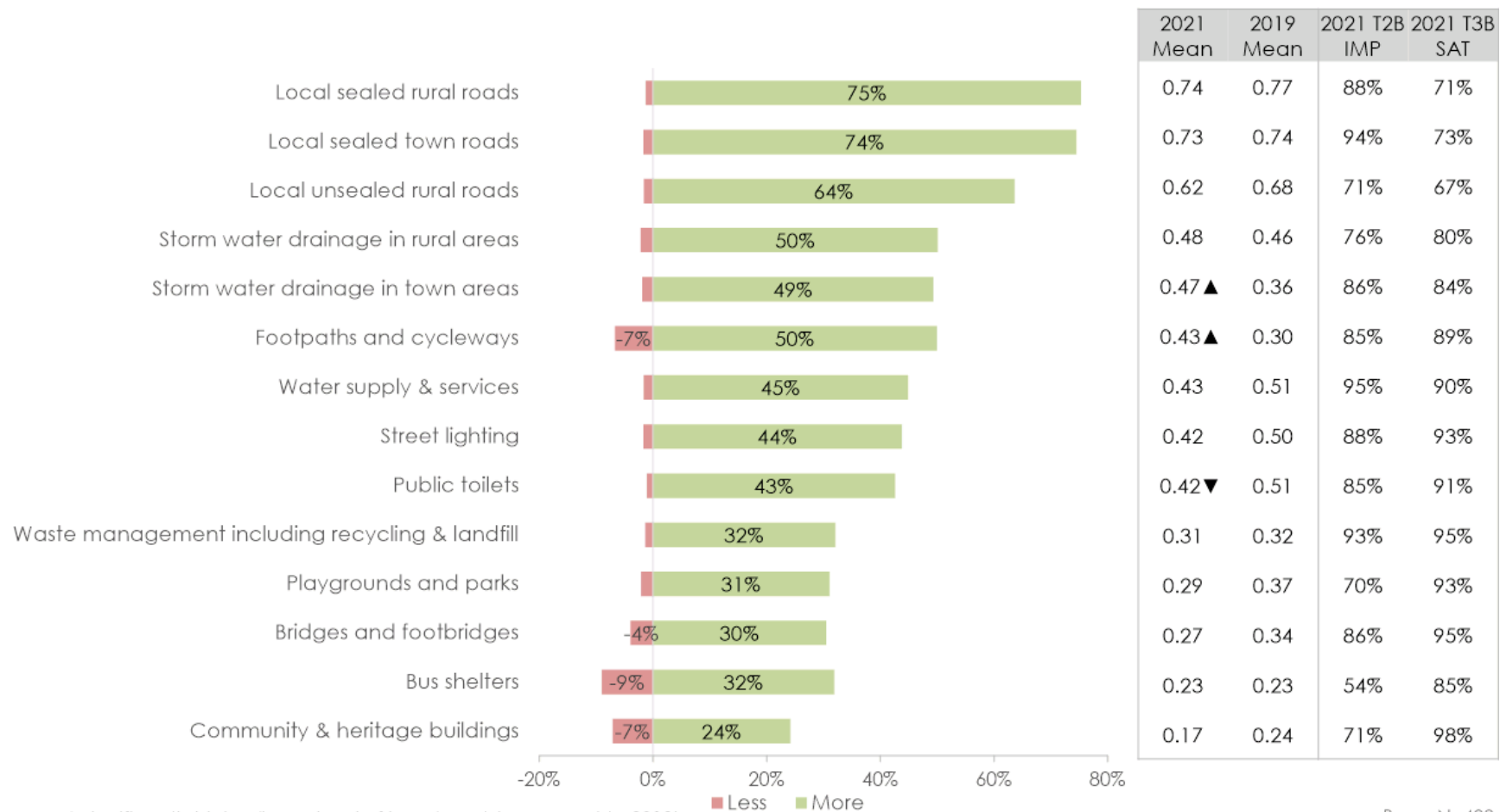
▲ ▼ = A significantly higher/lower level of satisfaction (by group)

**92% of the community are at least somewhat satisfied with the elected Council.
 Long term residents and those 65+ have the highest levels of satisfaction.**

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Investment in Asset Management

Q4c. Thinking of the following types of council assets, should Council invest less, the same, or more than they currently spend on/resource for each



▲ ▼ = A significantly higher/lower level of investment (compared to 2019)
 Percentages <4% have not been shown above

Base: N=403
 Scale: -1 = less investment, 1 = more investment

Roads continue to dominate.
There is no evidence that the community wish to see any reduction in investment across any asset.

2.1. Importance & Satisfaction – Highest/Lowest Rated Services/Facilities

Importance

The following services/facilities received the highest T2 box importance ratings:

Higher importance	T2 Box	Mean
Water supply & services	95%	4.74
Public safety	94%	4.71
Local sealed town roads	94%	4.70
Waste management including recycling & landfill	93%	4.67
Council keeps the community informed	91%	4.57

The following services/facilities received the lowest T2 box importance ratings:

Lower importance	T2 Box	Mean
Bus shelters	54%	3.55
Library services	61%	3.76
Youth events & facilities	62%	3.73
Community buildings/halls	65%	3.80
Heritage sites protected and maintained	67%	3.86
Tourism/Visitor Information Centre	67%	3.86

T2B = important/very important
 Scale: 1 = not at all important, 5 = very important

Satisfaction

The following services/facilities received the highest T3 box satisfaction ratings:

Higher satisfaction	T3 Box	Mean
Library services	99%	4.36
Tourism/Visitor Information Centre	98%	4.20
Community & heritage buildings	98%	4.04
Ovals, sportsgrounds and sporting facilities	97%	4.26
Cultural opportunities and services, such as Roxy Theatre, museums and public art	97%	4.00

The following services/facilities received the lowest T3 box satisfaction ratings:

Lower satisfaction	T3 Box	Mean
Local unsealed rural roads	67%	2.91
Local sealed rural roads	71%	2.96
Local sealed town roads	73%	3.04
Recreational areas along the river	73%	3.26
Council considers community opinion when making decisions	75%	3.26

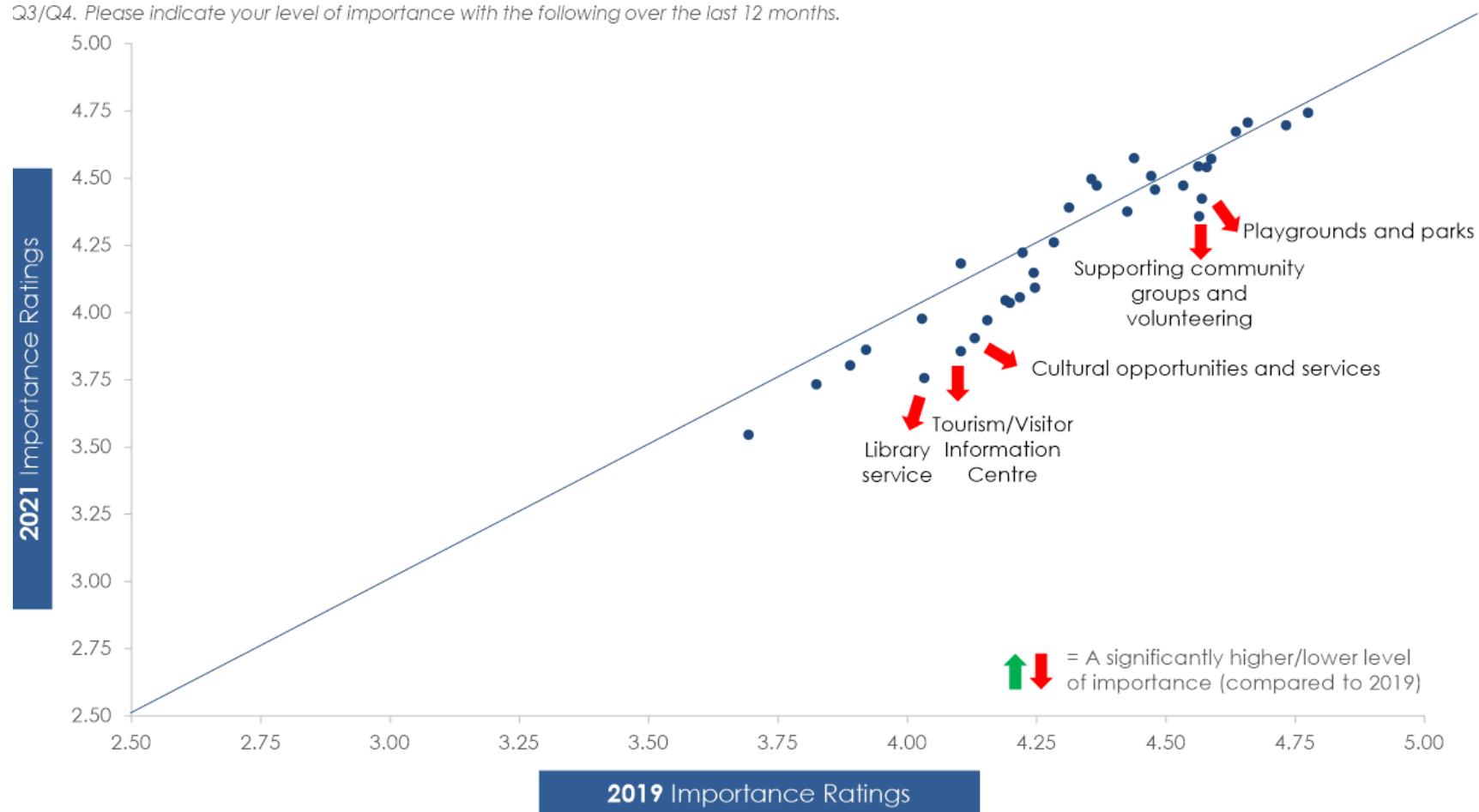
T3B = somewhat satisfied/satisfied/very satisfied
 Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied

A core element of this community survey was the rating of 34 facilities/services in terms of Importance and Satisfaction. The above analysis identifies the highest and lowest rated services/facilities in terms of importance and satisfaction.

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2.1 Services and Facilities – Importance – Comparison by Year

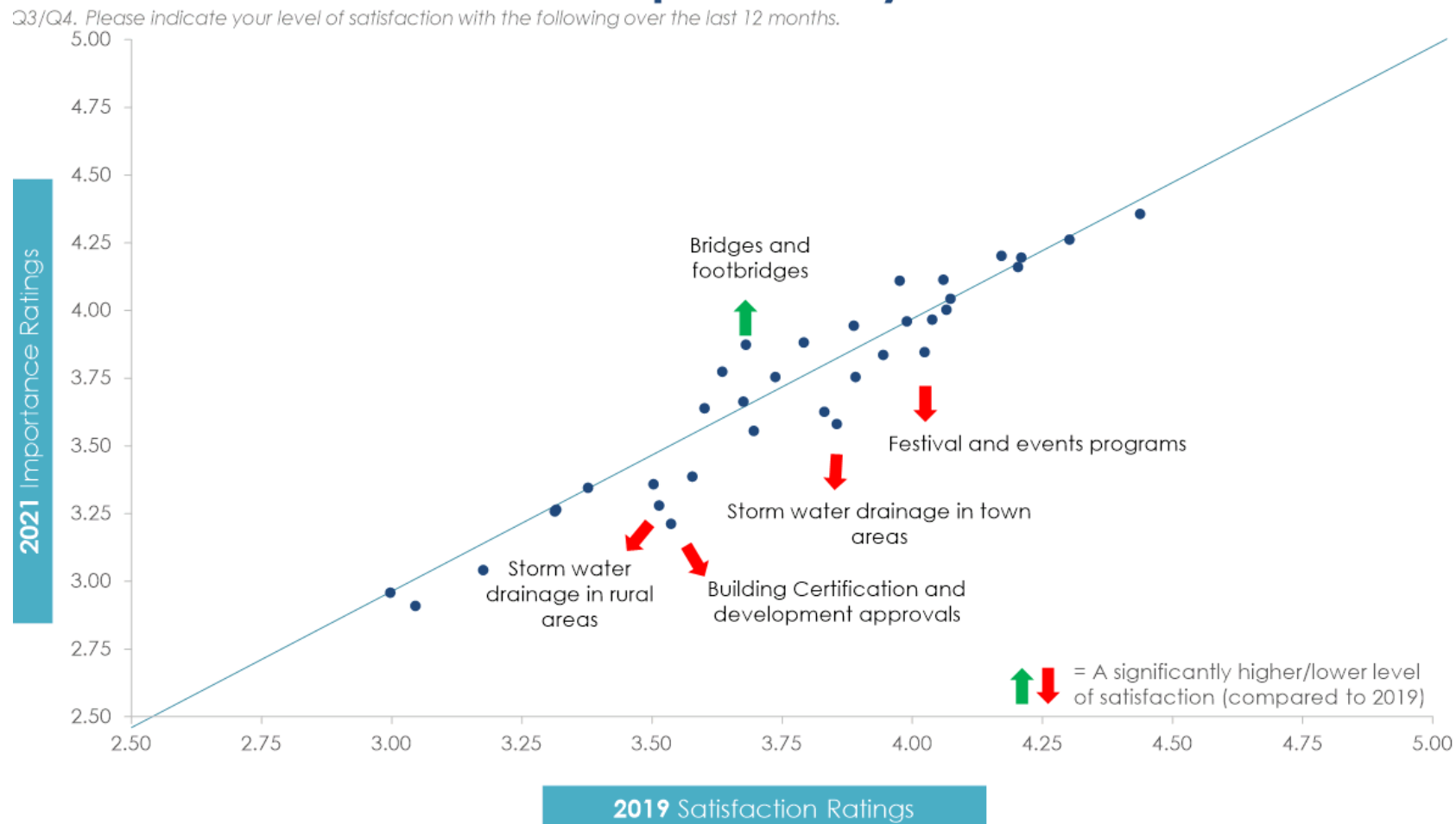
Q3/Q4. Please indicate your level of importance with the following over the last 12 months.



The above chart compares the mean importance ratings for 2021 vs 2019.
There were significant decreases in importance for 5 of the 34 services and facilities.

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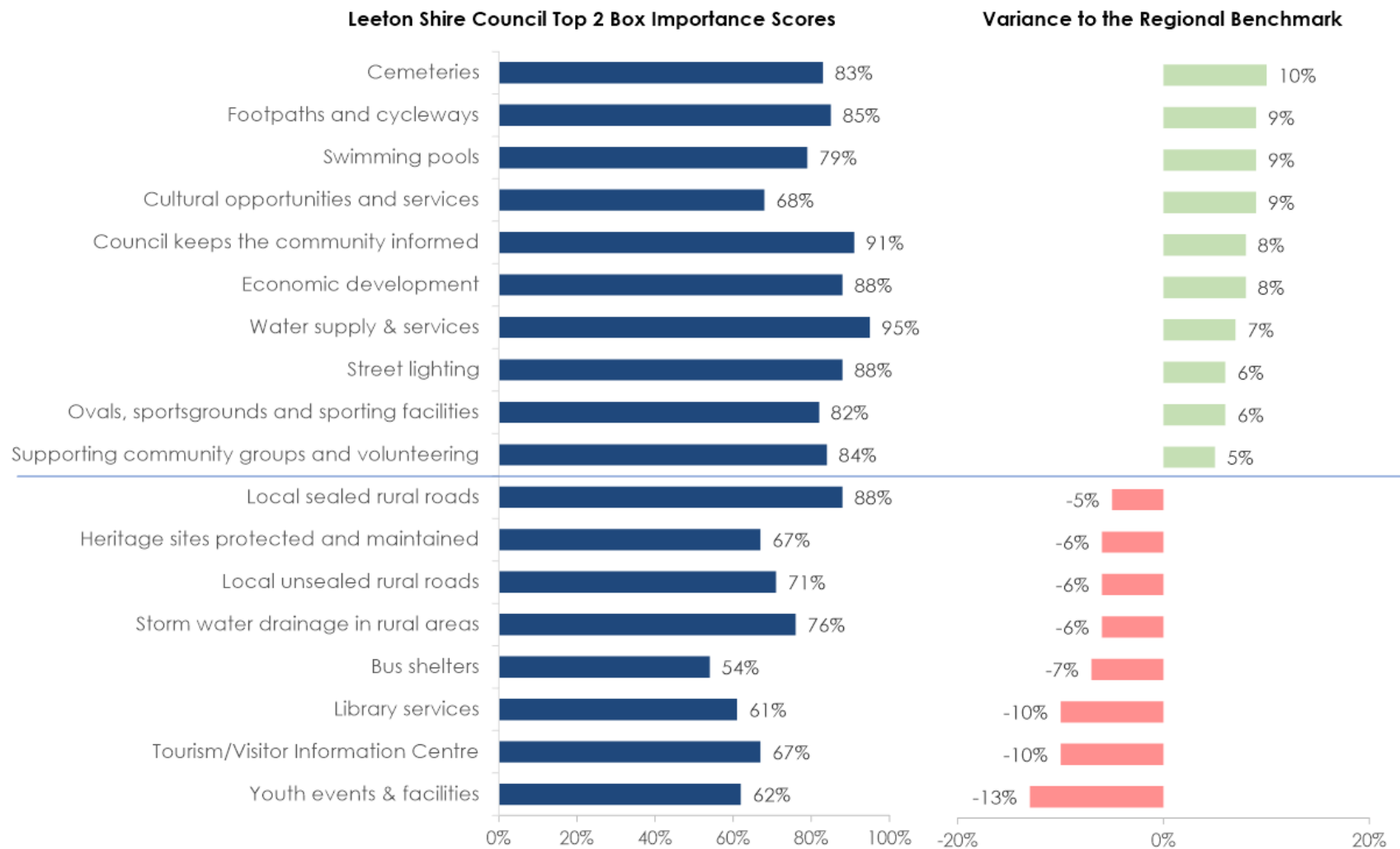
2.1 Services and Facilities – Satisfaction – Comparison by Year



The above chart compares the mean satisfaction ratings in 2021 vs 2019. Satisfaction increased for Bridges and footbridges. There were also 4 measures that experienced a decrease in resident satisfaction from previous research.

2.2 Importance Compared to the Micromex Benchmark

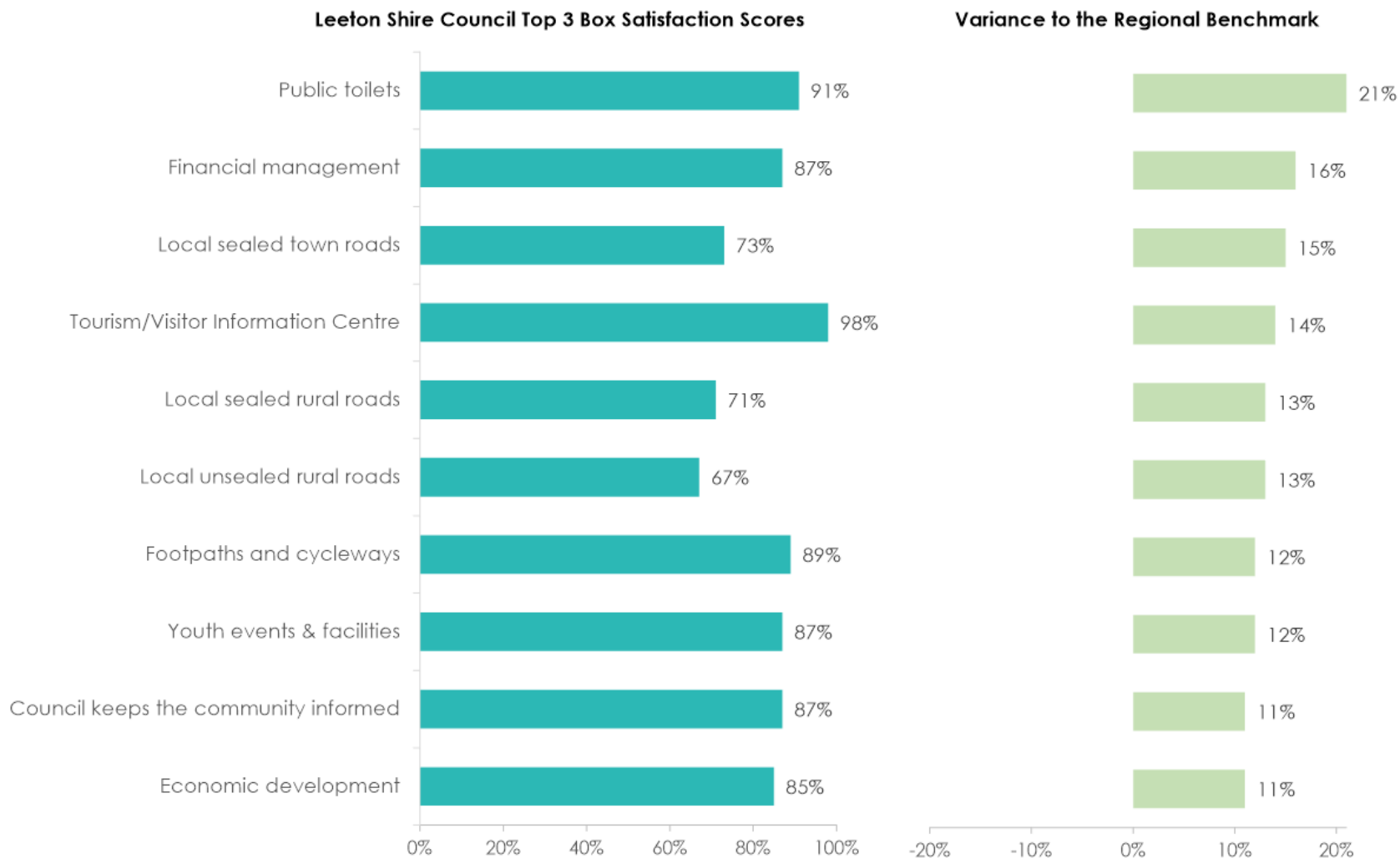
The chart below shows the variance between Leeton Shire Council top 2 box importance scores and the Micromex Benchmark. Services/facilities shown in the below chart highlight larger positive and negative gaps.



Note: Only services/facilities with a variance of +/- %5 to the Benchmark have been shown above. Please see Appendix A for detailed list

2.2 Satisfaction Compared to the Micromex Benchmark

The chart below shows the variance between Leeton Shire Council top 3 box satisfaction scores and the Micromex Benchmark. Services/facilities shown in the below chart highlight larger positive gaps. It is worth noting that all comparable services were above the Micromex Regional Benchmark.



Note: Only services/facilities with a variance of +/- %10 to the Benchmark have been shown above. Please see Appendix A for detailed list

2.3. Performance Gap Analysis

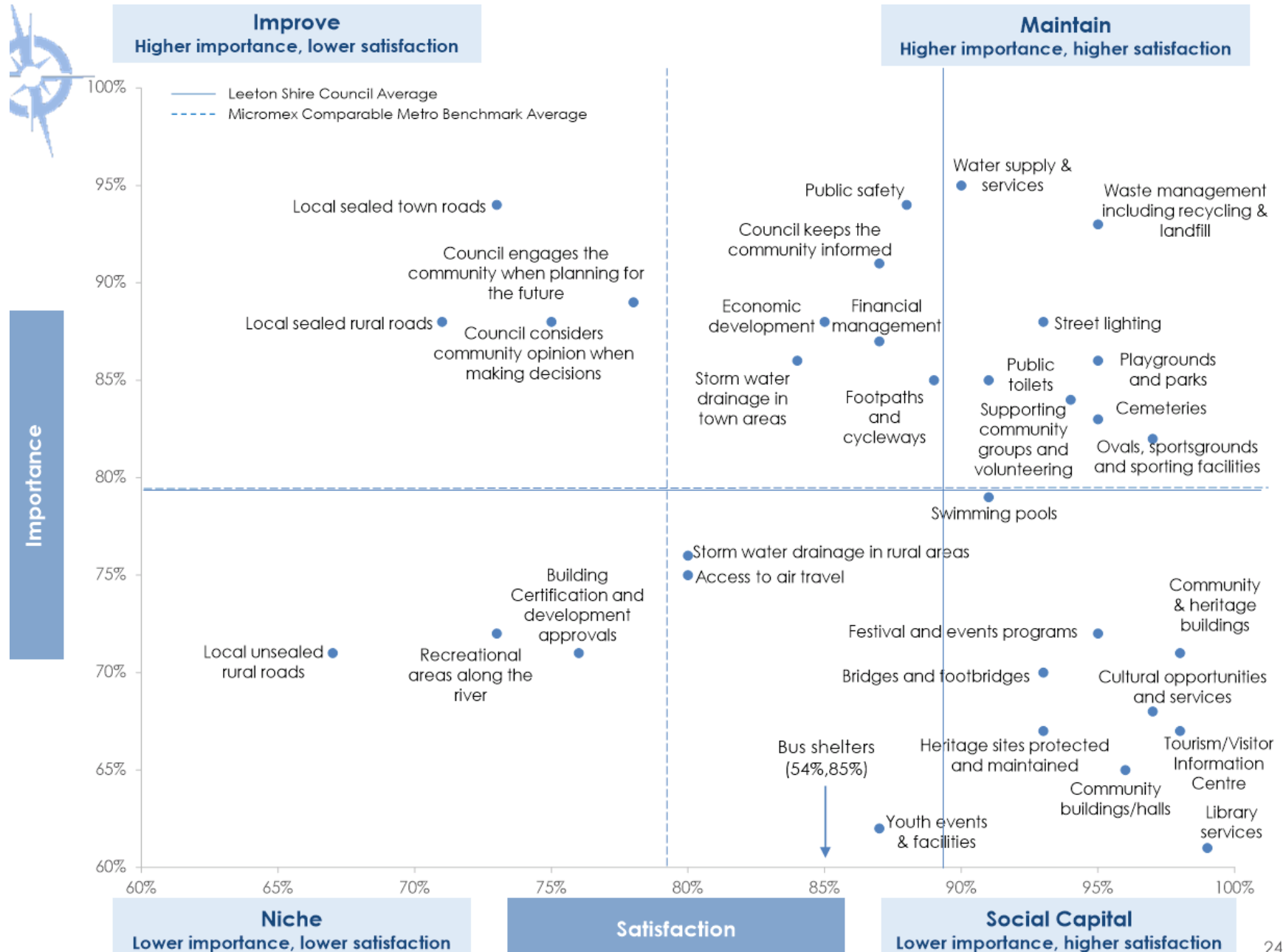
When we examine the largest performance gaps, we can identify that all of the services or facilities have been rated as high in importance, whilst resident satisfaction for all of these areas is between 67% and 90%.

The top two performance gaps related to local sealed roads. Councils consideration and engagement also were amongst the higher performance gaps.

Service Area	Service/Facility	Importance T2 Box	Satisfaction T3 Box	Performance Gap (Importance – Satisfaction)
Asset Management	Local sealed town roads	94%	73%	21%
Asset Management	Local sealed rural roads	88%	71%	17%
Strong Leadership	Council considers community opinion when making decisions	88%	75%	13%
Strong Leadership	Council engages the community when planning for the future	89%	78%	11%
A Healthy and Caring Community	Public safety	94%	88%	6%
Asset Management	Water supply & services	95%	90%	5%
Strong Leadership	Council keeps the community informed	91%	87%	4%
Asset Management	Local unsealed rural roads	71%	67%	4%

Note: Performance gap is the first step in the process, we now need to identify comparative ratings across all services and facilities to get an understanding of relative importance and satisfaction at an LGA level. This is when we undertake step 2 of the analysis.

¹please see Appendix A for full Performance Gap Ranking



2.5. Key Drivers of Overall Satisfaction with Council

Dependent variable: Overall, for the last 12 months, how satisfied are you with the performance of Council administration, not just one or two issues, but across all responsibility areas?



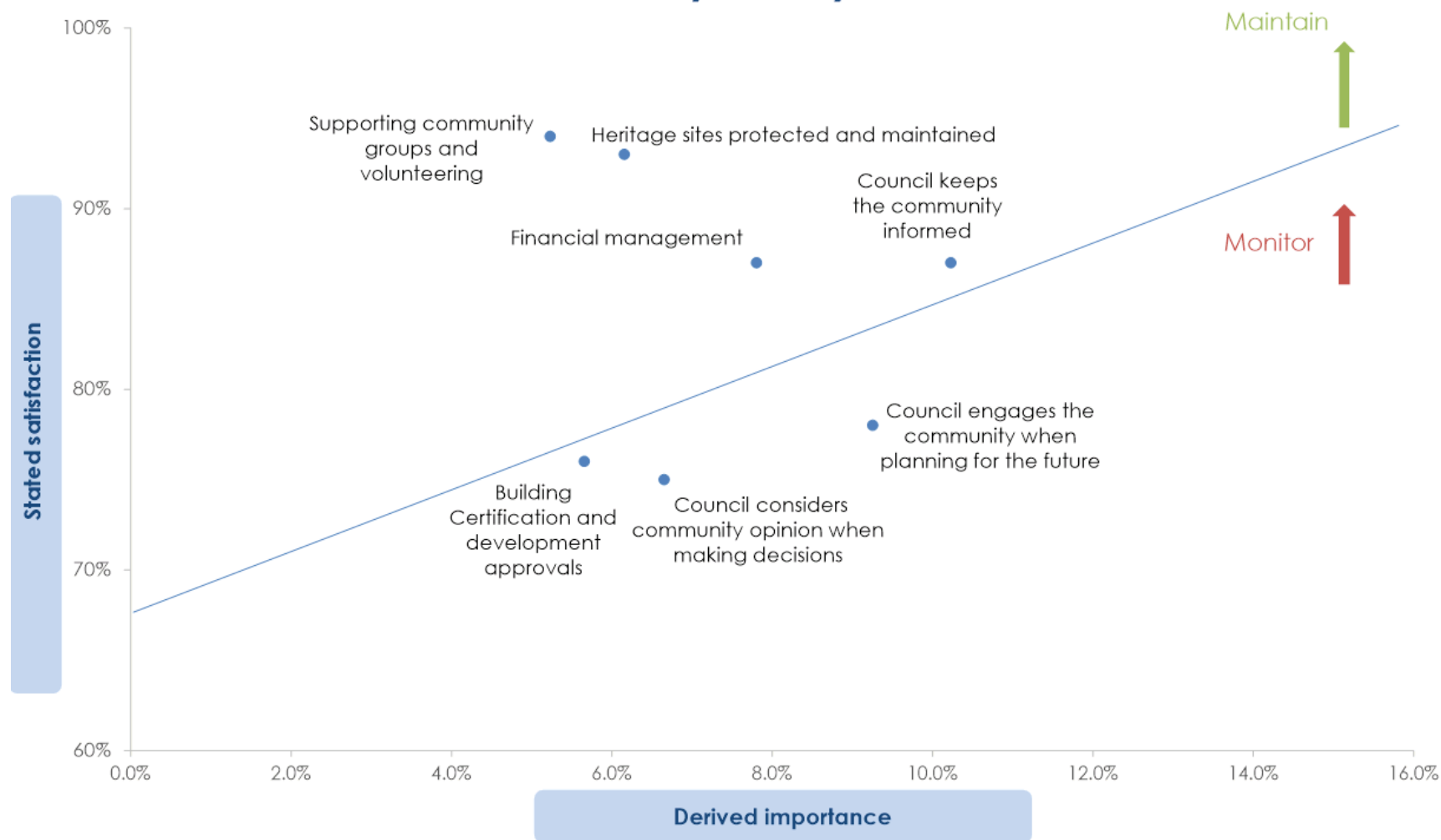
Note: Please see Appendix A for complete list

R² barrier value = 36.73%
R² optimiser value = 41.52%

The score assigned to each area indicates the percentage of influence each attribute contributes to overall satisfaction with Council. If Council can increase satisfaction in these areas it will improve overall community satisfaction.

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2.5. Mapping Stated Satisfaction and Derived Importance Identifies the Community Priority Areas

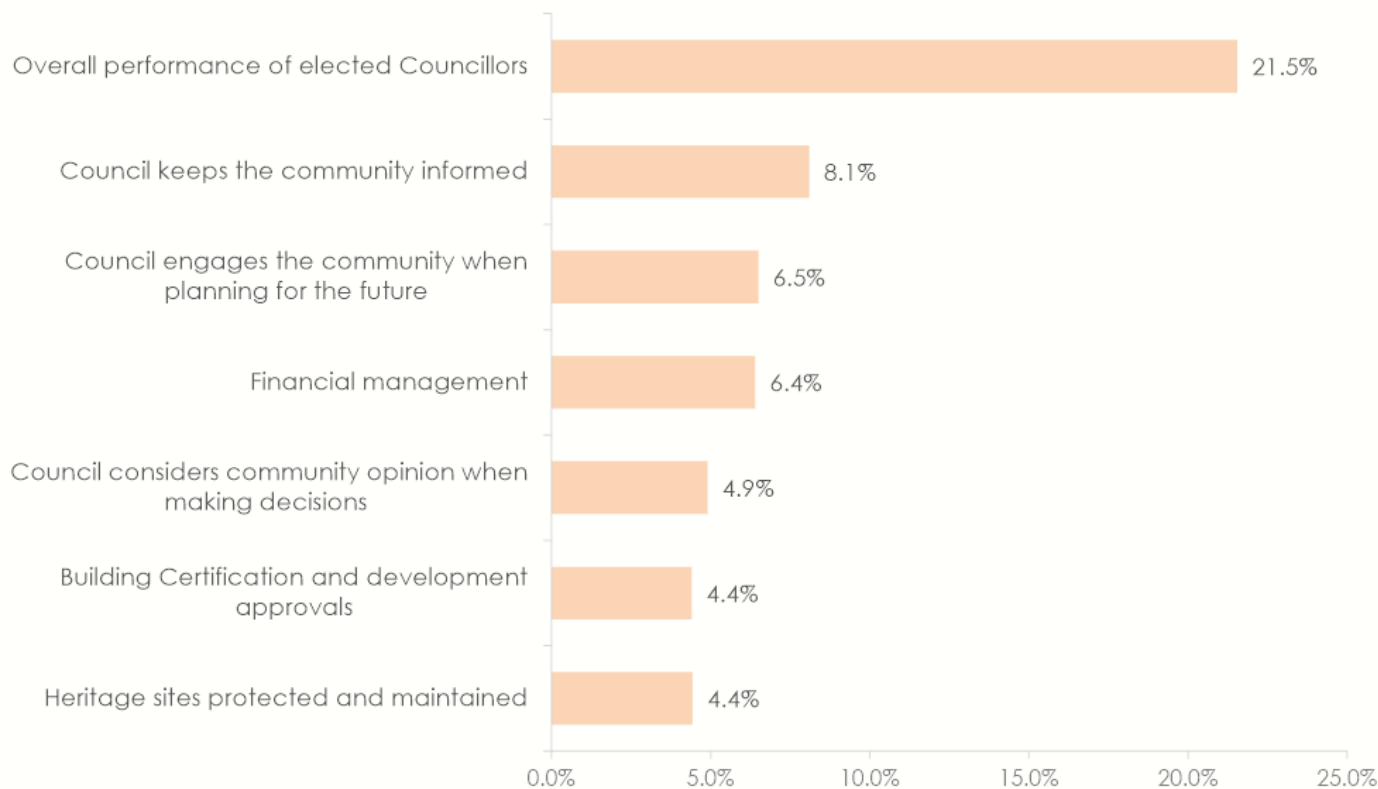


The above chart looks at the relationship between stated satisfaction (top 3 box) and derived importance (Regression result) to identify the level of contribution of each measure. Any services/facilities below the blue line (shown above) could potentially be benchmarked to target in future research to elevate satisfaction levels in these areas.

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2.6. Key Drivers of Overall Satisfaction with Council Including Performance of Elected Councillors

Dependent variable: Overall, for the last 12 months, how satisfied are you with the performance of Council administration, not just one or two issues, but across all responsibility areas?



Note: Please see Appendix A for complete list

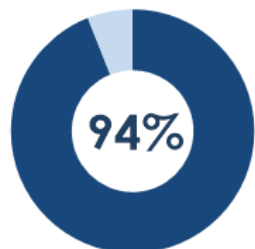
R² barrier value = 40.96%
R² optimiser value = 49.30%

This section highlights the differences made to drivers of satisfaction when overall performance of Councillors is included. Evidentially the added dependent variable has a large impact on results, contributing over 21% to overall satisfaction.

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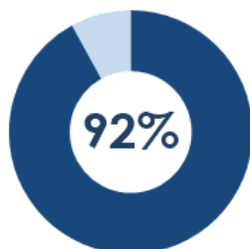


Overall Satisfaction



94% of Leeton Shire Council residents are at least somewhat satisfied with the performance of Council in the last 12 months.

Overall Performance of Elected Councillors



92% of Leeton Shire Council residents are at least somewhat satisfied with the performance of elected Councillors in the last 12 months.

Drivers of Satisfaction

The primary drivers of satisfaction revolve around Councils communication and management of the area

Specifically:



Council keeps the community informed



Council engages the community when planning for the future



Financial management



Council considers community opinion when making decisions



Heritage sites protected and maintained

Top 5 importance and satisfaction areas

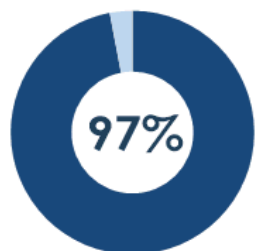
Top 5 Importance

- Water supply & services
- Public safety
- Local sealed town roads
- Waste management including recycling & landfill
- Council keeps the community informed

Top 5 Satisfaction

- Library services
- Tourism/Visitor Information Centre
- Community & heritage buildings
- Ovals, sportsgrounds and sporting facilities
- Cultural opportunities and services, such as Roxy Theatre, museums and public art

Quality of life



97% of Leeton Shire Council residents indicated that the quality of life living in the Leeton LGA was at least good

What Residents Value Most



Sense of community/
friendly people
(35%)



Lifestyle/rural
living/small
country town
feel (23%)



Peaceful
and quiet
atmosphere
(15%)

Priorities Over the Next 4 Years



Maintaining and
upgrading local
roads (38%)



Improved
health care
facilities (21%)



Support local
businesses
(21%)

Community priorities Average T2 Box



Roads and Transport - 60%



Community Safety - 65%



Infrastructure and Development - 68%



The Natural Environment - 69%



Services and Facilities - 69%

Summary and Next Steps

Residents satisfaction with the overall performance of Council is high. The overall satisfaction mean score is the highest we have measured for regional council in the last 9 years.

As such based on the outputs of the community survey we recommend that Leeton Shire Council keeps doing what it is currently doing. Potential next steps could be to:

1. Maintain current level of communication and engagement with the community, as the regression analysis identifies how much it contributes to overall satisfaction.
 - Continue to ensure that the community has the opportunity to be involved in decisions relating to future planning for the area. (i.e. CSP 2022)
2. Direct resources towards economic development.
3. Explore service level deliverables and community expectations across core assets and facilities.
4. Financially explore and engage with the community around the proposed heated pool.
5. Seek and explore any advocacy opportunities around access to health.
6. Clarify and address expectation around policing level.



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ITEM 8.2 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

RECORD NUMBER	21/276
RELATED FILE NUMBER	EF10/292
AUTHOR/S	Corporate and Community Planning Officer
APPROVER/S	Executive Manager IPR, Governance and Engagement

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of two applications received for funding assistance (**Attachments 1 and 2**) through Council's Community Strengthening Grants under the Youth Development Category.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council awards:

1. Rutalina Smith a \$250 Youth Development Grant to assist with the costs associated with attending the Under 16 Rugby Union 'NSW Country V ACT' competition in Camden, NSW, on 25 July 2021.
 2. Emily Wright a \$250 Youth Development Grant to assist with the costs associated with attending the Under 18 Rugby Union 'NSW Country V ACT' competition in Camden, NSW, on 25 July 2021.
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REPORT

(a) Background

The Community Strengthening Grants program includes a 'Youth Development' Grant Category which is offered at a set amount of \$250 per applicant and is available to support high achievement in a cultural, academic or sporting activity that requires attendance at a State, National or International level event.

Youth Development Grant Application – Rutalina Smith

A request has been received from Rutalina Smith for financial assistance to attend and participate in the Under 16 Rugby Union 'NSW Country V ACT' competition in Camden, NSW, on 25 July 2021.

The request for funding assistance was lodged with Council on Thursday 15 July 2021.

Youth Development Grant Application – Emily Wright

A request has been received from Emily Wright for financial assistance to attend and participate in the Under 18 Rugby Union 'NSW Country V ACT' competition in Camden, NSW, on 25 July 2021.

The request for funding assistance was lodged with Council on Friday 16 July 2021.

(b) Discussion

Youth Development Grant Application – Rutalina Smith

Rutalina was selected for the ACT Junior Rugby Union Girls Under 16s team to play in the NSW Country V ACT competition. She was one of five girls chosen from the Southern Inland Rugby Union Region (covering Grenfell, Temora, Young, Cootamundra, Griffith, Leeton, Hay, Albury, Wagga, West Wyalong and Tumut) to trial for the ACT training squad.

Rutalina participated in weekly training and trial games against 50 potential team members with the final team of 23 members being announced on the 28 June 2021.

Youth Development Grant Application – Emily Wright

Emily was selected for the ACT Junior Rugby Union Girls Under 18s team to play in the NSW Country V ACT competition. She was chosen from the Southern Inland Rugby Union Region (covering Grenfell, Temora, Young, Cootamundra, Griffith, Leeton, Hay, Albury, Wagga, West Wyalong and Tumut) to trial for the ACT training squad.

Emily participated in weekly training and trial games with the final team of 29 members being announced on the 28 June 2021.

(c) Options

Council has the following options available:

Youth Development Grant Application – Rutalina Smith

1. Approve the application for a grant of \$250. ***This is the recommended option.***
2. Reject the application.

Youth Development Grant Application – Emily Wright

1. Approve the application for a grant of \$250. ***This is the recommended option.***
2. Reject the application.

IMPLICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

(a) Financial

The Quick Response and Youth Development Category of the Community Strengthening Grants program has an annual budget of \$10,000. Each year \$1,175 is allocated for annual donations to each school in the Shire for end-of-year presentations. To date, no funds have been utilised from this budget.

(b) Policy

This application meets the eligibility criteria stated in Leeton Shire Council's Grants Program Guidelines and Application Instructions for 2020/21.

(c) Legislative/Statutory

Nil

(d) Risk

Nil

CONSULTATION

(a) External

Staff have consulted with the applicants.

(b) Internal

Accountant

LINK/S TO THE DELIVERY PROGRAM/OPERATIONAL PLAN (DPOP)

Under the Key Priority Area THEME 6 - "STRONG LEADERSHIP" within Council's adopted Delivery Program/Operational Plan – 20 - A community that is always on the front foot - 20a is to "Ensure the aspirations of the community are delivered - Support the community by offering a Community Grants Program".

ATTACHMENTS

1 [↓](#) Youth Development Grant - Rutalina Smith

2 [↓](#) Youth Development Grant - Emily Wright

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANT



PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE READ A COPY OF THE GUIDELINES BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

Youth Development Grants are offered at a set amount of \$250 and are available to support high achievement in a cultural, academic or sporting activity that requires attendance at a State, National or International level event.

Has the event occurred already?

Yes No

Have you received a Leeton Shire Council Youth Development Grant this financial year?

Yes No

If you ticked no for both of these questions, please proceed. If you ticked yes for either questions your application is NOT eligible.

INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT DETAILS

Name of Applicant	Rutalina (Lina) Smith
Postal Address:	
Email:	
Phone: Lina's dad John phone	

EVENT/ACTIVITY

Title: (Name of the event/activity for which the grant is sought)

ACT Junior Rugby Union u16s Girls team to play NSW Country in Camden on 25th July 2021

Event/Activity Summary: (Describe the event or activity for which you seek support)

State u16 Rugby Union completion where ACT play NSW Country

Describe the achievements that have made you eligible for this event/activity:

Selected for the ACT Junior Rugby Union Girls u16s team to play NSW Country in Camden on NSW 25th July 2021.
 Chosen first as one of 5 u16s girls from the Southern Inland Rugby Union Region (covering Grenfell, Temora, Young, Cootamundra, Griffith, Leeton, Hay, Albury, Wagga, West Wyalong, Tumut) to trial for the ACT training squad. Selected on 16th of June as one of 40 girls from an 80 girl selection trial to join the training squad.
 Training and trials have been in Canberra each week and the team was announced on 28th June 2021 and I was selected as one of the final 23 girls for the team.

What date/s will the activity/event occur:

25th July 2021

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANT

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE READ A COPY OF THE GUIDELINES BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

You must provide at least one piece of evidence such as an invitation, letter or program.
 Please list evidence below.

1. Email from ACT Junior Rugby Union
2. Facebook Post from ACT Junior Rugby Union announcing the team
3. Letter of Support from Leeton Phantoms Junior Rugby Union Football Club

Please provide one reference to be contacted regarding your application, eg sporting club, teacher, coach (it cannot be a parent/guardian):

Contact Name: *Nyree Dunn – Coach u15 and u17 Girls Tackle Leeton Phantoms Rugby Union*
 Contact Number: *0402783739*

OTHER SUPPORT

Please provide a detailed breakdown of your anticipated expenditure and income, indicating the item of expenditure and what the grant will be used for – please include all support from other organisations such as school or sporting club.

Training has been in Canberra each week since 9th June. Costs below are just to complete in the competition in Camden.

Anticipated expenses

Travel: Fuel 1200km	\$ 200
Accommodation:	\$100/night \$ 200
Living expenses:	\$30/day \$ 60
Other (please list): uniform	\$240
Total expenditure:	\$ 700

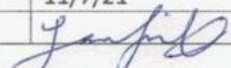
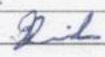
Anticipated income

Funding from third parties:	\$100 donation from Leeton Phantom Phossils Old Boys/Girls Club
Personal financial contribution:	\$600
Other (please list):	
Total income:	\$700

- I have read the guidelines and application form.
- The project satisfies the grant criteria.
- I have not received a Youth Development Grant within the current financial year.
- I have completed every question in the application form.
- I have proof read my application and kept a copy for myself.

CERTIFICATION

I, the applicant, certify that all details supplied in this application form and in any attached documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read the accompanying Guidelines and Application Instructions provided with this application form. I am aware that, if successful, I may be invited to attend a Council Meeting or Workshop to speak about the activity/event I attended.

Name:	Lina Smith	John Smith (Father)
Date:	11/7/21	11/7/21
Signature:		

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Complete the checklist below before you submit your application using one of these methods:

By email

Email an electronic copy of your application form and electronic copies of all supporting material to council@leeton.nsw.gov.au

By mail

Post one printed copy of your application form and copies of your supporting material to:

Community Services Team
 Leeton Shire Council
 23-25 Chelmsford Place
 LEETON NSW 2705

In person

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Name:	John Smith (Father)
Date:	11/7/21
Signature:	<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i>

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Please ensure you have ticked all of the below prior to submitting:

Dunn, Nyree

----- Original message -----

From: cecilia smith <cesssmithxo@outlook.com>

Date: 5/7/21 6:54 pm (GMT+10:00)

To: C_n_dunn@bigpond.net.au

Subject: Fwd:

Rutalina Smith

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kathryn Sanft <actjrub16g@gmail.com>

Date: 1 July 2021 at 7:59:53 am AEST

To: cecilia smith <cesssmithxo@outlook.com>

Subject: Re:

Thank you and well done again! Let me know if you have any trouble getting to any of the training's as I know it's a lot of travel for you and your family. My number is 0406 235 705 if it's easier to text.

See you soon!

Kathryn

On Wed, Jun 30, 2021 at 7:58 AM cecilia smith <cesssmithxo@outlook.com> wrote:

I accept :) thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On 28 Jun 2021, at 8:10 am, Kathryn Sanft <actjrub16g@gmail.com> wrote:

Congratulations, you are one of the 23 players who have been selected to travel to NSW Country in Camden, NSW on 25 July 2021.

Players will need to make their own travel arrangements, at their own expense and are expected to attend all training sessions in the lead up to competition. Training will continue to be held on Sundays (4th, 11th and 18th July) from 2pm at Daramalan College, 121 Cowper Street, Dickson, ACT.

A mid-week training session may also be added at 5pm,-6pm on Thursdays (from 8 July), though this will not be compulsory and is yet to be confirmed.

Selection acceptance

Please let us know whether you accept your selection by return email before **Thursday 1 July 2021**.

The very high standard of quality players throughout the trials and the limited spots available made this a very difficult decision, so well done again.

If you have any questions or feedback regarding the selections or training please let the Manager, Kathryn Sanft, know via email to ACTJRUB16G@gmail.com.

Kind regards

Fran, Richard and Kathryn
Coaches and Manager ACTJRU Brumbies U16G Team



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ACTJRU Brumbies Girls U16 Squad for 2021

The following players have been selected in the Girls U16s squad to play NSW Country on 25 July 2021 in Camden, NSW.

Name	Club / School	Name	Club / School
Mayah Amosa	Wests	Xantia McCormack	FSC/Cooma
Allie Booker	Wests	Maddison Miller	Grammar
Ava Brownlie	Royals	Brooke Mitchell-Morunga	Wests
Lara Cosgrove	Vikings	Samantha Nealon	Vikings
Kaide Davison	Broulee	Chelsea O'Brien	Wests
Sophia De Castella	Wests	Domi Platis	Grammar
India Dyball	FSC/Cooma	Susan Sanft	Wests
Mia Fisi'ikaile	Wests	Chloe Smith	Vikings
Lola Fletcher	Wests	Rutalina Smith	Leeton
Lily Hayden	FSC/Cooma	Elsa Usaia	Wests
Jess Howarth	Wagga	Imojean Vea	Vikings
Jada-Lily Lauvao	Wests		

Shadow Players	
Aiesha Best	Wests
Jordana Bredon	Jindabyne
Seni Faupu'a	Royals
Olivia (Oli) Isitolo	Wests
Sophia Sykes	Royals
Elle Stewart-Reid	Grammar
Rubi Williams	Vikings

The Coaches would like to thank those players and families that attended the trials held between 6 - 27 June 2021. The skill displayed was of a very high standard and made for some very difficult decisions.

If you have any questions or feedback regarding the selections or training please let the Manager know on ACTJRUB16G@gmail.com.

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10 July 2021



Letter of Support – Lina Smith u16 ACT Junior Girls Rugby Union Representative

On Behalf of the Leeton Junior Phantoms Rugby Club I proudly support Lina's application for a Leeton Shire Council Youth Development Grant. Lina is an exceptional player in our Southern Inland Rugby Union competition in the u17s Girls Tackle and proves irrespective of background, ordinary kids from Leeton can achieve extraordinary heights in their chosen sporting field.

Lina is extremely deserving of councils support. To our knowledge there has never been any girl from Leeton make the ACT u16s Junior Girls Rugby Team until now.

I understand that the application is at very short notice however this is not any fault of Lina's as the team was only announced on 28th June and Lina has been waiting to find out the costs of participating before submitting her application. The costs have only been announced 9pm 10th July by Kathryn Sanft ACT Junior Rugby u16 Manager.

If any further information is required please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Nyree Dunn

Leeton Junior Phantoms Registrar and Coach u15 and u17 Girls Tackle



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANT



PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE READ A COPY OF THE
GUIDELINES BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

Youth Development Grants are offered at a set amount of \$250 and are available to support high achievement in a cultural, academic or sporting activity that requires attendance at a State, National or International level event.

Has the event occurred already?

Yes No

Have you received a Leeton Shire Council Youth Development Grant this financial year? Yes No

If you ticked no for both of these questions, please proceed. If you ticked yes for either questions your application is NOT eligible.

INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT DETAILS

Name of Applicant	Emily wright
Postal Address:	
Email:	
Phone:	

EVENT/ACTIVITY

Title: (Name of the event/activity for which the grant is sought)

ACT U18 Brumbies Girls v NSW Country Rugby Union

Event/Activity Summary: (Describe the event or activity for which you seek support)

A game of rugby union played in Camden.
~~Request~~ Need support for travelling to and from Camden as well as Canberra every week for training and uniform/gear.

Describe the achievements that have made you eligible for this event/activity:

Nominated by Southern Inland Rugby Union
Attended ~~four~~ training trials in Canberra and a trial game.

What date/s will the activity/event occur:

25th of July 2021, depending on covid situation

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

You must provide at least one piece of evidence such as an invitation, letter or program.

Please list evidence below.

1. Confirmation email of team selection
2. Team list and letter from Nyree Dunn

Please provide one reference to be contacted regarding your application, eg sporting club, teacher, coach (it cannot be a parent/guardian):

Contact Name: Nyree Dunn

Contact Number: 0402 783 739

OTHER SUPPORT

Please provide a detailed breakdown of your anticipated expenditure and income, indicating the item of expenditure and what the grant will be used for – please include all support from other organisations such as school or sporting club.

Anticipated expenses

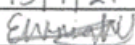
Travel:	\$ 300
Accommodation:	\$ 230
Living expenses:	\$ 0
Other (please list): Uniform	\$ 240
Total expenditure:	\$ 770

Anticipated income

Funding from third parties:	\$ 100
Personal financial contribution:	\$ 670
Other (please list):	\$ 0
Total income:	\$ 770

CERTIFICATION

I, the applicant, certify that all details supplied in this application form and in any attached documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read the accompanying Guidelines and Application Instructions provided with this application form. I am aware that, if successful, I may be invited to attend a Council Meeting or Workshop to speak about the activity/event I attended.

Name:	Emily Wright
Date:	15/7/21
Signature:	

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ITEM 8.3 MOTIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021

RECORD NUMBER	21/278
RELATED FILE NUMBER	EF10/454
AUTHOR/S	Executive Manager IPR, Governance and Engagement
APPROVER/S	General Manager

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the opportunity to nominate motions, voting delegates and remote attendance for the upcoming Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference, which will be held on 28–30 November 2021 (in person) at the Hyatt Regency, Sydney, and 20 December 2021 (on-line).

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Approves registration of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager for the 2021 LGNSW Annual Conference.
2. Confirms the two voting delegates at the LGNSW Conference to be the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and the substitute voting delegate, should one be required, to be the General Manger.
3. Approves the following proposed motions for submission to the 2021 LGNSW Business Paper:

3.1 Constitutional recognition of local government

That LGNSW calls on the Australian Government to hold a referendum to amend the Constitution to recognise local government as an important, legitimate and essential element in Australia's system of government.

3.2 Local Government representation on National Cabinet

That LGNSW lobbies the Australian Government for permanent local government representation on the National Cabinet.

3.3 Principle-based commitment to national agricultural strategy

That LGNSW calls on the Australian Government to support the goals of the '2030 Roadmap: Australian Agriculture's Plan for a \$100 billion industry' but

make a principle-based commitment to ensure the plan is realistic, optimises water use, and supports existing regional and rural communities and industries by maintaining and promoting agricultural diversity that builds resilience into our economies and helps rural communities thrive. Success cannot only be measured by increased prices at the farm gate.

3.4 Safeguarding the welfare of Seasonal Worker Programme workers

That LGNSW calls on the Australian Government to modify the implementation of the Seasonal Worker Programme (SWP) to improve welfare outcomes for workers to ensure councils are informed of worker arrivals and departures so that they can monitor their living conditions and welfare while they are in residence.

3.5 Granting work rights to bridging visa holders and amnesty to undocumented workers

That LGNSW calls on the Australian Government to improve the welfare of migrants and resolve the labour shortages affecting businesses and industries in rural and regional Australia by:

- Revising the visa regime to grant work rights to all bridging visa holders
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3.6 Funding for increased drug and alcohol treatment and rehabilitation

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- the NSW Government Weed Action plan is focused on new and emerging weed varieties, and that Fleabane does not meet this criteria and therefore attracts no state or federal funding for its management as a species.

3.8 Protecting food security and the sustainability of regional irrigation communities

That LGNSW calls on the Australian Government to protect national food security and the sustainability of regional irrigation communities by:

- acknowledging irrigation communities were purposefully built by governments to feed and drought proof the nation
- acknowledging the unintended adverse impacts on regional communities as a result of certain water policy decisions and the operation of water trading markets
- acknowledging that the nation's primary producers are adept at using water efficiently and responsibly through on-farm practices and infrastructure
- providing enhanced water access for general security water holders in regional communities who depend on the availability of this water for their livelihoods and employment
- ensuring decisions foster diversity in agriculture and value adding industries as diversity is our strength and builds resilience in our communities and economies
- reviewing and adjusting timelines for the completion of Murray-Darling Basin projects and plans such as the Murray-Darling Basin Plan Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Measures (SDLAM) Projects and Water Sharing Plans to be more realistic, achievable and prevent any adverse third-party impacts
- ensuring better water transparency on environmental water holdings, the trading of environmental water and the outcomes of efficiency projects
- ensuring water conveyance losses are recognised and are properly costed and accounted for
- acknowledging that annual crops grown close to the source of our water supplies are key to maintaining resilience in our relatively dry and inconsistent climate.

3.9 Review of consultation process and criteria for setting speed limits/zones in NSW

THAT LGNSW renews calls on Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to review the criteria for setting speed limits and the process of consulting with Councils when setting and modifying speed zones in NSW.

4. Determines any additional motions for submission at this meeting.
5. Affords the Mayor delegated authority to submit any further proposed motions after consulting with Councillors prior to the deadline for submitting motions.

REPORT

(a) Background

Local Government NSW is the peak body that represents the interests of its members, which include General Purpose Councils, a number of Special Purpose Councils and the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.

(b) Discussion

Registration and voting

Registrations to attend the 2021 Annual Conference opened on Tuesday 27 July 2021. Voting delegates must register to attend the Conference as well as being registered as nominated voting delegates.

Leeton Shire Council voting entitlement for the 2021 Conference is two (2) voting delegates.

In recent years, Council has been represented at the LGNSW Annual Conference by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the General Manager. Other Councillors have attended the event as observers if they were interested in doing so.

It is proposed that Council nominates the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as Voting Delegates in 2021.

The deadline to provide LGNSW with the names of voting delegates is 5pm (AEDT) on Tuesday 2 November 2021. Additional nominations received after the closing date will not be accepted. However, the names of voting delegates may be substituted at any time, in line with Rule 34 of the LGNSW Rules.

Voting delegates may not appoint a proxy to attend or vote at formal business sessions on their behalf.

This year involves two types of voting and LGNSW is required to develop two separate rolls of voters:

1. Voting on motions – To vote on motions, delegates must be an elected member of a financial Associate member, financial Ordinary member or an Administrator of such a member appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.
2. Voting in the election for Office Bearers and the Board (Board election) – To vote in the Board election, delegates must be a Councillor of a council which is an ordinary member.

Motions for submission

Council has been invited to submit motions to the Annual Conference to advance the sector wide policy agenda. Motions are to be strategic local government issues which affect members state-wide and introduce new or emerging policy issues and actions.

Motions will be included in the Business Paper for the Annual Conference only if they:

1. Are consistent with the objects of the Association (see Rule 4 of the Association's rules)
2. Relate to local government in NSW and/or across Australia
3. Concern or are likely to concern local government as a sector
4. Seek to advance the local government policy agenda of the Association and/or improve governance of the Association

5. Have a lawful purpose (a motion does not have a lawful purpose if its implementation would require or encourage non-compliance with prevailing laws)
6. Are clearly worded and unambiguous in nature
7. Do not express preference for one or several members over one or several other members.

LGNSW has requested that motions be submitted by 12 midnight (AEST) on Monday 27 September 2021 to allow assessment of the motions and distribution of the Business Paper before the Annual Conference. However, in line with the LGNSW rules, the latest date motions can be accepted for inclusion in the Conference Business Paper is 12 midnight (AEDT) on Sunday 31 October 2021.

Nine draft motions have been prepared for Council's endorsement.

PROPOSED MOTION 1: Constitutional recognition of local government

That LGNSW calls on the Australian Government to hold a referendum to amend the Constitution to recognise local government as an important, legitimate and essential element in Australia's system of government.

Motion Background:

- Local government contributes significantly to the nation's economic, social and environmental wellbeing.
- For Federal and Local Government to work effectively in partnership and for funding to flow efficiently between the Federal Government and local councils, local government must be recognised in the Constitution. This can only happen lawfully through amendment to section 96 of the Constitution.
- Federal Governments must be able to directly fund local governments. The recent bushfire emergency demonstrated the frustrating and unnecessary delays and bureaucracy created through the requirement for Federal funding to be distributed via State Governments.

PROPOSED MOTION 2: Local Government representation on National Cabinet

That LGNSW lobbies the Australian Government for permanent local government representation on the National Cabinet.

Motion Background:

- Including local government in National Cabinet would demonstrate a strong unity of purpose and a combined commitment to promoting partnerships between all levels of government.
- The National Cabinet was established on 13 March 2020 to coordinate the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Australia. It was decision-making forum composed of the Prime Minister and the premiers and chief ministers of the states and territories. There was no local government representation on National Cabinet when it was established on the basis that its focus was on health.

- On 29 May 2020, Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced that the National Cabinet would replace the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) and would meet monthly once the coronavirus crisis has abated.
- Councils have been represented by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) at every COAG meeting since COAG's inception in 1992. Local government representation was included because all parties recognised that Australia has three levels of government and that local government has the most impact on people's daily lives in terms of the provision of local services and infrastructure.
- Decisions about how our Federation works and how it can be improved or reformed require all three levels of government to work together to align their policies and programs.
- National Cabinet is looking towards pro-growth policies to lift investment and grow jobs. Local government is best placed to drive locally led recovery. Councils support economic growth through regional development policies and initiatives, strategic and land use planning, targeted investment attraction, prioritisation of local procurement, and focusing their annual investment on infrastructure that serves the community and the economy.

PROPOSED MOTION 3: Principle-based commitment to national agricultural strategy

That LGNSW calls on the Australian Government to support the goals of the '2030 Roadmap: Australian Agriculture's Plan for a \$100 billion industry' but make a principle-based commitment to ensure the plan is realistic, optimises water use, and supports existing regional and rural communities and industries by maintaining and promoting agricultural diversity that builds resilience into our economies and helps rural communities thrive. Success cannot only be measured by increased prices at the farm gate.

Motion Background:

- The '2030 Roadmap: Australian Agriculture's Plan for a \$100 billion industry' has been endorsed by the Federal Government and presents some positive initiatives to expand national agricultural growth. However, in the pursuit of this growth plan, we must also acknowledge and support the existing agricultural diversity, industries and infrastructure inherent in rural Australia to ensure the future health and sustainability of our long-established rural communities.
- Rural and regional communities are committed to working together with all tiers of government and agencies to ensure national growth and the sustainability of our communities and industries.
- Rural communities make a vital contribution to the nation's economy, food security and social fabric.
- Diversity in agricultural production and value-adding industries is our strength, creating job growth and building resilience in our rural communities and economies.
- In the implementation of this plan, actions must be realistic and achievable without adverse impacts on agricultural diversity and associated industries and the prosperity and wellbeing of long-established rural communities.

- In pursuing national agricultural growth initiatives, water efficiency needs to be a key consideration. Every drop of water must be used responsibly and be consistently optimised.
- Striving for a diverse agricultural sector and resilient communities affords greater success overall than blindly assuming that water flowing to the highest value crop is in the nation's best interest.
- Achieving the right balance requires considered, intelligent policy and should not rely solely on market forces.

PROPOSED MOTION 4: Safeguarding the welfare of Seasonal Worker Programme workers

That LGNSW calls on the Australian Government to modify the implementation of the Seasonal Worker Programme (SWP) to improve welfare outcomes for workers to ensure councils are informed of worker arrivals and departures so that they can monitor their living conditions and welfare while they are in residence.

Motion Background:

- The Seasonal Worker Programme (SWP), which commenced on 1 July 2012, is a Federal Government-initiated effort to improve economic opportunities for nationals of participating countries, while providing seasonal labour to Australia's agriculture and accommodation sectors.
- Primarily run by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment (DESE), the SWP is a wholly managed government programme. The SWP enables employers in the agriculture and accommodation sectors to cover vacancies unmet by Australian labour for periods of up to 9 months.
- Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Tonga, Tuvalu and Timor-Leste are SWP participating countries.
- The SWP Portability Pilot allows approved employers operating in the Wimmera Mallee (Victoria), Sunraysia (Victoria/NSW), Goulburn/Murray (Victoria) and Riverina (NSW) regions to share workers. Under this pilot, employers have greater flexibility to move seasonal workers between farm placements during their visa period without prior approval by the department. The timeframe for this pilot has recently been extended and may, at some point, be expanded.
- Some SWP workers are reported to have been living in cramped quarters, despite paying very high rents. ABC reporter Norman Herman told a story of nine workers paying a weekly rent of \$1,350 to share a four-bedroom house.
- The Fair Work Ombudsman discovered a farm that was incorrectly compensating workers.
- Councils have an obligation to be connected to the programme through the appointed regional SWP Coordinator. However, Councils are not being informed about worker arrivals and departures. This means they are unable to monitor the living conditions and welfare of workers residing in their local government areas.
- To improve the welfare outcomes of workers involved in the SWP, strengthen Australia's standing across the Pacific region and build trust between nations, it is recommended that the SWP and relevant Councils sign a Memorandum of Understanding formalising:
 1. A close working relationship between Councils, regional SWP Coordinators, and SWP dedicated Welfare and Wellbeing Support Persons

2. SWP notification to Councils of the movement of SWP workers between Local Government Areas
3. Council officer attendance at arrival and departure briefings
4. Improved implementation of the SWP Assurance Framework characteristics: Prevention, Deterrence, Detection and Correction
5. The involvement of Councils in monitoring the welfare of workers involved in the SWP, specifically in relation to the provision of suitable housing
6. The preparation of an SWP stakeholder communication plan aimed at delivering regular relevant communication to stakeholders.

PROPOSED MOTION 5: Granting work rights to bridging visa holders and amnesty to undocumented workers

That LGNSW calls on the Australian Government to improve the welfare of migrants and resolve the labour shortages affecting businesses and industries in rural and regional Australia by:

- Revising the visa regime to grant work rights to all bridging visa holders
- Granting amnesty to undocumented workers, specifically undocumented farm workers.

Motion Background:

- A revision of the visa regime to grant work rights to bridging visa holders would enable willing migrant workers to take up employment opportunities. This would benefit both the migrants themselves and the communities in which they reside. In most cases these migrant workers would fill labour shortages that would otherwise not be filled.
- An amnesty or "status resolution" for undocumented farm workers that would see them transition to a one or two-year visa would improve welfare outcomes for these workers, reduce the likelihood of them being exploited by unscrupulous labour hire companies, and support businesses and industry by providing them with a more stable and secure workforce.
- Bridging visas are transitory visas which permit immigrants to remain in Australia for a certain period of time. They are generally granted to allow time for new visa applications to be processed after previous visas have expired.
- According to the Department of Home Affairs, there were 336,453 people on bridging visas in Australia on 31 December 2020 and the number is growing.
- There are six classes of bridging visa which have different permissions with regards to travel, work and study. Some visas do not grant work rights.
- It is estimated that in some local government areas around 20% of temporary migrants are on bridging visas, seldom with attendant work rights. It is a situation that frustrates local recruitment drives, with ready and willing job seekers unable to take up employment due to work right restrictions.
- Australia is facing labour shortages and is highly reliant on transient seasonal workers. Attracting domestic workers to seasonal work is difficult
- A shortage of overseas workers, induced by the COVID-19 pandemic, is presenting a major challenge for farmers and horticulturists during harvest times.
- It is estimated that there are 100,000 undocumented workers in Australia. About two-thirds (75,000) of them work in agriculture.
- Undocumented workers are people who don't have a visa, have the wrong kind of visa (including bridging visas), or whose visas have expired.

- According to Dr Joanna Howe, a senior lecturer of law at the University of Adelaide, undocumented workers are susceptible to exploitation, including underpayment, by unscrupulous labour hire companies. The National Agricultural Labour Advisory Committee also indicated that undocumented workers are at highest risk of exploitation.
- Recommendation 25 of the National Agricultural Labour Advisory Committee's *National Agricultural Workforce Strategy: Learning to excel*, which was released in December 2020 is that the Australian Government allow a one-off regularisation of undocumented AgriFood workers.

PROPOSED MOTION 6: Funding for increased drug and alcohol treatment and rehabilitation

That LGNSW calls on the Australian Government to dedicate funds to increase drug and alcohol treatment and rehabilitation options in rural and regional areas as a matter of priority.

Motion Background:

The Australian Institute for Health and Welfare recognises that the use of alcohol and other drugs is major health issue in Australia and that the use of such substances is associated with a number of harms, both physical and social. These harms include chronic disease, mental illness, injury, premature death and dependence. There are also significant impacts on families and communities.

Evidence suggests that Australians living in regional and remote areas are significantly more likely to use substances such as methamphetamines and often experience worse health outcomes than those living in metropolitan areas. Despite this evidence, there are far fewer alcohol and other drug treatment agencies in regional and remote areas.

The Australian Government has recognised the inequality in the provision treatment agencies as an issue, identifying the enhancement of "access to evidence-informed, effective and affordable treatment and support services for the whole population" as a priority issue under the 2017–2026 National Drug Strategy (Department of Health 2017). The National Drug Strategy has also identified methamphetamines and other stimulants as priority substances.

Methamphetamines, amphetamines and MDMA (ecstasy) are a category of synthetic psychostimulant drugs. Crystal methamphetamine (ice) is the purest form of methamphetamine and supplies the most intense high, as well as the most intense comedown. It also has the highest potential for dependence and chronic physical and mental problems. In 2019, 50% of Australian meth/amphetamine users reported that crystal methamphetamine was the main form used in the previous 12 months (National Drug Strategy Household Survey 2019 conducted by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)).

People in remote and very remote areas are 2.5 times as likely to use amphetamines and methamphetamines as those in major cities. Similarly, cannabis use and the use of pharmaceuticals are higher in remote and very remote areas than in major cities. Mission Australia, one service provider in this field, delivers alcohol and drug services

in most states and territories, and helped about 12,000 clients through their 23 alcohol and drug services in 2016–2017. The organisation's submission into the provision of drug rehabilitation services in regional, rural and remote NSW identified the need "to invest in more drug rehabilitation services, early intervention, detoxification facilities and aftercare supports in regional, rural and remote NSW".

People living in regional and remote areas face:

- poorer health outcomes than residents of metropolitan areas
- limited access to alcohol and other drug services
- socioeconomic disadvantage
- geographic isolation
- having to leave their family and community support to access residential rehabilitation and withdrawal facilities

The impacts of amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS) use on users and their families, which then impact on their communities, include:

- decline in physical and mental health
- stress
- trauma
- loss of employment and financial strain
- relationship breakdown
- isolation
- homelessness
- involvement with the criminal justice system
- child neglect
- unwanted/unplanned pregnancy
- pressure of added caring responsibilities (caring for the user or their children)
- exposure to violent behaviour
- financial strain.

PROPOSED MOTION 7: Weeds management plan for Fleabane (*Conyza* spp.)

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Motion Background

- It is vital that productive agricultural land continues to be sustainable and viable for both the interest of the nation and in particularly regional communities. The incursion of weeds species which negatively impacts the productivity and yield

of agricultural land, will have a profound effect on the sustainability of regional communities throughout Australia.

- While state and federal funding is available for the management of new and emerging species of weeds, limited funding is available for the management of weed incursions of species that are widespread and have impacted the productivity of agricultural land over an extensive period. In ensuring agricultural land productivity is maintained, sufficient Federal and State funding must be provided into both research and the effect management of such well-established and widespread weed species, particularly Fleabane.
- Our agricultural producers and farming communities make a vital contribution to producing reliable and affordable food for the nation. If agricultural land were to become less productive with lower yields due to weed incursions, these agricultural and farming communities will become unsustainable for future agricultural output.
- Fleabane (*Conzya* spp.) is difficult to control with available registered herbicides and is more tolerant to glyphosate than most other annual weeds.
- Fleabane does not meet the criteria for either state or federal funding under the NSW Weed Action plan due to it not being in the classification of "new or emerging weed".

PROPOSED MOTION 8: Protecting food security and the sustainability of regional irrigation communities

That LGNSW calls on the Australian Government to protect national food security and the sustainability of regional irrigation communities by:

- acknowledging irrigation communities were purposefully built by governments to feed and drought proof the nation
 - acknowledging the unintended adverse impacts on regional communities as a result of certain water policy decisions and the operation of water trading markets
 - acknowledging that the nation's primary producers are adept at using water efficiently and responsibly through on-farm practices and infrastructure
 - providing enhanced water access for general security water holders in regional communities who depend on the availability of this water for their livelihoods and employment
 - ensuring decisions foster diversity in agriculture and value adding industries as diversity is our strength and builds resilience in our communities and economies
 - reviewing and adjusting timelines for the completion of Murray-Darling Basin projects and plans such as the Murray-Darling Basin Plan Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Measures (SDLAM) Projects and Water Sharing Plans to be more realistic, achievable and prevent any adverse third-party impacts
 - ensuring better water transparency on environmental water holdings, the trading of environmental water and the outcomes of efficiency projects
 - ensuring water conveyance losses are recognised and are properly costed and accounted for
 - acknowledging that annual crops grown close to the source of our water supplies are key to maintaining resilience in our relatively dry and inconsistent climate.
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Motion Background:

- Regional irrigation communities were established by our governments more than 100 years ago to feed and drought-proof the nation. Water remains the lifeblood of these communities.
- A clear, realistic and integrated approach to water policy and management needs to be urgently adopted and maintained by governments. This is vital to ensuring balanced social, economic and environmental outcomes can be achieved from water use while protecting long-established regional communities and water-related industries who make a vital contribution to the nation's economy, food security and social fabric.
- It is in the nation's interest to preserve and optimise purposely built irrigation schemes and communities that were established over 100 years ago as key nation building initiatives.
- Our producers, industries and communities make a vital contribution to producing diverse, safe, reliable and affordable food for the nation. Diversity in agriculture and value adding industries is our strength and builds resilience in our communities and economies.
- Where there is water there is healthy and prosperous communities.
- Many regional irrigation communities are under significant stress due to zero or low general security allocations. Water policy exacerbated by drought is pushing many communities and industries to a tipping point. If we lose them, they will not recover, and our communities will be decimated. A decline in mental health and community wellbeing is being seen. General security water holders in regional irrigated communities need more certainty.
- The commoditisation of water has also led to many problematic outcomes for communities. Producers and their families who have a long history of requiring water to produce crops and food are being placed at a major disadvantage. There are flow-on effects on businesses, industries and communities who depend on diverse irrigated agriculture and water for their employment and livelihoods.
- Irrigated regional communities have made significant investments such as on-farm works and industry infrastructure to use water responsibly. It is in the nation's interest to protect regional assets, investments and community entrepreneurship.
- Governments too have invested heavily in schemes to optimise economic, social and environmental outcomes from water use. For example, in recent years, the Australian Government funded a \$347.6M Private Irrigation Infrastructure Operators Program in the MIA (Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area) for works aimed to improve the efficiency and productivity of water use and management of private irrigation networks to deliver savings for the environment.
- In developing measures to manage environmental water, governments must carefully consider social, economic and environmental impacts. Better water transparency on environmental water holdings, the trading of environmental water and the outcomes of efficiency projects is critical.
- Unintended outcomes from the likes of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and water trading policies are eroding the underlying principles of Australia's water reform agenda to achieve balance economically, socially and environmentally. Consequently, the vision of other local and other government initiatives to ignite investment, create jobs, grow population and facilitate resettlement opportunities in the regions is being impeded.

- Water trading rules should optimise agricultural endeavour and the use of established on and off-farm infrastructure to ensure the sustainability of these schemes and the most efficient application of available water for agricultural production.

PROPOSED MOTION 9: Review of consultation process and criteria for setting speed limits/zones in NSW

THAT LGNSW renews calls on Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to review the criteria for setting speed limits and the process of consulting with Councils when setting and/or modifying speed limits and speed zones in NSW.

Motion Background:

- When 50km speed zones are extended well outside town limits, it makes a mockery of the reasoning behind the initial establishment of 50km speed zones.
- When 80km speed zones are introduced routinely for all railway crossings on highways instead of on a case-by-case basis in response to individual risk management plans, it takes away common sense and unnecessarily exposes drivers to increased risk of incurring traffic infringements.
- More weight should be given to the feedback provided by Councils during consultation regarding the establishment and modification of speed limits/zones.

(c) Options

1. The recommendation as printed plus any addition motions proposed and formulated at this meeting. ***This is the preferred option.***
2. Council could resolve to register delegates to the conference and not submit any Notices of Motions for inclusion in the agenda. However, it should be noted that in recent years, many of the Motions presented by Leeton Council have been supported by the sector when presented to the Conference cohort.
3. Council could resolve to not attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference in 2021. Should Council determine this way, any Motions it sought to present would then be considered purely on the supporting documentation without a Council representative available to speak on the matters. Also, Council's votes for both motions and board elections would lapse.

IMPLICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

(a) Financial

Council's budget for Members of Council to attend Seminars and Conferences for 2021/22 is \$6,000.

The cost for members to attend the event is \$979 per person. This is the early bird rate, which applies up until Monday 11 October 2021. Accommodation and travel expenses are additional.

The General Manager's costs would be met from a separate budget allocation.

(b) Policy

Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors

(c) Legislative/Statutory

Nil

(d) Risk

If Council chooses not to submit Motions to the LGNSW Conference 2021 it risks failing to advocate on issues of importance to the community. If it chooses not to send delegates to the conference it risks the ability to speak in support of its Motions.

CONSULTATION

(a) External

Nil

(b) Internal

General Manager

LINK/S TO THE DELIVERY PROGRAM/OPERATIONAL PLAN (DPOP)

Under the Key Priority Area Outcome Six: STRONG LEADERSHIP within Council's adopted Delivery Program/Operational Plan – 18 - A community that has politicians who act and listen - 18 c - Develop and maintain strong working relationships at a Federal and State level - Continue advocacy with Federal and Local MPs and government agencies on key issues for the region.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

CORPORATE MATTERS

ITEM 8.4 INVESTMENTS REPORT FOR JUNE 2021

RECORD NUMBER	21/277
RELATED FILE NUMBER	EF10/137
AUTHOR/S	Finance Coordinator
APPROVER/S	Manager Finance Group Manager Corporate

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide details to the Councillors on the funds which have been invested during the month of June 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council notes the information contained in the Investments Report for June 2021.

REPORT

(a) Background

This report is required to be prepared on a monthly basis and presented to the next available Ordinary Council Meeting in accordance with Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

(b) Discussion

Leeton Shire Council has \$17,028,610 invested with local bank branches and credit unions. This equates to 37.50% of the total investment portfolio as at 30 June 2021. The total current investment portfolio of \$45,415,590 is invested in Approved Deposit Institutions (ADIs) which are regulated by the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority (APRA).

Attached to this report is a Statement of Bank Reconciliation (**Attachment 1**) and a Summary of Investments (**Attachment 2**) as at 30 June 2021.

The Statement of Bank Reconciliation details what Council has in its bank account at 30 June 2021 (after taking into account unrepresented cheques, unrepresented deposits, and unrepresented debits) compared to what Council has in its general ledger as at 30 June 2021.

The Summary of Investments details all the investments held by Leeton Shire Council as at 30 June 2021 (including the on-call accounts). It also details the institutions where the investments are held, how long the investments have been held by amount and percentage and differentiates the investments between current (12 months or less) and non-current (over one year).

The table below details the monthly movements of investments for June 2021.

Opening balance as at 1 June 2021	\$ 40,912,693
Less:	
Maturities (5)	\$ 4,500,000
Subtotal	\$ 36,412,693
Plus:	
Roll-overs (3)	\$ 2,500,000
New Investments (2)	\$ 2,000,000
CBA Business Online Saver (BOS) movements	\$ 1,500,087
AMP Business Saver Account	\$ 1
AMP 31 Day Notice Account	\$ 2,002,063
Macquarie Cash Management Accelerator Account	\$ 1,000,746
Closing balance as at 30 June 2021	\$ <u>\$45,415,590</u>

The following table details the investment holdings split between the Banks and Credit Unions.

Banks	\$42,915,590
Credit Unions	\$ 2,500,000
TOTAL	\$45,415,590

The following table details the break-up of investments according to the restrictions which are placed on them.

Total Investments	\$	45,415,590
<i>Less restrictions</i>		
Water Supply	\$	17,361,885
Sewerage Services	\$	9,546,011
Other external restrictions	\$	5,643,205
Internal restrictions	\$	10,489,012
Total restrictions	\$	43,040,113
Net unrestricted investments	\$	2,375,477

Note that 'Other external restrictions' and 'Internal restrictions' amounts have not been updated from May 2021, as the finance team is still working on End of Financial Year 2021 reconciliations.

Externally restricted funds can only be used for the purposes for which they were raised. These include water, sewer, domestic waste operations and unexpended specific purpose grants.

Internal restrictions are funds set aside by a Council resolution, usually through adoption of the Budget or as part of the Quarterly Budget Review process. Internally restricted funds can be set aside to fund specific items such as plant replacement, infrastructure renewal, unplanned building renewal or liabilities such as employee leave entitlements.

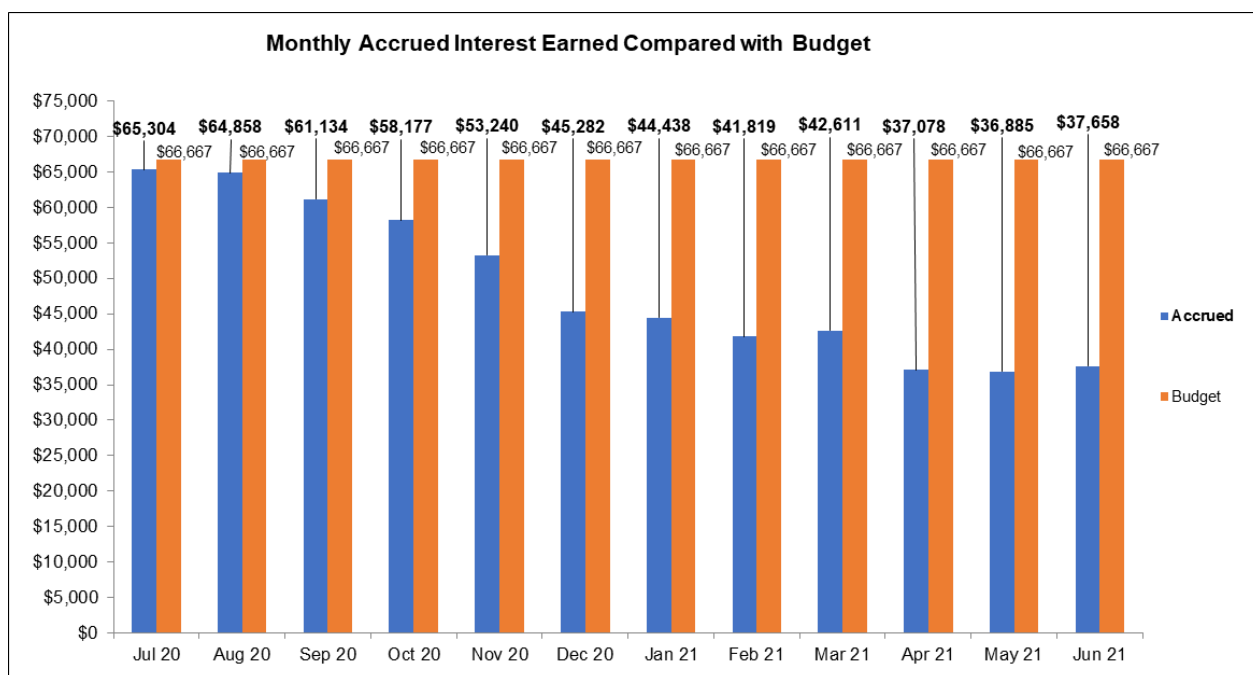
Unrestricted cash is used to provide working capital for Council to fund short-term operations and fluctuations in payables and receivables. The level of unrestricted cash can vary depending upon the level of outstanding creditors and debtors at month-end.

The Reserve Bank of Australia kept its rates and guidance unchanged at its meeting in July 2021.

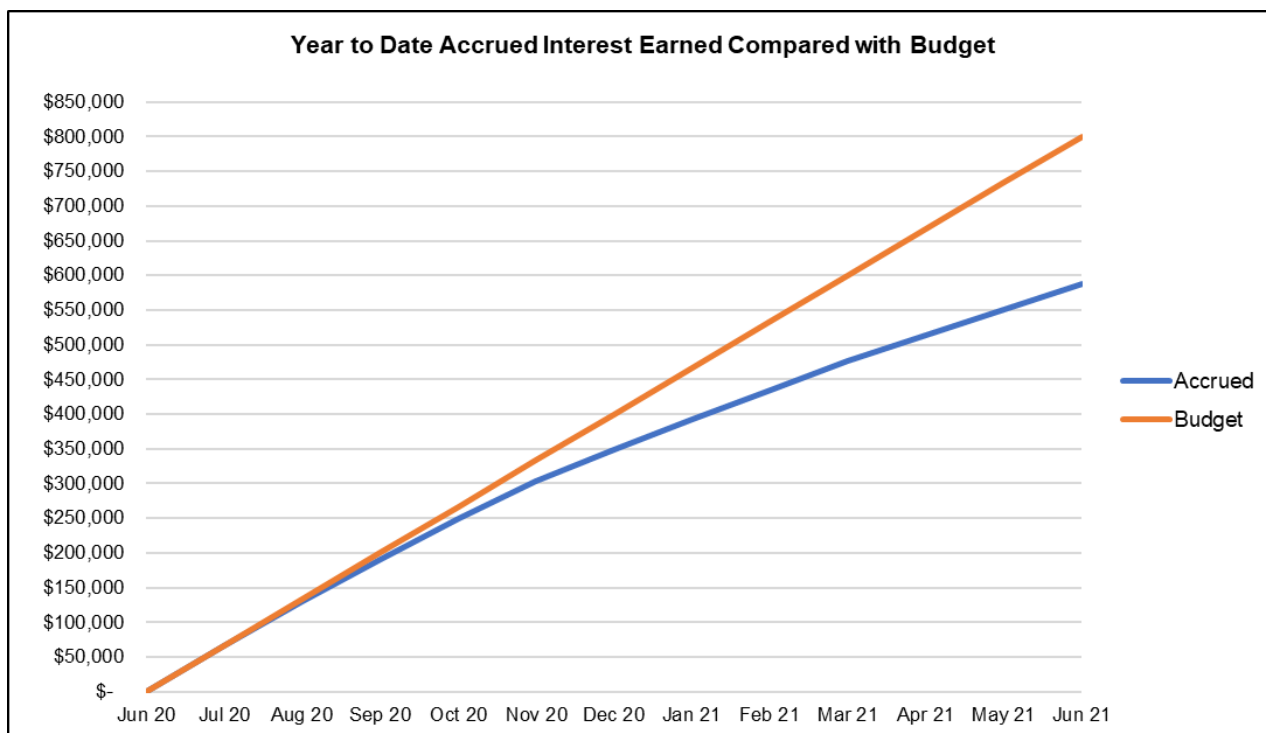
The average yield on Council investments for June fell from 1.08% in May to 0.88% in June. This is due to the fact that maturing Term Investments were reinvested at the lower interest rates now being offered by financial institutions.

The following column graph compares monthly accrued interest with the original budgeted interest for each month.

The actual \$37,658 in interest accrued for June 2021 is lower than the original budgeted amount of \$66,667 by \$29,009.



The following line graph compares year-to-date interest with the original budgeted interest for the period. This shows that Council's actual investment income has been lower than the original budget as at 30 June 2021.



The following tables provide information on investment rates this year compared to last year, as well as a comparison of investment balances from this year to last year.

Performance Measures	This Year	Last Year
Portfolio Average Interest Rate (year to date)	1.33%	2.22%

Investment Balances	This Year	Last Year
Opening Balance as at 1 June	\$40,912,693	\$46,785,291
Current Balance as at 30 June	\$45,415,590	\$47,375,859

Lehman Brothers

Lehman Brothers Australia Dividend Payment Update:

No further information to report for June 2021.

(c) Options

Nil – this report is for information only.

IMPLICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

(a) Financial

The rate of return across the portfolio is 0.88% for June 2021. The budgeted percentage for the 2020/21 Financial Year is 2.0%.

The consolidated actual investment income from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 compared to the original budgeted annual investment interest from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 is detailed below.

Actual Interest Accrued from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021	\$588,484
Original Budgeted Interest – 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021	\$800,000
Variance – Negative	<u>-\$211,516</u>

(b) Policy

All funds are invested in accordance with Leeton Shire Council's Investment Policy. Investments are to be considered in conjunction with the following key criteria:

- No Institution at any time shall hold more than 45% of Council's total investments. The maximum percentage will be determined by the short-term rating of the institution:
A1+ up to 45%, A1 up to 35%, and A2 up to 30%.
- The *Trustee Act 1925* provides for investments with building societies and credit unions. While they are not rated, they are now covered under Financial Prudential legislative controls.
- The maximum amount of funds invested with a building society/credit union will be 5% of Council's total investments at the time the investment was placed. Not more than 40% of Council's total portfolio should be held with building societies/credit unions at the time of placing each investment.
- Council's investments should be placed in an appropriate mixture of short-term (0–1 year) and medium term (1–5 years) categories according to Council's funding requirements and risk profile at the time of placing each investment.

Council's Portfolio Compliance

Asset Allocation

The majority of the portfolio is directed to Fixed-Term Deposits (62.75%), followed by the cash at call accounts with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, AMP Bank and Macquarie Bank (25.47%). Floating Rate Notes are 9.58% of the portfolio, and 2.20% is held in Bonds.

Term to Maturity

Overall, the portfolio remains lightly diversified from a maturity perspective with deposits maturing out to 5 years.

Counterparty

At 30 June 2021, Council did not have an overweight position to any single Authorised Deposit Taking Institution. The portfolio is well-diversified across the entire credit spectrum, including the unrated Authorised Deposit Taking Institution.

Credit Quality

The portfolio remains well-diversified from a credit ratings perspective, with the portfolio spread across the entire credit spectrum.

All aggregate ratings categories are within the Investment Policy limits.

The following table details the credit rating of each of the categories in which Council has money invested. All investments are compliant with Council's Investment Policy.

Compliant	Credit Rating	Invested (\$)	Invested %	Max. Limit (%)	Available (\$)
Yes	AA Category	\$9,258,840	20.37%	100.00%	\$36,205,184
Yes	A Category	\$3,003,304	6.61%	100.00%	\$42,460,720
Yes	BBB Category	\$30,701,880	67.53%	100.00%	\$14,762,144
Yes	Unrated ADI's	\$2,500,000	5.49%	40.00%	\$15,685,609
		\$45,464,024	100.00%		

Note: Valuations of Council's senior Floating Rate Notes on the Imperium Markets platform are marked-to-market and priced on a daily basis from an independent third-party provider. Council has recorded its FRNs internally at the purchase price or face value. As such, the total portfolio's balance is likely to differ as at the reporting date.

A **credit rating** is an evaluation of the credit risk of a prospective financial institution predicting their ability to pay back the investment and interest at maturity and an implicit forecast of the likelihood of the institution defaulting.

The credit ratings are an opinion based on the credit-worthiness of the company issuing the security and are assigned by Australian Ratings based on publicly available information at a point in time.

If a company is unrated, it does not necessarily mean that its interest rate securities are high risk, but it does mean that investors will have to turn to other means to evaluate its financial strength or the security's complexity. Council utilises its investment advisors to gather company research data to ensure that due diligence is performed for all its investments.

(c) Legislative/Statutory

All funds are invested in accordance with Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Ministerial Investment Order.

Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* requires an Investment Report to be prepared monthly and presented to the next available Ordinary Council Meeting.

(d) Risk

The following table provides information on investment types, including a risk assessment and the amount and percentage invested compared to the total investment portfolio.

Investment Type	Risk Assessment		Amount \$'000	% of Portfolio
	Capital	Interest		
Term Deposits	Low	Low	28,500	69.66
Cash/At Call Deposits	Low	Low	7,063	17.26
Bond	Low	Low	1,000	2.45
Floating Rate Notes	Low	Low	4,350	10.63
TOTAL			40,913	100.00

CONSULTATION

(a) External

Council's investment advisors are Amicus Advisory and Imperium Markets. Both investment advisors were contacted by staff for advice during the month of June 2021.

(b) Internal

No additional internal consultation was undertaken.

LINK/S TO THE DELIVERY PROGRAM/OPERATIONAL PLAN (DPOP)

Under the Key Priority Area Outcome Six: STRONG LEADERSHIP within Council's adopted Delivery Program/Operational Plan – 20 - A community that is always on the front foot – 20b is to “Strive to deliver the aspirations of the community through sound financial and asset management – Maintain Council's financial sustainability through maximising investment returns”.

ATTACHMENTS

1 [Statement of Bank Reconciliation - 30 June 2021](#)

2 [Summary of Investments - 30 June 2021](#)

MONTH END BANK RECONCILIATION REPORT

Prepared by the Finance and Customer Service Coordinator

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of its position in respect of bank balances.

BACKGROUND

This report is prepared monthly and presents movements in the Council's bank account.

BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

as at 30 June 2021

BALANCE AS PER GENERAL LEDGER

Opening Balance:	1/06/2021	\$	3,478,620.52
June Movements:		-\$	2,473,790.52
Closing Balance:	30/06/2021	\$	1,004,830.00
Less Unprocessed Bank Statement Transactions:		\$	4,809.82
Total:		\$	1,009,639.82

BALANCE AS PER BANK STATEMENTS

	\$	991,790.74
Less Unpresented Cheques	-\$	5,704.25
Less Unpresented Debits		
Plus Unpresented Deposits	\$	23,553.33
Total	\$	1,009,639.82



 Responsible Accounting Officer
 16 July 2021

Leeton Shire Council

Summary of Term Investments as at: 30/06/2021					BBSW 90: 0.03%	Average Yield: 0.88%					
Inv No	Financial Institution/Broker	Investment	Note	Ref No	Investment Date	Investment Term (months)	Remaining Term (months)	Principal	Yield %	Maturity	Type
10-00	Commonwealth Bank L	CBA Business Online Saver - Cash at Call (Cash flow account)		10206481	12/10/09	141	0	2,528,609.73	0.10%	16/07/21	DAC
20-00	AMP Bank	AMP Business Saver Account - Cash at Call		437864762	10/07/20	12	0	906.78	0.60%	16/07/21	DAC
21-00	AMP Bank	AMP 31 Day Notice Account		971165956	17/07/20	11	0	6,032,769.91	0.65%	16/07/21	DAC
22-00	Macquarie Bank	Macquarie Cash Management Accelerator Account		940367790	07/11/20	8	0	3,003,303.65	0.40%	16/07/21	DAC
19-11	National Aust Bank	National Aust Bank		97-327-3005	27/09/18	36	2	1,000,000.00	3.03%	27/09/21	LTD
19-49	National Aust Bank	National Aust Bank		AU3FN00487	19/06/19	60	35	700,000.00	0.94%	19/06/24	FRN
20-04	National Aust Bank	Member Equity Bank		AU3FN00485	18/07/19	36	12	650,000.00	1.02%	18/07/22	FRN
20-08	AMP Bank	AMP Bank		TD13745815	15/08/19	24	1	1,000,000.00	2.20%	15/08/21	LTD
20-11	ANZ Bank	ANZ Bank		AU3FN00497	29/08/19	60	37	1,000,000.00	0.81%	29/08/24	FRN
20-12	Beyond Bank Leeton	Beyond Bank Leeton		123086194	06/09/19	24	2	1,000,000.00	1.95%	06/09/21	LTD
20-15	Auswide Bank	Auswide Bank		5652782	03/10/19	24	3	1,000,000.00	1.72%	05/10/21	LTD
20-17	Beyond Bank Leeton	Beyond Bank Leeton		123074883	07/10/19	24	3	1,000,000.00	1.80%	07/10/21	LTD
20-31	National Aust Bank	RACQ Bank		AU3FN00531	24/02/20	36	19	1,000,000.00	0.97%	24/02/23	FRN
20-35	Laminar Capital	Auswide Bank		AU3FN00535	17/03/20	35	20	1,000,000.00	1.07%	17/03/23	FRN
20-41	AMP Bank	AMP Bank		TD60160792	29/04/20	17	3	500,000.00	1.85%	29/10/21	LTD
20-46	AMP Bank	AMP Bank		TD49419356	04/06/20	17	5	1,000,000.00	1.60%	01/12/21	LTD
21-01	National Aust Bank	National Aust Bank		10709375	06/07/20	12	0	500,000.00	0.95%	06/07/21	LTD
21-02	Westpac Leeton	Westpac Bank Treasury		8672230	09/07/20	12	0	500,000.00	0.95%	09/07/21	LTD
21-03	St George Bank	St George Bank		357200540	12/07/20	12	0	1,000,000.00	0.97%	12/07/21	LTD
21-08	Westpac Leeton	Westpac Bank Treasury		032-757 22-4	09/09/20	9	0	1,000,000.00	0.77%	08/07/21	LTD
21-09	Elders Narrandera	Rural Bank		302310859	22/09/20	11	2	1,000,000.00	0.90%	21/09/21	LTD
21-10	Northern Territory Treas	Territory Bond		AA-109-3B	14/09/20	38	29	1,000,000.00	1.25%	15/12/23	Bond
21-11	Elders Narrandera	Rural Bank		302312715	22/10/20	11	3	1,000,000.00	0.85%	21/10/21	LTD
21-12	Beyond Bank Leeton	Beyond Bank Leeton		123075182	28/10/20	23	15	1,000,000.00	0.95%	28/10/22	LTD
21-13	Curve Securities Pty Ltc	Wangaratta & Wodonga CU		22130	10/12/20	11	5	1,000,000.00	0.80%	09/12/21	LTD
21-14	AMP Bank	AMP Bank		TD14238487	14/12/20	17	11	890,000.00	0.95%	14/06/22	LTD
21-15	Curve Securities Pty Ltc	Wangaratta & Wodonga CU		9672	18/12/20	11	5	1,000,000.00	0.80%	17/12/21	LTD
21-16	AMP Bank	AMP Bank		TD03847931	27/01/21	17	12	610,000.00	0.95%	27/07/22	LTD
21-17	AMP Bank	AMP Bank		TD52801630	08/02/21	17	13	500,000.00	0.95%	08/08/22	LTD
21-18	Curve Securities Pty Ltc	Wangaratta & Wodonga CU		87795124.3	22/02/21	5	1	500,000.00	0.65%	23/08/21	LTD

Leeton Shire Council

Summary of Term Investments as at: 30/06/2021						BBSW 90: 0.03%	Average Yield: 0.88%				
Inv No	Financial Institution/Broker	Investment	Note	Ref No	Investment Date	Investment Term (months)	Remaining Term (months)	Principal	Yield %	Maturity	Type
21-19	Auswide Bank	Auswide Bank		565278 19.2	25/02/21	5	1	1,000,000.00	0.50%	25/08/21	LTD
21-20	Beyond Bank Leeton	Beyond Bank Leeton		123092627	11/03/21	6	2	1,000,000.00	0.60%	11/09/21	LTD
21-21	Beyond Bank Leeton	Beyond Bank Leeton		123086423	16/03/21	6	2	1,000,000.00	0.60%	16/09/21	LTD
21-22	Beyond Bank Leeton	Beyond Bank Leeton		123087796	21/03/21	12	8	1,000,000.00	0.60%	21/03/22	LTD
21-23	Beyond Bank Leeton	Beyond Bank Leeton		123087332	28/03/21	6	2	1,000,000.00	0.50%	28/09/21	LTD
21-24	Beyond Bank Leeton	Beyond Bank Leeton		174687370	28/03/21	12	8	500,000.00	0.60%	28/03/22	LTD
21-25	AMP Bank	AMP Bank		TD86556078	06/04/21	18	15	500,000.00	0.50%	06/10/22	LTD
21-26	Australian Military Bank	Australian Military Bank			13/04/21	36	33	1,000,000.00	0.76%	15/04/24	LTD
21-28	Beyond Bank Leeton	Beyond Bank Leeton		123086240	08/06/21	12	11	500,000.00	0.60%	08/06/22	LTD
21-29	Beyond Bank Leeton	Beyond Bank Leeton		123074677	20/06/21	12	11	1,000,000.00	0.60%	20/06/22	LTD
21-30	Members Equity Bank	Member Equity Bank		293470	23/06/21	12	11	1,000,000.00	0.50%	23/06/22	LTD
21-31	Beyond Bank Leeton	Beyond Bank Leeton		123080760	23/06/21	12	11	1,000,000.00	0.60%	23/06/22	LTD
21-32	Members Equity Bank	Member Equity Bank		294089	28/06/21	12	11	1,000,000.00	0.50%	28/06/22	LTD
Total Investments:								\$ 45,415,590.07			

Leeton Shire Council

Summary of Term Investments as at: 30/06/2021

BBSW 90:	0.03%	Average Yield:	0.88%
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Investment by Type		
Investment	Amount	%
Rural Bank	2,000,000	4.4%
Wangaratta & Wodong	2,500,000	5.5%
Beyond Bank Leeton	10,000,000	22.0%
Member Equity Bank	2,650,000	5.8%
AMP Bank	5,000,000	11.0%
Westpac Bank Treasury	1,500,000	3.3%
Auswide Bank	3,000,000	6.6%
National Aust Bank	2,200,000	4.8%
Australian Military Bank	1,000,000	2.2%
St George Bank	1,000,000	2.2%
ANZ Bank	1,000,000	2.2%
RACQ Bank	1,000,000	2.2%
Territory Bond	1,000,000	2.2%
CBA Business Online Sa	2,528,610	5.6%
AMP Business Saver Acc	907	0.0%
AMP 31 Day Notice Acc	6,032,770	13.3%
Macquarie Cash Mand	3,003,304	6.6%
TOTAL	45,415,590	100.0%

Investments by Age		
Age	Amount	%
1. Less than 30 Days	14,565,590	32%
2. 30 to 180 Days	15,000,000	33%
3. 180 to 365 Days	6,890,000	15%
4. 1 to 3 years	7,960,000	18%
5. 3 to 5 years	1,000,000	2%
TOTAL	45,415,590	100%

Investments by Age and Type		
Sum of Principal	Type	Total
Current	DAC	11,565,590
	LTD	25,500,000
	FRN	650,000
Current Total		37,715,590
Non Current	LTD	3,000,000
	FRN	3,700,000
	Bond	1,000,000
Non Current Total		7,700,000
Grand Total		45,415,590
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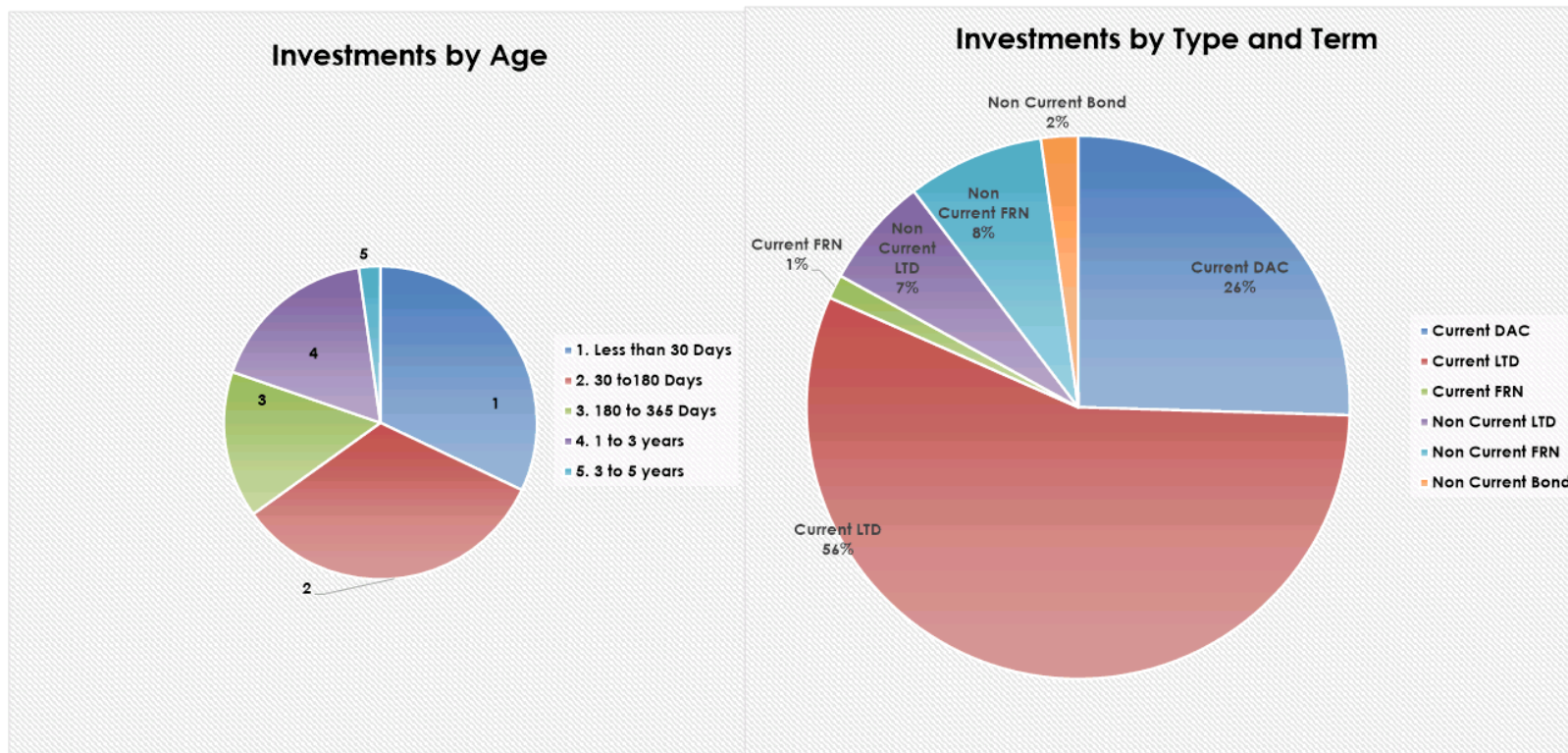
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Summary of Term Investments as at:

30/06/2021

BBSW 90: 0.03%

Average Yield: 0.88%



Explanatory notes:

All investments noted above were made in accordance with the Act, the regulations and Council's Investment Policy

Responsible Accounting Officer
 16 July, 2021

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

ITEM 8.5 LEETON LANDFILL CLOSURE AND FILLING PLAN

RECORD NUMBER	21/264
RELATED FILE NUMBER	EF21/396
AUTHOR/S	Waste and Recycling Coordinator
APPROVER/S	Group Manager Operations

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform Council on the Leeton Landfill Closure and Filling Plan and to request endorsement of the plan.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorses the Leeton Landfill Closure and Filling Plan.

REPORT

(a) Background

Leeton Shire Council runs a landfill waste facility for the purpose of disposal of household and selected commercial waste. The landfill was commissioned in 2006 following the closure of the Brobenah landfill. The site is licenced to accept 20,000 tonnes of waste per year under an EPA licence.

The Landfill Closure and Filling Plan (see separate **Attachment 1**) was developed for the site to provide the Council with a clear direction on the works and operations required to facilitate the future rehabilitation of the landfill disposal areas and post-closure management requirements. This has been done in accordance with the NSW Solid Waste Guidelines.

The preparation of the detailed closure and post-closure plan for the waste disposal site provides Council with some clarity around the timing and costs for landfill restoration and monitoring. The Plan is a vital tool to enable the best practice closure of the landfill site as well as planning for the future funding commitment and environmental monitoring required for the site.

The Plan also includes a layout plan for the proposed landfill cell system, shown in Figure 1 below.

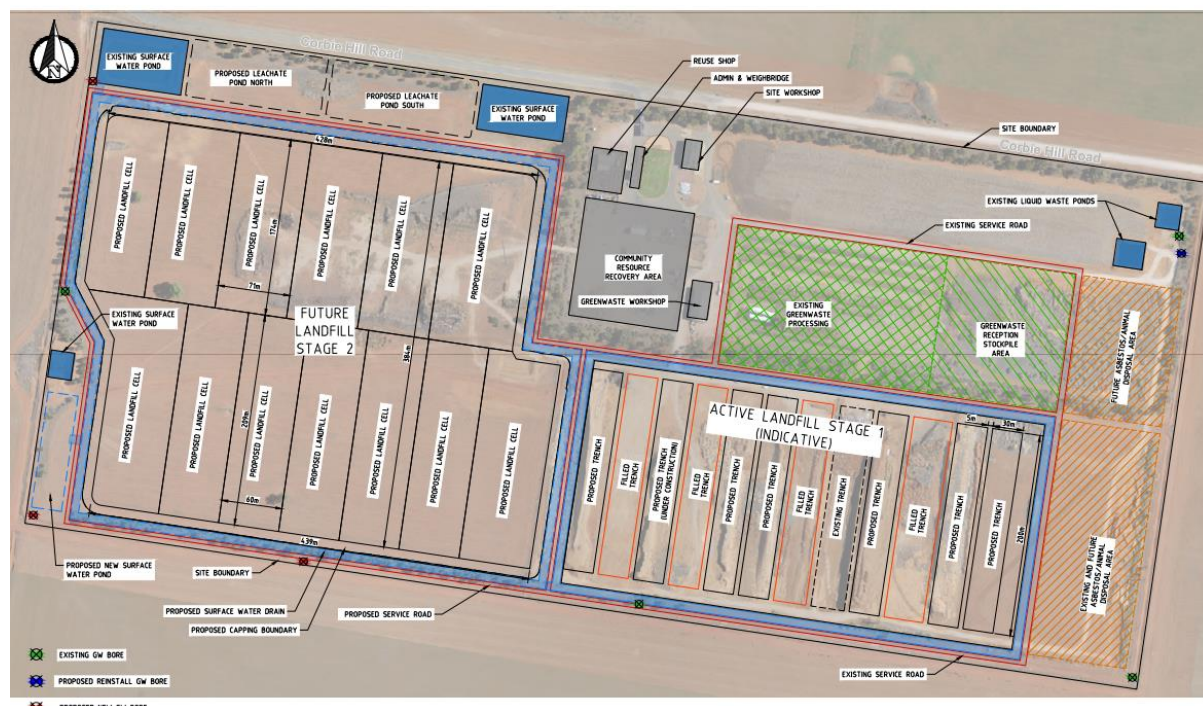


Figure 1. Landfill Layout Design

(b) Discussion

The Plan provides a roadmap for Leeton Shire Council that highlights the key priorities and activities that will be undertaken by Council.

The key objectives of the Plan are to provide:

- A final capping system profile in accordance with the NSW Landfill Guidelines
- A filling plan to provide direction for the proposed filling operations having regard to the final closure profile
- Remaining void space calculations
- Environmental engineering and management measures for landfill gas and surface water in accordance with the NSW Landfill Guidelines
- A comprehensive phased closure plan which will form the basis of a future detailed design for the whole site and subsequent construction drawings and contract documentation required for the phases of the project
- Post-closure monitoring plan for the rehabilitated landfill
- Cost estimates for rehabilitation and post-closure management
- An implementation plan to guide the Council towards achieving the outcomes in the Closure and Filling Plan.

The Closure and Filling Plan also includes conceptual design drawings for the proposed landfill capping profile, shown below in Figure 2. Capping is a sophisticated civil works activity, akin to building a very deep road.

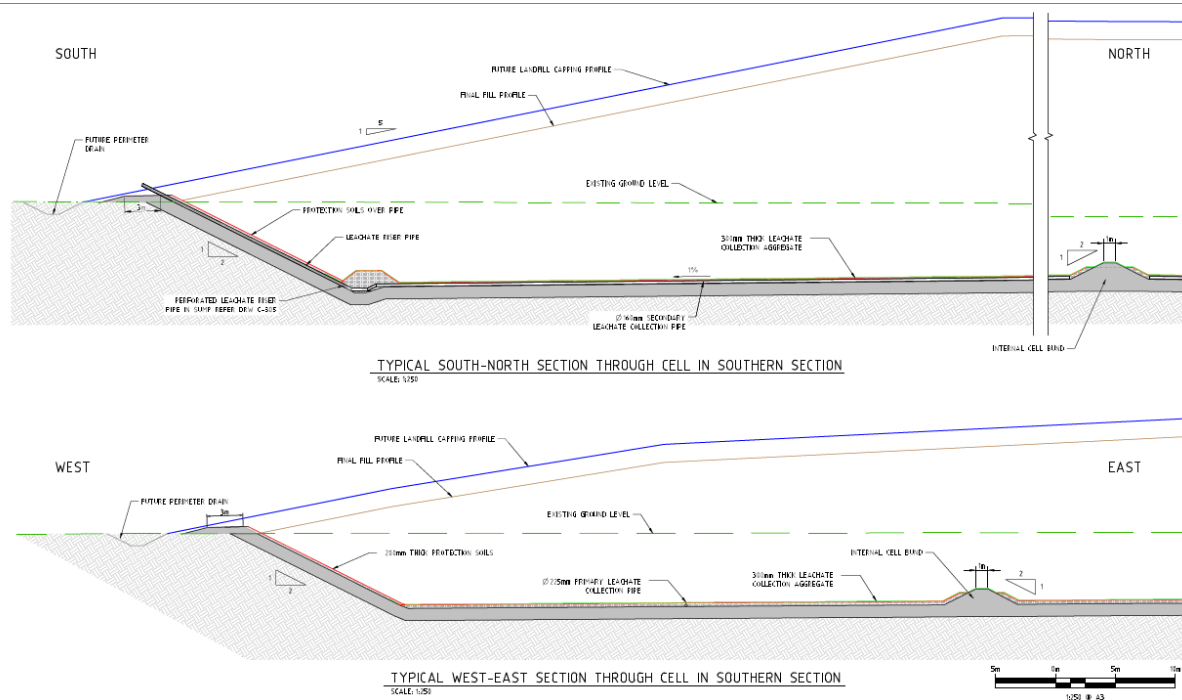


Figure 2. Capping Typical Section

There are three distinct activities within the Closure and Filling Plan:

Stage 1 – Active Landfill

Council gained approval from the EPA to continue landfill activities in this area until the area has reached capacity. The remaining life of Stage 1 is estimated to be 18 years (assumed completion date 2038/39) and consists of seven remaining trenches. Permanent capping of the trenches within Stage 1 is to be undertaken progressively or in a single event.

Stage 2 – Future Landfill

The landfill area in Stage 2 will include 12 landfill cells designed in accordance with the EPA Guidelines. The life of Stage 2 is estimated at 80 years. The capping will occur over three phases. The final profile of Stage 2 will be 15m above ground level.

Post Closure Landfill

The post-closure use of the site is to continue its operation as a waste facility including the operation of the Community Recycling Centre. In the future, further material processing and recovery infrastructure may be established at the site. However, no infrastructure will be placed on the landfill and it will be rehabilitated with natural vegetation or returned to agricultural grazing lands, which could provide a source of revenue for the Council.

The Closure Plan identifies an estimated landfill life of 90 years. At the current consumption, it is projected that the landfill will actually last 108 years. Further diversion of recyclable and organic waste from the landfill may further extend its useful life.

(c) Options

1. Endorse the Leeton Landfill Closure and Filling Plan as recommended. **This is the preferred option.**
2. Endorse the Leeton Landfill Closure and Filling Plan with amendments.
3. Reject the Leeton Landfill Closure and Filling Plan and Council undertake review of the Plan for future endorsement.

IMPLICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

(a) Financial

While the Talis report estimates the life of the landfill as 90 years, based on today's volumes and practices it is probable that improvements in education and increased waste diversion/recycling opportunities will extend the life substantially. For the purposes of Council's current budgeting, staff have therefore revised the estimated life to 108 years. This will be reassessed regularly.

Accounting standards for landfill sites require that Council recognises the necessity of rehabilitating the site at some future point as a liability. This is called a Rehabilitation Provision (Provision).

Each time a new landfill cell is opened for use, Council must estimate the cost of what the capping and rehabilitation will cost in the future and then work out how much money needs to be put aside, either banked or otherwise provided now, to meet this obligation in the future.

The initial value of the Provision is then recognised as an asset in the first instance. This value will vary depending on the anticipated inflation and bank rates at the time of calculation.

For Stage 1, Council estimates that a new cell will be required around every 3-5 years and has a capping cost of approximately \$1.1 million (based on today's costs).

For Stage 2, where cells are almost double in size, the capping cost is estimated at \$1.6 million (based on today's costs).

For Stage 1, where there are 12 cells with an estimated life of 18 more years, Council currently has five trenches opened. The first of these trenches was opened in 2009/10. To date, no Rehabilitation Provision has been made in previous budgets for the cost of capping these five cells. To 'catch up' and ensure that future generations are not saddled with the costs of today's waste generators, staff are recommending a \$3.3 million Provision with \$2.7 million to be recognised as a cost in the 2020/21 financial year. This covers the equivalent of 10 years of provisioning and depreciation.

While \$2.7 million will be reflected in Council's 2020/21 Financial Statements, it does not necessarily mean that the money can or will be available unless it is restricted.

From 2021/22, provisioning will need to be undertaken on an annual basis. While not currently in the adopted 2021/22 budget, this will need to be addressed at a future quarterly budget review. Staff are estimating a Provision in the vicinity of \$350,000 for 2021/22.

Each year Council is required to re-examine the Provision and recognise the change in value and recognise the depreciation of the initial asset. Future year's allocations will vary depending on population, usage levels, changes to economic conditions (such as bank rates and inflation) or EPA licensing requirements.

In theory, by the time Council needs to undertake the capping process, the Provision will be the real cost. As such the cost will not be recognised in the year the work is undertaken but would have already been recognised in the preceding years.

Consideration of future Provisioning funding options is necessary due to the large amount of money that will be required when trenches are capped. There are a number of options that Council can explore, such as:

- Introducing gate fees for all users
- Increasing Waste Charges levied on each parcel or property
- Introducing internal cost recovery from Council construction, demolition and open spaces municipal waste disposal. (Council disposal fee 'savings' are estimated at \$368,649 for the 2020/21 financial year)
- Determining if more components or greater volumes of Leeton's waste can be diverted from landfill (extending the useful life of the site)
- Considering loan funding if the required funds are not available
- Investigating potential offset from methane generation.

While Council has the ability to gradually implement cost increases, in rough terms for Stage 1 it is expected that Council's Domestic Waste Management must increase its revenue by approximately \$350,000 per annum (indexed to increase each year) such that adequate cash can be generated and restricted to cover landfill capping and rehabilitation obligations as they occur or to repay borrowings as they fall due.

(b) Policy

Nil

(c) Legislative/Statutory

Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014
Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
NSW Solid Waste Guidelines 2016

(d) Risk

There is significant environmental and economic risk if EPA requirements for the site are not met. Cells must be capped and remediated properly or Council risks a reduced life of the landfill and increased pollution at the site.

Council risks a future financial burden if funding of these works is not planned for now and money put into reserve to cover the closure and remediation costs of the site.

CONSULTATION

(a) External

NSW Environmental Protection Authority
Talis Consultants

(b) Internal

LSC Senior Management Team

LINK/S TO THE DELIVERY PROGRAM/OPERATIONAL PLAN (DPOP)

Under the Key Priority Area Outcome Three: A HEALTHY NATURAL ENVIRONMENT within Council's adopted Delivery Program/Operational Plan – 9 - A community that respects the natural environment - 9 a - Provide waste management services - Operate Resource Recovery Facility and Transfer Stations in compliance with the regulations.

ATTACHMENTS

1 ➡ Leeton Landfill Closure and Filling Plan - *Attached separately*

ACTIVATION MATTERS

ITEM 8.6 DRAFT MASTER PLAN FOR GOGELDRIE WEIR PUBLIC RESERVE AREA

RECORD NUMBER	21/275
RELATED FILE NUMBER	EF21/449
AUTHOR/S	Manager Visitor Services and Local Activation
APPROVER/S	Group Manager Activation

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the DRAFT Gogeldrie Weir Master Plan (Public Reserve Area) to Council for its endorsement to go on public exhibition.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorses the DRAFT Master Plan for the Gogeldrie Weir Public Reserve Area (**Attachment 1**) to go on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, starting from Friday 30 July and concluding on Thursday 26 August.

REPORT

(a) Background

Leeton Shire Council engaged the services of industry professionals Integrated Site Design in mid-March 2021 to prepare a Master Plan for the Gogeldrie Weir Public Reserve Area.

The preparation of a precinct masterplan to redevelop the Gogeldrie Weir Public Reserve Area was identified as a key priority in the Leeton Shire Council Delivery Program 2017–2022.

The proposed development will provide the following benefits to the local community and visitors to the Gogeldrie Weir Public Reserve Area: improved facilities and access for the local community and visitors, greater access to the Murrumbidgee River and foreshore, links to the adjacent National Park and a visitor attraction to encourage increased visitation.

(b) Discussion

This vision for a redeveloped Public Reserve Area at Gogeldrie Weir is to enhance the Community Recreation Area at Gogeldrie Weir to deliver an attractive family friendly, accessible, social and recreation hub for the residents of Leeton Shire and day visitors that is integrated with the Murrumbidgee Valley National Park and complementary to the next-door campground.

The broad design principles used to guide the preparation of the DRAFT Master Plan included:

1. Clearly defined access to the recreation reserve with appropriate signage and car parking.
2. Unrestricted public access to the weir structure and recreation reserve.
3. Continuous public access along the entire river frontage – both above and below the Weir.
4. A welcoming and fun space for visitors, including suitable play activities for children as well as safe boat launching and fish cleaning facilities.
5. Retained access to the weir structure for WaterNSW.
6. Removal of perimeter fencing in the recreation reserve and provision of a diverse range of recreation facilities to enhance general community use of the reserve.
7. Provision of separate toilet facilities for the public reserve area.
8. Provision of interpretive signage for the Weir and local cultural heritage.

Extensive site inspection activities and key stakeholder meetings were undertaken to inform the development of the DRAFT Gogeldrie Weir Public Reserve Area Master Plan, including:

- Detailed site inspection and project inception meetings with Council representatives – review asset condition, site constraints and adjacent Crown Land.
- Discussions with the Leeton and District Local Aboriginal Land Council as well as members of the Gogeldrie Weir Committee
- Review and analysis of detailed feedback received from the Gogeldrie Weir Have Your Say Leeton consultation survey conducted in August 2020.
- Consultation with NSW National Parks and WaterNSW key staff representatives on possible opportunities for enhancement and expansion.

The DRAFT Master Plan that has been prepared is informed by evidence and supported by concept designs with potential ideas for inclusion, cost estimates (capital and operations), a funding/staging plan and facilities management plan (identifying alternative methods for operating and funding the management and maintenance of the reserve). It will also assist Council greatly in applying for future grant applications relating to the redevelopment works.

All potential ideas listed in the concept design plans for redeveloping the Gogeldrie Weir Public Reserve Area are ideas only and being presented to the wider community for comment before any firm plans are locked in for the redevelopment.

(c) Options

The Draft Master Plan for the Gogeldrie Weir Public Reserve Area is recommended for endorsement by the Council in order to undertake public consultation.

IMPLICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

(a) Financial

Cost estimates provided by Integrated Site Design indicate that to implement all suggestions included in the concept drawings for the redevelopment of the Gogeldrie Weir Public Reserve Area will cost \$2,957,800.

An indicative \$2 million has been allocated in the 2021/22 Leeton Shire Council Capital Works Budget to implement elements of the Gogeldrie Weir Master Plan for the Public Reserve Area, being made up of \$1 million in grant funding (opportunities to be applied for), \$500,000 in Contributions Funding from external partners such as WaterNSW and NSW National Parks and \$500,000 in Council Loan Funding.

(b) Policy

Leeton on the Go – Community Strategic Plan
Leeton Shire council 2021/22 Budget Including Capital Works Program
Delivery Program 2017–2022 and Operational Plan 2021/22

(c) Legislative/Statutory

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

(d) Risk

Managing expectations by:

- Financial/affordability – ensuring community is aware that project implementation is subject to successful grant funding applications.
- Land ownership – Half of the land and infrastructure being proposed for redevelopment in the Public Reserve Area is owned by NSW National Parks and Water NSW, so Council needs to ensure that buy-in from these key stakeholders for certain aspects of the redevelopment is sought. There has been close consultation throughout the development of the DRAFT Master Plan with these two key stakeholders including representation on the Gogeldrie Weir Committee from Water NSW.
- Increased operational costs – a redevelopment of this scale will bring with it increased operating expenditure for items such as regular maintenance of the area. Council needs to be prudent with this spend and manage it effectively on behalf of ratepayers.

CONSULTATION

(a) External

NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service
Water NSW
Leeton and District Local Aboriginal Land Council
Gogeldrie Weir Committee Members

Consultation with the wider community on the concept plans for the DRAFT Gogeldrie Weir Public Reserve Area Master Plan will be undertaken by Council's Have Your Say Leeton community engagement website and hard copies will be

made available for viewing by the general public at the Leeton Shire Council Administration Office, Leeton Shire Library, Whitton Post Office, Murrami Post Office, and Yanco Post Office.

(b) Internal

Property Coordinator & Native Title Manager
Manager Planning, Building & Health
Group Manager Corporate
Group Manager Operations
General Manager

LINK/S TO THE DELIVERY PROGRAM/OPERATIONAL PLAN (DPOP)

Under the Key Priority Area Outcome Three: A HEALTHY NATURAL ENVIRONMENT within Council's adopted Delivery Program/Operational Plan – A community that enjoys our natural environment – 10 a - Provide recreational facilities along the Murrumbidgee River within Leeton Shire – Monitor the provision of camping and recreational facilities at Gogeldrie Weir (delivered under lease) and develop a precinct masterplan.

ATTACHMENTS

1 ➡ DRAFT Gogeldrie Weir Master Plan (Public Reserve Area) - *Attached separately*

ITEM 8.7 REZONING AND RECLASSIFICATION OF 26 LAKE PADDOCK DRIVE, LEETON

RECORD NUMBER	21/253
RELATED FILE NUMBER	EF21/277
AUTHOR/S	Manager Planning, Building and Health
APPROVER/S	Group Manager Activation

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is two-fold. First, this report seeks to inform Council on the outcome of the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal to rezone 26 Lake Paddock Drive, Leeton from RE1 Public Recreation to R2 Low Density Residential pursuant to the Leeton Local Environmental Plan 2014, and the outcome of the public hearing held into the reclassification of that land from 'community' land to 'operational' land. Second, this report seeks Council's endorsement of the Planning Proposal to enable the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to finalise and make the plan.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council resolves to:

1. Endorse the rezoning and reclassification of Lot 49 in DP 1114977, 26 Lake Paddock Drive, Leeton, from Public Recreation RE1 to Low Density Residential R2 and from community land to operational land.
 2. Submit the final Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for final determination and plan-making.
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REPORT

(a) Background

On 5 February 2002, Council granted development consent for a 103-lot residential subdivision in McQuillan Road, subject to conditions including the requirement to pay development contributions for the provision of recreation and open space. That consent was subsequently modified, at the request of the developer, to reduce the recreation and open space contribution in lieu of the dedication of 6,000m² of open space. The dedication would include the land known as Lot 49 in DP 1114977 and adjacent Lot 48 in DP 1114977. The dedication of these two lots resulted in a total area of 10,570m² being dedicated to Council for open space, with Lot 48 comprising 8,828m² and Lot 49 comprising 1,742m².

Subsequent to the above, in undertaking initial design considerations for the residential estate and surrounds, Council established that the combined area of 10,570m² across both Lots 48 and 49 for open space would be excessive. This presented an opportunity to realise the asset value of Lot 49 for resale as a residential allotment, subject to rezoning and reclassification, allowing the proceeds of the sale to be directed towards the development of the larger parcel of open space on Lot 48.

To this end, on Wednesday 22 August 2018, Council resolved to reclassify Lot 49 in DP 1114977, 26 Lake Paddock Drive, Leeton, from community to operational land in accordance with Section 32 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Council made this resolution on the basis that the land was deemed unsuitable for the purpose of recreation and open space due to its size and shape. As noted above, in the report to Council for that meeting, it was noted that the intention following the eventual sale of Lot 49 would be that the proceeds would be allocated to the establishment of a recreational and open space facility on adjacent Lot 48.

Further to the above resolution to reclassify Lot 49, on 26 September 2018, Council resolved to rezone Lot 49 in DP 1114977, 26 Lake Paddock Drive, Leeton, from Public Recreation RE1 to Low Density Residential R2. The rezoning, in conjunction with the reclassification, is necessary to enable the sale of Lot 49 as a single residential zoned allotment.

A Planning Proposal report was prepared and submitted to DPIE for consideration as per Council's resolution. Additional information was submitted to DPIE following submission of the Planning Proposal in relation to matters regarding housing and growth targets, addressing property restrictions, further information on compliance with new State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs), stormwater management, accessibility and additional justification for the residential zoning of Lot 49. Following submission of this additional information, on 9 March 2021, DPIE issued a Gateway Determination for the Planning Proposal and reclassification under Section 3.34(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

The Gateway Determination is contained in **Attachment 1**.

The Gateway Determination required the Planning Proposal be updated as follows:

a) include mapping showing the proposed changes to the LEP maps LZN 014F, LSZ 014F, HOB 014F and FSR 014F.

As required by Condition 2 of the Gateway Determination, Council amended the Planning Proposal and submitted it to DPIE on 6 April 2021. DPIE confirmed by email correspondence on 26 April 2021 that the Planning Proposal could proceed to public exhibition in accordance with Condition 3 of the Gateway Determination and Section 3.34(2)(c) and Schedule 1 Clause 4 of the EP&A Act.

The final (amended) Planning Proposal is contained in **Attachment 2**.

The Planning Proposal was publicly exhibited from 4 May 2021 to 1 June 2021 in accordance with the Gateway Determination and Council's Community

Participation Plan. Council confirmed that no submissions were received from the community during the exhibition of the Planning Proposal.

The Gateway Determination stated that a public hearing was not required under Section 3.34(2)(e) of the Act, but that Leeton Shire Council was to conduct a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Local Government Act 1993* given the proposal involves reclassification of public land from community land to operational land (Condition 5).

The public hearing was conducted on 30 June 2021. Sufficient public notification of the hearing was undertaken by Council in accordance with DPIE's Local Environment Plan (LEP) practice note PN 16-001, which specifies once the Planning Proposal public exhibition period has ended, at least 21 days public notice is to be given before the hearing. This allows the person chairing the hearing sufficient time to consider written submissions and all issues raised.

Mel Krzus (Director) of City Plan Strategy and Development (City Plan) was the Independent Chair (Chair) of the public hearing on 30 June 2021. At the request of Council, given the escalating COVID-19 situation at the time, the Chair facilitated the public hearing by Zoom. The hearing commenced promptly at 3.00pm in Council's chambers. The hearing was attended by Council officers as 'observers' but no members of the public/community attended. This meant that no submissions regarding the proposed reclassification were made at the public hearing.

The Chair prepared a report summarising the outcomes of the public hearing (**Attachment 3**), which was issued to Council on 8 July 2021. The report recommended that Council proceeds with the reclassification of 26 Lake Paddock Drive, Leeton (Lot 49 in DP 1114977) from 'community' to 'operational' land. The report was made available for inspection by the public at Leeton Shire Council not later than 4 days after the report had been received, in accordance with Section 47G(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

(b) Discussion

As noted in Section (a) above, the Planning Proposal has only undergone minor amendments as a result of the conditions of the Gateway Determination issued by DPIE. This includes preparation of mapping showing the proposed changes to the relevant LEP maps (height, minimum lot size, land zoning, FSR). The overall intent of the Planning Proposal remains unchanged, which seeks to facilitate the below:

- Amendment of the zoning of the land from RE1 Public Recreation to R2 Low Density Residential
- Introduction of a minimum lot size of 4,000m² for the land
- Introduction of a maximum building height of 8.5 metres
- Introduction of a maximum floor space ratio of 0.5:1
- Insertion of Lot 49 into Part 2, Schedule 4 of the Leeton LEP to reclassify the land from community land to operational land; and
- Extinguishing of the public reserve status, flood easement and use of land restrictions on title of Lot 49, DP 1114977 (discharging interests).

Facilitation of the above will ultimately enable the sale and development of Lot 49 for the purpose of a single low density residential development, with the proceeds of the sale able to be allocated to the redevelopment of adjacent Lot 48.

There will be no planning, policy, public or social implications as a result of the rezoning and reclassification. There would however be a range of public and social benefits, as follows:

- There are no likely environmental impacts as a result of the proposal. The intended low density residential use is consistent and compatible with surrounding land.
- There will be a minor increase in housing stock in an existing urban and accessible area of the township of Leeton, which is a positive outcome for the community, housing stock and housing affordability generally.
- The proposal will result in better utilisation of the current vacant allotment at Lot 49 and ultimately, a more orderly and economic use and development of the land.
- There will be direct benefits to the public given the funds from the sale will be reallocated to the development of adjacent Lot 48, which is a much larger area of open space that is more accessible, appropriately sized and, therefore, better 'quality' than Lot 49. While Lot 48 has been largely redeveloped since the time that the Council first resolved to reclassify and rezone Lot 49, the funds from the sale will offset the cost already accrued by Council as a result of the redevelopment.

(c) Options

At this late stage in the process and given Council has previously resolved to rezone and reclassify Lot 49 for the aforementioned purpose, there are limited practical options moving forward.

Failure to resolve to submit the Planning Proposal for finalisation and plan-making is an option. However, this would result in a considerable loss of time and cost associated with undertaking the Planning Proposal and reclassification process to-date, but also, ongoing issues surrounding the vacancy of Lot 49 (cost associated with ongoing maintenance, safety concerns and the like).

IMPLICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

(a) Financial

Should the sale of the land proceed, subject to finalisation of the Planning Proposal and reclassification of the land, it is understood the funds obtained from the sale of Lot 49 will offset the costs associated with planning, legal and conveyancing costs, as well as the costs associated with the prior redevelopment and embellishment of adjacent Lot 48.

Funding for the facilitation of the public hearing and preparation of the public hearing report and the subject report has been provided by the NSW DPIE.

Existing resources will be utilised for the final stages of delivery of the proposal, consequently, no additional funding is anticipated to be required.

(b) Policy

Nil

(c) Legislative/Statutory

In accordance with the Gateway Determination, the Planning Proposal must be reported to Council for a final recommendation within 5 months of the date of the determination. A final recommendation on the Planning Proposal must therefore be made at the subject July Council meeting, noting that the aforementioned 5 months ceases on 9 August 2021.

Further to the above, the Gateway Determination requires that the Planning Proposal must be submitted to DPIE for finalisation within six (6) months from the date in the determination. Subject to a favourable recommendation by Council on the current proposal, the Planning Proposal must therefore be submitted to DPIE by no later than 9 September 2021.

(d) Risk

Given the Planning Proposal is in its final stages of plan-making and given there were no submissions raised during either the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal or the public hearing for the reclassification, it is considered there is a very limited risk that DPIE will not complete the LEP amendment.

CONSULTATION

(a) External

Following issue of the Gateway Determination by DPIE on 9 March 2021, and amendment of the Planning Proposal in accordance with Conditions 1 and 2 of that determination, the Planning Proposal (as amended) was publicly exhibited for a minimum of 28 days, between 4 May 2021 to 1 June 2021. Public exhibition of the Planning Proposal was undertaken in accordance with Condition 3 of the Gateway Determination and Council's Community Participation Plan.

As noted earlier, no public submissions were received in relation to the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal.

Also as noted earlier, Condition 5 of the Gateway Determination confirmed Council was required to conduct a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Local Government Act 1993* as the proposal involves reclassification of public land from community land to operational land.

Notice of the public hearing was made on both Council's website and in the local newspaper *The Irrigator* (via the 'Council Noticeboard') on 4 June 2021, which provided more than the required 21 days' notice prior to the public hearing.

The public hearing was held at Council's chambers on 30 June 2021 at 3.00pm for one (1) hour. Due to the escalating COVID-19 situation, Leeton Shire Council requested that the public hearing be chaired via Zoom.

As required by Section 47G of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the person presiding at the public hearing must be independent of Council and must not be a councillor or employee of Leeton Council and must not been a councillor or employee of that Council at any time. The public hearing was chaired by such an independent person, being Mel Krzus of City Plan. The public hearing was attended by the following Council representatives, as 'observers':

- Francois Van Der Berg, Manager Planning, Building & Health
- Sarah Sharman, Town Planner

The public hearing was not attended by any members of the public and no submissions (verbal or written) were received in relation to the proposed reclassification.

(b) Internal

General Manager
Group Manager Activation

LINK/S TO THE DELIVERY PROGRAM/OPERATIONAL PLAN (DPOP)

Under the Key Priority Area Outcome Five: A QUALITY BUILT ENVIRONMENT within Council's adopted Delivery Program/Operational Plan – 17 - A community that enjoys attractive towns and parks - 17 a - Provide open spaces for active and passive leisure - Maintain and improve Council's park network.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1↓ Gateway Determination
- 2⇒ Final (amended) Planning Proposal - *Attached separately*
- 3↓ Public Hearing Report



Gateway Determination

Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP_2019_LEETO_002_00): to rezone Lot 49, DP 1114977, 26 Lake Paddock Drive, Leeton to R2 Low Density Residential and reclassify to operational land

I, the Director, Western Region at the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, as delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, have determined under section 3.34(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) that an amendment to the Leeton Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014 to rezone Lot 49, DP 1114977, 26 Lake Paddock Drive, Leeton to R2 Low Density Residential and reclassify to operational land should proceed subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to community consultation, the planning proposal is to be updated to:
 - a) include mapping showing the proposed changes to the LEP maps LZN 014F, LSZ 014F, HOB 014F and FSR 014F.
2. Prior to community consultation, the planning proposal is to be revised to address condition 1 and forwarded to the Department for administrative purposes.
3. Public exhibition is required under section 3.34(2)(c) and schedule 1 clause 4 of the Act as follows:
 - (a) the planning proposal must be made publicly available for a minimum of **28 days**; and
 - (b) the planning proposal authority must comply with the notice requirements for public exhibition of planning proposals and the specifications for material that must be made publicly available along with planning proposals as identified in section 6.5.2 of *A guide to preparing local environmental plans* (Department of Planning and Environment, 2018).
4. No consultation is required with public authorities/organisation under section 3.34(2)(d) of the Act.
5. Public hearing is not required under section 3.34(2)(e) of the Act. Leeton Shire Council is to conduct a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of section 29 of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the proposal involves reclassification of public land from community land to operational land.
6. The planning proposal must be exhibited within **2 months** from the date of the Gateway determination.
7. The planning proposal must be reported to council for a final recommendation within **5 months** from the date of the Gateway determination.
8. The planning proposal must be submitted to the Department for finalisation within **6 months** from the date in the Gateway Determination.

9. The time frame for completing the LEP is to be **9 months** following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated 9th day of March 2021.



Garry Hopkins
Director, Western Region
Local and Regional Planning
Department of Planning, Industry and
Environment

Delegate of the Minister for Planning
and Public Spaces

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Public Hearing Report on the Reclassification of 26 Lake Paddock Drive, Leeton

Submitted to Leeton Shire Council

JULY 2021



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1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

City Plan Strategy and Development (City Plan) was commissioned by Leeton Shire Council to independently chair a public hearing and subsequent to the hearing, prepare a public hearing report into the reclassification of a parcel of Council owned land from 'community' land to 'operational' land at Leeton. The land that is the subject of the reclassification has a street address of 26 Lake Paddock Drive and is legally described as Lot 49 in Deposited Plan 1114977.

The reclassification is part of a Planning Proposal (PP) that proposes to amend the Leeton Local Environmental Plan 2014 (LLEP). In summary, the PP proposes:

- Amendment of the zoning of the land from RE1 Public Recreation to R2 Low Density Residential
- Introduction of a minimum lot size of 4,000m² for the land
- Introduction of a maximum building height of 8.5 metres
- Introduction of a maximum floor space ratio of 0.5:1
- Insertion of Lot 49 into Part 2, Schedule 4 of the LLEP to reclassify the land from community land to operational land; and
- Extinguish public reserve status, flood easement and use of land restrictions on title of Lot 49, DP 1114977 (discharging interests).

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) issued a Gateway Determination, under Section 3.34(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act), on 9 March 2021 to the effect that the PP should proceed subject to a number of conditions, primarily relating to procedural matters.

The PP was publicly exhibited from 4 May 2021 to 1 June 2021 in accordance with the Gateway Determination. Council confirmed that no submissions were received from the community during the public exhibition of the PP.

The Gateway Determination stated that a public hearing was not required under Section 3.34(2)(e) of the Act, but that Leeton Shire Council was to conduct a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act), as the proposal involves reclassification of public land from community land to operational land.

The public hearing was conducted on 30 June 2021 and this public hearing report has been prepared in accordance with Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1993. This report relates only to the proposed reclassification of Lot 49 in Deposited Plan 1114977 and not the rezoning/PP.

The purpose of this report is to report the findings of the public hearing and to make a recommendation to Council as to the course of action to be taken concerning the reclassification of the property specified in the PP.

2. STATUTORY CONTEXT

Public land is any land that is vested in or under the control of a Council. Pursuant to Section 25 of the Local Government Act 1993, public land must be classified as either 'community' land or 'operational' land. Community land is generally open to the public. Under Section 45 of the LG Act, community land must not be sold, exchanged or otherwise disposed of, leased or licensed unless in accordance with the provisions of the that Act.

Operational land may be used for other purposes, for example, as access, works depots, or held by a Council as a temporary asset. Classification or reclassification of public land may be undertaken pursuant to Section 27(1) of the LG Act via a Local Environmental Plan (LEP) made under the EP&A Act or pursuant to Section 27(2) of the LG Act via a resolution of Council. Should Council resolve to reclassify community land to operational land via a LEP, a Council is required by Section 29 of the LG



Act to convene a public hearing and this public hearing must be held after the close of the statutory exhibition period for the LEP/PP.

Section 47G of the LG Act states as follows in relation to public hearings:

47G Public hearings

(1) In this section, public hearing means any public hearing required to be arranged under this Part.

(2) The person presiding at a public hearing must not be—

(a) a councillor or employee of the council holding the public hearing, or

(b) a person who has been a councillor or employee of that council at any time during the 5 years before the date of his or her appointment.

(3) Not later than 4 days after it has received a report from the person presiding at the public hearing as to the result of the hearing, the council must make a copy of the report available for inspection by the public at a location within the area of the council.

Mel Krzus (Director) of City Plan was the Independent Chair of the public hearing on 30 June 2021 and is the author of this report. For the purposes of Section 47G(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, it is confirmed that Mel is not a councillor or employee of Leeton Council and has not been a councillor or employee of that Council at any time.

It is also confirmed that Mel has reviewed Council's records and is satisfied that the appropriate steps were taken by Council to give notice of the PP (as noted above) and the reclassification/public hearing. Mel Krzus confirms she has reviewed all background information relevant to the PP and proposed reclassification. Given Council's request for the public hearing to be held via Zoom (as a result of the escalating COVID-19 situation at the time of the public hearing), Mel was not able to inspect the site prior to the hearing. She has however become familiar with the characteristics of the site from a desktop review and a review of all documentation relevant to the PP and reclassification, including recent photos of the site by Council in that documentation.

This report will be made available to Council and in accordance with Section 47G(3), the report will be required to be made available for inspection by the public at Leeton Shire Council **not later than 4 days after the report has been received.**

3. THE SITE

The site is located in the township of Leeton and has a street address of 26 Lake Paddock Drive, Leeton. We note the following in relation to the site:

- The site is legally described as Lot 49 in DP 1114977.
- The site has an area of 1,742m².
- As can be seen in the figure below, the site has a very narrow frontage to Lake Paddock Drive and is irregular in shape.



Figure 1 Site location plan, site identified by the blue marker (Source: Nearmap,

- The land is under the ownership of Leeton Shire Council and is classified as “Community Land” under the Local Government Act 1993.
- The land, being Lot 49, was dedicated to Council as a public reserve as a part of a residential subdivision, which was previously approved by Council on 5 February 2002.
- Originally, the 2002 consent required the developer to pay contributions towards recreation and open space, which was understood to be in the order of \$82,943.05.
- The consent was subsequently amended years later, at the request of the developer, to reduce the contribution payable, on the basis of the dedication of 6,000m² of land within the estate. Lot 49 was part of this land dedicated as a public reserve within the estate and the land was classified by Council as community land.
- This is in conjunction with adjacent Lot 48, which comprises 8,828m² in area, which was also dedicated to Council. The proximity of Lot 48 to Lot 49 can be seen in the figure below.



Figure 2 Location Plan of Lot 49 (shaded in blue) and Lot 48 (shaded in green) (Source: Nearthmap)

- It is understood that Lot 48 has been redeveloped by Council and it is now known as "Helson Park". The park includes a playground, as can be seen in the figure below.



Figure 3 Playground on Lot 48, directly adjacent to Lot 49 (Source: Leeton Shire Council)



- The land at Lot 49 has remained vacant and undeveloped for any public open space purpose, despite its zoning for public recreation.
- Lot 49 forms part of a larger area of zoned open space to the north, inclusive of Lot 48 and is bounded by low density residential development to the west, south and east.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

4.1. Notice of the Public Hearing

DPIE's LEP practice note PN 16-001, issued 5 October 2016, specifies that after the exhibition period of the PP has ended, at least 21 days public notice is to be given before the hearing. This allows the person chairing the hearing sufficient time to consider written submissions and all issues raised.

Council confirmed that notice of the public hearing was made on both Council's website and in the local newspaper (via the Council "noticeboard") on 4 June 2021, which provided more than the required 21 days' notice. Refer to the relevant extracts below.

PUBLIC HEARING – RECLASSIFICATION OF LAND

4 Jun 2021 8:00 AM -



Leeton Shire Council wishes to notify the community of a Public Hearing – Reclassification of Land, for 26 Lake Paddock Drive, Leeton legally described as Lot 49 DP 1114977.

Council must hold a public hearing under Section 29 of the Local Government Act 1993 so that the community's views can be heard about a proposal to reclassify the land mentioned above from community land to operational land.

The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday 30 June 2021 at 3.00 pm at Leeton Shire Council Chambers at 23-25 Chelmsford Place.

Should COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings be in place at the time of the public hearing it will take place via Zoom only.

Interested persons are required to register with Council via email send to council@leeton.nsw.gov.au or by phoning 60530911 by 5.00 pm on Monday 28 June 2021 to:

- Attend the hearing
- Make a submission at the hearing

Registered participants will be provided guidelines to participate in the Public Hearing.

The hearing will be chaired by an independent person from City Plan Strategy and Development. The public hearing provides the public with an opportunity to make a short verbal presentation to the chairperson of the hearing. Written submissions will also be accepted by the chairperson.

Following the public hearing, the chairperson will prepare a report on the hearing, a copy of which will be publicly available once it has been received by Council.

Documentation providing details of the proposed Reclassification of Land can be viewed on Council's website www.leeton.nsw.gov.au or between 9.00am and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday at Council's administration building, 23-25 Chelmsford Place, Leeton.

Should you have an enquiries with respect to this matter, please contact Francois Van Der Berg on 6053 0921 or email enquiries to council@leeton.nsw.gov.au

Figure 4 Notice of Public Hearing on Council's Website (Source: [Leeton Shire Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://leeton.nsw.gov.au))



Public Hearing Report
Reclassification of Land
26 Lake Paddock Drive, Leeton
Project 21-092
July 2021

LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL NOTICEBOARD

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PUBLIC EXHIBITION
DRAFT 2021/22 ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN, BUDGET AND REVENUE POLICY (INCLUDING FEES AND CHARGES)
View the full 2021/22 Annual Operational Plan and Budget, and Revenue Policy including Fees and Charges on Council's website at leeton.nsw.gov.au/about-council/plans-policies-reports or on Council's 'Have Your Say' online engagement portal at haveyoursay.leeton.nsw.gov.au.
Hard copies are available for viewing by the public at the Leeton Shire Council Administration Office, Leeton Library, Yanco Shop, Mutambi and Whilton Post Offices.
Feedback can be provided via any of the following channels:
ELECTRONICALLY (Preferred): Complete the short survey on Council's 'Have Your Say' online engagement portal at haveyoursay.leeton.nsw.gov.au. Please note you will need to login or register to Council's 'Have your say' to participate in the survey.
BY EMAIL TO: council@leeton.nsw.gov.au
BY LETTER TO: The General Manager, 23-25 Chelmsford Place, Leeton NSW 2705.
Submissions must be received by Council by 5pm, Thursday 10 June 2021.

Any feedback will be considered by Council at the June Ordinary Council Meeting.
INFORMATION SESSIONS – ONLINE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS
From 1 July 2021, all development applications and the majority of post consent certificates must be submitted online through the online NSW Planning Portal (www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au) as required by legislation.
Council will be hosting two information sessions to provide an overview of the online DA submission process and to demonstrate how it works:
• Wednesday 9 June 2021, 5:30 pm- 6:30 pm, Council Chambers, 23-25 Chelmsford Place Leeton
• Friday 18 June 2021, 11 am to 1 pm, Council Chambers, 23-25 Chelmsford Place Leeton
Bookings to either session are required due to COVID-19 regulations. Please RSVP to Karen Thomson by email karen@leeton.nsw.gov.au or phone 6953 0927 with your name and the session you would like to attend.
For further enquiries, please phone 6953 0911 or drop into the Council office.

ALGWA GETTING WOMEN ELECTED 2021 FORUM
SATURDAY 19 JUNE 2021, 2 PM-4 PM
• **Content:** Information, support and encouragement for women who are thinking of standing for Council
• **Host:** Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA). ALGWA is committed to increasing the number of women elected representatives.

• **Presenters:** Leigh Bowden (Cootamundra-Gundagai Council), Anna Napoli (Griffith City Council) and Anna Mercuro (Griffith City Council)
• **In attendance:** Leeton Shire Councilors Cr Tracey Morris and Cr Sandra Hard
• **Who should attend:** Women who are considering standing as candidates in the upcoming LG elections
• **Venue:** Leeton Shire Council Chambers, 23-25 Chelmsford Place, Leeton
• **Bookings:** Bookings are essential. Please see below for booking details. The forum is FREE.
If you require further information on the election process, visit the NSW Electoral Commission at www.elections.nsw.gov.au
To book your place at this session, contact Council's Governance Officer, Kate Weston, on 6953 0911 or email katew@leeton.nsw.gov.au

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Figure 5 Notice of Public Hearing included in the local paper "the Irrigator" as confirmed by Council (Source: Leeton Shire Council)

4.2. Public Hearing Details

As can be seen in Figures 4 and 5 above, Council arranged a public hearing for the proposed reclassification of the site on 30 June 2021 at 3:00pm at Council's chambers.

Due to the escalating COVID-19 situation, Leeton Shire Council requested that the public hearing be chaired by Zoom. Mel Krzus opened the public hearing promptly at 3:00pm via Zoom.

The public hearing was attended by the following Council representatives, as "observers".

- Francois Van Der Berg, Manager Planning, Building & Health
- Sarah Sharman, Town Planner

The public hearing was not attended by any members of the public.

4.3. Public Hearing Outcomes

As noted above, the public hearing was not attended by any members of the public. Therefore, no issues were raised in relation to the proposed classification that require any consideration in the subject report. It is also noted that no written submissions were made, in relation to the PP or the reclassification/public hearing.



5. DISCUSSION ON THE RECLASSIFICATION

Taking into consideration all matters relevant to the reclassification including all relevant background documentation provided by Council, the following is noted:

- The total quantum of open space dedicated to Council for open space as a result of the aforementioned residential subdivision across both Lots 48 and 49 far exceeds the minimum requirement set out in the relevant consent of 6,000m².
- In fact, the total area of Lot 48, being 8,828m², exceeds the 6,000m² open space requirement in its own right.
- In planning for the recreational needs of the residential estate within which the subject land is situated, Council has determined that Lot 48 has sufficient area to provide for those needs. To this end, Lot 49 is not currently being used for open space and would seem to have limited value in this regard. It is intended by Council that Lot 49 will remain undeveloped, which raises issues in terms of its long-term maintenance by Council (by way of cost and safety to the public).
- Lot 48 has recently been redeveloped by Council and now consists of a retention basis, walking paths, picnic table and seating, trees and lawn and a fully developed playground. It is considered, in agreement with Council, that the further redevelopment of the directly adjacent Lot 49 would be superfluous and unnecessary.
- It is considered that the size and shape of the land and direct adjacency of the land to the generous park and playground at Lot 48 make it unsuitable/unnecessary for the provision or extension of public amenities in the form of public open space.
- Council intends on re-allocating the financial resources that would be received by the sale of Lot 49, once zoned and reclassified for residential purposes, towards the cost of redeveloping Lot 48. This is considered to be a suitable allocation of funds and is consistent with Section 32(5) of the LG Act which states that *"the net proceeds of sale by a council of any land dedicated in accordance with a condition imposed under section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 must be dealt with under that section as if those net proceeds were a monetary contribution paid instead of the dedication"*. The sale and relocation of funds cannot occur without the rezoning and reclassification of the land at Lot 49.
- There are no likely environmental effects as a result of the reclassification. There will be a very minor increase in housing stock (which is positive) but importantly, direct social benefit to the local community through the ability to use the proceeds of the divestment towards the cost associated with the redevelopment and any further embellishment of the existing open space at Lot 48.

In conclusion, careful consideration has been given to the issues surrounding the reclassification of 26 Lake Paddock Drive (Lot 49 in DP 1114977) and following a detailed analysis of all relevant matters for consideration, the author of this report is satisfied that having regard to the circumstances and merits of the case as well as the broader public benefit, the proposed reclassification from "community" to "operational" land is appropriate.

6. RECOMMENDATION

Having regard to the findings of this report, the following recommendation is made:

- a) Council proceeds with the reclassification of 26 Lake Paddock Drive, Leeton (Lot 49 in DP 1114977) from 'community' to 'operational' land.
- b) A copy of this report be made available to the public within four (4) business days in accordance with Section 47(G)(3) of the Local Government Act 1993.

ITEM 8.8 WESTERN RIVERINA ARTS ANNUAL REPORT

RECORD NUMBER	21/207
RELATED FILE NUMBER	EF10/168
AUTHOR/S	Manager Cultural Services
APPROVER/S	Group Manager Activation

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

Leeton Shire Council makes an annual budget allocation of \$11,000 for membership of Western Riverina Arts (WRA). This report summarises the reported benefits to the Leeton Community of this investment.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council notes the information in the Western Riverina Arts reports.

REPORT

(a) Background

The Board of WRA held its AGM in April 2021. In anticipation of Council's continued funding in 2021/22, WRA has outlined its outcomes for 2020/21 and its forward plans for Council's information.

(b) Discussion

WRA utilises Council's annual investment to support Leeton's creative community.

For 2020/21, leading into 2021/22

WRA supported the Leeton Shire creative community in the following manner.

- Australian Art Deco Festival Leeton – Sponsored \$500 for the 2021 event.
- Roxy Community Theatre – Engaged on the Theatre's redevelopment and supported its promotion and shows.
- Leeton Artists – Supported the development of a number of projects including a series of online videos by Artist Jason Richardson.
- Leeton Art Society – Sponsored and supported the Society and member artists.
- Leeton Museum and Art Gallery – Exhibition by Veronica Collins.

- Leeton Writers Group – Raised grant funds to support the Leeton Writer in Residence Program and supported a weekly writers group 'gathering' that averaged 20 participants and expanded to 70 participants online.
- Restart Grants and Micro Grants – Administered and distributed grants across the region.
- Country Arts Support Program (CASP) – Provided assessment services to the NSW Government for the CASP Arts and Cultural Finding Program.
- Regional Arts Development Organisation (RADO) Workshops with the NSW Government – Provided outcomes on the logistics of distributing grants to the region through the RADO network.
- Warangesda Exhibition – Planned for the next 12 months at the Leeton Museum and Gallery (WCIC), post COVID-19.
- Leeton and District Aboriginal Land Council (LDALC) – Partnered on funding, and provided logistical and in-kind support for four major projects initiated by the Leeton Wiradjuri Community:
 1. Bernard Higgins – First Nations Digital Artist (Leeton) progressing his career via a residency
 2. Six public films on the Wiradjuri Language
 3. Oral History Stories – a small event to be held in the Leeton Museum and Art Gallery (LMAG)
 4. Water installation in the safe – a digital art installation in the old-style safe in the Museum section of the LMAG.

These four projects are to be delivered in 2022. Two of the projects engaged the LMAG and LDALC in defining project concepts and milestones. One of the projects is to take place in the LMAG, and the LMAG is the preferred venue for Brendan Higgins' residency. The final business plan for the residency is to be submitted to Leeton Shire Council because the Shire is home to the preferred venue, although the project will go ahead even if the LMAG is not confirmed as the venue.

(c) Options

Nil – this report is for information only.

IMPLICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

(a) Financial

- For the year ended 31 December 2020, Western Riverina Arts reported a surplus on activities (\$26,572) above the budget projection against the previous year (\$2,675).
- Western Riverina Arts' Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020 reported total assets of \$103,764 and liabilities of \$15,214.

(b) Policy

There are no policy implications from this report.

(c) Legislative/Statutory

There are no legislative or statutory requirements arising from this report.

(d) Risk

Council's interests are promoted through staff representation on the governing board.

CONSULTATION

(a) External

The Western Riverina Arts Board has provided the attached reports for Council's information.

(b) Internal

Nil

LINK/S TO THE DELIVERY PROGRAM/OPERATIONAL PLAN (DPOP)

Under the Key Priority Area THEME 2 - "AN ACTIVE AND ENRICHED COMMUNITY" within Council's adopted Delivery Program/Operational Plan – 07 - A community that enjoys arts and culture - 7b is to "Enhance artistic and cultural activity across Leeton Shire - Collaborate with Western Riverina Regional Arts Board to deliver events and programs in Leeton Shire".

ATTACHMENTS

1 [↓](#) 2020 WRA Annual Report

western riverina **ARTS**



**ANNUAL
REPORT
2020**

Ngiyani Yindyamali Aboriginal Mayiny Murrubandha Mayinny galangga Australia Ngangaagi

***We respect Aboriginal peoples as the first peoples
and custodians of Australia.***

We would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live and work, and pay our respects to the Elders, past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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Leeton Shire Council's Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission building, containing the Leeton Museum and Gallery and Western Riverina Arts office. Image: Suesann Vos

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ABOUT WESTERN RIVERINA ARTS

Western Riverina Arts (WRA) is a not-for-profit organisation that works in partnership with our member councils: Narrandera Shire Council, Leeton Shire Council, Griffith City Council and Murrumbidgee Council to support, develop and promote arts and culture in the Western Riverina. Formally launched in 2011, WRA is part of a network of 14 Regional Arts Boards in NSW that link through to Regional Arts NSW. Western Riverina Arts is funded by the NSW State Government through Create NSW, and through contributions from its Member Councils.

With a population of over 50,000 people and several high profile artists the Western Riverina has an active, diverse and rich cultural life. Western Riverina Arts is the peak arts conduit organisation in the region and aims to support the needs and culture of our communities, acting to ensure the vitality and sustainability of arts and culture by:

- Developing audiences
- Encouraging community capacity
- Developing pathways for artists and creative communities
- Promoting cultural events
- Initiating project activity
- Strengthening regional cultural development
- Connecting creative communities

MEMBER COUNCILS AND FUNDING PARTNERS

- Griffith City Council
- Leeton Shire Council
- Murrumbidgee Council
- Narrandera Shire Council
- Create NSW – Core Funding Partner
- Regional Arts NSW – Peak Regional Arts Body

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2020 STAFF

Aanya Whitehead – Executive Director

Camille Whitehead – Projects and Communications Officer

2020 BOARD MEMBERS

Susan Carey Killham - Narrandera Shire Council Representative, Chair

Julie Briggs - Narrandera Community Representative, Vice Chair

Faith Bryce - Murrumbidgee Council Representative

Melanie Toscan - Murrumbidgee Community Representative

Anne Napoli - Griffith City Council Representative

Oumi Karenga-Hewitt - Griffith Community Representative

Suesann Vos - Leeton Shire Council Representative

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

2020 was both a very challenging and also transformative year for the Arts. On the negative side venues were closed, exhibitions cancelled, opportunities limited and artists isolated and existing in straightened circumstances. On the positive side there was adaptation, outreach and re-invention.

Western Riverina Arts has experienced a very BIG year, one in which growth and engagement have been front and centre on our agenda. Our staff have spent this year going out into our communities and engaging first hand with artists, artisans and arts organisations to promote and grow the importance and prominence of the Arts within the Western Riverina. This has been particularly evident with the amount of work our staff have been undertaking in the area of grant administration.



At the end of 2020, Regional Arts Development Organisations across the State were tasked with distributing Restart in 2021. Restart was quick turnaround stimulus funding from the NSW Government provided to stimulate arts activity in regional NSW. The whole project had a very quick turnaround with Executive Directors being asked to deliver a plan for the distribution of the funds in record time. The WRA plan included funding to a range of arts practitioners, both groups and individuals, who had already been in consultation with the organisation in 2020 and were highly impacted by the Pandemic. In addition Western Riverina Arts set aside some of these funds for quick turnaround micro grants.

Western Riverina Arts responded to the first stage of the review by Create NSW into the Regional Arts Development Network which resulted in a necessary increase in the core funding, but also included the surprise defunding of Regional Arts NSW. The next stages of the Review will be ongoing throughout 2021.

For the year ahead, we will be contributing to the next stage of the Review, and focussing on more of the same. Our team will be working with and for our regional arts community. We will continue with our focus of direct engagement and support with and for artists, artisans, arts organisations and our constituent Councils as well as looking at ways in which to partner with other organisations, including other RADO's, to share resources and obtain the best arts and cultural outcomes for our region.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

When I started at Western Riverina Arts (WRA) in January 2020, the area was in chronic drought then Covid-19 severely impacted the economy with lockdowns and shutdowns. From the beginning, local arts and culture was impacted the most. In response, WRA concentrated on two priority areas:

1) Communication and Connection, and 2) Funding and Economic Resources. The aim was to benefit the arts and cultural community by supporting self-determined activities in order to engage the wider community. This ran parallel with WRA's aims and objectives, a priority being First Nations led Arts and Culture.



Throughout 2020 Communications Officer Camille Whitehead's work was a mainstay being a home point for the wider community to connect with arts and culture. One of the first decisions I made on the job was to enhance the online newsletter feature of 'Artist of the Month'. Through the extensive editorial work by Camille, this has become an in-depth article that explores real stories of the region in a poignant and celebratory way, and has received a wide response. Camille has kept this feature editorial of high quality and consistent in tone; it is regularly picked up by regional newspapers, ABC Radio, and shared widely on Social Media. As an Executive Director, I feel fortunate to have Camille as a team member who is dedicated to the arts across this region, and whose work is highly skilled, thoughtful and conscientious.

The impact of Covid was severely felt. WRA had engagement with artists and cultural practitioners who had lost entire businesses, audiences and patrons, so we applied resources to take up funding opportunities. In 2020, WRA was involved in \$1.4 million worth of funding applications across the region. There was a 39% success rate on those with a total of \$550,000. The leveraged income associated with this imported funding was 97%, meaning that a round figure of just under \$1 million was generated in the local economy across the region. This leveraging will continue to flow into 2021. However, because of the Pandemic, there was a lot of extra grant funding from both Federal and State Governments not otherwise available. In a 'normal' year I estimate between 15-30% return on funding submission applications, whether direct and/or supported or partnered.

The year of 2020 was 'push-me pull-me' for arts and culture in the Western Riverina. Artists adapted quickly to the virtual spaces and pioneered ways that people could work and engage in arts and culture within lockdown situations. Just as quickly in the third quarter of the year the industry was expected to activate itself at a moment's notice. Grant funding flowed across NSW into many industry sectors to cover the Summer of 20/21 in order to get people spending again. Some of this was tasked to the arts and cultural sector through the Regional Arts Development network. Work began in earnest with the community planning events and launching projects. It was arduous for some arts workers and practitioners who had lost so much during the year. WRA used its resources to assist accessing and disseminating these funding sources, that will also flow into 2021.

Yet WRA had a very active year. With so much original art happening across the region, it was equally important that Wiradjuri Culture was promoted as necessary and foundational to everyone that has the privilege to live and work on this unceded Wiradjuri land.

COMMUNICATIONS

2020 saw a change of staff, with Camille Whitehead covering a maternity leave contract for the Projects and Communications Officer role in January, which became a permanent position later in the year.

It wasn't quite Communications as usual in 2020. With an emerging global pandemic, we closed the physical office in March to work from home due to the Covid-19 national jurisdictional response. With the full scope of COVID-19's dangers still not clear, Camille relocated to Wagga Wagga for family health reasons.



As live events and public gatherings were cancelled from April, in-person projects took a backseat to communications and keeping in touch online. Communication Officers from across the Regional Arts NSW network met online for monthly zoom meetings. They pivoted to promoting the various online arts groups, competitions and activities that emerged as a response to the new restrictions, which in our region included the Leeton Art Society's online weekly challenge group, Narrandera Arts Virtual Bunting Project, Social Distan-Sing Project from Griffith, Narrandera Shire Council weekly photography comp and Griffith Regional Art Gallery online Community Photographic Portrait Exhibition, Up Close.

The world lived online for several months, which gave us more opportunities to focus on connecting in the digital space and telling regional stories. In 2020 there were 1,009 posts distributed on our social media channels, resulting in a 350.4% increase on the previous year. The Western Riverina Arts social media followers total saw a 15.5% increase on the previous year, with 687 new followers joining us across our various platforms.

Operations started to return to a new normal in July when we reopened the office for scheduled meetings and travelled to meet artists (albeit with sanitiser and facemasks on hand).

Image: Camille stands inside a large shelter tree during a Sandhills Artefacts Cultural Tour led by Michael Lyons.

2020 STATS

24 projects in 2020

36 letters of support

\$1,422,417 worth of grants applied for

\$550,357 worth of grants brought into the region

15.5% growth in our social media following

1,009 posts were shared on social media

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWING

Youtube

Official Website 10,034 page views

Email Newsletter 429 (up 27.3%)

Facebook 2,432 (up 18.9%)

Instagram 1,431 (up 16.1%)

Twitter 806 (up 2%)

LinkedIn (New) 23

As at December 2020

PATHWAYS & SUPPORT FOR ARTISTS

36 official Letters of Support to arts practitioners and venues were issued in support of projects across the Western Riverina region.

Five CASP projects from the Western Riverina region were successful, with funding of **\$16,788.00**.

St Joseph's Parents and Friends Association Our Place (\$3,000)

The project will involve an artist with input from the students creating a contemporary art piece on the school grounds in Jerilderie representing the local area and what the region represents to them.

Leeton Shire Council Beak Technique (\$2,875)

This project will develop free all-ages resources for identifying common native birds. Working with the Murrumbidgee Field Naturalists, regional artists will design worksheets that educate how the shape of a bird's beak provides insights into their diet and habitat.

Narrandera Arts & Creative Network Waybarra (Weaving) Works Project (\$3,000)

Wiradjuri artist Nioka Dupond and textile designer Lillardia Houston Briggs will work with a group of Wiradjuri women to pass on cultural knowledge around Indigenous plant use and language and share skills in weaving a range of decorative and utilitarian items using Wiradjuri plant matter collected by participants.

The Cad Factory Political Women, Public Programs (\$3,000)

'Political Women' is an exhibition that brings together 15 artists from diverse cultural, generational, personal and artistic perspectives to illustrate and celebrate the complexity of contemporary feminist art. To compliment the exhibition, we will run a series of workshops for community and school students, along with creating a promotional video.

Leeton Shire Council Music for The Lost World (\$2,875)

Leeton-based artist and musician Jason Richardson will develop a public projection event. This will include developing projections as well as composing and recording an original soundtrack to accompany a screening of The Lost World (1925), a film from the public domain available for reinterpretation.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Following on from the initiative created by former Communications Officer Lillardia Briggs-Houston in late 2019, we continued the Artist of the Month project, developing it throughout the year to become **an in-depth study of artists and an online resource able to be used in various applications**. This meet and greet project proved to be a great way to form strong ongoing relationships with the artists in our region. Outcomes from these projects included radio interviews with ABC Riverina Radio and increased awareness of artists due to combined social media posts reaching audiences as high as 7,000 views per project.

FEBRUARY: THE CAD FACTORY

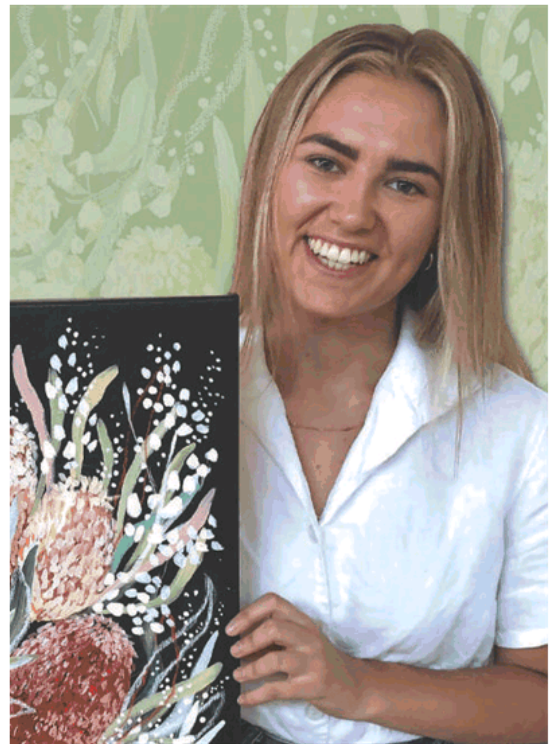
Our February artist spotlight was on the multi-disciplinary organisation, The Cad Factory. We ventured out past Narrandera to meet its creators, Artistic Director Vic McEwan and Creative Producer Sarah McEwan. The Cad Factory's current iteration takes the form of a rural property, formerly a school built in 1886 which is a cultural and artistic hub that hosts many public events and programs that center around inclusivity.



MARCH: SOPHIE CHAUNCEY

Our March artist of the month was Coleambally/Darlington Point artist Sophie Chauncy. Sophie has exhibited extensively within the Riverina, studied art at the National Art School in Sydney, and was at that time finishing her Bachelor of Visual Arts at the University of Wollongong. Sophie's work reveals a strong influence of bush landscapes and a fascination with Australian wildlife conservation.

Image supplied by artist.



APRIL: HAPE KIDDLE

Our April artist of the month was Griffith based sculptor, teacher, goldsmith and jade carver, Hape Kiddle. His beautiful hand-crafted pieces are strongly influenced by his deep connection to the natural world which we all are a part of. Hape shares his skills via carving workshops which he moved to an online during COVID-19.



MAY: VERONICA COLLINS

Our May artist of the month was Griffith-born artist Veronica Collins, a 'Traditional Contemporary Fine Artist' who is a leading Wiradjuri artist in our region. Her work is held in private collections and has been exhibited throughout Australia, at galleries such as at the now closed Hogarth Gallery in Sydney, alongside her contemporaries Sally Morgan and Bronwyn Bancroft. After a long creative hiatus, Veronica returned in 2020 with many projects.



JUNE: SARAH TIFFEN

June's artist spotlight focused on Sarah Tiffen a Leeton-based poet, playwright, a university lecturer, and a speechwriter for Australian politicians. Through her business Sarah Tiffen Writing Services, she caters to all writing needs, offering services in creative writing, writing for small business, grants, marketing copy, media releases, articles, op-eds, research reports and books. Sarah Tiffen was the 2020 Historic Hydro Writer In Residence, during this time she founded the Leeton Writers' Group which flourished despite the pandemic.



JULY: PAUL BARLOW

Our July artist of the month was the well-travelled and multi-talented violinist, tutor and Vice President of the Murrumbidgee Regional Conservatorium of Music, Paul Barlow. Paul was part of the working group that started the momentous task of forming and legalising a music Conservatorium in Griffith, which was finalised in 2018. Paul has between 40 and 60 students at any one time, which he teaches as he travels around the Riverina visiting schools and homes.



AUGUST: KERRY JOHNSON

Our August Artist of the Month was the visionary Dancer and Choreographer, Kerry Johnson - an artist who both stems from and creates out of Griffith. Kerry's combined education of studying dance at Aboriginal Dance Theatre Redfern and at NAISDA influenced her style of choreography which led to her choreographing artists like Jessica Mauboy, Casey Donovan, Christine Anu and Shakaya. Kerry was Artistic Director of the 2020 Yarruwala Wiradjuri Cultural Festival which featured performances by her company, Burrundi Theatre for Performing Arts.



SEPTEMBER: SHARON DE VALENTIN

Our September Artist of the Month was the multi-talented student of ancient techniques - Encaustic Artist Sharon De Valentin. Sharon is an emerging artist who has dedicated her time to learning the craft of fire and wax, supported by an international network of artists. Sharon's art practice favours all-natural ingredients and art supplies, carefully considering the artistic process from the moment she builds her hand-made substrates to making natural inks from walnuts and avocado seeds.



DECEMBER: MICHAEL LYONS

The December spotlight was Artist, Craftsman and Didgeridoo Player Michael Lyons, a Wiradjuri Elder whose iconic Sandhills Artefacts Gallery and Workshop has been an essential stop for tourists exploring our region for over 30 years. Michael harnesses his extensive knowledge of Culture passed on from his father to create didgeridoos, bull roarers, clapsticks, coolamons, boomerangs and more in the Traditional ways. Michael's beautifully detailed paintings with frames crafted locally in Narrandera, utilise a burning technique that is distinctive to his style.



PROJECTS

We were still able to come together during 2020 via COVID- safe events and video conferences. These are the projects we presented, partnered on and supported.

THE RIVERINA LECTURES: VIC MCEWAN

In 2020 we introduced the Riverina Lectures, a roving lecture series promoting diverse storytelling and the voices of artists and cultural leaders. The lectures are recorded as a free long-term resource. Our first lecture featured Vic McEwan of the Cad Factory who streamed in live from the Tate Liverpool during his residency. Guests enjoyed a complimentary breakfast while Vic delved into his fascinating projects combining art and cutting edge science.



GRIFFITH BUSHFIRE BENEFIT CONCERT

This event presented by Griffith City Council, Murrumbidgee Regional Conservatorium of Music and Western Riverina Arts came together as a response to the devastating bushfire crisis. It was a family evening of great local music, local wine and food. Performers included Happy Avenue, Ben Ceccato and Ali Ratcliff, Jorja Dalton, Anastasia Comarin, jazz ensemble Little Big Band and Griffith City Band. \$6857.25 was raised for FRRR and WIRES Australian Wildlife Rescue.

Image: Anya Whitehead



VIDEO PROJECT: THE ROUND ROOM – INTERACTIVE INSTALLATION BY KERRI WEYMOUTH

A 2020 short film by Camille Whitehead for Western Riverina Arts documented The Round Room: Patterns, Fabric and the Love of Life by Kerri Weymouth. This interactive installation was shown at the Griffith Regional Art Gallery as part of the Each for Equal exhibition for International Women's Day. In the film Kerri takes the viewer through a guided tour of the installation and delves into issues of body image and identity as well as the influences of her Uncles Ross Weymouth and John Claringbold.



CREATIVE RIVERINA

Established by Eastern Riverina Arts, Creative Riverina is the go-to online directory and database for artists, creatives and arts organisations of all types from the Riverina NSW as well as an online community on Facebook. In 2020 Western Riverina partnered with ERA to expand these platforms across our regional footprint.



JOYCE SPENCER TEXTILES FELLOWSHIP

The Joyce Spencer Fellowship's aim is to support a regional NSW textile artist or collective to deliver a new artwork or exhibition. Named after textile artist Joyce Spencer (1928 – 2019), the fellowship is made possible with funds from the Spencer family and Western Riverina Arts, in partnership with the Cad Factory. Dr Trehna Hamm was awarded the 2020 inaugural fellowship of \$4,000. In 2022, Trehna will present new work at Burraja Gallery (Albury), Griffith Regional Art Gallery and the Narrandera Arts and Community Centre.

Image: James T Farley



THE RIVERINA LECTURES: ANTHEA DA SILVA

The Inaugral Darling Portrait Prize winner and Griffith Regional Art Gallery Public Programs Officer Anthea da Silva joined us for the second instalment of the Riverina Lectures. Anthea unpacked some of the highs and lows of her creative ventures, chatted about the 'Prize' and how it fits within a broader arts spectrum.

Image: Anya Whitehead



YARRUWALA WIRADJURI CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Griffith City Council and the Wiradjuri Community, with partners Burrundi Theatre for Performing Arts and Western Riverina Arts presented the 2020 Yarruwala Wiradjuri Cultural Festival (YWCF). The festival celebrated Wiradjuri heritage and culture with over 20 events across the Western Riverina including performances, exhibitions, workshops, films, shared culture and digital experiences. WRA designed the website for the festival which acted as an information hub and portal for ticketing.



YWCF: ONE NIGHT AT WARANGESDA

This special music theatre performance took audiences back in time tracing the story of Warangesda from 1880, bringing it forward into living history. The theatre was preceded by Traditional food, music performances, video compilation of local dances from local school children, First Nations runway fashion show and oral histories from Elders. One Night at Warangesda – Music Theatre and Site Tour was presented by Burrundi Theatre for Performing Arts and Western Riverina Arts. The event was supported by Create NSW and Regional Arts NSW.



YWCF: REMEMBERING WATTLE HILL PROJECTIONS

In his nineties, Wiradjuri Elder Clary Higgins relates his story growing up at The Sandhills and moving to Wattle Hill in Leeton as a young boy. This oral history project was told through pre-recorded sound recordings and film that were projected onto the water tower at Wattle Hill Park.



YWCF: STORY & SCRIPTWRITING WORKSHOP WITH ANDREA JAMES

Participants explored concepts of family and developed ideas for their own short stories and scripts with Sunshine Super Girl Writer-Director Andrea James.

Image: Derek Motion for Western Riverina Arts



YWCF: WIRADJURI SANDHILLS BBQ PICNIC CULTURAL TOUR

Wiradjuri Elder Michael Lyons ran cultural tours through Wiradjuri Country in Narrandera exploring Koori Beach, the bushland of the Murrumbidgee River and hidden places of cultural significance to see Traditional Rock Art, shelter and canoe trees, birthing stones and more. Participants were treated to a bush tucker lunch. This event was presented by Western Riverina Arts.



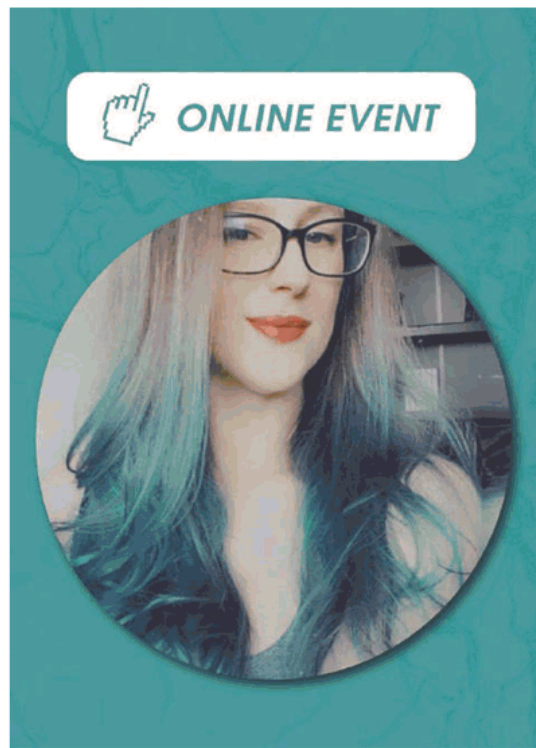
YWCF: WETLANDS & SURROUNDS WIRADJURI CULTURAL TOUR

Participants took a walk with Wiradjuri Custodian William Ingram around the life-giving wetlands of Leeton. They learnt about the significance of ancient natural waterways to Wiradjuri Culture and how these special places have remained intact for time immemorial. William touched on Leeton's Wiradjuri language, culture, food, nature and tradition. This event was presented by Leeton and District Local Aboriginal Land Council and Western Riverina Arts.



Q&A INFORMATION SESSION ON CREATIVE WRITING & SELF-PUBLISHING WITH KAYDENCE SNOW

International Bestselling author Kaydence Snow joined Western Riverina Arts for a free online Q&A information session to answer questions about creative writing and self publishing, as well as navigating the world of e-books. Kaydence was interviewed by local artist Hilary Manning which resulted in two hours worth of invaluable advice which is now available via our Youtube channel.



LEETON WRITERS' COLLECTIVE CHAPBOOK VOL. I

Leeton Writers Collective launched their first collection of poetry and stories at the Leeton Museum and Gallery. The Collective formed in 2020 have achieved many goals in their first year including performing public readings, writing their first poems, attending writing retreats, a regular column in the Irrigator and with the professional assistance of Sarah Tiffen, two member's poetry manuscripts have been accepted for publication. The chapbook's printing and design was supported by Western Riverina Arts.



NETWORKING CHRISTMAS EVENT

A coming together event was very much needed at the end of 2020. 53 people registered their attendance for our networking event. Feedback included *"It was the culmination of all the goodwill WRA had been cultivating throughout 2020"*. A non-arts attendee said they didn't realise that the Western Riverina had such a dedicated and substantial arts community. We also received the following via email *"I really enjoyed the evening. It was an elegant and engaging evening with lots of 'networking' and a brilliant photographic display. Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to attend. Western Riverina Arts is really focused and working to ensure Leeton emerges as a centrepiece of the Arts in the Riverina. Well done!"* and *"Thanks so much for inviting me to your networking event last Friday. It was great to meet so many people I would not have otherwise seen, and make new contacts."*



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

At the start of March Aanya attended an invaluable workshop on managing and curating museum collections. Vanessa Thorne, curator of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS), travelled to Narrandera to teach audiences about object selection, documentation fundamentals, cataloguing and acquisition processes.

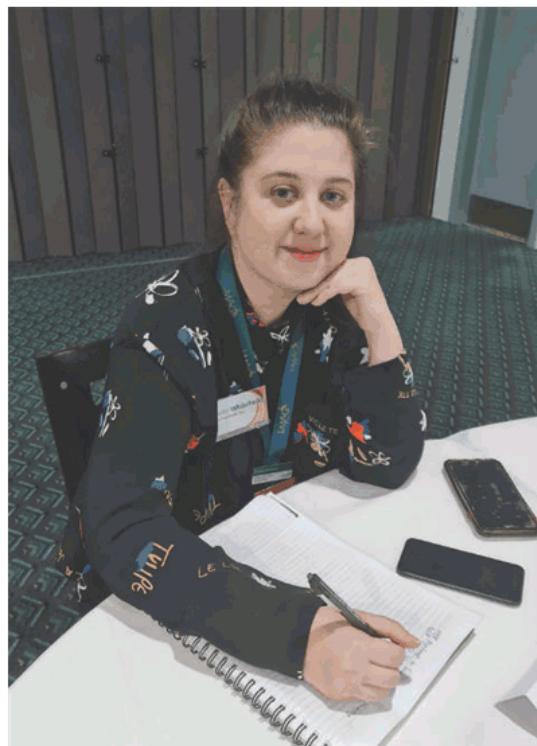


In October Camille attended workshops ran by WRA board member and Marketing and Cultural Services Coordinator for Leeton Shire Council, Sues Vos. Audiences learnt Insights Into Digital Marketing delivered as part of Small business Week.



In December Camille attended a Leeton Connect Donation and Fundraising workshop 'emPOWER Your Mission'. The workshop was facilitated by FRRR as part of the Leeton Connect project, thanks to VFFF's support of the Investing in Rural Communities (IRCF) program. The workshop was delivered by Scott Lockie from the Australian Charity Guide and covered topics such as governance, marketing strategies, and fundraising techniques.

Image: Leeton Connect



Executive Director Anya Whitehead also undertook the following professional development throughout 2020:

- Webinar, Institute of Community Directors Australia: How To Connect with Under-Represented Communities - Thursday 9th July 2020
- Webinar, Regional Arts NSW: Grant Writing Workshop with Monica Davidson - Thursday 23 July 2020
- Online Course, Charles Sturt University: Indigenous Australian Histories - July to October 2020
- Online Course, Charles Sturt University: Contemporary Indigenous Australian Realities - November 2020 to February 2021

WESTERN RIVERINA ARTS OUT AND ABOUT

Despite COVID-19, 2020 was a year of the new Western Riverina Arts team getting out and about and familiarising ourselves with the artistic landscape. This included a lot of studio visits, venue tours, club attendance and documenting various launches and events big and small. Here are some of the moments we snapped and promoted while being social!



Western Riverina Arts first trip of the year was to Coleambally where we met with Alison Hayes and Therese Chauncy of Coleambally Irrigation. The beautiful landcare themed work adorning the walls is by local artist Kerri Weymouth.



We visited Murrumbidgee Shire Council where artist Roslyn Lockhart talked us through some of the meanings present in what could be described as Jerilderie's (or Australia's) best hidden art gem. 'Yo-thuning-yuna Ngarratya' (Coming Together) is a 8x4m painting by Barundji/Barkindji artists Elsie Black, Gertrude Gittins, Eileen Ballangarry and Sos Hawkins. It is thought to be the largest Traditional Aboriginal dot painting in the world! The painting hung in Parliament House for the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney.



The Cad Factory 2020 Program Launch was held at the Narrandera Arts Centre. The pre-COVID program proposed would export our local artists overseas, activate public spaces in innovative ways, work with VR technology programs to explore politics and gender, offer solar panel building workshops and create new fellowships for textile artists.



We dropped in on the Leeton Art Society's first Tuesday Morning Casual Art gathering for the year, at the Leeton Multipurpose Community Centre. Members enjoy a cuppa and a chat while they get creative on Tuesday mornings and night.



Mackay Ave in Griffith changed before our eyes with vibrant new art that emerged over several months. Local artist and owner of the Green Gecko Garden Centre Lisa Taliano, along with artists Di Tarr and Romina Tappi's creative efforts resulted in a massive 90m long mural.



Some public areas were still open for exercise during Covid-19. We visited Grong Grong's community garden put together by many enthusiastic and creative volunteers from the historic town of Grong Grong.



We took a trip out to Tirkandi Inaburra to discuss future arts projects and the fabulous programs they have which focus on Arts and Culture. We also admired the murals on site, including a new work by artist Sandon Gibbs-O'Neill which "tells a story of Tirkandi Inaburra, the community and the boys journey while at Tirkandi."



Artist Kerri Weymouth collaborated with fashion historian Tom McEvoy on a Masters project based on her two Uncles, award-winning fashion designers Ross Weymouth and John Claringbold. Many of their works are held in a large collection by the Griffith Regional Art Gallery who are also assisting with this project.



Western Riverina Arts travelled over to Wagga Wagga to attend the 2020 Artstate program launch. We heard about the fantastic line up of events envisioned by Arts Program Director Scott Howie planned for the final Artstate in Wagga Wagga.



We snapped Barellan artist Brad Wilson while he applied some finishing touches on one of his works for the Inside Cinema vs Parallel Universe Exhibition held at the Griffith Regional Art Gallery. Brad was one of 13 artists whose work was exhibited.



We dropped by Sue Fordham's studio in Griffith to check out her Wheel Throwing Pottery Classes for adults, where students can get one-on-one training.



The inaugural Leeton Writers Group Weekend Writing Retreat was held at the Historic Hydro Hotel. Eight members used the retreat to focus on their writing practice, to share discussions with their fellow group members and to explore their individual imaginative processes.



Helen Dalton MP stopped by the Griffith Regional Theatre to see Veronica Collins' brand new mural 'Charcoal Reign'. We were there to snap some photos as they discussed grassroots community issues affecting people in the Western Riverina.



WRA assisted in invigilation of the Arts Hub during the Yarruwaia Wiradjuri Cultural Festival. Artists Allan McKenzie Snr and Carolyn Williams brought in some fantastic pieces for sale. Allan is pictured with 'Life' and 'Spiritual Reflections' and Carolyn displayed her works 'Colourful Waters' and 'Mob Connection'.



Western Riverina Arts staff invigilated the exhibition space at Narrandera Arts Centre and attended the launch of Regional artist Robert Sherwood Duffield's exhibit 'Works'.



The Hon. Don Harwin MLC, Minister for the Arts, dropped by the WCIC building to discuss all things arts and culture in our region with staff and board members of Western Riverina Arts. The minister also got a quick tour of Yanco Public School's 'To Walk In Someone Else's Shoes' that was exhibited at LMAG.



Members of the Historic Hydro Writers Collective performed at their first Open Mic Night at The Historic Hydro Hotel. They shared examples of their writing with a warm crowd and enjoyed some rousing acoustic guitar sets by group member Chris Dawe.



Griffith Regional Art Gallery hosted a celebratory NAIDOC Week family fun event on Sunday 8th Nov at their Griffin Plaza Arts Hub, with a talk by Wiradjuri Artist Veronica Collins, accompanied by singer Damian Thorne. Veronica announced her quest to repatriate a very special bark painting to Groote Eylandt.



Western Riverina Arts staff and members of the board attended Artstate, a four-year project by Regional Arts NSW that shone a light on excellence in arts practice in the regions. This year's event was held in Wagga Wagga in partnership with Eastern Riverina Arts. Several artists from our region who were also involved.



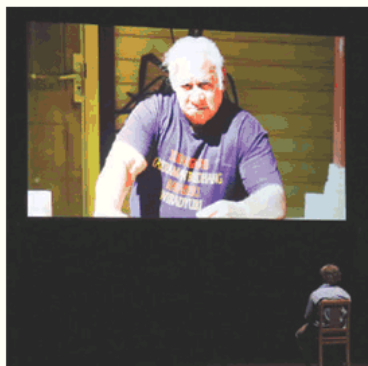
Creative Journeys Panel Talk. Three Aboriginal artists shared their stories of building their careers in the arts. Lillardia Briggs-Houston of Ngarru Miimi spoke of her dream of a future where the next generation of her local community could thrive in their chosen creative field while living on Country. Lillardia shared the stage with comedian Dane Simpson and dancer Joel Bray.



Vic McEwan, Artistic Director of the Cad Factory, led One for Sorrow, Two for Joy, a performative exploration of the complexities involved in working with community around issues of suicide and grief. The presentation including a video by Clive Parkinson from the U.K. and the retelling of Aunty Lorraine Tye's experiences of loss from a young age.



Ash Dust Air was launched at Artstate, an anthology of works from regional youth responding to these unprecedented times, curated by Gabrielle Tozer. We snapped Leeton students Jessica Wells, Jana Deaton and Madeline Irvin as they celebrated their first publication!



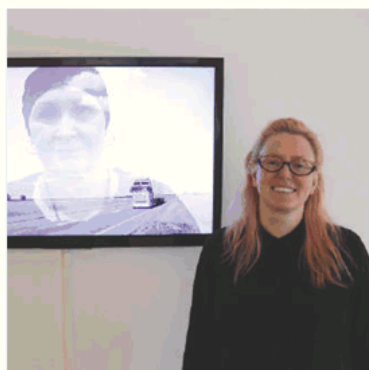
The Artstate Opening Ceremony featured Uncle Stan Grant Senior who set the record straight on the meaning of 'Wagga Wagga'. Though Wagga does have quite a few crows, the Wiradjuri term Wagga Wagga means dancing, celebrating - the truth of which Uncle Stan has been advocating for decades.



Horizons Made Wide was a treasure hunt art trail exhibition presented by Eastern Riverina Arts during Artstate. Leeton Art Society Inc President Jacqui Herrmann and local artists Kate Smith and Hape Kiddle's artworks were displayed along Fitzmaurice Street, in Wagga.



Animator and Artist Bernard Higgins was on the fascinating Multi-disciplinary Co-Creation: Combining Creative Arts & Science Panel. A Wiradjuri man from Leeton, Higgins is at Charles Sturt University exploring skill, trade and Culture through animation and science.



Something To Say was co-curated by Julie Montgarrett and Sarah McEwan featuring 13 artists was shown at the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery.



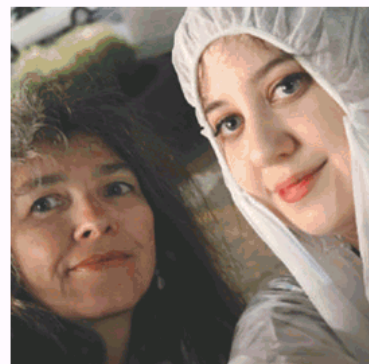
Local artist Jason Richardson was one of the many creatives working on The (un)Usual: when the Familiar becomes Strange, which also included artists from Real Art Works, Navigate Arts and the Art Factory. This was an immersive experience like no other, which completely transformed the Civic Theatre Precinct and the foreshore of the Wollundry Lagoon into an unfamiliar world.



Former Leetonian, Animation Artist Alice Peacock was one of the artists collaborating on the project 8 Doors. The studio doors were exhibited on the Civic Centre Exterior Wall with interactive QR codes. This project was the result of a partnership between Parramatta Artists' Studios, Eastern Riverina Arts and Charles Sturt University.



It was fabulous to immerse ourselves in Sigh during Artstate, a moment of magical tranquility in an unlikely setting - as one attendee put it "It was like a thousand little meditations." Sigh was a collaboration between Blacksmith, John Wood and musician Vic McEwan.



The team from WRA listened and learned and participated in the landscape of creativity that stems from our regional areas. The arts program was diverse and fascinating with some big announcements made by NSW Minister for the Arts Don Harwin.



We attended the launch of the 2020 National Contemporary Jewellery Awards at the Griffith Regional Art Gallery where winner Halie Rubenis with their work 'White Bread' was celebrated. Their necklace repurposed discarded bread, compressing and hand cutting hundreds of bread clip shaped pieces.



We visited Hape Kiddle at his beautiful Bidgee Studio & scenic gardens in Griffith. Hape showed us many beautiful works and gave us a tour.



There was a fantastic turnout at the Greengecko Garden & Craft Market in December. Lisa Taliano ran a fantastic event that showcased the works of creatives such as Di Tarr, Romina Tappi, Kristy-Lee Agresta, Kim Gibbs, Anne Morshead, Isis Ronan, Sue Fordham and Jorja Belle.



Kerri Weymouth and Julie Montgarrett's 'Bidgee Bunyips' textile project with artists from Darlington Point and Coleambally saw one-of-a-kind bunyips exhibited at the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery Shop. The project was supported by The Cad Factory and Murrumbidgee Council.



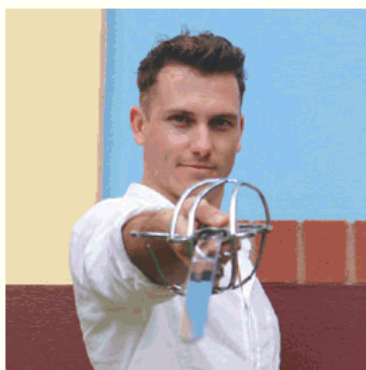
WRA attended the opening of the Narrandera Walk in Art Exhibition which came about from the hard work of Tracey Lewis with a team of staff and 40+ artists. Over 350 people visited the exhibition over the opening weekend. These pieces formed part of an extensive Art Trail in Narrandera local businesses to promote tourism.



Leeton Writers Collective launched their first collection of poetry and stories late December at the Leeton Museum and Gallery. WRA attended the launch. The chapbook's printing and design was supported by Western Riverina Arts.



Michael Lyons Snr, Owen Lyons, Dexter Briggs and Andrea Briggs gifted three newly commissioned artworks that share memories of Life on the Sandhills to the Narrandera Shire Library. Coleambally artist Kerri Weymouth headed the project as Local Producer for the Cad Factory.



We met up with Jake Speer, the Director and Lead of Henry V to learn about and help promote his planned 2021 theatre project. The project offered mentorship programs for people interested in Acting, Set Building, Costume Making, Sound & Lighting and Stage Management and Production.



Griffith City Council put on a fabulous show in December with unique Christmas lights that activated Memorial Park at night. Pictured are some of the #Glow2680 organisers, Nathan Beer and a Western Riverina Arts board member Oumi Karenga-Hewitt.

FINANCIAL REPORT

In 2020, Western Riverina Arts Inc. maintained its core funding from Create NSW as well as LGA member contributions from Griffith, Leeton, Murrumbidgee and Narrandera. Grants for project funding were up, as well as other income sources from a range of activities. The Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 were reviewed by Treasurer Anthony Morton. Western Riverina Arts is in a stable position. The 2020 Income Statement showed a surplus of \$26,572.

<u>Income</u>	<u>\$ 2020</u>	<u>\$ Budget</u>	<u>\$ Difference</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Grants	247,899	187,000	60,899	1)
Other Income	13,570	600	12,970	2)
Interest	946	1,500	(554)	
Total Income	262,415	189,100	73,315	
Expenses				
Program and Project Costs	49,473	6,050	43,423	3)
Operating Costs	59,581	54,000	5,581	4)
Salaries and Wages	126,789	123,000	3,789	5)
Total Expenses	235,843	183,050	52,793	
<i>Surplus</i>	<i>26,572</i>	<i>6,050</i>	<i>20,522</i>	6)

Notes:

- 1) More grant funding applied for in 2020, including additional Covid grants targeted to the region.
- 2) More GBO through funded project activity.
- 3) More grant funding expended as per funded projects.
- 4) New car lease in 2020 with additional repair and changeover costs.
- 5) Additional wage add-ons payable on employee changeovers.
- 6) A majority of the surplus is for auspiced grants paid in 2020 for outcomes in 2021.



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**ITEM 8.9 MINUTES OF THE WHITTON TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING -
1 JUNE 2021**

RECORD NUMBER	21/273
RELATED FILE NUMBER	EF21/446/02
AUTHOR/S	Manager Visitor Services and Local Activation
APPROVER/S	Group Manager Activation

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the Minutes of the Whitton Town Improvement Committee meeting held on Tuesday 1 June 2021 (**Attachment 1**).

The Minutes are prepared by volunteers who sit on the Committee and are presented as supplied to Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives for information the Minutes of the Whitton Town Improvement Committee meeting held on Tuesday 1 June 2021.

REPORT

(a) Background

The purpose of the Whitton Town Improvement Committee is to be a forum for engagement between the community of Whitton and Leeton Shire Council. To facilitate this purpose, the Committee holds meetings on a quarterly basis to discuss priorities for the Whitton community, including those identified in the Whitton Town Improvement Plan.

(b) Discussion

The Whitton Town Improvement Committee met for a Committee Meeting on Tuesday 1 June 2021. Discussions were held in relation to several matters including the:

- Whitton Mural and Water Tower Art Project – the Committee provided its endorsement of the concept designs.
 - Red's Butcher Shop and Vacant Blocks Update – weeds were sprayed on the Red's butcher shop block on 18 May 2021 and a full-scale yard clean-up was undertaken to make the block easier to maintain in future. It will be added to the parks and gardens maintenance schedule as advised by the Manager Open
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Space and Recreation. Council is still open to expressions of interest for the property's use. Chair of the Whitton Town Improvement Committee, Tracy Catlin, has suggested Council needs to put up onsite advertising (real estate style).

- Whitton Courthouse Museum – the Museum is currently closed to visitors because of the deterioration of the Courthouse wall and building. Volunteers are allowed into the Museum but the Courthouse is off-limits. Funds have been voted in the 2021/22 budget to make it secure. Once these works have been completed, the Museum can be re-opened to the public.

(c) Options

Nil – this report is for information purposes only.

IMPLICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

(a) Financial

\$146,000 was obtained via the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 to complete the Whitton Mural and Water Tower Artwork Project.

\$60,000 has been allocated in the Leeton Shire Council 2021/22 Capital Works Budget to address structural integrity issues at the Whitton Courthouse Museum.

(b) Policy

Nil

(c) Legislative/Statutory

Under Section 355 (b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* a council may exercise its functions by a Committee of Council.

(d) Risk

Financial – ensuring the community knows that identified projects are subject to budget bids

Representative – ensuring the voice of community is heard, not just the voice of the Committee

Informational – ensuring the wider Whitton community is informed about Committee plans and progress.

CONSULTATION

(a) External

Committee members

(b) Internal

Manager Open Space & Recreation
Manager Cultural Services

LINK/S TO THE DELIVERY PROGRAM/OPERATIONAL PLAN (DPOP)

Under the Key Priority Area Outcome Six: STRONG LEADERSHIP within Council's adopted Delivery Program/Operational Plan – 19 - A community that speaks up and gets involved – 19 c - Provide a framework for inclusive decision-making – Support and report on Council's Section 355 Committees.

ATTACHMENTS

1 [↓](#) Whitton Town Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes - 1 JUNE 2021

WHITTON TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held at Whitton Hall on 01/06/2021

Agenda

1. Welcome from Chair and call for apologies
2. Adoption of previous minutes from most recent meeting held on 2 March 2021
3. Whitton Murals / Water Tower Project Update
4. Red's Butcher Shop and Vacant Blocks Update
5. Update re shade sails request for playground/skatepark area at Whitton Park
6. Update re request for information on use of old pool covers housed at Leeton Pool
7. Whitton Malt House Signage Update
8. Art Deco Way Touring Route Application
9. General Business
10. Meeting close

Meeting Commenced at 6.05pm

Present: Tracy Catlin, Lorraine & Craig Kefford, Margaret Strong, Andrew Creek, Ron DeMamiel, Barb Smith, Brent Lawrence, Cr Tony Ciccio, Mayor Paul Maytom

Apologies: Shannon Morriss, Lexi Hone, Cr Paul Smith.

Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held 01/03/2021 by L Kefford & M Strong.

Correspondence:

Matters Arising & General Business:

- The car collection on Benerembah St has been thinned out.
- The painting by Bill Jansen is now at the Museum.
- There have been funds allocated in the draft budget for the Whitton Cemetery. Paul has indicated he will continue to advocate for the cemetery.
- The Community notice board has been purchased and delivered with the Hall Committee funding the shortfall for the time being. A \$500 Select Harvest Grant has been applied for.
- Murals are about to start, (concept images provided). The water tower art installation is just waiting for construction certificate. (Footings are required). As well as the Murals there is preparation painting to be done which includes façade painting as per Heritage Advisor, Noel Thompson's advice. Other work includes fixing the awning on the Convenience Store and trim painting on Post Office.

- There are plans for more stages of the Leeton CBD Façade Painting Project to take place and Paul hopes to see Whitton included to give other buildings a facelift.
- The housing development idea still stands as a waiting project, needing either a developer or sufficient interest to get it started.
- Red's butcher shop was weed sprayed on 18th May, with a full-scale yard clean up to follow which will make it easier to maintain. It will be added to the parks and gardens roster. Paul had an extensive look around the building recently and salvaged documents that he will sort through and keep any that are significant and interesting. Paul has suggested retaining the building for its character. It could become a static display, that visitors could stop and look at, acknowledging Red's story and the Kelly history. The Council is still open to expressions of interest for the property's use. Tracy has suggested the Council needs to put up onsite advertising (real estate style), so it can be seen by passing traffic, this will potentially start conversations and get the message out there.
- Shade over play equipment- There is money in the draft budget for Whitton Park not sure what that has been earmarked for. Brent to check with Josh from Parks and Gardens. Paul visited the park and has noted damage to the skate park.
- Pool Covers – The old pool covers from Leeton are not suitable for use at Whitton pool. They need a heat source.
- Malthouse Signage – The RMS have finally given approval for the brown and white tourist signs for directions to the Malthouse. The Art Deco Way Touring Route (about 80kms) will see traffic directed from the highway through Narrandera, Yanco, Whitton (via back Whitton Rd), Darlington Point, back to highway (also in reverse).
- The Museum is currently closed to visitors because of the deterioration of the Courthouse wall and building. Volunteers are allowed in the museum, with the courthouse off limits. There is money in the budget to make it secure. Hopefully, this can be managed so that the rest of the Museum can be re-opened to the public.
- A new business is expected to open Sept/Oct in the Garage Shop in the main street. Deb Jansen is currently renovating the building and it will open selling antiques, upcycled furniture, art, garden art, man cave must haves, leadlighting and graphic design if she has time.
- The Hall recently received \$200 from the Essential Energy Community Halls Grants. The Hall also received \$500 to go towards a push floor sweeper, from the People of Post Grants.

Meeting Closed: Next Meeting Tuesday 7th September, 6pm at Whitton Community Hall.

**ITEM 8.10 MINUTES OF THE YANCO TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING -
10 MAY 2021**

RECORD NUMBER	21/274
RELATED FILE NUMBER	EF21/447/02
AUTHOR/S	Manager Visitor Services and Local Activation
APPROVER/S	Group Manager Activation

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the Minutes of the Yanco Town Improvement Committee meeting held on Monday 10 May 2021 (**Attachment 1**).

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Receives for information the Minutes of the Yanco Town Improvement Committee meeting held on Monday 10 May 2021.
 2. Endorses for membership of the Yanco Town Improvement Committee Barb Mansell, Hugh Milvain, Beryl Coelli, Pam Bonfield and Robert Hermes.
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REPORT

(a) Background

The former Yanco Progress Committee folded into the Yanco Town Hall Committee nearly a decade ago. It was recently resolved by the Yanco Hall Committee – on Council's recommendation – to re-establish a separate committee to ensure a stronger focus on town improvement.

The purpose of the Committee is to be a forum for engagement between the community of Yanco and Leeton Shire Council. To facilitate this purpose, the Committee holds meetings on a quarterly basis to discuss priorities for the Yanco community, and to develop and implement a Yanco Town Improvement Plan.

(b) Discussion

The Yanco Town Improvement Committee held a Committee Meeting on Monday 10 May 2021. Discussions took place regarding several matters including the:

- Horse trough – the committee was advised that the horse trough has been patched and last week sealed to finish the works.
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- Installation of kerbing on both sides of the centre islands (in front of Yanco Shop) – the Committee was advised that the 2021/22 budget does not include provision for these works. They were also advised that there had been no complaints received of drainage issues or people parking on the grass median. If this is becoming an issue Council could potentially look at reinstalling copper log fencing.
- Councillor Nardi suggested that mural artworks could be a great way to further improve the entrance to Yanco, with the side of the Yanco Hotel building as you drive in from Narrandera a potential location. Cr Nardi and the Manager Visitor Services and Local Activation are to meet onsite to discuss the matter.
- Cr Nardi and Mayor Maytom both suggested Yanco building owners in the main street could be included in the next stage of the Façade Painting Project.

(c) Options

Nil – This report is for information purposes only.

IMPLICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

(a) Financial

The Horse Trough Project was funded via the Infrastructure Drought Funding Round 3, which provided \$5,000 to complete the project.

\$191,895.23 is being carried over in the 2021/22 Leeton Shire Council Operational Budget for the CBD Façade Painting Project – Stage 2.

(b) Policy

Nil

(c) Legislative/Statutory

Under Section 355 (b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* a council may exercise its functions by a Committee of Council.

(d) Risk

Financial – ensuring community knows identified projects are subject to budget bids.

Representative – ensuring the voice of the Yanco community is heard, not just the voice of the committee

Informational – ensuring the community is kept informed about committee plans and progress.

CONSULTATION

(a) External

Advertisements calling for committee members to join the Yanco Town Improvement Committee were displayed at Yanco Shop and an initial

advertisement was placed in the Council News, in *The Irrigator*, when the Committee was re-established last year.

(b) Internal

Manager Roads & Drainage
Manager Cultural Services
Manager Special Projects

LINK/S TO THE DELIVERY PROGRAM/OPERATIONAL PLAN (DPOP)

Under the Key Priority Area Outcome Six: STRONG LEADERSHIP within Council's adopted Delivery Program/Operational Plan – 19 - A community that speaks up and gets involved – 19 c - Provide a framework for inclusive decision-making – Support and report on Council's Section 355 Committees".

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 [↓](#) Yanco Town Improvement Committee Minutes - 10 May 2021
- 2 [↓](#) Yanco Town Improvement Committee Membership Applications



YANCO VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

12.30pm, Monday 10 May 2021
Yanco Community Hall

1. Present:

Sarah Collis (Corporate & Community Planning Officer, Leeton Shire Council), Brent Lawrence (Manager Visitor Services and Local Activation, Leeton Shire Council), Paul Maytom (Mayor, Leeton Shire Council), Sandra Nardi (Councillor, Leeton Shire Council), Hugh Milvain, Yvonne Milvain, Mary Stevenson, Beryl Coelli, Terry Coelli and Pam Bonfield

2. Apologies

Mel Shepherd, Bob Hermes and Barb Mansell

3. Agenda Items

Endorsement of Applications to be members of Yanco Town Improvement Committee

Applications have now been completed by Barb Mansell, Hugh Milvain, Beryl Coelli, Pam Bonfield and Robert Hermes to officially join the Yanco Town Improvement Committee. These applications will be submitted to Council for endorsement.

Horse Trough

The committee were advised by Council's Manager Visitor Services and Local Activation (through an update from the Manager Special Projects) that the horse trough has been patched and last week sealed to finish the works.

The interpretative sign has been refurbished and will be installed on the front of the Horse Trough by 30 June. The dog trough is also to be fastened in place.

Installation of kerbing on both sides of the centre islands, in particular in front of Yanco

Shop

The committee were advised by Council's Manager Visitor Services and Local Activation (through an update from the Manager Roads and Drainage) and he has advised that this isn't budgeted for in the 2021-22 Financial Year.

He also advised that there had been no complaints received of drainage issues or people parking on the grass median. If this is becoming an issue with people driving on the grass Council could potentially look at reinstalling copper log fencing.



The Manager Roads and Drainage advised that Council could also look to identify grant funding opportunities for beautification of the medians. He also advised that there are residential streets with higher priority that face the median in Yanco that we could look at in the 2022/23 budget.

Community Ideas - Improvements

Members of the committee suggested the following be investigated:

- Councillor Nardi suggested that mural artworks could be a great way to further improve the entrance to Yanco, with the side of the Yanco Hotel building as you drive in from Narrandera a potential location. Cr Nardi and the Manager Visitor Services and Local Activation to meet onsite to discuss and further investigate.
- Cr Nardi and Mayor Maytom both raised the question regarding whether Yanco building owners in the main street could be included in the next stage of the Façade Painting Project that has been happening in the Leeton CBD. They informed the committee that they would raise this question at an upcoming Councillor workshop or Council meeting.
- Clock tower – was costed out at \$15,000 some time ago with no further action taken. Manager Visitor Services and Local Activation to follow up with Lockhart Shire Council to get some further information on the installation of their Clock Tower in their town's main street and report back to the Committee.

4. Date of Next Meeting

12.30pm on Monday 9 August 2021 at Yanco Community Hall.



**Council Committee
 Application for Membership Form**

Date: 8-2-21	
Name of Committee: YANCO VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE	
Your Name: BARB MANSELL	
Postal Address: 10 WILAC AVE LEETON NSW Postcode: 2705	
Telephone Number: 0427 532678	
Email Address: —	
Note: all communication will be by email —	
Please outline why you would like to be a member of this Committee:	
I'd like improvements and tourist attractions made known for visitors.	
Please outline any experience and/or qualifications you will bring to this Committee:	
Quite a few years on Yanco Hall Committee.	
Are you interested in an Officer Bearer's position on the Committee? If so, please outline the skills or experience you would bring to such a position.	
/	
Do you have any previous experience on Council's committees? Please circle	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Name of Committee:

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As a member of a Committee:

- Your name may be printed in the Reports of Committees and published on Council's Web Page
- Your name and contact details may also be made available to other Committee members.

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Applicant's Signature *B. Mansell*

Dated... 8-2-21

Section 355 Committees General: EF11/37



**Council Committee
 Application for Membership Form**

Date:	
Name of Committee: <i>YANCO Village Improvement Committee</i>	
Your Name: <i>PAM BONFIELD + Robert Hermes</i>	
Postal Address: <i>25 Main Ave YANCO</i> Postcode: <i>2703.</i>	
Telephone Number: <i>0417 622067</i>	
Email Address: <i>pbonfield@bigpond.net.au</i>	
Note: all communication will be by email	
Please outline why you would like to be a member of this Committee:	
<i>Interest in the YANCO Village on a whole. Especially in keeping our village clean and tidy</i>	
Please outline any experience and/or qualifications you will bring to this Committee:	
<i>Committee member of various sporting groups.</i>	
Are you interested in an Officer Bearer's position on the Committee? If so, please outline the skills or experience you would bring to such a position.	
<i>No.</i>	
Do you have any previous experience on Council's committees? Please circle	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Name of Committee:	

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Applicant's Signature.....*Bonfield*.....

Dated.....*8-2-21*.....

Section 355 Committees General: EF11/37



**Council Committee
 Application for Membership Form**

Date: <u>8-3-21</u>	
Name of Committee:	<u>YANCO TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE</u>
Your Name:	<u>HUGH JAMES MILVAIN</u>
Postal Address:	<u>PO BOX 45 YANCO</u> Postcode: <u>2703</u>
Telephone Number:	<u>6955 7163</u>
Email Address:	<u>_____</u>

Note: all communication will be by email

Please outline why you would like to be a member of this Committee:	
<u>I was a member of the old Progress Association Committee from 1965 - 1971 then work commitments became a problem and become active again in 2000 following retirement.</u>	
Please outline any experience and/or qualifications you will bring to this Committee:	
<u>The knowledge of the area and need, understanding of the procedures after working in association with local government for 30+ years.</u>	
Are you interested in an Officer Bearer's position on the Committee? If so, please outline the skills or experience you would bring to such a position.	
Do you have any previous experience on Council's committees? Please circle	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Name of Committee: <u>Budding Woods and Flood Management</u>	

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Applicant's Signature: Hugh Milvain Dated: 8-3-21
 Section 355 Committees General: EF11/37



**Council Committee
 Application for Membership Form**

Date:		
Name of Committee: <u>YANCO HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</u>		
Your Name: <u>BERYL COELL</u>		
Postal Address: <u>61A WADE AVE LEETON</u> Postcode: <u>2705</u>		
Telephone Number: <u>0490 031 881</u>		
Email Address: <u>—</u>		
Note: all communication will be by email		
Please outline why you would like to be a member of this Committee:		
<u>To WORK FOR THE BENEFIT of THE COMMUNITY.</u>		
Please outline any experience and/or qualifications you will bring to this Committee:		
<u>HAVE BEEN ON HALL CMTL 25yrs</u>		
Are you interested in an Officer Bearer's position on the Committee? If so, please outline the skills or experience you would bring to such a position. <u>NO.</u>		
Do you have any previous experience on Council's committees? Please circle	Yes No	Name of Committee:

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Applicant's Signature.....

Dated.....

Section 355 Committees General: EF11/37



**Council Committee
 Application for Membership Form**

Date: 8-3-21	
Name of Committee:	YANCO HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Your Name:	TERENCE COELLI
Postal Address:	61A WADE AVE LEETON Postcode: 2705
Telephone Number:	0490 031 880
Email Address:	-

Note: all communication will be by email

Please outline why you would like to be a member of this Committee:

WORKING FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

Please outline any experience and/or qualifications you will bring to this Committee:

Been on Hall Committee 25 yrs

Are you interested in an Officer Bearer's position on the Committee? If so, please outline the skills or experience you would bring to such a position. *no*

Do you have any previous experience on Council's committees? Please circle	Yes	No	Name of Committee:
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Applicant's Signature.....

Dated.....

Section 355 Committees General: EF11/37

COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORTS

ITEM 10.1 COUNCILLOR ACTIVITY REPORT

RECORD NUMBER	21/266
RELATED FILE NUMBER	EF10/130
AUTHOR	Executive Assistant to the General Manager and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council notes the Councillor Activity Reports for the period 1 July 2021 to 28 July 2021.

Cr Paul Maytom

2 July 2021	Miss Fisher and Crypt of Tears Exhibition Opening
6 July 2021	Quarterly Police Meeting with Narrandera Shire Council
7 July 2021	Sporting Walk of Fame Meeting
9 July 2021	MLHD Health Plan Meeting
13 July 2021	Leeton Connect Strategic Meeting, JumpStart Public Meeting and Gogeldrie Weir Masterplan Presentation
15 July 2021	Leeton Connect Board Meeting
16 July 2021	Leeton Multicultural Support Group FRRR Project Update Meeting and Leeton CBD Façade Painting Stage 1 Photo Opportunity
19 July 2021	Murray Darling Association Committee of Regional Chairs Meeting
21 July 2021	Sporting Walk of Fame Meeting and Leeton Men's Shed Meeting
26 July 2021	Murray Darling Association Region 9 Annual General Meeting and Ordinary Meeting and Public Health Meeting with Local Member Helen Dalton MP
27 July 2021	RAMJO Board Dinner
28 July 2021	RAMJO Board Meeting

Cr George Weston

8 July 2021	Bega Plant (Leeton) Site Visit
13 July 2021	Community Strategic Plan Consultation and Gogeldrie Weir Masterplan Presentation
14 July 2021	Community Strategic Plan Consultation
15 July 2021	SunRice Festival Meeting
16 July 2021	CBD Committee Meeting Roxy Forecourt Design Updated Plans and Leeton CBD Façade Painting Stage 1 Photo Opportunity
17 July 2021	Volunteer at Leeton Museum and Gallery

26 July 2021 Public Health Meeting with Local Member Helen Dalton
MP

Cr Tracey Morris

2 July 2021 Miss Fisher and Crypt of Tears Exhibition Opening
13 July 2021 Gogeldrie Weir Masterplan Presentation
15 July 2021 Community Strategic Plan Consultation
16 July 2021 Leeton CBD Façade Painting Stage 1 Photo Opportunity
17 July 2021 Leeton Park Run
24 July 2021 Leeton Park Run
26 July 2021 Public Health Meeting with Local Member Helen Dalton
MP

Cr Sandra Nardi

12 July 2021 Yanco Community Hall Committee Meeting
26 July 2021 Public Health Meeting with Local Member Helen Dalton
MP

Cr Tony Ciccio

12 July 2021 Community Strategic Plan Consultation
13 July 2021 Gogeldrie Weir Masterplan Presentation
14 July 2021 Community Strategic Plan Consultation
16 July 2021 CBD Committee Meeting Roxy Forecourt Design
Updated Plans

Cr Paul Smith

14 July 2021 Gogeldrie Weir Masterplan Presentation
15 July 2021 Community Strategic Plan Consultation
26 July 2021 Public Health Meeting with Local Member Helen Dalton
MP

Cr Tony Reneker

2 July 2021 Miss Fisher and Crypt of Tears Exhibition Opening and
Sporting Walk of Fame Meeting
7 July 2021 Sporting Walk of Fame Meeting
12 July 2021 Community Strategic Plan Consultations
14 July 2021 Volunteer at Leeton Museum and Gallery
16 July 2021 CBD Committee Meeting Roxy Forecourt Design
Updated Plans
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