



New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council
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NEW ENGLAND WEEDS AUTHORITY

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Dear Councillors,

You are requested to attend the Ordinary Meeting of the New England Tablelands County Council to be held at the Uralla Shire Council Chambers at 32 Salisbury Street, Uralla (or on-line) on,

Tuesday, 15th June 2021 at 9:00 am

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Wilcox".

Glenn Wilcox
Acting General Manager

AGENDA

Ordinary Meeting Commencing at 9am Tuesday 15th June 2021

- 1.0 PRESENT**
- 2.0 APOLOGIES**
- 3.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
- 4.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 21 APRIL 2021**
- 5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 21st APRIL 2021**
- 6.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
- 7.0 GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS**
 - 7.1 ADOPTION OF THE 2020/2021 OPERATIONAL PLAN & ESTIMATES SUBMISSIONS**
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 - 11.1 DRAFT NEW ENGLAND WEEDS AUTHORITY ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2021-2022**

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 21st APRIL 2021

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council held on 21st April 2021, copies of which have been distributed to all members, are taken as read and confirmed a true record.

Minutes of the Meeting of 21st April 2021

PRESENT: Councillor M. Dusting - Chairperson, Councillor S. Kermode, Councillor A Murat, Councillor M O'Connor, Councillor J Galletly, Councillor C Sparks.

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager (Acting) Mr Glenn Wilcox, Biosecurity Officer, Mr Trent McIntyre.

APOLOGIES:

Nil.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2020.

69/20 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Murat / Sparks

that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the New England Tablelands (Noxious Plants) County Council held on 9th March 2021, copies of which have been distributed to all members, are taken as read and confirmed a true record.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2021.

Nil.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair advised of the following:

At our last meeting we had a change of structure to bring Glen Innes Severn Council into the County Council officially and become a valued member of New England Weeds Authority. It is also a positive that we are meeting at Glen Innes today and ensuring that our organisation is visible to our member Councils, but also to the public and press.

New England Weeds Authority is a quiet achiever and sometimes this has drawbacks in that our member Councils do not understand our role and the staff in the Councils do not see what we do.

We have invited Glen Innes Severn Councillors and the General Manager to attend through our Councillor Sparks and Mayor of Glen Innes Severn Council.

Since our last meeting in March we have undergone a change of senior staff and I would like to welcome officially Mr Glenn Wilcox as our Acting General Manager.

As we can see from today's business paper and the workshop to be held, that a large amount of work has been undertaken to review the authority, to ensure we are compliant with the Office of Local Government expectations, those of our Auditors and to develop our staff along the way.

Today we will review the Annual Operational Plan which has been reformatted to make reporting of activities easier and to provide for the next financial year's budget.

The budget is in the positive subject to grants continuing and the major inclusion is the \$1 Million Loan to be applied for to develop the new Depot and Office facility at the Armidale Airport subdivision.

For the public, Council will also be holding a strategic workshop following today's meeting to start to plan future directions. These include the advertising for a permanent General Manager, Councillor consideration of and training under the Model Code of Conduct, any changes to the Model Code of Meeting Practice as we have a new member, a consideration of the staff structure and gaining an understanding of our internal and external risks.

I would like to thank our hosts, Glen Innes Severn Council and the support they have shown towards our organisation.

70/20 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillors Murat / O'Connor

That the Chairs report be received and noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Item 7.1.1 NEW ENGLAND WEEDS AUTHORITY ANNUAL OPERATIONAL PLAN 2021-2022

71/20 Resolved On the Motion of Councillors Murat / O'Connor

1. That the Draft New England Weeds Authority Annual Operational Plan 2021-2022 be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993.
2. That following the conclusion of the public exhibition period a further report be presented to Council on submissions received and for the adoption of the Draft New England Weeds Authority Annual Operational Plan 2021-2022.
3. That the constituent member Councils of Armidale Regional, Glen Innes Severn, Walcha and Uralla be provided with a copy of the Draft New England Weeds Authority Annual Operational Plan 2021-2022 for comment.
4. That Inverell Shire Council be provided with a copy of the Draft New England Weeds Authority Annual Operational Plan 2021-2022 for comment.

ITEM 7.1.2 AUDIT OFFICE OF NSW – AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 2021

72/20 Resolved On the Motion of Councillors Sparks / Murat

That the report on the Audit process of Council's financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2021 be received and noted.

ITEM 7.1.3 MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT 2020 & MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT PROCEDURES 2020

73/20 Resolved On the Motion of Councillors Galletly / Murat

That Council adopt the Model Code of Conduct 2020 and the Model Code of Conduct Procedures 2020 as required under Clause 440 the Local Government Act 1993 as amended and Regulations thereto.

ITEM 7.1.4 DRAFT NEWA WORK FORCE PLAN AND STRATEGY

74/20 Resolved On the Motion of Councillors Murat / Sparks

1. That Council adopt the Draft Work Force Plan and Strategy,
2. That Council write to the Union Groups advising of the Workforce Plan and Strategy as required by the Local Government Award,
3. That Council publically display the Work Force Plan and Strategy as required by the Local Government Act; and
4. Submit a Report to Council following the display period.

ITEM 7.1.5 REVIEW & UPDATE OF NEWA LOCAL POLICIES

75/20 Resolved On the Motion of Councillors Kermode / Murat

1. That Council undertake a review of its Draft Local Policies in accordance with section 165 Local Government Act 1993,
2. That Council undertake amendments as required to its policies;
3. That Council advertised all policies for a period of 40 days to allow for public comment; and
4. That Council consider all public comments at the time of adopting any policy.

ITEM 7.1.6 INVESTED FUNDS REPORT

76/20 Resolved On the Motion of Councillors Murat / Galletly

1. That the report indicating Council's Fund Management position be received and noted.
2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.

ITEM 7.1.7 MARCH 2021 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

77/20 Resolved On the Motion of Councillors Murat / Galletly

That Council adopt the March 2021 Quarterly Budget Review and approve the proposed Budget variations.

WEED CONTROL MATTERS

Item 7.2.1 2020/2021 WEEDS ACTION PROGRAM

78/20 Resolved On the Motion of Councillors Murat / O'Connor

That the report on the 2020/2021 Weeds Action Program report be received and noted.

ITEM 8 MATTERS OF URGENCY

79/20 Resolved On the Motion of Councillors O'Connor / Sparks

That Council approve the Delegations of Authority Policy and Delegations to the General Manager.

80/20 Resolved On the Motion of Councillors O'Connor / Murat

Tropical Soda Apple Grants

That Council investigate and prepare grant applications if possible with Kempsey Shire Council for the control and eradication of Tropical Soda Apple along the Macleay River.

Councillor Kermode recorded his vote against the motion.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th June, 2021 at 9:00am at Uralla Council

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10:15am.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

7.1 ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS

7.1.1 ADOPTION OF THE 2021/2022 OPERATIONAL PLAN & ESTIMATES SUBMISSIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the 2021/2022 Operational Plan & Estimates.

PURPOSE

To adopt the 2021/2022 Operational Plan & Estimates after giving due consideration to submissions received through the advertising period.

BACKGROUND

It is a requirement under Section 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993 for Council to adopt an Operational Plan and Estimates for the ensuing year after giving due consideration to all submissions lodged.

REPORT

The Draft 2021/2022 Operational Plan & Estimates were advertised in the newspapers circulating across the NEWA region and on Council's website from Monday 26th April 2021 until closing at 5pm on Monday 31st May 2021.

Council received no submissions on the Draft 2021/2022 Operational Plan & Estimates.

There have been no alterations to the Draft 2021/2022 Operational Plan. The Inverell Shire Council – Memorandum of Understanding has been signed however No changes have been made to the 2021/2022 Estimates document that was presented to Council in March 2021. Any adjustments required due to the MOU income and expenditure will be undertaken at the first quarterly review.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Additional resources and staff costing will occur under the Inverell agreement although this will be a balanced budget cost.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS Nil RISK IMPLICATIONS

N/A

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Council has advertised its Draft Operational Plan.

OPTIONS

N/A

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the 2021/2022 Operational Plan & Estimates be adopted.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Timely and accurate reporting for efficient management and accountability.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION / ATTACHMENTS

Operational Plan 2021-2022

7.1.2 POLICIES

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council display all draft policies to the public and
2. Subject to no substantial matters being raised about one or any policy by the public that Council adopt the policies.

Background

Council at its April Meeting Resolved:

75/20 Resolved *On the Motion of Councillors Kermode / Murat*

1. That Council undertake a review of its Draft Local Policies in accordance with section 165 Local Government Act 1993,
2. That Council undertake amendments as required to its policies;
3. That Council advertised all policies for a period of 40 days to allow for public comment; and
4. That Council consider all public comments at the time of adopting any policy.

Report

Councillors have been requested to raise any policy items with the General Manager to discuss these at a workshop. At the time of writing this report one request to discuss the Procurement Policy has been received. This policy should be discussed at this time and a workshop undertaken if further detail is required.

Subject to matters raised at the meeting, the recommendation requests that the policies are advertised and if no substantial matter is raised in one or more policies that Council adopts the policies.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None identified

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The Local Government Act 1993 requires Local Policies to be advertised.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Council will advertised its Draft Policies for comment.

OPTIONS

N/A

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Draft Policies are advertised and if no substantial comments are received that the policies are adopted.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION / ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

7.1.3 NEWA DEPOT AND OFFICE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That Council note that the Development Application was lodged via the NSW Planning Portal on Tuesday 11th May 2021.**

Background

Council has placed a deposit on land at the Armidale Airport Industrial estate to purchase an allotment for the construction of a Depot and Office / amenities buildings.

Report

This report is to bring Councillors and the Public up to date as to the progress of the purchase of land and the development approval process that is required to construct a new depot and office development.

On Tuesday 11th May 2021 Council submitted a Development Application via the NSW Government Portal. This is now the standard method for all residents and businesses to submit an application.

A meeting was held with Armidale Regional Council planning staff prior to the DA lodgement to comply with the contract conditions and also to discuss areas of concern around use of the site, its classification and long term development. NEWA will agree to special conditions or a revised S88B instrument on the land to prevent subdivision and changes of use to ensure that this development complies with the intention of the planning legislation.

It is expected that the DA should be released in June.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council has prepared plans as part of the development application and it has been required to pay for the development application lodgement. To date the total costs are \$2,892. The costs of preparing the Statement of Environmental Effects and other required documents have been undertaken in house but would amount to approximately \$2,200.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The development approval process is a requirement under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and a condition Armidale Regional Council has included in the contract of sale.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The development approval process must meet statutory requirements to proceed. Armidale Regional Council may refuse the application, approve the application with conditions or approve the application with nil conditions.

As the applicant, NEWA may appeal the conditions or a refusal or take the matter to the Land and Environment Court.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Armidale Regional Council may wish to advertise the development to the public. As the surrounding land owner and no conflict of interest exists with neighbouring properties the development technically would not require advertising.

OPTIONS

N/A

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council note the progress of its application to date and await the issue of the development consent.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION / ATTACHMENTS

Nil

7.1.4 ADVERTISE AND APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That Council note the Appointment of LGNSW to undertake the advertising and appointment process for a new General Manager as per its Policy.**

Background

Council has appointed an Interim General Manager since March to act in the position and to make changes to bring NEWA up to the standard expected by Council and the community. An aspect of this position is to initiate the process to appoint a permanent General Manager.

Report

Following discussions at Councils April 2021 meeting, a quotation was sought and discussion was held with LGNSW (NEWA's Industry body) about the costs associated with the advertising and appointment of a new general manager.

An online request was made of all Councillors to advice of their acceptance or otherwise. Councillors raised questions and an answer was distributed. Councillor acceptance was unanimous.

The Chairman and acting General Manager discussed the process of appointment under Councils draft policy and contacted Mr Mark Anderson at LGNSW to commence the recruitment process. Councillors had previously been provided with a copy of the General Managers Position Description and performance indicators. A minor amendment was made to these to strengthen the requirements around work health and safety following discussion with Council's insurer State-Cover.

The advertising process was limited to web sites that are read by the majority of people looking towards jobs in local government to reduce costs and gain the widest exposure to the advertising. Advertising commenced on 28th May 2021 and close on 10th June 2021.

The process of appointing a general manager will follow Councils draft Policy – Appointment and Oversight of the General Manager.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The appointment of a general manager will be funded from existing budget allocations. It is estimated that the total cost will be approximately \$10,000.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The NSW Local Government Act 1993 as amended, requires a Council to appoint a general manager. Council may appoint an acting general manager for a period no longer than 12 months. Council's present contract with the acting general manager is for three months but no longer than six months.

Should Council need to readvertise the position, then available time exists for this to occur under its current agreement.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

The position of General Manager shall be advertised across NSW and Australia via websites that specialise in local government jobs.

OPTIONS

N/A – the Local Government Act 1993 as amended requires Council to appoint a general manager.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council note the appointment of LGNSW to undertake its advertising and assist in the appointment of a new general manager.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION / ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

7.1.5 AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING - CANCELLATION

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That Council Cancel its proposed August 2021 Council Meeting due to being in Caretaker Mode prior to the NSW Local Government Elections,**
- 2. Council hold a Special Council Meeting in either June or July for the appointment of a new General Manager if required, and**
- 3. Council hold a meeting in October 2021 with the newly appointed councillors.**

Background

Council has placed on its meeting calendar an August 2021 meeting.

Report

This report is to request Council to cancel its proposed August 2021 Council meeting and hold an ordinary meeting in October 2021 following the NSW Local Government Elections.

Council will go into caretaker mode a month before the 5th September 2021 Local Government elections and as such cannot make decisions that may commit a future council.

Council will be required to hold a Special Council Meeting in June or July to potentially appoint a new General Manager and at this meeting other business on the Agenda can be discussed and decisions made.

Due to changes in the Audit process and the reporting back to Council by the Auditor General, it is suggested that this will not occur until October 2021 and Council would review the Annual Report and the Audit statements for public display on its website by the end of November.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The cancellation of this meeting will comply with the total minimum number of council meetings to be held annually by a county council.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Risk is considered Low as Council will hold a Special Council meeting and other agenda items can be included if advised to the public.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

N/a

OPTIONS

N/A

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council cancel the proposed August Council meeting as it is in caretaker mode and decisions made cannot commit a future council.
That any items requiring Councils attention be presented at a special council meeting.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION / ATTACHMENTS

Nil

7.1.6 INVESTED FUNDS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the report indicating Council's Fund Management position be received and noted.**
- 2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.**

Introduction

The Local Government (General) Regulation, Clause 212, requires that the Responsible Accounting Officer must provide Council with a written report setting out all money Council has invested under Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, up to the last day of the Month immediately preceding the meeting.

Report

Included in this report are the following items that highlight Council's Investment Portfolio Performance for the period ending 31 March 2021 and an update of the investment environment:

- a) Councils Investments for reporting period 1 April 2021 – 31 May 2021;
- b) Investment Portfolio Performance and
- c) Investment Commentary.

Financial Impact

The actual interest earned for the April to May 2021 period is \$3.55 bringing the year to date total to \$7,007.02

- a) Council's Investments for reporting period 1 April 2021 – 31 May 2021

Commonwealth Bank Business Online Saver:

As at	Rate	Balance	Interest
31 May 2021	0.1%	\$76,114.27	\$3.55

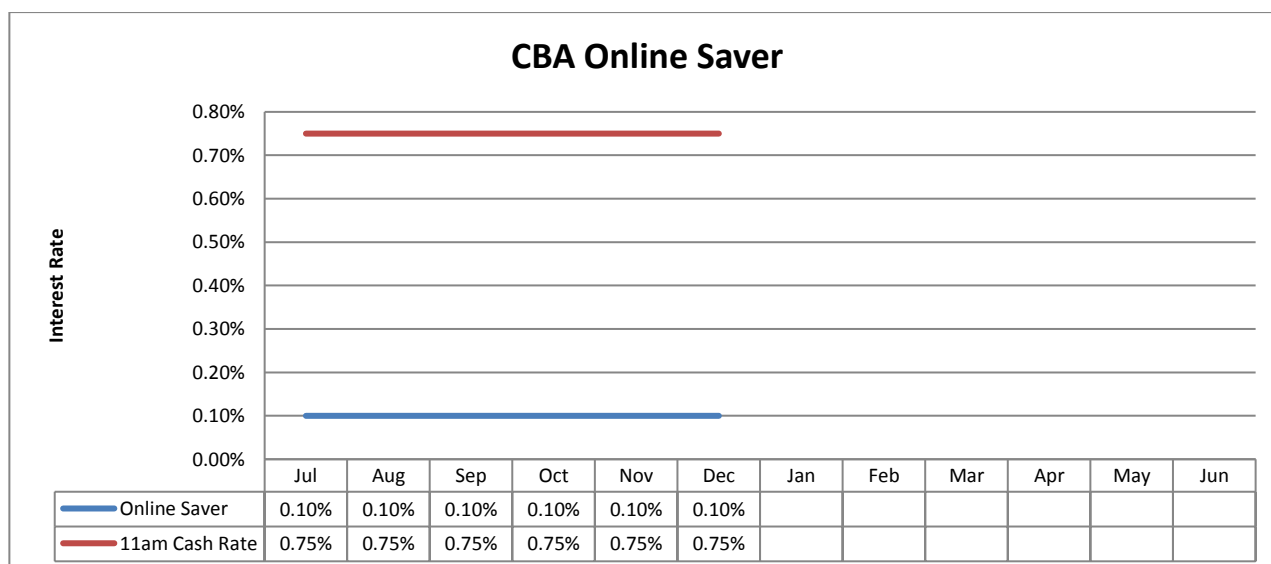
Term Deposits:

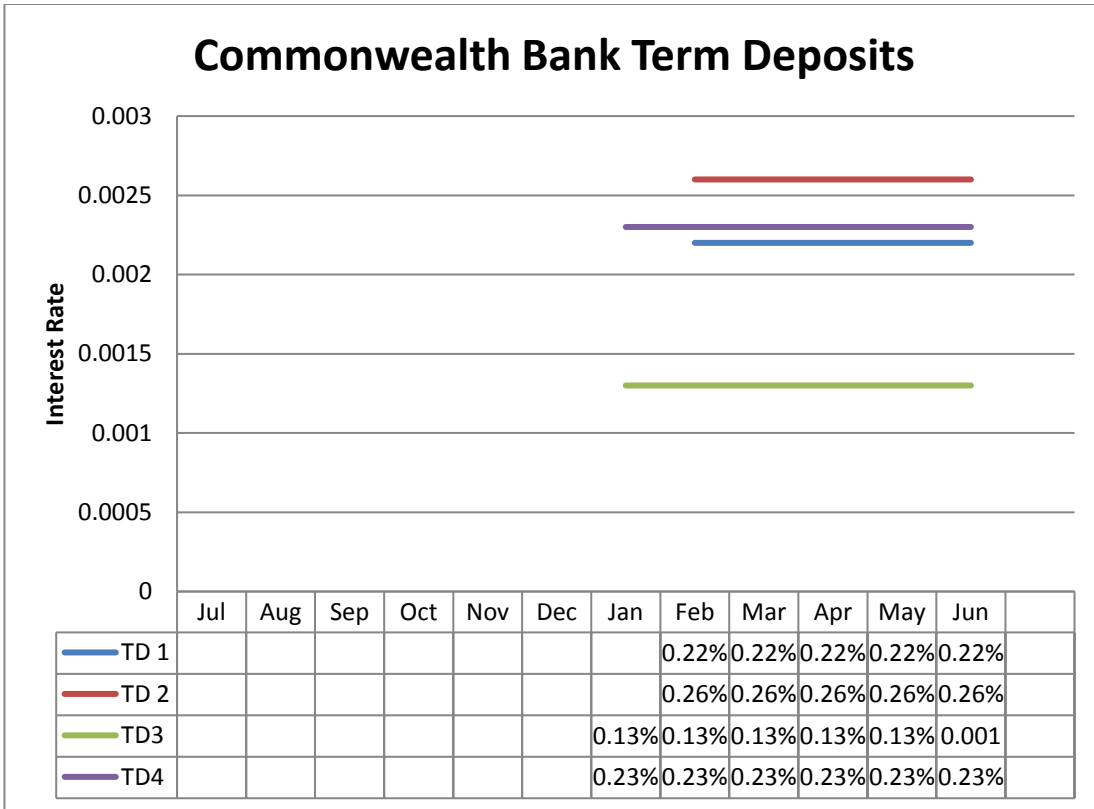
Commonwealth Bank Term Deposits

Term Deposit	Opened	Due	Rate	Term Deposit	31-May-21	Interest accrued to 31 May 2021
1	23/02/2021	21/10/2021	0.22%	\$501,230.56	\$501,230.56	\$184.22
2	4/02/2021	4/02/2022	0.26%	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$217.16
3	4/01/2021	3/06/2021	0.13%	\$501,306.85	\$501,306.85	\$108.89
4	29/01/2021	28/07/2021	0.23%	\$501,328.63	\$501,328.63	\$192.15
					\$ 2,003,866.04	\$ 702.42

a) Investment Portfolio Performance

Council's Investment Policy provides for the benchmarking of its investments against the 11am Cash Rate and the Australian Financial Markets Association Bank Bill Rate. The following tables detail Council's Investment Portfolio Performance.





b) Investment Commentary

The Investment Portfolio continues to reflect the Reserve Bank’s current position on interest rates at 0.75%. The returns on investments to date are in line with budget forecasts.

Certification – Responsible Accounting Officer.

I hereby certify that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council’s Investment Policy.

Responsible Accounting Officer: John Duggan

8.0 WEED CONTROL MATTERS

8.1 2020/2021 WEEDS ACTION PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report on the 2020/2021 Weeds Action Program report be received and noted.

Private Property Inspections – Weeds Action Program 2020/2021

Inspections have generally been carried out on a complaints only basis in the rural areas for this quarter due to staffing constraints. The mapping of Invasive Grasses as part of a GLENRAC project has commenced in the GISC area, as well as aerial mapping of Honey Locust on the lower Mann River (Wyaliba/Newton Boyd) using remotely piloted vehicles (drones).

The northern side of the Macleay Valley has been reinspected for Tropical Soda Apple as part of the ARC Drought Funded Grant Project, however, access to the southern side of the river has been impossible due to river heights.

Bio-security Officers have attended 10 extensions events including Ladies in Livestock (NTLLS), Timeout with Friends (SNELCC) and Smoko with Friends (GLENRAC), as well as the local agricultural shows

The office has been receiving many enquiries about seasonal annuals (Fleabane, stinking roger etc.). At this stage no new incursions have been found and the 2021 spring/summer season will be the key time in regards to new incursions. Bio-security Officers will have a strong focus on Parthenium Weed in particular.

Inspection Targets 2020/2021

2020/21 DIVISION	TOTAL PROPERTIES	AVE PER MONTH	TOTAL 2020/21 TO DATE	Total Area Completed %
Armidale (B)	520	43	372	71
Uralla (B)	620	52	516	83
Walcha (B)	275	23	117	42
Glen Innes (B)	396	33	390	99

Weeds Action Plan Regional Measurable Outcomes, Inspections/ NEWA

These targets will be based on the amount of funding received from NSW DPI under the Weeds Action Program 2020 – 2025.

Inspections	Number	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
Nurseries	8		2	1	1
Rural Outlets	7	2	1	2	
ARTC - No.	5				1
ARTC - Ha.	0				25
Weekend Markets	3			1	
Nat Parks/Reserves - No.	4			2	1
Aquaria/Pet shops	2			1	
TSR Reserves - No.	5				3
TSR Reserves - Ha.	0				76
Gravel Quarries	31				
Machinery Dealers	1				
Recreational Areas - No.	10		10		
Recreational Areas - Ha.	0				
Wetlands / Dams / Lagoons	4				1
Saleyards	2				
Machinery Washdown Bays	2				
Roadside Truck Stops	2				
No Booklets to New Landowners	55				
Private Property High Risk areas - No.	173	127	28		
Private Property High Risk areas - Ha.	100,000	11598	2540		
PP HR Re inspections - No.	100	23	9		21
PP HR Re inspections - Ha.	20,000	5776	111		8592
Roadside Inspections High Risk Pathways - Km.	640		500	240	
Roadside Inspections High Risk Pathways - Ha.	12,800		2000	960	
Waterways High Risk Pathways - No.	20		2	1	
Waterways High Risk Pathways - Ha.	4000		512	50	
Private Property Inspections - No.	1000	155	25	34	201
Private Property Inspections - Ha.	200,000	13155	6249	10	72834
Private Property Re Inspections - No.	120		30	18	
Private Property Re Inspections - Ha.	22,000		12		
Private property Waterways - No.	0				
Private property Waterways - Ha.	0				
Roadside Inspections - Km.	3,489	500		1250	
Roadside Inspections - Ha.	69,780	2,000		5000	
Landowners Contacted/ Inspection Process	1,125				
Stakeholders/Coordinated Programs	250				
Other Council Lands - No.	0			4	
Other Council Lands - Ha.	0			35	
TSRs - No.	1				
TSRs - Ha.	2				

Weed Recording, Mapping, Survey and Reporting Activities

Date	Activity	Details
	IntraMaps	Ongoing
	Navman	Ongoing
17 th May 2021	Honey Locust Mapping - GLENRAC	Mapping of Honey Locust along Mann River using RPA
May 2021	Invasive Grasses Mapping - GLENRAC	Mapping of Invasive grasses in GISC

Communication, Education, Extension and Publicity Activities

Extension Activities this year will be carried out in the following areas:

Extension Activity	Council Area	Date Achieved
Armidale Show 5,6 March 2021	Armidale Regional	6 March 2021
Guyra Show 19, 20 February 2021	Armidale Regional	20 Feb 2021
Uralla Show	Uralla	Cancelled
Walcha Show 12,13 March 2021	Walcha	13 March 2021
Glen Innes Show 12, 13, 14 February 2021	Glen Innes	14 Feb 2021

Opportunities that become available through our association with Landcare and GLENRAC will continue to be utilised. Stands at saleyards, and static displays will also be carried out.

Weeds Action Program Regional Measurable Outcomes, Extension/ NEWA

Extension		Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
School Visits	2				
Field Days	4		2		4
Media Releases	8	3	1	3	2
Team Talk Meetings	4	1	1	2	2
Ag Quip	1	0			
Shows/Expos	3			4	
Landcare Events	4	4	4	3	6
Other	3				

Operational Program –

Priority Blackberry roads treated. Wet March/ early April frost limited our time to get over the remainder of the roads. The treatment of Tropical Soda Apple in the Macleay Valley commenced in March. The wet conditions have made it impossible to get across the river at this stage. Cats Claw Creeper, Tropical Soda Apple and Lantana treated for Dept. Crown Lands at Carols Creek/Macleay River. Commenced treatment of Lantana from Georges Junction up stream to East Kunderang as part of the Gondwana Shield project. NEWA assisted Bellingen Shire Council to treat Red Cestrum at two locations near Cascade, North East of Dorrigo. Guide Posts and Fog lines sprayed on local and Regional roads for Walcha Council

9 MATTERS OF URGENCY

10 NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 12 October 2021 at 9:00 am.

11 ATTACHMENTS

11.1 Draft New England Weeds Authority Annual Operational Plan 2021 - 2022.