

PRESENT: Cr Kathryn Rindfleish* (Chairperson), Mrs Robyn Hennessy, Mrs Sallie Weatherall, Mr David Hunter, Ms Kim Ellis and Ms Suelyn Tighe.

** Attendance via Zoom video conference.*

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Nicole Benson (Manager Urban Services & Facilities).

APOLOGIES: Cr Kodi Brady, Mr Brett England, Mrs Paula Duggan, Mrs Fay Chapman, Mr Gary Murphy (Director Technical Services) and Ms Sharmaine Kennedy (Pool Supervisor).

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3/2223 RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Coonabarabran Swimming Pool Advisory Committee meeting held on 3 August 2022 be confirmed.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5

The MUSF outlined the application for the Shire wide pool upgrades under the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5. Funds to complete upgrades across the Shire including automatic disinfecting dosing systems at Baradine, Binnaway and Coonabarabran; electrical compliance upgrades and pipes and pump upgrades have been applied for. The application was for just over \$500,000 with the actual spend around \$380,000 once the contingency and project management were taken out. It was noted that the amount of funding allocated by the Government, if successful may differ from this.

b) Resources for Regions Fund Round 9

- The MUSF explained the Resources for Regions Round 9 application for the swimming pool upgrade. Funds of around \$200,000 are being sought to develop a Master Plan for the pool as well as to complete the investigative works that will enable designs to be completed. This will ensure the project is shovel ready for future funding opportunities to aid the construction and upgraded works.
- The Committee expressed their gratitude for the work that had been done on the funding applications and members are hopeful for a positive outcome for both applications. The MUSF thanked the Committee for their support and the letters of support that had been provided so far.
- Timing of grants was discussed. Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5 closed Friday 23 September 2022 at 5.00pm and the Resources for Regions Round 9 closes at 5.00pm on Friday 30 September 2022. Announcements are said to be made from November 2022.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The following items were discussed without resolution:

- The stormwater issue was discussed and it was noted that it will be looked at as part of investigations that need to occur in the development of the pool designs. The issue is greater than the pool site and a holistic approach needs to be taken for all land above the pool that drains in that direction.

- The state of the pools was discussed in that the pools at Baradine, Binnaway and Coonabarabran do not presently meet the Public Health Regulations. One of the main elements of the Stronger Country Communities application is the installation of the dosing systems at Baradine, Binnaway and Coonabarabran. The MUSF advised the Committee that Council had been liaising with Public Health about what Council needs to do to continue to operate the pools safely. A work plan from Council on the installation of the dosing systems, and a heightened water testing regime had been discussed and endorsed by Council.
- Letters of support for the Resources for Regions application were discussed and Council will provide some hard copy templates for people to complete at the front counter tomorrow. They are required by 12.00pm on Friday 30 September 2022 to ensure they make the application.
- Fundraising for the future upgrade works was discussed. Some ideas included markets, events on a swimming club night when there's a captive audience or a celebration of the pool's 70th birthday. Ideally any celebration would be in the warmer weather.
- Committee members asked what they could do to assist with the application and then the development of the Master Plan and design plans. MUSF said that once the funding is announced and a consultant is engaged, there will be extensive community engagement. This is usually through drop in sessions, targeted engagement, surveys etc and that the members simply spreading the word and identifying groups that need to be involved will be a great benefit.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.22pm.

The next meeting will be held in the Gallery Meeting Room, Coonabarabran on Wednesday, 23 November 2022 commencing at 5.00pm.

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CHAIRPERSON