



Ordinary Meeting of Council

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

**Thursday 23 June 2022
4.00pm
Council Chambers
209 Comur Street, Yass**

PRAYER:

All Stand:

Mayor:

Let us be still and remember the presence of God. As we commence our meeting let us together pray for guidance and help.

All say together:

Almighty God, we ask your blessing upon this Council.

Direct and prosper our deliberations to the true welfare of Australia and the people of Yass Valley Amen.

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6.11 SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT - INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING DOCUMENTS

SUMMARY

To present a supplementary report on several late and misplaced submissions relating to the Integrated Planning & Reporting Documents.

RECOMMENDATION

That the additional submissions received on the Integrated Planning & Reporting Documents be considered with all other submissions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are contained with the documents which are presented in this report.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

- *Local Government Act 1993*
- *Local Government Regulations 2005*
- *Local Government Amendment (Governance & Planning) Act 2016*
- Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

REPORT

Further to the report on the Integrated Planning & Reporting Documents there have been several late and misplaced submissions (refer **Attachment A**) raising issues not dealt with in the original report.

The issues raised in these submissions are discussed as follows:

- **Public Transport Around Yass**

Public transport is a State Government responsibility. Council can continue to advocate for improved public transport with the State Government. Community transport for eligible persons in Yass Valley is provided by Valmar.
- **Planning for Binalong**

Council has committed to undertake the preparation for masterplans for all villages in Yass Valley. Work is currently being undertaken for Wee Jasper and Bookham. Binalong and Bowning are planned to follow the current projects. Each of the villages will also be considered in the review of the Settlement Strategy.
- **Binalong Waste Transfer Station**

The recent closure of the Binalong Waste Transfer Station was necessary due to illegal dumping of asbestos. The asbestos has been cleaned up and the transfer station reopened. The delay in opening was due to the need to secure an appropriately qualified contractor and a fire at the Bald Hills Tip.
- **Economic Development**

Destination Southern NSW have made several suggestions for 'Our Economy' actions in the Delivery Program to be aligned with their strategic documents. The Delivery Program can be amended to incorporate these suggestions.
- **Streamlining Approvals for Businesses**

Many of the planning and building controls for new businesses as set by the State Government. Council can advocate for the Department of Planning & Environment to review controls with a view to reducing 'red tape'. Service NSW also have a concierge service to assist businesses with Development

Applications. They will if needed make representations to Council on behalf of the business owners regarding their development.

- **Water Security**

Council has commenced projects relating to water security including the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan and Water Source Strategy. These projects are due to be completed in the next financial year.

- **Agritourism**

New State Government controls are being introduced to streamline the process for agritourism proposals.

- **Murrumbateman Bypass**

Council will continue to advocate for the Murrumbateman Bypass to be a priority due to the increase in subdivision approvals and the new primary school (due to open in 2023).

- **Heritage Buildings**

Planning controls are in place for the retention and restoration for identified heritage buildings (including the Old Murrumbateman School and School House). The buildings are on Crown Land and a Plan of Management is needed for the site to enable grants for restoration works to be undertaken.

- **Management Leadership**

Executive Management and Councillors have recommenced visits to villages throughout Yass Valley following the lifting of COVID restrictions. This will continue during this term of Council.

- **Asset Management – Old Murrumbateman School and School House**

The building is on Crown Land and any works associated with the building will need to be grant funded. A Plan of Management is also required to support an application for grant funding.

- **Parks Maintenance**

A submission indicates the additional Parks Maintenance Team should include two qualified arborists and horticulturist to manage tree assessments prior to removal. The additional team included in the 2022/23 Operational Plan is for general maintenance. Specialist arboriculture staff will be considered as part of future staffing. Tree assessments are completed by trained staff and consultants in accordance with appropriate standards, legislation and industry best practice.

- **Road Patching**

A preference has been expressed for using the road patching plant on local roads in preference to State and Regional Roads. Council prioritises road patching across the entire network. Council is responsible for the maintenance of Regional Roads and is contracted to undertaking work funded by TfNSW on State Roads (Lachlan Valley and Burley Griffin Ways only). State Roads key transport links for the Yass Valley Community and as such Council considers involvement in their maintenance to be important.

- **Browne Street Drainage**

A submission seeks stormwater drainage improvements to the culvert in Browne Street. While a possible solution has been identified it has been assessed as a low priority for works in the Yass Floodplain Risk Management Study and Report (July 2021) and one of seven sites where the 20% AEP requirements were not met. As the risk was low and the likely damage was low any works would not be eligible for funding under the floodplain risk management program and were not included in the Floodplain Risk Management Plan.

- **Swimming Pool and Caravan Park Asset Management Plan**

A concern has been raised that the Asset Management Plan for the Swimming Pool and Caravan Park should be separated. They are included in the same plan as they are part of the same Crown Land site, and both are Council business enterprises.

- **Asset Management Planning**

A submission indicates that Council needs to ensure that asset management needs to better reflect the development growth expected in Yass Valley. This is acknowledged as an objective for asset management and the plans will continue to be developed and refined.

- **Loss of Parking in Comur Street**

A concern has been raised in relation to the loss of car parking in the mainstreet for landscaping, pedestrian crossings and outdoor dining. These matters are currently being examined in the Masterplan for the mainstreet.

- **Library Services in Murrumbateman**

The closure of the library in the Old Murrumbateman School Building was due to the low level of use and the building not complying with contemporary standards for access and fire safety. The service was replaced by increasing the visits by the mobile library however the COVID restriction resulted in a suspension of the service. With the lifting of the restrictions the mobile service is planned to recommence.

- **Playground for Murrumbateman**

The need for a playground in Murrumbateman has been identified and received an election promise for a grant toward the establishment of such a playground. The current project to develop an Open Space Strategy for Yass Valley will assist with identifying a site.

Council's application for an Additional Special Rate Variation has been approved by IPART. The purpose of this application was to ensure rate pegging increases aligned with the projections in Council's Long Term Financial Plan.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Key Pillar	5. Our Civic Leadership
CSP Strategy	CL1 - Effect resourceful and respectful leadership and attentive representation of the community
Delivery Program Action	CL1.4 - Be compliant, more efficient and effective
Operational Plan Activity	CL1.4.6 - Conduct the Local Government elections in accordance with the relevant legislation

ATTACHMENTS: A. Additional Submissions (*Under Separate Cover*)