

# AGENDA

# UNSCHEDULED MEETING OF COUNCIL

Friday, 22 April 2022

To be held Swan Hill Town Hall McCallum Street, Swan Hill Commencing at 2pm

COUNCIL:

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# **SECTION A – PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

- Open
- Acknowledgement of Country
- Prayer
- Apologies
- Declarations of Conflict of Interest

#### **SECTION B – REPORTS**

#### B.22.36 LOCAL ROADS COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND ROUND 1

Responsible Officer:	Director Development and Planning
File Number:	S17-02-01
Attachments:	Nil

#### **Declarations of Interest:**

Heather Green - as the responsible officer, I declare that I have no disclosable interests in this matter.

#### Summary

This report seeks to inform and obtain approval from Council on the use of surplus funding associated with Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund Round 1. The value of this surplus budget is \$83,830.

#### Discussion

In 2021 Council received funding of \$1.43M under Local Roads Community Infrastructure Fund (LRCIF) Round 1 to implement 17 projects throughout the municipality. These project and proposed budgets are listed below.

Project Name		Proposed Budget	
Robinvale Netball Change rooms	\$	350,000.00	
Public Lighting -Street		200,000.00	
Missing Link Footpath Strategy Anniversary Drive footpath Robinvale		225,000.00	
Alan Garden lighting upgrade at Netball court		152,000.00	
Robinvale pool heating / solar		100,000.00	
George Lay Park toilet		130,000.00	
Shade Structure Skate park Swan Hill	\$	50,000.00	
Nyah West Footpath – Post Office		50,000.00	
Road side revegetation		48,858.00	
Nyah Community Centre – Toilet Refurbishment		35,000.00	
Robinvale Senior Citizens Upgrade		25,000.00	
Nyah West Park Enhancement Upgrade		24,000.00	
Swan Hill Preschool Upgrade	\$	12,500.00	
Nyah West Preschool Upgrade		11,000.00	
Swan Hill Comfort Centre Upgrade		9,500.00	
Robinswood Homestead Upgrade		7,300.00	
Youth Inc Building Upgrade		4,000.00	
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	\$	1,434,158.00	

As of 1 April 2022, all of these projects have been completed, with a surplus of \$83,830 remaining. As per the funding agreement, excess funding can only be allocated to nominated and agreed projects and must be fully acquitted by 30 June 2022.

To achieve this requirement and fully acquit LRCIF round 1, the following options have been listed for further consideration.

- Nyah West Footpath Construction of a dedicated 600m concrete path (1.5m wide) on the southern side of Monash Avenue. The required works to undertake this project have indicated it will be above set budget and allocated timeframe re: Request for Quote costing at \$215,000
- Robinvale Footpath A dedicated 1.5m concrete path approximately 400m length along Watkins Street (eastern side). The required works to undertake the project has not been tested by the market, therefore there is high uncertainty the project (or even part of the project) can be completed within set budget and timeframe.
- Lighting Treatment (Public Lighting) Tower Hill (Barry Steggall Park) lighting project. Required works for Tower Hill pedestrian lighting have been included in tender submission for the McCallum Street pedestrian lighting project, at a total cost of \$71,500. These works can be completed by 30 June 2022 and will complement the proposed lighting treatment for the McCallum Street path and lighting project.

# Consultation

The Nyah West Footpath project has been highlighted by the Nyah Action Group as a key priority project for their township.

Community feedback from the McCallum Street path and lighting project included the need to continue the lighting treatment into Tower Hill estate.

## **Financial Implications**

Local Roads Community Infrastructure Fund Round 1 - \$1,434,158.

## **Social Implications**

- Encouraging community connection and social inclusion
- Encourage active lifestyle
- Contributing to a community of which we can all be proud

## **Economic Implications**

Nil.

## **Environmental Implications**

Nil.

#### **Risk Management Implications**

• Complying with the agreement set in LRCIF round 1 re the allocation of \$1,434,158.

## Council Plan Strategy Addressed

*Prosperity* - Infrastructure that enables prosperity.

## Options

- 1. That Council allocates the remaining \$83,830 from the LRCIF Round 1 towards the Tower Hill (Barry Steggall Park) lighting project and continues to fully scope the Nyah West Monash Avenue and Robinvale Watkins Street footpath projects for future funding opportunities.
- 2. That Council acquit LRCIF Round 1 funding as per current conditions with \$83,830 surplus refunded to the funding body.

#### Recommendation

That Council allocates the remaining \$83,830 from the LRCIF Round 1 towards the Tower Hill (Barry Steggall Park) lighting project and continues to fully scope the Nyah West Monash Avenue and Robinvale Watkins Street footpath projects for future funding opportunities.