



MINUTES

UNSCHEDULED MEETING OF COUNCIL

Friday, 22 April 2022

Held at the Swan Hill Town Hall
McCallum Street, Swan Hill
Commenced at 2pm

COUNCIL:

Cr J Benham – Mayor

Cr B Moar
Cr A Young
Cr LT McPhee
Cr C Jeffery
Cr S King
Cr N McKay

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SECTION A – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- **Welcome**

Mayor, Councillor Jade Benham assumed the chair and declared the meeting open at 2.00pm.

- **Acknowledgement of Country**

Mayor, Councillor Jade Benham read the Acknowledgement of Country.

“Swan Hill Rural City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, and pays its respects to their elders, past and present.”

- **Prayer**

Cr Ann Young read the prayer.

We beseech you Lord, that we may be granted wisdom, understanding and sincerity of purpose, in the decisions we are called on to make for the welfare of the people of the Rural City of Swan Hill.

- **Apologies/Leaves of Absence**

Cr Stuart King on leave of absence.
Cr Chris Jeffery

46/22 Motion

MOVED Cr McPhee

That the apologies be accepted.

SECONDED Cr Moar

The Motion was put and CARRIED

- **Directors/Officers Present**

Rosanne Kava, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Heather Green, Director Development and Planning
Svetla Petkova, Director Infrastructure
Terri McCormick, Executive Support Officer

- **Disclosures of Conflict of Interest**

Nil

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

47/22 Motion

MOVED Cr Young

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.

SECONDED Cr McPhee

Cr McKay MOVED an Amendment to the motion

That Council:

1. **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. Complete the scoping of the Robinvale and Nyah West Footpath projects by the end of the financial year.**

The Amendment LASPED due to want of a seconder.

MOVED Cr Young

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SECONDED Cr McPhee

The Motion was put and CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor, Councillor Jade Benham closed the meeting at 2.11pm.