



# **TAMWORTH REGIONAL COUNCIL**

## **ANNEXURES for ORDINARY COUNCIL AGENDA**

**11 JUNE 2024**

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## Tamworth Regional Council Heritage Working Group (HWG) Meeting MINUTES

Friday, 15 March 2024 commencing at 1pm  
Location: 474 Peel Street (Meeting Room 1)

### Attendees:

☒ - present, ☒ - apology received, ☐ - absent

### Councillors

☒ Cr Helen Tickle (Chair)      ☒ Cr Marc Sutherland      ☒ Cr Mark Rodda

### Council Staff

☒ Gina Vereker,      ☒ Sam Lobsey,      ☒ Andrew Spicer  
Director – Liveable      Manager – Development      Manager-Future Communities  
Communities  
☒ Wayne Cain – Aboriginal      ☒ Clare James, Heritage Advisor      ☒ Lisa Rennie (Minute Taker)  
Liaison Officer

### Committee Members

☒ Melinda Gill      ☒ Juanita Wilson      ☒ Jim Maxwell (Community  
(Tamworth Historical Society)      (Community Representative)      Representative)  
☒ Fiona Snape      ☒ Geoff Deane  
Tamworth Local Aboriginal      (Community Representative)  
Land Council (TLALC)

### 1. Welcome

Meeting opened by Cr Helen Tickle, Chair at 1.04pm.

### 2. Acknowledgment of Country

*Acknowledgment of Country previously delivered by Cr Tickle in meeting immediately prior to this meeting.*

### 3. Apologies

Apologies received from Fiona Snape (TLALC), Cr Mark Rodda, Cr Marc Sutherland, Sam Lobsey, Andrew Spicer and Wayne Cain.

### MOTION

That the apologies received for this meeting be noted and accepted.

*Moved: Melinda Gill*

*Seconded: Jim Maxwell*

4. **Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

The Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 December 2023 are attached, refer **ANNEXURE 1**.

**MOTION**

That the Working Group accepts the Minutes of the Heritage Working Group meeting held 8 December 2023, as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**Moved: Jim Maxwell**

**Seconded: Juanita Wilson**

The Minutes from the King George V Avenue (sub-committee of Tamworth Regional Council Heritage Working Group) Ordinary Meeting held on 14 September 2023 are attached, refer **ANNEXURE 2**.

That the Heritage Working Group notes the Minutes of the King George V Avenue sub-committee meeting held on 14 September 2023.

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes (Actions)**

5.1 **Anzac Park Masterplan Draft (revised)**

**Update 15 March 2024**

Gina has reviewed comments received from Manager – Sports and Recreation and a word version of the document has been received from the Consultant. A revised version will be forwarded to the Working Group (prior to the next meeting) for their review with any further comments to be sent to Gina. It is proposed at the next meeting a motion be moved for the document to go to Council for public exhibition.

5.2 **West Tamworth Railway Station and Station Masters House**

5.2.1 **West Tamworth Railway Station**

**Update (6 December 2023)** – Transport for NSW is currently finalising the Consultation Outcomes Report and hopes to make this available to Council in the new Year.

**Update (15 March 2024) from Transport for NSW** – “We are in the final stages of approvals to publish the engagement outcomes report and the various Transport for NSW media for the project. Our Communications Team will be in touch shortly”.

5.2.2 **Station Masters House**

**Update (6 December 2023)** – Transport for NSW is currently finalising the Consultation Outcomes Report and hopes to make this available to Council in the new Year.

**Update (15 March 2024) from Transport for NSW** - “We are in the final stages of approvals to publish the engagement outcomes report and the various Transport for NSW media for the project. Our Communications Team will be in touch shortly”.

5.3 **Regent Cinema**

**Action** - Council’s Compliance team with the assistance of the Building Certification team will issue a Clean Up Notice.

**Update** – The owner has been in contact with Council and has advised that a builder is being engaged to complete some repair works on the building exterior and pest control options to eradicate/reduce the pigeons are being investigated.

**Update (14 September 2023)** - This agenda item is a work in progress and it was agreed that this agenda item would not be completed until the Working Group are satisfied – further update to be provided at next meeting.

**Update (6 December 2023)** - The old air conditioning unit above the footpath on Brisbane St has been removed, this was a point of nesting for pigeons. All of the netting around the exterior of the building along the Brisbane St façade was also removed as it contained many dead pigeons.

At this stage, no further updates have been received regarding further pest control measures.

**Update (15 March 2024)** from Council's Senior Environmental Health Officer - *The pigeons do not seem to be an issue currently which was the main concern from a public health aspect. There is still some flaking paint and sections of the building that have been patched up with sheeting/wire but I do not believe they present any immediate threat to public safety.*

The issue of mould in the building which is evident when you walk past was raised and unfortunately as the building is currently unoccupied there is nothing Council can do.

The awning hanging down was also raised as a safety concern and Council staff can inspect that concern.

Clare James did raise the minimum standards for upkeep of heritage buildings for state listed buildings and perhaps this could be included in the Development Control Plan (DCP) for locally listed buildings. **Action** – Clare James to share information relating to maintenance of heritage buildings with the property owner.

#### 5.4 White Street Gutters – possibility of being heritage listed

The Future Communities team is currently reviewing the Tamworth Regional Local Environmental Plan (TRLEP) and the gutters could be considered for heritage listing however, it is uncertain how they should be best described and further consultation is needed. In regards to the listing of heritage gutters the entire Local Government Area is to be reviewed.

**Update – as part of the LEP review, consideration is being given to establishing East Tamworth as a heritage precinct and consideration will be given to gutters being listed specifically in the LEP or alternatively under the heritage precinct.**

**Update (14 September 2023)** - It was agreed that whilst gutters in East Tamworth need listing it is the heritage gutters in Barraba that all need listing and preserving. Clare James suggested that gutters need identifying and surveying and perhaps a maintenance budget could be allocated for their preservation.

**Update (8 December 2023):** Juanita Wilson suggested perhaps a selection in White Street could be chosen. It was agreed that unfortunately there is limited gutters left in White Street and Barraba should be the priority.

**Update (15 March 2024)** - As part of the Phase 1 Review of the Tamworth Regional Local Environmental Plan 2010 (TRLEP 2010) Council staff, in consultation with Council's Heritage Advisor, have reviewed Schedule 5 and the heritage mapping of the TRLEP 2010 for the purpose of adopting a consistent naming convention correcting anomalies, accurately identifying current address and property description and including the two state heritage items within the TRLEP 2010 that are not currently included in Schedule 5. The Phase 1 Review of the TRLEP does not propose to add or delist any heritage items. This will occur as part of the Phase 2 Review of the TRLEP 2010 once further investigation and discussion with landholders has occurred.

Furthermore, it is proposed to create three Heritage Conservation Areas (HCA) known as East Tamworth, West Tamworth and Darling Street Civic Precinct. The East and West Tamworth HCAs largely follow the extent of the heritage precinct areas identified in Council's Development Control Plan 2010. The Darling Street Civic Precinct will be located in Darling Street in between Peel Street and Marius Street (shown below).



*Subject area of Darling Street between Peel Street and Marius Street and heritage items (brown fill)*

A question was raised in regards to in what phase will the gutters be included as part of the proposed heritage conservation area? The section of White Street between Carthage and Upper Streets will be included in Phase 1 with gutters listed as part of the heritage conservation area.

#### **5.5 Future of Ambulance Station (Marius Street)**

**Update** - a reply was received from Kevin Anderson, **attached** is a copy of that letter. As suggested in that reply a letter has been forwarded to Miles Murphy and we await an update/reply.

**Update (14 September 2023)** – a reply to the letter to Miles Murphy was not received at the time of the meeting however, it was agreed that the façade is really a very important aspect of this building.

**Update (6 December 2023)** - a chase up email has been sent to Miles Murphy asking for an update and at the time of writing no reply has been received. Kevin Anderson's office has also written to the Minister seeking an update.

**Update (15 March 2024)** from Kevin Anderson's Office - "NSW Health is proactively continuing the process of determining alternative health service uses for the Marius Street site in assessing potential use against NSW Government policies. This process is ongoing and, until a decision is made, no further updates can be provided."

#### **5.6 School House, Hallsville**

**Update from Building Services** - No work has been scheduled for Hallsville Hall as the restoration work is unfunded. Perhaps the working group would like to discuss and provide some recommendations e.g., handing back to Crown, restoration, sell etc.

**Update (14 September 2023)** - Juanita Wilson suggested that the owners of this building really need to be established (as previous advice has not been clear) and perhaps consider the returning of the building to the Crown should it be established that Council are the managers.

**Update (6 December 2023):** Council has received enquiries from Regional NSW in regards to potential sites for a BackTrack location here in Tamworth. The criteria for the site is a location on the outskirts of Tamworth and a site that youth could work on as a project.

By way of information, BackTrack works by engaging a community of support, together helping young people to develop healthy foundations for positive life pathways. BackTrack provides a venue for hands on learning.

The Hallsville site has been suggested together with the old school site at Calala.

The Working Group agreed that the preferred site would be the Hallsville site.

**Update (15 March 2024)** – contact was made on 6 March 2024 with Department of Regional NSW and Lisa was informed that funding for the project has been requested however, no feedback is yet to be received regarding that request.

**MOTION**

That Council write to the Local Member recommending the “School House at Hallsville” be sold or gifted to a project such as BackTrack being a good use of this site for its preservation or reuse.

**Moved:** *Juanita Wilson*

**Seconded:** *Jim Maxwell*

**5.7 Tamworth Post Office**

**Update:** *Owner received letter and repair work was completed to the clock tower.*

**Update (14 September 2023)** - Melinda Gill noted that whilst some of the work has been completed the clock face that faces to the north needs painting and requested that further correspondence be sent to the owner.

**Update (6 December 2023)** - Council staff are reviewing and will determine if a letter is required if it is considered to be a public health and safety risk.

**Update (15 March 2024)** from Council's Environmental Health Officer - inspected site this week and there are no public health and safety concerns relating to this building for Council to action.

**Complete**

**5.8 Large boulder Chaffey Dam (Juanita Wilson)**

There is a large boulder in Chaffey Dam which has a bronze plaque on it and it is currently under water. There are concerns that the plaque is getting damaged.

**Action** - refer matter to Water and Waste, Water NSW or Kevin Anderson for advice.

**Update (15 March 2024)** – Council's Director of Water and Waste is not aware of such boulder and Council does not own or operate Chaffey Dam – Water NSW. Mr Logan was not aware of any boulder and however, felt that if it is there it should have been moved when the dam was enlarged.

**Noted and completed**

**5.9 Cohen Lane (Juanita Wilson)**

There are three homes in Cohen Lane which should be inspected and potentially heritage listed.

**Action** – Clare James to inspect and report back to a future meeting.

**Update (15 March 2024)** – Clare is yet to have an opportunity to inspect this property and it is on her to do list to complete with a further report to be provided to a future meeting.

**5.10 Ray Walsh House Chambers (Juanita Wilson)**

The desks in Chambers at Ray Walsh House were replicates of the Town Hall and enquired what happened to the structures following closure of the building.

**Action** – investigate and report back to a future meeting.

**Update (15 March 2024)** – advice received was the majority of the Council Chambers furniture was donated to the Men's Shed and Astronomy Centre.

**MOTION**

That Council provide advice to the Heritage Working Group as to what process was followed/allowed in regards to disposal of heritage items belonging to the city without comment or notification to the community and/or any relevant Council body.

**Moved: Juanita Wilson**

**Seconded: Melinda Gill**

**6. Agenda Items for Discussion**

**6.1 Update Heritage Week 2024 and Awards – Melinda Gill**

Melinda reported that events for Heritage Week are coming together with Roslyn Russell being appointed as the Guest Speaker for the Heritage Awards event. Melinda anticipated that the program will be completed shortly and distributed to the Heritage Working Group for review prior to printing.

The development of the "Museum in a Suitcase" was discussed and agreed that the project could be nominated however, Melinda Gill would not be part of assessing that award category on the basis of conflict of interest.

**7. General Business**

**7.1 Item from King George V Avenue Working Group Meeting – Heritage Sign and Toilet sign**

King George V Avenue Working Group agreed:-

1. that a large sign should be erected at the start of the Avenue acknowledging that it is a heritage avenue; and
2. that a directional sign be installed at Paradise Park pointing back towards the Hall of Fame informing where toilets can be found.

**MOTION**

That Council write to Heritage NSW seeking its consent/comment in regards to the suggestion that a large sign be erected at the start of King George V Avenue acknowledging it is a heritage avenue.

**Moved: Jim Maxwell**

**Seconded: Geoff Deane**

**MOTION**

That Council investigate the cost and design for the erection of signage at Paradise Park advising of the location of nearby toilet facilities and report back to a future Heritage Working Group meeting with the outcome of the investigation.

**Moved: Jim Maxwell**

**Seconded: Juanita Wilson**



**7.2 King George V Avenue being a sub-committee of HWG – Cr Helen Tickle**

Cr Tickle raised the idea of bringing the King George V Avenue Working Group more in line with other Working Groups i.e., dissolution of the King George V Avenue Working Group however, that a representative of King George V Avenue be included on the Heritage Working Group.

**MOTION**

That the King George V Avenue Working Group be dissolved and that the Heritage Working Group Terms of Reference be amended to include a resident/representative from King George V Avenue as part of the Heritage Working Group.

**Moved: Cr Helen Tickle**

**Unanimous**

**Resolved**

**7.3 Signage Manilla/Barraba Heritage Destination – Geoff Deane**

Geoff raised that Manilla Road is also Fossickers Way and how can we go about promotional signage in regards to a heritage route.

**Action** – investigate state government opportunities and what is involved in having Manilla listed as a heritage town.

**7.4 Heritage Assistance Fund – Lisa Rennie**

It is proposed again this year to open the Heritage Assistance Fund early likely in June in order to provide enough time for applicants to obtain quotes.

**Action** – a copy of the terms and conditions to be forwarded to the Heritage Working Group for review.

**7.5 Manilla Historical Society – Jim Maxwell**

As mentioned at a previous meeting of the Heritage Working Group the railway signal tower has been restored and is now ready for erection. Jim has spoken with Transport for NSW and has received advice that it is Council's responsibility to approve erection.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next Ordinary meeting was scheduled for 13 June 2024 commencing at 3.30pm however, following discussions it was agreed that the meeting would proceed on Friday, 14 June 2024 commencing at 1pm in order to have Clare James physically in the room rather than attend via zoom.

Extraordinary meeting to assess award nominations to be determined.

**9. Meeting Closed**

Meeting closed by Cr Helen Tickle, Chair at 2.16pm.



## ***Tamworth Regional Council Heritage Working Group***

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **1. Purpose**

The Tamworth Regional Council Heritage Working Group (TRCHWG) will play a key advocacy role in relation to highlighting the value of the Tamworth Region's heritage assets as well as promoting Council's heritage programs and initiatives within the community. The Working Group operates as an advisory body to Council and as such has no executive authority. The Working Group will at all times operate in accordance with these Terms of Reference.

#### **2. Functions**

The broad aim of the Tamworth Regional Council Heritage Working Group is to provide advice, support and direction to Council on key heritage conservation issues and programs. The intended outcome from the input of the Working Group is to improve approaches toward the conservation of heritage items within the region and provide better recognition of community actions towards heritage conservation.

#### **3. Objectives of the Tamworth Regional Heritage Working Group**

The working group's primary objectives are to:

- (i) provide advice to the Council on emerging heritage conservation and management issues;
- (ii) identify key strategic priorities or issues in relation to heritage conservation;
- (iii) assist in the assessment and review of applications for heritage conservation funding;
- (iv) promote and advocate for shared community ownership and partnerships for heritage conservation and historical research across the regional area;
- (v) oversee the biennial heritage awards to acknowledge heritage conservation initiatives;
- (vi) oversee the provision of grant funding from the annual Heritage Assistance Fund; and
- (vii) support and promote state and national heritage events locally, such as Heritage Week.

#### **4. Membership and Meetings**

The Tamworth Regional Council Heritage Working Group will meet quarterly unless more frequent meetings are required to address specific issues of interest or concern.

The Working Group Membership consists of:

- three Councillors;
- Director – Liveable Communities;
- Manager - Development;
- Heritage Planner;
- Council's consultant Heritage Advisor;
- other Council Staff as required;
- one (1) member of the Tamworth Historical Society;

- one (1) member of the Tamworth Aboriginal Land Council;
- three (3) community members; and
- one (1) community member representing the interest of King George V Avenue.

**5. Chairperson**

The Tamworth Regional Council Heritage Working Group will be chaired by an elected Councillor of Tamworth Regional Council to be determined at the first meeting following a Council election.

**6. Community Access**

Representation by members of the Tamworth community is encouraged. Membership by community representatives will be coordinated by calling for 'Expressions of Interest' invited from the community following each consecutive Council election.

**7. Co-Opting**

The Working Group shall have the authority, where necessary, to seek the expert advice of individuals and groups when particular community skill, experience or input will improve the outcomes delivered by the group.

**8. Meeting Procedure**

Meeting structure, agenda and minute formats should meet the needs of the Working Group, while ensuring consistency, completeness and accountability. Meeting minutes should briefly outline the content of each of the items listed on the agenda, including actions taken and recommendations.

**9. Review**

The Terms of Reference for the Tamworth Regional Council Heritage Working Group will be reviewed prior to the recruitment of group members following each consecutive Council election.

**10. Reporting**

The Working Group has no delegated authority from the Council to make decisions binding the Council and will submit reports to the Council under the Management Accountability of the Director of Liveable Communities.

**11. Accommodation**

Council shall provide suitable facilities for the conduct of meetings of the Working Group.

**12. Business Support**

Council shall provide administrative support to the Working Group, plus professional advice/input where required.

**13. Media**

The Chairperson, the Director of Liveable Communities and Manager of Development are authorised to represent and speak on behalf of the Group in any media discussions.

**14. Confidentiality**

Confidentiality is to be maintained by all members of the Working Group. Discussions occurring within the Working Group shall be treated as confidential until the Minutes are reported to Council or as agreed for release to the media.

**15. Selection Criteria for Community Representatives**

Ideally the community representatives will have:

- demonstrated links to the community through membership of community groups;
- demonstrated understanding and commitment to heritage conservation; and

- demonstrated capacity to provide strategic advice to Council on heritage matters.



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## Conference Draft Program

Goulburn Recreation Area, 47-131 Braidwood Road, Goulburn

\* Details correct as at 15 May 2024

| Conference MC: Sophie Hull |  |
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| Tuesday 23 July 2024       |  |
| 2.00pm                     | Conference registration opens, Veolia Arena – Recreation Area<br>Trade exhibition opens, with arrival Tea and Coffee                 |
| 2.30pm-<br>4.30pm          | <b>Local Water Utility Workshop (NSW Water Directorate)</b><br>The workshop, organised and facilitated by the NSW Water Directorate, |

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|                               | provides opportunity to discuss high level responsibilities between councillors and water managers as a strategic focus.                              |  |
| 5.30pm–<br>7.30pm             | <b>Welcome Reception</b><br>Goulburn Performing Arts Centre (GPAC)<br><br><b>Premier Partner message</b><br>Atom Consulting                           | <b>Cr Darriea Turley AM</b><br>President<br>Local Government NSW<br><br><b>Cr Peter Walker</b><br>Mayor<br>Goulburn Mulwaree Council |
| <b>Wednesday 24 July 2024</b> |   |  |
| 8.15am–<br>9.00am             | Conference registration opens, Veolia Arena – Recreation Area<br>Trade exhibition opens, with arrival Tea and Coffee                                  |  |
| 9.00am–<br>9.10am             | <b>Conference opens</b><br>Introduction and overview of the day   | <b>MC, Sophie Hull</b>   |
| 9.10am–9.15am                 | <b>Acknowledgment to Country</b><br>Meeting place   | <b>TBA</b>   |
| 9.15am–<br>9.25am             | <b>Welcome to Goulburn Mulwaree</b>   | <b>Cr Peter Walker</b><br>Mayor<br>Goulburn Mulwaree Council   |
| 9.25am–<br>9.35am             | <b>Opening Address</b>  | <b>Cr Darriea Turley AM</b><br>President<br>Local Government NSW   |
| 9.35am–<br>9.40am             | <b>Federal Minister’s Address (pre-recorded message)</b>  | <b>Tanya Plibersek MP</b><br>Minister for the Environment and Water  |
| 9.40am–<br>10.00am            | <b>NSW Minister’s Address</b>   | <b>Rose Jackson MLC</b><br>Minister for water  |
| 10.00am–<br>10.30am           | <b>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)</b><br>DCCEEW’s Local Water Utility Branch (LWUB) is working with the LWU | <b>DCCEEW LWU Branch Director</b>  |

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|                 | <p>sector to address current and future challenges.</p> <p>This session will provide an overview of the Department's key oversight and support functions under the Regulatory and Assurance Framework, and detail strategic activities to date including: Work Approvals processes, Strategic Planning and its assurance by the department, and the regulatory support in the regions.</p>  |  |
| 10.30am-10.35am | Overview of TRILITY   |  |
| 30 minutes      | Morning Tea partnered by TRILITY  |  |
| 11.10am-11.40am | <p><b>NSW Health/Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (joint presentation)</b></p> <p>This presentation will explain Works Approvals for LWUs as set under the Regulatory and Assurance Framework.</p> <p>DCCEEW will detail the process for preparing and submitting a Works Approval application, including best practices to effectively demonstrate meeting the five assessment criteria and current/future areas of work.</p> <p>NSW Health will talk about the role of microbial health-based targets and risk assessments in informing designs and Works Approval applications.</p> | <p><b>Nicholas Sutton</b><br/>Manager Regulatory Assessments<br/>Local Water Utilities Branch<br/>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</p> <p><b>Sandy Leask</b><br/>Senior Policy Advisor, Water Unit<br/>Environment Health Branch<br/>NSW Health</p> |

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| 11.40am–<br>11.45am  | Overview of GHD  |  |
| 11.45am–<br>11.50am  | Delegates move to chosen Stream  |  |
| Concurrent conference streams (Select one of the three streams)  |  |  |
| <div>STREAM 1 – Sustainable Water Resource Management</div> <div>STREAM PARTNER – Taggle</div> <div>Location – To be advised</div> |  |  |
| 11.50am–<br>11.55am  | Stream Introduction and Overview – Steve Cato, Taggle  |  |
| 11.55am–<br>12.20pm  | <div>Water loss management – A regional hub approach</div> <div>The Regional Leakage Reduction Program is part of DCCEEW's efforts to support a resilient NSW water sector. A key part of the program was the establishment of a Regional Water Loss Management Hub set up with the Central NSW Joint Organisation and its member councils.</div> <div>Through a water loss management maturity audit, the hub identifies management and infrastructure gaps in water loss. Subsequently, initiatives spanning pressure management, metering, leak detection, training, and data enhancement are implemented. Key insights include prioritising embedment for sustained improvement and fostering cross-</div> | <div>Jethro Laidlaw</div> <div>Manager Water Efficiency<br/>Department of Climate Change,<br/>Energy, the Environment and Water</div> <div>Andrew Francis</div> <div>Director Infrastructure and Major<br/>Projects<br/>Parkes Shire Council</div> |



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|                     | boundary collaboration between state and local government.   |   |
| 12.20pm–<br>12.45pm | <p><b>How metering compliance improves water security: insights from the NSW regulator</b></p> <p>This presentation will provide an overview of how non-urban metering compliance supports drought resilience, reduces town water risk and improves future water security. Focused on local water utilities, it highlights metering compliance for local water utilities, featuring a case study on compliance pathways in NSW. It provides an overview of current council compliance, regulatory requirements, and showcases councils as community leaders in ensuring equitable access to water sources.</p> | <p><b>Sarah Flowers</b><br/>Manager, Education<br/>Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR)</p>      |
| 12.45pm–<br>1.10pm  | <p><b>Mid Coast Council's Energy Transition</b></p> <p>Mid Coast Council has embarked on a journey to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across all its operations and transition to 100% renewable energy by 2040. Under Council's climate change strategy, key focus areas include increasing on-site generation, purchasing renewable energy and reducing energy demand.</p> <p>Recently Council has invested \$265,000 in solar PV systems across five sites over the past two years</p>  | <p><b>Robert Scott</b><br/>Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services<br/>Mid Coast Council</p> |

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|  | exemplifying its commitment to a sustainable energy transition.   |   |
| <b>STREAM 2 – Disaster management and resilience</b><br>STREAM PARTNER – Available<br>Location – To be advised |   |   |
| 11.50am–<br>11.55am  | <b>Stream Introduction</b>  |   |
| 11.55am–<br>12.20pm  | <b>Progressing Stormwater Harvesting in Orange</b><br>Stormwater Harvesting for non-direct potable use proved a critical raw water source for Orange during the Millennium drought and then again in the 2017-19 drought. Orange plans to progress to the next stage and enhance harvesting volumes through construction of the East Orange Harvesting Wetland.<br><br>This presentation will describe what is next for Orange City Council and the water quality and quantity success factors that are enabling a future for stormwater. | <b>Jonathan Francis</b><br>Water Treatment Manager<br><br><b>Wayne Beatty</b><br>Manager – Water and Sewer<br><br>Orange City Council |
| 12.20pm–<br>12.45pm  | <b>Foreshadowing Climate Change Challenges - Gravity and Pressure Sewer flows during (currently) "rare" rainfall events</b><br>Predicted climate change impacts include increased rainfall intensity and sea level rise, the latter reducing the stormwater drainage in estuarine areas. In March 2022, Clarence Valley Council on the NSW Far North Coast experienced rainfall   | <b>Greg Mashiah</b><br>Manager Technical Service<br>Clarence Valley Council   |

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|                | <p>events exceeding 1% Average Exceedance Probability (AEP), coinciding with river flooding.</p> <p>This presentation examines the council's sewerage networks' performance during March 2022, comparing wet and dry weather flows. With climate change, March 2022's system performance may become more "common".</p>   |  |
| 12.45pm-1.10pm | <p><b>Fire and Water: Addressing water quality challenges in Brogo-Bermagui</b></p> <p>While it seemed the heat, smoke and ever-present threat of bushfires would never go away, a change in the weather was brewing. The Brogo-Bermagui catchment area went from being threatened by sweeping bushfires where water levels at the Brogo Dam dropped below 10%, to when the heavens opened and water levels rose over 90% in 24 hours, taking the Brogo Dam to capacity.</p> | <p><b>Stephen Marshall</b><br/>Manager, Water and Sewer Services<br/>Bega Valley Shire Council</p> |
| 1.10pm-2.00pm  | Lunch partnered by GHD   |  |
| 2.00pm-5.00pm  | <p><b>Site Visit – partnered by Beca HunterH2O</b></p> <p>Goulburn Mulwaree Council will showcase its infrastructure, old and new, including Goulburn Historic Waterworks Museum, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Water Treatment Plant.</p>   |  |
| 6.30pm-10.30pm | <p>Conference Dinner – Goulburn Race Club</p> <p>Proudly partnered by NSW Water Directorate</p>  |  |

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|                       | Presentation of the Sam Samra Award 2024<br>Entertainment and guest speaker to be announced.  |   |
| Thursday 25 July 2024 |   |   |
| 8.15am–9.00am         | Conference registration opens, opens, Veolia Arena – Recreation Area  |   |
|                       | Trade exhibition opens, Ground floor, with arrival Tea and Coffee   |   |
| 9.00am–9.05am         | Overview of the day   | Sophie Hull, MC   |
| 9.05am–9.20am         | NSW Shadow Minister’s Address   | Steph Cooke, MP<br>Shadow Minister for Water, and Crown Lands   |
| 9.20am–9.50am         | <b>Goulburn Mulwaree Council Panel</b><br>Three-person panel from Goulburn Mulwaree Council to provide an overview of the works that Goulburn has done around water security in the past and lead into how Goulburn is managing this as well as any external pressures or developments that council are facing.<br><br>This is a good opportunity for the leadership team to talk about its resilience in terms of water security and show all the work that Goulburn completed after the Millennium drought. | <b>Cr Peter Walker</b><br>Mayor<br><br><b>Scott Martin</b><br>Director of Planning and Environment<br><br><b>Marina Hollands</b><br>Director of Utilities |
| 9.50am–10.20am        | <b>Planning for Future Drought with rainfall independent water supplies</b><br>NSW water supplies are largely replenished going into 2024, creating an opportunity for future   | <b>Professor Stuart Khan</b><br>Professor and Head of School, Civil Engineering<br>University of Sydney   |

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|                 | <p>drought planning. The 2018/19 drought revealed widespread vulnerabilities, nearly exhausting water in small communities and prompting larger cities to seek long-term solutions. These vulnerabilities persist and will resurface in future droughts.</p> <p>Early development of rainfall-independent water supplies can mitigate impacts. This presentation outlines opportunities and challenges in establishing such supplies to enhance resilience in NSW towns and cities.</p>  |   |
| 10.20am-10.50am | <p><b>Enhancing Climate Resilience: Building and Interpreting Seasonal Outlooks</b></p> <p>This presentation will provide an overview on leveraging seasonal outlook information to strengthen climate resilience. The presentation will cover the methodology behind constructing a climate outlook over the coming months and provide insights on how to interpret and apply this information.</p> <p>The presentation will show how seasonal forecasts can be integral to water management and climate resilience strategies.</p> | <p><b>Vjeko Matic</b><br/>Customer Lead – Water Sector Services<br/>Bureau of Meteorology</p> |
| 10.50am-10.55am | NSW Public Works overview  |   |

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| 10.55am-<br>11.25am | Morning Tea partnered by NSW Public Works  |  |
| 11.25am-<br>11.55am | <p><b>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</b></p> <p>This presentation will provide an overview of achieved, current, and forthcoming activities for the Advanced Operational Support Program (progress on operations support and incident and emergency response), the Skills, training and workforce development activities (including operator training), and CSO with WaterNSW (covering activities on dams safety risk review and source water quality monitoring).</p>   | <p><b>Glenn George</b><br/>Manager Advanced Operational Support<br/>Local Water Utilities Branch<br/>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</p> <p><b>Josh Tickell</b><br/>Manager Technical Advisory and Training<br/>Local Water Utilities Branch<br/>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</p> |
| 11.55am-<br>12.25pm | <p><b>Biosolids challenges and opportunities for regional NSW</b></p> <p>Biosolids' land use is likely ending due to PFAS contamination. Presently, thermal treatment is the sole method for PFAS destruction in biosolids, but traditional plants face operational challenges. RMIT's pilot of a fluidised bed heat recovery pyrolysis process with South East Water addresses these issues and will solve four big problems including PFAS destruction, 20% reduction in treatment plant scope 1 emissions, circular economy contribution with biochar and lower capital and operating cost.</p> | <p><b>Eamon Casey</b><br/>Technical Director<br/>Iota Services</p>   |

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|                | <p>The presentation outlines the technology, business case, and implementation roadmap for this biosolids-to-biochar process.</p>   |  |
| 12.25pm-1.00pm | <p><b>Regional NSW local water utilities improving water literacy, water awareness and water efficiency through collaboration</b></p> <p>For eight years, The Water Conservancy collaborated with local water utilities in NSW to promote water conservation. The Walter Smart and Friends program educated primary school students in the Central Coast and Dubbo. Over 5000 households statewide enhanced water literacy through Water Night, leading to more efficient water use. Businesses benefited from water efficiency assessments, driving savings.</p> <p>This presentation, alongside local water utility representatives, showcases achievements in fostering efficient water usage through examples and case studies.</p> | <p><b>Chris Philpot</b><br/>Chief Executive Officer<br/>The Water Conservancy</p> <p><b>Debbie Mooney</b><br/>Acting Water and Sewer Client Services Coordinator<br/>Dubbo Regional Council</p> <p><b>Dylan Magrin</b><br/>Water Education Manager<br/>Central Coast Council</p> |
| 5 minutes      | MC, wrap up and close of conference   |  |
| 1 Hour         | Lunch   |  |



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