



**G W Y D I R**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

**MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING**

**GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL**

**THURSDAY 23 AUGUST 2018**

**COMMENCING AT 2.15 PM**

**BINGARA OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**Present:**

**Councillors:** Cr. John Coulton (Mayor), Cr. Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor), Cr. Stuart Dick, Cr Marilyn Dixon OAM, Cr. Jim Moore, Cr. Geoff Smith, Cr Tiffany Galvin and Cr Frances Young

**Staff:** Leeah Daley (Deputy General Manager), Richard Jane (Director Technical Services) and Helen Thomas (Manager, Finance)

**Public:** Mrs Nancy Williams (*The Gwydir News*)

**Visitor:** Nil

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**OFFICIAL OPENING AND WELCOME – MAYOR**

**APOLOGIES Cr. David Coulton  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 285/18**

**THAT the apology of Cr. David Coulton is accepted and the absence of the General Manager at a conference is noted.**

**(Moved Cr Young, seconded Cr Smith)**

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 286/18**

**THAT the Minutes of the previous Council Meeting held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018 as circulated be taken as read and CONFIRMED.**

**(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Egan)**

**PRESENTATION Nil**

**CALL FOR THE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST Nil**

**ADDITIONAL/LATE ITEMS  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 287/18**

**THAT the following items, namely:**

- 1. Councillors' activity schedule for August 2018**
- 2. Grader replacement Report (Confidential)**
- 3. Rigid Tipping Truck Report (Confidential)**

**are accepted as late items onto this Agenda for discussion.**

**(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Dick)**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 288/18**

**THAT the Council resolve into Confidential Session, Committee of the Whole and that in the public interest and in accordance with Section 10A(2)(a) and (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, the public and press be excluded from the meeting to consider the items listed on the agenda.**

**(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Moore)**

**ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 289/18**

**THAT the recommendations of the Confidential Session, namely:**

**Recommendations from the Closed Community Services and Planning Committee Meeting held 9 August 2018**

**Monthly Confidential Organisation and Community Development Report - July 2018 (Ref: 290/18)**

**THAT the monthly Confidential Organisation and Community Development report for July 2018 be received.**

**Greenhouse Proposal Update (Ref: 291/18)**

**THAT the report (Greenhouse Proposal Update) be received and noted.**

**District Court matter 2015/00239605 (Ref: 292/18)**

**THAT the report regarding District Court matter 2015/00239605 be received.**

**Onus Road Dog Breeding Facility (Ref: 293/18)**

**THAT the report regarding the Onus Road Dog Breeding Facility be received and noted.**

**Grader replacement Report (Ref: 294/18)**

**THAT the tender for Road Construction Grader submitted by Westrac for a Caterpillar 12M grader for the changeover price of \$339,000 (GST excl) be accepted as the preferred tender for replacement of plant 1463.**

**Rigid Tipping Truck Report (Ref: 295/18)**

**THAT the tender for Road Tipping Truck submitted by North Star Motors for a Western Star 4800FS2 with a 'Capital Body Works' body and Loadman Scale System for the new (non-trade) price \$293,995 (GST excl) be accepted as the preferred tender for replacement of plant 1428.**

are adopted.

**(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Moore)**

**Item 1 Councillors' activity schedule for August 2018**

**DELIVERY PROGRAM**

**GOAL: 4. Proactive Regional and Local Leadership**

**OUTCOME: 4.1 WE ARE AN ENGAGED & CONNECTED COMMUNITY**

**STRATEGY: 4.1.2 Enable broad, rich and meaningful engagement to occur - GM - external**

August -2018		
Councillor	Event	Date
Cr J Coulton (Mayor)	Country Mayors Meeting - Sydney	3 <sup>rd</sup> August
	Cordina Food Co. Meeting - Sydney	6 <sup>th</sup> August
	Namoi Joint Organisation of Councils workshop and Board Meeting - Bingara	7 <sup>th</sup> August
	Meeting with Dr John Martin	7 <sup>th</sup> August
	Meeting with G.M. and Directors	8 <sup>th</sup> August
	Meeting with Minister McVeigh - Moree	9 <sup>th</sup> August
	BROC Meeting - Goondiwindi	10 <sup>th</sup> Aug.
	Host dinner for Governor and his wife	13 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	NSW Governor's Reception – The Roxy – Bingara	14 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	Special Confidential Council Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	Ningo Yinzhou Delegation Welcome Dinner - Willow Tree	19 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	NSW Population Futures Project presentation – Matt Berger – Tamworth	20 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	Ningbo Yinzhou Delegation & lunch – Bingara	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug
	LGNSW Pre Summit Meeting – Linda Scott	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug
	Minister Meeting - Moree	22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug
	Warialda Cultural & International Day – Warialda Public School	23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug
	Ordinary Council Meeting	23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug
Willoughby Spring Fair	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	
Cr Catherine Egan (Deputy Mayor)	Vision 20/20 Meeting - Bingara	1 <sup>st</sup> August
	Local Government Week – Book Club – Bingara Library	3 <sup>rd</sup> July
	Dr John Martin - Workshop	6 <sup>th</sup> August
	Committee Meeting - Bingara	9 <sup>th</sup> August

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	Governor's visit – Warialda School and dinner	13 <sup>th</sup> Aug.
	Showground Committee Meeting - Bingara	14 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	NSW Governor's Reception – The Roxy - Bingara	14 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	Special Confidential Council Meeting – Warialda	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug.
	Ningbo Yinzhou Delegation & lunch – Bingara	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug
	LGNSW Pre Summit Meeting – Linda Scott	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug
	Ordinary Council Meeting - Bingara	23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug
Cr David Coulton	Great Britain Tour	
Cr S Dick	Stonefield AGM	1 <sup>st</sup> Aug
	Warialda Tourism Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug
	LEMC Meeting - Warialda	7 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	Committee Meeting - Bingara	9 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	Historical Society Meeting – Warialda	16 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	Special Confidential Council Meeting - Warialda	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	LGNSW Pre Summit Meeting – Linda Scott Bingara	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug
	Ordinary Council Meeting	23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug
Cr M Dixon OAM	Dr John Martin workshop - Bingara	6 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	Bingara Pool Meeting - Bingara	16 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	Special Confidential Council Meeting– Warialda	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	LGNSW Pre Summit Meeting – Linda Scott – Bingara	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug
	Ordinary Council Meeting	23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug
Cr T Galvin	Committee Meeting – Bingara	9 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	Bingara Pool Meeting- Bingara	16 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	LGNSW Pre Summit Meeting – Linda Scott - Bingara	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug
	Ordinary Council Meeting - Bingara	23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug
Cr J Moore	Local Government Week- Warialda Library	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug
	Marion Thatcher Presentation – North Star School	7 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	Committee Meeting – Bingara	9 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	Special Confidential Council Meeting – Warialda	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug

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	LGNSW Pre Summit Meeting – Linda Scott – Bingara	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug
	Ordinary Council Meeting - Bingara	23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug
Cr G Smith	Committee Meeting - Bingara	9 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	Special Confidential Council Meeting– Warialda	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	LGNSW Pre Summit Meeting – Linda Scott – Bingara	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug
	Ordinary Council Meeting - Bingara	23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug
Cr F Young	Dr John Martin – Workshop - Bingara	6 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	Arts NW Meeting - Moree	6 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	LEMC Meeting – Warialda	7 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	Committee Meeting - Bingara	9 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	Special Confidential Council Meeting – Warialda	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug
	LGNSW Pre Summit Meeting – Linda Scott – Bingara	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug
	LGNSW New England N/W Council’s Summit – Narrabri	22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug
	Ordinary Council Meeting	23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug
	Murray Darling Association National Conference - Leeton	28 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug

**MAYORAL MINUTE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the report outlining the functions and activities attended by Councillors be received

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 296/18**

**THAT the report outlining the functions and activities attended by Councillors be received**



**Item 2            Adoption of Committee Recommendations**

**FILE REFERENCE**

**DELIVERY PROGRAM**

**GOAL:**            5. Organisational Management

**OUTCOME:**    5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

**STRATEGY:**   5.1.3 Administrative functions - GM - internal

**AUTHOR**        General Manager

**DATE**            15 August 2018

**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**   Nil

**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

This report recommends the adoption of the recommendations from the Public Infrastructure and Community Services and Planning Committee Meetings held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL**

Public Infrastructure Committee

Monthly Technical Services Report - July 2018

THAT the Report by the Technical Services Department on the activities of the Department for the month of July 2018 be noted.

Community Services and Planning Committee

Yammacoona Promotion

THAT Mr William Clift's denial of any knowledge regarding the promotional activities of his development by Samaritan Sand is noted.

Monthly Executive report for July 2018

THAT the monthly Executive report for July 2018 be received.

FURTHER that Mr G Chorley's positive involvement with the Work for the Dole Scheme is noted and that he be thanked accordingly.

Monthly Organisation and Community Development Report - July 2018

THAT the monthly Organisation and Community Development report for July 2018 be received.

Councillors' Reports

THAT the following Councillor's reports are noted:

Drought Relief (Cr. Galvin);

Various Bingara Maintenance Issues (Cr. Dixon OAM);

Mrs M Thatcher's Farewell (Cr. Moore);

Rural Fire Service (Cr. Dick); and;

Gully near Gwydir Street Bingara (Cr. Egan)

## ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION: MINUTE 297/18

### Public Infrastructure Committee

#### Monthly Technical Services Report - July 2018 (Ref: 298/18)

**THAT the Report by the Technical Services Department on the activities of the Department for the month of July 2018 be noted.**

### Community Services and Planning Committee

#### Yammacona Promotion (Ref: 299/18)

**THAT Mr William Clift's denial of any knowledge regarding the promotional activities of his development by Samaritan Sand is noted.**

#### Monthly Executive report for July 2018 (Ref: 300/18)

**THAT the monthly Executive report for July 2018 be received.**

**FURTHER that Mr G Chorley's positive involvement with the Work for the Dole Scheme is noted and that he be thanked**

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accordingly. (Ref: 301/18)

**Monthly Organisation and Community Development Report - July 2018 (Ref: 302/18)**

**THAT the monthly Organisation and Community Development report for July 2018 be received.**

**Councillors' Reports**

**THAT the following Councillor's reports are noted:**

**Drought Relief (Ref: 303/18) ;**

**Various Bingara Maintenance Issues (Ref: 304/18);**

**Mrs M Thatcher's Farewell (Ref: 305/18);**

**Rural Fire Service (Ref: 306/18); and;**

**Gully near Gwydir Street Bingara (Ref: 307/18)**

**(Moved Cr Dixon OAM, seconded Cr Galvin)**

Item 3 Correspondence - Vision 2020 - Maitland Street Bingara Noise

**FILE REFERENCE**

**DELIVERY PROGRAM**

**GOAL:** 1. A healthy and cohesive community

**OUTCOME:** 1.1 WE HAVE HEALTHY AND INVITING SPACES AND PLACES

**STRATEGY:** 1.1.3 Provide the right places, spaces and activities - OCD - external

**AUTHOR** General Manager

**DATE** 15 August 2018

**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil

**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

This report recommends that the correspondence from Bingara and District Vision 2020 be referred to the Director Technical Services for a report.

**TABLED ITEMS** Nil

**BACKGROUND**

The issues outlined in the attached correspondence have been gathering currency within the residents who reside within close proximity to the Maitland and Cunningham intersection.

The road surface at this intersection and leading up to the intersection would definitely benefit from a hot mix road finish. This would greatly reduce the noise levels of traffic but does come at a considerable cost.

Some of the issues raised will need to be referred to the Local Traffic Committee but the majority can be evaluated in a report from the Technical Services Director, which is being recommended.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the correspondence be acknowledged and referred to staff for a further report.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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AT- Correspondence

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 308/18**

**THAT the correspondence be acknowledged and referred to staff  
for a further report.**

**(Moved Cr Egan, seconded Cr Young)**

# Bingara and District **20** VISION **20**

PO Box 222 Bingara NSW 2401  
08/08/2018



Dear Max & Gwydir Shire Councillors

**Re: Town noise and hazards**

We have received approaches from a number of main street businesses and residents concerned about the increasing level of noise pollution, particularly in Maitland & Cunningham Streets. As a committee we share these concerns, and thought it may be of benefit to summarise them succinctly. Given the current favourable position with grant availability, the timing appears ripe to fund remedial measures.

It seems in part that we are a victim of our own success. Although anecdotal, it does appear that there is an increase in heavy vehicle traffic through the town (possibly caused by better roads and by the deteriorating state of the Newell Highway). Presumably we can install counters to verify the position. There is no doubt that there is a major increase in caravan, RV, boat trailer and similar traffic, and we see the benefits of this throughout the town.

The noise problem is most apparent with any form of articulated or towed vehicle. We suggest the following as short term and easy to implement measures:

- (a) **Road surface.** Road surfaces in Maitland and the lower end of Cunningham Streets are in very poor condition. In addition to noise, these surfaces are a danger to pedestrians and to those on any form of bike.
- (b) **Access.** There appears to be no reason why heavy vehicle traffic should be allowed on Maitland Street north of Cunningham St (except for access traffic – mostly smaller trucks).
- (c) **Speed.** Speed limits throughout Bingara are unnecessarily complex. A blanket 50 km limit throughout town, and 40km in the main street would be simpler, help reduce noise and reduce danger. Pedestrian crossings on the four sides of the Maitland/Cunningham Streets intersection would further assist in slowing traffic and improving safety.
- (d) **Drainage** – the above ground drainage & dips on the junction of Cunningham & Maitland Streets contribute substantially to noise, and are an antiquated drainage solution.
- (e) **Air Brakes** – should be banned within the town boundaries in common with many other towns.
- (f) **Dust** – stop & drop zones would alleviate this problem.

- (g) **Design.** It is now many years since John Mongard came up with a town plan, and very little has been implemented. Perhaps the greening of the Cunningham/Maitland St intersection would be a great place to start, improving the “liveability” of this area and assisting with the noise problem.
- (h) **Signage.** A review of existing signage within the town with possibly some rationalization and additional clarity could assist.

The above measures would undoubtedly improve the situation. In the longer term a heavy vehicle by-pass as envisaged in the Mongard plans is the obvious solution. We appreciate that any by-pass will disadvantage other citizens, but perhaps this is the time to accelerate planning on this project.

We would be happy to attend any meeting of Council to discuss these suggestions.

Yours sincerely,



John Bishton President.

**Item 4 July Monthly Investment and Rates Collection Report**

**FILE REFERENCE**

**DELIVERY PROGRAM**

**GOAL:** 5. Organisational Management

**OUTCOME:** 5.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

**STRATEGY:** 5.1.1 Financial management and accountability systems - CFO - internal

**AUTHOR** General Manager

**DATE** 15 August 2018

**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil

**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

At each monthly Ordinary Meeting, the Council is presented with the schedule relating to Investments, as at the end of the previous month.

**TABLED ITEMS** Nil

**BACKGROUND**

In accordance with Clause 19(3) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1993, the following information provides details of Council's funds invested as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

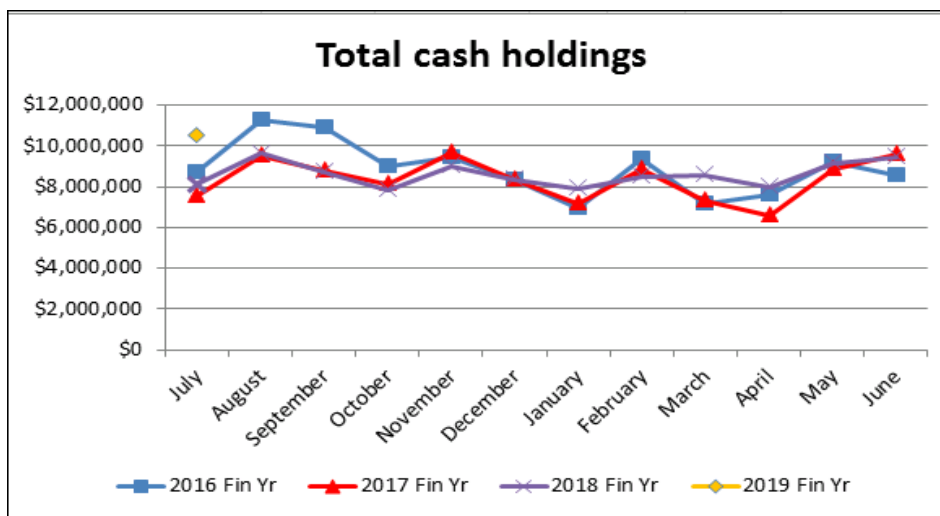
Direct Investments							
Broker	ID	Investment Name	Rating	Type	Next Rollover	Yield	Current Value
NAB	2018.05	NAB	AA	TD	6/08/18	2.57%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2018.06	NAB	AA	TD	17/08/18	2.50%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2018.07	NAB	AA	TD	6/08/18	2.44%	\$1,000,000.00
<b>Grand Total</b>							<b>\$3,000,000.00</b>
Managed Funds							
Fund	Investment Horizon	Type	3 Mth Avg Yield	Current Value			
Regional Australia Bank	At Call	Cash	2.56%	\$259,277.70			
Tcorp Cash Fund	At Call	Cash	3.32%	\$4,140,338.14			
Tcorp Medium Term Fund	At Call	Cash	3.36%	\$1,724,505.34			
<b>Grand Total</b>							<b>\$6,124,121.18</b>
Total Investments							
Direct Investments							\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds							\$6,124,121.18
<b>Grand Total</b>							<b>\$9,124,121.18</b>

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Cash and Investments	
<b>Total Investments</b>	
Direct Investments	\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds	\$6,124,121.18
<b>Grand Total Investments</b>	<b>\$9,124,121.18</b>
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	
Investments	\$9,124,121.18
Cash at bank	\$1,317,704.34
<b>Grand Total Cash and Investments</b>	<b>\$10,441,825.52</b>
<b>General Fund Cash</b>	
<b>Total cash and investments</b>	<b>\$10,441,825.52</b>
<b>LESS:</b>	
Water fund*	-\$203,408.47
Sewer fund*	-\$38,002.32
Waste fund*	-\$83,185.92
<b>Other restrictions:</b>	
Employee leave entitlements*	-\$420,000.00
Carry over works in progress*	\$0.00
Asset replacement*	\$0.00
Bonds and deposits	-\$425,741.00
Unexpended grants*	-\$387,000.00
Developer contributions	-\$255,586.40
*These figures may change with end of year processing	
<b>Discretionary General Fund Cash</b>	<b>\$8,628,901.41</b>



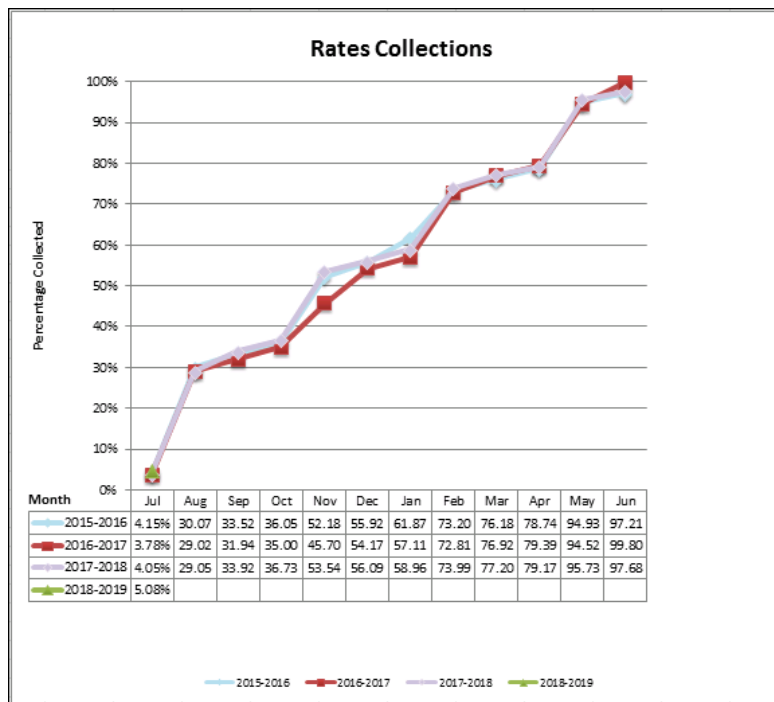
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I, Helen Thomas, Finance Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer for Gwydir Shire Council, certify that the Council’s investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council’s Investment Policy (F.01.03), as amended.

**RATES COLLECTIONS**

The graph below represents a comparative of the percentage collections for the current year against the two previous rating years. The current years collections are up to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018.



**TCorp Investment Management** **Performance Summary**  
July 2018

**TCorpIM Core Funds**

Returns	1 Month %			FYTD %			1 Year %			3 Year (% p.a.)			5 Year (% p.a.)			7 Year (% p.a.)		
	Net	BM	ER	Net	BM	ER	Net	BM	ER	Net	BM	ER	Net	BM	ER	Net	BM	ER
Cash	0.22	0.19	0.03	0.22	0.19	0.03	2.00	1.83	0.17	2.28	1.95	0.33	2.49	2.21	0.28	2.97	2.69	0.28
Strategic Cash	0.24	0.19	0.05	0.24	0.19	0.05	2.15	1.83	0.32	2.42	1.95	0.47	2.67	2.21	0.46	3.19	2.69	0.50
MTGF*	0.80	0.75	0.05	0.80	0.75	0.05	5.91	5.90	0.01	4.04	4.26	-0.22	5.37	5.48	-0.11	6.34	6.29	0.05
LTGF**	1.41	1.42	-0.01	1.41	1.42	-0.01	11.73	11.62	0.11	6.48	6.88	-0.40	8.91	9.18	-0.27	10.10	10.21	-0.11

\*Medium Term Growth Fund    \*\*Long Term Growth Fund

Net = Net Return; BM = Benchmark Return; ER = Excess Return

**TCorp Flash Report Performance Summary – July 2018**

The TCorp Cash and Medium Term Growth Fund details were not available at the time this report was prepared.

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OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the July Monthly Investment and Rates Collection report be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 309/18

THAT the July Monthly Investment and Rates Collection report be received and noted while noting that the General Fund Cash Table requires some adjustment which will be circulated to all Councillors.

(Moved Cr Young, seconded Cr Smith)

The following corrected table was circulated following the meeting.

Cash and Investments	
<b>Total Investments</b>	
Direct Investments	\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds	\$6,124,121.18
<b>Grand Total Investments</b>	<b>\$9,124,121.18</b>
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	
Investments	\$9,124,121.18
Cash at bank	\$ 1,317,704.34
<b>Grand Total Cash and Investments</b>	<b>\$10,441,825.52</b>
General Fund Cash	
<b>Total cash and investments</b>	<b>\$10,441,825.52</b>
<b>LESS:</b>	
Water fund*	-\$801,624.93
Sewer fund*	-\$3,015,824.58
Waste fund*	-\$2,001,648.58
<b>Other restrictions:</b>	
Employee leave entitlements*	-\$420,000.00
Carry over works in progress*	\$0.00
Asset replacement*	\$0.00
Bonds and deposits	-\$2,549,047.00
Unexpended grants*	-\$387,000.00
Developer contributions	-\$255,586.40
<small>*These figures may change with end of year processing</small>	
<b>Discretionary General Fund Cash</b>	<b>\$1,011,094.03</b>

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**Cr John Coulton**

**Visit by the LGNSW President (Ref: 310/18)**

The Mayor advised the meeting that the President of LGNSW, Cr Linda Scott, accompanied by two staff members visited the Shire on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018. Cr Scott suggested that the Council may like to submit a motion for consideration at the upcoming State Conference regarding the recycling of tyres.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION:  
MINUTE 311/18**

**THAT the State Government establish a program utilizing funds from the Waste Levy to develop tyre recycling infrastructure serving regional areas**

**(Moved Cr Smith, seconded Cr Moore)**

**Cr John Coulton**

**Chinese Trade Delegation Visit (Ref: 312/18)**

The meeting was advised that the delegation visited all of the Namoi Member Councils. The Mayor confirmed that when the delegation visited Gwydir, the Council were good hosts and that possible trading partnerships between the delegation members and local business representatives may eventuate.

**Cr Stuart Dick**

**RFS (Ref: 313/18)**

Cr Dick advised the meeting that the permit season has been brought forward due to the extreme weather conditions.

**Cr Geoff Smith**

**Warialda Wasps Rugby Team (Ref: 314/18)**

Cr Smith advised the meeting that the Warialda Wasps will be conducting a game in September at the Warialda Recreation Ground and have requested some assistance from the Council. The request has been outlined in a letter to the staff.

**Cr Catherine Egan**

**Gully off Gwydir Street Bingara (Ref: 315/18)**

Cr Egan requested that the Parks and Garden staff undertake maintenance work on the Gwydir Street gully.

**Cr Catherine Egan**

**Library Book (Ref: 316/18)**

Cr Egan advised the meeting that the Council's Librarian has circulated the book *Scrublands* to all Councillors for their reading pleasure. Cr Egan requested that the book be returned to the library once read.

**Cr Geoff Smith**

**Shire Drought (Ref: 317/18)**

Cr Smith suggested that the drought conditions may be reaching the point where the Councillors need to prayer for divine intervention in an effort to break the drought. The matter will be further explored when a full complement of Councillors and staff are available to present the case through prayer.

**Meeting closed 3.50 pm**