



NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that an **Ordinary Meeting of Gwydir Shire Council** will be held in the Bingara Office Council Chambers, on **Thursday 25 July 2019** (commencing at **9.00am**) to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Your attendance is respectfully requested.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Max Eastcott", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Max Eastcott
General Manager

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GWYDIR SHIRE COUNCIL

BUSINESS PAPER

AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING July 25, 2019 9.00am

OFFICIAL OPENING AND WELCOME – MAYOR

APOLOGIES

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday, June 27, 2019 as circulated be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

PRESENTATION – The Hon Damien Tudehope, Minister for Finance and Small Business and Robyn Hobbs OAM, NSW Small Business Commissioner

CALL FOR THE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS, GIFTS RECEIVED AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

1. Warialda Solar Farm Proposal

It is recommended that the Council resolve into Committee of the Whole with the press and public excluded to allow consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2) (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

2. Confidential Recommendations from the Community Services and Planning Committee

It is recommended that the Council resolve into Committee of the Whole with the press and public excluded to allow

consideration of this item, as provided for under Section 10A(2) (a) (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, on the grounds that the report contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals; AND the report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

MAYORAL MINUTE (If any)

DEFERRED ITEMS – Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS (As listed)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OPEN

Councillors' Reports

Item 1 Adoption of recommendations from the Public Infrastructure and Community Services and Planning Committee Meetings held on 11th July 2019

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 17 July 2019

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION

This report recommends the adoption of the recommendations from the Community Services and Planning Committee and Public Infrastructure Committee Meetings held on 11th July 2019.

TABLED ITEMS Nil

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Monthly Technical Services report for June 2019

THAT the monthly Technical Services report for June 2019 be received.

CS & P COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Councillor Activity Statement for June 2019

THAT the Councillor Activity Statement for June 2019 be received.

Rural Aid

THAT Mrs Tracy Alder is thanked for her presentation.

Monthly Executive Report for June 2019

THAT the monthly Executive report for July 2019 be received.

Monthly Organisation and Community Development report for June 2019

THAT the monthly Organisation and Community Development report for June 2019 be received.

FURTHER that the members of the Bingara Special Events Committee and coordinating staff, especially Mrs Georgia Standerwick, are congratulated on the outstanding success of the recent Orange Festival.

FURTHER Ms Alyse Steiger and Mr Anthony Francis are commended for their positive mentoring of the exchange program participants.

Namoi JO Executive Officer Appointment

THAT the report be received and noted.

FURTHER that Ms Rebel Thomson be congratulated on her reappointment.

New England Trainee of the Year Award

THAT the Council acknowledges and congratulates the achievement of Mr Justin Lanesbury in being named the 2019 New England Trainee of the Year.

Gwydir Youth Council Minutes

THAT the Minutes of the Gwydir Youth Council Meeting held on 27th June 2019 are received and noted.

FURTHER that the efforts of Ms Alyse Steiger, Mrs Sharon Gilmour (Warialda High School) and Ms Natasha Schmidt (Bingara Central School) in promoting the Youth Council are acknowledged.

'Triangle Park' Warialda - suggested upgrade from Warialda and District Chamber (See attached submission)

No recommendation but the Committee thanked the submitter for the idea but decided it was beyond the capability of the Council's resources at this stage to embark on a park project of the magnitude envisaged in the submission. It was also noted that the Council should endeavour to make the existing sporting facilities as available as possible.

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

THAT the report outlining the structure of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment be received and noted.

Councillors' Reports

THAT the reports from the following Councillors are noted:

Cr Moore (NAIDOC Week);

Cr Moore (Shade Sail Capt. Cook Park);

Cr Moore (Community Service Volunteers);

Cr Egan (Storm water detention pond maintenance);

Cr Young (Holding Yard at the end of Maitland Street); and;

Cr Young (Reading Warialda Primary School)

ATTACHMENTS

AT- Triangular Park proposal - additional information

Max Eastcott

From: Ann Willis <ann@bizcleanmats.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 12 July 2019 10:54 AM
To: Cr Catherine Egan; Cr David Coulton; Cr Geoff Smith; Cr Jim Moore; Cr Marilyn Dixon; Cr Stuart Dick; Cr Frances Young; Cr Tiffany Galvin; Cr John Coulton; Max Eastcott
Subject: FW: Youth Park West Warialda
Attachments: WDC19002-Map-Youth-Park-v10-A3.pdf; Canteen Stage 2.pdf; why a youth park.pdf; Park Activity Ideas.pdf

Don't think this sent earlier so trying again. Regards Ann

Hi all, I was very disappointed to hear recently that someone had raised the idea of the Youth Park at a council meeting and it had been canned even though it isn't ready to be proposed or submitted.

So I want to send what has already been prepared FYI.

- I'm resurrecting it because of the many grants now available for Infrastructure benefiting Youth. There is one open for applications right now.
- It originated from the Yallaroi Development Group and some high school students before the amalgamation of the Shires. The plans were given to the Council but have been lost in the amalgamation. I've had them redone. See first attachment.
- The kids organised a dance at the town hall raising \$500. Nothing happened with the Park, but the Skate Park later eventuated from this through the then Development Officer.
- The main purpose of the Park is not only structural but educational and social. Now with the GLR in our schools, community groups and students could form a group for the building and maintenance of the park. The addition of a canteen (rough idea attached) being for teaching, especially in Barista skills, which is one of the big employers of our kids when they leave home or go to Uni.
- It would certainly make our town a very attractive place for families.
- Plenty more reasons in 3rd attachment.
- 4th attachment show some of the facility ideas.

Reasons given for canning it.

- *"Isolated"*. Disagree. It's between Nicolson Oval and Captain Cook Park, the Golf Course and Bowling greens. All parks in all towns are not on main roads and it's a good idea that they aren't. Also the location will give that end of town the lift it needs.
- *"Should be an addition to the current sporting facilities"*. Absolutely not. The whole concept would not work if it wasn't all together in a large area.
- *"Bullying"*. Yep possible but bullying happens everywhere and building more confident kids is the only way to prevent it.
- *"Expensive"*. As mentioned previously there are plenty of grants about and can also be done in stages. Voluntary community help, working with the students, is important so that community, especially students, take ownership and are proud of their achievement.
- *"No one uses Parks"*. Disagree. Look during school holidays at the number of kids walking the streets. Yes a lot of kids live out of town, but they are the fortunate ones, able to work side by side with their parents, developing a sense of worth. Also this Park is unique and would attract families from out of town, perhaps on weekend visits.

I ask that you reconsider the canning of this project, give permission in principle for the use of the land near Nicolson Oval and offer someone as a liaison person.

Regards Ann

Ann Willis
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Item 2 Internal Audit Committee Resolutions for notation

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 17 July 2019

STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST Nil

TABLED ITEMS Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the following resolutions passed at the Internal Audit Committee Meeting on 5th July 2019 are noted:

Confirmation of Minutes from 28th March 2019

THAT the Minutes of the previous Internal Audit Committee Meeting held on 28th March 2019 as circulated be taken as read and CONFIRMED.

Procurement

THAT the report regarding Procurement be received.

2019/2020 Operational Plan

THAT the report on the 2019/2020 Operational Plan be received.

FURTHER that the Quarterly Budget Reviews be circulated to all the members of the Internal Audit Committee at the same time as the reports are circulated to Councillors.

FURTHER that a review of the overheads currently applied to the Waste, Water and Sewerage Funds be prepared for a future Internal Audit Committee Meeting.

Presentation from The Deputy General Manager

THAT the Deputy General Manager is thanked for her presentation.

FURTHER that the following areas of concern are noted from the presentation: Records' Compliance; Work Health and Safety; Contract Management; and; Bullying.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Item 3 Grant Funded Projects Update - July 2019**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** 17 July 2019**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil**BACKGROUND**

With the injection of \$6 million dollars' worth of State and Federal grant funding, many community groups throughout the Gwydir Shire are benefiting from the delivery of 48 projects since mid-2018.

Grants received to date have been:

- Stronger Country Communities Round 1 - \$776k
- Stronger Country Communities Round 2 - \$1.55m
- Restart NSW - Regional Growth Environment & Tourism - \$2m (Big River Dreaming)
- Drought Communities Programme - \$1m

So far, 25 projects have been completed, with the remainder to be finalised by mid-2020. All Drought Communities Project funding has been expended. With a third round of the NSW's Stronger Country Communities funding now available, this list will grow and it is hoped that Council will be successful in securing additional drought funding in the near future.

COMMENT

The Newsletter at Attachment 1 provides an update on the projects as at 30 June 2019.

The newsletter is published on Council's website, has a link on Facebook and hard copies of this newsletter will be distributed to Council offices, libraries and Newsagents for information to members of the community in both Warialda and Bingara.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received

ATTACHMENTS

AT- Grant Fund Projects Newsletter - 2019

JULY 2019

GRANT FUNDED PROJECT NEWSLETTER

AN UPDATE ON THE STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES ROUND 1 & 2, RESTART
NSW AND THE DROUGHT COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR DASH

LISA MEADER

Can you believe it? We're half way through 2019 already! The Project Managers have had a big year so far - with plenty more to come over the next six months.

As always, one of our key drivers is to deliver each project on-time and on budget. Scope creep and market pressures continue to challenge the Project Management Team however their focus and discipline demonstrates their commitment to delivering on their promises - both to the community and Council.

As the end of financial year quickly approached it was all hands on deck to ensure the expiring federal funded (Drought Programme) projects were completed in time. And whilst it was a race to the end (some days hectic), it also became a good time to reflect upon the first half of the year and the significant amount of work which has been performed.

Amazing work has been achieved to date. In fact, 25 projects are now complete. Although, unless you've been directly involved in one of our 48 Projects, you probably wouldn't have known it was happening.

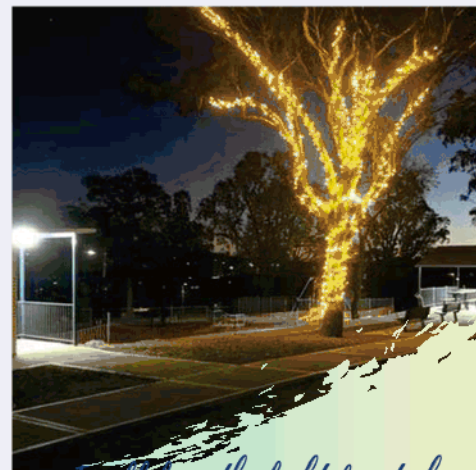
Unfortunately as is the case for many projects, the team has had little opportunity to communicate their good work with the community, instead caught up in the project deliverable's. However, over the past few months, the Program Office has enjoyed the support from Council's Marketing and Promotions Team Leader - Georgia Standerwick who is now tasked with managing Project communications and doing a wonderful job.

NEWS AND INSIGHTS

Inside this issue

- Page 1 - End of Financial Year DASH
- Page 2 - Drought Community Programme Comes to a Close
- Page 5 - Project Manager Update

This newsletter will outline the projects completed, underway or in planning and encourage you to visit these project sites if you have a chance and see for yourself the quality workmanship Council staff and Contractors are delivering in our Community.



*I will love the light for it shows
me the way, yet I will endure the
darkness for it shows me the stars*



DROUGHT COMMUNITY PROGRAMME



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DROUGHT PROGRAMME COMES TO A CLOSE



LISA MEADER

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Administered by the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, the Federally funded Drought Communities Programme objectives were to deliver support to targeted drought-affected regions of Australia.

The intent of the funding was to target infrastructure and other projects that:

- provided employment for people whose work opportunities have been impacted by drought;
- stimulate local community spending;
- use local resources, businesses and suppliers; and
- provide a long-lasting benefit to communities and the agricultural industries on which they depend.

The intended outcomes of the programme were to:

- increase employment in regions by providing work for locals and/or farmers and farm labourers/staff/contractors whose employment opportunities have been affected by drought;
- improve levels of economic activity in regions;
- increase productivity in regions; and
- enable better retention of businesses, services and facilities.

Gwydir Shire received \$1 million of Drought funding which was allocated to 16 community projects:

1. Reedy Creek foreshore improvements
2. Replacement of perimeter fence at Warialda Airstrip
3. Construction of amenities building at Warialda Airstrip
4. Gravesend tennis facility upgrade
5. 100 Year CWA commemorative monument
6. Installation of flag poles throughout Bingara
7. Installation of decorative lighting in Bingara CBD
8. Gwydir Foreshore Improvements
9. Installation of solar panels and lighting upgrades at North Star Sports Club
10. Re-Roofing of Gravesend Community Hall
11. Solar panel and battery installation to Warialda Rail Sportsground Clubhouse and playground upgrades
12. Construction of toilet facilities at Warialda Cemetery
13. Construction of multi-sports courts at Upper Horton Sports Club
14. Flag poles installation at Warialda and Gravesend plus installation of park lighting in Warialda and Warialda Rail
15. Redevelopment of Warialda's Hospital Park into an All Abilities Park
16. Co-contribution for road resealing - Cunningham and Maitland Streets intersection, Bingara



REEDY CREEK

BEFORE

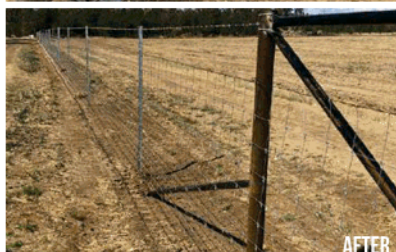


AFTER



WARIALDA AIRSTRIP

BEFORE



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GRAVESEND TENNIS COURTS

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AFTER

DROUGHT COMMUNITY PROGRAMME



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PROJECT DELIVERY

In order to execute the many projects, Council invited community members affected by the drought to apply for a number of casual labouring positions.

After a sensitive recruitment process, four residents were employed and tasked with a customised works program that suited their skill sets. The team of four were tasked with a multitude of projects, ranging from building works to gardening. Each week, employees tackled their projects with professionalism and pride.

A number of projects couldn't have been completed without the assistance of a number of local Contractors. The quality work and commitment showed by all has been outstanding and I thank each of them for their efforts.

A brief summary of each drought project is outlined below. In some cases, the summary does not include Council wages or funds received from other Government grants.

REEDY CREEK FORESHORE IMPROVEMENTS

Grant - \$141,700 | + Council Contribution - \$1,048
Contractor - AC HJ and Derek Rose
Council - Staff and Casual Labourers

WARIALDA AIRSTRIP FENCE UPGRADES AND AMENITIES INSTALLATION

Grant - \$91,600 |
Fencing Contractor - Willunga Pastoral Company
Construction Donation - Arthur Hall, Barry Power, Committee Members
Contractors - Lachlan Hall Construction & Egan Plumbing
Council - Staff and Casual Labourers

GRAVESEND TENNIS FACILITY UPGRADES

Grant - \$33,000 | + Council Contribution - \$28
Contractor - AC HJ and Derek Rose
Council - Staff and Casual Labourers

CWA MONUMENT - CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Grant - \$47,000 | + Council Contribution - \$296
Donation - Boss Engineering
Contractor - A Superior Monument

BINGARA STREETSCAPING - FLAG POLES AND DECORATIVE LIGHTING

Grant - \$47,000 | + Council Contribution - \$594
Council - Staff and Casual Labourers

GWYDIR FORESHORE IMPROVEMENTS

Grant - \$110,000 |
Council - Staff and Casual Labourers



REEDY CREEK



WARIALDA AIRSTRIP



GRAVESEND TENNIS COURTS



BICENTENNIAL PARK BINGARA



BINGARA STREETSCAPE



DROUGHT COMMUNITY PROGRAMME



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NORTH STAR SPORTS CLUB LIGHTING AND SOLAR UPGRADES

Grant - \$98,100 | + Council Contribution - \$1,889
Contractor - Paynes Electrical

RE-ROOFING GRAVESEND COMMUNITY HALL

Grant - \$98,100 | + Council Contribution - \$3,212
Contractor - Ben Meader Constructions
Council - Staff

WARIALDA RAIL SPORTSGROUND CLUBHOUSE SOLAR INSTALLATION AND PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Grant - \$25,000 |
Contractors - Peter Moodie (Electrical) & Moree Powder Coaters (Painting)

WARIALDA CEMETERY TOILET INSTALLATION AND SIGNAGE UPGRADE

Grant - \$36,890 |
Contractor - B P Jackson
Council - Staff and Casual Labourers

UPPER HORTON SPORTS CLUB TENNIS COURT UPGRADE

Grant - \$131,700 | + Council Contribution - \$930
Donation - Upper Horton Sporting Club Committee
Contractor - Power Court, Calco Enterprises

WARIALDA AND GRAVESEND STREETSCLAPING - FLAG POLES AND PARK LIGHTING

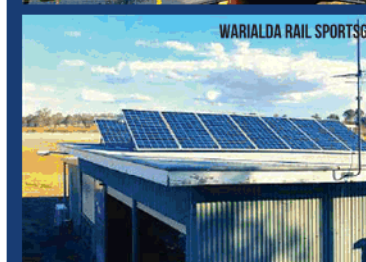
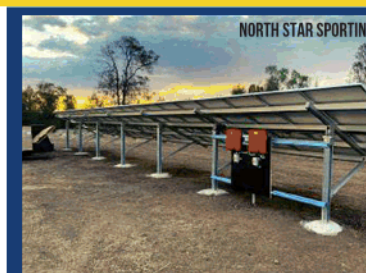
Grant - \$131,700 | + Council Contribution - \$696
Council - Staff and Casual Labourers

WARIALDA'S ALL ABILITIES PARK DEVELOPMENT

Grant - \$231,635 | + Council Contribution - \$370
Donations - B Swain, D Rose, Warialda MPS, Family Late Barry Hall, B L Meader,
Contractor - AC HJ and Derek Rose, O'Neil Concrete, B P Jackson, Warialda Electrical, Gloop Surfacing, Austek Constructions

ROAD RESEALING - CUNNINGHAM AND MAITLAND STREETS INTERSECTION, BINGARA

Grant - \$27,315
Unfortunately at the time of this newsletter, this project had not proceeded due to 3rd party delays



PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE - AMY BEUTEL

WARIALDA CEMETERY TOILET BLOCK AND SIGNS

A single all access unisex toilet block has been built at the Warialda Cemetery. There were significant savings in the budget, which allowed us to add more to the scope of works. It was discussed and decided that a new sign with the map of the cemetery, along with row signs would be added to the project. Joel Daley was able to source the signs from HiViz signs, with the drought relief staff being used to place the signs. The toilet block and new signs has been well received by the community, giving the facility a nice revamp.



WARIALDA AIRSTRIP AMENITIES

A toilet and shower block has been built at the Warialda Airstrip. The build completed in kind by Arthur Hall, Barry Power and other members of the community that use the facility. The block has been well received by the clubs and community members that use the facility and will allow the model aircraft club to hold bigger and better events in the future. This project will also provide a much-needed facility for all other users of the airstrip.



PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE - ANDREW COOPER

GWYDIR OVAL REFURBISHMENT

Under round 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund, Council secured \$84,538.00 for the refurbishment of Gwydir Oval Grandstand. The works included:

- Removal and replacement of existing concrete floor under grandstand;
- Replacement of Post footings;
- Concrete the area in front of the grandstand between the stairs;
- Construct 3 store rooms underneath;
- Remove existing zincalume cladding and replace with colourbond - paperbark - to match roof of Canteen;
- Paint all the chairs in the grandstand;
- 4 mesh windows at rear of grandstand - top level - replace mesh;
- Power and lights to grandstand; and
- Skillion roof over the concrete in front of the bar.

The works are 80% complete with only the skillion roof and some painting remaining. A great asset for the community and a credit to all involved. In particular Wayne Andrews and Jake Rafter need a special mention as they have completed the bulk of the work in profession manner. Well done



PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE - CARL TOOLEY

WARIALDA ALL ABILITIES PARK

Construction of the new All Abilities Park was made possible by \$231,000 in NSW Government drought funding and \$200,000 funding from the NSW Government Everyone Can Play program.

Consultation and Planning

After extensive consultation a concept plan was developed with the aim of providing an inclusive play space that invites people of all ages and abilities to come together. The park was designed to ensure easy access and provide a range of equipment and settings in a comfortable environment. The park is intended to be welcoming and comfortable, easy to navigate and be interesting.

The Park will provide a car park, accessible amenities, all abilities play zone, bbq shelter with seating and lighting and over 450 m of gently graded pathways past landscaped gardens. Seating and two other sheltered areas will be distributed throughout the park along with an upgraded kids play area and a fitness equipment zone. A yoga lawn and several turf play areas will also be incorporated.

The Park was carefully designed to ensure that the paths layout, play equipment and park furniture will allow everyone to experience a variety of engaging play opportunities in a way that suits them. Utilisation of the existing mature trees and the southerly aspect of the site was used to provide a variety of landscape settings and provide meeting places for opportunities to connect with others.



Construction

Construction started in February and as of mid-July 2019 the Park is 95% complete with final landscaping and construction of the car park progressing well.

Survey, design, construction set out and project management was provided in house by Council staff and initial earthworks was carried out by local contractor Bob Swain, who donated several days of dozer hire. Various construction materials have been donated by Derek Rose who also carried out the bulk landscaping and rock work. The amenities were built by Barry Jackson and concrete work was done by O'Neill concreting Moree. Electrical work was done by Warialda Electrical. Landscaping is being carried out by Council's Parks and Gardens, Council's Building Services erected all the shelter structures and play equipment, Council's Water and Sewer Services installed the water ring mains and sewer connection to the amenities and bbq shelter, and Council's Engineering Services has done all of the other myriad work including fence installs, furniture installs and the car park.

Project finalisation

The project has proven to be complex but very rewarding for all involved and staff are confident the project will be delivered on budget in a few weeks' time with the exception of turf and plants. Provision has been made for turf and plants to be installed when the season is more conducive to growth.



PATH CONCRETING UNDERWAY



INSTALLING PLAY EQUIPMENT AND FENCES



ELECTRICAL & LIGHTING COMPLETED

PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE - CARL TOOLEY

UPPER HORTON SPORTS CLUB TENNIS COURT UPGRADE

The Upper Horton Sports Club project involved the following:

1. Reconstructing and resurfacing the main existing tennis court with a multipurpose synthetic grass surface, with a netball and basketball hoop and line marking at either end of the court.
2. Reconstruction of the second existing tennis court as a bowling green and resurfacing with synthetic grass suitable for 4 bowling greens.
3. Installation of a LED remotely programmable sign in front of the Club.

The Club provided volunteer labour and donated materials to install a new fence in between the new tennis court and bowling greens. The Club also provided meals and accommodation for the contractor while on site which helped keep costs down.

As of mid-July 2019 the court construction and resurfacing has been completed and the fencing by the Club is almost completed. As many materials as possible were bought locally including 330 tonnes of crusher dust, steel and cement. The main contractor, Powercourt from Newcastle, was very professional and has provided a good product.

The LED sign was installed and commissioned by McKnight's Signs, Tamworth and is working well.

Project finalisation

The project was completed on time and on budget. Feedback from the Club has been good and the community is looking forward to using their new courts.



PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE - CARMEN SOUTHWELL

BIG RIVER DREAMING – REST STOP SHELTER, FURNITURE, INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE AND PLANTINGS

As part of the Big River Dreaming tourism project, four rest stops will be constructed along the Delungra and Whitlow Roads. These stops are located at the T-intersection of Allan Cunningham and Delungra Roads, eastern side of T-intersection at Sheep Station Gully, T-intersection of Whitlow and Upper Whitlow Roads and the Whitlow Creek fossicking site. Included at these stops will be shelters which will house interpretive signage, furniture and plantings.

Considerable work has been undertaken to draft interesting, informative and supported text which will engage the reader and stir a curiosity to learn more about our district and its history.

The signage will be twofold. The first will place the reader in the 1820/30s era by describing what life was like during this era, for instance how the indigenous were living, what Allan Cunningham found, how landholdings were created. The second will reference those who stood up and ensured the truth was told after the massacre. The signage text has been drafted using Allan Cunningham's diary in thorough collaboration with Mark Tedeschi (author of Murder of Myall Creek), Peter Stewart (author of Demons at Dusk), Bruce Pascoe (author of Dark Emu), Roger Millis (author of Waterloo Creek), Beth Hise (Sydney Living Museums – Head of Content, Strategic Projects), Peter White (Create NSW, Manager) and Keith Munro (Contemporary Art Museum NSW, Curator and also Lyall Munro's grandson).



Further signage will be placed at The Living Classroom and Pool Precinct to link the three tourist sites together

RESTART NSW AND STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES ROUND 1 FUNDING - POOL PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT

The development of the pool precinct is progressing well.

Council is now in receipt of concept designs and costing, and draft tender documentation. It has taken time to get to this point but it has been well worth bringing all of the potential elements together which will be considered by Council at its July Ordinary Meeting.

The precinct will see the demolition of the existing wading pool and the construction of a new splash park. The splash park will incorporate a body of water which will allow toddlers to become 'water aware', to float and to blow bubbles. In addition there will be water features to run through and play under.

The existing amenity building will be renovated and an all access amenity included. The existing amenity will be also be extended to include a more inviting and practical entry, and an activity/multipurpose room.

The proposed development also includes the demolition of the existing 33 metre pool and the construction of a new 25 metre pool. The new pool will have six lanes, an all access ramp with handrail and a deep end of either 2 metres or 2.5 metres and is subject to Council sourcing funds.

The pool precinct development is part of the Big River Dreaming project and as such will have a tourism element. Subject to community collaboration it is envisaged that the 'theme' will be for the visitor, primarily families, to discover and learn about the animals that live on, near or above the Gwydir River. Council has successfully conveyed this 'theme' at Cranky Rock through signage which includes incredible photos, interesting information and 'fun facts'.



PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE - COLIN CUELL

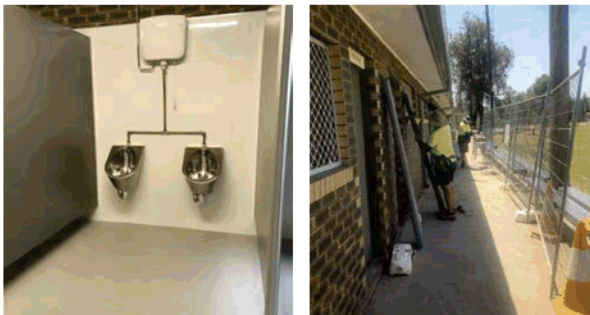
BUILDING SERVICES – SCCF PROJECT UPDATE

Our Building Services team has completed a number of projects under the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) since its commencement. Round 1 projects to be completed include the Bingara Central School basketball court cover and court markings, Coolatai Sportsground amenities building and the Warialda Memorial Hall amenities.

Since the start of 2019, we have also completed the following projects:

WARIALDA RECREATION GROUND – REFURBISHMENT OF AMENITIES

This refurbishment project involved the internal demolition of the existing facilities and construction of new facilities, and included widening of the entry doorways and construction of accessible amenities to facilitate disability access. The existing fixtures and fittings were removed and internal brick partition walls demolished. Internal sanitary plumbing and drainage was altered, walls tiled, laminex partitions installed, vinyl floor coverings laid and new sanitary fixtures and fittings installed. The new facility now provides for a modern, compliant and easily maintained facility which will last for many years to come. The project was completed on time and \$10,647.76 under the allocated budget.



WARIALDA RAIL SPORTS GROUND – CLUBHOUSE ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS

The existing clubhouse at the Warialda Rail Sporting Ground included a crudely constructed awning to the west and south of the clubhouse. The section of awning to the south was removed and new external walls and roof installed over the existing concrete slab. New servery windows were installed along with the relocation of the existing roller door to the new external wall. Vinyl floor covering, a bar unit and air-conditioning have also been installed. The new roof was extended to create an awning over the southern servery window and roller door, and the existing awning on the western side was integrated into the new roof. The project was completed on time and \$1,662.76 under the allocated budget.



WARIALDA RAIL SPORTS GROUND – INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

This project was completed on behalf of Suzie Webber and involved the creation of a playground area on the area formerly occupied by the Tennis Court. Used playground equipment from Captain Cook Park was sandblasted and powder coated before being installed along with a new piece of playground equipment. Timber sleepers were installed to contain the softfall which was added. The project was completed after some delays experienced with the powder coating of the playground equipment however was still completed approximately \$7,888.56 under the allocated budget.



PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE - COLIN CUELL

BUILDING SERVICES – SCCF PROJECT UPDATE

CROPPA CREEK PUBLIC HALL IMPROVEMENTS – KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT

This project involved the refurbishment of the existing kitchen facilities at the Croppa Creek Public Hall. Prior to commencement of the project the Croppa Creek Hall committee members removed the old kitchen cupboards and old slow combustion stove.

Council commenced the project with removal of a section of the existing floor to allow repair of some structural elements, level the floor and install new flooring. New aluminium windows, servery window and sliding glass doors were installed. Internal wall and ceiling linings were installed to some sections and external cladding was repaired/modified to accommodate the new and altered door and windows. New kitchen cabinets were installed along with a new electric range, rangehood and refrigerator. New vinyl floor coverings were installed, walls painted, tiled splashback installed and a reverse cycle split system air conditioner was installed to complete the project.

The project was completed after a slight delay and was \$164 over the allocated budget. This over expenditure will be absorbed in stage 2 of the project which is for the addition of a deck.



CARINDA HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

This project comprised of a couple of components of which the installation of air-conditioning to the stump room has been completed. The second component involves work to be undertaken by Vinecombe Constructions and involves repairs to the existing floor installation of new walls, kitchen cabinetry, vinyl floor coverings, lighting and electrical, and the erection of a new pergola on a concrete slab at the rear of Carinda House. This work is to commence on 11th July 2019 and is scheduled for completion in early August. The project will be delivered under the allocated budget.

BINGARA CIVIC CENTRE/LIBRARY REDEVELOPMENT

The Bingara Civic Centre/Library redevelopment project is ready to be submitted for project endorsement. If endorsement is received, construction is scheduled to commence in early August.



PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE - COLIN CUELL

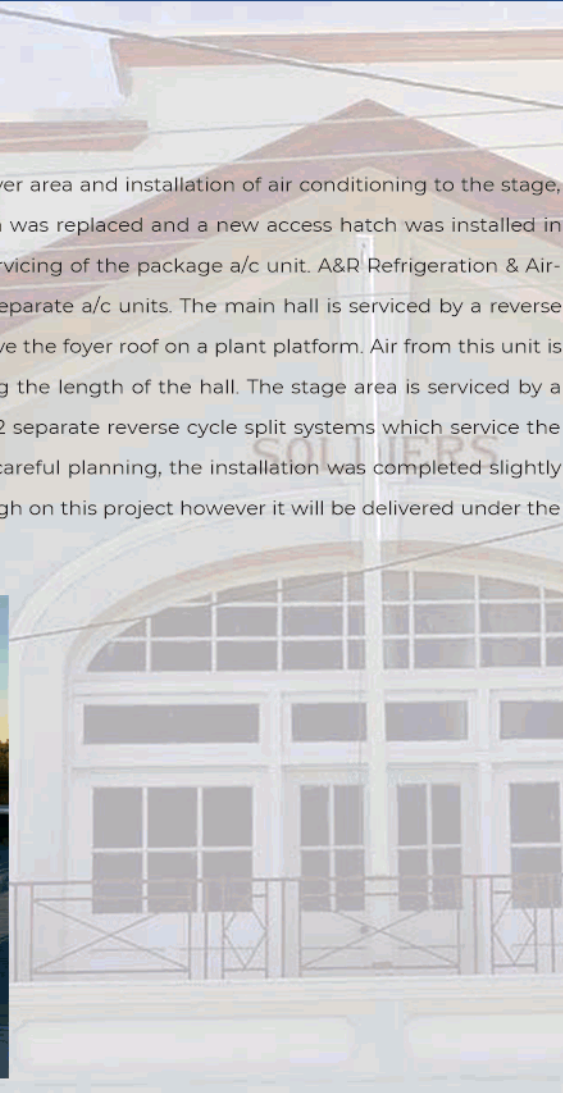
BUILDING SERVICES – SCCF PROJECT UPDATE

WARIALDA MEMORIAL HALL – INSTALLATION OF AIR-CONDITIONING

This project involved the replacement of the roof above the foyer area and installation of air conditioning to the stage, hall and kitchen/tea room areas. The roof above the foyer area was replaced and a new access hatch was installed in the old projector room to facilitate safe and easy access for servicing of the package a/c unit. A&R Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning at Toowoomba carried out the installation of 4 separate a/c units. The main hall is serviced by a reverse cycle ducted package unit with the package unit installed above the foyer roof on a plant platform. Air from this unit is ducted in through the roof of the hall to outlets running along the length of the hall. The stage area is serviced by a separate reverse cycle ducted split system and there are also 2 separate reverse cycle split systems which service the kitchen and tea room area. Whilst the project required some careful planning, the installation was completed slightly ahead of schedule. There are still some final costs to flow through on this project however it will be delivered under the allocated budget.



NEWLY INSTALLED AIR-CONDITIONING UNIT AND ROOF ACCESS HATCH



ENGINEERED PLANT PLATFORM WITH ACTRON AIR-CONDITIONING UNIT



PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE - JAMIE WILSON

BIG RIVER DREAMING - BIKE TRAILS AND REST STOPS

Works are slowly progressing with the proposed Big River Dreaming Bike Trails and Rest Stops. The planned works are to follow trails either through Crown Land, adjacent to the Delungra Road, or through Bingara State Forest (depending on the available options and their accessibility), from Bingara to the Myall Creek Memorial and then back again via the Whitlow Road.

The trails will incorporate five rest stops, each with different interpretive signage and facilities. The first rest stop will be situated at the Delungra Road and Allan Cunningham Road intersection, where it is proposed to construct a toilet facility, increased parking space and adequate seating. The second rest stop is proposed for the Sheep Station Creek Road and Delungra Road intersection where another toilet facility, a camping area, parking area and adequate seating will be constructed. The third location is the existing facilities at the Myall Creek Memorial, on Whitlow Road, where upgrades to the Memorial and walking paths have already taken place. These first three stops will form part of a reflection path for the Memorial. Heading back along Whitlow Road, the fourth and fifth stops will be located at the Upper Whitlow Road and Whitlow Road intersection and the Bobby Whitlow Fossicking Area, respectively. These will both have parking areas and adequate seating constructed, forming part of a renewal path for the Memorial, with the fourth stop already being mostly constructed.

Consultation is currently taking place with Crown Lands and the Local Lands Services (LLS) to get access sooner than the existing grazing leases will be ending (now end of 2019), as well as further consultation with NSW Forestry to see if access to their Bingara State Forest fire trails is possible and what will be required from them, if it is.

An endorsement is currently in progress for the construction of the fifth stop, with works proposed to begin within the next 2-4 weeks. A letter has been written, to be submitted to Crown Lands to gain a better understanding of the possibility of accessing the several Crown Land parcels alongside Delungra Road for the bike trails.

There are currently concerns with permanently depleting the availability of these parcels to neighbouring farmers, who currently lease these areas during tough times e.g. to feed their stock during extreme drought. Once a meeting is held with the local Forestry, a better understanding will be had, with whether or not we will require access to these Crown Parcels. Works are scheduled to be completed by October this year, however, this will depend on how soon the LLS will grant us access for the trails and stops.



PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE - SUZANNE WEBBER

WARIALDA RAIL PLAYGROUND

There are currently 62 children living in Warialda Rail and until now there were no facilities for these children. This was brought to the attention of Council and a S355 committee was established for the Warialda Rail Community so that fundraising and community activities could take place at the site.

The sports ground is the hub of the community and adding a playground to the area has enhanced the usage of the facility, adding to the need for additional infrastructure at the site.

Through the Stronger Country Communities funding, renovations and the addition of solar power were also carried out in the clubhouse. This has made the facility more user friendly and will be accessed by community groups for recreation and sporting events.



The project was undertaken utilising Council staff and involved the installation of 12m x 12m of softfall with containment logs. The original play equipment from Captain Cook Park in Warialda was installed after it was powder coated and looks like brand new equipment. Also a small amount of new play equipment for under 6 year olds was installed. The playground component of the project was complete by 13th July and it seems as though we have come in \$7,888.56 under budget which is great news. The play equipment is being used consistently by the community and they are all very happy with the result.

The new signage clearly states the rules of the area so that Council is protected from litigation and the community is aware that this is a safe space for children and their families to play. This has always been the goal of this project; to enhance a feeling of community in a space where families can spend quality time together.

The Committee is now organising their third Christmas Carnival and looks forward to ensuring that the new playground is a feature of the event. This committee is dedicated to raising funds to improve this area so that there is a safe place for their children to play. They look forward to establishing Warialda Rail as a destination for both travellers and community.

The next step in this project will be to seek funding for a shade sail, basketball court and BBQ area within the tennis court fencing. This will provide the community with a true sporting hub for them to enjoy and promote a healthy and active lifestyle in "the Gully".



Item 4 Monthly Investment and Rates Collection report for June 2019**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** Manager, Finance**DATE** 17 July 2019**STAFF DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** Nil**IN BRIEF/ SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION**

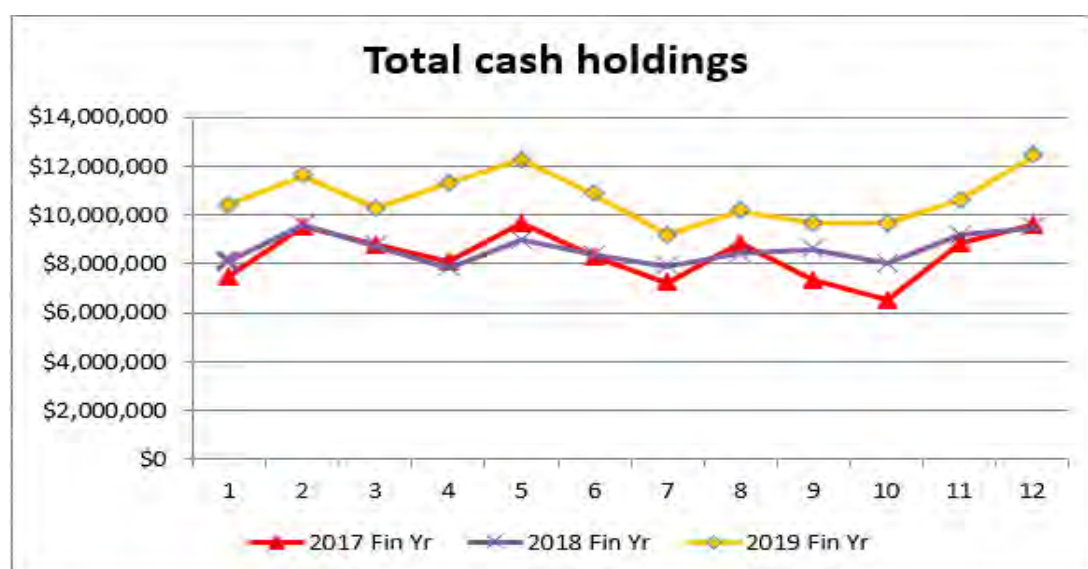
At each monthly Ordinary Meeting, the Council is presented with the schedule relating to Investments, as at the end of the previous month.

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 30th June 2019.

Direct Investments							
Broker	ID	Investment Name	Rating	Type	Next Rollover	Yield	Current Value
NAB	2018.17	NAB	AA	TD	5-07-19	2.00%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2018.18	NAB	AA	TD	5-07-19	2.00%	\$1,000,000.00
NAB	2018.19	NAB	AA	TD	15-07-19	2.00%	\$1,000,000.00
Grand Total							\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds							
Fund	Investment Horizon	Type	3 Mth Avg Yield	Current Value			
Regional Australia Bank	At Call	Cash	See report	\$263,460.04			
Tcorp Cash Fund	At Call	Cash	See report	\$8,060,061.50			
Tcorp Medium Term Fund	At Call	Cash	See report	\$546,338.89			
Grand Total							\$8,869,860.43
Total Investments							
Direct Investments							\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds							\$8,869,860.43
Grand Total							\$11,869,860.43

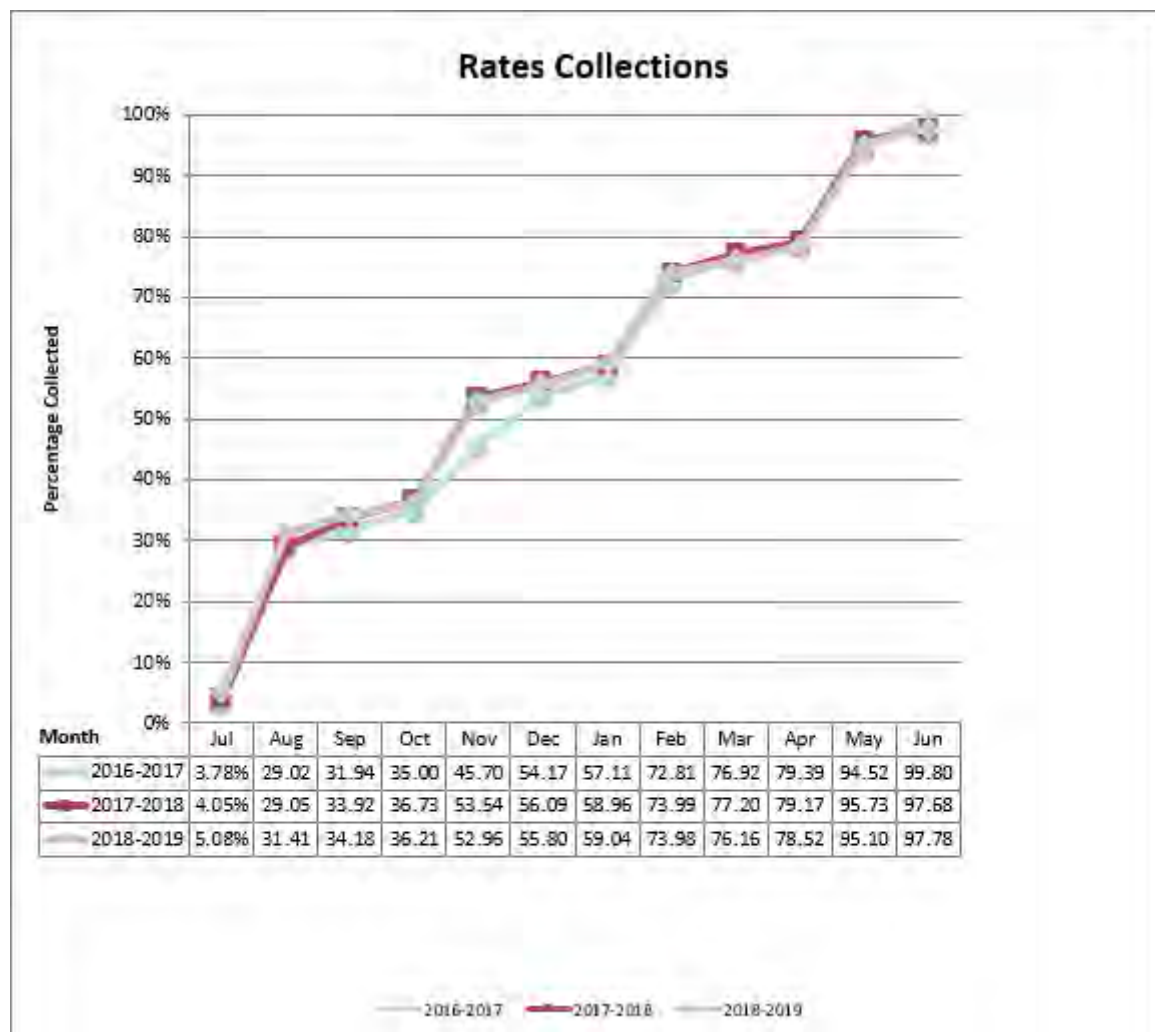
Cash and Investments	
Total Investments	
Direct Investments	\$3,000,000.00
Managed Funds	\$8,869,860.43
Grand Total Investments	\$11,869,860.43
Total Cash and Investments	
Investments	\$11,869,860.43
Cash at bank	\$ 549,664.97
Grand Total Cash and Investments	\$12,419,525.40
General Fund Cash	
Total cash and investments	\$12,419,525.40
LESS:	
Water fund*	-\$1,528,952.46
Sewer fund*	-\$3,792,253.50
Waste fund*	-\$2,788,745.88
Other restrictions:	
Employee leave entitlements*	-\$849,000.00
Carry over works in progress*	\$0.00
Asset replacement*	-\$688,698.00
Bonds and deposits	-\$1,100,000.00
Unexpended grants*	-\$650,000.00
Developer contributions	-\$256,000.00
*These figures may change with end of year processing	
Discretionary General Fund Cash	\$765,875.56



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 year's collections are as at 30th June 2019



T Corp Performance Summary as at 30 June 2019



Performance Summary

30 June 2019

TCorpIM Core Funds *

	10 year (% p.a.)	7 year (% p.a.)	3 year (% p.a.)	1 year %	FYTD %	1 month %
TCorpIM Cash Fund	3.32	2.64	2.23	2.34	2.34	0.17
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index	2.99	2.34	1.86	1.97	1.97	0.13
Excess return	0.33	0.31	0.37	0.36	0.36	0.03
TCorpIM Short Term Income Fund **	3.55	2.91	2.51	2.81	2.81	0.20
Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index	2.99	2.34	1.86	1.97	1.97	0.13
Excess return	0.56	0.57	0.65	0.83	0.83	0.07
TCorpIM Medium Term Growth Fund	6.52	6.44	5.77	6.38	6.38	1.60
SAA benchmark	6.48	6.39	5.79	6.61	6.61	1.58
CPI + 2.0% p.a. (over rolling 7 years)	4.12	3.92	3.79	3.33	3.33	0.17
Excess return to CPI + 2.0% p.a.	2.39	2.53	1.98	3.05	3.05	1.44
TCorpIM Long Term Growth Fund	9.50	10.93	10.07	8.94	8.94	3.25
SAA benchmark	9.64	11.00	10.21	9.72	9.72	3.27
CPI + 3.5% p.a. (over rolling 10 years)	5.62	5.42	5.29	4.83	4.83	0.29
Excess return to CPI + 3.5% p.a.	3.88	5.52	4.78	4.11	4.11	2.97

*Performance returns are net of fees and expenses.

**On 15 October 2018 the TCorpIM Strategic Cash Fund changed its name to the TCorpIM Short Term Income Fund.

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

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the monthly Investment and Rates Collection report for June 2019 be received

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.