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Members of the County Council

Notice of Ordinary Meeting of Upper Macquarie County Council 16 June 2023

I advise an Ordinary Meeting of the Upper Macquarie County Council will be held at the 7 Lee Street, Kelso chambers on 16 June 2023 beginning at 12.00pm

The Business Papers are attached for your reference.

Your attendance at the meeting is respectfully requested.

Yours sincerely

Timothy Johnston
General Manager

NOTICE FOR MEMBERS & THE PUBLIC

1. BOOKINGS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, TO ATTEND A MEETING IN-PERSON (IF PERMITTED AT ALL), CAN BE MADE BY CONTACTING THE COUNCIL OFFICES BY PHONE OR EMAIL NO LESS THAN 24 HRS PRIOR TO THE MEETING COMMENCING.
2. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE MEETING WILL BE POSTED ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL WEBSITE (WWW.UMCC.NSW.GOV.AU) AS SOON AS PRACTICAL AFTER THE MEETING IS COMPLETED

BUSINESS AGENDA

FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2023

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands where we work and live. Council celebrates the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of the NSW Central Tablelands.

RECORDING OF MEETING

Members and the public are advised that the proceedings of this meeting (other than any confidential matters) will be recorded and made publicly available on the Council Website and persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements.

ITEM 1: APOLOGIES

That Council acknowledge and accept the apologies of those members that have nominated that they will not attend this meeting.

ITEM 2: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Recommendation is moved by:	
Mover:	Seconder:

Recommendation:

That:

1. Council Members are reminded of their obligations under Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manager conflicts of interest.
2. If any member has any declaration of interests, they should do so now.

Note any Disclosures of Interest made.

Statement of ethical Obligations

(3.23 of the Code of Meeting Practice)

Members are reminded of their oath or affirmation under S.233A Local Government Act 1993.

Oath

"I, [*name of councillor*] swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of [*name of council area*] and the [*name of council*] and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the [Local Government Act 1993](#) or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment"

Affirmation

"I [*name of councillor*] solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of [*name of council area*] and the [*name of council*] and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the [Local Government Act 1993](#) or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment."

ITEM 3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation is moved by:	
Mover:	Seconded:

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the minutes of the previous meetings of the Upper Macquarie County Council:

1. **Ordinary Meeting** of the Upper Macquarie County Council held at 7 Lee Street, Kelso at **12.30pm** on **12 May 2023**.

Information:

ATTENDANCE

The Council Members were present:

- Cr. A. McKibbin
- Cr. A Smith
- Cr. Smith
- Cr. Fry
- Cr. O'Connor

The following Council Staff attended:

- General Manager, Timothy Johnston
- Biosecurity Operations Manager, Christopher Jackson
- Biosecurity Administration Manager, Lisa Monardo

Acknowledgement of Country

Item 1: Apologies

Mover: Member Cr. Watt

Seconded: Member Cr. Smith

That Council

1. Acknowledge and accept the apologies of Members, Cr. Reynolds, Cr. Lesslie and Ewin.

Item 2: Disclosure of interest and Statement of Ethical Obligations

Nil Disclosures made

Item 3: Confirmation of Minutes

Mover: Member Cr. Smith

Seconder: Member Cr. O'Connor

That Council adopt the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the 16th December 2022.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Item 4: Matters in Progress

Mover: Member Cr. Fry

Seconder: Member Cr. O'Connor

Council notes the table of matters in progress.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Item 5: Chairman's Minute

Nil

Item 6: Governance Program

6.1 Legislative Compliance

6.1.1 Government Information Public Access Act

Mover: Member Cr. O'Connor

Seconder: Member Cr. Watt

Council notes the report.

Resolved in the affirmative.

6.1.2 Insurance Renewals 2023/2024

Mover: Member Cr. Smith

Seconder: Member Cr. O'Connor

Council notes the report.

Resolved in the affirmative.

6.1.3 Register business name "Central Tablelands Weeds Authority"

Mover: Member Cr. McKibbin

Seconder: Member Cr. Watts

Council proceeds to register business name "Central Tablelands Weeds Authority" and notify other Councils within the Central Tablelands Local Land Services Region and relevant Government Agencies.

Resolved in the affirmative.

6.1.4 Modern Slavery Act 2018 (NSW)

Mover: Member Cr. Smith

Seconder: Member Cr. Watt

That Council continue to investigate ways to ensure that their obligations under the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (NSW) are met.

Resolved in the affirmative.

6.1.5 Implementation of the amendments to the State Records Act 1998.

Mover: Member Cr. O'Connor

Seconder: Member Cr. Smith

Council notes the report.

Resolved in the affirmative.

6.1.6 Interim External Audit Commencement

Mover: Member Cr. O'Connor

Seconder: Member Cr. Smith

Council notes the report.

Resolved in the affirmative.

6.2 Policies

6.2.1 Amendments to Compliance & Enforcement Policy

Mover: Member Cr. Smith

Seconder: Member Cr. O'Connor

That the Compliance & Enforcement Policy be amended are as follows.

1. Amend Table 4 Enforcement Action Guide **Levels of Decision Making** to increase Biosecurity Officers delegation. Currently biosecurity officers issue Weed Control Notices only. It is recommended to change this to enable Officers to inspect for and issue a first Direction, re-inspect and "recommend" issuing a Penalty Infringement Notice. Apply delegation limitations to Biosecurity Officers requiring evidentiary material being reviewed by the Manager Biosecurity Operations (MBO) before the PIN is issued and moving to a 2nd Direction that will be issued by the MBO.
2. Amend policy to reflect enforcement actions arising from non-compliance of a 2nd Direction includes enforceable undertaking, council undertakes control works or court proceedings. Remove 2nd PIN from Policy.

3. Amend section 14 Issue of Directions, Penalty Notices part 4 titled **Time Cycle for Notices & Directions** and part 6 **Enforcement Time Cycle** setting maximum limits on the compliance period as follows;
 - for WCN 9 months and Directions 6 months and;
 - applying extensions as per Guidelines only.
4. The General Manager seek input and discuss with the other General Managers of the other County Council about the proposed changes.
5. Commencement amendments to take effect 1 September 2023.
6. General Manager is authorised to make any incidental changes as necessary.

Resolved in the affirmative.

6.3 Finance

6.3.1 Quarterly Budget Review Statement – Third Quarter

Mover: Member Cr. O'Connor

Second: Member Cr. Watt

That Council notes the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the 3rd Quarter.

Resolved in the affirmative.

6.3.2 Operational Plan, Delivery Program & Business Activity Strategic Plan

Mover: Member Cr. Smith

Second: Member Cr. O'Connor

That Council

1. Place the Operational Plan & Delivery Program on public exhibition for 28 Days seeking public comment and bring back before the Ordinary Council Meeting 16 June 2023.
2. Place the Business Activity Strategic Plan on public exhibition for 28 days seeking public comment and bring back before the Ordinary Council Meeting 16 June 2023.
3. The General Manager be authorised to make any incidental changes as necessary.

Resolved in the affirmative.

6.3.2a Appreciation - Member Councillor Bruce Reynolds

Mover: Member Cr. Fry

Second: Member Cr. Watt

Council notes and appreciates the hard work put in by Member Councillor Reynolds towards the preparation of the Operational Plan, Delivery Program and Business Activity Strategic Plan.

Resolved in the affirmative.

6.3.3 Investment Report 30 April 2023

Mover: Member Cr. O'Connor

Seconder: Member Cr. Smith

Council notes the report.

Resolved in the affirmative.

6.4

6.4.1 General Manager's Annual Performance Review

Mover: Member Cr. Fry

Seconder: Member Cr. Smith

That

1. Council elects a member from Lithgow Council and Bathurst Council to participate in a Subcommittee with the Chairman Member Cllr Andrew McKibbin and Deputy Chairman Member Cllr Bruce Reynolds in an annual performance review with the General Manager Timothy Johnston.
2. Council nominates Member Fry from Bathurst Regional Council and Member O'Connor from Lithgow Council to participate in the General Manager's Performance Review Subcommittee.

Resolved in the affirmative.

6.4.2 Work Health & Safety

Mover: Member Cr. Smith

Seconder: Member Cr. O'Connor

That Council notes the report.

Resolved in the affirmative.

6.4.3 Staff Resourcing

Mover: Member Cr. O'Connor

Seconder: Member Cr. Watt

That Council notes the report.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Item 7 Landholder Support Program

7.1 Aerial Spraying Program Tender Changes 2023

Mover: Member Cr. O'Connor

Seconder: Member Cr. Smith

That Council notes that the Aerial Program Tender was changed by Addenda.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Item 8 Roadside Spraying Program

8.1 Roadside Spraying 2022/2023

Mover: Member Cr. O'Connor

Seconded: Member Cr. Watt

That Council notes the report.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Item 9 Biosecurity Compliance

9.1 Biosecurity Compliance Inspections February, March and April 2023

Mover: Member Cr. O'Connor

Seconded: Member Cr. Watt

Council notes the report.

Resolved in the affirmative.

9.2 Penalty Infringement Notices

Mover: Member Cr. O'Connor

Seconded: Member Cr. Watt

Council notes the report.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Item 10. Other matters

10.1 County Council Meeting Schedule

Mover: Member Cr. Fry

Seconded: Member Cr. O'Connor

Council adopts the proposed meeting Schedule

Date:	Time	Meeting & Location:
16 th June 2023	12.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting
11 th August 2023	2.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting
15 th September 2023	12.00pm	Workshop
24 th November 2023	2.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting

Resolved in the affirmative.

Item 11. Notices of Motion or Rescission

11.1 Notice of Motion 1

Moved: Chairman, Member Cr, McKibbin

Seconded: Member Cr. Fry

That the General Manager investigate the staffing structure of Upper Macquarie County Council and bring back a report to the Council on possible suggestions for projects and activities going forward which may provide budget efficiencies to the organisation.

Resolved in the affirmative.

RESOLVE INTO CONFIDENTIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL TO DEAL WITH CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Moved: Member Cr. Fry
Seconded: Member Cr. O'Connor

Report Subject	Reason for Confidentiality [Section of the Act]
12 Chairman's Minute	Section 10A 2(c). The report involves information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business
13 Transport for NSW, UGL Rail and City Rail Network	Section 10A (2)(e) information that would if disclosed prejudice the maintenance of law (inc Privacy and Personal Information Act)
14 Prosecution cases Update	
15 Compliance & Weed Biosecurity Property inspections for January, February & March 2023	

Resolved in the affirmative.

RESOLVE INTO OPEN COUNCIL

Moved: Member Cr. Fry
Seconded: Member Cr. Smith

That Council move into open session of the Council Meeting.

Resolved in the affirmative.

REPORT OF THE CONFIDENTIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

12 Chairman's minute

Mover: Member Cr. Smith
Seconder: Member Cr. Fry

1. That Council approves the General Manager to finalise the Intellectual Property Agreement with the Upper Hunter Weeds Authority, the New England Weeds Authority, and the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council.
2. That Council approves the Chairman and General Manager to progress discussions with Cabonne, Cowra, Orange and Midwestern Councils presenting the Intellectual Property Licence opportunity being offered by UMCC. The IP Licence will allow those Local Control Authorities to utilise UMCC's Compliance Systems of work that consist of the Compliance &

Enforcement Policy, the Risk Rating Tool, the Register and Guidelines for an annual fee of \$3,750.

3. That Council approves the Chairman & General Manager to progress discussion with Cabonne, Cowra, Orange and Midwestern Councils seeking their consideration of teaming with UMCC in having a singular voice when communicating with other State Agencies (Forestry, Crown Lands, TfNSW and LLS (TSR's)). These meetings will inform the Councils of the work being undertaken by UMCC with CTLLS in developing Regional Guidelines on how LCA's can communicate with NSW Government Agencies to achieve better outcomes.

Resolved in the affirmative.

13 Transport for NSW, UGL Rail and City Rail Network

Mover: Member Cr. O'Connor

Seconder: Member Cr. Smith

That Council note the report.

Resolved in the affirmative.

14 Prosecution Cases Updates

Mover: Member Cr. Smith

Seconder: Member Cr. Watt

That Council notes report.

Resolved in the affirmative.

15 Weed Biosecurity Property Inspections February, March and April 2023

Mover: Member Cr. O'Connor

Seconder: Member Cr. Smith

Council notes the report.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2.21pm

ITEM 4: MATTERS IN PROGRESS Update 12th May 2023

Recommendation is moved by:	
Mover:	Seconded:

Recommendation:

Council notes the matters in progress update.

SUBJECT	RESOLUTION No. & DATE	RESOLUTION	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
Strategic Roadside spraying rotation	Item 5 13 May 2022	<p>1. Council notes the report on the roadside spraying program 2021/2022.</p> <p>2. Council provides a Discussion Paper to each constituent Council on their roadside spraying program for 2021/2022</p> <p>16 December 2022: Proposed new Roadside Program to be Workshopped February 2023.</p> <p>Members workshopped the proposal to move away from the Roadside Program MOU to a Service Agreement that would see all roadsides treated each 3 years. Each LGA will have 3 sectors identified.</p>	The change from an MOU to a Service Agreement will be recommended to the Councils May 2023 meeting.	<p>Constituent Council's GMs responded to the Discussion Paper; each Council has provided positive responses to the 3 year rotation proposal under a Service Agreement replacing the MOU.</p> <p>Service Agreement for Roadside Program to be resolved at the May 2023 UMCC. The Service Agreement Proposal to be offered to each constituent council seeking their endorsement. <i>Due Date: May 2023</i></p> <p>Each constituent LGA has been divided into 3 sectors. The proposed Service Level Agreement for the annual Roadside program</p>

				has been finalised with Mac & Mac Lawyers. Letters to be sent to Constituent councils offering the service before end June.
Change to Business Name	NOM 2 12 August 22	That Upper Macquarie County Council undertake an investigation into changing its trading name to 'Upper Macquarie Weeds Authority', and that a report to be brought back to Council. Moved: Cr Bruce Reynolds Workshop April 2023 favoured Name considerations to Central Tablelands Weed Authority.	Business name change will be included in the work being undertaken with the new website. Contractor engaged for web design work that commenced February 2023. Recommendation being made to 12 May 2023 UMCC meeting to adopt preferred Trading as name. UMWA or CTWA	Name change and new website due date: <i>1 July 2023.</i>

ITEM 5: CHAIRMAN'S MINUTE

5.1 Workshop on Serrated Tussock

Recommendation:

That a Serrated Tussock Workshop is convened to review the current approach adopted by the County Council that is established under the Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan of the Central Tablelands Local Land Service.

Information:

The workshop will consider whether the primary herbicide treatment of ST (flupropanate) being unavailable since late in 2021 is a reasonable excuse for landholders not reducing the biosecurity risks caused by ST. The Workshop will also consider whether the existing biosecurity zones established under the Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan are currently appropriate or require further consideration. It is proposed that the Workshop be conducted the 14th of July 2023.

Approved by:
General Manager
T.N. Johnston

ITEM 6: GOVERNANCE PROGRAM

6.1 Legislative compliance

6.1.1 Integrated Planning & Reporting Guidelines

Recommendation is moved by:	
Mover:	Seconded:

Recommendation:

Council notes the report.

Information:

The guidelines state that County Councils are required to undertake IP&R, however, there are modified requirements. The IP&R requirements that apply to county councils are to be applied, at the appropriate scale. For the 2023/24 Operational Plan, the Delivery Program and the Business Activity Strategic Plan have not been placed on public exhibition. Councils Website has for many years been administered by Bathurst Regional Council. UMCC was given notice that this would cease 30th March 2023. UMCC staff have struggled to redesign a new website and have been without an active website since the end of March 2023.

The County Council will exhibit publicly the 2023/24 Operational Plan, the Delivery Program and the Business Activity Strategic Plan on its new website when it becomes live late in June 2023 and it will contain a posting encouraging public comment of these plans. All public submissions will be presented to the Council.

The County Council is compliant with the legislative requirement to undertake quarterly budget reviews, any public submissions relating to councils IP&R documents will be tabled and considered by Council in the QBR reports.

Approved by:
General Manager
T.N. Johnston

6.2 Finance

6.2.1 Operational Plan, Delivery Program & Business Activity Strategic Plan.

Recommendation is moved by:	
Mover:	Seconded:

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Adopts the 23/24 Annual Operational Plan and the 4 Year Delivery Program.
2. Adopts the 23/24 – 32/33 Business Activity Strategic Plan

Information:

As it has been noted in 6.1.1 Integrated Planning & Reporting Guidelines of this business paper, both plans were justifiably not publicly exhibited.

However, given those justifications, it is recommended that Council adopts the plans so that it may continue to move forward into the 23/24 financial year.

Authored by:	Approved by:
Biosecurity Administration Manager	General Manager
Lisa Monardo	T.N. Johnston

6.2.2 Investment Report 31 May 2023

Recommendation is moved by:	
Mover:	Seconded:

Recommendation:

Council notes the report.

Information:

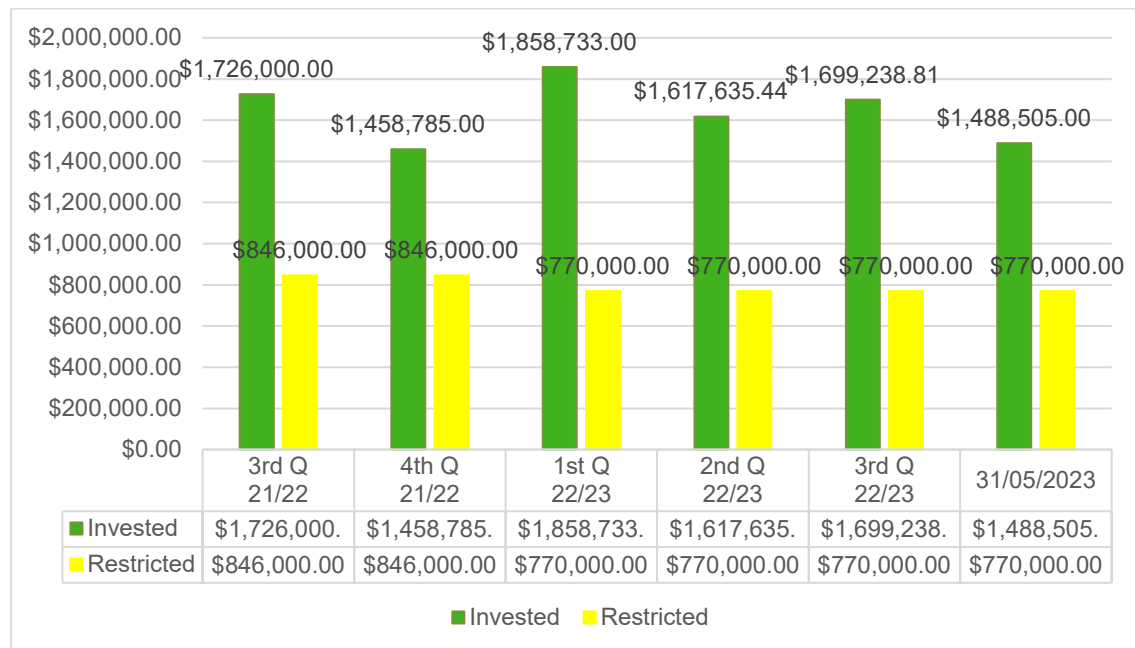
To comply Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 – setting out current details of all moneys that Council has invested under Section 625 of the Local Government Act (1993) (the Act).

INVESTMENT POSITION:

TABLE 1 - UMCC SCHEDULE of ACCOUNTS–31 May 2023

Westpac Business 31 Day Notice Cash Reserve Account & Overdraft Account			
Rate	Amount	Term	Due Date
4.1%	\$1,250,000	No set term	No due date
1.35%	\$ 50,987	Cash Reserve	N/A
0%	\$ 187,518	Overdraft - daily working account	
TOTAL	\$1,488,505	Balance on Reporting Date.	

TABLE 2 - CASH ALLOCATION– ON 31 May 2023



Authored by:	Approved by:
Biosecurity Administration Manager	General Manager
Lisa Monardo	T.N. Johnston

ITEM 7 LANDHOLDER SUPPORT PROGRAM

7.1 Aerial spraying Program Update

Recommendation is moved by:	
Mover:	Seconder:

Recommendation:

That Council notes the report.

Information:

Council is in the midst of finalising the detail from the Autumn 23 Aerial Spraying program.

The intention is to bring the outcomes of the Autumn Aerial spraying program along with the results of the recent tender process. The tender had been extended to 14 June 2023 due to an addenda being issued. It is expected the results of the tender to be released at the Ordinary meeting in August 2023.

Authored by:	Approved by:
Biosecurity Administration Manager	General Manager
Lisa Monardo	T.N. Johnston

ITEM 8 ROADSIDE SPRAYING PROGRAM

8.1 Roadside spraying 2022/2023

Recommendation is moved by:	
Mover:	Seconded:

Recommendation:

That Council notes the report.

Information:

The annual roadside spraying program for 2022-2023 has been completed throughout the four constituent council areas, with roadside spraying being undertaken by both UMCC staff and spraying contractors.

A summary of completed work for each council area is included below.

Bathurst Council

The spraying contractors and UMCC staff have exhausted their funding. The roads that have been completed are:

Road Name	Length (km)
Back Swamp Rd	3.8
Barnetts Rd	2.2
Bathampton Rd	7.1
Chifley Dam Rd	1.8
Colleen Hagney Lane	3.5
Colo Rd	10.4
Cow Flat Rd	8.8
Dingers Lane	0.7
Eleven Mile Drive	5.8
Evans Plains Creek Road	5.0
Fitzgeralds Valley Rd	2.5
Freemantle Rd	42.1
Gate Western Hwy (Lithgow)	24.4
Grove Creek Rd	6 of 10.9
Grovedale Rd	2.9
Hill End Rd	41.6
Hobbys Yards Rd	8.8
Hollis Lane	2.1
Howards Dr	3.0
Killongbutta Rd	7.6
Kirkconnell School Rd	0.8
Locksley Station Rd	1.2
Macabees Rd	2.4
McIntosh Lane	1.1
Mount Homer Rd	1.0
Napoleon Reef Rd	4.0
O'Connell Plains Rd	0.6

Paling Yards Rd	4.8
Pymonts Lane	4.9
Red Hill Rd	13.8
River Rd	2.9
Rivulet Rd	11.0
Saint Johns Rd	2.2
Samuel Way	1.2
Tabberatong Rd	1.1
Tarella Rd	0.3
Thomas Drive	2.3
Timber Ridge Rd	0.0
Triangle Flat Rd	23.3
Trunkey Cemetery Rd	1.8
Trunkey Road	9 of 46.4
Vale Road	7.5
Walang Dr	4.4
Walang Hwy Access	0.2
Wambool Rd	5.0
Stufford Street	0.2

Blayney Council

The spraying contractors and UMCC staff have exhausted their funding. The roads that have been completed are:

Road Name	Length (km)
Bakers Road	4.7
Bentleys Lane	4.2
Carcoar Dam Road	9.3
Dog Trap Lane	0.6
Dunstaffnage Lane	2.0
Forest Reefs Road	10 of 12.9
Halls Road	1.8
Hobbys Yards Cemertry Road	0.5
Hobbys Yards Road	28
Junction Park Road	1.2
Junction Reefs Road	2.2
Kurangia Road	0.8
Neville - Trunkey Road	10.4
St Brigids Lane	0.8
Tooheys Lane	1.3

Lithgow Council

The spraying contractors and UMCC staff have exhausted their funding. The roads that have been completed are:

Road Name	Length (km)
Anarel Road	4.3

Boulder Road	3.7
Cox's River Road	9.4
Cullenbenbong Road	11.2
Grate Westen Hwy (Bathurst)	16.1 of 30
Hartley Vale Road	6.0
Kanimbla Drive,	3.1
Karawina Drive	2.3
McManus	1.5
Megalong Place,	3.1
Tarana Road,	4.3

Oberon Council

The spraying contractors and UMCC staff have exhausted their funding. The roads that have been completed are:

Road Name	Length (km)
ABERCROMBIE RD.	71.5
BALD RIDGE RD.	14.5
BEATTIE RD.	2.5
BOSWORTH FALLS RD.	5.7
CAMPBELLS RIVER RD.	22.8
CHATHAM VALLEY RD.	4.3
EDITH RD.	23.0
FAIRVIEW DR.	0.7
GINGKIN RD.	12.3
GINGKIN VALLEY RD.	7.9
GLEN RD.	9.3
GORMANS LN.	2.8
GRADYS LN.	1.9
JERRONG RD.	23.0
KEITH ARMSTRONG RD.	3.3
LOWES MOUNT RD.	19.3
MARKS CR.	1.2
MILLERS LN.	0.9
MT. DAVID RD.	12.7
O'CONNELL PLAINS RD.	11.5
RYANS LN.	2.0
SEWELLS CREEK RD.	23.0
SHOOTERS HILL RD. (OLD)	6.5
SPRINGMOUNT RD.	3.7
SWALLOWS NEST RD.	7.5
TILSBURY RD.	0.0
TITANIA RD.	4.3
WHITELEY RD.	1.0
WILSON DR.	1.4

Summary of the last 5 years of roadside spraying costs per km on average is listed below.

		Bathurst	Blayney	Lithgow	Oberon	All Council Avg
	2022-2023	203.41	240.21	398.44	169.50	351.14
Avg cost per km \$	2021-2022	191.96	188.67	257.90	225.15	211.68
	2020-2021	165.57	155.71	186.19	134.76	165.80
	2019-2020	151.06	143.09	280.22	137.98	169.04
	2018-1029	120.84	168.79	159.10	153.72	141.85
Avg cost per km \$ / Council		166.57	179.29	256.37	164.22	207.90

Summary of the projected costs on average with movement to the 3 year rotational roadside spraying program.

		Bathurst	Blayney	Lithgow	Oberon	All Councils
Total Rural roads km		1172.4	701.5	918.4	938.3	3730.6
3 years cost per year \$		65094.62	41924.91	78483.40	51363.17	236866.10
Contribution 2022/2023		60443.23	19362.25	27670.00	50920.23	
	Difference \$	4651.39	22562.66	50813.40	442.94	
	Difference %	7.70 %	116.53 %	183.64 %	0.87 %	

ITEM 9 BIOSECURITY COMPLIANCE

9.1 Biosecurity Compliance Inspections May 2023

Recommendation is moved by:	
Mover:	Seconded:

Recommendation:

That Council notes the report.

Information:

Inspections for May 2023

TOTAL: 84 Inspections conducted in the month of May 2023	47 of the 84 were high risk
	37 of the 84 were low risk
	54 of the 84 were Re-inspections
	30 of the 84 were First Inspections

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	21 of the 54 were low risk
30 of the 84 were First inspections	14 of the 30 were high risk
	16 of the 30 were low risk

90 days past	At 31st May 137 properties were beyond 90 days of their compliance date.
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Several factors have impacted on the current inspection programs throughout February, May 2023:

UMMC Roadside Spraying Program

The peak timeframe for property re-inspections within the Council Inspection Program is December through to April. However, UMCC staff have been committed to completing 700-800 hrs of roadside spraying this season. This is a substantial increase compared with previous programs. As UMCC staff have been occupied with roadside spraying, they have completed fewer property re-inspections and compared with the previous season to date.

Time Accrued and Taken

Staff accrue additional hours during the aerial spraying program, which they are then entitled to take as leave at the completion of the program. This compounds the impact of the aerial spraying program on the availability of UMCC staff to conduct property re-inspections and inspections.

Staff Resourcing

UMCC has a Weeds Biosecurity Officer (WBO) currently off work. Being one WBO down is influencing the property inspection and re-inspections across UMCC.

Inspections year to date 1st July 2022 to 31st May 2023

TOTAL: 1539 Inspections conducted	764 of the 1539 were high risk
	775 of the 1539 were low risk
	982 of the 1539 were Re-inspections
	557 of the 1539 were First Inspections

982 of the 1539 were Re-inspections	621 of the 982 were high risk
	361 of the 982 were low risk
557 of the 1539 were First inspections	143 of the 557 were high risk
	414 of the 557 were low risk

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9.2 Penalty Infringement Notices

Recommendation is moved by:	
Mover:	Seconded:

Recommendation:

That Council notes the report.

Information:

PIN information to date 1st July 2018 to 31st May 2023

TOTAL of 89 PIN's Issued since 1st July 2018	73 of the 89 are 1st PIN's
	16 of the 89 are 2nd PIN's
	43 of the 89 have been Paid
	24 of the 89 are owing
	22 of the 89 have been withdrawn

Of the 73 1st PIN's	38 of the 73 have been paid
	16 of the 73 are owing
	19 of the 73 have been withdrawn

Of the 16 2nd PIN's	5 of the 16 have been paid
	6 of the 16 are owing
	3 of the 16 have been withdrawn

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9.3 South East Invasive Species Tour

Recommendation:

That council notes the report.

Information:

UMCC staff participated in the South East Local Land Services (SE LLS) Invasive Species tour. The bus tour visited the Cooma-Monaro areas located within the SE LLS region. Four biosecurity staff from UMCC joined five biosecurity representatives from Midwestern Council, one from Cowra Council, two from Central Tablelands Local Land Services (CTLLS) and one private landowner from Oberon Council area on the tour.

The group departed from Bathurst by bus on Wednesday 24th May and met up with the Cooma biosecurity weeds officer and LLS officer. These representatives stayed with the group for the remainder of the tour.

The first property visited was Scottsdale, Bredbo. This 1130ha property is owned and managed by Bush Heritage, and is comprised of 240ha of vacant farmland with the remaining 890ha being non-arable, steep native bushland. Bush Heritage is funded by donations and grants and has a small permanent staff supported by a volunteer program. The property is restoring native grasslands from an infestation of serrated tussock, lovegrass and St John's wart and is a good example of what can be achieved with a high level of resourcing.

The next stop was in the Bredbo Hills of Jerangle Rd. This area has seen traditional farmers attempt chemical control of lovegrass and serrated tussock, before subdividing into lifestyle blocks. Minimal weed control is currently undertaken in this area, and the weed infestations have persisted.

The tour continued down to Bunyan, just north of Cooma. This area is largely lifestyle blocks with some farming properties remaining. Livestock is surviving the summer months on lovegrass, with farmers having to sow annual crops to feed livestock over winter. The dominance of lovegrass makes it difficult to establish or maintain pastures.

On day two, the tour left from Cooma and travelled to Maffra to visit a large generational farming property that is continuing to expand. The tour group was hosted by one of the owners who is also an agronomist. The property runs sheep and grows winter pasture crops to feed the stock. Discussion ensued regarding practical and profitable methods of managing a productive farm in the face of lovegrass and serrated tussock. All members of the group shared comparisons with their own regions and came away with applicable strategies and ideas.

At Dalgety the tour visited a property that was bounded on one side by weed-infested land and on the other side by clear farming land. This property is attempting to slow the spread of weed infestations from the non-productive land to the farmland.

On to Werralong which is lighter country at the foothills of timbered ranges. This area is heavily infested with serrated tussock, and is the original location for chemical trials for flupropanate. A number of properties in this area are experiencing herbicide resistance and are now having to learn to live with serrated tussock. The bus returned to Bathurst that evening.

The tour was well received by all participants. Examples of feedback include:

"The trip was very informative and very well set out time wise, I really enjoyed the contrast between the conservation properties management of tussock and love grass compared to the stock graziers. The information packs they provided on the bus were also very interesting and informative."

"I particularly took from the trip that we here in our region will need to apply a broader range of agronomic options on arable land, but on land that is non arable that spraying once is certainly not the answer and we will never protect land that is free from serrated tussock and African Lovegrass particularly if follow up work is not done."

"Field trips like this may at times seem far from what we deal with in our own regions but the further we delve into the fight others

have fought and won or not even, the more we can then relate to it with what we face.”

“The varied property types and uses of the land and their varied strategies are very interesting and give plenty of food for thought for management in our own areas.”

Overall, the tour was highly productive both in terms of networking and observing the strategies being applied across a diverse range of property types. It provided a sense of solidarity with other biosecurity officers and an opportunity to learn from each other as the fight against invasive weeds continues. The benefits of the tour and subsequent communications cannot be overstated, and UMCC will be looking for opportunities to participate in future tours.

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ITEM 10. OTHER MATTERS

10.1 County Council meeting schedule

Recommendation is moved by:	
Mover:	Seconder:

Recommendation:

Council adopts the proposed meeting schedule.

Position:

The proposed schedule is below:

Date:	Time	Meeting & Location:
14 July 2023	12.00	Serrated Tussock Workshop
11 th August 2023	2.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting
15 th September 2023	12.00pm	Workshop
24 th November 2023	2.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting

ITEM 11. NOTICES OF MOTION OR RESCISSION

NIL

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Recommendation is moved by:	
Mover:	Seconded:

Recommendation:

Resolve into Closed Committee of the whole to review the following items:

REPORT SUBJECT	REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY [SECTION OF THE ACT]
ITEM 12 Prosecution Update	<i>Section 10A (2)(e) information that would if disclosed prejudice the maintenance of law (inc Privacy and Personal Information Act)</i>
ITEM 13 Weed Biosecurity Property Inspections For May 2023	

Information:

That Council now move into closed committee of the whole to discuss the following matters:

- A. *Council note that in accordance with Section 9(2A) of the Local Government Act (1993) the General Manager is of the opinion that business on the agenda designated 'confidential' and listed in the following **Table 1** is of a kind referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the media and public. AND FURTHER in accordance with Section 10B(1) of the Act it is considered that discussion of the business in open meeting would on balance be contrary to the public interest.*
- B. *Council resolve into closed Confidential Committee of the Whole Council to consider business identified as confidential, together with any confidential late reports tabled at the meeting.*
- C. *Pursuant to section 10A(1)&(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2) of the Act.*
- D. *Correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access.*
- E. *In accordance with Section 10A(4) members of the public are invited to make representations to the Council as to whether the matters should or should not be dealt with in Confidential Committee of the Whole Council.*

1. RESOLVE INTO OPEN COUNCIL

* MOTION:

That Council moves into the open session of the Council Meeting.

2. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

* MOTION:

That the Recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Council be adopted.