



URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

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Commencing at 12:30pm

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GENERAL MANAGER

UINT/21/12730

**LATE REPORT**

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## 9.1 LATE REPORTS TO COUNCIL –

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### 9.1.1 2021-22 ROADS CAPITAL PROJECTS VARIATION REPORT

## Item 9.1.1 21/22 ROADS CAPITAL PROJECTS VARIATION REPORT.

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**Department:** Infrastructure & Development  
**Prepared by:** Director Infrastructure and Development  
**TRIM Reference:** UINT/21/12394  
**Attachment:** UINT/21/12724

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### LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK

**Goal: 2.3** A safe and efficient network of arterial roads and supporting infrastructure; and town streets, footpaths and cycle ways that are adequate, interconnected and maintained

**Strategy: 2.3.1** Provide an effective road network that balances asset conditions with available resources and asset utilisation

**Activity: 2.3.1.1** Deliver road and drainage maintenance services and capital works programs

**Action: 2.3.1.1.1** Deliver sealed roads bitumen maintenance program in line with established service levels and intervention points - per Transport Asset Management Plan

**2.3.1.1.2** Deliver sealed roads capital renewal program - per Transport Asset Management Plan

**2.3.1.1.4** Deliver unsealed roads grading program in line with established service levels and intervention points - per Transport Asset Management Plan

**2.3.1.1.5** Deliver unsealed roads re-sheeting program in line with established service levels – per Transport Asset Management Plan

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### SUMMARY:

1. This report provides recommendations to Council of specific projects to be commenced and in some cases completed in accordance with grant funding requirements and within current available revenues per attachment 1.

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the Capital Works projects including:

i. For Local Roads:

- Bergen Road near Warrembah Road \$163,065
- Kingstown Road (21/22 - 22/23) \$336,875
- Northeys Road (21/22 - 22/23) \$336,875
- Gostwyck Road (21/22 - 22/23) \$673,750
- School Zone Infrastructure \$180,000
- Kingstown Road Heavy Patching \$378,162
- Arding Road Heavy Patching \$171,645
- Kliendienst Road Heavy Patching \$95,175

ii. For Regional Roads:

- Bundarra Road Ch 2.0 to 3.25 \$420,000
- Heavy Patching - Bundarra Road and Thunderbolts Way \$459,016
- Re-sheeting Barraba Road \$21,344

## REPORT:

2. The recent rains and extensive haulage of quarry material has impacted Council's Local Road network particularly sections of Kingstown Road, Arding Road and Kliendienst Road.
3. These roads require urgent heavy patching for rehabilitation.
4. It is estimated that the heavy patching costs for these local roads will be in the order of \$644,982 and the estimate comprises:
  - Kingstown Road at \$425,163 adjusted to \$378,162 after considering the reduction for the sections to be rehabilitated under the Fixing Local Roads Program Round 3;
  - Arding Road at \$171,645, and
  - Kliendienst Road \$95,175.
5. Similarly, Bundarra Road (a regional road) is in need of extensive heavy patching and warrants urgent attention.
6. There are failures on Thunderbolts Way that warrant attention via heavy patching and ultimately widening and renewal for some sections.
7. Heavy patching works will need to be undertaken by contractors given the specialised equipment required and the unavailability of Council staff and equipment due to other funded maintenance and construction projects.
8. Procurement should be undertaken through the utilisation of the Local Government Procurement contracts.
9. Under Phase 3 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI), Uralla Shire Council will receive an additional funding allocation of \$1,192,212. This funding will be available from 1 January 2022, with construction due to be completed by 30 June 2023.
10. Council's Roads to Recovery funding allocation for 2021/2022 is \$596,106 with \$115,306 allocated to unsealed roads re-sheeting providing for \$480,800 towards the local roads heavy patching project.
11. Additionally, the developers of the New England Solar Farm have entered into a voluntary non-binding planning agreement to pay contributions to Council for the transport of quarry materials on Council's roads in accordance with the draft section 7.11 plans. To date, the contribution has provided for additional unbudgeted revenues in the order of \$58,440.
12. Council has been successful in other grant funding applications including:
  - The Safer Roads Program for \$163,035 for works on Bergen Road near Warrembah Rd to improve curve safety by widening shoulders by up to 2.5m, improving super-elevation for 150m (length of curve plus transitions), install 80m of flexible barrier on eastern side of curve and improve alignment of intersection with Warrembah Road and seal for 50m. Install new curve and advisory speed signs.
  - Fixing Local Roads for Hawthorne Drive Stage 2 at \$810,465 which will improve the remaining narrow, poorly shaped and failing sections for the full length of Hawthorne

Drive. It is proposed that the work will involve removing the existing seal, strengthening the pavement by the addition of 100mm quality road base material then compacting, widening, reshaping and resealing the new pavement 7m wide with a 2-coat bitumen seal over two remaining sections with a combined length of 3.15km.

- Safer Roads Program for School Zone Infrastructure for \$180,000 to install raised refuge, mid-block with cut through. Install kerb extensions and pedestrian fences in Wood Street, Park Street and Bowline Street.
- The Fixing Local Roads Program Round 3 provides for 75% (up to \$1,010,625) of the estimated cost of works for the rehabilitation of sections of Kingstown, Northeys and Gostwyck Road. The additional 25% (\$336,875) of funding can be sourced from the LRCI Phase 3 program. This project includes upgrades to segments of Kingstown Road, Northeys Road and Gostwyck Road. The project provides for pavement strengthening and resealing of the highest priority sections on three important roads within the LGA being Kingstown Road, Gostwyck Road and Northeys Road. The sections were identified by a network wide condition assessment of all Council's local roads undertaken in late 2019. The selection of these sections of roads is derived from the Condition Report prepared by Shepherd Services and is based on a remaining useful life of the pavement of 1 year. Collectively these sections represent the parts of the local road network which have the poorest pavement condition and total 5.0km in length. It is proposed that the treatment will involve removing the existing seal, strengthening the pavement by the addition of 100mm quality road base material then compacting, widening, reshaping and resealing the new pavement 7m wide with a 2-coat bitumen seal.

13. The TfNSW capital REPAIR funding for 21/22 is \$184,148. This funding requires 50/50 contribution from council via the Block Grant and a 1.25km section of Bundarra Road has been identified from chainage 2km (Barbados Corner) to 3.25km. The project proposal is to box out the shoulders approximately 1.5m wide to achieve a pavement width of 9m, fill with suitable granular pavement material, stabilise full width to a depth of 150 to 200mm (depending on the thickness of the existing in-situ pavement) and apply a 8m wide two coat seal. The estimated project cost is \$420,000 with \$235,582 of funding required from the Block Grant.
14. The Block Grant from Transport for NSW to Uralla Shire Council for the financial year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 shall be for the total sum of \$1,038,000, comprising:-

<b>Roads component:</b>	<b>\$916,000.00</b>
<b>Traffic Facilities component:</b>	\$46,000.00
<b>Supplementary component:</b>	\$76,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,038,000.00</b>

15. Council's Sealed Regional Roads Program provides for \$694,883 for capital renewals including the REPAIR grant of 184,148. By reducing the maintenance allocation from \$468,180 to 284,032 and transferring to Capital renewals will provide \$459,031 for selected heavy patching.
16. A major heavy patching program for Regional roads will also be required in 2022/2023.

**CONCLUSION:**

17. Council's road network including local and regional roads requires rehabilitation via heavy patching. The works will require the engagement of contractors through the local government

procurement process. Council's workforce will be fully occupied on roads maintenance and construction projects.

The proposed works are funded.

#### **COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:**

**18. Community Engagement/Communication**

Works will need to be scheduled and advised to the community by public notices and Council's newsletter.

**19. Policy and Regulation**

*Roads Act 1993 (NSW)*

**20. Financial/Long Term Financial Plan**

Works are funded. As per the attachment.

**21. Asset management/Asset Management Strategy**

Rehabilitation is prioritised on asset condition with onsite validation.

**22. Workforce/Workforce Management Strategy**

Heavy patching to be undertaken by contractors utilising specialist equipment. Council's workforce and equipment is fully tasked on other construction and maintenance projects.

**23. Legal and Risk Management**

The proposed works will improve road conditions and safety in line with Council's obligations as the Roads Authority – the expenditure will demonstrate that Council is discharging its road management obligations to the best of Council's ability within Council's resourcing capacity. Should Council not wish to proceed with the projects as listed, funding could be lost given the time constraints for works to be completed. The associated consequence from the risk is considered "MAJOR" for the people, environmental, legal, financial and reputation categories.

**24. Performance Measures**

Delivery of projects within budget allocations and timeframes.

**25. Project Management**

Manager Civil Infrastructure

Attachment 1 to report to Council UINT/21/12394

2022

<b>Sealed Rural Roads</b>	
Reseals - original budget	374,460
Reduction to reseal in order to balance total sealed road works	- 187,147
Bergen Rd near Warrembah Rd	163,035
Hawthorne Drive (LRCI & FLR)	1,080,620
Hawthorne Drive (LRCI & FLR) - additional	200,160
Kingstown Rd Heavy patching (original budget was \$398,330)	378,162
Arding Road	171,645
Kliendienst Road	95,175
Kingstown Road	336,875
Northeys Road	336,875
Gostwyck Road	673,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,623,610</b>
<b>Funded by:</b>	
Safer Roads Program	163,035
R2R	\$480,800
LRCI Round 2	\$270,155
Fixing Local Rds 2	\$810,465
Fixing Local Rds 2 - additional	\$200,160
FAGS	\$144,768
Council	\$148,287
Section 7.11 contributions	58,440
LRCI Round 3	336,875
Fixing Local Roads Rd 3	1,010,625
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,623,610</b>



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2022

<b>Sealed Regional Roads</b>	
Reseals - original budget	287,361
Reduction to reseal in order to balance total sealed regional road works	- 287,361
Bundarra Rd Ch 2.0 to 3.25 (original budget was \$407,522)	420,000
Heavy Patching - Bundarra Road and Thunderbolts Way	459,016
<b>Total</b>	<b>879,016</b>
<b>Funded by:</b>	
Block grant	434,720
Supplementary	76,000
RMS Capital	184,148
Transfer from Regional Roads maintenance	184,148
<b>Total</b>	<b>879,016</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE - FYI ONLY</b>	
<b>Regional Roads</b>	
Bridges - Regional	67,885
Sealed Regional Roads	361,624
Sealed roads - reduction in maintenance - tfr to capital above	- 184,148
Unsealed Regional Roads	38,671
<b>Total</b>	<b>284,032</b>
<b>Funded by:</b>	
Block grant	468,180
Reallocated to capital above	- 184,148
<b>Total</b>	<b>284,032</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>	
Unsealed Regional Roads	21,344
<b>Funded by:</b>	
Block grant	21,344

9.1.2 EOI - STREETS AS SHARED SPACES PROGRAM (ROUND 2) AND SUMMER NIGHT  
FUND PROGRAM

Report to be issued Monday 25 October 2021

### 9.1.3 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT – STATUS OF DA-43-2017

Item # **CONFIDENTIAL REPORT** – STATUS OF DA-43-2017 – 41 PANHANDLE ROAD URALLA - LEGAL ADVICE

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<b>Department:</b>	Infrastructure & Development		
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Manager of Development and Planning		
<b>TRIM Reference:</b>	UINT/21/12352		
<b>Attachments:</b>	UI/21/6164	1.	CONFIDENTIAL - Report to 24 August 2021 Council meeting – Status of DA-43-2017 (including attachments)
	UI/21/6146	2.	CONFIDENTIAL - Brief for legal advice
	UI/21/6147	3.	CONFIDENTIAL - Correspondence between USC, landowner and occupants 17 September 2017 to 13 October 2021
	UO/21/3972	4.	CONFIDENTIAL - USC response to Show Cause Letter

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This report is presented to the **CLOSED** section of the **October 2021** meeting under section 10A of the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993:

- (1) A council, or a committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises:
  - (a) the discussion of any of the matters listed in subclause (2), or
  - (b) the receipt or discussion of any of the information so listed.
  
- (2) The matters and information are the following:
  - (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

**Reason:** report contains privileged legal advice concerning litigation risk to Council.

**LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK**

<b>Goal:</b>	An effective and efficient organisation	
<b>Strategy:</b>	4.2.6	Identify and manage risk associated with all Council activities and implement a safe and healthy work environment
<b>Activity:</b>	4.2.6.1	Develop and incorporate a risk management framework which is effective and accessible

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