

- D1: Our assets and infrastructure are well planned and managed to meet the needs of the community now and into the future
- D1: Ensure appropriate provision, planning and use of all open space and recreation facilities and cemeteries.

Legislative Policy and Planning Implications

Nil.

Budget and Financial Aspects

A co-contribution is not required for applications submitted under the LRCI Program.

Attachments

Nil.

Recommendation: That a Workshop be convened at 4.00pm on Monday, 27 June 2022 to allocate the remaining balance of LRCI Phase 3 funding totalling \$305,000.

93/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rockliff and Driscoll that a Workshop be convened at 4.00pm on Monday 27 June 2022 to allocate the remaining balance of LRCI Phase 3 funding totalling \$305,000.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION B: A Dynamic and Prosperous Economy

Nil.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION C: An Environment that is Respected and Protected

Nil.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION D: Infrastructure for the Long-Term Needs of the Community

3. ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

Executive Summary

Monthly report on engineering and environmental services matters.

Background Information

a) **Works**

Floods November 2021 and January 2022: Emergency works for the November 2021 flood event is completed with emergency works for the January 2022 flood event nearing completion. Damage Control Project Management (DCPM) was appointed to manage the flood reconstruction works. Their project management fees are to be fully reimbursed. Council's contribution to each of the flood events is \$18,113.

Wattles Rd/Tinamba Ln: Minor drainage works at the Lockhart Kywong Road intersection to be completed.

Prichard Pl: Sealing of the 400m section is complete. Culvert installation to commence in the week ending 13 May 2022.

Lockhart Kywong Rd – 1.25km North of Slocums Ln: Culvert installation has commenced.

Lockhart Kywong Rd – 170m North of Spanish Ave: Works completed, line marking to commence week ending 16 May.

Mittagong Yerong Creek Road: Funding secured through the Fixing Local Roads program to increase the capacity of two culverts and add additional width on Mittagong Yerong Creek Road with construction scheduled to commence in August 2022.

Unsealed Road Maintenance: Grading program has recommenced, after being temporarily interrupted while crews were completing emergency works resulting from recent floods. The following roads have been graded: Hollies Rd, Vincents Rd, Boyds Rd, and Krauses Ln.

An updated 12-month programme will be presented at the meeting.

b) **Parks and Gardens:**

Easter And Anzac Day

Special consideration was given to high profile areas prior to the Easter long weekend. Maintenance of public areas visited during ANZAC Day activities was timed to ensure they were well presented.

Ave of Honour, The Rock – Kurrajongs

Council is currently sourcing advanced Kurrajong specimens for planting where trees were previously removed.

Removal of dead trees, pruning of trees suffering from severe dieback to encourage new growth and prolong their lifespan, and removal of dead limbs is also scheduled to be conducted this autumn/winter.

Green Street, Museum Garden

As part of the refurbishment of the Museum entrance the garden has been replanted as per the masterplan.

Parks and Gardens

There's plenty to do in the gardens at this time of the year. Some planting has been done, especially at Walter Day Park. Routine garden maintenance is being conducted including regular weeding, spraying, pruning, deadheading and mulching.

Most irrigation systems have already been turned off or times greatly reduced. This will be monitored as the weather cools.

Weed Control

Weed control by mechanical and chemical methods are undertaken regularly in urban areas. Pesticides commonly used are Glyphosate and Dicamba. Signage will be placed at property entrance when spraying is in progress.

Freehand herbicide has been trialed in several lawn situations to test its ability to suppress the germination of khaki weed and Caltrop (bindii/cathead) seed. Freehand is for pre-emergent weed control of annual grasses, susceptible sedge species and many small-seeded broadleaf weeds in ornamental landscape and warm season turf situations. The trial appears to have been quite successful; use will be extended next season.

There is no magic wand in controlling these weeds, a multi-pronged approach using appropriate chemical and mechanical methods and including education of the public regarding the identification and reporting are necessary to reduce the spread.

Assistance by property owners to vigilantly remove these weeds on their properties, nature strips and/or laneways as soon as they emerge is essential to prevent their spread and larger infestations.

Mowing and Slashing

Autumn brings in the second major turf growth season; mowing of most irrigated lawns is still being conducted fortnightly but frequency is being reduced as the weather continues to cool.

c) **Biosecurity**

Control Program

Priority has been given to the control of Feathertop Rhodes grass (*Chloris virgata*) and Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*) on roadside reserves and council managed land.

Pests

Common White Snail Baiting Program: Snail baiting application occurred on Fairview Lane on 13 April.

Autumn Fox Baiting Program: Replacement of baits continued through April.

- d) **Development Applications:** The following development applications were approved, with conditions, from 1 April to 30 April 2022.

DA/CDC No	Development	Applicant	Site of Development
DA49/22	Subdivision creating 8 Lots	Habitat Planning	Lot 62 Prichard Place, Lockhart
DA56/22	Shed	C Imber	29 Urana Street, The Rock
DA58/22	Additions & Alterations to Existing Dwelling	J Hoey	14 Scott Street, The Rock
DA60/22	Dam	C Burkinshaw	3778 Lockhart The Rock Road, The Rock
DA62/22	Secondary Dwelling	J Bower	96 King Street, The Rock
DA64/22	Additions & Alterations to Existing Dwelling	H Raven	973 Munyabla Munyaplah Road, Ryan
DA65/22	Shed & Shipping Container	J Geppert	10 Hebden Street, Lockhart
DA66/22	Garage	A Franz	1 Piper Street, The Rock
CDC70/22	Patio	S Harper	29 Urana Street, The Rock

Legislative Policy and Planning Implications

Applications are processed under the provisions of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

Weed inspections and associated activities are carried out in accordance the *Biosecurity Act 2015* and associated regulations.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Reference

C2: Flora and Fauna are protected across the Shire.

D1: Our assets and infrastructure are well planned and managed to meet the needs of the community now and into the future.

D2: Our Planning and development controls work to attract new residents and investment.

Budget and Financial Aspects

Will be conducted within Council's allocated budget.

Attachment

- Works Programme (to be handed out separately at the meeting).

Recommendation: That Council notes the information provided in the Engineering and Environmental Services report.

94/22 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Driscoll and Marston that Council notes the information provided in the Engineering and Environmental Services report.
