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ITEM 28 - SPEED ZONE REVIEW - RMS REPORTS

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Council to consider the outcome and recommendations of the RMS speed zone review for the Mitchell Highway and Cargo Road
Policy Implications	nil
Budget Implications	nil
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\ROADS and BRIDGES\MAINTENANCE - STATE - MAIN ROADS\MITCHELL HIGHWAY - 304682

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Note the RMS report and recommendation that the speed zones for Cargo Road and the Mitchell Highway remain.
2. Request RMS to continue to provide funds for the up-grade of Cargo road to bring it to comparable standard for Regional Roads in the region with the aim to achieve the default speed (100 km/h) for Cargo road.
3. Note the request for RMS to provide comment on the "crash cluster" south of Molong and the sub standard alignment at Guanna Hill on the Mitchell Highway.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES' REPORT

The Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) have completed a speed zone review for the Mitchell Highway and Cargo Road. The speed zone review was conducted as part of the NSW Government's commitment that the top 100 roads identified by the public will have a speed zone review.

The reports have been mailed separately to Councillors and contain details, including crash statistics and road condition.

Mitchell Highway

The report notes that the Mitchell Highway has an average annual traffic of 4410 with 15% HV, is a 2 lane rural formation with lane widths varying between 3.2m and 3.3m. The report states that there are "no significant geometric constraints". However the area known as Guanna Hill has 13 curves over a 6km length.

It is also noted in the report that while the crash statistics for the Mitchell highway through the Cabonne LGA are below the benchmark, there is a "crash cluster" west of Molong between Yuranigh and 500m east of Amaroo Road.

Council received this report at the end of February 2012 with a request to provide comment by 24th February 2012. A letter has been issued to RMS advising the matter would be considered by Council at its March meeting. However the letter has asked RMS is the deficiencies noted in the report will be further investigated and actioned.

The recommendation from the speed zone review is that the current speed limits (100km/h) on the Mitchell Highway between Orange and Wellington be retained.

Cargo Road

Council would be aware the Roads and Traffic Authority undertook a speed zone review in 2010 that resulted in a section of Cargo Road speed zone being reduced from 100 km/h to 90 km/h (Cargo east 12.7km) and extension of the 80 km/h zone west to Greening Lane.

The 2010 assessment was conducted as a result of adverse crash rates and recommended the speed zone reduction based on road alignment, road batter drop off and deficient clear zones.

The 2012 assessment notes the lane width varies between 2.8m and 3.5m although the general width is between 3m and 3.2m. There are no significant geometric constraints with the alignment through the 90km/h section. However there are tighter horizontal and vertical alignment curves in the 80km/h section. The assessment also notes the lack of SSD for some of the accesses on Cargo Road.

The 2012 review notes the works completed by council, i.e. wire rope and improvements to the Edinboro Road intersection, however recommends the speed zones remain based on the alignment, crash history, number and kind of traffic and pedestrian generators and the number of access points along the route.

ITEM 29 - RAIN AND RIVER GAUGES FOR MOLONG CREEK

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	For council
Policy Implications	nil
Budget Implications	\$7,000
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE\FLOOD MITIGATION - 304722

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council apply for Grant of \$20,000 for the upgrade of the Water Gauges in Molong and that the \$7,000 council contribution be included in the 2012/13 estimates for Molong flood mitigation works.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES' REPORT

The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) administers a State Government funding program to support the implementation of flood mitigation projects to reduce the impacts of flooding and flood liabilities on communities.

The funding criteria is similar to the OEH funding council currently receives for flood mitigation works that are recommended in the flood risk studies and requires a one third contribution by council (the balance coming from State and Federal Government).

The SES has contacted council regarding our existing rain and river gauges at the Molong Creek catchment. The existing gauges at the Molong creek give an hourly update to the Bureau of Meteorology site which is not ideal for the SES and council to respond to flood events.

The SES has been in contact with the Bureau of Meteorology about getting gauges that provide "real time data".

The Molong upgrade would involve;

1. Install additional radio equipment and river sensor at the U/S Borenore River gauge. Also add a rain gauge at the river gauge site
2. Install a repeater on top of the Molong water tank – above Molong
3. Install a new base station at Molong SES.

The existing rain gauges in the Molong catchment currently use Next G to transmit data to the SES office in Sydney. BOM will replace the Next G radios with new Alert radio equipment. If successful council would ask BOM to install and operate/maintain the facility. The estimated total cost is \$20,000.

ITEM 30 - YEOVAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY

REPORT IN BRIEF

Reason For Report	Request to declare a public holiday for the purpose of the Yeoval Show
Policy Implications	Nil
Budget Implications	Nil
Annexures	Nil
File Number	\\OFFICIAL RECORDS LIBRARY\RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES\EVENTS MANAGEMENT\YEOVAL ANNUAL SHOW - 304950

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council lodge a formal application for the proclamation of 8th May 2012 as a public holiday for that portion of the township of Yeoval, which is in the Cabonne Council area on the occasion of the 2012 Yeoval Show.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Council at its November 2011 considered a report regarding a request for a public holiday to be declared in Yeoval for the purpose of the Yeoval Show. In that report legislative changes were noted that impact on businesses and communities located within designated public holiday areas. The capacity for the Minister to declare a local event day or half day which does not impose on local businesses was considered and Council resolved:

THAT Council lodge a formal application for the proclamation of 8th May 2012 as a local event day for that portion of the township of Yeoval, which is in the Cabonne Council area on the occasion of the 2012 Yeoval Show.

Strong representations have been made from the Yeoval community that the day be declared as a public holiday, as has been tradition, so that all local school children, school staff and businesses can be involved in the annual Show.

Letters of support for the public holiday have been received from:

- Yeoval Show Society
- St Columbas School
- Billabong Takeaway/Licensed Post Office