

9.13 Annual Report 2020/21

REPORT BY THE FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COORDINATOR
TO 03 NOVEMBER 2021 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400088, GOV400087

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Financial Operations Coordinator on the Annual Report 2020/21; and**
2. **endorse the Annual Report 2020/21.**

Executive summary

Council is required to prepare an Annual Report summarising the achievements of the financial year, along with a number of statutory disclosures, financial statements and a State of the Environment Report. The draft report has been prepared, and is enclosed under separate cover for Council to review prior to its publication.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Detailed report

Council's draft Annual Report 2021 is attached for endorsement by Council. The Annual Report meets all requirements as set out in the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government Regulations 2005, and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines for Local Government in NSW issued by the Office of Local Government. Details of the requirements are listed below.

The Annual Report includes:

- A message from the Mayor and General Manager
- Details of Council structure
- Requirements under Civic Leadership
- Councils Vision and Values
- Information about the region
- Progress on the Operational Plan and Delivery Program
- Financial Snapshots and performance measures
- Statutory Information, and
- State of the Environment Report snapshots

Community Plan implications

| Theme | Good Governance |
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| Goal | Good communications and engagement |
| Strategy | Improve communications between Council and the community and create awareness of Council's roles and responsibilities |

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

The Annual Report provides Councils achievements in implementing the Operational Plan 2020/21 and Delivery Program 2017/18 – 2020/21.

Council Policies

Not Applicable.

Legislation

Section 428 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires that:

Council prepare an annual report within 5 months of the end of the year outlining its achievements in implementing its delivery program and the effectiveness of the principal activities undertaken in achieving the objectives at which those principal activities are directed.

The annual report must contain the following:

- a) a copy of the council's audited financial reports prepared in accordance with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting published by the Department, as in force from time to time,
- b) such other information or material as the regulations or the guidelines under section 406 may require.
- c) The Annual Report must be published on Council's website and a link provided to the Minister (OLG).

The Annual Report must contain a copy of Council's audited financial reports, State of the Environment report, and a number of other items of information as set out in various sections of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in particular Section 217.

Financial implications

Not Applicable.

Associated Risks

Not Applicable.

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FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

LEONIE JOHNSON
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

30 September 2021

Attachments: 1. 2021 Annual Report. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER