6.2 Purchase of Additional Plant for Road Patching

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MOTION

That Council look into purchasing another road patcher.

Background

We need to have another plant to provide much needed support, especially in the event that the primary equipment is broken down and awaiting repair.

Officer's comments

The cost of a new jet patcher machine would be approximately \$430,000 with at least a 12 month lead time. Plant running costs for the machine are approximately \$40,000 p.a. with additional staff costs of \$130,000 plus materials.

Councils current plant and equipment budget does not have a second jet patcher identified nor does the plant reserve fund. The plant reserve funds the acquisition of new plant to replace existing plant already in the fleet. Additional staff will need to be employed to operate a new machine.

It should be noted while the roads are suffering quite badly due to the on-going wet weather not all pot holes are filled using this type machine. Many potholes particularly deeper ones are filled using cold mix.

Should council wish to explore an additional jet patcher it is suggested a business case be prepared to explore this concept further including other methods and options of pothole repair.