

## 10.2 Gulgong Banner Poles

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OPERATIONS  
TO 21 SEPTEMBER 2022 ORDINARY MEETING  
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### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Director Operations on the Gulgong Banner Poles; and**
2. **note the solution presented for the Gulgong Banner Poles.**

### Executive summary

Staff have developed a system to allow the banner poles located along the highway in Mudgee and Gulgong to tilt allowing the placement and removal of banners from ground level.

This solution will cover the 20 freestanding banner poles that would otherwise require an elevated work platform (EWP) and significant cost to place and remove event banners.

### Disclosure of Interest

Nil

### Detailed report

The banner poles located on Horatio St in Mudgee and Castlereagh Hwy in Gulgong currently require an EWP to place and remove event banners safely. These banners are used to promote community events and are the responsibility of the relevant event organiser in accordance with Councils Street Banner Use Policy. The need to use an EWP adds significant costs to the use of the banner poles.

Staff have developed a solution so the banner poles can be lowered by pivoting at the base allowing banners to be placed and removed at ground level. The image below shows the mechanism to be installed on the base of the banner poles.

A single prototype has been installed in Gulgong and tested with stakeholders who use the banner poles. The feedback was positive on this solution. The remainder of the bases are currently being manufactured including powder coating and will be installed at the next suitable time when the poles are not being used.



### Community Plan implications

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Looking After Our Community</b>
Goal	Effective and efficient delivery of infrastructure
Strategy	Provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community

### Strategic implications

**Council Strategies**

Not Applicable

**Council Policies**

Street Banner Use Policy

**Legislation**

Not Applicable

### Financial implications

The cost of the banner pole bases is \$15,420.00 funded from an existing budget to upgrade the banner poles for this purpose.

Budget Year	Operating Performance Ratio	Own Source Revenue	Building & Infrastructure Renewal
2022/23	-	-	✓
Future Years	-	-	✓

## Associated Risks

The use of the banner poles with the new bases that pivot removes physical risks associated with using an EWP or ladder to install banners. The new bases also remove the risk of the banner poles becoming unviable for the community to use due to the on-going costs associated with an EWP and labour hire to install banners. There is a manual handling component of the new system that will need a safe work method statement for their use.

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*Attachments:* Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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