



Business Papers 2023

MID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2023

SEPARATELY ATTACHED LATE ATTACHMENTS

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LATE ATTACHMENTS

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Councillors
cc: Exec, Manager Finance
FROM: CFO
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Public Submissions shown as late attachments to the Draft 2023/24 Operational Plan
FILE NO.: FIN300417
DATE: 23/05/23

Recommendation for Public Submissions shown as late attachments to the Draft 2023/24 Operational Plan

Due to the submission period extending beyond the deadline to produce the meeting agenda for the 24 May 2023 meeting, the below submissions must be considered and are included as late attachments.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Receive the additional public submissions to the Draft 2023/24 Operational Plan and 2024/27 Delivery Program as listed below, with the General Manager required to respond to each submissions as follows:**
 - 1.1 Mark Croake be thanked for his submission and Council confirms that they do not support the provision of funds towards community groups from VPA funds, in line with Councils position in the Draft Renewable Energy Agreement Policy.**
 - 1.2 The 15 respondents who signed a petition raised on behalf of the Mudgee Aeroclub be thanked for their submission and Council confirms that there will be no changes or reductions made to the parking fees as introduced in the 2022/23 Draft Operational Plan.**

The following table provides a summary of public submissions and a more detailed explanation for the recommendation.

From	Summary of Submission	Detailed explanation
1. Mark Croake on behalf Pyramul Sports Club	Requesting a yearly contribution of \$4000 to assist with the running of Pyramul Memorial Hall. Prior to becoming operational, Crudine Ridge Wind Farm (CRWF) provided a financial donation to assist with the yearly running costs. Now they are operational	There is currently a Draft Renewable Energy Agreement Policy, which covers the use of Funds for Community Benefits.

From	Summary of Submission	Detailed explanation
	CRWF pays a VPA to MWRC, and provided direction to enquire if we can obtain a contribution from this fund.	<p>Councils position in this Policy is that individual community groups will not receive funding from Planning Agreement funds, and that Council suggests that CRWF could explore the introduction of a Community Benefit Fund designed to help small community groups.</p> <p>Council notes that the Pyramul Sports Group also receive \$2000 under the Village Subsidy Scheme to assist with operating costs for the hall and recreation grounds.</p> <p>Council will also highlight with the Pyramul Sports Club the ability to apply for Community Grant Funding through Council.</p>
2. 15 Respondents to Mudgee Aeroclub Petition	The ratepayers and airport users of the petition request MWRC to reconsider the introduction of aircraft parking fees as was proposed and approved in the Draft Delivery Program 2023/26 and Draft Operational Plan 2023/24.	Council confirms there will be no change to the airport parking fees of \$15 after the first night on the apron, noting free parking is available in other areas of the airport.

Pyramul Sports Club

17th May, 2023

ATTN: Mid-Western Regional Council Manager – Finance
Council Revenue and Property Department.

RE: Draft Delivery Program 2023/24-25/26 and Draft Operational Plan 23-24.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the Pyramul Sports Club that looks after the yearly running of the Pyramul Memorial Hall, Pyramul.

The Pyramul Hall is currently used by the local community for meetings and functions including most recently as a meeting point during the nearby Alpha Road Fire for community members and government agencies. The Hall is also located near to the Crudine Ridge Wind Farm (CRWF) which the hall has been used to host Open Days, Community Consultative Committee (CCC) Meetings and the Independent Planning Commission meeting.

In the past, prior to the operational phase of the wind farm and Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) funds being available, CRWF provided a financial donation to the hall to assist with the yearly running costs which we were exceedingly grateful for. However, now that the CRWF has been constructed and is operating the CRWF pays a considerable VPA sum to the Mid Western Regional Council which gets dispersed through your Operational Plan and into the Community Enhancement/Community Benefit Fund.

CRWF have since suggested to us to enquire about the fund with Mid Western Regional Council to see if we are able to obtain our yearly contribution of \$4000 per year from this fund to assist with the running of the hall including insurance, electricity and any minor repairs.

As you can appreciate, the Pyramul Memorial Hall is located in the nearby vicinity of the CRWF and this contribution would be of a benefit to many members of the community living near the wind farm. This contribution would allow us to keep this hall open for public use and provide a valuable meeting point for all. From a community perspective, it would be great to see some of the VPA funds that the CRWF contributes, spent in the direct area of the wind farm.

Thankyou for time and we hope to look forward to your support in the future.

Kind Regards

Mark Croake

President, Pyramul Sports Club

[Redacted Signature]



Petition to Council



We the undersigned ratepayers and airport users do humbly implore our Midwestern Council to reconsider the introduction of aircraft parking fees as proposed in the Draft Delivery Program /26 and Draft Operational Plan 202324.

We believe the introduction of aircraft parking fees will be detrimental to:

- * fostering aviation tourism
- * small aviation businesses seeking to establish a presence at Mudgee Airport, and
- * existing airport businesses working to expand their customer base and bring wider economic benefit to our region.

It is important to acknowledge that the margins in general aviation are incredibly slim and cannot sustain added and unexpected costs.

Our humble request is for Council to strategically build a thriving general aviation base by encouraging Aviation related businesses to come to Mudgee Airport by waiving additional fees and charges which is decimating the general aviation industry in larger airports.

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Petition to Council

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