



**SNOWY MONARO**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

# **LATE REPORT**

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**Ordinary Council Meeting**  
**18 April 2024**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
TO BE HELD IN COOMA COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 81 COMMISSIONER STREET, COOMA  
NSW 2630**

**ON THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2024  
COMMENCING AT 1:00 PM**

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

**9 OTHER REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**9.1 OPERATIONS**

9.1.1 John Connors Oval Lighting - Jindabyne

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**9.1.1 JOHN CONNORS OVAL LIGHTING - JINDABYNE**

Record No: I24/226

**OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council accept the allocation of \$85,000 of Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program funding to contribute towards the upgrade of John Connors Oval light towers.

**ISSUES**

In 2023, the Jindabyne Rugby Union Club were successful in receiving a grant from the Federal Government to upgrade the existing lighting structures at John Connors Oval, Jindabyne. This grant application was supported by SMRC at the time. This grant provided \$90,000 to replace the existing halogen light system at the oval with a new technology LED system that will reduce maintenance costs long term.

The existing halogen system has historically presented council with excessive maintenance costs, with each bulb replacement costing in the order of \$5,000. Due to the nature of halogen globes failing, replacement has been frequent since the lighting system was installed in 2000.

After the grant was received by the Jindabyne Rugby Union Club, council staff required an engineering assessment of the light poles prior to the new LED system being installed. This assessment found that the existing light poles are not suitable for the new system and would require replacement.

Quotes were received by the Jindabyne Rugby Union Club for the replacement of the lighting system including the poles, with the club having a shortfall of \$85,000. The grant received was not enough to cover these additional costs, and council has been asked for contribution to these lighting poles to complete the project.

It is recommended to utilise the currently approved Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) Phase 4 funding to contribute to the cost of the pole replacement, to the value of \$85,000.

**RISK ASSESSMENT**

Risk Type	Current Risk	Expected Risk	Within Accepted
Asset Management	High	Low	Yes
Economic Activity	Low	Low	Yes
Environmental Security	Low	Low	Yes
External Political Environment	High	Low	Yes
Financial Sustainability	Medium	Low	Yes
Health and Safety	High	Low	Yes
Legislative Governance and Compliance	Medium	Low	Yes
Reputation and Image	High	Low	Yes
Service Delivery	Low	Low	Yes

All risk associated with the proposal are within acceptable limits.

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## FINANCIAL IMPACTS

	Amount	Details
Current Annualised Net Cost	\$8,007	Average electricity costs over 3 years
Estimated Annualised Net Cost	\$1,201	Expected electricity cost based on LEDs being 85% more efficient than halogen bulbs
Capital Investment (Council)	\$85,000	Proposed LRCIP funding
Capital Investment (Total)	\$195,000	Federal Govt Grant plus contributions from sporting clubs and Councils contribution.

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Manager Infrastructure

## OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The other option for the lights is to cancel the project and for the Jindabyne Rugby Union Club to give back the grant funding for the lights.

This is not recommended as the current light towers have a number of bulbs already requiring replacement, expected to cost approximately \$40,000. For an additional investment of \$45,000 which can be covered by other grant funding, the whole lighting system can be replaced with a more cost effective solution (electricity cost of LED vs Halogen bulbs) that also requires less maintenance.

## IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

Once funding is confirmed, the Jindabyne Rugby Union Club can execute the project as per their quote for works to begin when required.

## EXISTING POLICY/DECISIONS

Nil

## BACKGROUND

The existing light poles were installed in 2000, with a useful life of 20 years. This means that the lights are due for replacement, and by replacing with an LED system electricity costs for the site should decrease by 85%.

The engineering assessment of the light poles also found that the current poles do not meet modern standard and therefore, require replacement even if the current halogen lighting systems remain in place.

## ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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