

## RECOMMENDATION

### That:

1. **the report by the General Manager on the Banner Poles in Gulgong be received;**
2. **Council purchase 10 banner poles for Gulgong at a cost of \$10,000 to be funded from the strategic projects provisions. The poles to be located on the Castlereagh Highway – 5 on the southern entrance from Mudgee and 5 on the north-west entrance from Dunedoo.**

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## Detailed report

The Back to Gulgong Weekend Committee have purchased a number of banners which were originally intended to be hung on the power poles in the main street of Gulgong to advertise and add to the celebration of the Back to Gulgong Weekend. Essential Energy who are the owner of the power pole require Council to undertake a structural audit of each pole to ensure that the design and structural integrity of the pole can handle the appropriate wind loading that could be incurred once the banners are installed upon them. This structural audit needs to be carried out by a level 3 structural certifier that is approved by Essential Energy. Such a certifier is not available in this region.

The cost of undertaking this work is estimated at \$3,000. Each time Council would want to use these poles for the hanging of banners we would have to go through the same process.

Management have investigated the installation of new poles for banners that would be erected and owned by Council for not only for the Back to Gulgong Weekend event but could be used for many other events and/or promotions. The cost of purchase and install such poles is \$1,000 per pole. The poles are the same as located in Horatio Street and Douro Street Mudgee.

This report recommends that Council purchase and install 10 poles permanently. It is being recommended that 5 of these poles be installed on the Castlereagh Highway entering Gulgong from Mudgee on the same side of the road as the Gulgong cemetery. A further 5 poles be installed on the Castlereagh Highway leading to Dunedoo.

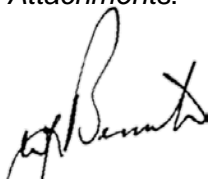
## Financial implications

The cost of these poles and installation is \$1,000 per pole. This report recommends that these 10 poles be funded from the Council's strategic projects provision. Council allocates \$20,000 per annum to this account to fund new projects that arise from time to time that are seen as essential to the community but have not been specifically budgeted for.

## Strategic or policy implications

Not applicable.

Attachments: 1. Nil



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