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Interim Administrator
Wingecarribee Shire Council
PO Box 141
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Dear Mr May,

Wombeyan Cavbes Road Expenditure Review

In accordance with a request from the Interim General Manager dated 4 June 2021, we have conducted a review of the maintenance and capital expenditure undertaken on Wombeyan Cavbes Road over the past three years.

Our review has been conducted with the assistance of the Council's Finance Team. We would like to thank the Acting DGM and Acting CFO and their team for their valuable assistance in providing the necessary information and documentation during the course of the review and responding to queries in a timely manner.

BACKGROUND

Wombeyan Caves Road is a NSW Regional Road (MR258) linking Mittagong in the east with Goulburn-Oberon Road in the west. The road length within the Shires boundaries is 67Km long with both sealed and unsealed sections. There are approximately 164 ratepayers with property addresses listed as Wombeyan Caves Road.

As a Regional Road, Council is responsible for maintenance. Council expenditure is partly funded by NSW Government Block and 3X3 grants.

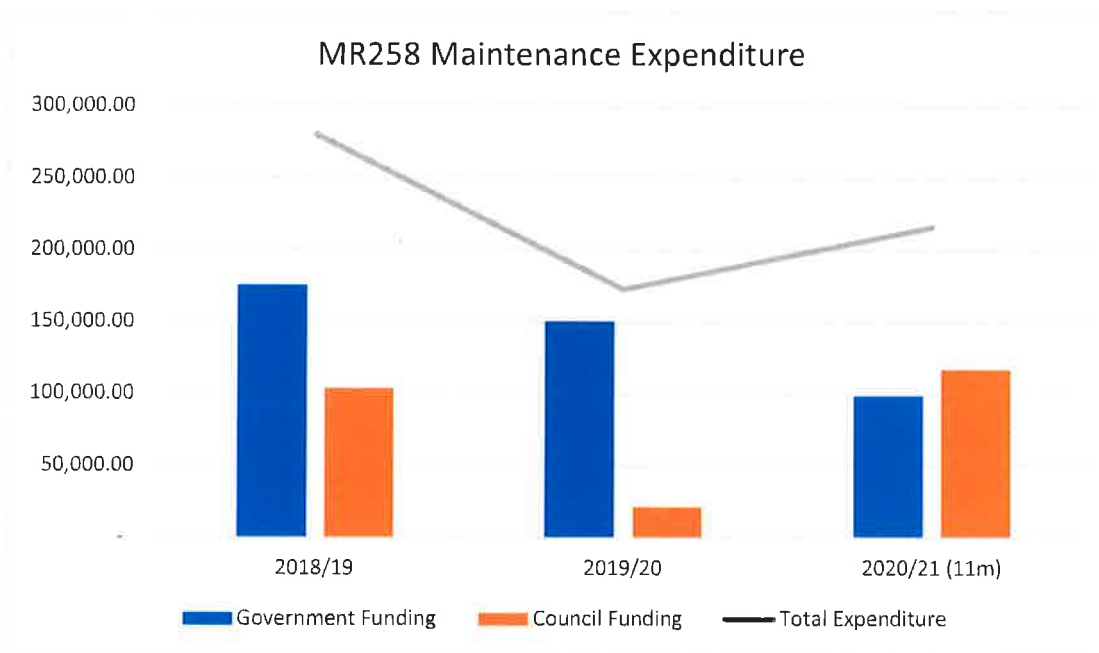
Some sections of the road are regarded as hazardous. Over recent years there has been major damage to sections of the road arising from bush fires and heavy rain, resulting in long term closure of sections of the road.

EXPENDITURES

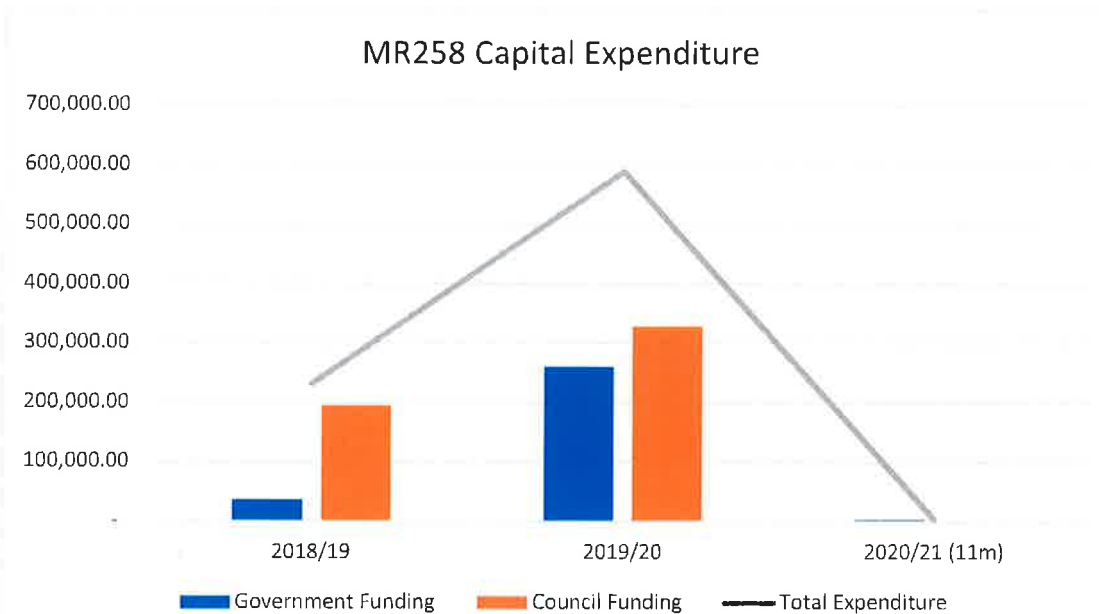
The following expenditures, totalling \$1.49m, have been extracted and agreed with Council's general ledger and project ledger. The NSW government funding component of expenditures has been agreed to the RMS annual returns for financial years 2019 and 2020.

Council's records disclose total maintenance expenditure over the last two years and eleven months of \$669,465.

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Capital expenditure over the same period amounted to \$822,555. Capital expenditure includes road reseals which extend the useful life of the road.



2020/21 expenditure was a minimal \$3,044.

In relation to capital expenditure, it should be noted that \$521,000 related to a retaining wall project between FY2019 and FY2020.

Average annual expenditure per Km over the period of the review amounted to \$7600. We were unable to obtain reliable information to compare this average with other Shire roads. The average annual spend per ratepayer amounted \$3,119.

It is pleasing to note that Council has recently accepted \$8m in State Government funding to improve the serviceability and resilience of unsealed section of the Road.

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We have no recommendations arising from this review.

We would be happy to respond to any questions in relation to this report.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Finch', written in a cursive style.

Robert Finch
Finch Consulting