

Subsequent Business Paper



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Strategic Context for this matter:

Responsible Governance & Civic Leadership To develop community confidence in the organisation by the way it is directed, controlled and managed.

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Executive Summary

This report summarises the tender evaluation process that has been undertaken for Road Repairs to Sodwalls and Magpie Hollow Roads, tender number TEN13/25.

Tenders have been called to undertake heavy patching, resealing and drainage cleaning works on damaged sections of Sodwalls Road and Magpie Hollow Road. These works will preserve the integrity of the road network and enhance safety and serviceability for road users, following the damage sustained during the heavy rain events of the past few years.

This project has been partially funded by the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), administered by Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and the NSW Reconstruction Authority. Sodwalls Road has a total allocated budget of \$3,436,973 for repair works, whilst \$1,694,976 has been allocated for Magpie Hollow Road.

Administration's Recommendation

THAT Council:

1. Note the tender evaluation report for Road Repairs – Sodwalls and Magpie Hollow Roads.
2. Accept the Administration's Recommendations, shown in the confidential tender attachment, in accordance with Clause 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.
3. Authorise the General Manager to execute the contract on behalf of Council under delegated authority.

Attachments

1. CONFIDENTIAL - Attachment 1 - Tender Evaluation Scoresheet [2.1.1 - 1 page]

Background and discussion

Sodwalls Road and Magpie Hollow Road are important regional thoroughfares that link the villages of Tarana, Rydal and Hampton to South Bowenfels. As well as providing access to residents, they are used by many visitors to the region when visiting various local attractions, including the Lake Lyell Recreation Park.

The natural disaster events of the past few years, involving heavy rainfall, have caused damage to the drainage and subsurface, which has resulted in deformations, potholes and the deterioration of the seal in multiple locations.

Recent detailed pavement analysis by falling weight deflectometer and core testing has found that while pavement strength is acceptable in some locations, the road surface is sitting on little more than a layer of course sand over natural earth. With this understanding, it is not surprising that the wet years from 2020 – 2023 saturated the pavement and caused significant deformation and structural failure in some sections.

Council was successful in securing funding from the DRFA program, that allows for patching and sealing of damaged sections of road.

Due to the damage that these two roads have sustained, the works will be split into two stages to expedite repairs and meet Council's grant funding commitments. The works this tender applies to are Stage One of the works, which involve patching damaged sections and cleaning and repairing stormwater drains to prevent future damage. Stage Two will involve major road rehabilitation and sealing and will require further investigative work before a scope of work can be developed. It is anticipated that tenders will be called for Stage 2 works in early 2026, however, work is ongoing to expedite this.

Tender Process

A Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) was formed, consisting of the following staff:

Name	Position	Role on TEP
Sean Quick	Project Officer	Chair
Paul Creelman	Transport Manager	Member
Jim McGee	Principal Civil Engineer – Roads	Member

Council's Director of Finance and Governance, Mrs Vanessa Browning, acted as a Probity Officer and independently oversaw the tender process to ensure that Council's procurement processes were followed and the evaluation was carried out in a fair and transparent manner.

In accordance with the tender evaluation plan, it was determined that tender responses would be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Value for money (50%),
- Project programme (10%),
- Previous experience (10%),
- Work, health and safety management (5%),
- Environmental Management (2.5%), and
- Local Procurement (2.5%).

An 'open' tender process was used to attract the maximum number of respondents for evaluation. The documentation was available for interested parties to download from Council's VendorPanel system from 1 October 2025. Four (4) responses were received by the closing time at 9:00am on Thursday 23 October from the following organisations:

- Country Wide Asphalt Pty Ltd,
- Dukes Earthmoving Pty Ltd,
- Gracey's Earthmoving & Excavations Pty Ltd,
- Stabilcorp Pty Ltd, and
- Wils Training Pty Ltd.

Tender Evaluation

The tender evaluation panel met upon the tender closing and evaluated the responses based on the pre-determined evaluation criteria. The detailed results of this evaluation are presented in the confidential attachment (Attachment 1 – Tender Evaluation Scoresheet).

The submission provided by Wils Training was found to be non-conforming as it did not include a response to the tender and appeared to be an advertisement for their services.

The recommended tenderer was scored highest based on pricing, their firm understanding of the project, their proposed timeline, proven experience and their prior application of WHS and Environmental Management. This supplier also met the criteria for Council's Local Procurement Policy.

Policy

The tender process was undertaken in accordance with Council's Policy 1.4 - Tendering and Policy 1.7 - Local Procurement.

Legal

The subject matter of this report is a function of Council conferred by Section 55 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and Part 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

The project is subject to a thorough assessment of key environmental issues by way of a formal Review of Environmental Factors, to ensure compliance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Risk Management

Council's Project Officer has undertaken a risk assessment of the project and identified real and perceived risks and treatment strategies have been applied. The risk register will be updated over the course of the project.

Financial

- Budget approved – The Sodwalls Road and Magpie Hollow Road repair works have total budgets of \$3,436,973 and \$1,694,976 respectively, to complete both stages of the works. The following budgets have been allocated to Stage 1 of the works:
 - Magpie Hollow Road - \$947,620
 - Sodwalls Road - \$714,102
- Cost centre – 100904 (Magpie Hollow Road) and 100908 (Sodwalls Road)
- Expended to date - \$7,527 (Magpie Hollow Road) and \$18,719 (Sodwalls Road). These expenses relate to project management costs and preliminary testing works.
- Future potential impact – Expenditure allocated to this portion of the project will be expended within the 2025/26 financial year. Works have been specified to be completed by 28 February 2026.

Consultation and Communication

Council has received many requests from residents for repair works on Sodwalls and Magpie Hollow Roads and this has resulted in Council splitting the works into two stages to allow for repair works to commence as quickly as possible.

Once the tender has been awarded, and the successful tenderer been notified, the timing of the works will be communicated to the residents via letter drop and Councils social media.