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Additonal Items

Ordinary Council Meeting

2 March 2021

Warwick Bennett
General Manager

We hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:

Tuesday, 2 March 2021 at 6pm
in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre
184 - 194 Bourke Street, Goulburn

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Cr Bob Kirk
Mayor

Warwick Bennett
General Manager

15 REPORTS TO COUNCIL FOR DETERMINATION**15.20 ARMY TRAINING EXERCISE IN GOULBURN****Author:** Warwick Bennett, General Manager**Authoriser:** Warwick Bennett, General Manager**Attachments:** 1. Royal Military College - Training Exercise  

Link to Community Strategic Plan:	EC1 Our Economy – Capitalise on our close proximity to Canberra
Cost to Council:	Nil cost to Council but there will be significant benefit to the retail community with 160 visitors for three weeks
Use of Reserve Funds:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The report from the General Manager in regard to an Army Training Exercise in Goulburn be received.
2. Council support and give approval for the Royal Military College to undertake complex army training exercises for an urban environment in Goulburn between the 12 April 2021 and the 6 May 2021.

BACKGROUND

The Royal Military College from Duntroon annually undertake complex army training exercises in an urban environment

REPORT

The Royal Military College from Duntroon have approach Council seeking approval and support for the conducting complex army training exercises in an urban environment as part of their progression training– this year to be held in Goulburn. Around 160 Army personnel will be in Goulburn from the 12th April 2021 to the 6th May 2021. A copy of their letter with the request is attached.

The college has also agreed to be involved in youth week which is from the 16th to 24th April. For that they will be bringing a number of army vehicles to showcase the army to our youth and offer opportunities to consider careers with the army

There will be plenty of downtime with this event which the cadets will be able to enjoy the wonderful Goulburn hospitality and retail precincts.

We have been asked to put this report to this meeting to seek the Council support and so that ample publicity of the three week stay can take place through local media and social media



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Goulburn Mulwaree Council

Letter

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Warwick Bennett
General Manager of Goulburn Mulwaree Council
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**REQUEST APPROVAL FOR ARMY TRAINING EXERCISE IN GOULBURN 12
APRIL – 06 MAY 2021**

The Royal Military College – Duntroon (RMC-D) seeks your permission to use the city of Goulburn for the conduct of an Army training exercise. The exercise, Battle Block 1 Alpha (BB1A), will occur over the period 12 April – 06 May 2021 and it is our preference that it occur in Goulburn this year due to COVID-19 limiting interstate travel periodically.

BB1A is a major exercise for Cadets at RMC-D where they are tested against complex scenarios in an urban environment as part of their progression of training. The design of this exercise would see RMC-D cadets and staff conduct movement and tasks within Goulburn that has the potential to disrupt your established routines. RMC-D is well practiced in conducting these types of exercises in the urban environment and have developed effective and safe methods to reduce risk of disruption and ensure safety for all personnel.

This exercise will involve 90 cadets and an additional 70 support staff. It is likely there will be light and heavy defence vehicles operating in Goulburn to support the conduct however, all approvals to operate on your roads will be sought prior to entering. The Cadets will be split into three, even groups (platoons) and will be dispersed into three different locations within Goulburn. Each Platoon will conduct three missions a day between 0600-2200h.

We will be using blank-fire rounds which do not fire any projectiles but do make loud noise. We will be in uniform with body armour and weapons so, we will be easily distinguishable however, we will have role players who will be dressed more subtly. Our vehicles will operate on approved roads and our staff will control them to prevent minimal disruption to local traffic. Lastly, we will abide by any no-go areas outlined by local and state authorities.

In considering your response we offer the following, we will make all considerations to be courteous, careful and safe. We will design our exercise so it prioritises your community over our training and we will do our best to integrate with the people to ensure we are of value to you instead of a hindrance. We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to conduct our training in Goulburn and would find it a privilege to work with you.

For further information please contact myself on the details below or my supervisor, Major Chris Nelson, at christopher.nelson@defence.gov.au or 0434 411 638.

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