



BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL
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Bland Shire Council

Business Paper

15 July 2014



OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES





AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

15 JULY 2014

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Let us acknowledge the Wiradjuri people, their elders past and present, traditional custodians of the land we now share.

Let us be inspired by the resilience, innovation and perseverance of past generations.

Let us honour those who protect this great land, may you draw strength from your God or Faith so that we may, here today, on behalf of our community, - build a vibrant future together.

("Pause for Reflection").

2.0 ATTENDANCE

2.1 Councillors

Cr P Grellman

Cr L Hampton

Cr K Keatley

Cr T Lord

Cr L McGlynn

Cr B Monaghan

Cr L Pike

Cr N Pokoney

Cr P Templeton

2.2 Staff

General Manager – Ray Smith

Director Asset & Engineering Services – Will Marsh

Director Corporate, Community & Development Services – Adele Casey

Acting Executive Assistant – Carissa Burge

2.3 Apologies

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 17 June 2014

- **Confirmation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17 June 2014 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

- **Corrections**

- **Business Arising**

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A pecuniary interest is an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss the person or another person with whom the person is associated.

A person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision a person might make in relation to a matter.

Councillor/Officer	Item	Nature of Interest

5.0 PUBLIC FORUM

- Joe Penn – Presentation of Art Work

6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE

MAYORAL MINUTE – JULY COUNCIL MEETING

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

The annual performance review of the General Manager, Mr. Ray Smith, was undertaken on 8 July 2014, in accordance with Section 7 of his employment contract, and was conducted by members of the Review Committee being, the Mayor and Councillors Lord, Grellman and Templeton.

The review is based on assessment of three sections as detailed below with a four point rating scale of A – Exceeds Expectations, B – Meets Expectations, C – Further Development Required, D – Unsatisfactory.

PART 1 – MANAGERIAL OBJECTIVES

This part deals with the day to day management responsibilities.

PART 2 – SPECIFIC PROJECTS

This part deals with the progress / completion of specific projects that were previously identified by the Performance Review Committee (PRC).

PART 3 – PERSONAL LEADERSHIP BEHAVIOURS

This part deals with the General Manager's personal conduct and behaviour in the position of General Manager.

I am very pleased to report that Mr. Smith again received a very high and satisfactory rating, scoring A's and B's across all areas.

In accordance with Clause 8.3 of Mr. Smith's employment contract, an increase of 2.5% of his Total Remuneration Package is recommended to Council as this complies with Mr. Smith's contractual conditions.

Recommendation

That the General Manager, Mr. Ray Smith is congratulated on his successful and positive annual performance review and that a 2.5% increase in his Total Remuneration Package is approved, effective from the 17 May 2014, being the anniversary of his commencement date with Council.

7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1 Funding for Economic Development

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted by the Mayor, Councillor Neil Pokoney:

That from the 2014-15 rating period 50% of the mining rate collected by Council is allocated to a reserve for the purpose of economic development initiatives.

Note from the General Manager

If this motion is successful there will be no affect on Council's budget as it will simply mean transferring funds from one reserve to another.

7.2 Notice of Rescission Motion – Visitor Economy and Tourism Advisory Committee

The following motion has been submitted by Councillors Lord, Monaghan and Pike:

That the Visitor Economy and Tourism Advisory Committee be reinstated in the same form that it has existed and that any review of Council's advisory committees be conducted using the same terms of reference for each committee.

Note from the General Manager

If this motion is successful it will have the effect of rescinding the Council resolution of 17 June 2014 which was to have this committee become a 'committee of the whole'.

8.0 DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Section 1 – Delegates & Advisory Committee Reports & Minutes *(for information)*

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That the Council receive the staff reports.

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- Other Matters

12.0 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 10A(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

12.1 Strategic Property Purchase - 1

Local Government Act (Section 10A(2)(d)(i))

The matters and information are commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

12.2 Strategic Property Purchase - 2

Local Government Act (Section 10A(2)(d)(i))

The matters and information are commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

**13.0 RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING AND CONSIDERATION OF
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CLOSED SECTION OF THE MEETING**

14.0 CLOSE OF THE MEETING

SECTION 1 – DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

Vision: A well run council acting as the voice of the community

DP15.2 Working in partnership with community groups, advisory committees, Government Departments, businesses and Council staff

Officer's Recommendation:

That the Council receive and note the delegate and advisory committee reports from Councillors and Advisory Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Section 1 – Delegates & Advisory Committee Reports & Minutes (for information)

Committee	Date/s	Minutes attached
Access Advisory Committee (Cr Grellman)	2 nd May 2014 1 st August 2014	✓
Bland Rural Fire District Zone Liaison Committee (Cr Grellman, Cr Keatley - alternate)		
Bland – Temora RFS Zone Bushfire Management Committee (Cr Grellman, Cr Keatley - alternate)		
Cowal Gold Project Community Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee (CEMCC) (Mayor Pokoney, Cr McGlynn - alternate/observer, Cr Hampton - observer)	4 th June 2014 3 rd September 2014	
Cultural Advisory Committee (Cr McGlynn, Cr Keatley)	25 th August 2014	
Economic Development Committee	5 th August 2014	
Goldenfields Water County Council Board (Cr Templeton)	26 th June 2014	✓
Health & Wellbeing Advisory Committee (Cr Lord, Cr Monaghan, Cr Grellman, Cr McGlynn)		
Heritage Advisory Committee (Cr McGlynn, Cr Grellman)	9 th July 2014	
Indigenous Advisory Committee (Cr McGlynn, Cr Grellman)	23 th September 2014	
Local Traffic Advisory Committee (Mayor Pokoney, Cr Grellman - alternate)	5 th August 2014	

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 15 JULY 2014

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MAYOR

Murrumbidgee Medicare Local Board <i>(Cr Monaghan)</i>	20 th March 2014	
Museums Advisory Committee <i>(Cr Lord, Cr Keatley)</i>	24 th September 2014	
Newell Highway Taskforce <i>(Cr Lord)</i>	13 th May 2014	
NSW Association of Mining Related Councils <i>(Cr McGlynn, Cr Hampton)</i>	9 th May 2014 7 th August 2014	
Plant Committee <i>(Cr Grellman, Cr Templeton, Cr Lord)</i>	2 nd September 2014	
Public Libraries NSW South-West Zone		
Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) <i>(Mayor Pokoney)</i>		
Riverina Regional Tourism <i>(Cr Lord)</i>		
Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee <i>(Cr Lord, Cr Hampton)</i>	12 th June 2014 10 th July 2014	✓

**MINUTES OF THE BLAND SHIRE ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
AT THE WEST WYALONG COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE ON FRIDAY 9TH MAY 2014
- COMMENCING AT 10:30AM.**

Present: W Bowles (Chair), Cr P Grellman, Ron Black, A Casey (Director of Corporate, Community and Development Services), R McDonell (Community Development Officer).

Apologies: G Platz, S Smith, W Hutcheon, A Templeman

ITEM 1 WELCOME

W Bowles opened the meeting at 10:37am and thanked everyone for their attendance. W Bowles further thanked Cr P Grellman for chairing the previous meeting in her absence.

ITEM 2 COFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 7th of February were accepted.

Moved: R Black

Seconded: P Grellman

Carried

ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Actions from previous meeting

3.1.1 Shading/seating in the Main Street: Information from the Director of Engineering Services was provided to committee members outlining the legal ramifications as described in section 23 of the Disability Discrimination Act, and which are associated with the provision of seating in the Main St. it was noted that the narrow dimensions of the Main Street footpath have resulted in limitations on the ability to install additional seating. It was further noted in the aforementioned email that there will be two sets of seating placed in the Main Street when the seats arrive and funding becomes available. These seats will be erected in positions as directed by the Deputy Mayor.

Request to contact building owner re: May and Lambs restaurant: It was reported to the committee members that the owners of the building in which the restaurant is situated have already made contact with Council regarding access to the building. It was further noted that the owner has been working with the Manager of Development Services in regard to the matter.

3.1.2 Access timeline: Discussion for upcoming 12 months: A Casey noted that the importance of completing the access timeline relates to Council's IPR documentation and having a definitive plan to work towards for the future.

Committee members noted the following as priorities over the upcoming 12 months:

- The old cellar door at Tattersall's hotel presents an access issue
- Access issues noted at True Blue Motel - requiring access by means of a water ramp
- Access issues noted at both Elders, and Telstra which will require further investigation
- Committee members need to be kept up to date with access issues and invited to attend access related events
- Access issues within the community, Main Street and the villages should remain a focus of the committee.

- The completion of an access audit may assist with assessing what should be prioritised in terms of access.
- Access to the toilets at Ron Crowe oval
- Council staff to seek out an access award to apply for on behalf of the Access Committee
- Sliding door at the West Wyalong library.
- Offering ongoing incentives and awards, and continuing to celebrate disability day.
- A small media report after each Access meeting and a media item added to the agenda.
- W Bowels stated that she would also like to see both a "Priorities" and a "Finance" item added to the agenda in future.

A Casey further noted the importance of committee members input and thanked the committee members for their ongoing contribution. Both A Casey and W Bowels noted how well access is promoted and achieved with in the community.

ITEM 4 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Access Incentive Scheme budget increased: It was reported to the committee that the Access Incentive Scheme Grant funding has been increased to \$20,000 in the draft Budget and is expected to be adopted at the upcoming Council meeting.

4.2 Community Access Policy review (Draft Policy): A draft version of the Community Access policy was distributed for committee members to review. With the inclusion of some amendments, the Committee agreed to present the Policy to Council for adoption.

**Recommendation to Council:
That Council adopt revised Community Access Policy.**

Moved: P Grellman

Seconded: R Black

4.3 Correspondence: It was noted that the General Manager had received a very positive email from a community member commending the work of the Council and the Access Committee regarding the ease of access within the community. The newsletter from Spinal Cord Injuries Australia was distributed to members.

4.4 Access Incentive Scheme Grant – Weethalle Country Club: The Access Incentive Scheme Grant application from the Weethalle Country Club was passed through the recent Council meeting without prior presentation to the Access Committee due to time constraints, and the need to have the application finalised before the end of the financial year.

ITEM 5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5.1

The date of the upcoming meeting has been set for 1st August 2014.

ITEM 6 CLOSE OF MEETING

6.1

W Bowels closed the meeting at 11:37am.

**Minutes of the meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
TEMORA OFFICE on 5 June 2014**

The meeting commenced at 11.10am

PRESENT

Cr P Speirs (Chair), Cr A Clinton, Cr D McCann, Cr J McGregor, Cr D Palmer, Cr P Templeton.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Grant (General Manager), Mr T McClellan (Manager Finance & Administration), Mr C Perry (Manager Distribution & Construction), Mr C Lasdauskas (Manager Technology), Mrs A Coleman (Executive Assistant).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from Cr C Manchester and Cr K Morris for this meeting.

14/042 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McGregor that leave of absence be granted to Cr Manchester and Cr Morris

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Declaration of Interest

No interests were declared at this time.

3. PUBLIC ACCESS

Nil

4. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

No notices of Motion or Rescission Motions were received.

5. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

No late reports were received.

6. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

The Chairperson did not submit a Chairperson's Minute to the meeting.

7. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS

CLOSED SESSION – 11.12AM

14/043 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Templeton that Council meet in Closed Session.

7.1.1 GWCC TRAINEESHIP PROPOSAL (G70801005)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

14/044 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that:

1. Council approve a budget of \$600K over a three year period for the scheme and
2. The General Manager approach each Council to explain the scheme.

7.1.2 ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CONTRACT (G25101005)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

14/045 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and McGregor that Council:

- a Under Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) and Clause 178 of the Local Government (General Regulation) 2005 resolve not to accept the tenders for the supply of electricity.
- b Not invite fresh tenders or applications as it is considered not likely to produce better offers
- c Authorise the General Manager to enter into a contract with Origin Energy for the supply of electricity to large and small sites,
- d Authorise the affixing of Council's common seal to documents as required.

OPEN SESSION – 12.12PM

14/046 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McCann that Council revert back to Open Session and that the resolutions made in Closed Session be made public.

8. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

In accordance with Section 3.15 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice:

1. A Councillor:
 - a) may, through the Chairperson, put a question to another Councillor, and
 - b) may, through the General Manager, put a question to a Council employee.
2. However, a Councillor or council employee to whom a question is put is entitled to be given reasonable notice of the question and, in particular, sufficient notice to enable reference to be made to other persons or to documents.

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3. The Councillor must put every such question directly, succinctly and without argument.
4. The Chairperson must not permit discussion on any reply or refusal to reply to a question put to a Councillor or council employee under this clause.

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council, the Meeting closed at 12.12pm.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BLAND SHIRE VISITOR ECONOMY AND TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD AT THE BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE FOYER MEETING ROOM ON THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2014 COMMENCING AT 5:55 PM

Our prosperity

Ensuring a vibrant and sustainable future

Vision: Growing our population and jobs

DP16.0 Community satisfaction with the quantity and quality of tourist information and resources provided

DP19.0 Visitors and tourists are welcomed and make a positive contribution to the community and economy

DP19.3 Visitor information is kept relevant and up to date

DP21.0 Promote leading edge communication technology to link everyone within and outside Bland Shire

DP21.2 Analyse, interpret and promote emerging social trends and Government initiatives in technology to benefit the community

Author: Jeff Stien Senior Economic Development & Tourism Advisor

Officer's Recommendation:

That the draft minutes of the Thursday 8 May 2014 Visitor Economy and Tourism Advisory Committee be noted.

Present: Cr. Tony Lord, Cr. Kerrie Keatley, Martin Lane, Amanda Stitt, Bernie Couzens, Des Delanie, Mal Carnegie, Jeff Stien (Senior Economic Development & Tourism Advisor).

Apologies: Peg Mrowka

Cr Lord welcomed Cr Keatley to the Visitor Economy and Tourism Advisory committee meeting and thanked him for attending as an interested Councillor. There has been a Councillor vacancy on the Committee since September 2013.

ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the draft minutes of the Bland Shire Council Visitor Economy and Tourism Advisory committee meeting held on Thursday 8 May 2014 be confirmed.

Moved: B Couzens

Seconded: M Lane

CARRIED

ITEM 2 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence In:

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General Manager

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Mayor

Correspondence Out:

ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- RRT Agritourism
Andrew Buttenshaw was planning to attend the meeting to discuss the following agritourism projects. Andrew put an apology and could not attend the meeting.
 - Agricultural and Environmental education and training at the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre
 - West Wyalong Flock Ewe Competition
 - West Wyalong Breeders Sheep sales
 - Yard Dog Trails
 - Camp Draft
 - Reps from machinery companies, suppliers and products
 - Annual Ag Shows in the Shire and various on farm field days
 - Seminars and conferences for Ag based professional events such as: Insurance, Marketing, Accounting, succession planning, investing, new cropping and breeding techniques or products launches and training.
 - Sowing, Harvesting and Haulage contractors who may be in the Shire for weeks annually
 - Agricultural machinery specialists holding field days, seminars , workshops
 - Ag industry private and commercial farmers (usually husband and their wife) or overseers or managers: who come to buy and/or to have their machinery serviced. Stay in town whilst here will shop, bank and see doctors, accountants, solicitors and Ag advisers etc
 - NSW Farmers Farm Day
 - Come to Bland Shire / West Wyalong to experience on farm demonstrations and hands on experiences (identify willing farmers and experiences)
 - Horse riding
 - Yabbies

ERDMO are working on an agritourism template. Judging of crops was not included due to the activities usually taking place between the individual grower and the judge. The Tuppall Food and Fibre information was circulated. TASTE Riverina EOI's was also circulated.

- Dream on is an ongoing agenda item and are some ideas thinking outside the square of attracting visitors to the Bland Shire.
- Gold Trails is an ongoing agenda item.
- The Eastern Riverina Destination Management Organisation (ERDMO) Committee met in Wagga Wagga on Friday 30 May 2014 and a copy of the minutes will be circulated when they are received. One project that the ERDMO is looking at is a VFR / Events program and applying for a RVEF grant.
- The Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee projects will remain on the agenda and in the minutes. Cr Lord mentioned that he heard a segment on Geocaching on the radio recently:
 - Cultural Centre including a Visitor Information Centre
 - Cooinda Reserve Precinct including the Wetlands, Poppet Head and Rotary Park

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General Manager

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Mayor

- Airport, gliding and car clubs
 - Augmented reality, holograms and Apps
 - Bird Trails
 - Bland Shire Heritage, Gold Trails and Tours
 - Interpretive signs gold, tin, flowers, birds, eucalyptus, indigenous, history and heritage
 - Development of a content management and online booking and payment systems, social media including smartphone, electronic tours tablet, photo library and promotional videos in English and other languages
 - Events and prospectus
 - Destination Management plan
 - Newell Highway brochure, website and promotions
 - West Wyalong brochure
 - Hotels & Clubs of the Bland Shire & Surrounding areas
 - Notable people sculptures, Reading of the Riot Act and Sporting Icons
 - Taleeban
 - Vivid Bland Shire
 - Bike Trails
 - Forests, National Park and Reserves
 - Farm stays
 - Bland Shire's murals need to be assessed and repainted if necessary and other opportunities need to be identified
 - Geocaching
 - WiFi access in the main street
- Vink Publishing was the successful organisation who tendered for the printing of the Newell Highway Brochure.
 - The 'Hear The Bush Beat' will be held at Burcher on 20 September 2014. Mental as Anything are confirmed at the main act and the organisers are hoping that more acts will be signed up. Buses will run from West Wyalong, Forbes and Condobolin and the organisers will be seeking funds from local organisations.
 - The Standard and Triumph Car Club of NSW Inc www.stcc.com.au/ are planning to visit the Bland Shire on 9-10 August 2014.
 - Cr Lord will table a paper at the next Visitor Economy and Tourism Advisory committee meeting after participating in the Murals Tour at Kurri Kurri as part of the 2014 LGNSW Tourism Conference.
 - Bland Shire Council has been working with the organisers of The Long Ride. The Long Ride which will see 300 ADF and civilian motor cycles travel through and stay in West Wyalong for one night on their way to Uluru raising funds for prostate cancer.

- The following motion will be tabled at the June Council meeting:

9.3 Review Of Council's Advisory Committees



DP15.2 – Work in partnership with community groups, advisory committees, government departments, businesses and council staff.

Author: General Manager

Officer's Recommendation:

That in considering the future of the current Visitor Economy and Tourism Advisory Committee councillors consider the following two (2) options:

Option 1

That the Visitor Economy and Tourism Advisory Committee remain in its current format.

Option 2

That the Visitor Economy and Tourism Advisory Committee become a 'committee of the whole' and that a community reference group be established to advise and guide the committee on tourism related matters with the structure and format of such a group to be determined at the July Council workshop.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the remaining existing advisory committees remain in their current format until further determination is made at the September Council meeting with the view of amending the length of term for community representatives.

Introduction

Council at its June workshop undertook an informal review the current advisory committees in relation to their current relevance, structure and community membership and it was consequently agreed that a report be submitted to the June Council meeting identifying possible options for council's consideration in respect to the future of such committees.

The following comments were attributed to each of the listed advisory committees:

- Health and Well Being - To continue to meet as the need arises (Status Quo)
- Indigenous – To continue to meet quarterly (Status Quo)
- Bland Shire Interagency - To continue to meet quarterly (Status Quo)
- Cultural - To continue to meet quarterly (Status Quo)
- Access - To continue to meet quarterly (Status Quo)
- Heritage – To continue to meet monthly (Status Quo)

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MAYOR

- Museums – To meet six (6) monthly (Changing from quarterly meetings)
- Visitor Economy and Tourism – Review structure and community representation.

Given that the Visitor Economy and Tourism Advisory Committee was identified for review I have not commented on the other advisory committees other than a reference in the recommendation that the appointment of community representatives to these particular committees be made on a two (2) year rotational basis.

Visitor Economy and Tourism Advisory Committee

The current structure of this committee is as follows:

- Meets monthly
- Consists of two (2) council representatives (although one of these positions is currently vacant)
- Consists of six (6) community representatives
- The VIC library staff are invited on a needs only basis
- Is serviced by the Senior Economic Development and Tourism Adviser

Discussion at the June workshop centred on this particular committee becoming a 'committee of the whole' similar to the current Economic Development Committee. This is based on the premise that Tourism is an integral part of economic development and as such should involve all councillors.

The implications of this advisory committee becoming a 'committee of the whole' are that there would be no direct input into the determination of matters before the committee by members of the public.

In an attempt to overcome this it has been suggested that a community 'reference group' be established consisting of local community members with a keen interest on tourism related matters. The actual makeup and structure of such a group would need to be determined by council but, if this was to be council's decision, I would envisage that expressions of interest would first be called for members of the public to nominate for inclusion in the reference group, possibly based on their knowledge, experience or interest (or a combination of each) in tourism for the Bland Shire.

The regularity of meetings of such a group should be determined by the members of the group.

Conclusion

In my recommendation I have provided councillors with two (2) options being the status quo or making the Visitor Economy and Tourism Advisory Committee a 'committee of the whole' as I believe there is still some debate to be had on this matter.

Financial Implications

Nil to this report.

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MAYOR

The Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee would like to see that the current structure of Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee remain in place, the same as all the other advisory Committees. The Committee is concerned that the Councillor vacancy on this Committee has not been filled and yet all Councillors wish to become a member under the proposed new structure.

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General Manager

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Mayor

- The following Recreational Tourism in the Bland Shire was discussed and it was decided to send all Councillors a copy of the minutes from the March Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee meeting and also mention that there is no budget allocated, there will be extra work for volunteers and sporting committees.

9.4 Discussion Paper – Recreational Tourism In Bland Shire



DP 19.2 – Work with the tourism industry to identify and develop products and services that appeal to visitors of the Shire

Author: General Manager

Officer's Recommendation:

That the content of the discussion paper – Recreational Tourism in Bland Shire – be accepted in principle and referred to the July Council workshop for further discussion.

Introduction

The Mayor, Councillor Neil Pokoney, has prepared and submitted the attached discussion paper titled - Recreational Tourism in Bland Shire.

The discussion paper has been referred to the Visitor Economy and Tourism Advisory Committee for information but to date there has been no action taken in relation to the content of the paper nor its recommendations.

Consequently, it would be appropriate for council to consider adopting the content of the paper in principle to then allow further consideration of the suggested recommendations.

Conclusion

The most effective manner in considering this matter would be to refer the paper to a council workshop for further analysis.

Financial Implications

Nil to this report.

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MAYOR

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General Manager

Mayor

ITEM 4 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Des mentioned that the Mirrool Hotel is on the market to be sold and the insurance issues are affecting the sale. They will still proceed with the silo kick.
- Bernie tabled the following article for discussion:

What do hotel guests expect in a hotel room for free?

Published on Wednesday, 11 June 2014
20:55



Article Read:

Written by Adrian Caruso, Managing Director, Fastrack Group 827

It is normal nowadays for hotel guests to expect certain things in a hotel/motel/resort guest room such as clean sheets, a hot shower and a good night's sleep.

Some things which were previously only seen by accommodation providers as perks and freebies, are now expected, even at two and three star hotels. One of our big bugbears is finding wifi costs extra (or is of poor quality), a common disgruntle among many accommodation users. Guests are now expecting this for free with unlimited usage!

With this in mind our search marketing team has been looking at how searches for certain freebies have evolved over time and it's important to note that the search trends are showing people care far more about parking and wifi, than a free mini bar.



The following are growing search trends:

- Free wifi. If you've got it, flaunt it. Remember to mention this on your website. We've seen harsh reviews on TripAdvisor for those hotels who do charge and it's of poor quality.
- Free parking. Don't be shy, put it clearly on your website.
- Free hotel shuttle. Taxi and car services are not expected to be complimentary but a free hotel shuttle service is a growing search trend and worth considering implementing.
- Free hotel bike (or boat!). A free loaner bike or boat lets the guests see the area around a hotel with ease.
- Free hotel trips. This is a steady search trend in Google Trends and should probably fall into the category of "nice-to-have" but the high level of traffic suggests that for some cities, guests are beginning to expect the hotel to play a part in organising some events or trips for guests.

Nice-to-have extras (these don't have great search traffic but keep guests happy)

- Free late checkout
- Free minibar or minibar snacks
- Free fruit (either in the room or in the lobby)
- Free room flowers or chocolates
- Free check-in drinks
- Free spa treatments
- Free upgrades

With accommodation guests across the industry expecting free wifi and free parking, those "freebies" aren't going to gain any extra thanks or mentions on Facebook but there's a lot of potential for extra social coverage for the hotel if perks or treats such as a free drink on arrival or a free tour of a city can be arranged.

So... what does your accommodation complex offer for free?

ITEM 5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 10 July 2014 commencing at 5:30pm

ITEM 6 CLOSE

Meeting closed at 7:25pm

PAGE NO. 7 OF THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BLAND SHIRE VISITOR ECONOMY & TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2014

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General Manager

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Mayor

SECTION 2 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

9.1 Monthly Status Report

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

Vision: A well run council acting as the voice of the community

DP14.3 Ensure the General Manager takes on a high level role in implementing the Community Strategic Plan and associated documents

Author: Executive Assistant

Officer's Recommendation:

That the information contained in the July 2014 monthly status report be received and noted.

Introduction

At its June 2011 meeting Council approved for the submission of a "Monthly Status Report" to each ordinary Council meeting for effective monitoring and recording of Council's decisions and actions taken.

This course of action creates greater transparency for staff responsible for implementing Council decisions and provides Councillors with a more accurate outcome of their decision making process.

When the action required from each decision is completed the item will be deleted from the report.

Conclusion

The actions taken by staff in implementing Council decisions and detailed in the Monthly Status Report be received and noted.

Financial Implications

Nil to this report

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT - COUNCIL MEETING RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

Blue shading indicates action completed

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 18 FEBRUARY 2014

Item Number	Action By	Council Resolution/Action Required	Outcome
Main Street Toilet- Upgrade - 25022014	DAES	That Council proceed with the refurbishment of the Main Street toilets including two unisex toilets fitted the same and having baby change tables as shown and the additional funding of \$20,000 be sourced from the current under expenditure in the WHS-Risk area.	26/3: Commenced 6/5: to be progressed 10/6: works underway
Boardwalk Wetlands - 26022014	DAES	That Council approve for an increase in the Wetlands Capital Budget by \$50,000 to enable the completion of the boardwalk construction at the Wetlands, as per Proposal 1 - Addition of \$50,000 to the budget result in 2013-14 with a reduction of Capital expenditure of \$50,000 in 2014-15.	26/3: Ongoing

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 18 MARCH 2014

Item Number	Action By	Council Resolution/Action Required	Outcome
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Compulsory Acquisition Of Crown Land For The Sewage Treatment Works And Landfill At Barmedman - 28032014	DAES	<p>1. That pursuant to Section 186 of the Local Government Act 1993, Bland Shire Council make application to the Minister for Local Government and Her Excellency, The Governor, for the compulsory acquisition of Lots 117 & 228 DP750607 and Lot 7015 DP94598 for the purposes of a Sewage Treatment Works and Landfill. 2. That all mines and minerals be excluded from the compulsory acquisition. 3. That on acquisition, and pursuant to Section 34 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council advertise the draft resolution: "It is intended to classify Lots 117 & 228 DP750607 and Lot 7015 DP94598 (land situated at Barmedman) as operational land." 4. That pursuant to Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council delegate authority to the General Manager to sign:</p> <p>a) Land and Property Information Resumption Application Form b) Land and Property Information Request Form.</p>	26/3: works being progressed 6/5: in hand
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COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 20 MAY 2014

Item Number	Action By	Council Resolution/Action Required	Outcome
Commission Of Audit Report - Funding For Local Government - 19052014	GM	That council make immediate representations to the local federal member Mr. Michael McCormick MP expressing council's grave concerns in relation to any diminution of commonwealth funding to local government as is being recommended in the current Commission of Audit Report and as announced in the recent budget.	17/6: advised verbally, letter to be sent
Proposed Introduction Of A Nine (9) Day Fortnight For Council's Indoor Staff - 21052014	GM	That Council support in principle the introduction of a nine (9) day fortnight for all indoor council staff for a trial period of 12 months and subject to operational issues being addressed to the satisfaction of the general manager.	10/6: staff advised, discussions underway and planning for trial to commence in July. Complete

Employee's Council Agreement - 2014 To 2017 - 22052014	GM	That Council adopt the new Employee's Council Agreement for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2017 shown as appendix A covering all Bland Shire Council staff employed under the Local Government (state) Award and that the Agreement be submitted to the relevant unions for execution.	10/6: sent to USU for execution. Complete
Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee Projects And Budget Report - 24052014	SEDTA	<p>That the following projects be noted and form part of the tourism strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Cultural Centre including a Visitor Information Centre * Cooinda Reserve Precinct including the Wetlands, Poppet Head and Rotary Park * Airport, gliding and car clubs * Augmented reality, holograms and Apps * Bird Trails * Bland Shire Heritage, Gold Trails and Tours * Interpretive signs gold, tin, flowers, birds, eucalyptus, indigenous, history and heritage * Development of a content management and online booking and payment systems, social media including smartphone, electronic tours tablet, photo library and promotional videos in English and other languages * Events and prospectus * Destination Management plan * Newell Highway brochure, website and promotions * West Wyalong brochure * Hotels & Clubs of the Bland Shire & Surrounding areas * Notable people sculptures, Reading of the Riot Act and Sporting Icons * Taleeban * Vivid Bland Shire * Bike Trails * Forests, National Park and Reserves * Farm stays * Bland Shire's murals need to be assessed and repainted if necessary and other opportunities need to be identified * Geocaching * WiFi access in the main street. 	10/6: noted for inclusion
Bland Shire Council League Of Extraordinary Communities - 25052014	SEDTA	That Bland Shire Council allocate a budget of \$15,000 to support and enhance the ratification of the League of Extraordinary Communities with Boring, Oregon, Dull, Scotland and the Bland Shire.	Report to be provided from the VETAC to Council on the proposed plan

Draft Newell Highway Corridor Strategy - 32052014	SEDTA	1. That Bland Shire Council authorise the General Manager to make a submission to the NSW Government regarding the Draft Newell Highway Corridor Strategy. 2. That Bland Shire Council determine the content of the letter.	
Strategic Property Purchases - 37052014	GM	That the General Manager be delegated authority to make offers, to the amounts specified, on each of the properties identified within this report and that the General Manager report back to the June meeting of Council with the outcome of each offer.	10/6: Opportunities discussed at the June Council Workshop. Reports to July Council
Proposal For Bland Shire Council To Become A Member Of The Riverina Regional Library - 38052014	GM	1. Prior to entering into any agreement with the Council of the City of Wagga Wagga the General Manager consult with the current Bland Shire library staff on the possible implications of such a decision. 2. That subject to the General Manager's satisfaction in regard to staffing arrangements that Council formally approaches the Council of the City of Wagga Wagga regarding application to the Riverina Regional Library under Section 12(1) of the Library Act 1939 (as amended).	17/6: in hand, discussions underway with staff and RRL

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 17 JUNE 2014

Item Number	Action By	Council Resolution/Action Required	Outcome
LGNSW Annual Conference - 2014 - 04062014	GM	That Council list for discussion at the July workshop their preferred format and possible representation at the LGNSW Annual Conference being held in Coffs Harbour from 19-21 October 2014.	8/7: Reports to July Council

Review Of Council's Advisory Committees - 07062014	GM	That the Visitor Economy and Tourism Advisory Committee become a 'committee of the whole' for a 12 month trial period and that a community reference group be established to advise and guide the committee on tourism related matters with the structure and format of such a group to be determined at the July Council workshop.	8/7: Recission Motion to July Council
Review Of Council's Advisory Committees - 08062014	GM	That the remaining existing advisory committees remain in their current format until further determination is made at the September Council meeting with the view of amending the length of term for community representatives.	
Discussion Paper - Recreational Tourism In Bland Shire - 09062014	GM	That the content of the discussion paper - Recreational Tourism in Bland Shire - be accepted in principle and referred to the July Council workshop for further discussion.	
Roads Program 2014 - 2015 - 15062014	DAES	That Council adopt the 2014 - 2015 roads program with the understanding that the works may be changed by the Director Asset and Engineering Services due to changing priorities during the year.	
Wyalong Museum - 17062014	DAES	That the General Manager be given authority to determine the repairs and funding for the Wyalong Museum.	
Renrow Wash & Go Pty Ltd Business Assistance Funding - 19062014	GM	A. Council approve \$14,000 in Business Assistance Funding to Grant Worner, owner of Renrow Wash & Go Pty Ltd for the establishment of a car and dog washing facility at 292 Neeld Street Wyalong. B. 50% of the contribution be paid on approval of the Business Assistance application and the remaining 50% in twelve (12) months from the date of Business Assistance approval.	

Tracks N Tables Business Assistance Funding - 20062014	GM	A. Council approve \$2,622 in Business Assistance Funding to Jon Watson, owner of Tracks N Tables for the establishment of an amusement and hobby centre at 125 Main Street West Wyalong. B. 50% of the contribution be paid on approval of the Business Assistance application and the remaining 50% in twelve (12) months from the date of Business Assistance approval.	
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9.2 Council's Capital Expenditure Projects 2013-14

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

Vision: A well run council acting as the voice of the community

DP14.3 Ensure the General Manager takes on a high level role in implementing the Community Strategic Plan and associated documents

Author: General Manager

Officer's Recommendation:

That the information detailing the completion of the majority of Council's 2013 / 2014 capital expenditure projects, as at 30 June 2014 be received and noted.

Introduction

Included as an attachment to this report is a list of the capital expenditure items agreed to by council in conjunction with the adoption of the 2013 / 2014 annual budget.

The list has been updated to 30 June 2014.

Conclusion

Council will note that the majority of these projects have been completed and that an explanation has been provided for those that have not been completed. With most of the uncompleted projects they have been rolled over to 2014-15.

All of the completed projects have come within the allocated budget.

Financial Implications

Any expenditure related to the projects detailed in the list has been included in the current 2013/2014 budget and where it is a project of significance it is the subject of a separate report to council.

Those projects that will be rolled over to 2014-15 will also have the allocated expenditure rolled over unless council determines otherwise. The rollover details will be provided in conjunction with the next quarterly budget review.

CAPITAL PROJECTS 2013-2014

PROJECT	BUDGET	JOB NO.	TARGET DATE
General Fund			
Investigate new Indoor Recreation Facility	\$50,000.00	1010-0470-0009	Commenced, underway
Destination Management Plan	\$20,000.00	1010-0470-0008	Starting – June 2014
Information Shelters	\$45,000.00	1100-4700-0010	commenced
PC Replacements	\$5,000.00	2100-4700-0003	As Required, transferred to Tech1, part of process
Server Replacements	\$15,000.00	2100-4700-0006	As required, transferred to Tech1, part of process
SQL Database	\$5,000.00	2100-4700-0021	commenced, transferred to Tech1, part of process
Risk Management – Signage Project	\$7,000.00	1215-4700-0001	As required
HACC Carport	\$12,500.00	3100-0470-0010	Quotes accepted, work to commence, DA approved
HACC – 7 Seater Vehicle	\$35,000.00	3100-0470-0020	Purchased
Library Books	\$40,000.00	2250-4700-0001	Ongoing - 2014
Library AV Materials	\$5,000.00	2250-4700-0002	Ongoing – 2014
Children's Services – Painting	\$5,300.00	2240-4700-0010	Completed
Children's Services – Rangehood & Electrical	\$1,837.00	2240-4700-0020	Completed
Children's Services – Shed	\$20,000.00	2240-4700-0030	Completed
Children's Services – Air Conditioning	\$18,950.00	2240-4700-0040	Starting March – 2014, Completed
Children's Services – Shade Sail	\$7,500.00	2240-4700-0001	Starting May – 2014, to be carried over
Pound Upgrade - Lighting	\$3,500.00	4440-4700-0001	Completed
RCD Compliance	\$15,000.00	4410-4712-0000	Starting - June 2014, ongoing . Complete
Ungarie Museum – Internal Alterations	\$2,500.00	4630-4100-0010	Starting – June 2014, commenced, carry over

Ungarie Museum – Roof Repairs	\$9,000.00	4630-4100-0020	Starting – June 2014, commenced. Complete
Caravan Park – Essential Fire Upgrade	\$40,000.00	4640-4700-0010	Starting – July 2014. Complete
Male / Female Toilets at Chauvel St. Depot	\$30,000.00	4020-4700-0010	Completed
Landscaping – Chauvel St. Depot	\$15,000.00	4020-4700-0020	Completed
Material Storage Bins – Neeld Street Depot	\$15,000.00	4020-4700-0030	completed
Industrial Extraction Fan – Chauvel St. Depot	\$3,000.00	4020-4700-0040	Not being done
Main Street Illumination	\$40,000.00	4100-0514-0010	Starting – June 2014, carry over to 2014/15
Refurbish Toilets – Community Health	\$5,000.00	4100-0514-0020	Not being done
White Tank Lane – Bollards	\$9,000.00	4100-0514-0030	Completed as per Council instruction
Improve Flood Flow – Court Lane (Church & Operator)	\$30,000.00	4100-0514-0040	Completed
Dry Weather Footpath – Wootten St.	\$10,000.00	4100-0514-0050	Completed
Refurbish Airport Terminal Building	\$65,000.00	4210-4700-0010	Commenced, complete
Cemetery – Sump Solar Pump & Ag. Pipe	\$12,000.00	4250-4700-0050	Commenced, nearing completion
Repair Old Unattended Grave Sites	\$20,000.00	4250-4700-0060	As required
Wetlands	\$50,000.00	4260-4711-0014	Ongoing, nearing completion
Herridge Park – BBQ & Shelter	\$25,000.00	4260-4700-0302	completed
Irrigate Playground – Creswell Street	\$6,000.00	4260-4700-0204	Starting – June 2014. Not being done
Seats at Northcott Street	\$4,000.00	4260-4700-0602	completed
Service Person – Reg Rattey	\$80,000.00	4260-4700-0700	Commenced, carry over to 2014/15
Small Weed Spraying Machine & Ancillary Equipment	\$15,000.00	4450-4700-0100	Completed
Wyalong Tennis Court Refurbishment	\$25,000.00	4280-4700-0030	Completed
Holland Park Pool – Concrete Apron	\$4,000.00	4200-4700-0010	Completed
Holland Park Pool – Repairs to Roof	\$10,000.00	4200-4700-0020	Completed
Ungarie Pool – Replace damaged Concrete	\$5,000.00	4201-4700-0006	Completed
Waste Management			
Barmedman – Fence & Road	\$30,000.00	4510-4715-0020	Completed
Ungarie – Fence & Road	\$30,000.00	4510-4705-0020	Completed
Tallimba – Fence & Road	\$10,000.00	4510-4725-0020	Completed
West Wyalong - Vehicle Access	\$10,446.00	4510-4700-0020	Completed
West Wyalong – Internal Infrastructure	\$40,000.00	4510-4700-0030	Completed

Sewer Fund			
Barmedman – Infrastructure	\$20,000.00	5000-4710-0010	Completed
Saleyard Reticulation	\$138,000.00	5000-4700-0030	Completed. Awaiting contractor to repair pump, mid July
Sewer Investigation Camera	\$60,000.00	5000-4700-0040	Completed
Carried Forwards			
Exhibition Space	\$50,000.00		Preliminary Investigation, budget allocated to be determined. Proposed transfer to Topyy Hall
Reclad Main Airport Building	\$20,737.00		Completed
Toilets – Aberlines Toilets	\$20,000.00		Commenced, nearing completion
Cemetery extension, landscaping	\$37,223.00		Commenced, Complete
Fitness Equipment for Adults	\$7,000.00		Commenced, not being done
Barnado Park – new solar light to illuminate playground	\$8,000.00		Commenced, almost complete
Holland Park – new lighting	\$6,732.00		Almost completed. Complete
Perseverance Street Dam – finalisation and turf	\$2,761.00		Not being done
Carried Forwards - Sewerage Services			
Ungarie – Infrastructure	\$10,000.00		completed
Reticulation – Double capacity Boundary Street dam	\$3,407.00		Completed
Telemetry for Ungarie Works	\$21,392.00		Not being done

9.3 Proposed Sale of Vacant Land in Barmedman

Our infrastructure

Reviewing, renewing & improving our core community assets

Vision: Maintaining and improving the Shire's assets and infrastructure in a changing climate

13.5. Effectively manage and maintain town and village upkeep throughout the Shire.

Author: General Manager

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council agrees to the sale, by Public Tender, of Lot 14 DP 758055 Queen Street Barmedman, as the property has been determined to be superfluous to Council's needs.

Introduction

Council has been approached by a member of the community to ascertain if Council was willing to sell land in its ownership known as Lot 14 DP 758055 Queen Street Barmedman. The property has been inspected and has been determined by staff to be superfluous to Council's needs.

A plan showing the exact location of the property will be available for perusal by councillors at the meeting.

Conclusion

If Council agrees to dispose of this parcel of land the most appropriate method would be by public tender thus ensuring that due process is being followed.

Financial Implications

A very recent valuation has been obtained but will remain confidential pending the outcome of the tender process.

The disposal of this land will generate income from the proceeds of the sale as well as a new source of rate income.

9.4 LGNSW Annual Conference - 2014

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

Vision: A well run council acting as the voice of the community

DP14.1 Ensure Councillors are provided with appropriate support and resources to carry out their civic duties.

Author: General Manager

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council consider the following three recommendations in relation to the LGNSW 2014 Annual Conference.

Introduction

This year's annual LGNSW Conference is being held in Coffs Harbour from Sunday 19 to Tuesday 21 October 2014 at the Coffs Harbour Ex Services Club.

Council at its July Workshop discussed the format of the Conference, the submission of at least two (2) motions and the cost of attendance.

In respect to the format of the Conference it was agreed to support the concept of the first day of the Conference being dedicated to the consideration of motions.

The two suggested issues for the submission of motions related to the proposed increase by Essential Energy for public street lighting and the current poor relationship between local and state government. The suggested motions and content are included in this report.

The final aspect of this year's Conference relates to attendance of delegates and the corresponding cost. Bland Shire Council is entitled to one (1) voting delegate and other attendees are simply observers. While there is an advantage in councillors attending these events to gain knowledge and experience there is also a significant cost with this year's attendance estimated to cost \$3,000.00 per person.

Conference Format

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council supports the concept of the LGNSW Conference dealing with motions on day one of the Conference.

Conference Motions

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council submit two (2) motions, as detailed in this report, to the LGNSW 2014 Conference in respect to the proposed increase by Essential Energy for public street lighting and the current poor relationship between local and state government.

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Conference Attendance

Officer's Recommendation:

That council nominate just the one delegate, one observer and the General Manager to attend this year's annual LGNSW Conference being held in Coffs Harbour from 19-21 October 2014.

Conclusion

It is hoped that with the revised format attendance at this year's Conference may be worthwhile but council still needs to take into account the related costs of attendance.

Financial Implications

Sufficient funds exist within current budget allocations for this purpose.

MOTION – ESSENTIAL ENERGY – PUBLIC LIGHTING PROPOSAL

1. That LGNSW again calls on the NSW State Government to make public street lighting a contestable service provision.

Detail of Issue

Essential Energy in its Public Lighting Proposal to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) is seeking an average increase in street lighting costs to councils of 64% from 1 July 2015. In the case of Bland Shire Council the proposed increase is 111%. It is acknowledged that the energy provider, being Australia's largest electricity network, faces significant geographical and environmental challenges. However, is it appropriate that local councils throughout NSW should bear the brunt of such massive increases given that the majority of NSW councils are struggling to remain financially viable in providing their own range of services let alone take on the cost of replacing infrastructure that is in the ownership of another authority?

As acknowledged by the AER, street lighting is currently a non-contestable monopoly of the NSW electricity distributors. In a monopoly situation, it is only through the fullest possible transparency that confidence can be brought to AER pricing decisions which have been unnecessarily contentious in the past partly due to inadequate disclosure and non-transparent pricing.

Our council is provided with street lighting services by Essential Energy. Consistent with previous submissions by NSW councils to the AER, council's position is that:

- There should be full public disclosure of NSW utility street lighting pricing, financial models and underlying assumptions in the 2014-19 AER pricing review.
- Disclosure by Essential Energy and the AER in the forthcoming pricing review should include, at a minimum, a complete working financial model of street lighting prices along with all required assumptions such as:
 - capital inputs including street lighting component costs, installation times, labour costs and labour allocation to different street lighting components; and
 - maintenance assumptions including spot repair times and labour costs as well as spot replacement and repair rates per annum by component type.
- If there are council-specific aspects of any utility pricing model or AER decision, council has no objection to these costs being made public by Essential Energy or the AER and notes that, when provided to council, these could reasonably be expected to be released under the NSW Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 in any event.
- It is council's view that the public benefit of full disclosure of NSW utility street lighting pricing, financial models and all underlying assumptions (including supplier prices) greatly out-weighs any possible disbenefits.

Council's position on disclosure of street lighting pricing, financial models and all underlying assumptions accords with the principles of transparency and accountability for the use of public funds. In this case, street lighting services in NSW are provided by one public entity to another and the test of any claims of confidentiality should therefore be considerably higher.

Council's position is also consistent with the AER's own *Better Regulation Confidentiality Guideline Explanatory Statement (November 2013)* which makes clear in *Attachment 3 – List of Documents for Public Disclosure* that financial models (including underlying assumptions) for services such as street lighting should be made public.

MOTION – LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIPS

2. That LGNSW seeks an immediate review of the existing Intergovernmental Agreement to Guide NSW State-Local Government Relations on Strategic Partnerships, which has as one of its cornerstones – “Our consultation and communication will be open and based on mutual trust and respect. Issues in local government will be addressed with a focus on continuous improvement, innovation and the interests of the community”.

Detail of Issue

Bland Shire Council has recently encountered a complete lack of courtesy when dealing with the NSW Department of Planning over a matter that has a very significant bearing on the future of our Shire. Council is still waiting for a simple acknowledgment from the Minister to a letter dated 28 May 2014.

The matter relates to a modification application submitted by Barrick on behalf of the Lake Cowal Gold Mine, the outcome of which may well determine the ongoing sustainability of West Wyalong given the significance this mine has on our current economic and social well being. The application has been with the Department since June 2013!

West Wyalong was recently reported in the Sydney media as being one of the ‘dying’ towns within country NSW and if the government is genuine in wanting to **‘Rebuild NSW’** then timely decisions on matters of economic significance should be a prerequisite.

Council has also written to the former Premier the Hon Barry O’Farrell in January 2014 requesting an indication of what assistance may be available to council in developing strategies if this particular mine was to close in 2019, as is currently planned, or even in 2014, if the modification application is approved.

The response from the Deputy Premier, the Hon Andrew Stoner was, to say the least, amazing – “Given that the eventual closure of the Cowal goldmine is at least five years away, the Council’s request for support for a social impact statement pertaining to the mine’s closure is premature and currently outside the Departments focus on projects creating jobs and investment for the Bland Shire”.

Is council to assume that the NSW State Government has no knowledge of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework for NSW Councils? How can a council genuinely prepare a 10 year community strategic plan if the very level of government that introduced the IP & R Framework believes that five (5) years is too far away.

9.5 Contractual Arrangements of Senior Staff

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

Vision: A well run council acting as the voice of the community

DP17.2 Provide a sustainable, productive, highly skilled and committed workforce which supports current and future service delivery needs.

Author: General Manager

Officer's Recommendation:

That the information provided to Council under S.339 of the Local Government Act 1993 in respect to the contractual arrangements for senior staff be received and noted.

Introduction

In accordance with S.339 of the Local Government Act 1993 the General Manager must report to council on an annual basis on the contractual arrangements of any senior staff. Bland Shire Council has resolved to designate the following positions as Senior Staff under the Local Government Act 1993 and both positions are under contract as follows

- Director of Corporate Community & Development Services
Position holder – Mrs. Adele Casey

- Contract Term – 5 years commencing on 30 September 2013
- Contract Package - \$178,124.64
 - Includes Cash Component; Housing Allowance; Superannuation; Motor Vehicle.

- Director of Assets and Engineering Services
Position holder – Mr. Will Marsh

- Contract Term – 5 years commencing on 9 July 2012
- Contract Package - \$178,124.64
 - Includes Cash Component; Housing Allowance; Superannuation; Motor Vehicle.

Conclusion

This report complies with s.339 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Financial Implications

Sufficient funds have been allocated in the current budget to meet the financial obligations of Council in respect to these contractual arrangements.

9.6 Banner Policy - Review

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

Vision: A well run council acting as the voice of the community

DP 17.4 Review and implement council's policies and comply with WHS and Risk Management requirements.

DP 18.1 Develop, implement and promote best practice governance policies and procedures.

DP 18.2 Council's plans, policies and documents continue to be put on effective public display for comment and feedback from the community.

Author: General Manager

Officer's Recommendation:

That the current Banner Policy be amended by replacing the existing Clause 3.1 with the following:

3.1 The Main Street Banner may be utilised by Bland Shire Council to promote Community events the Shire has identified through its Community Strategic Plan or events of regional or state significance.

Introduction

Council at its July Workshop gave consideration to the interpretation by council staff to the phrase in Clause 3.1events the Council **directly** supports with the emphasis being on the word **directly**.

Council staff believes the intent here is events that Council support financially and this resulted in a refusal of the S. 68 application to erect a banner relating to 'lady golfers' as there is no financial support of this event by Council.

Given the discussion at the Workshop this particular policy has now been reviewed taking into account the following issues:

- The meaning of the word **directly** does not necessarily relate to financial support
- Events of Regional and State significance
- The cost of inserts being met from either the budget allocation for 'tourism events' or from 'community grants'.

Accordingly, Clause 3.1 of the Policy has been amended to read as follows:

3.1 The Main Street Banner may be utilised by Bland Shire Council to promote Community events the Shire has identified through its Community Strategic Plan or events of regional and state significance.

Conclusion

The cost of inserts and erection and dismantling of the banner should most likely be associated with Tourism Events given that the vast majority of events that council

would be promoting would have a significant tourism component if the event is attracting and bringing people to the Shire.

Financial Implications

The average cost of an insert is \$400.00 and the labour cost to erect and dismantle the banner is \$200.00. Funds to meet these costs will be allocated from the Tourism events budget.

SECTION 3 – CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

9.7 Financial Statements – June 2014

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

Vision: A well run council acting as the voice of the community

DP14.4 Ensure the long term financial sustainability of Council through effective and prudent financial management.

Author Director Corporate, Community & Development Services

Officer's Recommendation

1. That Council receive and note the statement of Bank Balances, Rates Collections and Investments for the month of June, 2014.
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 June 2014 to 30 June 2014, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$2,751,857.62

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES, RATES COLLECTIONS AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2014.

BANK BALANCES AS AT 30 JUNE, 2014

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
General Fund	\$ 205,773.16
Invested Funds	
Fixed Deposits	\$ 9,500,000.00
Deposits at Call	\$ 1,634,875.97
	\$11,340,649.13
Percentage of investment to Net Balance	98.19%

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 30.06.14
SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING JULY, 2014

Balance as at 01.06.14 \$ 1,521,704.46

Add Receipts

For month of June 2014 \$ 1,435,926.32
Includes

Receipt Date.	Receipt No.	Receipt Name	Received Total
10/06/2014		RMS 13/14 Bland Flood - March 2012	\$206,800.00
30/06/2014		Transfer From Cash at Call	\$300,000.00

Less Payments

For month of June 2014 \$2,751,857.62
Includes

Payment Date.	EFT No.	Payee Name	Payment Total
12/06/2014		Transfer to Cash at Call	\$500,000.00

Cash Balance \$
 205,773.16

Limit of Overdraft Arranged with Bank \$350,000.00

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of accounts paid for the period June 01, 2014 to June 30, 2014.

I CERTIFY,

That the accounts included in the accounts summary and totalling as detailed under:-

Fund	Voucher No.s	Total
Cheques	24045 - 24111	\$ 120,926.37
Auto-pay Creditors	E001016-E001409	\$ 1,671,306.53
Auto-pay Payroll	01/06 – 22/06	\$ 443,209.82
June Bank Charges & Commission etc		\$1,891.55
Direct Debits	Loader Repayment & Vehicle Lease	\$7,671.83
TFR to Call		\$500,000.00
BCard Payments		\$6,851.52
		\$ 2,751,857.62

1. Are fully supported by vouchers and invoices and have been fully registered.
2. The responsible officer concerned has certified that the goods for which respective accounts are submitted have been rendered to order and/or that the services for which respective accounts are submitted have been rendered according to order.
3. Official orders have been issued for the supply of such goods and services. The goods for which respective accounts are submitted have been checked with the entries in the goods order book.
4. The prices and computations of every account are correct.
5. The prices for the goods supplied or services rendered under the contract or quotation in accordance therewith and in all cases the prices charged are according to order and as far as I am able to ascertain fair and reasonable.
6. The provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993 and Regulations in connection therewith have been complied with.

Further I also certify that the Ledger has been reconciled with the bank statements for the last preceding monthly period.

.....
Director of Corporate, Community & Development Services

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COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 15 JULY 2014

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MAYOR

CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL MANAGER

This accounts summary, a copy of which was submitted to each member of Council on the 15 July 2014, has been checked and is fully supported by vouchers and invoices. These vouchers have been duly certified as to receipt of goods, the rendition of services, to prices and computations, and to costings.

.....
General Manager

CERTIFICATE OF CHAIRMAN OF ORDINARY MEETING

I certify that this accounts summary, covering amounts totalling \$ 2,751,857.62 was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 15 July 2014 and that the amounts are presented to Council for confirmation of payment.

.....
Chairman of Ordinary Meeting

INVESTMENTS

The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 30th June 2014. The funds consist of monies from the Bank Accounts of the Trust Funds, Reserve Accounts, Sewerage Fund and Combined General Account.

DATE	INVESTED WITH WHOM	INVESTED AMOUNT	TERM	YIELD	DATE DUE
04-February-2014	ING Bank (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	182 days	3.64%	05-August-2014
04-March-2014	ING Bank (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	181 days	3.80%	01-September-2014
04-June-2014	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	183 Days	3.65%	04-December-2014
02-May-2014	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	184 days	3.67%	02-November-2014
05-May-2014	IMB (Term Deposit)	500,000.00	150 Days	3.50%	02-October-2014
22-March-2014	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	122 Days	3.67%	22-July-2014
01-January-2014	Westpac (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	212 Days	3.60%	01-August-2014
13-June-2014	ME Bank (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	123 days	3.55%	14-October-2014
31-March-2014	Bank of QLD (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	183 days	3.68%	30-September-2014
07-January-2014	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	183 Days	3.90%	09-July-2014
	ANZ Deposit at Call	50,648.41	Cash at Call		
	CBA Deposit at Call	1,584,227.56	Cash at Call		
	TOTAL:	<u>11,134,875.97</u>			

I certify that the above investments have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Regulation and Council's Investment Policies.

Lehman Brothers Managed Funds 130,500.00 Managed Funds

I certify that the above investment has been reconciled with Council's General Ledger Accounts.

Director Corporate Community & Development Services

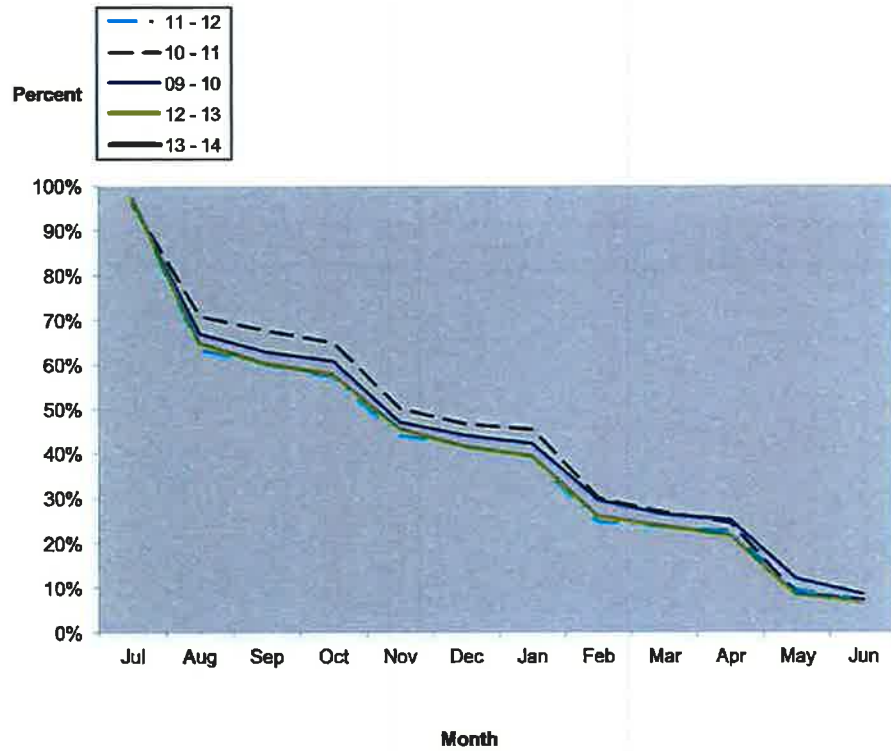
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - STAFF REPORT

Mayor

STATEMENT OF RATES AS AT 30 June 2014

RATE	Levy	Arrears	Adjustments	Interest	Total	Pension Rebate	Collections	Balance	2013-14	2012-13
General	\$5,867,451.98	\$318,476.59	-\$4,330.16	\$27,703.95	\$6,209,302.36	-\$77,085.22	-\$5,779,148.97	\$353,068.17	5.76%	5.37%
Sewerage	\$1,149,328.00	\$134,237.20	-\$7,276.47	\$10,748.55	\$1,287,037.28	-\$37,238.61	-\$1,103,859.94	\$145,938.73	11.68%	11.06%
Garbage/Services/Legal	\$822,704.00	\$161,241.51	\$65,250.23	\$13,119.04	\$1,062,314.78	-\$46,784.90	-\$857,745.34	\$157,784.54	15.54%	17.02%
Overpayments	\$0.00	\$0.00					-\$88,819.33	-\$88,819.33		
TOTALS:	\$7,839,483.98	\$613,955.30	\$53,643.60	\$51,571.54	\$8,558,654.42	-\$161,108.73	-\$7,829,573.58	\$567,972.11	6.76%	6.61%

% of Rates



Debt Analysis	Properties	Balance
Sale of Land	0	\$0.00
Future Sale of Land	43	\$59,855.08
Arrangements	68	\$32,847.77
Debt Collection	104	\$311,433.82
Centrepay	42	\$23,273.70
Total	257	\$427,410.37

9.8 Strengthening Communities Grant – Barmedman Show Society Inc

Our places

Where our sense of community shines

Vision: Providing great community facilities for everyone to enjoy

DP8.5 Assist Community groups to provide activities to the wider community

Author: Community Development Officer

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council approve a Strengthening Communities grant of \$3000 for the Barmedman Show Society to assist with the cost of entertainment for the annual Barmedman Show.

Introduction

The Barmedman Show Society has applied for a Strengthening Communities grant to assist with the costs of providing entertainment for the annual Barmedman Show. The Barmedman Show Society aims to provide a family friendly event which includes offering evening entertainment consisting of fireworks, a band and a traditional country style dinner. The show provides an opportunity to promote the Barmedman community and brings together past and present rural and village residents for a fun and entertaining event.

The show promises a larger attendance this year as Barmedman has been chosen to host the Riverina's Australian Stock Horse Challenge. The show benefits the Barmedman community greatly and has something to offer all ages and members of the local and extended community.

Conclusion

The Barmedman Show will attract tourists to town, provide new opportunities for local and regional competitors, and provides a source of entertainment for the local community. Local businesses and the community will benefit from the influx of visitors, including the local fuel stations, food outlets, and hospitality outlets. This request meets the objectives set out in Councils Community Strategic Plan.

Financial Implications

Council has \$50000 available in its Strengthening Communities Grant fund.

9.9 Strengthening Communities Grant – West Wyalong Show Society

Our places

Where our sense of community shines

Vision: Providing great community facilities for everyone to enjoy

DP8.5 Assist Community groups to provide activities to the wider community

Author: Community Development Officer

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council approve a Strengthening Communities grant of \$3840 for the West Wyalong Show Society to assist with the cost of supply and delivery of sand for the new show jumping arena.

Introduction

The West Wyalong Show Society has applied for a Strengthening Communities grant to assist with the costs of supply and delivery of sand for the new show jumping arena. Coastal horses are not accustomed to the clay ground and this is deterring entrants from travelling on from places such as Forbes. For the safety of the animals and riders the Show Society has formed the new jumping arena. A sand arena has the potential to quadruple exhibitor numbers which in turn leads to greater income for the show and greater economic benefits for the community.

It is hoped that the sand can be delivered in preparation for the show in September.

Conclusion

The West Wyalong Show and show jumping event will attract tourists to town, provide new opportunities for local competitors and provide a source of entertainment for the local community. Local businesses will benefit from the influx of visitors, including local fuel stations, food outlets, and hospitality outlets. This request meets the objectives set out in Council's Community Strategic Plan.

Financial Implications

Council has \$50000 available in its Strengthening Communities Grant fund.

9.10 Community Access Policy Adoption

Our places

Where our sense of community shines

Vision: Providing great community facilities for everyone to enjoy

7.1 Services and programs are relevant to community needs.

Author: Community Development Officer

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council adopt the revised version of the Bland Shire Community Access Policy.

Introduction

Bland Shire Council aims to be a leader in the promotion and provision of an accessible community for all members and visitors. Council is directly involved in community leadership through the provision of community assets and programs and through management of events.

This version of the Community Access Policy is an amalgamation of the existing Community Access Policy (adopted 23 May 2003) and the Disability Access Policy (adopted 23 May 2003). It has been reviewed in collaboration with the Access Advisory Committee and amendments made accordingly.

Note. There is no red contained in the attached policy to mark changes from the original policy as it is an amalgamation of the existing Community Access Policy and the Disability Access Policy.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council adopt the Bland Shire Community Access policy to ensure Council practices reflect the requirements of current legislation and regulations and that Council continues to maintain an accessible community.

Financial Implications

Nil

COMMUNITY ACCESS POLICY

POLICY ADOPTED: < Date policy adopted by Council...>

Policy Objective:

Bland Shire Council seeks to be at the forefront of promoting and facilitating an accessible community for all members and visitors. Council has direct involvement in community leadership through the provision of community assets, the provision of programs and conducting of events. Council also will encourage other community leaders to be mindful of access issues.

Council will encourage businesses and community groups to develop a holistic and achievable access approach to the way they deliver their services and conduct their affairs so that the Bland Shire becomes known as an "access friendly" region.

Policy Statement:

Bland Shire Council seeks to be a leader in promoting and providing an accessible community for all members and visitors.

Bland Shire Council works in partnership with organisations to provide sustainable access and inclusion opportunities for everyone in the community, and seeks to ensure that physical access is an essential consideration in all planning processes.

- No person who lives in, works in, or visits the LGA shall be denied access to any Council information, communications, facilities, services or employment on the grounds of disability.
- The rights of people with a disability to fully participate in all aspects of life will be recognised and upheld
- The Council will endeavor to improve physical access in all areas for which it is responsible; including open space, recreation areas, roads and transport infrastructure, community buildings, Council owned buildings and facilities.
- All work undertaken by the Council on its assets will meet the minimum standard of the Building Code of Australia AND the Australian Standards for access. The Council will attempt to exceed the minimum standards where it believes the minimum standards are inadequate.
- The Council shall actively enforce the relevant building regulations and the Council requirements relating to the provision of access to new and existing premises and facilities.
- The Council may require developers to optimise access in their projects and encourage all non-council bodies to maximise access to their facilities, programs and services.
- The Council will consider access, especially physical access, in all its policies.
- The Council shall consult the community regarding the needs of people with disability.

- The Council's community, social, recreation, environmental and infrastructure planning shall incorporate those needs identified.

Definitions:

"Accessible"

Accessible means having features to enable use by persons regardless of disability.

"Access"

Access means developing an inclusive environment where all individuals regardless of disability, can actively participate as valued members of the community. Access is ongoing.

"Disability"

The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1992 (Section 4) defines a disability as:

- total or partial loss of the person's bodily or mental function
- total or partial loss of a part of the body
- the presence in the body of organisms causing disease or illness
- the presence in the body of organisms capable of causing disease or illness
- the malfunction, or malformation or disfigurement of a part of a person's body
- a disorder or malfunction which results in the person learning differently from a person without the disorder or malfunction
- a disorder illness or disease which affects a person's thought processes, perception of reality, emotions or judgement or which results in disturbed behaviour

"Discrimination"

The DDA 1992 defines (Section 4) discrimination as

- treating people with a disability less favourably than people without the disability would be treated under the same circumstances
- a condition or requirement imposed which may be the same for everyone but which unfairly excludes or disadvantages people with a disability (for example in employment, education, or access to goods and services)
- the failure to make, or proposition not to make reasonable adjustments which has, or is likely to have, the effect of disadvantaging persons with the disability

The DDA 1992 prohibits discrimination not only against people who have a disability but also against a person who is an "associate" of a person with a disability (eg: a spouse, relative, carer, or a person in a business, sporting or recreational relationship with a person with a disability).

Note: Different treatment of people with a disability is not unlawful or discrimination where it is reasonably intended to ensure that they have equal opportunities to meet their special needs.

Responsibilities:

The administrative management of access issues falls within the responsibility of the Community Development Officer. This position is accountable to the Community Relations Officer, and then to the Director of Corporate, Community and Development Services. However all staff will have day-to-day dealings with situations that will involve consideration of access issues.

The Community Access Policy is the guiding document to Council on Access issues. Council seeks the advice of the Access Advisory Committee in regard to matters concerning access within the community.

Recommended Practices:

The policy has the following guiding principles:

1. The needs of people change across their lifespan.
2. The importance of access is recognised for all members of and visitors to our community. A person with a disability is firstly and foremost an individual and is not to be defined by his/her disability.
3. Individuals with disabilities have differing needs.
4. The rights of people with disabilities to fully participate in all aspects of the community will be promoted
5. When providing services to people with disabilities, our focus will be on the whole-of-life needs of individuals in their own communities.
6. Better outcomes for people with disabilities will result from co-operation among service providers (in the Shire) with the active participation of people with disabilities.
7. The unique needs of people with disabilities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background will be recognized.
8. The legal rights of people with disabilities will be recognised and protected, where Bland Shire has opportunity to provide input and support.
9. Plans and actions will be developed to ensure planning and service provision takes into account the needs of people with disabilities.
10. All new facilities operated by the Council shall be designed to be fully accessible to persons with all types of disability and all existing facilities operated by the Council shall, where possible, be progressively modified to optimize their accessibility.
11. Council staff should be given the opportunity to undertake in-service training related to disability.
12. No suitable applicant for employment with the Council shall be rejected on the basis of disability.
13. The Council shall, where possible, make available its resources to bodies in the area, to assist in community education and the full and effective participation and inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of life in the community.
14. The Council shall encourage developers to optimise the accessibility of their projects and incentive schemes to encourage this shall be investigated.
15. The Council shall encourage all non-council bodies to maximise the accessibility of their facilities, programs and services.
16. The Council shall actively enforce the relevant building regulations and the Council's requirements for the provision of access to new and existing buildings.

References:

- a. Bland Shire Council Community Plan, 2001
- b. NSW Government Disability Policy Framework 1998
- c. Disability Discrimination Act (Commonwealth) 1992

- d. Anti-Discrimination Act (NSW) 1977
- e. Australia Bureau of Statistics
- f. Government Policy and Services to Support and Include People with Disabilities 2007
- g. Local Government Act 1993
- h. Local Government (General) Amendment (Community and Social Plans) Act 1998
- i. Australia Bureau of Statistics Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC) 2012
- j. Australia Bureau of Statistics 2011 census

Authorisation:

Status	Committee	Access Advisory Committee	
	Manex	N/A	
Owner	Direcotor of Corporate, Community and Development Services		
EDRMS Doc. ID	< .. Contact Records..>		
Superceded Policy			
Date of Adoption/ Amendment	Revision Number	Minute Number	Review Date

Related Council Policy / Procedure
Community Access Policy (adopted 23 May 2003).
Disability Access Policy (adopted 23 May 2003).

SECTION 4 – ASSET & ENGINEERING SERVICES

9.11 Domed Lights - West Wyalong Aerodrome

Our infrastructure

Reviewing, renewing & improving our core community assets

Vision: Maintaining and improving the Shire's assets and infrastructure in a changing climate

11. Ensure that public places and facilities are well maintained and easily accessible to foster community pride in their infrastructure

Author: Director Assets and Engineering Services

Officer's Recommendation

That, due to advice by CASA, Bland Shire Council NOT pursue the replacement of the existing elevated lights at West Wyalong Aerodrome with in-ground domed lights.

Background

Bland Shire Council was discussing with Council's CASA approved contractor, who completes Council's CASA inspections, the issue of replacing the above ground lights with domed in ground lights at the West Wyalong airport (mainly trying to ascertain suppliers). The contractor indicated that Council's light spacing probably would not meet the current codes and guidelines, so if Council replaced the existing lights, the new ones would have to have a closer spacing than the existing layout.

Following up from this Council contacted CASA for their advice on the matter and if there were any differences between different grades of airport. Their advice, in part, covers all airports and is as follows:

" Manual of Standards Part 139 – Aerodromes

9.1.12.2 Elevated lights, in general, are preferable to inset lights, because they provide a larger aperture from which light signals can be seen. Elevated lights must be used in all cases except:

- (a) where the use of inset lights is specified in this Chapter; or*
- (b) where it is not practicable to use elevated lights.*

(2.1.3.3 Those standards which include phrases such as – if practicable, - where physically possible, etc, still require an exemption to standards when aerodrome operators wish to take advantage of the non-practicability of full compliance.)

9.10.2.2 The longitudinal spacing of runway edge lights must be uniform and be:

- (a) for an instrument landing, 60m +0/-5m"*

CASA states it that they would facilitate an application for an exemption (cost \$500 - \$650) but to get it approved a strong safety case has to be provided. This would be a safety case

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for the “users” that CASA is concerned about, which are powered aeroplanes. Therefore a case could not be mounted on the safety of non-powered aircraft such as gliders. Since the current elevated lights have been operational at the airport without any safety issues to powered aircraft for many years, it would be extremely difficult to mount a case for their removal and replacement by domed lights.

In addition, if Bland Shire Council were to be granted an exemption, it may have to place more lights to fit current standards, costing more than the already allocated \$120,000.

Conclusion

Due to the fact that CASA stipulates that elevated lights are the nominated standard and that that it would be extremely difficult to mount a safety case to CASA to change this ruling at West Wyalong airport, it is recommended that the current status quo remain. This would mean leaving the lights as they are and repairing them when damaged. The gliding fraternity will be alerted to this fact and hopefully West Wyalong would still be a desirable destination.

Financial Implications

If status quo remained, a saving of \$120,000 will be made on the 2014 – 2015 budget.

9.12 Sprayed Bituminous Surfacing Contract

Our infrastructure

Reviewing, renewing & improving our core community assets

Vision: Maintaining and improving the Shire's assets and infrastructure in a changing climate

11. Ensure that public places and facilities are well maintained and easily accessible to foster community pride in their infrastructure

Author: Director Assets and Engineering Services

Officer's Recommendation

That the current Sprayed Bituminous Surfacing Contract be extended by one year to the 1st October, 2015.

Background

Bland Shire Council on 15 September, 2009, resolved, in part, on the motion of Cr Mangelsdorf seconded by Cr Cooper that: -

"1. The Contract 39/09 "Sprayed Bitumen Surfacing" be let to Downer EDI Works at the tendered amount totalling \$1,010,800.97.

2. The Director Engineering Services be given delegated power to explore Downer EDI Works alternative tenders to see if further cost savings can be gained and, if so, accept those alternatives if they are believed to be beneficial to Council"

The result of item 2 was that a four year contract was signed with Downer EDI Works at the same base rates as the one year contract.

The contract includes, besides the base rates, a rise and fall provision for Supply and Spray Binder, Class 170 bitumen.

At the time of this contract Downer EDI Works price was approximately 25% below the next cheapest price. When queried on this fact, they explained that they held contracts for all the neighbouring Shires and it was relatively cheap for them to establish their works when they schedule Bland Shire's works with the works of the other Shires.

The contract with EDI Downer Works finishes this year, after being extended, and EDI Downer Works have offered to further extend the contract for a year provided the CPI is applied to the base rate rise and fall.

The two options available to council are to re-tender or accept the offer from EDI Downer Works.

With regard to option one – If the matter was retendered, cheaper rates may not be obtained since nothing has changed within the region and therefore it would be expected that EDI Downer Works would again come in well below the other contractors.

With regard to the second option – The base rates with CPI applied would still probably be below other contractor's prices.

In addition there are a number of other factors to consider, and these are:-

Some talk has been that this tender should be on a regional basis;

There are discussions on the formation of regional councils;

There are discussions on council amalgamations;

Council does not have a large amount of bituminous resurfacing works to be completed in 2014 – 2015.

Conclusion

It is believed that the second option would be the most financially beneficial for council at this point in time, and also in the current climate of political instability it would be probably better to continue on a year by year basis rather than consider longer term contracts.

Financial Implications

Nil.

SECTION 5 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Officer's Recommendation:

That the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- **Asset & Engineering Services Report**
- **Community Services Report**
- **Bland Shire Library Monthly Update**
- **Children's Services Monthly Update**
- **Development Services Activities/Statistics – June 2014**

9.13 Asset & Engineering Services Report

Our infrastructure

Reviewing, renewing & improving our core community assets

Vision: Maintaining and improving the Shire's assets and infrastructure in a changing climate

13. Ensure that public places and facilities are well maintained and easily accessible.

Author: Director Assets and Engineering Services

The following work was carried out:-

1. **NATIONAL AND STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE**
Routine maintenance as per single invitation contract carried out on MR57 South & SH17.
2. **REGIONAL ROADS MAINTENANCE**
Bitumen patching and guide posting carried out on MR57 north MR231, MR371, SH17 and MR398.
Shoulder widening has finished on MR57 north from Girral to Lachlan Shire boundary.
Heavy patching and Polycom works in progress on MR371.
3. **REGIONAL ROAD REPAIR PROGRAMME**
5.2 km of shoulder widening is in progress on Mary Gilmore Way, West (MR398 west).
4. **SHIRE ROADS MAINTENANCE**
Bitumen patching carried out on the following;
 - Quandialla Road
 - Tallimba Road

Gravel Resheeting FAG

- Waarbilla Road 2.2 km

2012 Flood Damage Programme has been completed.

Guide posting has been done on a number of rural sealed roads, minor gravel patching has been done on a number of unsealed roads within the Shire.

5. **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**
 - All parks mown and tidied
 - Village main streets swept and rubbish removed
 - Trees trimmed and fallen branches picked up
 - Village entrances and streets mown and trimmed
 - All village park play grounds inspected for safety
 - Irrigation checks carried out at Barmedman, Tallimba and Ungarie
 - Weethalle dangerous trees removed near bus stop
 - Barmedman trees lopped near school

6. PARK MAINTENANCE

- McCann park, Barnado park and small parks and areas mown, trimmed and maintained
- Barnado park and McCann park gardens annuals planted
- Barnado park power installed for playground lights
- Irrigation maintenance carried out in small parks
- Reg Ratty drive, Barnado park and McCann park gardens sprayed for pests
- Small parks broad leaf sprayed
- Work carried out at wet lands board walk

7. OVALS MAINTENANCE

- Maintenance to all sporting fields and surrounds
- Maintenance to lawn and monument cemeteries
- Maintenance to Herridge park, Coinda park and Wyalong court house
- Line marking for school athletics at Ungarie and Tallimba
- Line marking for Rugby League, Aussie Rules, Athletics, Rugby Union and Soccer
- Park street recreation and Ron Crowe sprayed with liquid fertiliser
- Rough mowing of surrounds at Redman oval and Perseverance ovals
- Irrigation checks carried out on all ovals and pump sheds

8. TOWN MAINTENANCE

- Main street gardens tidied, watered and plants replaced
- Town areas mown and trimmed
- Town trees trimmed and watered when needed
- Small pot holes repaired in roads
- Clean out town drains
- Wetlands work carried out
- West Wyalong and Wyalong spraying on nature strips carried out
- Town foot paths repaired as required

9. SEWERAGE TREATMENT WORKS – MAY/JUNE 2014

No :	Date	Time		Address	Reason
		Start	Finish		
1	2/06/2014	12.00pm	4.00pm	RSL Lane	Sewer Choke in Main
2	3/06/2014	4.00pm	5.30pm	9 Wootten St WW	Blockage Boundary To Main
3	5/06/2014	11.00pm	12.00pm	37 Maitland St WW	Blockage Boundary To Main
4	11/06/2014	9.00am	12.00pm	84 Operator St WW	Blockage Boundary To Main
5	11/06/2014	5.00pm	8.00pm	Behind Royal Hotel	Blockage Boundary To Main
6	12/06/2014	9.00am	10.00am	White Tank Lane	Sewer Choke in Main
7	16/06/2014	5.30pm	6.30pm	48 Muriel St Ungarie	Blockage Boundary To Main
8	17/06/2014	9.00am	12.00pm	St Mary School	Blockage Boundary To Main
9	18/06/2014	10.00am	11.30am	7 Kurrajong St WW	Blockage Boundary To Main
10	19/06/2014	3.00pm	5.30pm	Queen St Lane Barmedman	Sewer Choke in Main
11	20/06/2014	9.00am	1.30pm	Kurrajong St Lane WW	Sewer Choke in Main
12	22/06/2014	5.15pm	7.15pm	5 Park St WW	Sewer Choke in Main
13	23/06/2014	3.30pm	4.00pm	84 Monash St WW	Blockage Boundary To Main
14	24/06/2014	10.00am	12.00pm	52 Deboo St Barmedman	Blockage Boundary To Main
15	24/06/2014	12.00pm	2.30pm	53 Golden St WW	Sewer Choke in Main
16	24/06/2014	2.30pm	6.30pm	24 Deboo St Barmedman	Blockage Boundary To Main
17	26/06/2014	8.30am	10.00am	11 Brown St WW	Blockage Boundary To Main
18	27/06/2014	1.00pm	2.30pm	5 Park St WW	Sewer Choke in Main
19	28/06/2014	1.00pm	2.00pm	Ungarie Showground	Sewer Choke Toilet

9.14 Community Services Report

Our people

Our greatest and most important asset

Vision: A strong, healthy, connected and cohesive community

DP3. Nurture a strong sense of community and enrich the cultural life for the residents of the Bland Shire

Author: Community Relations Officer

Volunteer Morning Tea

A celebratory morning tea was held on Thursday 26 June in the Council Chambers to say thank you to our many Bland Shire community volunteers. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Bland Shire community. Without the giving and generous spirit of our many volunteers numerous activities and events would not be able to continue. We rely heavily on volunteers to run our community groups, our service clubs, our sporting groups and many other services we often take for granted. Our volunteers dedicate so much of their own time to improving the quality of life for many other members of the community. The morning tea was attended by approximately 20 representatives from a number of organisations within the community. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and the Community Development Officer all spoke at the morning tea to personally thank the volunteers for their selfless contribution that makes such a positive difference to our community.

Ungarie Central School Visit

Bland Shire Council Community Services staff attended Ungarie Central School on Thursday 26 June to engage with the Ungarie youth and host a barbecue for the students as part of their rewards day. The Ungarie Central staff and students embraced Council attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the barbecue lunch. The Community Development Officer was able to sit in on a photography shoot that the senior girls were holding and get to know some of the students. It was great for Council to have a presence at the school and a good opportunity for the students to become familiar with Council's Community Services staff.

Borambola Excursion

As part of the July school holiday program, Council took a full bus load of young to the Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre on Monday 7 July for a day jam packed with fun and adventure. The event was booked to capacity with 21 participants in attendance. Participants were given the opportunity to engage in BMX riding, archery and indoor rock climbing all whilst lapping up the beautiful scenery of the Centre which is set on the banks of Tarcutta Creek just outside of Wagga. Fully qualified coaches and instructors were on hand to guide and assist participants with the activities on the day.

Photography Workshop

Bland Shire Council in conjunction with Eastern Riverina Arts was scheduled to hold a photography workshop for High School aged young people on Thursday 10 July as part of the holiday program. The workshop was designed to put the photography skills of participants to the test by taking some photographs which will be converted into black and white stencils and used to create large scale images. It is envisaged that these images will

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go on exhibition within the local community. This is a completely free workshop for the youth made possible by Council's ongoing partnership with Eastern Riverina Arts.

NRMA Driving School

The NRMA Driving School was back in West Wyalong on Wednesday 9 July as part of the holiday program and was again booked to capacity with 12 learner drivers taking the chance to soak up the valuable experience of the highly skilled NRMA trained instructors. The best practice curriculum offered by NRMA focuses on low risk driving techniques to assist students in embedding the skills and practices to become safer drivers for life.

Fanny Lumsden and The Thrillseekers

Fanny Lumsden and her band the Thrillseekers are heading out to Weethalle as part of their July 2014 Country Halls tour. Fanny is a born and bred local girl who grew up on a farm between Tallimba and Weethalle. Fanny and the Thrillseekers have made this unique touring style a bit of a tradition with this year marking their third annual tour celebrating country halls. Fanny and the band will be bringing their toe tapping-thigh-slapping, quick witted version of folk/Americana music not only to Weethalle, but also to other small Riverina communities including Tooma, Rand, Jugiong, and Grong Grong. They are heading to Weethalle Hall on July 25 for a fun filled night of live music for the whole family! A Western Australian musician by the name of Ruby Boots will be joining Fanny and the band on this year's tour through the Riverina. There will be a BBQ available to attendees on the night before the music gets going.

Local Government Week

Bland Shire Council will celebrate Local Government Week during August 4-10. A program to promote the role of Council in the lives of the whole community is being developed by Community Services staff.

REROC Take Charge and Volunteer Initiative

Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils have developed a volunteering initiative to bring Riverina organisations and youth volunteers together to form a volunteering relationship which will reap rewards on both sides. Organisations get a vital boost of young volunteers while local youth get a chance to make a difference to their community, learn new things and obtain incentives.

The project is website based and easily accessible from a computer as well as a smart phone which will conform to the current youth culture. Via this website organisations sign up and list the volunteer opportunities they have available to young people in the area. Then, as the youth search for an opportunity, they can register, indicate what they want to do and Take Charge and Volunteer can get the two together. From here the volunteer relationship can flourish, with the organisations reaping the rewards of having young people on board, while Take Charge and Volunteer will offer rewards to the volunteer once they achieve their agreed goals – it's a win-win all round!

Bland Shire Council staff have been working on the project with REROC for a number of months and have assisted Events West Wyalong to register and populate the website with volunteer opportunities for youth within the Bland Shire. Council staff also plan to contact other local organisations in the near future and actively assist them with the registration process and navigation of the website. Bland Shire Council Community Services staff are

very passionate about this initiative and the potential benefits it holds for local organisations and the community.

Once the website has been populated with a sufficient number of volunteering opportunities, both Council staff and REROC will begin actively promoting the website to local youth and schools within the community. It is hoped this initiative will increase our youth volunteer population and provide invaluable volunteer assistance to a number of organisations within the community.

Website

The Bland Shire Council website continues to grow as a communication tool between Council, the community and beyond.

The following report demonstrates the reach of the website during 2013-2014 and the most popular pages visited.

Sessions: A session is the period time a user is actively engaged with your website, app, etc. All usage data (Screen Views, Events, Ecommerce, etc.) is associated with a session.

Total number of sessions within date range: 39,434

Users: Users that have had at least one session within the selected date range. Includes both new and returning users.

Total number of users within date range: 16,934

Pageviews: Pageviews is the total number of pages viewed. Repeated views of a single page are counted.

Total number of pageviews within date range: 97,625

Page/Session: Pages/Session (Average Page Depth) is the average number of pages viewed during a session. Repeated views of a single page are counted.

Total number of page/sessions: 2.48

Average session duration: The average length of a Session.

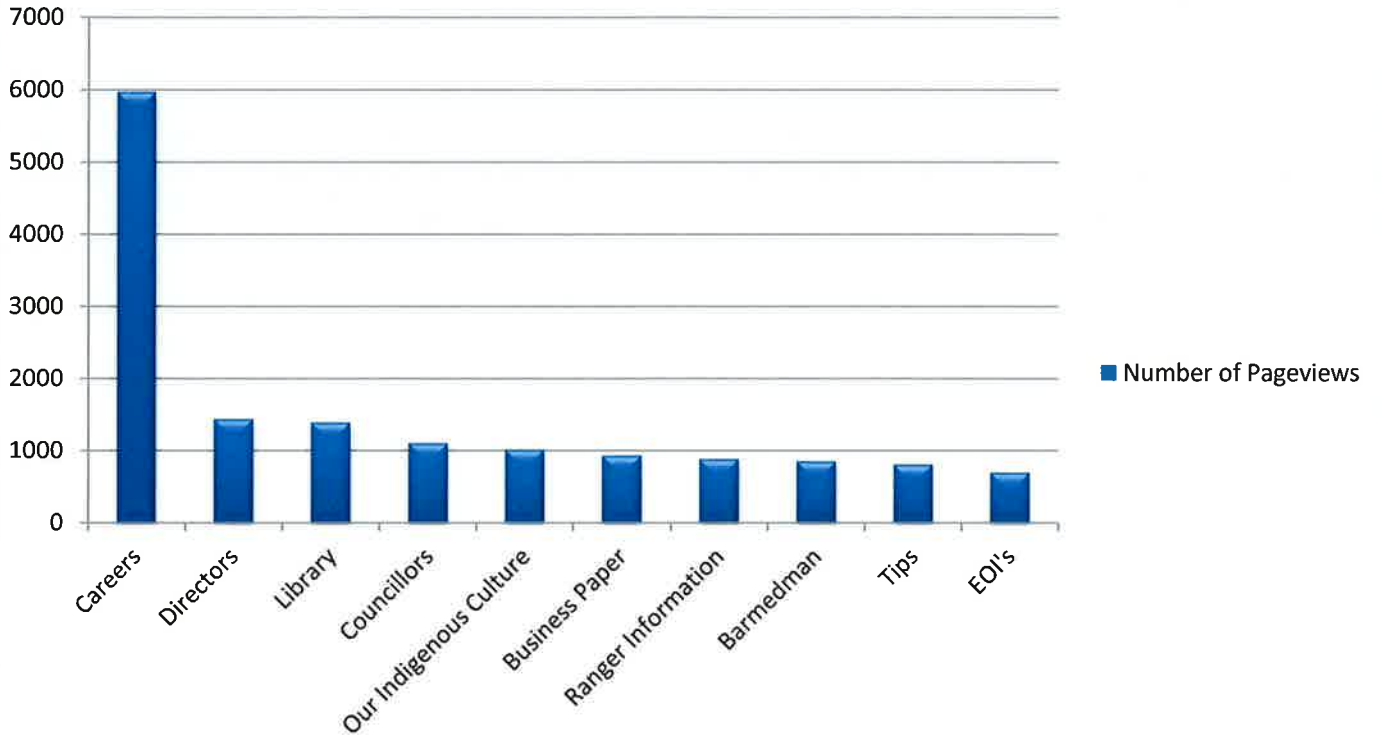
Average session duration within date range: 3 minutes 26 seconds

Percentage of new sessions: An estimate of the percentage of first time visits.

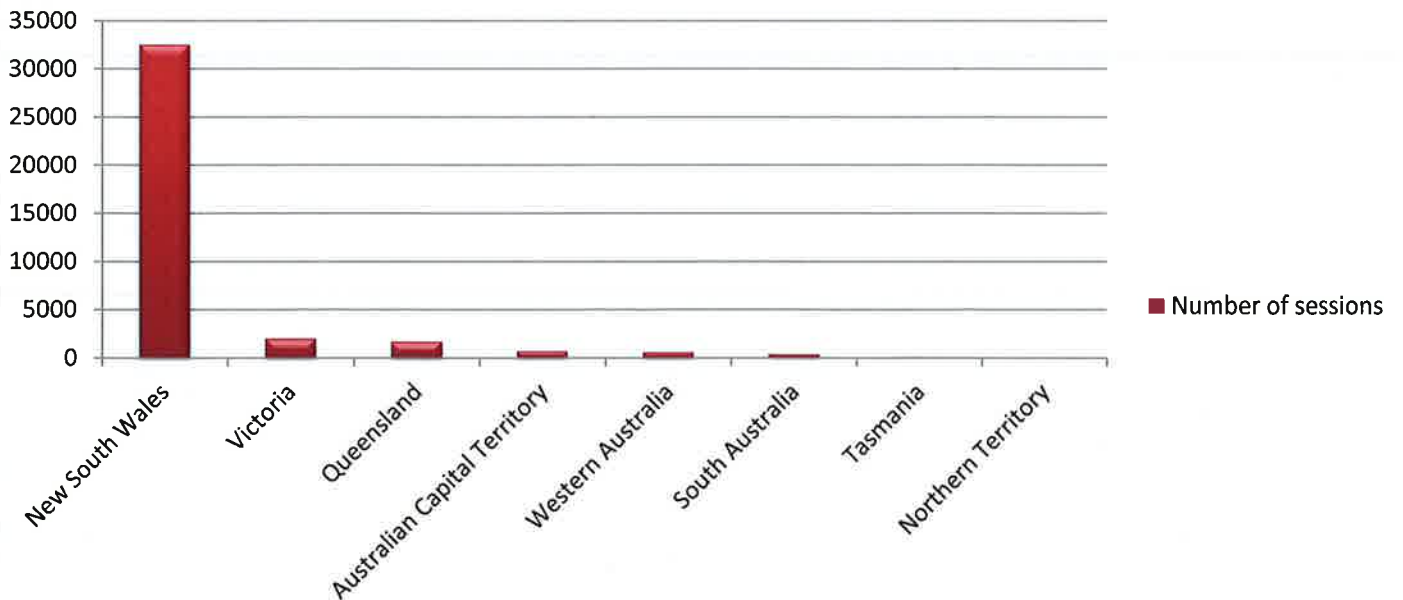
Percentage of new sessions within date range: 41.02%

FACT: The Bland Shire Council website has been used by people from over 87 countries.

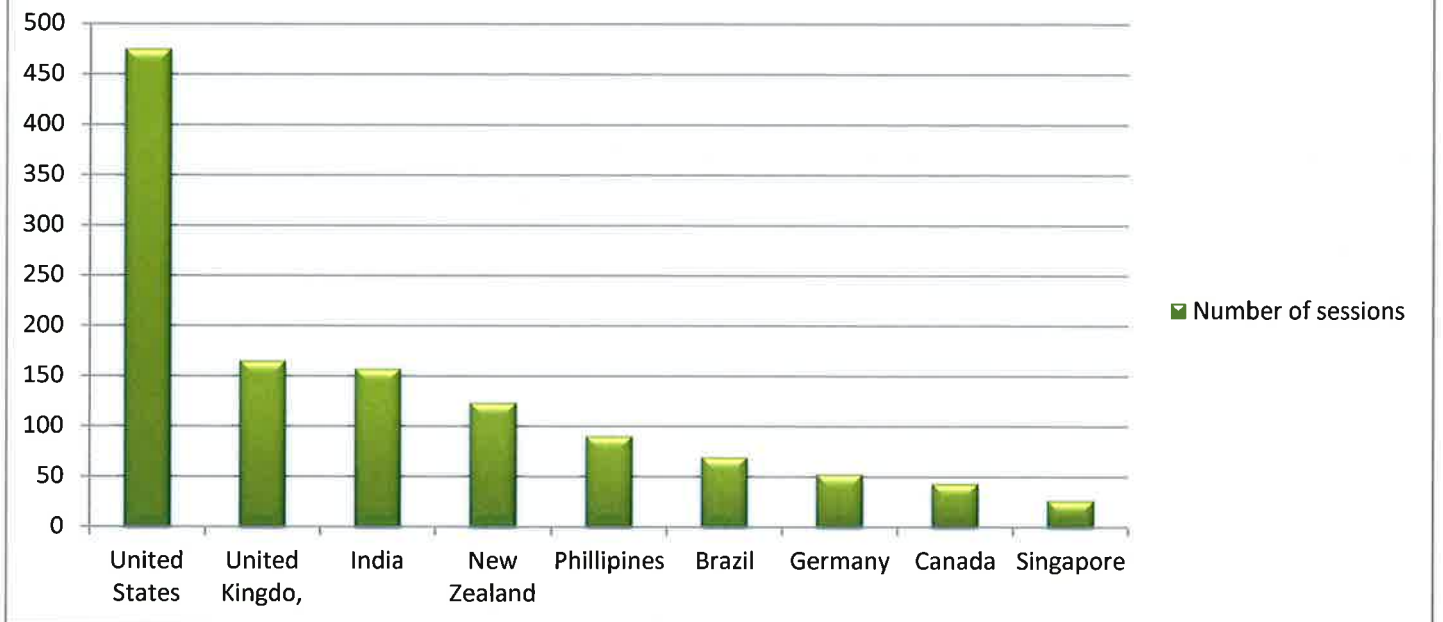
Top 10 Pages Visited on Bland Shire Council Website



Bland Shire Council Website Users Australia Wide



Bland Shire Council Website Users Outside Australia - Top 9



9.15 Bland Shire Library Monthly Update

Our people

Our greatest and most important asset

Vision: A strong, healthy, connected and cohesive community

DP 3.4 Monitor and provide up to date and relevant resources and programs within the library

DP 4.4 Provide and monitor quality library services to the aged, people with disability, young people and families

Author: Manager Library and Children Services

Officer's Recommendation:

That the Bland Shire Library monthly update report be noted.

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Words work

The Bland Shire Library has established a writer's group which meets fortnightly at the library on a Friday. The library staff support the group by providing relevant resources and space. The group has named itself, Words Work. The name of the group reflects the power of words and also describes the variety of writing styles that the group is interested in exploring.

State Library Travelling exhibition

The library will be hosting a State Library travelling exhibition from Monday 18 August to Wednesday 27 August. The story of Australian fashion photography is revealed in Flashback: 160 years of Australian Fashion photos. The display uses colourful reproductions and showcases a number of beautiful and iconic images from the State Library's fashion collection ranging from mid 19th century hand-coloured portraiture through to contemporary fashion shots

Baby Bounce

The library's Baby Bounce programme will be suspended during term 3. The attendance has been poor and staff will utilise this time to survey library patrons and create a program that meets their needs.

History Week Event

Bland Shire Library was successful in being selected as one of the venues for this year's Speaker Connect programme. The history week talk will take place on Thursday 11th of September and will be presented by Naomi Parry an historian from Australian Catholic University. The talk will focus on the effects of World War I on children and social welfare policies.

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The Library team continue to provide quality services meeting both the requirements under the NSW Library Act, Council's policies and procedures and Integrated Planning and Reporting outcomes.

Financial Implications

Nil

9.16 Children Services Monthly Update

Our people

Our greatest and most important asset

Vision: A strong, healthy, connected and cohesive community

DP 4.5 - Provide quality and affordable Family Day Care, Mobile Resource Unit, Vacation Care and Preschool services

Author: Manager Library and Children Services

Officer's Recommendation:

That the Children Services monthly update report be noted.

Introduction

Preschool

The children have been busy all term with their special artistic creations for the Art Show which was held on the week of 16-20 June. The Bland Preschool Art Show was organised by the Parent Committee. The Art show was well attended by families with a small concert and an afternoon tea held for each class group.

Bland Preschool families received a family survey to complete last month. There was a great response to the survey with many positive comments regarding the Preschool, educators, and the program. The staff and service appreciate the honesty in answering these questions and will use this information to provide an even better service for the families of the Bland Shire. The comments and suggestions are being collated and a summary will available to families and the community next term.

The Parent Committee have purchased a new cubby house and it is located in the Bilby yard. The children, their siblings, and the educators have enjoyed playing in our new spacious cubby.

All class groups remain full with 25 children in the Bilby room and 20 children in the Gecko room.

MRU Playgroup & Ungarie Preschool

This month saw the service winding down for the end of term. Numbers have remained static at all venues, with the exception of Aria Park with increased numbers.

There are now 19 children enrolled at Ungarie Preschool. The children have enjoyed healthy eating programs, working on name recognition and games and activities revolving around their current interest, 'Frozen'.

Vacation Care

The July Vacation Care program will be held in the upcoming holidays. The program has been very popular with the excursions booked out and many of our program days close to full.

It takes a village (ITAV- Community Capacity Building program)

The ITAV programs have been well attended at all venues with a photography workshop and art classes being run this month. New families have been accessing this service recently with numbers on the increase overall.

Family Day Care (FDC)

Monitoring visits and Toy Library delivery were on schedule this month with all visits held as required. Three educator home safety audits were also completed this month.

An educator workshop was held this month aimed at ensuring all of the Family Day Care educators are following the requirements of the Early Years Learning Framework in their daily programming for the children in their care. The workshop was attended by all but two educators and the Coordination Unit staff are seeing the success of the workshop reflected in the educators programs during monitoring visits, as well as receiving positive feedback from the educators. The Coordination Unit staff have also provided some individual follow up training that arose from this training session.

Conclusion

The Children Services team continue to provide quality services meeting both the requirements under the NSW Regulation and Council's policies, procedures and Integrated Planning and Reporting outcomes.

Financial Implications

Nil

9.17 Development Services Activities/Statistics for June 2014

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

Vision: A well run council acting as the voice of the community

DP17. Lead the community by example with sustainable, effective, efficient and customer focused practices

Author: Manager Development Services

Officer's Recommendation:

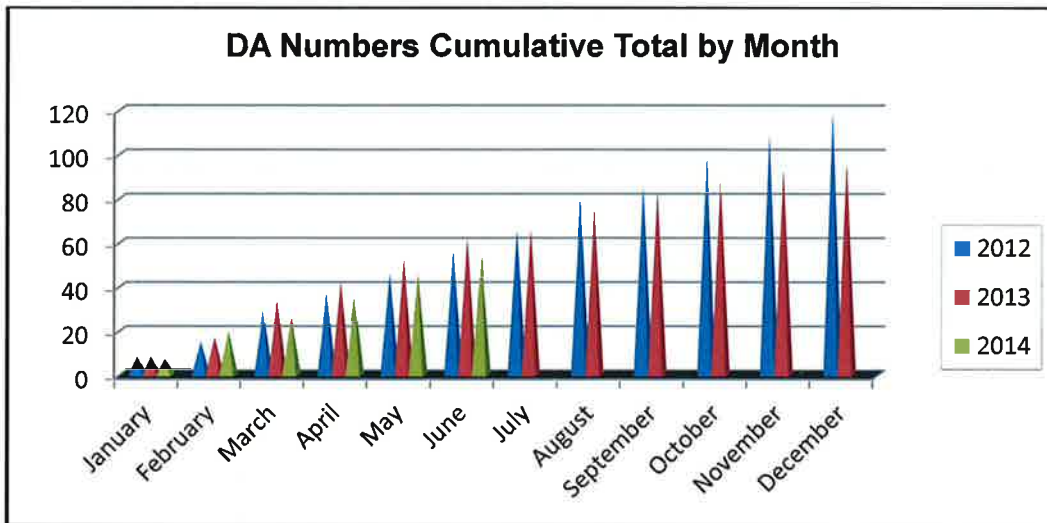
That the report on Council's Development Statistics be received.

Development Applications

The value of development applications received by Council during June is detailed in the following table.

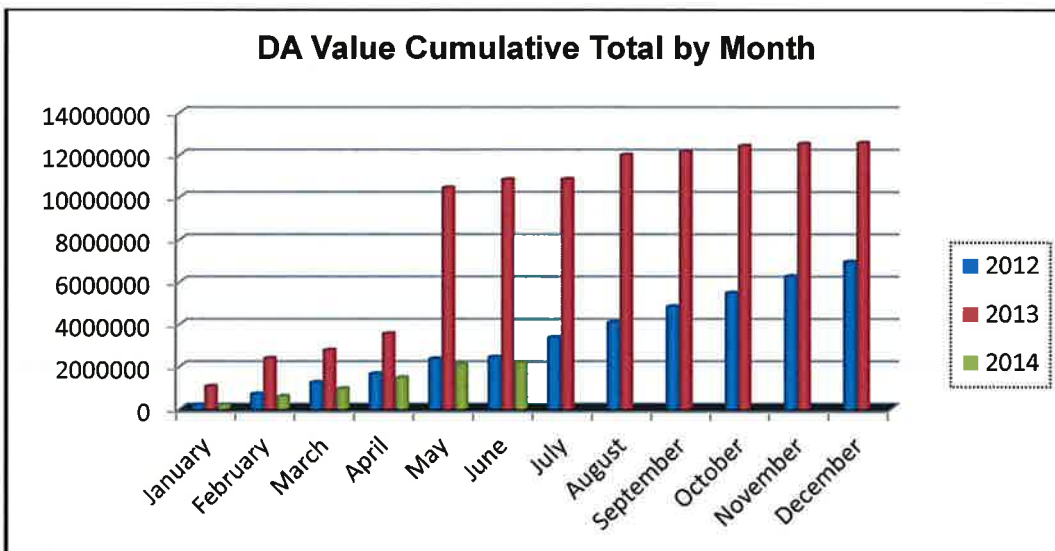
Development Type	Current Year			
	June		Year to Date 1.01.14 – 30.06.14	
	Number	Value \$	Number	Value \$
Residential	1	16,300	17	1,179,474
Industrial	0	Nil	1	30,000
Commercial	2	38,760	11	182,880
Rural Residential	0	Nil	5	449,250
Subdivisions	1	Nil	2	Nil
Other	4	20,000	18	347,830
TOTAL	8	75,060	54	2,189,434

Number of Development Applications



This graph details the cumulative number of development applications received by month comparing 2012 to 2014.

Value of Development Applications



This graph details the cumulative value of development applications received by month comparing 2012 to 2014.

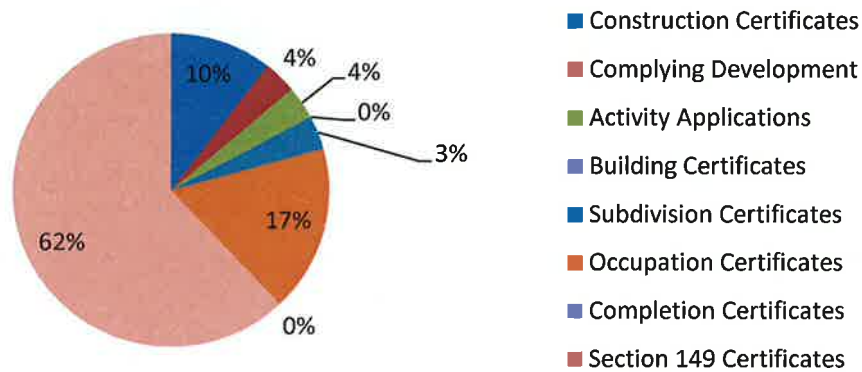
The following Development Applications were determined all by approval during June:

App No.	Property	Development
DA/2014/070	148 Main Street, West Wyalong	Subdivision – Creation of an additional lot
DA/2014/073	63 Wollongough Street, Ungarie	Removal on one (1) tree
DA/2014/074	40 Court Street, West Wyalong	Lopping of one (1) tree
DA/2014/075	38 Boltes Road, West Wyalong	Storage Shed / Workshop
DA/2014/076	Dumaresq Street, West Wyalong	Removal of one (1) tree
DA/2014/077	18 Welcome Street, West Wyalong	Removal of one (1) tree
DA/2014/079	26 Operator Street, West Wyalong	Removal of one (1) tree
DA/2014/080	9 Boundary Street, West Wyalong	Storage Shed
DA/2014/081	19 Perseverance Street, West Wyalong	Removal of two (2) trees
DA/2014/082	148 Main Street, West Wyalong	Taxi Shelter / Verandah Awning over Footpath
DA/2014/084	44 Grenfell Street, West Wyalong	Strata Title Subdivision [Three (3) Lots]

Certificates issued during June:

Certificate Type	Number Issued
Construction Certificates	3
Complying Development Certificates	1
Activity Applications	1
Building Certificates	0
Subdivision Certificates	1
Occupation Certificates	5
Completion Certificates	0
Section 149 Certificates	18

Number of Certificates Issued



Commercial Development Applications under consideration – June

DA/2014/071 – Alterations and Additions to an Industrial Premises

Description	Addition of two (2) offices and a meal room to an industrial premises
Value	\$30,000.00
Received	21/05/2014

Application has not yet been determined as Staff are awaiting further information from the applicant.

Public Health Activities Update

Food Shop Inspections Undertaken in June – 12

- Number Compliant – 7
- Number Non-compliant – 5

No. of "I'm Alert Online Interactive Food Safety Program Users for June - 4 Total - 481

Swimming Pool Inspections Undertaken in June – 4

- Number Compliant – 2
- Number Non-compliant – 2

Heritage Grant Information – 1/01/2014 – 30/6/2014

Grant No.	Address	Description	Grant Value	Date Completed
HER/2014/006	93-95 Main Street West Wyalong	Repair and alter awning and restore leadlighting	\$10,582.00	
HER/2014/007	93-95 Main Street West Wyalong	Painting of building facade above the awning and verandah	\$7,397.00	
HER/2014/008	169 Main Street West Wyalong	Painting of building facade above the awning and the verandah	\$6,418.50	17/06/2014

Companion Animal Activities

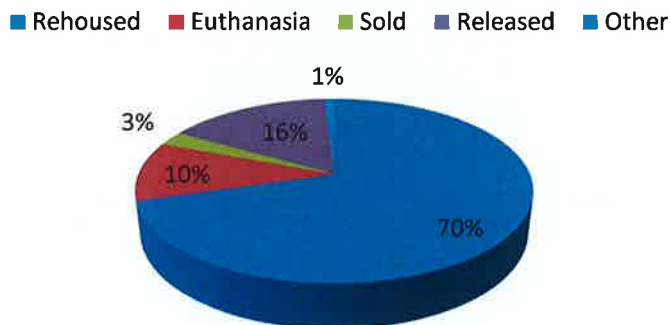
The following table summarises the management of companion animals during June 2014:

	Dogs	Cats
Seizure Activities:		
Seized	2	0
Returned to Owner	0	0
Transferred to Pound from Seizure Activities	2	0
Animals in Pound at start of Month	10	0
Dumped	11	0
Surrendered	1	0
Total Animals in Pound	24	1
Released to Owner	1	0
Euthanased	0	1
Sold	0	0
Stolen from Pound	0	0
Escaped	0	0
Died at Pound	0	0
Rehoused	20	0
Total Animals Leaving Pound	21	0
Animals in Pound at end of Month	3	0

Animals into Pound - Monthly Cumulative Totals

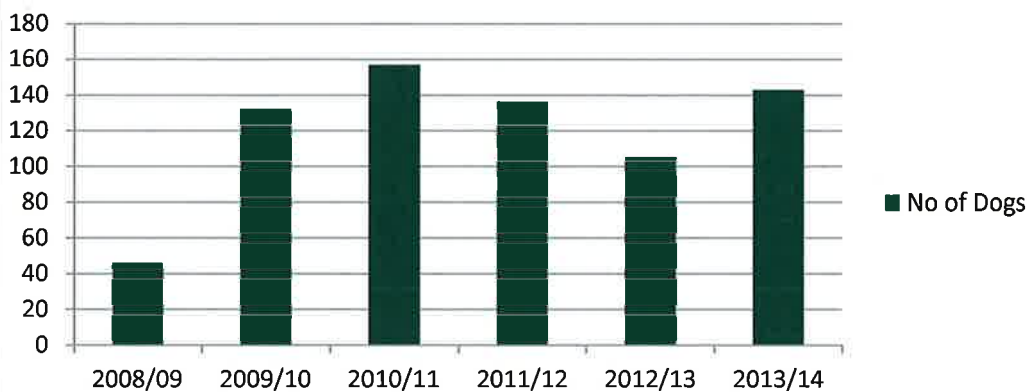
Month	Dogs	Cats
July	44	7
August	71	25
September	97	35
October	132	38
November	146	45
December	174	46
January	185	47
February	197	47
March	209	50
April	217	50
May	239	50
June	263	51

Exit from Pound - (Dogs) 2013-2014



This chart summarises the methods in which companion animals (dogs) exited the pound for the period 1/7/2013 to 30/06/2014.

Dog Rehousing 2008/09 to 2014



This chart summarises the annual rehousing statistics from 2008/09 to 30 June 2014:

Break In Figures at Pound

- June - 0

No. of "I'm Alert Online Responsible Dog Ownership Users for June – 0 Total - 60

Conclusion

For information

Financial Implications

Nil