

**Minutes of the MEETING of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held in the
TEMORA office on 24 OCTOBER 2014**

The meeting commenced at 12.30PM.

PRESENT

Cr P Speirs (Chair), Cr A Clinton, Cr J McGregor, Cr C Manchester, Cr K Morris, Cr D Palmer, Cr P Templeton.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Grant (General Manager), Mr G Carr (Acting Manager Finance & Administration), Mr S Baldry (Acting Manager Distribution & Construction) Mr C Lasdauskas (Manager Technology) Mrs A Coleman (Executive Assistant).

1. APOLOGIES

At the time of preparation of the Business Paper no apologies for this meeting have been received.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Declaration of Interest

Councillors and senior staff are reminded of their obligation to declare their interest in any matters listed before them.

In considering your interest you are reminded to include pecuniary, non-pecuniary and conflicts of interest as well as any other interest you perceive or may be perceived of you.

Councillors may declare an interest at the commencement of the meeting, or alternatively at any time during the meeting should any issue progress or arise that would warrant a declaration.

Councillors must state their reasons in declaring any type of interest.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 21 AUGUST 2014

14/099 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and Manchester that the minutes of the meeting held 21 August 2014 having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No business arising from the minutes was raised.

5. PUBLIC ACCESS

No requests for public access for this meeting have been received.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

No Notices of Motion or Rescission Motions have been received.

7. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

14/100 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that Council consider the late reports of:

GWCC500 Official Opening and MOU signing

Meeting with Minister Humphries

8. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

The Chairperson did not submit a Chairpersons minute to the meeting.

12.33PM *Council Auditor Graham Bradley attended the Council Meeting to present the audited financial reports.*

12.42PM *Councillor Clinton arrived at the meeting.*

1.15PM *Graham Bradley completed financial reports commentary and left the meeting.*

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

9.1 ANNUAL CHAIR ELECTIONS (G40203005)

Cr Speirs vacated the chair in order for the General Manager to conduct the elections for the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

9.1.1 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

A duly signed nomination form for the position of Chairperson was received for Cr Speirs. There being no further nominations, Cr Speirs was declared elected as Chairperson for the period until the October 2015 meeting.

Report prepared by General Manager

In accordance with section 391 of the Local Government Act (2001) the position of Chairperson becomes vacant at this meeting and an election is required to elect a person from within the members of the council to fill this position. The Chairperson holds office for one year.

The Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 clause 395, Schedule 8 provides the following:

- The General Manager (or person appointed by the General Manager) is the Returning Officer
- A Member of a county council may be nominated without notice for election as Chairperson of the county council
- The nomination is to be made in writing by two or more Members of the county council (one of whom may be the nominee)

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- The nomination is not valid unless the nominee has indicated consent to the nomination in writing
- The nomination is to be delivered or sent to the Returning Officer
- The Returning Officer is to announce the names of the nominees at the county council meeting at which the election is to be held
- If only one member of the county council is nominated, that Member is elected
- If more than one Member is nominated, the county council is to resolve whether the election is to proceed by preferential ballot, by ordinary or by open voting
- The election is to be held at the county council meeting at which the county council resolves on the method of voting.

Appropriate nomination forms have been circulated to all Councillors with their Business Papers.

Recommendation

That nomination for the position of Chairperson is called and that if necessary, voting be by ordinary ballot.

9.1.2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON (G40203005)

A duly signed nomination form for the position of Deputy Chairperson was received for Cr Manchester. There being no further nominations, Cr Manchester was declared elected as Deputy Chairperson for the period until the October 2015 meeting.

Report prepared by General Manager

The position of Deputy Chairperson is an optional position. The Deputy Chairperson may exercise any function of the Chairperson at the request of the Chairperson or if the Chairperson is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise, from exercising the function or if there is a casual vacancy in the office of Chairperson.

Council has traditionally elected such a person and the election procedures are the same as for the Chairperson.

Appropriate nomination forms have been circulated to all Councillors with their Business Papers.

Recommendation

That nomination for the position of Deputy Chairperson is called and that if necessary, voting be by ordinary ballot. That the person with the most votes apart from the Chairperson and Deputy be called on when these are unavailable for engagements.

Cr Speirs returned to chair the meeting.

9.2 FINANCIAL REPORTS

9.2.1 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS (G35507005)

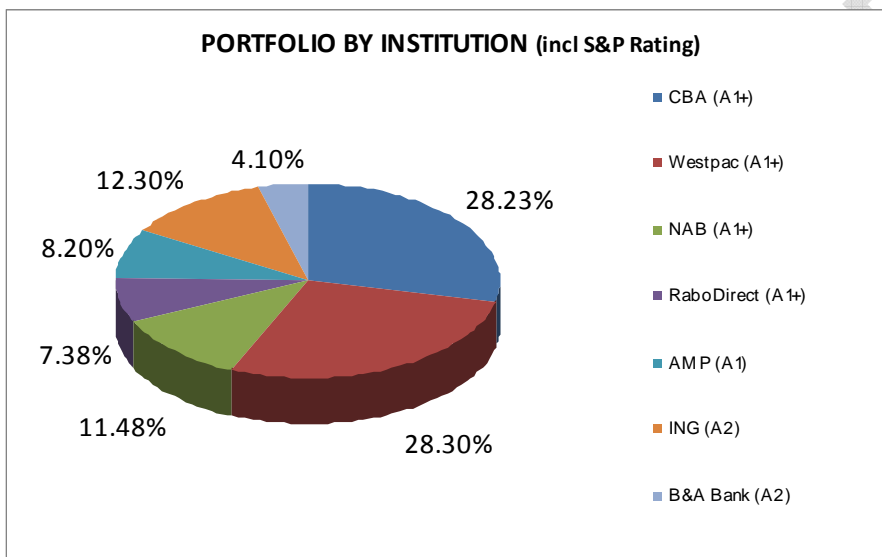
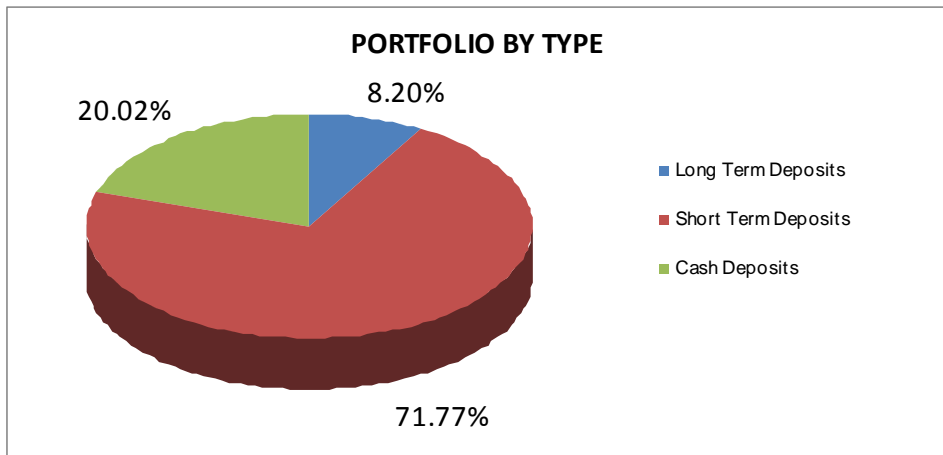
14/101 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Morris that the report detailing Council Investments at 30 September 2014 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

This report is presented for information on Council Investments in accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. The following details Council Investments as at 30 September 2014:

	Market Value (\$)	Term (days)	Rate	Maturity Date	% of Portfolio
Long Term Deposits	2,000,000.00				8.20%
		3m			
Westpac Coupon Select Deposit (5yr)	2,000,000.00	BBSW+1.3%	3.98%	27/10/15	8.20%
Short Term Deposits (<1 yr)	17,500,000.00				71.77%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd	1,500,000.00	154	3.65%	13/10/14	6.15%
Commonwealth Bank	1,000,000.00	180	3.70%	28/10/14	4.10%
Westpac Banking Corporation	1,500,000.00	365	3.92%	4/11/14	6.15%
Westpac Banking Corporation	1,300,000.00	365	3.92%	11/11/14	5.33%
Commonwealth Bank	1,800,000.00	182	3.75%	24/11/14	7.38%
Bank of Queensland	1,000,000.00	181	3.70%	8/12/14	4.10%
Rabobank Australia	1,500,000.00	136	3.45%	17/04/15	6.15%
Commonwealth Bank	1,500,000.00	181	3.50%	16/02/15	6.15%
National Australia Bank	1,000,000.00	182	3.65%	19/01/15	4.10%
National Australia Bank	1,400,000.00	181	3.65%	2/02/15	5.74%
ING Bank (Australia) Limited	1,500,000.00	181	3.56%	16/02/15	6.15%
Commonwealth Bank	1,500,000.00	181	3.75%	5/01/15	6.15%
Rabobank Australia	1,000,000.00	270	3.65%	17/04/15	4.10%
Cash Deposits	4,882,022.22				20.02%
Commonwealth Bank At Call A/c	1,400,000.00	At Call	2.45%	N/A	5.74%
AMP Bank At Call A/c	2,000,000.00	At Call	3.35%	N/A	8.20%
CBA Premium Business A/c	1,482,022.22	At Call	Various	N/A	6.08%
	24,382,022.22				100.00%

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Movements within Bank account for the reporting period (\$)

Cash Book balance as at 31 July 2014	224,994.75
Plus Deposits	
August	1,531,200.09
September	5,004,919.79
Less Payments	
August	1,491,004.17
September	3,824,585.48
Cash Book balance as at 30 September 2014	1,445,524.98
Less Outstanding Deposits	20,298.39
Plus Unpresented Cheques	56,795.63
Bank balance as at 30 September 2014	1,482,022.22

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It is hereby certified that the above investments have been secured in accordance with:

- Local Government Act, 1993;
- Local Government (General) Regulation, 2005;
- Investment Order - dated 12 January 2011; and
- Council's Investment Policy (adopted 26/6/2014).

Council's portfolio has relied on short term investment strategies with fortnightly maturities. The increased amount "At Call" is in preparation for a reduction in the number of investments together with increased investment periods.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.2 OUTSTANDING WATER DEBTORS (G35307005)

14/102 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that the report detailing Council's outstanding water debtors as at 30 September 2014 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

This report is presented for information on Council's outstanding water debtors as at 30 September 2014:

\$'s	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Access Charges	134,395.33	13,536.09	177,239.41	325,170.83
Usage Charges	284,224.65	32,625.88	538,296.80	855,147.33
Deferred Developer Charges	31,684.00	0.00	261,759.00	293,443.00
Sub-Totals	450,303.98	46,161.97	977,295.21	1,473,761.16
Less Overpayments Received				-177,839.20
Total Outstanding				1,295,921.96
Less Bulk Council Accounts Outstanding				-377,290.49
Less Deferred Developer Chg Accounts Outstanding				-293,443.00
Total Outstanding from Retail Customers				625,188.47

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS COMMENTARY (G35401005)

14/103 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Manchester and McCann that the report on the 2013/14 Financial Statements be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

Council's Financial Statements for 2013-14 are ready for public display. Under section 418 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to present its audited financial statements, with auditor's reports, to the public having given 7 days notice; has been given through advertisement in *The Southern Weekly* and Statements on Council's website.

Council's Auditor, Mr Graham Bradley, will attend the meeting to present his report.

The following is provided as a commentary to assist in interpreting the reports:

General Purpose Financial Statements

Income Statement

This statement provides a "profit or loss" measure of Council's cost in supplying water to its customers.

Differences in the financial performance from last year are detailed in the Auditor's report attached to the General Purpose Financial Statements. Differences between budgeted figures and final figures are explained in Note 16.

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet reflects Council's financial flexibility and solvency; indicating assets and liabilities, and inputs into ratios presented in Note 13.

Statement of Changes in Equity

Changes in Equity shows the assets remaining after liabilities are deducted.

Statement of Cash Flows

The Statement of Cash Flows reflects solvency of Council and highlights cash flows from revenues, sales of goods and services and the capacity to fund capital works.

Note 6

Note 6 details cash assets and investments held by Council at year end.

Note 13

This note with gives an 'overview' of Council's financial position. Each ratio is an early indicator to changes in the performance.

Unrestricted Current Ratio - identifies ability to meet short term debt. A ratio of 1:1 indicates that unrestricted current assets can meet unrestricted current liabilities. A ratio between 1:1 and 2:1 is satisfactory with sufficient liquid assets to meet short term liabilities; a ratio of 2:1 or better is viewed as preferable by the Division of Local Government.

Debt Service Ratio - This ratio reflects revenue committed to the debt repayment. This indicator is not benchmarked as reasons for debt vary.

Annual Charges Coverage Ratio - This reflects access charges collected compared to other revenue, including usage charges, sourced for the Council's water supply operation. This is not as important as GWCC is not reliant on external grants and contributions.

Annual Charges Outstanding Percentage - This indicator assesses the revenue collection efficiency. As mentioned in the commentary to the associated graph, this percentage is misleading due the timing of the June quarter billing run.

Building & Infrastructure Renewals Ratio - The purpose of this indicator is to assess the rate at which assets are being renewed against the rate at which they are depreciating.

Note 27

Note 27 is a voluntary note that provides a snapshot of key financial figures over the past 5 years.

Special Purpose Financial Statements

These aim to comply with National Competition Policy to promote efficiency and quality service provision, and disclosure of major business activities. GWCC's business activity, for this purpose is water supply. They indicate gain or loss from continuing operations; including taxation equivalent payments, debt guarantee fees and are adjusted for dividend payments.

The Balance Sheet discloses assets, liabilities and equity and can be found in the General Purpose Financial Statements.

Special Schedules

These schedules are not auditable; but input into the Financial Statement, are designed to for reporting to users including the NSW Grants Commission, Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Division of Local Government and the NSW Office of Water. Explained below;

Special Schedule 1 - shows the net cost of services provided by council and ultimately presents the same result as contained in the Income Statement.

Special Schedule 2 - identifies debt servicing, identifies the internal component of loans held by Council and used by the Division of Local Government.

Special Schedule 3 & 4 - discloses the water supply financial function.

Special Schedule 5 & 6 - not applicable to GWCC (sewerage service financials).

Special Schedule 7 - discloses the condition of public assets and the extent to which Council is able to maintain those assets. This information is utilised by the Division of Local Government to highlight the standard of public assets across the state.

Special Schedule 8 - discloses financial projections based upon long-term financial planning.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.4 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT (G35201005)

14/104 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and McGregor that the Quarterly Budget Review for the period ended 30 September 2014 be received and noted with variations adopted as revised estimates for the year ended 30 June 2015.

The General Manager asked that Constituent Councils notify GWCC of potential developments so they can be accounted for during planning. If Councillors would please inform their respective General Managers of this request.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

This report revises estimates of income and expenditure in accordance with clause 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 for the quarter to 30 September 2014.

Budgeted Operating Result before Capital Items is a \$2,747,000 surplus. The September QBR is a \$2,577,000 increase, giving a budget surplus of \$5,421,000.

The major items as follows:

Estimated increase in residential water sales of \$602k including meter replacement.

Increase in non residential water sales of \$1,633k, including \$460k for increased commercial water sales.

Adjustments to Employee Costs to reflect staff movements. (\$250k)

Other Expenses reduced for savings from a new electricity contract. (\$200k)

Other Income adjusted from the sale of scrap not anticipated in the original budget (\$85k)

Grants and Contributions increased for a Deferred Developer Charge subdivision. (\$50k)

Adjustment of \$23k for some water purchases not included in 2012/14 year.

Councillors will note changes to the Capital Budget Review Statement.

The changes are as follows:

\$20k added for data devices in 2013/14 and \$32k for installation in the early part of 2014/15.

Adjustment made for the purchase of a Council residence, and realisation of a debtor.

Please refer to the attached statements for financial details and accompanying notes.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.5 WATER DEBTOR WRITE-OFF

14/105 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Templeton to avoid further hardship, that Council write off \$401.98 from the Account No. 68076 which is half the difference between the excess bill and normal consumption for loss of water beyond the customer's reasonable control. Further, the customer and their son are advised that this is a one-off grant and that they are encouraged to monitor their future water consumption.

Report prepared by Acting Senior Revenue Officer

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A submission has been received by a customer's son seeking relief for his elderly parents with minimal income and medical conditions. The account balance is \$954.39.

Accounts were being paid until the issue of August 2014 account with usage of 397kl off a recently replaced meter. Previous quarterly consumptions did not exceed 20kl. It is likely the old meter was not recording correctly giving the owners a false sense of their usage pattern.

Council has previously provided 50% reductions between excessive bills and normal consumption that was considered to be beyond a customer's reasonable control. In a specific case, Council provided a residential customer the benefit of the doubt for an unexplained consumption.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

1.40PM Minister Piccoli and Mr Kim Burgess (Electorate Assistant) attended the Council Meeting.

The General Manager delivered a presentation on the GIS Traineeship Scheme and the Data Network.

2.28PM Minister Piccoli and Mr Kim Burgess left the meeting. The meeting was adjourned to facilitate a photo opportunity.

2.35PM Meeting reconvened.

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9.3 WORKS REPORTS

9.3.1 AUGUST2014/SEPTEMBER2014 (G95507005)

14/106 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Palmer that the Works Report for August and September 2014 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Distribution and Construction

Water Losses & Mains Repairs

NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
17.	1/8	13:30	15:45	Naradhan, Naradhan Road	100	-	20	Split Pipe
18.	5/8	9:00	10:30	Binya, Garoolgan Merribee Road	100	-	1	Split Pipe
19.	5/8	11:00	13:00	Binya, Garoolgan Merribee Road	100	-	2	Split Pipe
20.	5/8	13:30	15:00	Binya, Garoolgan Merribee Road	100	-	3	Split Pipe
21.	6/8	11:00	13:00	Temora, Golf Club Road	100	-	50	Split Pipe
22.	6/8	11:00	13:00	Temora, King Street	100	40	100	Split Pipe
23.	6/8	14:00	23:55	Stockinbingal, Wood Street	150	5	60	Hole In Pipe
24.	8/8	9:00	10:00	Coolamon, Manglesdorfs Lane	80	-	10	Split Pipe
25.	10/8	10:30	12:30	Ganmain, Menangle Street	100	20	2	Split Pipe
26.	12/8	17:30	20:30	West Wyalong, Operator Street	100	-	20	Split Pipe
27.	12/8	9:30	11:30	Binya, Garoolgan Merribee Road	100	-	10	Split Pipe
28.	12/8	13:00	15:00	Barellan, Martin Road	80	12	15	Joint Failure
29.	16/8	14:00	16:40	Marrar, Marrarvale Road	80	-	15	Split Pipe
30.	19/8	9:00	13:00	Stockinbingal, Troy Street	100	5	50	Split Pipe
31.	19/8	9:00	11:00	Junea, Olympic Hwy	80	-	50	Split Pipe
32.	20/8	9:00	12:00	Cootamundra, Dimaseer Road	100	-	5	Split Pipe
33.	20/8	13:00	15:00	Cootamundra, Olympic Hwy	100	-	7	Split Pipe
34.	22/8	12:45	13:15	Naradhan, Bootoowa Road	80	-	10	Other
35.	1/9	14:00	16:00	Cootamundra, Olympic Hwy	100	-	6	Split Pipe
36.	2/9	14:30	15:30	Cootamundra, Brawlin Road	50	-	2	Split Pipe
37.	3/9	8:30	11:30	Cootamundra, Olympic Hwy	100	-	5	Split Pipe
38.	3/9	9:00	11:00	Illabo, Gregorays Lane	150	-	200	Split Pipe
39.	5/9	15:30	17:30	Stockinbingal, Wood Street	150	5	60	Split Pipe
40.	5/9	17:30	20:30	Stockinbingal, Dudauman Road	150	30	30	Split Pipe

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		Off	On					
41.	5/9	20:30	23:55	Stockinbingal, Dudauman Road	150	10	30	Split Pipe
42.	10/9	6:30	10:00	Junee, Roedigers Lane	200	10	100	Other
43.	10/9	10:00	12:00	Junee, Roedigers Lane	200	10	100	Joint Failure
44.	11/9	11:00	13:00	Weethalle, Malones Lane	80	-	200	Split Pipe
45.	11/9	7:30	10:00	Weethalle, Lawrences Lane	80	-	10	Hole In Pipe
46.	11/9	15:00	16:30	Temora, Parkes Street	100	15	150	Split Pipe
47.	12/9	9:00	12:00	Cootamundra, Old Cootamundra Road	100	-	20	Split Pipe
48.	15/9	14:30	16:30	Stockinbingal, Hibernia Street	100	12	6	Split Pipe
49.	23/9	10:00	12:00	Illabo, Eulomo Settlement Road	80	-	60	Hole In Pipe
50.	25/9	9:30	12:30	Ganmain, Loughnan Street	100	25	2	Split Pipe
51.	27/9	13:00	14:00	Cootamundra, Suttons Lane	100	-	20	Split Pipe
52.	27/9	11:30	15:30	Ganmain, Menangle Street	100	25	3	Split Pipe
53.	28/9	7:30	11:30	Junee, Wyoming Lane	150	-	10	Hole In Pipe
54.	28/9	7:30	11:30	Junee, Wyoming Lane	150	-	10	Hole In Pipe
55.	29/9	14:00	16:30	Ganmain, Loughan Road	100	15	1	Joint Failure

Complaints

Water Quality

Dirty Water

11/08/2014 Wood Street Stockinbingal
 26/08/2014 Roberts Street Junee
 27/8/2014 Wallace Street Coolamon
 29/08/2014 Cowabbie Street Coolamon
 03/09/2014 Hoskins Street Temora
 05/09/2014 Lord Street Junee
 11/09/2014 Mimosa Street Junee
 16/09/2014 Williams Street Junee
 16/09/2014 Crown Street Junee
 16/09/2014 Commins Street Junee
 16/09/2014 Commins Street Junee
 16/09/2014 Peel Street Junee
 17/09/2014 Kitchener Road Temora
 18/09/2014 Lord Street Junee
 18/09/2014 Boundary Street Junee

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22/09/2014 Commins Street Junee
30/09/2014 Kemp Street Junee

A total of 118 service difficulty and fault reports were received for August/September 2014.

Construction & Major Maintenance

- Mains replacement (200m) Mallee Street West Wyalong
- Replaced 2 stop valves Barellan Potable
- Replace 3 stop valves Temora
- Mains replacement (180m) Waterview Street Ganmain
- Cleaned Ganmain Tanks 1,2,3,4,
- Replaced Scour line Junee Balance Tank
- Finish Construction Mann Street Coolamon
- Swabbed Oura Header Mains
- Cleaned Oura Collection Tank
- Swabbed Oura to Junee
- Cleaned Junee Balance Tanks 1 and 2
- Swabbing Junee Retic 50% completed
- Jugiong No.1 Pump overhaul
- Daylight, Thanowring Road and Old Temora Road pump stations – new bearing, new mechanical seals, new 'o' rings, and end float checked.
- Yearly valve maintenance
- Yearly pump maintenance
- Mount Daylight - Replaced stop valves
- Barellan Reservoir – repairs to roof of high level reservoir
- Jugiong no.2 pump station – fabricated blanking flange
- Jugiong Treatment Plant – repairs to fluoride pump
- Jugiong Treatment Plant – yearly maintenance to clarifiers
- Jugiong Treatment Plant – repairs to sludge valves and filter bed effluent valves.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.3.2 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT (G35201005)

14/107 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and Morris that the report detailing the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 30 September 2014 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

This report is presented for information on the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 30 September 2014:

Description	Proposed Carry over \$ 2013/14	Total 2014/15 Projected	Expend to date	Status
		\$	\$	
New System Assets				
	302,000	502,000	6,900	In Progress
New Temora Depot	0	20,000	7,200	In Progress
Site / Easement Acquisition				
Mains Extensions	0	50,000	0	TBA
Cootamundra Abattoirs Mains Extension	0	120,000	0	TBA
	302,000	692,000	14,100	
Renewals				
Oura Bore Replacement	545,000	900,000	102,400	In Progress
Jugiong WTP Internal Repainting & Fittings	0	50,000	0	TBA
Mains Replacement / Augmentation	23,000	498,600	25,400	In progress
Pumps Major Maintenance Program	0	80,000	0	TBA
Mt Daylight P/Stn Pump Replacement Program	0	50,000	4,000	TBA
Jugiong & Oura Pump Stns Investigations	0	50,000	0	TBA
Lonesdale Ln P/Stn Electrical Upgrades	56,000	65,000	0	TBA
Junee Reservoir Painting	0	360,000	0	TBA
	624,000	2,053,600	131,800	
Plant & Equipment				
Computer Equipment	0	20,000	2,000	In Progress
Office Equipment	0	8,000	0	In Progress
Water Meter Acquisition and Replacement	0	100,000	21,100	In Progress
Double Check Valves	0	20,000	0	TBA
Laboratories including Analysers	0	44,000	0	TBA
Plant Purchases	0	260,000	0	In Progress
Plant Sales	0	-100,000	-700	In Progress
	0	352,000	22,300	

Totals 926,000 3,097,600 168,200

Additions				
Data Network			61,600	Completed
			61,600	

Notes:

New Temora Depot's original 2014/15 Estimate of \$200,000 was not included with the proposed \$302,000 2013/14 carry over reported in the August 2014.

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Data Network listed includes \$29,000 for 2013/14 materials with the remainder installation costs carried over into the early part of 2014/15.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

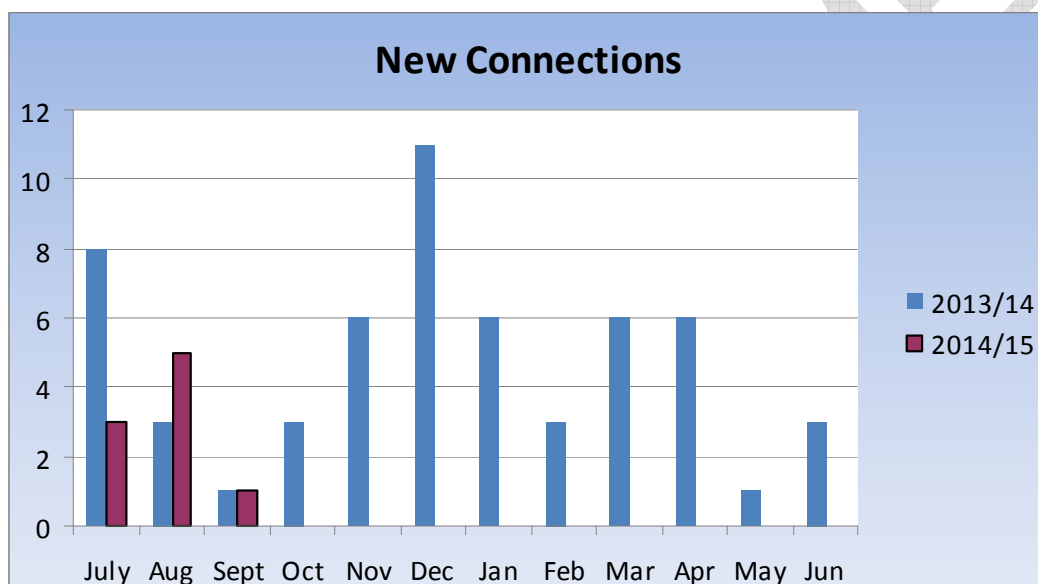
9.3.3 NEW WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS (G95151005)

14/108 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McGregor that the report detailing new water service connections be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Senior Revenue Officer

For August 5 connections were completed and 1 for September

The following graph shows the number of new connections per month:



The following table shows the status of applications received to 30 September 2014 and the number of new connections as per their charging classification, reported on a shire basis. The incomplete 2013/14 applications are current and have been included.

Shire	Applications				Charging Classification			
	Received	Connected	Rejected	Pending	Res	N-Res Rural	N-Res Hi Vol	N-Res Other
Bland	3	1		2				1
Coolamon	10	4		6	3	1		
Cootamundra	4	1		3		1		
Junee	12	4		8	3	1		
Narrandera	2			2				
Temora	10	1		9				
Totals	41	11	0	30	6	3	0	1

Of the 30 pending applications; 1 has been accepted with work order issued, 15 letters of offer have been made. The remaining 15 applications are under investigation.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.4 OTHER REPORTS

9.4.1 WATER PRODUCTION UPDATE (G95809505)

14/109 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and McGregor that the reports detailing Council's water production status be received and noted.

Report prepared by Senior Revenue Officer

The table below provides water production to 25 September 2014, used to estimate water sales for the year.

Source	Max Extraction (MI)	2014/15 Production Figures			
		Est Prod'n	Prod'n YTD	Variance	Percent
Jugiong	5,590	660	702	42	6.4%
Oura	6,000	612	678	66	10.8%
Other	1,222	115	146	31	27.0%
Totals	12,812	1,387	1,526	139	10.0%

Production for September provides a good first quarter basis for the 2014/15 year.

The attached graph show water production comparatives between this year, last year and the estimate for Councils two main water sources, Jugiong and Oura to 25 September 2014.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.4.2 PAYMENT OF EXPENSES & PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO COUNCILLORS POLICY (G40350505)

14/110 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Morris that Council adopt the draft Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy (CP:022), as presented.

Report prepared by Manager Finance & Administration

Council's draft expenses and facilities policy has been out on public exhibition and is now re-presented to Council for adoption.

No submissions were received.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.4.3 PLANT PROCUREMENT POLICY (G40350505)

Cr Palmer noted a pecuniary interest in this matter and will abstain from voting.

- 14/111 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McGregor and Manchester that Council endorse the Plant Procurement Policy as presented.

Report prepared by General Manager

A revised Plant Procurement Policy was presented at the August meeting of Council for consideration.

It was resolved on the motion of Crs Templeton and Morris that the Board endorse the Procurement Policy with changes including preference to Wagga Wagga Auction house over Canberra Auction house to the value of \$2000 plus shipping costs, with the revised policy to be presented at the October Council Meeting.

The Plant Procurement Policy is now presented to Council with said changes.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.4.4 PECUNIARY INTERESTS RETURNS (G40203005)

- 14/112 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Clinton and Palmer that Council note the report and the tabling of the Pecuniary Interest returns for the year ended 30 June 2014.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

Under section 450A of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, councillors and designated persons (staff) must provide a declaration of pecuniary interest as contained in the prescribed form. These returns must be completed and lodged with the General Manager within three (3) months after becoming a councillor or designated person, or alternatively a councillor or designated person holding that position at 30 June is required to lodge their pecuniary interest return with the General Manager by 30 September each year.

Returns must be tabled at the first meeting held after the required lodgement date.

The lodgement of all required pecuniary interest returns from councillors and designated staff for the year 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 has occurred, thereby meeting the legislative requirements.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, these returns are now tabled before Council as public documents.

Councillors and staff are reminded that it is imperative their honesty and transparency is maintained at all times. A pecuniary interest return may be lodged at any time during the year should circumstances deem it necessary.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.4.5 ANZSOG/ICAC EXECUTIVE COURSE (G70806010)

14/113 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McCann and Palmer that Council authorise the General Manager to attend the ICAC Executive Course and cover all associated costs

Report prepared by General Manager

A report was submitted to the August Council meeting regarding the invitation from ICAC for senior NSW state and local government managers to apply for scholarships to attend the short course 'Strategic Response to Corruption'.

Council resolved that the General Manager attend the ICAC Executive Course upon successfully receiving the scholarship.

The application was unsuccessful however this course would allow the General Manager to progress GWCC's awareness and processes relating to corruption control and would be of great benefit to GWCC.

The course is being held in Sydney on 29-31 October and 13-14 November. The cost is \$3750.00.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.4.6 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

14/114 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Templeton and McGregor that Council set the following meeting schedule for the ensuing twelve months:

Friday 19 December 2014, commencing at 10am
Thursday 26 February 2015, commencing at 1pm
Thursday 23 April 2015, commencing at 1pm
Thursday 25 June 2015, commencing at 1pm
Thursday 27 August 2015, commencing at 1pm
Thursday 22 October 2015, commencing at 1pm

Report prepared by General Manager

Council normally meets on the fourth Thursday of every second "even" month, except for its December meeting which is moved to the preceding Friday to incorporate an end-of-year Christmas function.

By reviewing the meeting schedule for the ensuing twelve months at the October meeting each year, a new Council and / or a new Chairman can revise the meeting schedule after the annual Chair elections have been held.

In order to allow advance public notification of Council meeting dates for the next twelve months, the following program is put forward for consideration:

Friday 19 December 2014, commencing at 10am
Thursday 26 February 2015, commencing at 1pm
Thursday 23 April 2015, commencing at 1pm
Thursday 25 June 2015, commencing at 1pm

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Thursday 27 August 2015, commencing at 1pm
Thursday 22 October 2015, commencing at 1pm

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.4.7 DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING/CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

14/115 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Templeton that Council:

1. Host a Christmas Function after its December meeting to which Councillors and staff are invited.
2. Assist with transportation for employees based outside Temora.
3. Allocate \$3,500 for the function.

Report prepared by Executive Assistant

Council's December meeting is normally held with a Christmas function for both Councillors and staff immediately after its conclusion.

The benefits include team building and acknowledging the efforts of staff over the preceding year.

Recommendation

That Council

1. Host a Christmas Function after its December meeting to which Councillors and staff are invited.
2. Assist with transportation for employees based outside Temora.
3. Allocate \$3,000 for the function.

9.4.8 OFFICE CLOSURE (G70506005)

14/116 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and Morris that Council endorse the office to be closed from noon Friday 19 December 2014 and to reopen Monday 5 January 2015.

Report prepared by General Manager

Council has previously closed its office during the Christmas and New Year Period including Christmas week and New Year week, with minimal disruption to Council's normal operations.

Benefits are:

- The first week of the New Year is a quiet week for customer interaction.
- Many businesses that Council deals with are closed that week.
- Many staff take advantage of extending their Christmas/New Year break and
- The additional closure assists annual leave liability management.

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The office would shut from noon Friday 19 December 2014 and re-open Monday 5 January 2015.

Rostered staff will be on call to attend to operational issues (water breaks, breakdowns etc) and for major emergencies key staff will be recalled.

Customers can pay accounts through Australia Post and Bpay facilities.

Notification of the office closure period would be advertised during December.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.4.9 NEXT MEETING

Subject to the outcome of item 9.4.7 the next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Friday 19 December 2014 at Councils Temora office commencing at 10.00am.

9.4.10 GWCC500 OFFICIAL OPENING AND MOU SIGNING (G30608005)

14/117 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGregor and Manchester that this report be received and noted, and that Council continue to endorse the GWCC500 project.

Report prepared by Business Enterprise Officer

Minister Hodgkinson officially opened the GWCC500 project on September 12th 2014 in Temora. Minister Hodgkinson presented Mayors and Deputy Mayors from GWCC constituent councils in attendance with commemorative plaques as founding members of the project.

Riverina Local Land Services and GWCC signed a memorandum of understanding witnessed by Minister Hodgkinson. Costa Georgiadis was presented with seedlings for the project by Rob Kelly, Riverina Local Land Services General Manager.

120 students and teachers from 7 schools participated in the Environmental Workshop that followed with expert advice from Costa Georgiadis (ground preparation), Riverina Local Land Services (planting techniques), Chris Grant (microbats) and Chris Lasdauskas (electronic wildlife corridor monitoring).

The event was covered by local media and received positive feedback from schools.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

10. 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.
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.

11. CLOSED SESSION 2.54PM

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act and should be dealt with in part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

14/118 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that Council meet in Closed Session.

11.1 GIFT FOR DEPARTING EMPLOYEE (G40350505)

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

(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)

14/119 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that Council in this instance approve the additional funds spent on the departing gift due to the level of service of the employee.

11.2 COUNCIL PURCHASE OF PROPERTY (G10057025)

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.

14/120 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McGregor that the report be received and noted.

11.3 REROC JOINT OPERATION PILOT PLAN (G45406005)

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.

14/121 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Clinton that the report be received and noted and the General Managers letter to REROC be endorsed by the Board.

11.4 MANDAMAH SCHEME REPORT (G95259510)

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.

14/122 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and McCann that Council authorise the General Manager to further progress the application and seek State Government funding for the project.

4.00PM – Cr McGregor left the meeting and did not return.

11.5 PLAINS WATER REPORT (G95107020)

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.

14/123 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Palmer that the General Manager and Chairperson assess and consider the applications from constituent Councils.

14/124 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Morris that legal advice be sought on the matter and that a letter of correction be sent to the Department of Infrastructure and cc'd to Ministers Piccoli, Hodgkinson and Humphries and to the Board of each Constituent Council.

11.6 GWCC AWARD NEGOTIATIONS (G03500505)

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

(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)

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- 14/125 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Manchester and Templeton that Council authorise the General Manager to progress Award negotiations with C1 of the MOU for Employees affected by relocation to be set at 2 years.
- 14/126 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Morris and Palmer that C2 of the MOU for Employees affected by relocation be deleted.
- 14/127 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Clinton and Morris that the Chairman and General Manager set a dollar figure for C3 of the MOU for Employees affected by relocation.

4.19PM Cr Morris left the meeting and did not return.

- 14/128 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Palmer and McCann that Council authorise the General Manager to consider a restructure of the Organisational Chart at Management level with proposed restructure to be brought to Council for approval.

11.7 MEETING WITH MINISTER HUMPHRIES (G45055005)

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.

- 14/129 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Manchester and Clinton that the General Manager send a letter of appreciation to Minister Humphries for the meeting along with the GWCC Proclamation and an outline of the broad areas GWCC would like to be addressed and advised upon.

OPEN SESSION – 4.56PM

- 14/130 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.

There being no further business requiring the attention of the Council, the Meeting closed at 4.56PM.

MINUTES OF THE BLAND SHIRE HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM ON WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 5.00PM

Present: Pam Butcher (Chair), Guy Marchant, Cr Liz McGlynn, David Scobie (Heritage Advisor), Dot Smith, Martin Lane, Cr Peter Grellman

Apologies:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by Guy Marchant and seconded by Cr Liz McGlynn that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2014 are taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

ITEM 1 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 1.1 Heritage Strategy – G Marchant advised the Committee that strategy has been endorsed by Council.
- 1.2 Church St Plaque – plaque is being developed.
- 1.3 Update was provided to the Committee on the status of the Vanishing Village program.
- 1.4 Local Heritage funding – Amarant's. Guy confirmed that no payment has been made in regard to this project.

ITEM 2 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence In

- 2015 Heritage Grant Applications have been released.

Correspondence Out

- Nil

ITEM 3 REPORTS

Nil

ITEM 4 HERITAGE ADVISORY REPORTS

D Scobie provided the committee with a verbal update on his activities during his visits in September and October.

ITEM 5 HERITAGE ASSISTANCE FUND

Nil

ITEM 6 PROJECTS

- 6.1 Reg Rattey Memorial - G Marchant advised the Committee that the invitation list has been forwarded to Director Corporate, Community & development Services.
- 6.2 Main Street Panels – both panels have been erected
- 6.3 Vanishing Village Program – overall program was discussed with each member of the Committee asked to review the draft for Winnunga. M Lane raised concerns over detail within the proposed map. It was agreed that the map would need to be reviewed.

ITEM 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 Committee Representations – G Marchant advised community representatives that they should have received a letter confirming their appointment to the Committee.
- 7.2 National Trust Heritage Festival 2015 – the theme of the 2015 festival (Conflict & Compassion) was discussed by the Committee. Initial ideas related around telling of stories relating to World War 1.
- 7.3 D Scobie requested assistance from Pam Butcher in regard to obtaining more photographs of Thom’s Corner so as detailed sketch can be provided to owners.

ITEM 8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee is to commence at 5.00 pm on 4 February 2015 in the Council Committee Room.

ITEM 9 CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.05 pm.

NEWELL HIGHWAY TASK FORCE

Minutes of the Newell Highway Task Force meeting held in Narrandera at the Narrandera Shire Council Chambers on Tuesday 11 November 2014

Meeting Commenced at 10:00am

Cr Graham Eipper the Deputy Mayor of Narrandera Shire welcomed the Newell Highway Task Force Committee members to Narrandera and the Narrandera Shire Council Chambers for the Newell Highway Task Force Committee meeting.

1. Welcome, Attendees, Apologies

Attendees:

The Chair Ken Keith welcomed the following attendees:

Cr Ken Keith	Parkes Shire Council
Cr Tony Lord	Bland Shire Council
Jeff Stien	Bland Shire Council
Jock Smith	Dubbo City Council
John Morris	NATRoads
Bruce Bates	RMS Western Region
Phil Standen	RMS Western Region
Susie Mackay	RMS Western Region
Lindsay Tanner	RMS South West
Cr Graham Eipper	Narrandera Shire Council
Cr Kevin Morris	Narrandera Shire Council

Apologies:

Cr Conrad Bolton	Narrabri Shire Council
Cr Lloyd Finlay	Narrabri Shire Council
Cr Jenny Clarke	Narrandera Shire Council
Cr Ruth McCrae	Jerilderie Shire Council
Craig Moffitt	Jerilderie Shire Council
Cr Dennis Todd	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Kevin Tighe	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Ian Dinham	Moree Plains Shire Council
Cr Lyn Griffiths	Dubbo City Council

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held in Parkes at the RMS Regional Office on Tuesday 12 August 2014

Resolution

That the Minutes of the Newell Highway Task Force meeting held in Parkes at the RMS Regional Office on Tuesday 12 August 2014 which were distributed to members of the Task Force be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Tony Lord

Seconded: Cr Kevin Morris

All in favour

Carried

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

The matters arising will be covered in General Business

4. Business Arising

Nil

5. Correspondence

Inwards:

Emails from the Secretary to the Newell Highway Task Force committee members including:

- Logistics Industry Backs Calls for Council Mergers
- NRMA's Seeing Red on Roads survey
- The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP
- Narrabri Shire Council Newell Highway Task Force Delegates
- Newell Highway Task Force Freight Strategy
- Newell Highway Task Force Freight Strategy to the Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia Ltd
- Newell Highway Outback Magazine article
- Moree Plains Newell Highway Task Force Freight Strategy comments
- Warrumbungle Shire Council Newell Highway Task Force Freight Strategy comments
- Newell Highway Task Force minutes to Ministers Gay and Truss
- Texas Rest Areas
- The Land GrainCorp

Outwards:

Emails from the Secretary to the Newell Highway Task Force committee members including:

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6. RMS Update

Phil Standen is the Acting Regional Manager for the Roads & Maritime Services Western Region and mentioned that the pavement from Narrabri to Goondiwindi is in need of improving at considerable expense (\$270m). With regards to work health and safety, the shoulders on the Newell Highway should be two metres. New road works on the Newell will incorporate a two metre shoulder and wide centre lane. The work health & safety priority on the existing Newell Highway pavement is for a two metre wide shoulders. The breakdown strategy that is being discussed following a number of accidents around the State is for a three metre wide shoulder on major corridors.

Phil Standen and Susie Mackay provided the following Roads & Maritime Services update:



Roads and Maritime Services Newell Highway Projects 2014/15

Progress Report to the Newell Highway Task Force

10-Nov-14

Works and Behavioural Projects

Maintenance program	Comments
Pilliga Widening	Under construction
Castlereagh Highway junction rehabilitation	Under construction
Reconstruction north of Marsden	Not yet commenced
Heavy Duty Pavement Trial north of Narrabri	Not yet commenced
Reconstruction north of Tomingley	Not yet commenced
Reconstruction near Gurley	Not yet commenced
Reconstruction north of West Wyalong	Under construction
Asphalt resurfacing north of West Wyalong - stage 2	Completed
Total	
Overtaking lanes	Comments
Weddin/Forbes boundary overtaking lanes - 2	Continuing
Overtaking Lane North of Parkes	Not yet commenced
2 x Overtaking Lanes – Gowang Creek	Not yet commenced
Overtaking Lane North of Jerilderie - stage 2	Completed
Final seals on completed works	Not yet commenced
Total	

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Progress Report to the Newell Highway Task Force
Updated: 10 November 2014

Electoral commitments		Comments
State Government	Troy Junction/Boothenba Road, Dubbo	Under Construction
	Stage 2 Moree Bypass	Under Construction
Federal Government	Stage 2 Moree Bypass	Under Construction
Total		
Safety works		Comments
Pilliga in conjunction with maintenance program		Under Construction
HW17 & HW7 - Whylandra/Victoria Streets, Dubbo roundabouts (development only)		In Development
Winters Lane, south of West Wyalong safety		In Development
Total		
Cycleways		Comments
Active Transport - Concrete shared path. Clarke St to new hospital		Under Construction
Total		
Development works		Comments
Parkes, Western ring-road (development only)		Concept development
Total		
Grand Total		

Land Use Planning and Development Assessment

Local Government Area	Development	Comment
Parkes	Bulk goods and hardware retail development	Highway frontage. No direct highway access. Consent issued. Works have not commenced. Modification application under consideration by Council. RMS provided comments 30/10/2014
Parkes	Hospital	Highway frontage. Access via Southern Ring Road. Hospital and Southern Ring Road intersection with Newell Highway under construction.

Parkes	Planning Proposal	Rezone 102ha of agricultural land for industrial uses. Frontage to Newell Highway. RMS submission 21/10/2014. Council considering submissions
Dubbo	Dubbo Zirconia Project	With Planning Assessment Commission for determination
Narrabri	Extensions to Auscott Cotton Gin and industrial subdivision	Access Intersection improvements. Works have not commenced
Moree	Recreation facility (ski lakes)	Consent issues. Works to commence 11/2014
Moree	Rezoning and subdivision of land (bulky goods, industrial and airport)	Minor realignment, intersection improvements (Blueberry Rd/Newell Highway) and two new intersections. Consent issued. Works underway.
Narrabri	Grain storage and receival facility	Request for Secretary Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) lodged with Department of Planning and Environment

Lindsay Tanner RMS Regional Manager South West provided an overview of the following document in relations to the movement of the Newell Highway to the west of Grong Grong:



Improvements to the Newell Highway at Grong Grong

Roads and Maritime Services is planning to move the Newell Highway to the west of Grong Grong to improve freight efficiency and road safety. The NSW Government has allocated \$500,000 in 2014-15 for project planning.

Background

The Newell Highway is an important road link for freight between Queensland and Victoria and regional centres in Western NSW. About 600 heavy vehicles, 32 per cent of all traffic, travel the Newell Highway through Grong Grong daily.

Heavy vehicle traffic through Grong Grong is predicted to increase by 77 per cent to 1060 trucks per day by 2031.

The majority of the Newell Highway has a posted speed limit of 110km/h. The highway in Grong Grong is reduced to 60km/h and has a 90 degree bend at the intersection with Junee and Berrembed streets. The advisory speed for the bend is 35km/h.

There have been several truck roll overs at this intersection. On average there is one crash each year with the majority involving heavy vehicles.

The road design through Grong Grong reduces traffic efficiency and increases travel time, particularly for heavy vehicles. The highway needs upgrading to safely cater for heavy vehicles and to enable access for longer heavy vehicles, such as road trains carrying larger loads.

The proposal would also improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists and include suitable signposting to encourage motorists to stop and rest in town.

Previous work on the project

During 2011 Roads and Maritime asked for community comment on four potential design options to move the Newell Highway to the outskirts of Grong Grong.

Road designs closer to town were investigated however these options either kept the speed limit at 60km/h, cut through areas of woodland or directly impacted or were close to existing homes.

Improvements to the intersection in town would likely encourage vehicles to travel faster, especially at night. This would not reduce heavy vehicle roll over crashes.

The project

The project involves construction of a 2.4km long section of highway with a 110km/h design speed to the west of Grong Grong. The highway would remain two-lane, with turning lanes at intersections to provide access into Grong Grong.

The project would include maintenance work on the existing highway before handing over the road to Narrandera Shire Council.

Proposals for town improvements and a signposting scheme to attract passing traffic into Grong Grong will be developed.

Project objectives

- Providing consistent travel speeds and times for Newell Highway traffic.
- Improving road safety and reducing the risk of incidents between local and through traffic and between vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.
- Enabling access for longer heavy vehicles, such as road trains.
- Maintaining suitable access to Grong Grong to support social and economic activity in the town.

Benefits

- Improving road safety.
- Improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Reducing the cost of transporting goods on trucks.
- Reducing traffic noise in Grong Grong.
- Consistent travel speeds.
- Reducing travel time.
- Provision for growth in freight and other traffic that is forecast to occur over the next 20 years.

Community consultation

Community and stakeholder engagement is an essential part of developing this project. The project team is committed to involving the community and will provide regular updates and opportunities to provide feedback.

Your feedback

Roads and Maritime wants your feedback on the proposed accesses into town and ways to attract drivers off the highway. This feedback will be used to help finalise the concept design and prepare a signposting strategy for the project. Feedback on town improvements will form part of the environmental assessment process.

Roads and Maritime will also ask stakeholders and the community how they want to receive information as the project progresses.

Community drop in sessions and information night

Roads and Maritime will hold two community drop in sessions and an information night to provide an opportunity to ask the project team questions.

Drop in sessions

Wednesday 15 October 2014, 11am to 6pm
Grong Grong Hall

Thursday 16 October 2014, 8am to 3pm
Grong Grong Hall

Community information night

Wednesday 15 October 2014, 7pm to 9pm
Grong Grong Hall

A presentation will be given by the project team followed by community questions and comments.

Come along and meet the project team, learn more about the project and how you can provide feedback.

Survey

A survey will be posted to every household and business in Grong Grong after the drop in sessions and community information night to ensure everyone has an opportunity to provide comment and feedback on this project. The survey has a few questions about your views on accesses into Grong Grong and the benefits and impacts of this project.

The survey can also be filled out and submitted on the project's website.

What is happening now?

Roads and Maritime is currently talking to key stakeholders and the community about this project and how feedback can be provided.

Further survey, testing of soil and rock and environmental investigations are being carried out to help with the road design.

What is happening next?

After feedback is received and investigations complete, the concept design will be finalised.

The concept design will be used to finish the environmental assessment.

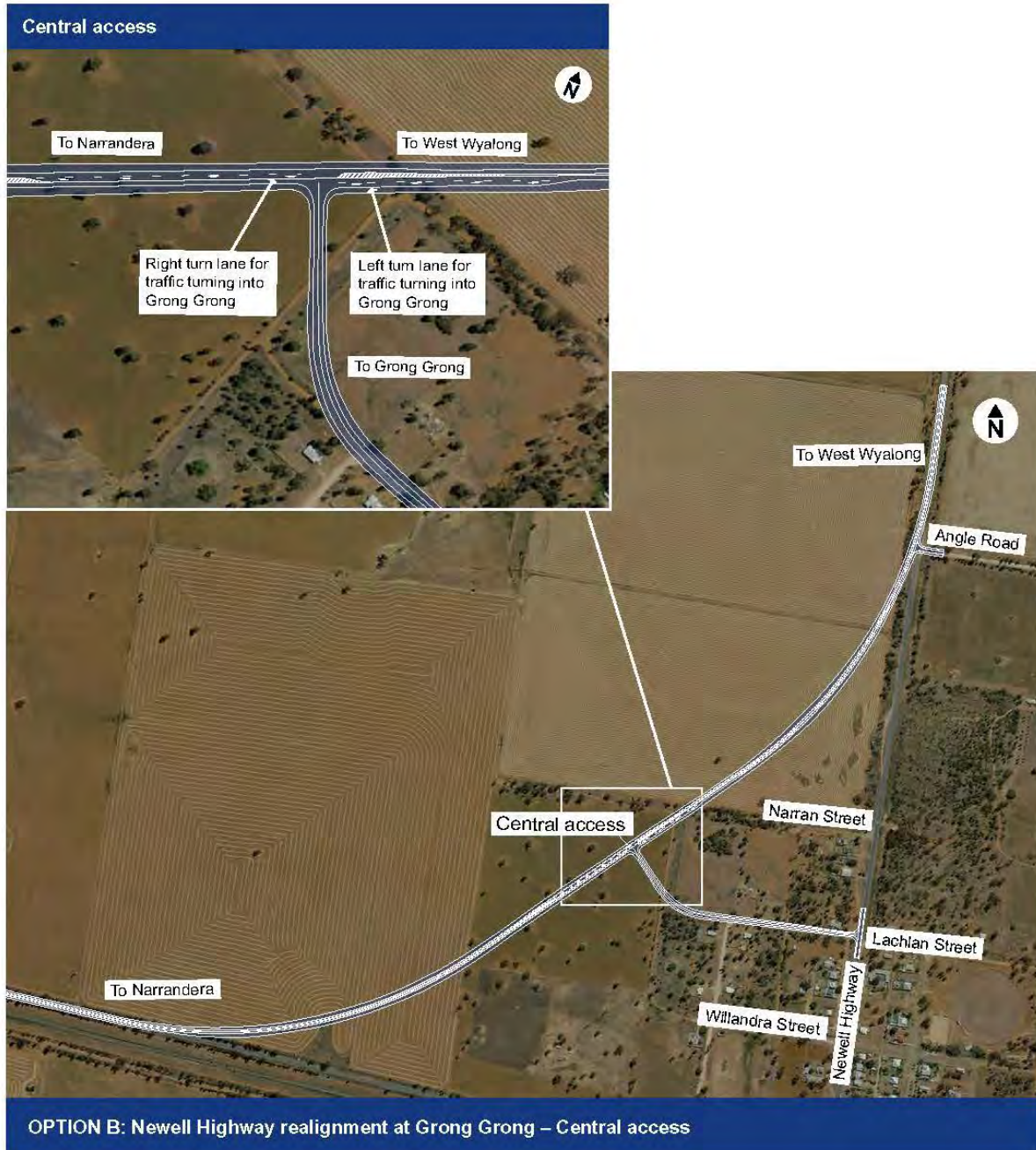
Access options

Using the feedback received about accesses into Grong Grong during consultation in 2011, Roads and Maritime has developed two options:

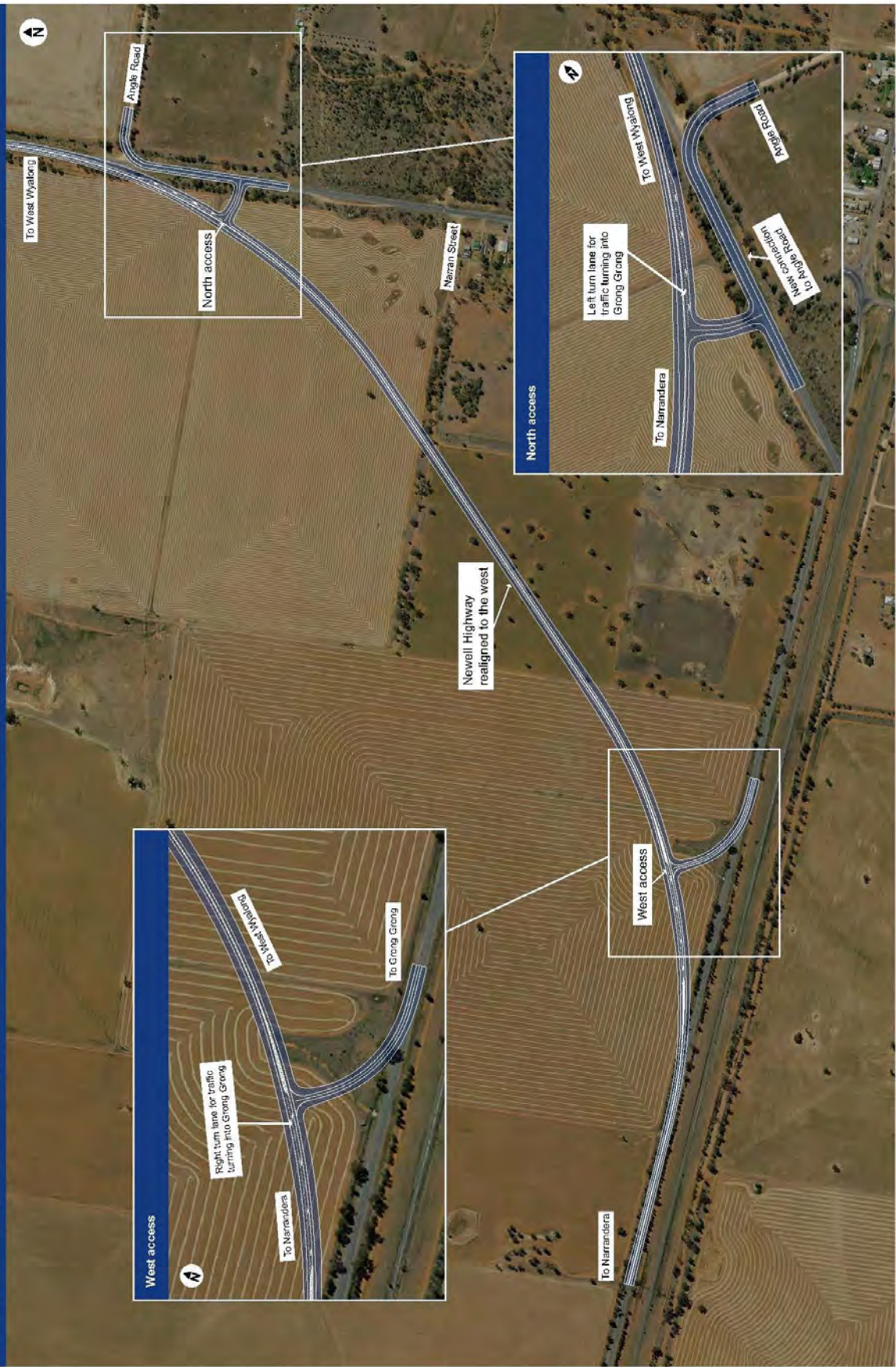
- A north and west access (option A).
- A central access (option B).

These accesses would have turning lanes for traffic wanting to come off the highway into Grong Grong, providing easy access into town. The north access option provides a new connection to Angle Road.

We want your feedback on these options to help finalise the concept design.



OPTION A - Newell Highway realignment at Grong Grong - North and West access



The planning and decision making process



Further information

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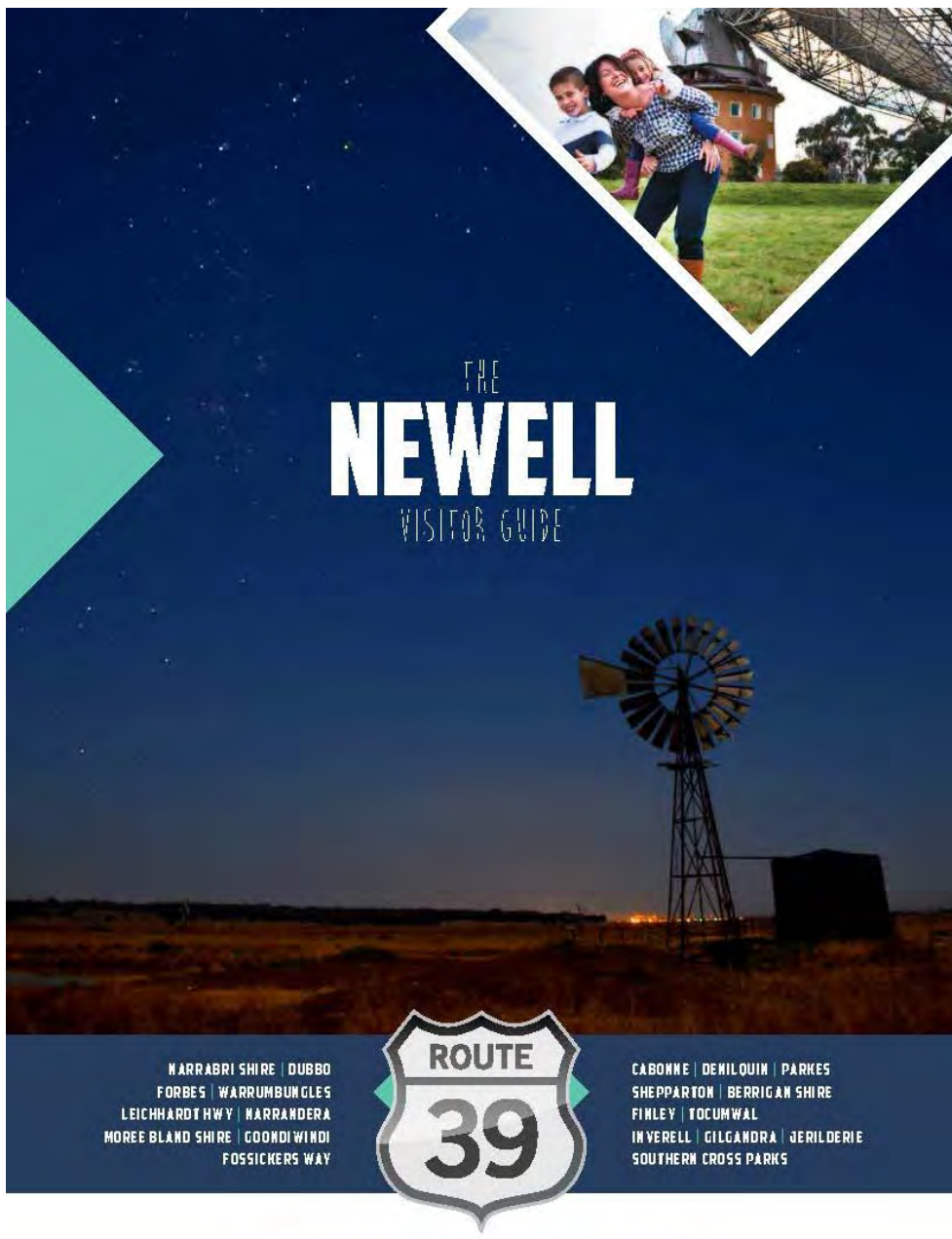
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Lindsay also mentioned that discussions are continuing with regards to the West Wyalong bypass and the intersection of the Newell and Mid Western Highways at West Wyalong. Lindsay mentioned that the Newell Highway Corridor Strategy should be released towards the end of November and that all major roads will be required to have their own corridor strategy.

Funding of the heavy vehicles alternative routes will be an issue as an example the two kilometre Kelso heavy vehicle alternative route will be in the vicinity of \$85m and the Moree Stage Two heavy vehicle alternative route \$30m. Federal and State Government funding mixes maybe 50/50 or 80/20. Jock mentioned that as well as the financial cost there is a social cost and civic disruption and that the Newell Highway and the heavy vehicle alternative routes should be a part of the National Highway program. John mentioned that the trucking fraternity does not have an issue in turning left or right on the heavy vehicle alternative routes and that the towns should not be by passed by the passenger and recreational vehicles. The EIS for the Parkes western ring road has commenced.

7. Newell Highway Promotions Committee Update

The Newell Highway Promotions Committee is putting the finishing touches to the new Newell Highway brochure and the following is a work in progress draft of the front page:



NEWELL HIGHWAY PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE
NEWELLHIGHWAY.ORG.AU

The following Newell Highway promotions article appeared in the October / November outback magazine:



STARWAY

THE NEWELL HIGHWAY IS MORE THAN A ROUTE THROUGH CENTRAL WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES. IT'S A GENTLE JOURNEY, WITH SURPRISING ATTRACTIONS THAT SPAN THE SKIES, THE EARTH AND THE WATERS BELOW IT.

STORY + PHOTOS **THERESE HALL**

THE NEWELL HIGHWAY starts by dissecting the black-soil plains of north-western New South Wales, then heads south on a 1062-kilometre path to the Victorian border, running through the centre of the state roughly parallel to the coast. Its roots are agricultural but, in parts, it's the stars that guide it, with Australia's top astronomical attractions along its route. It's a gentle journey that crosses iconic rivers – the Macquarie, Lachlan and Murrumbidgee – before finishing on the banks of the Murray. It forms crossroads with major east-west highways in towns that are robust inland communities, supported by pastoralism, cropping and mining.

Travelling the Newell is often considered more of a route to elsewhere than a journey in itself. But it's not hard to change that perception. Allow time to explore the places passed and meet the people who live along its shoulders and the blacktop that slices New South Wales in two opens up unique travel experiences: from soaking in a mineral spa at Moree to glimpsing other galaxies at Coonabarabran; gazing at giraffes in Dubbo to kayaking down the Murrumbidgee in Narrandera.

It's what is under the ground that makes Moree a star. Crop growers appreciate its plentiful bore water, but travellers revel in the hot mineral springs that gush up from 800 metres underground. Moree is the Artesian Spa Capital, and the town's newly refurbished aquatic centre has a day spa, complete with an exclusive mineral soak and sauna retreat and a range of therapies and body treatments, such as aromatic facials and therapeutic massage, to cater for those who wish to soak up the curative powers of the artesian water. "We get an annual pilgrimage of people who spend their holidays here," says Moree Artesian Wellness Centre manager Toni Boland. "So we're trying to create a health and wellness hub, hand-in-hand with the healing power of the artesian water."

The vast fertile plains of the north-west follow the Newell south until they're ruffled by Mount Kaputar National Park, which rises like an island of wilderness just 30km north of Narrabri. On a

clear day, you can see a tenth of the state from its 1500m-high peak. On its foothills, the grand timber Federation-style Craigdon Guest House offers easy access to the many walks within the national park. Jenny Lindsay runs the 1905 five-room guesthouse with serene charm and earthy hospitality. A trained chef, she offers tea in the sitting room, a hearty two-course 'traveller's meal' in the dining room and a hot country breakfast on the enclosed back verandah.

Narrabri is the launch pad for the enigmatic Pilliga Forest. Just a few kilometres south of town, the canola and cotton fields peter out and the terrain goes wild, transformed by thick bushland. Stretching across an assortment of protected areas – including nature reserves, conservation areas, Aboriginal areas, state forests and national park – the Pilliga Forest moniker refers to half a million hectares of native inland forest. This is not a dramatic landscape like the Warrumbungles to its south; it's a vast expanse of rolling bushland threaded by hundreds of kilometres of unsealed tracks. It's a mosaic of eucalypt and cypress pine forests, which comes to life every spring with a carpet of wildflowers.

Eighty-six-year-old David Johnston has a deep knowledge of the Pilliga. "I love that forest," he says. Known in his hometown of Baradine – the official gateway to the Pilliga – as the 'Baradine Birddo', David has produced a comprehensive brochure on the bird routes of the Pilliga. It lists the 250 birds endemic to the forest and maps six trails to view them up close. "I get out into the Pilliga every few days because that's where I belong," he says.

National Parks and Wildlife Service ranger Jillian Norton also has strong ties to the Pilliga. A member of the Gamilaroi nation, she points out a plaque dedicated to her late father, Bill Robinson, as she leads a tour of Sandstone Caves, a 1.7km walk along the edge of a sandstone escarpment peppered with deep caves. "Dad was the first Aboriginal ranger for Sandstone Caves," she says. "He had a great passion for his culture and led tours here for 25 years."

Sandstone Caves contain many Aboriginal rock engravings, such as emu, wallaby and kangaroo tracks that are thought to have been educational, plus





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CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: The organ-pipe cliff face of Sawn Rocks, in Mount Kaputar National Park; the Parkes radio telescope known as The Dish; quirky accommodation at Pilliga Pottery; taking the waters at the Moree Artesian Wellness and Day Spa; Jillian Norton leads tours in the Pilliga.

grinding grooves for sharpening stone axes. Some of these date back 12,000 years. "It was a place where Aboriginal people came to trade tools," Jillian says. "It's quite rare for a site with this sort of cultural heritage to be open to the public and easily accessible."

The jewel in the Pilliga crown is the Sculptures in the Scrub walk at Dandry Gorge. The 3km track makes a loop, with the first half following the top of the escarpment, then climbing down into the gorge for the return along the bottom. Five spectacular sculptures have been placed sporadically along the cliff-tops. Huge works in stainless steel, bronze, stone, marble and mosaic surprise walkers along the track. Each sculpture was created by an established

Australian artist and shows a connection to the spirit of the Pilliga.

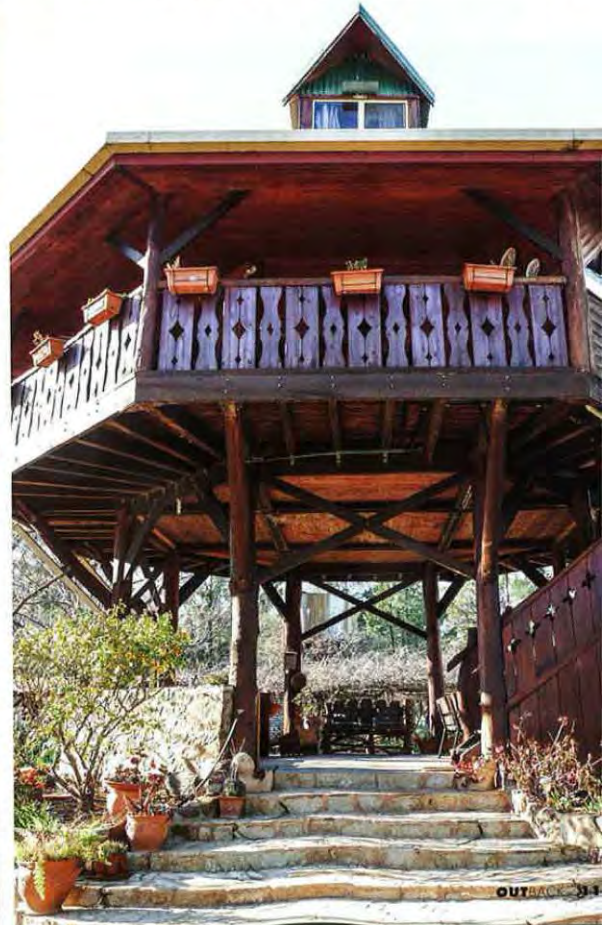
As dusk settles over a rustic jumble of buildings deep in the Pilliga, Maria and Richard Rickerts, their son Johannes, daughter-in-law Regina and a group of WWOOFers (Willing Workers on Organic Farms) throw, glaze and paint ceramics in preparation for an overnight firing. The Rickerts set up Pilliga Pottery after they stumbled across the Pilliga Forest as young German backpackers in the early 1980s and bought a 3240-hectare grazing property. "We liked the remoteness and the feeling of the place," Maria says. "We didn't come with set ideas. We just wanted to see what would unfold."

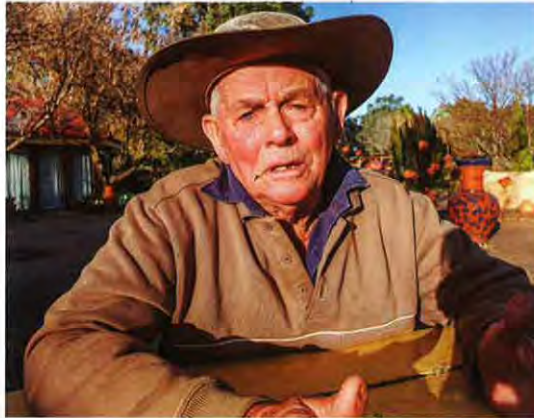
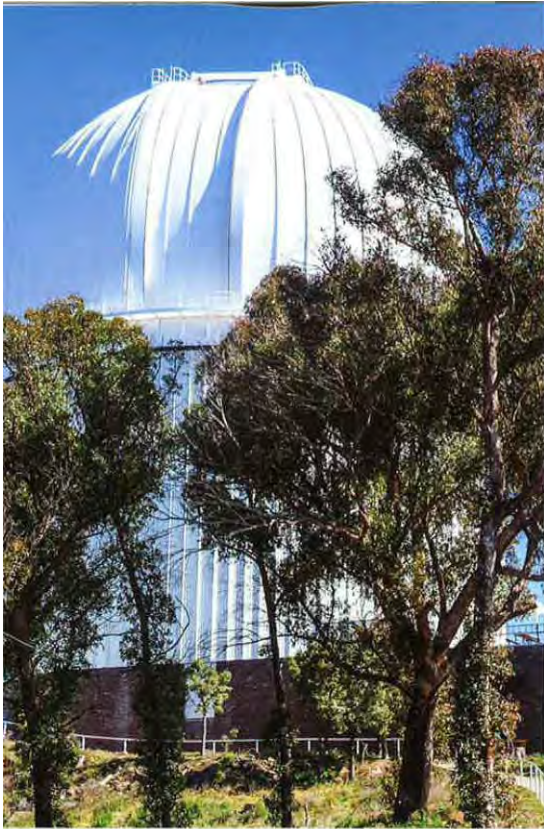
Although Richard returned to Germany 10 years ago (he was back this year for a working holiday), Maria has kept their dream alive for the past 30 years, gradually expanding the business from a pottery workshop to an idiosyncratic outpost for travellers, complete with six custom-built European-style houses, a café serving homemade pizza and a shop selling their distinctive 'blue wren' ceramics.

Warrumbungle National Park, just 50km down the Newell, couldn't be more of a contrast to the Pilliga. "The Warrumbungles just jump up from the plains," says Aileen Bell, Warrumbungle Shire Council tourism manager.

Sitting on the edge of the park, the small town of Coonabarabran has a vigour beyond its size. Here, agriculture has been bolstered by the beauty of its national park neighbour and the ideal conditions for stargazing. With Siding Spring Observatory just 28km up the road, Coonabarabran is known as the astronomy capital of Australia. Fifty years ago, when a site was required for Australia's largest optical telescope, the Anglo Australian Telescope, Coonabarabran ticked all the boxes. "Firstly, it has dark







skies,” says AAO Telescope systems manager Rob Dean. “And, being situated on top of a mountain, it’s above the dust and the heat. Finally, it has a small town nearby to support the staff.”

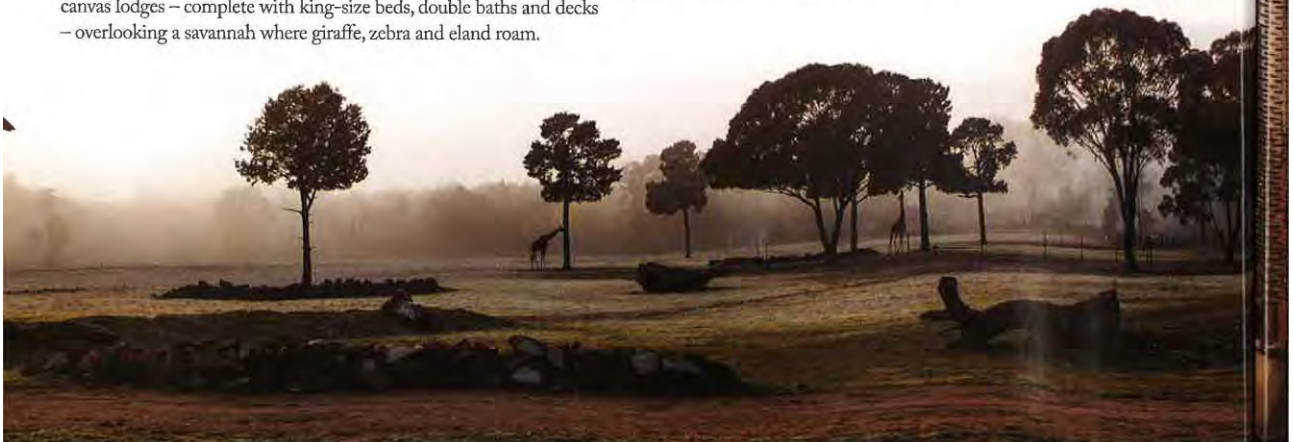
The 30-minute drive from Coonabarabran to Siding Spring follows the path taken by the January 2013 wildfires that razed 93 percent of the Warrumbungles including its visitor’s centre, and 53 properties in the rolling hills surrounding the park. According to Warrumbungle Shire Council general manager, Steve Loane, the Coonabarabran community was hit hard by the disaster. “They know that their major icon has been very badly impacted. Some of those big old trees are never going to come back. But things are improving – the rock wallaby population is coming back and so are the visitors.”

Views of other galaxies at Siding Spring are supplanted by sightings of African animals – including elephant, rhino, cheetah, lion and buffalo – at Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo, about 150km down the Newell. The 300ha open-range sanctuary is a must-see destination at the halfway point on the journey. Tucked away at the back of the zoo, Zoofari Lodge features 10 new African-inspired canvas lodges – complete with king-size beds, double baths and decks – overlooking a savannah where giraffe, zebra and eland roam.

Apart from luxury digs, an advantage of a Zoofari experience is the after-hours access to the animals. It’s exhilarating to explore the park after dark, even if the animals aren’t always easily seen. On the pre-breakfast tour, it’s a privilege to witness an African elephant enjoying her morning bath with her keepers. When the gates open at 9am, Zoofari guests can join day visitors exploring the rest of the animal exhibits, travelling by foot, bicycle or car.

A stopover at The Dish, just over 100km south of Dubbo, is a pilgrimage that almost everybody makes at some stage in their lives, according to CSIRO Parkes Radio Telescope’s Glen Nagle. “A lot of people know us because of the movie, *The Dish*,” Glen says. “When they visit us we get to tell them the expanded story of all the things that happened on that amazing day in 1969.”

Standing incongruously above fields of canola and sheep paddocks, The Dish is an iconic piece of Australian history. The largest single radio telescope in the Southern Hemisphere, at 64m wide, The Dish can be rotated to any point in the sky to listen for whispers from deep space. “Australia plays a role in space exploration every single day,” Glen says.





The best way to see the Murrumbidgee River is from a kayak. OPPOSITE (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT): One of the telescopes at Siding Spring Observatory; luxury under canvas at Zoofari; Baradine Birdo David Johnston loves the Pilliga; savannah view from the Zoofari tents.

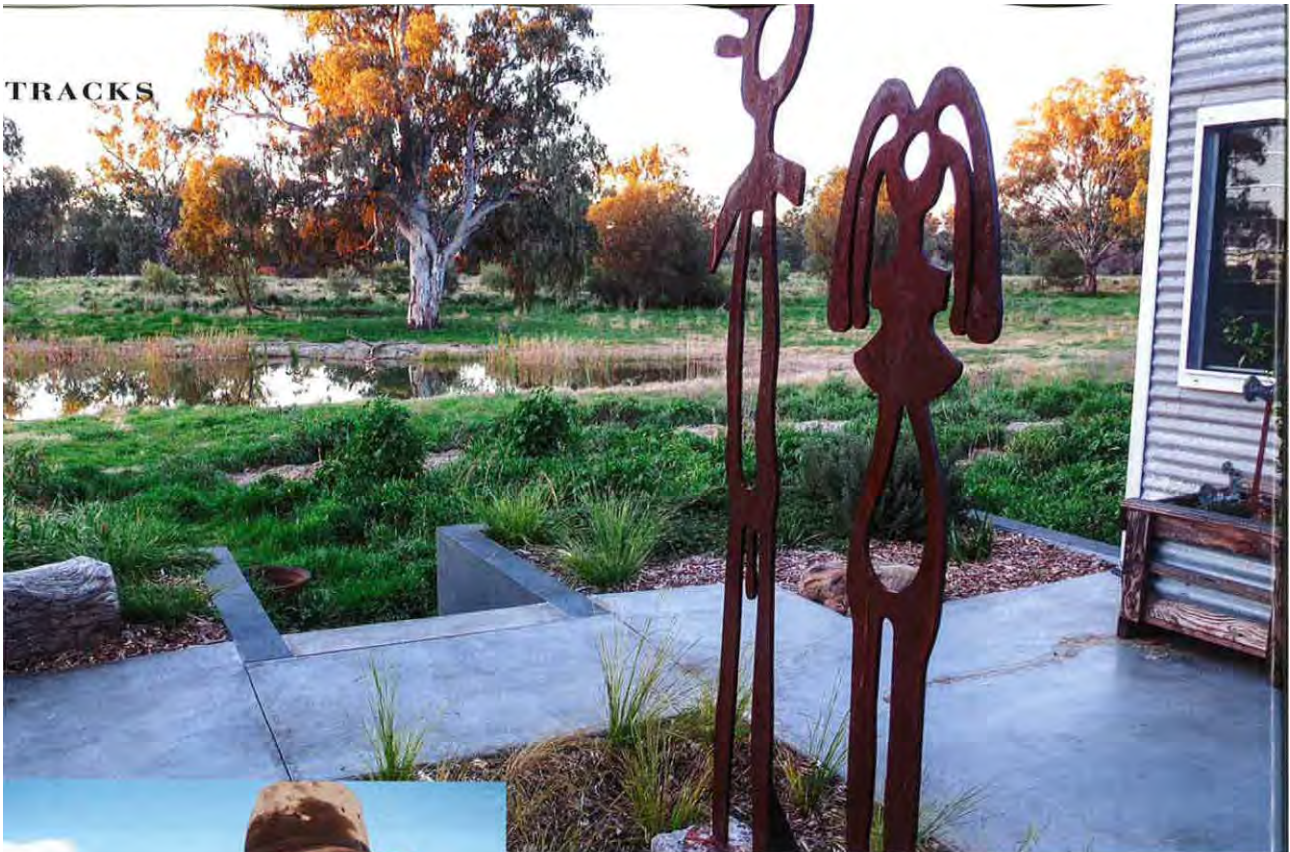
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Girragirra Retreat, in Forbes, is a stylish getaway on the Lachlan River. LEFT: Bruce Atkinson is happy for his historic woolshed to be the centre of a community festival celebrating the produce of the Riverina.

A town with a gold-mining and bushranging heritage, Forbes is just 33km south of Parkes along the Newell. Set on the Lachlan River, its colourful heyday in the 1860s has left a legacy of heritage buildings. Fourth-generation Forbes mixed farmers Kim and Wendy Muffet have created a sustainable house with adjoining guest accommodation on a billabong just outside town as a base to enjoy the region. "This is part of a long-term plan," Kim says. "We didn't know what it was going to look like but we knew we wanted to build a sustainable house and grow food and share it with people." The Muffets' two-bedroom apartment, Girragirra Retreat, is stylish and simple, with calming views over the billabong and its huge river red gums.

Like Forbes, the Riverina town of Narrandera, 250km to the south, is a riverside town, but in this case it's the Murrumbidgee. Ian Hardy, from Riverina Experience, runs kayaking trips down a picturesque stretch of the river near town. "The Murrumbidgee is really special," he says. "It's not as populated and developed as the Murray; we probably won't see anyone else for the entire morning."

The end of the journey is the Murray and the vibrant town of Tocumwal. "We're one of the very few towns that is actually *on* the river," says retired local Bob Bowman. Bob is one of a dedicated group of people sprucing up Bruce and Shane Atkinson's 114-year-old woolshed on North Tuppal Station in preparation for the first Tuppal Food and Fibre Festival in October. "We're showcasing what's grown within 150km of Tocumwal," Bob says. "In the southern Riverina we grow everything except pineapples and mangoes."

Thirty-thousand people are expected to descend upon the 72-stand North Tuppal shed and its surrounding paddocks for the three-day event. "The place will be overrun," Bruce laughs. "For us, it's an opportunity to support the district." The boards hum with activity as Tocumwal locals shoulder brooms and power tools in preparation for their upcoming community event. A working bee is a fitting close to a week-long journey on the Newell, where a strong sense of community follows the road through the heart of New South Wales.

NEWELL HIGHWAY ACCOMMODATION

Craigdon Guest House

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Phone: (02) 6793 3100 www.craigdon.com.au

Pilliga Pottery

Dandry Road, Coonabarabran NSW 2357
Phone: (02) 6842 2239 www.barkalafarmstay.com.au

Zoofari Lodge

Taronga Western Plains Zoo
Dbley Road, Dubbo NSW 2830
Phone: (02) 6881 1413 www.taronga.org.au

Girragirra Retreat

180 Warrul Road, Forbes NSW 2871
Phone: 0449 744 681 www.girragirraetreat.com.au

The Doulton

53 Douglas Street, Narrandera NSW 2700
Phone: 0427 533 682 www.thedoulton.com.au

Riverview Bed & Breakfast

Cnr Tuppal Street and Town Beach Road, Tocumwal NSW 2714
Phone: (03) 5874 3566 www.riverviewbandb.net.au

8. Review of the Newell Highway Task Force Strategy

Following a discussion regarding the inserted Newell Highway Task Force Strategy it was decided that the Task Force will discuss Vision One and Two at the next meeting and Visions Three, Four, Five and Six at following meetings. The Newell Highway Task Force Strategy should also have some alignment with the Newell Highway Corridor Strategy.

Newell Highway Taskforce Strategy

VISION ONE: Freight productivity		
A highway that boosts economic productivity by allowing modern higher productivity vehicles (e.g. B-triples and A-B triples) and which discourages older vehicles (e.g. Double Road trains).		
In particular, a road system that allows vehicles up to 36 m length on the Newell and up to 53 m length west of the Newell.		
Remedy	Rationale	Risks and Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify intersections to accommodate High Productivity Vehicles (HPVs) • Create longer acceleration and deceleration lanes • Explore feasibility, develop and construct major town bypasses – Parkes, Forbes, Coonabarabran, Dubbo, Moree, Narrabri (!), Boggabilla, West Wyalong, Narrandera, Jerilderie, Grong Grong • Increase the number and length of overtaking lanes including overtaking lanes on flat terrain as well as hilly terrain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Roads and Maritime Services to check overtaking lane strategies for relevance, opportunities and input of customer perception • Increase the proportion of road possessing wide centre line marking by developing an implementation strategy • Improve shoulder widths to allow for safe emergency parking opportunities and improve traffic flow issues associated with oversize vehicles • Increase the number and facility-richness of rest areas • Seek feedback from Road Freight Industry Council regarding the Newell Highway Corridor Strategy • Develop B-Quad-Breakdown areas suitable for Quad road trains (BAB, B Quads) at Dubbo and other major centres • Implement safe breakdown areas for road trains so that goods can be delivered/received at the end point in a small configuration if necessary. • Develop 'Last-Mile' plan for key towns e.g. Forbes • Improve over-dimension routes e.g. Coonabarabran • Improve truck parking in urban areas e.g. Coonabarabran 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 91% growth in freight tonnage across next twenty years • HPV vehicles are safer • Grain Corp rationalising (reducing) number of receipt points resulting in better economies by using HPV vehicles • Wide centre lines offer a heightened perception of safety and improve overtaking safety. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk: Urgent demands for introduction of HPV vehicles by transport operators occurs ahead of funding for, and construction of, remedial works that accommodate HPV vehicles • Response: TINSW to consider remedial actions into Newell Highway Corridor strategy and proceed to early funding

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VISION TWO: Road safety

A safe highway for all road users that encourages tourism and freight between Victoria and Queensland.

Remedy	Rationale	Risks and Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Maintain clear zones to prevent wildlife strikes – 10m on curves, 6m on straight ■ <u>Maintain clear zones to allow for driver error therefore reducing crash severity</u> ■ Confirm and clarify the speed limiting of vehicles including Recreation vehicles ■ Increase the proportion of road possessing wide centre line marking by developing an implementation strategy ■ Increase the number and length of overtaking lanes including overtaking lanes on flat terrain as well as hilly terrain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Roads and Maritime Services to check overtaking lane strategies for relevance, opportunities and input of customer perception ■ Rest stops – Issues: number of stops, attractiveness, vehicle mix friendliness, upgrade access, intelligent rest stops, mobile and WiFi coverage, <u>shade</u> ■ Rail crossing elimination – Inland Rail may pay ■ Signage – Identify where Rest Areas and Overtaking Lanes are located, identify distance to rest areas, attractions and service centres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adequate clear zones increase reaction time for migrating wildlife ● Recreational vehicle use has grown to the point where it has become a dominant influence on road frustration experienced by other road users ● Wide centre lines offer a heightened perception of safety and <u>improve overtaking safety</u>. ● Rest areas combat fatigue if they are attractive to all road users – see Rest area strategy of Texas (U.S.A.) ● HPV <u>gwin</u>-vehicles need greater acceleration and deceleration opportunities when accessing or exiting the highway ● Recreational vehicles are often difficult to manoeuvre for inexperienced or age-impaired drivers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Risk: Inland Rail may not pay for all or any of the cost for rail crossing elimination ● Response: ??? ● Risk: Adequacy of funding for remedial actions ● Response: ???
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Managing access to highway particularly more acceleration and deceleration lanes ■ Clarify age-related and experience-related competency of recreational vehicle users ■ Install more point to point technology and checking stations ■ Increase enforcement particularly for light vehicles ■ Invest in <u>"Sharing the Road" education strategies</u> ■ Support the <u>"Free Gulp for the Driver" scheme that encourages people to stop, revive and assess survival</u> ■ Upgrade <u>substandard intersections</u> e.g. <u>Pilliga Postery intersection, Coonabarabran.</u> 		

Comment [KK2]: Consider reviewing the new Hunter Express Truck Rest Areas They are pretty cool

Comment [KK1]: There may be an opportunity to map these locations and have some sort of app for people to use for planning their trips

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VISION THREE: Network-friendliness		
A highway that forms part of a transport network possessing intermodal linkages and no bottlenecks		
Remedy	Rationale	Risks and Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop breakdown, consolidation and modal exchanges in each major Newell town e.g. Parkes Ensure grade-separated rail crossings can cater for double-stacked containers Develop Incident Response Plans for the entire highway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growing trend for agricultural products to be containerised from farm to port Grain Corp rationalising (reducing) number of receival points resulting in greater on farm storage and transport from farm by HPV vehicles Inland Rail want double-stacked containers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk: Cost sharing with Inland Rail for modal exchanges and grade separated rail crossings may not occur Response: ???

Comment [KK3]: This might be something to consider for Moree also.

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VISION FOUR: Visitor economy

A tourism-friendly highway of choice

Remedy	Rationale	Risks and Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop and promote the Newell Highway as an attractive touring route ▪ Develop tourism signage that features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consistent and unambiguous signage for novice travellers and travellers for whom English is a second language ○ Consistent white-on-brown signs ○ Advance notice of traffic conditions, attractions ○ Allows travellers to be fully informed of distances and time delays ▪ Promote travel on the Newell as family-friendly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family-themed parks ○ Animal-friendly accommodation ○ Toilet locations ▪ Develop techno-friendly rest areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WiFi equipped ○ Tourist information in rest areas ○ Mobile coverage in rest areas ▪ Ensure that the full range of different vehicle types are catered for, e.g. Recreation vehicle friendly rest areas, rest areas with attractive toilet facilities, adequate overtaking opportunities ▪ Ensure that promotions of the Newell include promotions for Melbourne to Brisbane inland travel ▪ Ensure that business travellers specific needs are met, e.g. timeliness, speed of travel, availability of accommodation, fuel and refreshments ▪ Support the 'Free Cuppa for the Driver' scheme that encourages drivers to stop at participating businesses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The visitor economy is set to grow as retirees seek anew and affordable experience with well-maintained and feature-rich rest areas ▪ Build on already existing family-friendly parks that exist on the Newell ▪ Business travellers represent the largest sector of travellers and need to be given high level of focus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Risk: Increased conflict between different vehicle types e.g. Heavy vehicles and recreation vehicles, both of which are experiencing significant growth ▪ Response: ??? ▪ Risk: Probability that novice users may become lost due to inadequate, inconsistent, or ambiguous signage ▪ Response: Independent audit of road signage by road user groups to identify improvements

VISION FIVE: Travel experience

A travel experience that is consistent between Melbourne and Brisbane

Remedy	Rationale	Risks and Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Advocate consistency of licensing regulations across AustraliaAdvocate consistency of load dimension limits across AustraliaAdvocate for consistent road signage between Melbourne and BrisbaneSeek consistency in key travel parameters between Melbourne and Brisbane e.g. speed (110 vs. 100), roughness, width of shoulders, centreline markings and centreline widths, clear zones, rest areasAdvocate consistent naming of the route between Melbourne and Brisbane (need more than A39)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Consistency adds to the appeal of the route as well as removes unwelcome ambiguity and surprisesConsistency gives the route greater identity and integration and allows for better promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Risk: Victoria, Queensland and NSW may have different perceptions and regulations that fracture the oneness of the routeResponse: ???Risk: National Regulator may not agree to the consistency being soughtResponse: ???

VISION SIX: Environmental impact

A highway that in its construction, maintenance and operation demonstrates best practice environmental stewardship

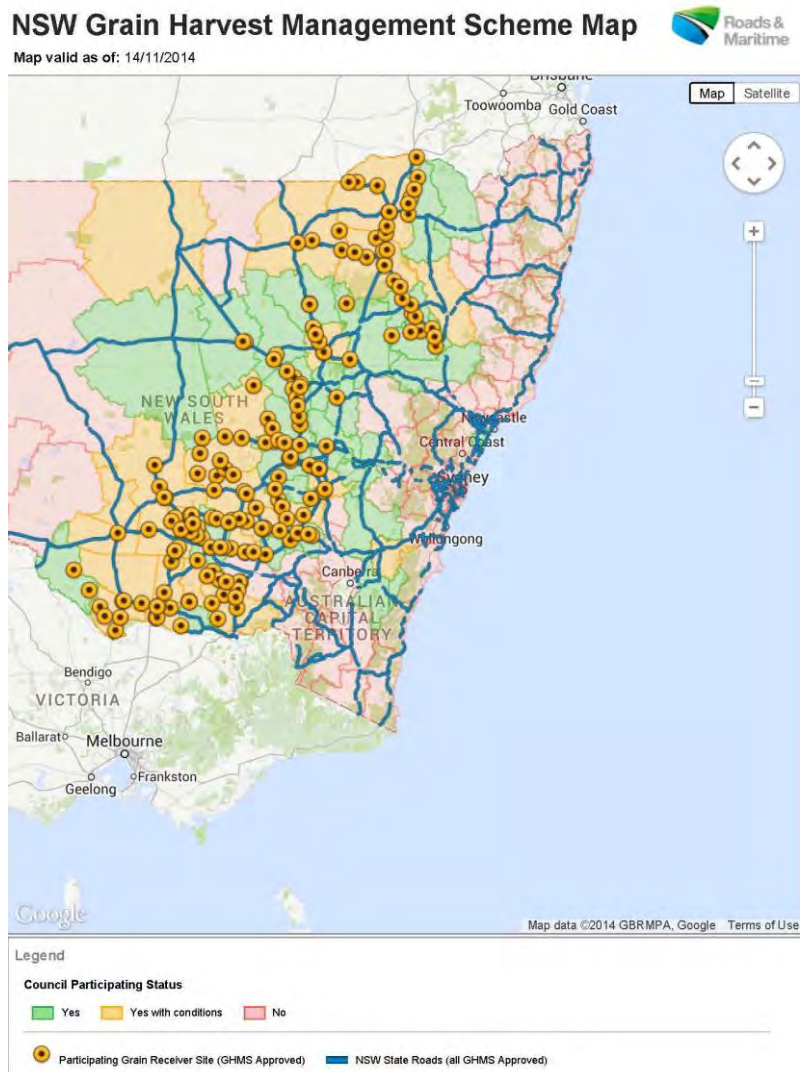
Remedy	Rationale	Risks and Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ensure that native habitats surrounding the Newell are contiguous and sustainable▪ Ensure that adequate signage exists to identify likely wildlife interactions with road users▪ Ensure that adequate signage exists to identify contacts for maimed wildlife e.g. WIRES▪ Ensure that stockpile sites are maintained and decommissioned when not needed▪ Ensure that Aboriginal and European heritage is preserved in a sensitive and adequate manner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Australian landscapes are often degraded and fragile and need constant care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Risk: Funding of environmental projects can be costly both in initial construction and ongoing maintenance▪ Response: ???

9. General Business

- There was general consensus that as a result of GrainCorp's Project Regeneration and the closing of some grain terminals, there appeared to more B-Doubles on the Newell and local road networks.
- The NSW Grain Harvest Management Scheme (GHMS) was developed in response to industry needs for improved productivity and efficiency in the grain transport task.

The GHMS was designed to:

- Facilitate the movement of grain from farms to grain receivers during the peak harvest season
- Improve the productivity of and efficiency in the grain transport task by facilitating the grain industry to move the average vehicle load towards 100% of the allowable mass
- Protect road and bridge infrastructure
- Promote the safe movement of grain across the state
- Recognise industry's higher productive needs
- Support the competitiveness of the NSW grain industry in national and international markets.



- Election and Budgets

Some of the budget items that were mentioned included:

- Traffic lights at Dubbo
- Overtaking lanes
- Intersection improvements
- Alignments
- Safety issues
- High productivity vehicles
- Parkes and Coonabarabran heavy vehicle routes
- Rest areas
- Funding to evaluate the wide centre lanes
- Funding for the evaluation of the rest areas
- The Trewilga proposed improvements and realignment will upgrade and realign 6.5 kilometres of the Newell Highway north of Parkes
- The Newell Highway between Gilgandra and Tooraweenah
- Signage

The budget items should align with the Freight Strategy and the soon to be released corridor strategy. The interests of the trucking companies should also be included in the Freight Strategy.

- The renaming the of the Mid Western Highway was discussed and it was agreed that the Newell Highway Task Force would take no further action.

Moved: Jock Smith

Seconded: Cr Kevin Morris

All in favour

Carried

10. Next meeting, date and venue

Tuesday 10 February 2015 in Gilgandra

Meeting Closed 12:20pm

**MINUTES of the Meeting of
PUBLIC LIBRARIES NEW SOUTH WALES
SOUTH-WEST ZONE
held on THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER 2014
at the Gundagai Shire Council, 255 Sheridan Street, Gundagai**

Delegates Attending

Cr Peter Batey
Cr Yvonne Braid
Claire Campbell
Elise Edmonds
Eileen England
Amy Heap
Penny Howse
Sue Killham

Robert Knight
Lyn Middleton
Cr Joan Palmer
Brian Plummer
Cr Kevin Poynter
Kim Richards
Joanne Russo
Cindy Smith

Dot Smith
Cr Graham Smith
Sharon Smith
Cr Dallas Tout
Kristin Towmey
Karen Wendt

Welcome

Mayor, Cr Abb McAllister, Gundagai Shire Council, welcomed attendees to Gundagai and opened the meeting.

Presentation

South-West Zone Libraries update (Karen Wendt)

Karen Wendt delivered a video presentation of images and footage from SW Zone Libraries.

Guest Speaker

State Library World War 1 Collections (Elise Edmonds)

Elise Edmonds, Curator in the Research and Discovery Division of the State Library of NSW, addressed the meeting about the State Library's exceptional World War I collections.

1. *Acknowledgement of Country*

Councillor Braid, South-West Zone Chairperson provided the Acknowledgement of Country:

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Community members present.

2. *Apologies*

Apologies were received from:

Cr Patrick Bourke
Adrian Butler
Carina Clement
Christine del Gigante
Ariane Fehring
Stephen Firth

Cr Denis Glanville
Cr Patricia Gould
Cr Pam Halliburton
Cr Jim Howard
Cr Abb McAlister
Cr Barry McFarlane

Phillip McMurray
Margaret Merrylees
Anne Nevins
Janice Ottey
Kim Parker
Rod Shaw

Janice Summerhayes
Allan Tonkin
Cr Tracey Valenzisi
Cr Greg Verdon
Pam Young

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Cr Peter Batey Seconded: Cr Kevin Poynter

3. *Election of Chairperson*

A single nomination for the position of Chairperson was received for Cr Yvonne Braid.

Cr Yvonne Braid accepted the nomination.

Motion: That Cr Yvonne Braid be duly appointed to the position of Chairperson.

Moved: Cr Kevin Poynter Seconded: Cr Peter Batey

Election of Deputy Chairperson

A single nomination for the position of Deputy Chairperson was received for Cr Dallas Tout.

Cr Dallas Tout accepted the nomination.

Motion: That Cr Dallas Tout be duly appointed to the position of Deputy Chairperson.

Moved: Robert Knight Second: Cr Peter Batey

Appointment of Secretary

A single nomination for the position of Secretary was received for Robert Knight. Robert Knight accepted the nomination.

Motion: That Robert Knight be duly appointed to the position of Secretary.

Moved: Cr Yvonne Braid Seconded: Cr Peter Batey

Appointment of Assistant Secretary

A single nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary was received for Sue Killham.

Sue Killham accepted the nomination.

Motion: That Sue Killham be duly appointed to the position of Assistant Secretary.

Moved: Brian Plummer Seconded: Sue Middleton

4. *Confirmation of Minutes*

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 April 2014 at Griffith were presented.

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2013 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Kevin Poynter Seconded: Sue Middleton

5. *Business arising from the minutes of the last meeting*

There was no business arising from the minute of the meeting held on 30 April 2014.

6. *Correspondence*

Nil.

7. Report from State Library of New South Wales

Robert Knight presented highlights from the State Library report. A copy of this report will be circulated with the minutes.

Motion: That the report from the State Library of NSW be noted.

Moved: Robert Knight Seconded: Joanne Russo

8. Report from the PLNSW Executive

Cr Graham Smith, Joint President, NSW Public Libraries Associations (NSWPLA) presented a verbal report including updates on the following matters listed at 9 below.

- Formation of NSW Public Libraries Associations.
- Applications for Library Infrastructure Grants are strongly encouraged.
- Australian Public Libraries Alliance update.
- Study on role of library on community wellbeing.
- NSWPLA Conference at Mudgee.

Motion: That the presentation by Cr Graham Smith be noted.

Moved: Dot Smith Seconded: Cr Peter Batey

9. Update from PLNSW Executive Officers

Robert Knight, updated the meeting on the following matters:

9.1 Formation of a new Association

The NSW Public Library Associations amalgamation meeting took place on 20 June 2014 at Glebe Town Hall. Appointment of the Executive for the PLNSW will be conducted at the Annual General Meeting on 14 November 2014 at Mudgee.

9.2 NSWPLA Library Funding Campaign

Over 66,500 signatures have been received in support of the funding campaign.

A Day of Action in libraries across the state has been set down for 5 December 2014. Action ideas collated at a recent RRL Branch Meeting will be circulated with the minutes.

Libraries, Councils and community members are also encouraged to lobby their Local Members.

9.3 2014 NSWPLA Conference – IMPACT 2014: a Fortunate Life

11-14 November 2014, Parklands Resort & Conference Centre, Mudgee
Further information regarding this conference can be found on the following website: <http://www.nswplmudgee2014.com.au/>.

9.4 2014 NSWPLA AGM – Friday 14 November

The AGM will be held in conjunction with NSWPLA Conference at 9:00am on Friday 14 November 2014.

9.5 Kath Knowles Young Leaders Award

Applications for the 2014 Award have now closed. Information about the Award can be found at: <http://www.plnsw.org.au/kathknowles.htm>.

9.6 PLNSW Life Membership Awards

2014 Life Membership Awards have now closed. Information about the Awards can be found at: <http://www.plnsw.org.au/lifemembership.htm>.

9.7 NSWPLA membership renewals

NSWPLA membership renewals will be circulated to members after fees have been set at the AGM.

9.8 NSWPLA Trade Exhibition Stand at Local Government NSW Conference, Coffs Harbour, 19-21 October 2014

The NSWPLA Trade Exhibition Stand held at the Local Government NSW Conference was a great success.

9.9 Australasian Mobile Library Network developments and Conference

The Australasian Mobile Library Network Conference held in Townsville from 24-26 October was very successful.

Motion: That the presentation by Robert Knight be noted.

Moved: Cr Kevin Poynter Seconded: Claire Campbell

10. Public Libraries Consultative Committee update (Robert Knight)

Robert Knight, PLNSW representative on the PLCC, provided an update of recent activities of the Committee. A copy of the report will be circulated with the minutes.

Motion: That the Public Libraries Consultative Committee report be noted.

Moved: Sue Killham Seconded: Joanne Russo

11. Report on SW Zone Library Managers Meeting – 3 September 2014

Robert Knight provided an update of the SW Zones Managers meeting held on 3 September 2014. A copy of the minutes will to be circulated with these minutes.

11.1 Update on SW Zone Children's & Youth Services Group (Lyn Middleton)

Lyn Middleton presented an update on the activities of the group and the meeting held in Leeton on 16 October. A copy of the minutes will be circulated with the minutes.

11.2 Update on SW Zone Digital Library Project (Brian Plummer)

Brian Plummer provided an update on the project including the recent inclusion of Zinio eMagazines and the administration and expansion of the SW Zone Digital Library.

Motion: That the report of the SW Zone Library Managers Meeting be noted.

Moved: Cr Peter Batey Seconded: Joanne Russo

13. Other Business

Joanne Russo, Bland Shire Library, advised that Bland Shire Council would be joining Riverina Regional Library from 1 January 2015.

14. *Next meeting*

The next meeting will be held in **Harden** on **30 April 2015**.

Chairperson Cr Braid proposed a vote of thanks to the Gundagai Shire Council for their organisation of a very successful meeting, and for their excellent hospitality. She also thanked Councillors and staff for their attendance and presentations. The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

Cr Braid thanked delegates for their attendance and wished everyone a safe trip home.

Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 12.05pm.

The meeting was followed by lunch served at the venue.

Our sincere thanks to the Gundagai Shire Council for their generous hospitality.

Strategy for Fair Deal for Public Libraries Day of Action

Friday, 5 December 2014

Action by NSWPLA

NSWPLA	Action required by
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write to every General Manager and Mayor in NSW to update them on campaign to date and further action 	7 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop simple infographics for handouts and publicity 	7 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide template to Library Managers to update their Council on campaign to date and further action (Can use as a report or as a memo) 	7 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide update in LGNSW Circular 	11 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Order <i>Library Lovers Vote Too</i> campaign buttons for distribution at Mudgee Conference and orders 	<i>Completed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Order <i>Library Lovers Vote Too T-Shirts</i> for display at Mudgee Conference and orders 	<i>Completed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update campaign posters and brochures on website for download and printing 	18 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide Day of Action leaflet template to Library Managers for them to insert local members and media contact details and distribute 	11 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise our Library Champions to do interviews on our Day of Action or agree to be quoted in media releases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Susanne Gervay – Robert Knight to organise Other champions – Michelle Simon to contact using script developed by Robert 	18 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Day of Action media releases including quotations from our champions and distribute media releases through Lighthouse Media 	18 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide update to Library Managers at the Mudgee Conference on Day of Action and what is needed (Robert/Michelle) 	12 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a script for local Friends and supporters groups to seek a meeting with their local MP on Day of Action and provide script for content for meeting 	18 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote availability of campaign collateral on NSWPLA website and advice re Day of Action 	18 November

Minimum action at public library level

Library Managers	Action required by
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update your General Manager /Council on the campaign using the template provided by NSWPLA 	18 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Order <i>Library Lovers Vote Too</i> campaign buttons for staff to wear. Contact Robert Knight (Knight.Robert@wagga.nsw.gov.au) re orders 	12 -13 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Order <i>Library Lovers Vote Too T-Shirts</i> for staff to wear. Contact Robert Knight (Knight.Robert@wagga.nsw.gov.au) re orders 	12-13 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Display Campaign posters / brochures in your library – copies will be available for download from the NSWPLA Campaign website at http://nswpla.org.au/nswpla-campaignmaterials.html in advance of the Day of Action 	Ongoing until March 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insert local members and media contact details on Day of Action template provided by NSWPLA (NSWPLA will provide template for you to fill in details of local member and letters to the editor) 	18 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise library staff to hand and out leaflets asking users to contact their local member and the media 	25 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear <i>Library Lovers Vote Too</i> T-shirts and /or badges 	5 December (and up until election where possible)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the Day of Action using the <i>Day of Action</i> media Release provided by NSWPLA 	22 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a range of strategies as appropriate to your library to attract attention to the funding issue and the Day of Action (see Options) 	5 December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask Friends groups or local supporters to seek a meeting with their local MP on Day of Action (NSWPLA will provide script for meeting) 	18 November

Additional options for action by libraries

Action
Shut the library for the day
Do not offer selected services for the day
Have placard making workshop with children making <i>Library Lovers Vote Too</i> placards and display in library
Encourage supporters to have placards outside libraries
Have a <i>Fair Deal for Public Libraries</i> event in the library –invite supporters, local politicians and opposition members. Get some articulate users /local authors / champions to talk about why public libraries need better state funding. Ask electoral candidates to spell out their parties position on state funding for public libraries. Have a cake cutting with a round cake showing pie chart of state/local government funding
Have a street parade of supporters with placards
Get a group of supporters or use existing groups to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make an appointment to visit local member • make an appointment to visit opposition or pre-selected candidates (could be a group such as a disability group that uses the library or a Friends group)
Stage activity in a public place – e.g. 20 people reading a book
Provide imagery in the library.e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff dressed in black • Display with funeral for books /libraries – e.g. cardboard coffin in library with books in it • Drape some shelves in black • Have a mock funeral service for libraries •
Have staff dress in black to reflect message of loss
Message on Home Page about Day of Action – provide link to campaign website
Sell campaign buttons to raise awareness
Run <i>Library Lovers Vote Too</i> video on iPad at front desk or on screens in the library
Stage activity in a public place – e.g. 20 people reading a book
Sell <i>Library Lovers Vote Too</i> T-shirts and /or badges
Invite groups to attend the library on the Day of Action (Friends, supporters, schools, CWA, etc)
Arrange a selfies in the library program to be posted on the NSWPLA website
Invite customers to tell their stories and create a video collage to play in the library / or on website



MINUTES OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES NEW SOUTH WALES
SOUTH-WEST ZONE CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH SERVICES MEETING

29 August 2013
 Junee Library

Delegates Attending

Narelle Drewe	AlburyCity Libraries	
Sharon Smith	Riverina Regional Library	smiths@wagga.nsw.gov.au
Leonie Murphy	Leeton Library	library@leeton.nsw.gov.au
Cindy Smith	Gundagai Library	library@gundagai.nsw.gov.au
Susan Kane	Greater Hume Shire Libraries	skane@greaterhume.nsw.gov.au
Jenny Congdon	Berrigan Library	Berrlib@berriganshire.nsw.gov.au
Sandra Watson	Leeton Library	sandraw@leeton.nsw.gov.au
Jo Pianca	Leeton Library	joannep@leeton.nsw.gov.au
Lyn Middleton	Leeton Library	lynm@leeton.nsw.gov.au

Apologies

Peter Papandriopoulos	Deniliquin Library	peter.pap@deniliquin.nsw.gov.au
Helen McLoughlin	Coolamon Library	coolamon_library@westnet.com.au hmcloughlin@coolamon.nsw.gov.au
Louise Parr	Corowa Libraries (Mulwala, Howlong and Corowa)	corowalibrary@corowa.nsw.gov.au
Kim Richards	Junee Library	Kim Richards (richardsk@junee.nsw.gov.au)
Cathy Lange	Bland Shire Libraries	clange@blandshire.nsw.gov.au
Kate O'Grady	SLNSW	
Penny Howse	Cootamundra Library	PHowse@cootamundra.nsw.gov.au
Wagga Wagga City Library		wcl@wagga.nsw.gov.au

Staff were so keen to start that a discussion began early on : preschool literacy programs including Baby Bounce, Toddlertime and Storytime; issues for one person libraries while presenting and needing to man the desk as well; printing; IETLS

1. Welcome – Lyn Middleton – Manager Leeton Library

- Lyn was reluctant to stop the discussion ☺
- Small introduction to Leeton attractions
- Around table introductions and we discovered that many staff multitask across all ages

2. Business arising from the minutes of the last meeting

2.1.1 ACTIONS of items (Item 7 re Carina putting adding council emails to distribution list to SWZ Managers 18 Sept)

Action Lyn Middleton to enquire at the next SWZ Manager's meeting

2.1.2 Next Meeting Host (all libraries to consider)

Action Berrigan Library late Feb-March (NOT first week of March)

Minutes tabled and brief discussion of minutes

3. SWZCYS Library Manager representative report

Lyn Middleton (Manager Leeton Library) to also discuss the process for the transfer to the 2015 SWZCYS Library Manager Representative

- Lyn was concerned that her participation was limited to one meeting so late in the year and recommends that SWZ CYS LMRs retain the position for 2 years to ensure managerial input and continuity of projects
- the SWZCYS structure needs to be revisited

Action At the next SWZ Manager's meeting the recommendation will be made to extend LMR term especially if no other Manager puts up their hand for 2015.

4. Guest Speaker - Caroline Maskus Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO)

School perspective on young people being in the library during school hours and bullying

- High school English teacher
- Worked in various roles for DETS at St Francis/Yanco Ag/Learning and Support DETS
- 117 HSLO's across NSW
- Position temp contract of 2-3yrs Funded under Keep Them safe in a temp role
- HSLOs are basically classroom teachers looking for change on contract and need to reapply
- Questions for Catholic Schools need to be directed to the schools
- Education Act provides structure for HSLOs (Vic and NSW structures are different)
- Ed Act requires compulsory enrolment – 6-17yrs
- BOSTES monitors home schooling registrations
- If a library suspects a student is truanting this needs to be communicated to the school
- Basically the parents are responsible and legal action is taken once a parent can no longer get the child to school
- HSLOs check school attendance roles. If any student's attendance is below 85% with unexplained attendance a report is submitted to the principal providing recommendations
- Lyn Stewart is Wagga HSLO
- A caseload of up to 30 students for each HSLO to monitor attendance. Issues to consider include determining barriers to attendance eg parenting, mental illness, abuse and can attend the Attendance improvement program
- the earlier the problem is caught and procedures put in place the greater the chance of resolving the issue and preventing worse behaviour
- if students are in the library it is considered a safe environment but law defines that they need to be in school and school needs to be alerted
- if a student is in your library in uniform during school hours with no adult accompanying them you are permitted to approach them to ask to view their leave pass
- **students require a leave card and you can ask to see this. Talk with the schools and familiarise yourself with the leave pass system sample attached**
- some stores in council areas have NO PASS NO SERVE program
- 'Street Sweeps' are conducted by authorised officers only by Aboriginal school liaisons and Police youth officers but not by DETS HSLOs
- **Attached is a sample poster on TRAUNCY but if you display them your library needs to follow through with the process**
- HSLOs find high schools very difficult to create relationships due to the workloads of the schools
- Suspensions are difficult and not part of the role of HSLOs. Students are not allowed to be wandering and can be asked to leave your library
- Recommendation of a consistency approach. Create a policy that fits all students whether quiet or not. Advice to look at SLNSW policies to create a policy on TRAUNCY

- Recommendation to libraries to purchase the Indigenous publication Listen and Learn Driver Knowledge Test from RMS ISBN 9781922040763 (RRL has 12 copies)

5. Guest Speaker ½ hr Skype with Rowan Kuntz - empowering HSC students to achieve in exams.

<http://secretsofhscsuccessrevealed.blogspot.com.au/p/rowan-kunz.html>

- Unfortunately the technology let us down but Rowan Kuntz is happy to try again for another meeting
- Time was spent on a tour of the Leeton Library and a very informative discussion on renovations, circulation processes, technology and children's and adult's programming

6. Guest Speaker Jackson Goman - Bidgee Binge Project

www.youtube.com/results?search_query=bidgee+binge

www.leeton.nsw.gov.au/community/bidgeebinge.htm#AdvertisingAndMarketingCampaigns

<http://grogwatch.adf.org.au/2014/09/bidgee-binge-campaign/>

- Jackson works with Leeton Community Services Officer
- Link between community and council individual or organisation or service provider with a responsibility to work with committees including Youth Committee
- Federally funded – the basis of the application was building on anti-binge drinking and anti-drug activities for yr 9 students
- BBP was completed Oct 2014
- BBP concept catchy and unique; some concern that it did not align with objectives but it did get people talking
- 2 yr project under \$500,000 for 12-24 yr youth
- key area alcohol free events, educational outcomes
- Leeton Shire partnered with Western Riverina Arts to spread concept to Griffith and Narrandera. Advertising campaigns included this area.
- Barrier – not allowed to go into schools
- Activities targeted different areas
 - Forum/theatre component Transvision Arts worked with small group; not traditional theatre as they developed and performed a concept which was interactive with the audience. The audience stopped the play and changed the direction of the script. The students were given strategies they could implement in real life to minimise risk – very effective, 400 HS students Roxy Leeton, 200 HS students Griffith and Narrandera. Transvision Arts came back to work with another group to perform 5 min impromptu performance Street Art. This informal education format up skilled students in theatre while learning strategies in minimising risk

- Advertising and marketing - advertising played during AFL grand final. Concept to link actors and athletes (role models) against drink driving (see links) Change Media (National film company South Australia) short film workshops incl : storyboarding, filming, acting, editing etc to create a 30 sec TV campaign (WIN). The second year with Change Media was more strategic as staff also worked with the group empowering the youth to build background knowledge of their community and the program creating marketing with concepts they created in comparison to the first campaign which was the advertising company's concept. Expensive endeavour. Concept works well and positive feedback.
 - Across three shires subsidised 225 RSA certificates. Provided skills for students' resumes
 - Alcohol free events – averaging 100-150 participants; music, live bands, local acts, inflatable movie screen, dive in movies, outdoor music festival encouraged by Youth Committee was called off due to weather – planning the event was a challenge as the youth group's expectations were unrealistic regarding cost as they wanted well known bands. Not wanting to set a precedent most events had an entry fee
 - 30 teams in the Amazing race around town using, laptops, personal mobile phones, facebook, instagram
- How did they engage?
- If youth are involved in the planning then more likely to get participants
 - Youth group open to anyone regardless of interests
 - Many activities the council did without Youth Group to reduce pressure on the youth with mixed success
- Questions
- did any of these programs become sustainable in your regular programming?
 - Music events with well known names and local bands
 - Amazing Race (eg Youth Week) – only cost were prizes; limited staff
 - Outdoor movies with the inflatable screen (5m) comes with a PA system which can also be hired out to community groups so the unique value was not lost with an overload of outdoor movies. Setup time minimal; pack up little more complicated to ensure screen folded properly
 - How did the participants respond to using their phones and data?
 - Prerequisites were there in promotion so participants understood
 - It is very flexible; paper could be used, staff member could go with the group

7. General business

7.1 Around the Libraries - each representative to bring a topic for discussion

7.2 Lee Castledine training 8 Sept

- 22 participants
- all positive responses
- All the information available in YPinNSWL wiki

- Energising session even with the commonality of our skills

7.3 SWZCYS Structure – everyone to consider taking on SWZCYS Secretary role. Contact Sharon Smith if you would like to take this on.

7.4 Further Training

- Dr Matt Finch Storytelling, Performance, and Librarianship in the 21st Century. If in Australia \$800 (excluding travel and accommodation)
- Morgan Schatz Blackrose - International Storytelling and Oral Literature Workshop 30 participants = \$4,200 (includes a free concert either storytime or a family concert)
- Rowan Kuntz - Discover how NSW's top students prepare for exams and excel in Years 11 & 12. 30min Skype for a SWZ CYS meeting \$100 OR in person a 2 hour talk - \$1000
- Penelope Bartlau Barking Spider visual theatre
- Engaging with YAPA
- Positive partnerships <http://www.positivepartnerships.org.au> (free online training)
- Discussion on actually hearing from our peers who have run any program
- Request for grant writing referred to Carina Clement's talk in YPinNSWL wiki
- Discussion on whether paying a presenter is necessary and whether the most valuable training would be peer training
- Identify staff who have something to present and that they can actually present eg Locker Room Lavington Library; RRL Junior and Youth Book Clubs; Cootamundra Tech Free Fridays; GHS Homework Clubs; Gundagai's use of <http://prezi.com/> (online collaborative presentation software) for things such as grant applications

ACTION : Lyn Middleton to take to SWZManager's meeting to request Managers identify programs and presenters for these meetings

ACTION : Secretary to send email request identifying program speakers

- Literacious – whole floor games <http://literacious.com/> (search : *games*)
- Suggestion to swap the displays and tools we have created
- Importance of targeting issues as well such as truancy, unattended students, duty of care
- Meeting structure will now change – 1 hour meeting, 1 hour workshopping an issue or hearing a guest speaker (eg children's policies or creating effective surveys, then 3 hours of peer training (min ½ per presentation)
- Suggestion to workshop children's policies
- Some programs can be extended for use with adults eg RRL's Reflections boxes similar to Storytime but for elderly as memory joggers; Museum in a box from Albury LibraryMuseum
- Berrigan Youth program discussion – teens approached library staff wanted to be in local drama club which restricts members to over 18 years only and travel to Finley drama club is a problem; "We want to prove to the community that we are not bums... most people think we are." Want to interview older people and make it part of the project; a lot of sports clubs in town but little else for other interests; meeting with pizza showed the Community Officer Clare (?) that

these kids were enthusiastic and proactive; aiming for \$10, 000 (\$2000 grant successful and others in the works); community groups want to help these kids; this will be a talk for next meeting

- Libraries are ideal to help youth contribute to their community in something other than sport
- Discussion of outdoor spaces incorporated into library spaces eg reading area in the garden. Gundagai would like to expand the wi-fi space outside the library with charge bars
- Discussion on wi-fi and different ways libraries manage usage and create opportunities
- Online self-paced course/workshops suggested for professional development. Concern that we don't have time at our desks but if we have allocated time at a CYS meeting this would be more effective
 - such as engaging with youth online resources available at www.yapa.org.au/
 - MOOCs eg www.mooc-list.com/
 - Positive Partnerships (autism and education) www.positivepartnerships.com.au/public/index.cfm

ACTION : all present will be looking for free online courses that may be relevant for future training. Susan Kane GHS to investigate YAPA resources

- Discussion on youth councils, social plans and libraries
- Discussion on self-checks and how this provides one person libraries opportunity to focus on things such as grant writing, program development, catching up on emails and phone calls
- Videos of stop animation made for Book Week themed school visits at Leeton Library avoiding confliction with Eisteddfod and Education Week. Made by 11 year old using Movie Maker and free software found online (air conditioning ducting great for tunnels). Activities were all on the theme of "connect" (lego, tunnel, thread the needle) 20 x ½ sessions over 4 days; all but one school attended; approx. 600 students
- Tour of Leeton Library's collection of resources
- The Brothers Quibble by Aaron Blabey is the 2015 book for National Simultaneous Storytime
- Request to run a forum on school holiday programs. Difficulty in determining programs for future programming. RRL to demonstrate school holiday staff portal
- Show and tell of Leeton's Storytime kits (suggest at next meeting people demonstrate how they create a kit)
- Leeton Holiday program on painting like Van Gogh and Michelangelo. Kids lay under table to paint a picture

Meeting closed at 3.30pm and thankyou to Leeton Library and the Stir Café for great service.

Meeting Actions Summary

agenda item	action	responsibility
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7.4 Further training	Lyn Middleton to take to SWZManager's meeting to request Managers identify programs and presenters for these meetings	Lyn Middleton
7.4 Further training	Secretary to send email request identifying program speakers for peer training	Sharon Smith
7.4 Further training	all present will be looking for free online courses that may be relevant for future training. Susan Kane GHS to investigate YAPA resources	All

Committee for February/March 2015 Meeting :

Host – Berrigan Library E: Berrlib@berriganshire.nsw.gov.au P: 03 5888 5180

Minutes – (Previous Host) Leeton Library – E: lynm@leeton.nsw.gov.au P: 02 6953 0945

Secretary – Sharon Smith, Riverina Regional Library – E: smiths@wagga.nsw.gov.au P: 02 69269755

Library Manager Representative 2014: Lyn Middleton, Leeton Library– E: lynm@leeton.nsw.gov.au P: 02 6953 0945

Library Manager Representative 2015: TBA

Associated networks:**Young People in Libraries Working Group E list:**

<http://lists.vicnet.net.au/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/youngpeople>

Young People in Libraries Working Group Wiki:

<http://youngpeopleinnswlibraries.pbworks.com>

South West Zone Children's and Youth Services Group (SWZCYS) Facebook



STATE LIBRARY®
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State Library of NSW report October 2014

Public Library Funding

As announced in the 2014/15 Budget, the Government has increased public library funding with the announcement of a new program entitled the Public Library Infrastructure Fund, which will deliver an additional \$15M over 4 years, commencing with \$3M in 2014/15, then \$4M per annum for the next 3 financial years.

This fund replaces the Library Development Grants program.

The total allocation for the 2014/15 Public Library Grants and Subsidies is \$27.518M.

The Library Council of NSW endorsed the Public Library Funding Strategy at its meeting of 4 August 2014 and Ministerial approval has been secured. All councils are invited to apply for subsidies and grants.

Contact: Cameron Morley

Public Library Infrastructure Grants

The Public Library Infrastructure Grants are for projects that will assist NSW councils to improve public library infrastructure, including buildings and information technology systems. The funds will be directed to projects that provide significant public benefit and develop improved public library services for NSW communities.

The funding has been provided in recognition of the increased and changing usage of NSW public libraries by communities. Applications that position libraries as community hubs, including appropriate co-locations and projects that increase public space and technology, are particularly encouraged under the program.

Library Council has identified the following strategic priority areas for the Public Library Infrastructure Grants program:

- library buildings and spaces
- mobile libraries
- major information and communications technology projects
- cooperative library development activities

Applications close 5pm, Friday 31 October 2014.

Contact: Cameron Morley or your Consultant.

PLCC

The PLCC meeting of 22 September 2014 took place at Pittwater Library. The Committee:

- Noted the finalised 2014/15 Public Library Funding Strategy
- Discussed Public Library Funding Model options for the future
- Noted a review of the State Library's Multicultural Services
- Noted the updated Joint Use Libraries Guidelines
- Noted the Learning and Development Strategy
- Noted progress of current statewide projects (see Research Programs following).
- Noted an update on planning for the 75th Anniversary of the Library Act 1939.

Further information will be shared on these projects as they develop.

The meeting minutes will be available on the State Library website following their noting by the Library Council.

The Committee's next meeting will be held on 1 December at the State Library followed by a joint meeting with Library Council.

Previous PLCC minutes are available at:

<http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/services/public-libraries/committees/plcc/minutes.html>

Contact: Cameron Morley

Revitalising Regional Libraries

Needs assessments have commenced. This year the following councils will receive needs assessments and funds under the program: Bombala, Coolamon, Cooma-Monaro, Cootamundra, Corowa, Dubbo, Goulburn-Mulwaree, Greater Hume, Gundagai, Junee, Lake Macquarie, Liverpool Plains, Lockhart, Narrabri, Narromine, Shellharbour, Snowy River, Tamworth Regional, Temora, Tumbarumba, Tumut, Upper Lachlan, Uralla, Urana, Wagga Wagga, Walcha, Warrumbungle, and Wellington.

Tech Savvy Seniors

The NSW Government/Telstra partnership has been the impetus and funder of the Tech Savvy Seniors training program offered in NSW public libraries in 2013/14. Over 5,000 people were trained in NSW public libraries last year. A fresh round of grant funding for selected libraries has just been offered. Thirteen library services in 22 locations are involved in round 2. It is anticipated that a further funding round – round 3 - will become available early in 2015.

Contact Anne Doherty

Public Library Services – Social media

Please add the hashtag #nswpubliclibraries to your library photographs on Flickr, Instagram and Pinterest, and include it in tweets about your library. Several libraries are already active in this area, and it would be lovely to see more libraries using this hashtag to connect with each other. If the images are to do with the 75th anniversary of the Library Act, please include the #LibraryAct75th hashtag as well.

Public Library Network Research Program 2014/15

Early Literacy Framework

A partnership with Macquarie University has been agreed for a project that will research programs provided for children under 5 in NSW public libraries. The aim of the project is to establish best practice guidelines for NSW public libraries for services to under 5s with a focus on early literacy development.

Contact : Mylee Joseph

Regional Library Models research project

The UTS Centre for Local Government has been engaged to assist with the Regional Library Models research project, which will investigate and recommend management models for public library cooperation and collaboration.

Contact: Cameron Morley

Community Information Audit

Objectives

- To explore the current role of libraries in providing community information
- To identify the number of NSW public libraries generating and providing access to community information.
- To identify the resources required to provide community information in libraries
- To identify current service models for community information in libraries
- To explore the value of community information provisions provided by public libraries

Contact: Ellen Forsyth

Mobile and Outreach Services

Objectives

- To identify current mobile and outreach models in NSW public libraries
- To analyse usage of the services
- Publish good practice guidelines for NSW library mobile and outreach services

Contact: Kate O'Grady

Non-fiction

Objectives

- To identify the current nonfiction usage patterns across NSW public libraries
- To identify factors which affect usage of nonfiction collections in NSW public libraries
- Develop good practice guidelines for nonfiction collection development, display, access and collection evaluation

Contact: Ellen Forsyth

Readers Advisory Services in NSW public libraries

Objectives

- To explore the current role of libraries in providing readers advisory services
- To identify the range of readers advisory services across the state
- To identify current service models for readers advisory services in libraries
- Develop good practice guidelines for readers advisory services in libraries

Contact: Ellen Forsyth

Ebooks and ereaders in NSW public libraries

Objectives

- To identify the current ecollection usage patterns across NSW public libraries, by format – ebooks, eaudio, emagazines
- To identify factors which affect usage of ecollections in NSW public libraries
- Develop good practice guidelines for ecollection development, display, access and collection evaluation
- To identify current ereader/tablet usage patterns across NSW public libraries
- To identify factors which affect usage of ereaders/tablets in NSW public libraries
- Develop good practice guidelines for ereaders/tablets and their evaluation

Contact: Ellen Forsyth

Celebrating 75 years of free public libraries in NSW: Library Act 1939 anniversary

2014 is the 75th anniversary of the Library Act 1939 and the State Library of New South Wales is inviting public libraries across the state to celebrate.

The NSW Library Act was passed by State Parliament on 3 November 1939. This landmark legislation led to the provision of free public library services for the people of NSW. Seventy five years later, public libraries are going strong, with 369 libraries across the state, 3.2 million members (that's 44% of the population), 46 million loans per annum and over 35 million people visiting libraries each year.

We have set up a Tumblr blog <http://libraryact75th.tumblr.com/> to post and share content to mark the 75th anniversary of the Library Act 1939 and celebrate 75 years of public libraries in NSW. We encourage NSW public libraries to visit the blog and share stories and photos of your libraries. You can do this by using the “submit” button on the blog.

We have digitised some photographs of NSW public libraries from the 1940s-80s from the State Library Corporate Records and shared them on our *Celebrating 75 years Pinterest board* <http://www.pinterest.com/slnswpls/celebrating-75-years/>. You can share historical photographs of your library by pinning them to this board. To do this you will need to follow the board, and then we will invite you to pin.

Bookings are now open for [Libraries for the People: The 11th Australian Library History Forum](#) at the State Library of NSW on 18-19 November 2014.

As part of our celebration program for the 75th anniversary of the NSW Library Act 1939, this year's forum will focus on the development of public libraries in Australia. Speakers include current and former library staff, consultants, academics

and researchers. Topics include governance and legislation, personalities, services to indigenous communities, library referenda and public library predecessors and competitors.

A full program and booking information is available (bookings \$220) at: http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/events/events_talks/events/libraries_for_the_People.html

Audiences in the past have included a wide range of people with an interest in libraries and books, including librarians, historians, library educators, students and library 'friends'.

Find out about events to celebrate this anniversary on our website. http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/services/public_libraries/professional_development_events/library_act_anniversary.html

Contact: Edwina Duffy

World War One Program

Through 2014 to 2019 the Library will take its World War 1 collections on site, on tour and online to tell our stories, and to listen to your stories. At the heart of our commemorations will be our diaries, completely digitised, transcribed and available online. Here people will also be able to contribute their own stories. In early 2015 public libraries, regional museums and regional galleries will be able to express interest in hosting State Library exhibitions and curator talks. The program was launched to the public on 11 November 2013.

We have set up a Pinterest board where you can share your programs and events about the centenary of World War One. The board is here <http://www.pinterest.com/slswpls/wwi-in-nsw-public-libraries/> You can share photographs of the events and programs by pinning them to this board. To do this you will need to follow the board, and then we will invite you to pin. We will be inviting NSW libraries, and councils to pin.

Contact: Brooke Hutchison

NSW.net

Discovery Tools – EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) trials at Fairfield and Blacktown libraries completed. Met with EBSCO to discuss trial results for EDS and consortia opt-in offer pricing.

Consortia Opt-in Offers – All 2014-15 consortia opt-in offers are available for viewing by the NSWPLN: <http://www.nswnet.net/blog/2014-2016-consortia-opt-offers>

Trials - Discussions under way with Oxford University Press regarding a new language dictionary platform and a possible statewide trial in early 2015.

Consortia opt-in offers for Digital Classroom - retracted due to legal issues between Wiley (content creator) and platform partner. Product deactivated globally.

Wiley will re-launch the product in 12 months time. As the offer has only been available for 2 weeks no Public Library had made a payment on the subscription.

Content Working Group - membership review under way, the PLA will be contacted to nominate 3 new representatives. (3 members to be replaced in accordance with the CWG Terms of Reference).

eContent Management Platform - Project in progress. Reviewing the contract between Odilo Tid and pilot libraries, awaiting feedback from Trish Hepworth regarding modifications of the DCL statement of common understanding between libraries and publishers for the purchase of eContent. Trish recommended document review be forwarded to copyright lawyer Anne Falyvin for final review and endorsement. Working on communications strategy.

eLending Kit (ELK) – Completed sessions at Kempsey and Waverley libraries. To conduct session/s at Moree in late September.

EPIC Toolkit – finalising posting the toolkit onto the NSW.net website.

eResources Training – NSW.net facilitated an information/training session for PLN consortia opt-in clients of Library Press Display which was held at the SLNSW on 22 September. 14 public library staff attended. On a monthly basis, NSW.net advises the PLN of the availability of free webinars run by EBSCO Publishing for the Statewide databases. <http://www.nswnet.net/training/blog>

Internet Connectivity – NSW.net continues to provide network upgrade proposals for libraries/councils for subsidised internet connectivity and WiFi hotspot services. Connectivity upgrades completed for the Hills, Hornsby, Cronulla, Miranda, Narrandera, Dubbo (3 branches) and Great Lakes (3 branches). Upgrades in progress for Willoughby, Port Macquarie and Canada Bay. Awaiting signed order forms for Dubbo and Marulan and obtaining a quote for Auburn.

Migration of Verizon and AAPT services – obtained quotes from Soul, PACNET and a new ISP, iiNet and provided to clients. Verizon has extended the deadlines for service termination to mid October. Cancelled Queanbeyan, Bega, Bourke, Wyoming, Wellington, Great Lakes (3 services) and Robertson services. Installations in progress for Queanbeyan and Marulan. Dubbo is proceeding with their upgrade to Soul.

Revitalising Rural and Regional Public Libraries – WiFi Hotspot Rollout – Year 4 of this program is underway. Sent invitations to participate in the final year of the program to 23 Councils (to provide WiFi hotspots to a possible 44 libraries). Closing date for the invitation is 10 October 2014.

Libraries Act! Card project – Following successful pilots at Great Lakes and Randwick library services, the State Library is developing a registration form on the State Library website for individuals (registered public library clients) who would like to become a member of the State Library using their local library card to access the State Library's eResources.

Contact: Joyce Azzopardi, Manager, NSW.net Services

LIAC and Druginfo

Two combined LIAC and Drug Info workshops were delivered in Tamworth to 24 public library staff and 8 participants from a range of local organisations (family support services, disability advocacy, Legal Aid NSW, mental health support and training and employment services). Very positive responses were received:

An outline of the Tool Kit and its contents was very useful but actually looking up content in the books or online is a great way of teaching us how to best help clients.

The workshops also included a standard drinks interactive component.

As part of the local courts – public library program the Legal Information workshop was delivered to local court staff and a number of community service providers associated with the court at Tamworth Court House. There were 12 participants attended and 100% ranked the quality of the training as excellent or very good.

Although I work with a number of women who may have literacy issues, the workshop pointed out to me that access to knowledge via the library for many of the women will be so empowering.

LIAC and Drug Info training was also delivered to Fairfield Library (20 staff) and Blacktown Library (15 staff). 100% ranked the training as excellent or very good. *The websites and info for both LIAC and Drug Info are excellent. The information is Australian, current, mostly full text, free, easy to access.*

LIAC and Drug Info staff are doing training for Canada Bay Library in October, and are continuing to provide training programs to metro and country libraries throughout the year. LAC is also continuing its program of training local court staff. Training public library staff is part of this initiative.

Hot Topics 87: Domestic Violence has been sent to all public libraries. This issue looks at the prevalence of domestic violence and the legal framework that deals with offenders and victims including AVOs and the court process as well as services to assist victims of domestic violence. This is the last print issue of the Hot Topics series. All Hot Topics are available on the Find Legal Answers website (*Domestic Violence* will be added soon) and future updates will be made online.

The Find Legal Answers Tool Kit and the Law Books for Libraries collections have been updated. Please check the Public Libraries area of the Find Legal Answers website for the latest list of titles and update sheets.

The Drug Info collection update is being sent out now and should be received by libraries in the next week.

Contact: Philippa Scarf

Coming events

Libraries for the People, the 11th Forum on Australian Library History
18-19 November 2014
Contact: Anne Doherty

Digital Repositories: Resource Creation and Management in Public Libraries
Online course plus one workshop day
Fri 24 Oct; Fri 7 Nov; Wed 12 Nov; Fri 21 Nov
Contact Mylee Joseph

Reader Advisory Seminar
18 March 2015
Contact: Ellen Forsyth

Reference and Information Group Seminar
20 May 2015
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Public Libraries Consultative Committee Update

Background

The Public Libraries Consultative Committee (PLCC) is a sub-committee of the Library Council of NSW and meets 4 times per year. Its terms of reference are as follows:

- provide policy advice to Library Council in relation to the provision of public library services in New South Wales
- provide a consultative framework for the Library Council, the State Library and key stakeholders in local government concerning public library services in New South Wales
- monitor the funding formula to provide advice to the Library Council on an annual basis to inform the four yearly review of the formula
- provide advice to Library Council on an annual basis concerning the development of guidelines for Library Development Grants. The Committee does not evaluate grant applications nor allocate Library Development Grants

Members are responsible for providing views to the Committee to assist it to carry out the functions as set out above.

Membership

The members of the Committee are:

- 3 members of Library Council
- 3 Representatives of Country Public Libraries Association
- 3 Representatives of Metropolitan Public Libraries Association
- 2 representatives of NSW LGSA
- 3 representatives of State Library of New South Wales
- 1 representative of Local Government Managers Australia, NSW Division

Current Issues

The PLCC has held two quarterly meetings since the last meeting of the South-West Zone on 30 April 2014.

Monday 14 July 2014 at the Shellharbour Council Chambers, following a tour of Warilla Library.

At this meeting, the Committee:

- Noted the establishment of the NSW Public Libraries Association and congratulated the public libraries on a single association for NSW.
- Noted the process for changes to representation for the new Association on the PLCC.
- Endorsed the draft 2014/15 Public Library Funding Strategy for Library Council consideration.
- Endorsed draft Public Library Infrastructure Grant Guidelines for Library Council consideration.
- Noted a report on the new LIAC service model and expressed disappointment at the withdrawal of funding to the LIAC service by the Trustees of the Public Purpose Fund.
- Endorsed the NSW.net Service Delivery Strategy 2013-16 Progress Report January to June 2014.