



Bland Shire Council
Business Paper
Ordinary Council Meeting
20 October 2015



OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES



ETHICAL DECISION MAKING AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
A guiding checklist for Councillors, Officers and Advisory Committees

Ethical Decision Making

- Is the decision or conduct legal?
- Is it consistent with Government policy, Council's objectives and Code of Conduct?
- What will the outcome be for you, your colleagues, the Council, anyone else?
- Does it raise a conflict of interest?
- Could your possible conflict of interest lead to private gain or loss at public expense?
- Can the decision be justified in terms of public interest?
- Would it withstand public scrutiny?

Conflict of Interest

- A conflict of interest is a clash between private interest and public duty. There are two types of conflict: Pecuniary – regulated by the Local Government Act and Office of Local Government and, Non-pecuniary – regulated by Codes of Conduct and policy. ICAC, Ombudsman, Office of Local Government (advice only).

The test for conflict of interest

- Is it likely I could be influenced by personal interest in carrying out my public duty?
- Would a fair and reasonable person believe I could be so influenced?
- Conflict of interest is closely tied to the layperson's definition of "corruption" – using public office for private gain.
- Important to consider public perceptions of whether you have a conflict of interest

Identifying Problems

1st - Do I have private interest affected by a matter I am officially involved in?

2nd - Is my official role one of influence or perceived influence over the matter?

3rd - Do my private interests conflict with my official role?

Whilst seeking advice is generally useful, the ultimate decision rests with the person concerned.

Agency Advice

Officers of the following agencies are available during office hours to discuss the obligations placed on Councillors, Officers and Advisory Committee members by various pieces of legislation, regulation and Codes.

Contact	Phone	Email	Website
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Office of Local Government	4428 4100	dlq@dlq.nsw.gov.au	www.dlg.nsw.gov.au
NSW Ombudsman	9286 1000 Toll Free: 1800 451 524	nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au	www.ombo.nsw.gov.au

Common Acronyms Used in Bland Shire Council Reports and Documents

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACAT	Aged Care Assessment Team
AFZ	Alcohol Free Zone
AGM	Annual General Meeting
AMP	Asset Management Plan
BFMC	Bush Fire Management Committee
BFMP	Bush Fire Management Plan
BSC	Bland Shire Council
BWW	Business West Wyalong
CASA	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
CBD	Central Business District
CDAT	Community Drug Action Team
CDO	Community Development Officer
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CLRS	Councillors
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
CPP	Cowal Partnering Program
Cr	Councillor
CRO	Community Relations Officer
CSP	Community Strategic Plan
CSU	Childrens Services Unit
CWA	Country Womens Association
DA	Development Application
DAES	Director Asset & Engineering Services
DCCDS	Director Corporate, Community & Development Services
DCP	Development Control Plan
DEMO	District Emergency Management Officer
DEOCON	District Emergency Controller
DisPlan	Disaster Plan (Local DisPlan, District DisPlan, State DisPlan)
DP	Delivery Program
DPI	Department of Primary Industries
EA	Executive Assistant
EAP	Employee Assistance Program
ED	Economic Development
EDVETACW	Economic Development, Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee of the Whole
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
EOI	Expression of Interest
ERA	Eastern Riverina Arts
EWSA	Educator Workplace Safety Audit
EWV	Events West Wyalong
FAG	Financial Assistance Grant
FDC	Family Day Care
FFTF	Fit for the Future
FYI	For your information
GIPA	Government Information (Public Access) Act
GM	General Manager
GTAN	Government Training & Assistance Network
GWCC	Goldenfields Water County Council
HACC	Home and Community Care
HR	Human Resources
ICAC	Independent Commission Against Corruption
IPART	Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
IPR or IP&R	Integrated Planning and Reporting
ITAV	It Takes A Village Program
JO	Joint Organisation
K&G	Kerb and gutter
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LALC	Local Aboriginal Lands Council
LBDC	Little Bangs Discovery Club
LCGMCAC	Lake Cowal Gold Mine Closure Advisory Committee
LEMC	Local Emergency Management Committee
LEMO	Local Emergency Management Officer
LEOC	Local Emergency Operations Centre
LEOCON	Local Emergency Operations Controller
LEP	Local Environmental Plan

LG	Local Government
LGA	Local Government Act or Local Government Area
LGNSW	Local Government New South Wales
LIAC	Legal Information Access Centre
LTFP	Long Term Financial Plan
M	Million
Manex	Management Executive
MHDA	Mental Health Drug & Alcohol
MLC	Member of the Legislative Council
MML	Murrumbidgee Medicare Local
MOW	Meals on Wheels
MP	Member of Parliament
MPR	Multi Purpose Room
MR	Main Road
MRU	Mobile Resource Unit
NGO	Non-Government Organisation
NSRF	National Stronger Regions Fund
NSWEC	New South Wales Electoral Commission
NSWPLA	New South Wales Public Libraries Association
NSWRFS	NSW Rural Fire Service
OLG	Office of Local Government
OP	Operational Plan
P&G	Parks & Gardens
PA	Per Annum
PC	Personal Computer
PHaMs	Personal Helpers and Mentors
PSITAB	NSW Public Sector Industry Advisory Board
R2R	Roads to Recovery
Rd	Road
RDA	Regional Development Australia
RDO	Rostered Day Off
REROC	Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils
RFS	Rural Fire Service
RMAP	Risk Management Action Plan
RMS	Roads & Maritime Services
RRL	Riverina Regional Library
RV	Recreational Vehicle
SEDTA	Senior Economic Development & Tourism Advisor
SES	State Emergency Service
SH	State Highway
SRV	Special Rate Variation
St	Street
STW	Sewerage Treatment Works
TVET	TAFE Delivered Vocational Education & Training
USU	United Services Union
VC	Victoria Cross
VIC	Visitor Information Centre
WAPS	Workforce Assessment Plan & Strategy
WHS	Work Health & Safety
WWBC	West Wyalong Bowling Club
WWFHG	West Wyalong Family History Group



Council Meeting Agenda

20 October 2015

commencing at 6:30PM

1.0 INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

("Pause for Reflection").

2.0 ATTENDANCE

2.1 Councillors

Cr P Grellman

Cr L Hampton

Cr K Keatley

Cr T Lord

Cr L McGlynn

Cr B Monaghan

Cr L Pike

Cr P Templeton

2.2 Staff

General Manager – Ray Smith

Director Asset & Engineering Services – Will Marsh

Director Corporate, Community & Development Services – Adele Casey

Executive Assistant – Julie Sharpe

2.3 Apologies

Cr N Pokoney

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 15 September 2015

- **Confirmation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 15 September 2015 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

- **Corrections**

- **Business Arising**

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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

Councillor/Officer	Item	Nature of Interest

5.0 PUBLIC FORUM

6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE

7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

8.0 DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

9.0 STAFF REPORTS

That the Council receive the staff reports.

Section 2 – Office of the General Manager *(reports for decision)*

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10.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

11.0 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

- Matters to be dealt with arising out of the proceedings of former meetings of the Council
- Other Matters

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

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

14.0 CLOSE OF THE MEETING

SECTION 1 – DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

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

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

Officer's Recommendation:

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

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

Committee	Date/s	Minutes attached
Access Advisory Committee (Cr Grellman)	6 th November 2015	
Australia Day Awards Committee of the Whole (Whole of Council)	1 st December 2015	
Australian Rural Roads Group Inc (Cr Grellman)	16th June 2015	
Bland Rural Fire District Zone Liaison Committee (Cr Keatley, Cr Grellman - alternate)		
Bland – Temora RFS Zone Bushfire Management Committee (Cr Keatley, Cr Grellman - alternate)		
Country Mayors Association of NSW (Mayor & General Manager)	5 th November 2015	
Cowal Gold Project Community Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee (CEMCC) (Mayor Pokoney, Deputy Mayor Cr McGlynn - alternate, Cr Hampton - observer)	9 th September 2015 2 nd December 2015	✓
Cultural Advisory Committee (Cr McGlynn, Cr Keatley)	23 rd November 2015	
Goldenfields Water County Council Board (Cr Templeton)	27 th August 2015 22 nd October 2015	✓
Heritage Advisory Committee (Cr McGlynn, Cr Grellman)	7 th October 2015	

Lake Cowal Gold Mine Closure Advisory Committee <i>(Mayor Pokoney, Deputy Mayor Cr McGlynn, GM)</i>		
Internal Audit Committee <i>(Cr Templeton, Cr Monaghan)</i>		
Local Traffic Advisory Committee <i>(Mayor Pokoney, Cr Grellman - alternate)</i>	1 st December 2015	
Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network <i>(Cr Monaghan)</i>	8 th October 2015	
Museums Advisory Committee <i>(Cr Lord, Cr Keatley)</i>		
Newell Highway Taskforce <i>(Cr Lord)</i>		
NSW Association of Mining Related Councils <i>(Cr McGlynn, Cr Hampton)</i>	13 th August 2015 13 th November 2015	
Plant Committee <i>(Cr Grellman, Cr Templeton, Cr Lord)</i>		
Public Libraries NSW South-West Zone		
Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) <i>(Mayor Pokoney)</i>		
Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee <i>(Cr Lord, Cr Monaghan - alternate)</i>	28 th October 2015	
Riverina Regional Tourism <i>(Cr Lord)</i>		

MINUTES OF MEETING

COWAL GOLD OPERATION COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CEMCC)

Wednesday 3 June 2015

9.00 am – Cowal Gold Mine

Minutes taken by: Elliot Willemsen-Bell

Attendees:

Independent Chair:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)
Evolution:	Garry Pearson (GP), Elliot Willemsen-Bell (EWB), Jason Floyd (JF)
Community Members:	Angus Stitt (AS), Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), Dave Carter (DC)
Bland Shire Council:	Liz McGlynn (LM)
Forbes Shire Council:	Graeme Miller (GM)
Lachlan Shire Council:	Graham Scott (GS)
Lake Cowal Landowners Association:	Bruce Dent (BD)
Lake Cowal Foundation:	Dr. Daryl Nielsen (DN)

Apologies: Jenene McGrath, Brian Mattiske, Neil Pokoney, Leeanne Hampton, Ally Coe

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1.0 Welcome</p> <p>Independent Chair, Margaret MacDonald-Hill opened the meeting at 9:24 am.</p>	
<p>2.0 Declaration of Interest</p> <p>Margaret MacDonald-Hill declared her interest as Independent Chair of the CEMCC, appointed by the Director General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure. For record purposes, Margaret advised the committee she is a member of the Mine Subsidence Board. Margaret also declared that she receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council for her work as Chair of the CEMCC.</p> <p>For a full Declaration of Interest for all members, see Attachment A</p>	
<p>3.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Location of meeting shown as Cowal Gold Mine, rather than Bland Shire Council Minutes amended to correct location. Moved by Dave Carter, seconded by Angus Stitt</p>	
<p>4.0 Business Arising from previous Minutes</p> <p>Nil</p>	

<p>Correspondence</p> <p>In 15/7/15 - email NF&O Incident Report from Barrick 15/7/15 - email 2015 IEA from Barrick 21/7/15 - letter and IEA from Barrick 7/8/15 - letter and 2014 AR from Evolution Mining 24/8/15 - email NF&O Incident Report from Evolution Mining</p> <p>Out 26/6/15 - email advice SG departure and thank you on behalf of CCC</p>	
<p>5.0 Reports</p> <p>Garry Pearson provided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operation's Environment Department Activities over the past three months – See the attached presentation for more information (Attachment C).</p> <p>Elliot Willemsen-Bell provided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operation's Community Relations Activities over the past three months – See the attached presentation for more information (Attachment B). He also provided a briefing on the recent acquisition of the mine by Evolution Mining.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Relations under Evolution Mining ▪ Activities since last CEMCC ▪ Complaints/Grievances ▪ RoadSafe September ▪ Upcoming activities ▪ Cowal Partnering Program <p>Complaints/Grievances</p> <p>The 1 complaint received since the last meeting, relating to driver behavior of a Cowal Gold Operation contractor.</p> <p>Cowal Partnering Program (CPP) Applications</p> <p>Following the closure of the CPP bi-annual funding round at the end of August, 25 suitable applications had been submitted range of community groups.</p> <p>There was extensive discussion around individual applications, the application process and opportunities to further engage with the communities of Bland, Lachlan and Forbes Shires.</p>	
<p>6.0 General Business</p> <p>Nil</p>	

7.0 Meeting Closed – 11:02am	
8.0 Next Meeting Wednesday 2 December 2015, at the Wiradjuri Study Centre, Condobolin. Corporate representatives from Evolution Mining will be invited to attend.	

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ATTACHMENT A – CEMCC MEMBERS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Community Environmental Monitoring and Consultative Committee (CEMCC)

Declarations of interest:

Margaret MacDonald-Hill - Independent Chair

- ***Appointed by DG of DP&E, paid via Trust administered by Bland Shire Council***
- ***Member of the Mine Subsidence Board***

Angus Stitt – Community Representative, West Wyalong

- Receives reimbursement of travel costs for attending CEMCC meetings, from time to time

Lucy Buttenshaw – Community Representative, West Wyalong

- Nil

Jenene McGrath – Community Representative, West Wyalong

- Nil

David Carter – Community Representative, Condobolin

- Nil

Bruce Dent – Lake Cowal Landholders Association

- Noise Mitigation Agreement in accordance with Development Consent Conditions
- Receives reimbursement of travel costs for attending CEMCC meetings, from time to time

Neil Pokoney – Bland Shire Council Representative

- Barrick is a ratepayer within the Bland Shire
- Barrick has entered into a Roads Maintenance MOU with Bland Shire Council
- Barrick has provided financial support for certain community events, initiatives, and infrastructure operated by the Bland Shire Council

Graham Scott – Lachlan Shire Council Representative

- Barrick has been a ratepayer within the Lachlan Shire
- Barrick is a customer (subscriptions and advertising) of The Lachlander newspaper, of which, Cr Scott is the Editor
- Barrick has entered into a Roads Maintenance MOU with Lachlan Shire Council
- Barrick has provided financial support for certain community events, initiatives, and infrastructure operated by the Lachlan Shire Council

Brian Mattiske – Forbes Shire Council Representative

- Barrick is a ratepayer within the Forbes Shire
- Barrick pays annual easement payments to the Forbes Shire Council for properties owned by Council

- Barrick pays annual easement payments to entities which Mr Matiske maintains a financial interest in for properties owned by those entities
- Barrick pays an annual fee for Temporary Water Transfer Agreements to entities which Mr Matiske maintains a financial interest
- Barrick has provided financial support for certain community events, initiatives, and infrastructure operated by the Forbes Shire Council

Graeme Miller – Forbes Shire Council Representative

- Barrick is a ratepayer within the Forbes Shire
- Barrick pays annual easement payments to the Forbes Shire Council for properties owned by Council
- Barrick has provided financial support for certain community events, initiatives, and infrastructure operated by the Forbes Shire Council

Daryl Nielsen – Lake Cowlal Foundation and Independent Scientist

- Receives reimbursement of travel costs for attending CEMCC meetings, from time to time
- Director of Lake Cowlal Foundation which receives annual payments from Barrick

Ally Coe – Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation

- Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation receives compensation payments in accordance with Native Title requirements
- Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation is a contractor to Barrick at the Cowlal Gold Project

CEMCC

Community Relations Update

9 September 2015



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Community Relations Update

- Community Relations under Evolution Mining
- Activities since the last CEMCC meeting
- RoadSafe September
- Upcoming activities
- Review of Cowal Partnering Program Applications

Evolution Community Principles

- Everyone plays a role in building positive Community Relations.
- We consider our community impact with each decision that we make.
- We strive to ensure that every interaction with our community stakeholders is positive and aligned with our values.
- We communicate regularly with our stakeholders with integrity in an open, timely and transparent way.
- We work closely with our stakeholders, we share ideas and we actively seek opportunities to collaborate.
- We value our stakeholders, respect their beliefs, backgrounds and aspirations and we strive to achieve outcomes of mutual benefit.

Working with our communities to achieve their future aspirations.

Community Relations Team

Cowal Gold Operations



**Community Relations
Manager**
(VACANT)



**Senior Community
Relations Advisor**
Elliot Willemsen-Bell

Evolution Group



VP Community Relations
Evan Elstein



**Group Manager
Community Relations**
Anika McManus

Each operations site has a Community Relations representative supported by Group

Community Relations

Indigenous Relations & CH protection



Our local communities



Working with our communities to achieve their future aspirations.

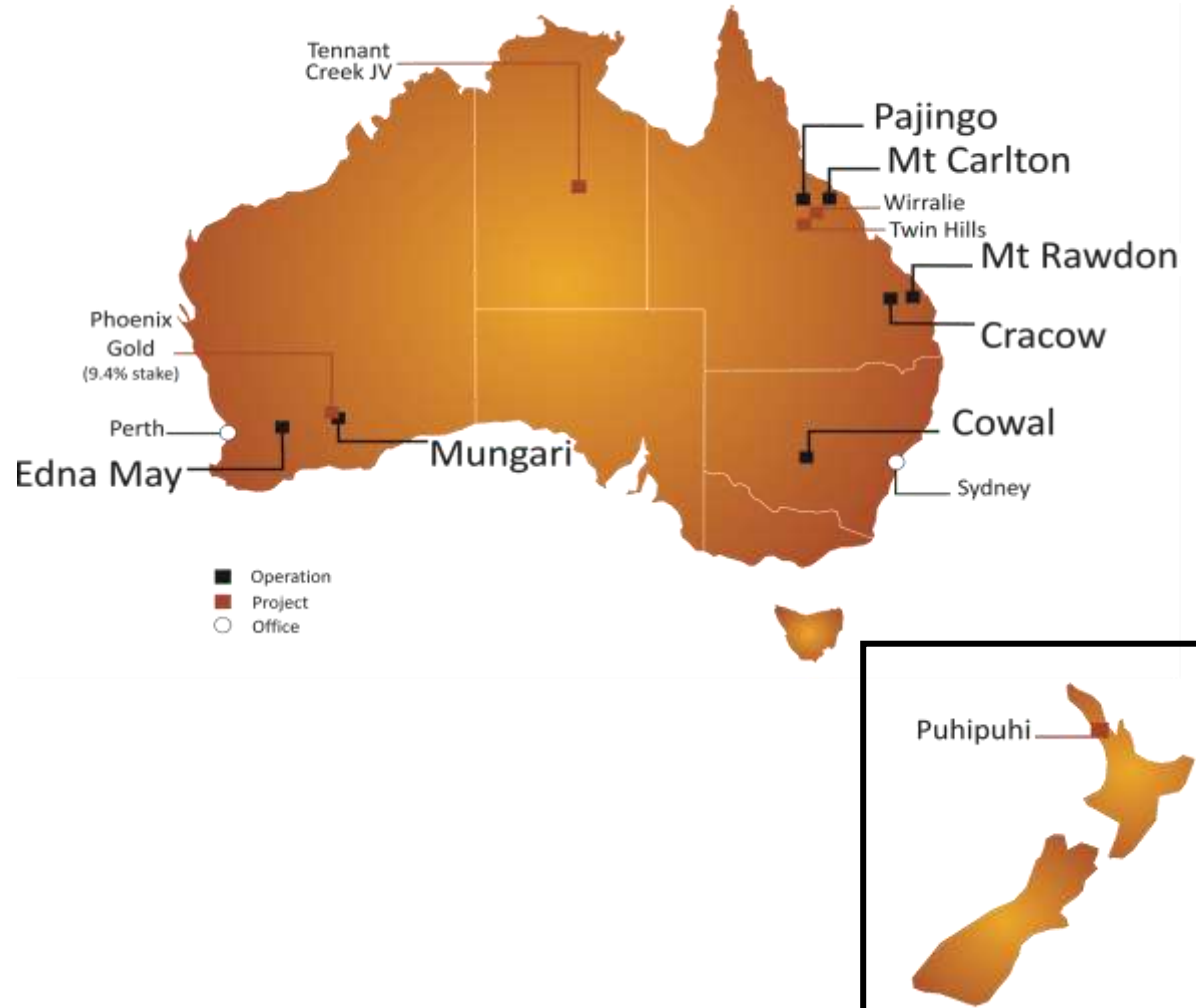
Traditional Owners



Most of Evolution’s operational sites are located on the traditional lands of Aboriginal people.

Indigenous Traditional Owners:

PJO	Kudjala, Birriah
MCO	Birriah
MRO	Port Curtis Coral Coast
CRO	Wulli Wulli
CGO	Wiradjuri
MGO	No registered claimants
EMO	No registered claimants
Tennant Creek	Central Land Council (representing numerous TO groups)
Puhipuhi	Iwi



Activities since the last CEMCC

- Attended Endeavour Scholarship Presentations at Red Bend Catholic College and Forbes High School
- Official “Day 1” – 24 July 2015
- Conducted two Cultural Awareness Training Sessions for employees, with training delivered by the West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council in partnership with the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation
- Conducted three Cowal Partnering Program Information Sessions across West Wyalong, Forbes and Condobolin
- Commenced RoadSafe September activities on and off-site

Activities since the last CEMCC



Official "Day 1"

24 July 2015



\$85,000 Donation to Country Hope



Complaints and Grievances

- 1 complaint received since last CEMCC Meeting related to off-site driver behaviour of Contractor
- Details of complaint:

Complainant A contacted Senior Community Relations Advisor directly to complain about unsafe driver behaviour by a contractor he believed worked at Cowal Gold Mine. Complainant A said that a vehicle “flew past” him and he was unable to get a registration number, but he did see the name of the Contractor. Complainant A believed it was approximately 17:00 on Tuesday 4 August when the incident occurred.

Complainant A was unfamiliar with the area and could not provide a specific location, however he did say it was near a “cross road” intersection. The Advisor requested a contact number so that he may follow up the issue once resolved; however Complainant A did not wish to provide his details and said that he would contact the Mine again in a few days to follow up.

Outcome:

An investigation took place involving representatives of both Cowal Gold Operation and the Contractor. A lack of precise details, such as time and location, made identification of specific vehicle and individual difficult.

The investigation identified all Contractor vehicles which observed leaving the Cowal Gold Operation mine site between 16:00 to 18:00 on 4 August.

The remotely recorded data, including speed and location, of each vehicle was reviewed by the investigation team. None of the identified vehicles were recorded as exceeding the speed limit during the times reviewed.

Upcoming activities

- RoadSafe September
- Family and Community Day – 26th and 27th September
- Commence advertising for Wiradjuri Scholarships
- CPMC and ETBC Meeting with the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation
- School based Endeavour Scholarship program
- Christmas Party

RoadSafe September



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Internal Activities

Road Safety Workshops - TBC

- Delivered at training days by Road Safety Officers from the Bland Shire and Forbes Shire
- Previously very well received
- Dates:
 - 4 September – Mining C Crew
 - 8 September – Mining B Crew
 - 16 September – Mining A Crew
 - 28 September – Mining D Crew

Internal Posters and Email Communications

- Posters feature Cowal employees
- Key Themes:
 - Distracted Drivers Die
 - Country Roads Come with Extra Risks
 - Are You Awake? – Managing Fatigue
 - Sharing Roadways – Pedestrians, light vehicles, special purpose vehicles and machinery

External Activities

“Drive to Survive”

- Delivered to Forbes High School to students in Years 9, 10 and 11
- Previously very well received at West Wyalong High School
- 7 three hours sessions from Monday 14 September to Thursday 17 September

BRAKE Driver Awareness Program

- Education program that targets Year 11 and 12 that is delivered as part of the curriculum
- Currently taught in 120 schools in QLD and is certified by QLD Education
- Program will be rolled out in Condobolin High School and West Wyalong High School via eight 1 hour modules
- 7 September – Parent Workshop at West Wyalong High School

Galmatic Car Maintenance Workshop

- Program to educate students about basic car maintenance
- Delivered in conjunction with Bland Shire Council and West Wyalong High School
- 60 students across Years 10 and 11 to participate
- 9 September – 2 workshops at West Wyalong High School

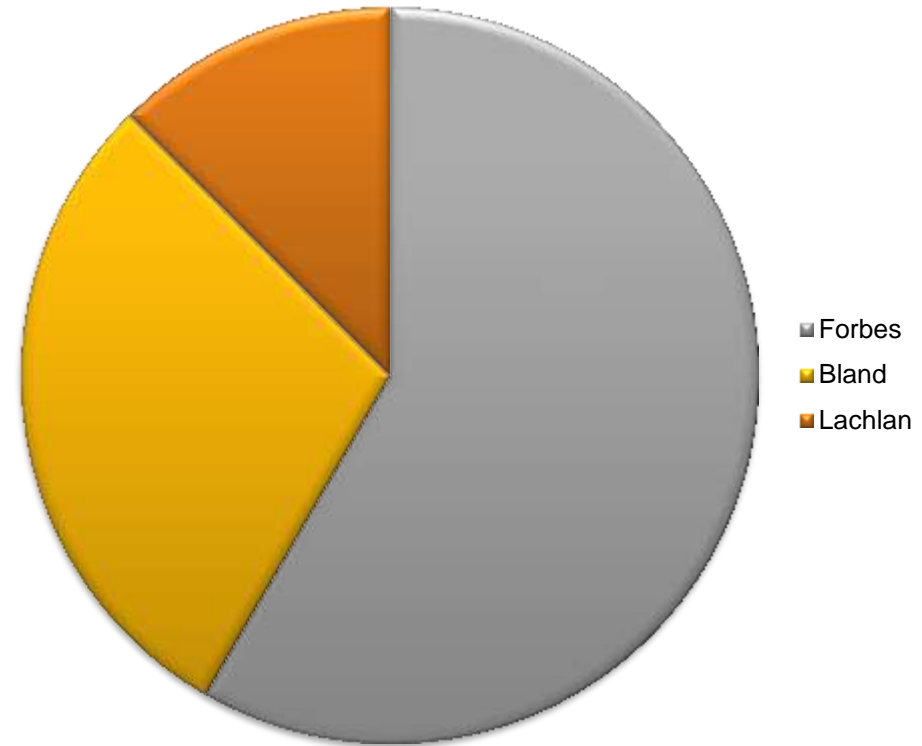
Cowal Partnering Program Round 2, 2015



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Cowal Partnering Program

- 24 applications received – highest number yet!
- Funding requests range from \$1,970 to over \$40,000
- Information Sessions were held in each Shire, with advertising in the weeks leading up
- Large amount of follow up by applicants after the information sessions and prior to close of funding round



Bland Shire Applications

Project name	Organisation	Amount Requested
Soft fall playground matting	West Wyalong P & C	\$ 12,000.00
Solar heating for community pool	West Wyalong Amateur Swim Club	\$20 - \$70,000
Purchase of Community Coffee Shop building	Barmedman Development Association	Up to \$20,000
Seed funding to establish car club	Western Wheelers	Up to \$4000
Easter Tournament	West Wyalong Bowling and Recreation Club	\$ 7,050.00
Bland Shire Triathlon	Bland Shire Council	\$ 7,000.00
Upgrade of School Hall	St Mary's War Memorial Hall	\$ 12,500.00

Forbes Shire Applications

Project name	Organisation	Amount Requested
Forbes Community Indigenous Dance Group	Forbes Wiradjuri Dreaming Centre	\$ 3,100.00
Sound Reinforcement System	Forbes Pre-School	\$ 12,000.00
Connected Learning	Forbes Public School	\$ 6,500.00
Ivel Tractor Restoration	Forbes and District Historical Society Inc.	\$ 8,300.00
Training to conduct smoking sessions	Forbes Aboriginal and Community Working Party	\$ 6,000.00
Upgrade of Spectator Seating at Forbes Tennis Club	Forbes & District Tennis Club	\$ 5,270.00
Bedgerebong War Memorial	Bedgerebong War Memorial Church	\$ 3,000.00
School Shade Sail Project	St Laurence's Catholic Primary School	\$ 7,000.00
Triathlon Gear Trailer	Forbes Triathlon Club	\$ 5,000.00
Purchase of equipment	Forbes Men's Shed	\$ 10,000.00
Upgrade of the Netball Association Canteen	Forbes Netball Association	\$ 16,977.00

Lachlan Shire Applications

Project name	Organisation	Amount Requested
Mining Along the Lachlan	Condobolin and District Historical Society	\$ 1,970.00
Restocking the Lachlan River River	Lake Cargelligo Amateur Anglers Club	\$ 2,500.00
Condobolin Memorial Park BBQ and Upgrades	Rotary Club of Condobolin	\$ 16,500.00

Questions?



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Environmental Management

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Environmental Management Overview

- Environment and Sustainability Policy
- Environmental Incidents
- Environmental Summary
- Government Interactions
- Cyanide Management
- 2015/2016 Look Ahead



Environment and Sustainability Policy



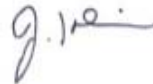
Evolution Mining Limited ("Evolution Mining" or the "Company") is committed to attaining an outstanding level of environmental performance in all of our workplaces.

Evolution Mining shall incorporate environmental considerations into all areas of our business to effectively manage environmental impacts and risks.

Our environmental care and culture will be formed on the basis of:

- Commitment to this Policy, with supportive funding and a belief that the majority of environmental incidents are preventable and controllable with foresight, relevant training, purposeful attitude and appropriate equipment
- Accountability of Management with the support of all personnel to ensure that the workplace and the practices comply with statutory and license conditions
- Implementing leading industry practices and environmental management systems at all levels; including exploration, development, operations, decommissioning, closure and rehabilitation
- Regular assessment of the environmental performance of the Company's activities to ensure compliance with the Company's commitments and conditions; and to report findings to stakeholders, the community and regulatory authorities
- Continually striving to identify opportunities to effectively manage energy and water whilst minimising waste and reducing our environmental footprint
- Increasing awareness of personnel on the potential environment impacts of activities in which we are involved, and how those impacts can be minimised or controlled
- Maintaining appropriate emergency and critical incident response programs, and to notify the relevant authority in the event of any reportable environmental incident; and
- Contribute to conservation of biodiversity and integrated approaches to land use.

Periodical review shall ensure that Company targets and objectives are being achieved in regards to environmental performance.



Jake Klein
Executive Chairman

Issue Date:
February 2015



Environmental Incidents

▪ Reportable Incidents

All incidents related to death of native fauna on the mining lease.

▪ June 2015

- 1 Southern Boobook Owl – bitumen access road.
- 1 Willie Wagtail – on ground near Boart Longyear Drilling Depot shed wall.

Zero (0) native animals rescued - . WIRES.

Pest Control:

- Addressing feral cats numbers.
- Mouse baiting stations continuing. Minimal mice since 2012 mini-plague.
- 1080 Fox baiting resumed 08 September 2014 (blue 1080 chicken wings).
- Pindone baits for Rabbits (green Pindone carrots).

Mutual Aid: Zero (0) requests – - WIRES.

All incidents were reported to Government agencies in accordance with regulatory approvals. Deceased fauna were forwarded to Veterinary Clinic to confirm cause of death. No death was associated with chemical toxicity & no further action necessary.

**BEEP
FOR
BIRDS
Use car
horn to
Scare**



Environmental Incidents

▪ Reportable Incidents

All incidents related to death of native fauna on the mining lease.

▪ July 2015

- 1 Welcome Swallow – on ground at front of Fixed Plant Workshop.
- 1 Nankeen Kestrel – on ground on south Ramp of E42 Pit Haul Road.
- 1 Welcome Swallow – on ground near new Reverse Osmosis Plant Shed.
- 1 Apostlebird – on floor of Elevated Work Platform at start of Day Shift.
- 1 Australian Magpie – bitumen access road.

Two (2) native animal rescued – x2 juvenile Emus. WIRES Calls.

Pest Control:

- Addressing feral cats numbers.
- Mouse baiting continuing. Minimal mice since 2012 mini-plague.
- 1080 Fox baiting resumed 08 September 2014 (none in May 2015).
- Pindone baits for Rabbits (suspended for start of New Year).

Mutual Aid: Nil (0) – . WIRES.

All incidents were reported to Government agencies in accordance with regulatory approvals. Deceased fauna were forwarded to Veterinary Clinic to confirm cause of death. No death was associated with chemical toxicity & no further action necessary.

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Environmental Incidents

▪ Reportable Incidents

All incidents related to death of native fauna on the mining lease.

▪ August 2015

– Nil.

One (1) native animal/s rescued - Spotted Marsh Frog. WIRES.

Four (4) feral animals euthanased – 3.5 kg black cat; x3 juvenile rabbits – WIRES.

Pest Control:

- Mouse baiting continuing. No mice since 2012 mini-plague.
- 1080 Fox baiting resumed 08 September 2014 (none in May 2015).
- Pindone baits for Rabbits (suspended for start of New Year).

Mutual Aid: Two (2) requests – x1 Pied Butcherbird (WWy Motel); x1 Long-necked Turtle (Ungarie Road) - WIRES.

All incidents were reported to Government agencies in accordance with regulatory approvals. Deceased fauna were forwarded to Veterinary Clinic to confirm cause of death. No death was associated with chemical toxicity & no further action necessary.

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September 2015 semi-Fill event



CGO Legal Compliance

NSW DP&E Development Consent – granted 26 February 1999
– MOD11 granted 22 July 2014

NSW DSIRD-DRE Mining Lease 1535 – granted 13 June 2003
– MOP (August 2014 - August 2016) approved October 2014

NSW EPA EPL11912 (last varied 4 February 2015)

NSW Office of Water (NOW) Water Access Licenses

- WAL 31864 (BCPC 3,650 ML)
- WAL 36569 (ESB zero allocation)
- WAL 36615 E42 Pit (366 ML, includes lake floor bores)
- WAL 36617 E42 Pit lower MDB (3,294 ML/annum)

Regulatory Inspections

DSIRD-DRE, Orange Inspectorate (11 August 2015):

- MOP (2014 – 2016) and Closure Bond

EPA, OEHL, DP&E-Compliance, LLS-Riverina (17 August):

- Mining Lease 1535
- EPL11912 (last varied 4 February 2015)
- Water Access Licenses
- Offset Areas VPA and Bond



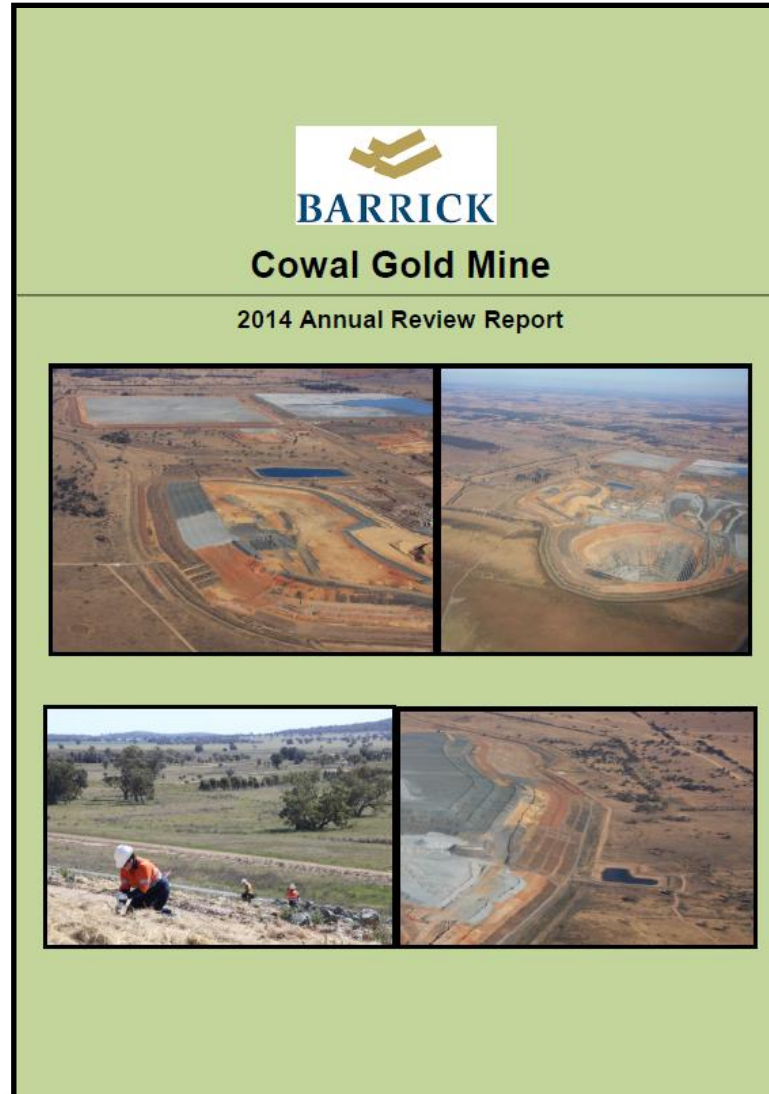
Lake Cowal IMP (27-28 August):

- Site wide performance review visit.

2014 CGO AR – performance review

23 Dec 2013 to
22 Dec 2014.

Ownership changed
24 July 2015.



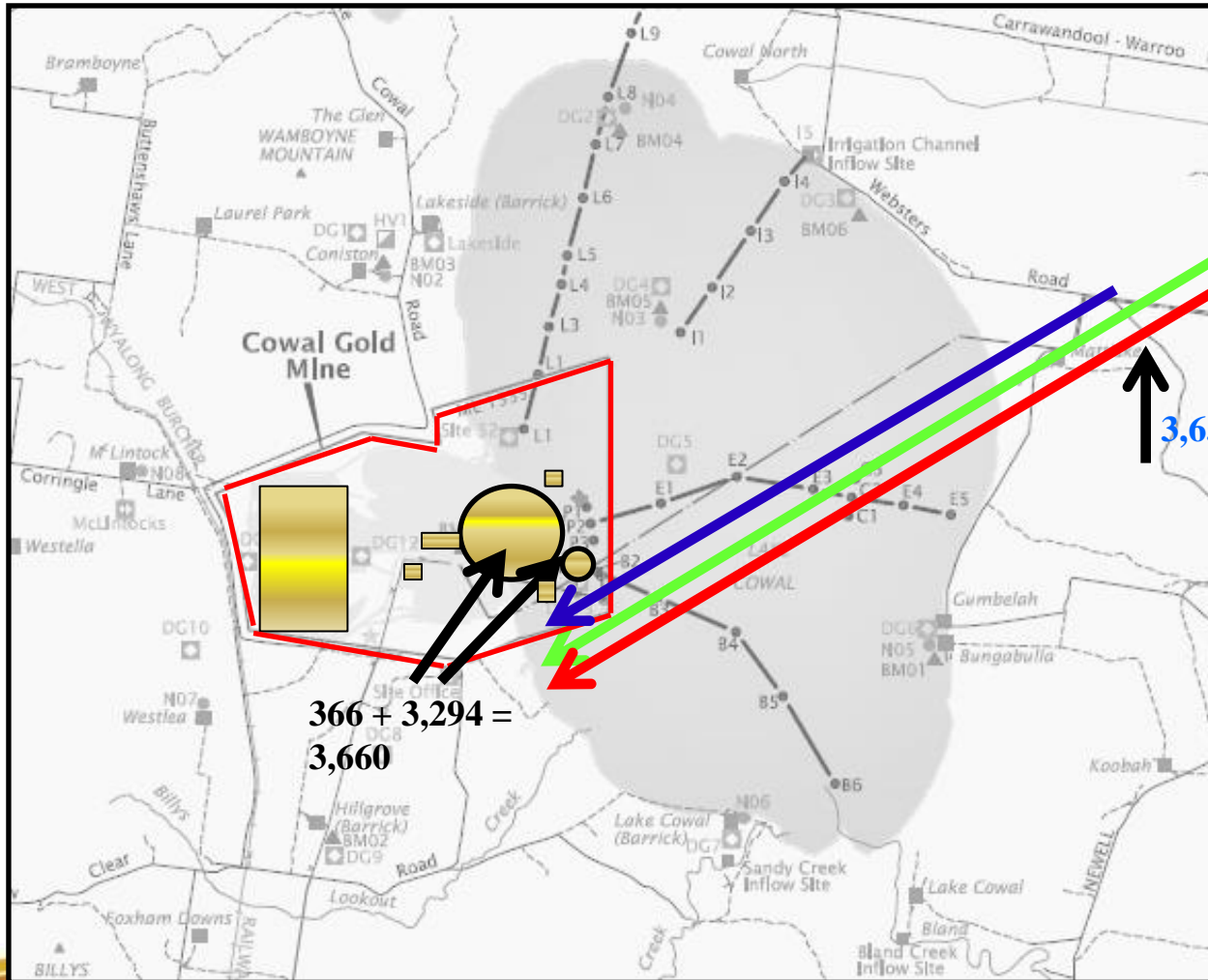
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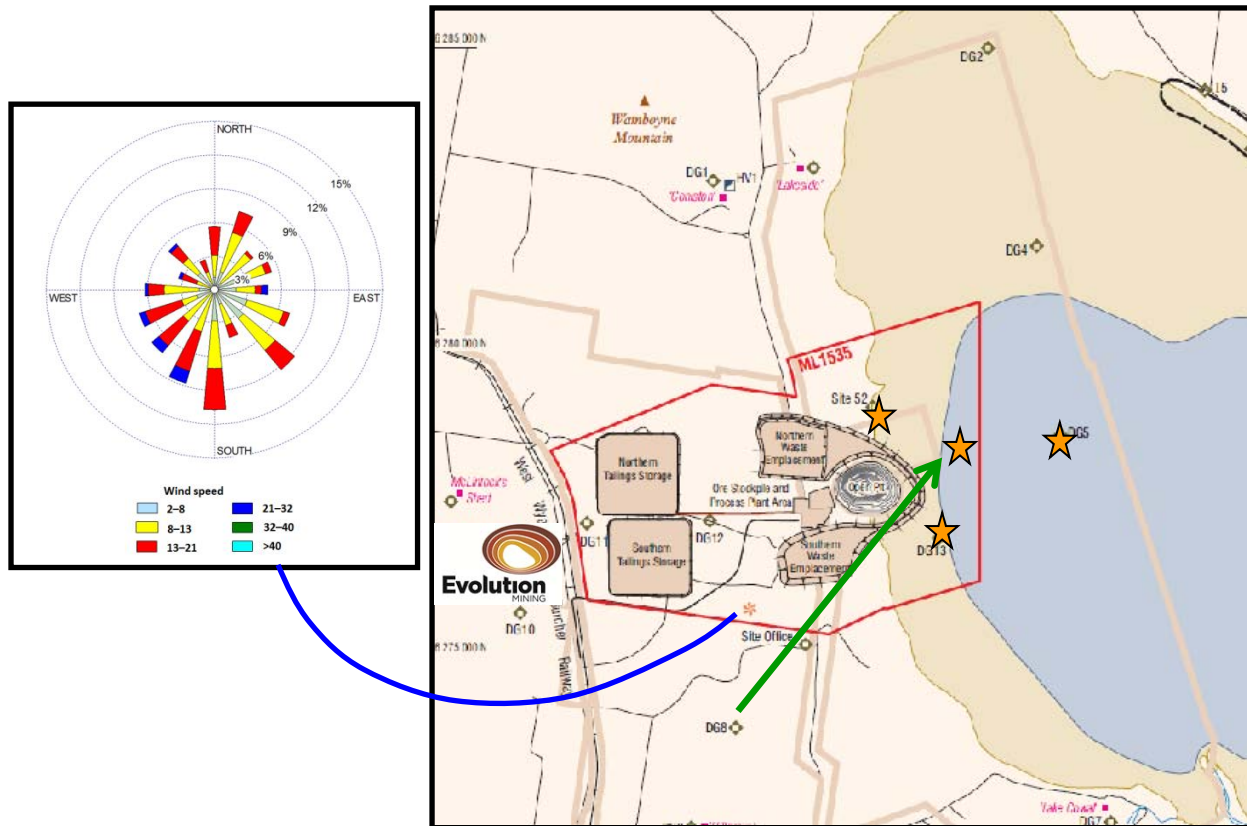
ML & Groundwater Sources

- ESB
- BCPC
- Pit/ Rain
- Reg River



2014 CGO AR

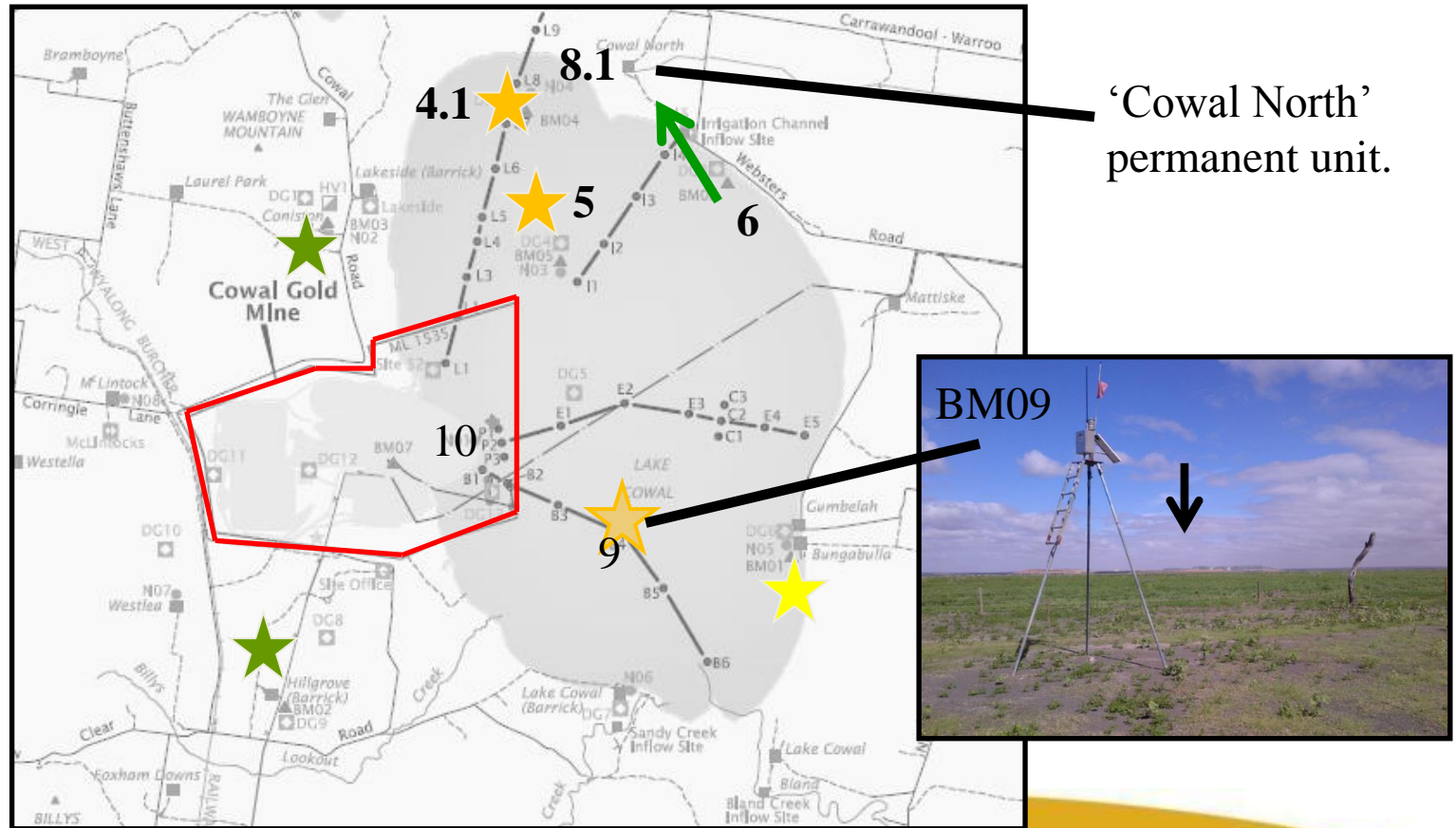
■ Ongoing depositional dust monitoring



Compliance with DC criteria for depositional dust ($4\text{g}/\text{m}^2/\text{month}$) was achieved during 2014

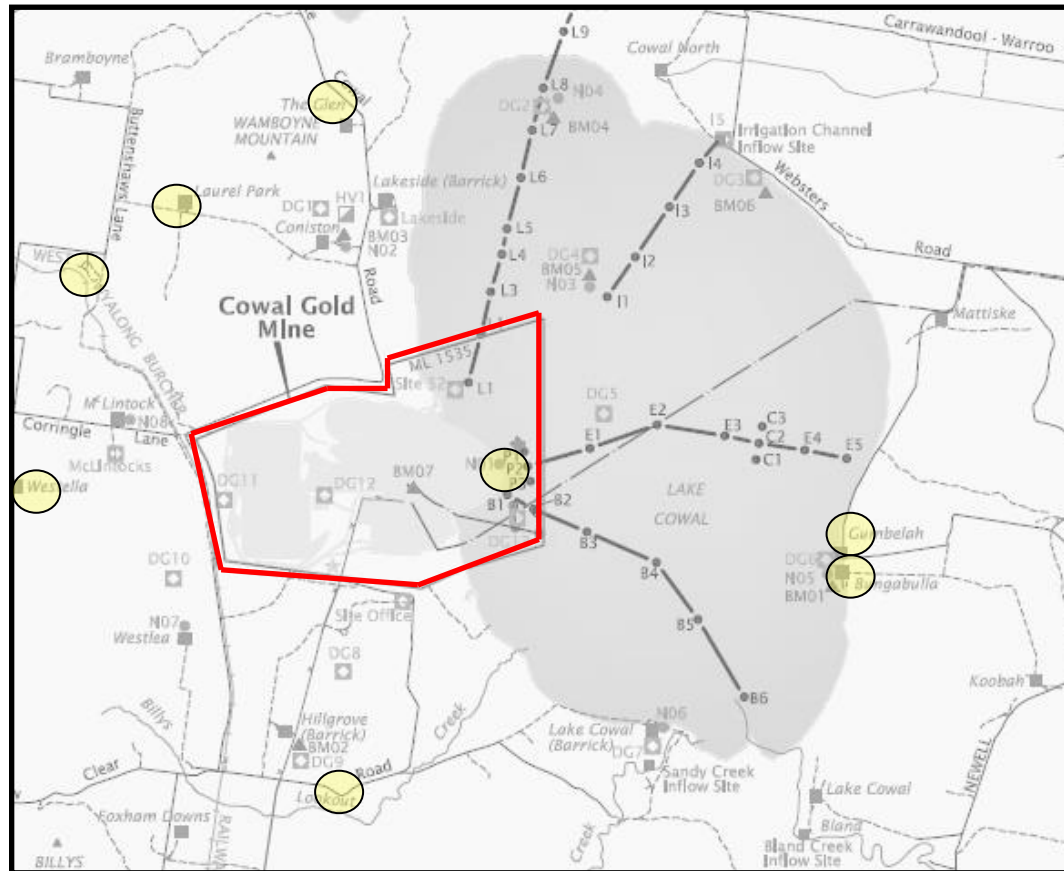
2014 CGO AR

• Ongoing blast overpressure monitoring



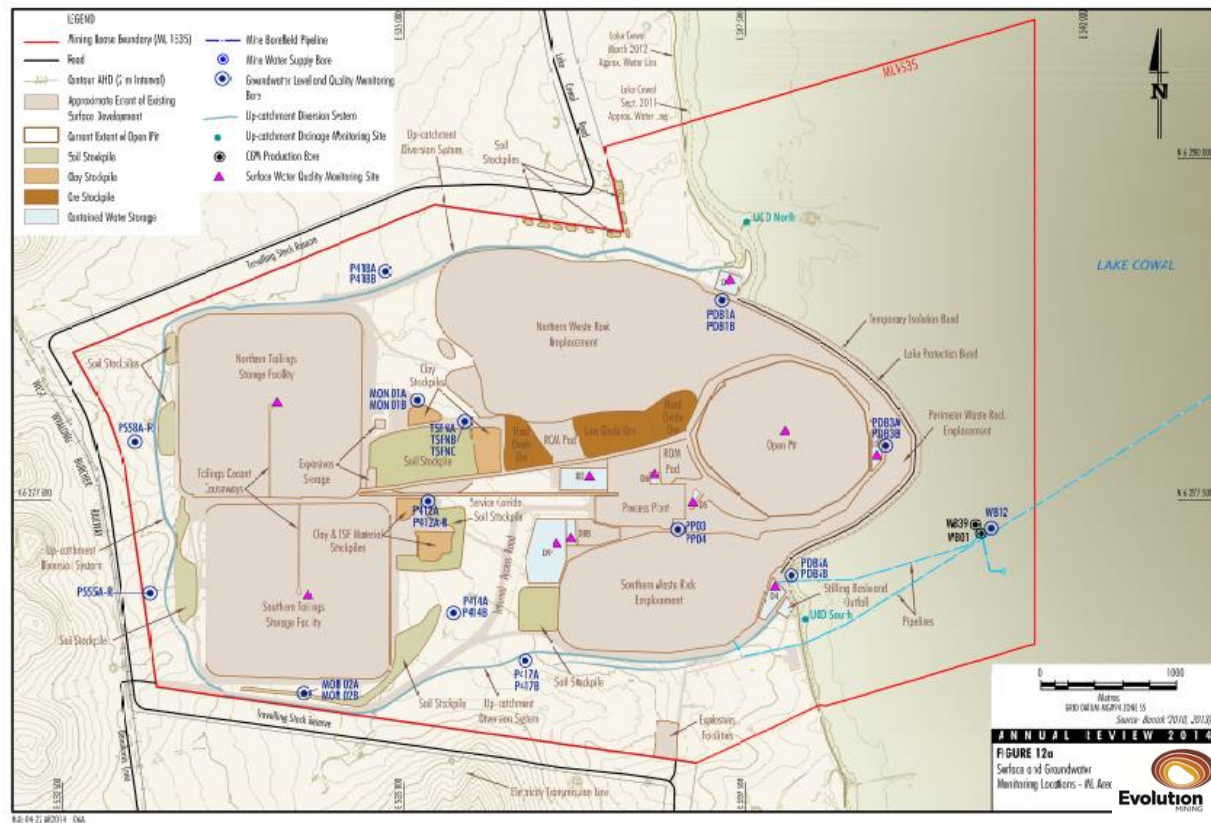
2014 CGO AR

- Ongoing quarterly ambient noise monitoring



2014 CGO AR

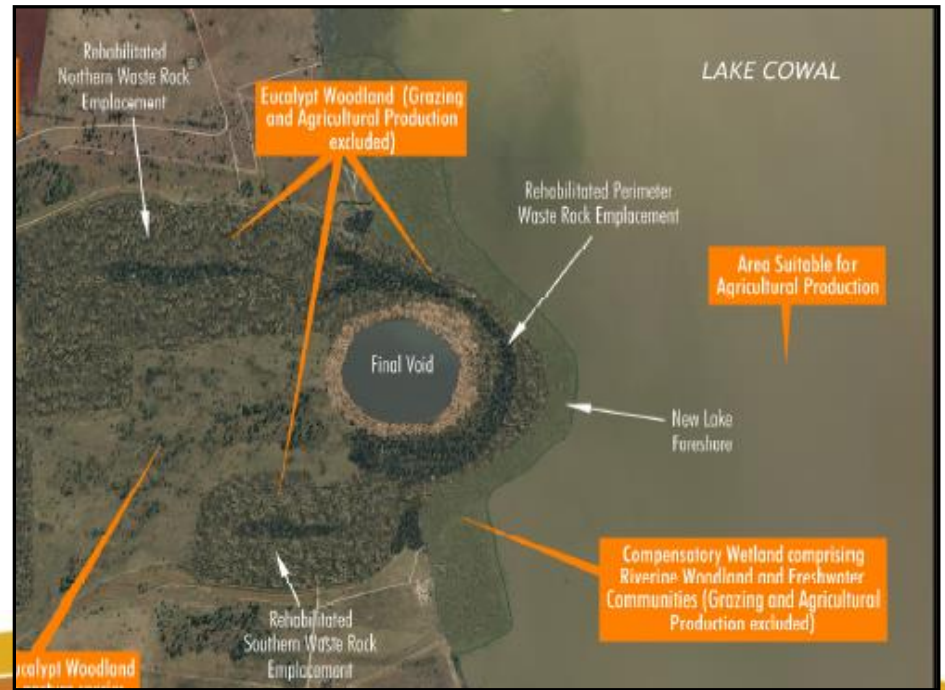
■ Ongoing surface & groundwater monitoring





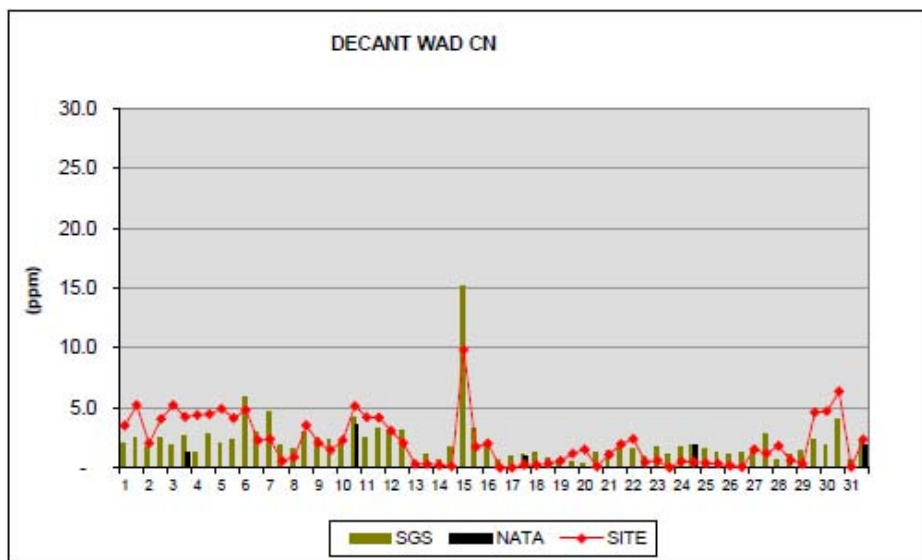
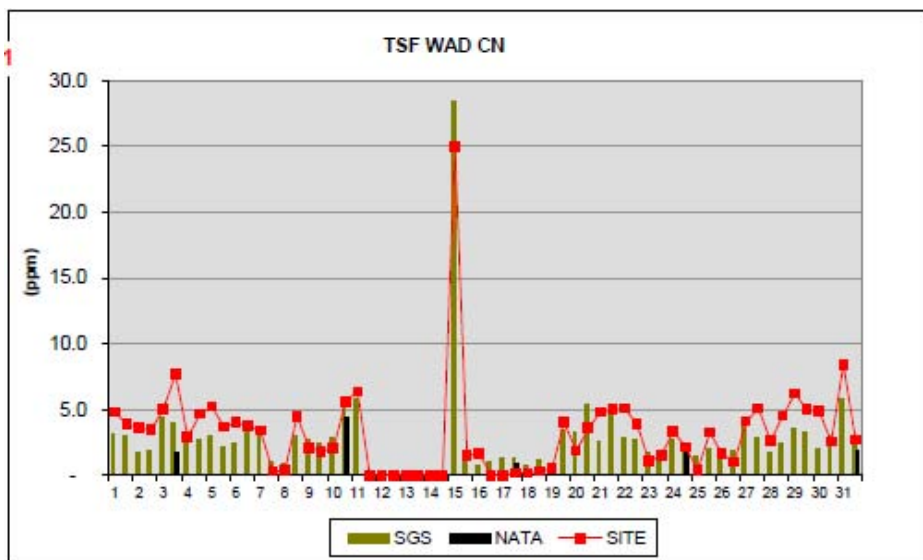
CGO Final Closure Works

- Ongoing rehabilitation and monitoring as per CGO MOP (2014 – 2016).
- NAB and ANZ @ AUD 63.5 million.



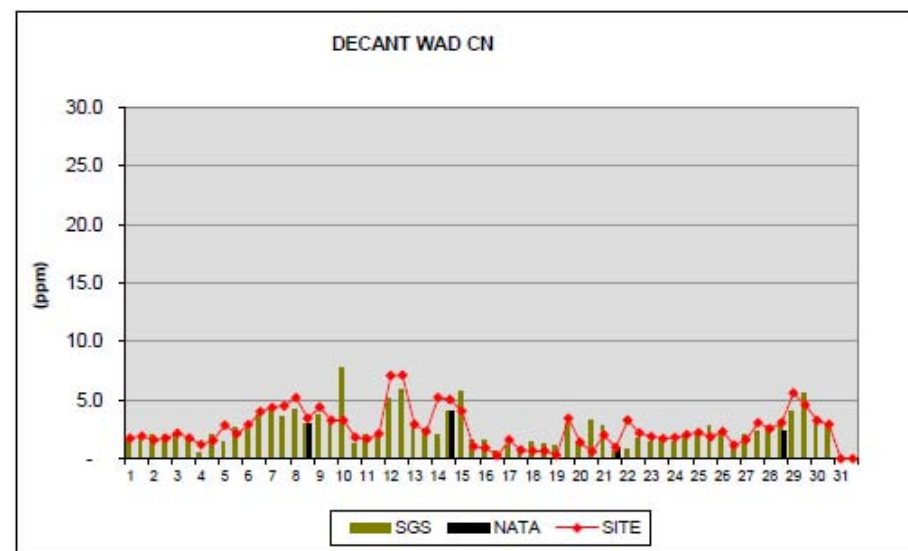
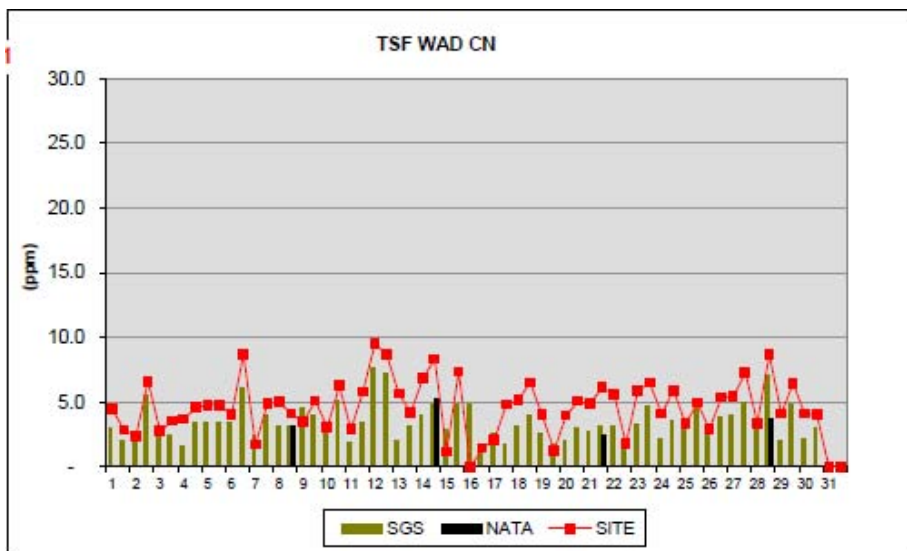
Cyanide Monitoring Results

May 2015 – TSF - Decant



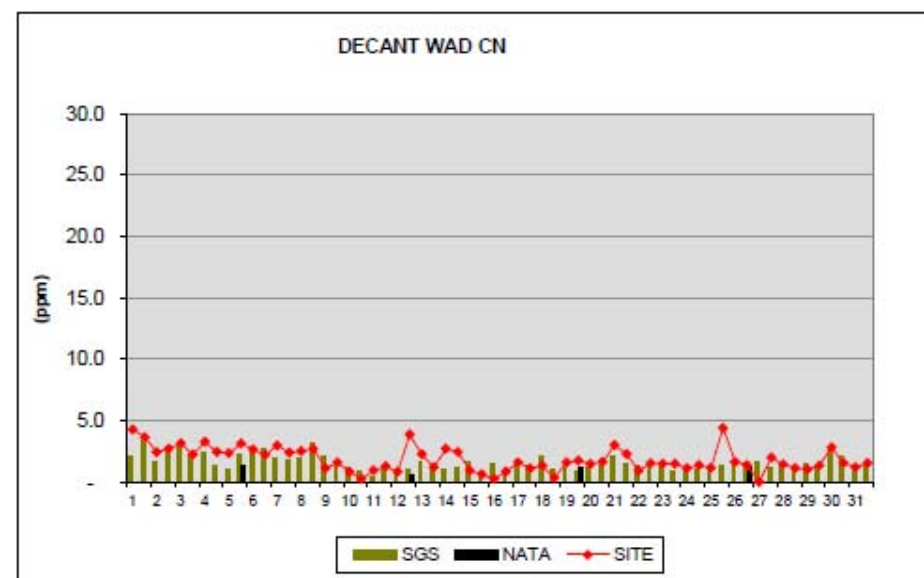
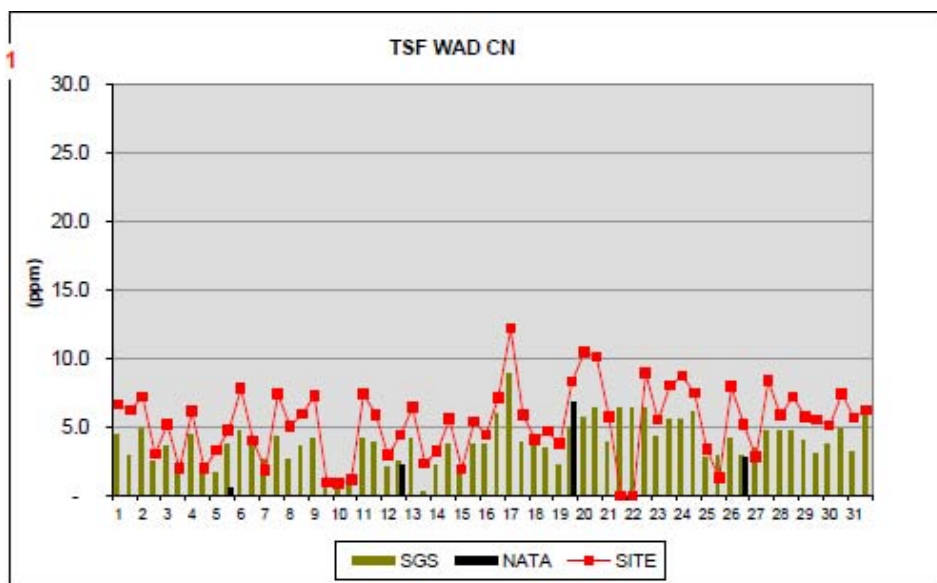
Cyanide Monitoring Results

June 2015 – TSF - Decant



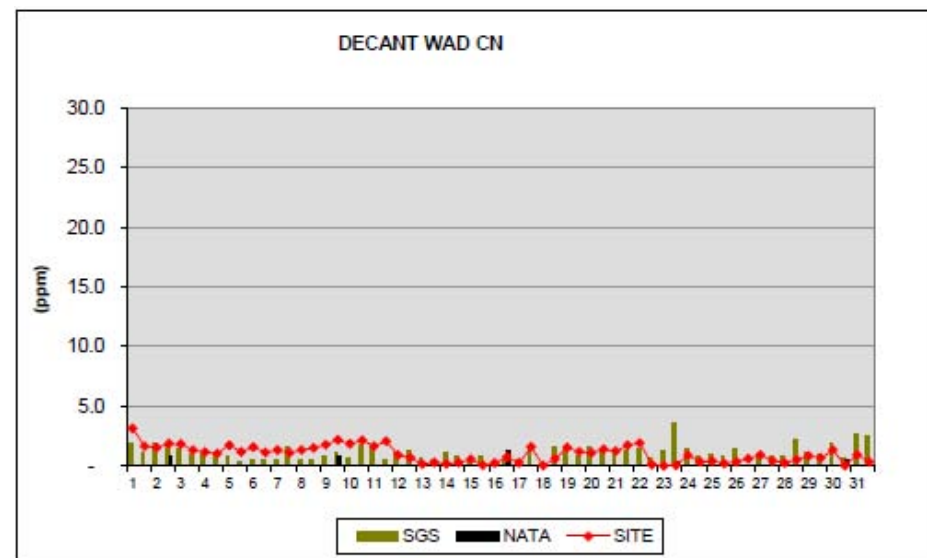
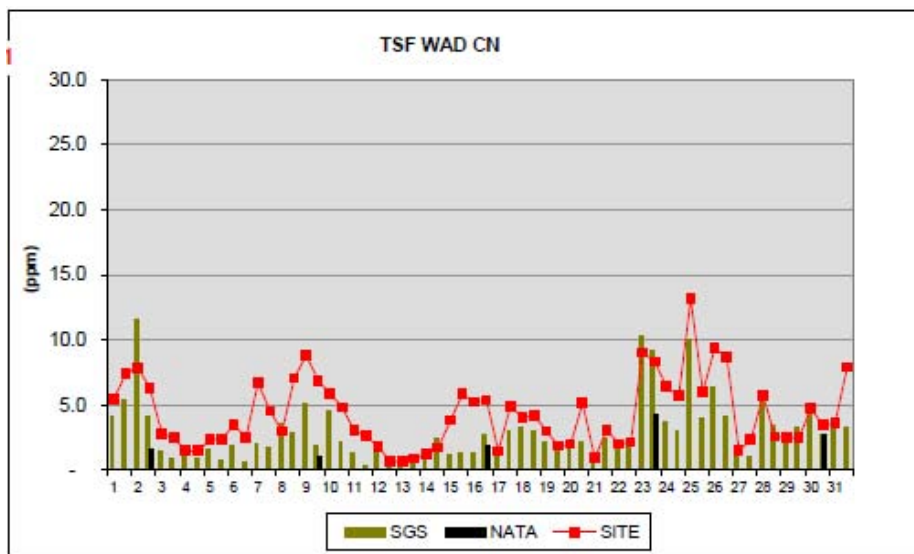
Cyanide Monitoring Results

July 2015 – TSF - Decant



Cyanide Monitoring Results

August 2015 – TSF - Decant





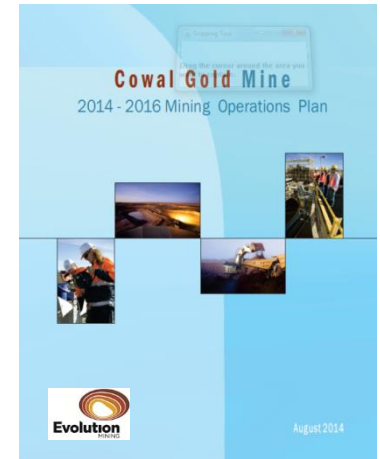
MOD actions status

MOD11

- All EMPs lodged 26 May 2015. Awaiting DP&E
- Offset Areas VPA and Bond by 31 Dec 2015
- Compulsory acquisition of noise affected farms

MOD12

- Nothing yet...Exploring inside and outside ML
- MOD11 H-cutback is presently uneconomical



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Environmental Management
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Cowal Gold Mine 2015

Continual improvement

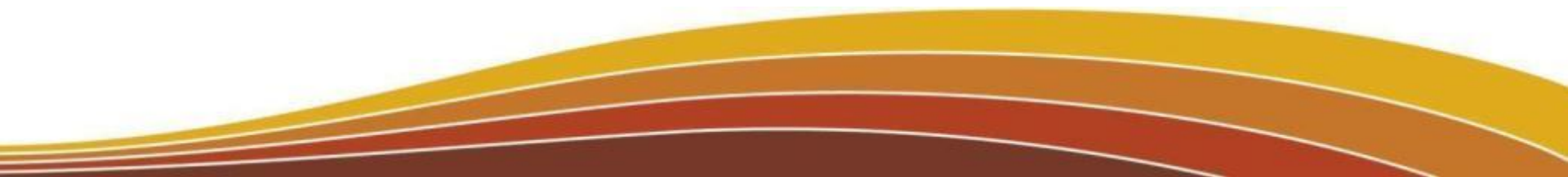
**Cyanide Code (Audit 19-21 Nov 2013)
Re-cert audit 9-12 November 2015**



**Certified to ISO 14001 (June 2013)
Re-cert audit 16-20 November 2015**



Questions of CGO



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**Minutes of the MEETING of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held in
the TEMORA office on 27 AUGUST 2015**

The meeting commenced at 1.01pm

Cr Speirs asked all present to rise for a moments silence in honour of the late Cr McGregor.

15/089 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Clinton that the Chairpersons minute be received and noted.

The Chairperson provided the following minute:

I wish to place on the records of Goldenfields Water County Council a recognition of the valuable contribution to this organisation by the Young Shire delegate, the late John McGregor.

I first met him under the umbrella of Local Government in the 1995 1996 period.

John was the Young Shire Council delegate in a discussion process to sort out the aftermath from the State Government's acquisition of the electricity power and wires business. The leftovers included the water business, and it was not in the best of shape. Despite the departmental advice that there was to be one entity this part of the state to serve water distribution north and south of the Murrumbidgee River, John passionately shared the belief that the future lay in two organisations, one north and one south of the river, and thank goodness that passion was respected by all community representatives at that time.

We had to come up with a suggested name for the entity and John brought the Young Shire experience of goldmining and Lambing Flats into the process. He argued that gold has historic traction for several communities, and when that was combined with the yellow of the hillsides with Cootamundra wattle, and the broad expanses of the newly significant canola crops, we felt that this was truly a region that could rightly call itself Goldenfields.

So when the proclamation was issued in July 1997 to establish Goldenfields Water County Council, John took his place at the table as the representative of Young Shire Council, a position he held for the rest of his life.

He brought to our organisation his unique skill sets of a lifetime in business, with all the associated connections, a passion to eliminate waste within organisations, and an ability to see the merits in someone else's point of view. When you coupled that with John's sense of humour, meetings were never dull or boring.

John was the representative of Young Shire Council first and foremost, always promoting the issues and experiences of his own council. But he also possessed the ability to understand the issues and challenges of other communities within the Goldenfields footprint. He understood and supported the broader issues both locally and across the state, the mark of a true local statesman.

His contribution is sincerely acknowledged; he will be sorely missed.

PRESENT

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

1. APOLOGIES

An apology has been received from Cr D McCann for this meeting.

15/090 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Clinton that leave of absence be granted to Cr D McCann.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Declaration of Interest

Cr Clinton declared a pecuniary interest in item 9.3.7.

Cr Palmer declared a pecuniary interest in item 9.1.7

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 25 June 2015

15/091 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McCann that the minutes of the meeting held 25 June 2015 having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

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

15/092 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that Council consider the following late reports in Closed Session:

Request for Deferment of Infrastructure Charges

IRC & Award Matters

8. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

As above.

9.1 FINANCIAL & PRODUCTION REPORTS

9.1.1 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS (G35507005)

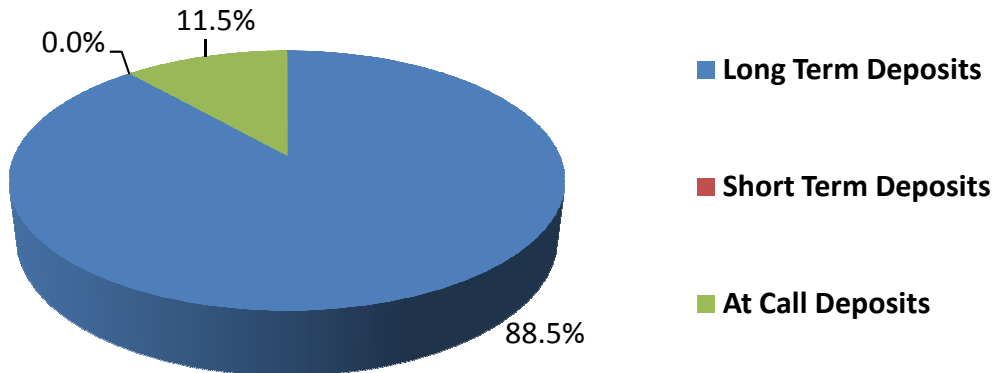
15/093 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Templeton that the report detailing Council Investments at 31 July 2015 be received and noted.

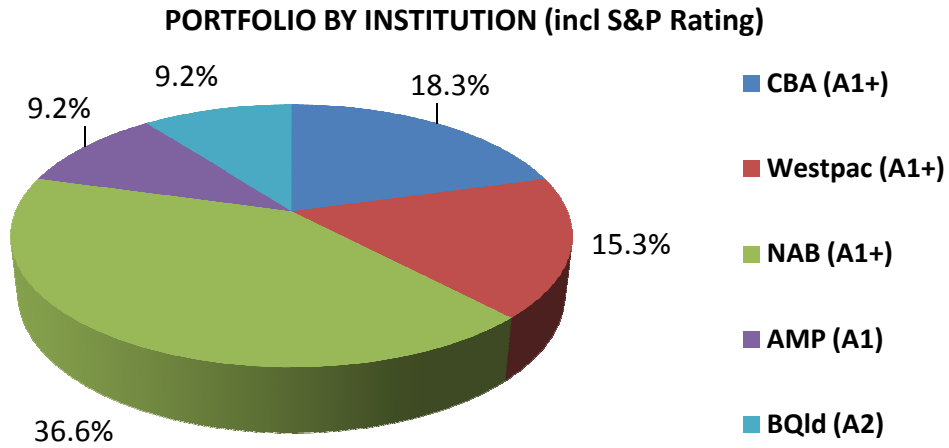
Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

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 31 July 2015:

	Market Value (\$)	Term (days)	Rate	Maturity Date	% of Portfolio
Long Term Deposits	29,000,000.00				88.5%
Westpac Coupon Select Deposit (5yr)	2,000,000.00		3.92%	27/10/15	6.1%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.73%	05/11/17	9.2%
Bank of Queensland	3,000,000.00	1,098	3.60%	05/12/17	9.2%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.70%	04/12/17	9.2%
AMP	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.40%	19/12/17	9.2%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.57%	08/01/18	9.2%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.36%	12/02/18	9.2%
Commonwealth Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.11%	17/03/18	9.2%
Commonwealth Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.06%	20/04/18	9.2%
Westpac Banking Corporation	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.04%	25/06/18	9.2%
Short Term Deposits	0.00				0.0%
	0.00				0.0%
At Call Deposits	3,750,000.00				11.5%
Commonwealth Bank At Call A/c	1,750,000.00	At Call	2.45%	N/A	5.3%
AMP Bank At Call A/c	2,000,000.00	At Call	3.35%	N/A	6.1%
Total Value of Investment Funds	32,750,000.00				100.0%

PORTFOLIO BY TYPE





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

Cash Book balance as at 29 May 2015	\$2,816,040.34
Plus Deposits	
June	\$4,628,141.28
July	\$942,681.69
Less Payments	
June	-\$6,694,294.90
July	-\$1,579,298.82
Cash Book balance as at 31 July 2015	\$113,269.59
Less Outstanding Deposits	-\$2,451.61
Plus Unpresented Cheques	\$235,827.16
Bank balance as at 31 July 2015	\$346,645.14

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).

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.1.2 OUTSTANDING WATER DEBTORS (G35307005)

15/094 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that the report detailing Council's outstanding water debtors as at 31 July 2015 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 31 July 2015:

\$'s	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Access Charges	178,424.55	19,367.84	825,153.63	1,022,946.02
Consumption Charges	399,818.02	43,741.26	1,720,171.55	2,163,730.83
Deferred Developer Char	23,763.00	-	291,236.00	314,999.00
Sub-Totals	602,005.57	63,109.10	2,836,561.18	3,501,675.85
Less Overpayments Received				- 147,131.33
Total Outstanding				3,354,544.52
				Less Bulk Council Accounts Outstanding - 268,659.91
				Less Developer Chg Accounts Outstanding - 314,999.00
Total Outstanding from Retail Customers				2,770,885.61

The April to June quarterly water accounts totalling \$2,421,600.79 were issued 31 July 2015.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.1.3 2014/15 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (G35401005)

15/095 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Templeton that the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015 (including movements in restricted assets) be formally adopted, as presented, for referral to Council's Auditor; once commentary on depreciation and management expenses have been circulated to Councillors for clarification.

The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer be authorised to sign the Statements by Councillors and Management on the preparation of the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015;

The General Manager be delegated the authority to issue the audited Financial Statements immediately upon receipt of the auditors reports subject to their being no material audit changes or audit issues; and

Council present the final audited Financial Statements and Auditors Reports to the public at a public meeting to be held in conjunction with its ordinary meeting in October.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

Council's draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015 are being prepared.

Under section 413 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to refer its draft Financial Statements for audit. The Auditor's Report will be made available to Council after it has formally resolved the referral.

It is envisaged that Council will present its Financial Statements to the public in conjunction with its ordinary October meeting.

The primary statements of the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements (statements subject to audit) are attached. Councillors will be supplied with a complete set of reports, including the Auditor's Reports, before the public meeting.

The draft Financial Statements are included for consideration. It is anticipated only minor adjustments for employee leave entitlements are necessary.

Recommendation

The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015 (including movements in restricted assets) be formally adopted, as presented, for referral to Council's Auditor;

The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer be authorised to sign the Statements by Councillors and Management on the preparation of the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015;

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Council present the final audited Financial Statements and Auditors Reports to the public at a public meeting to be held in conjunction with its ordinary meeting in October.

9.1.4 CARRY OVER OF INCOMPLETE WORKS (G35201005)

15/096 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Morris that the following capital works items be carried-over to the 2015/16 financial year:

<u>Capital Budget Item</u>	<u>(\$)</u>
New Temora Depot	218,800
Mains Replacement – Naradhan-Monia Gap Rd	75,000
Mains Replacement – Cartwrights Hill	6,000
Mains Replacement – Cootamundra – Temora Rd	11,000
Mains Extension –Uley Lane Ardlthethan	181,000
New Scheme-Mandamah	350,000
Pump Stn Panel & Motor Replacement Lonsdale Ln	65,000
Pump Stn Mt Daylight Joint Venture	31,200
Oura Bore Replacement	45,000
Jugiong No2 Hi Voltage Switch & Upgrade	71,000
 Total	 \$1,054,000

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

In order to carry-over incomplete works at 30 June to the new financial year, it is necessary for Council revoke the unexpended portion of those votes.

Below is a list of capital works not completed at 30 June 2015. It is requested that these works, together with the required funding to complete them, be carried-over into the 2015/16 capital works program.

Council programs:	(\$)
New Temora Depot	218,800
Mains Replacement – Naradhan-Monia Gap Rd	75,000
Mains Replacement – Cartwrights Hill	6,000
Mains Replacement – Cootamundra – Temora Rd	11,000
Mains Extension –Uley Lane Ardlthethan	181,000
New Scheme-Mandamah	350,000
Pump Stn Panel & Motor Replacement-Lonsdale Ln	65,000
Pump Stn Mt Daylight Joint Venture	31,200
Jugiong No2 Hi Voltage Switch & Upgrade	71,000

The above works were planned or in progress @ 30 June

Council programs reliant on third parties:

Oura Bore Replacement	45,000
To remove bore casing and screen.	

These capital works are to be funded from the Infrastructure Reserve (internal restriction) and will be reflected in the September quarterly budget review.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.1.5 WATER PRODUCTION UPDATE (G95809505)

15/097 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that the reports detailing Council's water production status be received and noted.

Report prepared by Senior Revenue Officer

The attached graph shows water production comparatives between 2014/15, last year and the sale's estimate for Council's two main water sources, Jugiong and Oura to the end of June 2015.

Oura production is down 4.6% compared to 2014/15, while Jugiong is 9.3% higher. Overall yearly production was 2.4% higher compared to 2013/14.

Also attached are Jugiong and Oura production for July which are in line with July 2014 production.

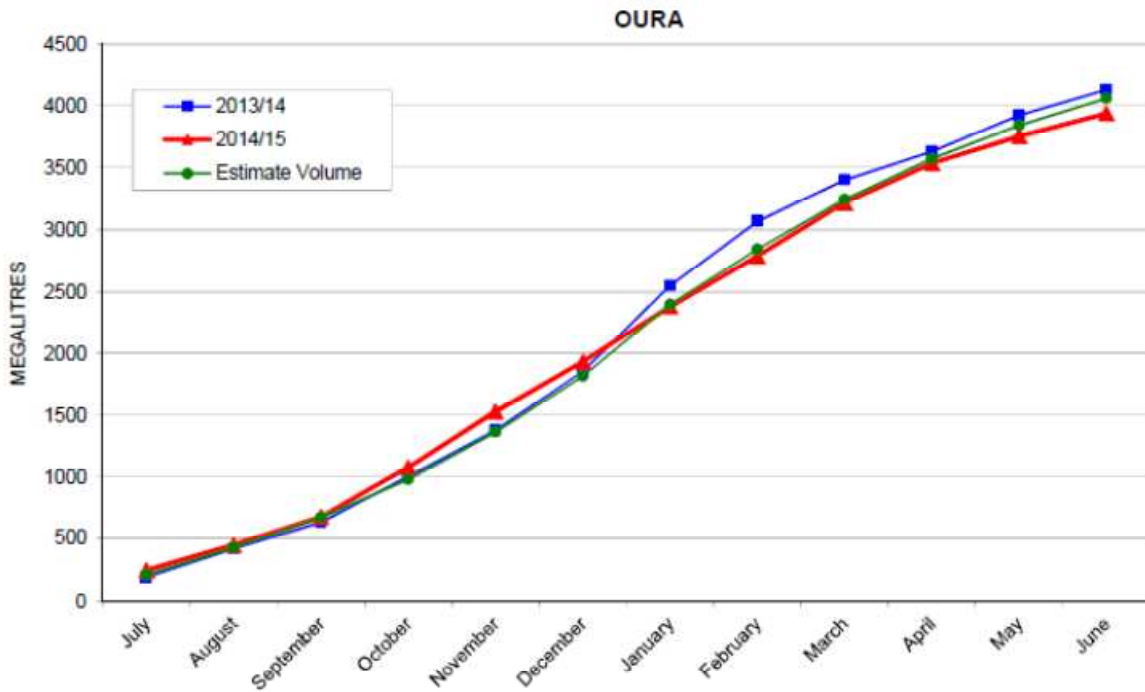
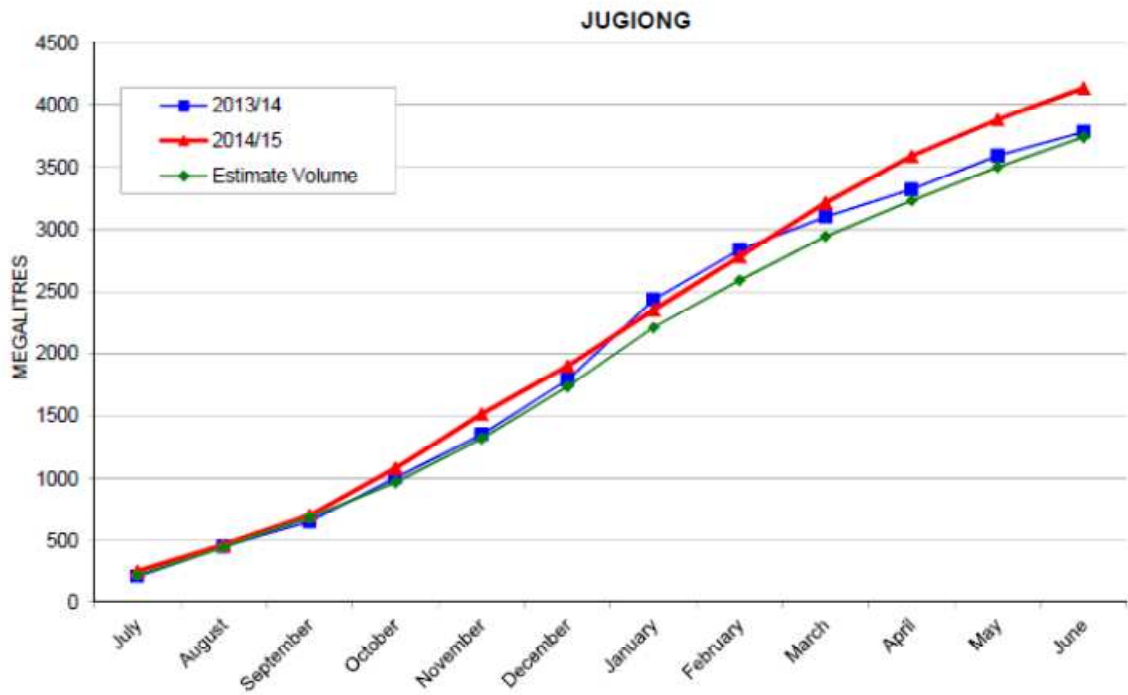
Recommendation

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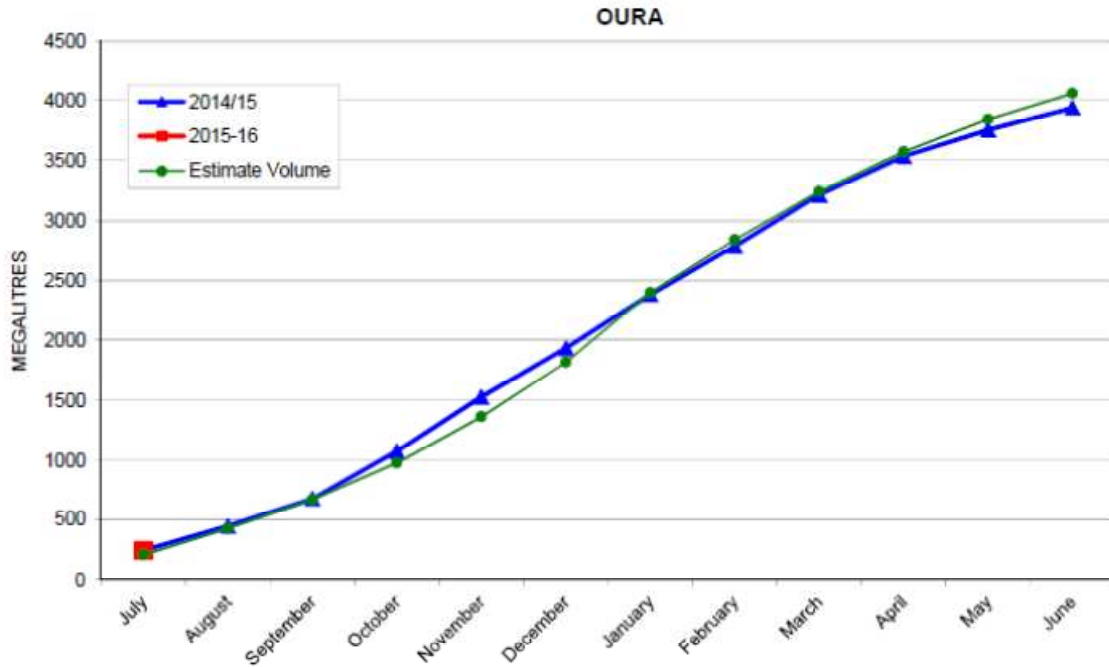
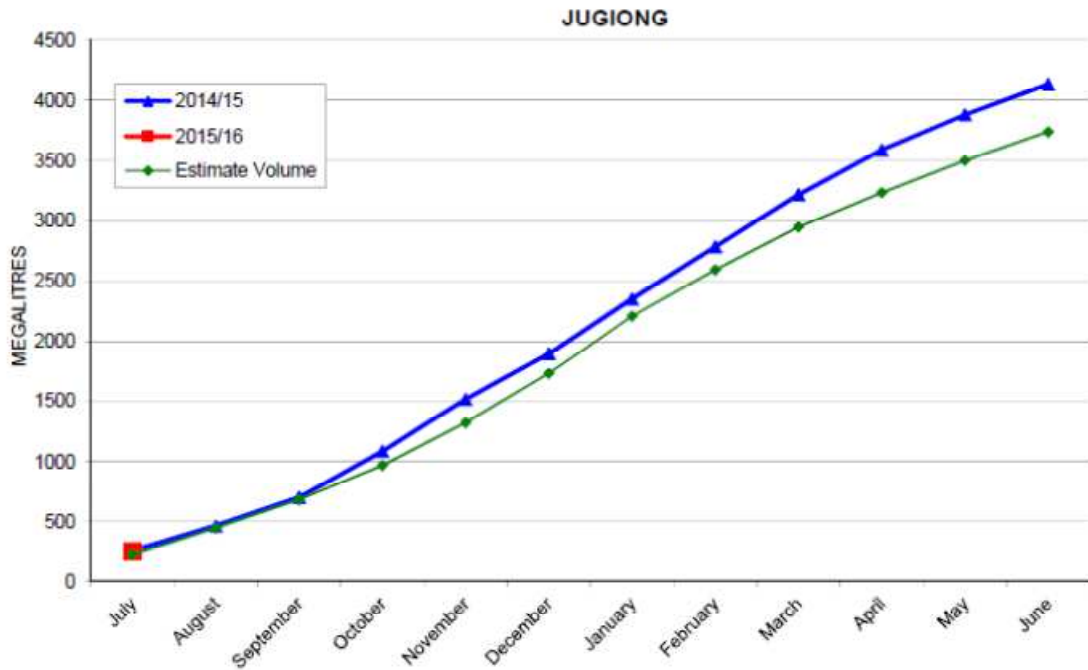
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WATER PRODUCTION

UP TO 26/06/2015



WATER PRODUCTION UP TO 30/07/2015



9.1.6 PLANT PROCUREMENT – HYDROSTATIC TRENCHER (G75057005)

15/098 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Palmer that Council authorise the General Manager to purchase one (1) ‘Hydrostatic Tractor Trencher’, subject to confirmation of trencher capability, trench & spoil test, and further information regarding total cost savings and hourly operational costing being circulated to Councillors.

Report prepared by General Manager

Tenders were advertised on 1st July 2015 for the supply of one (1) ‘Hydrostatic Tractor Trencher’ as described below. A total of 2 tenders were received with the favourable tenderer being – Vermeer Sales & Service of Erskine Park NSW

**Goldenfields Water County Council
Plant Procurement Assessment Matrix – Hydrostatic Tractor Trencher**

HYDROSTATIC TRACTOR TRENCHER				
	Vermeer T555	Score	Tesmec 950sl	Score
<i>Engine</i>	<i>John Deere</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Cummins</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Horsepower</i>	<i>185</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>260</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Servicing</i>	<i>Local (Temora)</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Semco Australia Queanbeyan ACT</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Electronic Software Modules</i>	<i>Available at all dealerships</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Not available in Australia as a standard store item, only upon request</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Self-Levelling Capability</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Trenching Depth</i>	<i>1.8 metres</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1.83 metres</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Hydraulic Crumber Shoe</i>	<i>Included</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Option</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Auto Lubrication System</i>	<i>Included</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Optional extra \$4750.</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Fuel Capacity</i>	<i>302.8 litres</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>514 litres</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Ground Pressure rating</i>	<i>4.6 - 9.6 psi</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>11.9 - 13 psi</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Transporting Height</i>	<i>3 metres</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3.1 metres</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Fuel Consumption</i>	<i>38.7 litres per hour</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>46 litres per hour</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Maximum Operating Weight</i>	<i>14,061.40 kg</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>25,000.00 kg</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Operational Costing per 20,000 hours</i>	<i>\$157.01</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>\$303.84</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Extra Chain</i>	<i>Included</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>\$30,000.00</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Servicing up to & including 1000 hours</i>	<i>Included (8949.88)</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>\$53,500.00</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Included (\$1794.00)</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>\$25,000.00</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Delivery time frame</i>	<i>8 weeks</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>12 – 15 weeks</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Emergency Breakdown Response</i>	<i>6 hour turn around maximum</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Timeframe dependent upon technician availability</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Warranty (standard)</i>	<i>12 mon5ths / 1000 hours</i>		<i>12 months / 100 hours</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Warranty (extended)</i>	<i>3 year / 3000 hours Parts & labour \$15863.00</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Extra 12 months @ \$15,000.00 Extra 24 months @</i>	<i>1</i>

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			\$20,000.00	
<i>Total Pricing</i>	\$641,112.00.00	4	\$593,500.00	5
<i>GST</i>	\$64,111.20	n/a	\$59,350.00	n/a
	TOTAL SCORE	104	TOTAL SCORE	66

- *Vermeer Australia has dealerships with full service and parts departments in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Townsville.*
- *Vermeer Australia has 92% market share of the Australian trencher market and 75% of the world trencher market*
- *Marais Laying Technologies do not have any dealerships within Australia. They have joined forces with Semco Australia to offer supply of the Tesmec trencher.*

SCORE LEGEND

1	Very Poor
2	Poor
3	Average
4	Good
5	Excellent

Recommendation – Vermeer Sales and Service Australia

Recommendation

That Council authorise the General Manager to purchase one (1) 'Hydrostatic Tractor Trencher', subject to confirmation of trencher capability, trench & spoil test.

UNCOMMERCE

9.1.7 VEHICLE PROCUREMENT - FORD RANGERS (G75105005)

1.52pm - Cr Palmer left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest in this matter.

15/099 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Morris that Council authorise the purchase of five (5) PX MK2 Ford Ranger 4x4 Super Cab Pick Ups.

Report prepared by General Manager

Purchase Of Five (5) PX MK2 Ford Ranger 4x4 XL Super Cab Pick Up

Tenders were advertised on 16th July 2015 for the supply of five (5) PX Ford Ranger 4x4 Super Cab Pick Ups. A total of 3 tenders were received with the favourable tenderer being – Palmer Ford Cootamundra

**Plant Procurement Assessment Matrix
PX MK2 Ford Ranger 4x4 XL Super Cab Pick Up**

PX MK2 FORD RANGER 4x4 XL SUPER CAB PICK UP						
	<i>Palmer Ford</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>South West Ford</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Southern Cross Ford</i>	<i>Score</i>
<i>Price ex GST</i>	\$38,504.25	4	\$37,735.18	5	\$40,747.83	3
<i>Prestige Paint</i>	<i>Included</i>	5	<i>Extra - \$378.00</i>	4	<i>Included</i>	5
<i>Servicing – Up to & including 60,000 kls</i>	\$1580.00	5	\$2000.00	4	\$2000.00	4
<i>Total \$</i>	\$40,084.25		\$40,113.18		\$42,747.83	
<i>Delivery time frame</i>	<i>October 2015</i>	5	<i>December 2015- January 2016</i>	2	<i>Not specified</i>	1
<i>Customer Service History</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	5	<i>Average</i>	3	<i>Unknown</i>	
<i>TOTAL SCORE</i>		24		18		13

SCORE LEGEND

1	Very Poor
2	Poor
3	Average
4	Good
5	Excellent

Recommendation – Palmer Ford Cootamundra

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted. Cr Palmer returned to the meeting.

9.2 WORKS REPORTS

9.2.1 JUNE 2015 / JULY 2015 (G95507005)

15/100 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and Palmer that the works report for June and July 2015 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Distribution & Construction

Water Losses & Mains Repairs

NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
248.	4/6	8:00	10:00	Marrar, Strathmore Lane	100	-	5	Split Pipe
249.	4/6	12:00	16:00	Coolamon, Pattisons Lane	150	-	500	Joint Failure
250.	5/6	12:00	18:00	Weethalle, Fishers Lane	100	5	10	Split Pipe
251.	7/6	16:00	20:00	Marrar, Junee Road	100	15	100	Joint Failure
252.	9/6	9:00	12:00	Eurongilly, Dollar Vale Road	50	0	50	Split Pipe
253.	9/6	11:30	16:30	Temora, Britannia Street	100	20	200	Split Pipe
254.	11/6	9:00	12:00	Junee, Edward Street	100	6	50	Split Pipe
255.	14/6	4:30	9:30	Barellan, Kooba Street	100	18	60	Joint Failure
256.	15/6	9:00	12:00	Cootamundra, Suttons Lane	100	-	50	Split Pipe
257.	17/6	21:30	1:00	Temora, Hoskins Street	100	18	60	Other
258.	19/6	11:30	16:30	Springdale, Burley Griffin Way	150	23	250	Split Pipe
259.	21/6	9:30	15:00	Wyalong, Gilbert Street	100	10	150	Split Pipe
260.	22/6	9:00	13:00	Illabo, Crowther Street	100	4	100	Other
261.	24/6	9:00	16:30	Ariah Park, Burley Griffin Way	300	-	200	Hole In Pipe
262.	25/6	7:00	12:00	Coolamon, Lonsdales Lane	100	-	500	Split Pipe
263.	30/6	7:30	8:00	Illabo, Layton Street	100	3	100	Other
1.	1/7	9:30	12:00	Old Junee, Bartons Lane	80	-	50	Joint Failure
2.	4/7	10:00	15:30	Weethalle, Chanters Lane	150	2	400	Split Pipe
3.	4/7	12:00	14:00	Temora, Kitchener Road	100	-	20	Split Pipe
4.	9/7	9:00	12:00	Barellan, Old Narrandera Road	80	-	20	Split Pipe
5.	14/7	8:00	15:00	Marrar, Centenary Drive	100	-	500	Split Pipe
6.	16/7	10:00	12:00	Eurongilly, Dollar Vale Road	50	-	100	Split Pipe
7.	20/7	8:00	13:00	Old Junee, Merulebale Road	80	5	500	Split Pipe
8.	20/7	11:00	18:00	Temora, Hoskins Street	200	-	100	Split Pipe

NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
9.	24/7	13:00	15:00	Cootamundra, Dimaseer Road	100	-	100	Split Pipe
10.	26/7	9:30	13:00	Illabo, Old Sydney Road	150	1	100	Split Pipe
11.	29/7	9:00	11:00	Junee, Joffre Street	100	0	100	Split Pipe
12.	30/7	8:00	12:00	Eurongilly, Dollar Vale Road	50	0	50	Joint Failure
13.	30/7	9:00	12:30	Temora, Burley Griffin Way	375	-	10	Joint Failure
14.	31/7	9:00	15:30	Temora, Crowley Street	100	20	25	Split Pipe
15.	31/7	15:30	18:00	Cootamundra, Dimaseer Road	100	-	200	Split Pipe

Complaints

Dirty Water

03/07/2015 Murrulebale Rd, Old Junee
 08/07/2015 Stanyer Rd, Illabo
 09/07/2015 Stanyer Rd, Illabo
 23/7/2015 Murrulebale Rd, Old Junee

Construction & Major Maintenance

- Bulk meter reads scheme
- Meter reading Northern area (Weethalle and Tallimba)
- Repack Stop Valves - Pitt Street Junee
- Replace hydrant - Main Street Junee
- Service Hydrant - George Street Junee
- North and South – Taggle warranty replacements and investigations
- New PRV - Malebo Range, Temora
- Hydrants replaced – Temora
- Uley Lane - commenced construction and underbores
- Suttons Lane Road Crossing 20% complete
- Cleaned Hydrants (Eurongilly, Illabo, Marrar, Coolamon, Ganmain)
- Replace Hydrant Illabo
- Replace Stop Valve Illabo
- Yearly routine preventative maintenance – valves, pumps, motors and reservoirs
- Preventative Pump checks – visual, vibration and temperature monitoring
- PRV and ACV repairs across the scheme
- Daylight Pump Station - Pump overhaul
- Ganmain Pump Station - No 7 and No 8 pumps machined and overhauled.
- Ganmain Pump Station – removed and serviced due to bearing failure
- Naradhan Pump Station – Repairs to impeller and replace reflux
- Demondrille Pump Station – Removed pump for servicing at 40%
- Young Terminal Storage – Fabricated replacement hatch
- Various vehicle change overs
- Pest proofing reservoirs to ensure water quality

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.2 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT (G35201005)

15/101 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris and Manchester that the report detailing the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 July 2015 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 31 July 2015:

Description	To Carry Over from 2014/15 \$	Total 2015/16 Projected \$	Expended to Date \$	Status
New System Assets				
New Temora Depot	218,800	748,800	4,700	In Progress
Temora Depot Plant & Equipment	0	100,000	0	TBA
Site Easement Acquisitions	0	20,000	6,900	In Progress
Mains Extensions to be determined	0	50,000	0	TBA
Mains Extension Uley Ln	181,000	181,000	13,900	In Progress
Scheme Mandamah	350,000	2,000,000	0	TBA
	749,800	3,099,800	25,500	
Renewals				
Bores-Oura Additional/Replacement	45,000	45,000	0	TBA
Jugiong WTP Internal Painting	0	50,000	0	TBA
Pump Stns Major Maintenance Program	0	50,000	10,900	In Progress
Pump Stn Mt Daylight Joint Venture	31,200	31,200	0	In Progress
Pump Stns-Daylight Pump Replacement	0	50,000	0	TBA
Jugiong & Oura Pump Stn Investigations	0	50,000	0	TBA
Mains Replacement/ Augmentation	92,000	342,000	4,100	In Progress
Pump Stns MTA Panel & Motor Replacement	65,000	65,000	0	TBA
Jugiong Hi Voltage Agreement-Switch & Upgrade	71,000	71,000	0	TBA
	304,200	754,200	15,000	
Plant and Equipment				
Computer-Equipment	0	20,000	0	In Progress
Office Equipment	0	8,000	0	TBA
Water meter replacement	0	100,000	0	In Progress
Double Check Valves	0	20,000	0	TBA
Taggle Device Replacement	0	0	1,500	In Progress
Electrical Spares	0	40,000	0	TBA
Plant Purchases Estimate Only	0	650,000	165,300	In Progress
Plant Sales Estimate Only	0	-570,000	-123,100	In Progress
	0	268,000	43,700	
Totals	1,054,000	4,122,000	84,200	

The General Manager committed to providing Council with an outcome for the leaking Barellan Reservoir at the October Council meeting.

Recommendation

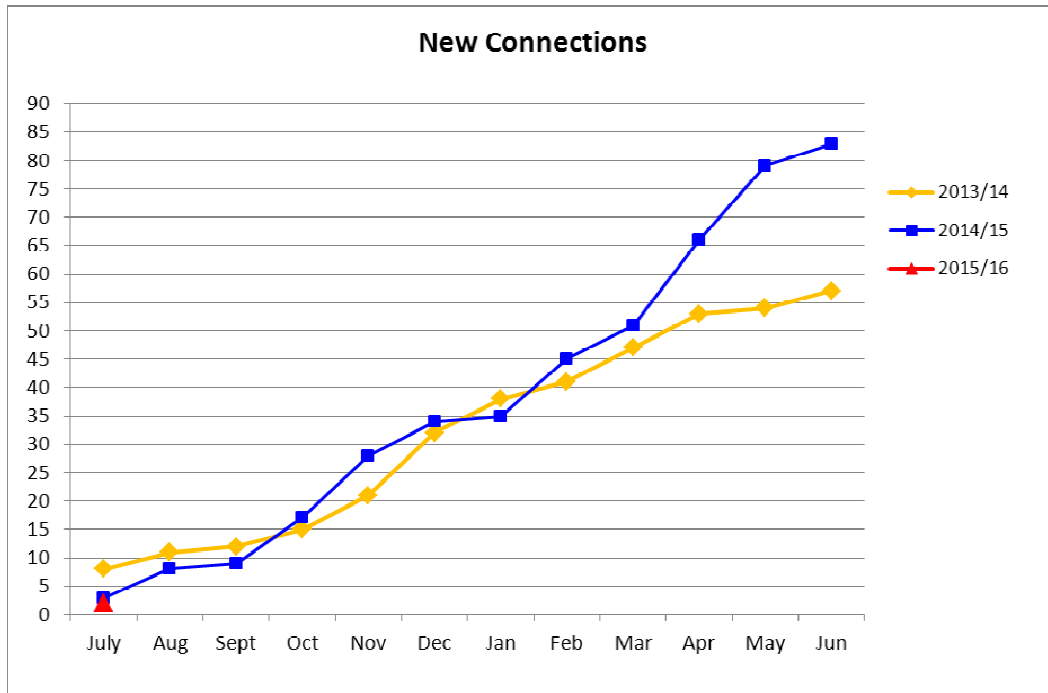
Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.3 NEW WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS (G95151005)

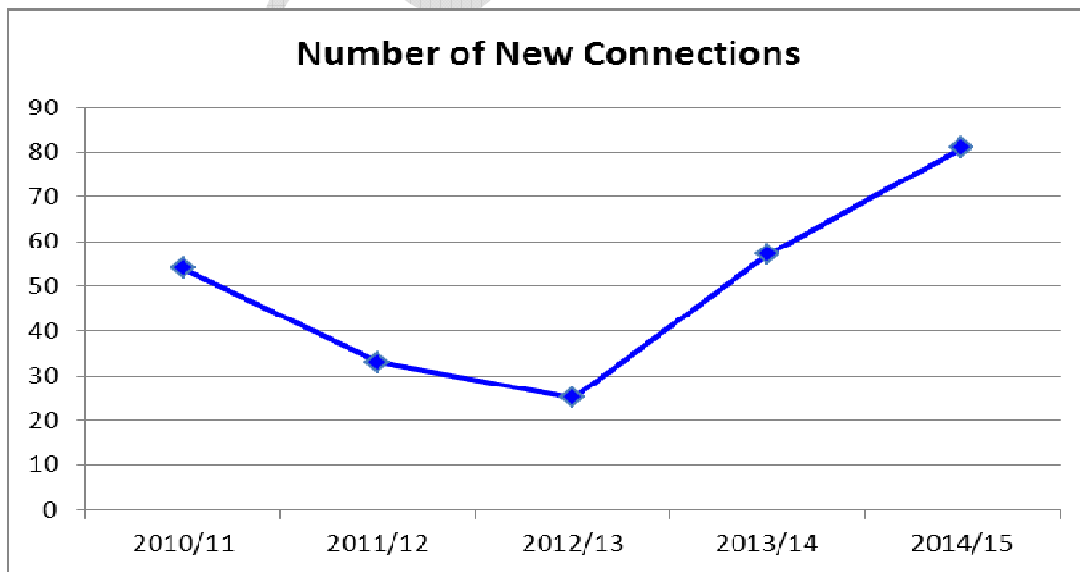
15/102 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and Manchester that the report detailing new water service connections be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Senior Revenue Officer

The following graph shows the number of new connections to 31 July 2015.



4 new connections were made for June, bringing the 2014-2015 total to 83. 2 new connections were made in July. The following table shows new connections over the past five years.



Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.4 MANDAMAH SCHEME REPORT (G95259510)

15/103 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris and Manchester that the Mandamah Scheme update report be received and noted.

Report Prepared by Design & Modelling Officer

Council has engaged Riverina Local Land Services (LLS) to draft a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for Stage1 and are currently in the process of compiling the document for this stage.

Stage1 meter locations have been verified and mapped resulting in 21 meters for Stage1

17 Letters of Offer and invoices have been sent out to the committed parties of Stage1.

Designs for the remaining stages are currently being drafted and reviewed.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.5 ULEY LANE UPDATE (G95151010)

15/104 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Morris that the Uley Lane Rural Scheme report be received and noted.

Report Prepared by Acting Manager Distribution and Construction

The scheme will extend south from Ardlethan towards Coolamon along the Newell Highway, Ardlethan – Coolamon Road, Uley Road and McDougalls Lane for a total length of 12900m.

The scheme currently has 5 signed and committed water connection applications.

Construction started on 6th July 2015 and has been held up by weather. To recommence pipeline construction on 17th August 2015 as weather permits.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.6 TEMORA DEPOT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (G10150505)

15/105 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that Council accept the increase of tender price from \$591,405.00 to \$823,180.00 and increase the budget to \$823,180.00.

Report Prepared by Design & Modelling Officer

Coolamon Steel Works has completed structural design of the building to include a 5T workshop overhead gantry crane. The addition of the crane will add to the functionality and efficiency of the site.

To accommodate the crane, stability and loading properties of the building needed to be altered and has increased the tender price from \$591,405.00 to \$823,180.00 an increase of \$231,775.00.

All approvals and consents have been received from the relevant authorities.

Construction is programed to start 1st of September 2015, estimated completion late December 2015.

Internal fit out, landscaping and other additional cost will be advised as the project progresses.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

Council requested the General Manager consider the option of a second lavatory in the Temora Workshop.

9.3 OTHER REPORTS

9.3.1 PASSING OF JOHN B McGREGOR

15/106 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that the proposed actions and memorial for John McGregor be endorsed.

Report prepared by General Manager

One of the original Board members; John B McGregor has passed away.

It is suggested that Goldenfields send John's family a plaque of appreciation for services to Goldenfields Water and name the garden in front of the new workshop as John B McGregor Memorial Garden and ask John's family to attend a planting ceremony to open the garden.

Recommendation

The Board discuss and endorse the proposed actions and memorial for John McGregor.

9.3.2 GWCC500 UPDATE (G30608005)

15/107 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Morris that the GWCC500 report be received and noted.

Prepared by Manager Technology

Objectives for the project and the three grants awarded are ahead of schedule.

28 schools registered. 14 attended environmental workshops, a further 4 had a seed collection workshop at their own school. Further environmental workshops will be held this year and seed collection workshops run in schools.

Funding:

GWCC	\$100,000	Approved
Environmental Trust Restoration and Rehabilitation Grant	\$97,692 + \$50,000 in offsets	Awarded
Environmental Trust Education Grant	\$58,600	Awarded
Community Partnerships through Riverina Local Land Services	\$11,500	Awarded
Riverina Local Land Services Co Funding	\$200,000	Projected
<i>Total</i>	\$517,792	

Committed Land:

Local Land Services - Riverina has 649 Ha of conservation land and 231 Ha for revegetation; in total 880 Ha.

Land proposed by Shires:

Shire	Land Area
Coolamon	Ganmain Boggy Creek Marrar Cemetery
Junee	Wetlands Area Behind John Potts Drive Option of area near Loughan Road Eurongilly: TSR.
Temora	TSC Proposed Bundawarra Rd; Negotiate Railway area
Harden	Roberts Park
Cootamundra	Hogmans Tank Reserve
Young	Burrangong Creek from Campbell Street to Thornhill Street, Sawpit Gully, Council owned site adjacent to tennis courts
Bland	Cooinda Reserve West Wyalong Ungarie: between Showgrounds and Humbug creek Also have option of WWY airport
Narrandera	Binya - some plantings in between silos and road. Nest boxes on Stephenson Road Barellan - main street for vegetation, possibly bird/bat boxes

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.3 REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP (G03401505)

15/108 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Morris that a water station that can be lifted by two persons be purchased or constructed by Council and that it be made available for public events (including the Temora Aviation 'Warbirds Downunder') with any delivery/pickup costs charged to the event organisers.

Report Prepared by General Manager

Council received a request for sponsorship from the Temora Aviation Museum for the Warbirds Downunder weekend to be held in November.

Council replied to the request as per policy declining.

A further request has since been made to the Chairperson.

Recommendation

For Councils' consideration.

9.3.4 POTENTIAL SUPPLY FOR BLAND SHIRE (G40102010)

15/109 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Manchester that the Board authorise the General Manager to undertake initial investigation of possible groundwater supplies in the region, in conjunction with Central Tablelands Water and report back on the potential and cost implications for development.

Report prepared by General Manager

After attending the Bland Shire Council meeting, the General Manager has considered alternative water sources for Bland. These include building a pipeline to Highlands' Bridge and Groundwater from the Upper Lachlan.

There is potential for a joint project with Tablelands Water and Bland to investigate a supply that would allow Bland access to cheaper more plentiful water and Central Tableland access to another bore-field to allow better coverage of its region.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.5 CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT POSITIONS (G70157005)

15/110 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Clinton that Council endorse the proposed changes to the management positions.

Report prepared by General Manager

The two previous managers' positions have been renamed as Director Commercial and Technical & Director of Infrastructure.

It is proposed that these positions become contract, which will allow hours worked to be more flexible and outcomes for these positions related more directly to Council directions and the GWCC Business Activity Strategic Plan.

The total remuneration packages for these positions will be approximately \$170K and have been readvertised.

Recommendation

The Board discuss and endorse the proposed changes to the management positions.

UNCONFIRMED

9.3.6 EXTERNAL FINANCE PROCESS AND PROCEDURES REVIEW

15/111 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that the report be noted and initial actions endorsed.

Report prepared by General Manager

Crowe Horwath were engaged to review Goldenfields financial processes and procedures; particularly to assess their robustness in relation to changes in business.

The audit concentrated on;

- Cash handling
- Purchasing
- General Manager expenses
- Investments

Conclusions:

The review noted knowledge and commitment by staff to internal controls, but identified the following risks.

High:

Lack of Risk Management & Disaster Recovery Plans.

Medium:

Terminated employees need to be removed as users from Finance systems.
Procedure needed to reconcile final reports with initial finance data.
Cash handling needs formal policy.
Purchase orders and Procurement policies need review
Travel expenses & sign off need addressing.

Low:

Daily receipts need sign off.
Credit card sign off and processes need revision.

It is proposed that initially:

- The General Managers expenses be brought to the Board for sign off at each bi-monthly meeting.

The remainder of the risks will be addressed in line with risk rating.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.7 MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDANCE RE: HEADWORKS REVIEW (G45055005)

15/112 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Templeton that the Board will consider head-works charges and whether proportional charging should be allowed for high density development when the Developer Servicing Plan is due for revision.

Report prepared by General Manager

Minister Hodgkinson wrote to GWCC representing a potential developer in Temora who was unhappy with the current head-works charges. The applicant also suggested that our current charges are stifling investment (Correspondence attached as **9.3.7A**).

The General Manager wrote to the minister pointing out that GWCC did reduce head-works by 20% in 2014 and connections are up 15% on average per annum since 2010 (letter attached as **9.3.7B**).

In the letter to Minister Hodgkinson the General Manager indicated that consideration of a change in head-works could be considered in our next Developer Servicing Plan review.

Recommendation

The Board Consider head-works charges and whether proportional charging should be allowed for high density development.

The General Manager will send a letter to constituent Councils to ensure potential developers are referred to Goldenfields for water connection requirements.

UNCONFERMED

9.3.8 CODE OF CONDUCT & BULLYING & HARASSMENT TRAINING (G70806010)

15/113 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that the report be noted.

Report prepared by General Manager

On 11th & 12th August, GWCC held training on the Code of Conduct & Bullying and Harassment Training.

The training was held by Local Government NSW.

This training is important in relation to current IRC matters and outlined all employees' responsibilities in relation to conduct, secondary employment.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.9 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 22 October 2015 at 1.00PM.

10. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Palmer requested a solution for the white stain on Temora East reservoir.

UNCONFIRMED

11. CLOSED SESSION – 3.51pm

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.

15/114 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that Council meet in Closed Session.

Mr Gerard Carr, Mr Shane Baldry and Mr Chris Lasdauskas departed the meeting and did not return.

11.1 REQUEST FOR DEFERMENT OF DEVELOPER INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONNECTION CHARGES

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

(b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer

15/115 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Morris that Council offer Habitat for Humanity deferred headworks payment until the sale/transfer of the property (33A Percy Street, Junee) has been completed.

11.2 GWCC EXPANSION OF ACTIVITIES

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

(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed:

(i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

(ii) Confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or

(iii) reveal a trade secret

15/116 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and Clinton that Council authorise the General Manager and Chairman to progress expansion of activities with Minister Blair, NSW Office of Water and Office of Local Government.

OPEN SESSION 4.51PM

15/117 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Clinton 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 4.51pm

SECTION 2 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

9.1 Delivery Program 2013-2016 Review

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

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

DP14.3 Ensure the long term financial sustainability of Council through effective and prudent financial management

Author: General Manager

Officer's Recommendation:

- 1. That the proposed Review of the Delivery Program 2013-2016 be considered at the November 2015 Council meeting**
- 2. That the review includes the option to apply for a Special Rate Variation to IPART and that the Program be placed on public exhibition.**

Introduction

As council is aware, the State Government is requiring all councils to be 'Fit for the Future'. As part of this process, all council's have been required to measure themselves against a set of seven (7) criteria.

One such benchmark is for a council to generate at least 60% of its own source income. In the 2013/14 financial year, Bland Shire Council generated 44.34% which is well under the benchmark. Council really only has two immediate options to increase this percentage. As previously outlined to Council, they are by increasing all user pay charges as well as considering a special rate variation that would increase rates well above the current rate pegging limit.

This course of action will also assist the Bland Shire to meet the Infrastructure Backlog Ratio (predicted to be met in 2021/22 – Fit for the Future proposal), Asset Maintenance ratio and Building and Infrastructure Asset renewal ratio (as below), all of which will only be met with an injection of funds as outlined above and presented in the Long Term Financial Plan and Fit for the Future proposal.

Benchmark	2013/14 Performance	Meet Benchmark	2016/17 Forecast	Meet Benchmark	Year Benchmark Met
Infrastructure Backlog Ratio (less than 2%)	3.29%	No	2.99%*	No	2021/22
Asset maintenance Ratio (Greater than 100% average over three years)	80%	No	74.11%*	No	Yet to be determined. Awaiting community consultation process regarding service levels and expectations.
Building and Infrastructure Asset Renewal	51.41%	No	101%	Yes	

With the Fit for the Future outcome still unknown, it is imperative that Council continue towards meeting all ratios.

As Councillors would be aware, Council is actively seeking feedback on a special rate variation at present.

Reviewing the Delivery Program to include the option to install a special rate variation does not commit Council to applying for the special rate variation; however it does give council the option to do so if an increase is required and agreed upon by the councillors at a future Council meeting.

Regardless of the special rate variation outcome, during the preparation of the draft budget for 2016/17 there will need to be attention given to the benchmarks that council does not currently meet as some tough decisions will need to be made in respect to future budgets, with a review of Council's current functions and service levels, with the result of less expenditure across the organisation as a whole and more expenditure on asset renewal and maintenance.

Conclusion

In accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines for local government in NSW and advice from IPART Council is required to note the intended changes to its Delivery Program at this meeting and then consider it at its next meeting. This ensures that all councillors are aware of the changes and the community has the opportunity to be aware and provide comments.

Financial Implications

Nil

9.2 Meeting Arrangements and Council Closure – Christmas / New Year 2015/16

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14. To provide quality leadership, governance and management

Author: Executive Assistant

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council determine the following meeting arrangements for the 2015/16 Christmas and New Year holiday period:

- 1. The December meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 15 December 2015.**
- 2. The Australia Day Awards Committee of the Whole meeting be held on Tuesday, 1 December 2105 commencing at 6pm.**
- 3. The December Council Workshop be held on Tuesday, 1 December 2015 and commences following the Australia Day Awards Committee of the Whole meeting.**
- 4. There be no meetings held in January 2016.**
- 5. The Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority, jointly, to deal with matters of an urgent nature between the December 2015 and February 2016 Council meetings and that any matters dealt with under this authority be reported to the first meeting in 2016.**

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council endorse the closure of Council's operations, with the exception of essential services, as follows:

- Outdoor Staff Closure: From Friday 18 December 2015 (From 12 noon) through to Friday 8 January 2016 (Resuming on Monday 11 January 2016)**
- Indoor Staff Closure: from Thursday 24 December 2015 (From 12 noon) through to Friday 1 January 2016 (Resuming on Monday 4 January 2016)**
- That a further report be provided in relation to the specific hours for Visitor Information services during the 2015/16 Christmas and New Year holiday period following the current staff recruitment process.**

Introduction

This report deals firstly with the meeting arrangements over the upcoming Christmas and New Year period and then with the proposed shutdown of operations.

There will be sufficient time to activate council decisions from the December meeting prior to staff leave and the office closure this year. Therefore the December meeting of Council should remain on the third Tuesday.

Also in recent years Council has dispensed with the January meeting which is allowed under the Local Government Act.

Council will need to determine the appropriate meeting arrangements during this holiday period and the following is proposed:

- Confirm that the December Council Meeting will be held on 15 December 2015
- Confirm that the Australia Day Awards Committee of the Whole meeting be held on Tuesday, 1 December 2015 commencing at 6.00pm
- Confirm that the December Council Workshop be held on Tuesday, 1 December 2015 commencing following the Australia Day Awards Committee of the Whole meeting
- There be no Council Meeting, Workshop or Committee meetings in January 2016
- The normal meeting cycle resume in February 2016

It is also common practice to delegate joint authority to the Mayor and General Manager to deal with any urgent matters that may arise during the period in which there are no formal council meetings. This authority is conferred jointly which means that neither the Mayor nor the General Manager can act in isolation. Any such matters dealt with under this authority need to be reported to council.

It is also recommended that Council's operations, with the exception of essential services, will close as follows:

- Outdoor Staff Closure: From Friday 18 December 2015 (From 12 noon) through to Friday 8 January 2016 (Resuming on Monday 11 January 2016)
- Indoor Staff Closure: from Thursday 24 December 2015 (From 12 noon) through to Friday 1 January 2016 (Resuming on Monday 4 January 2016)
- Visitor Information services: at the time of preparing this report the recruitment for staffing of the extended VIC services within the Library is underway. A further report will be provided in relation to the specific hours for Visitor Information services during the 2015/16 Christmas and New Year holiday period following the current staff recruitment process.

During this period there will be 3 public holidays for all employees. For the outdoor staff, there will be a total of twelve (12) days annual leave and for the indoor staff a total of three (3) days annual leave. The taking of annual leave can be complemented by any RDO's occurring during the above closure periods. These annual leave days will reduce council's leave entitlement burden which will have a positive financial impact.

Conclusion

The proposed schedule of dates for meeting arrangements and operation shutdown for the upcoming Christmas and New Year period have been determined to ensure that appropriate timeframes and measures are implemented during the holiday period and that all staff are treated in a consistent manner.

Financial Implications

Nil to this report other than to have a positive impact on the reduction of staff leave entitlements.

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR SHUTDOWN 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	December 1 Council Workshop & Australia Day Awards Committee	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Council Meeting & Christmas Dinner	16	17	18 Staff Breakfast & Awards	19	20
FROM 12 NOON ON 18th — OPERATIONS SHUTDOWN						
21	22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 BOXING DAY	27
OPERATIONS SHUTDOWN						
FROM 12NOON OFFICE CLOSES, STAFF LEAVE AT 1PM ON 24th — OFFICE SHUTDOWN						
28 PH BOXING DAY	29	30	31	1 NEW YEARS DAY	2	3
OPERATIONS SHUTDOWN						
OFFICE SHUTDOWN						
4 COUNCIL OFFICE RE-OPENS	5	6	7	8	9	10
OPERATIONS SHUTDOWN						
11 OPERATIONS RESUME	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 AUSTRALIA DAY	27	28	29	30	31

9.3 Town Crier Regalia

Our people

Our greatest and most important asset

Vision: A strong, healthy, connected and cohesive community

DP3.1 Encourage and foster a strong spirit of volunteering and community pride.

Author: Executive Assistant

Officer's Recommendation:

- 1. That Council allocate funding up to \$5,000 for the provision of suitable attire for the honorary position of Town Crier;**
- 2. That the proposed tricorne hat, together with the official scroll and bell, remain the property of Council and be returned at the end of Mr Sturgess' tenure for provision to his successor;**
- 3. That the costs in relation to appropriate attire be met from within the Tourism Promotions budget.**

Introduction

Council endorsed the appointment of Mr Kyle Sturgess to the honorary position on May 19 2015 and the official presentation and handover from former Town Crier, Mr John Scasighini, was held at Council's meeting on July 21.

A request has been made for the Town Crier to participate in the Business West Wyalong's Christmas Carnival on December 4 and the Australia Day celebrations in January 2016.

Investigations into appropriate attire have been completed and indicative costs for quality mid range garments are detailed below. Mr Sturgess has provided an example of preferred attire (Full Kit Outfit similar to the outfit shown) noting that this style is suited to the role, provides coat/vest options and that he would be confident and comfortable in wearing it.

- Full Kit Outfit \$1,750 or
- Gown, Cape, Lace Jabot and Cuffs \$2,088 and
- Tricorn Hat \$2,250



Conclusion

These garments are made to measure and customised to suit the client. It is expected that orders will be completed within 4-6 weeks. To ensure delivery in time for the upcoming events the Town Crier regalia will need to be finalised.

Financial Implications

There is currently \$35,000 allocated to the Promote Tourism budget. In accordance with Council's previous resolution the costs associated with the position could be met from the Tourism Promotions budget given the role and responsibilities of the position which will include promotion of the Bland Shire.

SECTION 3 – CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

9.4 Financial Statements – September 2015

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

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

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

Author Director Corporate, Community & Development Services

Officer's Recommendation:

1. That Council receive and note the statement of Bank Balances, Rates Collections and Investments for the month of September, 2015
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 September to 30 September 2015, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$5,641,192.48

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES, RATES COLLECTIONS AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

BANK BALANCES AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER, 2015

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
General Fund	\$ 195,621.85
BCard	\$ 15,990.00
	\$ 211,611.85
Invested Funds	
Fixed Deposits	\$15,200,000.00
Deposits at Call	\$ 2,277,162.22
	\$17,477,162.22
Net Balance	\$17,688,774.07
Percentage of investment to Net Balance	98.80%

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 30.09.15
SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2015

Balance as at 01.09.15 \$930,487.94

Add Receipts

For month of September 2015 \$ 4,906,326.39

Includes

Receipt Date.	Receipt Name	Received Total
15/09/2015	Transfer from Cash at Call	\$2,000,000.00
14/09/2015	Redeem ING Investment	\$1,000,000.00

Less Payments

For month of September 2015 \$5,641,192.48

Includes

Payment Date.	Payee Name	Payment Total
8/09/2015	Bendigo Bank Investment	\$ 400,000.00
8/09/2015	Bendigo Bank Investment	\$ 400,000.00
8/09/2015	Bendigo Bank Investment	\$ 400,000.00
15/09/2015	Bankwest Investment	\$2,000,000.00
25/09/2015	People's Choice Investment	\$ 500,000.00

Cash Balance \$ 195,621.85

Limit of Overdraft Arranged with Bank \$ 350,000.00

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of accounts paid for the period September 01, 2015 to September 30, 2015.

I CERTIFY,

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

Fund		Voucher No.s	Total
Cheques		024652 - 024682	\$ 80,759.51
Auto-pay	Creditors	E005539 – E005881	\$4,906,138.46
Auto-pay	Payroll	30/08 – 27/08	\$645,398.14
September Bank Charges & Commission etc			\$1,943.79
Direct Debits		Repayments & Vehicle Lease	\$ 6,952.58
			\$5,641,192.48

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

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL MANAGER

This accounts summary, a copy of which was submitted to each member of Council on the 20 October 2015, has been checked and is fully supported by vouchers and invoices. These vouchers have been duly certified as to receipt of goods, the rendition of services, to prices and computations, and to costings.

.....
General Manager

CERTIFICATE OF CHAIRMAN OF ORDINARY MEETING

I certify that this accounts summary, covering amounts totalling \$5,641,192.48 was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 20 October 2015 and that the amounts are presented to Council for confirmation of payment.

.....
Chairman of Ordinary Meeting

Rating Year From
1/07/2015

Rates Financial Transaction Summary

Period Ending
30/09/2015

	Period To Date					Year To Date				
	Arr. Levy	Arr. Int	Cur. Levy	Cur. Int	Total	Arr. Levy	Arr. Int	Cur. Levy	Cur. Int	Total
<u>Council Total</u>										
** DEBIT **										
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$554,225.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$554,225.78
Credit/Debit Allocation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,094.60	\$9.45	\$15,104.05	\$92,724.69	\$0.00	\$43,404.89	\$9.45	\$136,139.03
Fees (i.e. Legal or Dishonour)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,476.80	\$0.00	\$1,476.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,540.16	\$0.00	\$7,540.16
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,672.80	\$4,672.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,442.23	\$9,816.21	\$13,258.44
Advalorum Levy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,711,969.25	\$0.00	\$5,711,969.25
Base Levy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$441,106.53	\$0.00	\$441,106.53
Service Levy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,167,658.00	\$0.00	\$2,167,658.00
Supplementary Levy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,931.07	\$0.00	\$15,931.07	\$249.49	\$0.00	\$16,840.21	\$0.00	\$17,089.70
Pensioner Rebate Government	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$167.05	\$0.00	\$167.05
Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,272.00	\$0.00	\$2,272.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,272.00	\$0.00	\$2,272.00
Transfer within Module	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.52	\$0.00	\$350.52	\$3,157.79	\$0.00	\$650.52	\$0.00	\$3,808.31
<u>Total</u>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,124.99	\$4,682.25	\$39,807.24	\$650,357.75	\$0.00	\$8,395,050.84	\$9,825.66	\$9,055,234.25

**** CREDIT ****

Credit/Debit Allocation	-\$0.20	\$0.00	-\$15,086.94	-\$16.91	-\$15,104.05	-\$517.69	\$0.00	-\$135,572.30	-\$49.04	-\$136,139.03
Supplementary Levy	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$15,280.17	\$0.00	-\$15,280.17	-\$589.80	\$0.00	-\$23,246.74	\$0.00	-\$23,836.54
Pensioner Rebate Government	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$126,284.31	\$0.00	-\$126,284.31
Pension Rebate Sewer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$37,172.80	\$0.00	-\$37,172.80
Receipt via other Agencies	-\$3,284.80	\$0.00	-\$4,281.12	-\$9.00	-\$7,574.92	-\$11,458.06	\$0.00	-\$93,733.04	-\$27.55	-\$105,218.65
Receipt via Australia Post	-\$4,794.59	\$0.00	-\$79,174.51	-\$70.81	-\$84,039.91	-\$24,188.16	\$0.00	-\$537,106.24	-\$91.86	-\$561,386.26
Receipt via BPay	-\$8,013.05	\$0.00	-\$141,028.03	-\$138.88	-\$149,179.96	-\$69,295.01	\$0.00	-\$969,789.44	-\$278.07	-\$1,039,362.52
Receipt via Direct Deposit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$150.00	\$0.00	-\$825.00	\$0.00	-\$975.00
Receipt	-\$17,102.67	\$0.00	-\$1,037,036.74	-\$145.38	-\$1,054,284.79	-\$63,215.92	\$0.00	-\$1,646,965.42	-\$200.52	-\$1,710,381.86
Receipt via Payroll	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$436.07	\$0.00	-\$11,262.67	-\$1.26	-\$11,700.00
Transfer external to Module	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$478.50	\$0.00	-\$478.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$478.50	\$0.00	-\$478.50
Transfer within Module	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$350.52	\$0.00	-\$350.52	-\$1,189.13	\$0.00	-\$2,619.18	\$0.00	-\$3,808.31
Write Off Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$3.93	-\$14.90	-\$18.83	-\$5.03	\$0.00	-\$3.93	-\$20.17	-\$29.13
Total	-\$33,195.31	\$0.00	-\$1,292,720.46	-\$395.88	-\$1,326,311.65	-\$171,044.87	\$0.00	-\$3,585,059.57	-\$668.47	-\$3,756,772.91
Group Total	-\$33,195.31	\$0.00	-\$1,257,595.47	\$4,286.37	-\$1,286,504.41	\$479,312.88	\$0.00	\$4,809,991.27	\$9,157.19	\$5,298,461.34

INVESTMENTS

The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 30th September 2015. The funds consist of monies from the Bank Accounts of the Trust Funds, Reserve Accounts, Sewerage Fund and Combined General Account.

DATE	INVESTED WITH WHOM	INVESTED AMOUNT	TERM	YIELD	DATE DUE
05-August-2014	Bank of QLD (Floating Rate Note)	1,000,000.00	731 days	0.95% + BBSW	05-August-2016
02-July-2015	Bank of QLD (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	201 days	2.95%	19-January-2016
04-June-2015	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	182 Days	2.95%	03-December-2015
01-May-2015	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	185 Days	2.95%	02-November-2015
23-July-2015	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	183 days	2.97%	22-January-2016
19-May-2015	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,500,000.00	181 days	2.95%	16-November-2015
01-August-2015	Westpac (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	184 days	3.43%	01-February-2016
14-April-2015	Bank of QLD (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	183 days	2.95%	14-October-2015
31-March-2015	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	184 days	3.00%	01-October-2015
26-May-2015	Bankwest (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	150 days	3.00%	23-October-2015
08-September-2015	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	366 days	2.95%	08-September-2016
08-September-2015	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	366 days	2.95%	08-September-2016
08-September-2015	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	366 days	2.95%	08-September-2016
15-September-2015	Bankwest (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	91 days	2.85%	15-December-2015
15-September-2015	Bankwest (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	182 days	2.85%	15-March-2016
25-September-2015	People's Choice (Term Deposit)	500,000.00	180 days	2.95%	23-March-2016
	ANZ Deposit at Call	50,724.37	Cash at Call		
	CBA Deposit at Call	2,226,437.85	Cash at Call		
	TOTAL:	17,477,162.22			

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

Lehman Brothers Managed Funds 192,000.00 Managed Funds

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

Director Corporate Community & Development Services

9.5 Alcohol Free Zones

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

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

DP19.1 Develop, implement and promote best practice governance policies and procedures

Author: Acting Manager Development Services

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council resolve to establish Alcohol Free Zones pursuant to section 644B (1) and (2) for a period of four (4) years as identified in Table 1

Introduction

At the August Council meeting it was resolved to establish an Alcohol Free Zone and place the current configuration with the addition of the Court Street between Operator Street and Water Street on public exhibition for comment.

Table 1: Location of Alcohol Free Zones

Wyalong	Neeld Street (between Mallee Street and Slee Street)
West Wyalong	Main Street (between Ungarie Road and Operator Street)
West Wyalong	Grenfell Street (between Main Street and Barnado Street)
West Wyalong	White Tank Lane (between Grenfell Street and Church Street)
West Wyalong	Barnado Street (between Grenfell Street and Church Street)
West Wyalong	Water Street (between White Tank Lane and Shire Street)
West Wyalong	Shire Lane (Between Water Street and Operator Street)
West Wyalong	Church Street (Between North Street and Shire Street)
West Wyalong	Court Lane (Between Church Street and Operator Street)
West Wyalong	Star Lane (Between Main Street and Court Street)
West Wyalong	Stribley Lane (Between Main Street and Court Lane)
West Wyalong	Operator Street (Between Gladstone Lane and Court Street)
West Wyalong	Soudens Lane (Between Church Street and Gladstone Lane)
West Wyalong	Gladstone Lane (Between Church Street and Operator Street)

West Wyalong	Gladstone Street (Between Church Street and Monash Street)
West Wyalong	Monash Street (Between Main Street and Grenfell Street)
West Wyalong	North Street (Between Church Street and Operator Street)
West Wyalong	Club Lane (Between Monash Street and Church Street)
West Wyalong	Shire Street (Between Water Street and Church Street)
West Wyalong	Court Street (Between Church Street and Operator Street)
West Wyalong	Water Street Carpark
West Wyalong	Barnado Street Carpark

The public exhibition was carried out in accordance with Section 644A of the Local Government Act 1993.

Council has received two submissions as a result of the public exhibition:

NSW Police

West Wyalong Police have advised that the establishment of the Alcohol Free Zone is vital to Police strategies in the reduction of alcohol related crime and anti social behaviour and supports the reestablishment of the Alcohol Free Zone.

Top Town Tavern

The proprietors of the Top Town Tavern have requested an exemption from the Alcohol Free Zone to allow alfresco dining for their clientele.

The Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones states:

Alcohol-free zones and alfresco dining

In some circumstances an alcohol-free zone may be proposed for an area that includes footpath alfresco dining areas for cafés and restaurants which fall within the zone. When a council issues a licence for the use of public footpaths for such dining use in an alcohol-free zone, it must impose conditions on the licensee (eg restaurant operator) about the requirements of the zone, including clear delineation and control of the licensed area from the alcohol-free zone.

In consideration of these guidelines alfresco dining in areas in which the Alcohol Free Zone applies can be addressed during the development application process and the application of suitable conditions. Any exemption would only be for the period in which the dining room of licence premises are operating and the Alcohol Free Zone would then be applicable when these are not in operation. This matter will be further addressed when the Use of Footpath Policy is reviewed, with further consultation with the West Wyalong Police to determine suitable standard conditions of consent.

Conclusion

As the local police have indicated, the establishment of Alcohol Free Zones are an effective means by which to address alcohol related crime and anti social behaviour. The Alcohol Free Zones have operated successfully in the Main Street and Neeld Street areas for a number years and the challenge now is to incorporate the demand for alfresco dining opportunities for local businesses into Council policy.

Financial Implications

To replace the existing signs with new signage would cost approximately \$3000.00. It is proposed to update the existing signs using adhesive labels to amend the operational dates. This option would cost between \$200.00 to \$300.00.

9.6 Strengthening Communities Grant – Weethalle Whistle Stop

Our places

Where our sense of community shines

Vision: Providing great community facilities for everyone to enjoy

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

Author: Community Development Officer

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council approve a Strengthening Communities grant of \$960 from the Weethalle Whistle Stop Museum to assist with the provision of structural framework for exhibition signage at Weethalle.

Introduction

The Weethalle Whistle Stop Museum has applied for a Strengthening Communities grant of \$960 to assist with the cost of erecting exhibition signage at Weethalle for the Bill Browne Historical Machinery Collection. This is a unique collection that has been assessed as having national significance.

The exhibition signage will assist in educating both tourists and locals on early farming development within the area and provide increased exposure for the community.

The signage, which will provide information on the objects displayed, will appeal to tourists and will hopefully encourage those passing through the community to stop and take a look around.

The Weethalle Whistle Stop Museum is contributing substantially to the cost of the work having already sought grant funding and contributions from other organisations. The work will be overseen by the Weethalle Museum volunteers in consultation with the Bland Shire Museum advisor and Bland Shire Council

Conclusion

Erection of the signage at Weethalle for the Bill Browne Historical Machinery Collection will promote increased tourism for the Weethalle community and will contribute to increased exposure for the township. It will further seek to educate locals and tourists on early farming development within the area.

Financial Implications

Council has \$34981 available in its Strengthening Communities Grant fund.

9.7 Strengthening Communities Grant – Business West Wyalong

Our places

Where our sense of community shines

Vision: Providing great community facilities for everyone to enjoy

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

Author: Community Development Officer

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council approve a Strengthening Communities grant of \$3000 (including \$2000 in-kind support) for Business West Wyalong to assist with the cost of entertainment, insurance and road closures for their Christmas Carnival event.

Introduction

Business West Wyalong has applied to Council for a Strengthening Communities grant to assist with the costs of running the revamped Christmas carnival on 4 December.

Business West Wyalong is seeking grant funding of \$1000 to assist with the costs of event insurance and providing entertainment as well as in-kind support to the value of \$2000 to cover the costs of road closures for the event.

Organisers expect that the Christmas Carnival will promote local shopping as well as providing family friendly entertainment and a fundraising opportunity for local organisations. The Main Street will be closed for the event, allowing shops owners and community organisations to place stalls in the street - contributing to the festive feel of the night and ensuring the safety of those who attend.

It is anticipated that the Christmas Carnival will encourage residents from around the Shire to discover what is on offer in West Wyalong's Main Street and spend money locally, contributing to the local economy and providing a great source of entertainment for local residents. Business West Wyalong expect that between 500 to 1000 people will attend on the night.

Conclusion

The Christmas Carnival will provide an economic boost for local retail and hospitality outlets and a great family friendly source of entertainment. It is expected that the event will encourage residents to shop locally to make their Christmas purchases, ensuring more money remains local. This request meets the objectives set out in Councils Community Strategic Plan.

Financial Implications

Council has \$34,981 available in its Strengthening Communities Grant fund.

SECTION 4 – ASSET & ENGINEERING SERVICES

9.8 New Proposed Rural Fire Service Shed – Deed of Agreement with Property Owners

Our infrastructure *Reviewing, renewing & improving our core community assets*

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

11.1 "Ensure users of Council facilities enter into agreements"

Author: Senior Asset Management Officer

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council authorise the General Manager to sign and seal the following Deeds made in relation to the erection of a Rural Fire Service Sheds on private lands:

- 1. Back Creek Station – Lot 166 DP 750615 Portion 1 and 2 (Owner Roger Bolte)**
- 2. Sandy Creek Station – Lot 38 DP 751726 Portion 1 and 2 (Owner Robert Robinson)**

Introduction

The Rural Fire Service (RFS) have negotiated agreements with individual property owners to erect purpose built sheds to house RFS fire tankers. The Rural Fires Act 1997 and subsequent regulations laden the responsibility of RFS buildings onto Council, therefore Council is required to enter any Deed of agreement on behalf of the RFS.

Deeds have been prepared and the portion for each leased area is clearly defined in these individual documents. Right of carriageways have been created to gain legal access to the leased area. Details of the proposed Deeds are shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1

Station Name	Property Owner	Lot and DP	Portion
Back Creek	Roger Bolte	Lot 166 DP 750615	1 & 2
Sandy Creek	Robert Robinson	Lot 38 DP 751726	1 & 2

The RFS have indicated that this will be an ongoing program to be implemented when funding becomes available. All costs associated with the construction of the sheds will be borne by the RFS.

Conclusion

At this stage Council is still responsible for RFS buildings although a review of this responsibility is ongoing in State Government. The General Manager needs to have authorisation to sign and seal the prepared deeds on behalf of Council.

Financial Implications

The agreed lease terms are \$1.00 per annum for a period of twenty five (25) years. There is also a requirement for Council to 'make good' the site if either party rescinds this Deed, which may borne additional funds onto Council.

SECTION 5 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Officer's Recommendation:

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

- **9.9 - Asset & Engineering Services Report**
- **9.10 - Community Services Report**
- **9.11 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update**
- **9.12 - Children Services Monthly Update**
- **9.13 - Bland HACCC Services Update**
- **9.14 - Development Services Activities/Statistics for September 2015**
- **9.15 - Economic Development & Tourism Report – October**

9.9 Asset & Engineering Services Report

Our infrastructure

Reviewing, renewing & improving our core community assets

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

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

Author: Director – Engineering Services

Introduction

The following work was carried out:-

1. NATIONAL AND STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Routine maintenance as per single invitation contract carried out on MR57 South and SH17.
- Bitumen patching carried out on SH17.

2. SHIRE ROADS MAINTENANCE

- Bitumen patching carried out on the following;
 - Kilkilbertoo Road
 - Quandialla Road
 - Bygoo Road
 - Wamboyne Road
 - Clear Ridge Road
 - Dundas Road
 - Tallimba-Ariah Park Road
 - Adlers Lane
- Wet Grading
 - Youngareen Road
 - Monia Gap
 - Barrons Lane West
 - Clear Ridge Road
- Gravel Patching
 - Adlers Lane
- Gravel Resheeting
 - Lewes Road
 - East Bland Lane
- The rehabilitation of the washed out causeway on Clear Ridge Road is in progress
- Guide posting has been done on a number of rural sealed roads, minor gravel patching and drainage works has been done on a number of unsealed roads within the shire.
- Linemarking has been completed on various rural sealed roads and town streets.
- The Calleen silo contract work for Graincorp top wearing course has been completed. Bitumen and line marking has been completed and signs and guide posts have been erected.
- Fire breaks are being graded in all towns and villages.

3. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

- All parks mown and tidied
- Village main streets swept and rubbish removed
- Trees trimmed and fallen branches picked up
- Village entrances and streets mown and trimmed
- All village park play grounds inspected for safety
- Irrigation checks carried out at Barmedman, Tallimba, Ungarie and Mirrool

4. PARK MAINTENANCE

- McCann park, Barnado park and small parks and areas mown, trimmed and maintained
- Council chambers and H.A.C.C Maintenance carried out
- Aerodrome Maintenance work carried out
- Barnado park has had water pipe line repairs carried out
- Annuals have been fertilised and sprayed for pest and disease in McCann and Barnado parks as well as main street and H.R building
- Clean up at Parks and Gardens depot
- McCann park prepared for Saturday markets

5. OVALS MAINTENANCE

- Maintenance to sporting ovals and surrounds
- Maintenance to lawn and monument cemetery
- Maintenance to Herridge park, Cooina park, Rotary park and Wyalong court house
Cooina park tree watering carried out
- Line marking for athletics, Australian rules, Rugby league, Rugby union and soccer completed
- Ovals and pump sheds irrigation checks carried out

6. TOWN MAINTENANCE

- Main street gardens tidied, watered and replanted
- Star lane cleaned and tidied
- Town areas mown and trimmed
- Town trees trimmed and watered when needed
- Small pot holes repaired in roads
- Clean out town drains
- West Wyalong and Wyalong spraying on nature strips carried out
- Water street car park maintenance
- Supplied traffic control for funerals and road works in town

9.10 Community Services Report

Our people

Our greatest and most important asset

Vision: A strong, healthy, connected and cohesive community

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

Author: Community Development Officer

Girls Night In

Bland Shire Council was thrilled to recently partner with two local businesses and positive body image advocate Jessica Smith to bring the 'Girls Night In' event to local youth. 22 young ladies attended the event which included hair and make-up demonstrations and tips from staff from two local hair and beauty businesses and a positive body image presentation from renowned positive body image advocate Jessica Smith. Jessica certainly touched on some very real issues and provided the girls with some important messages about body image. In addition to the presentations, a lolly bar and refreshments were enjoyed by all. The event was hugely successful and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Fishing Workshop

Wednesday 23 September saw a group venture to Narrandera Fisheries for a fishing workshop as part of the Bland Shire Council holiday program. The excursion was booked to capacity with 25 eager participants in attendance on the day. The 5 hour workshop consisted of instruction on line rigging, baiting and knotting tying, fishing safety, rules and regulations, conservation of fish habitats, casting techniques, retrieval of fish and fish handling. Once the children had learnt all the basics and safety information they then spent the afternoon fishing in the ponds contained at the Fisheries Centre.

Some were luckier than others on the day; however everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the experience and the chance to sharpen their fishing skills with lots of positive feedback received from those in attendance and parents alike.

At the completion of the workshop, all participants received a hat, shirt, fishing rod and reel, tackle box and a bag of fishing related goodies to take home.



Evolution Mining Grant for Triathlon

Bland Shire Council has been successful in the acquisition of a \$5000 grant from Evolution Mining to assist with the initiation of an annual West Wyalong Triathlon meet. The funding received from Evolution will be used to acquire items such as a finishing arch, marshalling materials and signage. It is hoped that the event will become self sustainable over time and will contribute substantially to tourism and the local economy. In addition to the tourism and economic benefits, the event will also promote health and well being for competitors. The Triathlon is expected to occur in the first half of 2016.

The Other Talk program

Following the success of the Community Ice Forum that was held in West Wyalong in July 'The Other Talk' workshop will be held in West Wyalong on Thursday 19 November at the West Wyalong High School Library. 'The Other Talk' is a seminar that provides parents with information and strategies around engaging their children in discussions around drug abuse. The workshop provides parents with the information they need to start conversations with their children around the topic of drug use early, in an attempt to minimise these behaviours in their children and ensure they are educated about the risks of drug use from an early age. The workshop has the capacity to cater for up to 50 parents to attend. Delivery of 'The Other Talk' program locally has been made possible as a result of funding received from the Australian Drug Foundation through our local Community Drug Action Team (CDAT).

Village Movie Nights

A number of highly successful movie nights were held in villages around the Shire over the recent school holidays. Movie screenings were held in Barmedman, Tallimba, and Weethalle with approximately 50 people attending at each of the venues to watch the recently released Australian family friendly movie, Paper Planes. The movie was well received by all who attended.



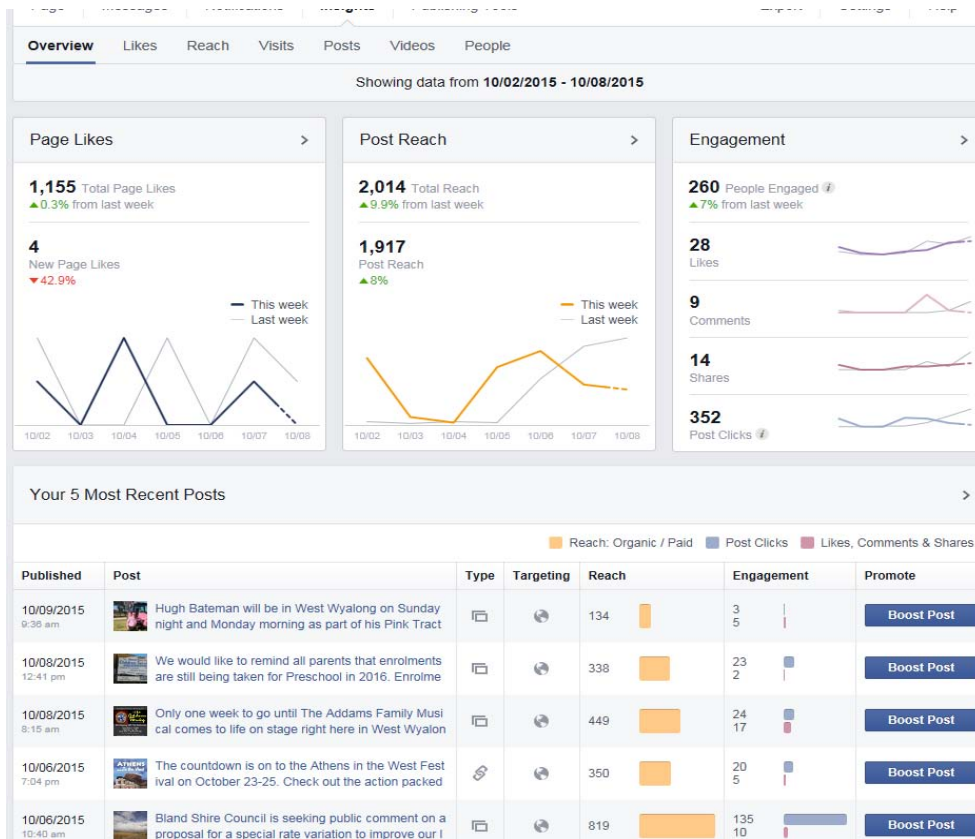
Fred Smith's Dust of Uzurgan tour

Through our ongoing partnership with Eastern Riverina Arts (ERA), Bland Shire Council has been successful in securing a position on Fred Smith's 'Dust of Uzurgan' tour. Dust of Uzurgan will appeal greatly to residents within the Bland Shire as it will provide our community with a chance to get glimpse of the war in Afghanistan through the eyes of both the Australian Soldiers and the Afghans who live in war torn areas. 'Dust of Uzurgan' offers elements of humour but is also an honest portrayal of time spent in Afghanistan outlining the harsh reality of the Australian Mission during this war. Community members can educate themselves about the war effort whilst also enjoying the witty, meaningful and humorous elements of the show. Council staff are currently negotiating with Fred Smith and ERA in the hopes of having the tour coincide with the unveiling of the Reg Rattey Memorial which will occur in early April 2016.

Social medal feedback and presence

Council has been actively working to increase its Facebook presence over the past 12 months as it is recognised that the use of social media is one of our most effective means of communication with over 1150 people currently following the Bland Shire Council page.

The use of Facebook allows Council to communicate important information in a highly cost effective manner and in real time ensuring that local residents remain informed about local issues and occurrences. Residents are also able to provide feedback to Council in a simple manner with a number of residents using the social media platform to communicate positive feedback in recent weeks. Through Facebook Council is further able to track how effective communication is by using the social media platforms 'insights' mechanism, allowing the user to view past engagement figures and compare past engagement with current engagement figures. Council has been able to engage upwards of 6000 people on specific posts as outlined below.



Overview	Likes	Reach	Visits	Posts	Videos	People				
07/27/2015 3:41 pm		Community members and staff gathered for a special event at Barmedman Public School yesterday. It w			557	8				
07/31/2015 10:21 am		Passing on the right driving skills to learner drivers can save their lives. Parents and supervisors of lea			340	8				
07/30/2015 3:14 pm		Bland Shire Council staff had a great day with Tallimboa Public School students on Tuesday to comm			1.1K	116				
07/24/2015 10:42 am		Bland Shire Council would like to thank all residents who attended the community ice forum in West			3.3K	833				
07/23/2015 4:45 pm		Bland Shire Council staff had a fantastic day today with Weethalle Public School students as part of N			1.9K	273				
07/21/2015 4:20 pm		Bland Shire Council would like to extend a reminder to the community that the Bland Shire Council Co			352	37				
07/21/2015 1:07 pm		The telephone system at Bland Shire Council is now operational once again. Thank you to everyone f			195	1				
07/20/2015 11:53 am		Bland Shire Council is thrilled to be partnering with the Walking Wounded organisation to deliver their			387	30				
07/18/2015 10:41 am		Bland Shire Council wishes to advise its telephone system is currently out of order. Technicians have			1.6K	175				
07/15/2015 3:02 pm		Bland Shire Council is currently advertising for a Casual Ranger http://www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au/yo			343	31				
07/14/2015 4:02 pm		COMMUNITY DRUG (ICE) FORUM			315	10				
07/10/2015 9:03 am		Attention all bubble soccer players!!! Unfortunately we have had to move the location of our bubble so			2.1K	552				
07/07/2015 3:51 pm		Bland Shire Council is holding a forum to educate community members about the dangers associated			6.2K	785				
07/07/2015 2:06 pm		There are still a few spots available on the Wagga Bowling Excursion. It is sure to be a great day! Dat			696	83				
07/02/2015 9:42 am		BSC is currently in the process of updating the Business and Community Guide. If your business/com			1.3K	164				

9.11 Bland Shire Library Monthly Update

Our people

Our greatest and most important asset

Vision: A strong, healthy, connected and cohesive community

*DP 3.4 Monitor and provide up to date and relevant resources and programs within the library
DP 4.4 Provide and monitor quality library services to the aged, people with disability, young people and families*

Author: Senior Library Assistant

Author Visit 26 – 30 October 2015

The library is very excited to be hosting a visit by Australian children's author and illustrator Roland Harvey. Roland has a busy schedule with all schools within the Bland Shire participating including Naradhan Public via video conference. Local home school families have also been invited to attend sessions.

Aged Care Expo

Bland Shire Library will hold an exhibit at the Aged Care Expo on 13 November from 10 am – 2 pm at the Community Care Centre. The Expo provides a marketing opportunity for the library to showcase its services particularly those targeting senior members of the community.

SWITCH Conference

Staff will be attending the NSW Public Libraries Association's annual Conference to be held in Sydney 17 – 20 November 2015. The theme for the conference is sustainability in libraries. The conference is an opportunity for information sharing, networking and professional development.

Food for Fines

A report on Food for Fines 2015 is going to the next Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee meeting on 28 October. Robert Knight will circulate an email before the end of October advising all branches including Bland of the resolution on this matter.

South West Zone Digital Library

In lieu of a 25 per cent content increase last year, further increment increases for next year was discussed at the recent South West Zone Library Managers meeting. It was agreed to maintain the status quo for next year and apply only the indexed percent of zone increase. The current South West Zone Digital Library Agreement expires 30 June 2017.

Overview of Library Services and Programs

- All library services and programs continue to be well supported by the community
- Registration of new members continues to keep staff busy
- Increase in regular school group visits – hence an increase in junior borrowing
- Computer usage remains high
- Promoting and marketing the library remains a focus for staff
- Feedback since joining the Riverina Regional Library continues to be overwhelmingly positive
- The library is currently seeking interested persons for various workshops to be held in the library eg. cake decorating, scrapbooking, etc

- With Christmas not far away, staff have already started planning their programs for November and December

School Holiday Program

The library's September school holiday program proved popular with all sessions booked out in advance. Activities included Cooking with Class, Print IT (supplied by RRL), DIY cement pots and jewellery making with local hobbyist Melanie Mueller.



Meetings

- **NSWPLA South West Zone Meeting**
The next NSW Public Libraries Association South West Zone meeting will be held at Wagga Wagga on Thursday 22 October 2015. Adele Casey, Director Corporate, Community and Development Services will attend. Councillor attendance is strongly encouraged to ensure continued engagement at the elected level.
- **Outreach and Promotions Meeting**
An Outreach and Promotions meeting for Riverina Regional Library staff will be held on Monday 2 November from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. The meeting will cover programming for all ages as well as promotions. The aim of the meeting is to have some tangible outcomes as well as plenty of idea sharing for programs for all ages, and online and in-library promotions.

- **South West Zone Library Manager's Meeting**

Bland Shire Library recently hosted a South-West Zone Library Managers meeting. Guest speakers included Elliot Willemssen-Bell, Senior Community Relations Advisor at Evolution Mining and Ellen Forsyth from the State Library. Elliot delivered a presentation on how a large company can contribute to the wellbeing of its local community while Ellen gave a demonstration of the State Library's new Conduit Financial and Statistical Data Collection System. The next meeting will be held in Wentworth on 9 March 2016.

Training

- **Little Bangs Discovery Club**

Library Assistant Liz Ford will attend Little Bangs Discovery Club (LBDC) training at Wagga Wagga City Library on Thursday 5 November 2015. The aim of the LBDC training is to develop ideas and skills that inspire further scientific exploration, discovery and learning. Presenter Wendy Preston's time is being subsidised by the Children's Discovery Museum which is keen to have science programming happening in regional areas. LBDC is offered as a partnership between Children's Discover and a local community service provider, such as the library.

- **RRL Staff Training Day**

Bland Shire Library staff recently attended a Riverina Regional Library staff training day in Wagga Wagga. Staff received targeted training in LIAC (Legal Information Access), e-Resources and Libero (Library Management System).

9.12 Children Services Monthly Update

Our people

Our greatest and most important asset

Vision: A strong, healthy, connected and cohesive community

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

Author: CSU Coordinators

Mobile Resource Unit

Playgroup & Ungarie Preschool

Show displays were entered into both the West Wyalong and Ungarie shows. They looked great!

Ungarie Preschool held their enrolment day with a teddy bears picnic. There was a great turn up of families and the Preschool children danced and sang a few songs for them.

Playgroup numbers were down towards the end of September.

Vacation Care

Vacation Care was held in the September/October holiday break (12 – 25 September) with an average of 10 children attending each day.

We will be running vacation care sessions prior to Christmas from 21-23 December. Bookings will be taken three weeks prior to these dates.

Bland/Temora Family Day Care

Fortnightly playgroups, including one in West Wyalong and one in Temora, and monitoring visits to all 15 educators have been completed as per schedule. 20 individual drop offs for the Temora educators also occurred this month.

We commenced our trial office hours (4pm – 6pm) in Temora on 28 September 2015. These will continue fortnightly until 7 December 2015.

Upcoming training opportunities for the educators and staff include; Creating Environments; and a Children's music workshop.

Show displays were entered into both the West Wyalong and Temora Shows. They both looked fantastic and we were lucky enough to receive a ribbon for our display in the Temora Show.

It takes a village (ITAV)

The Corinella session – was cancelled due to ½ day Public Holiday for West Wyalong's Show.

In Naradhan we made reed diffusers and held an informal playgroup session. The session involved providing participants with all materials to create their own diffuser. Two families attended including two adults and three children.

The Mirrool session was cancelled due to lack of numbers to hold a scrapbooking session with Rhonda Humphries.

Preschool



Bland Preschool has commenced Term 4. Our three year old classes are preparing for their move into the 4 year old classes next year, whilst our four year old classes are busy preparing for 'big school' with school readiness programs well underway.

Monday 12 October – Friday 23 October, Bland Preschool will be hosting five TVET Work placement girls from West Wyalong TAFE. These girls are currently undertaking their Certificate III in children's services.

Our 2016 enrolment day was successful; we are currently still taking enrolments and have vacancies in all classes. Staff aim to have 2016 enrolments finalised by the middle of November so families can make arrangements as necessary. Enrolments for this year remain at 100%.

Preschool photos were extremely successful; these are currently being collated by our parent committee and will be sent home to parents within the coming weeks. Bland Preschool's parent committee have also been busy organising a 2015 preschool cookbook. At present the cookbook has been edited with final touches and acknowledgments added before getting sent off to be printed. These will be available by the middle to end of November.

Staff attended an autism workshop in Wagga on Tuesday 6 October, ensuring skills and knowledge is kept up to date. This term staff will also be given the opportunity to attend webinars to 'integrate iPads within the classroom' as well as working with iPad apps. Our winter harvest in the veggie patch has nearly come to an end, this week the children picked broad beans, kale, spinach as well as beetroots. Over the next weeks we will be continuing to provide a sustainable program and will be planting our summer vegetables.

9.13 Bland HACC Services Update

Our people

Our greatest and most important asset

Vision: A strong, healthy, connected and cohesive community

DP 1 – Ensure health and support services and facilities address the physical, mental and general health needs of the community

Author: Community Care Coordinator

Aged Care Expo

Plans are well underway with the aged care expo to be held on 13 November at the Community Care Centre (HACC Building). Visiting services, assistance devices, wears and talks will all be available on the day.

Information will be available regarding services for community members, and staff are offering support to people trying to get services, including My Aged Care, to try and ensure people do not miss out.

My Aged Care

Since the 1 July 2015, a new process through My Aged Care has started for people to be able to access services. All people who need services must now go through a central assessment point and then they are referred to service providers in the area. This new process is slowing things down and has been a very confusing for clients and services alike.

Wednesday Activity Day

The Wednesday group continue to enjoy a variety of activities including to recent excursions to Temora and within West Wyalong. The movie 'Paper Planes' was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Community Services team for collaborating on this event.

Ungarie Activity Day

The Ungarie group continue to be escorted to West Wyalong on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. Activities, lunch and social support are provided, while some find the opportunity good for attending medical appointments and visiting various local businesses.

Social Groups

Currently the Older Men's Group (Bland Blokes) gatherings are held on Tuesday mornings from 9.30am – 11.30am and the Ladies Coffee Morning is held on Thursday mornings from 9.30am – 11.30am.

Both groups give participants the opportunity to socialise and meet new friends. The groups mainly enjoy a chat over a cuppa but do go on outings from time to time.

Home Care Packages

We continue to have 6 Home Care level 2 packages and currently have one vacancy. Home Care Package recipients must be assessed by an ACAT assessor. Assessors are coming from Wagga, Griffith or other areas as available and as required.

Home Modifications

Home modification in the Bland Shire area are still available, these can assist to make minor changes to the home to allow people to stay at home as long as possible. Some of the services available through Home Modifications are ramps, hand rails and other changes to assist clients to continue to live at home.

9.14 Development Services Activities/Statistics for September 2015

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

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

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

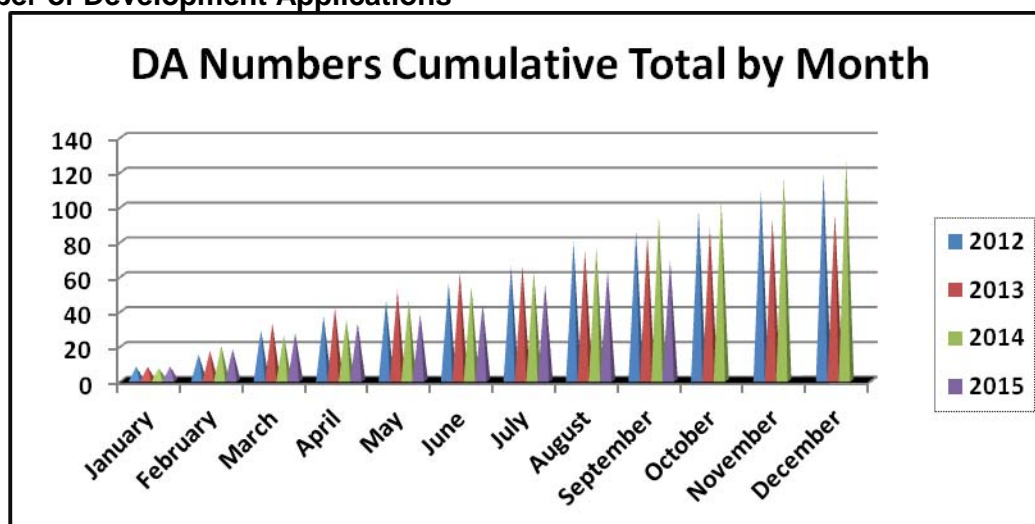
Author: Manager Development Services

Development Applications

The value of development applications received by Council during September 2015 is detailed in the following table.

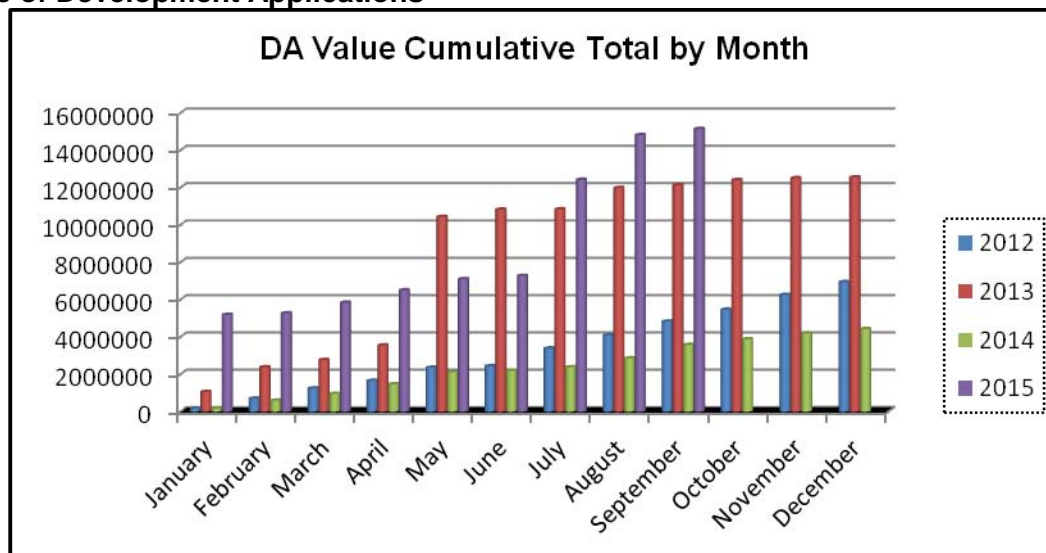
Development Type	Current Year			
	September 2015		Year to Date 1.01.15 30.09.15	
	Number	Value \$	Number	Value \$
Residential	2	323,240	33	2,215,250
Industrial	0	Nil	Nil	Nil
Commercial	2	6,500	23	12,783,100
Rural Residential	Nil	Nil	1	150,000
Subdivisions	Nil	Nil	3	Nil
Other	2	Nil	9	Nil
TOTAL	6	329,740	69	15,148,350

Number of Development Applications



This graph details the cumulative number of development applications received by month comparing 2012 to 2015.

Value of Development Applications



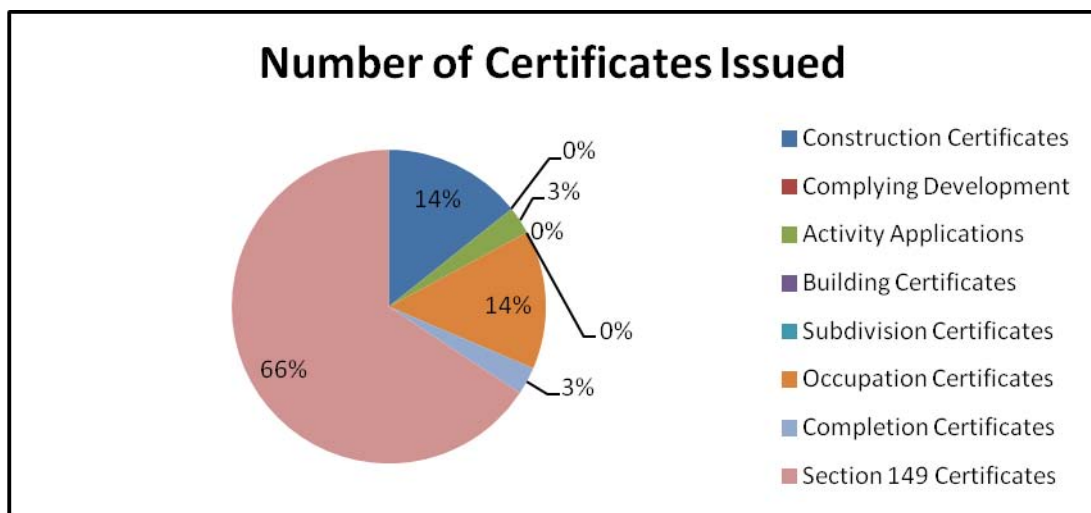
This graph details the cumulative value of development applications received by month comparing 2012 to 2015.

The following Development Applications were determined all by approval during September 2015:

App No.	Property	Development
DA2015/0102	289 Racecourse Road, West Wyalong	New community recycling centre shed
DA2015/0109	208 Main Street, West Wyalong	Alterations and additions to a commercial premises
DA2015/0110	37 Maitland Street, West Wyalong	Approval for the use of a carport
DA2015/0115	West Wyalong/Condobolin Road, [Calleen] West Wyalong	Installation of a grain out loading facility
DA2015/0116	109 Main Street, West Wyalong	Change of use from a retail to a medical premises including alterations and additions to the building
DA2015/0121	12 Acacia Street, West Wyalong	New carport
DA2015/0125	36 Old Hospital Road, West Wyalong	New storage shed
DA2015/0126	52 De Boos Street, Barmedman	New garage
DA2015/0127	11 Lady Mary Drive, West Wyalong	New dwelling
DA2015/0128	Adjacent to 122 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath for the display of goods
DA2015/0130	Adjacent to 99 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath for an "A" frame advertising sign
DA2015/0131	83 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of commercial alterations and additions

Certificates issued during August September 2015:

Certificate Type	Number Issued
Construction Certificates	5
Complying Development Certificates	Nil
Activity Applications	1
Building Certificates	Nil
Subdivision Certificates	Nil
Occupation Certificates	5
Completion Certificates	1
Section 149 Certificates	23



Public Health Activities Update

Food Shop Inspections Undertaken in September– Nil

- Number Compliant – Nil
- Number Non-compliant – Nil
- No. of “I’m Alert Online Interactive Food Safety Program Users for September - 1
Total - 513

Swimming Pool Inspections Undertaken in September – Nil

- Number Compliant – Nil
- Number Non-compliant – Nil

Heritage Grant Information – 1/01/2014 – 30/9/2015

Grant No.	Address	Description	Grant Value	Date Completed
HER/2014/006	93-95 Main Street West Wyalong	Repair and alter awning and restore leadlighting	\$10,582.00	16/12/2014
HER/2014/007	93-95 Main Street West Wyalong	Painting of building facade above the awning and verandah	\$7,397.00	
HER/2014/008	169 Main Street West Wyalong	Painting of building facade above the awning and the verandah	\$6,418.50	17/06/2014
HER/2015/001	23 Church Street West Wyalong	Painting of front facade of building and signage	\$2,204.00	
HER/2015/002	176 Main Street West Wyalong	Painting of front facade of building	\$1625.00	

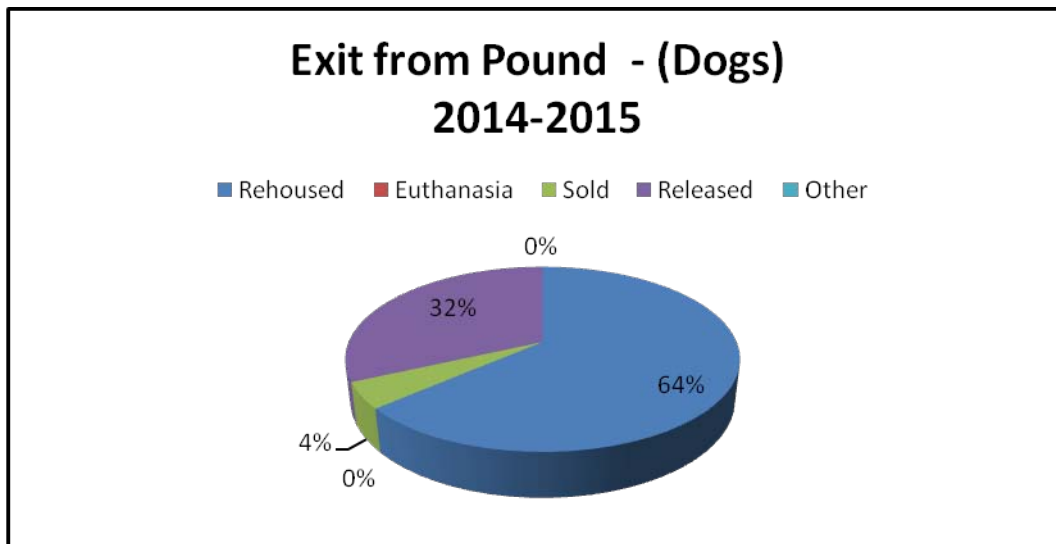
Companion Animal Activities

The following table summarises the management of companion animals during September 2015:

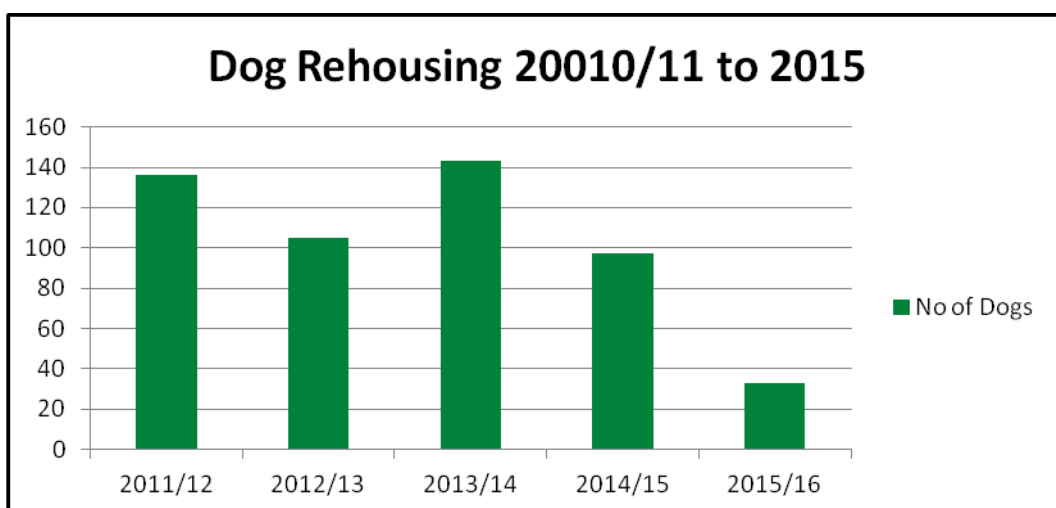
	Dogs	Cats
Seizure Activities:		
Seized	9	6
Returned to Owner	0	0
Transferred to Pound from Seizure Activities	9	6
Animals in Pound at start of Month	8	2
Dumped	8	2
Surrendered	3	0
Total Animals in Pound	28	10
Released to Owner	7	2
Euthanased	0	1
Sold	1	0
Stolen from Pound	0	0
Escaped	0	0
Died at Pound	0	0
Rehoused	14	7
Total Animals Leaving Pound	22	10
Animals in Pound at end of Month	6	0

Animals into Pound - Monthly Cumulative Totals

Month	Dogs	Cats
July	20	12
August	35	15
September	55	23
October		
November		
December		
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		



This chart summarises the methods in which companion animals (dogs) exited the pound for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 September 2015.



This chart summarises the annual rehousing statistics from 2011/12 to 30 September 2015:

Break In Figures at Pound

- August – Nil
- No. of "I'm Alert Online Responsible Dog Ownership Users for September – 1 Total - 62

9.15 Economic Development & Tourism Report - October

Our prosperity

Ensuring a vibrant and sustainable future

Vision: Growing our population and jobs

*DP15.0 The proportion of residents satisfied with the level of economic development support Council provides to the business community
DP 16.0 Community satisfaction with the quantity and quality of tourist information and resources provided by Council
19.0 Visitors and tourists are welcomed and make a positive contribution to the community economy
DP19.1 Work with business and property owners to rejuvenate their businesses and shop fronts and encourage the maintenance of buildings with character
DP19.2 Work with the tourism industry to identify and develop products and services that appeal to visitors of the Shire
DP19.3 Visitor information is kept relevant and up to date
DP20.0 Plan for a range of industries that build on the strengths of the Bland Shire to stimulate investment and employment
DP20.1 Encourage and actively seek out business and industry to relocate within the shire
DP20.2 Have ongoing engagement and communication with the shire's existing and prospective industry and business including diversification into alternate industries/businesses
DP20.3 Actively promote the Business Development Assistance to new and existing businesses*

Author: Senior Economic Development & Tourism Advisor

Gliding Activities

Bathurst Soaring Club – 24/10/2015 to 31/10/2015

Speed Week – 1/11/2015 to 8/11/2015

Bathurst Soaring Club – 30/1/2016 to 13/2/2016

Campdraft Events

The West Wyalong Charity Campdraft hosted a successful campdraft in West Wyalong on 19 and 20 September with 158 competitors participating in 775 events involving 281 horses and 800 cattle.

The West Wyalong Charity Campdraft will be hosting the Gold Nugget Campdraft & Challenge from the 27 to 29 November.

Upcoming Events

- Mirrool Silo Kick – Saturday 10 October
- Barmedman Modified Tractor Pull – Saturday 17 October
- Athens in the West – 23 – 25 October

Newell Highway Website Analytics

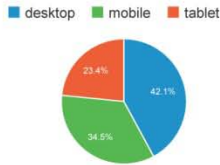
	May	June	July	August	September
Pageviews	6,847	9,957	10,558	9,926	10,262
Visits	2,298	3,262	3,620	3,465	3,627
Visitors	1,814	2,368	2,657	2,531	2,644
Desktop	45.5%	41.6%	38.0%	41.3%	42.1%
Mobile	26.9%	31.9%	36.2%	32.8%	34.5%
Tablet	27.5%	26.5%	25.8%	25.9%	23.4%

Newell Highway Analytics Report

Sep 1, 2015 - Sep 30, 2015

All Sessions
100.00%

Sessions by Device Category



Visits (Sessions)



Pageviews

10,262
% of Total: 100.00% (10,262)

Visits

3,627
% of Total: 100.00% (3,627)

Visitors

2,644
% of Total: 100.00% (2,644)

Users by Country

Country	Users
Australia	2,596
United Kingdom	10
New Zealand	7
(not set)	7
United States	6

Top Landing Pages

Landing Page	Pageviews	Avg. Time on Page
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/route39/	2,687	00:01:15
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/route39/tour/temora/	37	00:00:03
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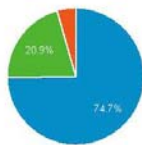
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/route39/tour/goondiwindi/	95
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Users by City/Town

Region	Users
New South Wales	960
Victoria	800
Queensland	741
South Australia	59
Australian Capital Territory	49
Tasmania	30
Western Australia	20
(not set)	8
England	7
Scotland	3

Visits by Channel

■ organic ■ (none) ■ referral



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Country Ruby League

The Country Rugby League Riverina Rugby League Academy trials for 16 and 17 year old players was held at the Ron Crowe Oval on Wednesday 7 October, with 50 players and 12 officials attending.





Model T Car Club

52 Model T car club members visited the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre over the October long weekend.



NSW Free Flight Society

The NSW Free Flight Society held a successful event in West Wyalong over the October long weekend.





Business Enterprise Centre

The Central NSW Business Enterprise Centre teamed up with Galloway Partners to run two workshops in West Wyalong to assist businesses make sound financial decisions through understanding their P&L and Balance sheet and how to read and dissect the information the businesses need to make sound financial decisions.



GrainCorp

GrainCorps Calleen grain receival and storage facility is taking shape.

