



Bland Shire Council
Business Paper
Ordinary Council Meeting
16 February 2016



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.

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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
ALIA	Australian Library and Information Association
AMP	Asset Management Plan
BCA	Building Code of Australia
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
CENTROC	Central West Regional Group of Councils
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CLRS	Councillors
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CPP	Cowal Partnering Program
Cr	Councillor
CRO	Community Relations Officer
CSP	Community Strategic Plan
CSU	Childrens Services Unit
CT	Community Technology
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
EPAA	Environmental Planning & Assessment Act
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
FRRR	Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal
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
NAIDOC	National Aboriginal & Islander Observance Committee
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
OGM	Office of the General Manager
OLG	Office of Local Government
OP	Operational Plan
P&G	Parks & Gardens
PA	Per Annum
PC	Personal Computer
PCBU	Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking
PHaMs	Personal Helpers and Mentors
PLA	Public Library Association
POEO	Protection of the Environment Operations Act & Regulations
PSITAB	NSW Public Sector Industry Advisory Board
PSSA	NSW Primary Schools Sports Association
R2R	Roads to Recovery
Rd	Road
RDA	Regional Development Australia
RDO	Rostered Day Off
Rec	Recreation
REROC	Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils
RFS	Rural Fire Service
RMAP	Risk Management Action Plan
RMS	Roads & Maritime Services
RRL	Riverina Regional Library
RTO	Registered Training Organisation
RV	Recreational Vehicle
SEDTA	Senior Economic Development & Tourism Advisor
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy
SES	State Emergency Service
SH	State Highway
SRC	Summer Reading Club
SRV	Special Rate Variation
St	Street
STW	Sewerage Treatment Works
TASAC	Tourist Attraction Signposting Assessment Committee
TCORP	Treasury Corporation
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
WWRL	West Wyalong Rugby League



Council Meeting Agenda

16 February 2016

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").

1.1 Prayer

Representatives from the Ministers Association will lead Council in the annual Prayer session.

1.2 Town Crier

Mr Kyle Sturgess will be in attendance and conduct a Cry.

2.0 ATTENDANCE

2.1 Councillors

Cr P Grellman

Cr L Hampton

Cr K Keatley

Cr T Lord

Cr L McGlynn

Cr L Pike

Cr N Pokoney

Cr P Templeton

2.2 Staff

General Manager – Ray Smith

Director Asset & Engineering Services – Will Marsh

Director Corporate, Community & Development Services – Adele Casey

Executive Assistant – Julie Sharpe

2.3 Apologies

Cr B Monaghan

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 15 December 2015

- **Confirmation**
That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 15 December 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

5.1 Evolution Mining Address

6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE

7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1 Donation – Rose Garden Group (Cr McGlynn)

“Donation of \$4,000.00 to Rose Garden ladies as an initial donation for their many years of volunteer work, following this pay for their expenses on receipt.”

Comment from General Manager

There is no current budget allocation for this purpose. If council wishes to make such a donation it should be considered in conjunction with the preparation of the 2016/17 budget process. Council needs to avoid making ad hoc decisions on expenditure that has not been included or approved in the annual budget. Decisions to spend funds that have not been allocated in the budget undermines the entire process and makes it impossible to meet budget projections.

7.2 Repairs – Cooinda Park (Cr McGlynn)

“Urgent repairs to Miners Hut at Cooinda Park and plaques on Poppet Head and Hut describing what they are and all put in context on an interpretative panel.”

Comment from General Manager

There is no current budget allocation for this purpose. Council has previously resolved (November 2009) to keep the structure (The Poppet Head) locked and secured against unauthorised entry. Council at that same meeting rejected a recommendation to carry out any repairs to this structure. Council needs to avoid making ad hoc decisions on expenditure that has not been included or approved in the annual budget. Decisions to spend funds that have not been allocated in the budget undermines the entire process and makes it impossible to meet budget projections.

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.

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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

12.1 Expressions of Interest – Purchase of 184 Main Street West Wyalong

Local Government Act 1993 (section 10A (2) (d) (i)

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

12.2 New West Wyalong Medical Centre – Business Assistance Application

Local Government Act 1993 (section 10A (2) (d) (i)

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

12.3 RMS Works Goldfields Way

Local Government Act 1993 (section 10A (2) (d) (i)

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

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

14.0 CLOSE OF THE MEETING

SECTION 1 – DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

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

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

Officer's Recommendation:

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

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

Committee	Date/s	Minutes attached
Access Advisory Committee (Cr Grellman)	19 th February 2016	
Australia Day Awards Committee of the Whole (Whole of Council)	1 st December 2015	✓
Australian Rural Roads Group Inc (Cr Grellman)	16 th 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)		
Cowal Gold Project Community Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee (CEMCC) (Mayor Pokoney, Deputy Mayor Cr McGlynn - alternate, Cr Hampton - observer)	2 nd December 2015 2 nd March 2016	✓
Cultural Advisory Committee (Cr McGlynn, Cr Keatley)	22 nd February 2016	
Goldenfields Water County Council Board (Cr Templeton)	18 th December 2015 25 th February 2016	✓
Heritage Advisory Committee (Cr McGlynn, Cr Grellman)	3 rd February 2016	✓

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>		
Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network <i>(Cr Monaghan)</i>	8 th October 2015 17 th December 2015	
Museums Advisory Committee <i>(Cr Lord, Cr Keatley)</i>	31 st March 2016	
Newell Highway Taskforce <i>(Cr Lord)</i>		
NSW Association of Mining Related Councils <i>(Cr McGlynn, Cr Hampton)</i>	13 th November 2015 19 th February 2016	
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>	8 th December 2015 23 rd February 2016	
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 THE BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS COMMITTEE ROOM ON TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 6.00PM

Present:

Cr Neil Pokoney, Cr Liz McGlynn, Cr Kerry Keatley, Cr LEEANNE HAMPTON, Cr Peter Grellman, Cr Peter Templeton, Ray Smith (General Manager), Adele Casey (Director of Corporate, Community and Development Services), Craig Sutton (Community Relations Officer)

ITEM 1 WELCOME

Mayor Neil Pokoney welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the process of selecting the winners in each category. Committee members were invited to speak about each of the candidates at the beginning of each selection process before a top three was decided and a second vote taken to determine the winners.

ITEM 2 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Cr Tony Lord, who provided comments and preferences to the General Manager which were lodged at the meeting.

ITEM 3 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The committee endorsed Todd Pereira as 2016 Citizen of the Year.

ITEM 4 YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The committee endorsed Danielle Steele as the 2016 Young Citizen of the Year.

ITEM 5 COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR

The committee endorsed the nomination of the West Wyalong Men's Shed as Community Group of the Year.

ITEM 6 COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR

The committee endorsed the Ungarie Bogeye Cup as Community Event of the Year.

ITEM 7 ACHIEVEMENT IN SPORT

The committee invoked its option to split the Achievement in Sport category into two categories – individual achievement and team of the year. The committee endorsed Thomas Preston as the winner of the individual Achievement in Sport Award and the West Wyalong Rugby League Club reserve grade team as Team of the Year.

ITEM 8 CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT

The committee endorsed Justine Henley as the winner of the Contribution to Sport Award.

ITEM 9 AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR UPDATE

The Community Relations Officer advised that Paralympian Matthew Levy OAM has been announced as the 2016 Bland Shire Australia Day Ambassador. The committee asked that the Ambassador be scheduled to visit Ungarie and Barmedman if his travel itinerary allowed.

ITEM 11 CLOSE

Mayor Neil Pokoney closed the meeting at 6.54pm.

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

Wednesday 2 December 2015

9.00 am – Wiradjuri Study Centre, Condobolin

Minutes taken by: Elliot Willemsen-Bell

Attendees:

Independent Chair:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)
Evolution:	Garry Pearson (GP), Elliot Willemsen-Bell (EWB)
Community Members:	Angus Stitt (AS), Lucy Buttenshaw (LB),
Bland Shire Council:	Neil Pokoney (NP), Leanne Hampton (LH)
Forbes Shire Council:	Brian Mattiske (BM)
Lachlan Shire Council:	Graham Scott (GS)
Lake Cowal Landowners Association:	Bruce Dent (BD)
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation:	Ally Coe (AC)

Apologies: Graeme Miller, Jenene McGrath, Dave Carter, Jason Floyd

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1.0 Welcome</p> <p>Independent Chair, Margaret MacDonald-Hill opened the meeting at 9:10 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>Moved by Lucy Buttenshaw, seconded by Angus Stitt</p>	
<p>4.0 Business Arising from previous Minutes</p> <p>Nil</p>	
<p>5.0 Correspondence</p> <p>In 30/9/15 - email from Daryl Nielsen (resignation)</p>	

<p>13/10/15 - email from GP Evolution NF&O Incident Report 28/10/2015 – email from GP Evolution attaching 11th IMP report 18/11/15 - email from GP Evolution NF&O Incident Report</p> <p>Out 28/10/2015 – email to CEMCC attached 11th IMP report</p>	
<p>6.0 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>The presentation also included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detail on the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for exploratory Drill program that is scheduled to commence in late 2015 and continue into 2016 • Results of recent ISO14001 Audit • Results of recent International Cyanide Management Code health check <p>Garry Pearson also provided a brief update on the Lake Cowal Foundation, following the recent AGM. He advised the CEMCC that Simon Delander (General Manager, Health, Safety, Environment and Risk, Evolution Mining) had joined the LCF Board. He also said that the organization was in the process of identifying a replacement for Dr. Daryl Nielsen.</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).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities since last CEMCC • Complaints/Grievances • Upcoming activities <p>Complaints/Grievances</p> <p>The 2 complaints received since the last meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complaint received regarding noise. Complainant heard “low grinding noise” at approximately 02:00 on 13 November 2. Complaint received regarding access to blast monitor on private property without notifying landholder on 1 December. <p>Further discussion around structure of Community Relations Team and engagement plans for 2016.</p>	
<p>7.0 General Business</p>	

Nil	
8.0 Meeting Closed – 10:35 am	
<p>9.0 Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 2 March at the Cowal Gold Mine</p> <p>Corporate representatives from Evolution Mining will be invited to attend.</p> <p>2016 Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 March • 1 June • 31 August (TBC) • 7 December 	

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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

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

Graham Scott – Lachlan Shire Council Representative

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

Brian Mattiske – Forbes Shire Council Representative

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

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

Graeme Miller – Forbes Shire Council Representative

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

Ally Coe – Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation

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

Cowal Gold Operations

Environmental Management

CEMCC



2 December 2015

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Environmental Management Overview



- Environment and Sustainability Policy
- Environmental Incidents
- Environmental Summary
- Government Interactions
- Cyanide Management
- 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Klein", is positioned above the printed name and title of the Executive Chairman.

Jake Klein
Executive Chairman

Issue Date:
February 2015



Environmental Incidents

▪ Reportable Incidents

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

▪ September 2015

- 1 Nankeen Kestrel – Northern Haul Road ramp to NWRE.
- 1 Long-necked Turtle – on Northern Haul Road.
- 1 Australian Raven – Bitumen access road.
- 1 Bearded Dragon – Bitumen access road.

Two (2) native animal/s rescued - Carpet Python at NWRE; Microbat at Admin. WIRES.

Nil (0) feral animals euthanased – – WIRES.

Pest Control:

- Mouse baiting continuing. No mice since 2012 mini-plague.
- 1080 Fox baiting resumed 08 September 2014 (none since May 2015).
- Pindone baits for Rabbits (suspended for start of 2016 Year).

Mutual Aid: Two (1) request – x2 Microbats in fire wood (WWy) - 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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horn to
Scare**



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▪ October 2015

- 4 Microbats – EXC303 track idlers bottom of E42 Open Pit face.
- 1 Myall Snake – Western Haul Road.
- 1 Brown Snake – Bitumen access road.
- 2 Welcome Swallow – Leach Tank bund concrete floor/ Leach Sub steps.
- 2 Blue-tongue Lizard – bitumen access road.
- 1 Blue-bellied Black Snake – Western Mining Haul Road.
- 1 Australian Magpie – gravel access road to TSF area.
- 1 Australian Wood Duck – bitumen access road.
- 1 Wombat – already dead, stuck in TSF water flush discharge pipe.
- 1 Australian Wood Duck – bitumen access road.

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Seven (7) native animals rescued - Tiger Snake inside Plant; 2 Grey Kangaroos – STSF; 2 Brown Snakes – Process Plant; Tiger Snake – Mobile Mtce Shift office; Black Swan – Pit ramp. 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: Two (2) requests – Shingleback (Bellarwi); Long-necked Turtle 'Foxman Downs' - 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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▪ November 2015

- 1 Legless Lizard – main admin car park, ambulance bay area.
- 1 Blue-tongue Lizard – bitumen access road.
- 2 Welcome Swallows – fallen, separated from parent / flight path error.
- 2 Apostlebirds – bitumen access road.
- 1 Australian Magpie – bitumen access road.
- 1 Brown Snake – bitumen access road.
- 1 Australia Wood Duck – Pond D6 floating, autolysed, predated upon.
- 1 Galah – bitumen access road.
- 1 Grey Kangaroo – female, deceased on Northern Diversion Bund road.

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Twenty Two (22) native animal rescued – x3 Long-necked Turtles; x2 Microbats; x1 Blue-bellied; x1 Brown; x1 Legless; x9 Pacific Black Ducklings; x1 Grey joey; x3 Welcome Swallow. WIRES Calls.

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Mutual Aid: Five (5) – Barmesman Wombat; Galah; Tawny Frogmouth; Long-necked; Carpet Python.
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.



Environmental Incidents

▪ Reportable Incidents

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

▪ December 2015

- 1 Buff Banded rail – flight path error into wall of Final Tails Thickener.

Nil (0) native animal rescued – . WIRES Calls.

Pest Control:

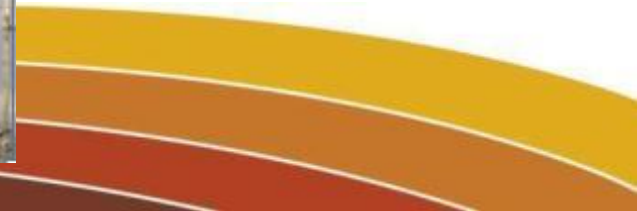
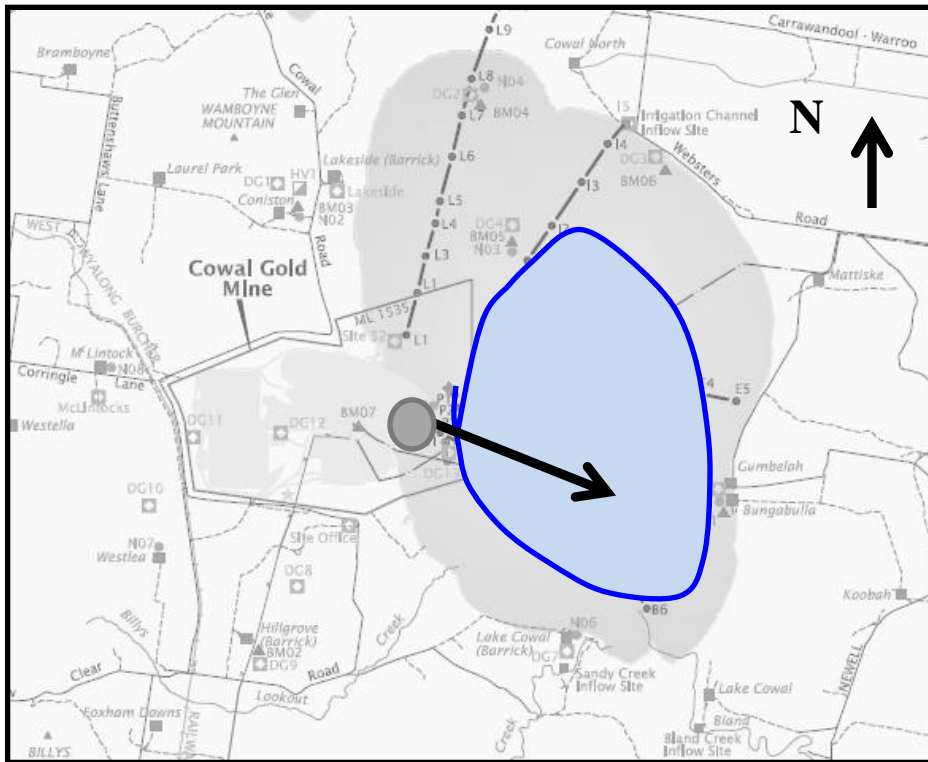
- Addressing feral cats numbers.
- Mouse baiting continuing. Minimal mice since 2012 mini-plague.
- 1080 Fox baiting resumed 08 September 2014 (none since May 2015).
- Pindone baits for Rabbits (suspended for start of 2016 Year).

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.

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

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 Interactions

DSIRD-DRE, Orange Inspectorate (2 Oct 2015):

- MOP (2014 – 2016) and appended RMP (April 2015).

Lake Cowal IMP (27-28 August):

- Awaiting final report from DP&E, Sydney.



LCF Board (14 October 2015):

- Review of Constitution at NPA, NCC, Sydney;
- AGM set 27 November 2015; and
- November 2016 for Vote on revised Constitution.

2015-2017 Exploration Drilling Program

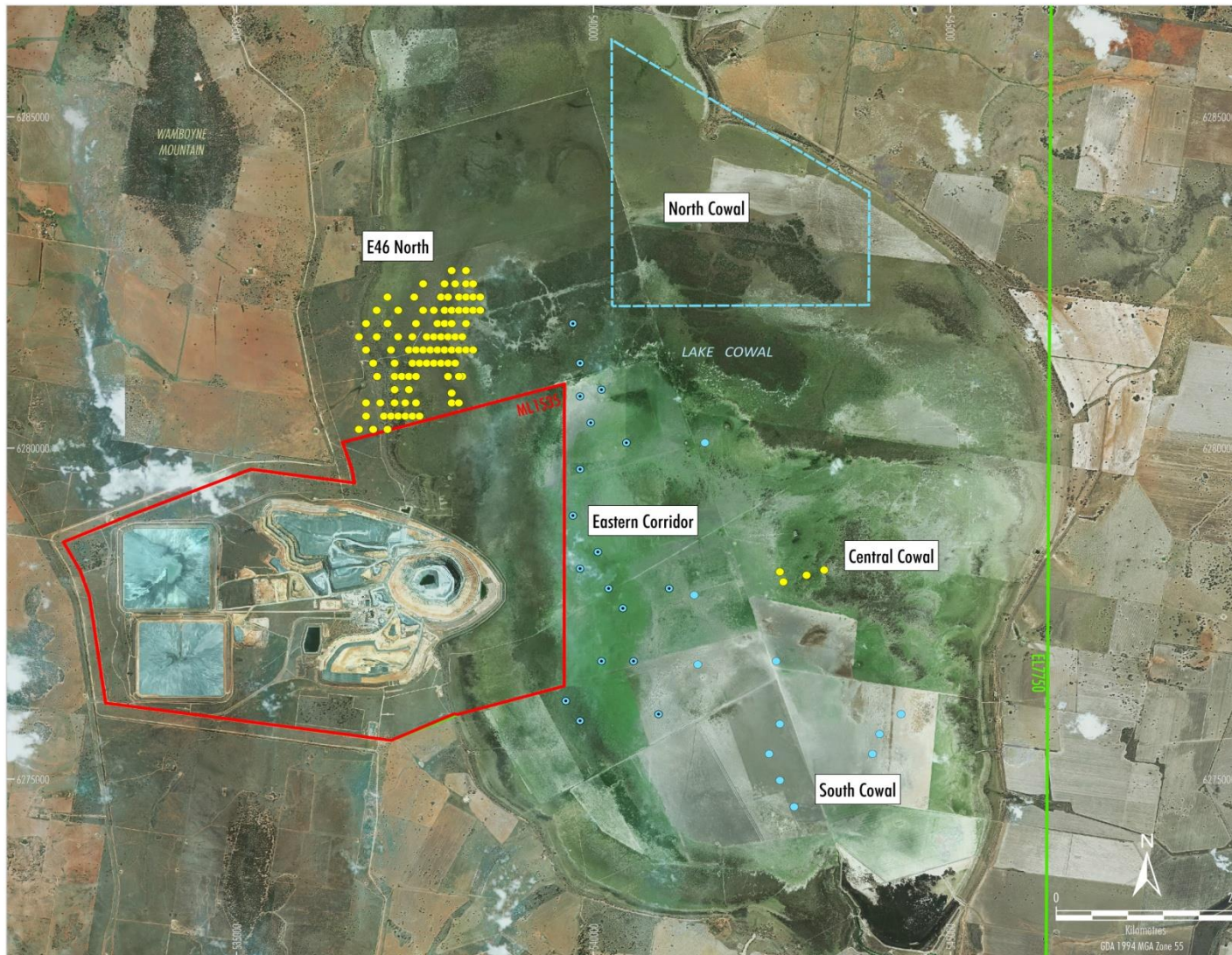


EVN CGO REF:

- **Stage 1 (Dec 2015 – Dec 2016) – priority exploration focus areas**
 - E46 North
 - Central Cowal

- **Stage 2 (Dec 2016 – Dec 2017) – target exploration focus areas**
 - Eastern Corridor
 - South Cowal
 - North Cowal

2015-2017 Exploration Drilling Program



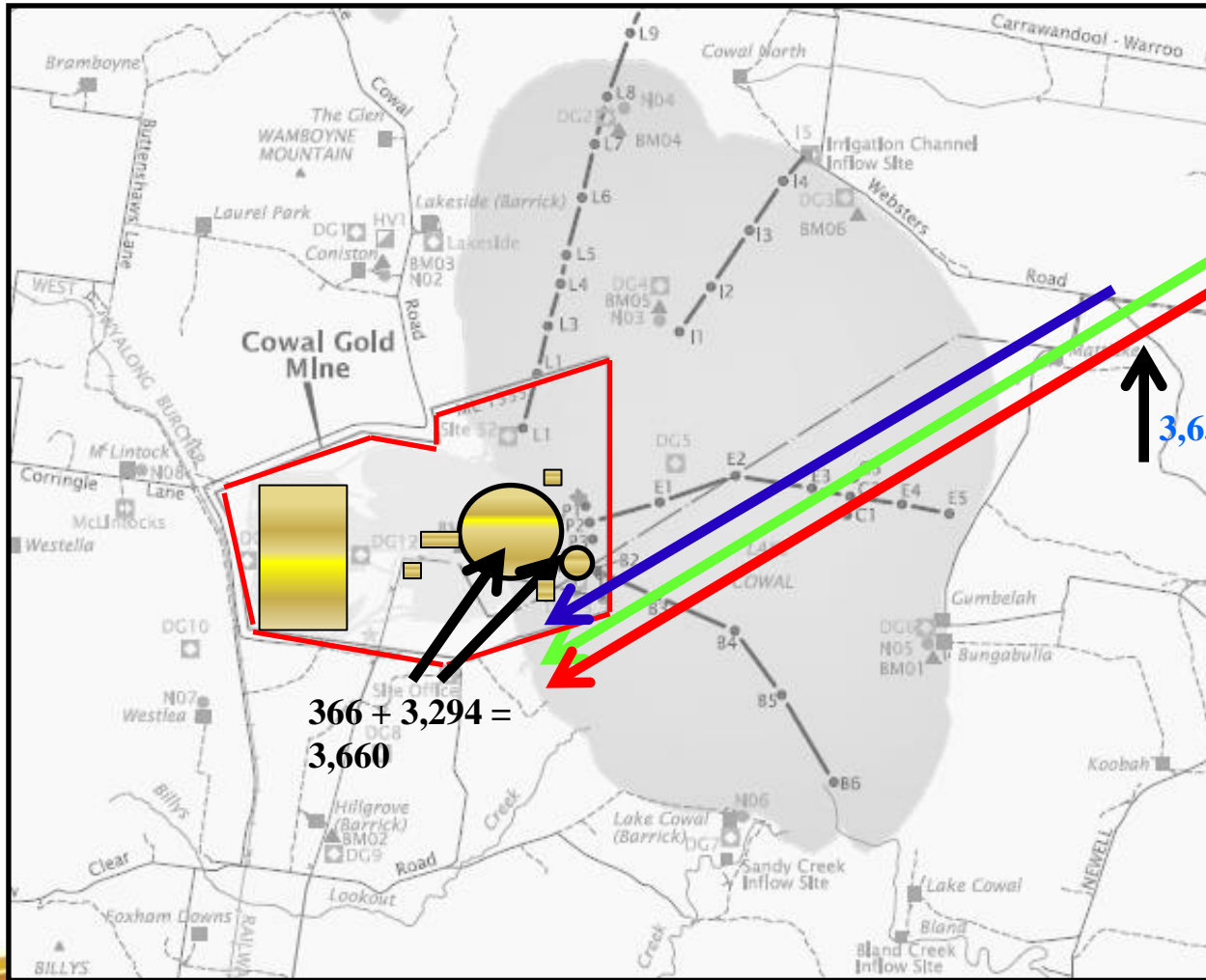
- LEGEND**
- Mining Lease
 - Exploration Licence
 - North Cowl Exploration Focus Area
 - Stage 1 Indicative Drill Hole Location
 - Stage 2 Indicative Drill Hole Location
 - Stage 2 Target Drill Location
 - E46 North Exploration Focus Area

Source: Department of Industry (2015); Orthophoto - Evolution Mining (Cowl) Pty Limited (Flown February 2015)

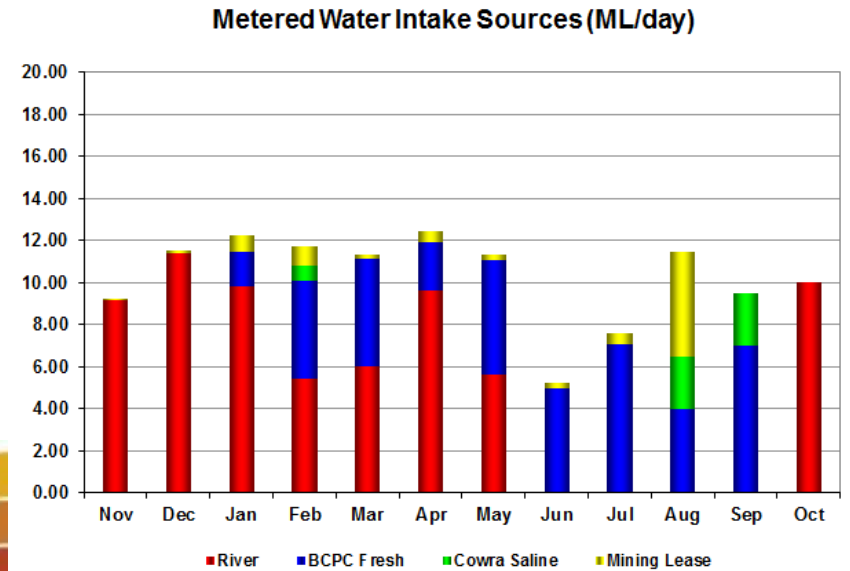
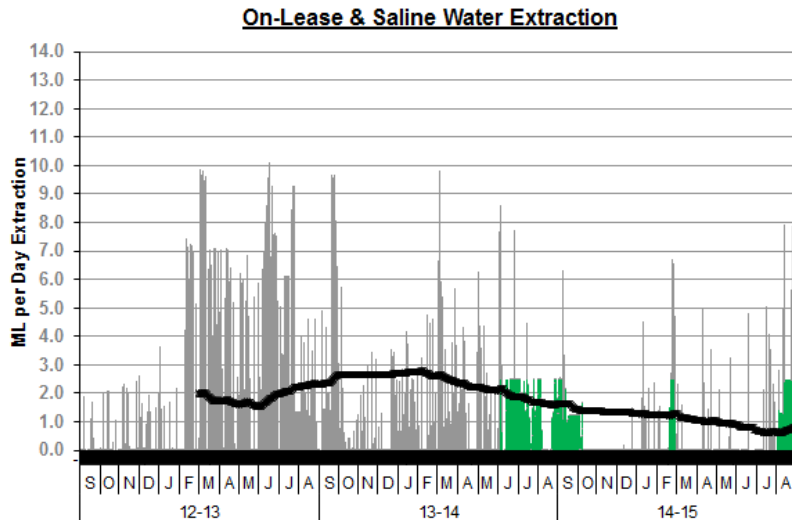
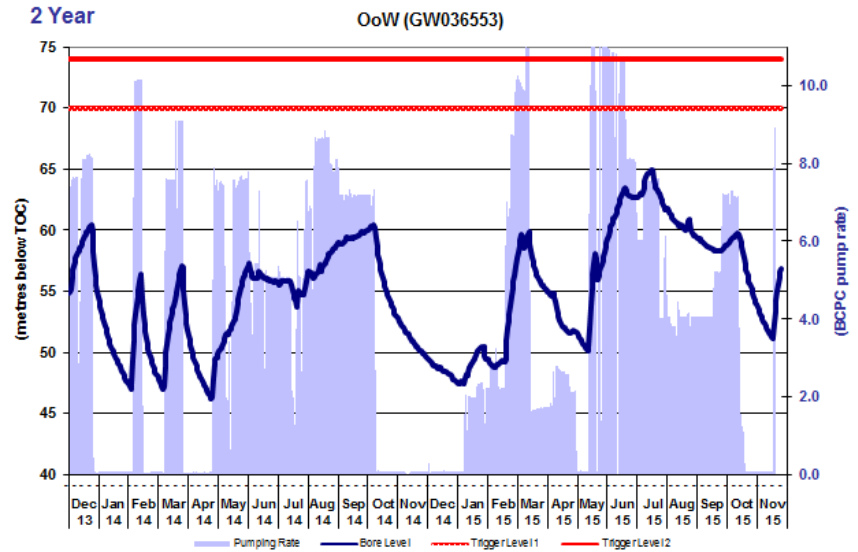
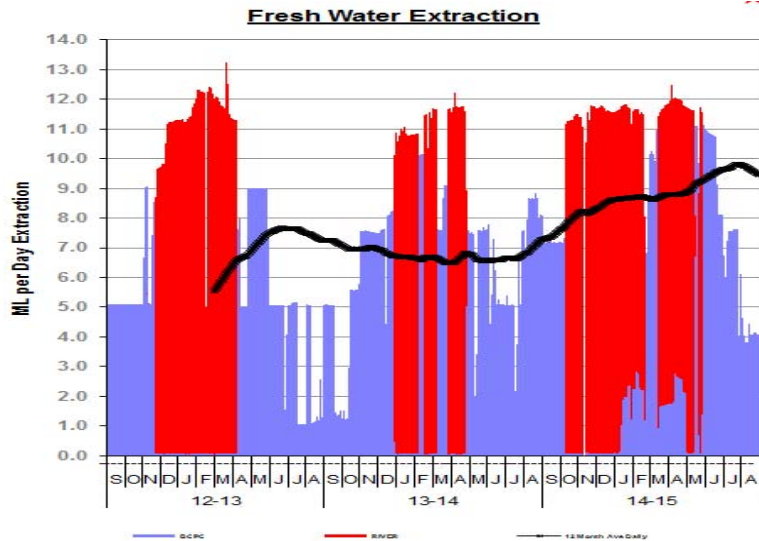


ML & Groundwater Sources

- ESB
- BCPC
- Pit/ Rain
- Reg River

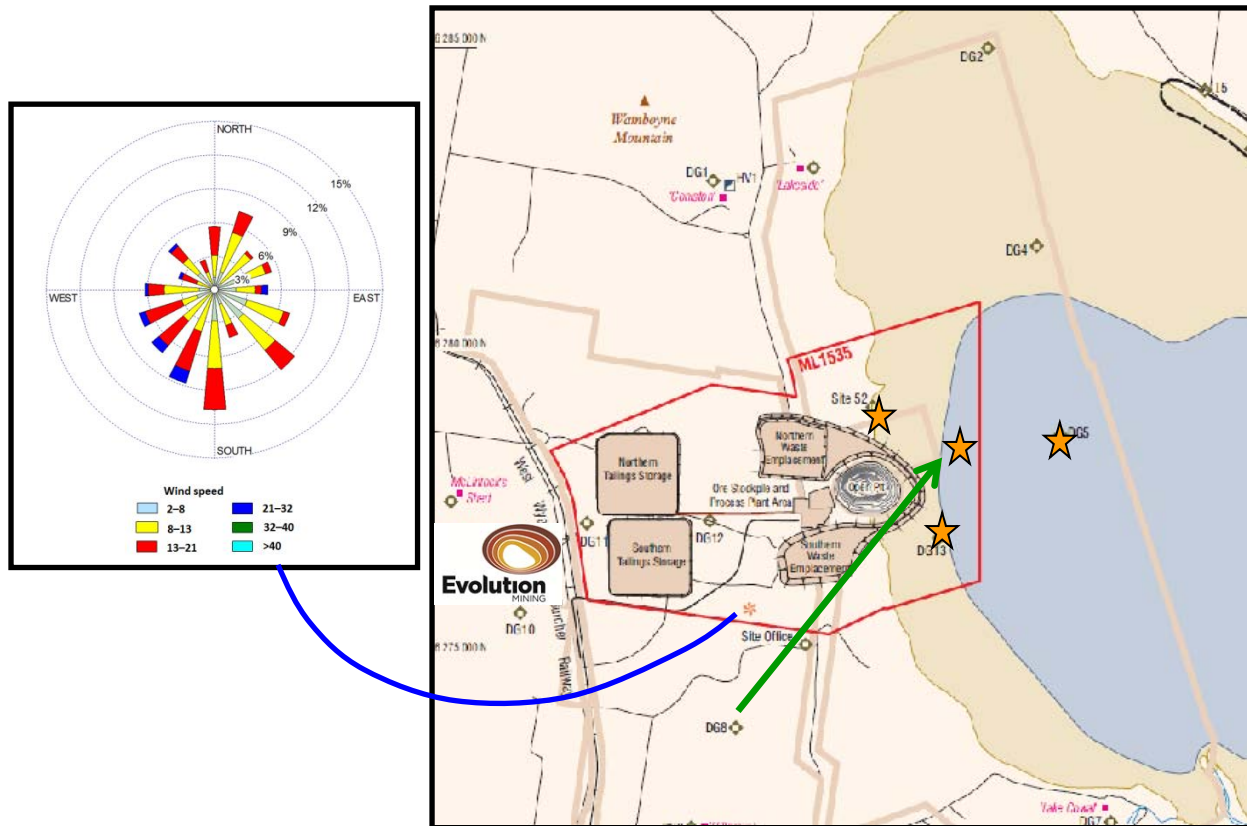


Water summary



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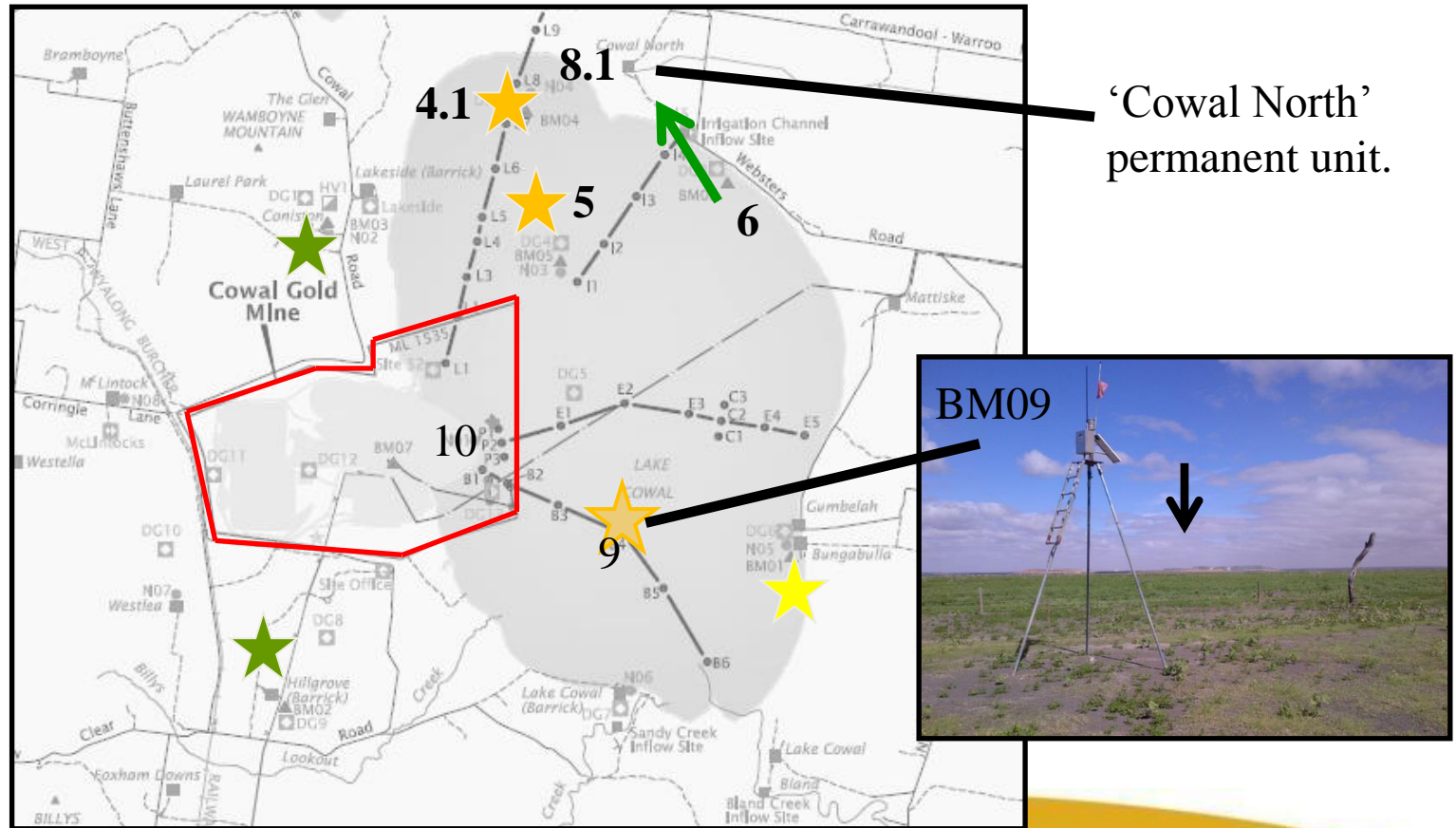
■ Ongoing depositional dust monitoring



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

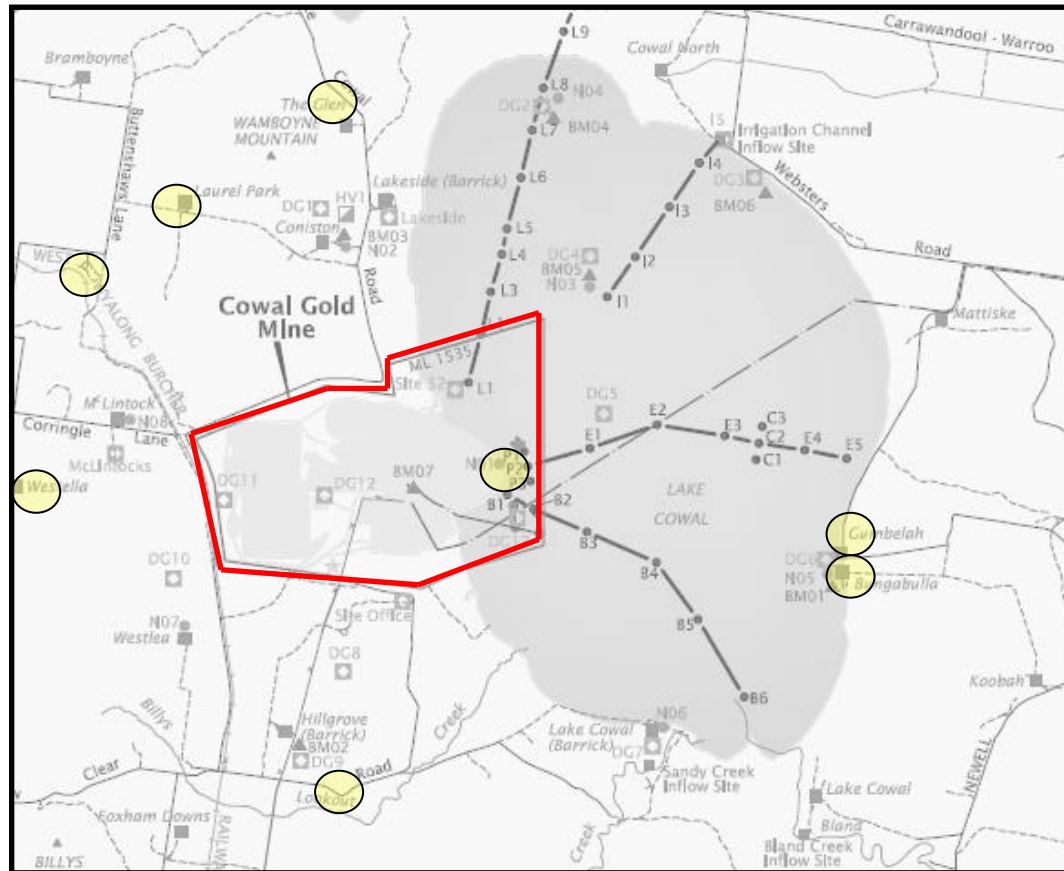
2014 CGO AR

. Ongoing blast overpressure monitoring



2014 CGO AR

- Ongoing quarterly ambient noise monitoring





MOD11 work list – strategies/ EMPs

Environmental management strategy	Decommissioning strategy for water management structures & long-term management of Final Void and LPB
Rehabilitation Strategy – appended to EVN CGO MOP (1 Aug 2014 – 31 Aug 2016)	
Noise Management Plan	Blast Management Plan
Soil Stripping Management Plan	Erosion and Sediment Control MP
Rehabilitation Management Plan	Indigenous Archaeology CH MP
Air Quality Management Plan	Land Management Plan
Biodiversity Offset Management Plan	Lake Protection Bund Management Plan
Flora and Fauna Management Plan	SGWM&BMP (Programme)
Water Management Plan	

Cyanide Management Plan	Emergency Response Plan
Safety Management Plan	Transport of Haz Substances Study
Mining Operations Plan	Heritage Management Plan
Hazardous Waste and Chemical MP	Compensatory Wetland MP



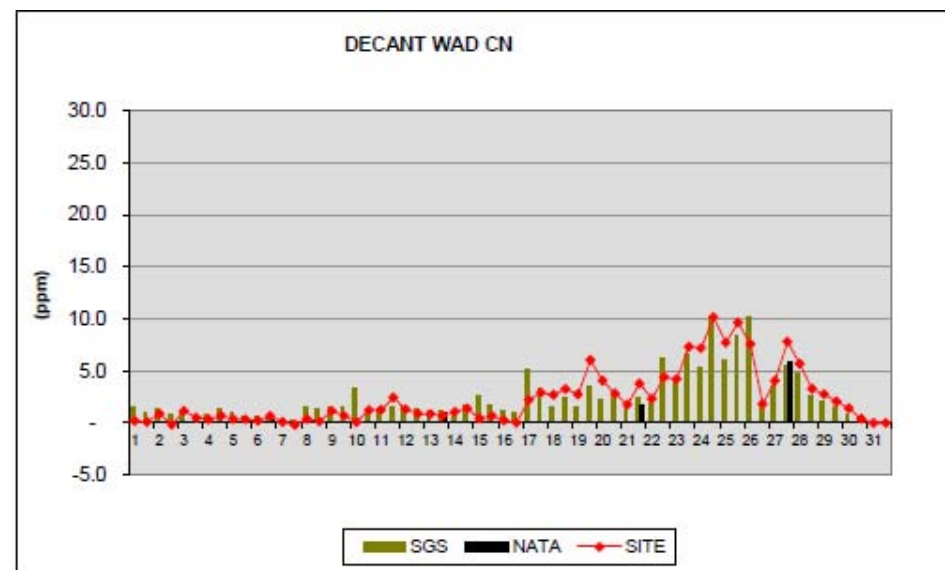
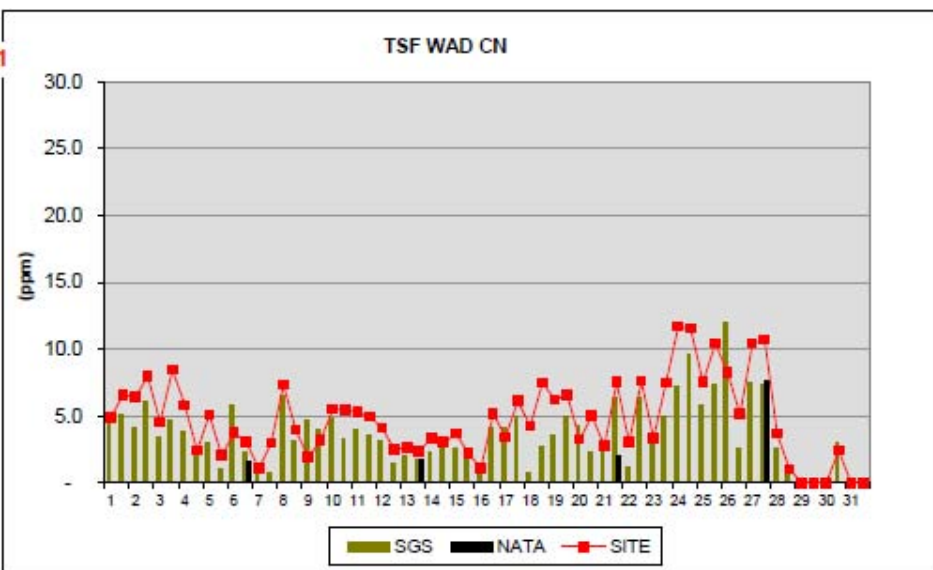
CGO Final Closure Works

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



Cyanide Monitoring Results

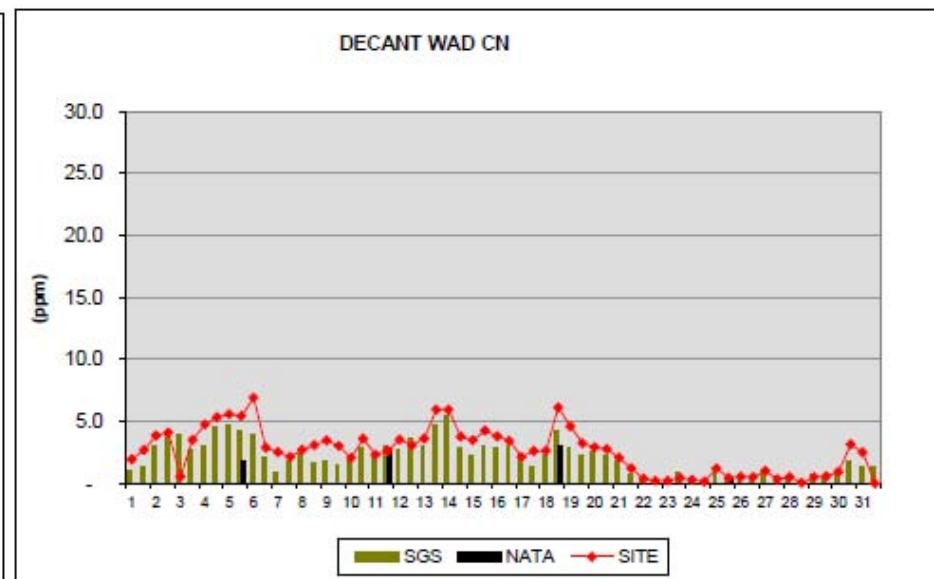
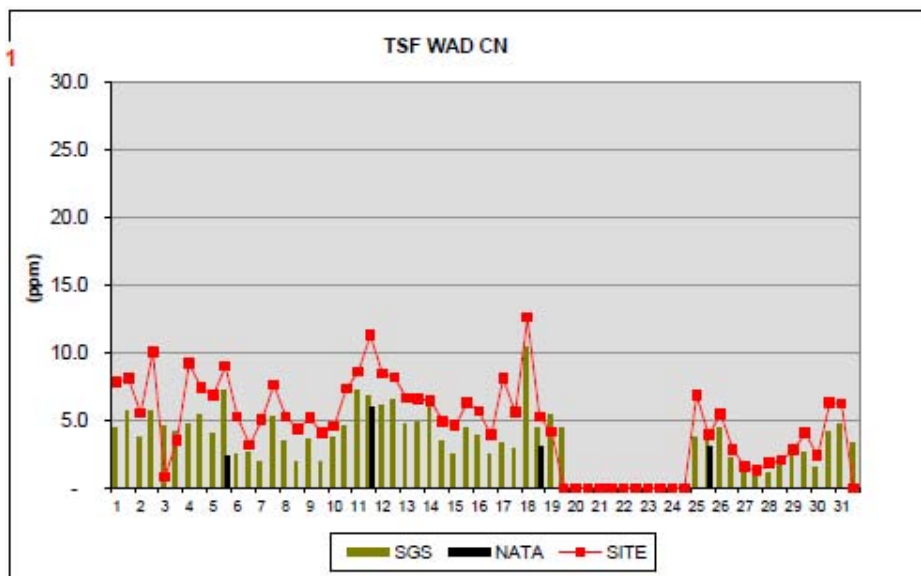
September 2015 – TSF - Decant



Switched over from 4th Lift NTSF to new 5th Lift STSF at end-September 2015.

Cyanide Monitoring Results

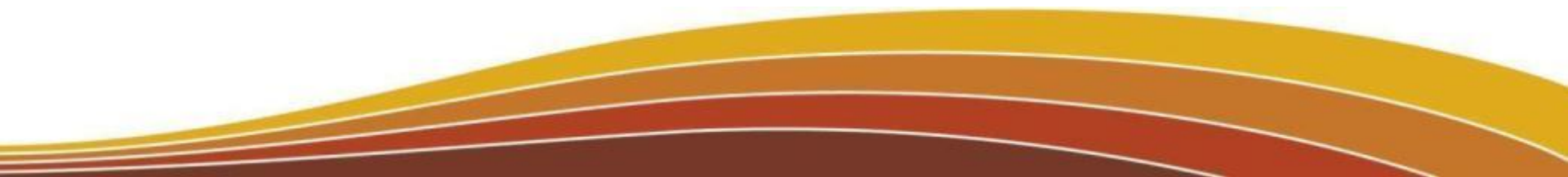
October 2015 – TSF - Decant



Cyanide Monitoring Results



November 2015 – TSF - Decant





Continued Excellence



Environmental Management
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Continual improvement

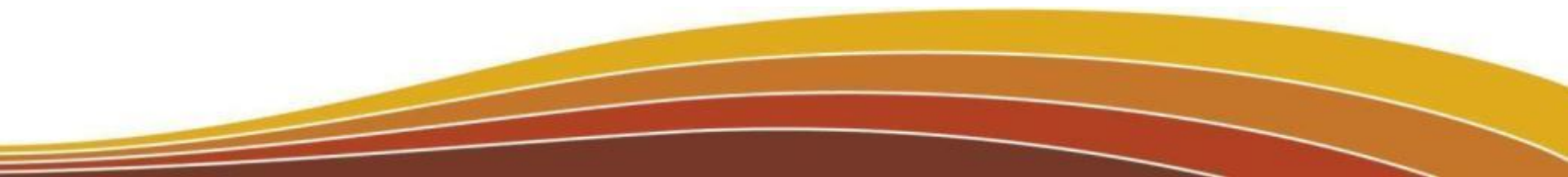
**Cyanide Code (Audit 19-21 Nov 2013)
Re-cert check on 9-12 November 2015**



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



Questions of CGO



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ASX Code: EVN

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Community Relations Update

2 December 2015



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Community Relations Update

- Activities since the last CEMCC meeting
- Complaints and Grievances
- Cowal Partnering Program Funding Awards
- Upcoming activities

Activities since the last CEMCC

- RoadSafe September
 - 4 Internal Road Safety Training Sessions
 - “Drive to Survive” Program at Forbes High School
 - BRAKE Driver Awareness Program at West Wyalong High School and Condobolin High School
 - Galmatic Car Maintenance Workshop at West Wyalong High School
- Presentation to the South-West Zone Library Managers Meeting – “*Big Businesses and Small Communities*”
- Family and Community Open Days – Approximately 400 people welcomed to site
- Announcement that Cowal Gold Operation will supply the gold for the 2016 Melbourne Cup

Complaints and Grievances

- 2 complaints received since last CEMCC Meeting:
 - 1 related to noise from Complainant A
 - 1 related to entry to property without notice from Complainant B

Complaints and Grievances

- Noise complaint from Complainant A
- Details of complaint:

Complainant A contacted the Community Complaints Line on Friday 13 November at 8:15am to lodge a complaint about noise from the Cowal Gold Operation. The Environment Manager contacted Complainant A at approximately 8:17am to discuss the details of the matter. At Approximately 2am, Complainant A was awoken by a low, steady grinding noise.

Outcome:

The Environment Manager asked if the noise was still audible, or if it could be heard at any other time. Complainant A said the noise was audible between 2am and 3am, but was not currently audible. The Environment Manager said that he had toured the operation prior to the call and all plant and machinery was operating normally. Environment Manager said that he believed that atmospheric conditions of null to gentle westerly breeze, including elevated humidity, may have contributed to the noise being audible from the Complainant's residence for a short period of time. The Environment Manager thanked the Complainant for the call

Complaints and Grievances

- Entry to property without prior notice complaint from Complainant B
- Details of complaint:

Complainant B contacted the Community Complaints line at 9:18am on Tuesday 1 December. At 9:45am, the Senior Community Relations Advisor contacted the Complainant to discuss the issue. Complainant B stated that Evolution employees had entered their property without notice to inspect blast monitoring equipment. Complainant B also stated that this had happened previously, and express some concern and suspicion at the operational reliability of the equipment, given the recent increase in maintenance to the monitoring equipment. The Complainant also expressed concerns that they may be liable if an Evolution employee was injured on their property or that the employee be bitten by a snake and not found for a period of time.

Outcome:

The Senior Community Relations Advisor apologised for not notifying the Complainant prior to accessing the equipment on their property. The SCRA said that he would address the issue with the relevant employees and their supervisors to ensure they were aware of the correct procedure and notification requirements for entering private property.

In relation to the question of liability of the Complainant in case of injury, the SCRA said that the Access Agreement that was previously signed between the Cowal Gold Operation and the Complainant contained provisions to limit the property owners liability. The SCRA also advised the Complainant that Cowal had a procedure for employees working off site that required regular phone contact with the office.

The SCRA said that he would investigate whether there was a specific issue with the monitoring equipment.

Following a quick investigation with the Environment Department, the SCRA called the Complainant back at 10:15am to discuss the operation reliability of the monitor. The SCRA stated that there had been some issues with the solar panel not recharging the batteries as designed. The solar panel had recently been replaced, but this had not fixed the issue. The SCRA advised that a replacement of the monitor was scheduled for Tuesday December. The SCRA said he would contact the Complainant on Monday 7 December to confirm.

The Complainant thanked the SCRA for the call.

Cowal Partnering Program

- The following organisations were awarded funding through the Cowal Partnering Program:
 - West Wyalong Public School P&C Assoc. - \$6,000
 - Bland Shire Council Triathlon - \$5,000
 - St Mary's War Memorial Hall - \$6,000
 - West Wyalong Bowls Club - \$ for \$ matching to the value of \$3,500
 - Barmedman Development Association - \$10,000
 - Barmedman Tractor Pull - \$1,000
 - Lake Cargelligo Fish Restocking - \$2,500
 - Condobolin and District Historical Society - \$1,970
 - Rotary Club of Condobolin - \$8,000
 - Forbes & District Historical Society - \$3,500
 - St Laurance's Catholic Primary School - \$ for \$ up to 3,500
 - Forbes Aboriginal and Community Working Party - \$6,000
 - Forbes Pre-School - \$6,000
 - Forbes Men's Shed – Equipment (value TBC)

Upcoming activities

- Christmas Party
- Evolution Senior Leadership Team visit to Wiradjuri Study Centre
- Wiradjuri Scholarships
- School-based Endeavour Scholarships
- Company-wide Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey
- Cowal Update – January/February
- Commencement of Exploratory Drilling Program, including and access and cultural heritage inspections

Questions?



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The meeting commenced at 10.00am.

PRESENT

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr P Rudd (Acting General Manager), Mr G Carr (Acting Manager Finance & Administration), Mr C Lasdauskas (Manager Technology), Mrs A Coleman (Executive Assistant)

1. APOLOGIES

15/150 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Morris that leave of absence be granted to Cr A Clinton.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Declaration of Interest

Cr Palmer declared a pecuniary interest in item 9.4 Plant Procurement.

Cr Palmer declared a pecuniary interest in Closed item 11.3 Sale of Cootamundra Depot.

Mr Rudd advised that staff with United Services Union membership may have an interest in items and should they arise staff will be granted leave from the meeting.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2015

15/151 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that the minutes of the meeting held 22 October 2015 having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

5. PUBLIC ACCESS

Nil

6. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

At the time of preparation of the Business Paper no Notices of Motion or Rescission Motions have been received.

7. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

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15/152 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that Council consider the late report 11.4 **IRC Matters and Industrial Action outcome** in Closed Session.

8. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

15/153 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McCann that the Chairpersons minute be received and noted.

The events of the past few weeks has seen our General Manger, Mr Andrew Grant, seek and been granted by the GWCC Board a medical retirement effective 22nd January 2016. He is currently on Special Leave and will not be returning to work.

It is fitting that we acknowledge his contribution to GWCC during his period with us. He has brought innovation and efficiency to the organisation through personal commitment, outstanding managerial and planning skills and leadership. We thank Andrew for his ability to turn GWCC from an organisation in debt to a profitable Council. We are now well placed to grow and make an even more significant contribution to water management in the region and across the state.

We thank Andrew for this contribution and wish him well for a speedy recovery and for the future.

The restructuring, retraining and relocations involved during the period have been considerable. It has required extensive retraining and advancement of key staff members.

The Board of GWCC wish to place on record our sincere appreciation for the tremendous efforts of all our staff in bringing about these achievements, for the way that they are now addressing the industrial difficulties of the past 12 months and for providing excellent service to our customers. We look forward to a happy working relationship in 2016 and beyond.

With the completion of the new workshop facility in early 2016, we are determined that the new direction and our progress will continue.

We also appreciate the great input from our Acting General Manager, Mr Phillip Rudd, a new face in our staff make-up. He came as a Director and within a short time has had to take on the Acting role due to Andrew Grant's unexpected departure. He has embraced the challenges with skill, determination, and a positive outlook, and we thank him for that dedication and commitment.

Regardless of the State Government's plans for Local Government in 2016, thanks to everyone's efforts, we truly are now 'Fit for the Future'.

Peter Speirs
Chairperson of the GWCC Board

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9. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS

9.1 FINANCIAL & PRODUCTION REPORT

9.1.1 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS (G35507005)

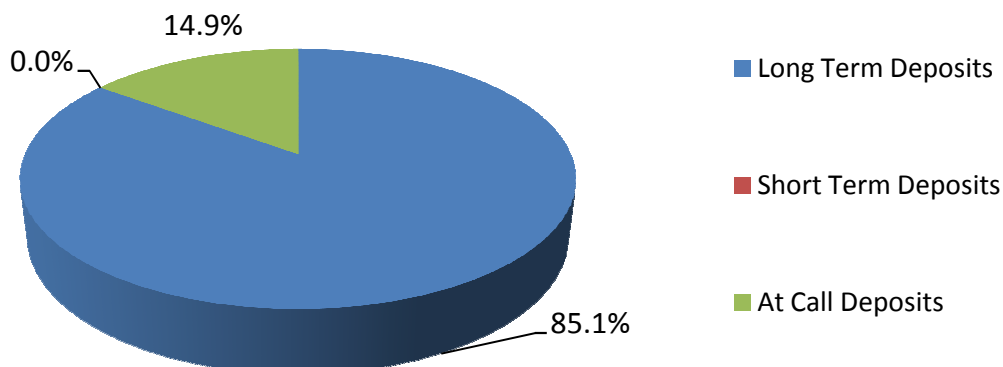
15/154 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and Manchester that the report detailing Council Investments at 30 November 2015 be received and noted.

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 30 November 2015:

	Market Value (\$)	Term (days)	Rate	Maturity Date	% of Portfolio
Long Term Deposits	30,000,000.00				85.1%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.73%	05/11/17	8.5%
Bank of Queensland	3,000,000.00	1,098	3.60%	05/12/17	8.5%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.70%	04/12/17	8.5%
AMP	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.40%	19/12/17	8.5%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.57%	08/01/18	8.5%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.36%	12/02/18	8.5%
Commonwealth Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.11%	17/03/18	8.5%
Commonwealth Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.06%	20/04/18	8.5%
Westpac Banking Corporation	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.04%	25/06/18	8.5%
Bank of Queensland	3,000,000.00	1,098	3.00%	29/10/18	8.5%
Short Term Deposits	0.00				0.0%
	0.00				0.0%
At Call Deposits	5,250,000.00				14.9%
Commonwealth Bank At Call A/c	3,250,000.00	At Call	2.45%	N/A	9.2%
AMP Bank At Call A/c	2,000,000.00	At Call	3.35%	N/A	5.7%
Total Value of Investment Funds	35,250,000.00				100.0%

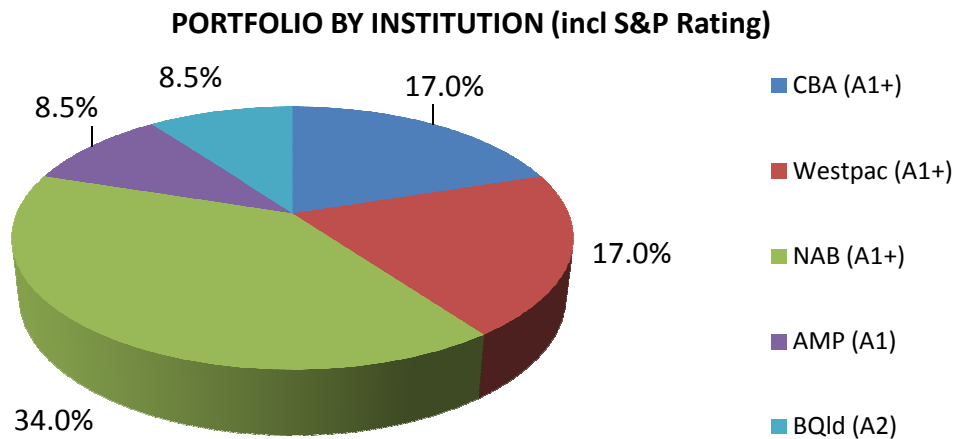
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General Manager.....Chairperson.....

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

Cash Book balance as at 31 July 2015	\$674,329.52
Plus Deposits	
October	\$3,022,091.88
November	\$5,701,325.26
Less Payments	
October	-\$3,497,540.29
November	-\$5,426,636.39
 Cash Book balance as at 30 November 2015	 \$473,569.98
Less Outstanding Deposits	-\$35,738.88
Plus Unpresented Cheques	\$189,466.17
 Bank balance as at 30 November 2015	 \$627,297.27

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 was adopted.

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9.1.2 OUTSTANDING WATER DEBTORS (G35307005)

15/155 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that the report detailing Council's outstanding water debtors as at 3 December 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 3 December 2015:

\$'s	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Access Charges	\$165,329.07	\$20,344.00	\$256,333.85	\$442,006.92
Consumption Charges	\$343,574.90	\$44,973.06	\$704,721.98	\$1,093,269.94
Deferred Developer Charges	\$23,763.00	\$0.00	\$390,459.00	\$414,222.00
Sub-Totals	\$532,666.97	\$65,317.06	\$1,351,514.83	\$1,949,498.86
Less Overpayments Received				-\$199,355.35
Total Outstanding				\$1,750,143.51
	Less Bulk Council Accounts Outstanding			-\$341,219.49
	Less Developer Chg Accounts Outstanding			-\$414,222.00
Total Outstanding from Retail Customers				\$994,702.02

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.1.3 WATER PRODUCTION UPDATE (G95809505)

15/156 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Miller 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 26 November 2015.

Overall production is down 11.3 % or 385 Megalitres compared to the same period in 2014/15. Individually Jugiong is down 9.3 % and Oura down 12.4%.

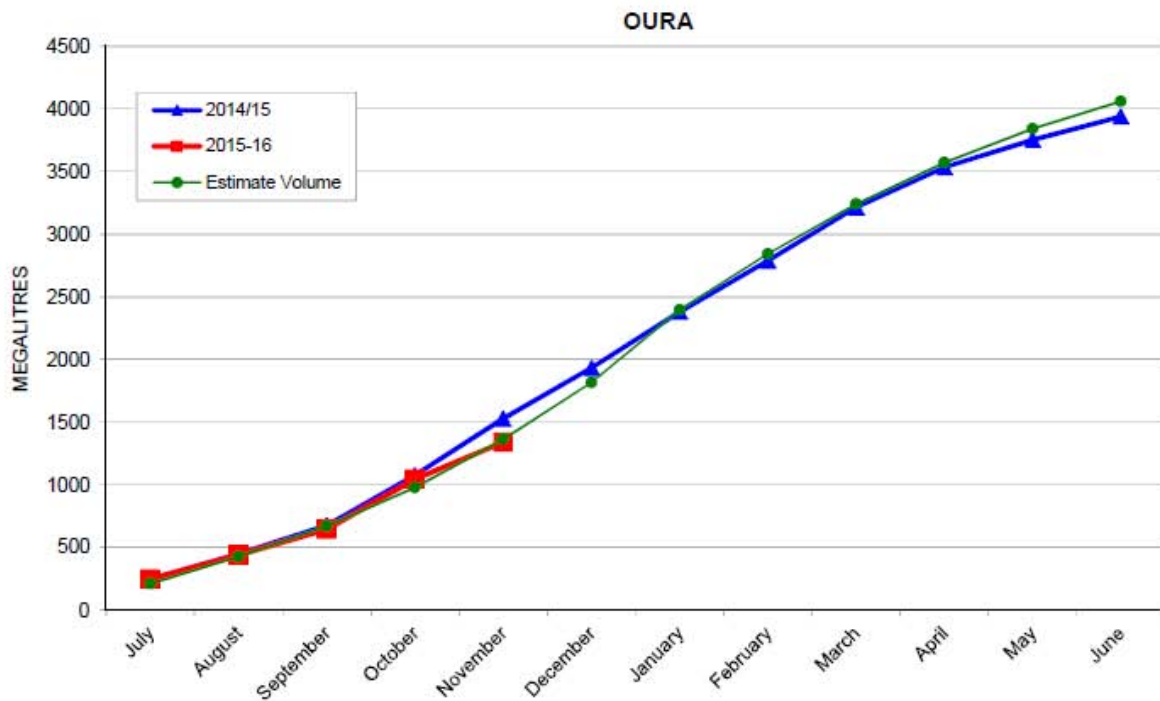
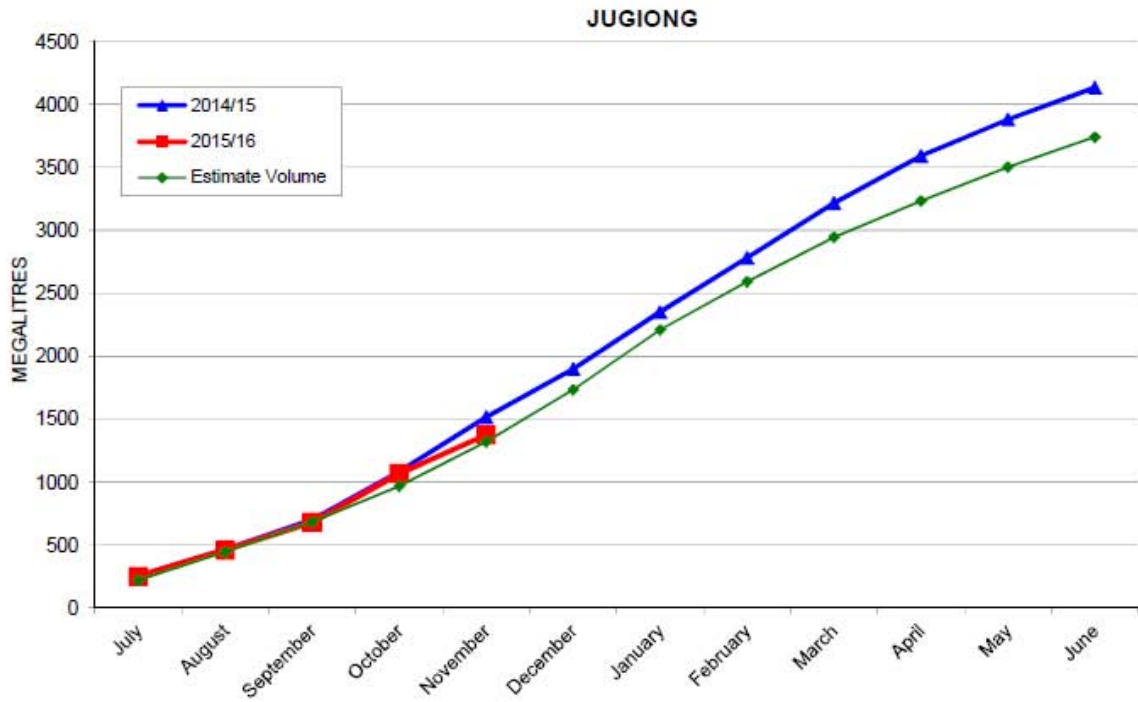
Year to date production is similar to the 2013/14 year with sales estimates to be reviewed at Council's February meeting.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

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WATER PRODUCTION UP TO 26/11/2015



9.1.4 PLANT PROCUREMENT (G75057510)

15/157 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Miller and Morris that the report detailing plant procurement be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Distribution & Construction

- Vermeer Trencher – This machine arrived on Monday 7th December and will be commissioned and commence work at Marrarvale Lane pipeline project on Tuesday 8th December. Initially 4 staff will be trained in the overall operation and maintenance of the machine and after that Tony Goodyer will be in charge in the training of the remaining selected staff.
- South West Ford vehicle tender re supply of 10 Ford Rangers – This tender was submitted on 16th January with a delivery time frame of April, May, and June. To this date 7 vehicles have been delivered. The remainder are due prior to Christmas.
- Palmer Ford vehicle tender re supply of 5 Ford Rangers – This tender was submitted on 17th August with an estimated time of delivery 28th November. These vehicles are in stock at the dealer awaiting fitment of bull bars

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.2 WORKS REPORTS

9.2.1 OCTOBER 2015 / NOVEMBER 2015 (G95507005)

15/158 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and McCann that the Works Report for October/November 2015 be received and noted, and that the new reporting strategies be implemented as proposed by Mr Phil Rudd.

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					
50	2/10	17:30	20:30	Marrar, Turners Lane	80	20	200	Split Pipe
51	5/10	10:00	12:00	June, Roedigers Lane	200	0	100	Split Pipe
52	7/10	9:00	12:00	Springdale, Burley Griffin Way	300	0	10	Joint Failure
53	7/10	12:30	14:30	Cootamundra, Old Cootamundra Road	50	0	50	Split Pipe
54	8/10	7:30	11:00	Weethalle, Kolkilbertoo Road	100	0	5	Split Pipe
55	8/10	8:30	10:30	Ariah Park, Altus Road	100	5	100	Split Pipe
56	8/10	11:45	13:30	Weethalle, Malones Lane	80	0	40	Split Pipe
57	8/10	13:30	15:30	Weethalle, Malones Lane	80	0	40	Hole In Pipe
58	8/10	14:00	15:30	Ariah Park, Altus Road	100	5	20	Split Pipe
59	9/10	7:30	11:00	June, Roedigers Lane	200	0	100	Split Pipe
60	12/10	7:30	13:30	Ganmain, Langham Street	100	20	500	Split Pipe
61	13/10	8:00	10:00	Temora, Camp Street	100	0	20	Split Pipe
62	17/10	11:30	16:30	Temora, Kitchener Road	100	20	40	Split Pipe
63	19/10	15:30	17:30	Cootamundra, Dirnaseer Road	80	0	25	Split Pipe
64	21/10	4:30	7:00	June, Broadway Street	100	5	500	Split Pipe
65	24/10	9:45	13:45	Weethalle, Oakenfalls Lane	200	0	70	Hole In Pipe
66	24/10	19:00	22:30	Tallimba, Buralyang Road	150	0	50	Split Pipe
67	25/10	15:00	18:30	Coolamon, Stinson Street	100	15	200	Split Pipe
68	26/10	8:30	18:30	Kingsvale, Kingsvale Road	300	0	500	Split Pipe
69	26/10	15:00	18:30	Ganmain, Lock Street	100	20	300	Split Pipe

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NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	CONSUMERS AFFECTED	ESTIMATED LOSS (KI)	REASON
		Off	On					
70	26/10	15:00	18:30	Ganmain, Menangle Street	100	10	100	Split Pipe
71	28/10	8:00	10:00	Cootamundra, Stockinbingal Road	300	0	200	Joint Failure
72	28/10	10:00	12:00	Cootamundra, Stockinbingal Road	300	0	250	Joint Failure
73	28/10	12:00	15:30	Wallendbeen, Silo Road	100	4	100	Hole In Pipe
74	29/10	8:00	10:00	Marrar, Marrar Road	50	0	100	Split Pipe
75	30/10	3:30	6:00	Junee, Lord Street	100	5	500	Split Pipe
76	2/11	7:30	11:30	Naradhan, Lake Road	80	0	20	Split Pipe
77	2/11	10:00	12:00	Junee, Kentucky Lane	50	0	100	Split Pipe
78	3/11	13:30	16:30	Coolamon, Kingdom Drive	100	3	100	Split Pipe
79	5/11	16:30	18:30	Junee, Old Sydney Road	150	0	500	Split Pipe
80	8/11	3:30	20:30	Temora, Eurollie Road	100	50	500	Split Pipe
81	10/11	8:00	11:30	Weethalle, Woolners Lane	80	0	40	Split Pipe
82	10/11	10:00	13:00	Cootamundra, Old Cootamundra Road	100	0	200	Split Pipe
83	11/11	11:00	14:00	Cootamundra, Dirnaseer Road	80	0	300	Joint Failure
84	11/11	18:30	20:30	Marrar, Don Street	100	0	300	Split Pipe
85	12/11	12:30	16:00	Weethalle, Youngs Lane	100	0	5	Split Pipe
86	14/11	10:00	14:00	Beckom, Mandam Street	100	0	50	Split Pipe
87	18/11	12:00	14:30	Eurongilly, Dollar Vale Road	80	0	300	Split Pipe
88	18/11	15:00	23:00	Temora, Thanowring Road	250	300	550	Split Pipe
89	19/11	12:00	15:00	Cootamundra, Blackgate Road	100	0	150	Split Pipe
90	20/11	11:30	15:30	Coolamon, Mary Gilmore Way	100	0	5	Split Pipe
91	23/11	12:00	14:30	Cootamundra, Old Cootamundra Road	100	0	200	Split Pipe
92	24/11	8:00	10:00	Junee, Kemp Street	100	0	500	Split Pipe
93	24/11	10:00	12:00	Marrar, Strathmore Lane	100	0	500	Split Pipe
94	26/11	8:00	12:00	Marrar, Mckelvies Lane	100	5	50	Split Pipe
95	26/11	21:00	1:00	Marrar, Webb Street	100	20	400	Split Pipe
96	28/11	15:30	18:30	Junee, Talbingo Lane	200	0	700	Split Pipe

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		Off	On					
97	30/11	10:00	12:00	Junee, George Street	150	0	1	Split Pipe

Complaints

Water Quality

Dirty Water

1/10/2015 Park Street West Wyalong
 5/10/2015 Marquis Street Junee
 5/10/2015 Orr Street Junee
 5/10/2015 Beattie Street Temora
 6/10/2015 Gundagai Road Junee
 6/10/2015 Commins Street Junee
 6/10/2015 Commins Street Junee
 6/10/2015 Commins, Lorne, Market & Joffre Streets Junee
 7/10/2015 Doubleday Lane Coolamon
 13/10/2015 Gallipoli Street Junee
 14/10/2015 Gallipoli Street Junee
 14/10/2015 Gallipoli Street Junee
 16/10/2015 McCaigs Lane Coolamon
 16/10/2015 Commins Street Junee
 17/10/2015 Tonkin Street Temora
 17/10/2015 Deutcher Street Temora
 17/10/2015 Holbrook Street Temora
 18/10/2015 Melaleuca Place Junee
 18/10/2015 Graham Street Ganmain
 20/10/2015 Waterview Street Ganmain
 25/10/2015 Doubleday Lane Coolamon
 26/10/2015 McCaigs Lane Coolamon
 26/10/2015 Doubleday Lane Coolamon
 28/10/2015 Stinson Street Coolamon
 28/10/2015 Stinson Street Coolamon
 31/10/2015 Lord Street Junee
 04/11/2015 Bruce Street Coolamon
 17/11/2015 Jugiong Road Cootamundra
 19/11/2015 Deutcher Street Temora
 20/11/2015 Deutcher Street Temora
 20/11/2015 Martin Road Barellan
 20/11/2015 Joffre Street Temora
 20/11/2015 Skidmore Street Temora
 20/11/2015 Thanowring Road Temora
 21/11/2015 'Glenfield' Illabo
 21/11/2015 Deutcher Street Temora
 22/11/2015 Melaleuca Place Junee
 23/11/2015 'Hillview' Junee Reefs
 24/11/2015 Old Narrandera Barellan
 24/11/2015 Hall Street Ganmain
 26/11/2015 Lewis Street Coolamon

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26/11/2015	Kindra Crescent Coolamon
27/11/2015	Marrar Road Coolamon
27/11/2015	Methul Street Coolamon
27/11/2015	Waterview Street Ganmain
27/11/2015	Mirrool Street Coolamon
30/11/2015	Thanowring Road Temora

Construction and Major Maintenance

- Marrar Webb Street Mains upgrade complete
- Cover exposed pipe near Rosemont on Main Jugiong to No2 Pump station
- Swab Bore Lines Oura
- Clean Collection tank Oura
- Swab Oura – Junee Main Line
- Clean Junee Collection tanks 1 and 2
- Clean Matong Reservoir
- Meter re-reads Rural areas both Northern and Southern
- Five Ways Temora Mains Upgrade
- Replace Air valve Calleen to Ungarie Mainline
- Re-rubber Air valves Daylight System
- RMS Locations Goldenfields way Wyalong
- Flush Coolamon
- Marrarvale Lane Mains Upgrade 30% complete
- Repack S/V Coolamon
- Temora East Res leak Fixed
- Barellan Res Fixed and Cleaned
- RMS Locations West Wyalong
- Uley In Mains Construction
- Pumps checks for prevention monitoring and abnormalities
- Servicing of ACV and PRV within the scheme
- Bird proofing and repairs to reservoir roofs
- Replacing fatigued flex-joints
- Lonsdale lane pump station mechanical seal failures. Stripped pump and sent away for refurbishment
- Junee balance tank stop valve access cover fabricated for new pits
- Daylight pump station No 1 pump serviced due to excessive vibration
- Naradhan pump station No 2 pump served and No 1 pump impeller repair
- Demondrille pump station No 1 pump full overhaul
- Ganmain pump station No 3 pump serviced by RWCC
- Cootamundra new landing leg installed on vacuum trailer
- Rosehill pump station fabricating components to replace 375mm pipe and gibs
- Jugiong water treatment plant servicing clarifier and repairs to sludge valves
- Cartwrights Hill Fabricate S/S adapting tapers for new Warea Warral PRV
- Jugiong fabricating mounting for new raw water turbidity monitoring
- Young Off take replace 200mm faulty reflux on surge tank
- Changing oils and greasing pumps for summer maintenance to prevent breakdowns
- Old Temora Road repairs to LCV and off take PRV

Recommendation

That the Works Report for October/November 2015 be received and noted.

9.2.2 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT (G35201005)

15/159 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that the report detailing the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 30 November 2015 be received and noted. That an additional \$199,000 for completion of Uley Lane Ardlethan Stage 1, \$30,000 for Jugiong No2 main restitution, \$100,000 for mains replacement and associated works for Jugiong No 5 Pump-station, and purchase of workshop equipment of \$13,800 be approved.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

This report is presented for information on the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 30 November 2015:

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Description	Total 2015/16 Projected \$	Expended to Date \$	Status
New System Assets			
New Temora Depot	980,800	487,500	In Progress
Temora Depot Plant & Equipment	100,000	0	TBA
Site Easement Acquisitions	20,000	7,700	In Progress
Mains Extensions to be determined	50,000	0	TBA
Mains Extension Uley Ln	181,000	249,100	In Progress
Scheme Mandamah	2,000,000	0	TBA
	3,331,800	744,300	
Renewals			
Bores-Oura Additional/Replacement	45,000	0	TBA
Jugiong WTP Internal Painting	50,000	0	TBA
Pump Stns Major Maintenance Program	50,000	10,900	In Progress
Pump Stns-Daylight Pump Replacement	50,000	0	TBA
Jugiong & Oura Pump Stn Investigations	50,000	0	TBA
Mains Replacement / Augmentation	342,000	87,700	In Progress
Pump Stns MTA Panel & Motor Replacement	65,000	0	TBA
Jugiong Hi Voltage Agreement-Switch & Upgrade	71,000	1,100	In Progress
	723,000	99,700	
Plant and Equipment			
Computer-Equipment	20,000	0	In Progress
Office Equipment	8,000	0	TBA
Water meter & Taggle replacement	100,000	2,000	In Progress
Double Check Valves	20,000	0	TBA
Electrical Spares	40,000	0	TBA
Plant Purchases Estimate Only	650,000	253,300	In Progress
Plant Sales Estimate Only	-570,000	-123,100	In Progress
	268,000	132,200	
Totals	4,322,800	976,200	
Additions			
Trencher (approved)	657,000	72,200	In Progress
Pump Stn Mt Arthur Bore 2 Pump & Motor Renewal - Emergent Work	50,000	29,900	In Progress
Mains R/ment Cootamundra - Temora Rd	39,600	0	TBA
Mains R/ment Weethalle Kolkibertoo Rd	468,000	6,900	In Progress
Restitution-Jugiong Main East of No2 P/Stn	30,000	6,600	In Progress
Mains Replacement-Jugiong No5 P/Stn	100,000	0	In Progress
Workshop equipment ex 2013/14 budget	13,800	13,800	In Progress
	1,358,400	129,400	
Grand Total	5,681,200	1,105,600	

Mains Extension-Ardlethan Uley Lane is now estimated at \$300,000. The original estimate used the lower of two reference rates. Significant rain delays, trialling construction using a trenching machine, new pipe welding methods along with remedial works all contributed to a new estimate using the higher reference rate.

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18 December 2015

General Manager.....Chairperson.....

Urgent civil works to stabilise ground cover over the 600 mm water main east of Jugiong No 2 Pump Station is estimated at \$30,000. Condition inspection of 375mm steel main around Jugiong No 5 Pump station (Rosehill) has been brought forward replacement with 500mm ductile iron. Installation of a new stop valve and new mag-flow bring the estimate at \$100,000. Workshop equipment replacement originally budgeted in 2013/14 has now been purchased.

Temora Depot is in a separate report.

Recommendation

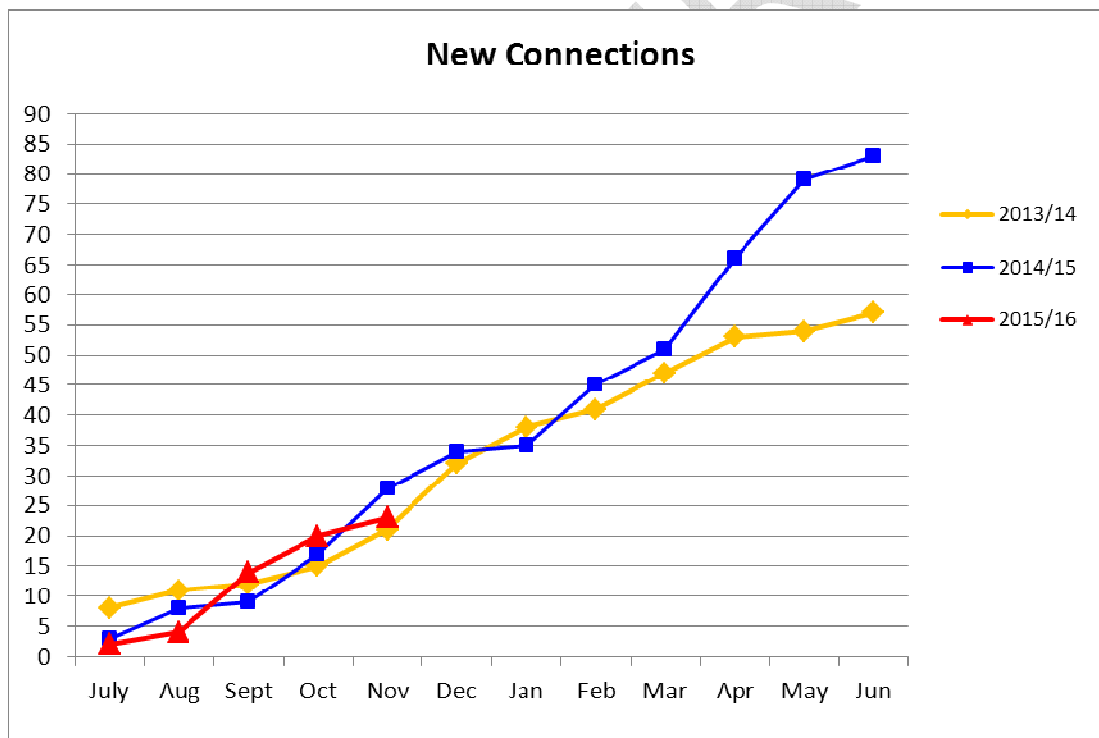
Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.3 NEW WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS (G95151005)

15/160 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 30 November 2015.



2 connections have already been completed for December with a further 6 new connection work orders pending. 18 letters of offer are still valid with 4 water applications are under investigation.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.4 NEW WATER SERVICE CONNECTION REQUESTS (G95151005)

15/161 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McCann that Council donate the headworks charges of \$7429.00 for the connection of this water supply.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance and Administration

Council has received two requests regarding Developer Infrastructure and Tapping Service and Metering Charges.

The first request is to waive all charges on a proposed water connection to a village Cemetery. **(Attachment 9.2.4A)**The constituent Council's letter, in part states "*the current and ongoing fees are considered too high to make the connection feasible*". Further, "*that Goldenfields Water County Council has any way to waive fees as it has done in the past for areas of community lands*". The latter is a reference to a section of GWCC Management Plans up to 2004-2005 effectively exempting community facilities. An October 2005 application for a water service connection to another constituent Council's cemetery included full charges.

Business Activity Strategic Plans incorporating Delivery Program and Operational Plan apart from the stated charges have no references to water service connections.

Council's Developer Service Plan has no references to waiving developer charges.

If Council considers the application has merit, it could consider a Community Service and Support Contribution of an equal amount.

Recommendation

The report is for Council's consideration

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15/162 RESOLVED on the motion of Palmer and Morris that the Council offer reconnection of the water supply as permanent disconnection occurred after July 1 2001 and that the applicants pay only the tapping, service and meter charge.

The second request is to consider an exception of the developer charge costs, or consider a reduction, or offer a payment plan for the costs following a letter of offer being issued in September 2015 for developer infrastructure and tapping, service and meter charges totalling \$8,989.00. **(Attachment 9.2.4B)**

A subsequent inquiry in late November 2015 revealed a “tap” in the yard.

The property is not connected to the water supply, though the riser was left in situ, and would be the “tap” referred to by the applicants.

Prior to purchase, the applicants assumed that water was connected, but acknowledged that before settlement (November 2013) were advised that no water was connected. GWCC issued a “no record” Section 603 Certificate, stating no record of a water service connection existing on the property (Lot 4).

The original property consisted of Lots 4 and 5 and was connected in August 2001 at no cost (previously a vacant land account), but was permanently disconnected in January 2003.

The property was transferred in 2004 and split in February 2008. Multiple and conflicting transfer notices eventually saw GWCC retaining Lot 5 as being the permanently disconnected land, and Lot 4 being made historical and removed from Water Billing data. It's now known that Lot 4 should have been retained as the land permanently disconnected at it was the lot where the connection was originally located.

This error would not have changed the letter of offer as Officers have relied on customers having 10 years to reconnected a permanently water service before developer charges would have to be paid in full.

However, no resolution has been found, though successive Management Plans maintained the 10 years by way date changes. Management Plan 2011/2014: *“a premise disconnected from the water supply prior to July 1 2001, and no reconnection has occurred in the intervening period, then any re-connection will be subject to full contribution”.*

Business Activity Strategic Plans incorporating Delivery Program and Operational Plan apart from the stated charges have no references to water service connections.

It's clear from successive Management Plans, the intent was that customer had a ten year period to reconnect before full developer charges applied. However, the last documented date is July 1 2001.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

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Attachment 9.2.4B

The General Manager
Goldenfields Water County Council
PO Box 220
Temora
NSW 2666

23rd November 2015,

Reference: Water connection - [REDACTED]

Dear Sir,

When we purchased the property in [REDACTED], we thought that the water was connected due to tap in the yard and that the meter area was inaccessible when we looked at the property prior to purchase due the multiple items throughout the yard. It was only days before settlement when we found out from the solicitor that the water was not connected. We were unaware of the water connection charges until some weeks after purchasing the property. We are now aware that no access fees have been paid for water for several years

In early September, [REDACTED] was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer and after multiple tests, scans, finally surgery, on the 22nd October, Ross was told that he has Liver Metastasis (secondaries) and is now receiving palliative chemotherapy in order to prolong his limited life expectancy at Riverina Cancer Care Centre. Our financial situation is now in turmoil due to Ross' health situation and ongoing health costs and future care needs.

We ask that you consider an exception of the water head works costs or if unable to do this, that perhaps a reduction be considered, or if that is also not an option, than we are offered a payment plan for the costs.

Thank you for considering our request in light of our circumstances, and we look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**9.2.5 DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF DEPOT BUILDINGS, 124-126 CROWLEY ST,
TEMORA (G10150505)**

15/163 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McCann that:

1. \$265,000 be added to the estimates for the New Temora Depot.
2. Design & Construction of Depot Buildings 124,126 Crowley St, Temora report be received and noted.
3. The mezzanine floor is not currently required however allowances are to be made for the footings should it be required at a later date.

Report Prepared by Design & Modelling Officer

Coolamon Steelworks and Goldenfields Water County Council have entered in to contract to Design and Construct Depot Buildings, 124-126 Crowley St, Temora.

The estimated contract completion date with Coolamon Steelworks is 18/12/15.

The internal fitout of the workshop, office and training room will commence as soon as possible after this date and expected to be completed by the end of January 2016.

Council is currently investigating the feasibility of constructing a mezzanine floor over the store area to provide additional office space at an estimated cost of \$150,000.

The feasibility and cost of the mezzanine floor will be advised as information becomes available.

Recommendation

Design & Construction of Depot Buildings 124,126 Crowley St, Temora report to be received and noted

Additional Estimates

As the depot construction proceeds, on-going works are allowing items not previously included to be costed. The network provider required a new transformer and mains upgrade at Council's expense. Upgrading the switchboard and power for the addition of the gantry crane, and air conditioning (offices and training room) have been added to the overall electrical estimate. Communications including, phones, network (both cable and wi-fi), and access security costs are now known.

Although previously reported that new workshop would include a gantry crane, at the time no estimate was included. Also new water services are to be connected at the appropriate charges.

Sealing and Landscaping as per the Development Application conditions have also been costed.

The following table sets out the additional estimates.

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	Original	December	new estimate
Building	\$838,506	\$ 70,000	\$ 908,506
Internal	\$100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
External	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Electrial	\$ 50,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 195,000
Totals	\$988,506	\$ 265,000	\$ 1,253,506
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Plant	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000

Recommendation

That \$265,000 be added to the estimates for the New Temora Depot.

9.2.6 BARELLAN STANDPIPE RESERVOIR LEAK (G10057006)

15/164 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Morris and Manchester that the Barellan Standpipe Reservoir Leak report be received and noted.

Report Prepared by Design & Modelling Officer

Barellan standpipe reservoir was rehabilitated in September 2012 using a coating system supplied by Carboline and the product carries a 25 year warranty.

Late 2014 field staff reported that a small leak had formed and Council had contacted the manufacturer and the applicator about the failure of the coating.

An internal inspection was performed on mid November 2015 by Incospec.

Incospec located 2 small defects in the coating, Carboline (product supplier) supplied products and a method for repair, Protector (applicator) performed the repairs with the product in accordance to Carboline's method.

Council has returned the reservoir back to service and will monitor the success of the repair.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.7 ULEY LANE PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION (G95151010)

15/165 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Morris that the report detailing Uley Lane pipeline construction be received and noted

Report prepared by Acting Manager Production & Distribution

- The construction 7.7 kilometres of 100mm OPVC pipeline from Ardlethan Pump Station to Coolamon/Ardlethan road has been completed.
- The pipeline has been charged, disinfected and chlorinated.
- Refurbishment works to be undertaken to the satisfaction of the Roads & Maritime Services and Coolamon Shire Council.
- 2 kilometres of the PE pipeline has been completed with approximately 3 kilometres remaining.

The laying of the PE Pipe is time consuming due to each joint requiring approximately 45 minutes curing time. This process of laying PE pipe is new to Goldenfields and at the moment it is time consuming.

It is envisaged that the entire project will be completed in the new year.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.8 TEMORA EAST RESERVOIR (G95258520)

15/166 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Miller that the report concerning the Temora East Reservoir be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Production & Distribution

The visible leak in Temora East reservoir has been repaired by 'Aqualift Dive Solutions'. In November a dedicated dive team made internal repairs by placing a patch over an area approximately 30cm x 30cm. The leak was coming from a stripped bolt which had obviously occurred at the time of construction.

Commencing in the new year the calcium staining on the outside will be cleaned

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.3 OTHER REPORTS

9.3.1 ANNUAL REPORT (G50401005)

15/167 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Morris that Councils 2014/15 Annual Report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting General Manager

Council 2014/15 Annual Report has been completed and is now published on Councils website.

For Councils information, copies have been provided.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.3.2 MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT REPORT (G05055005)

15/168 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Miller that the report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

The model code of conduct requires reporting on a range of complaints statistics to Council and the Office of Local Government within three months of the end of September each year.

There were nil complaints for the period with the report submitted to the Office of Local Government.

Recommendation

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.3 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 25 February 2016 at 1.00PM.

10. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Speirs advised that advertising for the General Manager position is to commence the first week of the new year. Cr Manchester endorsed.

Cr Palmer thanked Senior staff.

Cr Speirs acknowledged staff that attended School award ceremonies when Councillors were unavailable.

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11. CLOSED SESSION – 11.27AM

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.

15/169 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that Council meet in Closed Session.

Mr Gerard Carr, Mr Chris Lasdauskas left the meeting and did not return.

11.1 REPORT ON LEGAL FEES TO DATE (L70205005)

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

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

15/170 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Manchester that Council note the report and budget another \$50k for legal costs.

11.2 REPORT ON OUTCOMES OF GOVERNMENT SUBMISSION (G45405005)

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*

15/171 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McCann that the Board note the response from the Hon Minister Blair.

11.3 PROPOSED COOTAMUNDRA DEPOT DISPOSAL (G10053005)

11.42am – Cr Palmer left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest in this matter.

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*

15/172 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and McCann that Council enter into a contract for the sale of the GWCC Cootamundra depot with Cootamundra Shire Council based on the Expression of Interest received.

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11.46am - Cr Palmer returned to the meeting.

11.4 IRC MATTERS AND INDUSTRIAL ACTION OUTCOME

12.20pm - Mrs A Coleman left the meeting and did not return.

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

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

15/173 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Speirs and Manchester that:

1. Council note revised outstanding items 1 and 2.
2. Council accept the advice given from GWCC Legal representatives relating to item 3.

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting closed at 1.00PM

MINUTES OF THE BLAND SHIRE HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM ON WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2016 COMMENCING AT 5.00PM

Present: Pam Butcher (Chair), Cr Grellman, Cr McGlynn, David Scobie, Lesley Duncan

Apologies:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by Cr McGlynn and seconded by Cr Grellman that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

ITEM 1 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- David Scobie provided a copy of a Cemetery Brochure from another Council.
- Lesley Duncan to liaise with Indigenous Liaison Officer regarding Heritage Festival.

ITEM 2 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence In

- Nil

Correspondence Out

- Nil

ITEM 3 HERITAGE ADVISORY REPORTS

The was no heritage advisor visit in January.

ITEM 4 HERITAGE ASSISTANCE FUND

- No applications have been received.

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Pam Butcher advised that there is no interpretive signage at Neeld's Hut in Cooina Park. The hut is in a state of disrepair and requires attention.

ITEM 6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee is 6 April 2016 commencing at 5.00pm in the Council Committee Room.

ITEM 9 CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.55 pm.

SECTION 2 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

9.1 Fit for the Future – Bland Shire Council to Be Reassessed During 2016

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

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

DP14.2 Ensure councillors take ownership and a strong leadership role in implementing the community strategic plan.

Author: General Manager

Officer's Recommendation:

- 1 That the information relating to the recent announcement of council mergers and the Fit for the Future framework be received and noted;**
- 2 That the general manager obtain all available information relating to 'rural councils' under the Fit for the Future Framework; and**
- 3 That the general manager provide councillors with regular updates through council reports and workshop agenda items on the future options for Bland Shire Council.**

Introduction

Councillors will be well aware by now that Bland Shire Council, while having been declared as 'unfit' has avoided being involved in a forced merger for at least the immediate future.

The NSW Office of Local Government (OLG) has released a **progress report**, a copy of which has been included under separate cover with this business paper.

The next steps in the reform process are highlighted at the end of the OLG report and there are certain steps that will have significant implications for Bland Shire Council. I have extracted that section of the report and I have highlighted the steps that will affect this council particularly in respect to meeting the Fit for the Future benchmarks.

There will be other matters relating to the review of the Local Government Act and Joint Organisations that will affect council but these will be nowhere as critical as the reassessment of unfit councils.

NEXT STEPS: KEY MILESTONES

Jan - Mar 2016

- Merger proposals assessment and consultation
- Fit councils can access TCorp borrowing facility
- Expression of interest for Early Starters Joint Organisations
- Innovation Fund call for applications
- Consultation on Phase One Local Government Act amendments and Joint Organisation Framework
- Not Fit councils advised of opportunities to revise proposals
- Early Starter Joint Organisations identified
- Consultation on Phase One Act Amendments and Joint Organisations closes
- Targeted financial sustainability programs commenced

Apr - June 2016

- Round one Innovation Fund grants advised
- FAGS reallocations consultation with councils
- Far West Initiative Discussion Paper released
- Commence consultation on performance measurement and improvement frameworks
- IPART Regulation Burden report to Government
- "Not fit" councils submit revised FFTF proposals for assessment
- Phase One Act Amendments and Joint Organisation legislation introduced to Parliament

July - Dec 2016

- Phase One Act amendments commence implementation
- Joint Organisations commence roll out
- Revised FFTF proposals assessed
- New councils commence
- Aim for Local Government elections
- IPART Rating Review Report to Government

Jan - July 2017

- Preparation for new Integrated Planning and Reporting cycle

Conclusion

I have indicated below about the difficulty that Bland Shire Council will have in meeting the financial benchmarks set by the NSW Government. Another alternative for council to consider is seeking to be identified as a 'rural council' if such an alternative means that Bland Shire Council can continue to 'stand alone' without significant reductions in staff and services. It would appear at this stage that the only legislative changes for a rural council is a reduction in the number of councillors and council meetings.

Bland Shire Council currently meets all of the criteria of a 'rural council' under the Fit for the Future Framework.

There has been no reference made to changes to a rural council's staffing structure, the need for shared services or any reduction in the scope of services. The positive side is that rural councils that have been deemed 'fit' can immediately access the TCorp borrowing facility (loans at a substantially reduced interest rate) and can also apply for funding under the Innovations Fund.

I will gather as much information as possible on this alternative and report back to council accordingly.

Financial Implications

Not Fit councils advised of opportunities to revise proposals

The fact that council has resolved not to seek a Special Rate Variation (SRV) above the rate pegging limit will result in a number of the Fit for the Future benchmarks, that would have been met, will now not be possible to achieve. This is because council's original submission relied on a 10% SRV over a period of 5 years.

Council will now have to wait on further advice from the OLG on just what opportunities will be available for a revised submission. It is also interesting to note that a timeframe has been identified for the assessment of revised submissions (July – December 2016) but there has been no mention of the next step if unfit councils are still identified as unfit after the reassessment process.

9.2 Development of a New Local Government Act

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

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

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

Author: General Manager

Officer's Recommendation:

That the information concerning proposed amendments to the NSW Local Government Act 1993 be received and noted.

Introduction

The NSW Office of Local Government (OLG) has released an update on the Phase 1 amendments to the Local Government Act 1993 and a copy of this document has been provided under separate cover with this business paper.

The advice from the OLG indicates that more of the existing Act is being retained than is being changed. The new Act will be phased in during 2016/17 and has been split into 60 discreet topic areas with work to be undertaken over 2 phases.

Phase 1 topics are the priority areas to be legislated for commencement at the start of the next term of councils with the actual date of the local government elections still to be determined (September 2016 or March 2017)?

Probably one of the most significant changes proposed is the inclusion of legislated requirements under the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework that will ensure that all councils will be obligated to preparing and reporting on their Community Strategic Plans, delivery programs and all other associated documentation.

A further point of interest is the proposed amendment to the Act to allow for small rural councils to apply for a one off approval to reduce councillor numbers and the number of council meetings per year. Council will recall that we did not complete Template 3 to become identified as a 'rural council' because we were unaware of the implications. It would appear now that the only implications are fewer councillors and fewer meetings. I am endeavouring to obtain further details in this respect as this may determine the format of council's revised Fit for the Future submission later this year.

There is also a proposed amendment that would see mayors that are elected by the councillors, to serve two (2) year terms. New councillors will also be required to swear an 'oath of office' a procedure that use to exist prior to the 1993 Act.

Other proposed amendments are in the areas of the model Code of Meeting Practice and the model Code of Conduct, mandating the internal audit process, reform in relation to council's workforce management processes, less red tape, placing the external audit under the auspices of the Auditor General and greater clarity in the roles of councillors, mayors and general managers.

Conclusion

My observations of the proposed amendments are all positive and I believe that if they are adopted we will have a more streamlined legislative framework to work within and a more outcomes focused Local Government Act.

There will be a consultation process involving targeted workshops and the release of a set of topic based papers for consideration and feedback.

Financial Implications

Nil to this report.

9.3 Commencement of the Local Government Amendment (Councillor Misconduct and Poor Performance Act) 2015

Our leadership

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

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

Author: General Manager

Officer's Recommendation:

- 1 That the information relating to the commencement of the Local Government Amendment (Councillor Misconduct and Poor Performance Act) 2015 effective from 13 November 2015 be received and noted; and**
- 2 That council's Code of Conduct is updated to incorporate the amendment to clause 4.29 as detailed in the amended legislation.**

Introduction

Advice from the NSW Office of Local Government (OLG), received in late December 2015, refers to the commencement of the Local Government Amendment (Councillor Misconduct and Poor Performance Act) 2015 effective from 13 November 2015.

A copy of the advice together with a summary of the amendments has been included as an attachment to this report.

There will need to be changes made to council's Code of Conduct to incorporate this new legislation and it should also be noted by all councillors that the definition of "misconduct" has been expanded to include acts or omissions by councillors that are intended to prevent the proper or effective functioning of a council or a committee of council (e.g. by disrupting decision making).

Conclusion

These amendments are designed to ensure a faster but fair investigation process for councillor misconduct and to more effectively address council maladministration.

Financial Implications

Nil to this report.



Circular Details	15-41 / 17 December 2015 / A446439
Previous Circular	
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers / Complaints Coordinators
Contact	Council Governance Team / 4428 4100
Action required	Information

Commencement of the Local Government Amendment (Councillor Misconduct and Poor Performance Act) 2015

What's new or changing

- Amendments to the *Local Government Act 1993* made by the *Local Government Amendment (Councillor Misconduct and Poor Performance) Act 2015* commenced on **13 November 2015**.

What this will mean for your Council

Councillors and General Managers must note the following:

- As of the commencement date, Councillors who have previously been suspended on two or more occasions will be automatically disqualified from holding office in a Council for 5 years if they are suspended on a further occasion. The Office has written directly to Councillors who have been suspended on two or more occasions to inform them of this change.
- The definition of "misconduct" has been expanded to include acts or omissions by Councillors that are intended to prevent the proper or effective functioning of a council or a committee of a Council (e.g. by disrupting decision making). Penalties for Councillor misconduct include suspension and disqualification from holding office.
- Councillors will no longer be permitted to participate in the consideration of the making, amendment, alteration or repeal of an environmental planning instrument applying to the whole or a significant part of their local government area they have pecuniary interests in unless:
 - the only interests affected by the changes are the interests they or their relatives have in their principal places of residence; **and**
 - they have made a special disclosure of the affected interests.
- This amendment is complemented by an amendment to clause 4.29 of the *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* which also commenced on 13 November 2015. The amendment will mean that councillors with significant non-pecuniary conflicts of interests in the making, amendment, alteration or repeal of an environmental planning instrument applying to the whole or a significant part of their local government area will no longer be permitted to participate in consideration of those matters unless:

- the only interests affected by the changes relate to the interest a person (e.g. a close friend or affiliate of a Councillor) has in their principal place of residence; and
- the Councillor has disclosed the affected interests.

Complaints coordinators must note the following:

- Councils must amend their adopted codes of conduct as soon as possible to reflect the amendment to clause 4.29 referred to above. The amended Model Code of Conduct is available on the Office of Local Government's website at www.olg.nsw.gov.au.
- Notice is no longer required of a motion to censure a Councillor for misconduct under section 440G. Under the *Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW*, Councils can only formally censure a Councillor for misconduct where this is recommended in a report by an independent investigator. This will be reported to the Council under cover of a staff report by a Council's complaints coordinator.

Other key changes

- The amendments are also designed to:
 - ensure a faster but fair investigation process for Councillor misconduct;
 - remove impediments to effective action in response to serious corrupt conduct;
 - maximise the effectiveness of Performance Improvement Orders issued by the Minister for Local Government to a Council; and
 - more effectively address Council maladministration.

Where to go for further information

- For more information on the amendments to the Act, see the attachment to this Circular.
- An updated version of the *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* has been published on the Office of Local Government's website at www.olg.nsw.gov.au.
- Contact the Office's Council Governance Team on 4428 4100.



Tim Hurst
Acting Chief Executive
Office of Local Government

ATTACHMENT

The amendments to the *Local Government Act 1993* referred to in this Circular are designed to:

More effectively deter and address Councillor misconduct by:

- providing for the automatic disqualification of a Councillor from holding civic office for a period of 5 years where they have been suspended for misconduct on a third occasion;
- expanding the definition of "misconduct" in the Act to include conduct that is intended to prevent the proper or effective functioning of a Council (i.e. through the disruption of Council and Committee meetings).

Streamline the process for dealing with Councillor misconduct to ensure faster but fair outcomes by:

- removing the requirement for notice to be given of a motion at a Council meeting to formally censure a Councillor in recognition that Councils may now only do so on the recommendation of an independent investigator following a formal investigation process;
- removing the mandatory requirement for the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government to undertake an investigation as a prerequisite to taking disciplinary action for misconduct where the conduct has previously been investigated under a Council's code of conduct and for minor misconduct that requires only a reprimand or counselling, and removing rights of appeal in relation to reprimand and counselling;
- providing that prior to taking disciplinary action against a Councillor, the Chief Executive is to give the Councillor at least 14 days' notice of his or her intention to take disciplinary action, including the disciplinary action that is proposed to be taken and the grounds upon which the proposed disciplinary action is to be taken and to consider any submissions made by the Councillor in relation to the notice;
- expanding the class of persons the Chief Executive may direct to provide written information or a document for the purposes of investigating Councillor misconduct to "any person" but excluding privileged information or documents without the person's consent.

Promote community confidence in Council planning decisions by:

- amending the provision in the Act that allows Councillors to participate in the consideration of changes to a planning instrument applying to the whole or a significant part of a Council's area they have pecuniary interests in by limiting its application to the interests Councillors have in their and related persons' principal places of residence, thereby preventing participation in consideration of such matters by Councillors with other property interests.

Remove impediments to effective action in response to serious corrupt conduct by:

- providing that a former Councillor may be disqualified from holding civic office for serious corrupt conduct;
- providing that where the Minister, on a recommendation by the ICAC, suspends a Councillor from civic office for serious corrupt conduct and the Councillor brings legal proceedings to challenge the ICAC's recommendation, the suspension will continue until the proceedings are concluded and for six months

afterwards to allow time to arrange for their dismissal and disqualification should this be warranted;

Maximise the effectiveness of Performance Improvement Orders issued by the Minister to a Council by:

- reducing the minimum consultation period for a notice of intention to issue a Performance Improvement Order from 21 to 7 days;
- providing that a Council may be required to provide more than one compliance report on its compliance with a Performance Improvement Order, allowing the Minister to vary the terms of an Order on giving 7 days' notice, and allowing other intervention action while the Order is in force;
- deterring non-compliance by individual Councillors with a requirement under a Performance Improvement Order by:
 - empowering the Minister, where he or she is satisfied that a Councillor has failed to comply with such a requirement, to effectively suspend the Councillor until they have complied with the requirement or for a period of up to 3 months (with a possible extension of a further 3 months) (whichever is the lesser); and
 - allow the Minister to request the Chief Executive to refer non-compliance to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal for disciplinary action.

More effectively address Council maladministration by:

- reducing the time in which a Council is required to respond to recommendations made by the Chief Executive arising from the investigation of a council from 40 to 28 days.

9.4 IPART – Review Of Reporting and Compliance Burdens On Local Government

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

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

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

Author: General Manager

Officer's Recommendation:

That the information relating to the release of the draft IPART Report on reporting and compliance burdens on local government be received and noted and that any concerns arising from the Report's recommendations be referred to the general manager no later than Friday 19 February 2016.

Introduction

IPART has released a draft report of their review of reporting and compliance burdens on local government.

The NSW Premier asked IPART to conduct a review to identify burdens placed on local government in the form of planning, reporting and compliance obligations by the NSW Government, and to make recommendations for how identified unnecessary and excessive burdens can be reduced. The aim of the review is to improve the efficiency of local government in NSW and enhance the ability of councils to focus on delivering services to their communities.

The draft report, consisting of 229 pages, makes 49 recommendations and IPART is seeking feedback by 19 February 2016. A somewhat short timeframe given that the draft report was only released on 18 January 2016.

The recommendations have been grouped into the following categories:

- Systemic Issues
- Water and Sewerage
- Planning
- Administration and Governance
- Building and Construction
- Public Land and Infrastructure
- Animal Control
- Community Order

IPART has issued a Fact Sheet, a copy of which is included as an attachment to this report. I have also reproduced the list of 49 recommendations which is also included as an attachment. The complete IPART Report will be tabled at the meeting for perusal by any interested councillors.

Conclusion

I have read the 49 recommendations and I can find no significant issues that would have an adverse impact on council. After all, the purpose of the review is to reduce reporting and compliance burdens on councils and the majority of the recommendations achieve this purpose.

Financial Implications

Nil to this report.

Fact Sheet –Review of Local Government Reporting and Compliance Burdens



18 January 2016



WHAT

IPART has released the Draft Report for our Review of Local Government Reporting and Compliance Burdens.

The Report contains 49 draft recommendations, which cover seven function areas as well as systemic issues that apply across a range of council activities. There are 60 other issues raised by stakeholders, but about which we have not made a formal recommendation. Many of these areas are already being addressed by Government, or can be resolved within existing policies.

We are seeking feedback on our draft recommendations and the issues discussed in the Appendix.

The Draft Report, along with further information on IPART's review, is available on [IPART's website](#).



WHY

This review aims to identify inefficient, unnecessary or excessive planning, reporting and compliance obligations imposed on councils by the NSW Government. We have been asked to examine how the State regulates local government and to develop options to reduce, remove or streamline these obligations.



WHO

The review will interest local councils in NSW and NSW Government departments and agencies. Other interested parties include local council staff, their professional associations and the broader community.



HOW

To identify regulatory obligations imposed on councils that could be considered inefficient, unnecessary or excessive, and develop our draft recommendations, we:

- ▼ released an Issues Paper
- ▼ circulated a questionnaire to all NSW councils, and
- ▼ conducted workshops with councils in Coffs Harbour, Wagga Wagga, Dubbo and Sydney.

We consulted with NSW Government agencies which oversee councils' regulatory roles.



WHEN

We will provide the Final Report to the Minister for Local Government by **22 April 2016**.



WHAT NEXT

You can have your say on the draft recommendations until **19 February 2016**. We prefer to receive comments [online](#), or alternatively via [email](#) or post to:

Local Government Regulatory Burdens Review, IPART
PO BOX K35
Haymarket Post Shop NSW 1240

We will hold a Public Forum on 8 February 2016 at Sydney Masonic Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney. The Public Forum is an opportunity to present your views in person. [Click here](#) to Register.

2 Listing of Draft Recommendations and Findings

Our draft recommendations and findings are set out below, along with the page number where each is discussed in the report.

Systemic issues

Draft Recommendations

- 1 That the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) revise the *NSW Guide to Better Regulation* to include requirements for State agencies developing regulations involving regulatory or other responsibilities for local government, as part of the regulation-making process, to: 34
 - consider whether a regulatory proposal involves responsibilities for local government 34
 - clearly identify and delineate State and local government responsibilities 34
 - consider the costs and benefits of regulatory options on local government 34
 - assess the capacity and capability of local government to administer and implement the proposed responsibilities, including consideration of adequate cost recovery mechanisms for local government 34
 - take a coordinated, whole-of-government approach to developing the regulatory proposal 34
 - collaborate with local government to inform development of the regulatory proposal 34
 - if establishing a jointly provided service or function, reach agreement with local government as to the objectives, design, standards and shared funding arrangements, and 34
 - develop an implementation and compliance plan. 34
- 2 That the NSW Government maintain a *Register of local government reporting, planning and compliance obligations* that should be used by State agencies in the regulation-making process to manage the volume of regulatory requirements imposed on councils and to avoid creating unnecessary or duplicative requirements. 38

2 Listing of Draft Recommendations and Findings

3	That the NSW Government remove restrictions on fees for statutory approvals and inspections to allow for the recovery of efficient costs, subject to monitoring and benchmarking.	41
4	Where fees continue to be set by statute, that the relevant NSW Government agency reviews the level of the fees every 3-5 years and amends the relevant legislation to allow these fees to increase annually in line with CPI or an index of fee-related costs.	41
5	That if statutory fees are capped below cost recovery to ensure affordability or for other policy reasons, then the NSW Government should reimburse councils for the shortfall in efficient costs.	41
6	That the Department of Premier and Cabinet amend the <i>Good Practice Guide to Grant Administration</i> , to:	45
	– recognise Local Government as separate from non-government organisations	45
	– remove acquittal requirements for untied grants	45
	– explicitly address ongoing maintenance and renewal costs when funding new capital projects	45
	– require Agencies to rely on existing council reporting to assess financial stability and management performance of councils	45
	– lengthen acquittal periods for ongoing grant programs to four years, and use Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) arrangements, rather than requiring councils to reapply annually, and	45
	– provide for a streamlined acquittal process for grants of less than \$20,000 in total, examples of streamlining include:	45
	○ not requiring further external financial audit	45
	○ using risk-based controls and requirements, and	45
	○ confining performance measurement to outcomes consistent with the purpose of the grant.	45
7	That the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation use the NSW ICT Strategy and Information Asset Registers to:	47
	– provide a central website to consolidate Local Government reporting portals, searchable data sets, reports and publications	47
	– facilitate council use of the central website, and	47
	– facilitate sharing of Local Government data and information between State Government agencies.	47

- 8 That the Office of Local Government introduce a “gateway” framework, using a cost-benefit methodology, to assess new State agency proposals for reporting and data collection from Local Government. 47
- 9 That the Department of Planning and Environment, including through the Office of Local Government, review public notice print media requirements in the *Local Government Act 1993*, the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* and, where the cost to councils of using print media exceeds the benefit to the community, remove print media requirements and allow online advertising, mail-outs and other forms of communication as alternatives. 49

Water and Sewerage

Draft Recommendations

- 10 That the Department of Primary Industries Water (DPI Water) undertake central water planning for Local Water Utilities (LWUs) to ensure that water supply and demand options are considered in the context of catchments, replacing the water planning LWUs currently undertake individually through Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategies. 54
- 11 That the NSW Government enable LWUs with sufficient capacity to be regulated under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006* as an alternative to their current regulation under the Best-Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Framework and section 60 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. 54
- 12 That DPI Water amend the *Best-Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines* to: 61
- streamline the NSW Performance Monitoring System to ensure each performance measure reported is: 61
 - linked to a clear regulatory objective 61
 - used by either most Local Water Utilities (LWUs) or DPI Water for compliance or meaningful comparative purposes 61
 - not in excess of the performance measures required under the National Water Initiative, and 61
 - not duplicating information reported to other State agencies. 61
 - reduce the number of performance measures and/or the frequency of reporting for small LWUs with fewer than 10,000 connections 61
 - align trade waste reporting with other performance reporting, on a financial year basis, subject to consultation with LWUs, LGNSW and the Water Directorate, and 61

- implement a risk-based auditing regime for LWU wanting to pay a dividend to their council's general fund. 61
- 13 That NSW Health determine a standardised service report template to be used by technicians undertaking quarterly servicing of aerated wastewater treatment systems, in consultation with councils. 65
- 14 That the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* be amended to require service reports to be provided to councils using the template determined by NSW Health as a standard condition of approval to operate an aerated wastewater treatment system. 65

Planning

Draft Recommendations

- 15 That the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE): 75
 - Implement a data sharing model with the Australian Bureau of Statistics in relation to building approvals in NSW. 75
 - Introduce a consolidated data request of councils for the purposes of the *Local Development Performance Monitoring (LDPM)*, *Housing Monitor*, *State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009* (Affordable Rental Housing) and *State Environmental Planning Policy No 1 – Development Standards (SEPP 1 variations)*. 75
 - Fund an upgrade of councils' software systems to automate the collection of data from councils for the purposes of the LDPM, *Housing Monitor*, Affordable Rental Housing and SEPP 1 variations. 75
 - Publish the data collected from councils on Affordable Rental Housing and SEPP 1 variations data. 75
 - Seek agreement with the Land & Environment Court to obtain appeal data directly from the Court. 75
 - Remove the administrative requirement for councils to report to DPE on political donations or gifts under section 147 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*. 75
- 16 That the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* be amended to enable zoning and development standards information under section 149(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to be provided through the NSW Planning Portal. 86
- 17 That the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* be amended to specify the information that can be provided by councils in accordance with section 149(5) of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*. 87

18	That DPE amend the NSW Planning Portal to provide for online:	87
	– payment of fees and charges by applicants and for the Planning Reform Fund fee to then be automatically directed to DPE	87
	– zoning and development standards information under section 149(2) of the <i>Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979</i>	87
	– joint applications for development approvals and construction certificates, and	87
	– information under section 149(5) of the <i>Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979</i> to be accessible via a link to council websites.	87
19	That DPE manage referrals to State agencies through a 'one-stop shop' in relation to:	93
	– planning proposals (LEPs)	94
	– development applications (DAs), and	94
	– integrated development assessments (IDAs).	94
20	That DPE develop suites of standardised development consent conditions and streamline conditions that require consultant reports or subsequent approvals, in consultation with councils, State government agencies and other key stakeholders.	98

Administration and governance

Draft Recommendations

21	That the NSW Government streamline the reporting requirements for the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework in the revised Local Government Act.	103
22	Ahead of the next IP&R cycle (2016), that the Office of Local Government:	103
	– provide councils with a common set of performance indicators to measure performance within the IP&R framework	103
	– conduct state-wide community satisfaction surveys and release the results to allow comparisons between councils and benchmarking	103
	– provide guidance to councils on the form and content of the End of Term Report and its relationship to local councils' Annual Reports	103
	– clarify for councils the purpose, form and content of the State of the Environment report and clarify its relationship to the End of Term Report	103
	– work with the Office of Environment and Heritage, the NSW Environment Protection Authority and other relevant agencies to develop performance indicators for councils to use, and	103

- where relevant, amend the IP&R Guidelines and Manual to incorporate this material. 103
- 23 That the Office of Local Government remove requirements for councils to report more in the General Purpose Financial Statements than is required by the Australian accounting standards, issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board, except for requirements which are unique and high value to local government such as Note 21 and Special Schedule 7. 108
- 24 That clause 163(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* be amended to allow the Office of Local Government to determine the councils for which the threshold for formal tendering would be increased to \$250,000, with this threshold to be reviewed every five years. 111
- 25 That section 377(1)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993* be amended to allow the Council to delegate the acceptance of tenders. 111
- 26 That the Department of Planning and Environment, through the Office of Local Government, review the requirements in the *Local Government Act 1993* for Ministerial approvals; those that are not justified on the basis of corruption prevention, probity or protecting the interests of the State be removed. 114
- 27 That the Office of Local Government introduce guidelines that specify maximum response times for different categories of approvals. 114
- 28 That the Department of Planning and Environment, through the Office of Local Government, review all approvals required under section 68 of the *Local Government Act 1993* in order to: 117
 - determine the activities for which a separate local council approval under section 68 is necessary 117
 - revise the regulatory frameworks within NSW legislation to remove duplication 117
 - place as many approval requirements as possible in specialist legislation, and 117
 - where appropriate, enable mutual recognition of approvals issued by another council. 117
- 29 That the *Local Government Act 1993* be amended to transfer current requirements relating to the length of time for temporary appointments under section 351(2) to the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* or the relevant awards. 122
- 30 Extend the maximum periods of temporary employment from 12 months to four years within any continuous period of five years, similar to Rule 10 of the *Government Sector Employment Rules 2014*. 122

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| 31 | That section 31 of the <i>Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994</i> be amended to require councils to report on public interest disclosures in their annual reports and remove the requirement for an annual public interest disclosures report to be provided to the Minister for Local Government. | 124 |
| 32 | That section 125 of the <i>Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009</i> be amended to allow councils to lodge annual reports of their obligations under the Act within five months after the end of each reporting year. | 126 |
| 33 | That the Office of Local Government assist the Information and Privacy Commission to circulate to councils information related to the <i>Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009</i> . | 126 |

Draft Findings

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| 1 | That the principles and processes outlined in ICAC's <i>Guidelines for managing risk in direct negotiations</i> are best practice standards which can be applied where a lack of competition exists in a Local Government Area. | 111 |
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Building and construction

Draft Recommendations

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| 34 | That the Building Professionals Board include information on travel charges for certification services in regional areas when developing an indicative fee schedule. | 135 |
| 35 | That the Building Professionals Board or the proposed Office of Building Regulation (in consultation with Department of Planning and Environment, Fire & Rescue NSW and local government) design the new online system for submitting annual fire safety statements (AFSS) to allow councils to identify buildings in their area that require an AFSS, and where follow up or enforcement action is required. | 137 |
| 36 | That the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000</i> be amended to clarify what constitutes a 'significant fire safety issue'. | 140 |
| 37 | That section 121ZD of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> be amended to allow councils to delegate authority to the General Manager to consider a report by the Fire Brigade, make a determination and issue an order, rather than having the report considered at the next council meeting. | 140 |

Draft Findings

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| 2 | The draft recommendations of the <i>Independent Review of the Building Professionals Act 2005</i> (Lambert Building Review), if supported by the NSW Government, would: | 131 |
| | – Substantially improve the funding and ability of councils to effectively undertake their compliance functions in relation to unauthorised building work and refer certifier complaints to the Building Professionals Board. | 131 |
| | – Introduce more effective disincentives (for example, penalties) for unauthorised building work. | 131 |
| | – Institute a system of electronic lodgement of certificates and documentation from private certifiers to councils in a standardised form. This should reduce current record management burdens on councils, which would allow the information to be used to inform building regulation policy development and better targeting of council and state resources in building regulation. | 131 |
| | – Reduce the frequency of accreditation renewals from annually to every three to five years. | 132 |
| | – Create a new category of regional certifier to reduce the accreditation burden on councils and increase the number of certifiers in the regions. | 132 |
| 3 | That under the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> councils can set their fees for certification services to allow for full cost recovery. These fees can include travel costs. | 135 |
| 4 | That the online Building Manual, proposed in the e-building initiative draft recommendation of the Lambert Building Review, would remove the current burden on councils of collecting and maintaining records of annual fire safety statements. | 137 |

Public land and infrastructure

Draft Recommendations

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| 38 | That the NSW Government transfer Crown reserves with local interests to councils, as recommended by the NSW Crown Lands Management Review and piloted through the Local Land Program Pilot. | 143 |
| 39 | Consistent with its response to the Crown Lands Legislation White Paper, that the NSW Government ensure that Crown reserves managed by councils are subject to <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> requirements in relation to: | 143 |
| | – Ministerial approval of licences and leases, and | 143 |
| | – reporting. | 143 |

40	That the NSW Government streamline the statutory process for closing Crown roads, including the arrangements for advertising road closure applications.	146
41	That the NSW Government reduce the backlog of Crown road closure applications to eliminate the current waiting period for applications to be processed.	146
42	That the NSW Government streamline the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> relating to plans of management for community land to align public notice and consultation with councils' community engagement for Integrated Planning and Reporting purposes.	149
43	That Roads and Maritime Services provide greater support for councils to develop the competency to conduct route access assessments and process heavy vehicle applications. This support should be focused on developing the competency and skills within councils to perform these regulatory functions.	151
44	That the <i>Impounding Act 1993</i> be amended to treat caravans and advertising trailers in the same way as boat trailers when considering whether they are unattended for the purposes of the Act.	153

Animal control

Draft Recommendations

45	That the Office of Local Government's redesign and modernisation of the central <i>Register of Companion Animals</i> includes the following functionality:	157
	– online registration, accessible via mobile devices anywhere	157
	– a one-step registration process, undertaken at the time of microchipping and identifying an animal	157
	– the ability for owners to update change of ownership, change of address and other personal details online	157
	– unique identification information in relation to the pet owner (ie, owner's date of birth, driver licence number or Medicare number)	157
	– the ability to search by owner details	157
	– the ability for data to be analysed by Local Government Area (not just by regions)	157
	– the ability for data to be directly uploaded from pound systems, and	157
	– centralised collection of registration fees so funding can be directly allocated to councils.	157

- 46 That the *Companion Animals Act 1998* and *Companion Animals Regulation 2008* be amended to require unique identification information in relation to the pet owner (ie, owner's date of birth, drivers licence number or Medicare number), to be entered in the register at the time of entering animal identification information and when there is a change of ownership. 157

Community order

Draft Recommendations

- 47 That the NSW Government review how councils are currently applying Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ) and Alcohol Prohibited Area (APA) provisions in response to alcohol related anti-social behaviour and clarify the rationale and processes for declaring AFZs and APAs in the *Local Government Act 1993* and Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones. 165
- 48 That the NSW Government provide an efficient process for consultation and decision making on temporary and events-based alcohol restrictions. 165
- 49 That the *Graffiti Control Act 2008* be amended to allow councils to prosecute individuals and organisations that commission or produce bill posters that are visible from a public place within their local government area. 168

9.5 Review of the Nine Day Fortnight Procedure

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

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

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

Author: General Manager

Officer's Recommendation:

That the Nine Day Fortnight procedure be implemented on a permanent basis.

Introduction

The Nine Day Fortnight procedure was adopted on 17th June 2014 and was initially trialled for 12 months. The success of the trial has seen the procedure continue to the present date.

Staff were invited to provide their comments and suggestions on the procedure and its continuation.

Responses were received from thirteen staff members and all of them were in favour of continuation of the procedure. Some of the comments made by staff are reproduced below:

"I love it!!! I feel it is working quite well, and have heard nothing but positive comments about it. I appreciate the extra time each month to catch up on things at home or whatever I might choose to do, and feel it has made me a more relaxed person."

"From my point of view (as a manager of my area) there have been no problems associated with the implementation of the Nine Day Fortnight procedure."

"I am very happy with the 9 day fortnight procedure and believe it has been successful. I certainly wish to have it continued."

"I enjoy 9 day fortnight arrangement as it provides me with a great work life balance. I enjoy the new hours and that long weekend when it comes around. It's nice to look forward to that RDO and to come back to work refreshed after the break. It has improved staff morale"

"I have found the fortnightly RDO's to be of great benefit in balancing my work & home life. It has been handy to have the flexibility of the fortnightly RDO's when dealing with out of town medical appointments and attending school functions with my children. The fortnightly RDO's have been a great initiative on Council's behalf and I hope they continue."

“Nine day fortnight is an extremely positive initiative and a great incentive in both the attraction and retention of staff. I know in my small area it is referred to as one of the great advantages of working at Bland Shire Council and facilitates a better quality of life for staff to plan personal and family events around regular RDO’s.”

“Makes it easy to schedule appointments out of town that we could not otherwise attend to without having to do 2 trips. Would like for it to continue.”

“I like the change. Overall the total work hours are no different, but the ability to have a day once every 2 weeks for appointments or personal time is great!”

“9 day fortnight is an important and necessary provision to the working employee, in particular in relation to work/life balance and would like to see the process remain in place.”

“Nine day fortnight has been fantastic as far as work/life balance is concerned. I try to make appointments on this day so they do not impact on Council during my working days. “

“It should stay. It allows me time to arrange my personal issues, doctor’s appointments and family matters without having to request leave and creates a more stable work environment.”

“I have enjoyed the 9 day fortnight. It is a good way to balance my work and home lifestyle. I have been able to book medical appointments out of town on my RDO’s. I would be all for the continuation of the current arrangements.”

Conclusion

There has been some minor changes made to the procedure in the initial 12 months to ensure that not only the staff were benefitting but also making sure that there was no disruption to normal operations and that the service to the public was not diminished. This has been achieved and has benefitted all stakeholders.

Financial Implications

Nil

SECTION 3 – CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

9.6 Financial Statements – December 2015

Our leadership

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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 December, 2015
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 December to 31 December 2015, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$1,810,011.85

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

BANK BALANCES AS AT 31 DECEMBER, 2015

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
General Fund	\$1,397,383.96
BCard	\$ 1,778.64
	\$1,399,162.60
Invested Funds	
Fixed Deposits	\$15,200,000.00
Deposits at Call	\$ 986,561.38
	\$16,186,561.38
Net Balance	\$17,585,723.98
Percentage of investment to Net Balance	92.04%

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 31.12.15
SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Balance as at 01.12.15 \$ 2,014,312.74

Add Receipts

For month of December 2015 \$ 1,185,081.59

Includes

Receipt Date.	Receipt Name	Received Total
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Less Payments

For month of December 2015 \$1,802,010.37

Includes

Payment Date.	Payee Name	Payment Total
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Cash Balance \$ 1,397,383.96

Limit of Overdraft Arranged with Bank \$ 350,000.00

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of accounts paid for the period December 01, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

I CERTIFY,

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

Fund	Voucher No.s	Total
Cheques	024738 - 024766	\$ 33,036.55
Auto-pay Creditors	E006387 – E006704	\$1,346,179.45
Auto-pay Payroll	6/12 - 27/12	\$ 413,951.53
December Bank Charges & Commission etc		\$1,597.19
Direct Debits	Repayments & Vehicle Lease	\$ 7,245.65
		\$ 1,802,010.37

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 16 February 2016, 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 \$1,802,010.37 was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 16 February 2016 and that the amounts are presented to Council for confirmation of payment.

.....
Chairman of Ordinary Meeting

9.7 Financial Statements – January 2016

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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 January, 2016
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 January to 31 January 2016, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$1,243,489.37

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES, RATES COLLECTIONS AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2016.

BANK BALANCES AS AT 31 JANUARY, 2016

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
General Fund	\$ 749,062.42
BCard	\$ 1,778.64
	\$ 750,841.06
Invested Funds	
Fixed Deposits	\$15,200,000.00
Deposits at Call	\$ 986,561.38
	\$16,186,561.38
Net Balance	\$16,937,402.44
Percentage of investment to Net Balance	95.57%

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 31.01.16
SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Balance as at 01.01.16 \$ 1,397,383.96

Add Receipts

For month of January 2016 \$ 595,167.83

Includes

Receipt Date.	Receipt Name	Received Total
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Less Payments

For month of January 2016 \$1,243,489.37

Includes

Payment Date.	Payee Name	Payment Total
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Cash Balance \$ 749,062.42

Limit of Overdraft Arranged with Bank \$ 350,000.00

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of accounts paid for the period January 01, 2016 to January 31, 2016.

I CERTIFY,

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

Fund		Voucher No.s	Total
Cheques		024767 - 024785	\$ 21,711.55
Auto-pay	Creditors	E006752 – E006911	\$ 750,033.00
Auto-pay	Payroll	3/1 - 24/1	\$ 443,724.65
January Bank Charges & Commission etc			\$1,177.25
Direct Debits		Repayments & Vehicle Lease	\$26,842.92
			\$ 1,243,489.37

7. Are fully supported by vouchers and invoices and have been fully registered.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. The prices and computations of every account are correct.
11. 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.
12. 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 16 February 2016, 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 \$1,243,489.37 was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 16 February 2016 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
31/12/2015

	Arr. Levy	Period To Date			Total	Arr. Levy	Year To Date			Total
		Arr. Int	Cur. Levy	Cur. Int			Arr. Int	Cur. Levy	Cur. Int	
Council Total										
** 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	\$3,457.79	\$115.26	\$3,573.05	\$92,859.09	\$0.00	\$55,477.10	\$1,247.65	\$149,583.84
Fees (i.e. Legal or Dishonour)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,588.72	\$0.00	\$2,588.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,055.04	\$0.00	\$22,055.04
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,038.42	\$3,038.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,442.23	\$21,399.85	\$24,842.08
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$249.49	\$0.00	\$24,462.78	\$0.00	\$24,712.27
Pensioner Rebate Government	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,189.95	\$0.00	\$1,189.95
Pension Rebate Sewer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$306.24	\$0.00	\$306.24
Receipt via other Agencies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,052.55	\$0.00	\$804.44	\$15.01	\$1,872.00
Receipt via BPay	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$455.00	\$0.00	\$4,563.29	\$0.00	\$5,018.29
Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$2,272.00	\$0.00	\$2,472.00
Transfer within Module	\$3,193.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,193.69	\$7,268.34	\$0.00	\$4,383.12	\$0.00	\$11,651.46
Total	\$3,193.69	\$0.00	\$6,046.51	\$3,153.68	\$12,393.88	\$656,310.25	\$0.00	\$8,439,689.97	\$22,662.51	\$9,118,662.73
** CREDIT **										
Credit/Debit Allocation	-\$3,195.32	\$0.00	-\$679.86	-\$0.32	-\$3,875.50	-\$3,902.67	\$0.00	-\$145,897.70	-\$85.92	-\$149,886.29
Supplementary Levy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$589.80	\$0.00	-\$30,901.97	\$0.00	-\$31,491.77
Pensioner Rebate Government	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$126,909.31	\$0.00	-\$126,909.31
Pension Rebate Sewer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$37,391.55	\$0.00	-\$37,391.55
Receipt via other Agencies	-\$2,683.89	\$0.00	-\$4,800.26	-\$64.81	-\$7,548.96	-\$20,559.88	\$0.00	-\$106,282.48	-\$162.83	-\$127,005.19
Receipt via Australia Post	-\$5,554.00	\$0.00	-\$38,341.81	-\$123.15	-\$44,018.96	-\$32,493.50	\$0.00	-\$860,068.50	-\$536.95	-\$893,098.95
Receipt via BPay	-\$7,524.44	\$0.00	-\$131,023.78	-\$492.05	-\$139,040.27	-\$95,236.71	\$0.00	-\$1,747,926.28	-\$1,654.51	-\$1,844,817.50
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	-\$8,039.48	\$0.00	-\$57,495.80	-\$219.69	-\$65,754.97	-\$91,005.95	\$0.00	-\$1,996,099.69	-\$718.43	-\$2,087,824.07
Receipt via Payroll	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$436.07	\$0.00	-\$21,757.17	-\$5.76	-\$22,199.00
Transfer external to Module	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$478.50	\$0.00	-\$478.50
Transfer within Module	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$3,079.38	-\$114.31	-\$3,193.69	-\$1,189.13	\$0.00	-\$9,246.25	-\$1,216.08	-\$11,651.46
Write Off Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$19.89	-\$19.89	-\$5.03	\$0.00	-\$9.17	-\$100.61	-\$114.81
Total	-\$26,997.13	\$0.00	-\$235,420.89	-\$1,034.22	-\$263,452.24	-\$245,968.74	\$0.00	-\$5,083,793.57	-\$4,481.09	-\$5,333,843.40
Group Total	-\$23,803.44	\$0.00	-\$229,374.38	\$2,119.46	-\$251,058.36	\$410,741.51	\$0.00	\$3,355,896.40	\$18,181.42	\$3,784,819.33

Rating Year From
1/07/2015

Rates Financial Transaction Summary

Period Ending
31/01/2016

	Period To Date					Year To Date				
	Arr. Levy	Arr. Int	Cur. Levy	Cur. Int	Total	Arr. Levy	Arr. Int	Cur. Levy	Cur. Int	Total
Council Total										
** DEBIT **										
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$554,225.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$554,225.78
Adjustment	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$852.74	\$1,080.00	\$2,292.74	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$852.74	\$1,080.00	\$2,292.74
Credit/Debit Allocation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,423.90	\$0.00	\$1,423.90	\$92,859.09	\$0.00	\$56,901.00	\$1,247.65	\$151,007.74
Fees (i.e. Legal or Dishonour)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$821.76	\$0.00	\$821.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,876.80	\$0.00	\$22,876.80
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,823.05	\$5,823.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,442.23	\$27,222.90	\$30,665.13
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$249.49	\$0.00	\$24,462.78	\$0.00	\$24,712.27
Pensioner Rebate Government	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,189.95	\$0.00	\$1,189.95
Pension Rebate Sewer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$306.24	\$0.00	\$306.24
Receipt via other Agencies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,052.55	\$0.00	\$804.44	\$15.01	\$1,872.00
Receipt via BPay	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$455.00	\$0.00	\$4,563.29	\$0.00	\$5,018.29
Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$2,272.00	\$0.00	\$2,472.00
Transfer within Module	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$7,268.34	\$0.00	\$4,683.12	\$0.00	\$11,951.46
Total	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$3,398.40	\$6,903.05	\$10,661.45	\$656,670.25	\$0.00	\$8,443,088.37	\$29,565.56	\$9,129,324.18
** CREDIT **										
Credit/Debit Allocation	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$1,394.24	-\$29.66	-\$1,423.90	-\$3,902.67	\$0.00	-\$147,291.94	-\$115.58	-\$151,310.19
Supplementary Levy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$589.80	\$0.00	-\$30,901.97	\$0.00	-\$31,491.77
Pensioner Rebate Government	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$126,909.31	\$0.00	-\$126,909.31
Pension Rebate Sewer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$37,391.55	\$0.00	-\$37,391.55
Receipt via other Agencies	-\$1,810.05	\$0.00	-\$3,989.12	-\$65.83	-\$5,865.00	-\$22,369.93	\$0.00	-\$110,271.60	-\$228.66	-\$132,870.19
Receipt via Australia Post	-\$122.57	\$0.00	-\$4,157.59	-\$66.02	-\$4,346.18	-\$32,616.07	\$0.00	-\$864,226.09	-\$602.97	-\$897,445.13
Receipt via BPay	-\$3,962.73	\$0.00	-\$36,833.13	-\$303.77	-\$41,099.63	-\$99,199.44	\$0.00	-\$1,784,759.41	-\$1,958.28	-\$1,885,917.13
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	-\$2,438.06	\$0.00	-\$26,262.28	-\$191.73	-\$28,892.07	-\$93,444.01	\$0.00	-\$2,022,361.97	-\$910.16	-\$2,116,716.14
Receipt via Payroll	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$436.07	\$0.00	-\$21,757.17	-\$5.76	-\$22,199.00
Transfer external to Module	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$478.50	\$0.00	-\$478.50
Transfer within Module	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$300.00	\$0.00	-\$300.00	-\$1,189.13	\$0.00	-\$9,546.25	-\$1,216.08	-\$11,951.46
Write Off Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,307.27	\$0.00	-\$2,307.27	-\$5.03	\$0.00	-\$2,316.44	-\$100.61	-\$2,422.08
Total	-\$8,333.41	\$0.00	-\$75,243.63	-\$667.01	-\$84,234.05	-\$253,902.15	\$0.00	-\$5,159,037.20	-\$5,138.10	-\$5,418,077.45
Group Total	-\$7,973.41	\$0.00	-\$71,845.23	\$6,246.04	-\$73,572.60	\$402,768.10	\$0.00	\$3,284,051.17	\$24,427.46	\$3,711,246.73

INVESTMENTS

The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 31st December 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
03-December-2015	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	91 days	2.98%	03-March-2016
02-November-2015	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	91 days	2.85%	01-February-2016
23-July-2015	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	183 days	2.97%	22-January-2016
16-November-2015	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,500,000.00	182 days	2.89%	16-May-2016
01-August-2015	Westpac (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	184 days	3.43%	01-February-2016
14-October-2015	Bank of QLD (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	154 days	2.85%	16-March-2016
01-October-2015	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	183 days	3.00%	01-April-2016
23-October-2015	Bankwest (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	123 days	2.85%	23-February-2016
08-September-2015	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	366 days	2.95%	08-September-2016
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15-December-2015	Bankwest (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	91 days	3.05%	15-March-2016
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	934,487.76	Cash at Call		
	TOTAL:	16,185,212.13			

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.

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

Director Corporate Community & Development Services

INVESTMENTS

The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 31st January 2016. The funds consist of monies from the Bank Accounts of the Trust Funds, Reserve Accounts, Sewerage Fund and Combined General Account.

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	ANZ Deposit at Call	50,724.37	Cash at Call		
	CBA Deposit at Call	935,837.01	Cash at Call		
	TOTAL:	16,186,561.38			

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Director Corporate Community & Development Services

9.8 Budget Review – December 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 the Council through effective and prudent financial management

Author: Manager Financial Services

Officer's Recommendation:

That the Officers Report be received and noted and that the Council endorses the Statement acknowledging the financial position is considered satisfactory.

Introduction

The Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires the Council to prepare and consider a Budget Review Statement each quarter, which shows:

- Estimates of income and expenditure
- Appropriate revision of those estimates

The Statement must also include a report indicating changes in estimates for income and expenditure. This is done in consultation with the responsible director or manager of the relevant department. The Statement must comply with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and be considered by the Council and be considered by the Council no later than 2 months past the conclusion of the quarter.

The attached financial reports comply with the Council's statutory responsibilities and are presented using the organisational structure approved by the Council.

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement has been prepared on an accrual basis as required.

The Statement includes:

- Budget Review Summary including actuals to date, original budget and revised estimates if applicable and remaining balance.
- Summary of significant variations and budget adjustments.
- Reserves Position

Overall Position

In general terms, the Council has achieved 69% of projected revenue (calculated on an accrual basis) to adjusted budget and 51% of projected expenditure to adjusted budget by the end of December 2015.

Capital Expenditure at the end of December is currently at \$3,199,272 representing 43% of the revised budget.

The Budget Result at the end of the quarter currently stands at \$2.193M deficit, which is approximately 46% of the year end adjusted budget result.

The balance of Councils cash and investments held is around \$17.58M.

Operational Budget and Variations

The following are the results in the Departmental cost centres together with some commentary. An adjustment summary is attached to the review documentation.

A Point to Note:

For the purposes of making it easier for Directors and Managers to effectively monitor and manage their budgets, internal costs and Depreciation have been expensed for the year. The effect is that it shows expenditure higher than would normally be the case in the quarterly review.

The advantage is that each Director or Manager will not have to take into account these amounts when determining what is left available in their budgets.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

The OGM has produced a result at the end of the 2nd quarter that is within the budget for the directorate. All areas appear to be performing within budget expectations and provided for a favourable result.

CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Corporate, Community and Development Services have produced a result at the end of the 2nd quarter that is within the budget for the directorate. All areas appear to be performing within budget expectations and provided for a favourable result.

ASSETS AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

Assets and Engineering has produced a result at the end of the 2nd quarter that is within the budget for the directorate. 12 months of depreciation and overhead costs have been applied, making some areas appear to be heading for an over budget result at the end of the year. However, if you take into consideration the annual expenses already applied, all areas appear to be performing within budget expectations and provide for a favourable result.

Conclusion

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

As Council's Responsible Accounting officer, it is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Bland Shire Council for the quarter ended 31st December 2015 indicates that Council's financial position at 31st December 2015 is considered satisfactory, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Signed _____ Date ____/____/____

Responsible Accounting Officer, Bland Shire Council

Adjustment Summary - December 2015 Budget Review

GI Account Number	Description	Requested Adjustments	Comment
<u>Governance</u>			
	Office Printer	1,500	<i>Printer in the office of the General Manager is aged and needs to be replaced. To be funded from Council Works Reserve</i>
	Transfer from Council Works Reserve	(1,500)	
	Customer Satisfaction Survey	8,535	<i>The phone survey costs are part of the Integrated Planning & reporting process. A request is made to transfer the overexpenditure from the IP&R budget</i>
NET RESULT		8,535	
Corporate Services			
<u>Finance & Administration</u>			
	Corporate Support	13,000	<i>Expense for EDMRS software costed to Main IT cost number. Transfer budget allocated to Records expenses for this invoice.</i>
	Software Main Core Systems	(13,000)	
	Records Expenses	(8,535)	<i>The phone survey costed to Customer Satisfaction survey are part of the Integrated Planning & reporting process. A request is made to transfer the overexpenditure from the IP&R budget</i>
	Integrated Planning & Reporting		
NET RESULT		(8,535)	
Work & Services			
<u>Plant Management/Workshop</u>			
	Contribution to Plant	(28,000)	<i>Contribution to plant income understated by 2 vehicles. Income is for 25 vehicles but costs are for 27 vehicles.</i>
<u>Urban Roadside Maintenance</u>			
	Urban maintenance	86,947	<i>Request for adjustment to budget for General Maintenance FAG funds to be transferred for Urban Maintenance</i>
<u>Rural Unsealed Roads</u>			
	General Maintenance - (FAG)	(86,947)	<i>Request for adjustment to budget for General Maintenance FAG funds to be transferred for Urban Maintenance</i>
<u>Bush Fire Services</u>			
	NSW Fire Fund	5,060	<i>Annual assessment received from Fire & Rescue with annual assessment increase in the Fire Fund</i>
<u>State Emergency Service</u>			
	Contribution to SES	(4,096)	<i>Annual assessment received from Fire & Rescue with annual assessment reduction in the SES Contribution</i>

Adjustment Summary - December 2015 Budget Review

<u>Public Halls</u>	Refurbish Topy Hall	35,000	
	Public Buildings Reserve	(35,000)	<i>Additional amount required to fully complete refurbishment of Topy Hall</i>
	Maintenance & Repairs	(10,400)	<i>Transfer to Caltex Truck stop expenditure to cover negotiations in new lease</i>
<u>Literary Institute</u>	Maintenance & Repair	(5,000)	<i>Transfer to Caltex Truck stop expenditure to cover negotiations in new lease</i>
<u>Caltex Truck Stop</u>	Expenditure	15,400	<i>Transfer from Literary Institute & Public Halls expenditure to cover negotiations in new lease for Truck Stop</i>
NET RESULT		(27,036)	
	Total December Budget Adjustments	(27,036)	

**INCOME EXPENDITURE
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015**

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET 2015/16	C/FWD PROJECTS 2014/15	Approved Adjustments	ADJUSTED BUDGET 2015/16	Requested Adjustments	Projected Year End Result	2nd Quarter Actuals	Balance Remaining
EXECUTIVE								
Governance	0	0	0	0	-1,500	-1,500	-1,324	-176
Democracy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land Development	-85,000	-709,000	0	-794,000	0	-794,000	-2,500	-791,500
Economic Development	-10,000	0	-5,279	-15,279	0	-15,279	-15,279	0
Tourism	-66,000	0	0	-66,000	0	-66,000	-60,000	-6,000
Human Resources	-35,576	0	0	-35,576	0	-35,576	-14,729	-20,848
Executive Total Outcome	-196,576	-709,000	-5,279	-910,855	-1,500	-912,355	-93,832	-818,524
CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT								
General Revenue	-6,209,677	0	0	-6,209,677	0	-6,209,677	-6,161,908	-47,769
Financial Assistance & investments	-4,264,011	0	0	-4,264,011	0	-4,264,011	-3,207,239	-1,056,772
Corporate Support	-209,540	0	0	-209,540	0	-209,540	-220,078	10,538
Corporate Development Total	-10,683,228	0	0	-10,683,228	0	-10,683,228	-9,589,225	-1,094,003
COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES								
Aged Care	-397,820	0	0	-397,820	0	-397,820	-204,895	-192,925
Library & Children's Services	-1,551,980	0	0	-1,551,980	0	-1,551,980	-925,069	-626,911
Community Services	-61,440	0	0	-61,440	0	-61,440	-21,333	-40,107
Regulatory Services	-8,450	0	0	-8,450	0	-8,450	-5,795	-2,655
Community Relations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	-12,500	12,500
Development Control	-69,250	0	0	-69,250	0	-69,250	-38,698	-30,552
Environmental Planning	-26,150	0	0	-26,150	0	-26,150	-2,346	-23,804
Health & Environment	-5,000	0	0	-5,000	0	-5,000	0	-5,000
Community & Development Services T	-2,120,090	0	0	-2,120,090	0	-2,120,090	-1,210,635	-909,455
ASSETS & ENGINEERING								
Works Administration	-1,939,600	0	-78,000	-2,017,600	0	-2,017,600	-937,366	-1,080,234
Plant Running	-3,271,687	0	0	-3,271,687	-28,000	-3,299,687	-1,688,692	-1,610,995
Roads, Works & Transport	-4,072,531	0	0	-4,072,531	0	-4,072,531	-2,925,140	-1,147,391
Public Services	-377,710	0	0	-377,710	0	-377,710	-155,734	-221,976
Pools	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Property Maintenance	-313,247	0	0	-313,247	-35,000	-348,247	-68,027	-280,220
Waste management	-1,110,709	-33,000	0	-1,143,709	0	-1,143,709	-979,575	-164,134
Sewerage Disposal Services	-1,365,529	-90,188	0	-1,455,717	0	-1,455,717	-1,321,217	-134,500
Assets & Engineering Total	-12,451,013	-123,188	-78,000	-12,652,201	-63,000	-12,715,201	-8,075,752	-4,639,449
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	-25,450,907	-832,188	-83,279	-26,366,374	-64,500	-26,430,874	-18,969,444	-7,461,431

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET 2015/16	C/FWD PROJECTS 2014/15	Approved Adjustments	ADJUSTED BUDGET 2015/16	Requested Adjustments	Projected Year End Result	2nd Quarter Actuals	Balance Remaining
EXECUTIVE								
Governance	416,327	0	200,000	616,327	8,535	624,862	460,289	164,573
Democracy	171,606	0	0	171,606	0	171,606	92,588	79,018
Land Development	85,000	400,000	0	485,000	0	485,000	2,772	482,228
Economic Development	115,858	0	5,279	121,137	0	121,137	82,352	38,786
Tourism	223,012	0	0	223,012	0	223,012	78,852	144,160
Human Resources	582,816	0	0	582,816	0	582,816	270,710	312,106
Executive Total Outcome	1,594,619	400,000	205,279	2,199,898	8,535	2,208,433	987,563	1,220,870
CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT								
General Revenue	962,800	0	0	962,800	0	962,800	957,941	4,859
Financial Assistance & investments	61,865	0	0	61,865	0	61,865	39,983	21,882
Corporate Support	1,844,489	43,146	0	1,887,635	-8,535	1,879,100	824,185	1,054,915
Corporate Development Total	2,869,154	43,146	0	2,912,300	-8,535	2,903,765	1,822,109	1,081,656
COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES								
Aged Care	376,699	0	0	376,699	0	376,699	232,421	144,278
Library & Children's Services	1,781,817	0	0	1,781,817	0	1,781,817	991,649	790,168
Community Services	296,438	0	0	296,438	0	296,438	129,559	166,879
Regulatory Services	133,379	0	0	133,379	0	133,379	105,880	27,499
Community Relations	200,604	0	0	200,604	0	200,604	64,914	135,690
Support	553,227	0	0	553,227	0	553,227	264,201	289,026
Development Control	750	0	0	750	0	750	2,710	-1,960
Environmental Planning	108,751	35,000	0	143,751	0	143,751	23,759	119,992
Health & Environment	1,041	0	0	1,041	0	1,041	840	202
Community & Development Services T	3,452,706	35,000	0	3,487,706	0	3,487,706	1,815,931	1,671,775
ASSETS & ENGINEERING								
Works Administration	3,477,170	0	78,000	3,555,170	0	3,555,170	2,556,423	998,747
Plant Running	3,363,769	0	0	3,363,769	0	3,363,769	2,085,855	1,277,914
Roads, Works & Transport	7,224,986	42,382	960,119	8,227,487	0	8,227,487	5,107,963	3,119,524
Public Services	2,730,438	0	0	2,730,438	964	2,731,402	1,695,808	1,035,594
Pools	348,789	0	0	348,789	0	348,789	253,362	95,427
Council Property Maintenance	527,484	0	0	527,484	-15,400	512,084	323,598	188,486
Waste management	1,060,709	0	0	1,060,709	0	1,060,709	919,676	141,033
Sewerage Disposal Services	1,264,816	0	0	1,264,816	0	1,264,816	1,263,931	885
Assets & Engineering Total	19,998,161	42,382	1,038,119	21,078,662	-14,436	21,064,226	14,206,617	6,857,609
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	27,914,640	520,528	1,243,398	29,678,566	-14,436	29,664,130	18,832,220	10,831,910

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PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET 2015/16	C/FWD PROJECTS 2014/15	Approved Adjustments	ADJUSTED BUDGET 2015/16	Requested Adjustments	Projected Year End Result	2nd Quarter Actuals	Balance Remaining
Capital Funding								
EXECUTIVE								
Governance								
Internal Restrictions	0	-309,000	0	-309,000	-1,500	-310,500	-1,324	-307,676
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-150,000	0	0	-150,000	0	-150,000	0	-150,000
Executive Total Capital Funding	-150,000	-309,000	0	-459,000	-1,500	-460,500	-1,324	-457,676
CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT								
Corporate Support	-100,000	0	0	-100,000	0	-100,000	-124,752	24,752
Internal Restrictions	-100,000	0	0	-100,000	0	-100,000	-50,000	-50,000
Rates & Other Untied Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0	-74,752	74,752
Corporate Support Total Capital Funding	-100,000	0	0	-100,000	0	-100,000	-124,752	24,752
COMMUNITY & AGED CARE								
Aged Care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
External Restrictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rates & Other Untied Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library & Children's Services	-17,000	0	0	-17,000	0	-17,000	-692	-16,308
External Restrictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-17,000	0	0	-17,000	0	-17,000	-692	-16,308
Community & Aged Care Total Capital Funding	-17,000	0	0	-17,000	0	-17,000	-692	-16,308
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES								
Environmental Planning	-10,000	0	0	-10,000	0	-10,000	0	-10,000
Internal Restrictions	-10,000	0	0	-10,000	0	-10,000	0	-10,000
Rates & Other Untied Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Development Services Total Capital Funding	-10,000	0	0	-10,000	0	-10,000	0	-10,000
WORKS & SERVICES								
Works Administration	0	0	0	0	0	0	-377	377
Rates & Other Untied Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0	-377	377
Plant Running	-1,407,537	0	0	-1,407,537	0	-1,407,537	-1,393,876	-13,661
Income from Sale of Assets	-320,463	0	0	-320,463	0	-320,463	-571,557	251,094
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-1,087,074	0	0	-1,087,074	0	-1,087,074	-822,319	-264,755
Roads, Works & Transport	-2,979,216	-740,000	960,119	-2,759,097	0	-2,759,097	-1,441,810	-1,317,287
Capital Grants & Contributions	-2,904,216	-740,000	960,119	-1,944,097	0	-1,944,097	-672,148	-1,271,949
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-75,000	-740,000	0	-815,000	0	-815,000	-769,662	-45,338
Public Services	-11,500	-2,286,468	0	-2,297,968	0	-2,297,968	-104,257	-2,193,711
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-11,500	-322,061	0	-333,561	0	-333,561	-73,257	-260,304
Capital Grants & Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Internal Restrictions	0	-1,964,407	0	-1,964,407	0	-1,964,407	-31,000	-1,933,407
Council Property Maintenance	0	-131,000	0	-131,000	0	-131,000	-15,000	-116,000
Rates & Other Untied Funding	0	-131,000	0	-131,000	0	-131,000	-15,000	-116,000
Internal Restrictions	0	0	0	0	-35,000	-35,000	0	0
Waste management	-50,000	-33,000	0	-83,000	0	-83,000	-59,899	-23,101
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-50,000	-33,000	0	-83,000	0	-83,000	-59,899	-23,101
Sewerage Disposal Services	-100,713	-90,188	0	-190,901	0	-190,901	-57,286	-133,615
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-100,713	-90,188	0	-190,901	0	-190,901	-57,286	-133,615
Works & Services Total Capital Funding	-4,548,966	-3,280,656	960,119	-6,869,503	0	-6,869,503	-3,072,505	-3,796,998
Total Capital Funding	-4,825,966	-3,589,656	960,119	-7,455,503	-1,500	-7,457,003	-3,199,273	-4,256,230

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PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET 2015/16	C/FWD PROJECTS 2014/15	Approved Adjustments	ADJUSTED BUDGET 2015/16	Requested Adjustments	Projected Year End Result	2nd Quarter Actuals	Balance Remaining
Capital Expenditure								
EXECUTIVE								
Governance								
Office Printer	0	0	0	0	1,500	1,500	1,324	176
Land Development Costs	0	309,000	0	309,000	0	309,000	0	309,000
Visitor Information Centre Technology	150,000	0	0	150,000	0	150,000	0	150,000
Executive Total Capital Expenditure	150,000	309,000	0	459,000	1,500	460,500	1,324	459,176
CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT								
Corporate Support	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	100,000	124,752	-24,752
Loan - Principal Community Infrastructure Development	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	100,000	50,000	50,000
Council Software Package	0	0	0	0	0	0	74,752	-74,752
Corporate Development Total Capital Expenditure	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	100,000	124,752	-24,752
COMMUNITY & AGED CARE								
Aged Care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library & Children's Services	17,000	0	0	17,000	0	17,000	692	16,308
Library Books	12,000	0	0	12,000	0	12,000	673	11,327
AV Materials	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	5,000	19	4,981
Community & Aged Care Total Capital Expenditure	17,000	0	0	17,000	0	17,000	692	16,308
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES								
Environmental Planning	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000
Heritage Panels MS	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000
Development Services Total Capital Expenditure	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000
WORKS & SERVICES								
Works Administration	0	0	0	0	0	0	377	-377
Samsung Galaxy tablet (M Thompson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	377	-377
Plant Running	1,407,537	0	0	1,407,537	0	1,407,537	1,393,875	13,662
Plant & Equipment Purchases - Cap	1,374,537	0	0	1,374,537	0	1,374,537	1,390,420	-15,883
Accrual Reversal	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1,308	1,308
Plant Minor - Cap	33,000	0	0	33,000	0	33,000	4,764	28,236
Roads, Works & Transport	2,979,216	740,000	-960,119	2,759,097	0	2,759,097	1,441,809	1,317,288
MR398 West Wide Construction	300,000	0	0	300,000	0	300,000	1,759	298,241
R2R Capital Program	2,604,216	0	-960,119	1,644,097	0	1,644,097	670,389	973,708
Urban Reseals (FAG)	0	500,000	0	500,000	0	500,000	570,288	-70,288
Urban Sealed Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	89,794	-89,794
Reseals - Rural Roads (FAG)	0	200,000	0	200,000	0	200,000	0	200,000
Gravel Resheeting (FAG)	0	0	0	0	0	0	109,579	-109,579
Gravel Resheeting (FAG)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1
Main St - Concrete strips to replace asphalt at nibs (Renewal)	22,000	0	0	22,000	0	22,000	0	22,000
Main Street Illumination	0	40,000	0	40,000	0	40,000	0	40,000
Main Street Works	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000
Extra Seats - Main ST	3,000	0	0	3,000	0	3,000	0	3,000
Public Services	11,500	2,286,468	0	2,297,968	0	2,297,968	104,258	2,193,710
Public Conveniences								
Screen for Aberline Toilets	1,500	0	0	1,500	0	1,500	3,409	-1,909
Cemeteries								
New Beams at Lawn Cemetery (10 year plan)	0	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000	26,455	3,545
Repair Old Unattended Grave Sites	0	11,999	0	11,999	0	11,999	0	11,999
Parks & Gardens								
Service Person Park (Reg Rattey) AC	0	74,091	0	74,091	0	74,091	36,450	37,641
Dump Point - Coinda Park	0	13,999	0	13,999	0	13,999	1,831	12,168
Playground - Tallimba	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000
Sporting Ovals								
Perseverance St Rec Ground Development	0	149,972	0	149,972	0	149,972	5,000	144,972
Perseverance St Rec Ground Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	-112
Investigate New Indoor rec Facility	0	42,000	0	42,000	0	42,000	0	42,000
Indoor Sports Facilities	0	1,964,407	0	1,964,407	0	1,964,407	31,000	1,933,407
Council Property Maintenance								
Refurbish Toppo Hall	0	50,000	0	50,000	35,000	85,000	15,000	70,000
Wheel Chair Access Compliance	0	81,000	0	81,000	0	81,000	0	81,000
Waste management	50,000	33,000	0	83,000	0	83,000	59,899	23,101
Screen for West Wyalong Landfill	0	33,000	0	33,000	0	33,000	36,200	-3,200
WHS replacement of electrical box & assoc	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	50,000	23,699	26,301
Sewerage Disposal Services	100,713	90,188	0	190,901	0	190,901	57,286	133,615
Aeration Channel West Wyalong	0	9,922	0	9,922	0	9,922	0	9,922
Increase Capacity of Airport Dam - Reticulation	0	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000
Barmedman Infrastructure	0	17,290	0	17,290	0	17,290	17,004	286
Saleyard Reticulation Works	100,713	0	0	100,713	0	100,713	0	100,713
Flood Proof Ungarie Pum	0	32,976	0	32,976	0	32,976	40,281	-7,305
Works & Services Total Capital Expenditure	4,548,966	3,280,656	-960,119	6,869,503	35,000	6,904,503	3,072,504	3,831,999
Total Capital Expenditure	4,825,966	3,589,656	-960,119	7,455,503	36,500	7,492,003	3,199,272	4,292,731

**Bland Shire Council
December 2015 Budget Review
Cash Investment Statement**

	BUDGET 2015/16	Movements	ADJUSTED BUDGET 2014/15	Requested Adjustments	Projected Year End Result	2nd Quarter Actuals
Externally Restricted						
Multi Service Outlet	238,600	-74,554	164,046		164,046	164,046
Community Care - Capital Grant	56,056	-18,132	37,924		37,924	37,924
Bland Shire Day Care	74,737	59,450	134,187		134,187	134,187
HACC Dementia Day Care	47,029		47,029		47,029	47,029
Healthy Grants Program	10,868		10,868		10,868	10,868
MRU Additional Operating Grant	271,435	45,291	316,726		316,726	316,726
Family Day Care	32,335	-20,618	11,717		11,717	11,717
Preschool Reserve	102,270	-90,344	11,926		11,926	11,926
CSU Reserve	22,330		22,330		22,330	22,330
Community Heritage Grant	3,675		3,675		3,675	3,675
Transition Fund Reserve	40,000		40,000		40,000	40,000
Library Revitalising Grant	14,051		14,051		14,051	14,051
Access Grant	2,727		2,727		2,727	2,727
Regional Rds Reserve	53,894		53,894		53,894	53,894
State & National Roads Reserve	128,328	-22,556	105,772		105,772	105,772
Roads to Recovery Reserve	66,886	-66,886	0		0	0
RLCIP Funding Community Rose Garden	3,364		3,364		3,364	3,364
RLCIP West Wyalong Tennis Court Resurface	8,545		8,545		8,545	8,545
DECC Funding	16,150		16,150		16,150	16,150
Trust Deposits	11,413		11,413		11,413	11,413
Sec 94 Contributions - Open Space	995		995		995	995
Sec 94 Contributions - General Development	80,847	1,397	82,244		82,244	82,244
Sec 94 Contributions - Stormwater	636		636		636	636
Sec 94 Contributions - Bushfire	802		802		802	802
Sec 94 Contributions - Car Parking	6,720		6,720		6,720	6,720
Sec 94 Contributions - Studies	755		755		755	755
Sec 94 Contributions - Roads	2,817		2,817		2,817	2,817
Sec 64 Contributions (Sewer)	20,245	1,250	21,495		21,495	21,495
Reticulation Reserve	5,000	10,000	15,000		15,000	15,000
Sewer Fund - Externally Restricted Reserve	229,720	615,693	845,413		845,413	845,413
			0		0	0
Total Externally Restricted	1,553,230	439,991	1,993,221	0	1,993,221	1,993,221
Internally Restricted						
Employees Leave Entitlements	826,144		826,144		826,144	826,144
Plant Purchases	502,300	167,000	669,300		669,300	669,300
Cemetery Reserve	53,853		53,853		53,853	53,853
Business Development Assistance	10,780	-5,279	5,501		5,501	5,501
Tourism	24,335		24,335		24,335	24,335
Economic Development Reserve	236,479	359,189	595,668		595,668	595,668
Grant Match Reserve	0	170,000	170,000		170,000	170,000
Office Equipment Reserve	0		0		0	0
Insurance Provision	25,607		25,607		25,607	25,607
Future Land Purchases	3,636		3,636		3,636	3,636
Internal Audit Committee Reserve	12,000		12,000		12,000	12,000
S355 Committee Reserve	5,000		5,000		5,000	5,000
Waste Depot Reserve	155,147	331,147	486,294		486,294	486,294
Bland Community Child Care	4,975		4,975		4,975	4,975
Gravel Pit Restoration	322,792		322,792		322,792	322,792
Community Facilities	3,540,667	315,689	3,856,356		3,856,356	3,856,356
Loan Repayment Reserve	339,203	71,882	411,085		411,085	411,085
Council Works	2,978		2,978	-1,324	1,654	2,978
Planning Exhibition Space	100,000		100,000		100,000	100,000
Election Reserve	26,000	13,000	39,000		39,000	39,000
Public Conveniences	95,049		95,049	-35,000	60,049	95,049
Corporate Legal Expenses	62,040		62,040		62,040	62,040
Library Reserve	15,000		15,000		15,000	15,000
West Wyalong Community Care Centre	32,956		32,956		32,956	32,956
Employee Assist & Attraction Reserve	4,173	19,900	24,073		24,073	24,073
Recruitment & Selection Reserve	2,248	18,858	21,106		21,106	21,106
Infrastructure Renewal Reserve	400,000		400,000		400,000	400,000
Holland Park Pool Reserve	20,000		20,000		20,000	20,000
Ungarie Pool Reserve	11,000		11,000		11,000	11,000
Land Development Reserve	709,000		709,000		709,000	709,000
Verandah/ Façade Restoration Reserve	40,000		40,000		40,000	40,000
Ungarie Health Service	22,560		22,560		22,560	22,560
Total Internally Restricted	7,605,922	1,461,386	9,067,308	-36,324	9,030,984	9,067,308
Total Restricted	9,159,152	1,901,377	11,060,528	-36,324	11,024,204	11,060,528
Total Cash & Investments	14,283,258					17,582,596
Available Cash	5,124,106					6,522,068

Consultancy & Legal Expenses > \$50,000 @ 31 December 2015

Expenses	Expenditure YTD	Budgeted (Y/N)
Nil in December 2015 Quarter		

Contracts > \$50,000

Contractor	Contract Detail & Purpose	Contract Value	Commencement Date	Duration of Contract	Budgeted (Y/N)
Nil in December 2015 Quarter					

**Key Performance Indicators
31 December 2015**

Rates & Annual Charges Coverage Ratio

	Rates	Waste	Sewer	Total	Ratio
Rates & Annual Charges	- 6,161,908	- 979,575	- 1,321,217	- 8,462,701	29.82%
Revenue from Continuing Operations				- 28,378,586	
% Revenue achieved					
Actual Revenue Achieved				- 19,638,887	69.20%
Budget Revenue from Continuing Operations				- 28,378,586	
% Actual Expenditure					
Actual Expense YTD				18,882,220	50.85%
Budget Expenditure from Continuing Operations				37,134,069	

9.9 Clean Up Australia Day

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

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

DP11: Explore new technologies in waste management and recycling to improve the utilisation of existing resources.

Author: Community Relations Officer

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council open its landfill sites to Bland Shire residents for free to celebrate Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 6 March with a limit of one sorted cubic metre per load.

Introduction

To celebrate Clean Up Australia Day, for the last three years Council has opened all of its tips to the public for free.

With a limit of one sorted cubic metre per load, the community response has been overwhelming with approximately 200 vehicles passing through the West Wyalong landfill each year while other village sites, in particular at Ungarie and Barmedman, have also reported large numbers and positive feedback.

Resources previously spent on co-ordinating and conducting a small community clean up in a specific area in West Wyalong have been reallocated into the "Free Tip Day" concept since 2013 with the intent of reaching and positively impacting a significantly larger number of people across the entire Shire.

The concept has since become popular in several Councils within the region.

The program has been a positive promotion for Council and also delivered a number of environmental benefits across the Shire with the one day only offer inspiring many to tidy up around their houses, yards and neighbourhoods. Landfill staff report that the most popular items dumped on Clean Up Australia Day last year were old furniture and green waste. It is proposed to run the same program for the 2016 Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 6 March.

Members of the public can still organise and conduct clean-ups around their neighbourhood by registering a site on the Clean Up Australia Day website and they will be able to dump the bags in their local landfill, free of charge, on Clean Up Australia Day.

Conclusion

The program has been a great success since its inception in 2013 by engaging the community and delivering environmental benefits.

Financial Implications

The cost of conducting the program can be accommodated in Council's operational budget utilising funds previously earmarked for Clean Up Australia Day.

9.10 Strengthening Communities – West Wyalong Golf Pro-Am

Our prosperity

Ensuring a vibrant and sustainable future

Vision: Growing our population and jobs

DP19.2 Work with the tourism industry to identify and develop products and services that appeal to visitors of the Shire

Author: Community Relations Officer

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council approves a Strengthening Communities grant of \$7000 to the West Wyalong Services and Citizens Club in support of the Golfing Legends Pro-Am tournament.

Introduction

The West Wyalong Services and Citizens Club has applied to Council for a Strengthening Communities grant to assist with the costs of staging the West Wyalong Golfing Legends Pro-Am tournament later this year.

The Sports Club will host the Pro-Am on Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May and anticipate 250 players will participate across the weekend, including more than 50 golf professionals.

The majority of players are expected to come from outside the Shire and many are likely to stay overnight in West Wyalong.

The event also complements the Ladies Day Out promotion being organised by Business West Wyalong on April 29-30, for which Council helped secure a \$5600 grant from Southern Phone, and has the potential to generate significant funds into the local economy.

Organisers estimate the total cost of running the event, including prizemoney, at \$21,575 and are seeking a grant of \$7000 from Council towards the costs of advertising and catering.

Conclusion

Council provided funding of \$7000 for the pro-am in 2015.

The event aligns with Council's tourism objectives and has the potential to deliver a boost to the West Wyalong economy.

Financial Implications

Council has \$23,521 available in its Strengthening Communities budget.

9.11 Strengthening Communities – Weethalle Country Club

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

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

DP15.3 Assist and/or foster community events and initiatives through Council sponsored grants/sponsorship opportunities

Author: Community Relations Officer

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council approves a Strengthening Communities grant to the Weethalle Country Club of \$5950 for the purchase of a solar pump and associated hoses, sprinklers and fittings to provide a supply of water to the surrounding sports ground and golf course.

Introduction

The Weethalle Country Club has applied to Council for a Strengthening Communities grant on behalf of the Weethalle Sport and Recreation Committee to fund the purchase and installation of a solar pump to supply water to the surrounding sporting facilities.

The project proposes to deliver a sustainable ongoing water supply to the golf course and sports ground, which currently has no access to water, and serve as an emergency supply for the bowling green. The water will be pumped from the unused "town dam" nearby which was previously used to water the facilities utilising a disused and expensive petrol powered pump.

By providing access to a regular supply of water once again, the project will assist the Sport and Recreation Committee to keep the grounds well grassed, green and inviting to community members and visitors. By using a solar pump and drawing water from the existing unused dam, the project will not incur any ongoing costs after installation and can therefore provide a sustainable long term benefit to the local community.

The facilities are well used for various sports and activities in Weethalle, including cricket and community walking and exercise groups, and promote a positive community health and well being message.

The Weethalle Country Club received two quotes for the supply of the solar pump at \$4950 and \$10,233 and after closer investigations is assured that the lower priced unit will meet and exceed their requirements.

The club is seeking a grant of \$5950 from Council to cover the cost of purchasing the pump and the required hoses, sprinklers and fittings (\$1000). While the club or the Sports and Recreation Committee do not have funding available for the project they propose to match

Council's contribution in the form of in kind volunteer labour to maintain the system and facilities on behalf of the community.

Conclusion

For a one off expense, the project will help provide lush sporting facilities which the Weethalle community can enjoy for several years at no ongoing cost.

Financial Implications

Council has \$23,521 available in its Strengthening Communities budget.

SECTION 4 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Officer's Recommendation:

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

- **9.12 - Asset & Engineering Services Report**
- **9.13 - Community Services Report**
- **9.14 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update**
- **9.15 - Children Services Monthly Update**
- **9.16 - Bland HACCC Services Update**
- **9.17 - Development Services Activity Report – December**
- **9.18 - Development Services Activity Report – January**
- **9.19 - Economic Development & Tourism Report – January**

9.12 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.
- Heavy patching carried out on MR57 South.
- Polycom gravel patching carried out on SH17.
- Bitumen patching carried out on SH17.

2. REGIONAL ROADS MAINTENANCE

- Bitumen patching carried out on MR231 and MR57 north and MR398.

3. SHIRE ROADS MAINTENANCE

- Bitumen patching carried out on the following;
 - Wamboyne Road
 - Quandialla Road
 - Clear Ridge Road
 - ByGoo Road
 - Crown Camp Road
 - Kolkilbertoo Road
- Polycom Patching
 - Quandialla Road
 - Tallimba Road
- Gravel Patching
 - Sandy Creek Road
 - Euratha Road
 - Beatties Lane
- Gravel Resheeting
 - Lewes Road
 - Euratha Road
- Kirpy Programme
 - Gunn Road 2 km
 - Youngareen Road 2 km
 - Weja Road 3 km
- 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.
- Fire breaks are being graded in all towns and villages.

4. SALEYARDS

- Sheep Sale – 3.2.2016, Yard Fees \$6761.25.

5. NOXIOUS WEEDS/ENVIRONMENTAL

- Rail corridors and Grain handling sites were inspected for the presence of Spiny Burr Grass and St John's Wort.
- Twenty five inspections were carried out on private property.
- Contract hazard reduction work was carried out on Crown Land blocks in Wyalong, Weethalle, Tallimba and Barmedman.
- The following noxious weeds and other controls were undertaken:
 - **Spiny Burr Grass** – Barmedman, Calleen, Ungarie, West Wyalong, Yiddah Graincorp area, Staniforths Lane, Newell Highway, Mid-western Highway, Kolkilbertoo Road, Buttenshaws Lane, Lake Road, Kikoira Road, Dundas Road, Rankins Springs Road, McCartens Lane, Overdale Lane, Merrengreen Road, Bena Road, Hatelys Lane, Goldfields Way, Quandialla Road, Cottingleys Lane, Clear Ridge Road, Gunns Road, McDermotts Lane, Buralyang Road, Bashams Lane.
 - **Coolatai Grass** – Newell Highway.
 - **Silver leaf Nightshade** – Koops Lane, Lake Road, Wargin Road, Bena Road, Crown Camp Road, Stidwells Lane, Hollands Lane, Tallimba Road, West Wyalong – Condobolin Road.
 - **St John's Wort** – Merrengreen Road, Youngareen Road, Thulloo Road, Greaves Lane, Naradhan Road, Graincorp areas - Girral, Calleen, West Wyalong – Condobolin Road, Lake Road, Holmes Lane, Brolga Road, Kikoira Road, Gibsonvale Road, Thompsons Lane, Browns Lane, Bolygamy Lane, Mid-Western Highway, Wamboyne Road, Lake Cowal Road, Uncle Bills Road, Blow Clear Road, Mary Gilmore Way, Alleena Road, Newell Highway, Cattles Lane, Hilliers Lane, Weethalle,
 - **Galvanised Burr** - Wamboyne Road, Lake Cowal Road, Uncle Bills Road, Blow Clear Road, Weethalle, Kalms Lane.
 - **Scotch Thistle** – Holmes Lane.
 - **Bathurst / Noogoora Burr** – Mary Gilmore Way, Euroka Road, Williams Crossing, Greens Lane, Nobbys Road, Sunderlands Lane, Warbilla Road, Harris Lane, Quambatook Lane, Morangorell Road, East Bland Lane, Pearces Lane, Grahams Lane, Raes Lane, Currys Lane, Kiers Lane, Troys Lane, Berrendebba Lane.
 - **Roadside vegetation control of shoulders (Mow)** – Goldfields Way, Yiddah Road,
 - **General Weed Control** – Barmedman, Tallimba, West Wyalong, Ungarie Showground.
 - **Bushfire Hazard Reduction work** – West Wyalong, Wyalong- including Crown Land blocks, Barmedman, Ungarie, Tallimba, Weethalle.
 - **Site distance work carried out on intersections-** Girral Road.

6. 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

13. 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
- Aero drome slashing and maintenance work carried out
- Barnado park has had water pipe line repairs carried out
- Holland park holes filled and surface levelled for triathlon
- Clean up at Parks and gardens depot
- McCann park prepared for Saturday markets

14. OVALS MAINTENANCE

- Maintenance to sporting ovals and surrounds
- Maintenance to lawn and monument cemetery
- Maintenance to Herridge park, Cooina park and Wyalong court house
- Cooina park tree watering carried out
- Line marking for athletics, Cricket and touch football
- Perseverance and park street rec irrigation repairs carried out

15. 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

9.13 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 and Community Relations Officer

Australia Day

A record crowd turned out for the Bland Shire Australia Day breakfast in McCann Park on 26 January. A patriotic ceremony featured the presentation of Bland Shire Australia Day awards, a citizenship ceremony and inspired address from Australia Day Ambassador, Matthew Levy. Entertainment was provided by the town band and, for the first time, the town choir. The event ran smoothly and on schedule and was well received by the community. The Ambassador also attended Australia Day celebrations in Ungarie before returning to Sydney via Wagga airport that afternoon.



Altina Wildlife Park adventure

To ease the holiday boredom, Bland Shire council organised a youth bus trip to Altina Wildlife Park in Darlington Point during the January holidays. An enthusiastic group of 20 young people embarked on a memorable safari adventure before heading to Griffith for lunch and ten pin bowling. Attendees and parents were grateful to Council for providing the school holiday activity.

Southern Phone Grants

Bland Shire Council worked with Southern Phone to administer the Bland Shire round of the Southern Phone grants program. A total of \$25,000 in funding was awarded to seven organisations within the Bland Shire including Meals on Wheels (\$3500) for marketing and promotion, the West Wyalong Public School P&C (\$5000) towards soft fall under the play equipment, Business West Wyalong's Ladies Day Out (\$5600), The Western Wheelers Car Club for equipment and materials (\$760), West Wyalong Community Radio (\$2640) for a new transmitter and antenna, the Bland Shire Local Emergency Management Committee (\$4500) for an Emergency Management Community Games and the Naradhan Reserves Trust (\$3000) for a community noticeboard. Council worked closely with Southern Phone in implementing the grants program and assisted most of the applicants through the application process. Council's involvement with Southern Phone was recently featured on the front page of the nationwide Local Government Focus magazine.

Christmas lights tour

Bland Shire Council hosted a community Christmas lights tour on Tuesday, December 22. Utilising a bus donated by Kelly's Coaches, community members were taken on a guided tour of some of the most spectacular lights displays in West Wyalong and Wyalong. This event was extremely well received by those who attended with a number of attendees expressing their gratitude to Council for hosting the tour.

West Wyalong Triathlon

Bland Shire Council will host the inaugural West Wyalong Gold Triathlon on Sunday 3 April at Holland Park. Evolution Mining have provided seed funding of \$5000 to establish the event while sponsorship from CB Engineering and the L&R Group have the event in a strong financial position. Expressions of interest are currently being sought for not for profit community groups to provide catering at the event and it is envisaged that Council will hand over control of the event to a not for profit local community group next year. Interest in the event has been enormous with an initial social media post announcing the event attracting more than 8000 views and a stream of positive comments. The event has since attracted strong community and media interest and a strong turnout of locals and visitors is expected on the day.

Council newsletter

Council is currently developing a bi-monthly newsletter focused on better connecting with rural residents. The newsletter will feature information from Council about key issues and also feature a 'What's On' guide of upcoming community events.

Batyr Foundation visit

Council's Community Service staff are thrilled with the announcement that Council has been successful in securing a \$4500 grant from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) for the delivery of the Batyr foundation mental health workshop at West Wyalong High School. Students from Ungarie Central School will also be invited to attend the event which hopes to engage, **educate and empower young people to speak out about mental health issues and foster an environment of acceptance encouragement and support in seeking help.**

9.14 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: Library Assistant

Summer Reading Club

The Summer Reading Club activities have been keeping staff busy. There has been a craft morning, a cooking session and a night time party. Reading logs were to be handed in to the Library on Monday 1 February. On the Friday 12 February at 4:00 pm there will be a finale party and presentations and this will also be the day that the SRC lolly competition will be announced.

Storytime

Storytime will resume on Thursday 11 February 2016 at 10:00 am. Some of the children that attended storytime last year will be going to school and some will start pre-school (Thursday seems to be a popular day) so posters have been distributed to the medical centres, community health centre and also we have advertised in the newspaper and school newsletters to promote this activity.

Family Day Care Storytime

The Library conducts a Storytime especially for the Family Day Care carers; with the first session this year being 16 February at 10:00 am.

Baby Bounce

Baby Bounce will resume on Friday 19 February at 10:30am. Posters have been dropped off to the Community Health Centre, Medical Centres and advertised in the local paper to make mothers with babies from 0-12 months aware of this programme.

Knit & Knatter

This group meet at the Library on a Tuesday on a fortnightly basis. Knit and Knatter resumed on 12 January and have been busy knitting roses and hearts for the Library Lovers Week display. These items will be on display from Monday 1 February until Friday 19 February. An article and pictures have been sent to the West Wyalong Advocate to promote this group.

Library Lover's Week

The Library celebrates Valentine's Day by having a weeklong event. By simply borrowing from the Library during the week of 8 – 12 February, borrowers go into the draw to win a pamper pack from the chemist. The winner's name will be announced on Friday 12 February at 12:00 noon in plenty of time for the pamper pack from the chemist to be picked up before Valentine's Day on the Sunday.

Needles and Thread

This is a new group called Needles and Thread which will be launched in the Library on Tuesday 16 February and will run on a fortnightly basis. This group covers any sewing that required a needle and thread to complete, including embroidery, tapestry and cross stitch. The first meeting will be a meet and greet session with a discussion on what the group would like to get out of it. Posters have been given to 'Sew and Save' to display in their window and has been advertised in the local paper.

St Mary's War Memorial School

Students from Year 2 and Year 3 and their respective teachers from St Mary's War Memorial School have been visiting and borrowing items on a fortnightly basis.

Writers Group

The writers group has recently had a name change to "Pals of the Pen". This is a very informal group that all have a common interest in reading, listening and creatively writing. Their first meeting of the year will be the Friday 12 February at 10:30am.

April School Holiday Programme

School has just resumed and the April School holiday programme has already been organised. Cooking is always popular as well as a craft alive session and this will be the first weeks activities on the usual Tuesday and Thursday. The second week there is a Felted bowls workshop that will be run by a representative of Riverina Regional Library. This will be a night time event that will be for children 10+ ages but must be accompanied by an adult family member. This workshop will be on the Wednesday 20 April from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

Summer Reading Club

Thursday 7 January 2016

Craft morning

Terrariums, painting and decorating garden pots and tiles



Cooking up a Storm

Thursday 14 January 2016

Twenty five children enjoyed the cooking session on the Thursday morning making pizzas, sherbet, and juice fruit slushies. Staff were too busy with the activities to take many photos



Night Time Event

Thursday 21 January 2016

Children enjoying playing tunnel ball, captain ball, fruit salad, celebrity heads, musical chairs and a treasure hunt.



9.15 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 Coordinator

Mobile Resource Unit Playgroup & Ungarie Preschool

The Mobile Resource Unit and Ungarie playgroups have been in hiatus over the holiday break with all staff busy conducting the Vacation Care Program, CSU resource clean and toy library clean and stock take. The staff have also relabelled all the toys and created a new checkout system for the toy library.

The resource clean and toy library stock take is a huge undertaking and all staff should be commended for the terrific job to have this completed in time.



Vacation Care

The Christmas and January Vacation Care programs were well received with the Christmas Lunch held in December and the visit to Holland Park Pool and Splatter Gallery, a highlight in the January session.



Bland/Temora Family Day Care

Temora Shire Council has made the decision to withdraw their financial assistance for the Temora office, with the current arrangement ceasing in February. Access to the Temora office will continue on a temporary basis until further arrangements can be made.

Meetings have been held this month with the Temora Shire Council and FDC educators to discuss a recruitment drive in Temora. An open night is currently being arranged in consultation with the educators based in Temora and the Temora Shire Council.

Playgroups will recommence in February with both West Wyalong and Temora holding fortnightly sessions. The mobile toy library will also recommence with 'to the door' visits from the toy library.

Plans are underway to investigate the need for educators in villages throughout the shire, with advertising and promotion to occur in Weethalle, Ungarie and Barmedman.

It takes a village (ITAV)

In January 'It takes a village' took some holiday time and spent the remainder of January in the office organising new events and workshops for the coming year.

Bland Preschool

Term one has begun and it has been a very smooth transition for our three year old classes moving into the four year old classroom. We welcome new families into our service with our three year old classes underway. To ensure the children have a smooth introduction to the preschool environment the three year old Friday class will be having a one and half hour session week one and a three hour session week two before commencing a full six hour day in week three. In the past this has shown to be extremely successful not only for the children but their families as well.

Bland Preschool welcomes Ashley Blackstock to our team and she will be commencing an Early Childhood Teaching Cadetship. We have no doubt Ashley will thrive and be a fantastic asset to Children's services. Tracey Clarke, Carlie Mayberry and Ashley Blackstock, will be attending a government funded workshop in Temora on the 8 March. The workshop is run by Murrumbidgee Health District and aims at Fundamental Movement Skills in early childhood settings.

Our four year old classes will be visiting Healthy Harold in the Life Education van this term as well as recommencing our quarterly library visits.

Our 2016 enrolments are on track however, at this stage there is only one three year old class being offered.



9.16 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

My Aged Care

The public are becoming more aware of the My Aged Care service and we are getting many referrals through the portal. Clients do continue to come to the Centre for information on what is available and we are providing information on services in the area and the My Aged Care service.

Activity Days

The Activity days continue to be very popular with clients and we have some carers using the service as well to provide them with some respite. We are finding an increasing amount of Carer stress in the community so these days give carers a break and a little bit of time to catch up.

Social Groups

Social groups continue to provide community members with support in a safe setting. Our men's group is on each Tuesday morning from 9.30am – 11.30am and our ladies morning is on every Thursday morning from 9.30am – 11.30am.

Modifications and Maintenance Services

With the new Occupational Therapist started in town, it is helping clients' access services for modifications and we are seeing more referrals coming through. Demand for minor maintenance is also increasing with yard work and gutter cleaning being the most common.

Respite Services

Call for Respite services continue, this is a valuable service offering Carers a much needed break from their role and allowing them to keep their loved one at home longer.

Domestic Assistance Services

Requests for Domestic Services continue to come in. Home Care is still not taking new clients or are not able to increase services for existing clients, we are therefore getting more enquires around what we can do and how best to assist these clients.

Seniors Week

Planning has started for Seniors week and we are working with other groups to plan a week of activities and information sessions that maybe of interest to the community We are currently planning to take groups on trips to visit the villages of Bland Shire as some of the clients attending activity days do not get out of the house and are keen to go back and see villages they were originally from. Others expressed an interest in seeing and supporting the other villages in the town. Where possible, we will be having lunch on our visits and also visit some of the local schools, which we have contacted and are happy to assist with performances and activities for the clients.

9.17 Development Services Activity Report – December

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

Planning and Building Activities Update

Development Applications

The Council has received the following Development Applications during December 2015:

Application No	Address	Development
DA2015/0141	33 Grenfell Street, West Wyalong	New Garage
DA2015/0142	1745 Paynes Road, Yalgogrin North	Industrial Storage Facility
DA2015/0143	44 Boltes Road, West Wyalong	Swimming Pool
DA2015/0144	50 Russell Street, West Wyalong	Swimming Pool
DA2015/0145	80-84 Main Street, West Wyalong	A Frame Advertising Sign
DA2015/0146	Park Street, West Wyalong	Tree Removal
DA2015/0147	24 Clear Ridge Road, Wyalong	Tree Removal
DA2015/0148	177 Railway Road, West Wyalong	Tree Removal

The following DA applications were approved during December 2015:

Application No	Address	Development	Approval Date
DA2015/0140	47 Park Street, West Wyalong	Demolition (Dwelling)	8/12/2015
DA2015/0141	33 Grenfell Street, West Wyalong	New Garage	18/12/2015
DA2015/0142	1745 Paynes Road, Yalgogrin Nth	Industrial Storage Facility	22/12/2015
DA2015/0143	44 Boltes Road, West Wyalong	Swimming Pool	16/12/2015
DA2015/0144	50 Russell Street, West Wyalong	Swimming Pool	16/12/2015
DA2015/0145	80-84 Main Street, West Wyalong	A Frame Sign	22/12/2015
DA2015/0146	Park Street, West Wyalong	Tree Removal	21/12/2015
DA2015/0147	24 Clear Ridge Road, Wyalong	Tree Removal	22/12/2015

Part 4A Certificates

The following Part 4A Certificates were issued during December 2015:

Certificate Type	No. Issued
Construction Certificate	2
Occupation Certificate	4

Local Government Approvals

The following table indicates the number of approvals that were issued under the Local Government Act 1993 during December 2015:

Approval Type	No. Issued
Carry out sewerage work	1
Carry out stormwater drainage work	6
Install waste treatment device	1
Operate system of sewage management	1
Hoist Goods over Road (Banner)	1

Planning Certificates

Fourteen (14) Planning Certificates were issued during December 2015.

Heritage Conservation Activities

The Heritage Advisor visited Council on 9 December 2015. During this visit he provided heritage conservation advice at the following properties:

- 168 Main Street – general advice and colour scheme
- Royal Hotel Mirrool – advice and long term strategies for the conservation of the building
- Thoms Corner – meet with builder to discuss the project management of the construction and grant administration.

Public Health Activities Update

Food Premises

Council staff undertook 8 food premises inspections during December 2015. Of these all premises were compliant, however some premises are required to address some minor issues.

Regulatory Activities Update

Dog Attacks

There was one dog attack reported during December 2015. As a result two dogs were declared as dangerous or menacing dogs and resulted in two Penalty Infringement Notices being issued.

Companion Animal Seizure and Impound Activities

Seizure Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Seized	6	5
Returned to Owner	0	0

Impounding Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Animals in pound at start of month	5	0
Incoming Animals		
Transferred from Seizure Activities	6	5
Dumped at Pound	21	12
Surrendered	1	6
Total Animals in Pound	33	23

Outgoing Animals		
Released to Owner	11	0
Euthanased	2	9
Rehoused	18	12
Sold	1	0
Died at Pound	0	0
Stolen	0	0
Total Animals Leaving Pound	32	22
Animals in Pound at end of Month	1	1

9.18 Development Services Activity Report - January

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

Planning and Building Activities Update

Development Applications

The Council has received the following Development Applications during January 2016:

Application No	Address	Development
DA2015/0149	22 Kurrajong Street, West Wyalong	New residential dwelling & secondary dwelling (Granny Flat)
DA2015/0150	Adjacent to 159 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath – “A” frame advertising sign
DA2015/0151	10 Gorman Street, West Wyalong	Removal of one Tree
DA2015/0152	13510 Newell Highway, West Wyalong	Industrial – Demolition of a shed & construct new aircraft hanger
DA2015/0153	Adjacent to 171 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath – “A” frame advertising sign

The following DA applications were approved during January 2016:

Application No	Address	Development	Approval Date
DA2015/0148	177 Railway Road, West Wyalong	Removal of four tree & lopping of one tree	21/1/2016

Complying Development Certificates

The Council has received the following Complying Development Certificate Applications during January 2016:

Application No	Address	Development
CDC2015/0008	112 Wargin Road, Wyalong	Inground swimming pool

Planning Certificates

Twelve 149 certificates were issued during January 2016.

Heritage Conservation Activities

There was no visit by the Heritage Advisor during January. The next visit is scheduled for 3 February 2016.

Public Health Activities Update

Food Premises

Council staff undertook 8 food premises inspections during January 2016. Of these **5** were compliant and **3** were non compliant. Council has advised the non compliant food premises of the works that are required to be completed.

Regulatory Activities Update

Dog Attacks

There was one dog attack reported during January 2016. Investigations are continuing.

Companion Animal Seizure and Impound Activities January 2016

Seizure Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Seized	7	3
Returned to Owner	0	0

Impounding Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Animals in pound at start of month	1	1
Incoming Animals		
Transferred from Seizure Activities	7	3
Dumped at Pound	10	17
Surrendered	1	6
Total Animals in Pound	19	27

Outgoing Animals		
Released to Owner	3	0
Euthanased	2	12
Rehoused	7	7
Sold	0	0
Died at Pound	0	1
Stolen	0	0
Total Animals Leaving Pound	12	20
Animals in Pound at end of Month	7	7

9.19 Economic Development & Tourism Report - January

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

The Junior National Gliding Championships that were held in West Wyalong from the 16 to 25 January were successful even though the weather was not ideal for gliding. The parents and competitors enjoyed their time in West Wyalong.



The weather for the first week of the Bathurst Soaring Club was also not the best but the visitors are having a good time.



Newell Highway Website Analytics

	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Pageviews	6,847	9,957	10,558	9,926	10,262	8,140	8,067	11,050	10,767
Visits	2,298	3,262	3,620	3,465	3,627	2,931	2,954	4,022	4,104
Visitors	1,814	2,368	2,657	2,531	2,644	2,165	2,169	2,936	3,101
Desktop	45.5%	41.6%	38.0%	41.3%	42.1%	43.2%	44.4%	38.1%	37.7%
Mobile	26.9%	31.9%	36.2%	32.8%	34.5%	35.2%	35.3%	41.8%	41.2%
Tablet	27.5%	26.5%	25.8%	25.9%	23.4%	21.6%	20.2%	20.1%	21.1%

The NSW Free Flight Society

The NSW Free Flight Society held their New Year competition and saw in the New Year in West Wyalong. Events that will be held in 2016 include:

- April 16 – 17 the Southern Cross Cup
- May 28 – 1 June the 69th National Free Flight Championships
- June 2 – 4 the NSW Free Flight State Championships
- October 1 – 3 the NSW Vintage Power State Championships
- October 29 – 3 Wings Over West Wyalong

The Small Biz Bus

The Small Biz Bus will be visiting West Wyalong on Friday 12 February.

