



Bland Shire Council
Business Paper
Ordinary Council Meeting
17 May 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.

Contact	Phone	Email	Website
Bland Shire Council	6972 2266	council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au	www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au
ICAC	8281 5999 Toll Free: 1800 463 909	icac@icac.nsw.gov.au	www.icac.nsw.gov.au
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
BBF	Budget Based Funding
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
CCB	Child Care Benefit
CCR	Child Care Rebate
CCS	Child Care Subsidy
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 Women's 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
EDVETAC W	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
EYLF	Early Years Learning Framework
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
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MP	Member of Parliament
MPHN	Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network
MPR	Multi Purpose Room
MR	Main Road
MRU	Mobile Resource Unit
NAIDOC	National Aboriginal & Islander Observance Committee
NFAR	No further action required
NGO	Non-Government Organisation
NOF	National Quality Framework
NSRF	National Stronger Regions Fund
NSWEC	New South Wales Electoral Commission
NSWFFS	New South Wales Free Flight Society
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
RDA	Riding for the Disabled
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
SLA	Service-level agreement
SLNSW	State Library New South Wales
SOORT	Statutory and other Officers Remuneration Tribunal
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

17 May 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").

2.0 ATTENDANCE

2.1 Councillors

Cr P Grellman

Cr K Keatley

Cr T Lord

Cr L McGlynn

Cr B Monaghan

Cr L Pike

Cr N Pokoney

Cr P Templeton

2.2 Staff

General Manager – Ray Smith

Director Asset & Engineering Services – Will Marsh

Director Corporate, Community & Development Services – Adele Casey

Executive Assistant – Julie Sharpe

2.3 Apologies

Cr L Hampton

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 19 April 2016

- **Confirmation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19 April 2016 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

- **Corrections**

- **Business Arising**

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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

Councillor/Officer	Item	Nature of Interest

5.0 PUBLIC FORUM

6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE

6.1 Annual Performance Review of the General Manager

The annual performance review of the General Manager, Mr. Ray Smith, was undertaken on 10 May 2016, in accordance with Section 7 of his employment contract, and was conducted by members of the Review Committee being, the Mayor and Councillors Lord, Grellman and Monaghan.

PART 1 – MANAGERIAL OBJECTIVES

This part deals with the day to day management responsibilities.

PART 2 – SPECIFIC PROJECTS

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

PART 3 – PERSONAL LEADERSHIP BEHAVIOURS

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

I am very pleased to report that Mr. Smith again received a very high and satisfactory rating, scoring A's and B's across all areas. The general manager has however been requested to monitor the council's capital works program and to prepare a list of council policies and review dates for the information of councillors.

In accordance with Clause 8.5 of Mr. Smith's employment contract, he is entitled to an automatic increase equivalent to any percentage increase determined by the Statutory and Other Officers Remuneration Tribunal (SOORT) which this financial year is 2.5%.

Clause 8.3 of the contract also allows council to determine a further increase subject to his performance and while Mr. Smith is worthy of an additional bonus he has again offered to forgo such a bonus given council's endeavours to become Fit for the Future.

Recommendation

That the General Manager, Mr. Ray Smith is congratulated on his successful and positive annual performance review and that a 2.5% increase in his Total Remuneration Package is approved, effective from the 17 May 2016, being the anniversary of his commencement date with Council.

7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1 Art Prize for 2016 (Clr. McGlynn)

Recommendation

That an amount of \$3,000.00 be allocated from the 2015/16 Tourism Promotions budget for an Art Prize associated with the 2016 Festival in the West on the condition that the competition is only open to artists of the Bland Shire and that the winning art piece is donated to Bland Shire Council.

Comment from the General Manager

Sufficient funds remain in the Tourism budget for this purpose.

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 Evergreen Photography Business Assistance Funding

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 The Dentists of West Wyalong Business Assistance Funding

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

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12.3 Salon K & Co Business Assistance Funding

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

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12.4 Whispering Pines Business Assistance Funding

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

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12.5 Beauty Off Main Business Assistance Funding

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

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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 <i>(Cr Grellman)</i>	6 th May 2016 5 th August 2016	
Australia Day Awards Committee of the Whole <i>(Whole of Council)</i>		
Australian Rural Roads Group Inc <i>(Cr Grellman)</i>		
Bland Rural Fire District Zone Liaison Committee <i>(Cr Keatley, Cr Grellman - alternate)</i>	23 rd March 2016	
Bland – Temora RFS Zone Bushfire Management Committee <i>(Cr Keatley, Cr Grellman - alternate)</i>	23 rd March 2016	
Country Mayors Association of NSW <i>(Mayor & General Manager)</i>		
Cowal Gold Project Community Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee (CEMCC) <i>(Mayor Pokoney, Deputy Mayor Cr McGlynn - alternate, Cr Hampton - observer)</i>	1 st June 2016	
Cultural Advisory Committee <i>(Cr McGlynn, Cr Keatley)</i>	25 th May 2016	
Goldenfields Water County Council Board <i>(Cr Templeton)</i>	28 th April 2016 23 rd June 2016	✓
Heritage Advisory Committee <i>(Cr McGlynn, Cr Grellman)</i>	6 th April 2016 8 th June 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>		
Museums Advisory Committee <i>(Cr Lord, Cr Keatley)</i>	22 nd September 2016	
Newell Highway Taskforce <i>(Cr Lord)</i>		
NSW Association of Mining Related Councils <i>(Cr McGlynn, Cr Hampton)</i>	19 th February 2016 13 th May 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>		
Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee <i>(Cr Lord, Cr Monaghan - alternate)</i>	28 th October 2015	
Riverina Regional Tourism <i>(Cr Lord)</i>		

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TEMORA OFFICE on 28 APRIL 2016**

The meeting commenced at 1.02pm

PRESENT

Cr P Speirs (Chair), Cr A Clinton, Cr D McCann, Cr C Manchester, Cr A Miller, Cr D Palmer.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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

1. APOLOGIES

16/025 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Templeton that leave of absence be granted to Cr K Morris and Cr A Miller.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2016, 7 MARCH 2016 and 12 APRIL 2016.

16/026 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McCann that the minutes of the meetings held on 25 February 2016, 7 March 2016 And 12 April 2016 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

Nil

7. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

16/027 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that Council consider the following late reports:

9.3.8 Draft Operational Plan 2016-2017

9.3.9 Inquiry into Water Augmentation for Rural and Regional NSW

9.3.10 Organisational Restructure

8. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

Nil

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

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9.1 FINANCIAL & PRODUCTION REPORTS

9.1.1 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS (G35507005)

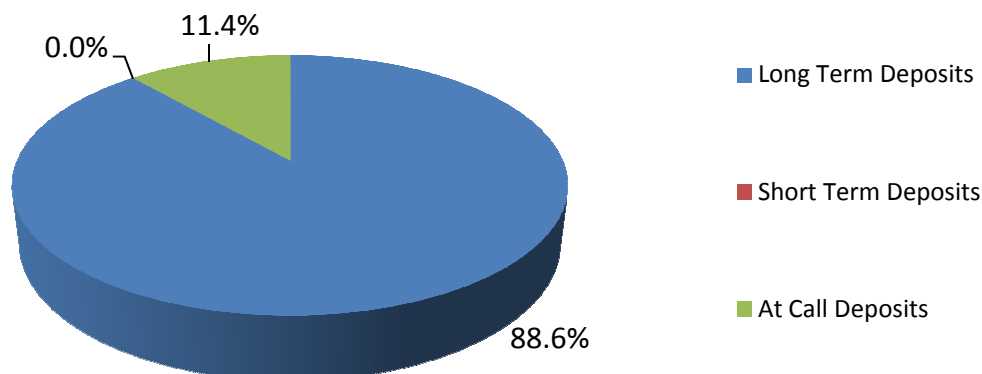
19/028 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Manchester that the report detailing Council Investments at 31 March 2016 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

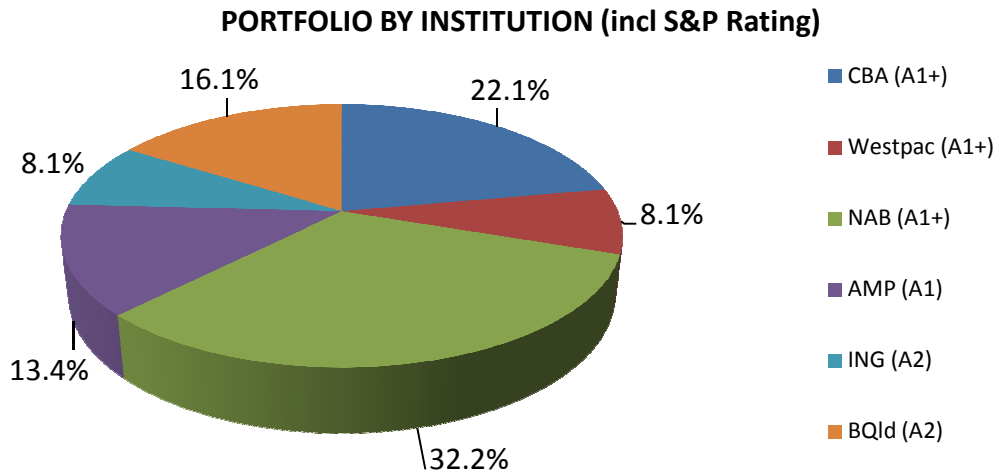
This report is presented for information on Council Investments in accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. The following details Council Investments as at 31 March 2016:

	Market Value (\$)	Term (days)	Rate	Maturity Date	% of Portfolio
Long Term Deposits	33,000,000.00				88.6%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.73%	05/11/17	8.1%
Bank of Queensland	3,000,000.00	1,098	3.60%	05/12/17	8.1%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.70%	04/12/17	8.1%
AMP	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.40%	19/12/17	8.1%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.57%	08/01/18	8.1%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.36%	12/02/18	8.1%
Commonwealth Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.11%	17/03/18	8.1%
Commonwealth Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.06%	20/04/18	8.1%
Westpac Banking Corporation	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.04%	25/06/18	8.1%
Bank of Queensland	3,000,000.00	1,098	3.00%	29/10/18	8.1%
Bank of Queensland	3,000,000.00	1,098	3.18%	18/03/19	8.1%
Short Term Deposits	0.00				0.0%
	0.00				0.0%
At Call Deposits	4,250,000.00				11.4%
Commonwealth Bank At Call A/c	2,250,000.00	At Call	1.95%	N/A	6.0%
AMP Bank At Call A/c	2,000,000.00	At Call	2.55%	N/A	5.4%
Total Value of Investment Funds	37,250,000.00				100.0%

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

Cash Book balance as at 31 January 2016	\$443,858.38
Plus Deposits	
February	\$4,480,277.99
March	\$4,124,872.74
Less Payments	
February	-\$4,135,249.84
March	-\$4,682,054.47
 Cash Book balance as at 31 March 2016	 \$231,704.80
Less Outstanding Deposits	-\$106,798.37
Plus Unpresented Cheques	\$113,132.26
 Bank balance as at 31 March 2016	 \$238,038.69

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.1.2 OUTSTANDING WATER DEBTORS (G35307005)

19/029 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that the report detailing Council's outstanding water debtors as at 31 March 2016 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

This report is presented for information on Council's outstanding water debtors as at 31 March 2016:

\$'s	Arrears	Interest	Current	Total
Access Charges	\$331,933.21	\$22,634.93	\$177,687.15	\$532,255.29
Consumption Charges	\$849,300.44	\$49,824.87	\$779,050.04	\$1,678,175.35
Deferred Developer Charges	\$15,842.00	\$0.00	\$342,439.00	\$358,281.00
Sub-Totals	\$1,197,075.65	\$72,459.80	\$1,299,176.19	\$2,568,711.64
Less Overpayments Received				-\$218,755.56
Total Outstanding				\$2,349,956.08
	Less Bulk Council Accounts Outstanding			-\$1,113,567.57
	Less Developer Chg Accounts Outstanding			-\$358,281.00
Total Outstanding from Retail Customers				\$878,107.51

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.1.3 WATER DEBTOR WRITE-OFF (G35308005)

19/030 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that to honour the previous General Manager's commitment, that Council write off \$1,055.00 from water account 72217 which is half the difference between the excessive bill and normal consumption for the loss of water beyond the customer's reasonable control. Further, the customer is advised that this is a one-off grant and that they are encouraged to monitor their future water consumption.

Report prepared by Acting Senior Revenue Officer

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A submission was received in November 2014 from a customer seeking relief on their water account due to an undetectable leak.

The account balance was \$3,274.18. The General Manager wrote to the customer advising that Council will consider the previous bill of 30 April 2014 and a possible refund.

Council has previously provided 50% reductions between excessive bills and normal consumption.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.1.4 WATER PRODUCTION UPDATE (G95809505)

19/031 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that the reports detailing Council's water production status be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance and Administration

The attached graph shows water production comparatives between 2014/15, the 18 year average (1997-2015) , maximum allocations for Council's two main water sources, and Jugiong and Oura production to the 31 March 2016.

Overall production is up 1.9 % or 139 megalitres compared to the same period in 2014/15. Individually Jugiong is up 6.2 % and Oura down 0.5%.

While the overall sales forecasts were downgraded in the half yearly Budget Review, the January to March quarter production are now showing similar patterns to 2014/15 year.

April continues to see above average weekly production for both Jugiong and Oura.

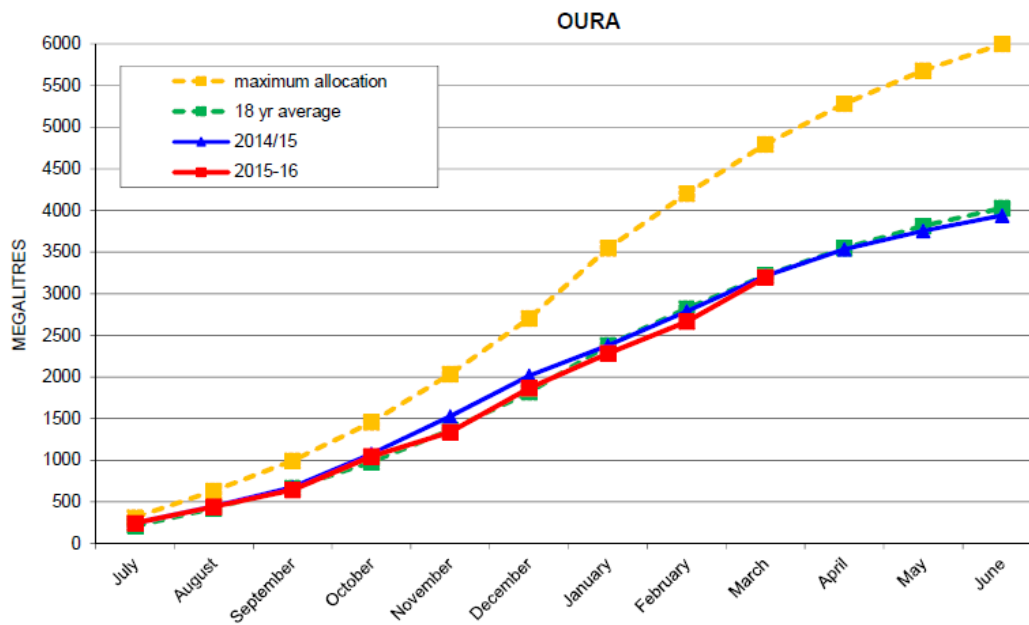
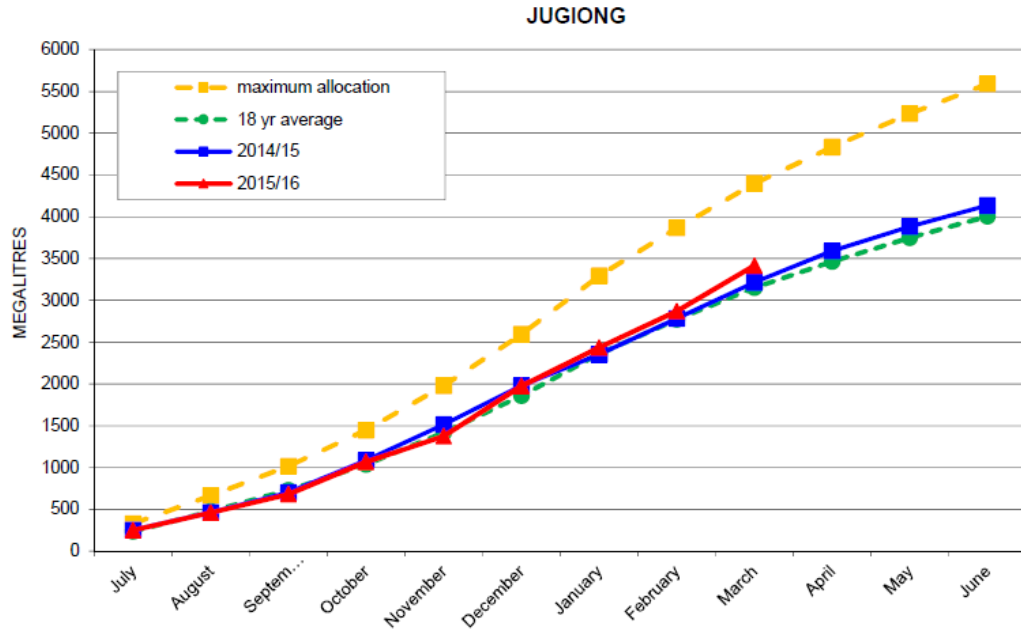
RECOMMENDATION

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Attachment 9.1.4

WATER PRODUCTION UP TO 31/03/2016



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9.1.5 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT – March 2016 (G35201005)

16/032 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Templeton;

1. That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 March 2016 be received and noted.
2. That the following Capital Works budgets be approved.
 - Monia Gap Naradhan increase by \$ 25,000 to \$100,000
 - Fishers Lane Weethalle increase by \$252,000 to \$720,000
 - Total Pump Station Capital Works increase by \$120,000 to \$261,000
 - Capital Works for Barellan Low Level Reservoir of \$65,000
 - Capital Works for Oura Bore 3A of \$80,000

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

This report is presented to Council to revise estimates of income and expenditure in accordance with clause 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. The review is for the third quarter ending 31 March 2016 and is attached for Council's consideration.

The budget review statement is provided in two formats. The first being by type and reflective of how the end of year Income Statement is reported. The second being by activity as Special Schedule 3 is reported in the Financial Statements.

There has been no changes with a projected budgeted surplus result before Capital is \$5,523,000.

The changes to Capital Works approved at Council's February Meeting have been included in this quarterly review as follows:

- Plant and Equipment-Electrical Spares reduced by \$30k.
- Plant and Equipment-Computer Equipment increased by \$20k.
- Bores-Oura Additional/ Replacement reduced by \$45k.
- Pump Stations-Daylight Pump Replacement reduced by \$50k.
- Jugiong & Oura Pump Station Investigations reduced by \$50k.
- Pump Station Lonsdale Ln Panel & Motor replacement reduced by \$65k.
- Double Check Valves reduced by \$20k.
- Water Quality Investigation \$20k.
- Corporate Computer / Document Management Systems Investigation \$20k.
- SCADA Systems Investigations \$20k.

The following items have been included in the quarterly review's Capital Works:

Review of two major water main renewals have been made with increases in the anticipated budgets for:

- Monia Gap Naradhan to increase by \$25k to \$100k.
- Kolkilbertoo Rd/ Fishers Lane to increase by 252k to \$720k.

Rehabilitation of Barellan Low Level Reservoir with a replacement liner \$65k.

Pump Station Renewals requires an increase of \$120k with the following pumps included for the remainder of 2015/16 Financial year.

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Jugiong Raw Water Station No 3
Jugiong No 1 Pump Station No 2
RoseHill No 2
Demondrille No 2
Marinna No 2
Talbingo Lane No 1
Wyalong No 2
Thanowring Road No 2
North Weethalle No 1 & No 2
Garoolgan No 2

Oura Bore 3A is out for investigation / renewal with an anticipated budget of \$80k.

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

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Attachment 9.1.5

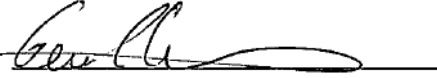
Goldenfields Water County Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/16 to 31/03/16

Report by Responsible Accounting Officer

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

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Goldenfields Water County Council for the quarter ended 31/03/16 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/6/16 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Signed: 
Gerard Carr
Responsible Accounting Officer

date: 15. 4. 16.

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Goldenfields Water County Council
Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2016
Income & Expenses - Council Consolidated

(\$000's)	Original Budget 2015/16	Approved Changes				Revised Budget 2015/16	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRs	Sep QBRs	Dec QBRs				
Income									
Annual Charges	4,545			5	4,550		4,550	2,504	
User Charges and Fees	14,885			(65)	13,320		13,320	7,927	
Interest and Investment Revenues	1,050			150	1,220		1,220	857	
Other Revenues	320			57	306		306	289	
Grants & Contributions - Operating	160			(64)	96		96	129	
Grants & Contributions - Capital	600			1,202	1,622		1,622	1,270	
Net gain from disposal of assets	-				-		-	-	
Total Income from Continuing Operations	21,560	-	-	1,285	(1,731)	-	21,114	12,976	
Expenses									
Employee Costs	4,080				4,518		4,518	3,446	
Borrowing Costs	-				-		-	-	
Materials & Contracts	1,840			(300)	1,590		1,590	1,348	
Depreciation	5,075			365	5,440		5,440	4,008	
Legal Costs	10		50		60		60	75	
Consultants	50				50		50	50	
Other Expenses	3,910				3,933		3,933	2,228	
Net Loss from disposal of assets	-				-		-	3	
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	14,965	-	50	65	15,591	-	15,591	11,108	
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	6,595	-	(50)	1,220	(2,242)	-	5,523	1,868	
Discontinued Operations - Surplus/(Deficit)									
Net Operating Result from All Operations	6,595	-	(50)	1,220	(2,242)	-	5,523	1,868	
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	5,995	-	(50)	18	(2,062)	-	3,901	598	

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(\$000's)	Original Budget 2015/16	Approved Changes				Revised Budget 2015/16	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRS	Sep QBRS	Dec QBRS				
Income									
Residential Access Charges	1,185			5		1,190	1,190	602	
Residential Usage Charges	4,560			(350)		3,960	3,960	1,970	
Non-Residential Access Charges	3,360					3,360	3,360	1,902	
Non-Residential Usage Charges	10,325			285	(1,250)	9,360	9,360	5,957	
Interest	1,050			150	20	1,220	1,220	857	
Other Income	320			57	(71)	306	306	289	
Operating Grants & Contributions	160			(64)		96	96	129	
Capital Grants & Contributions	600			1,202	(180)	1,622	1,622	1,270	
Net gain from disposal of assets									
Total Income from Continuing Operations	21,560	-	-	1,285	(1,731)	21,114	-	12,976	
Expenses									
Management Operations & Maintenance:	3,600	50		(240)	511	3,921	3,921	3,039	
Mains	1,445					1,445	1,445	1,055	
Reservoirs	185					185	185	125	
Pumping Stations	3,470			(300)		3,170	3,170	1,689	
Treatment	660					660	660	581	
Other	755					755	755	593	
Less: Plant Dep'n Costed to Operations	(240)			240		-	-	-	
Depreciation	5,075			365		5,440	5,440	4,008	
Miscellaneous Expenses	15					15	15	15	
Net Loss on Disposal of Assets								3	
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	14,965	-	50	65	511	15,591	-	11,108	
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	6,595	-	(50)	1,220	(2,242)	5,523	-	1,868	
Discontinued Operations - Surplus/(Deficit)									
Net Operating Result from All Operations	6,595	-	(50)	1,220	(2,242)	5,523	-	1,868	
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	5,995	(50)	18			5,963	5,963	598	

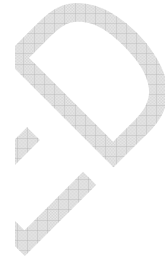
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Goldenfields Water County Council
Cash & Investments Budget Review Statement
Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2016
Cash & Investments - Council Consolidated

(\$000's)	Original Budget 2015/16	Approved Changes			Revised Budget 2015/16	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Notes	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRs	Mar QBRs					
Internally Restricted ⁽²⁾									
Employee Leave Entitlements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,287
Plant Replacement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,194
Infrastructure Replacement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,090
Deposits & Retentions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Total Internally Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,586
Unrestricted (ie. available after the above Restrictive	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,896
Total Cash & Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,482

(2) Funds that Council has earmarked for a specific purpose



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Capital Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2016

Capital Budget - Council Consolidated

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/16 to 31/03/16

(\$'000's)	Original Budget 2015/16	Approved Changes				Revised Budget 2015/16	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Notes	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry Forwards	Other by QBRs	Sep QBRs	Dec QBRs					
Capital Expenditure										
New Assets										
- Plant & Equipment	100	-	657	-	757	-	-	757	642	
- Land & Buildings	530	219	497	-	1,246	-	-	1,246	952	
- Water Supply Infrastructure	1,720	531	-	-	2,251	-	-	2,251	383	
Renewal Assets (Replacement)										
- Plant & Equipment	838	-	14	-	852	(10)	1	842	1,007	
- Land & Buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	
- Water Supply Infrastructure	450	304	249	527	1,530	312	2	1,842	653	
Total Capital Expenditure	3,638	1,054	1,417	527	6,636	302		6,938	3,644	
Capital Funding										
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-	-	-	462	-	-	-	-	492	
Capital Grants & Contributions	-	-	-	-	462	-	-	462	-	
Reserves:										
- Internal Restrictions/Reserves	3,068	1,054	1,417	65	5,604	302	-	5,906	2,549	
New Loans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Receipts from Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
- Plant & Equipment	570	-	-	-	570	-	-	570	603	
- Land & Buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Capital Funding	3,638	1,054	1,417	527	6,636	302		6,938	3,644	
Net Capital Funding - Surplus/(Deficit)	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	

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Quarterly Budget Review Statement
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Capital Budget Review Statement
Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details
1	Plant & Equipment - Electrical Spares has been reduced by \$30k and Computer Equipment Purchases has been increased by \$20k.
2	A number of capital works programs were postponed to the value of \$230k. These included Bore-Oura Additional/Replacement, Pump Stations - Daylight Pump Replacement, Jugiong & Oura Pump Station Investigations, Pump Station Lonsdale Ln Panel & Motor Replacement, and Double Check Valves Mains Replacement Naradhan Monia Gap Rd has been increased by \$25k. Mains Replacement Weethalle Fishers Lane has been increased by \$252k. Reservoir-Barellan Low Level Renewal of Liner \$65k. Pump Station Renewals totalling \$120k. Bore 3A \$80k.

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Cash & Investments Budget Review Statement

Investments

Investments have been invested in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

Cash

The Cash at Bank figure included in the Cash & Investment Statement totals \$231,705

This Cash at Bank amount has been reconciled to Council's physical Bank Statements.
The date of completion of this bank reconciliation is 30/03/16

Reconciliation Status

The YTD Cash & Investment figure reconciles to the actual balances held as follows:

\$ 000's

Cash at Bank (as per bank statements)		238
Investments on Hand		37,250
less: Unpresented Cheques	(Timing Difference)	(10)
add: Undeposited Funds	(Timing Difference)	4
less: Identified Deposits (not yet accounted in Ledger)	(Require Actioning)	-
add: Identified Outflows (not yet accounted in Ledger)	(Require Actioning)	-
less: Unidentified Deposits (not yet actioned)	(Require Investigation)	-
add: Unidentified Outflows (not yet actioned)	(Require Investigation)	-
Reconciled Cash at Bank & Investments		37,482
Balance as per Review Statement:		37,482
Difference:		-

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9.2 WORKS REPORTS

9.2.1 FEBRUARY 2016 / MARCH 2016 (G95507005)

16/033 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Palmer that the Works Report for February/March 2016 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Distribution and Construction

Pipeline Repairs

NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	REASON
		Off	On			
129.	1/2	14:00	16:00	Cootamundra, Dirnaseer Road	80	Longitudinal Break
130.	2/2	12:00	13:00	Junee, Coolamon Road	100	Longitudinal Break
131.	3/2	8:00	11:00	Kingsvale, Kingsvale Road	375	Joint Failure
132.	4/2	8:00	11:30	Harden, Substation Road	375	Joint Failure
133.	5/2	10:30	15:30	Weethalle, Kolkilbertoo Road	100	Hole
134.	8/2	3:00	21:00	Springdale, Burley Griffin Way	375	Hole
135.	9/2	11:30	16:30	Naradhan, Naradhan Road	150	Hole
136.	9/2	16:00	21:00	Cootamundra, Stockinbingal Road	375	Hole
137.	10/2	10:00	17:00	Cootamundra, Olympic Hwy	100	Hole
138.	15/2	11:30	15:00	Binya, Bandys Road	100	Hole
139.	17/2	12:30	16:30	Naradhan, Rankins Springs Road	80	Longitudinal Break
140.	18/2	8:30	9:30	Cootamundra, Stockinbingal Road	375	Joint Failure
141.	18/2	9:00	11:00	Eurongilly, Wantiool Road	40	Longitudinal Break
142.	18/2	9:30	11:30	Cootamundra, Stockinbingal Road	375	Joint Failure
143.	19/2	7:00	12:30	Ganmain, Langham Street	100	Longitudinal Break
144.	20/2	10:00	14:00	Temora, Warre Warral Lane	150	Circumferential Break
145.	22/2	11:00	20:00	Cootamundra, Stockinbingal Road	300	Joint Failure

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NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	REASON
		Off	On			
146.	22/2	12:20	15:00	Naradhan, Naradhan Road	100	Hole
147.	22/2	17:00	7:00	Cootamundra, Rosehill Road	600	Joint Failure
148.	23/2	9:00	11:00	Junee, Gundagai Road	150	Joint Failure
149.	23/2	15:30	18:00	Temora, Crowley Street	100	Circumferential Break
150.	24/2	7:00	9:00	Cootamundra, Dirnaseer Road	80	Hole
151.	24/2	17:30	19:00	Cootamundra, Dirnaseer Road	100	Longitudinal Break
152.	26/2	5:30	10:30	Coolamon, Cowabbie Street	100	Longitudinal Break
153.	26/2	17:30	22:30	Coolamon, Lewis Street	150	Longitudinal Break
154.	28/2	6:30	11:00	Springdale, Fergusons Road	375	Hole
155.	29/2	6:30	10:00	Coolamon, Bruce Street	100	Circumferential Break
156.	1/3	7:30	12:30	Weethalle, Mid Western Hwy	150	Longitudinal Break
157.	2/3	8:00	12:00	Coolamon, Jacaranda Avenue	100	Circumferential Break
158.	4/3	8:30	13:30	Ungarie, Girral - Lake Cargelligo Road	100	Circumferential Break
159.	4/3	9:30	14:00	Temora, Trungley Hall Road	300	Longitudinal Break
160.	7/3	8:00	10:00	Cootamundra, Dudauman Road	50	Longitudinal Break
161.	7/3	12:00	15:30	Naradhan, Bootoowa Road	80	Hole
162.	7/3	15:30	17:00	Weethalle, Talleeban Road	100	Longitudinal Break
163.	8/3	8:00	9:30	Cootamundra, Lismore Road	80	Longitudinal Break
164.	9/3	7:30	10:00	Coolamon, Doubleday Lane	100	Circumferential Break
165.	9/3	10:30	13:45	Naradhan, Monia Gap Road	80	Longitudinal Break
166.	11/3	11:00	14:00	Junee, Olympic Hwy	50	Longitudinal Break

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NUMBER	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	PIPE DIAMETER	REASON
		Off	On			
167.	14/3	8:00	12:00	Springdale, Fergusons Road	375	Hole
168.	15/3	9:00	12:00	Matong, Deepwater Road	250	Longitudinal Break
169.	15/3	13:00	14:30	Weethalle, Youngs Lane	100	Longitudinal Break
170.	15/3	17:00	19:00	Marrar, Marrarvale Road	50	Longitudinal Break
171.	16/3	12:30	16:30	Wyalong, Gilbert Street	100	Longitudinal Break
172.	16/3	13:00	16:30	Binya, Williams Road	150	Hole
173.	18/3	16:00	19:00	Marrar, Crick Street	100	Longitudinal Break
174.	19/3	12:00	14:00	Junee, Olympic Hwy	80	Longitudinal Break
175.	21/3	11:00	16:00	Cootamundra, Dirnaseer Road	100	Longitudinal Break
176.	22/3	8:00	12:00	Cootamundra, Stockinbingal Road	375	Joint Failure
177.	23/3	12:30	15:30	Weethalle, Jansens Lane	80	Longitudinal Break
178.	28/3	18:00	21:00	Coolamon, Lewis Street	100	Longitudinal Break
179.	29/3	13:00	15:00	Junee, Stanmore Lane	100	Longitudinal Break
180.	30/3	7:30	14:00	Naradhan, High Street	100	Longitudinal Break
181.	30/3	14:00	16:00	Junee, Harefield Road	80	Longitudinal Break
182.	31/3	11:00	7:00	Temora, Thanowring Road	250	Longitudinal Break



CIRCUMFERENTIAL
BREAK



LONGITUDINAL
BREAK



SPLIT BELL



BELL SHEAR



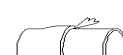
SPIRAL BREAK



RUPTURE/BLOW-
OUT



HOLE



JOINT FAILURE

Construction and Major Maintenance

- Flushed dead ends Coolamon
- Flushed bore line Matong
- Replaced Taggles and Meter rereads
- Marrarvale Lane pipeline replacement complete
- Bulk Meter replacement commenced
- Bethungra Valve Maintenance
- Marrar Valve Maintenance
- Cleaned outside of Temora East Reservoir (calcium stain)
- Replaced stop valve at Springdale PRV
- Replaced Scour valve at Matong Bore line
- Replaced air valve at Cartwrights Lane
- Replaced stop valve at Junee Rural main
- Read Monthly Bulk Meters
- Flushed dead ends Ganmain
- Repaired major break Jugiong No2 pump station
- Lowered main in James Street Temora
- Cleaned and painted hydrant Brampton Street Temora
- Underbore and cut in at Wyalong Bypass
- Replace stop valve cover Matthews Street Temora
- Disinfected and flushed Mansfield Road Temora
- Disinfected, flushed, micro tested and commissioned Uley Lane Ardlethan
- Pump checks for prevention monitoring and abnormalities
- Servicing of ACV & PRV
- Bird proofing and repairs to reservoir roofs
- Replaced fatigued flex joints
- New vehicle fit out – mounting brackets. Toolboxes, rear bars
- Hard facing wear plates for Trencher
- Fabricate and install access door Barellan pump station
- Repairs to excavator trailer
- Fabricated and installed folding arm for installation of river turbidity monitoring at Jugiong
- Fabricated new chlorinator door for Jugiong Water Treatment Plant
- Fabricated pitched roof pot lid for Laves PRV
- Installed and fabricated hatch for access to overflow at Temora
- Removed Wyalong Pump 2 for servicing
- Pumping fundamental and advanced pump training
- Demondrille no2 pump removed for servicing
- LCV repairs at Illabo
- Removed Talbingo lane pump no1 and motor, serviced, reinstalled and tested
- Repaired Jugiong WTP fluoride pump
- Removed Matong Bore 1 due to fault to earth and sent for assessment
- PRV repairs to Eurolie Rd, Springdale, Laves
- Lathe trials and testing

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

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9.2.2 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

16/034 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Templeton that the report detailing Councils Capital Works Program and amendments as at 31 March 2016 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance & Administration

This report is presented for information on the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 March 2016:

Description	Q3 Review	2015/16 Estimate	Costing to 31/03/2016
Water Mains-Developers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,313
Total New -Water Mains	\$ -	\$ 370,000	\$ 360,837
Total New System Assets-Reservoirs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total New System Assets-Pumping Stations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total New System Assets-Treatment	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,170
Total New System Assets-Bores	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total New System Assets-Services-Meters	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 85,720
Total New Plant & Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total New Assets-Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Capital New Asset Buildings-Temora Workshop	\$ -	\$ 1,353,500	\$ 940,805
Total New Capital	\$ -	\$ 1,843,500	\$ 1,406,845
Total New System Assets-Mandamah Stage 1	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -
Total New Capital (incl Mandamah)	\$ -	\$ 3,843,500	\$ 1,406,845
Total Renewals Mains	\$ 277,000	\$ 1,241,300	\$ 427,294
Total Renewals Reservoirs	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 16,995
Total Renewals Pump Stations	\$ 120,000	\$ 261,000	\$ 55,514
Total Renewals Treatment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Renewals Bores	\$ 80,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 106,041
Total Renewals Services Meters-Taggles	\$ -	\$ -	-\$ 4,610
Total Renewals Plant and Equipment		\$ 106,800	\$ 45,681
Total Renewals-Buildings	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 7,235
Total Capital Renewals	\$ 542,000	\$ 1,854,100	\$ 654,150
Total Plant Purchases	\$ -	\$ 1,325,000	\$ 336,808
Total Plant Sales	\$ -	-\$ 570,000	-\$ 358,830
Grand Total	542,000	6,452,600	2,038,973

The Capital Works area of Council's General Ledger has been reviewed with changes made to reflect New and Renewal Capital Works with standard asset classes. Major projects like the New Temora Workshop and Mandamah will be reported separately.

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Water Main Renewals are a large part of Capital Works. These have had additional job numbers introduced to identify variable travelling and associated costs depending on where in the GWCC supply area the works are being carried out.

This will provide more data to better determine replacement rates per metre for future projects.

Capital Works required by developers has also been separated, as contributions are received for these works. Wyalong Showground Road is also being funded by contributions.

The following table shows Water Mains for 2015/16 in their respective areas with Capital Works adjustments as reported in the Third Quarterly Budget Review Report:

Description	2015/16 Estimate	Costing to 31/03/2016
New System Assets-Mains Developer Paid		
Commissioning-Developer-Provided Mains-South	\$ -	\$ -
Commissioning-Developer-Provided Mains-North	\$ -	\$ 2,260
New Mains Temora Gallopli & James Streets	\$ -	\$ 12,053
New Mains Aria Park Cut in & mains Extn	\$ -	\$ -
New Mains West Wyalong Evans Street	\$ -	\$ -
Water Mains-Developers	\$ -	\$ 14,313
New System Assets-Mains		
Total Ardlethan Uley Lane	\$ 349,313	\$ 349,315
Total New -Water Mains	\$ 370,000	\$ 360,837
Capital Renewals-Mains		
Mains Renewal- Cartwrights Hill Ware Warral Ln	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,817
Mains Renewal-Coolamon Maravale Ln	\$ 184,834	\$ 184,834
Restitution-Jugiong Main East of #2	\$ 30,000	\$ 6,588
Mains Renewal Jugiong Rosehill #5	\$ 100,000	\$ 61,431
Total Naradhan Monia Gap	\$ 100,000	\$ 25,125
Total Cootamundra-Temora Road	\$ 60,466	\$ -
Total Weethalle Fishers Lane	\$ 720,000	\$ 131,321
Total Coolamon Wade & Lewis	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Total Ganmain-Loch St	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Total Wyalong-Showground Road RMS	\$ -	\$ 45,857
Total Renewals Mains	\$ 1,241,300	\$ 427,294

RECOMMENDATION

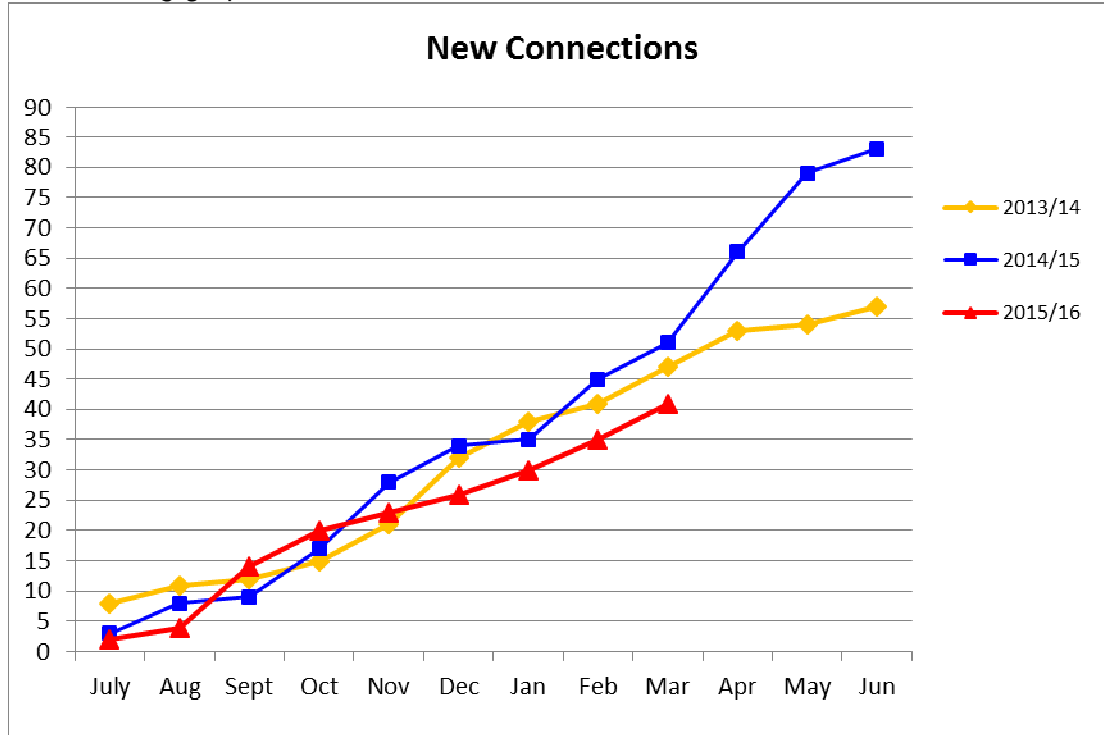
Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.3 NEW WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS (G95151005)

16/035 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Clinton and Palmer that the report detailing new water service connections be received and noted.

Report prepared by Acting Senior Revenue Officer

The following graph shows the number of new connections to 31 March 2016.



There are a further 6 new connection work orders pending. 11 letters of offer are still valid with 2 under investigation.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.2.4 SUB-DIVISION AUGMENTATION COSTS (G95151005)

16/036 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and McCann that;

1. For developments requiring water main augmentations, where there is a potential for “dead end” mains within an existing LEP Zone Residential, (including large lot residential) up to \$10,000 will be considered by Council Officers. Augmentation above \$10,000 will be considered by Council on a case by case basis.
2. For a proposed development in Wallace Street , Coolamon between Devlin Street and Millwood Road, that the developer pay \$10,500 augmentation and an additional \$2,000 per lot augmentation with GWCC covering the additional cost to avoid a “dead end” water main.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance and Administration

Recent inquires and an application have highlighted ad-hoc sub-divisions where augmentation is required to service the proposed developments. In some circumstances developers are proposing they only meet minimal costs suggesting their developments be serviced by “dead ended” water mains.

To agree, exposes GWCC to “reduced levels of service”, and/or increased maintenance for the life of the development, or at a later date GWCC would complete the missing link.

GWCC already deals with similar “dead end mains” from the previous practices of our predecessors, and where possible GWCC joins the missing links at its cost to improve levels of service for existing customers.

Should GWCC allow “dead end” water mains for ad-hoc developments, even though water mains exist in cross streets to fully interconnect the water mains knowing that levels of service will be compromised?

The options are:

1. Allow water mains to be constructed to meet the minimum distance required by the Owner/Developer at their cost.
2. Require the Owner/Developer to meet the cost of augmentation with water mains constructed to interconnect with existing water mains.
3. GWCC Subsidise the augmentation cost. (point 2)

It should be noted that no GP Council confirms if sufficient water infrastructure exists prior to development approvals being given. Rather, consent is granted (to the developer) subject to the Council’s conditions being met.

GWCC is not a consent authority under the Planning and Assessment Act. Developers are generally required to obtain a Certificate of Compliance (Certificate) from GWCC prior to the issue of the sub division certificate allowing registration. The Certificate shows if the owner of the land has met GWCC’s conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse Developers meeting the full cost of augmentation where water mains in cross streets exist, to avoid “dead end” water mains being constructed.

9.2.5 SUB-DIVISION AUGMENTATION COSTS RECOVERY (G95151005)

16/037 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and McCann that Council endorse a sub division scheme as described.

Report prepared by Acting Manager Finance and Administration

Owners and developers meeting the costs of augmentation, often contend they are providing infrastructure that another's in the future may take the advantage of.

Council could consider introducing a scheme whereby, the original provider (Owner/Developer A) of the infrastructure, is compensated for any future users connecting to that infrastructure. A ten year period is considered reasonable.

When a new Owner/Developer B applies at any-time within the first 10 years, a nominal augmentation cost (NAC) will be calculated, being the original water main distance (in metres) times the NSW Office of Water's reference rate for that size water main at that time.

This will be divided by the original connections and the new connections (to the nearest \$100.00). This will be the Additional Developer Charge Contribution (per new connection) payable to GWCC by Owner/Developer B.

Once received in full, Owner/Developer A would receive 90% of that contribution. 10% to be retained by GWCC for administration.

Should subsequent developments occur, then the NAC will be recalculated to include those new proposed lots with a new additional developer charge contribution (per connection). Previous Owner/Developers who also contributed, will also be refunded per their number of connections, less 10% for administration.

This will apply to any sub-division where augmentation exceeds \$10,000 (2016 rate indexed to CPI)

This would cease after 10 years from the date of commissioning or after 50% of the original infrastructure has been recovered by the original Owner/Developer A, whichever occurs first.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3 OTHER REPORTS

9.3.1 PROCUREMENT OF GOODS, SERVICES AND MATERIAL POLICY (G40350505)

Cr Palmer declared an indirect Pecuniary Interest in this matter.

16/038 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Templeton that Council endorse the Procurement of Goods, Services and Material Policy as presented.'

Report prepared by the General Manager

The Procurement of Goods, Services and Material Policy has been updated. The draft policy is presented below as Attachment 9.3.2 for Councils consideration.

Procedures that facilitate the application of the Policy will incorporate Credit Card, Petty Cash, Tenders and Quotations eliminating the need for these individual policies. The procedures will be implemented and approved by the General Manager.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

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Attachment 9.3.1

Policy - Procurement of Goods, Services and Materials

Policy No. PP001

1 INFORMATION ABOUT THIS POLICY

Date Adopted By Board		Resolution No.	
Policy Responsibility	General Manager		
Review Timeframe	2 yearly		
Last Review Date		Next Scheduled Review Date	April 2018

Document History

Doc No.	Date Amended	Summary of Changes

Further Document Information and Relationships

Related Legislation	NSW Local Government Act 1993 (in particular section 55), NSW Local Government General Regulation 2005 (in particular section 7) and NSW Local Government Financial Regulation
Related Policies	Code of Conduct
Related Procedures / Protocols, Statements, Documents	Procurement of Goods, Services and Materials Procedure

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Policy - Procurement of Goods, Services and Materials

Policy No. PP001

Policy Title: Procurement of Goods, Services and Materials

3 PURPOSE

Goldenfields Water County Council (GWCC) is committed to implementing best practice procurement policy, principles and procedures for the procurement of goods, services and materials.

GWCC recognises that by conducting its procurement activities in a cost effective, socially responsible, sustainable, accountable and ethical manner we are ensuring value for money and best possible outcome for the community and the environment.

4 SCOPE

The requirements of this Policy apply to tenders, quotations, and expressions of interest, lease agreements and contracts involving either expenditure or income. This policy does not apply to employment contracts or real estate property acquisitions and sales.

5 DEFINITIONS

Tender:	The process of inviting parties, from a predetermined list or via public advertisement submit an offer to provide goods, services and materials. Generally used for regulated contracts.
Quotation:	The process of inviting offers to provide goods, services and materials. Generally not advertised and used for contracts that are not regulated.
Local Supplier:	A supplier of goods, services and materials that can effectively demonstrate that they are operating a business premises within the area of GWCC operation.
Regulated Contract:	A contract that is regulated by Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.
Area of GWCC Operation:	Local Government areas of Bland, Coolamon, Cootamundra, Harden, Junee, Narrandera, Temora and Young.

6 PROBITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

All procurement activities are to be conducted in an ethical manner and in accordance with GWCC's Code of Conduct.

GWCC expects tenderers and suppliers to GWCC to conduct their business with GWCC in an ethical manner. Canvassing of Board Members and Council staff at any stage up to and including the acceptance of Tenders, may disqualify the applicant.

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Information in tenders and quotations, including the price, may be contained in the Business Agenda Paper, as well as on GWCC's website and therefore be a public record in accordance with Government Information (Public Access) Act (GIPA).

7 REGULATED CONTRACTS

Regulated contracts refer to contracts involving either expenditure or income with an estimated total contract value greater than or equal to \$150,000 (including GST if applicable). The estimated value must include the total amount payable to the service provider over the life of the contract, including any potential extensions, variations or contingencies. In addition to this Policy regulated contracts are subject to the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government General Regulation 2005.

8 VALUE FOR MONEY

Value for money in procurement is about selecting the supply of goods, services and materials taking into account both cost and non-cost factors including:

- Cost-related factors including whole-of-life costs and transaction costs associated with the purchase, utilisation, maintaining and disposal of the goods, services and materials.
- Non-cost factors such as fit for purpose, quality, service and support.

9 LOCAL SUPPLIERS

GWCC recognises that money spent within Goldenfields area of operation will facilitate growth in local commerce and employment. It is in GWCC's interest to promote opportunities for local firms to compete for GWCC business and encourage active competition provided that the quality of goods, services or materials are not compromised.

GWCC will:

- Apply a discount of 5% in the price assessment of Council Tenders (for value equal to or greater than \$150,000), if the local supplier receives the same or better evaluation point score for non-price criteria.
- Promote the utilisation of local suppliers across the organisation.

10 REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS

GWCC staff may participate with other Councils in regional agreements for the acquisitions of goods, services and materials.

11 PRESCRIBED AGENCIES

Section 55 of the Act provide GWCC with an exception from the requirement to call tenders for the provision of goods, services and materials for value equal to or greater than \$150,000 where such items are available under contract through agencies prescribed under the act.

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12 TENDERING REQUIREMENTS

Tenders are to be called in accordance with Section 55 of The Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government General Regulation 2005 and Procedures approved by the General Manager.

13 QUOTATION THRESHOLDS

Quotations are to be called where supply agreements are not regulated. The quotation thresholds are:

For order/agreement value (GST inclusive)	Minimum requirements
Less than or equal to \$10,000	1 quotation (verbal or written)
\$10,001 to \$50,000	2 written quotations
\$50,001 to \$149,999	3 written quotations
Equal to or greater than \$150,000	Prescribed agency purchase or Tender in accordance with the Act and Regulation

Table 1 - Quotation Threshold

14 PROCEDURES

Procurement procedures that facilitate the application of this Policy are to be implemented and approved by the General Manager.

9.3.2 EMPLOYEE OPINION SURVEY (G70650505)

16/039 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Palmer that;

- A. The General Manager undertakes annual Employee Opinion Survey
- B. Employee Opinion Survey to be an ongoing requirement of GWCC Operational Plans
- C. Annual Employee Opinion Survey results to be presented to the Board

Report prepared by General Manager

Employee Opinion Survey is an anonymous questionnaire that captures employee feedback on issues critical to an organisation's success. It provides staff with an opportunity to have their say independently and anonymously on key employee concerns that exist within the organisation.

It provides an action plan for improving employee satisfaction, engagement and building a high-performance culture. Annual surveys will allow GWCC to measure and benchmark workplace satisfaction variables over time.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.3 GWCC500 UPDATE (G30608005)

16/040 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Templeton that the GWCC500 Update report be received and noted.

Report prepared by Manager Technology

Purposes:

- Environmental offsets for damage done whilst laying pipelines.
- May establish linkages between environmental 'islands' in the landscape
- Educational outreach to schools in the GWCC footprint
- Improved amenity in some areas
- Through Riverina LLS, funding of landholder schemes for rehabilitation and protection
- Possible protection of soils and may help control salinity and water table levels.
- Favourable publicity for GWCC

An effective environmental corridor needs to be at least 100 m wide, more for some species, meaning we would need at least 50,000,000 m² or 5,000 Ha of land for the GWCC500 project – so far we have 881 Ha through the LLS Landholder Scheme, about 49 Ha of which had been planted for revegetation at the end of last year. This year's LLS programme (finalised 30/3) should add roughly 167 Ha for a total of about 1,048 Ha acquired.

There are 28 schools currently involved:

- 5 in Coolamon
- 4 in each of Bland, Harden, Junee and Young,
- 3 in Temora, and
- 2 in Cootamundra and Narrandera

Nineteen of these schools have received a workshop (either at the new workshop site or at their own school) and the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre has been appointed to deliver workshops to the remaining schools, including 'zoomobile' visits , and has also started a Facebook page.

The next step is to finalise plot sites with local councils and LLS, and do the preparatory works (deep ripping, weed control). The schools can then start planting seedlings and caring for them on the designated plots, as well as placing and observing bat and bird boxes.

The stage 1 (of 3) report for the NSW Trust Restoration and Rehabilitation Grant (2013/SL/0025) was accepted and the second disbursement of \$32,564 approved.

The report for the LLS Community Partnership funding was submitted and another extension arranged to allow completion of the work involved.

The stage 1 (of 2) report for the NSW Trust Environmental Education Grant (2014/EG/0021) has been submitted and we are awaiting approval and the next disbursement of funds.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

9.3.4 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT MERGERS (G45055005)

16/041 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Clinton that this matter be deferred and considered at a future workshop once additional information regarding amalgamations and boundary adjustments is available.

Report prepared by General Manager

The Minister for Local Government will shortly receive comments regarding the various merger proposals within NSW; several of these proposals affect constituent Councils of Goldenfields Water County Council (GWCC). Any merger of constituent Councils will facilitate the need for the GWCC proclamation to be amended.

It would be prudent for the Board to write to the Minister of Local Government outlining the Boards perspective on GWCC proclamation amendments. Amendments may include:

- The area of operation of GWCC
- Board Member representation
- Removal of transitional type provisions

RECOMMENDATION

The Board consider possible amendments to the GWCC Proclamation and authorise the General Manager and Chairperson to write to the Minister requesting the desired amendments.

9.3.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016 (G40151005)

16/042 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Clinton that Council approve the General Manager, the Chairman and two other Board members (to be determined closer to the event) to attend the LGNSW Annual Conference 2016.

Report prepared by General Manager

The Local Government NSW Annual Conference will be held at Wollongong from Sunday 16 October to Tuesday 18 October 2016.

Nominations for attendance are sought from Council to allow registration and booking arrangements to be made.

In past years the General Manager and a member/s of the board have attended this event.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Nominate Board attendees for the 2016 LGNSW Annual Conference
2. Approve the attendance of General Manager.

**9.3.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2016
(G40151005)**

16/043 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that Council approve the General Manager. 2 Board Members and 1 senior staff member (to be determined closer to the event) to attend the LGNSW Water Management Conference 2016.

Report prepared by General Manager

The Local Government NSW Water Management Conference will be held at Broken Hill on Sunday 28 August 2016 to Tuesday 30 August 2016.

Nominations for attendance are sought from Council to allow registration and booking arrangements to be made.

In past years the General Manager and a member/s of the board have attended this event.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Nominate Board attendees for the Local Government NSW Water Management Conference
2. Approve the attendance of General Manager
3. Authorise the General Manager to select staff representatives to attend.

9.3.7 NEXT MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 23 June 2016 at 1.00PM.

9.3.8 DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2016-2017 (G05601005)

16/044 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Templeton that Council endorses the draft Operational Plan 2016-2017 (Parts 1 and 2) to be placed on public display for a period of 28 days.

Report prepared by the General Manager

BACKGROUND

Legislative requirements for Integrated Planning and Reporting require the Operational Plan to be updated annually and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

REPORT

In accordance with legislative requirements the 2016-2017 Operational Plan – Part 1 and 2 incorporating the 2016/2017 budget are now presented in draft for Council's consideration prior to being placed on public exhibition.

The 2016-2017 Operational Plan estimates an operating result of \$3.1M before capital expenses.

Tabled Items: Draft Operational Plan (Parts 1 and 2)

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

**9.3.9 INQUIRY INTO WATER AUGMENTATION FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL NSW
(G05050512)**

16/045 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and Palmer that the information be received and noted.

Report prepared by the General Manager

BACKGROUND

The NSW Legislative Council's General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5 is currently conducting an inquiry into water augmentation in rural and regional New South Wales.

REPORT

The NSW Legislative Council's General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5 has invited Goldenfields Water County Council to make a submission to the inquiry. The closing date for submissions is 14 August 2016.

The inquiry will take place over 18 months, with the committee intending to hold public hearings across rural and regional New South Wales, following the closing date of submissions.

The terms of reference have been referred to the Water Directorate and REROC.

Tabled Items: General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5 Terms of Reference

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 5

**Inquiry into the augmentation of water supply for rural and regional
New South Wales**

1. That General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5 inquire into and report on the performance or effectiveness of the NSW government agencies that are responsible for the augmentation of water supply for rural and regional New South Wales, and in particular:
 - a) investigate the requirement for a water equation (demand and supply out to the middle of this century) for rural and regional New South Wales
 - b) examine the suitability of existing New South Wales water storages and any future schemes for augmentation of water supply for New South Wales, including the potential for aquifer recharge
 - c) review the NSW Government's response to the recommendations of the June 2013 report by the Standing Committee on State Development on the adequacy of water storages in New South Wales
 - d) examine the 50 year flood history in New South Wales, particularly in northern coastal New South Wales, including the financial and human cost
 - e) examine technologies available to mitigate flood damage, including diversion systems, and the scope of infrastructure needed to support water augmentation, by diversion, for rural and regional New South Wales
 - f) examine social, economic and environmental aspects of water management practices in New South Wales and international jurisdictions, including the following case studies:
 - i. Broken Hill town water supply/Menindee Lakes system
 - ii. South Western NSW water management practices
 - iii. North Western NSW water management practices
 - g) the efficiency and sustainability of environmental water being managed by different State and Federal Government departments and agencies
 - h) the management, appropriateness, efficiency and reporting of:
 - i. inter-valley transfers

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- ii. conveyance and loss water
 - iii. carryover
 - iv. the management and reporting of the water market, and
 - i) any other related matter.
2. That the committee report by 27 October 2017.

Committee membership

The Hon Robert Brown MLC	Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party	<i>Chair</i>
The Hon Mick Veitch MLC	Australian Labor Party	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
Mr Jeremy Buckingham MLC	The Greens	
The Hon Rick Colless MLC	The Nationals	
Mr Scot MacDonald MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Gregory Pearce MLC	Liberal Party	
The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC	Australian Labor Party	

9.3.10 ORGANISATIONAL RESTRUCTURE (G70157005)

16/046 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Manchester and McCann that Council adopt the revised structure.

Report prepared by the General Manager

BACKGROUND

On 12 April 2016, Council resolved to adopt a new organisational structure under General Manager Report – 7.1 Organisational Structure Change. The Council resolved that the General Manager to refer the Organisational Structure to Council's Consultative Committee and relevant Unions.

REPORT

The formal consultation period with staff has concluded, during the consultation period the proposed structure was referred to the consultative committee and the United Services Union. A number of meetings have also been held with all staff to discuss the proposed changes and to allow the General Manager to address any questions from staff.

At the conclusion of the consultation period no comments were received regarding structural changes to the proposed structure, a small number of comments have been received associated with titles of several roles, these have been reflected in attachment A. In general the structure has been widely accepted by staff, the majority of the questions were focused on the recruitment process of the vacant positions and the process for establishing the Construction and Support Team. These questions have been addressed formally through the consultative committee and also through the various staff meetings.

Tabled Items: Attachment A; Revised Structure

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

10. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Templeton enquired if the water refill stations were still going ahead for constituent councils. The General Manager advised that they will be going ahead.

Cr Clinton enquired who will be responsible for maintenance of the water refill stations. The General Manager advised that the respective shires will be responsible for maintenance.

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11. CLOSED SESSION – 3.15PM

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.

16/047 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Palmer and Clinton that Council meet in Closed Session.

11.1 ELECTRICITY CONTRACT (G25500505)

16/048 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Templeton and Palmer that the Electricity Contract Report be received and noted.

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*

Report prepared by Manager Technology

A report was presented at the February Council Meeting regarding investigation into Goldenfields' electricity contract. Local Government Procurement had offered Goldenfields inclusion in their 2016/17 electricity tender.

After consideration of the LGP likely prices and Origin Energy likely prices it was determined that Origin Energy was the best value option.

An additional one year extension with Origin for the 2016/17 financial year has been accepted and signed.

OPEN SESSION – 3.20PM

16/049 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Clinton and Palmer that Council revert back to Open Session and that the resolutions made in Closed Session be made public.

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council, the Meeting was closed at 3.20pm.



**Minutes of
NSW Association of Mining Related Councils Inc.
Ordinary Meeting
Friday 19th February 2016
Parkes Room, Level 47
MLC Centre, Martin Place
Sydney**

The meeting commenced at 9.30 am

Attendance

Cr Peter Shinton	Warrumbungle Shire Council (Chair)
Cr Chris Connor	Wollongong City Council (Deputy Chair)
Cr Lilliane Brady (OAM)	Cobar Shire Council (Deputy Chair)
Cr Peter Abbott	Cobar Shire Council
Mr Ron Zwicker	Wollongong City Council
Cr Liz McGlynn	Bland Shire Council
Mr Robert Hunt	Lachlan Shire Council
Cr Dennis Brady	Lachlan Shire Council
Cr Owen Hasler	Gunnedah Shire Council
Mr Michael Silver	Gunnedah Shire Council
Mr Andrew Spooner	Campbelltown City Council
Cr Tony Ellis	Narromine Shire Council
Cr Holee Jenkins	Singleton Council
Cr John Martin (OAM)	Singleton Council
Cr Scott Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council
Cr Nuatali Nelmes	Newcastle City Council
M/S Donna Ausling	Liverpool Plains Shire Council
Cr Robert Webster	Liverpool Plains Shire Council
Cr Jim Nolan	Broken Hill City Council
Cr Michael Greenwood	Parkes Shire Council
Cr Bob Wheeldon	Wentworth Shire Council

Staff

Mr Don Tydd	Executive Officer
M/S Julie Goodwin	Accounts Administrator

Apologies

Cr Gordon Bradbery OAM	Wollongong City Council
Cr Col Mitchell	Wollondilly Shire Council



Mr David Henry
Cr Michael Banasik
Mr Greg Lamont
Cr Neil Pokoney
Cr Catherine Collyer
Cr Robyn Faber
Cr Conrad Bolton
Cr Paul Hawker
Cr Peter Bishop
Mr Brad Cam
Cr Rebecca Ryan
Mr Steve Loane
Cr Bob Pynsent
M/S Rebecca Ryan
Cr Sharon Wilcox
M/S Heather Nicholls

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Narrabri Shire Council
Campbelltown City Council
Upper Hunter Shire Council
Mid Western Regional Council
Gunnedah Shire Council
Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cessnock City Council
Blayney Shire Council
Cabonne Shire Council
Cabonne Shire Council

1. Apologies

01/2016 Resolved that the apologies be received and noted.
(Cr L. Brady/ Cr Jenkins)

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests

02 /2016 Resolved delegates now disclose any pecuniary interests and reasons for declaring such interests in the matters under consideration at the meeting.

Ron Zwicker declared an interest through holding AGL shares.

3. Adoption of Minutes, Ordinary Meeting held Friday 13th November 2015, Cabonne Shire Council Chambers, 99-101 Bank Street Molong.

03/2016 Resolved that minutes of the Association's Ordinary meeting held in the Cabonne Shire Council Chambers, 99-101 Bank Street Molong, Friday 13th November 2015 be received and noted.
(Cr Hasler/ Cr Jenkins)

4. Matters Arising From The Minutes

Cr Ellis asked what progress had been made with Item 15-1 the Association's strategic planning document.



The Chairperson, Councillor Shinton advised the matter would be dealt with under recommendation 7 from the recent meeting of the Executive Committee.

5. Recommendations- Executive Committee meeting held Thursday 2015

04/2016 Resolved that the meeting consider recommendations from the Executive Committee meeting held 5th February 2016.
(Cr L. Brady/ Cr Conner)

5.1. Invitation to Parliamentarians to Attend Meetings

05/2016 Resolved the Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations, The Honourable Gladys Berejiklian be invited to the Association's August 2016 meeting.

(Cr Hasler/ Cr Conner)

5.2. Western NSW Mining and Resource Development Taskforce

Note Item 5.2

Prior to consideration of this matter it was duly advised by the mover of this recommendation at the Executive Committee meeting (Cr Hasler) that the organisation referred to was the Land Use Conflict Taskforce and not the Western NSW Mining and Resource Development Taskforce as stated in the original recommendation. There had not been consultation with the Councils, community groups or, expert groups when the Taskforce visited the North West of NSW. This amendment was noted by meeting delegates and the recommendation changed to reflect Councillor Hasler's advice on this matter.

5.2. 06/2016 (1) Resolved a letter be forwarded to the NSW Premier advising that Association member Gunnedah Shire Council with an interest in the establishment of the Land Use Conflict Taskforce through its geographical location, was not advised of the establishment of the organisation and there appeared to be a lack of consultation with external stakeholders when the Taskforce visited the North West region. This was contrary to advice received from the Head of Premier and Cabinet in 2015 at a meeting of Namoi Councils where it was stated there would be consultation and,



(2) The Association apply for membership of the Western NSW Mining and Resources Taskforce.

(Cr Hasler/ Cr L. Brady)

5.3. Commonwealth Government's Response to FIFO-DIDO Enquiry

07/2017 Resolved that a further letter be forwarded to The Honourable Darren Chester MP, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport asking that if he cannot attend a future meeting of the Association to discuss FIFO/DIDO Enquiry issues, he be asked to approach another Government Minister or, a senior representative of his Department to attend.

(Cr Hasler/Cr D. Brady)

5.4. Quorums At Meetings

07/2016 Resolved the Association hold a Special Meeting to amend clause 12 of its constitution to read:

“At a general meeting, a quorum shall exist when the majority of member councils are represented”.

(Cr Martin / Cr Jenkins)

5.5. Renewable Energy

08/1016 that renewable energy becomes part of the Association's charter and consideration be given to an amendment to the organisation's constitution to reflect the inclusion of this energy source.

(Cr Ferguson/ Cr Hasler)

5.6. Financial Statements

09/11016 Resolved cash journal for the period 1st October 2015- 31st December 2015 and financial statements for the period 1st October 2015 to 31st December 2015 be received and noted.

(Cr Connor/Cr Jenkins)

5.7. 2013-2016 Strategy Document

10/2016 Resolved the Association appoint a panel with Councillor Chris Connor as Chair and invite three (3) other delegates to be members, they



being Councillor Jim Noland, Councillor Owen Hasler and Councillor Dennis Brady.

The Panel to review all aspects of the Association's current strategy document, formulate a new document and to bring it up to date with current technologies and frameworks. A review of the organisation's web site framework and content also to be included in the Panel's brief.

(Cr Connor/Cr Hasler)

Standing Orders

11/2016 Resolved Standing Orders be suspended at 10 00am to allow the presentation from Mr Warwick Giblin

(Cr Nolan/Cr Connor)

Presentation by Mr Warwick Giblin, Progress Report on Discussions with NSW Minerals Council on Planning Agreements (Formerly Known as VPAS)

Cr Shinton welcomed Mr Giblin to the meeting.

Mr Giblin advised the discussions with the NSW Minerals Council (MC) so far were an encouraging start to resolving this issue. He spoke to his presentation and highlighted some flaws in the MC's approach and there was still a lot of work to be done.

The MC's document relating to a Ministerial direction for any adopted proposals to apply to all NSW councils had been placed on the "back burner" for the time being. There was a need for the Association to know more on the role that IPART could play in this matter. In reference to the proposed MOU, this would be discussed at a meeting to be held on Monday 22nd February 2016 where he expected a softening of the MC's approach on this matter.

Any future planning agreement/template would need to be a standard document with issues such as commencing dates, payment of costs and CPI considerations which needed consistency.

The discussions with the MC were a good opportunity to solving the issues.

Delegates Questions/Comments

Cr Hasler referred to a recent meeting of the Namoi Joint Organisation of Councils where a delegate had made a comment that there had been a deal done between the Association and the MC on this matter which was not true. He wondered if member councils were receiving the current information on this matter through their delegates. This did not seem the case with the recent comments by the delegate at the Joint Organisation meeting.



He was also concerned that this matter could drag on and take up to a year to resolve. The Department of Planning and Environment was keen to progress this matter and there was a need for a quicker solution.

Mr Giblin in response to this comment advised the appointed Association Panel was making progress with this matter. In relation to the time frame, the MC was keen to move this matter on.

Cr Martin commented on the basis that he was independently chairing the Panel/MC meetings. In his opinion there was a lot of information to consider in the discussions on the planning agreements (VPAS). He was concerned as to the complicated process required to get results many of which were long term issues. He also had concerns on the process as laid out in the draft documents. He used an example from Singleton Shire Council where the process had taken five years. Mining companies had their own priorities with such agreements. Future socio –economic effects from mining in NSW are very broad particularly the issue of “who pays”.

Mr Giblin commented the Umwelt model could be written into the negotiations to address some of these issues. There was a need for Panel members to understand these matters.

In relation to road contributions the template could not cover all situations.

Cr Wheeldon commented that a template was a good idea and it should reduce conflict between the parties.

Cr Nolan believed a template was a good idea but should be able to be varied.

Cr Hasler further commented that VPAs get to a point where companies could agree on some things e.g. timeframes.

Cr Abbott commented that if Council staff were involved in the negotiations they needed more expertise.

Mr Silver observed that the socio economic details in EIS's were improving. He was concerned that the Department of Planning and Environment was not taking a lead on this matter and there was a need to put pressure on the Department for this matter to be resolved at that level.

He mentioned the REM plan. Gunnedah Shire Council, Liverpool Plains Shire Council and Narrabri Shire Council had used this model, however its accuracy depended upon how the information was utilised with the model particularly road costings.

Mr Giblin commented the Umwelt model was economic but was not good on social costings.



Cr Lilliane Brady asked what mines would be involved?

Mr Giblin advised he had no details but would find out this information.

Cr Wheeldon asked what processes would be included if IPART was involved?

Mr Giblin made comment on where IPART would be involved.

Cr Martin commented that companies and councils should not get to a "deadlocked "situation.

Cr Hasler reported on Gunnedah Shire Council's experience with IPART. He commented someone has to make a decision if there is an impasse and the Department of Planning and Environment will not.

Cr Noland commented on the situation of renewable energy involving wind and solar farms and the developments in the Broken Hill area where there were no VPAS involved. One proposed wind farm had 100 turbines and this would have socio economic impacts. He asked Mr Giblin what he thought would happen when future remediation was necessary.

Mr Giblin advised he believed the incorporation of renewable energy into the Association's charter was a good idea and VPAS would be needed for these developments.

Robert Hunt questioned Mr Giblin on his opinion on the worker location model in some agreement formulas.

Mr Giblin advised he does not like this type of model as it can favour the adjoining council over the council where the development is.

This concluded Mr Giblin's presentation and he left the meeting after being thanked by the Chair, Councillor Shinton.

Standing Orders

12/1016 Resolved the meeting resume at 10 35am -recommendations from Executive Committee meeting 5th February 2016.

(Cr Martin/Cr Nolan)



5.8. Review of Discussions between Association and NSW Minerals Council on Planning Agreements (Formerly Known as Voluntary Planning Agreements)

13/2016 Resolved that the Executive Committee note the progress being made with discussions between the Association and the NSW Minerals Council on Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPAS). Further, Mr Warwick Giblin, Consultant appointed to review this matter be invited to address the next meeting of the Association to be held on Friday 19th February 2016 and that a further \$7,000 be allocated from the Association's cash reserves to cover costs for anticipated finalisation of the discussions.

(Cr Hasler/ Cr Jenkins)

5.9. Post Mining Issues and Mining Rates

14/2016 Resolved the Muswellbrook Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Martin Rush be invited to address the Association at its meeting to be held on the 4th August 2016 or, the 4th November 2016 on post mining and mine rating issues. Further, a representative of the NSW Minerals Council also be invited to attend one of the indicated meetings.

(Cr Martin/Cr Jenkins)

6. Executive Officers Report (For Information)

Councillor Hasler made comment on **Item 6.6 Dust Monitoring Gunnedah Coal Basin**. He thanked the Association for its support and lobbying of the State government, its departments and agencies on the issue. He pointed out the reporting was different to the Hunter Valley monitoring (real time) and was a delayed time model. There were four sites in the Gunnedah coal basin using mining company equipment. There was a question as to the accuracy of the data. It was possible a real time system may be installed in the future. Residents in the Gunnedah area were being asked to provide feedback on the new system. There had been some headway over the past three years with this matter and it was essential for the Basin to have an effective system in place prior to the ramp up of mining.

15/2016 Resolved the Executive Officer's report (for information) be received and noted.

(Cr L Brady/ Cr Connor)



7. Presentation by the Honourable Mick Veitch MLC, Shadow Minister for Primary Industries, Shadow Minister for Lands & Shadow Minister for Western NSW

The Executive Officer advised delegates that prior to the meeting commencing he had received a telephone message from Mr Veitch's office advising he had to return to his home as a matter of urgency due to a family member's illness. He therefore would not be attending today's meeting and sent his apologies.

8. General Business

8.1 Resources for Regions Grant Program

Councillor Hasler raised the matter of the recent announcement of a new round of funding under the program (\$32m) and expressed his concern given the previous grants had totalled approximately \$208m. He was also concerned there had been a change in the guidelines with a total emphasis on applications being encouraged from regional organisations meaning fewer funds to go round. It appeared there was more justification of regional applications over local council applications.

Cr Lilliane Brady commented in some cases there was some value in the government's latest approach especially for regional road funding applications.

Councillor Hasler further commented on local priorities as compared to regional priorities.

Cr Wheeldon and Cr Connor made comment on this matter.

Robert Hunt advised that Lachlan Shire Council had already been approached by CENTROC to participate in a joint regional approach.

Cr Greenwood commented that it is important to know what happens after this round of funding.

8.2 Association's Panel for discussions of Planning Agreement matters With NSW Minerals Council

Councillor Jenkins questioned delegates in relation to the Panel currently having two Singleton Councillors involved and their thoughts on this matter. Councillor Martin commented he was the independent Chair appointed for meetings and this was his only role at this stage.

By consensus, it was agreed that Councillor Jenkins should continue as a Panel member.



8.3 Continuance of Operations- North Parkes Mine

Councillor Greenwood advised under a recent announcement, the North Parkes Mine would continue its operations until 2042.

8.4 Effect on The Association from Proposed Council Mergers

Councillor Greenwood asked what effects the current proposed mergers of some NSW Councils may have on the Association.

The Executive Officer advised (at this stage) if the present proposals go ahead, the Association may lose two shire councils, Cabonne and Blayney. Financially this would mean that the Association may from 2017-2018, be in a "balanced " budget situation rather than the present surplus. He was continuing to investigate any opportunities for new members.

Councillor Hasler commented the merger proposals could affect other local government organisations particularly Local Government NSW.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11 04am and resumed at 11 48am.

9.0 Presentation by Mr David Kitto, Department of Planning and Environment on Proposed Changes to the Operation of Community Consultative Committees (CCCS).

Councillor Shinton introduced Mr Kitto. Mr Kitto explained his role in the Department and the areas of NSW he is responsible for. Industries include mining, CSG and renewable energy projects.

Mr Kitto advised the meeting the draft CCC guidelines went on display on Thursday 18th February 2016 and were open to comment until 31st March 2016. Some consultation with major stakeholders had already taken place. CCCS had been operating for fifteen years with the mining industry and the results had been mixed. The new guidelines were designed to make the committees work more effectively.

CCCS had been set up previously following mining exploration. It was apparent that a lot more consultation was needed prior to the approval of the development.

It was necessary for expansion of the CCC concept to all major developments and also their establishment in the post development phase. It was apparent that to avoid problems after development there was a need for early introduction of a CCC. Flexibility would be a key factor in the operations of future CCCS.



Mr Kitto explained the process for the appointment of a CCC Chair and members of the committee. There would be a more formal appointment process and an independent review of appointees. There would be a new toolkit for the committees' operations. The Departmental Secretary would have the ability to intervene if any committee was found not to be working effectively.

Delegates Questions and Comments

Cr Martin explained that CCCS had been operating in the Singleton Council area for thirty five years. Their operations had been fairly successful. Independent Chairs had helped resolve some of the problems. He believed that taking away the responsibility from councils for committee nominations would be helpful. There had been good community representation on the committees in the Singleton area but often problems occurred when representatives from mining areas expressed personal views on some matters. He was supportive of the new guidelines.

Mr Kitto advised the Chair could be from Council but the Department was flexible on these issues.

Ron Zwicker raised the matter of the lack of Departmental representation on the committees. He had the experience of having to defend Departmental policies as a council representative which resulted in some problems.

Mr Kitto advised Departmental Compliance Officers will attend some CCC meetings under the revised guidelines.

Cr Hasler advised he had been a CCC member and he saw the new draft guidelines as a positive move. However, there was a need to change some of the wording in the document.

Cr Connor supported the changes in the guidelines and asked Mr Kitto what triggers the setting up of a CCC?

Mr Kitto explained that the local council is a useful mechanism for flagging the setting up with then due advice to the Department. The CCC should be in operation from the beginning of the development.

Mike Silver expressed the view that some CCCS benefited from members coming from outside the local government area where the development was taking place.

Mr Kitto commented the local council will have considerable input into the appointment of the CCC Chairperson.



Cr Wheeldon raised his concerns as to the Department not having the same obligations as the local council and other organisations.

Mr Kitto advised this issue was a problem in western areas of the state. Often there were few submissions and the Department realised that a CCC was often not the best vehicle to resolving such local matters. It was a case by case review process. He observed that there was a need for more consultation between the Department and Councils. He advised VPAS should be utilised as a tool (if possible) for financial contributions and should be in the consent.

Cr Lilliane Brady raised the problem of Councils negotiating/dealing with mining companies operating underground mines.

Mr Kitto advised Council can negotiate a VPA with a company and set up a CCC for the development.

Councillor Wheeldon raised the matter of contributions. Wentworth Shire had a problem with this issue.

Mr Kitto commented that this was a local problem and should be dealt with through discussions between Council and the Department.

Cr Ferguson asked what projects should have CCCS?

Mr Kitto advised the CCC should be in place when development commences not when EIS is in place – it needed to be a long process.

Cr Ferguson gave the example of Arcadia Mines as a company which had a successful relationship with the local CCC. He complimented the company on its attitude.

At the conclusion of Mr Kitto's presentation, the Chair thanked him for his attendance at today meeting.

Additional General Business

Some delegates asked that the remaining meeting dates be confirmed. The Executive Officer verbally advised the dates but confirmed he would forward related details by e mail in the near future.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 12 23pm.

The Minutes (Pages 1- 12) were confirmed at a meeting held on Friday 19th February 2016 and are a true and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on Friday 13th May 2016.

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**Cr Peter Shinton
Chairperson**

SECTION 2 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

9.1 Federal Budget 2016 Implications for 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 regarding the Federal Budget 2016 implications on local government be received and noted.

Introduction

The 2016/17 Budget holds no real surprises for local government in NSW, and instead focuses on balancing budget repair with targeted investment that the Turnbull Government believes will help bridge gaps left by the wind-down of the mining boom. A Federal Election is expected to be formally announced shortly, and it is likely that a range of further announcements will be rolled out during the campaign period.

The key Budget components of interest for local government are the Roads to Recovery Program (R2R), and the scheduled end to the indexation freeze on Financial Assistance Grants.

Treasurer Scott Morrison announced the R2R Program would extend beyond the former cut-off date of 2018-19. After this time the funding will be increased by \$50 million per annum; welcome recognition of the dire state of many regional and rural roads across the nation. However, it is important to note the delay before the additional funding kicks in, as well as the fact that the funding boost is spread nationally. It's sobering to think that even if the entire \$50 million was invested in NSW, it would still be insufficient to bring thousands of kilometers of country roads up to the standard our rural and regional communities deserve.

Local Government can breathe a sigh of relief that the indexation freeze on Financial Assistance Grants will end as planned in 2017/18. The three-year freeze will, by its conclusion, have ripped nearly \$1 billion out of council funding for infrastructure and maintenance.

Conclusion

The Federal Budget has been affected by a combination of sluggish economic domestic activity across key sectors, as well as an overall weakening of demand for Australian exports. In spite of the difficult financial situation, Australia is showing strong comparative economic growth.

Financial Implications

Elsewhere in this Business Paper is a report regarding the impact of the Federal Budget 2016 on Children's Services and in particular the Mobile Resource Unit.

SECTION 3 – CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

9.2 Financial Statements – April 2016

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

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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 April, 2016
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 April to 30 April 2016, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$2,469,985.77

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

BANK BALANCES AS AT 30TH APRIL, 2016

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
General Fund	\$ 1,509,887.20
BCard	\$15,990.00
	\$ 1,525,877.20
Invested Funds	
Fixed Deposits	\$16,200,000.00
Deposits at Call	\$ 992,421.85
	\$17,192,421.85
Net Balance	\$18,718,299.05
Percentage of investment to Net Balance	91.85%

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 30.04.16
SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING MAY 16TH, 2016

Balance as at 01.04.16 \$ 1,421,280.22

Add Receipts

For month of April 2016 \$ 2,558,592.75

Includes

Receipt Date.	Receipt Name	Received Total
1/4/16	NAB – Redeem Investment	\$1,000,000.00
1/4/16	Transfer from Cash at Call	\$1,000,000.00

Less Payments

For month of April 2016 \$ 2,469,985.77

Includes

Payment Date.	Payee Name	Payment Total
1/4/16	Transfer to Rural Bank Investment	\$1,000,000.00

Cash Balance \$ 1,509,887.20

Limit of Overdraft Arranged with Bank \$ 350,000.00

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of accounts paid for the period April 01, 2016 to April 30, 2016.

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

Fund	Voucher No.s	Total
Cheques	024854 - 024873	\$ 64,438.39
Auto-pay Creditors	E007465 – E007723	\$ 1,973,531.36
Auto-pay Payroll	3/4 - 24/4	\$ 403,965.93
April Bank Charges & Commission etc		\$ 405.29
Direct Debits	Repayments & Vehicle Lease	\$27,644.80
		\$ 2,469,985.77

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 16th May 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.

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General Manager

CERTIFICATE OF CHAIRMAN OF ORDINARY MEETING

I certify that this accounts summary, covering amounts totalling \$2,469,985.77 was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 16th May 2016 and that the amounts are presented to Council for confirmation of payment.

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Chairman of Ordinary Meeting

INVESTMENTS

The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 30th April 2016. 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
19-January-2016	Bank of QLD (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	182 days	3.05%	19-July-2016
03-March-2016	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	152 days	3.09%	02-August-2016
01-February-2016	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	91 days	3.02%	02-May-2016
22-January-2016	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	122 days	3.05%	23-May-2016
16-November-2015	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,500,000.00	182 days	2.89%	16-May-2016
01-April-2016	Rural Bank (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	186 days	3.15%	04-October-2016
23-February-2016	Bankwest (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	120 days	3.00%	22-June-2016
08-September-2015	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	366 days	2.95%	08-September-2016
08-September-2015	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	366 days	2.95%	08-September-2016
08-September-2015	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	366 days	2.95%	08-September-2016
15-March-2016	NAB (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	184 days	3.12%	15-September-2016
23-March-2016	People's Choice (Term Deposit)	500,000.00	181 days	3.05%	20-September-2016
16-March-2016	Heritage (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	153 days	3.20%	16-August-2016
16-March-2016	Heritage (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	211 days	3.20%	13-October-2016
16-March-2016	Bank of QLD	1,000,000.00	182 days	3.05%	14-September-2016
	ANZ Deposit at Call	50,749.81	Cash at Call		
	CBA Deposit at Call	941,672.04	Cash at Call		
	TOTAL:	17,192,421.85			

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

Rating Year From
1/07/2015

Rates Financial Transaction Summary

Period Ending
30/04/2016

	Period To Date				Year To Date			
	Arr. Levy	Cur. Levy	Cur. Int	Total	Arr. Levy	Cur. Levy	Cur. Int	Total
<u>Council Total</u>								
** DEBIT **								
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$554,225.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$554,225.78
Adjustment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$360.00	\$852.74	\$1,080.00	\$2,292.74
Credit/Debit Allocation	\$0.00	\$876.85	\$0.65	\$877.50	\$93,141.33	\$59,727.70	\$1,268.11	\$154,137.14
Fees (i.e. Legal or Dishonour)	\$0.00	\$12,861.08	\$0.00	\$12,861.08	\$0.00	\$37,964.04	\$0.00	\$37,964.04
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,447.67	\$3,447.67	\$0.00	\$3,442.23	\$40,099.83	\$43,542.06
Advalorum Levy	\$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	\$441,106.53	\$0.00	\$441,106.53
Service Levy	\$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	\$249.49	\$24,739.43	\$0.00	\$24,988.92
Pensioner Rebate Government	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,605.99	\$0.00	\$2,605.99
Pension Rebate Sewer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$743.71	\$0.00	\$743.71
Receipt via other Agencies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,052.55	\$804.44	\$15.01	\$1,872.00
Receipt via BPay	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$455.00	\$4,563.29	\$0.00	\$5,018.29
Refund	\$48.83	\$186.62	\$0.00	\$235.45	\$248.83	\$2,458.62	\$0.00	\$2,707.45
Transfer within Module	\$0.00	\$1,943.00	\$0.00	\$1,943.00	\$7,268.34	\$7,815.09	\$0.00	\$15,083.43
<u>Total</u>	\$48.83	\$15,867.55	\$3,448.32	\$19,364.70	\$657,001.32	\$8,466,451.06	\$42,462.95	\$9,165,915.33
** CREDIT **								
Credit/Debit Allocation	-\$48.83	-\$819.03	-\$9.64	-\$877.50	-\$4,224.74	-\$150,025.26	-\$189.59	-\$154,439.59
Supplementary Levy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$589.80	-\$31,341.12	\$0.00	-\$31,930.92
Pensioner Rebate Government	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$128,107.54	\$0.00	-\$128,107.54
Pension Rebate Sewer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$37,818.12	\$0.00	-\$37,818.12
Receipt via other Agencies	-\$1,603.39	-\$4,826.78	-\$63.71	-\$6,493.88	-\$28,087.91	-\$124,758.41	-\$376.88	-\$153,223.20
Receipt via Australia Post	-\$560.95	-\$21,370.63	-\$111.96	-\$22,043.54	-\$37,466.36	-\$1,223,573.79	-\$1,569.28	-\$1,262,609.43
Receipt via BPay	-\$9,768.68	-\$75,001.47	-\$951.09	-\$85,721.24	-\$133,630.59	-\$2,667,964.72	-\$6,852.67	-\$2,808,447.98
Receipt via Direct Deposit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$150.00	-\$825.00	\$0.00	-\$975.00
Receipt	-\$14,763.31	-\$33,154.84	-\$1,288.10	-\$49,206.25	-\$125,614.77	-\$2,382,236.02	-\$4,263.68	-\$2,512,114.47
Receipt via Payroll	-\$80.00	-\$4,765.96	-\$2.04	-\$4,848.00	-\$836.07	-\$53,729.10	-\$34.83	-\$54,600.00
Transfer external to Module	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$478.50	\$0.00	-\$478.50
Transfer within Module	\$0.00	-\$1,943.00	\$0.00	-\$1,943.00	-\$1,189.13	-\$12,678.45	-\$1,216.08	-\$15,083.66
Write Off Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2.93	-\$2.93	-\$5.03	-\$3,572.37	-\$150.59	-\$3,727.99
<u>Total</u>	-\$26,825.16	-\$141,881.71	-\$2,429.47	-\$171,136.34	-\$331,794.40	-\$6,817,108.40	-\$14,653.60	-\$7,163,556.40
<u>Group Total</u>	-\$26,776.33	-\$126,014.16	\$1,018.85	-\$151,771.64	\$325,206.92	\$1,649,342.66	\$27,809.35	\$2,002,358.93

9.3 Budget Review – March 2016

Our leadership

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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 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 87% of projected revenue (calculated on an accrual basis) to adjusted budget and 62.6% of projected expenditure to adjusted budget by the end of March 2016.

Capital Expenditure at the end of March 2016 is currently at \$4,037,111 representing 54% of the revised budget.

The Budget Result at the end of the quarter currently stands at \$2.328M deficit, which is approximately 48% of the year end adjusted budget result.

The balance of Councils cash and investments held is around \$19.6M.

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 3rd 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 3rd 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 3rd quarter that is currently within the budget for the directorate. Some works have been finalised for the year in addition to some areas being regularly monitored. Finance and Engineering staff are working closely together to produce a favourable result. All other areas appear to be performing within budget expectations.

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 March 2016 indicates that Council's financial position at 31st March 2016 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

**INCOME EXPENDITURE
AS AT 31 MARCH 2016**

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	-1,500	-1,500	0	-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	-45,279	-55,279	0	-55,279	-60,558	5,279
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	-23,801	-11,775
Executive Total Outcome	-196,576	-709,000	-46,779	-952,355	0	-952,355	-148,183	-804,172
CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT								
General Revenue	-6,209,677	0	0	-6,209,677	0	-6,209,677	-6,215,804	6,127
Financial Assistance & investments	-4,264,011	0	0	-4,264,011	0	-4,264,011	-3,442,194	-821,817
Corporate Support	-209,540	0	0	-209,540	0	-209,540	-226,892	17,352
Corporate Development Total	-10,683,228	0	0	-10,683,228	0	-10,683,228	-9,884,890	-798,338
COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES								
Aged Care	-397,820	0	0	-397,820	0	-397,820	-348,513	-49,307
Library & Children's Services	-1,551,980	0	0	-1,551,980	0	-1,551,980	-1,186,481	-365,499
Community Services	-61,440	0	0	-61,440	0	-61,440	-53,941	-7,499
Regulatory Services	-8,450	0	0	-8,450	0	-8,450	-17,814	9,364
Community Relations	0	0	0	0	0	0	-22,727	22,727
Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	-25,000	25,000
Development Control	-69,250	0	0	-69,250	0	-69,250	-41,866	-27,384
Environmental Planning	-26,150	0	0	-26,150	0	-26,150	-3,179	-22,971
Health & Environment	-5,000	0	0	-5,000	0	-5,000	-2,980	-2,020
Community & Development Services Total	-2,120,090	0	0	-2,120,090	0	-2,120,090	-1,702,502	-417,588
ASSETS & ENGINEERING								
Works Administration	-1,939,600	0	-78,000	-2,017,600	0	-2,017,600	-1,360,379	-657,221
Plant Running	-3,271,687	0	-28,000	-3,299,687	0	-3,299,687	-2,347,807	-951,880
Roads, Works & Transport	-4,072,531	0	0	-4,072,531	0	-4,072,531	-3,254,351	-818,180
Public Services	-377,710	0	0	-377,710	0	-377,710	-312,113	-65,597
Pools	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Property Maintenance	-313,247	0	-35,000	-348,247	0	-348,247	-110,093	-238,154
Waste management	-1,110,709	-33,000	0	-1,143,709	0	-1,143,709	-1,051,649	-92,060
Sewerage Disposal Services	-1,365,529	-90,188	0	-1,455,717	0	-1,455,717	-1,370,070	-85,647
Assets & Engineering Total	-12,451,013	-123,188	-141,000	-12,715,201	0	-12,715,201	-9,806,462	-2,908,739
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	-25,450,907	-832,188	-187,779	-26,470,874	0	-26,470,874	-21,542,037	-4,928,838

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	208,535	624,862	0	624,862	542,462	82,401
Democracy	171,606	0	0	171,606	0	171,606	128,298	43,308
Land Development	85,000	400,000	0	485,000	0	485,000	2,772	482,228
Economic Development	115,858	0	45,279	161,137	0	161,137	162,519	-1,382
Tourism	223,012	0	0	223,012	0	223,012	114,082	108,930
Human Resources	582,816	0	0	582,816	0	582,816	362,912	219,904
Executive Total Outcome	1,594,619	400,000	253,814	2,248,433	0	2,248,433	1,313,045	935,388
CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT								
General Revenue	962,800	0	0	962,800	0	962,800	961,440	1,360
Financial Assistance & investments	61,865	0	0	61,865	0	61,865	57,227	4,638
Corporate Support	1,844,489	43,146	-8,535	1,879,100	0	1,879,100	1,181,946	697,154
Corporate Development Total	2,869,154	43,146	-8,535	2,903,765	0	2,903,765	2,200,613	703,152
COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES								
Aged Care	376,699	0	0	376,699	0	376,699	371,545	5,154
Library & Children's Services	1,781,817	0	0	1,781,817	0	1,781,817	1,380,125	401,692
Community Services	296,438	0	0	296,438	0	296,438	179,395	117,043
Regulatory Services	133,379	0	0	133,379	0	133,379	142,917	-9,538
Community Relations	200,604	0	4,500	205,104	0	205,104	132,668	72,436
Support	553,227	0	0	553,227	0	553,227	372,378	180,849
Development Control	750	0	0	750	0	750	2,710	-1,960
Environmental Planning	108,751	35,000	0	143,751	0	143,751	27,599	116,152
Health & Environment	1,041	0	0	1,041	0	1,041	930	112
Community & Development Services Total	3,452,706	35,000	4,500	3,492,206	0	3,492,206	2,610,266	881,940
ASSETS & ENGINEERING								
Works Administration	3,477,170	0	78,000	3,555,170	0	3,555,170	3,212,526	342,644
Plant Running	3,363,769	0	0	3,363,769	0	3,363,769	2,482,335	881,434
Roads, Works & Transport	7,224,986	42,382	960,119	8,227,487	0	8,227,487	6,127,563	2,099,924
Public Services	2,730,438	0	124,265	2,854,703	0	2,854,703	2,344,506	510,102
Pools	348,789	0	0	348,789	0	348,789	351,734	-2,945
Council Property Maintenance	527,484	0	-15,400	512,084	0	512,084	403,463	122,621
Waste management	1,060,709	0	0	1,060,709	0	1,060,709	961,691	99,018
Sewerage Disposal Services	1,264,816	0	0	1,264,816	0	1,264,816	1,290,227	-25,411
Assets & Engineering Total	19,998,161	42,382	1,146,984	21,187,527	0	21,187,527	17,174,044	4,027,387
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	27,914,640	520,528	1,396,763	29,831,931	0	29,831,931	23,297,969	6,547,866

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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	-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								
Internal Restrictions	-100,000	0	0	-100,000	0	-100,000	-149,752	49,752
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-100,000		0	-100,000	0	-100,000	-75,000	-25,000
Rates & Other Untied Funding	0		0	0	0	0	-74,752	74,752
Corporate Support Total Capital Funding	-100,000	0	0	-100,000	0	-100,000	-149,752	49,752
COMMUNITY & AGED CARE								
Aged Care								
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								
External Restrictions	-17,000	0	0	-17,000	0	-17,000	-692	-16,308
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-17,000		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								
Internal Restrictions	-10,000	0	0	-10,000	0	-10,000	0	-10,000
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-10,000		0	-10,000	0	-10,000	0	-10,000
Rates & Other Untied Funding	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								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0	-377	377
Rates & Other Untied Funding	0		0	0	0	0	-377	377
Plant Running								
Income from Sale of Assets	-1,407,537	0	0	-1,407,537	0	-1,407,537	-1,561,708	154,171
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-320,463	0	0	-320,463	0	-320,463	-820,890	500,427
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-1,087,074		0	-1,087,074	0	-1,087,074	-740,818	-346,256
Roads, Works & Transport								
Capital Grants & Contributions	-2,979,216	-740,000	960,119	-2,759,097	0	-2,759,097	-1,860,641	-898,456
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-2,904,216		960,119	-1,944,097	0	-1,944,097	-954,811	-989,286
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-75,000	-740,000	0	-815,000	0	-815,000	-905,830	90,830
Public Services								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-11,500	-2,286,468	0	-2,297,968	0	-2,297,968	-258,015	-2,039,953
Capital Grants & Contributions	-11,500	-322,061	0	-333,561	0	-333,561	-125,739	-207,822
Internal Restrictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Internal Restrictions	0	-1,964,407	0	-1,964,407	0	-1,964,407	-132,276	-1,832,131
Council Property Maintenance								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	0	-131,000	0	-131,000	0	-131,000	-34,800	-96,200
Rates & Other Untied Funding	0	-131,000	0	-131,000	0	-131,000	-34,800	-96,200
Internal Restrictions	0	0	0	0	-35,000	-35,000	0	0
Waste management								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-50,000	-33,000	0	-83,000	0	-83,000	-89,959	6,959
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-50,000	-33,000	0	-83,000	0	-83,000	-89,959	6,959
Sewerage Disposal Services								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-100,713	-90,188	0	-190,901	0	-190,901	-79,843	-111,058
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-100,713	-90,188	0	-190,901	0	-190,901	-79,843	-111,058
Works & Services Total Capital Funding	-4,548,966	-3,280,656	960,119	-6,869,503	0	-6,869,503	-3,885,343	-2,984,160
Total Capital Funding	-4,825,966	-3,589,656	960,119	-7,455,503	-1,500	-7,457,003	-4,037,111	-3,418,392

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Capital Expenditure								
EXECUTIVE								
Governance								
Office Printer	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	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	1,500	460,500	0	460,500	1,324	459,176
CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT								
Corporate Support	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	100,000	149,752	-49,752
Loan - Principal Community Infrastructure Development	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	100,000	75,000	25,000
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	149,752	-49,752
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	1,561,708	-154,171
Plant & Equipment Purchases - Cap	1,374,537	0	0	1,374,537	0	1,374,537	1,554,906	-180,369
Accrual Reversal	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1,308	1,308
Plant Minor - Cap	33,000	0	0	33,000	0	33,000	8,110	24,890
Roads, Works & Transport	2,979,216	740,000	-960,119	2,759,097	0	2,759,097	1,860,641	898,456
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	953,051	691,046
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	92,729	-92,729
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	109,770	-109,770
Gravel Resheeting (FAG)	0	0	0	0	0	0	133,043	-133,043
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	258,015	2,039,953
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	66,964	7,127
Dump Point - Coinda Park	0	13,999	0	13,999	0	13,999	2,240	11,759
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	21,671	-21,671
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	132,276	1,832,131
Council Property Maintenance								
Refurbish Toppy Hall	0	50,000	35,000	85,000	0	85,000	34,800	50,200
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	89,959	-6,959
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	53,759	-3,759
Sewerage Disposal Services	100,713	90,188	0	190,901	0	190,901	79,843	111,058
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
Barnedman 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	22,557	78,156
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	-925,119	6,904,503	0	6,904,503	3,885,343	3,019,160
Total Capital Expenditure	4,825,966	3,589,656	-923,619	7,492,003	0	7,492,003	4,037,111	3,454,892

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Cash Investment Statement

	BUDGET 2015/16	Movements	ADJUSTED BUDGET 2014/15	Requested Adjustments	Projected Year End Result	3rd Quarter Actuals
Externally Restricted						
Multi Service Outlet	238,600	-94,549	144,051		144,051	144,051
Community Care - Capital Grant	56,056	24,415	80,471		80,471	80,471
Bland Shire Day Care	74,737	115,482	190,219		190,219	190,219
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	74,483	345,918		345,918	345,918
Family Day Care	32,335	32,612	64,947		64,947	64,947
Preschool Reserve	102,270	-22,640	79,630		79,630	79,630
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	3,950	24,195		24,195	24,195
Reticulation Reserve	5,000	10,000	15,000		15,000	15,000
Sewer Fund - Externally Restricted Reserve	229,720	482,644	712,364		712,364	712,364
			0		0	0
Total Externally Restricted	1,553,230	538,352	2,091,582	0	2,091,582	2,091,582
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	313,910	550,389		550,389	550,389
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	228,352	383,499		383,499	383,499
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	216,913	3,757,580		3,757,580	3,757,580
Loan Repayment Reserve	339,203	29,638	368,841		368,841	368,841
Council Works	2,978	-1,324	1,654		1,654	1,654
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		95,049	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	20,000	24,173		24,173	24,173
Recruitment & Selection Reserve	2,248	18,837	21,085		21,085	21,085
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	-2,500	706,500		706,500	706,500
Ron Crowe Sporting Fields reserve	0	123,301	123,301		123,301	123,301
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	1,291,848	8,897,770	0	8,897,770	8,897,770
Total Restricted	9,159,152	1,830,200	10,989,351	0	10,989,351	10,989,351
Total Cash & Investments	14,283,258					19,610,484
Available Cash	5,124,106					8,621,133

Contracts > \$50,000

Contractor	Contract Detail & Purpose	Contract Value	Commencement Date	Duration of Contract	Budgeted (Y/N)
Nil in March 2016 Quarter					

Consultancy & Legal Expenses > \$50,000 @ 31 March 2016

Expenses	Expenditure YTD	Budgeted (Y/N)
Nil in March 2016 Quarter		

**Key Performance Indicators
31 December 2015**

Rates & Annual Charges Coverage Ratio

	Rates	Waste	Sewer	Total	Ratio
Rates & Annual Charges	- 6,215,804	- 1,051,649	- 1,370,070	- 8,637,523	30.44%
Revenue from Continuing Operations				- 28,378,586	
% Revenue achieved					
Actual Revenue Achieved				- 24,764,173	87.26%
Budget Revenue from Continuing Operations				- 28,378,586	
% Actual Expenditure					
Actual Expense YTD				23,372,969	62.60%
Budget Expenditure from Continuing Operations				37,339,334	

9.4 Access Incentive Grant – West Wyalong Riding for the Disabled (RDA) Centre

Our people

Our greatest and most important asset

Vision: A strong, healthy, connected and cohesive community

DP3.5 Implement and review recommendations contained in the community plan

Author: Community Development Officer

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council approve an Access Incentive Scheme Grant application from the West Wyalong Riding for the Disabled (RDA) Centre for \$3000 towards the installation of a disabled toilet at the centre.

Introduction

The West Wyalong Riding for the Disabled (RDA) Centre has applied to Council for an Access Incentive Scheme Grant to assist with the cost of installing a disabled toilet at the centre. The RDA centre will offer therapeutic equine activities, including riding, for eligible people of all ages with a medically diagnosed condition under the supervision of qualified staff. Fulfilment of this proposal will ensure those accessing the centre have adequate facilities to utilise as required.

The West Wyalong RDA Centre has been quoted approximately \$6000 to install the toilet and has already secured a \$3000 donation from Cargill Cares, the community funding source of local employer, Grainflow. The West Wyalong RDA Centre is requesting a \$3000 grant from Council to assist with the remaining cost of the project.

Conclusion

The aim of the Access Incentive Scheme is to:

- Provide financial assistance to improve access to and within buildings in the Bland Shire;
- Encourage the development of partnerships between local businesses, community organisations/services, local governments and the general public; and
- To encourage a greater awareness of access issues in the community

The completion of the project will allow all participants and visitors to access the premises of the RDA in a safe and comfortable manner.

This request accords with the objectives set out in Council's Community Strategic Plan.

Financial Implications

Council's Access Incentive Scheme budget has a balance of \$9465 remaining.

SECTION 4 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Officer's Recommendation:

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

- **9.5 - Engineering Services Report**
- **9.6 - Community Services Report**
- **9.7 - Children Services Monthly Update**
- **9.8 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update**
- **9.9 - Bland HACCC Services Update**
- **9.10 - Development Services Activity Report**
- **9.11 - Economic Development & Tourism Report - April**

9.5 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.

2. REGIONAL ROADS MAINTENANCE

- Bitumen patching carried out on MR57 north and MR231.

3. LOCAL ROADS CONSTRUCTION RTR

- Tallimba Road shoulder widening and heavy patching has been completed.
- Blow Clear Road heavy patching has been completed.

4. SHIRE ROADS MAINTENANCE

- Bitumen patching carried out on the following:-
 - Dundas Road
 - Blow Clear Road
 - Ridleys Lane
 - Tallimba Road
- Gravel Resheeting
 - Mud Hut East Road 3.7 km
- Kirpy Programme
 - Brennans Tank Road
 - Hateleys Lane
 - Jacksons Lane
 - Gunn Road
 - Dunlops Lane
 - Dixons Lane
- 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.

5. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

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

6. PARK MAINTENANCE

- McCann park, Barnado park and small parks and areas mown, trimmed and maintained
- Council chambers lawns and gardens maintained
- Aerodrome slashing, inspections and maintenance work carried out
- Boundary dam repair water leaks in main line
- McCann park prepared for Saturday markets

7. 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 rugby league, soccer and cricket
- Ron Crowe and Park st rec over sown with rye grass
- Herridge park aerated

8. 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
- Set up signs, control traffic and back fill for kerb work and road works
- 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. NOXIOUS WEEDS/ENVIRONMENTAL

- Rail corridors from Barmedman to Naradhan including Grain handling sites were inspected for the presence of Spiny Burr Grass.
- Noxious Weeds staff inspected Sandfire Resources mining plant and machinery destined to carry out exploratory drilling works in region.
- The following noxious weeds and other controls were undertaken:
 - **Spiny Burr Grass** – Ungarie, Mid-western Hway, Kolkilbertoo Rd, Buttenshaws Ln, Dundas Rd, Cottingleys Ln, Buralyang Rd, Wargin Rd, Quandialla Rd, Wamboyne Rd, Blow Clear Rd, West Wyalong-Condobolin Rd, Wilsons Ln.
 - **Euphorbia Davidii** – Blow Clear Rd.
 - **Roadside vegetation control of shoulders (Mow)** – Mary Gilmore Way, Morangorell, Euroka Rd, Quandialla Rd, Lake Rd, Wamboyne Rd, Blow Clear Rd, Bonehams Ln, Belarwi Rd, West Wyalong-Condobolin Rd, Riddleys Ln.
 - **Roadside vegetation control of suckers (Spray)** – Bena Rd, Crown Camp Rd, Quandialla Rd, Blow Clear Rd, Clear Ridge Rd, Merrengreen Rd, Lake Rd, West Wyalong-Condobolin Rd, Wamboyne Rd, Mary Gilmore Way.
 - **General Weed Control** – West Wyalong, Ungarie Showground, Barmedman drains.
 - **Sight Distance work** – Wilga Plains/Abernathys Ln intersection.

9.6 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

Youth Week in the Bland Shire

NRMA Safer Driving Lessons

The ever popular NRMA Driving lessons were held in West Wyalong on Thursday 21 April. 6 young learner drivers were given the opportunity to improve their driving skills with the help of the fully qualified NRMA instructors. It is fantastic for Council to be able to work with the NRMA Driving School to provide the lessons locally allowing young Bland Shire residents the opportunity to greatly improve their driving skills and education. Positive feedback was received from the parents of a number of the learner drivers participating in the lessons.

Soccer Clinic

As part of Youth Week 2016 celebrations, Bland Shire Council offered a free soccer clinic to local youth on Wednesday 20 April. 18 young people attended the clinic and all reported thoroughly enjoying the day. Following a number of skills based activities, a mini Soccer World Cup was held with the young people really getting into the spirit of the day and demonstrating fantastic sportsmanship. It was a fast paced yet highly enjoyable day for all who attended.



Rock Climbing wall

Council was thrilled to be able to provide a new and different experience to local youth on Friday 22 April with the temporary installation of a mobile rock climbing wall in the old Target Car Park. Parents and young people thoroughly enjoyed the novelty experience with some participants remaining for the whole 4 hours the wall was available. Council was able to engage upwards of 150 community members from across the Shire with some participants travelling over 50km to attend. A free BBQ was also provided as part of the event. Overwhelming positive feedback was received from parents and participants on the day, in addition to a number of comments expressing thanks being posted on Council's Social media page.



Volunteer Week

A celebratory morning tea will be hosted by Bland Shire Council during the month of May to pay tribute to the volunteers within our community and express Council's gratitude for the selfless contribution they make to numerous local organisations and community members. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Bland Shire community without whom, many of the organisations and activities often taken for granted would cease to exist and occur.

Digital Skills for Community Groups

'Digital Skills for Community Groups' is a short course being offered by TAFE in partnership with Regional Development Australia and Bland Shire Council. The idea of the course is to provide real and measurable skills to community members to assist them in managing their community organisations more efficiently.

This 3 hour face to face workshop is a great opportunity for those looking to improve their digital skills and come away with a Statement of Attainment in the following 2 units of learning:

- Operate application Software packages
- Use social media tools for collaboration and engagement

The Wedding Reception Interactive Theatre Production

The creators of the ever popular Faulty Towers, the Dining Experience are back with a brand new interactive comedy show 'The Wedding Reception'. Bland Shire Council is thrilled to have secured a place on their first Australian Tour of the performance which will be held at the West Wyalong Bowling Club on Sunday 22 May. Featuring award-winning performers in multiple roles, this outstanding new show is said to be *'hilarious! Attendees are fully immersed in the show as guests at the reception which includes a 3 course meal in addition to the entertainment.'*

Cooking with Pete Charpentier

The cooking school with Pete Charpentier finished up on Wednesday 4 May after a highly successful 5 weeks in the kitchen. Over the course of the 5 weeks participants tried their hand at creating a number of delicious dishes including risotto, potato and leek soup, stuffed chicken breast, pesto and even learnt how to break down a chicken from scratch and make their own stock. Feedback following the cooking school has been fantastic with all participants thoroughly enjoying the classes.

Batyr

Bland Shire Council were thrilled to have partnered with the West Wyalong High School to bring the Batyr Foundation out from Sydney to deliver their one day workshop to year 10 and 11 students at the school. The workshop was broken into three sections with a focus on different areas. The first session focused on mental health education and involved presentations from two young people with a lived experience of a mental health issue. The second was a Q and A session with an expert panel consisting of the local Police Youth Liaison Officer, a headspace Clinician, a Child and Adolescent Mental Health Worker, a Social Worker and a young person with a lived experience of mental health issues, while the final session was very hands on with the young people breaking into groups to brainstorm ideas around implementing their own mental health campaigns within the school and the community. Feedback from the staff and students was extremely positive with Council receiving special thanks from the principal and one teacher stating that it was one of the best youth focused presentations she had seen in her 25 year teaching career. There has further been a request from the High School to investigate the possibility of implementing a similar activity on an annual basis.



9.7 Children Services Monthly Update

Our people

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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: Children's Services Coordinator

CHILDREN'S SERVICES UNIT

Policies are currently under review with four policies being distributed to families, educators and staff for review and feedback in early May. These include Sunsmart, Safe sleep and rest, Enrolment, and Termination of a FDC educator.

MOBILE RESOURCE UNIT – BUDGET-BASED FUNDING (BBF) CHANGES

This year Budget Based Funded (BBF) services are to begin the transition into the new 'Jobs for families' Child Care package system. The Bland Shire Mobile Resource Unit that provides playgroups, Ungarie Preschool and Vacation Care services within the Bland Shire, is currently funded under the BBF system.

It was expected that the new child care system will start from 1 July 2017 and all BBF services will become part of the new system. However, with the announcement of the budget, this change has been delayed for 12 months and will now come into effect from 1 July 2018. This means that the childcare sector will be able to express concerns regarding the changes and the effects that it will have on our communities. This is especially relevant to the rural and remote communities.

Under the new system the Australian Government have proposed changes to the Child Care Benefit (CCB)/Child Care Rebate (CCR) payments and will pay a Child Care Subsidy (CCS). This will apply to all services that are currently funded under the CCB/CCR system and will also apply to BBF funded services. Similar to what is now in place in Long Day Care and Family Day Care services.

What does this mean for Bland Shire Mobile Resource Unit?

If the requested review to the system, resulting in the delay of implementation does not make any changes then the Mobile resource Unit will no longer receive funding under the BBF funding model. This will result in the service being required to make changes to our operations to ensure that we are meeting the requirements of the new funding model.

Some of the requirements under the new model are:

- Services to operate a minimum of 48 weeks of the year
- Service can only offer child care (no parents in attendance)

Where do we go from here?

Before we make any decisions, we need to determine what kind of service we want to be. We will conduct a series of community consultation to help us determine that. Some of the questions we need to ask are:

- Do we want to deliver mobile child care sessions for families?
- What does each community need?
- Can we deliver these requirements?

As a service, we need to review how we provide our services so we can continue to meet the needs of our community. We may need to:

- change the service type and provide child care
- identify other sources of funding to continue to provide playgroups
- provide a combination of both playgroups and child care

This will mean there are going to be major changes ahead, but also many new exciting opportunities. Regardless of the changes, we will continue to deliver high quality services. Through discussion with the communities in which we operate, Bland Shire Council and the staff of Children's Services will identify the needs of our community and how these can be met through available funding.

A meeting has been arranged for late May with the current BBF providers to discuss the services options. Current enrolled families will receive a survey to gain their feedback regarding their current and future child care needs and how this relates to the changes to the Mobile Resource Unit services.

MOBILE RESOURCE UNIT PLAYGROUP & UNGARIE PRESCHOOL

Playgroup and preschool finished first week of April due to school holidays. Term 2 sessions recommenced Wednesday 27 April 2016.

VACATION CARE

Vacation Care operated for two weeks during the April school holidays. The program included a circus day, art and craft, dancing day, spooky day, picnic in the park and an excursion to Wagga Wagga's Air Zone. Attendance numbers averaged 6-18 children per day, with a full bus for our trip to Wagga. Children provided great ideas and feedback for our next Vacation Care program in July.



BLAND/TEMORA FAMILY DAY CARE

The children and educators at Temora have enjoyed the new playgroup venue with our first session held there this month. It is a great area including an indoor area and a large fenced playground. Staff now transport all materials required for the session and conduct 'mobile playgroups' each fortnight for the Temora FDC educators, which also includes access to the toy library van.

Staff are currently developing an Environment workshop for the educators which will be held on 18 May 2016. The aim is to assist the educators to present learning experiences for children in an inviting and fun way. This workshop is a follow up from last year's visit from Dale of Puzzles FDC.

During the holidays the Family Day Care educators and children met up with the Vacation Care children for a BBQ lunch at Toppo. The Vacation Care staff brought along their face paints and created lots of butterflies and scary faces. It was great to see all of the children playing so well together.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE (ITAV)

Due to the school holidays there was only one session for ITAV during April. This was a very enjoyable and relaxing 'Chair Yoga' session presented by Liz Baumer. Although aimed at the adults in the group it was great to see some of the children also participate in the session.

BLAND PRESCHOOL

April at Preschool is a quiet time due to the school holiday period with children re-commencing on Wednesday 27 April 2016.

During Term 2, Bland preschool have booked in a number of activities and shows for the children including:

- School photos – week 3
- Music for little ones
- Giggalees Show
- Handstands and Hula hoops
- Library visits

Bland Preschool is constantly working on its Quality Improvement Plan, which is a part of the National Quality Framework. To assist with this, families receive annual surveys to fill out and information used will be collated in the Quality Improvement Plan. Surveys will be sent out to families during Week 1 and Week 2 of Term 2.



9.8 Bland Shire Library Monthly Update

Our people

Our greatest and most important asset

Vision: A strong, healthy, connected and cohesive community

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

Author: Senior Library Assistant

School Holiday Program (April)

CROSS STITCHING



JUNIOR MASTER CHEF



FELT BOWL MAKING

Reading Culture Award

Riverina Regional Library has created a new Reading Culture Award. The Award, which is open to Bland Shire residents, seeks to recognise and celebrate those people in our communities who are helping others with literacy. Nominations close 10 May 2016. Winners will be announced 17 May with a function for all nominees to be held at Wagga City Library on 24 May 2016.

Law Week 20 – 26 May

Students from West Wyalong High School, currently undertaking Legal Studies, will visit the library during Law Week to participate in a variety of activities aimed at promoting the library's physical and online legal information collection.

Library and Information Week 23 – 29 May

- **Living Libraries**

The concept behind "Living Libraries" is that everyone has a story to tell. Essentially, a story is told by a living person as opposed to a story being read in a book. Living Libraries encourages people with a story to share it with other members of the community. In the past, Bland Shire Library has engaged an individual speaker for this event. However, this year the library's resident writers' group Pals of the Pen will entertain residents with a variety of stories both true and fictional, written and read by members of the group. Living Libraries will be held Tuesday 24 May 2016 from 10am in the library.

- **National Simultaneous Storytime**

National Simultaneous Storytime is an initiative of ALIA (Australian Library and Information Association) – an annual campaign that aims to encourage young Australians to read and enjoy books more. Now in its 16th year, Bland Shire Library will again participate in National Simultaneous Storytime which will take place on Wednesday 25 May 2016 at 11 am when over 500,000 children at over 3,000 locations across Australia will simultaneously read 'I Got This Hat' by Jol and Kate Temple.

- **Biggest Morning Tea**

The library will hold a Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for Cancer Council on Thursday 26 May from 10.30 am. All Council staff, Councillors, library patrons and members of the general public are invited to attend.

A Littlest Morning Tea will also be held on Thursday 26 May to coincide with the library's regular Storytime session.

Preschool Visits

A number of Bland District Preschool classes will visit the library in June. A Storytime session will be held for each group.

Knit and Knatter

The library's resident knitting group continues to grow with ten people now regularly in attendance. The group has a number of new projects planned – in addition to current ongoing projects – including knitting a variety of garments for children attending Camp Footloose (aged 8 – 18 years) and Camp Twinkletoes (2-7 years) – both camps organised by Arthritis & Osteoporosis NSW.

Recently a presentation of shawls and knee rugs (for elderly and palliative care patients) was made to the Wyalong and District Hospital on behalf of the knit and Knatter group.



Needles & Thread

The library's resident Needles & Thread group, which was established only this year, has already held a very successful display of their work in the library and conducted a workshop on cross-stitch as part of the library's April school holiday program. The group is currently seeking new members to boost numbers.

Miscellaneous

- Computer usage by the general public remains high.
- The library continues to provide a home delivery service to patrons who are unable to visit the library due to disability or age related frailty. The library currently delivers to 17 clients.
- The library continues to provide a regular storytime each Thursday at 10am during school term.



- The library continues to provide a storytime session for Family Day Care – held the last Tuesday of each month at 10am.
- The library continues to provide Baby Bounce – a reading and literacy program for babies aged 12 months and under – held every second Friday at 10.30am during school term.
- The library continues to support Day Book Club which meets the first Monday of each month at 10.30am in the library. Book Club kits are provided by Riverina Regional Library.
- The library continues to promote the importance of reading and literacy to the school community with a number of primary and high school groups now visiting the library on a regular basis.



9.9 Bland HACCC Services Update

Our people

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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

Wednesday Activity group continues to grow resulting in the service reaching capacity. Alternative arrangements are being worked on to ensure the needs of the community are being met.

Ungarie group is continuing on a fortnightly basis with numbers remaining steady. The Ungarie activity day gives clients the opportunity to socialise with others and also a way of picking up much needed supplies in West Wyalong.

We still have Home Care Packages available in the Bland Shire area. To be eligible, an ACAT assessment is required and can be completed by the Occupational Therapist located at Community health.

Respite services continue to be popular and are an increasing need within the community. The service is available to clients in their homes or at the centre and are tailored to meet the needs of the individual client.

Service for clients with Dementia are also increasing. To ensure staff are providing meaningful and relevant activities, training has recently been completed.

The service is in the process of preparing information sessions for:

- people with memory loss
- carers of people with memory loss, and
- for people who are isolated socially.

9.10 Development Services Activity Report

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 April 2016:

Application No	Address	Development
DA2015/0169	36 Grenfell Street, West Wyalong	Removal of one (1) tree
DA2015/0170	24 Victory Street, West Wyalong	Alterations to a dwelling
DA2015/0171	Quandialla Road, Wyalong	New dwelling
DA2015/0172	15 England Street, West Wyalong	Removal of one (1) tree
DA2015/0173	74 Main Street, West Wyalong	Removal of one (1) tree

The following DA applications were approved during April 2016:

Application No	Address	Development	Approval Date
DA2015/0137	92 Pine Street, West Wyalong	Front & rear carports & pool awning	4/4/2016
DA2015/0149	22 Kurrajong Street, West Wyalong	New dwelling	19/4/2016
DA2015/0161	67 Church Street, West Wyalong	Two new verandahs	4/4/2016
DA2015/0165	26 Wilga Street, West Wyalong	Storage shed	26/4/2016
DA2015/0169	36 Grenfell Street, West Wyalong	Removal of one (1) tree	6/4/2016
DA2015/0170	24 Victory Street, West Wyalong	Alterations to dwelling	26/4/2016
DA2015/0172	15 England Street, West Wyalong	Removal of one (1) tree	20/4/2016
DA2015/0173	74 Main Street, West Wyalong	Removal of one (1) tree	20/4/2016

The following DA application was refused during April 2016:

Application No	Address	Development	Refusal Date
DA2015/0171	Quandialla Road, Wyalong	New dwelling	19/4/2016

Planning Certificates

Twenty three (23) Section 149 certificates were issued during April 2016.

Heritage Conservation Activities

Council's Heritage Advisor visited on 6 April 2016. During this visit the following activities were undertaken:

- Paint colour scheme for Metropolitan Hotel
- Investigated Heritage Near Me funding opportunities for Bland Shire
- Inspection of completed leadlight installation at 93-95 Main Street
- Discussions with local tradespersons regarding construction of verandah on Thoms Corner.

Museum Advisor Update

The Museum Advisor visited the Wyalong, Ungarie and Weethalle museums on 28 & 29 April. During 2016 the museums will focus on interpretation and signage projects. Workshops on disaster planning and collection management are planned for later in the year.

During April the following activities were undertaken at each museum:

Ungarie

- finalised text and quotation for signage as part of the Volunteer Initiated Museums Program Grant

Wyalong

- work has been continuing on interpretive signage for the collection

Weethalle

- Work has continued on the Bill Browne machinery collection signage
- Community meeting held in Weethalle to attract new volunteers.

Public Health Activities Update

Food Premises

Council staff undertook 5 food premises inspections during April 2016. Of these **all 5** were compliant.

Regulatory Activities Update

Dog Attacks

There were **NO** dog attacks reported during April 2016.

Companion Animal Seizure and Impound Activities April 2016

Seizure Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Seized	6	7
Returned to Owner	6	1

Impounding Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Animals in pound at start of month	3	4
Incoming Animals		
Transferred from Seizure Activities	6	7
Dumped at Pound	19	7
Surrendered	0	0
Total Animals in Pound	28	18

Outgoing Animals		
Released to Owner	6	1
Euthanased	1	13
Rehoused	19	3
Sold	0	0
Died at Pound	0	0
Stolen	0	0
Escaped	0	0
Total Animals Leaving Pound	26	17
Animals in Pound at end of Month	2	1

9.11 Economic Development & Tourism Report - April

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

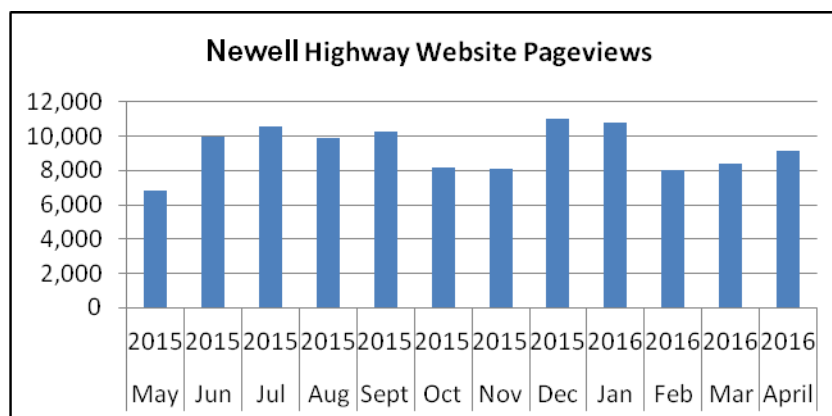
DP20.2 Have ongoing engagement and communication with the shire's existing and prospective industry and business including diversification into alternate industries/businesses

DP20.3 Actively promote the Business Development Assistance to new and existing businesses

Author: Senior Economic Development & Tourism Advisor

Newell Highway Website Analytics

	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016	2016
Pageviews	8,140	8,067	11,050	10,767	8,001	8,434	9,150
Visits	2,931	2,954	4,022	4,104	3,026	3,284	3,527
Visitors	2,165	2,169	2,936	3,101	2,285	2,467	2,667
Desktop	43.2%	44.4%	38.1%	37.7%	44.6%	44.9%	40.2%
Mobile	35.2%	35.3%	41.8%	41.2%	34.1%	35.5%	36.8%
Tablet	21.6%	20.2%	20.1%	21.1%	21.3%	19.6%	23.0%



The NSW Free Flight Society

The NSW Free Flight Society events that will be held in 2016 include:

- 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 NSW Free Flight Society held a successful Southern Cross Cup in West Wyalong on 16 & 17 April with participants from the Eastern States of Australia as well as competitors from China, United States and Indonesia. The NSW Free Flight Society are expecting up to 150 competitors in West Wyalong for the 69th National Free Flight Championships on May 28 to 1 June.

2016 Bland Shire Events

MAY

West Wyalong Markets - West Wyalong
Biggest Morning Tea - West Wyalong
69th National free Flight Championships - West Wyalong
Masonic Debutante Ball - West Wyalong

JUNE

West Wyalong Markets - West Wyalong

JULY

West Wyalong Markets - West Wyalong

AUGUST

Local Government Week - West Wyalong
West Wyalong Markets - West Wyalong
Weethalle Show - Weethalle

SEPTEMBER

Barmedman Show – Barmedman
West Wyalong Show - West Wyalong
West Wyalong Markets - West Wyalong
West Wyalong Charity Campdraft - West Wyalong

OCTOBER

Mirrool Silo Kick - Mirrool
Barmedman Tractor Pull - Barmedman
Barmedman Show - Barmedman
West Wyalong Markets - West Wyalong
In the West Festival - West Wyalong
West Wyalong camp Draft - West Wyalong
NSWFFS Victoria State Champs - West Wyalong
Ungarie Show – Ungarie

NOVEMBER

West Wyalong Markets - West Wyalong
Business West Wyalong Christmas Carnival - West Wyalong
NSWFFS Wings over West Wyalong - West Wyalong

DECEMBER

West Wyalong Christmas Markets - West Wyalong
Carols by Candlelight - West Wyalong

West Wyalong Brochures

The West Wyalong brochures have been delivered to the following visitor information centre and distribution outlets:

Melbourne Metro
Hobson's Bay Williamstown VIC
Laverton Visitors Centre
Mornington Visitors Centre
RACV Frankston
Sunbury Visitors Centre
Sunshine Visitors Centre
NSW Country
Albury Visitors Centre
Balranald Visitors Centre
Barham Visitors Information Centre
Batemans Bay Visitors Centre
Bathurst
Bega Visitor Information Centre
Broken Hill Visitors Centre
Camden Visitors Centre
Canowindra
Clarence River Tourist Assoc. Grafton
Cooma Visitors Centre
Coonabarabran Visitors Centre
Coonamble Visitors Centre
Cootamundra Visitors Centre
Deniliquin Visitors Centre
Destination Wollongong
Dubbo Information Centre
Dunn Lewis Visitor Centre
Forbes Railway, Arts & Tourist Centre
Gilgandra
Gloucester Visitors Centre
Grenfell Visitor Centre
Goulburn Visitors Centre
Griffith Visitors Centre
Gundagai Visitors Centre
Hawkesbury River Information Centre
Hay
Hillston Gallery and VIC
Holbrook Museum & Visitors Centre
Holbrook Visitors Centre
Hunter Valley Wine Country Tourism
Inverell Tourist Information Centre
Jerilderie Visitor Information Centre
June Visitor Information Centre
Khancoban Information Centre
Lake Cargelligo Visitor Centre

Leeton Visitors Centre
Lightning Ridge Visitor Centre
Lithgow Visitors Centre
Lockhart Visitors Centre
Mathoura Visitor Information Centre
Muswellbrook Visitor Centre
Narrandera Visitors Centre
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Newcastle
Oberon Visitor Information Centre
Queanbeyan Visitors Centre
Quondong visitors Centre
Parkes Visitors Centre
Tamworth Visitors Centre
Temora
The Entrance Visitors Centre
Tocumwal Information & Technology Centre
Uralla Visitor Information Centre
Wagga Wagga Visitors Centre
Wentworth Visitors Centre
Warialda Visitors Information Centre
Yass Visitors Centre
Young Visitor Centre
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RACV Ballart
RACV Bendigo
RACV Doncaster
RACV Fountain Gate
RACV Geelong
RACV Greensborough
RACV Knox Touring Services
RACV Northland
RACV Ringwood
RACV Sale
RACV Southland
RACV Swan Hill
RACV Warragul
South Australia
Adelaide Hills Visitors Centre
Bordertown Visitors Centre
Gawler Visitors Centre
Mannum Visitors Centre
RAA Colonnades
RAA Elizabeth

RAA Gawler
RAA Mile End
RAA Modbury
RAA of SA
Renmark Visitors Centre
Robe Library \$ Visitors Centre
Tailem Bend Visitors Information Centre
Waikerie Visitors Centre
Sydney Metro
Blacktown Visitors Information Centre
Bankstown Visitors Information Centre
Cronulla Visitor Centre
Darling Harbour Visitors Centre
Hawkesbury Tourism
NSW Trainlink travel Centre-Sydney
Parramatta Visitor Information Centre
Sydney Visitor Centre, The Rocks
Wyong Visitors Centre
Victorian Country
Alpine Visitor Information Centre
Ararat Visitors Centre
Ballarat Visitors Centre

Benalla Visitors Centre
Bendigo Visitors Centre
Castlemaine Visitors Centre
Central Goldfields Visitors Information Centre
Cobram Visitors Centre
Corryong Visitor Centre
Echuca Visitors Centre
Halls Gap Visitors Centre
Hamilton Visitors Centre
Horsham & Grampians Visitors Centre
Kerang Visitors Centre
Mildura Visitors Centre
Robinvale Visitors Centre
Stawell Visitors Centre
Strathbogie Tourism Information Service
Swan Hill Visitors Centre
Warracknabeal Visitors Centre
Wodonga Visitors Centre
Yarrawonga Visitors Centre
QUEENSLAND
Springure Woolshed & Information Centre

Pollie Pedal

Former Prime Minister Tony Abbott led an entourage of bicycle riders into West Wyalong on Tuesday 5 April. On the following day Kevin Andrews, Michael McCormack, Neil Johns, Mark Bryant, Don Taylor and Tony Abbott visited GrainCorp Calleen.

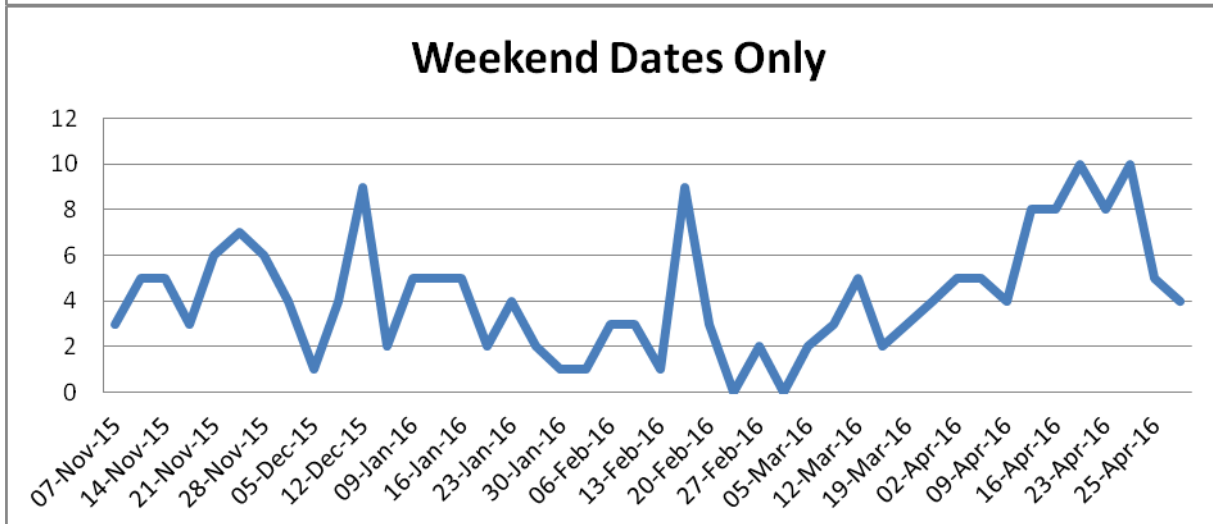
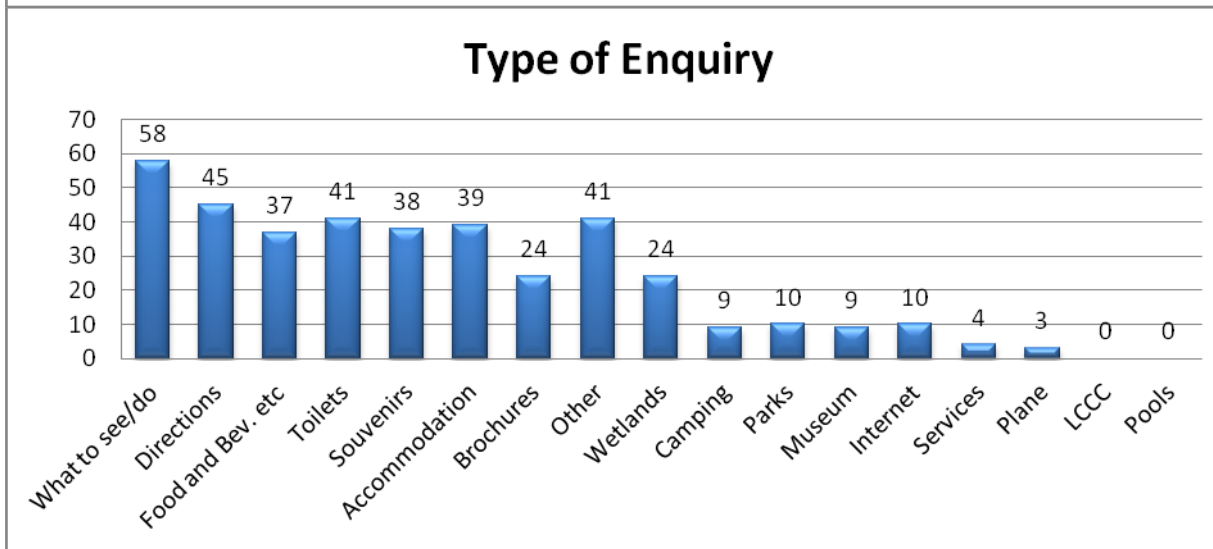
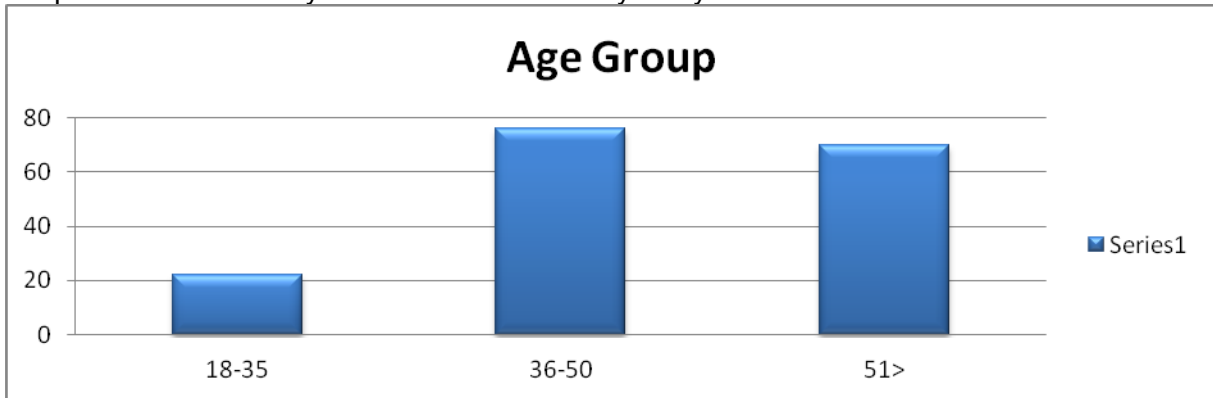




MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 17 MAY 2016

Visitors Information Centre Statistics - Period: November 2015 – April 2016

Graphs are for Saturday afternoons and Sundays only.



Statistics taken during week:

	November	December	January	February	March	April
VIC enquiries and calls	226+ 33 calls	195 + 50 Calls	135 + 20 calls	185 + 23 calls	147 + 27 calls	210 + 19 calls